

# Sakshi Excellence Awards 2019-20

## CATEGORY: EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

Name of the Winner: LEARNING CURVE FOUNDATION

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Launch Year: 2016 | Location: Hyderabad

## PROFILE:

In the present education system, there has been great focus on academic outcomes, but very little focus on social-emotional skills such as self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship skills and responsible decision making. There is thus, a significant gap in the ability of children and youth to achieve desired outcomes in life.

Learning Curve Foundation has been a not-for-profit organization based in Hyderabad, India, which has been rooted in the belief that social-emotional learning is a core component of a child's growth, and particularly in under resourced environments this can greatly enable equitable adulthood and eventually life outcomes.

The approach has been to bring this to classrooms through the teachers – empowering teachers through self-development and mentoring, and enabling them to translate this in the classroom through structured and age-relevant social-emotional curriculum and toolkits.

Progress of teachers, children and classrooms has been carefully documented and evaluated using a set of established tools and frameworks – through a structured evaluation process, the program demonstrated that over 60% of teachers in the first year showed improvements in their social-emotional competencies, classroom delivery and classroom engagement, and close to 85% of all children enrolled showed improvements in social-emotional parameters over the baseline.

Since 2016, they have worked with close to 200 unaided and government schools, directly impacting 1300 teachers and 42,500 students.

## ACHIEVEMENTS:

Their work has also been featured in eminent media houses such as WOW! Hyderabad, New Indian Express, The Pioneer Hyderabad, and Sakshi Media Hyderabad.

Their project is currently supported by Central Square Foundation Strategic Funding), Sales force (CSR Funding), PVP Ventures (CSR), Hamstech (CSR) and JP Morgan Chase (Technology partner)

In the coming year, they are scaling their work to 1000 schools and 5000 teachers, to bring essential social-emotional skills to over 1 lakh underprivileged children.