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A SIR RATAN TATA TRUST INITIATIVE



Founded in 1919, the **Sir Ratan Tata Trust** (SRTT) is one of the oldest grant making foundations in India. Based in Mumbai, SRTT is one of the philanthropic foundations of the Tata Group. The Trust supports institutions and organisations engaged in developmental and creative endeavours. Through its grant making the Trust promotes development action and knowledge building in following areas:

Education

Rural Livelihoods & Communities

Health

Arts & Culture

Civil Society & Governance

Education at SRTT

The Education Portfolio at the SRTT is divided into the following three basic categories:

Reforming Elementary Education

The Trust is trying to facilitate systematic reform in elementary education in India by addressing key gap areas in the sector, like professional development of teachers and curriculum reform. The Trust also supports field projects towards improving the quality of education by collaborating with government administration and the community.

Nurturing Education as a Discipline

Education as a discipline still remains largely under- developed in India. One of the major problems faced by the educational sector is the weak linkage between elementary education and higher education, and the gap between academics and the world of practice. SRTT tries to address these shortcomings by providing grants for research, network building and fellowships to professionalise the sector.

Building Institutional Resource in Education

The Trust focuses on providing strategic support to field impacting educational institutions, ranging from alternative schools to institutes of higher learning.

Addressing an urgent need

An important aspect of SRTT's work today is the support it offers for educational publications and learning resources. It has been noticed that the age appropriate, graded educational material that exists today is far lesser than the number of children entering elementary schools. There is scarcity of children's literature in various regional languages, as well as for neo literate readers for both, instructional and recreational purposes. Educational material also plays an important role towards professional development of teachers and educational practitioners through building perspective on critical issues in education. Hence, development and dissemination material for children, youths and practitioners becomes important while striving to make elementary education accessible and meaningful for every child.

Recognizing this urgent need, the Trust has launched the Publication Initiative, PARAG, which supports the development and dissemination of variety of creative and educational material which could improve India's elementary education.



The **PARAG** initiative facilitates:

- **Publishing** of books in various Indian languages
- **Professional development** among illustrators, writers and grassroots organizations
- **Dissemination** of professional writing and learning resources
- **Networking** among publishers and educationalists



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Trust partners in the Publication Initiative

● Eklavya BHOPAL, MP

Eklavya is a well known educational non profit organization that develops, field tests educational innovations, provides resource support, develops curricular material and produces publications. Eklavya has published over 100 titles which include a range of educational literature, children's books, magazines, textbooks and learning aids. The Trust is supporting Eklavya for three years to up-scale their publications programme, produce 75 new titles, enhance marketing and outreach and set up new outlets, and strengthen the 'Children's Literature Resource Centre'.

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● Anveshi HYDERABAD, AP

Anveshi - Research Centre for Women's Studies is a support group and a think tank on women's issues focusing on various themes including education. The Trust is supporting Anveshi for a two year project that would reinforce a positive image of lives of children from rural and marginalized communities by publishing selection of folk tales, songs, fictional and autobiographical narratives. Anveshi would develop ten books each, in Telugu and Malayalam, and in bilingual format to be published by Tulika, a leading children's publisher.

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● Centre for Learning Resources PUNE, MAH

CLR is a technical support organisation, providing training and materials for improving quality of elementary and early childhood education. The Trust is supporting CLR to develop 18 recreational and supplementary books in Marathi-English and Hindi-English format, one reference book and instructional workbooks for the interactive radio programme for enhancing English language skills of students learning in regional language.

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● Nirantar DELHI

Nirantar is a resource organisation, working on gender and education. The Trust is supporting Nirantar for (i) developing and offering two short courses on participatory material production and gender and education; and (ii) developing of educational resource material for neo literates in form of a bi-monthly magazine, Pitara; and (iii) producing teaching learning material.

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● Pragat Shikshan Sansthan PHALTAN, MAH

PSS is a non profit educational organization that runs an innovative school, organizes supplementary study classes and educational outreach programmes. The Trust supported PSS for publication of a supplementary reader, 'Everyday English', and a teacher's handbook written by Ms. Jane Sahi, for teaching of English as a second language.

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Who is eligible? How to Apply

- The Trust supports non-profit organizations and Institutions registered under the Trust, Society or Section 25 Company Act.
- If you have creative Ideas in publishing in education, send us a brief concept note outlining the proposed idea.



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The word parag means pollen in Sanskrit.
The dissemination of relevant and creative pedagogical ideas,
helps cross fertilise minds and methods in education.

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