

# RUKMANI TRUST SUPPORTS COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER DEVELOPED UNDER TATA TRUSTS

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NEW DELHI, DELHI, INDIA, January 5, 2021 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [Rukmani Trust](#) has embarked on an ambitious mission to address the woeful educational resources scenario in rural India. As the first major initiative in this direction, Rukmani Trust has committed to fund and support [Suchana](#) to implement the [Tata Trusts](#) initiative, 'Integrated approach to Technology in Education (ITE)' at its learning centres. The ITE initiative of Tata Trusts is driven by TISS, a leading academic institution of social sciences.

Suchana is a community organisation in rural West Bengal, focusing on education and health for Santhali and Kora adivasi and other marginalised children. There is a major urban-rural divide in terms of infrastructure, educational resources and quality teacher professional development which significantly impacts the performance of the rural students. Suchana as an organization has brought quality, child-centred learning closer to students of marginalised communities by proposing to deploy ITE through its community centres.

Given India's humongous population and geographic expanse, the financial resources needed to address this problem is ruefully short. This is where organisations like the Rukmani Trust fill the gap. It aims to support rural students and teaching volunteers by fostering culturally relevant teaching and learning and 21st century skills in remote Indian villages. Together, Suchana and Rukmani Trust will develop innovative practices to promote gender equality and local project ownership, and evolve methods for exchange-based training and learning.

Rukmani Trust's Trustee Gitanjali Krishnan very aptly pointed out, "Technology is a great leveller and enabler. Rukmani Trust has embarked on the field of education & skill development for women using the power of digital technology. We are in the process of identifying committed organisations that are doing credible executions in these areas. Suchana has a stellar record of fostering learning across tribal villages and creating a very potent technology-education mix." Rukmani Trust had identified Project Suchana in November 2019, and committed to fund it in 2020. Even as the various formalities were being executed, the Corona pandemic placed a major road block in the execution of the funding process.

"Suchana has been one of the most impactful ITE implementers in the tribal area, bringing the richness of culture and context into the education realm for these children making them creative producers of their knowledge using technology. Tata Trusts had a 3-year specific engagement,

and it is very exhilarating to see Rukmani Trust now extending the funding & support for this project, which we still hold so dear. In Rukmani Trust, we see a like-minded committed organisation. We are confident that Suchana and Rukmani Trust will further build on the legacy created, and we would stand by them as a support partner," says Amina Charania, ITE Lead, Tata Trusts.

Suchana's Kirsty Milward said, "Suchana is committed to the well-being, development and education of the community it serves. There is a lot that needs to be done to bridge the rural-urban education divide. Organisations like Tata Trusts and Rukmani Trust have demonstrated tremendous faith in our operations and potential. We will make all efforts to ensure that we meet the challenging educational needs in Covid19 affected rural India by bridging the resources and technology divide. This funding will go a long way in providing the right resources to support the children's learning and help shape a future in which they have opportunity and skills to contribute to the further development of their communities."

#### About Rukmani Trust:

Rukmani Trust is a non-profit organisation that is focusing on technology-driven education as a means to strengthen the nation. The board of trustees of RUKMANI TRUST includes:

- Gopalan Krishnan is a mainstream media professional with 4 decades of experience
  - Gitanjali Krishnan Talwar - dynamic professional with over 25 years of rich & extensive experience in education, an active member of the Rotary club ladies wing and the President of Intel School Club at Jaipur.
  - Shibu Das - Chartered Accountant with over three decades of experience in wealth management, founder of East India's most trusted and leading advisory firm- Fine Advice that serves clients across the globe.
  - Gopalan Jai Shankar - a post-graduate from IIM C, Shankar comes with a vast experience of guiding students from schools and colleges across India to take informed career decisions.
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