



"My son, Himanshu, has been selected for Medhavi Pariksha. The school has become a model school in our area. Children attend school regularly because of Katha's hard work."

*Mr Dishambar Datt, Father of Himanshu, SDMC Pr. School, Ambedkar Nagar, Sec-6, No. 5.*



"Katha has enabled me to improve my teaching practices & classroom management skills. They have also trained us in subject integration. Facilities at the IT Lab make us proficient at using computers."

*Ms. Preeti, Teacher, SDMC Primary School, Kilokri Tank.*



## ABOUT SQEP

SQEP is an initiative to revitalize primary education and transform schools into quality learning spaces. As part of this programme, Katha has adopted 5 schools in the South Delhi Municipal Corporation. Schools adopted by Katha have won three consecutive 'Best School' awards by SDMC(2016-19). Katha's intervention enabled the schools to improve their infrastructure, benefit from pedagogical interventions, experience higher enrollment, attendance, and retention of children, and achieve positive learning outcomes.

Ambedkar Nagar's school-girls presented a mime at IIC to celebrate 30 Years of Katha. Their powerful storytelling was lauded by Mr. Manish Sisodia, Honourable Deputy Chief Minister of Delhi



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# KATHA SCHOOL QUALITY ENHANCEMENT PROGRAMME (SQEP)

In partnership with South Delhi Municipal Corporation and The Education Alliance  
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# KUNAL

**'A Chef in the Making'**  
SDMC School, Kikori Tank

"I worked with my mother selling toys to just afford two meals a day. I had to stop going to school after some time. My father could not afford it anymore. But I had always dreamt of reading, writing, and doing something good," says Kunal. It was difficult for Katha's community mobilizer Santosh Sharma to persuade his parents.



Repeated meetings and counseling resulted in Kunal's and his siblings' enrollment into school. He now regularly attends school. He has improved his reading and writing ability. He has developed immense interest in co-curricular activities especially in cooking and food processing. He loves to learn about cooking and aspires to become a cook.

Kunal enjoys tinkering in the robotics lab and is ably mentored by Katha's lab expert Shantanu Roy.

# SUCCESS STORIES

## KARAN

**'The Rising Star,'**  
South Ex II School

"We are very proud of Karan's achievement. Poor people like us cannot dream of it, but school, facilities and education have helped our child. Now believe that our child will go a long way," say Sanjay Paswan & Babita Devi, proud parents of Karan. Along with Katha's able facilitator Champa Laskar, Karan and his friends enjoyed their first ever visit to the Lotus Temple and Qutub Minar organised as part of Katha's educational trips.



## AVINASH

**'Batsman to Be'**  
Ambedkar Nagar School



A migrant-carpenter's son, Avinash was working to support his parents before his father enrolled him in school. His class teacher says, "Initially, he was very shy and would never ask questions. But Katha's intervention has made him more confident." Avinash wants to be a cricketer and is trained diligently by Katha's sports teacher Shabana Khan.

# SHIVANI

**'A Girl with Distinct Ideas'**  
10 years, Kilokri Tank School



Shivani joined school after her father died of tuberculosis. Her mother was worried about being unable to afford quality education. "At school, we came across Shivani's dream of becoming a 'Great Scientist.' Soon, Shivani became more involved in Katha's activities. The changes we've seen in her over the months are truly remarkable," reports Preeti Ma'am.

Her mother Munni says that she doesn't want to take her daughter out of the school since all co-curricular activities are provided by Katha and are not accessible to them from any other place.

Shivani is a reader-leader in her class. Inspired by her English teacher Manpreet Sharma from Katha, now Shivani too enjoys teaching the story, 'The Famous Smile' on the smart-board.