

VISWA BHARATI VIDYODAYA TRUST

# Vidyodaya 2.0

Strengthening a community-led Adivasi education model.

*with the Gudalur Adivasi Munnetra Sangam · Nilgiris District, Tamil Nadu  
An education innovation of Adivasis · since 1995*



WHAT WE'RE ASKING

# Help build a permanent home for Adivasi education.

A new Adivasi-led **residential campus for children aged 4-18** – so no child has to leave their language, culture and community to stay in school. Our goal: **reach 9,000+ children over the next 20 years.**

**₹7.42 Cr**

Phase 1 (2026-27)

**₹3.85 Cr**

raised + pledged

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still needed (≈ €325K)



WHO WE ARE

## An education innovation of Adivasis.

VBVT is a community-based education organisation supporting **four Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups since 1995**, in the Nilgiris Biosphere Reserve and Mudumalai Tiger Reserve – reclaiming space, identity and future for the next generations.

**3,500**

children reached across 320 villages

**20,000+**

highly marginalised PVTG population

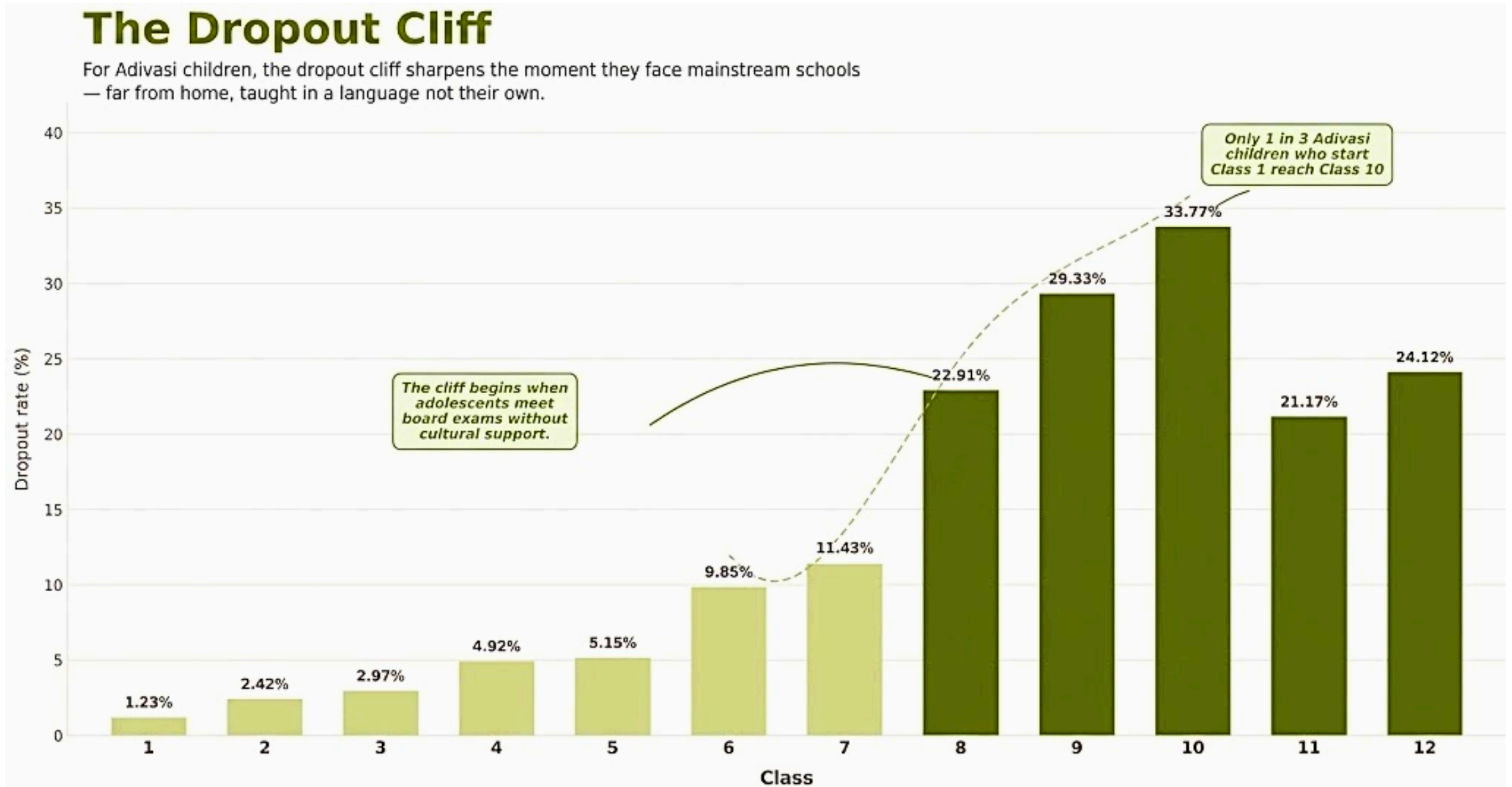
**80%+**

Adivasi-led team & board



# The dropout cliff – only 1 in 3 reach Class 10.

For Adivasi children, dropout sharpens the moment they face mainstream schools – far from home, taught in a language not their own.





#### OUR MODEL

## By, for and with the community.

- **Adivasi knowledge, culture and values** woven into academic learning
- **80% Adivasi representation** across team and board
- Schooling access for **all children**, regardless of geography or social barriers
- **Parents as partners** in their children's learning and school decisions

30 YEARS OF OUTCOMES

# This isn't a promise. It's a proven model.

**37% → 14%**

dropout rate, 2000 → today

**500+**

alumni · 197 now in college, from zero in 2000

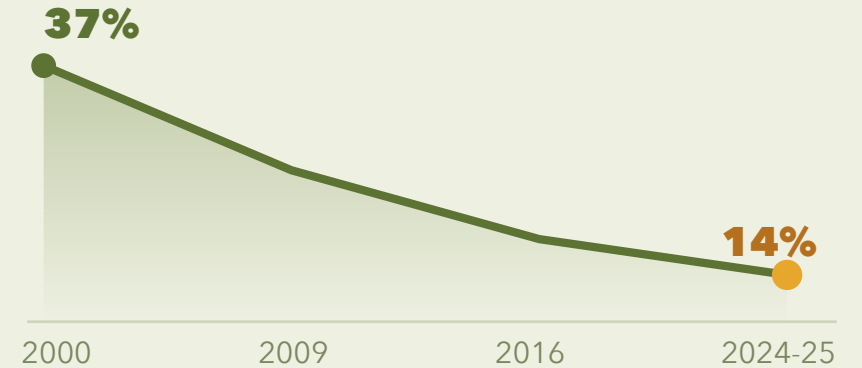
**3x**

retention beyond Class 10 since 2009

**70+**

Adivasi youth now resource teachers

ANNUAL DROPOUT, OUR TRACKED CHILDREN



Source: school & village records · alumni tracking · independent evaluations.

OUR ALUMNI

# Community leaders, conservationists, nurses, teachers – first-generation graduates.



Vidyodaya alumni received by the **President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu**, and honoured with a **Mark Shand Award by King Charles III (2023)** for The Real Elephant Collective – a community-led conservation & craft initiative.



*“My community gave me something. I am an M.Sc. graduate because of so many helping hands – I have to come back to pay it back. If one or two people see me and think ‘I can also do this’, that will be enough.”*

– An Adivasi M.Sc. graduate, raised through Vidyodaya

WHAT HAS KEPT US GOING FOR 30 YEARS

## Turning the kaleidoscope.

The Kattunayakan community of Mundakannu lost forest access in the 1980s – with it, their livelihoods, confidence and connection to learning. The village stopped asking for anything.

VBVT educators visited weekly for a year. Nothing moved for months – until one girl, **Sangeetha**, joined the residential programme. She stayed. She completed Class 8. Her siblings followed.

**Sangeetha trained as a nurse and became her community's first professional.**



# A new integrated Adivasi education campus.

A residential campus for children aged 4-18, so no child faces a school transition alone or far from the people who shaped who they are.



## Residential Higher Secondary School

Pre-primary to Class 12 with library, computer lab and a community hall; on-campus hostels for 60 students. **Vocational pathways for Classes 11-12.**



## Resource Centre

A curriculum, training and research hub serving **320 villages and 95+ local schools** – open to the public.



## Teacher Education

A two-year programme developing **credentialed Adivasi educators** to join local schools and village learning centres across Gudalur and Pandalur.

## WHY THIS SCALES

# The prize isn't one school – it's the system.

### SYSTEM CHANGE

- Trained Adivasi teachers don't stay in one campus – they **join government schools across 320 villages and 95+ local schools.**
- One culturally-rooted educator changes outcomes for **every Adivasi child in that classroom**, year after year.

### ALIGNED WITH NATIONAL POLICY

- India's **National Education Policy 2020** backs mother-tongue foundational learning, local context and community-led, alternative models.
- Vidyodaya is a **proven, 30-year template** for exactly what the NEP now envisions at scale.



# The roadmap.

## Phase 1 • 2026-27

### Build the core

- Adivasi school, KG-Class 7 (ages 4-12)
- Multipurpose hall + office space
- Teacher education + Adivasi resource centre

## Phase 2 • 2028-29

### Academic reach

- Classes 8-10 (ages 13-15)
- Science lab + library

## Phase 3 • 2029-30

### Complete the campus

- Classes 11-12 (ages 16-18)
- **Vocational pathways** – conservation, craft, agriculture & care, rooted in the local economy
- On-campus hostels: 60 students (30 girls, 30 boys)

# The numbers.



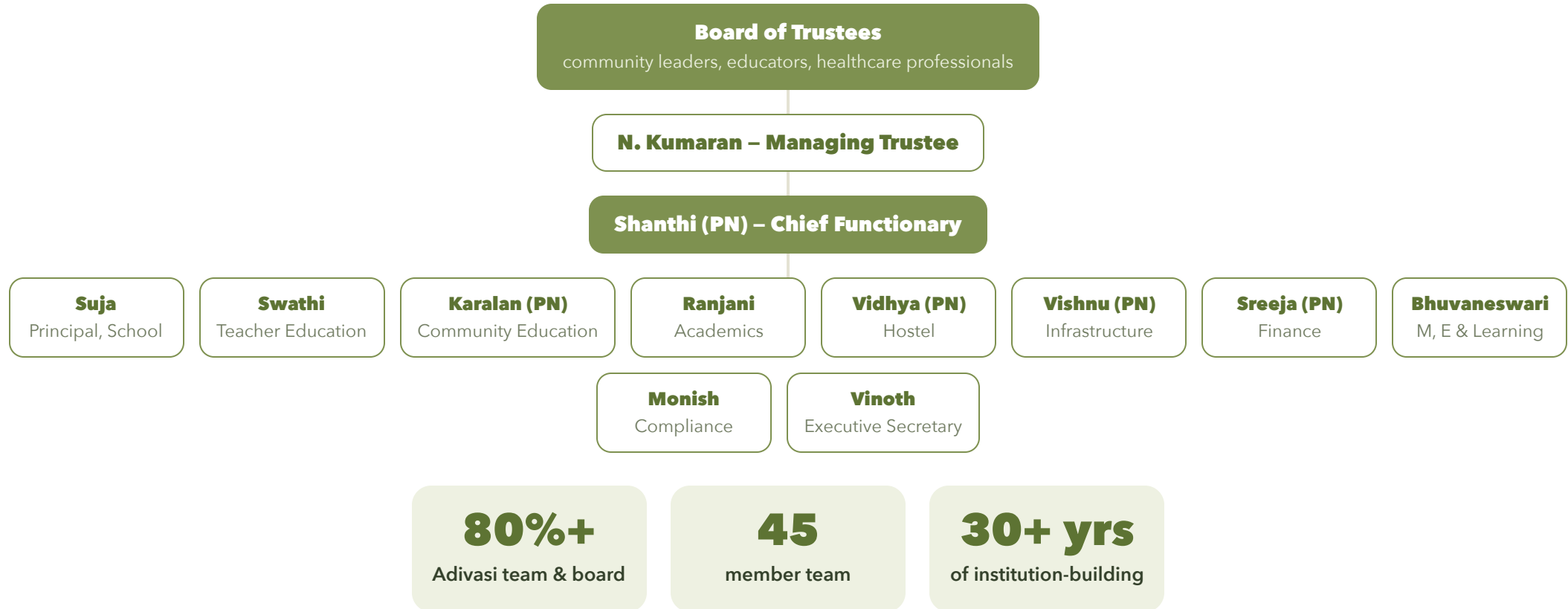
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CONSTRUCTION (ONE-TIME)		PROGRAMME (PER YEAR)	
Main building	<b>₹188 L</b>	School running (per child)	<b>₹70 K</b>
Classrooms & dining	<b>₹157 L</b>	Salary (per teacher)	<b>₹1.8 L</b>
Multipurpose hall	<b>₹96 L</b>	Scholarships (200+ kids)	<b>₹5 L</b>
Site work	<b>₹60 L</b>	Teacher education	<b>₹10 L</b>
Outdoor facilities	<b>₹14 L</b>		

Option to **name a space** in honour or memory · all contributions used with audited statements · € at ≈ ₹110.

HOW WE'RE ORGANISED

# An Adivasi-led institution – 80% of team & board.



● (PN) = from the community · rooted in the Adivasi Munnetra Sangam.

## ADVISORS & EXPERTS

# Guided by leading educators, jurists and professionals.

### **Prof. Padma M. Sarangapani**

**Professor of Education, TISS**

Chairs the Centre of Excellence in Teacher Education at the Tata Institute of Social Sciences.

### **Prof. Sonajharia Minz**

**Professor, JNU**

First Adivasi woman to co-chair at UNESCO; Professor of Computer Science, Jawaharlal Nehru University.

### **Justice Chitra Venkataraman**

**Retired Judge, Madras High Court**

Independent Director on corporate boards; constitutional & civil expertise.

### **M. K. Kabir**

**Senior Advocate, Madras High Court**

Experienced in constitutional and civil litigation.

### **Krishna**

**Architect · co-founder, Thulir**

Combines architecture, construction and education; long experience in Gudalur.

### **Prof. Mythili Ramchand**

**Professor, NIAS Bengaluru**

Teacher education and inclusive STEM.

## ASSOCIATES

### **Jacob John**

**Founder, Aline Partners**

Ex-Impact lead, Azim Premji Foundation.

### **Subhash Gautam**

**Director, TREC**

A Vidyodaya School alumnus; co-founder, Rocklands Coffee.

### **Vishesh Unni**

**Chartered Accountant**

Institutional governance & compliance.

## SUPPORTERS & OUR ECOSYSTEM

# Part of a 35-year, Adivasi-led movement.

VBVT is one of a family of community-driven organisations that grew from the **Adivasi Munnetra Sangam (1988)** – together, decades of Adivasi-led institution-building in the Nilgiris.

### ASHWINI

Community-run hospital & health programmes across 320 villages.

### The Real Elephant Collective

Conservation & internationally-recognised Lantana craft.

### AMS & sister orgs

Land rights, livelihoods, enterprise & cultural continuity.

## SUPPORTERS

Past & present supporters include **the Hilton International Development Trust** and a network of foundations, CSR partners and individuals backing construction and programmes – **all contributions used with audited financial statements.**

# Be part of a unique model of societal transformation.



## Build with us

Fund **Phase 1** – classrooms, community hall, resource centre, teacher-education spaces. **Name a space.**



## Fund directly

**₹70K** (€636) = one child for a year · **₹1.8L** (€1.6K) = one teacher for a year · scholarships for 200+ kids.



## Connect us

Introduce us to **CSR teams, foundations and individuals** who care about indigenous education.



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A small-donor portal is on the way · € at ≈ ₹110

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