SwaTaleem further strengthened its roots in last 3 months. We are happy to share these developments with our close family.

Here is a look at our progress, achievements and future steps.

DANCE AND MOVEMENT THERAPY
Art-based therapy is proven to be effective in enabling children to enhance self-esteem and improve psychosocial functioning.

A Drama and Movement Workshop spanning July 4 – 6, 2019 was facilitated with 16 students of KGBV Nuh, Mewat by our Volunteer Facilitator Shruti Garg.

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**CLUSTER SESSIONS FOR 'SAHELI KI UDAAN'**

**BEGIN**
Our first cluster session marking the beginning of the academic cycle started on September 6, 2019 with 13 teachers of Mewat in KGBV Punhana. We discussed with the Teachers, the overall idea of the program and the approaches towards Second Language Acquisition, Self Awareness and School based Problem Solving.

WINNING LANDSCAPING NARRATIVES:

INDEGENOUS RESEARCH IN EDUCATION
Our paper won the 'Sarla Devi Maheshwari Award' in Landscaping Narratives: Indigenous Research on Education by MANTRA for Change on August 17, 2019. We are exploring if and how human centred design informs educational interventions from a rights perspective as well as from a system level lens. The cash prize of ₹100,000 that came with the award will be channelized for SwaTaleem operations. Our mentor Ms. Daya Kori received the award on our behalf.

EDUMENTUM AND iVENTURE: WHAT A WRAP!
SwaTaleem proudly wrapped up an exciting journey with the incubator Edumentum in India and iVenture accelerator in the US.

The one year journey with Edumentum culminated with a pitching event in Bengaluru. The partnership shall continue in the form of mentoring support.

The May - July iVenture program was full time which gives the time, space, resources and mentorship needed to turn early ideas into scalable ventures. This will continue till March 2020 through a seminar based approach.

CHICAGO INVESTOR MEET
SwaTaleem shared its work at Champaign and Chicago in July with multiple investors, lawyers and supporters. You can catch the full pitch [here](#).

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**SwaTaleemUS SHAPING UP AND WE HAVE TWO NEW TORCHBEARERS!**

**DARNELL LEATHERWOOD**

**JOINS THE ADVISORY BOARD**

**WYNNE KORR JOINS THE ADVISORY BOARD**
Founder of Black Boys Shine and For Posterity Darnell Leatherwood has gracefully joined the Board of Directors for SwaTaleem US. An educator, academician and University of Chicago alum, we look forward to learning from him more around his areas of expertise on Organizational Building and Minorities. His experience in Social Service Administration will be crucial in guiding SwaTaleem.

Professor and Dean Emerita of School of Social Work, University of Illinois, Urbana - Champaign, Wynne Korr has gracefully joined the advisory board for SwaTaleem US. We look forward to learning from her more around organization building and fundraising. Her vast experience as Special Advisor to the Chancellor and vice president of the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR) will be crucial in guiding SwaTaleem.

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**LAUNCHING SWATALEEM.ORG**

SwaTaleem brings to you the story, values, design, developments, supporters and partners - all at one place. Check out our new website [here](#).

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**THE POWER OF SHARING**

**ACCESS OUR RESOURCES**

We believe that resources should be open and easily accessible for all members of our community. We are compiling our open source material [here](#). Please access and share your experience and feedback with us.

**LAUNCHING ANNUAL REPORT 2018-2019**

SwaTaleem wrapped up a brilliant 1st year with all your support. We have consolidated all our learnings and progress in our Annual report [here](#). Do read, share and send us your feedback.

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**WELCOMING MORE PARTNERS**
Several new partners have joined us in our journey. We want to take this opportunity in welcoming them and acknowledging their presence. Check them here:

**POLSKY**
Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation

**THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO**

**HSSPP**

**PRATHAM BOOKS**

**Pragati Foundation**

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**BECOME PART OF OUR JOURNEY!**
What would you do if you knew that less than 30 percent of educated women get married before 18, compared to 77 percent of uneducated young women in India. *Help us change this number.*

Make quality education possible for many such Girls by becoming part of our journey!

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