

Shikshagraha Commons by ELEVATE

Discover. Learn. Reuse. Build.

A curated knowledge repository of solutions, resources and assets for education leaders working to strengthen India's public schools.

The Challenge

The Shikshagraha movement is continuously generating a rich body of knowledge – solutions, frameworks, playbooks, case studies, and research – across multiple partners and geographies, but this knowledge is currently dispersed across individual Google Drives, local folders, and organisation-specific repositories.

Without a shared, intelligible knowledge layer, actors in the movement struggle to discover what already exists, often recreating tools, frameworks, and artefacts that have been developed elsewhere, leading to duplication of effort and slower learning cycles.

Existing repositories tend to function as static archives: documents are uploaded but not actively surfaced, contextualised, or linked to specific problems and roles, which weakens their usefulness for district officials, school leaders, teachers, and CSO partners who need timely, actionable knowledge.

The Origin

Shikshagraha Commons originated from the movement's vision of treating knowledge as a shared public good rather than an organisational asset. As the ecosystem of governments, civil society organisations, researchers, and partners expanded, there was a need for a common knowledge infrastructure that could strengthen collective intelligence, enable continuous learning, and support collaboration across the movement. SG Commons was conceived as this foundational capability, laying the groundwork for a more connected and knowledge-driven education transformation ecosystem.

The Solution – Shikshagraha Commons

Shikshagraha Commons is a movement-wide capability that serves as a living, AI-enabled knowledge hub for the Shikshagraha ecosystem. It is designed to connect decentralised partner

Knowledge assets and repositories into a shared, searchable commons where knowledge can be continuously contributed, contextualised, discovered, and reused.

Instead of replacing existing organisational storage, SG Commons further integrates with it, fetching non-confidential assets, and bringing them into a common experience layer making it collectively visible and accessible.

An AI layer runs across this repository, automatically generating briefs, extracting key metadata, suggesting themes and tags, and enabling hybrid search that combines keyword-based retrieval with dense semantic similarity. This allows users to search by problems, themes, roles, or contexts and receive intelligible, role-aware results.

In effect, Shikshagraha Commons becomes the movement's shared solutions and knowledge backbone: a place where partners can publish assets as public goods, where users can find what they need quickly, and where the repository itself evolves through continuous contribution and feedback.

Who is SG Commons for?

Shikshagraha Commons is designed for the full movement ecosystem – Samaaj (Society), Sarkaar (Government), Bazaar (Market), and Sanchar (Media) – with specific value propositions for each user group.

- **CSO and design partners** who create solutions, frameworks, curricula, and improvement models, and need a credible public platform to publish, be discovered, share best practices, and learn from others' work.
- **Government actors** at state, district, and block levels who require ready-to-use, evidence-backed tools and models that can be adapted to local contexts without starting from scratch.
- **Research, knowledge, and CoE teams** who need to synthesise patterns from diverse assets, track adoption and reuse, and strengthen the movement's collective narrative and evidence base.
- **Philanthropic organisations and funders** who want to identify proven approaches, understand what is working across contexts, discover potential partners, and make evidence-informed investment decisions.

By bringing these users into a common knowledge space, SG Commons supports both top-down policy actors and bottom-up practitioners, ensuring that solutions travel across roles rather than remaining siloed within single organisations.

Key Benefits – Why Shikshagraha Commons Matters

- **Movement Memory and Convergence**
SG Commons preserves and organises the movement's distributed knowledge, making it easier to see who is working on what, where, and with which tools, thereby strengthening collaboration and convergence across partners and geographies.
- **Discoverability and Reuse at Scale**
AI-enabled search and metadata enrichment allow users to quickly locate relevant assets by theme, role, geography, or problem statement, reducing duplication and enabling reuse of proven models, frameworks, and artefacts.
- **Decentralised Contribution, Centralised Access**
The Google Drive repository integration model respects organisational autonomy while creating a shared access layer, making it simple for partners to contribute assets without complex workflows or reformatting demands.
- **Agency for Local Actors**
Program designers and Program managers (across CSOs, system leaders) and School leaders/teachers can access assets that are ready-to-use yet adaptable, which helps restore agency by enabling them to design programs and solutions using the movement knowledge rather than recreating from scratch.
- **Foundation for AI-Enabled Movement Infrastructure**
As assets accumulate, SG Commons becomes the base repository for broader AI integration – powering the generative AI capabilities for various personas for differing use cases like program generation or micro-improvement plan generations

Use Cases

- **Cross-Partner Learning and Communities of Practice**
SG Commons can be used as a shared reference space during convenings for knowledge sharing building Communities of Practices. It provides templates, framework for cross learning and collaboration, identifying reusable components that can be contextualised for new pilots

- **Curating Thematic Collections and categories**

It helps the likes of content creation, CoE or R&D teams to curate thematic collections simply through AI enabled tagging and grouping. It simplifies filtering, searchability for organisations who want to find solutions for themes like foundation learning, teacher training, etc.

- **Knowledge that powers AI for personalised support**

AI capabilities such as Saathi (for personalised improvement plans for school leaders), Program Design Companion (for programme designers to guide in Program and solution creation), and teacher-support tools for generating lesson plans and classroom artefacts all draw on the SG Commons repository as their primary knowledge corpus. SG Commons functions as the powering backbone that enables these AI capabilities to remain coherent with tried and tested solutions for the Indian context.

- **Expert and Organisation Discovery**

Beyond discovering resources, users can identify the organisations, practitioners, or thematic experts behind published assets, enabling peer learning, collaboration, mentorship, and partnerships across the ecosystem.

- **Showcasing Public Goods and Impact**

Partner organisations can showcase their publicly shareable frameworks, toolkits, case studies, and research to increase visibility, encourage adoption, and demonstrate their contributions to the broader education transformation ecosystem.

- **Evidence Generation for Policy and Advocacy**

Movement leaders, researchers, and advocacy teams can draw upon the repository to curate evidence, case studies, implementation insights, and proven practices for policy briefs, reports, consultations, and ecosystem publications.

Shikshagraha Commons, through these use cases, moves the movement from fragmented, siloed repositories to a shared, intelligible knowledge ecosystem where solutions, tools, and stories can be continuously discovered, adapted, and adopted across India's public education system.