

# Vikram Rajola

Vikram Rajola is a dedicated social and development sector professional, committed to addressing the challenges faced by deprived and underserved communities at the grassroots level. With an extensive career spanning two decades, he has successfully executed projects and programs across diverse domains such as education, skill development, water, sanitation, public health, and disaster mitigation. His impactful work extends beyond the borders of India, reaching communities in Afghanistan, Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Nepal, Philippines, and Singapore.

In 2014, driven by the concern for suboptimal learning levels and the lack of digital literacy skills, especially among government school students and rural youth, Vikram took a bold step. He resigned from his full-time position to co-found the IN-DEED Foundation. The foundation's primary objective was to pioneer sustainable and scalable models that facilitate access to quality education, bridge the digital divide, enhance academic performance, nurture personalities, and boost employability.

Collaborating with leading corporates, EdTech companies, and the Government of Rajasthan, IN-DEED Foundation operates in over 100 schools across four districts of Western Rajasthan. The foundation directly impacts approximately 15,000 students each year. Notably, it established the first Digital Resource Centre in rural Rajasthan in 2018, equipped with computers, laptops, tablets, a smartboard, and internet connectivity. This center has provided training to over 2,000 individuals in practical computer skills and MS Office.



During the challenging period of the COVID-19 pandemic, when schools faced prolonged closures, IN-DEED Foundation responded with innovation. They developed PLATform, an online solution for personalized learning, assessment, and training, featuring a user-friendly interface and bilingual assessments in a multiple-choice question format, offered free of charge. The foundation also orchestrates theme-based co-curricular activities in intervention schools, contributing to the holistic development of students.

In less than a decade, Vikram's visionary leadership has enabled the IN-DEED Foundation to create a lasting positive impact on over 50,000 students in Rajasthan. Recognizing his exceptional contributions to the education sector, Vikram Rajola has been honored with the Global Edu Icon Award for the year 2022-23. As a TEDx speaker, he passionately shares insights on volunteerism, emphasizing its role as a mantra for young India, and advocates for a sense of responsibility beyond the workplace. Vikram, holding an ME degree in Environmental Engineering from the Delhi College of Engineering and a BE degree in Civil Engineering from Government Engineering College Kota, extends his influence as a friend, guide, and mentor to countless youth, volunteers, and rural students across various academic disciplines. Embodying a firm belief in the transformative power of volunteerism, he consistently encourages students to actively engage in volunteer activities that contribute to broader societal welfare.



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