



Doorbeen

When we bring children closer to stories, we bring them closer to a whole new world of possibilities where they can read, think, imagine, question, explore and have fun! Doorbeen is an initiative by H T Parekh Foundation for community libraries and children’s literature.

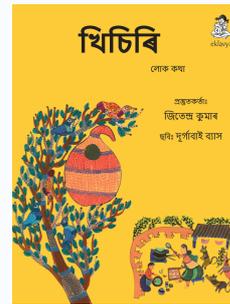
Doorbeen was launched in 2022 with the objective to establish vibrant library spaces for children in their schools and communities providing them access to a thoughtfully curated list of titles that are age-appropriate and contextual. As an extension, it also aims to create quality children’s literature in multiple regional languages and build the capacities of librarians. In doing so, the ultimate vision of Doorbeen is to build a joyful reading culture that nurtures critical thinking abilities and contributes towards language and socio-emotional development among children.



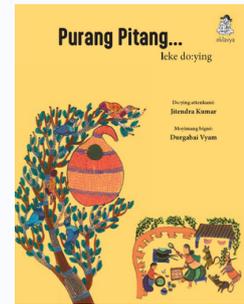
So far, we have partnered with 5 organizations across different geographies that would cumulatively reach over **25,000 children**

Our other efforts include:

- We learnt how there is a dearth of quality children’s literature in local dialects in Assam. This led us to foster a partnership between Eklavya Foundation and Ayang Trust to create 1 original title and translate 12 existing Eklavya books into Assamese and Mising languages.



Assamese



Mising



- We also enabled solar electrification of 18 libraries in Majuli, Assam so that children and community members could comfortably spend more time reading there.

- In July 2023, we convened a focus group meeting in Mumbai of experts and enthusiasts in the space of children’s literature and library to collaboratively discuss and gain insights on critical topics such as opportunities and challenges in children’s literature, the role of technology in bridging access gap between books and children, the scope for funding and monitoring and evaluation frameworks. We had over 20 participants from different organizations such as Pratham Books, Tata Trusts, Eklavya Foundation, Bookworm, Pragat Shikshan Sanstha, Adhyayan Foundation, Ayang Trust, 17000 Ft, Ek Tara, Aaghaz Theatre Trust and Snehjori attend this event.

