Sponsored by Motivation for Excellence and the Bhansali Trust, in partnership with the South Delhi Municipal Corporation and the Education Alliance, and under the leadership of Principal Seema Sharma, the Akshar School Reform Fellowship has made major strides in transforming an under-performing government in the first year.

80% of Class II students are reading English words and learning from class-appropriate CBSE Textbook.

We have successfully implemented our Meta-teaching peer learning model, transforming behaviour and outcomes of the entire student body, despite notorious reputation of the school in the system. Also, the school is now a plastic collection and recycling center for the community.

Over 25% of students are learning from Nalanda’s CBSE tablets daily, with unique user profiles accelerating their progress in English, Maths, and digital literacy at the same time. The peer-teaching model will incorporate Tablets in the coming months.

S: “Wages” and “fines” encourage model behaviour from students and rapidly improving outcomes. In addition to increasing student engagement and learning outcomes dramatically, tablet program and recycling help boost the school’s profile, useful for increasing enrolment.

W: Retention is low, with high transfer rates from children in government home as well as children of migrants from remote villages.

O: SDMC is encouraging us to implement the Akshar model in more schools, based on initial results.

T: The school may be at risk of shutting down if we do not increase enrolment to 200 students by 2021.