



New Lease of Learning for East Delhi School Children with Furniture presented by Chegg India and SEEDS

New Delhi, 30 March 2022: SEEDS (Sustainable Ecological & Environmental Development Society) along with Chegg India has handed over 1850 dual desks to aid post-pandemic recovery of learning levels. Around 21 East Delhi Municipal Corporation schools were selected for distribution, to support education through school furniture that encourages collaborative learning by creating an ideal learning space.

"Continuing our efforts to support the education of children, SEEDS has teamed up with Chegg India to support students in East Delhi primary government schools with functional learning stations, as they gradually return to classrooms after the pandemic. Classroom furniture plays an important role in improving learning environments for children. We hope the new arrangements will contribute to improving learning outcomes and safer environments for young school-going children, " said **Dr Manu Gupta, Co-Founder, SEEDS**, on the occasion.

Most children at government schools in East Delhi, where the furniture was provided, are from lowincome families who rely on daily wages for livelihood. With the high-quality classroom furniture, the children can stay focused and study at school for longer periods of time. Classroom furniture plays an important role in the effectiveness of a student's learning ability. Desks and chairs help to provide a more dignified and organised educational environment for students to complete their learning. The distribution of furniture in their classrooms is expected to help these children not only to prevent drop-out rates but also provide a stable learning environment at the schools to meet the challenges of educating the future.

"The mission and north star of Chegg has always been **Student First**. We believe that giving back to the community is a direct reflection of how we operate as a company. Over the course of the pandemic, students have missed out on enjoying learning in school. Chegg India is grateful to have an opportunity to contribute to the educational ecosystem at a grassroots level. Children are the future of the country. With this donation, we hope to help foster their love of life-long learning and these children will enjoy their studies in a more structured and organised learning environment." said **Mr Vijay T.S., Managing Director, Chegg India**.

The furniture handover took place at Vishkarma Park where several dignitaries — Abhay Verma, MLA, Laxmi Nagar; Shyam Sunder Aggarwal, Mayor, East Delhi; Seema Sharma, Additional Director of Education, EDMC— were present along with school administration personnel.

About SEEDS:

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SEEDS is also India's first agency to be verified on the parameters of the global Core Humanitarian Standards (CHS)—an international certification system for quality and accountability in humanitarian response. SEEDS has been awarded the most prestigious annual Subhash Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan 2021 by the Government of India, acknowledging the invaluable contribution and selfless service rendered by individuals and organisations in India in the field of Disaster Management. SEEDS completed 28 years of outstanding service to humanity in January 2022 and is re-anchoring its approach to building resilience through innovation. It continues to empower the most vulnerable across Asia to build a better future.

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