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Parikrma Humanity Foundation was started as an NGO 15 years ago by Shukla Bose who gave up a high flying corporate career as she was "anguished with social injustice that exists and the huge divide between the rich and poor." As a student she had volunteered with Mother Teresa and worked at the grass root level for 7 years. "I therefore was exposed to the depths of despair that extreme poverty can lead to. I was convinced that it is only education that can break any cycle of poverty. I also knew poor children needed a comprehensive development program with high quality education. I therefore quit corporate life to get into social work and transfer some of my experience and learning into this sector."

Today Parikrma runs 4 schools and a college for 2000 children from the street, children from the slums and orphanages in Bangalore.

Philosophy: Parikrma strongly believes in equality and quality, collaboration and inclusiveness, humility and compassion. These beliefs have permeated in their Education philosophy which has the six Es' - Expose, Experience, Express, Empower, Enquire and Empathise. The school has created an environment where the students can question and

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express views without the fear of being judged.

Classes: The schools have classes from UKG to Grade 10 and then the college caters to Grade 11 and 12.

Fun Stuff: Every day in school is fun because they follow what is called the Parikrma way. Each classroom wall is a canvas that allows student's expression and showcases their talent. They have a very interesting period every morning called USSR (Uninterrupted, Sustained and Silent Reading) when the whole school shuts down for 40 minutes to read. Even the security guard, other staff, students and teachers read quietly, any book of their choice.

Differentiator: "We have moved away from the traditional text book learning which is based on memory. In our effort to encourage creativity and critical thinking, we have created themes and concepts that the children learn together with their peers, independently," avers Bose. >