

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS

Indian Rural Democracy by Children: Barefoot College/Night Schools in Tilonia, Rajasthan

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Since the early 1970s, social activists have been changing society from the grassroots. They are aiming at sustainable development, including a paradigm-shift away from the capitalist model of constant economic growth. Based on the fundamentals of equality, collective decision making, self reliance, decentralization and an easy-going

lifestyle, they started night-schools. These offer education beyond literacy; opening up opportunities to gain skills for human survival in the villages of Rajasthan and beyond. To learn holistically about democracy a *bal sansad* (children's parliament) was introduced, which is also responsible in monitoring the education organization.

See a video of this work here: [Children's Republic-The night schools of the Barefoot College video 11 minutes](#)

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