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Dear co-founders of social change,

Our quarterly newsletters are a viewport into the latest updates from the community - highlights from ACT, stories of our social entrepreneurs, sector insights and collaboration opportunities.

This newsletter is by and for the ACT Collective so we hope that you enjoy reading!

What's New

ACT Fellowship Program invites applications for the 2023-24 cohort

An opportunity for young professionals to gain real-world experience in leveraging venture capital principles to create social impact at scale, the [ACT Fellowship Program](#) is a great fit for those who want to build their career in social impact, pivot their professional journey toward impact investing or aim to become a social entrepreneur.



Our first cohort recently graduated and encouraged by their positive experience, we are now looking to find some superstar young change-makers for the 2023-24 cohort!

If you know someone who'd be a great fit, ask them to [apply here](#) before 7th August OR spread the word among your networks by [resharing this link!](#)

ACT Summit 2023 brings together 180+ stakeholders on accelerating the pace of social change



We hosted the first edition of the ACT Summit in New Delhi, where a diverse set of stakeholders deliberated upon how technology, innovation and collaboration can help India address some of its most complex social issues across public healthcare, gender, education and environment.

Over 180 participants, including social entrepreneurs, impact investors, CSR professionals and sector experts, agreed that technology, data and platforms, when backed by patient and purpose-driven capital, can create sustainable social impact that can reach billions of people.

Know more [here!](#)

Tech Advisors For Social Change successfully concludes its 2nd cohort



Over the course of 12 weeks, we witnessed impactful collaborations between 10 social enterprises and their tech advisors from the startup ecosystem. Together, they worked on specific time-bound tech challenges within the education, health and environment spaces.

We're delighted to share that several pairs have expressed their intention to continue their engagement and we are actively mapping others with a new set of advisors based on their evolving needs.

Know more about the program [here](#).

ACT For Environment welcomes Indra Water to its portfolio



[Indra Water](#) has developed a decentralised wastewater treatment system that has the potential to treat approximately 7 billion litres of wastewater in the next six years and revolutionise the wastewater treatment industry in India!

Founded in 2018 by two engineers, their patented and electrically-driven modular system is designed to treat water at the point of source, thus making it an ideal solution for both domestic and industrial water treatment.

Know more [here](#).

ACT For Education renews its support to Top Parent

The latest version of [Top Parent](#)'s free app is driven by an advanced Accelerated Learning Framework that empowers children with self-paced learning and ensures steady progression across key learning competencies.

ACT For Education's follow-on grant will fuel their journey by investing in product development and leveraging deep user insights to develop more personalised pathways according to children's learning levels. This grant will also aid the expansion and scaling of its user base to one million, as well as the exploration of



additional services such as live classes and an AI-powered chatbot.

Know more [here](#).

ACT For Health enables Open Health Care Network's journey from tele-ICUs to Smart ICUs



Recognised by the UN as the world's 50th Digital Public Good, [Open Healthcare Network](#) (previously Coronasafe) has been supported by ACT For Health since the early days of the pandemic.

In 2022, ACT expanded its support to help OHCN develop tele-ICU capabilities and today, our focus is to enable their journey from tele-ICUs to Smart ICUs as a way to enhance its ability as a DPG that's integrated with national healthcare programs.

Know more [here](#).

ACT For Education doubles down on early childhood education with Rocket Learning



We are thrilled to announce the next chapter in our journey with [Rocket Learning](#) as we renew our partnership for a third consecutive year!

The follow-on grant will support Rocket Learning's vision to help more than 10 million impoverished children achieve foundational learning and life readiness over the next three years. We are committed to supporting them in their endeavour, and look forward to seeing the transformative impact of our continued partnership.

Know more [here](#).

ACT For Health brings Adagio VR on board in collaboration with MITR Trust



ACT For Health has partnered with MITR Trust to support [Adagio VR](#) in delivering a 4-week program for the LGBTQI+ community in India.

Adagio VR is co-founded by a British psychiatrist and offers a preventive wellbeing and behavioural change solution that leverages Virtual Reality (VR) to create impact. The program integrates this technology with cutting-edge clinical techniques, with a 97% success rate in addressing issues such as stress, anxiety, depression, trauma, addiction and more.

Know more [here](#).

REVV from the ACT For Environment portfolio gets prestigious recognition by the World Biogas Association

Run by the World Biogas Association and the ADBA, the awards celebrate excellence and innovation in the global anaerobic digestion and biogas sector across 12 categories.

[REVV](#) emerged as a winner in the Anaerobic Digestion and Biogas Support



Services (O&M Processes) category at a prestigious gala ceremony held in Birmingham. This is a testament to their cutting edge technology that's enabling the REVY Stub Kit - a specialised microbial formulation that transforms stubble into a rich organic manure.

Learn more about their solution [here](#).

ACT For Education enables VOPA to build a one-stop-shop ed-tech solution for low-income children

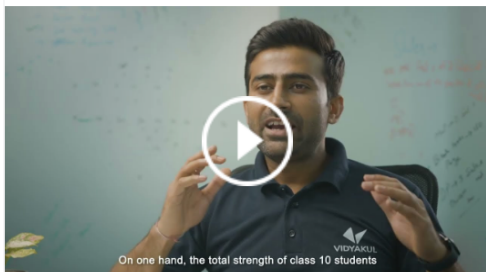


We are excited to announce a follow-on grant for [VOPA](#) to enable them in building an education super app which could serve as a comprehensive resource for students, teachers, and district officials!

VOPA has integrated cutting-edge technology into V-School, including the ChatGPT API, thus enabling AI to generate revision questions and word meanings automatically. They aim to reach 10 lakh monthly active users on their platform by 2024 and we are eager to see the catalytic impact of our continued collaboration.

Know more [here](#).

Founders In Spotlight: Vidyakul & APChemi



"We are a vernacular ed-tech solution for Bharat!"

[Vidyakul](#)'s affordable ed-tech solution offers both live & recorded classes along with lecture notes and quizzes for state board students in grades 9 to 12. Currently operating in Bihar, Uttar Pradesh & Gujarat, they employ local teachers to create vernacular educational content for all subjects to help students learn better.

Watch the video to know more about Vidyakul's journey through the eyes of founder Tarun Saini!



"We transform end-of-life plastic waste into high-quality pyrolysis oil, reducing our reliance on crude oil and shrinking the carbon footprint of plastic waste management by 50 - 70%"

[APChemi](#), who was just granted its 3rd patent, delivers technically advanced pyrolysis and purification technologies to manage both air pollution and the waste problem.

Know more about APChemi's innovative solution in this [Moneycontrol interview feature](#) with founder Suhas Dixit!

Industry Insights

"Ed-tech solutions have enormous potential to deliver quality at scale and contribute to a resilient education system. However, this potential can only be realised through the proactive participation of teachers."



Read this insightful IDR article, co-authored by Rocket Learning co-founder Siddhant Sachdeva, on how ed-tech solutions can create impact in low-resource settings.

Click [here](#).



"The role of tech-led innovations in battling India's water crisis cannot be overstated - it's imperative that we embrace them and create an enabling environment for social entrepreneurs to create impact."

Read this article by Alankrita Khara, Director at ACT, on Moneycontrol on how technology can offer practical and scalable approaches to tackle the multifaceted challenges of water scarcity.

Click [here](#).



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