

The Connected Learning Initiative in India

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The Connected Learning Initiative (CLIX) is an innovative collaboration led by the Tata Trusts, the Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) that is built upon the theme of connection—connecting students and teachers to authentic learning experiences and contemporary teaching and learning practices, connecting teachers with teachers in learning communities, and connecting technology-enabled curriculum with the infrastructure in schools and states. CLIX’s goal is to provide high-quality learning experiences at scale that focus on authentic, hands-on learning of concepts, as well as development of values, citizenship, professional skills, and competencies to widen opportunities for Indian youth, thereby enabling them be successful in further academic studies or in the workforce. Through 2018, CLIX is estimated to reach 460 schools, 30,000 students in grades 8 and 9, and 3,300 teachers in four states in India (Rajasthan, Telangana, Chhattisgarh, and Mizoram). CLIX is driven by the concepts of “quality at scale” along with “connections.” CLIX is modeling the transformation of the entire secondary education experience. CLIX connects experiences that deeply integrate technology with real-world and relevant examples in hands-on and active learning experiences that connect learners and teachers. The uniqueness of the CLIX approach is through addressing the following three intersecting lenses simultaneously: (a) the design, development, and delivery of quality learning experiences using open educational resources (OER) and open-source tools and platforms; (b) a systematic process of implementing a large-scale educational innovation across states and schools; and (c) professional development to transform teacher practice.

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