



ANNUAL REPORT 2023-2024

SVANITI POLICY RESEARCH CENTER

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From the Desk of the Director

As the Director of this organization, I believe that creating the most innovative and coolest Think Tank is a responsibility that I must approach with an entrepreneurial spirit. I aim to go beyond merely following in others' footsteps, having spent three years learning and exploring the Think Tank space. My commitment is to continue evolving this organization in a way that aligns with the aspirations of our people.

Last year, we invested significantly in technology, aiming to develop a portal that would allow users to access ideas tailored to their needs using AI. Regrettably, we were unable to achieve this due to insufficient data and funding necessary for the portal's development. Nevertheless, our organization remains optimistic and will persist in refining our models.

This year, we have encountered numerous opportunities to expand our network and share our ideas. Notably, I had the privilege of representing SvaNiti Policy Research Center at various forums, including the Digital Inclusion Summit, G20, Future of Work Conference, and Pune Public Policy Festival. Additionally, I embarked on a journey to explore states like Tamil Nadu and Kerala, as well as several towns during my travels. These experiences will empower SvaNiti to create vibrant, indigenous thinking models that address various policy concepts.

One of our most remarkable policy ideas is "LifeSite." We believe it has the potential to significantly impact the education sector over time, especially as we plan to acquire IDUME. IDUME is another research startup I founded back in 2018, which has greatly supported SvaNiti by providing essential funding. Now, it will serve as a valuable idea resource. Through IDUME, I have funded our organization to this day, and I recognize that it we have to find reliable CSR partners who will support this journey to inspire the aspirations of our people.

-Aadil Belim

Director & CVO

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In 2018, our director founded a startup with the vision of creating an unconventional education system, initially called Insight Academy. However, during the COVID pandemic, the initiative pivoted to focus on the integration of ideas, education, and home as its core values. This led to the formation of what is now known as IDUME.

Last year, during a Future of Work summit attended by a delegation from the SvaNiti Policy Research Centre, we had the opportunity to meet the vice-chancellor of your university. This meeting sparked a profound discussion about the evolving role of universities. It became clear to us that universities, traditionally known in Hindi as "Vishwa Vidyalaya," which translates to a "universe of knowledge," are increasingly losing their meaning and purpose. In response, we felt the need to develop something indigenous, leading to the concept of Lifesite.

The idea behind Lifesite is rooted in the understanding that students today often feel overwhelmed by the abundance of information and struggle to find clarity about life itself. Lifesite aims to create a space where students can not only gain knowledge but also understand the broader aspects of life. It is designed to be a place dedicated to learning about life, in all its dimensions. And we are looking forward to promoting Lifesite as a substitute to universities.

As IDUME has grown since its inception in 2018, we are now working to develop Lifesite into a full-fledged pilot education system project by 2024-2025, as part of our ongoing research and innovation. By 2025, we plan to acquire IDUME into the SvaNiti Policy Research Centre. This acquisition will allow us to leverage the data, research, and conceptual documentation that IDUME has accumulated over the years, strengthening our mission and expanding the impact of Lifesite.

THE IDEA OF LIFESITE & ACQUISITION PLAN OF IDUME



Each year, we strive to foster innovation through the Idea Meet by encouraging young individuals to present fresh, impactful ideas. As part of this initiative, we ensure that they have the opportunity to attend TEDx conferences wherever feasible. This year, our journey took us to TEDx Gateway, an experience that proved to be immensely inspiring.

Our participants had the privilege of interacting with a diverse group of speakers, engaging in rich discussions about their ideas. Among the many insightful conversations, one standout interaction was with a speaker who passionately advocated for the preservation of indigenous languages—languages at risk of being lost as our civilizations evolve. This topic, which highlights the cultural heritage we are in danger of losing, resonated deeply with many of our fellows.



Additionally, the conference featured a range of ideas encompassing fields such as robotics and addressing pressing social, educational, and humanitarian issues. Our participants, with their own unique perspectives, contributed to these discussions and gained valuable insights throughout the day-long event.



An invaluable part of this experience was the opportunity to network with influential personalities. Notably, our fellows had the chance to meet Kumar Mangalam Birla, Chairman of the Aditya Birla Group, Manish Pandey, and Captain Raghu Raman. Capt. Raman took a particular interest in the ideas of our fellows, engaging them in thoughtful dialogue about their concepts. This exchange of ideas culminated in a reflective dinner at the iconic Taj Mahal Palace in Mumbai, where we collectively reviewed the experience and explored ways to develop and implement these ideas further.

This year's participation in TEDx Gateway has undoubtedly provided our fellows with both inspiration and practical insights, fueling their ambitions to bring about meaningful change in various sectors.

As part of our mission at the Svaniti Policy Research Center, we set out to gain firsthand insights into the educational ecosystem in Kota, Rajasthan—a city renowned for its rigorous coaching culture. Kota attracts thousands of students from across India, all aspiring to excel in competitive exams such as the Indian Institutes of Technology Joint Entrance Examination (IIT-JEE) and the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET).

During my visit, we engaged in informal discussions with students and individuals connected to student life in the city. These conversations provided a revealing and, at times, concerning view of the pressures and challenges that students in Kota face. Many students are solely focused on their studies, often at the expense of broader life experiences.

The overwhelming pressure to succeed leads to a narrow definition of success, where students often feel their only purpose is to "crack" these exams. In doing so, they may neglect important life skills that are critical for their future success and well-being.

Moreover, many students expressed a sense of uncertainty regarding their futures beyond these exams. A significant number lacked basic computer skills, a finding that raises serious concerns about their preparedness for the digital age. This insight was further corroborated during a conversation with Surbhi Sharma, a research scholar from the Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), who has conducted extensive research in Kota. She highlighted that many students lack functional knowledge of computers, with some never having operated one.

These findings from our field visit underscore the urgent need for a more holistic approach to education in Kota.

WALKING WITH STUDENTS IN KOTA

ASPIRING AUROVILLE

As part of our ongoing exploration of alternative education models, the Svaniti Policy Research Center had the opportunity to visit Auroville, an experimental township known for its progressive ideals and innovative approach to living and learning. Our visit aimed to better understand Auroville's educational philosophy and how it aligns with their broader vision of human unity and sustainable development.

We were particularly interested in how education is integrated into daily life within the community. During our visit to Auroville's educational centers, we engaged with educators and residents, gaining insights into their unique approach to learning. The community's emphasis on experiential learning and the holistic development of individuals stood out as key pillars of their education system.

Auroville challenges conventional notions of education by encouraging self-discovery, creativity, and a deep connection with nature. This approach resonates with our belief in the transformative power of education, which goes beyond academic achievement to foster personal growth and social consciousness.

The visit sparked deeper reflections on the role of education in shaping future generations and how we, as a think tank, can incorporate these principles into our policy recommendations. It reinforced our commitment to exploring educational systems that cultivate not only intellectual abilities but also the emotional and spiritual dimensions of human life.



In 2023, India proudly held the presidency of the G20 Summit, hosting numerous conferences, summits, and discussions on critical global issues. The Svaniti Policy Research Center was privileged to participate in one of these significant events—the G20 Interfaith Summit, held at the renowned World Peace Dome in Pune. Our delegation attended with a clear objective: to advocate for the integration of interfaith freedoms in education among G20 nations, with a particular emphasis on preserving secularism as a foundational principle.



During the summit, our Chief Vision Officer, Mr. Aadil Belim, delivered a compelling address on the importance of framing education within a democratic and secular context. His speech highlighted the need to uphold educational freedoms while ensuring inclusivity across diverse socio-cultural backgrounds. This perspective was well-received, sparking a productive exchange of ideas with fellow delegates from various nations, who shared insights on how to implement these freedoms in their respective educational systems.



In parallel, our delegation participated in a crucial session focused on India's National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. This session provided an opportunity to engage with vice chancellors from numerous Indian universities, where our team raised thought-provoking questions about the NEP's potential to foster leadership and innovation in education. The discussions were insightful, offering valuable perspectives on how the policy can be leveraged to promote progressive educational reforms.

Overall, the summit was a highly enriching experience, reinforcing our commitment to advocating for educational systems that are inclusive, forward-thinking, and capable of meeting the challenges of a rapidly changing world.

SPECTATING SCHOOL SYSTEM OF ISHA FOUNDATION COIMBATORE

In an unconventional effort to understand alternative educational practices, the Svaniti Policy Research Center conducted a four-day observational visit to the ISHA Foundation's school in Coimbatore. This visit was unique, as we chose not to inform the foundation of our plans or arrange formal meetings. Instead, we arrived as guests, immersing ourselves in the natural, day-to-day rhythm of the school environment to gain insights into its educational philosophy.

Our Chief Vision Officer spent hours each day quietly observing, often meditating by the bushes near the school to better understand the essence of ISHA's educational approach. His observations revealed an environment where both teachers and students radiated joy and a deep connection to their learning experiences. On the first evening, rain graced the campus, creating a natural segue into the next day's lesson, where a teacher introduced a song about rain to a class of third or fourth graders. The students engaged wholeheartedly, singing and participating with enthusiasm, reflecting a learning experience that felt both meaningful and joyful.

One of the most striking aspects of ISHA's educational environment was the emphasis on sports, activities, and the natural integration of these elements into the curriculum. Unlike conventional schooling systems, where students often seem bound by routine, here they appeared genuinely happy and engaged.

This experience at ISHA Foundation has offered us invaluable insights into an educational model that prioritizes holistic development and well-being. We now look forward to formally studying ISHA's educational practices and philosophy, which hold the potential to significantly inform and inspire our endeavors at the Svaniti Policy Research Center as we seek to foster progressive and joyful learning environments for the next generation.

PUNE PUBLIC POLICY FESTIVAL

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Upon learning about the Pune Public Policy Festival, we at the Svaniti Policy Research Center felt a strong sense of anticipation. While our primary focus is on education policy, we recognize the broader significance of public policy and are committed to exploring and contributing to impactful ideas across this field.

Our delegation attended the festival, held at the historic Gokhale Institute in Pune, with a particular vision in mind: advocating for the establishment of a Ministry of Creative Economy within the Government of India. We believe that a dedicated ministry for creative industries could foster innovation and cultural growth, positioning India to capitalize on its rich creative potential in an increasingly globalized economy.

The forum was especially engaging due to its emphasis on policies relevant to the state of Maharashtra. Key topics included transportation policy, education policy, and local government engagement initiatives, which were discussed in depth by the Pune Collector. We were also pleased to attend an insightful presentation on economics and policy by the esteemed Dr. Shamika Ravi. After her session, we presented our idea on the creative economy, which opened an avenue for thoughtful act to proceed further with this idea.

The festival provided a unique platform for networking and idea exchange with fellow delegates, deepening our understanding of local and national policy challenges. This experience reinforced the value of collaborative policymaking and further inspired us to continue our work in shaping transformative policies for the future.



IGNITING IDEA TO ESTABLISH MINISTRY OF CREATIVE ECONOMY AFFAIRS

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At Svaniti Policy Research Center, we are excited to present a comprehensive proposal to establish a Ministry of Creative Economy Affairs, designed to spark a national conversation on the untapped potential of the creative economy. This proposed ministry aims to empower seven key sectors and support over thirty-five industries, indirectly creating new employment opportunities across diverse fields. The ministry would focus on championing our civilization, promoting tourism, and fostering growth in areas such as the arts, creative spaces, advertising, gaming, film, podcasts, social media, publications, and many other segments that fall outside traditional economic pathways. In an era where conventional sources have reached their peak productivity, exploring these new avenues is essential for sustainable growth.

We understand the complexities of establishing a new ministry, along with the legislative framework it requires. To initiate dialogue, we have shared this proposal with Dr. Shamika Ravi, an Economic Council Member and Advisor to the Prime Minister. Additionally, we are actively reaching out to other public figures and government officials, hoping to build momentum around this concept and shape it into a viable legislative framework. We envision that, if accepted by the government, this proposal could elevate our national soft power by strengthening tourism and creative industries, ultimately enhancing our global standing in the modern economy.

DIGITAL INCLUSION IN EDUCATION

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As part of the Svaniti Policy Research Center delegation, I had the privilege of attending the Digital Inclusion Summit, where I engaged in meaningful discussions focused on creating sustainable pathways for policy digitization. The summit brought together leaders from various sectors, including government, CSR, non-profits, think tanks, media, and educational institutions, all united in a shared commitment to fostering inclusive digital education.



The gathering was both inspiring and comprehensive, including critical stakeholders such as teachers and students from schools. A notable highlight was an engaging conversation with Richa Anirudh, journalist and producer of Zindagi with Richa, where we discussed the impact of storytelling in promoting digital inclusivity.

A central topic at the summit was the importance of bridging the gender gap in STEM. Innovative initiatives focused on hands-on STEM learning were discussed, with a particular emphasis on nurturing creativity and providing greater access for girls. The conversations underscored the need for high-quality digital content that aligns with the curriculum, incorporates interactive elements to engage students, and ensures accessibility. Discussions also addressed the importance of content moderation to maintain a safe and effective digital learning environment.



Another key focus was leveraging technology to enhance student learning and its potential role in driving economic growth. The summit spotlighted initiatives like teaching coding as a tool for solving real-world problems, preparing students to thrive in an increasingly digital world.

Special appreciation goes to the Muskaan Dreams team for their professionalism and dedication, making the summit a reality and providing a dynamic platform for all participants. Their work is instrumental in advancing the Mission #1Millionby2025, a collective goal to increase digital accessibility for students across India.

To
The Members,
SvaNiti Policy Research Center.

Your directors have the pleasure of presenting this Annual Report together with the Audited Statement of Accounts of your Company for the year ended 31st March 2024.

1) Financial Result

No.	Particulars	31st March 2024	31st March 2023
1	Turnover (Donation/Fund) Received	0.00	0.00
2	Other Income	1,80,080.00	0.00
3	Net Income	0.00	0.00
4	Depreciation and other Expense	4,336	74,023.00
5	Tax Expense	0.00	0.00
6	Net Profit / Loss	-4,34,00.00	-1,93,213.00

2) State of Affairs

The Company is engaged in the formation of the Standard Operating Procedure and accumulating resources to complete its objective.

There has been no change in the object of the Company during the financial year ended 31st March 2024.

3) Meeting of the Board

One Board Meeting was held during the Financial Year ended March 31, 2024. The names of members of the Board, and their attendance at the Board Meetings are as under:

1) 28 April 2023 2) 30 June 2023 3) 07 Aug 2023 4) 02 Sep 2024

Members and Directors: Aadil Belim and Amin Belim

4) Material Changes and Commitments Affecting the Financial Position of the Company

There are no material changes or commitments affecting the financial position of the Company which have occurred between the end of the financial year of the Company to which the financial statements relate and the date of the report.

5) Significant and material orders

During the year under review, there are no significant or material orders passed by the regulators or courts or tribunals impacting the going concern status and company's operations in future.

6) Weblink of the Annual Return

The company had upload its Annual Report on its website <https://www.svaniti.in>

7) Contracts or Arrangements with Related Parties

During the financial year 2023-24, the company has not entered any contracts or arrangements with the related party referred in Section 188(1) of the Companies Act 2013.

8) Statutory Auditors

M/s R A KARIYA AND ASSOCAITES, Chartered Accountants were appointed as the statutory auditor of the company. They continue to hold office till the conclusion of the seventh annual general meeting of the Company for 5 financial years in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2013.

9) Auditors' Report

The Auditors have not reported any fraud required to be disclosed under Section 143(12) of the Companies Act, 2013. Auditor has give his views in Independent auditors report which is attached in the report.

10) Directors' Responsibility Statement

In accordance with the provisions of Section 134 (3) (c) of the Companies Act 2013, your Directors, subject to the best of their knowledge and belief and according to the information and explanations obtained by them confirm that:

- 1) In the preparation of the annual accounts for the financial year ended 31st March 2023, the applicable accounting standards have been followed along with proper explanation relating to material departures.
- 2) The Directors have selected such accounting policies and applied them consistently and made judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent to give a true and fair view of the situation of the Company at the end of the financial year and of the profit and loss of the Company for that period.
- 3) The Directors have taken proper and sufficient care for the maintenance of adequate accounting records in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2013 for safeguarding the assets of the company and for preventing and detecting fraud and others.
- 4) The Directors have prepared the annual accounts on a going concern basis, and the directors have devised proper systems to ensure compliance with the provisions of all applicable laws and that such systems were adequate and operating effectively.

Acknowledgement

The Directors express their gratitude to the Company's donors, vendors, and bankers for their continued support during the year.

For and on behalf of the Board of Directors
SvaNiti Policy Research Center



Aadil Belim
Director
DIN: 09304522



Amin Belim
Director
DIN: 09305123

Date: 02/09/2024
Place: Upleta