

Bhindeshi: Online Bengali class

Our Teachers



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- In 2020 during the pandemic lockdown, we introduced the *Bengali class* to foster this native Indian language to our younger generation.
- We started less than 10 children and *three* volunteer teachers from our community.
- At present, we conduct bi-weekly classes in *two proficiency* levels, with *five* volunteer teachers and more than 35 students.
- The classes are open to everyone. We have students from different parts of the country.
- We primarily cover verbal and written skills, and often reference the rich culture and heritage of Bengal.

For further details please visit <https://bhindeshi.org/index.php/bengali-class/>

High Level - Curriculum

Proficiency Level – 1

- Improve vocabulary (*games and story telling*)
- Bengali number system and colors
- Learning *swaro-borno* (vowels)
- Learning *banjon-borno* (consonants)
- Family tree in Bengali
- Body parts in Bengali
- Learning native festivals, landmarks and legends
- Bengali poem recitations
- Basic comprehension
- Kids Presentation

Graduation Criteria:

- Recognize and write Bengali alphabets and numbers
- Ability to read & write simple Bengali words

Proficiency Level – 2

- Comprehension
- Advance conversation (*social questions, story telling*)
- Days of a week, seasons, weather in Bengali
- Telling time in Bengali
- Reading and writing 2/3 letter words
- Advance vocabulary (*Jumbled words, sentences, synonyms and antonyms*)
- Parts of speech (*nouns, adjectives, verbs (tense), and pronouns*)
- Advance reading and writing (*joined letters and blended sounds*)
- Translation

Graduation Criteria:

- Ability to read and write simple Bengali sentences.
- Understand (listen) and communicate (verbally) in Bengali

Future Vision

Expand the learning experience:

- Continue to teach and instill interest of *Bengali* and its cultural awareness
- Design and launch advance courses

Collaborate and partner with NSD:

- We are excited to have *Bengali* included as language in NSD curriculum
- We would like to evaluate opportunities to share our experience and infrastructure to enrich the learning experience

Literary Exposure:

- Encourage our students to write stories and poems in *Bengali*
- Leverage our literary platform *Bhinkotha* to encourage
- *To learn more about 'Bhinkotha' please visit: <https://bhindeshi.org/index.php/bhindeshi-r-bhinkotha-magazine/>*