

Annie: Self-Learning Braille Literacy Device

Scaling Across India and Beyond

Digital Inclusion · Good practice · India

Quality score: 96/100

Evidence strength: Descriptive / self-reported

Summary

Bengaluru-based Thinkerbell Labs built Annie, an audio-guided, self-correcting braille teaching device that lets blind and low-vision students learn independently. Deployed in over 300 schools across 16 Indian states, all 50 US states and six further countries, reaching roughly 1

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Innovation level	4/5
Sustainability (ongoing)	1/1
Evaluation evidence	1/1
Demonstrated reach	1/1
Documented learning	1/1

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-07-15

[Thinkerbell Labs](#) — accessed 2026-07-15

[MIT Solve — Annie solution profile](#) — accessed 2026-07-15

[Google for Startups — Thinkerbell Labs alumni story](#) — accessed 2026-07-15

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