



# Spotlight on Open Education

## A nation-wide school without walls

We've partnered with Tamarind Tree, a school based in India for the local indigenous children, covering kindergarten all the way up to Grade 10, that has been operating on open hardware, open software, and open content largely driven by Moodle LMS.

### The advantage of using Moodle

Tamarind Tree Founder Michelle Chawla, believes that a large part of the reason why their organisation was attracted to Moodle was due to its open source nature. When it comes to tools such as Moodle, Big Blue Button, and H5P, the knowledge and the codes are free and open. This means educators can reuse, remix, and adapt these tools as they see fit for their curriculum.

**Tamarind Tree is committed to delivering learning to children. They advocate in front of stakeholders in India's edtech sector on how open technology and OER can play a significant role in human development and help change education for the better.**

### Learning in a global pandemic

In a country hit hard by Covid-19, it's natural that education would also take a hit. However, Tamarind Tree were already teaching their students through a Moodle-based virtual classroom, **My Big Campus**, and had built a comprehensive e-library of open educational resources (OER).

During lockdown, they decided to open My Big Campus to any child in India, offering all of their primary and elementary courses for free. Plus, they launched a **volunteer program** so anyone passionate about teaching could get training to be a facilitator in the online classroom, supporting children around the country.



Learn more about **Tamarind Tree's involvement in the global movement for open education.**

