



SWATI SHELAR

Child Centric Design

Hello! I'm a designer and educator who is constantly looking for ways to work with and for children. I believe in the power of education to transform society and want to use good design to enable it.

Through years of engaging with startups, schools, NGOs and research organizations, I've developed a keen sense of the state of education in India and the world today.

Currently, I am working on a line of products and consult on design projects for children's play and learning.

Education

1996 - 2008

Innisfree House School,
Bengaluru : ICSE

2008 - 2010

The Valley School,
KFI, Bengaluru : ISC

2010 - 2014

National Institute of Design,
Ahmedabad : B. Des

2017 - 2018

Stanford University,
Graduate School of Education
Learning Design Technology :
M A Education

Achievements

2006

Karnataka State topper at the
8th National Science Olympiad

2014

Menstrual Awareness Project
featured in Times of India,
Ahmedabad

2017

Awarded a Stanford GSE
Fellowship

2018

Presented a paper at ACM's
'Interaction Design for
Children' conference in
Trondheim, Norway

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Work Experience

2014 - 2015

Ducere Technologies

Intern and Employee

Graduation project on Smart Braille / Audio Reader for the Visually Impaired; R&D on temperature controlled shoe for diabetic foot ulcers

2015 - 2017

Magic Crate

Employee, Team Lead

Design of educational toys and games for 2 to 8 year old children in monthly subscription boxes

2017

The Valley School, Krishnamurti Foundation India

Assistant Teacher

Taught 1st grade students for a period of 4 months

2017

Council for Social Development

Field Researcher

Surveyed 5 villages in Bellari, Karnataka to answer questions about the 'Reach and Role of Private Schools in India'

2017

LightUp.io

Design Intern

Worked on User experience for children in AR /VR STEM app

2018

Transformative Learning Technologies Lab

Design Intern

Worked on teacher training workshop at FabLearn conference. Designed prototypes for packaging and website UI for the GogoBoard developed by TLTL team, guided by Paulo Blikstein

2018

Sawaliram Website : TIFR & Ekalavya

User Experience / Wireframing

Designed wireframes for Sawaliram.org website in collaboration with Design Orb. Worked with TIFR-Ekalavya's science education team.

2018- 2019

Agastya International Foundation

Coordinator: Banao Bus / Curiosity Carnival

Curriculum design, instructor training, design of maker-bus, new digital interactive models, workshop structuring, event management, mentoring junior designers creating workshops for govt. school teachers and providing continuing support.

2019-2020

Fitkids Education, GAIT, Eureka Thinklabs

Senior Learning Designer

Designed and implemented a new SEL based curriculum and assessment for GAIT with theatre and dance, collaborated with the Teacher Foundation (TTF) Designed science kits for grades 4 and 5 based on CBSE Science Worked on corporate sales training for in-house sales team