



Kanhaiya is an award-winning humanitarian, educationist, and social entrepreneur. Being passionate about education, he founded the “Be Dauntless” foundation in 2017 aimed at addressing inequity within education systems. In 2020, Kanhaiya and his team pioneered the Annual Education Report on Indian Slums (AERIS). AERIS is an annual slum-based, community-led survey of unprecedented scale, assessing students in all slums in India over 32 weeks. The report’s findings show that despite spending several years in school, a significant proportion of children are still struggling to read, speak and do basic arithmetic. To solve this problem Kanhaiya developed inclusive community-centric techniques to collect reliable and actionable evidence relating to enrolment and basic learning outcomes of children in Indian slums.

Later he started the Be Dauntless Foundation Teaching Fellowship (BDFTF) which directly addresses the structures that make it difficult for some children to acquire foundational skills. Over a couple of years, Kanhaiya has built a network of education leaders impacting thousands of underrepresented and marginalized communities in India.

Kanhaiya is a representative of the unprivileged youth’s voice and proves to his peers that young people can be changemakers. He believes that race, creed, socioeconomic status, ethnicity, or gender do not devalue or depreciate a human. The key to unlocking the door is diversity, inclusion, and unity. He strives to precede a literate, developed, and united world by taking collective action, cultivating leadership qualities, and equipping passionate education leaders with the skills, knowledge, and expertise to revolutionize and reimagine education in underserved areas. Kanhaiya’s work and advocacy have been recognized by the National Association for the Blind, Global Youth Peace Committee and World Sikh Chamber of Commerce. He was named “National Corona Warrior”, “Birla Young Indian” and was one of the honourees of the Glocal Teen Hero of the Year Award.

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