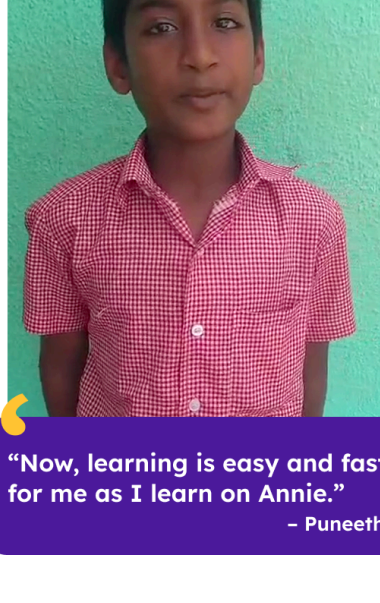


Incase you missed previous newsletter, [read it here.](#)

This month brought plenty of milestones, but behind every one is a learner with a story.

What If a Few Braille Characters Could Represent a Whole Word?



"Now, learning is easy and fast for me as I learn on Annie." – Puneeth

Puneeth, a Class 7 student at Shri Sharada Devi Blind School in Shivamogga, had already completed English Grade 1 and Kannada braille before he started learning with Annie two months ago. But braille contractions were still a barrier. With Annie, he was finally able to start learning them, moving from writing words out letter by letter to using fewer braille characters. Annie made contractions possible for Puneeth.

He has already mastered several braille contractions, learning to write words with fewer characters, and earned 400 stars along the way.

For Puneeth, a few letters now do the work of many.

Annie is helping him learn contractions faster, write more efficiently, and move past a barrier that once held him back

And while Annie is helping learners like Puneeth break barriers in the classroom, we're building what comes next for learners beyond the classroom.

Tactera Took the Stage at Vande Bharatam

Thinkerbell Labs made it to the **Top 50 of Vande Bharatam**, one of India's biggest platforms for discovering and celebrating emerging innovators.



We brought both Annie and Tactera to the stage, with the spotlight on Tactera, our next-generation refreshable braille display designed to put an entire library in a student's hands. We pitched Tactera in front of the Adani Group, and the idea caught the panel's attention.

We also walked away with Vande Wings, a badge for 10 days of mentorship from the Adani Group.

[Watch on YouTube](#)

And Vande Bharatam wasn't the only big step forward. While Tactera took the stage in India, Annie was making its way into new markets around the world.

Annie Goes Global

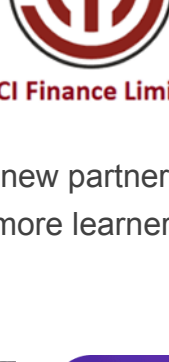
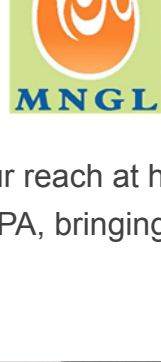
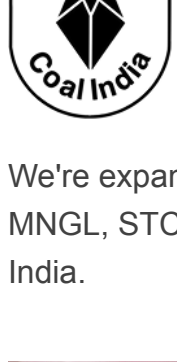
Annie is now available across 56 countries.



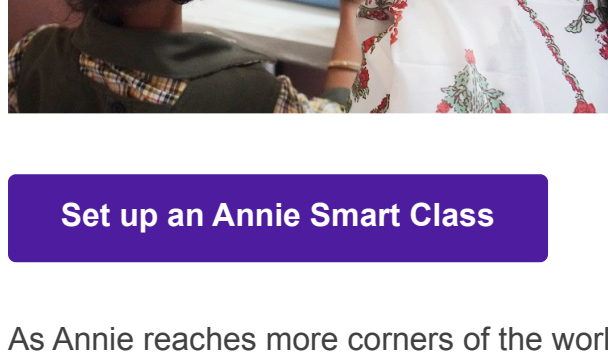
Through our partnership with Edit Microsystems, Annie is expanding across **South Africa and the wider Sub-Saharan African region**, opening up access to our braille learning technology across a major new market.

Annie is also already available across 8 countries: the **US, UK, UAE, Australia, New Zealand, Ireland, Canada and South Africa**, bringing our total global availability to 56 countries.

Growing Across India



We're expanding our reach at home, with new partnerships with Coal India, MNGL, STCI and BPA, bringing Annie to more learners and communities across India.



4 New deployments culminating to
492 total learning centres!

[Set up an Annie Smart Class](#)

[Work with us](#)

As Annie reaches more corners of the world, we're also meeting the people and organisations shaping the future of accessibility.

Where Accessibility Leaders Meet

Zero Project | Mumbai



Zero Project Technology Forum

We joined the Zero Project Technology Forum to exchange ideas with innovators and accessibility leaders working to make technology more inclusive. We were also support partners for the Zero Project India Conference, bringing together key voices from across the disability and accessibility ecosystem.

Quick Updates



We're on Double Tap on Air

Double Tap on Air, a leading Canadian assistive technology podcast, recently featured Thinkerbell Labs and Annie. We shared our journey in assistive technology and what we're building next.

[Watch here](#)

UN Committee passes Global Declaration on Braille Literacy

The UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities has endorsed the Global Declaration on Braille Literacy, recognising braille as fundamental to education, accessibility and independence. It also highlighted that braille and accessible technology work together, reinforcing why braille-first technology like Annie matters.



[Read here](#)



UNGA recognises assistive technology as a global priority

The UN General Assembly has adopted its first-ever resolution on access to assistive technology, calling for it to be more affordable, accessible and widely available. This is closely aligned with what we're building at Thinkerbell Labs: innovative assistive technology that makes learning and everyday life more accessible for people with disabilities.

[Read here](#)

Annie Championship



We're gearing up for an **Annie Championship for schools**, bringing Annie learners together for a fun challenge to put their braille skills to the test. **Is your school interested?**

[Register your interest](#)

**More details to follow*

A Note from our CEO

For a long time, accessibility was treated as something to be added later. Today, we are seeing a different conversation take shape.

The UN General Assembly recognising access to assistive technology as a global priority, alongside the UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities recognising braille literacy as fundamental to the rights of people who are blind, is a powerful signal of that change.

Technology and braille are not competing ideas. They work together to make education, independence and participation more accessible.

That is the future we want to build towards. Technology that makes learning and everyday life more accessible for people with disabilities.

Dilip Ramesh

Co-Founder & CEO, Thinkerbell Labs

Mira & Newton

Comic by Thinkerbell Labs

Mira and her best friend Newt bicker about random things, get lost in games only they understand. Most days it's just their ordinary life. Some days, that same curiosity turns outward, testing how accessible the everyday world actually is, one sidewalk, app, or supplement strip



Until next month,
Dilip Ramesh

Co-Founder & CEO

