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Report of our activities at Samiksha Foundation and its Learning Centres at Mazumdar Shaw Cancer Centre, NH (MSCC), Indira Gandhi Institute of Child Health (IGICH), Sri Shankara Cancer Hospital and Research Centre (SSCHRC), Lakshmi Children’s Health Centre (LCHC) and St. John’s Medical College and Hospital (SJMCH), Bangalore, India recorded during the period of June 2023 to May 2024.

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Founder's Note

Dear Samiksha Team, Teachers, Patrons, Donors and Parents,

We contemplated the core thoughts, as we mark the 15th year of our Foundation as of Gratitude and Appreciation. My list of gratitude and appreciation is so long, with a heart filled with immense pride and eyes welling up in tears, I reflect upon the remarkable journey of the Samiksha Foundation. Over the past 15 years, this foundation has been a beacon of hope, love, and support and care for children battling the toughest fight of their lives - cancer.



Our journey began with a simple yet powerful vision: "To make a difference in the lives of children fighting cancer, to bring smiles to their faces, to increase the Happiness Quotient of all those affected – children, parents, siblings and caregivers". From these humble beginnings, of my being an individual, a professional in the non- medical space, a salaried Architect, I registered a Not for Profit Trust, and India's first Hospital learning center for children with cancer at Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology in 2009, with my friend Manjari Bhatnagar. We have since grown into an organization that stands as a testament to the power of compassion and collective efforts of a very dedicated and empathetic team. We have walked alongside these brave children and their families, offering not just education, but also emotional support, and a sense of belonging throughout their challenging journey.

Our foundation's success isn't merely measured by statistics or numbers; it's about the lives we've touched, the smiles we've brought, and the hope we've instilled. We've witnessed the resilience of these children and their parents, their unwavering spirit in the face of adversity, their determination to fight against all odds, their wisdom to live in the moment, their twinkling smiles hiding their struggles. Their courage has inspired us to do more, to be better, and to never give up, to Live in the moment – to accept fears, apprehensions, to accept love, and loss with equity. Our dedicated team, alongside generous donors and volunteers, has worked tirelessly, pouring their hearts and souls into this noble cause. It is about Spreading Happiness.

I remember my friend Kenneth and I wrote out "More than Caring Gift a Child Happiness" as our mission statement in 2008, and it remains stronger than ever today in 2024 too! The path to it became our working Motto: The pursuit of Knowledge is key to their pursuit of Happiness – simply because we learnt that the way to a child's heart and happiness is through their own innate optimism and positivity and their keen sense of curiosity and laughter that helps them override difficult times.

Their vision of the world and life is their pursuit of happiness which for a school going child is childhood fun and school!

This is the Learning for us over 15 years and we appreciate every single lesson learnt from them and the work we do with them. I am incredibly proud of every life we've touched, every battle we've fought together, and every victory we've celebrated in the last 15 years.

However, our journey doesn't end here. There is still much to be done, many more lives to impact, and more milestones to achieve. I am looking at many more people, volunteers, patrons like you to join us in this journey. A journey of Dignity, Pride, Happiness.

As we move forward, let us reaffirm our commitment to spread awareness, raise funds, and extend our support to ensure that every child battling long term life limiting illness receives the Education, care, love, and hope they deserve.

I express my deepest gratitude to everyone who has been a part of this extraordinary journey - the dedicated teachers, the selfless volunteers, the generous donors, the courageous children and their families, and very important, the oncology friends I have made over these years, sharing great respect and care for a common cause, being part of our Happiness Journey! May we continue to spread love, hope, and healing wherever it is needed.

My message to our students, standing strong, in the face of adversity, is clear as crystal waters –

- Mark your life with honor of receiving knowledge and happiness shared.
- Learn to become a Changemaker hereon
- Become an anecdote instead of a survivor.
- Be appreciative of the Gifts and learnings of your own families and those extended families who were your fellow companions during tough times.
- Believe in yourself and give back to those who need your help and wisdom.
- Don't hold back.
- Embrace Love and Care and Gratitude – It opens new doors and opportunities for you!

Personally, I am deeply appreciative of the support of my Late mother Bhavani Nanjundeswaran, Trustees Barnalee and Ranjani, advisors Vijaya, Ravishankar, Dr.Rajaram, retired Director Dr.Manjari, old friends, my son Aditya, my husband Sharad's family. I Learn every day from my team of wonderful teachers Vidyawathy, Parvathy, Ambika, Valli, Nivedita. Gaining strength and leaning on to the new team of young teachers Sharada, Poornesh, Garima, Chandana, Deepu.

My wings are stronger because of you all and I stand tall after 15 years at the Helm of this Foundation!

My prayer is that this legacy of compassion and kindness will continue to shine brightly for years to come.

Sandhya Sharad
Founder and Trustee

Message from our Trustees

I am filled with pride and gratitude as we reflect on 15 years of dedicated service to our community. The tireless efforts and unwavering commitment of the team has made a tangible difference in supporting children battling life-limiting conditions. This would not have been possible without the dedication of our team, volunteers, and, of course, the unwavering generosity of our donors. We remain committed to our vision and look forward to continued collaboration with our stakeholders to create a brighter future for all. Together, we've made significant strides in fostering sustainable development and creating positive change. Thank you for your support and trust in our endeavors.



Ranjani Ramesh,
Managing Trustee



A heartfelt congratulations to Team Samiksha on reaching the remarkable 15-year milestone!

It's incredibly inspiring to witness the team's extraordinary growth from a small group of volunteers into a dedicated force of compassionate individuals. Your unwavering commitment to our mission is truly commendable.

Together, you've made a profound impact on the lives of countless children, creatively overcoming challenges and fostering a brighter future. As I often say, we learn far more from these children than we teach them.

I extend my deepest gratitude to our generous donors, dedicated doctors, and invaluable mentors for their unwavering support. Your partnership has been instrumental in our journey.

Let's continue to work together to create an even greater impact on the lives of these children. Thank you for your continued support.

Barnalee Sarkar
Trustee and Cultural Lead

Education Program Report



This year I complete 7 years with Samiksha Foundation and have seen a few changes in my role. With Garima Ashta joining us in July 2023, a few of my responsibilities-Volunteer & intern induction, orientation, mapping them to students as part of the remote mentoring program, Digital Learning Platform enrollment of the students and follow up on usage were taken over by her.

The team having grown over the year with part time teachers joining us saw stability in terms of delivery of the Education program across the Centres.

While January 2024 saw the addition of 1 new Samiksha Foundation Learning Centre at the St. John’s Medical College Hospital, February 2024 saw us going remote at the Mazumdar Shaw Cancer Centre (MSCC). Our annual reporting cycle saw 1175 new students join across the five Samiksha Foundation Learning Centres.

We had a total student attendance of 2440 - direct and indirect beneficiaries, new, regular and irregular attendees during this period.

Ms Archana Srinivasan, an IT professional with 18+years of experience in the hardware sector with a reputed company joined us in early January 2024 as a part-time teacher but had to leave in 2 months due to personal reasons. Chandana KM who became a full-time teacher in late July 2023 also moved from Bangalore to another city in February 2024. Poornesh, our Field Supervisor, moved out of the team in April 2024, carrying our good wishes with them. All the other teachers continued to work with the children across the old and new Learning centres zealously.

This year saw an increase in the number of remote volunteers, especially signed up to take the work of translating the audio content and recording vernacular voice overs for the videos that are part of the Samiksha USky Digital Learning application and to teach the children remotely. Few worked with the 10th and 12th graders, providing support as and when needed including one still undergoing active treatment. Below are the results of the board exams.

SSLC / 10 th Grade Results	
Name	Result
Tubakhanam (CBSE)	54%
Keerthana	55.5%
Banisha (CBSE)	68%
Chandan H S	46%

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Name	Result	Name	Result
Nayana (A)	46%	Yadhunandan {C}	46%
Abhishek Teli {C}	53.5%	Sakthivel R (S)	79%
Renuka Prasad {C}	39.6%	Bheema Prasad (S)	71%
Shivamani {C}	72%	Nisarga M S	Fail in 1 subject
Revathi {C}	64%	Amulya	Fail in 1 subject
Yashwanth {C}	51%	Kishore Yadav	Fail in 1 subject
Priyadarshan {C}	58%	Sudeep M K	Fail in 1 subject

A-Arts, S-Science, C-Commerce

The Samiksha Foundation Scholarships Program was an in-person event held on 4th February 2024. It was also an event to celebrate 15 years of Samiksha Foundation working in the space of providing non-medical support. The event was held at the Basavarajendra auditorium of the Bangalore Medical College campus. Interns from Christ University also helped at the event which was also telecast live on Samiksha Foundation’s YouTube Channel for our donors and other patrons who could not attend in person to be able to also participate in the dual celebration.

Our team of teachers, volunteers and other resource people have been doing a wonderful job and their encouragement to the students is appreciated. To help children access the Samiksha -USky online platform and other resource materials, benefit from virtual mentoring across the centres, a couple of children especially from IGICH have been provided tabs. We have acquired 50 Lenovo Tablets for delivery of our education program this year.

"Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire." — William Butler Yeats

Valli Narasimha
Education Lead

Collaborations and Partnerships

For Donations

Samiksha Foundation has collaborated with [Give India](#) and [Omprakash](#) to receive donations and funds from the USA. American citizens can receive tax exemption under section 501(c)(3). Donations can be made by credit card, or PayPal. Individual corporate employees can donate through [Benevity causes](#) by selecting the campaigns (projects) they would like to support. Matching donations are made by Corporates where applicable.

NGO and Resource Partnerships (Jun 2023 - May 2024)

- A Thousand Cranes (Craft) - Ekta Poddar, Asha Ramjee, Deepa Rajeev
- Eka Foundation (Yoga-CV) - Akhila Pai Dhamotharan, Lalithashree Rajesh, Navya Ram, Preeta Karmarkar, Priya Sukhwani, Priyanka Jain, Ritika Tantia, Sudeepta Shanbhag, Swathi KS
- Shankar Mahadevan Academy-Nirvana Project (Music- remotely)
- BEETF Platform partners
- Impact Guru Foundation for project based fundraising

Volunteering and Internships - Institutions

- Mallya Aditi International School (MAIS)
- Indus International School students (CAS Program)
- Christ University
- PES University
- National Academy for Learning (NAFL),
- Sri Kumaran Children's Home
- 10X International School (CAS Program)
- Corporate Volunteers from Chezuba-Tata-Pro Engage program, Microsoft

Curriculum Tasks and Online - Offline Volunteering

- One-on-one virtual mentoring of students from different vernacular mediums
- Mentoring students in the ward(s)/ Samiksha Foundation Learning Centres at the hospital(s) and home
- Assist 10th and 12th graders prepare for their board exams - State and Central boards.
- Mentor students of different grades for their entrance tests for admission to the next grade
- Assist in conducting online Yoga-Creative Visualisation and Art sessions for children and caregivers at SFLCs
- Creating kits for the Craft activities and assisting in conducting the activities at the Learning Centres
- Documentation of the activities through audio and video tools
- Social Media updates through LinkedIn, Instagram, Facebook and the Foundation's YouTube channel
- Upgrading Tech systems at our COE – Koramangala
- Creating integrated lesson plans in Social Science, Science and Languages for grades 5 to 7

Individual and Corporate Volunteers, College and High School Interns

Sl. No.	Name
1	Chabi Ghorai
2	Nisha Chede
3	Tushar Rathaur
4	Manashi Adhikary
5	Sanjukumar Jagnoor
6	Rajashekhar Malur
7	Siddharth Gugale
8	Siddhesh Tawde
9	Neha Sabikhi
10	Sria Kanjilal
11	Karan Yadav
12	Adrija Dey
13	Anant Math
14	Shubhada Ghosh
15	Moumita Datta
16	Arti Rajesh
17	Thasneem Fathima
18	Shrirang Dhavale
19	Kirti Dalal
20	Abhishek KR
21	Saurabh Biswas
22	Amarjit Singh
23	Marita Louis
24	Jane Jose
25	Vidya Suresh
26	Swaroop D
27	Revathi Sunder
28	Swati Chakrabarty
29	KVN Aparna
30	Ananyasree Garg
31	Pushya Gautama
32	Anu Raghavan

Sl. No.	Name
1	Rishi Ankur Mukerjee
2	Nandini Yenigalla
3	Lakshmi Priya M
4	Riya Jain
5	Sanjot Kaur
6	Nandhini Prakash
7	Yohan Daniel
8	Rachit Kedia
9	Smayana SB
10	Dannika Chhetri
11	Rajika Chhetri
12	Sanjay Swaminathan
13	Dhruti Kedilaya
14	Manasi Gopinath
15	Aditi Mukund
16	Divyansha
17	Pratosh Tiwari
18	Nivedita Saboo
19	Anusha Kumari
20	Naflah Faisal
21	Tabreez Khan
22	Kiran Kumar
23	Priya Nayak
24	Neelesh Sudeep
25	Akash Rao
26	Aalokika Bhattacharya
27	Lavanya Manickam
28	Pallavi Kulal

Corporate Volunteers helped with the Translations and Audio recordings for the lessons on the Samiksha USky Digital Learning App and also raised / contributed funds for Samiksha Foundation's programs. Bounceback 2023, the annual fundraiser by Mallya Aditi International School students has been another event organized for fundraising to support the work by the Foundation.

Certificates were provided to 18 Interns on successful completion of internship. Feedback was provided to Tata Pro engage team about the work by Volunteers.

Learning Center Reports

MAZUMDAR SHAW CANCER CENTER (MSCC)

The Samiksha Foundation Learning Centre (SFLC) at Mazumdar Shaw Cancer Centre (MSCC) was inaugurated on April 3, 2019, by Dr. Sunil Bhat and other doctors from the pediatric oncology team. Through the last year, the Centre has operated on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., providing academic mentoring, creative play, and activities including crafts.

The team at MSCC is led by Mr. Poornesh H. L., the Centre Coordinator, and assisted by full time teacher Ms. Chandana K. M. and part time teacher Ms. Chandrakala S. R.

Since its inception until the end of February 2024, when the Centre transitioned to 'remote mentoring' mode, 1,529 children have benefited from the program.

Attendance:

June23- May 24	< 3yrs	LKG	UKG	Gr 1	Gr 2	Gr 3	Gr 4	Gr 5	Gr 6	Gr 7	Gr 8	Gr 9	Gr 10	I PU / XI	II PU / XII	Deg / Dip	Total
Jun 23	6	2	2	1	5	5	2	8	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	34
Jul 23	7	2	3	7	0	8	2	7	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	38
Aug 23	2	2	1	0	4	3	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17
Sep 23	7	0	1	3	5	4	4	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	29
Oct 23	4	0	1	3	4	0	1	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	18
Nov 23	3	0	1	1	3	1	5	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	18
Dec 23	4	0	2	2	2	2	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17
Jan 24	4	0	2	2	1	4	3	2	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	22
Feb 24	1	0	2	3	0	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
Total	38	6	15	22	24	29	22	33	9	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	205



Poornesh H L, Teacher and Centre - Coordinator for MSCC

My name is Poornesh Gowda, and I've been privileged to serve as a Learning Center Coordinator at Samiksha Foundation since August 2021. This role has been immensely fulfilling, allowing me to contribute to a cause I deeply believe in. Witnessing the positive impact on children with cancer is incredibly rewarding.

Samiksha Foundation has been a constant source of support, enabling us to provide hope and continuity in the education of these brave young patients. The collaborative and supportive work environment, coupled with innovative tools like the U-Sky app, has significantly enhanced our ability to engage and

educate our students.

Working directly with children has been a truly transformative experience. Their resilience, curiosity, and joy in learning are inspiring. It's heartbreaking to see some students' journeys cut short, but the privilege of sharing even a small part of their educational journey is a profound honor.

I'm grateful for the opportunity to work alongside such a dedicated team and to contribute to Samiksha Foundation's mission. It's a privilege to be part of an organization that makes such a meaningful difference in the lives of these children.



20th August, 2024

To Whom It May Concern

I am writing on behalf of the Department of Pediatric Hematology, Oncology, and BMT to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Samiksha Foundation for your invaluable involvement and unwavering support in providing informal education to our young patients undergoing treatment since 2019.

Your dedication to enhancing the lives of these children through educational activities has made a significant impact on their well-being and overall treatment experience. The creative and engaging learning sessions you offer have not only helped in maintaining a sense of normalcy for our patients but also contributed to their cognitive and emotional development during a challenging time.

We are happy to acknowledge that from June 2023 to February 2024, a total of 205 children have attended educational sessions through Samiksha Foundation, with 86 new admissions. This remarkable reach underscores the importance of your work and the profound effect it has on the lives of these young patients and their families.

We deeply appreciate the compassion, effort, and time that the Samiksha Foundation has invested in this endeavor. Your commitment to making a difference in the lives of children with cancer is truly commendable, and it has brought hope and joy to many families in our care.

We look forward to continuing our collaboration with the Samiksha Foundation, and we are confident that together, we can keep making a positive difference in the lives of the children and families we serve.

Once again, thank you for your continued support and for being a vital part of our extended care team.

With sincere appreciation,



Dr. Sunil Bhat

Vice-Chairman, Oncology Collegium,
Director and Clinical Lead
Pediatric Hematology, Oncology and BMT
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INDIRA GANDHI INSTITUTE OF CHILD HEALTH (IGICH)

The Samiksha Foundation Learning Centre at Indira Gandhi Institute of Child Health was inaugurated on April 21, 2022, by Director Dr. Sanjay K. S. in the children’s playroom area (Angana). Since then, academic mentoring, creative play, and craft activities have been conducted on Wednesdays and Thursdays. The program also includes Yoga & Creative Visualization and Formal Art, Craft and story-telling/reading classes, which are held on Fridays. The Learning Centre operates from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on these days.

The education program is conducted by teachers, volunteers, and interns. The IGICH team is led by Ms. Parvathi K. B., the Centre Coordinator, with the support of part-time teachers Ms. Deepu V., Ms. K. G. Sharada, and Ms. Nivedita R. Shirwatkar, and Ms. Chandrakala S.R, as well as volunteer (academic) Ms. Revathi Sunder. Children from the Thalassemia and Nephrology pediatric departments also benefit from the Learning Centre facilities.

Since its inauguration, we have had an attendance of 2593 children up until the end of May 2024 at IGICH.

Attendance:

Jun 23-May 24	< 3yrs	LKG	UKG	Gr 1	Gr 2	Gr 3	Gr 4	Gr 5	Gr 6	Gr 7	Gr 8	Gr 9	Gr 10	I PU / XI	II PU / XII	Deg / Dip	Total
Jun 23	10	8	6	9	17	14	17	19	19	9	17	8	11	0	3	0	167
Jul 23	12	11	1	11	16	15	17	11	12	8	16	12	6	5	1	0	154
Aug 23	5	11	5	10	16	22	21	9	10	15	11	8	4	3	0	0	150
Sep 23	7	7	2	18	19	10	20	8	12	14	8	6	6	0	2	0	139
Oct 23	5	0	2	8	5	10	11	8	9	7	10	2	3	1	0	0	81
Nov 23	5	8	3	10	12	14	10	9	5	11	15	4	3	3	0	0	112
Dec 23	0	5	1	4	8	8	10	15	9	6	8	4	4	0	0	0	82
Jan 24	2	14	5	14	10	19	11	9	15	11	10	3	5	3	0	0	131
Feb 24	7	3	6	6	11	17	18	10	14	11	6	7	3	1	0	0	120
Mar 24	8	6	5	12	5	22	15	10	8	9	11	8	3	1	0	0	123
Apr 24	3	9	3	16	6	12	13	11	11	5	9	1	5	1	0	0	105
May 24	6	9	6	10	8	21	15	14	17	12	14	8	9	0	0	0	149
Total	70	91	45	128	133	184	178	133	141	118	135	71	62	18	6	0	1513

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ಆತ್ಮೀಯ,ಸಹೃದಯ ಬಂಧುಗಳಿಗೆಲ್ಲಾ ನಮಸ್ಕಾರ.ನಮ್ಮ ಸಮೀಕ್ಷಾ ಫೌಂಡೇಶನ್ ತಂಡವು ಇಂದಿರಾಗಾಂಧಿ ಮಕ್ಕಳ ಚಿಕಿತ್ಸಾಲಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಸೇವೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುತ್ತಾ ಇಂದಿಗೆ ಎರಡು ವರ್ಷಗಳಾಯ್ತು.ಈ ಒಂದು ಸಂಧರ್ಭವನ್ನು ಎಲ್ಲರೊಡನೆ ಹಂಚಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲು, ವಾರ್ಷಿಕೋತ್ಸವ ಸಮಾರಂಭವನ್ನು ಹಮ್ಮಿಕೊಂಡಿತ್ತು.

ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮದ ಪ್ರಾರಂಭದಲ್ಲಿ ಚಿ" ತರುಣ್,ವಿಘ್ನಗಳಿಂದ ಕಾಪಾಡುವ ವಿಘ್ನೇಶನ ಸ್ತುತಿಯನ್ನು ಹೇಳಿದನು.ವಾಡಿಕೆಯಂತೆ ಗಣ್ಯರು ದೀಪ ಬೆಳಗಿಸಿದರು.ಮನಸ್ಸಿನ ಕತ್ತಲೆಯನ್ನೊಡಿಸಿ, ಬಾಳಿಗೆ ಬೆಳಕಾಗುವ ದೀಪ.ಅರ್ಥಪೂರ್ಣ ವಾಗಿತ್ತು.ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ಪಾರ್ವತಿಮೇಡಂರವರು ತಮ್ಮ ಅನುಭವದ ಮಾತುಗಳನ್ನು ಹೇಳಿದರು.

ಡಾಕ್ಟರ್ ಮಹಂತೇಶ್ ರವರು ಸಮೀಕ್ಷಾತಂಡದ ಸೇವೆಯ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಮಾತನಾಡಿದರು. ಡಾಕ್ಟರ್ ನಿಜಗುಣರವರು ಕಾಯಿಲೆಯೆಂಬ ಕಹಿಯನ್ನು ತಳ್ಳಿಸಿಹಿ ತುಂಬುವಂತಹ ಮಾತುಗಳನ್ನಾಡಿ,ಎಲ್ಲರ ಮುಖದಲ್ಲಿ ಗೆಲುವು ಕಾಣುವಂತೆ ಮಾಡಿದರು.ಡಾಕ್ಟರ್ ಪೂಜಾರವರು ಸಮೀಕ್ಷಾ ತಂಡದ ಈ ಸೇವೆಯನ್ನು ಕಂಡು ಸಂತುಷ್ಟರಾಗಿ " ನನ್ನಿಂದ ಆಗುವ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಸಹಾಯವನ್ನೂ

ಮಾಡುತ್ತೇನೆ" ಎಂದರು.

ಡಾ.ರಾಜೇಶ್ವರಿ ಮೇಡಂ ಕೂಡ ಸಾಂತ್ವನ ಹೇಳಿ ತಂಡದ ಸೇವೆಯ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಸಂತಸ ವ್ಯಕ್ತಪಡಿಸಿದರು.

ಮಕ್ಕಳೂ ಸಹ ಯಾರಿಗೇನೂ ಕಮ್ಮಿ ಇಲ್ಲದಂತೆ ಕಸ್ತೂರಿ ಕನ್ನಡದ ಗೀತೆಯೊಂದಕ್ಕೆ ಹೆಜ್ಜೆಹಾಕಿದರು.ಗಾನವಿ ಮತ್ತು ಹೇಮಂತ್ ನೃತ್ಯ ಮಾಡಿದರು.ಇದಕ್ಕೆ ಸವಾಲು ಎಂಬಂತೆ ಅಂಜಲಿ,ಅನಿತ ಮತ್ತು ವಿಜಯಲಕ್ಷ್ಮಿಯವರು ಮತ್ತೊಂದು ಕನ್ನಡಗೀತೆಗೆ ಹೆಜ್ಜೆ ಹಾಕಿದರು.ಉಘೇ ಉಘೇ ಮಾದಪ್ಪಾ ಎನ್ನುತ್ತಾ ಗೀತಿಕಾ ಹಾಡಿದಳು.ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯ ಸಂಸ್ಥಾಪಕಿಯವರಾದ ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ಸಂಧ್ಯಾಮೇಡಂರವರು ಮಾತನಾಡಿ ಸಂತಸ ವ್ಯಕ್ತಪಡಿಸಿದರು. ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ವಲ್ಲಿಮೇಡಂ ರವರು ಸಹ ಮಾತನಾಡಿ ಎಲ್ಲರನ್ನೂ ಹುರಿದುಂಬಿಸಿದರು. ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ಮಂಜು ಮೇಡಂ ಸುಂದರವಾದ ಗೀತೆಯೊಂದನ್ನು ಹಾಡಿ ಎಲ್ಲರ ಮನ ತಣಿಸಿದರು.

ಬಂದ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಮಕ್ಕಳಿಗೂ ತಂಡದವತಿಯಿಂದ ಶಾಲಾಚೀಲವನ್ನು ಹಂಚಲಾಯಿತು.

ನಿವೇದಿತಾ ಮೇಡಂ ಹಾಗೂ ದೀಪು ಮೇಡಂ ರವರ ನಿರೂಪಣೆಯು ಸುಂದರವಾಗಿತ್ತು.

ಒಟ್ಟಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಹೇಳಬೇಕೆಂದರೆ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮವು ಹಿತ-ಮಿತವಾಗಿ ಅಚ್ಚುಕಟ್ಟಾಗಿತ್ತು.ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಪೋಷಕರು,ಮಕ್ಕಳೂ ಸಂತೋಷಪಟ್ಟರು.ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮಕ್ಕೆ ಪ್ರತ್ಯಕ್ಷವಾಗಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಪರೋಕ್ಷವಾಗಿ ಸಹಕರಿಸಿದ ಎಲ್ಲರಿಗೂ ಹೃತ್ಪೂರ್ವಕ ವಂದನೆಗಳು.

English gist:

Our Samiksha Foundation team has been serving at Indira Gandhi Children's Hospital for two years today. To share this occasion with everyone, we organized an anniversary celebration.

At the beginning of the program, Chi Tarun praised 'Vighnesa', who protects us from obstacles. As usual, the dignitaries lit a lamp, symbolizing the light that dispels the darkness of the mind and brings light to life. It was meaningful. Mrs. Parvathi shared her experiences at IGICH as center coordinator since inception.

Dr. Mahantesh RMO, spoke about the services provided by the Samiksha team. Dr. Nijaguna pushed away the bitterness of illness with sweet words, making everyone see victory. Dr. Pooja expressed her satisfaction with the Samiksha team's service, saying, "I will do everything I can to help." Dr. Rajeshwari also spoke kindly and expressed her happiness about the team's setup, particularly appreciating the help and digital resources given to the nephrology ward children, encouraging the team to reach out to more children

Mrs. Sandhya, the founder of the organization, expressed her happiness in her speech. Mrs. Valli also spoke and encouraged everyone. Mrs. Manju sang a beautiful song that soothed everyone's hearts.

The children participated enthusiastically, with Kasturi dancing to a Kannada song. Ganavi and Hemant also performed a dance, followed by Anjali, Anitha, and Vijayalakshmi, who danced to another Kannada song as a challenge. Geetika sang "Ughe Ughe Madappa."

School bags were distributed to all the children who attended. The presentations by Mrs. Nivedita and Mrs. Deepu were beautiful.



Overall, the program was well-organized and balanced.

All the parents and children were happy. Heartfelt thanks to everyone who directly and indirectly contributed to the program.



Parvathi K B, Teacher and Centre - Coordinator for IGICH

ಎಲ್ಲರಿಗೂ ನಮಸ್ಕಾರಗಳು.ನಾನು ಕಳೆದ 15 ವರ್ಷಗಳಿಂದ, ಸಮೀಕ್ಷಾ ಲರ್ನಿಂಗ್ ಸೆಂಟರ್ನಲ್ಲಿ ಶಿಕ್ಷಕಿಯಾಗಿ,ಸೇವೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುತ್ತಿದ್ದೇನೆ. ನಾನು ಮೊದಲು ಕಿದ್ವಾಯಿ ಆಸ್ಪತ್ರೆ ಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸೇವೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುತ್ತಿದ್ದೆ.ಕೊರೋನಾದಿಂದಾಗಿ ಕಿದ್ವಾಯಿ ಸೆಂಟರ್‌ನ್ನು ಮುಂದುವರಿಸಲು ಸಾಧ್ಯವಾಗಲಿಲ್ಲ.ನಂತರ 2022 ಮೇ 21 ರಂದು ಇಂದಿರಾಗಾಂಧಿ ಮಕ್ಕಳ ಆಸ್ಪತ್ರೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಡಾಕ್ಟರ್ ಪೂಜ,ಡಾಕ್ಟರ್ ರಮೇಶ್,ಹಾಗೂ ಸಂಧ್ಯಾ ಮೇಡಂ,ವಲ್ಲಿಮೇಡಂರವರ ಸಹಕಾರದಿಂದ,ಅಂಗಣದಲ್ಲಿ ಸಮೀಕ್ಷಾ ಲರ್ನಿಂಗ್ ಸೆಂಟರ್ ತೆರೆಯಲಾಯಿತು.

ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಅಂಕಾಲಜಿ,ಒಂದೇ ಕಾಯಿಲೆಯ ಮಕ್ಕಳು ಇರುವುದಿಲ್ಲ.ನವೋಲಜಿ,ತಲೆಸೇಮಿಯ ಕಾಯಿಲೆಯ ಮಕ್ಕಳು,ಅಂಗಣಕ್ಕೆ ಬರುತ್ತಾರೆ.ಇಲ್ಲಿಯ ಮಕ್ಕಳು,ಏನೆಂದರೆ ಸರ್ಕಾರಿ ಶಾಲೆಗೂ,ನಮ್ಮ ಶಾಲೆಗೂ ಬಹಳ ವ್ಯತ್ಯಾಸವಿದೆ.ಕಾರಣ ಬೇರೆ ಶಾಲೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಗಂಟೆ ಬಾರಿಸಿದಾಗ,ಶಾಲೆಯ ಒಳಗೆ ಮಕ್ಕಳು ಬರುತ್ತಾರೆ.ಇಲ್ಲಿ,ಬದಲಾವಣೆ ಏನೆಂದರೆ ನಾವು,ವಾರ್ಡ್ ಗಳಿಗೆ ಹೋಗಿ ಮಕ್ಕಳನ್ನು ಕರೆದುಕೊಂಡು ಬರಬೇಕು.ಮಕ್ಕಳು ನಮ್ಮಲ್ಲಿಗೆ ಬಂದನಂತರ,ಅವರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಕೂಲಂಕುಶವಾಗಿ ವಿಚಾರಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತೇವೆ.ಮಕ್ಕಳಿಗೆ ಆಟ,ಪಾಠದ ಮೂಲಕ ತಿಳುವಳಿಕೆ ನೀಡುತ್ತೇವೆ.ಅಂಕಾಲಜಿ ವಾರ್ಡ್ ನಲ್ಲಿ 10 ನೇ ತರಗತಿ ಓದುವ 3 ಮಕ್ಕಳು ಇದ್ದಾರೆ.ಅವರಲ್ಲಿ ತರುಣ ಎನ್ನು ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿ ಇದ್ದಾನೆ.ಅವನು ನಡೆಯಲು ಅಸಾಧ್ಯವಾಗಿರುವುದರಿಂದ ಅಲ್ಲಿಯೇ ಗಣಿತ ಮತ್ತು ಚಿತ್ರಕಲೆ ಕಲಿಸುತ್ತೇವೆ.ಇದರಲ್ಲಿ

ಅವನು ಆಸಕ್ತಿ ವಹಿಸುತ್ತಾನೆ.ಈವರ್ಷ ಅವನು ಶಾಲೆಗೆ ಹೋಗಲು ಸಾಧ್ಯವಾಗದ ಕಾರಣ,ಆನ್ ಲೈನ್ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣವನ್ನು ನೀಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದೇವೆ.ಈ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣವನ್ನು ಅವನ ಪೋಷಕರು,ಸಂತೋಷದಿಂದ ಒಪ್ಪಿಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದಾರೆ.ಸೌಂದರ್ಯ ಳಿಗೂ ಸಹ ಇದೇ ರೀತಿ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣವನ್ನು ನೀಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದೇವೆ.ಸಮೀಕ್ಷಾವತಿಯಿಂದ 8 ನೇ ತರಗತಿ ಮೇಲ್ಕುಟ್ಟು ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿ ಗಳಿಗೆ ಟ್ಯಾಬ್ ಗಳನ್ನು ವಿತರಿಸಿರುತ್ತೇವೆ.ಇದರಿಂದ ಆನ್ಲೈನ್ ತರಗತಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಸಹಾಯವಾಗುತ್ತಿದೆ.

ಅಂಕಾಲಜಿಯಲ್ಲಿರುವ ತೌರಿಕ್,ಹಿಂದಿ ಮಾತೃಭಾಷೆಯಾದರೂ,ಕನ್ನಡವನ್ನು ಇಷ್ಟಪಟ್ಟು,ಕಾಪಿರೈಟಿಂಗ್ ಬರೆಯುತ್ತಾನೆ.ಪ್ರಥಮ ಕಥೆಪುಸ್ತಕವೆಂದರೆ ಇಷ್ಟ ಪಡುತ್ತಾನೆ.ಎಲ್ಲವನ್ನೂ ಬೇಗ ಕಲಿಯಲು ಇಷ್ಟಪಡುತ್ತಾನೆ.ಇದೇ ರೀತಿ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಮಕ್ಕಳಲ್ಲೂ ಆಸಕ್ತಿ ಬರುವಂತೆ ನಾವು ಶ್ರಮಿಸುತ್ತೇವೆ.ನವೋಲಜಿ ವಾರ್ಡ್ ನಮಕ್ಕಳು ಬಹಳದಿನ ಅಲ್ಲಿರುವುದಿಲ್ಲ.ನಿತ್ಯವೂ ಹೊಸ ಮಕ್ಕಳು ಬರುತ್ತಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ,ವಾರ್ಡ್ ನಲ್ಲಿರುವ ನರ್ಸ್ ಗಳೂ ಸಹ ಸಹಕರಿಸುತ್ತಾರೆ.ಮಕ್ಕಳು,ಪೋಷಕರೂ ಅಂಗಣಕ್ಕೆ ಬರುತ್ತಾರೆ.ಪ್ರತಿ ಶುಕ್ರವಾರ ಯೋಗ ಮತ್ತು ಚಿತ್ರಕಲೆ ಇರುತ್ತದೆ.ಆದಿನ ಮಕ್ಕಳು ಹಾಗೂ ಪೋಷಕರಿಗೆ ಸಂಭ್ರಮ ದ ದಿನವಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.ಪೋಷಕರು ಕಥೆ ಪುಸ್ತಕ ವನ್ನು ಓದಿ ಸಂಭ್ರಮಿಸುತ್ತಾರೆ.ಡಯಾಲಿಸಿಸ್ ಮಕ್ಕಳು ನಾಲ್ಕು ಗಂಟೆಗಳ ಕಾಲ ಬೆಡ್ ಮೇಲೆ ಮಲಗಿರಬೇಕಾಗಿರುವುದರಿಂದ,ನಮ್ಮಿಂದ ಎರಡು ಟ್ಯಾಬ್ ಗಳನ್ನು ಪಡೆದಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ.ಟ್ಯಾಬ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ ಕೊಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ.ನಮ್ಮ ಸಮೀಕ್ಷಾ ಲರ್ನಿಂಗ್ ಸೆಂಟರ್ ನಿಂದ 8 ನೇ ತರಗತಿಯಿಂದ ಪದವಿಯತನಕ ಕಿದ್ವಾಯಿ,ನಾರಾಯಣ,ಇಂದಿರಾಗಾಂಧಿ,ಮತ್ತು ಶಂಕರ ಆಸ್ಪತ್ರೆ ಮಕ್ಕಳಿಗೆ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿ ವೇತನ ನೀಡಿರುತ್ತೇವೆ.ಇತ್ತೀಚಿಗೆ 8 ನೇ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿ ವೇತನವನ್ನು ನೀಡಿರುತ್ತೇವೆ.ಇದರಿಂದ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿ ಗಳಿಗೆ ಸಹಾಯವಾಗುತ್ತಿದೆ.ಮಕ್ಕಳಿಗೆಲ್ಲಾ ಸಮೀಕ್ಷಾವತಿಯಿಂದ ಶಾಲಾಚೀಲವನ್ನು ವಿತರಿಸುತ್ತೇವೆ.ಅದರಲ್ಲಿ ಅವಶ್ಯಕ ವಸ್ತುಗಳನ್ನು ಇಟ್ಟಿರುತ್ತೇವೆ.ಈಗ ಸೇಂಟ್ ಜಾನ್ಸ್ ನಲ್ಲಿಯೂ ಸಹ ಸೇವೆಸಲ್ಲಿಸುತ್ತಿದ್ದೇನೆ.ಅಲ್ಲಿಯೂ ಸಹ,ಡಾಕ್ಟರ್ಸ್ ಆದಿಯಾಗಿ ಎಲ್ಲರೂ ಸಹಕಾರ ಕೊಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ.ಅಲ್ಲಿ ವಾರ್ಡ್ ನಲ್ಲಿಯೂ,ಪ್ಲೇರೂಂ ನಲ್ಲಿಯೂ ಇರುವ ಮಕ್ಕಳಿಗೆ ಟ್ಯಾಬ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ ನೀಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದೇವೆ.ಅಲ್ಲಿರುವ ಓಜಲ್ ಎನ್ನುವ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿನಿಗೆ ಕಲಿಯುವಿಕೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಬಹಳ ಆಸಕ್ತಿ ಇರುವುದರಿಂದ 4 ದಿನಕ್ಕೆ ಬೇಕಾಗುವಷ್ಟು ಇಂಗ್ಲಿಷ್ ಮತ್ತು ಗಣಿತದ ವರ್ಕ್ ಶೀಟ್‌ನ್ನು ಪಡೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತಾಳೆ.ಅವಳು ಕಲಿಯುವ ಆಸಕ್ತಿ ಕಂಡು ನಮಗೆ ಸಂತೋಷವಾಗುತ್ತದೆ.

ಇವೆಲ್ಲಕ್ಕೂ ಸಹಕಾರ ನೀಡುತ್ತಿರುವ ಸಮೀಕ್ಷಾ ಫೌಂಡೇಷನ್ ಇನ್ನೂ ಎತ್ತರಕ್ಕೆ ಬೆಳೆದು ಎಲ್ಲರಿಗೂ ದರಿಯಾಗಲೆಂದು ನನ್ನ ಆಶಯ.

Gist of Parvathi's reflections

I've dedicated the past 15 years to teaching at the Samiksha Learning Centers. Initially, I worked at Kidwai Hospital, but due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we had to stop. In April 2022, we established a new center at Indira Gandhi Children's Hospital with the invaluable support of Dr. Pooja, Dr. Ramesh, Sandhya Madam, and Valli Madam.

Unlike traditional schools, our students come from various medical backgrounds, including oncology, nephrology, and thalassemia. Unlike other schools where children come to the classroom, we visit the wards to bring them to our center or teach them there by their bedside. We provide comprehensive care, including education, play, and emotional support.

One of our students, Tarun, a tenth grader with limited mobility, has shown remarkable resilience. We've adapted our teaching methods to accommodate his needs, providing in-person math and art lessons and online classes. We've also supported other students like Soundarya in a similar manner. Many of our students exhibit exceptional talents. Tarik, for instance, has developed a passion for Kannada copywriting despite Hindi being his mother tongue. We strive to nurture these talents in every child. Our center has become a source of joy and learning for children and their families. Weekly yoga and art sessions have been particularly popular. We also have a scholarship program to support students' higher education and provide essential school supplies to all our children.

I'm grateful for the unwavering support of the Samiksha Foundation. I hope our center continues to grow and inspire others.

From our former Director Dr.Manjari Bhatnagar by email:

Just wanted to let you all know, that on 17th November at the IGICH children's day event which was organized by Samiksha Foundation, while distributing the juice and biscuits, one of the girls, who was about 7 or 8 years just came hugged me, thanked for the entertainment and gifts and then pulled me down and planted a kiss on my cheek. I was really touched by her gesture. I had a moment of bliss!

*Regards,
Manjari*





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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

This is to acknowledge that Samiksha Foundation-Caring for Children with cancer Trust (SF) has been associated with the Departments of Pediatric Hematology, Oncology and Nephrology at Indira Gandhi Institute of Child Health (IGICH), providing informal education to the young patients undergoing treatment since April 2022.

They provide assisted and independent learning support through educational, spiritual and recreational activities for the inpatient children in the wards and at 'Angana' the dedicated Learning Centre space provided. Their program includes tutoring for school going aged children through Art, Craft, Storytelling, and Yoga-Creative Visualization amongst other activities. They also arrange for celebrations on festivals and national events with fun filled activities, making it special for all the children.

The teachers and volunteers appointed by them are at the hospital 3 days a week per consent from the IGICH authorities and continue to diligently provide support to these children. From April 2022 to September 2024, the Samiksha Learning Program has seen an attendance of 2593 children, with 1506 new admissions. This remarkable reach underscores the importance of their work and the profound effect it has on the lives of these young patients and their families.

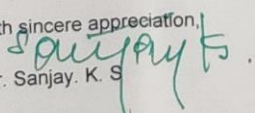
The Foundation's dedication to enhancing the lives of these children through educational activities has made a significant impact on their well-being and overall treatment experience. The creative and engaging learning sessions offered have not only helped in maintaining a sense of normalcy for these patients but also contributed to their cognitive and emotional development during a challenging time.

We deeply appreciate the compassion, effort, and time that the Samiksha Foundation has invested in this endeavor. Your commitment to making a difference in the lives of children with cancer is truly commendable, and it has brought hope and joy to many families in our care.

We look forward to continuing our collaboration with the Samiksha Foundation, and we are confident that together, we can keep making a positive difference in the lives of the children and families we serve.

Once again, thank you for your continued support and for being a vital part of our extended care team.

With sincere appreciation,


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SRI SHANKARA CANCER HOSPITAL AND RESEARCH CENTRE (SSCHRC) and LAKSHMI CHILDREN'S HEALTH CENTRE (LCHC)

The Samiksha Foundation Learning Centre at Lakshmi Children's Health Centre (LCHC) was inaugurated on May 14, 2022, by the parents staying there, as well as Ms. Vidyavathi B. S., Centre Coordinator at SSCHRC, Mr. Poornesh H. L., Centre Coordinator at LCHC, and Ms. Valli Narasimha, Education Coordinator for Samiksha Foundation, in the children's playroom area on the 2nd floor.

The Samiksha Foundation Learning Centre at Sri Shankara Cancer Hospital and Research Centre (SSCHRC) was inaugurated on May 20, 2022, by children and parents in the playroom and attended by members of the SSCHRC hospital and the Samiksha core team and Trustees.

Since then, academic mentoring, creative play, and craft activities have been conducted on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays at SSCHRC, and on Wednesdays and Fridays at LCHC. Fridays are non-academic activity days, featuring Yoga and Creative Visualization and Art programs on alternate Fridays at SSCHRC. The Learning Centres operate from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on these days.

The team at LCHC is headed by Mr. Poornesh H. L., Centre Coordinator, and assisted by part-time teachers Ms. K. G. Sharada and Ms. Nivedita R. Shirwatkar. Reading and storytelling programs using our well-stocked libraries in the wards are conducted with volunteers at SSCHRC.

The team at SSCHRC is headed by Ms. Vidyavathi B. S., Centre Coordinator, and assisted by part-time teachers Ms. Ambika Chandrashekar (who is also our storyteller), Ms. Deepu V., Ms. Nivedita R. Shirwatkar, Resource partners include Eka Foundation for Yoga and Creative Visualization, A Thousand Cranes for craft.

Since the inauguration, till the end of May 2024 SSCHRC has seen an attendance of 777 and LCHC has seen an attendance of 225 children.

Attendance- June 23 to May 24

LCHC	< 3yrs	LKG	UKG	Gr 1	Gr 2	Gr 3	Gr 4	Gr 5	Gr 6	Gr 7	Gr 8	Gr 9	Gr 10	I PU / XI	II PU / XII	Deg / Dip	Total
Jun 23	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	8
Jul 23	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	11
Aug 23	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	2	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	11
Sep 23	2	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	2	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	11
Oct 23	2	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	12
Nov 23	2	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	11
Dec 23	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	10
Jan 24	1	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	10
Feb 24	3	2	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	0	2	2	1	0	0	0	14
Mar 24	2	1	1	1	0	1	2	0	2	1	0	2	0	0	0	1	14
Apr 24	2	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	10
May 24	2	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	2	0	0	1	0	11
Total	25	6	3	3	0	15	13	3	21	4	6	14	5	11	1	3	133

SSCHRC	< 3yrs	LKG	UKG	Gr 1	Gr 2	Gr 3	Gr 4	Gr 5	Gr 6	Gr 7	Gr 8	Gr 9	Gr 10	I PU / XI	II PU / XII	Deg / Dip	Total
Jun 23	3	5	1	2	4	3	2	2	1	3	2	1	2	4	0	0	35
Jul 23	4	5	1	1	3	2	4	2	3	4	1	1	2	3	0	0	36
Aug 23	1	5	1	3	5	4	3	1	5	1	2	1	1	4	0	0	37
Sep 23	3	6	1	1	3	2	2	1	3	2	1	1	0	4	0	0	30
Oct 23	2	7	0	3	3	3	2	1	3	1	1	1	2	5	2	0	36
Nov 23	2	5	1	2	5	3	3	1	2	3	3	1	3	2	0	0	36
Dec 23	1	3	3	0	5	2	3	0	2	3	2	2	2	1	0	0	29
Jan 24	4	4	2	1	2	2	5	1	1	1	2	3	2	0	0	0	30
Feb 24	3	3	5	0	5	2	2	0	1	2	1	2	2	1	0	0	29
Mar 24	9	1	4	2	3	0	4	2	2	3	1	1	1	1	0	0	34
Apr 24	7	0	4	2	3	1	2	0	2	2	3	1	1	2	0	1	31
May 24	9	2	5	1	1	3	3	3	3	3	1	4	0	2	1	1	42
Total	48	46	28	18	42	27	35	14	28	28	20	19	18	29	3	2	405



ANNUAL DAY – 22nd May 2024

ಅಲ್ಲಿ ಮಕ್ಕಳ ಮುಖದಲ್ಲಿ ನಗುವಿತ್ತು.ಉಲ್ಲಾಸವಿತ್ತು.ಪುಟ್ಟ ಮಕ್ಕಳ ಕಲರವ, ಹಕ್ಕಿಗಳು ಚಿಲಿಪಿಲಿಗುಟ್ಟುವಂತೆ.ಪೋಷಕರೂ ಆ ಸಂತಸದಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾಲ್ಗೊಂಡಿದ್ದರು.ತುಂಟ ಮಕ್ಕಳ ತಂಟೆಗಳಿಗೆ,ಬೇಸರಗೊಳ್ಳುವ ಮಾತೇ ಅಲ್ಲರಲ್ಲಿಲ್ಲ.ಅವರು ಹಾಗಿರ ಬೇಕೆಂಬುದೇ ಎಲ್ಲ ಆಶಯ.

ಮೇ ತಿಂಗಳ 22 ನೇ ತಾರೀಖಿನಂದು ಶಂಕರ್ ಕ್ಯಾನ್ಸರ್ ಆಸ್ಪತ್ರೆ ಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕಂಡುಬಂದ ಚಿತ್ರಣವಿದು.ಸಮೀಕ್ಷಾ ಫೌಂಡೇಶನ್ ತಂಡದವರು ಎರಡನೇ ವಾರ್ಷಿಕೋತ್ಸವವನ್ನು ಹಮ್ಮಿಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದರು.

ಮೊದಲಿಗೆ ಎಲ್ಲರನ್ನು ಪ್ರೀತಿಯಿಂದ ಸ್ವಾಗತಿಸಿದವರು ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ವಿದ್ಯಾಮೇಡಂ. ಗಣ್ಯರೆಲ್ಲರೂ ದೀಪವನ್ನು ಬೆಳಗುವ ಮೂಲಕ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮವನ್ನು ಉದ್ಘಾಟಿಸಿದರು.ಮನದ ಕತ್ತಲೆ ದೂರವಾಗಿ ಬೆಳಕಿನ ಭರವಸೆಯು ಎಲ್ಲರಲ್ಲಿಯೂ ಕಾಣುತ್ತಿತ್ತು. ಯಾವುದೇ ತೊಂದರೆಯಾಗದಂತೆ ಗಣೇಶನನ್ನು ಪ್ರಾರ್ಥಿಸುವುದು ವಾಡಿಕೆ.ಅಂತೆಯೇ ಸಮೀಕ್ಷಾತಂಡದ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಶಿಕ್ಷಕಿಯರು ವಿಘ್ನೇಶ್ವರ ನನ್ನು ಸುಂದರ ಹಾಡಿನ ಮೂಲಕ ಪ್ರಾರ್ಥಿಸಿದರು.ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ವಲ್ಲಿ ಮೇಡಂರವರು ಎಲ್ಲ ಶಿಕ್ಷಕಿಯರನ್ನೂ ಪರಿಚಯಿಸಿದರು.

ನಂತರ 2022 ರಿಂದ 2024 ವರೆಗೂ ನಡೆದುಬಂದ ದಾರಿಯನ್ನು ಪರದೆಯ ಮೇಲೆ ಬಿಂಬಿಸಲಾಯಿತು.ನನಪುಗಳ ಸರಮಾಲೆ ಅದಾಗಿತ್ತು. ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯ ಸಂಸ್ಥಾಪಕಿಯವರಾದ ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ಸಂಧ್ಯಾ ಮೇಡಂರವರು ಮಾತನಾಡಿ ಸಹಕಾರ ಕೊಡುತ್ತಿರುವ ಆಸ್ಪತ್ರೆಯ ಎಲ್ಲರಿಗೂ ಕೃತಜ್ಞತೆ ಅರ್ಪಿಸಿದರು.

ಡಾಕ್ಟರ್ ಆರತಿಯವರು,ಡಾಕ್ಟರ್ ಆನಂದ್ ರವರು,ಡಾಕ್ಟರ್ ಶಶಾಂಕ್,ಡಾಕ್ಟರ್ ರಮಾಮೇಡಂರವರು ಮಾತನಾಡಿ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಮೆಚ್ಚುಗೆ ವ್ಯಕ್ತಪಡಿಸಿದರು.

ಜೀವನದಲ್ಲಿ ಏನಾದರೂ ಸಾಧಿಸಿ,ಜನ ಮೆಚ್ಚುವಂತೆ ಬಾಳಬೇಕೆಂದು,ಹಾಡಿನ ಮೂಲಕ ಚಿ.ನಿತೀಶ್ ಹೇಳಿದನು.ಗಂಡನ ಮನೆಗೆ ಹೊರಟ ತಂಗಿಯನ್ನು ಭಾರವಾದ ಹೃದಯದಿಂದ ಬೀಳ್ಕೊಡುವ ಜನಪದ ಗೀತೆಯೊಂದನ್ನು ಪ್ರಜ್ಞಾ ಹಾಡಿದಳು.ಕನ್ನಡ ನಾಡಿನ ವರ್ಣನೆಯನ್ನು ಸಾರುವ " ಜೋಗದ ಸಿರಿ ಬೆಳಕಿನಲ್ಲಿ..." ಗೀತೆಯನ್ನು ಹರ್ಷಿತ ಹಾಡಿದಳು.ಪುಟಾಣಿಗಳಾದ ಕಾವ್ಯ,ಧನ್ವಿತ್,ಪ್ರಭಾಸ್,ಮುದ್ದು ಮುದ್ದಾಗಿ," ಬಾಳ ಒಳ್ಳೆವ್ರ ನಂ ಮಿಸ್ಸು" ಹಾಡಿಗೆ ಹೆಜ್ಜೆ ಹಾಕಿದರು.ಮಕ್ಕಳ ಗೀತೆ ನೃತ್ಯ ಗಳಿಂದ ಉತ್ತೇಜನಗೊಂಡ ಪೋಷಕರು ಭಕ್ತಿಗೀತೆಯೊಂದನ್ನು ಹಾಡಿದರು. ಪುಟ್ಟ ಕಂದ ಅಭಯ" ಹನುಮಾನ್ ಚಾಲೀಸ" ಪಠಿಸಿದನು.ಕೊನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ,ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮಕ್ಕೆ ಕಲಶವಿಟ್ಟಂತೆ ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ಮಂಜುಮೇಡಂರವರು ಮಾದೇಶ್ವರನ ಗೀತೆಯನ್ನು ಸೊಗಸಾಗಿ ಹಾಡಿದರು.ಆಗಮಿಸಿದ ಎಲ್ಲರಿಗೂ ವಂದನೆಗಳನ್ನು ಅರ್ಪಿಸಲಾಯಿತು.ಮಕ್ಕಳು ಹೊರಡುವಾಗ ಅವರಿಗೆ ಶಾಲಾಚೀಲ,ಜೊತೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಿಹಿಯನ್ನು ಕೊಡಲಾಯಿತು.

Gist of Annual day event at SSCHRC-

At the SSCHRC event, there were smiles on the children's faces and joy all around. The little ones were chirping like birds, and the parents joined in the happiness. There was no room for annoyance at the children's mischief; everyone wished for the children to be that way. This was the scene at Shankara Hospital on May 22nd. The Samiksha Foundation team was celebrating its second anniversary of the Learning Centre there.

Centre Coordinator Ms. Vidyavathi warmly welcomed everyone. The dignitaries inaugurated the event by lighting the lamp, symbolizing the removal of darkness and the hope of light. As is customary, Lord Ganesha was invoked for a trouble-free event with a beautiful song by the Samiksha team teachers. Education Lead Valli Narasimha introduced all the teachers.

A video presentation then showcased the journey from 2022 to 2024, a series of cherished memories. Founder Trustee Ar. Sandhya Sharad expressed her gratitude to the hospital staff for their support. Dr. Aarthi, Dr. Anand, Dr. Shashank, and Ms. Rama Ramamurthy praised the organization in their speeches.

Through a song, little Nitish conveyed that one should achieve something in life and be admired by others. Prajna sang a heartfelt folk song about a sister leaving for her husband's home. Harshita performed "Jogada Siri Belakinalli," a song describing the beauty of Karnataka. Youngsters Kavya, Dhanvit, and Prabhas danced adorably to "Baala Ollevru Nam Missu." Energized by the children's songs and dances, the parents sang a devotional song. Little Abhay recited the "Hanuman Chalisa." To conclude the event, Samiksha Foundation's HR and Admin Manager, Ms.Manju Prasad beautifully sang a devotional song dedicated to Madeshwara.

Gratitude was extended to all the attendees, and as the children left, they were given school bags and sweets.



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To,

Samiksha Foundation - Caring for Children with cancer
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This is to acknowledge that 'Samiksha Foundation – Caring for Children with Cancer Trust (SF)' has been associated with Sri Shankara Cancer Hospital and Research Centre (SSCHRC) and Lakshmi Health Centre (LHC), part of Sri Shankara Cancer Foundation (SSCF) since 2022.

Samiksha Foundation is providing assisted and learning support to children undergoing chemotherapy or HSCT for cancer through structured sessions through personal attention to each child. Even the sibling and parents of patients are also beneficiaries of these structured activities through their trained teachers/ volunteers and management team.

Each session includes teaching in various age and class specific topics focused on mathematics, history, languages and science. Sessions also include recreational activities, physical activity (like Yoga), art/ craft activities, storytelling and many others. Samiksha foundation also supports display of art/ craft done by children undergoing treatment.

Till date 31-07-2024 direct and indirect beneficiaries have attended these activities by Samiksha Foundation at our hospital. In the year 2023-24 they have provided scholarship for 8 children who completed the treatment and have joined back schooling.

The teachers, volunteers as well as management team provide non-medical support to children undergoing treatment at SSCHRC as well as Lakshmi Health Centre. We thank them for their invaluable support and we wish to see a continued association with Samiksha Foundation in years to come.

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ಎಲ್ಲರಿಗೂ ನಮಸ್ಕಾರ ನಾನು ವಿದ್ಯಾವತಿ ಬಿ ಎಸ್. ಸಮೀಕ್ಷ ಫೌಂಡೇಶನ್ ಲರ್ನಿಂಗ್ ಸೆಂಟರ್ ನಲ್ಲಿ ಕಳೆದ 15 ವರ್ಷದಿಂದ ಶಿಕ್ಷಕಿಯಾಗಿ ಗ್ರಂಥಪಾಲಕಿ ಮತ್ತು ಈಗ ಕಳೆದ ಎರಡು ವರ್ಷದಿಂದ SSCHRC ನಲ್ಲಿ ಸೆಂಟರ್ ಕೋಆರ್ಡಿನೇಟರ್ ಆಗಿ ಕಾರ್ಯವನ್ನು ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸುತ್ತಿರುವುದು ನನಗೆ ತುಂಬಾ ಸಂತೋಷವನ್ನು ತಂದಿದೆ ಮತ್ತು ಜವಾಬ್ದಾರಿಯನ್ನು ಹೆಚ್ಚಾಗಿಸಿದೆ ಅಂತ ಹೇಳಬಹುದು. ಏಕೆಂದರೆ ಆ ಸೆಂಟರ್‌ನ ಪ್ರತಿಯೊಂದು ಆಗುಹೋಗುಗಳ, ಬೇಕು ಬೇಡಗಳ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ತಿಳಿದುಕೊಂಡು ಅದನ್ನು ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸುವ ಎಲ್ಲ ಜವಾಬ್ದಾರಿಯು ನನ್ನದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಕಳೆದ ಎರಡು ವರ್ಷ ದಿಂದ ಶ್ರೀ ಶಂಕರ್ ಕ್ಯಾನ್ಸರ್ ಆಸ್ಪತ್ರೆ ಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮಕ್ಕಳ ಜೊತೆ ಹೇಗೆ ಸಮಯ ಕಳೆದಿದ್ದೇವೆ ಅಂತ ಗೊತ್ತಾಗಲಿಲ್ಲ.

ಇವಾಗ ಪ್ರಾರಂಭ ಮಾಡಿದೆಯೋ ಏನು ಅನಿಸುತ್ತಿದೆ. ಅಲ್ಲಿ ನಾವು ಮಕ್ಕಳಿಗೆ ಮೊದಲು ನಮ್ಮ ಶಾಲೆಗೆ ಬಂದಮೇಲೆ ಅವರಿಗೆ ನಮ್ಮ ಸಮೀಕ್ಷ ಶಾಲೆಯ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಹೇಳಿ ನಾವು ಅವರಿಗೆ ವಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಮೂರು ದಿನ ಬರುತ್ತೇವೆ. ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 10 ರಿಂದ ಮಧ್ಯಾಹ್ನ 1.30ರವರೆಗೆ ಇರುತ್ತೇವೆ. ನಿಮಗೆ ಆಟ ಪಾಠ ಕ್ರಾಫ್ಟ್ ಯೋಗ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಇರುತ್ತದೆ ಅಂತ ಹೇಳಿ ಇದೇ ರೀತಿ ನಿಮಗೆ ಸ್ಕೂಲ್ ಬ್ಯಾಗ್ ಕೊಡುತ್ತೇವೆ. ಅಂತ ಹೇಳಿದಾಗ ಮಕ್ಕಳಿಗೆ ತುಂಬಾ ಸಂತೋಷವಾಗುತ್ತದೆ. ಆಗ ಅವರು ಇಲ್ಲೂ ಒಂದು ಶಾಲೆ ಇದೆ ನಾವು ನಮ್ಮ ಟ್ರೀಟ್ಮೆಂಟ್ ಜೊತೆಗೆ ಶಾಲೆಗೆ ಕೂಡ ಹೋಗಬಹುದು ಬರೆಯಬಹುದು ಅಂತ ಹೇಳಿ ತುಂಬಾ ಸಂತೋಷ ಪಡುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಇದೇ ರೀತಿ ನಾವು ಟ್ಯಾಬಿನ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಪಾಠ ಮಾಡುವುದು ಇನ್ನು ಸಂತೋಷವನ್ನು ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದೆ ಅಂತ ಹೇಳಬಹುದು. ಏಕೆಂದರೆ ಅದರಲ್ಲಿ ಚಿಕ್ಕ ಮಕ್ಕಳಿಗೆ ಅಲ್ವೆಬೆಟ್ ವರ್ಡ್ಸ್ ಮತ್ತು

ಅಲ್ವೆಬೆಟ್ ಹೇಗೆ ಬರೆಯುವುದು ಅಂತ, ಅದೇ ರೀತಿ ದೊಡ್ಡ ಮಕ್ಕಳಿಗೆ ಚಿತ್ರಗಳ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ನಾವು ಟ್ಯಾಬಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಮಕ್ಕಳಿಗೆ ತೋರಿಸುವುದರಿಂದ ಅದನ್ನು ನೋಡಿ ಮಕ್ಕಳು ಮತ್ತು ಅಮ್ಮಂದಿರು ಕೂಡ ಸಂತೋಷಪಡುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಮಕ್ಕಳು ಟ್ಯಾಬನ್ನು ನೋಡಿ ಅದರಿಂದ ಬರೆಯುವುದು ಓದುವುದು ಅಂತ ಈ ದಿನ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿಗೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮಕ್ಕಳು ನಮ್ಮ ಶಾಲೆಗೆ ಬರುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಅಂತ ಹೇಳಲು ನನಗೆ ತುಂಬಾ ಸಂತೋಷವಾಗುತ್ತಿದೆ ಇದೇ ರೀತಿ ನಾವು ಎಂಟನೇ ತರಗತಿಯಿಂದ ಡಿಗ್ರಿ ವರೆಗೂ ಸ್ಯಾಲರ್ಶಿಪ್ ಕೊಡುತ್ತೇವೆ ಅಂತ ಹೇಳಿದಾಗ ಅಮ್ಮಂದಿರಿಗೆ ತುಂಬಾ ಸಂತೋಷವಾಗುತ್ತದೆ.

ನಿಮ್ಮ ಶಾಲೆಯಿಂದ ನಮಗೆ ಒಂದು ಮಗು ಶಾಲೆಗೆ ಹೋಗಲು ಏನೇನು ಬೇಕು ಅದೆಲ್ಲವನ್ನು ನೀವು ಕೊಡುತ್ತೀರಾ ಇದಕ್ಕಿಂತ ಇನ್ನೇನು ಬೇಕು ಅಂತ ಹೇಳುತ್ತಾರೆ ನಿಮ್ಮ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯ ಮುಖ್ಯಸ್ಥರಿಗೆ ಮತ್ತು ಅದರಲ್ಲಿ ಕೆಲಸ ಮಾಡುವ ಎಲ್ಲರಿಗೂ ನಾವು ಧನ್ಯವಾದ ಹೇಳಲು ಇಷ್ಟ ಪಡುತ್ತೇನೆ. ಅಂತ ಶ್ರೇಯಾ ಅಮ್ಮ ಹೇಳುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಇದೇ ರೀತಿ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಮಕ್ಕಳು ತಂದೆ ತಾಯಿಯಂದಿರು ಹಾರೈಕೆಯು ನಮಗೆ ಮುಂದೆ ಬಂದು ಕೆಲಸ ಮಾಡಲು ಸ್ಪೂರ್ತಿ ಅಂತ ಹೇಳಬಹುದು ಚಿಕ್ಕ ಮಕ್ಕಳಾದ ನಿಶಾನ್ ಕುಮಾರ್ ತಾಜ್ ಇವರಲ್ಲ ಚಿಕ್ಕ ಮಕ್ಕಳು ಇವರಿಗೆಲ್ಲಾ ನಾವು ಟ್ಯಾಬ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಅವರಿಗೆ ಎಬಿಸಿ ಹೇಗೆ ಪ್ರಾಕ್ಟೀಸ್ ಮಾಡುವುದು ಅದರಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಾಣಿಗಳ ಕೂಗು ಇದರ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ತೋರಿಸುತ್ತೇವೆ ಅದೆಲ್ಲವನ್ನು ಅವರೇ ಪ್ರಾಕ್ಟೀಸ್ ಕೂಡ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಾರೆ ಎಲ್ಲ ಮಅವನು ಅಮ್ಮನನ್ನುಕ್ಕಳು ಒಟ್ಟಿಗೆ ಬಂದು ನಮಗೆ ಟ್ಯಾಬ್ ಬೇಕು ಅಂತ ಹೇಳಿದಾಗ ನಮಗೆ ಕಷ್ಟವಾಗುತ್ತದೆ ಆಗ ನಾವು ಮಕ್ಕಳಿಗೆ ಪ್ರತಿಯೊಬ್ಬರಿಗೂ ಐದು ನಿಮಿಷದಂತೆ ಪ್ರಾಕ್ಟೀಸ್ ಮಾಡಲು ಕೊಡುತ್ತೇವೆ ಇದಲ್ಲ ಪ್ರಾಕ್ಟೀಸ್ ಆದಮೇಲೆ ಪೇಪರ್ ನಲ್ಲಿ ಬರೆಯಬೇಕು ಅಂತ ಹೇಳುತ್ತೇವೆ ಆಗ ಮಕ್ಕಳು ನಮ್ಮ ಮಿಸ್ ನಾವು ಮೊದಲು ಬರೆದರೆ ನಂತರ ನಮಗೆ ಟ್ಯಾಬನ್ನು ನೋಡಲು ಮತ್ತು ಬರೆಯಲು ಕೊಡುತ್ತಾರೆ ಅಂತ ಸಂತೋಷ ಪಡುತ್ತಾರೆ.

ಅಭಯ ಇನ್ನು ನಾಲ್ಕು ವರ್ಷ ಅವನಿಗೆ ಶಾಲೆ ಎಂದರೆ ತುಂಬಾ ಇಷ್ಟ ಅವನು ಅಮ್ಮನನ್ನು ಆಸ್ಪತ್ರೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅಡ್ಮಿಶನ್ ಆದ ತಕ್ಷಣ ಮೊದಲು ಹೇಳುವುದು ಈ ದಿನ ಶಾಲೆಇದೆಯಾ ಟೀಚರ್ ಬರುತ್ತಾರಾ? ಈ ದಿನ ಅವರು ಬರುವುದಿಲ್ಲ ಅಂದರೆ ಬೇಜಾರಾಗಿರುತ್ತಾನೆ. ನಾಳೆ ಬರುತ್ತಾರೆ ಅಂತ ಹೇಳಿದರೆ,ಆದಿನ ಬೇಗ ಎದ್ದು,ತಿಂಡಿತಿಂದು ರೆಡಿಯಾಗಿರುತ್ತಾನೆ. ಯಾವುದೋ ಒಂದು ದಿನ ರೌಂಡ್ ಲೇಟಾಗಿದೆ ಅಂತ ನಾವು ರೂಮಿಗೆ ಹೋದರು ಇನ್ನುಡಾಕ್ಟರ್ ರೌಂಡ್ಸ್ ಬಂದಿಲ್ಲ ಅಂತ ತಕ್ಷಣ ಬರುತ್ತೇನೆ ಅಂತ ನಾವು ಕೇಳುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಮುಂಚೆ ಹೇಳುತ್ತಾನೆ ನಮ್ಮ ಶಾಲೆಗೆ ಬಂದ ಮೇಲೆ ಆತನಿಗೆ ಮೊದಲು ಓದು ಬರಿ ನಂತರ ಕೊಡುತ್ತೇವೆ. ಅಂತ ಹೇಳಿದರೆ ಬೇಗ ಬರೆಯಲು ಕೊಡಿ ಅಂತ ಹೇಳಿ ಪ್ರಾಕ್ಟೀಸ್ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಾನೆ ನಂತರ ಟ್ಯಾಬಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಬರೆದು ನಂತರ ಅವನಿಗೆ ಒಂದು ಕಥೆಯನ್ನು ಹೇಳಬೇಕು ಅದನ್ನು ಕೇಳದೇ ಅವನುರೂಮಿಗೆ ಹೋಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ನಾವು ಬೇರೆ ಮಕ್ಕಳ ಜೊತೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಬಿಝಿಯಾಗಿದ್ದರೆ ಮೇಡಂ ಇವತ್ತು ಕಥೆ ಹೇಳಲಿಲ್ಲ ಒಂದು ಕಥೆ ಹೇಳಿ ಅಂತ ಕೇಳುತ್ತಾನೆ ಈ ದಿನ ಟ್ಯಾಬಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಚಾರ್ಜ್ ಇಲ್ಲ ಅಂತ ಹೇಳಿದರೆ ನಿಮ್ಮ ತಲೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಎಷ್ಟು ಹೇಳಿ ಕೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕು ಅಂತ ನಮಗೆ ಹೇಳುತ್ತಾನೆ ಇಂತಹ ಮಕ್ಕಳನ್ನು ನೋಡಿದಾಗ ನಮಗೆ ತುಂಬಾ ಸಂತೋಷವಾಗುತ್ತದೆ. ನಾವು ಎಲ್ಲರೂ ಏನೇ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಯನ್ನು ಕೇಳಿದರು ಅದಕ್ಕೆ ಸಮರ್ಪಕವಾಗಿ ಉತ್ತರವನ್ನು ಕೊಡುತ್ತಾನೆ ನಮಗೆ ಅವನಂದರೆ ತುಂಬಾ ಇಷ್ಟ.

ಮೋನಿಶ್ 7ನೇ ತರಗತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಓದುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾನೆ ಅವನು ತಮಿಳುನಾಡಿನಿಂದ ಬಂದಿರುವುದು ಅವನು, ಮೊದಲು ತುಂಬಾ ಬೇಜಾರಾಗಿ ಇರುತ್ತಿದ್ದ ನಮಗೆ ಶಾಲೆಗೆ ಬರಲು ಆಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ ಅಂತ ಹೇಳುತ್ತಿದ್ದ ನಾವು ಅವನಿಗೆ ನಮ್ಮ ಶಾಲೆಯ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ನಾವು ಯಾವ ರೀತಿ ಪಾಠಗಳನ್ನು ಮಾಡುತ್ತೇವೆ ಅಂತ ಹೇಳಿದ ಮೇಲೆ, ಒಂದು ಎರಡು ದಿನ ಶಾಲೆಗೆ ಬಂದು ಸುಮ್ಮನೆ ಕುಳಿತುಕೊಂಡು

ಹೋಗುತ್ತಿದ್ದು. ನಂತರ ಒಂದು ದಿನ ನಾನು ಈ ದಿನ ಡ್ರಾಯಿಂಗ್ ಮಾಡುತ್ತೇನೆ ಅಂತ ಹೇಳಿ ಪ್ರಾರಂಭ ಮಾಡಿದನು. ಈ ದಿನ ಇಂಗ್ಲಿಷ್ ಜೊತೆಗೆ ನನ್ನ ಮಗನಿಗೆ ಕನ್ನಡ ಕಲಿಸಿಕೊಡಿ ಅಂತ ಅವರ ತಾಯಿ ಹೇಳಿದರು ಈಗ ಅವನು ಕನ್ನಡ ಅಕ್ಷರವನ್ನು ಕಲಿಯುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾನೆ. ನಮ್ಮ ಶಾಲೆ ಇಲ್ಲದಿದ್ದರೂ ಅವನಿಗೆ ಆಲ್ಫಾಬೆಟ್ ಪುಸ್ತಕ ಕೊಟ್ಟು ಬರುತ್ತೇನೆ ಅದನ್ನು ನೋಡಿ ಅವನು

ಕಲಿಯುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾನೆ ಇದನ್ನು ನೋಡಿದ ಅವನ ತಾಯಿ ನೀವುಗಳೆಲ್ಲಾ ಮಕ್ಕಳ ಮನಸ್ಸನ್ನು ಅರ್ಥ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಂಡು ಅವರಿಗೆ ತಿಳಿ ಹೇಳಿದಾಗ ಅವರು ಯಾವ ರೀತಿ ಪರಿವರ್ತನೆ ಆಗುತ್ತಾರೆ, ನೋಡಿ ಇವನನ್ನು ನೋಡಿ ನನಗೆ ತುಂಬಾ ಸಂತೋಷವಾಗಿದೆ ಅಂತ ಅವನ ತಾಯಿ ಹೇಳುತ್ತಾರೆ ಇಂತಹ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಘಟನೆಗಳನ್ನು ನೋಡಿದ ಮೇಲೆ ಮತ್ತು ಎಲ್ಲಾ ತಂದೆ ತಂದೆ ತಾಯಂದಿರು ಪ್ರತಿಯೊಬ್ಬರು ನಮ್ಮ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಋಷಿಯಾಗಿ ಮಾತನಾಡುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಎಲ್ಲವನ್ನು ನೋಡಿದಾಗ ಇಂತಹ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕೆಲಸ ಮಾಡುವ ಎಲ್ಲರಿಗೂ ನಾನು ಧನ್ಯವಾದ ಹೇಳಲು ಇಷ್ಟ ಪಡುತ್ತೇನೆ, ಒಬ್ಬ ಟೀಚರಿಗೆ ಇದಕ್ಕಿಂತ ಸೌಭಾಗ್ಯ ಮತ್ತೊಂದಿಲ್ಲ ಅಂತ ಹೇಳಬಹುದು.

Gist of Vidyavathi's reflections-

I am Vidyavathi B.S. I have been working as a teacher and librarian at Samiksha Foundation Learning Centre for the past 15 years, and for the last two years, I have also been serving as the Centre Coordinator at SSCHRC. This role has brought me immense joy and increased my responsibilities. I take pride in managing all aspects of the center, understanding the needs and requirements, and addressing them.

Over the past two years at Sri Shankara Cancer Hospital, time has flown by while working with the children. It feels like we just started. When children first come to our school, we introduce them to our Samiksha School and inform them that we come three days a week from 10:00 AM to 1:30 PM. We explain that they will have activities like games, lessons, crafts, and yoga, which makes the children very happy. They realize they can attend school alongside their treatment, which brings them immense joy.

Teaching through tablets has added to this joy. For younger children, we teach alphabets and words, while for older children, we show images and explain concepts, which delights both the children and their mothers. Seeing children use tablets to learn and write brings more children to our school, and this makes me very happy. We also offer scholarships from the 8th grade to degree level, which pleases the parents greatly. They express their gratitude by saying, "Your school provides everything our child needs to attend school. What more could we ask for?"

Shreya's mother often says, "I am grateful to all the heads and staff of your organization." Such encouragement from parents and children motivates us to continue our work with dedication. Little ones like Nishaan Kumar Taj practice their alphabets through tablets, learning the sounds of animals and other things. They enjoy it so much that when they all ask for the tablet together, we manage by giving each child five minutes to practice. After practicing, they write on paper and show us their progress, which makes them happy and excited.

Abhay, who is four years old, loves school. As soon as he gets admitted to the hospital, he asks if there's school that day. If not, he feels disappointed. He's always ready and says, "I'll come back immediately after rounds." He enjoys practicing writing first and then reading a story. If we don't tell him a story, he reminds us, saying, "Please tell a story today." His enthusiasm for learning and engagement makes us very happy. He answers all our questions promptly and is a joy to have around.

Monish, who is in the 7th grade, came from Tamil Nadu. Initially, he was very upset and said he couldn't come to school. But after learning about our teaching methods, he attended school for two days, sitting quietly. One day, he decided to start drawing. His mother then requested us to teach him Kannada along with English. Now, he is learning Kannada alphabets. Even when the school is not in session, he practices with the alphabet book we gave him, which makes his mother very happy.

Seeing such positive changes and hearing parents speak favorably about our organization brings immense satisfaction. I am grateful to everyone working in this organization. There is no greater fortune for a teacher than this.

Inauguration of the Samiksha Foundation Learning Centre at St. John’s Medical College Hospital - “Unit of Hope”

A soft launch of our 6th Learning Centre was done on 12th January 2024 in the room earmarked for the Samiksha Foundation Learning Centre which was attended by doctors, nurses, social work team of the pediatric oncology dept as well as team Samiksha foundation at St. John’s Medical College Hospital, after which a 2-week test run was done, where in Samiksha Foundation teachers conducted sessions twice a week.



A formal inauguration was done on the 25th of January 2024 at 10 am that was attended by Rev Fr Jesudoss Rajamanickam- Director , St John’s National Academy of Health Sciences; Rev Fr John Varghese- Associate Director Hospital; Dr Arvind Kasthuri- Chief of Medical Services; Sr Ria Emmanuel- Chief of Nursing Services; Mr Sachin K Thomas- HOD, Dept of Medico Social Work; Mr Joy Mathew- Volunteer Dept of MSW. The dept of Pediatric oncology was represented by Dr. Anand- HoD, Dr. Vandana, Dr. Jyothi, the nursing staff, Clera and Kenson from the MSW dept. and the Samiksha team were represented by Ar. Sandhya Sharad- Founder and Trustee, Advisor to the Trust and former Trustee- Ms. Vijaya Nanjundeswaran, Trustee- Ms. Ranjani Ramesh, Education lead- Ms. Valli Narasimha, Centre coordinators and senior teachers- Ms. Vidyavathi, Ms. Parvathi, Ms. Nivedita Shirwatkar, Ms. Ambika C, Ms. Deepu, V, Ms. Sharada KG, Ms. Garima Ashta, in addition to a few other invitees.



Rev Fr Jesudoss reiterated about how today, the "school away from school" initiative demonstrated its value by bringing education directly to children who are unable to attend school due to their circumstances. He appreciated the efforts of all those involved in this initiative who were making it easier for these children to access education, even in challenging circumstances and applauded the Foundation’s commitment to educating these young minds, and expressed gratitude on behalf of the children, quoting a saying- "Take it easy is a concept for ordinary people, but make it easy is a concept for great people." Each of the others present also emphasized the importance and continuation of education while the child was under treatment.



Consolidated Activity Reports

Inspiring Session by ISRO Scientist Nagraj Ananth

June 3rd: A captivating event unfolded at SFLC Sri Shankara Children's Hospital and Research Centre (SSCHRC) when Mr. Nagraj Ananth, a distinguished scientist from the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO), graced us with his presence. More than 30 enthusiastic children gathered to partake in an enlightening session.



Seed Planting Activity

June 12th: Chandana led a seed planting session at SFLC Mazumdar Shaw Cancer Centre (MSCC) with four children. She explained the significance of planting seeds, instilling a love for nature and responsibility in the young participants. In the photo, we see Teacher Chandana guiding the children with soil and seeds.



Celebrating International Yoga Day

June 21st: SFLC Indira Gandhi Institute of Child Health (IGICH) was abuzz with the spirit of International Yoga Day. Our dedicated instructors, Ms. Parvathi and Ms. Deepu engaged both kids and parents in an enlightening session. They shared insights on the significance of incorporating yoga into our daily lives, emphasizing its numerous benefits. It was a day of wellness and holistic learning, where our SFLC IGICH community discovered the path to a healthier and balanced

lifestyle through yoga.

Cloud Craft Delights

July 7th: The Learning Centre community came together for an engaging cloud craft session. A total of 20 participants joined in the creative exploration. It was a day filled with artistic inspiration and family bonding as we crafted our way through the world of clouds.



Chandrayan Art Tribute

July 20th: In a heartfelt tribute to the successful launch of Chandrayan 3, 10 young artists at SFLC Indira Gandhi Institute of Child Health (IGICH) created inspiring artwork, capturing the spirit of this remarkable achievement.

"Say No to Junk Food" Poster-Making

July 21st: In commemoration of International Junk Food Day, SFLC Indira Gandhi Institute of Child Health (IGICH) organized a creative poster-making event. Participants enthusiastically crafted posters to spread the vital message of making healthier food choices.

Bidding farewell to our cherished long-time volunteer- Shobhana Iyer

July 23rd: Shobhana, who departed from this life, was an integral part of our Samiksha Foundation family, devoting her time and love to the children at Kidwai Memorial and MSCC during various celebrations. Her dedication, warmth, and unwavering commitment left an indelible mark on our organization.

Piet Mondrian Art Theme

August 3rd: MSCC LC hosted an art session inspired by the iconic Piet Mondrian. Children had the opportunity to explore and create art in the style of this renowned artist. Approximately 7 enthusiastic kids participated in this transformative art theme.



Space Craft Adventure

August 10th: A space-themed craft session took place at SFLC Mazumdar Shaw Cancer Centre (MSCC), igniting young imaginations with celestial creativity.

Teacher's Day Celebration

5th September: On the recent Teacher's Day, we expressed our deep appreciation for our dedicated teachers, both near and far, who tirelessly nurture young minds and shape the future of our community.

We also offered a heartfelt tribute to the late Bhavani Nanjundeswaran, a beloved teacher, trustee, mother, and grandmother. Her compassionate leadership and selfless dedication to education continue to inspire us. Her legacy of love and learning lives on, and we thanked all educators for their unwavering commitment to our mission.



Spectrum Week

From October 16th to 20th, our team not only synchronized their outfits but also organized themed art and craft activities. Teachers led quiz competitions focused on primary and secondary colors, creating a vibrant and engaging week.



Karnataka Rajyotsava Celebrations

November 1st: In a touching tribute to Karnataka Rajyotsava, young artists at Samiksha Foundation Learning Centres crafted inspiring artwork that captured the essence of the occasion.

Art Exhibition - Children's Day Week

From November 16th to 18th, the Learning Centre community celebrated Children's Day with a three-day art and craft exhibition. Guided by the dedication of teachers, hospital spaces were transformed into showcases of imagination. The exhibition featured diverse themes such as Madhubani Art, Aldo Rossi coffee maker art, Greek pottery, Colors of the World, Tribal Houses, Chandrayan Art, Cabin Art, Crumpled Paper Art, and Caterpillars. Each piece reflected the boundless creativity and spirit of the young artists.





Milaap Interview

On December 8th, Milaap, India's largest crowdfunding platform, organized an event at the Samiksha Foundation Office. The focus was on addressing the challenges of education for patients with long-term illnesses and how parents manage education in such circumstances. The event featured speakers, including the Founder, Education Lead, a Centre Coordinator, and a Teacher from Samiksha Foundation. Their insights and experiences aimed to shed light on the impactful work of SF, aligning with the theme of the event and providing valuable insights to the audience.

BounceBack Fundraiser

On December 9th, the BounceBack Event at Mallya Aditi International School was a wonderful experience. The warm welcome from former interns, now part of the organizing committee, was truly overwhelming. We appreciate the steadfast support from the school's faculty, which enhanced the impact of our presence.



Christmas Theme Craft

On December 22nd, the Learning Centre at MSCC hosted a craft session inspired by Christmas. Children had the opportunity to explore and create art in the style of this festive season.

Learning through fun (non-academic) activities is scheduled in the mornings as

- Fridays at MSCC (till end of Nov 2022), IGICH and SSCHRC
- Multicenter Virtual Sessions from 21st July 2022 for Yoga CV and Art programs.

Consolidated attendance across All Samiksha Foundation Learning Centres:

June23-May 24	Total No. of Children attending	Girls	Boys	Direct beneficiaries (DB)		Indirect beneficiaries (IB)	Regular children	Irregular children	New Admissions
				Playroom	Ward				
MSCC	205	101	104	180	6	19	37	82	86
IGICH	1513	562	951	934	579	0	60	566	887
SSCHRC	405	160	245	332	73	0	175	161	69
LCHC	133	58	75	133	0	0	51	63	19
SJMCH	184	65	119	38	146	0	22	47	115
Total	2440	946	1494	1617	804	19	345	919	1176

The Samiksha Foundation Milestone Event

4th Feb 2024

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On February 4, 2024, Samiksha Foundation marked the significant 15th year milestone and the successful completion of its 8th Scholarships Program. Our 15th-anniversary celebration brought together esteemed guests, including doctors, donors, past and present scholarship recipients, and caregivers. The evening also saw a performance by karaoke group Hamsadhvani who paid homage to our founding Trustee-Mrs. Bhavani Nanjundeswaran and a long-time volunteer-Ms Shobhana Iyer. We were honored by the virtual presence of Dr. Sanjay KS, Director of Indira Gandhi Institute of Child Health, and the insightful addresses of Dr. S Ramesh, Dr. L. Appaji, Dr. Rajaram Kudli, Mr. Prateek Madhav, Mr. Parameswaran, and our dedicated Samiksha Foundation core team. The event was live streamed, reaching a global audience and allowing viewers to share in our momentous occasion.

This year's scholarship program awarded Rs. 10,79,100 to 71 deserving students, bringing the total number of scholarships awarded since 2018 to 440. Additional fee payments were allocated to some students for higher studies. These scholarships support students from grade 8 to the undergraduate level, enabling them to pursue their educational dreams and alleviate the financial burden on their families.

We invite you to watch the livestream recording [\[link\]](#) to experience the highlights of this special event.

Summary of speeches

1. Priya - EmCee

Credit must be given to Samiksha's core team for their visionary leadership, essential in substantiating a unique project like this for an extended period. Hospital schools are a novel concept in the Indian realm of health and education public policy and the sustainability owes much to the team's vision. We also express gratitude for the strength and positivity cultivated over the years, allowing us to celebrate this significant milestone today.

2. Dr Sanjay K S - Director, Indira Gandhi Institute of Child Health

It has been 15 years since the Samiksha foundation started and today is the 15th year anniversary. Welcome to our esteemed guests Sandhya Sharad, Ranjani, Smt Valli and Professor Malathi and all who are present here, I gradually welcome you all to this program and congratulations for the Samiksha foundation for their 15th year anniversary. As we all know nowadays cancer is spreading in children so fast and for curing this cancer the government has taken action through these foundations and hospitals etc. providing every facility that a cancer patient needs.

As the cancer curing period is long so the children should be in the hospital for longer period of time as the children are in the hospital for longer time the children may feel upset and won't have interest to do anything as the children's will be missing their schools as they are missing the classes they wouldn't be educated. To overcome these education problems our samiksha foundation helps the children to study at the hospital itself. Samiksha foundation was started in 2009 in various hospitals as Kidwai and Indra Gandhi hospital as well and they are serving from 2009 as they are educating in formal education and creative learning as example yoga, meditation, artwork, dance and trying to teach everything and keep children educated. This foundation has been teaching 11000 to 12000 children by the overall foundation and in the Indra Gandhi hospital also 2000 children have been educated. These children from the below ages 3 to 12 years are studying in the foundation. Nowadays the officials are providing tabs too and they are providing scholarships for the children who are suffering from cancer as to my knowledge 400 to 500 children have received scholarships. Samiksha foundation has been working for the people's service may God bless the people who are rigorously working behind this foundation as the keep on serving the society for the society wellbeing and once again congratulations for their 15-year anniversary.

To hear the complete Video message by Dr. Sanjay KS- 1:12:15-1:19:00

3. Dr S Ramesh Santanakrishnan- HOD Pediatric Surgery - IGICH

Friends, good afternoon. They introduced me earlier, but I felt it was unnecessary because I am here to listen to everything in today's program. Compared to their achievements, mine seem very small.

As doctors, we perform surgeries, receive awards, and are often called heroes. We bring home trophies and medals. But what about those behind us? The staff? Physical treatments like chemotherapy help the child, but it is crucial for children to fully recover. Cancer affects the entire family. It is not just about living for 10 years but for 70 years. Families face many challenges; they are often not included in insurance plans, and it can be hard for them to get married. Is it enough that the children are simply cured? No. It is important to reintegrate these children back into society. Some NGOs provide financial assistance, but education for children is essential. I am happy that the Samiksha Foundation has taken the initiative to help in this regard.

They have shown commitment and support for this cause. It was not just a thought; they have supported families for 15 years. Hats off to them. I had many thoughts to share, but today I feel compelled to speak from my heart. Commitment and actions need to come together to create a movement. From this perspective, I have great admiration for the Samiksha Foundation team. All the team members are guides, but the donors are the biggest supporters in this process. No work is possible without a positive mindset. Donors place their trust in the foundation, and their contributions create a cycle of support.

Apart from the work you do, I want to thank our teachers—Parvati, Vidyavati, Sharada, and Poornesh. You leave all your other responsibilities to teach these children. Hats off to you! No matter the size of the vehicle, it runs on wheels; you are the wheels of the Samiksha Foundation. This kind of program is a time to remember, celebrate, and acknowledge everyone involved. To measure any success, we often talk about the number of people we impact. In this sense, this foundation has positively impacted many lives. I do not call them survivors; you are victors who have triumphed over a formidable disease.

Education is essential for success in life. This foundation provides that, and I hope you will share your knowledge with many more. I also want to thank the parents. You have managed so much and supported your children through this journey. You must become true ambassadors for those who have defeated cancer, correcting misconceptions about the disease in society. From the bottom of my heart, congratulations to all of you, and I hope more people join you in this fight. God bless.

To hear the full speech-Dr. S. Ramesh- 1:20:00-1:30:42

4. Dr Rajaram Kudli

They are introducing me, but it is not necessary. I am not a particularly special doctor, and I do not have extensive knowledge about medical conditions, or the invaluable services provided by real doctors. When I met Sandhya, the first thing I did was visit every center and see the services

being provided there. I cannot express what I saw and experienced there without getting emotional. I do not know if touching the line between life and death is an expectation in the work of the Samiksha team, especially for the dedicated teachers.

Here, compassion is the beginning of their work. I was deeply touched by it. When I volunteered to work with the children, as Sandhya and the other trustees told me, there are some constraints even in the lessons learned over 14 years. You must not become attached to any child. You must not expect to see the same child in the next program. You must not expect that the child will learn what you are teaching. I may be a good teacher, but for teachers, it is very important that their students learn through their teaching. Here, we are looking at children without a future. Why should we engage with

them? The only quality they need is compassion, which becomes available after my spiritual introspection. I must engage with them solely with compassion.

You must engage with the child in the present moment. The only purpose or outcome of that engagement can be happiness. I am amazed. Everyone is trying to learn how to live in the present. This is not just through gratitude and praise; it is a blessing. Not just for the children, but also for the teachers who have this wonderful opportunity. I still hesitate to engage with the children. I am still embracing this wonderful opportunity.

To hear the full speech: Dr. Rajaram Kudli- 1:33:00-1:44:17

5. Prateek Madhav

It brings me great joy to be here, and I thank all of you for being part of this wonderful event. Fifteen years is a long time; did you know it is referred to as the Crystal Anniversary? They told me to use two mics because I didn't drink tea. Fifteen years is a significant period, and in the Vedas, it is known as the number of Maya. Fifteen years are described as years of growth and prosperity, and I believe this is a wonderful moment to celebrate the achievements of the past fifteen years. I am going to ask you to applaud three times. I will tell you why later.

First, for all the children here, you are all studying very well, and we are proud of your achievements. Give them a big round of applause. Second, for the teachers and mothers, because without them, we would not have achieved anything. Thanks to the mothers and teachers who have shown patience and belief, give them a big round of applause. Lastly, for the founders and supporters of the Samiksha Foundation. Without your vision and ideas, this would not have been possible. A big round of applause for the trustees, supporters, and donors.

When I met Sandhya 8-10 years ago, there was a competition among us, remember? It was difficult to decide. She had put a photo of a boy in the very last slide, who was medically struggling, but he passed his 10th grade. The picture of that boy's smile made our decision. But you have come a long way and helped hundreds and thousands of people. You have helped so many people.

In my work, I have had the opportunity to work with many entrepreneurs who are developing various technological solutions. Technology has changed all of our lives, hasn't it? How do we travel? Metro? Ola and Uber? How do we order food? Using Zomato and Swiggy? And the big technology, what keeps us busy? Netflix! Isn't it? Netflix and Amazon Prime. Technology has changed our lives in many positive and other ways, but this is just the beginning. In my work, I speak to many entrepreneurs and innovators, and I want to give you a glimpse of some technology. A fully tech hyper-mobility development in aerospace, 16,000 km/hr, 200,000 km/hr, a day's journey to the moon. We need to make technology accessible in our country. Technology helps people. There is technology developing to cure diabetes, which provides a healthy life for a person. It helps heart patients, and if it becomes available in our country, we need to join hands wholeheartedly.

But what hasn't changed is the human touch, dreams, and your passion. Thank you all very much.

To hear the full speech: Mr. Prateek Madhav- 2:48:00-2:56:36

6. Mr. Parameswaran

I would like to start with a tribute and praise for the Samiksha Foundation. I would like to begin with the following: "Guru Brahma, Guru Vishnu, Guru Devo Maheshwara, Guru Sakshat Parabrahma, Tasmai Shri Guruve Namaha." When I educate and share knowledge with children, I become very passionate, and my speech aims to encourage children who are restarting their lives. I reflect on how they have grown and built their careers over 36 years.

When I was diagnosed with cancer, the message I wanted to convey is that while this illness is undoubtedly dangerous and creates fear—both mental and financial—we can fight this disease, and we have evidence around us. Your sky is your goal; you have already won your biggest battle in life. Continuing this mantra within myself, I will keep moving forward.

To hear the full speech: Mr. Parameswaran- 2:58:10-3:07:30

7. Dr. L. Appaji

Sandhya Madam, the trustees, the teachers, and everyone at the Samiksha Foundation: your hard work in starting this foundation at Kidwai is truly commendable. The foundation focuses on creative and spiritual activities that have greatly benefited patients, many of whom spend 5-6 months in the hospital. During this time, Samiksha Foundation provides continuous learning, ensuring that students can continue their education uninterrupted and progress academically.

For this, I sincerely thank the Samiksha Foundation. Additionally, the foundation has been awarding scholarships to students for the past seven years. I wish them all the best and hope they continue to help many more children. May God bless them with all the success and blessings they need.

To hear the full speech: Dr. L. Appaji- 3:09:19-3:11:22

The other speeches may be watched at the below given timelines.

- Ar. Sandhya Sharad- 41:24-49:38
- Video message by Vid. Barnalee Sarkar- 51:07-52:19
- Video message by Ranjani Ramesh- 52:44-53:50
- Report and Scholarship's Announcement by Ms. Valli Narsimha- 54:40-59:40
- Video message by Centre Coordinator Vidyavathi BS- 2:21:54-2:25:15
- Video message by Centre Coordinator Parvathi KB -2:25:50- 2:29:29
- Video message by Storyteller and Teacher Ambika Chandrashekar- 2:30:25-2:32:30
- Field Supervisor and Centre Coordinator Poornesh HL- 2:33:10-2:34:21
- Announcement of the New Special Project of Book 24 Beads on a String by Ms. Nivedita- 3:38:25-3:40:40
- Video message by Author Aparna - 3:41:07-3:41:45
- Vote of thanks by Ms. Vijaya Nanjundeswaran- 3:49:00-3:52:37
- Music by Hamsadhwani group- 3:59:27-4:45:49

We are immensely grateful for the unwavering support of our donors, volunteers, and partners, whose contributions have made this journey possible.

Few Awardees Voices-

My name is Geetha, from Ramatheertha village in Chittapur taluk, Kalburgi district. I had come to Kidwai when I was studying in 9th std since I was not well. I came to Bangalore and joined Samiksha Foundation while I was getting treatment at Kidwai and got introduced to teachers from Samiksha Foundation while I was in 10th std. They not only taught me school curriculum but also helped me in other activities like stories, etc. I received a scholarship from Samiksha Foundation from 10th std till I completed my degree. I was able to complete my degree only with this scholarship. Currently, I am pursuing B.Ed and have been getting constant support from Samiksha Foundation. I hope Samiksha Foundation continues this good work and my best wishes to them. My goal is to complete B.Ed and get a Government job.

Former awardee Jayaprabha, 2012 batch. I feel very happy to say that I am a student of Samiksha Foundation. Even though I was staying in hospital, I hardly felt that I was staying in hospital. This was because of how Samiksha Foundation supported the children, with drawing & craft activities, getting us textbooks to study and other materials as per our request. The support continued even after (my treatment completed) I was out of the hospital by providing a scholarship for my education. Samiksha

Foundation is providing support to children to complete their treatment happily. Now I am working in Mysore Sandal company and I am very happy. I got married 6 months ago and I didn't hide anything about myself; they also took very positively. My message to parents to not to lose hope. I wish the Samiksha Foundation to continue to grow to greater heights and my Best Wishes to Samiksha Foundation.

To hear more of them, click on this [link](#)

GLIMPSES from the Event and Pre event-

Pre-event



Awardees with the SF Team



During the event



Voices- Post event



Thank you for the opportunity everyone. Had a great time hosting this program and working with all of you. You all are amazing to work with. Looking forward to working with you all on many initiatives and events. Thank you Sandhya mam, Vijaya mam and Valli mam for all the guidance and the entire team for being so supportive. Let us engage, empower, collaborate and celebrate



9:58 pm



➔ Forwarded

The event was an eye-opener and the speeches were intense and touching. Glad to see some many kids doing well after the recovery 🙏
Amazing work by the teams. God bless.

12:31 pm

➔ Forwarded

Thank you Sandhya Mam, wonderful to be with the kids, and the tireless, ever energetic Samiksha team.

Also condolences to you and your sister on the passing away of your mother who would have loved to be a part of the event as shed been all along. That was a very touching song in dedication.

Later I had to return home..so I skipped the dinner. I had a generous helping of the savouries for tea though.

Hope to catch up at leisure sometime.

12:36 pm

George Mam

You

We will be telecasting the event live on YouTube and our Facebook page (w...



Congratulations to Sandhya, the family and all involved on the 15th anniversary of Samiksha Foundation. May this great work continue to bring hope to many more.

10:14 am

Congratulations Team Samiksha on the milestone achievement and event itself. It is a testimony of immense love, passion and commitment to the work and hard work it is. The event also captures caring and affection the team members have for each other and the children they work with. This is perfection and combined joy. Well deserved appreciation gratitude and respect.

10:20 am

➔ Forwarded

We wanted to tell you how much we appreciate the quality of your work. We can tell you take pride in it which shows in your deliverables. We will continue our support Samiksha 🙏

Thanking you Janani charitable trust(R)

9:07 pm

➔ Forwarded

Congratulations to Samiksha. Very well done Sandhya.

It was a remarkable celebration of achievements of children, parents, volunteers, teachers and all involved. It felt special.

The selection of songs by Hansawadini was also apt – not to mention the tribute paid to Bha. The MC pulled it all together so well, keeping all involved. The audience response was also great. Great speeches, some very moving personal experiences.

The Nanju sisters rocked. - both welcome and vote of thanks had powerful messages very well delivered 🙏

Happy 15th birthday Samiksha 🎉🎂🍰
Congratulations to the scholarship winners. Our appreciation and gratitude to the teachers, volunteers and team Samiksha. You are an inspiration to many. 🙏

3:59 am

➔ Forwarded

Thanks a ton for everything. It was a very meaningful and touching event. Perhaps the only event that I could stay for the full duration.

Hats to you and your team for pulling off the event so well. Really happy to be a part of your team

7:25 pm

As articulated by our senior advisor - Vijayalakshmi

Mahatma Gandhi said, “May the work of your hands be a sign of gratitude and reverence to the human condition.”

The idea of Samiksha was born 15 years ago with a story, shared many times, being in a certain place at a certain time, under a certain set of circumstances. We express our gratitude for this opportunity to support and assist children in distressed circumstances in the spirit “Pursuit of Knowledge is key to their pursuit of Happiness.”

Happiness is not a life without problems or grief, but rather the strength to overcome the problems and enrich the quality of our lives. Studies have shown expressing appreciation and gratitude make us optimistic and content, improves our relationships and strengthens our bonds with those we are appreciative of, expanding our communities, also improving our physical and mental well-being,

We express our gratitude to all who believed, supported, encouraged us as we stand here in the present 15 years later in combined joy. Our Gratitude is importantly to all doctors and staff at all Samiksha Learning Centres for the belief and faith in the mission, for encouragement, for being sounding boards, generous in their appreciation of our efforts and for opening the opportunity in the hospitals to set up hospital school to bring Happiness Quotient to the children and caregivers.

We extend our gratitude and appreciation to all Samiksha Teams and volunteers past and present, for their continued devotion, commitment and effort, one step at a time to reach this milestone of 15 years.

Today’s occasion is importantly an appreciation of the efforts, courage and strength of the children to prevail, look to a future, to dream a dream. The scholarships is our faith in you to continue to make the efforts to do well in your school and college, to open your door to a future to be independent, self-reliant, to self-discovery, and to extend kindness to others in similar circumstances.

This appreciation also goes to your parents, siblings, friends, doctors, teachers who have been with you on this journey of care, hope, faith, grief and joy.

True Gratitude is not just a mental exercise of remembering the good things that happen to us but a heartfelt feeling of appreciation for those things.

Our sincere gratitude to all our donors for believing in the cause and your steadfast support and generosity.

To all the children here, take this moment to remember all who have appreciated you, encouraged you, held your hand and express your sincere gratitude, say a thank you, send a message, a letter, a poem, give them a hug... You will feel good about it.

“Let us be grateful to the people who make us happy. They are the charming gardener who make our soul blossom” - Marcel Proust

Samiksha Foundation Teachers' Reflections

Ambika Chandrashekar - Teacher and Storyteller



ನನ್ನ ಹೆಸರು ಅಂಬಿಕ ಚಂದ್ರಶೇಖರ್, ನಾನು 15 ವರ್ಷಗಳಿಂದ ಸಮೀಕ್ಷಾ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕೆಲಸ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದೇನೆ. ಈಗ ನಾನು ಈಗ ಎರಡು ವರ್ಷದಿಂದ ಶಂಕರ ಕ್ಯಾನ್ಸರ್ ಹಾಸ್ಪಿಟಲ್ ನಲ್ಲಿ ಕ್ಯಾನ್ಸರ್ ಬಂದ ಮಕ್ಕಳಿಗೆ ನಮ್ಮ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯಿಂದ ಪ್ರತಿ ಬುಧವಾರ ಮತ್ತು ಗುರುವಾರ ನಾವು ಮಕ್ಕಳಿಗೆ ಪಾಠ,ಪ್ರವಚನ, ಕಥೆಗಳನ್ನು,ಹೇಳುವುದು ಯೋಗಭ್ಯಾಸ,ಕಥೆಗಳ ಮೂಲಕ ಮಕ್ಕಳಿಗೆ ಮನೋರಂಜನೆ, ಚಿತ್ರ ಬಿಡಿಸುವ ಮೂಲಕ ಸಂತೋಷ ಪಡಿಸುತ್ತೇವೆ.

ಪ್ರತಿ ಮಕ್ಕಳು, ನಾವು ಬರುವುದನ್ನೇ ಕಾಯುತ್ತಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ ನಾವು ಬಂದ ತಕ್ಷಣ ಅವರಿಗೆ ತುಂಬಾ ಖುಷಿಯಾಗುತ್ತದೆ ಮಕ್ಕಳಿಗೆ ಜ್ವರ ಇದ್ದರೂ ಸಹ ಕಿಮೋ ಹಾಕಿಸಿಕೊಂಡು, ನಾವು ಹೊರಡುವ ತನಕ ನಮ್ಮ ಜೊತೆಯಲ್ಲೇ ಇರುತ್ತಾರೆ.

ನಮ್ಮ ಶಾಲೆಗೆ ತುಂಬಾ ಚಿಕ್ಕ ಮಕ್ಕಳು ಸಹ ಬರುತ್ತಾರೆ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಮಕ್ಕಳು ಸಹ ತುಂಬಾ ಬುದ್ಧಿವಂತರು ಚುರುಕು ಇವರಲ್ಲಿ ಒಬ್ಬ ಹುಡುಗನ ಹೆಸರು ಅಗಸ್ತ್ಯ, ದಿನ ನಮ್ಮ ಶಾಲೆಗೆ ಬಂದು ಕುಳಿತುಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತಿದ್ದು ಆದರೆ ಏನು ಸಹ ಬರೆಯುತ್ತಿರಲಿಲ್ಲ ಈಗ ಅವನಿಗೆ ನಮ್ಮ ಶಾಲೆ ಎಂದರೆ ತುಂಬಾ ಇಷ್ಟ. ಬಂದ ತಕ್ಷಣ ಹೊಸ ಹೊಸ ಇಂಗ್ಲಿಷ್ ಪದಗಳನ್ನು ಬರೆಯುತ್ತಾನೆ ಇವನಿಗೆ ಡ್ರಾಯಿಂಗ್ ಅಂದರೆ ತುಂಬಾ ಇಷ್ಟ ತುಂಬಾ ಚೆನ್ನಾಗಿ ಡ್ರಾಯಿಂಗ್ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಾನೆ.

ಶಂಕರ್ ಹಾಸ್ಪಿಟಲ್ ನಲ್ಲಿ ಡಾಕ್ಟರ್ ಗಳಾದ ಡಾಕ್ಟರ್ ಆನಂದ್, ಆರತಿ, ಶಶಾಂಕ್ ಈವರು ಸಹ ನಮ್ಮ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗೆ ತುಂಬಾ ಎನ್ಕೋಜ್ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ ನಮ್ಮ ಸಮೀಕ್ಷಾ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯಿಂದ ಇಂದಿರಾ ಗಾಂಧಿ ಹಾಸ್ಪಿಟಲ್ ಸೇಂಟ್ ಜಾನ್ಸ್ ಜಾನ್ ಹಾಸ್ಪಿಟಲ್ನಲ್ಲಿ ಹೋಗುತ್ತಾರೆ ನಮ್ಮ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯಿಂದ ಕ್ಯಾನ್ಸರ್ ನಿಂದ ಗುಣಮುಖರಾದವರಿಗೆ ಪ್ರತಿ ವರ್ಷದಂತೆ, ಈ ವರ್ಷವೂ ಸಹ 71 ಮಕ್ಕಳಿಗೆ ವಿದ್ಯಾಭ್ಯಾಸಕ್ಕೆ ಅನುಕೂಲಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಅವರಿಗೆ ನಮ್ಮ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯಿಂದ ಸ್ಕಾಲರ್ಶಿಪ್ ಕೊಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

ನಮ್ಮ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯು ಇನ್ನು ಹೆಚ್ಚು ಹೆಚ್ಚು ಬೆಳೆಯಲಿ ಎಂಬುದೇ ನಮ್ಮ ಆಸೆ.

ನಮಗೆ ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಸೇವೆ ಮಾಡಲು ಅವಕಾಶ ಮಾಡಿ ಕೊಟ್ಟ ಸಂಧ್ಯಾ ರವರಿಗೆ ನನ್ನ ಧನ್ಯವಾದಗಳು.

Gist of Ambika's reflections:

My name is Ambika Chandrasekhar. I have been working at Samiksha Foundation for 15 years. For the past two years, I have been at Shankara Cancer Hospital. Every Wednesday and Thursday, we provide lessons, discourses, storytelling, yoga, and entertainment through stories and drawing pictures.

Every child eagerly waits for us to arrive and is so happy when we do. Even if the children are undergoing chemo, they stay with us until we leave. Even very young children come to our school.

All the children are very intelligent and smart. One of them is a boy named Agastya. He used to come to our school and sit without writing anything. Now, he likes our school very much. As soon as he arrives, he writes new English words and enjoys drawing.

Doctors like Dr. Anand, Dr. Aarti, and Dr. Shashank at Shankara Hospital are also very supportive of our organization.

Indira Gandhi Hospital and St. John's Hospital are also affiliated with our Foundation.

Like every year, for those who have been cured of cancer, through our organization, we provide scholarships. This year 71 children were provided to support their education. We want our organization to grow more and more.

My thanks to Sandhya for allowing us to serve here.

Deepu V – Teacher

It's been more than a year for me since I started working as a teacher for Samiksha foundation. It was my great pleasure to work with children. It made me feel truly happy.

Also, the children responded very well. Whatever I taught them they understood very well, which gave me also confidence as a teacher. Parvathi ma'am and Vidyavathi ma'am also supported me a lot. Also, I would like to thank Ambika ma'am for introducing me to the Samiksha team. It is an honour for me to have the opportunity to be a part of Samiksha Foundation. This year I actively participated in the Scholarships Program in which scholarship amounts were distributed to 71 students.

In Shankara hospital, one boy, Dhanvith, was not coming to school for two days. Later, he became interested and started coming to school. He is very intelligent and naughty. If we show him any kind of vegetables he loves to identify them. He likes our school very much. He would stay with us till the end of play school and then go back to his ward.

This was my best experience working as a teacher to meet such curious and sharp children. Thank you for giving me this opportunity to work as a teacher with your foundation. Hope to serve in the future also.

Nivedita Shirwatkar - Teacher

Just be the living force that never ends!

It's been more than a year since I started working for this esteemed organization which aims for the upliftment of cancer survivor children with the motto of 'Creative Learning Initiative'.

A teacher within me convinced me that this purpose itself is so innovative, one of a kind. It motivates me to contribute every day more.

Every day is a new experience for all of us when we attend children in hospital. Recently I met one strikingly sharp minded student, Vinut Priya who is just a 4th Std. student but very outspoken and a spontaneous speaker, dancer and singer. She quickly absorbs any topic taught to her even while undergoing chemo treatment. She gives inspiration to other

students as well. She is so full of positive vibes!

Suffering from cancer doesn't mean life has to stop. Some of these little angels give us all a message that each moment of life is so precious, and it should be lived with the same zest and energy to the fullest. When I look at their faces it makes me say,

Be fresh, be lively

Be giving... live fully!

Whenever I meet such students with a positive attitude it shows me a completely different side of life.

We also have one ambitious student who wants to appear for the board exam this year. He enjoys playing chess and keeps the atmosphere very light by cracking jokes.

It truly is a wonderful initiative by Samiksha Foundation which provides educational support to these children through scholarship programs as well.

This year teachers, students, and caregivers organized one art exhibition in all learning centers of Samiksha Foundation which was appreciated by visitors and doctors. Everyone who visited the art exhibition was mesmerized by the creativity of these children.

I personally enjoyed working for an illustration project in which all Samiksha students were guided to

paint pictures for a lovely book of poems by Aparna ma'am.

It's definitely an enriching journey for all of us as a Samiksha team which helps us grow not only as teachers but also as human beings.

Garima Ashta- Part time teacher and IT Support, Volunteering and internships



My name is Garima Ashta, and I joined Samiksha Foundation in July 2023. I am deeply grateful to our Founder Sandhya Sharad, Trustee Ranjani Ramesh, and Education Lead Valli Narasimha, for giving me the invaluable opportunity to contribute to the Samiksha Foundation's noble cause.

This journey represents a significant transition for me—from being an accomplished Network Engineer with over 8 years of experience in the IT industry to becoming a dedicated member of a nonprofit organization. It has been an extraordinary experience to shift my focus from corporate networks to supporting an organization committed to providing education for cancer patients.

I appreciate the trust you've placed in me, allowing me to use my IT skills to improve the Samiksha Foundation's digital learning platform, especially the Samiksha USky app. It has been gratifying to resolve daily IT issues, ensuring the foundation's initiatives run smoothly. Transitioning from corporate network management to addressing the unique challenges of a nonprofit organization has been both challenging and incredibly rewarding.

Working in volunteer management and partnering with dedicated volunteers and interns has been a fulfilling part of my role. We've collaborated on daily activities, facilitated remote tutoring for students, and supported the organization's meaningful mission. This teamwork has not only positively impacted the students we serve but also reinforced our volunteer and intern community.

I am thankful for the chance to apply my skills to such a meaningful cause. I appreciate your recognition and trust in my abilities. I look forward to continuing my dedicated efforts to support the Samiksha Foundation's mission of providing education to those in need.



Sharada - Teacher

ಸಮೀಕ್ಷಾದಲ್ಲಿ ನನ್ನ ಅನುಭವ.

ನನ್ನ ಹೆಸರು ಶಾರದಾ.ನಾನು ಸಮೀಕ್ಷಾ ತಂಡದಲ್ಲಿ ಒಬ್ಬಳಾಗಿ ಒಂದು ವರ್ಷ,ಐದು ತಿಂಗಳಾಯಿತು.ಮೊದಲಿನಿಂದಲೂ ಮಕ್ಕಳಬಗ್ಗೆ ವಿಶೇಷ ಪ್ರೀತಿಯುಳ್ಳ ನನಗೆ,ಅವರ ಮಧ್ಯೆ ಬೆರೆಯುವುದೆಂದರೆ ಏನೋ ಒಂಥರಾ ಖುಷಿ.ಇಲ್ಲಿರುವ ಸಹೋದ್ಯೋಗಿಗಳೂ ಸಹ ಒಬ್ಬರಿಗೊಬ್ಬರು ಸಹಕಾರ ನೀಡುತ್ತಾ ಒಳ್ಳೆಯ ಗೆಳೆತಿಯರಾಗಿದ್ದಾರೆ.ಮಕ್ಕಳೊಂದಿಗೆ ಸಹ ನನ್ನ ಅನುಭವ ಹಿತವಾಗಿದೆ. ಸಮೀಕ್ಷಾ ಎಂಬ ಸಸಿ,ಇಂದು ದೊಡ್ಡದಾಗಿ ಆಲದಮರದಂತೆ ವಿಶಾಲವಾಗಿ ಬೆಳೆಯುತ್ತಿದೆ.ಅದರ ನೆರಳಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಅನೇಕ ಮಕ್ಕಳ ಪೋಷಣೆ ನಡೆಯುತ್ತಿದೆ.ಮಕ್ಕಳಲ್ಲಿ ಧೈರ್ಯ ತುಂಬುತ್ತಾ ಅವರ ವಿದ್ಯಾಭ್ಯಾಸಕ್ಕೆ ಸಹಕಾರಿಯಾಗುತ್ತಿದೆ.

ಇಂತಹ ಒಂದು ಅದ್ಭುತವಾದ, ಅಪರೂಪವಾದ,ಅನುಪಮವಾದ, ವ್ಯಕ್ತದಡಿ ನಾನೂ ಒಬ್ಬಳು ಇದ್ದೇನೆ ಎಂಬುದೇ ನನಗೆ ಹೆಮ್ಮೆಯಾಗಿದೆ.ಈ ಒಂದೂವರೆ ವರ್ಷಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಮಕ್ಕಳಿಗೆ ಕಲಿಸುವುದರೊಂದಿಗೆ ನಾನೂ ಸಹ ಬಹಳಷ್ಟು ಕಲಿಯುತ್ತಿದ್ದೇನೆ.ಸಹನೆ,ಪ್ರೀತಿ,ಸ್ನೇಹ,ಹಿತಮಿತವಾದ ಮಾತುಗಳು ನನಗಿಲ್ಲಿ ದೊರೆಯುತ್ತಿದೆ.

ನನಗೆ ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಸೇವೆ ಮಾಡಲು ಅವಕಾಶ ಕೊಟ್ಟಂತಹ ಸಮೀಕ್ಷಾ ಫೌಂಡೇಷನ್ ಆಡಳಿತವರ್ಗದವರಿಗೆ ನನ್ನ ಅನಂತ ವಂದನೆಗಳನ್ನು ಅರ್ಪಿಸುತ್ತೇನೆ.ಅವರೆಲ್ಲರೂ ಸಹ ನಮ್ಮೊಂದಿಗೆ ಪ್ರೀತಿ,ವಿಶ್ವಾಸದಿಂದ ಇದ್ದಾರೆ.

ಸಮೀಕ್ಷಾ ಫೌಂಡೇಷನ್ ಎಂದೆಂದಿಗೂ ಬೆಳೆಯುತ್ತಲೇ ಇರಲಿ, ಎಂಬುದೇ ನನ್ನ ಅಪೇಕ್ಷೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಹಾರೈಕೆ.

My name is Sharada. I have been a member of the Samiksha Foundation team for one year and five months. I have a special love for children since the beginning, and it is a pleasure to mingle with them. The colleagues here are also good friends who cooperate with each other. My experience with children is also pleasant. A sapling named Samiksha, today is growing as big and wide as a banyan tree. Many children are being nurtured under its shade. It is encouraging children and helping them in their education.

I am proud that I am under such a wonderful, rare, incomparable, tree. I am also learning a lot by teaching children in these one and a half years. I am getting patience, love, friendship, kind words.

I offer my infinite thanks to the administration of Samiksha Foundation for allowing me to serve here. They all have been with us with love and trust. It is my desire and wish that the Samiksha Foundation continues to grow forever.

Voices – Interns, Volunteers and Caregivers

My first day of Internship at a Samiksha Foundation Learning Centre-Lavanya M

When you walk into the Indira Gandhi Institute of Child Health as a new volunteer for the Samiksha Foundation, the center's coordinator Parvathi Ma'am will kindly greet you at the door. Her natural warmth is instantly felt, and it is no surprise that she is a superstar at the center — not only is she known by the guards and the nurses, but the mothers and children easily take a liking to her as well. Later that first day, I met the woman who leads one of the twenty children's wards Samiksha works in, and she instantly informed me that she is in awe of Parvathi Ma'am's dedication. Even after Parvathi Ma'am leaves work for the day, she will come back in the evening to read and spend time with the children.

The Indira Gandhi learning center is unique in that the Samiksha Foundation not only provides services for children with cancer, but for children with thalassemia as well. Although I first went to the playroom, a central area filled with whiteboards, toys, and school supplies, I then went with Parvathi Ma'am to bring books and paper directly to the wards where the children with thalassemia receive blood transfusions. These children were mostly unable to come to the playroom but were very ready to learn from their beds. They were extremely bright — one young boy's mother was struggling to remember her phone number, but he proudly and sweetly took over and declared it for her. Another older boy saw us providing books at a different bed, and eagerly came over and asked to borrow some himself. This was a common pattern, the children naturally wanted to participate in Samiksha's activities. At the playroom itself, I was able to work with several children, each unique in their own way. Two primary school boys, Vikram and Dinesh (names changed for privacy reasons) were focused on writing their days of the week in English. I did this with them, and then we moved to the whiteboard, where Vikram showed me his special way of drawing a Ganesh and then finished off his artwork by signing his name. A little girl, Sneha, then showed me how to write her family's names in Kannada, and I showed her how to write them in English.

The children readily participated in play and educational activities equally, easily switching from doing maths with me to roaming around the playroom on a miniature scooter. They made friends, learned, and exercised all within this room and in the few hours the learning center operates. When the nurses returned to take them back to the ward after their time with Samiksha, the children surprised me once more, and all went back with a smile still on their faces. These children are strong, kind, and intelligent, and they deserve not only to survive, but thrive.

Pallavi J – Internship Report (Summarised Report)

I discovered the Samiksha Foundation while searching for internships, initially planning to spend my vacation on online courses. However, after feeling unproductive, I joined Samiksha, drawn by my interest in Psycho-Oncology. Completing 33 hours of work there provided me with a meaningful experience. Interacting with children and hearing how much the playroom benefitted them gave me insights into my future career.

Though I initially questioned my commitment, the children's warmth and the guidance of supportive seniors inspired me. Working with children like Tathagath, who quietly strives for recognition, deepened my interest in child psychology and psycho-oncology. I'm grateful to Valli ma'am, Poornesh sir, and the staff for their support, which made this experience truly rewarding. Now, I proudly share my positive experience with friends who may consider interning here in the future.

Tata Proengage Volunteers-

Manashi Adhikary - With 31 translations completed as part of the project, I am thankful to Tata Proengage team, Chezuba team and Samiksha Foundation for this opportunity. Bengali translation activity was a new work for me, and I enjoyed doing it. Special thanks to Ms Garima of Samiksha Foundation for her prompt resolution of queries/ doubts and continuous support throughout the project. Would be happy to engage in the future as well. Looking forward to your kind feedback on my work.

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Rajashekhhar Malur - I had overseas and domestic travels and couldn't give enough time. I must say this was a learning experience for me - especially the science translations. Thanks for providing me with the opportunity and I will continue to be associated on such projects.

Chabi Ghorai - Thank You for giving me the opportunity to work for this noble project. It was a pleasure working with Samiksha Foundation, the entire period. Bengali Translation has gone smoothly with the help of Garima Ma'am and other teammates. I am looking forward to working for the foundation in the coming years as well.

Nisha Chede - Thanks a lot for all the support, Ms. Garima and team. It was my first experience working on Pro- Engage Projects. And I am glad that I chose this project as it was an amazing and very different experience.

Sanjukumar Jagnoor -I thank you and the organization for the opportunity given to work on the translation project. It was incredibly rewarding. I'm grateful for the chance to utilize my language skills and contribute to bridging communication gaps. If time permits, I would like to support you in near future projects as well

Abhishek KR -Thank you for the opportunity to engage in this program and I have experienced good while teaching children and I have good support from your team especially Garima ..

Tushar Rathaur - It was very proud working with Samiksha foundation, I extend my thanks to all who are engaged in the project.

Saurabh Biswas - First of all I would like to thank Samiksha foundation for giving me the opportunity to be part of such a noble cause. I would like to thank Garima for supporting me whenever any assistance was required and she was also very proactive in supporting me with the resources required to help me finish my project in time. It made me empathize with the cause and also be more resilient and patient with my approach in handling such a delicate cause. I would like to be part of Samiksha foundation's future projects.

Interns-

Rishi Ankur Mukherjee - My experience at Samiksha Foundation was enriching, providing valuable insights into an NGO's workings and cancer patients' challenges. During my internship, I gained hands-on experience in office administration and developed my communication and interpersonal skills. I attribute this success to the guidance and support of the teachers and members of the Samiksha Foundation team, who were extremely warm and welcoming. I also express my deepest gratitude to you for allowing me to intern at Samiksha Foundation. This internship has been a significant milestone in my professional development, and I will always cherish the lessons learned and the memories made. I wish the organization continued success and growth in its endeavors. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Yohan Daniel - Thank you for giving me the opportunity to intern at Samiksha Foundation. It was a privilege working with the kind staff that assisted us during our internship period. Working with Samiksha has broadened my perspective on how important it is to work for a non charitable organization. I learned that it is important to give back to society in the best way possible.

Siddharth Gugale - Firstly, I am grateful for the opportunity given to me by the Samiksha Foundation and express my special gratitude. As an undergraduate student, I take every step to develop myself by acquiring various professional skills and experiences. The work I did in coordination with you, resulted in a significant upgrade in my skills. Regular feedback and guidance made my working schedule more manageable and productive. This would really impact my work to a greater extent.

Manasi Gopinath - Volunteering at Samiksha was a meaningful experience for me. My work involved going to the three learning centres at SSCHRC, SJMCH, and IGICH to teach children undergoing cancer treatment. Most children were an absolute joy to teach. They were funny, lively, and determined to learn. It was inspiring to see them make it to the classroom each day despite their health problems.

I believe the entire Samiksha team is doing a wonderful job. Hats off to Vidyavathi ma'am, Parvathi ma'am, and all the other teachers who have been teaching here for a long time. I only volunteered at Samiksha for about a month and a half. Sometimes, it was hard for me to see these little children suffering from such a dangerous condition. It requires a great amount of courage to teach for a long time without being severely affected by what you see in the hospitals. These teachers have that courage, and for that, I admire them. The team back at the office was also exceptional. My supervisor, Garima Ashta, was very helpful. From the very first day, she guided me in understanding the workings of the NGO. She was always there to provide help if I needed any for my tasks. My journey here has taught me lessons in empathy, teamwork, and the power of a community with a purpose.

Care givers- To hear a few of them, click on the link.

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[Omprakash.org](https://www.omprakash.org/global/samiksha-foundation/donate): <https://www.omprakash.org/global/samiksha-foundation/donate> (USA and UK tax exemption through Om Prakash and Give.do)

Organization / cause name: Samiksha Foundation - Caring for Children with Cancer

Project name: Education program for children with cancer

Programs : Samiksha Foundation Scholarships Program

Art and Creative activity

Yoga and creative visualization

Your donation will be processed via the said platform, which will distribute the donation to the Samiksha Foundation after the deduction of charges.

We are registered for undertaking CSR activities and funding. The Registration number is CSR00024424.

Office Address:

305, 3rd floor, Raheja Arcade, 5th Block, Koramangala, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560095

Email: admin@samikshafoundation.org

Our Auditors:

N.P. Sreedhar & Co., Whitefield, Bangalore.

Audit records and Balance sheets are available on request.

Donor List

Individual Donors	
Indumati Sreenivasa	Srinivasan Nagasundaram
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Kulasekara Reddy	Chetan D Parikh
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Janani Trust	Ion Foundation	BENEVITY CAUSES - NASSCOM Foundation
Essae Suhagraja Pvt Ltd	Accel Partners	BENEVITY CAUSES - U K Online Giving Donation
Solanisa Productions	Cutting Edge Manipal & KMC	OMPRAKASH.ORG
Mallya Aditi International School	Give Foundation	GIVE INDIA
Online Giving Foundation	Saathire Social Impact Solutions	GLOBAL REMITTANCE NRE-FUNDS

Audited Financials FY 2022- 2023**Acknowledgement Number:159056170290324****FORM NO. 10B***[See rule 16CC and 17B]*

Audit report under clause (b) of the tenth proviso to clause (23C) of section 10 and sub-clause (ii) of clause (b) of subsection (1) of section 12A of the Income-tax Act, 1961, in the case of a fund or trust or institution or any university or other educational institution or any hospital or other medical institution.

We have examined the balance sheet of Samiksha Foundation Caring For Children With Cancer Trust [name of the fund or trust or institution or any university or other educational institution or any hospital or other medical institution] as at 31-Mar-2023 and the Income and Expenditure account or Profit and Loss account for the year ended on that date are in agreement with the books of account maintained by the said fund or trust or institution or university or other educational institution or hospital or other medical institution.

We have obtained all the information and explanations to the best of our knowledge and belief which are necessary for the purposes of the audit.

In our opinion, proper books of account have been maintained at the registered office of the above named fund or trust or institution or university or other educational institution or hospital or other medical institution at the address mentioned at serial number 14 of the Annexure:

In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to explanations given to us, the particulars given in the Annexure are true and correct subject to following observations or qualifications-

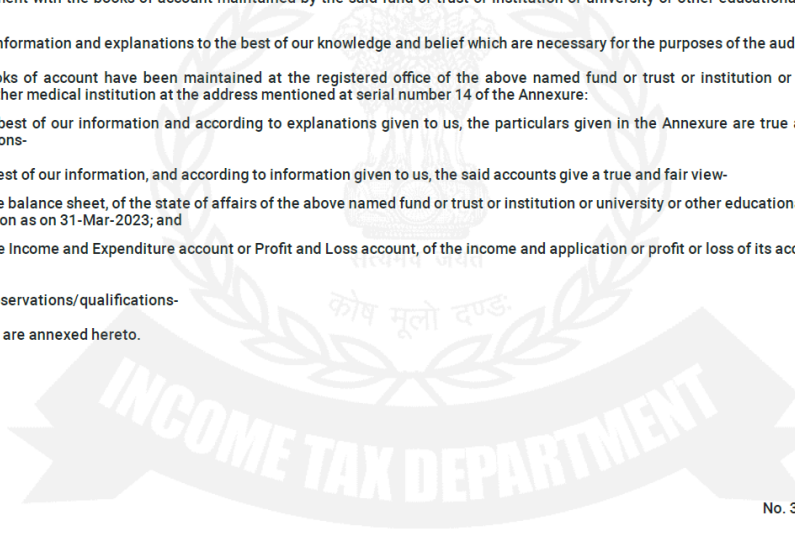
In our opinion and to the best of our information, and according to information given to us, the said accounts give a true and fair view-

- (i) in the case of the balance sheet, of the state of affairs of the above named fund or trust or institution or university or other educational institution or hospital or other medical institution as on 31-Mar-2023; and
- (ii) in the case of the Income and Expenditure account or Profit and Loss account, of the income and application or profit or loss of its accounting year ending on 31-Mar-2023.

Subject to the following observations/qualifications-

The prescribed particulars are annexed hereto.

Whitefield, Bengaluru
29-Mar-2024



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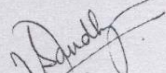
SAMIKSHA FOUNDATION - CARING FOR CHILDREN WITH CANCER TRUST

915, 80 Ft Road, 6th Block, Koramangala, Bengaluru - 560 095

Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2023

PARTICULARS	As at 31.03.2023		As at 31.03.2022	
	SOURCE OF FUNDS			
<u>A Corpus Fund</u>				
Opening Balance	83,83,267		53,00,416	
Add: Contribution towards specific grant	32,12,609		45,46,942	
Less: Scholarship Paid	-7,28,253		-10,35,001	
Less: Excess of Expenditure over Income	-11,62,728	97,04,895	-4,29,090	83,83,267
<u>B Current Liabilities</u>				
Creditors for Expenses	21,000		21,000	
Other Payables	15,14,007	15,35,007	-	21,000
		1,12,39,902		84,04,267
APPLICATION OF FUNDS				
<u>A Fixed Assets - Schedule A</u>		5,61,947		4,56,999
<u>B Current Assets</u>				
Cash in Hand	13,242		13,322	
<u>Cash at Bank</u>				
Axis Bank	45,89,339		38,76,272	
Indian Bank - FCRA Account	10,192		3,960	
State Bank of India - FCRA Account	5,013		2,639	
Fixed Deposit - Bajaj Finance Ltd	60,00,000		40,00,000	
Rent Security Deposit	28,500		28,500	
Loans & Advances	9,370		276	
Other Current Assets	22,299	1,06,77,955	22,299	79,47,268
		1,12,39,902		84,04,267

For and on behalf of Board of Trustees

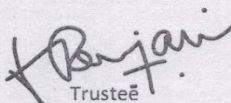


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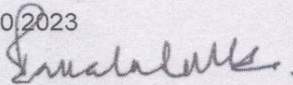
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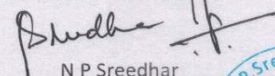
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Trustee



As per our report of even date

For N.P.Sreedhar & Co.,
Chartered Accountants


N P Sreedhar

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SAMIKSHA FOUNDATION - CARING FOR CHILDREN WITH CANCER TRUST

915, 80 Ft Road, 6th Block, Koramangala, Bengaluru - 560 095

Income & Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st March 2023

PARTICULARS	As at 31.03.2023		As at 31.03.2022	
	INCOME			
A Voluntary Contribution Received				
- General	4,59,479		5,70,813	
- FCRA	45,09,816	49,69,295	19,21,180	24,91,993
B Interest Received from Bank		3,36,453		2,85,995
C Other Income		-		2,424
		53,05,748		27,80,412
EXPENDITURE				
A Employee Costs	1,52,085		3,68,183	
B Administrative Expenses	4,52,695		4,03,684	
C Awareness Programme Expenses	95,278		12,000	
D Event Expenses	1,22,538		16,269	
E Creative Play & Activity Expenses	1,42,729		29,900	
F Education Programme Expenses	26,68,638		13,76,614	
G Honararium Expenses	8,98,000		5,66,500	
H COVID 19 Expenses	35,961		2,40,111	
I Depreciation	1,83,675		1,96,241	
J Medical Expenses	3,635		-	
K Printing & Stationary	14,06,886			
L Promotion and Fund raising Expenses	3,06,356	64,68,476	-	32,09,502
Excess of Expenditure over Income		-11,62,728		-4,29,090

For and on behalf of Board of Trustees

Founder / Trustee

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Place : Bengaluru

Date : 31/10/2023

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For N.P.Sreedhar & Co.,
Chartered Accountants

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