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TRANSFORMING THE LIVES OF CHILDREN WITH CANCER AND OTHER LIFE LIMITING ILLNESS SINCE 2008

17th Annual Report

June 2025-May 2026

Our Motto:
“The pursuit of knowledge is key to their pursuit of happiness.”

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Letters from Leadership

Founder and Trustee
Providing Opportunities, Restoring Hope



Over 17 years, we have built hospital-based learning centres where children can continue their studies even during treatment. We provide libraries, tablets, tutoring, and exam preparation so they can keep pace with their schooling and education journey. Our creative activities and holistic support like yoga and Art with visualization help nurture their minds and spirits.

And through financial scholarships, we open doors to higher education, giving survivors the chance to dream big and achieve their goals.

Today, that mission has grown into a world-class model with national and international compliance. Our FCRA registration is valid until 2028 and the 12AB and 80 G were renewed this year. From our humble beginnings with our very first teacher, Vidyavathi, at Kidwai, to our core pillars like Parvati and Ambika, leading our storytelling team. Today we stand at 9 teachers, a dedicated Accounts team and 2 senior Managers. All have proven to be a collection of rare, warm-hearted gems,

We have expanded our reach across Healthcare institutions, operating hybrid learning models in leading Pediatric Oncology hospitals in Karnataka. We have even successfully embarked on a challenging new journey into pediatric nephrology to support children facing chronic kidney disease, and hemodialysis with the learnings earned at oncology.

Through our three paths of delivery-hospital learning centers with libraries, online home tutoring, and dedicated tutoring for board exam preparation—we ensure that a medical crisis does not steal a child's academic future.

Today, our alumni are thriving in colleges, multinational companies, and professional fields. Each success story is a reminder that education is not just about books — it is about dignity, confidence, and hope.

They are not walking around looking for pity; they are living their lives with unyielding pride, dignity, and excellence. Neither do we look at their cancer as a Battle to be fought. This is something I have learnt from the children and their families themselves. Especially the Alumni cohort who constantly inspire me. Many of them are still in touch with their life stories and this is heartening for me indeed.

A gift of joy!

Letters from Leadership -Providing Opportunities, Restoring Hope contd ...

At the 10th year scholarship event, I revealed the story behind our scholarships program. Beginning with a young boy who had survived cancer but struggled to return to school having missed two years of school and failing in math in 8th grade. When local schools wouldn't accept him, his sister reached out to me, and we secured his admission in a school after some effort in the public school system here. Our dedicated volunteer scientist Anita stepped in to tutor him every single evening to complete his exams successfully . This intervention inspired us to create the very first Samiksha Foundation Scholarship. That single act became the seed of a mission that has since grown into a movement touching over 600 lives.

Today, we see those same miracles replicated in survivors like Vaibhav, who came to us in 2019 for his 10th-grade support, received devices to advance his studies, and is now confidently completing his third year of a B.Tech program, Renuka Prasad, now completing his final year of a B.Com degree and expressing his gratitude and prayers as an active writer and musician. This song is now like a theme song for Samiksha!

Their journeys remind us that resilience, when paired with opportunity, restores Hope. These names are not just stories — they are living proof of what education and support can do to empower children with long illnesses - leaving no child behind.

Our survivors teach us what it means to rebuild life from strength to strength. As our medical student in Uzbekistan, Bhakti Neti, beautifully wrote to me: *"I now strive to experience my life fully, whether it brings failure or success, I will live it wholeheartedly... Cancer didn't take my life away. It reshaped it."*

None of this would have been possible without the strong partnerships we have built with hospitals such as Kidwai, Indira Gandhi Institute of Child Health, Sri Shankara Cancer Hospital, and Mazumdar Shaw Cancer Centre and St. John's Hospital. I am deeply grateful to doctors like Dr. Appaji, Dr. Padma, Dr. Srinath, Dr. Anand KC, Dr. Vandana, Dr.Anand Prakash, Dr. Sunil Bhat, Epidiomologist Dr. Ramesh C, Dr.Avinash, Dr.Pooja Chebbi, and to trustees and supporters who have stood by me and believed in this mission.

My deep gratitude — to our team, our Teachers, our volunteers, our donors, and above all, to the children. Together, we are building a future filled with learning, joy, and hope. Every brick we lay, every child we support, is part of a larger structure — one built on faith, compassion, and the belief that Education Empowers and Happiness Heals!

Reflecting upon this journey of 17 years, I am reminded of the importance of leaving space for miracles and "magic moments." These moments of serendipity are what make our work truly meaningful.

To our children—always remember that you are never alone on this journey. Keep your hearts open and always leave room in your lives for Miracles and Serendipity. Find your magic moments, for magic always arrives unannounced.

With deep affection, respect, and gratitude.

Ar. Sandhya Sharad
Founder & Trustee, Samiksha Foundation

Letters from Leadership

Responsibility of Careful Stewardship



Reflecting on the past year, I am filled with immense gratitude and a profound sense of purpose. The unwavering dedication of the Samiksha Foundation team remains the driving force behind our mission. Together, we ensure that our learning centers serve as a beacon of hope for children and families navigating the heavy realities of pediatric cancer and nephrology related challenges.

I have witnessed firsthand the profound impact of our educational and creative initiatives. There is an irreplaceable warmth in seeing a child, weakened by aggressive medical treatment, find pure joy, expression, and comfort in a simple story or an art activity. These moments do more than entertain. They provide vital psychological support and a sense of normalcy when these children need it most.

The proven success of our program is driving exciting new opportunities. Recognizing the tangible difference we make in patient well-being, several new hospitals have expressed a strong interest in partnering with us - Belagavi and Pune are the cities in the line-up.

With significant growth comes the responsibility of careful stewardship. As we look ahead, our strategic focus centers on three key priorities: building predictable, long-term financial support to meet the rising demand for our services; expanding our reach into new wards and hospitals while strictly preserving the high-quality, personalized care that defines Samiksha Foundation, attracting, training, and supporting a skilled, deeply compassionate team equipped to handle increasingly complex care environments.

Above all, we remain unyielding in our commitment to maintaining the high standards that our children and families count on.

I step into the coming year with a deep sense of responsibility and immense hope. Through the continued collaboration of our donors, hospital partners, and volunteers, I am confident that the Samiksha Foundation will grow stronger, touching more lives and offering comfort where it is needed.

Regards,
Ranjani Ramesh
Managing Trustee

Letters from Leadership

Testimonials are the Greatest Proof



It is with immense gratitude and pride that I congratulate the entire Samiksha team on completing 17 beautiful years of our mission - Caring for Children with cancer, and including children with other life limiting conditions. Seventeen years of unwavering commitment, compassion, and courage.

The testimonials of our children are our greatest proof that we are headed in the right direction. More than that, their voices give us the insight and strength to keep evolving and improving how we serve them.

We are proud to share a significant milestone this time - the extension of our services to the Paediatric Nephrology department at St John's Medical College and Hospital, in addition to Paediatric Oncology. This step forward allows us to reach more children in need of comprehensive support.

My sincere appreciation to our team of dedicated teachers and office staff.
You have aligned yourselves to our vision with grace and resilience, your dedication drives the systematic growth and holistic approach that defines Samiksha. You support not only the children passing through one of the most challenging phases of their lives, but also their caregivers who walk this path with them.

As we step into the 18th year, let us continue to build a space where healing, learning, and love go hand in hand.

Here's to continuing this journey with the same spirit of care and commitment.

Regards,
Vid. Barnalee Sarkar
Trustee

Empowering Young Minds, One Lesson at a Time



Guided by our core philosophy, "Knowledge empowers, Happiness heals," this year beautifully demonstrated how academic continuity acts as a vital anchor of hope, normalcy, and joy for children navigating the complex storm of cancer treatment and nephrology-related disorders.

Managing education within a hospital setting requires a delicate balance of deep empathy and rigorous adaptability. Our dedicated teachers and volunteers meticulously tailor daily lesson plans around intensive clinical schedules, fluctuating energy levels, and diverse linguistic backgrounds.

Through a hybrid model of compassionate, one-on-one bedside tutoring and remote digital learning, we ensure that while a child's body is healing, their mind continues to grow, dream, and thrive.

Every milestone in our Learning Centre reports represents a child who refused to let illness define their future, a parent who found solace in seeing their child smile over a book, and a teacher who brought light into a hospital room.

Supported by our dedicated volunteers, medical partners, and generous donors, we remain fiercely committed to breaking the isolation of chronic illness with the transformative joy of learning.

With Warm Regards,
Valli Narasimha,
Chief Education Officer



4th Annual Day Celebration of SFLC - LCHC & SSCHRC

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
Reporting Period June 2025- May 2026

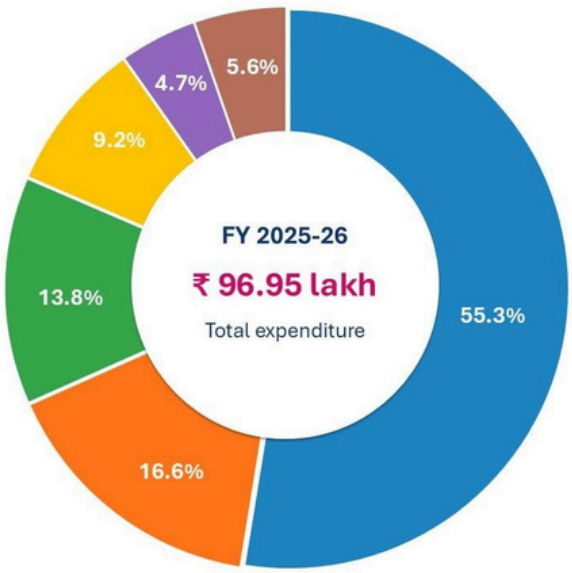
1. Overview and Core Mission

Vision - "Knowledge Empowers and Happiness Heals."

Established in 2008, Samiksha Foundation is India's premier non-clinical learning initiative. Its continues its pioneering work providing non-medical support and non-formal education to children aged 4 to 16 undergoing treatment for pediatric cancer, chronic kidney disease, dialysis and thalassemia. By establishing and operating dedicated "hospital schools," the Foundation ensures children undergoing intensive medical treatments maintain academic continuity building psychological resilience, and supporting emotional well-being so children re-enter mainstream schooling without losing academic continuity and lead lives with confidence and dignity.

2. Financial Highlights (FY 2025–2026)

- Total Voluntary Contributions Received: ₹1.19 Crore
- Total Expenditure: ₹96.95 Lakh.
- Program Allocation Efficiency: ~83% of total expenditures went directly toward child-centric programs, scholarship disbursements, and educational engagement activities.
- Administrative Overhead: Maintained strictly under 10% of total collections.



Education & Child Development
₹ 53,60,755 (55.3%)
Learning centres, tutoring, educational resources, creative programs

Scholarships
₹ 16,11,404 (16.6%)
Scholarships

Events, Outreach & Engagement
₹ 13,34,257 (13.8%)
Awareness programmes, volunteer engagement, fundraising events and employee welfare

Administration
₹ 8,90,136 (9.2%)
Administrative and operational expenses

Medical Support
₹ 4,54,800 (4.7%)
Direct support for children's medical needs

Depreciation & Asset Use
₹ 5,38,162 (5.6%)
Use of learning centre assets and equipment

(Prepared from the audited & signed FY 2025–26 financial statements)

3. Key achievements and milestones

- **Cumulative Footprint**: 20,442 cumulative attendances across all hospital centers in Bengaluru between June 2009 and May 2026.
- **Pediatric Nephrology Expansion**: Successfully launched a new learning center in August 2025 at St. John's Medical College Hospital for children with Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) and undergoing hemodialysis.
- **New Infrastructure**: Added a dedicated operational space for Teachers Training and Volunteer onboarding at our COE, Koramangala
- **Volunteer Surge**: Volunteer and intern participation grew by 86%, expanding from 65 to 121 active members across corporate, university, and individual networks.
- **Digital Pedagogy**: Distributed 20 dedicated tablets and introduced integrated interactive smart boards, touch-screen smart TVs, and learning apps (U-Sky, Meghashala) across wards, deployed tablet-based learning tools for advanced secondary students .
- **Expanded localized outreach** : In the Nephrology Ward at IGICH , introduced 2 classroom shift for thallasemia, oncology and nephrology students.
- **Technology implementation** : Remote yoga and storytelling model using smart TVs in wards to address larger student numbers at IGICH Angana.
- **Orientation workshops** : For families on importance of Samiksha Foundation's Education Programs for outreach and participation.
- **16th Year Foundation milestone event** : On 28th June 2025 with a team lunch hosting over 36 team members, doctors, patrons and families of the Trustees.
- **Annual Day celebrations :** Across all our Learning centers in February and May 2026.
- **Samiksha Foundation Scholarship Program (SFSP) :** Disbursed ₹15.50 Lakhs to 85 scholars on December 21, 2025 series 10.
- **Historical Reach:** Awarded over 610 scholarships totaling more than INR 85 Lakhs to date.
- **Alumni Outcomes**: Currently over 35 working professionals (including 11 at MNCs and 2 paramedical technicians) and university students in B.Tech, B.Com, and MBBS degrees.
- **Academic Results (2025)**: 100% pass rates in SSLC and 2nd PUC exams among supported candidates, with top performers scoring up to 90% in SSLC and 87% in 2nd PUC.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY Contd ....

4. Learning Center Performance Summary

Centre	Cummulative attendance (Jun 25–May '26)	Cummulative attendance YTD
Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology (KMIO)		7567
Mazumdar Shaw Cancer Centre (MSCC)		1529
Indira Gandhi Institute of Child Health (IGICH)	2242	6703 (since April 2022)
Sri Shankara Cancer Hospital & Research Centre (SSCHRC)	473	1,764 (since May 2022)
Lakshmi Children's Health Centre (LCHC)	148	518 (since May 2022)
St. John's Medical College Hospital (SJMCH) Pediatric Oncology)	570	1301 (since Jan 2024)
St. John's Medical College Hospital (SJMCH) (Pediatric Nephrology)	1060	1060 (since Aug 2025)
Across all centres		**20442**

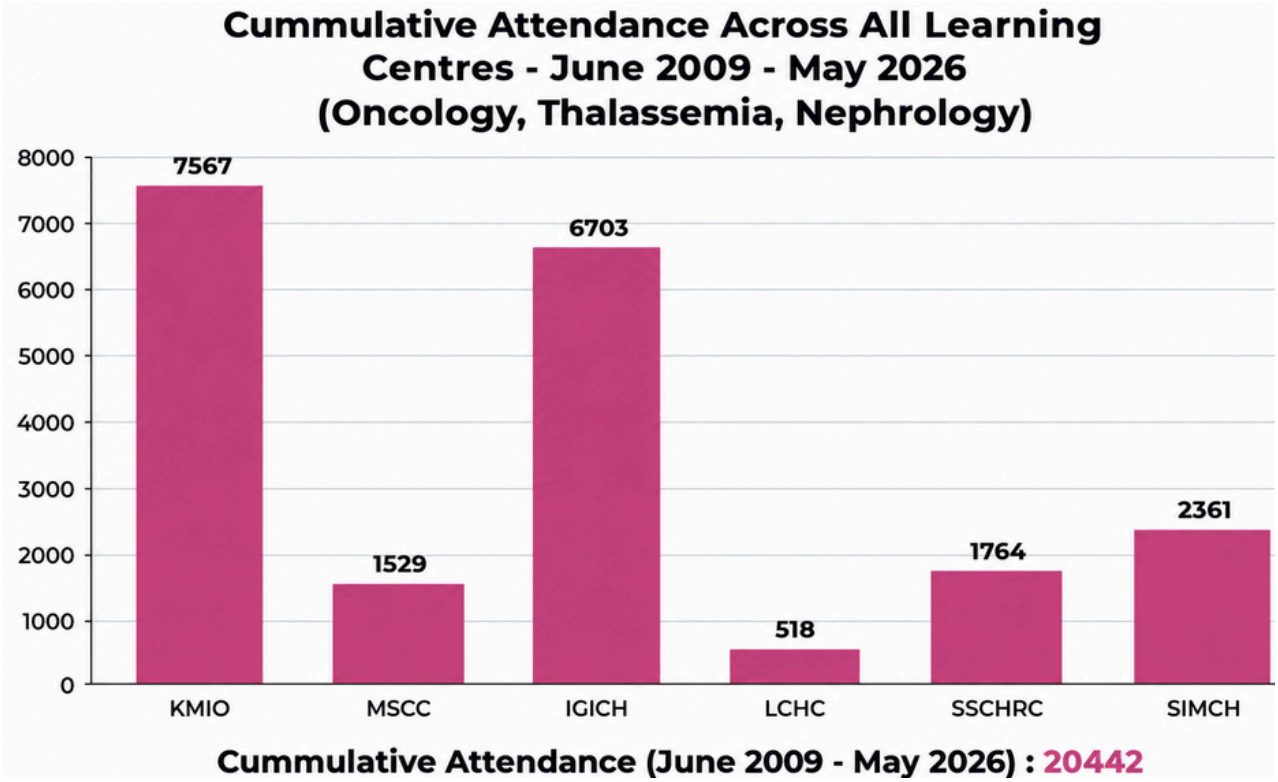
5. Strategic Outlook & Partnership Asks

- Expansion Plans: Preparing replication frameworks for new hospital schools .
- Partnership Needs: Seeking CSR funding, corporate matching grants, device donations (tablets/laptops), EdTech LMS solutions.
- Volunteers for academic mentoring and tech support.

"VOICES FROM THE FIELD

I deliberately chose to pursue my field placement with Samiksha Foundation due to their highly specialized focus on children diagnosed with oncological conditions and chronic illnesses. The organization's foundational motto, 'Knowledge Empowers and Happiness Heals,' deeply aligned with my personal values. This placement allowed me to translate academic social work theories into practical, trauma-informed interventions within pediatric wards. Working directly beside these children provided me with unforgettable lessons regarding the practical aspect of social work, psychological resilience, internal hope, and the strength of the human spirit." ***Saniya Digesh — St. Joseph's University, Bengaluru***

GROWTH IMPACT ACROSS SFLCS



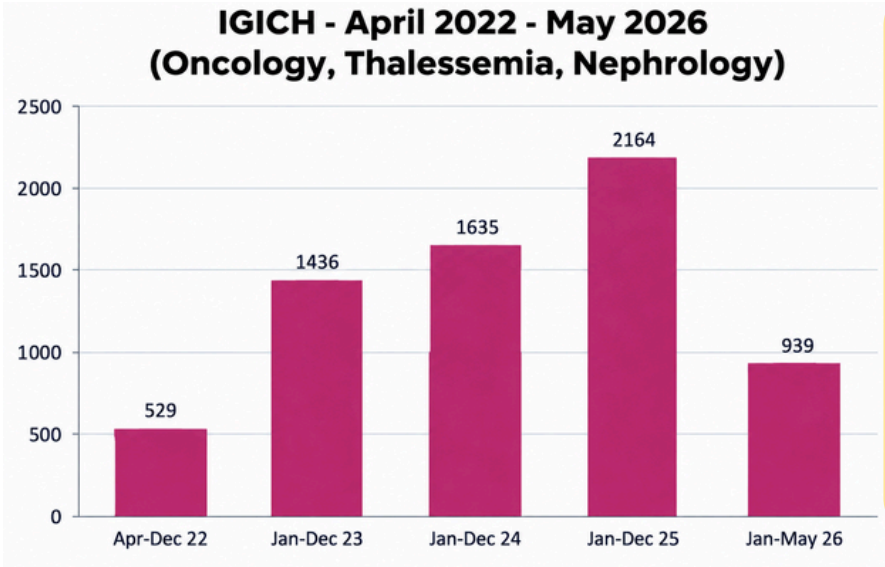
- Since June 2009 to May 2026, student attendance is **20,442 across all our Learning Centres in Bangalore.** This includes both patients and their siblings, encompassing pediatric oncology, thalassemia and nephrology.
- **1200 new children** join the Samiksha Foundation Learning Centres each year across hospitals.
- Spanning 207 months , the SFLC centres had an overall **average monthly attendance of over 100 children**

By integrating education with storytelling, creative arts, literacy, environmental awareness, psychosocial support and family participation, Samiksha Foundation continued to ensure that every child had the opportunity to learn, imagine, express themselves and thrive despite the challenges of illness thus transforming the hospital environment into a vibrant space for learning, creativity and healing.



IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND CENTRE REPORT

1- Indira Gandhi Institute of Child Health (IGICH)



- Centre opened in April 2022
- For the reporting period June 2025- May 2026 , student attendance was 2242.
- Since April 2022, attendance is 6703 children across pediatric oncology, thalassemia and nephrology wards.
- Student numbers reflect a clear upward trend growing by 13.8% in 2023 to 2024 to 32.35 % in 2024- 2025
- Average monthly student number increased from 58 in 2022 to 187 in 2026

Cumulative Attendance for reporting period (June 2025- May 2026) : 2242

The Samiksha Foundation Learning Centre continued to provide a vibrant and nurturing environment. Throughout the year, the Centre successfully integrated education, creative arts, storytelling, yoga, life skills, and psychosocial support to children with Oncology, Thalassemia and Nephrology conditions.

To keep children linked to the wider world, the curriculum turned major national and international observance days into interactive learning blocks celebrating World Environment Day, National Doctor's Day, World Population Day, International Tiger Day, the Quit India Movement, Independence Day, National Sports Day, Teachers' Day, World Rivers Day, World Animal Welfare Day, World Food Day, Karnataka Rajayotsava, Children's Day, Constitution Day, and National Mathematics Day. Teachers utilized diagnostic quizzes, educational videos, physical demonstrations, and custom worksheets to instill core concepts of ecological balance, health, nutrition, patriotism, and constitutional values. The Smart TV at the ANGANA was well utilized for remote teaching, Yoga classes, Meditation and structure ART classes.

Recognizing the intense physical toll of chemotherapy, the center operated weekly yoga modules integrating basic physical asanas, breathing techniques (Pranayama), structured Yoga Nidra, and deep relaxation drills. Teachers used bilingual guided imagery tracks, to help children relax, increase focus, and provide emotional grounding.

Storytelling was leveraged as a tool for cognitive development. Selected moral narratives and regional folk tales were used to discuss core values like kindness, honesty, and mental resilience. Each activity was linked to fine-motor craft activity including puppet-making, origami. Creative expression was cultivated through structured introductions to traditional and modern art, Warli Art, Madhubani Painting, Vincent van Gogh-inspired post-impressionism, custom handprint art, and ceremonial diya making, building self-expression and motor control.

To build a stable care ecosystem, parents and guardians were fully integrated into weekly yoga circles, storytelling sessions, and group celebrations, lowering parental anxiety and strengthening family solidarity inside the clinical space.

The support from the Department of Oncology, Nephrology were invaluable here.

Narrative Reflections by Samiksha Educators

K.B. Parvathi, Teacher and Centre Coordinator, IGICH



My name is K. B. Parvathi. I have been working as a school teacher at Samiksha Foundation Learning Centre since 2009. During these years, I have also been given greater responsibilities as a Coordinator in our school.
In 2023–2024, more number of children attended our school. During this period, our teachers actively engaged students in various educational and school-related activities.

Our school distributed tablets to students from 8th -10th grade to support their education. For students who were lagging behind in their studies, the Samiksha team arranged online learning sessions conducted by skilled and experienced teachers. This initiative greatly benefited the students. As a result, many of the 10th-grade students attending our school achieved good results and successfully passed their examinations. This has been a significant achievement for Samiksha School.

This year, the second PUC students also scored good marks and passed successfully. Furthermore, the Samiksha School Scholarship Program completed its tenth year. Scholarships were distributed to students in a grand celebration, bringing great happiness to both the students and their parents.

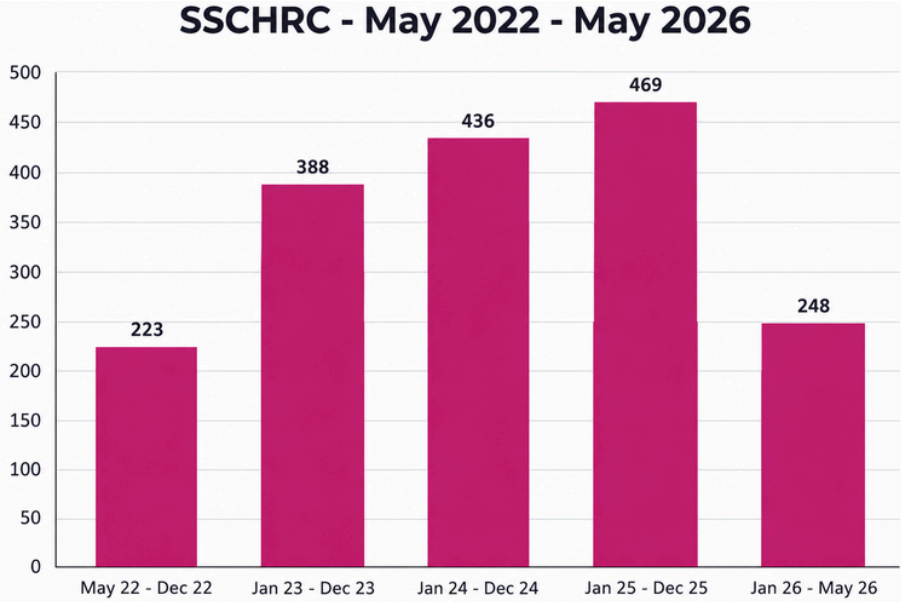
Another important development in 2026 was the construction of a new building at Indira Gandhi Hospital. Dr. Pooja Madam kindly provided us with space in this new building to expand our Samiksha School. This was wonderful news for us. They expressed their appreciation for the work being done through our school and shared their happiness with the founders of our organization.

Another significant milestone is that Samiksha School at the IGICH Centre has now completed four successful years. The fourth-anniversary celebration was conducted in a grand and joyful manner. Members of the Samiksha team and the hospital staff worked together to organize the event smoothly and successfully. The celebration brought us immense happiness and pride.

We sincerely hope that Samiksha School continues to grow and reach even greater heights in the years to come.

IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND CENTRE REPORT

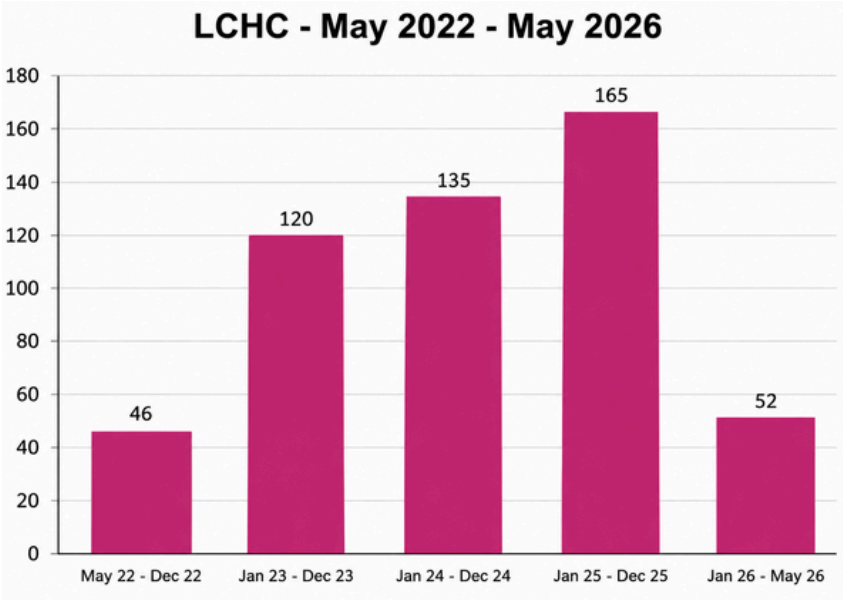
3-Sri Shankara Cancer Hospital & Research Centre (SSCHRC)



Cumulative Attendance for reporting period (June 2025-May 2026) : 473

- Centre opened in May 2022
- For the reporting period June 2025- May 2026 , student attendance was 473 .
- Since May 2022 the centre has recorded a cummulative attendance of 1764
- Monthly average student attendance increased from 28 in 2022 to 50 in 2026 to 49 % increase .

2-Lakshmi Children's Health Centre (LCHC)



Cumulative Attendance for reporting period(June 2025-May 2026) : 148

- Centre opened in May 2022
- For the reporting period June 2025- May 2026 , student attendance was 148.
- Since May 2022 the centre has recorded a cummulative attendance of 518
- Monthly average student attendance increased from 6 in 2022 to 10 in 2026 an 83 % increase.

IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND CENTRE REPORT

LCHC and SSCHRC

The programme combined structured learning, storytelling, yoga, art, and life-skills activities, supporting children cognitive, emotional, physical, and social well-being.

Special observance days connected classroom learning with real-world themes. commemorating World Environment Day, Doctors Day, International Tiger Day, Teachers Day, World Rivers Day, World Mental Health Day, World Food Day, World Animal Welfare Day, National Sports Day, Children Day, Constitution Day, and national celebrations including Independence Day, Quit India Movement, Kargil Vijay Diwas, and Diwali.

Through discussions, quizzes, worksheets, storytelling, crafts, and artwork, children developed awareness of environmental sustainability, healthcare, wildlife conservation, nutrition, mental well-being, patriotism, constitutional values, and compassion.

Storytelling remained an important tool. Stories alongside festival-based narratives, strengthened listening, language development, creativity, and moral reasoning. Children created stories, narrated experiences, participated in discussions, and expressed understanding through art and crafts, building confidence and communication skills. Children explored Mandala Art, Gond Art, Scribble Art, handprint art, marine life crafts, Independence Day crafts, animal-themed activities, garden photo frames, and festival-based projects. These activities nurtured imagination, concentration, cultural appreciation, and self-expression while providing a joyful therapeutic outlet during treatment.

Yoga and mindfulness sessions were adapted for children undergoing treatment, including those with IV lines or mobility limitations incorporating gentle movement, breathing exercises, relaxation techniques, guided visualisation, Yoga Nidra, music, and mindful movement. Parents and caregivers frequently participated, creating a supportive healing environment. These sessions promoted relaxation, emotional regulation, body awareness, and resilience while complementing medical care.

Interactive games and recreational activities celebrated Samiksha Foundation 16th Anniversary and Children's Day, bringing children, caregivers, and staff together in an atmosphere of joy and inclusion. Memory games, quizzes, sports-based activities, team challenges, and educational material distribution enhanced engagement, confidence, cooperation, and positive social interaction.

Teachers consistently observed high levels of participation, curiosity, and enthusiasm. Drawing, storytelling, crafts, and yoga enabled children to communicate their thoughts, emotions, and experiences meaningfully.

The Learning Centre demonstrates that learning remains a powerful source of hope, happiness, and normalcy during prolonged medical treatment.

The engagment and participation of the Doctors and Medical assistants and nursing staff at SSCHRC is notable for their contribution to the children's acheivements here.

The support from Mr.Arun at LCHC was also notable for the success at LCHC.

Narratives Reflections by Samiksha Educators

Vidyavathi B , Teacher and Centre Coordinator, SSCHRC



Greetings to everyone!

I am Vidyavathi B.S. I have been serving as a teacher and librarian for the past 17 years. For the last four years, I have been working as the Centre Coordinator at the Hospital School in Sri Shankara Cancer Hospital. This opportunity has given me immense happiness and satisfaction. The children and their parents are very happy to see our hospital school. There has been a remarkable transformation in the way we teach compared to when we first began. To teach effectively, we ourselves need to prepare well in advance. This process has also helped us learn new methods and improve our own teaching skills

We teach the children using the U-Sky App,educational videos, alphabet videos on tablets for younger children, Meghashala App, a touch-screen smart TV, and many other interactive learning activities. Regular copywriting practice has significantly improved the children's handwriting. After seeing these learning methods, many parents tell us, "If *you* invite our child to your school, he or she will definitely come." We then personally meet the children and explain that there is a school where they can read, write, and continue learning. Initially, they observe us for a day or two, but soon they begin to enjoy the school environment and participate enthusiastically.

A good example is Dhruva Gowda, a Grade 10 student. Since most of the children in our hospital school are much younger, he initially hesitated to attend, saying, "I am older than everyone else. How can I come to this school?" His mother requested us to encourage him. After we explained the purpose and activities of the hospital school, he happily joined. Today he participates regularly in the lessons and has improved his reading and writing skills. In fact, he now comes to the school on his own whenever he sees us, even without being invited.

Another inspiring example is Preetam Mondal, a boy from West Bengal. He does not understand Kannada or our local language, yet he gladly joins our school whenever we invite him. He actively participates in yoga sessions and listens with interest when we explain stories in Hindi. He was especially delighted to receive a school bag from us. He practices regularly using the mathematics, drawing, copywriting, alphabet, and other learning books we provided. Every time he returns, he proudly shows us his completed work. Once, he wanted an "All-in-One" book and tried to ask for it in his own language. Since we could not understand him, we spoke to his father and realized which book he wanted. Today, he is reading and writing well and has become much more confident and happy.

Through storybooks, we encourage children to create their own stories, which helps develop their imagination and creativity. Lesson plan activities and drawing sessions have enhanced their knowledge, creativity, and self-confidence.
In addition, when we inform students and parents that scholarships are available from Grade 8 onwards, they are extremely happy and encouraged.

I truly believe that the progress of our children and the growth of our hospital school have been possible because of the dedicated efforts and support of every member of Samiksha Foundation.

Narrative Reflections by Samiksha Educators

Consistency and self learning

Deepu V , Teacher



Greetings to everyone. My name is Deepu V.

I have been working as an assistant teacher at Samiksha Foundation for the past four years. During this period, I have gained a wonderful experience working with children. Especially, teaching children who are undergoing treatment in hospitals has increased my sense of service and patience.

Currently, I visit Indira Gandhi Children's Hospital two days a week, Sri Shankara Cancer Hospital one day a week, and the Nephrology Department of St. John's Hospital one day a week to teach children. I teach Kannada, English, Mathematics, drawing, and coloring activities to children suffering from kidney problems and other health issues.

Through this one year of experience, I observed that the children slowly developed interest in studies and started participating in letter recognition, reading, and creative activities. Seeing happiness on the children's faces gives me great satisfaction.

I also like to express my heartfelt gratitude for giving me the opportunity to deliver the Vote of Thanks during the 4th Anniversary celebration of Sri Shankara Cancer Hospital.

Samiksha Foundation is providing excellent service by supplying all the necessary educational materials to children. It is a matter of pride for me to work with this organization.



4th Annual Day Celebration of SFLC - IGICH

Narrative Reflections by Samiksha Educators

Joy through Stories

Ambika Chandrashekar - Teacher and Senior Storyteller



I have been working with Samiksha Foundation for about 17 years. I truly enjoy the work I do. I visit Shankar Hospital, Indira Gandhi Institute of Child Health, St. John's Hospital to conduct storytelling sessions and activities for children stories to children in the hospital and conduct various activities with them. Even though the children are going through pain and treatment, they listen to the stories with great interest.

Seeing the smiles on their faces after a story brings immense happiness. I always pray that they recover soon and return home healthy. This year, I also started visiting the Nephrology Ward.

Initially, I found it emotionally difficult to see the children's condition there. However, over time, I have been inspired by their enthusiasm. Despite their illness, they eagerly listen to stories and happily participate in the activities. Parents often join us during the storytelling sessions. They tell us, "When you come, you make our children happy and help them forget their pain, even if only for a little while." Hearing these words makes me feel that our work is truly meaningful.

Samiksha Foundation has always been very supportive of us. Whenever we face challenges, the organization listens to us and ensures that we have everything we need. I especially appreciate the spirit of teamwork and the sense of being one family. This year, Samiksha Foundation awarded scholarships to around 83 children. It is a matter of great joy to see more children receiving support every year. My heartfelt wish is that Samiksha Foundation continues to grow and helps brighten the future of many more children.





Artworks by our students

Narrative Reflections by Samiksha Educators

Ambika Chandrashekar - Teacher Senior Storyteller contd...

ANECDOTE - BHUVIT'S TRANSFORMATION

Bhuvit was an eager young student at Shankara Hospital who possessed an absolute love for reading and writing. Due to severe medical developments, he was confined to long-term hospital admission and was unable to attend regular classes for several days. Seeing his mother deeply worried and saddened by his medical stagnation was an emotionally heavy experience for our team. However, about a month later, Bhuvit successfully triumphed over his setback and returned to the hospital schoolroom.

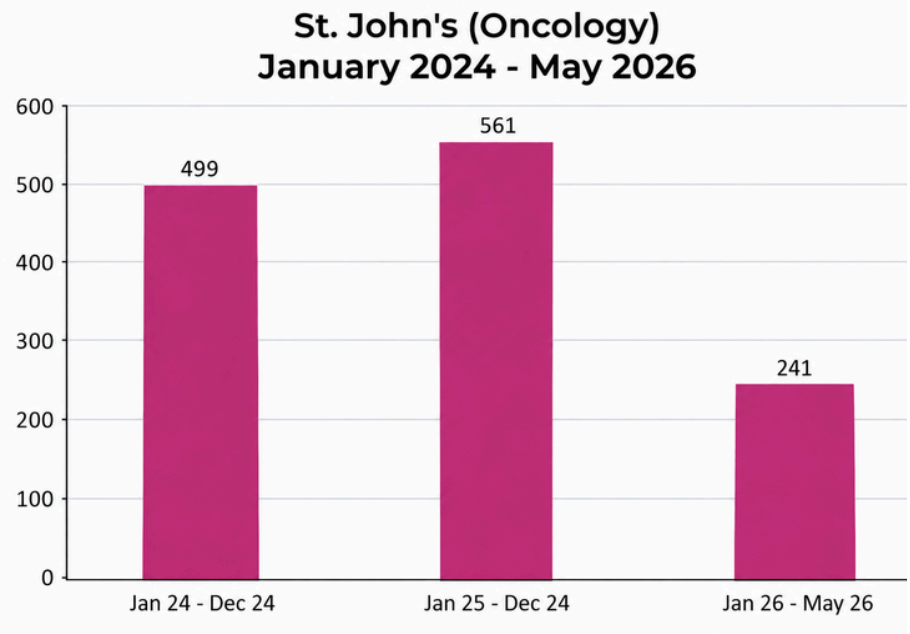
Today, he speaks confidently, interacts happily with everyone, and is making immense progress. Witnessing his recovery and positive personal transformation stands as one of the most rewarding testaments to our work. *(Contributed by Ambika Chandrashekhar)*



Artwork by our children - Pichwai Art Patterns

IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND CENTRE REPORT

4- St. John's Medical College Hospital Learning Centre (Pediatric Oncology)



- Centre opened in January 2024
- Attendance (January 2024 - May 2026) was 1301
- Student attendance numbers increased from 42 (12 month average in 2024) to 48 in 2026 (5 month average)

Cumulative Attendance for reporting period (June 2025-May 2026) : 570

Throughout the year, children participated in World Health Day, International Yoga Day, Doctor ,Day, World Population Day, International Tiger Day, National Sports Day, World Rivers Day, World Food Day, World Animal Welfare Day, World Radio Day, National Science Day, National Mathematics Day, World Water Day, Constitution Day, Women's Day and national events such as Independence Day, Quit India Movement, Kargil Vijay Diwas, Kannada Rajyotsava, alongside Makara Sankranti, Dasara, Deepavali, and Christmas. Discussions, quizzes, worksheets, projects, and art activities developed awareness of health, science, environmental conservation, wildlife protection, constitutional values, patriotism, cultural heritage, and responsible citizenship.

Storytelling remained an effective therapeutic and educational tool. Stories encouraged reflection on kindness, friendship, gratitude, humility, self- awareness, resilience, smart thinking, Origami remains an integral part of our Storytelling Craft outcomes.

In Art, children explored Pichwai Art, Vincent van Gogh-inspired painting, positive and negative colouring, underwater scenes, geometric art, finger birds, fun with triangles and many more. Remote Art classes were commenced to encourage ward children to participate. A special International Yoga Day session was conducted.

Reading and language development received attention through library sessions using books donated by Pratham Books. Children practised reading aloud, summarised stories, and developed verbal communication, comprehension. Celebrations such Childrens Day, and Christmas offered opportunities for recreation, social interaction, and family participation.

To support children unable to attend classroom sessions, the Learning Centre took activities directly into hospital wards, ensuring continuity of learning, inclusion, and emotional support. Teachers observed enthusiastic participation, increasing confidence, creativity, and meaningful engagement among children and caregivers.

The Centre reflects Samiksha Foundation's commitment to extending healing beyond medical treatment through learning, hope, and happiness , a learning space where children could explore, create, learn, and dream despite illness.

Narrative Reflections by Samiksha Educators

Building True Connections

Chandrakala S.R - Senior Teacher



My name is Chandrakala S. R. Being a part of Samiksha Foundation has been one of the happiest experiences of my life. I feel grateful for having received the opportunity to serve through this organization. The first center I visited was Narayana Hrudayalaya Hospital. When I went there for the first time, I did not know what to expect. However, the immense love I received from the children and the moments spent with them gave me a completely new and enriching experience.

Later, Samiksha Foundation school was started at Indira Gandhi Hospital, where I used to go regularly. Many children attended the school there with a strong desire to learn in a joyful environment. We taught them subjects such as reading, drawing, and mathematics. Some children did not even know how to write their names initially, and when they were finally able to write on their own, it gave us immense happiness.

Later, Samiksha School was inaugurated at St. John's Hospital, where I had the opportunity to serve. Initially, the children at this center were not interested in coming to school, and we had to go to the wards to teach them. This became a challenge for me. The parents were also hesitant to send their children to school. However, after a few days, we were able to convince them and bring the children to school. Gradually, the children started waiting eagerly for us to arrive. Teaching at this center is not just about lessons and learning materials; it is about building relationships, creating genuine connections with children, and understanding their emotions. I completed one year of service last December, and the first anniversary was celebrated grandly . The hospital staff extended their full cooperation, and the children participated enthusiastically and entertained everyone beautifully. Everyone took part in the program with great interest. The children are also attending school regularly, which brings me immense joy.

There is a boy named Janardhan who is very good at drawing. He loves coming to school and often arrives early, waiting for us even before we reach. This makes us very happy, and we are very fond of him.



In this way, Samiksha Foundation is doing remarkable work by supporting children's education and helping volunteers grow together. It is my heartfelt wish that many more children benefit from this noble initiative. Being a part of this sacred service truly feels like a blessing in my life.

A Glimpse Into The Creative World Of Our Children

Narrative Reflections by Samiksha Educators

Connecting through language and logic

Illa Pal — Senior Teacher and Multilingual Educator



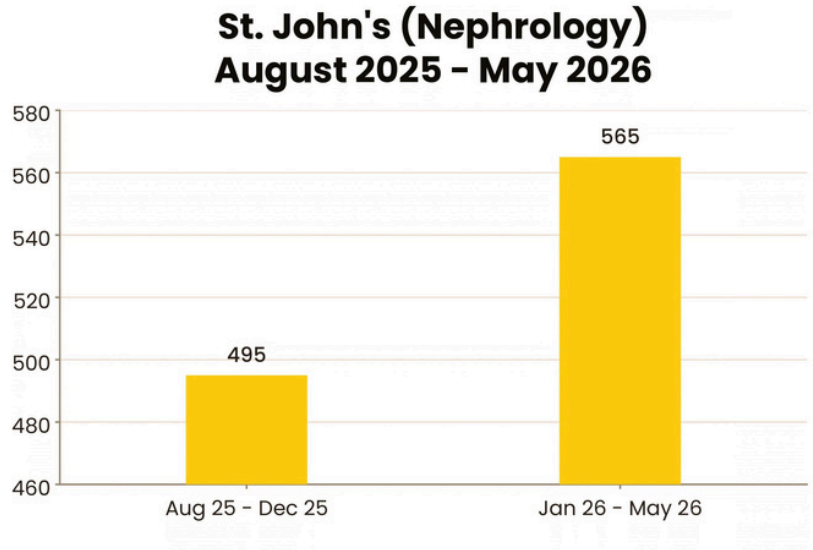
I began my journey with the Samiksha Foundation Learning Centre at St. John's Hospital in November 2024. By profession, I am an engineer, but teaching has always been close to my heart. I stepped away from my career in search of meaningful social work where I could use my knowledge with purpose. That search led me to the Samiksha Foundation,an organization where my dream truly found a home. At the learning centre, I met children battling serious health challenges, yet carrying an ocean of dreams. With a drip in their hands, they ask for drawing and colouring. With drowsy eyes, they request stories, ask math problems, and want to know about the universe, biology, history, and geography. Their curiosity and courage are deeply inspiring. Teaching these children is not a duty; it is a privilege to walk beside them on their journey of strength and hope. During my sessions at St. John's Hospital, I met many Bengali children and their families.

Being able to communicate with them in their language created a special bond and made them feel more at home during difficult times. This connection often made our interactions warmer and more meaningful, and I could see greater enthusiasm and eagerness from the children during our sessions. Some days, if I had to take leave, few children would ask about me, and some would even become upset and ask why I had not come to meet them. For a teacher, there can be no greater reward than knowing that your students wait for you and miss your presence. Those moments touched my heart deeply.

Though I am not from Karnataka, I have never faced any communication barriers here. The children communicate through a universal language—smiles, gestures, curiosity, and an eagerness to learn. I am grateful to be part of the Samiksha Foundation and proud to support children who need educational guidance and moral encouragement. Being able to contribute, even in a small way, to shaping these young minds into future heroes of our nation fills me with immense joy and purpose.

Thank you, Samiksha Foundation, for creating this platform and giving me the opportunity to be part of such a meaningful mission.

5. St. John's Medical College Hospital Pediatric Nephrology Learning Centre - CKD and Dialysis



- Cumulative Attendance (August 2025 - May 2026): 1060
- Average monthly increase in student attendance from 99 in 2025 to 113 in 2026 , an increase of 14%.

Cumulative Attendance (August 2025-May 2026) : 1060

The centre was launched in August 2025 , with lesson plans designed around a flexible curriculum tailored specifically for children with CKD and those undergoing long-term hemodialysis. Through activity-based education, literacy exercises, reflex movement sessions and specially designed worksheets to support diverse learning needs, storytelling, creative arts, literacy development and emotional support, the program maintained meaningful learning despite extended hospitalisation.

Storytelling remained central to the programme. Children explored value-based stories. These introduced lessons on kindness, perseverance, courage, environmental stewardship, faith, family values, teamwork, seeking help and responsible decision-making. Discussions, reading from Pratham storybooks, puppet-making, origami, paper crafts, and themed activities reinforced learning and encouraged communication, imagination and participation. Activities included Karnataka Rajyotsava greeting cards, artwork, summer themed art, pattern art, neurographic colouring, mosaic art, colouring worksheets for children with special needs, and seasonal crafts. These enhanced observation, concentration, creativity, sequencing, hand-eye coordination while promoting relaxation, achievement and confidence during treatment.

Cultural and environmental observances which included Deepavali, Christmas, Makara Sankranti, and World Water Day. encouraged appreciation of nature and environmental responsibility. Regular online poetry sessions explored Birthdays, Home Sweet Home, with reflective discussions and creative artwork encouraged gratitude, optimism, family values, cooperation, empathy.

Collaborative learning in a supportive environment helped sharing experiences and demonstrating curiosity and self-expression. increasing enthusiasm, creativity, greater willingness to participate in academic and recreational activities transforming the hospital environment into a vibrant space for learning, creativity and healing ensuring that every child could learn, imagine, express themselves and thrive despite illness. The support from the Department of Nephrology is nvaluable here.

Narrative Reflections by Samiksha Educators

Nurturing Hope in Paediatric Nephrology

Nivedita S, Teacher , Coordinator & Regional Assessment Liaison



"Educators in a hospital do more than teach subjects — they nurture hopes and dreams " Every smile restored, every lesson completed, and every child encouraged becomes a victory worth celebrating.

I feel honoured today to present a brief reflection, of our journey this year, as an educator and the coordinator of newly opened Samiksha Foundation Learning Centre (SFLC) in the Paediatric Nephrology ward, St. John's Medical College and Hospital.

It is indeed a unique learning experience. We need to adopt different pedagogical approaches to support the cognitive development of the children, as many of them have been deprived of regular school experiences for years. Our teachers are working for these children in the nephrology ward to develop basic skills such as reading, writing, and arithmetic through activity-based learning, using creative and child-centered methods. Some of the children are special children who also face social and developmental challenges.

I also had the wonderful opportunity to be a part of the official visits to other hospitals in Belgavi and Pune on invitation to review facilities and conduct assessments for the establishment of SFLCs. This was an enriching experience that allowed me to explore the possibilities of propagating Samiksha Foundation's Creative Learning Initiative.

All our Learning Centres have continued to provide hope and confidence to children during their medical journey and thus inspiring us to do more.



Narakchaturdashi Celebration -"Illuminating Creativity , Diyas Of Joy"

Narrative Reflections by Samiksha Educators

Adapting theatre to teach
Sharada KG, Senior Teacher



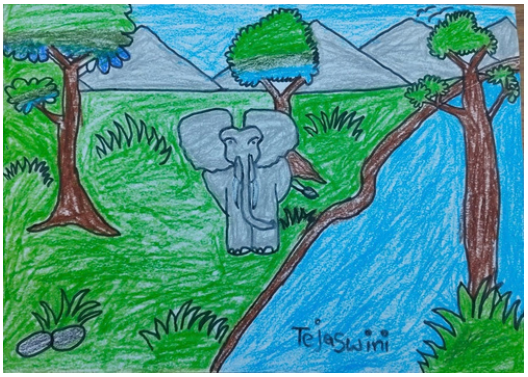
I joined the Samiksha Foundation in February 2023. Since then, I have been happily serving the organization. As usual, I visit Lakshmi Childrens Health Center, a unit of Shankara Cancer Hospital, twice a week. With its spacious surroundings, being with the children there is truly a unique experience. The children happily come to class, study, write, and participate in drawing activities with great enthusiam.

I also visit Indira Gandhi Hospital once a week, where many children come for treatment. I mainly teach Kannada, Environmental Studies, and Mathematics there. Since teaching children has always been a source of joy for me, I consider myself fortunate to once again have the opportunity to serve in this role.

Most importantly, this year our organization started classes in the Nephrology Department of St. John's Hospital, and every Tuesday I teach the children there. Many of the children are unable to get down from their beds and come to class, so we have to teach them where they are. Initially, this felt difficult, but now I have gradually become accustomed to it. Some children eagerly wait for us to arrive and happily immerse themselves in learning. We cannot force children who are not feeling well to study. Simply telling them stories and talking with them truly makes them happy.

The programs and events regularly conducted by the organization are also very meaningful and enjoyable. This service of becoming like a child among children is truly unique and extraordinary. I express my heartfelt gratitude to Samiksha Foundation for giving me this wonderful opportunity.







Artwork by students on World Environment Day

6. Kapur Ward Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology (KIMO)

From June 2009 to March 2020, supported over 7,500 children in the pediatric oncology ward. Currently supporting senior students remotely and through scholarships.



7. Mazumdar Shaw Cancer Centre (MSCC)

Supported over 1500 students since April 2019.
Currently, a fully remote facility.
We continue to support children through Scholarships as requested

Highlights - of DEP (Digital Education Program)

- 30 students are taking remote sessions across learning centres
- 32 Volunteers are actively conducting remote session
- 42 students are actively using the Samiksha U-Sky Platform
- 20 Lenovo tablets were distributed to enhance digital access

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*"**Voices from the field -** As a management student, entering the Samiksha Foundation environment opened my eyes to the high-level coordination required to execute empathetic care. Every day, I watched children confront massive physical adversity with radiant positivity. While my formal role was to teach them academic lessons, the reality is that they taught me the true meaning of life, deep patience, and daily gratitude. I want to express my deepest appreciation to Garima Ma'am and the Foundation team for their constant guidance and to perfectly balance executive professionalism with deep human kindness. "**Bhakti — RV Institute of Management, Bengaluru***

Narrative Reflections by Samiksha Educators

Transitioning Roles - Journey from volunteer to TEACHER

Anitha Raj, Teacher



My journey with Samiksha Foundation began as a volunteer. I had the desire to contribute meaningfully and support children and caregivers through education and creative engagement. Samiksha Foundation works to ensure that children undergoing treatment continue their learning journey and receive educational and creative support during difficult phases of life.

As a volunteer, I had the opportunity to interact closely with students understand their learning needs, participate in educational activities, and support day-to-day operations. Transitioning from a volunteer to a staff member marked an important milestone in my journey. It was not just a change in role but an opportunity to contribute more deeply and take ownership of creating meaningful learning experiences. As a staff member, I continue to learn, collaborate with the team, and work towards making education accessible and impactful for every child.

Over time, my involvement increased, and I took on greater responsibilities beyond volunteering. I became more engaged in coordinating activities, maintaining student progress, supporting documentation, and contributing to the smooth functioning of programs. This journey has been one of growth, purpose, and continuous learning. It has shown me that even small contributions can create lasting impact. Being a part of the Samiksha Foundation has been a deeply transformative chapter in my life, shaping both my personality and how I approach my professional journey.

ANECDOTE - LASYA'S JOURNEY OF LEARNING

Lasya was a cheerful young student undergoing cancer treatment. Like many children in the hospital, her days were often filled with medical procedures, uncertainty, and physical exhaustion. During one of the sessions, she was invited to join a simple creative activity. At first, she observed silently from a distance. Gradually, she began engaging—answering questions, drawing, and sharing small stories. Each session became something she looked forward to. One day, after completing an activity with great enthusiasm, Lasya smiled and said that those moments made her forget she was in the hospital. Lasya became more confident and expressive. Her journey reflected resilience, courage, and the importance of creating spaces where children can continue to learn, imagine, and feel like children despite challenging circumstances. Lasya's story continues to remind us that sometimes the greatest impact comes not only from teaching but from being present, listening, and creating moments of hope. *Contributed by Anitha Raj*

Narrative Reflections by Samiksha Educators

Roopashree , Assistant Teacher



"My journey as an Assistant Teacher at Samiksha officially began on December 8, 2025.

The first center I visited was Shankara Cancer Hospital. I was amazed when I saw the classroom setup. As the children slowly started coming to the classroom, I felt emotional and unsure of what to do at first. Gradually, I began engaging with them through different learning activities.

My multilingual skills helped. Some children showed great interest in studies, while others, due to the effects of medication and treatment, were unable to participate actively. The experience there was very different and emotional. The next center I visited was St. John's Medical College Hospital Oncology Department. The experience there was again unique. We visited the wards and taught children beside their hospital beds in ways that made them feel comfortable and happy. Later, I started teaching in the Nephrology ward as well.

I slowly adapted to the environment and became emotionally stronger. No matter how stressed or upset I may feel before leaving home, the moment I arrive at the center and see the children, I forget all my worries and happily engage with them. The parents have also developed a good bond with me and often share their feelings and experiences.

Through Samiksha, I have found not only a workplace but also a loving family and the friendship I had always been searching for. I continue to learn how to apply new skills and experiences in my work. I had never imagined, even in my dreams, that I would get an opportunity to serve humanity in such a meaningful way.







Art and craftwork By Our Students

IMPACT ASSESSMENT

SSLC Results 2025

Name of the Student	Percentage
Deepa N	71%
Bhoomika	87%
Indushree M C	53%
Prakruthi	78%
Gowthami N	75%
Asha S	62%
Prajwal Kenchappa	88%
Ankitha .S	74%
Kirthana	72%
Nandan	88%
Hithesh Kumar	90%
Monish M	36%
Geetha Lambani	47%
Srujan K N	45%
Harijana Jayanthi	64%
Raziya	54%

2nd PUC Results 2025

Name of the Student	Percentage
Raju	84%
Ankitha P	72%
Ankitha D R	87%
Sinchana	68%
Rakesh K	86%
Chandru S	87%
Shavani K	74%
Divya H R	68%
Shweta B	66%
Bhavana B M	56%
Guduvenakala Goushik Kumar	77%

In 2nd PUC, the highest reported score increased from 81% in 2025 to 87.4% in 2025 representing an improvement of 6.5%, points. In SSLC, several students achieved above 80% with highest score being 89.55%.

PROJECT TEAM REPORT

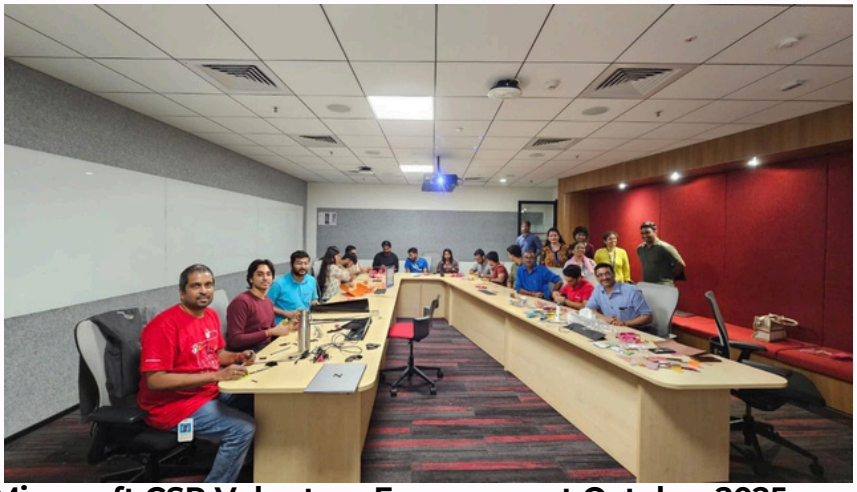
BUILDING COLLABORATIVE COMMUNITIES

Garima Ashta, (Program Implementation Officer and Volunteer Coordinator)



Volunteers and interns are integral to Samiksha Foundation mission, contributing their time, expertise, and compassion to ensure that every child continues to learn and thrive during treatment. In FY 2025–26, 121 volunteers and Interns contributed to Samiksha Foundation's programmes, compared to 65 volunteers in the previous year, reflecting the growing commitment of individuals and organisations to our vision of Healing Through Learning. Our diverse volunteer network includes Corporate professionals, retired professionals, senior citizens, students, and individual volunteers, each bringing unique skills and perspectives. Through academic support, creative engagement, event coordination, content development, logistics, diverse volunteer network including Corporate volunteers made significant contributions through remote tutoring, scholarship initiatives, employee engagement activities, and hospital-based programmes. Their expertise, enthusiasm, and generosity enriched learning experiences while creating meaningful opportunities for the children and families we serve. Our volunteer programme emphasises structured onboarding, mentorship, and ongoing engagement, enabling volunteers and interns to contribute effectively while fostering a strong culture of collaboration, learning, and service.

FY 2025–26 was a year of remarkable growth, collaboration, and meaningful impact. By strengthening volunteer engagement, supporting educational programmes, enhancing communications, leveraging technology, and contributing to key initiatives and events, our volunteers and interns played a vital role in advancing the Foundation mission. We look forward to building on this momentum in the year ahead.



Microsoft CSR Volunteer Engagement October 2025 - Storytelling craft kits preparation

Voices from the field

"My time spent serving within the wards for Samiksha Foundation has been one of the most profoundly transformative chapters of my life. It granted me the rare privilege of working hand-in-hand with pediatric patients who display monumental bravery and an unshakeable love for life while enduring aggressive cancer treatments. This immersive experience taught me the true weight of patience, human empathy, and clinical boundaries. I am incredibly grateful to the core Samiksha leadership, and the dedicated nursing staff at St. John's Medical College Hospitalf or guiding my steps and welcoming me into this family.
Aaryan Sameer —O.P. Jindal Global University,

"I deliberately chose to pursue my field placement with Samiksha Foundation due to their highly specialized focus on children diagnosed with oncological conditions and chronic illnesses. The organization's foundational motto, 'Knowledge Empowers and Happiness Heals,' deeply aligned with my personal values. This placement allowed me to translate academic social work theories into practical, trauma-informed interventions within pediatric wards. Working directly beside these children provided me with unforgettable lessons regarding the practical aspect of social work, psychological resilience, internal hope, and the strength of the human spirit."
Saniya Digesh , St. Joseph's University

"I want to take this formal opportunity to express my gratitude for the chance to engage in Samiksha's community service-learning track. Stepping directly into the hospital environment to deliver teaching support, execute program documentation, and coordinate recreational events gave me a clear understanding of how systematic non-profit work reshapes vulnerable families' lives. The sheer drive of the students was the most powerful force I encountered. I want to thank Ms. Garima Ma'am for modeling an executive leadership style built on constant motivation and high operational excellence.
Basil Sible — Christ University

"I connected with Kashmoon, a bright Grade 12 student, through Samiksha Foundation last August. When we first met online, she was facing severe stress because her intensive medical treatments had forced her to miss several consecutive months of school. To close this academic gap, we committed to meeting every single day, systematically breaking down complex computer science concepts. Her internal drive was spectacular. By the mid-term examinations, she had clawed her way up to a 60% average. We maintained our daily revision schedules, and her hard work culminated in a triumphant victory: she scored an outstanding 92% in computer science on her final board exams. I am deeply thankful to the Foundation and to Garima for letting me play a part in her success story."
Srujana Peddinti — Online Computer Science Mentor

"I was first introduced to this voluntary work by my mother-in-law, Dr. Shailaja Raghuprasad. Initially, I felt completely out of my depth, unsure of how to safely navigate the educational and emotional needs of a young cancer survivor over a digital platform. However, during our very first online session, my student, Kashmoon, responded with such vibrant enthusiasm that my fears vanished. Engaging as a volunteer has brought far more healing to my life than what I could ever give back. I joined Samiksha at a low point when I was ready to step away from my corporate career, but teaching completely reignited my passion for my eld. My joy was absolute when Kashmoon shared her final board results with me: she scored an incredible 86% in Accountancy! I am deeply indebted to Garima for granting me this treasureopportunity.
Sumedha Nagesh — Online Academic Mentor

"My close friend, Ms. Ranjani Ramesh, originally introduced me to the work of the Samiksha Foundation, and I consider it a profound blessing to have added my name to their growing volunteer register. This work has unlocked a deep personal passion within me. I was matched with a wonderful young student named Ishika by Miss Garima. I quickly realized that although I held the formal title of teacher, I was actually the student, constantly learning deep lessons about joy and presence from the fresh, brilliant mind of my student.
Aparna Khandrika — Volunteer Literacy Tutor

Voices from the field



It has been a wonderful learning experience working for Samiksha Foundation. In this journey have met lots of hardworking people who have made a huge difference to the society. Thank you all for giving me this opportunity.

Srividya Satish — Trust Accountant



It has been a little over a year since I associated with Samiksha Foundation, and while my role has been primarily professional, my experience has gone far beyond numbers and compliances. What has truly touched me is the dedication and care of the entire Samiksha team — from the leadership and management to the team on the floor and every supporting staff member. The commitment with which everyone works for the children is genuinely inspiring.

I say this from the heart — if someone ever needs motivation or wants to see what dedicated and compassionate work looks like, spend two days at Samiksha Foundation and simply observe the work happening there and the stories that surround it. I am sure you will leave inspired.

Samiksha Foundation is touching lives not just through education and literacy, but by contributing to the overall well-being of children and their families. I sincerely hope this beautiful work continues for decades and centuries, and that Samiksha keeps bringing hope, care and light into many more lives.

Y Chaitanya — Internal Financial Auditor



Having worked with Samiksha across social media, accounts, banking relationships, and corporate interactions, I've had the opportunity to experience many aspects of its work. It has been extremely gratifying. The high level of professionalism and attention to detail reflects the thoughtful vision of the trustees. Working alongside such an amazing, generous, and thoughtful team has made it a truly wonderful work environment.

Rahul Papali — Accounts Administrator



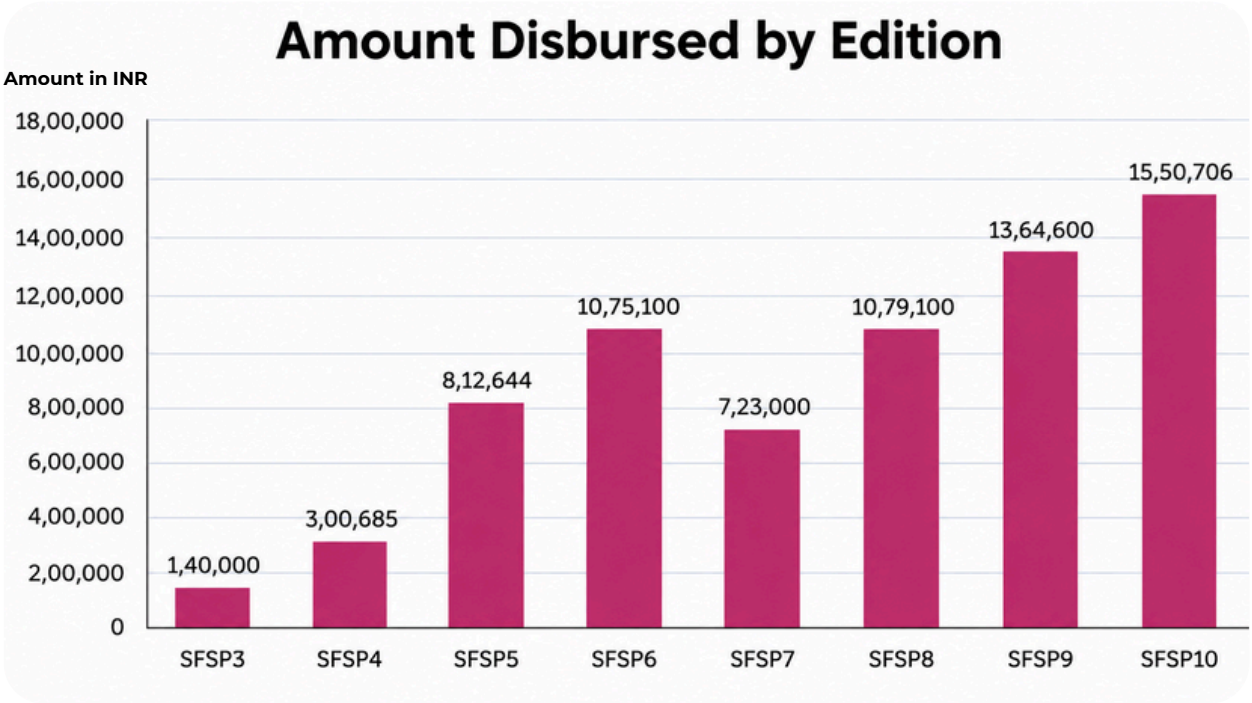




Craftwork By Our Students

SAMIKSHA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAM SFSP

The SAMIKSHA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM is a flagship, one of a kind program. The Series 10 (SFSP 10) was conducted as a grand event on 21st December 2025 at Bangalore Medical College Alumni Hall, KR road, Bangalore with Donors, Patrons and Medical Doctors, families, Team Samiksha and caregivers in support to celebrate 83 young thrivers in continuing higher education pursuing their goals and aspirations.



- In 2025 , SFSP 10 disbursed 15.50 lakhs as scholarships to 85 children.
- **Overall disbursement has increased significantly by 1007% from SFSP3 to SFSP 10.**

- To Date Post-treatment, the Samiksha Foundation Scholarships Program has awarded 610 scholarships and disbursed over INR 85 lakhs directly to students to complete schooling and pursuing graduate and professional courses such as Medicine, Technical courses, BTech, Nursing, Hospitality,
- Currently over 35 alumni working professionals and 11 alumni are gainfully employed in leading MNC firms and 2 are paramedical technicians at hospitals.

10TH SERIES OF SAMIKSHA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAM EVENT HELD AT BANGALORE MEDICAL COLLEGE ALUMNI HALL, KALASIPALYA, BENGALURU ON 21ST DECEMBER 2025



Scholarship Recipients, Samiksha Teachers and Team members, Volunteers, Donors, Doctors, Caregiver at the SFSP series 10 event

To know more about our Scholarships Program and Event please visit:
https://samikshafoundation.org/programs/scholarship/

MEDICAL LEADERSHIP ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Our partner hospitals and Paediatric Oncology & Nephrology Support Pillars are integral to the success of Samiksha Foundation's mission. Beyond delivering exceptional medical care, they provide dedicated spaces to operate the learning centres where children experience a sense of normalcy and can continue learning and engage in meaningful activities, throughout their treatment journey. These nurturing environments enable education and healing to complement clinical care.

We are deeply grateful to collaborate with institutions that share our commitment to holistic, child-centered care and recognize the importance of supporting every aspect of a child's well-being. Our hospital schools exist because of the deep operational backing and shared vision of our partner hospital medical boards, Doctors, hospital support staff and advisors.

Dr. Appaji L (*MD & DM)*
Sri Shankara Cancer Hospital & Research Centre,
Medical Superintendent (Additional Charge), In-Charge Director Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology

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To,
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Dear Samiksha Team,

This is to formally acknowledge and appreciate the partnership between **Samiksha Foundation – Caring for Children with Cancer** and **St. John's Medical College Hospital, Bangalore**, which commenced on **25th January 2024**.

Since the initiation of this collaboration, Samiksha Foundation has been offering meaningful non-medical support to children undergoing cancer treatment, particularly those receiving chemotherapy and hematopoietic stem cell transplantation (HSCT). Their team of committed educators, volunteers, and coordinators has conducted structured and personalized sessions, providing educational assistance and emotional care to both patients and their families.

These sessions include age-appropriate learning in subjects such as mathematics, science, history, and languages, along with a variety of creative and recreational activities including yoga, storytelling, art and craft, and more. The foundation also encourages children to express themselves through creative works that are proudly displayed within the hospital.

As of this month (June 2025), numerous children and their families have benefited directly and indirectly from these regular, well-organized sessions conducted by the foundation.

We deeply appreciate the compassionate involvement and tireless efforts of the Samiksha Foundation team in enhancing the emotional and educational well-being of children undergoing cancer treatment at our hospital. Their presence has added immense value to the care environment, and we look forward to nurturing this meaningful partnership in the times ahead.

Regards,

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OUR MOMENT AT THE CAPGEMINI SUMMIT MARCH 2025



HONOURING OUR CITIZENS OF HOPE

Our sincere appreciation and profound gratitude, reverence, and love to the foundational teachers and guiding lights of the Samiksha Foundation. Your quiet dedication has turned clinical wards into classrooms, substituted fear with curiosity and proved to that Knowledge empowers and Happiness heals.

Vidyavathi B.S. - Seventeen Years of Unwavering Grace : As our very first teacher at the Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology and currently the Centre Coordinator at Sri Shankara Cancer Hospital, you have been the steady cornerstone of our mission since 2009. By bringing your Gift of Presence , engagement and relationship building with vulnerable children and their families to employing smart TV's and digital devices, learning along the way, you have dismantled the anxiety of long-term isolation to built a sanctuary of learning.

K.B. Parvathi - Seventeen Years of Heart and Leadership : Standing strong in our mission since 2009, your transition from a dedicated school teacher to the Centre Coordinator at the Indira Gandhi Institute of Child Health (IGICH) highlights your deep operational commitment. As a Champion of Growth from patiently managing massive student turnouts to distributing vital tablet devices, engaging with hospital staff and executing the historic integration into IGICH's new building, you have guided our children into a brighter academic future.

Ambika Chandrashekar - Seventeen Years of Creative Magic : Your constant presence across our legacy centres and your expansion into specialized departments such as the Nephrology and Dialysis wards, have redefined what it means to care. By bringing The Spark of Imagination, unlocking the worlds of literature, folk art, and storytelling you give children a beautiful reason to look past their physical pain and remember how to smile.

Dr.Manjari Bhatnagar - Served as Director for 14 years from 2009 to 2023, with care and compassion to the work. During her time, we grew from 1 learning centre in Kidwai to 4 learning centres across the city.

HONORING LONG-TERM ACADEMIC MENTORS

- Valli Narasimha - As a core team and the Education Coordinator for 9 years with concern and compassion, deeply committed to the cause. As Chief Education Officer you have brought Impact documentation to its helm in 2024- 2025.
- Saradha Ganesan - Recognized for her sustained commitment as an online mentor and tutor, providing consistent academic support
- Revathi Sundar - Honored for her long-term contribution to teaching special needs children and bringing her insight to mentoring supporting students with continuity and dedication.
- Shivansh Agrawal -Recognized for his contribution as an online tutor, supporting students through virtual learning sessions
- Sumedha Nagesh
- Aparna Khandrika
- Sansia S'Silva

THE HONOUR ROLL RESOURCE PARTNERS

This roll acknowledges resource partners , volunteers and interns, externs for their contribution to teach in the hospital environment , adaptability , remote tutoring, admin support, communication and event activities. Their support helps expand the Foundation's footprint and deliverables.

Craft Program : A Thousand Cranes

Educational Technology Partner : USky

Tech security and Website : GITHUB, Microsoft

Digital Platform and Workplace: Google Workplace

Yoga-Creative Visualization (CV) Training
Swami Yogaratna and Shankar Prasad Foundation, Gokarna

Music : Shankar Mahadevan Academy through its Nirvana Project

Online Yoga-CV program : Eka Meditation -Priyanka and Sudeeptha

ART Program : Yugashri, Laura Martin, Prof. Benny Kurien

INSTITUTIONAL INTERNS AND VOLUNTEERS

O.P. Jindal Global University ,Haryani
Christ University
Flame University
Mallya Aditi International School,
Chaitanya PU College,
RV Institute of Management (RVIM)
Symbosis Institute, Pune
Indus International School
PES University
10X International School
Narsee Monjee Institute of Management (NMIMS)
Ashoka University
Kelley School of Business
St Joseph's University,
St Mary's School,
Sri Kumuran Children's Home,
Other Schools through Service Learning /CAS/ SUPW
Azim Premji University - Teacher Training opportunity at Samiksha Learning Centers

EXTERNS

Goodera, Microsoft, Capgemini, and cohort of volunteers from Google Serve and Microsoft Bangalore and Hyderabad during Joy of Giving month.

APPRECIATING OUR DONORS

Thank you to all the corporate and individual donors who generously support Samiksha Foundation! Your continued support and shared vision play a vital role in funding educational programs, scholarship initiatives .

Your donations have helped :

Empowering Through Education: Funds hospital-based learning centers, libraries, tablets, stationery and teachers salaries.

Life-Changing Scholarships: Supporting the Samiksha Foundation Scholarships Program, enabling young cancer survivors to pursue higher education and build bright futures.

Holistic Care: Enables therapeutic yoga, art, and storytelling activities that offer psychological comfort and a sense of normalcy during difficult medical regimens.

Emergency Medical Care : Along with our NGO partner Leukemia Crusaders we have supported over 40 chemotherapies, and 1 kidney Transplant cost.

PLATFORM AND CORPORATE DONOR LISTS

- Benevity Causes - UK online Giving
- CSR supported by NASSCOM FOUNDATION
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In addition we are grateful to 150 individual generous donors, who believe in us.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

DONATIONS RECEIVED
₹1.19 Crore
Voluntary contributions during FY 2025–26

TOTAL EXPENDITURE
₹96.95 Lakh
Programme and support expenditure during FY 2025–26

Your support in action

During FY 2025–26, Samiksha Foundation received ₹1,19,94,046 in voluntary contributions. These resources enabled the Foundation to continue its work supporting children and families affected by cancer and other life limiting conditions through education, scholarships, medical support, creative activities and related programmes.

Approximately 83% of total expenditure was directed towards programme, scholarship, medical and engagement activities, with expenses at 96 Lakhs.

The excess income over expenditure is audited and carried over to the current financial year as the IT rules allow.

Overall Admin costs are under 10% of collections.

Further Transparency & Detailed Financial Information

Detailed financial statements are available upon request. For any request for further financial information, please contact: Rahul Papali
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Kindly include your contact details and the purpose of your request. Such information will be shared, where appropriate, subject to the approval of the management and trustees.

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Our Accounting Team

Accounting and Bookkeeping
Sri Vidya Satish

Accounting Coordinator and Banking Liason
Rahul Papali

Every contribution helps us continue creating brighter moments and meaningful opportunities for children facing cancer and other life limiting conditions.

“UNLEASHING CREATIVITY”-
A participatory workshop for teachers at Samiksha Foundation Office

A participatory workshop on “Unleashing Creativity” was conducted for the teachers at Samiksha Foundation by Joselyn Lobo. The session began with an engaging elastic-band group activity, followed by self-introductions using favourite items starting with the first letter of participants’ names. Various creative thinking exercises were conducted, including identifying circular objects, naming plants, and brainstorming multiple uses for everyday objects. Participants also worked in groups to explore innovative uses of assigned items and a plate beyond its conventional purpose. The workshop concluded with an interactive problem-solving challenge involving a farmer, a goose, a fox, and a bag of corn, encouraging logical and creative thinking.



Samiksha Team at “Unleashing Creativity” Workshop

STRATEGIC OUTLOOK AND FUTURE PLANS

Note by CPO Vijaya Nanjundeswaran

Against a background of improved treatment outcomes and survival in Pediatric oncology and children with life limiting illnesses, our goal is to increase outreach by implementing hospital school framework and academic continuity across more geographies as a future investment for survivor children entering the population numbers seeking livelihoods.

This development of learning models for hospital schools allows adaptability to include children undergoing treatment for oncology, nephrology and thalassemia via in person including bedside and remote teaching. With learnings from addressing the educational gaps for children undergoing treatment for cancer , our goal is to help these new groups of children to not only have a successful school experience by addressing the educational gaps caused by frequent school absences but also support continuing education and career through online support platforms enhancing by leveraging digital learning tools tailored specially for children in the nephrology and thalassemia wards and navigating to distance education platforms such as NIOS.

Moving into the next academic year, Samiksha Foundation is positioning its ecosystem for replication across other government and private healthcare centres who have expressed interest to benefit their pediatric patients both in Oncology , Bone Marrow Transplant units , Nephrology and Dialysis units across the State. Combining its structural pedagogy with creative, adaptive, and bedside-friendly learning toolkits, the Foundation continues to close the 3-to-12-month school gap for vulnerable children nationwide.

Corporate volunteers, in particular, deliver immense value by operating remote digital tutoring modules, anchoring fundraising tracks, and leading both CSR and hospital-based interactive events. To protect the integrity of our learning spaces, our program enforces structured onboarding, intentional mentorship pipelines, and regular alignment checks.

The past year stands out as a period of operational maturity, characterized by collaboration and an expanded footprint for more impact, evidenced in our audit processes and acknowledgements .

We have been invited to other cities willing to establish hospital schools ,and look forward to partner with Hospitals in those areas to establish Samiksha Foundation Learning Centres.

Our Tailored ask is CSR funding to expand learning centres, educators , volunteers and mentors for educational support, educational materials, devices and techonology partners and Champions in support of the cause .

OUR ASK:
FUNDING AND COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIPS

CSR FUNDS AND INITIATIVES

To support growing pan-India demand, we invite organizations to partner as benefactors for specific programs and explore CSR collaboration opportunities .

MATCHING GRANTS AND DONATIONS

We invite corporate partners to match employee donations and help us extend critical educational and developmental support to children in need.

HUMAN RESOURCES: TEACHERS AND VOLUNTEERS

We require flexible, part-time teachers, volunteers, yoga instructors and storytellers for our Bangalore centres.

LEARNING CENTRE EXPANSION

Responding to growing demand, we seek local partners to establish Samiksha Learning Centres in new cities —building networks of teachers and volunteers to deliver our Integrated Program.

RESOURCE PARTNERS

Devices: As part of the effort to increase reach, we require cost-efective handheld devices to provide access to digital learning for the children who need them most.

Connectivity: To improve accessibility and program efectiveness, we invite airtime providers to offer affordable data plans in remote districts where children come from.

Technology Partners: We are collaborating with software partners to build integrated communication platforms that strengthen remote program delivery and monitoring. EdTech companies that can offer an LMS solution and think beyond conventional coding are invited to collaborate with us.

COMMUNICATION

To monitor outcomes at shorter intervals to drive real-time feedback and continuous improvement, while launching advocacy campaigns to broaden awareness on pediatric cancer we invite Social Media and Communication partners to amplify this impact.

TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASK

Continued staff training and capacity building will ensure high-quality care and education. We invite Tech Volunteers to lead regular sessions on Google Workspace, communication, Excel documentation and coding. These efforts will help us scale our impact, keep our learning platform updated and stay responsive to the evolving needs of children and families.

FUND RAISING

To donate please visit our website at https:/samikshafoundation.org/donate/

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Together, we can make a real difference to child with cancer!

STATUTORY COMPLIANCES

SAMIKSHA FOUNDATION - CARING FOR CHILDREN WITH CANCER TRUST

- Registered under Indian Trust act 1882, vide no BNG (U)-BMH 237 2009-2010, Dated 07-08-2009.
- Registered under Sec 12 A of The Indian Income Tax Act 1961, vide No.DIT(E)BLR/12A/S-2338
- PAN: AAJTS8922L, dated 10-04-2012.
- Approval Under Section 80G(5)(vi) of the Income Tax Act, 1961 dated 10/04/2012 vide No. DIT (E)BLR/12A/S-2338/AAJTS8922L/ITO (E) -3 Vol. 2012-2013.
- Registered With Ministry of Home Afairs, Government of India, under section 11(1) FCRA 2010 vide No. 094421719 Nature- Educational, Social, Dated 30-11-2017.
- Modified Trust Deed Vide No. BK IV BNG-BMH 268/2020/21 dated 14-09-2020
- NGO registered in Darpan, vide no dated KA/2017/0177997 04-02-2021.
- Registered under the 10AC with Unique Identication number AAJTS8922LE20206 dated 27-05-2021.
- Tax exemption renewed for assessment years 2027-28 through 2031-32, under Clause (ii) of 2nd proviso to Section 80G(5) of the Income Tax Act, 1961, with approval number AAJTS8922L26BL02 and Form 10AD document number ITBA/EXM/F/EXM44/2026-27/1091781335(1) dated 4 August 2026. View approval document here.
- MCA1 registered NGO for CSR activities, vide no CSR00024424 dated 15-03-2022
- FCRA current account with SBI, New Delhi, 11, Sansad Marg, New Delhi - 110001, India.
- External Auditors are N P Sreedhar & Co,Whitefield, Bangalore

TEAM AND ADVISORS

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Managing Trustee: Mrs. Ranjani Ramesh
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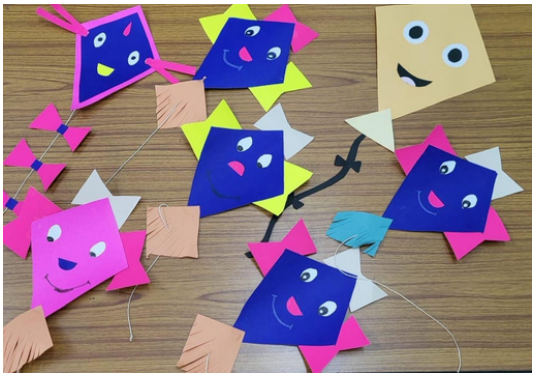
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Artworks and Craftworks by our children