

samiksha
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A creative learning initiative for Children with cancer and their caregivers at
Bengaluru, India - since 2009
Impact Awareness and Fundraising
2025-2026

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Mission and Belief:

Knowledge empowers and Happiness heals!

Samiksha Foundation provides **non-medical** support to children undergoing treatment for cancer and other life-limiting illness in Pediatric hospitals, increasing their Happiness Quotient through learning and creative activity, facilitating their return to mainstream life.

- Areas of action:
 - **Educational** support provided by trained teachers and tutor volunteers
 - **Spiritual** support through yoga and creative visualization
 - **Creative** play and activity
- **Focus group:** children between 4 and 16 years and women from compromised socio-economic sections of society in India affected by cancer
- **Scholarship for survivors:** Post-treatment, help the child return to school in the right grade with confidence and dignity, and support their higher education
- **Impact:** Until February 2025, formal education during treatment for over **15076** children; awarded **526 scholarships** for continued education post-treatment.

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Timeline

- 2008 Founded by Ar. Sandhya Sharad in Bengaluru, India
- 2009 Non-profit trust registered with 2 trustees
First learning centre at the Kapur Ward, Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology, Bengaluru
Dr. Manjari Bhatnagar joins as Director and Ms. Vidyavathi as the first teacher
- 2017 FCRA certificate Obtained - valid until October 2028
- 2019 Started at Mazumdar Shaw Cancer Center, Narayana Health City, Bengaluru
- 2020 Covid support and Pivoted to Samiksha 2.0 - hybrid learning model, launched Samiksha USky digital learning platform
- 2022 3 new learning centres added at Bangalore
- 2024 Started at St John's Hospital - 'Unit of HOPE'
Currently,- Full set up at 4 hospital centers and 2 remote.
Now supporting Nephrology and Thalassemia children

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Education: Leave no child behind!

At Samiksha Foundation Learning Centres, children continue formal education during treatment in the hospital ward.

- Tailored to each child's needs at Wards
- 4 Full time teachers & digital program PC
7 part-time teachers 60 other volunteers
- Integrates art, storytelling, creative activities, play, audiovisual tools
- Hybrid: hands-on and remote teaching
- Curated Curriculum
- Digital Learning Platform



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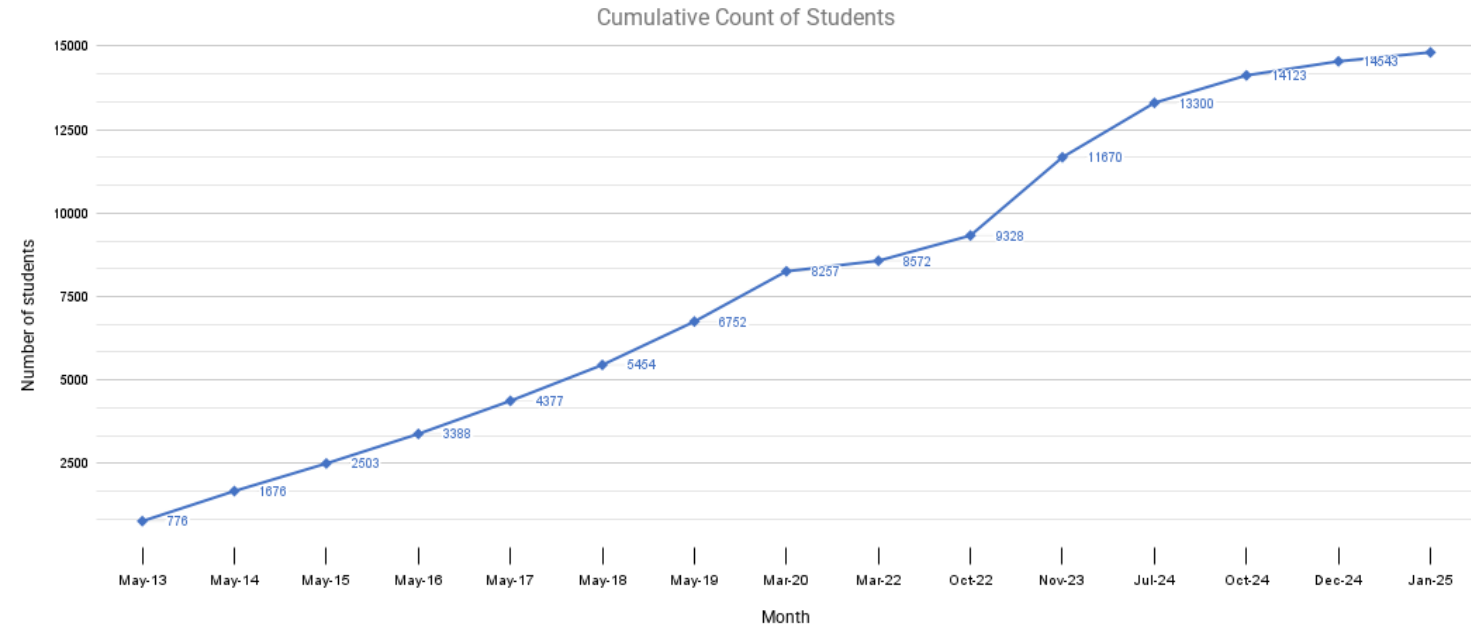
Impact: 16 years

15076 students (June 2009 – February 2025)

1200 new students across all Learning Centres Annually

- St John's Medical College Hospital (January 2024-present)
- Sri Shankara Cancer Hospital and Research Centre (May 2022-present)
- Lakshmi Children's Health Centre (May 2022-present)
- Indira Gandhi Institute of Child Health (April 2022-present)
- Mazumdar Shaw Cancer Center, Narayana Health City (April 2019-present)
- Kapur Ward, Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology (June 2009- March 2020)

Graph indicates 2013 to 2025



Board exam (2023-24)	Attended	Passed
SSLC	4	4
II PUC	14	11

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Impact documentation- grade wise

Summary	< 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
KMIO	1784	793	653	666	441	443	374	324	323	363	304	206	115	0	2	0	7567
MSCC	346	117	111	144	157	123	120	144	83	41	58	29	29	8	13	6	1529
IGICH	238	241	154	366	410	425	436	375	352	324	254	198	127	31	15	4	3950
LCHC	87	9	13	12	7	18	24	10	36	16	6	38	14	21	9	3	323
SSCHRC	216	80	64	92	110	62	90	34	82	61	43	67	38	49	29	5	1122
SJMCH	63	41	18	45	55	41	17	67	59	34	27	34	38	21	17	8	585
Total	2734	1281	1013	1325	1180	1112	1061	954	935	839	692	572	361	130	85	26	15076

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Impact documentation- cumulative

Centre	Total No. of Children attending- Jul 21 to Feb 25	Girls	Boys	Direct beneficiaries (DB)		Indirect beneficiaries (IB)	Regular children	Irregular children	New Admissions
				Playroom	Ward				
MSCC	798	352	446	600	79	119	170	262	366
IGICH	3950	1564	2386	2685	1265	0	127	1649	2174
LCHC	323	116	207	323	0	0	113	143	67
SSCHRC	1122	448	674	879	243	0	438	466	218
SJMCH	585	209	376	107	478	0	92	218	275
Total	6778	2689	4089	4594	2065	119	940	2738	3100

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Samiksha Foundation Scholarships Program (SFSP)

Unique financial aid program supporting the higher education of motivated young cancer survivors post-treatment.

526 students have received awards, at a total value of over **Rs 78 lakhs till January 2025**.

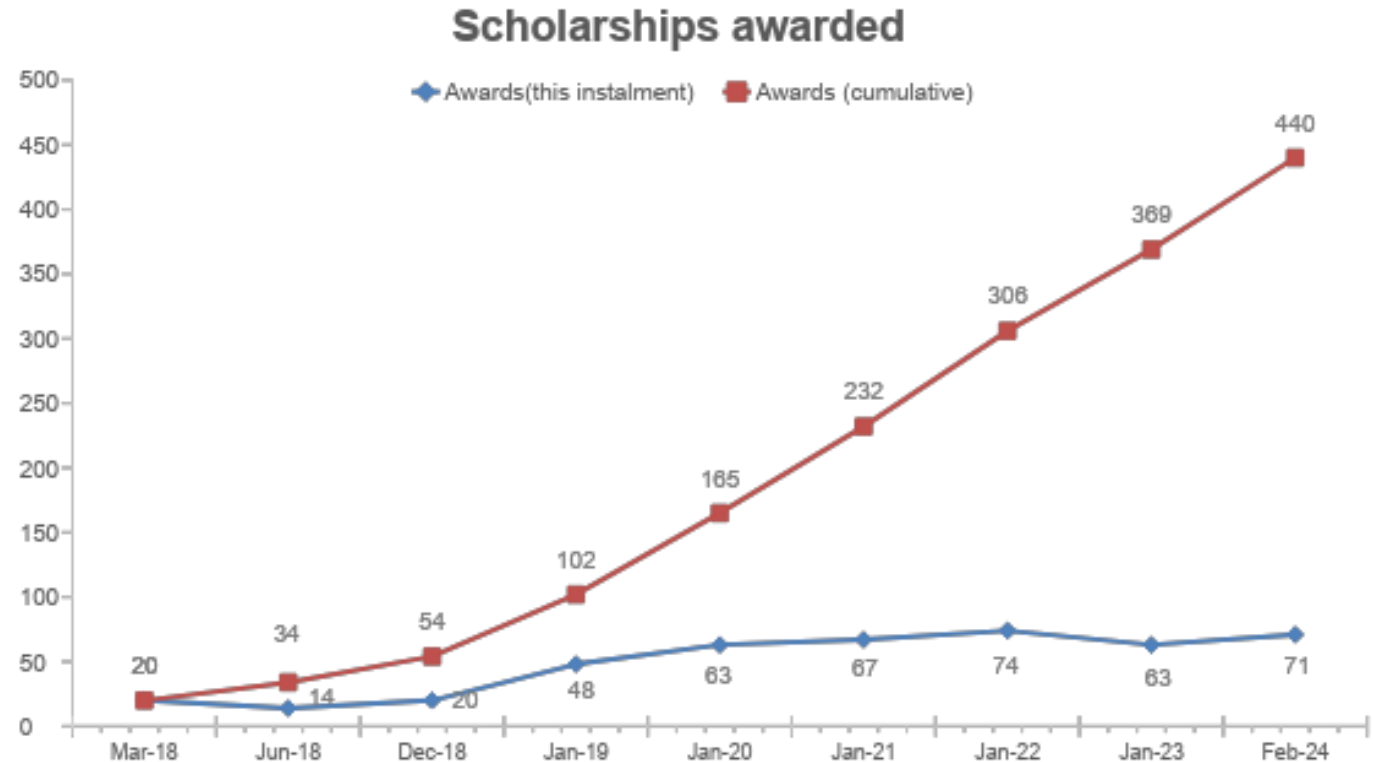
Snapshot:

2022: Rs 10.35 lakhs to 74 students

2023: Rs 7.23 lakhs to 63 students

2024: Rs.10.791 lakhs to 71 students

2025: Rs.13.646 lakhs to 76 students in January 2025.



Graph depicts Scholarships disbursed from March 2018- February 2024

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Profile of SFSP 9 awardees- January 2025

No. of Students	Class
6	8
4	9
10	10
6	I PUC
7	II PUC
5	Diploma
14	BCom
5	BA
2	BSc
2	BCA
1	BBA
1	BSc (Hotel Mgt)
1	BSc (Medical Lab Technology)
5	Engineering
1	Medical
2	Paramedical
4	Nursing (GNM)
76	Total

SFSP	No. of Students
SFSP 1	1
SFSP 2	0
SFSP 3	3
SFSP 4	11
SFSP 5	5
SFSP 6	10
SFSP 7	7
SFSP 8	21
SFSP 9	18
Total	76

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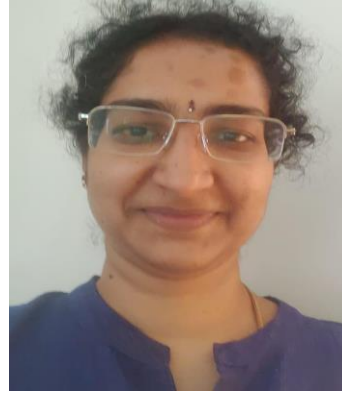
Core Team at Samiksha Foundation



Ar. Sandhya Sharad
Founder & Trustee



Ms. Vijaya Nanjundeswaran
*Founding Trustee retired ,
Sr. Advisor*



Ms. Ranjani Ramesh
Managing Trustee



Vi. Barnalee Sarkar
Trustee & Cultural Lead



Ms. Valli Narasimha
Chief Education Officer



Ms. Vidyavathi B S
*Center Coordinator,
Teacher & Librarian*



Ms. Parvathi K B
*Center Coordinator,
Teacher & Librarian*



Ms. Ambika
Chandrashekar
Teacher & Storyteller



Mr. Aditya Sharad
*Advisor- Website and
IT solutions & security*



Ms. Garima Ashta
*IT Support | Program
Implementation Officer*

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Corporate advisors- (Projects):

Mr. Abdul Aziz - Country head of Krane Aerospace

Dr. Rajaram Kudli - AI and IT

Mr. Shirish Singh - ex-Airtel, HP

Dr. L Appaji- Retd. Paediatric oncologist, Former Director Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology

Dr. Ramesh Santhanakrishnan - Retd. Paediatric oncology Surgeon

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Volunteers and Resource partners

OUR RESOURCE PARTNERS

Craft Program: A **Thousand Cranes** (Ms. Ekta Poddar, Ms. Deepa Rajeev, Ms. Asha Ramjee)

Educational Technology Partner: **USky**

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

Music: Shankar Mahadevan Academy through its **Nirvana Project**

Externs from Novartis, Goodera, Tata Group, **cohort of volunteers**, interns, and externs!

Online Yoga-CV program: **Eka Foundation**

Formal Art program: **Ms. Yugashri SA**, Aspada

NGO consultations: Bangalore Effective Education Task Force, **Leukemia Crusaders Delhi, St. Jude's for Life, Mumbai**

Fundraising: Mallya Aditi International School organizes the annual sports-based fundraiser event **BounceBack**

Adarsh Palm Retreat Foundation, other resident communities support and CSR

Student volunteers: Indus International School, 10X International School, Mallya Aditi International School, NAFL, Christ University, NMKRV College, St Joseph's College, other local schools through Service Learning /CAS / SUPW

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Support our mission: **volunteer**

We seek volunteers across Bengaluru to commit at least 4 hours a week

- **Teaching Volunteers:** Ready to teach both remotely and in-person at the hospital wards, year-round. Minimum 3 months commitment.
- **Event Volunteers:** 10-15 volunteers for running events - prep to execution (June, Nov, Dec, Jan)
- **Corporate Volunteers:** 1-2 learning program managers. 20 hours a month, 1 year commitment. Responsible for planning, scheduling, and documenting our existing learning program
- **Tech support persons** to help with the Samiksha Digital Learning Platform
- **UDID and NIOS capability volunteers and resource persons**

For more details: www.samikshafoundation.org/volunteer
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Donors shortlist

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How can you support our mission: Specifics

CORPORATE ASK:

- **Child Support Costs:** ₹6,536 per child annually, or ₹545 per month, providing educational, spiritual, and creative play support during their 6–9-month treatment journey.
- **Learning Centre Operations:** ₹11 lakh annually to fund one learning centre- 200 paediatric inpatient beneficiaries including teacher's salaries and volunteer support costs
OR (\$14,000 for 200 paediatric inpatient beneficiaries).
- **Scholarships:** About ₹15 lakh (\$17,700) annually to fund at least 60 scholarships towards high school and college student education ; INR 25,000/- (\$301) for 1 scholarship for college students fees
- **Developing and improving Infrastructure:** ₹6.5 lakh to develop our remote mentoring and Digital infrastructure at CoE;

Enable us to set up a training facility at Pune in 2025

- **Arrange fund raising events and awareness workshops :** Sponsor / Organize a cultural event to spread awareness and raise funds for admin and running expenses of the Trust -
Target 15 lakhs per year

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Support our mission: **donate to the program**

You can donate as individuals or through corporate matching.

1. Directly to us via NEFT:(INR) see samikshafoundation.org/donate
2. Through your employer's portal with the following details:
INR and FCRA: - Benevity causes portal: causes.benevity.org
3. FCRA:- Omprakash.org: <https://www.omprakash.org/global/samiksha-foundation/donate>
(USA and UK tax exemption through Om Prakash.org)
4. Our campaign -
INR:- Give India: <https://fundraisers.giveindia.org/nonprofits/samiksha-foundationcaring-for-children-with-cancer-trust>

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

Project name: Education program for children with cancer

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

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Contact us

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

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