



**Save the date:** The Founder and Trustees invite you to celebrate the 9<sup>th</sup> year of The Samiksha Foundation Scholarships Program (SFSP) on 11<sup>th</sup> January, 2025 at 11:00 am at the Dr. Basavarajendra Auditorium, BMC Alumni Association, BMCRI Campus, near KR Market Metro Station, Kalasipalya, Bengaluru, 560002. More details will be shared soon. Please come and bless the team and children.( rsvp to gallery@samikshafoundation.org)

A roundup of recent events: Since Covid (post July 2021 till October 2024), Samiksha Foundation Learning Centres have had an attendance of 5825 students with 2746 of these being new students.

## Samiksha Foundation's 15th Anniversary celebrations- 18.6.24



Team Samiksha Foundation celebrated their 15th anniversary at Kamakshi Farms, hosted by volunteer Ms. Revathi Sunder. The event included a storytelling workshop by Ms. Ambika Chandrashekar and a magic show by 'Simply Suresh'. The team also participated in team-building exercises.

## International Yoga Day at 3 of the Learning Centres-

#### 21.6.24

Team Samiksha foundation conducted yoga sessions for the students in all learning centers on the occasion of 'International Yoga Day'. All students participated in performing simple asanas, deep breathing with 'OM' chanting with the help of online mentoring provided through Yoga CV program specially designed for the children undergoing treatment. This yoga session was a very relaxing yet fun experience for children and their caregivers.









#### Book Launch - Who's afraid of Cancer at IGICH-12.7.24

Samiksha Foundation organized a book launch event for the translated versions of "Who's Afraid of Cancer?" by Sanya Pradhan. The event aimed to support cancer patients and caregivers by providing them with free copies of the book in Kannada, Hindi, and Marathi. The book shares Sanya's inspiring journey with cancer and offers practical advice and recipes to help readers cope with the disease.





## **Learning Activities-**



## Solar system- 17.7.24

Samiksha Foundation teachers conducted an activity for students to explore the solar system and acquire knowledge about planets and their characteristics with help of multimedia videos and colourful pictures. Students participated enthusiastically in this ineractive session and drew colourful pictures of planets.

#### Festivals of India -31.7.24

Samiksha Foundation teachers conducted an activity for students, sharing information in geography and EVS on identification of various states and related festivals, marking them on the map of India. Students also solved activity sheets with festival information and coloured pictures.





## **Independence Day- 14.8.24**

Samiksha Foundation Learning Centres celebrated Independence a day prior, through games and quizzes on history and social studies on topics about India. The teachers conducted interactive sessions with the help of visual board presentations about freedom fighters. Many students shared their views about India's freedom struggle and participated actively by drawing colorful pictures and making flags.

### Water Cycle- 13.9.24

Samiksha Foundation Learning Centres had science sessions wherein scientific information about water cycle with the help of colorful visual board presentations were conducted. The students observed pictures, identified various steps of water cycles and also solved related worksheets.





#### Community Helpers- 16.10.24

An activity on the work and contributions of community workers was conducted across the Learning Centres where the students were quizzed and additional information was provided to them about the different categories and work done by service providers in the community e.g. police, doctors, nurses, fire fighters etc. Students showed respect and gratitude towards community helpers for their valuable contribution by making beautiful cards.





#### **Orientation about UDID -9.9.24**

Mr. Abdul Aziz, a supporter of the Samiksha Foundation, conducted a workshop on the UDID card, a government initiative to create a national database for Persons with Disabilities (PwD). This card provides a Disability Certificate and ID card to each PwD, aiming to improve access to government benefits and ensure uniformity. Aziz shared his personal experience of applying for and obtaining a UDID card for his daughter, a former student of SFLC @KMIO.





## Book Launch and Panel discussion by Milaap -13.9.24

Milaap launched a book titled 'Making Healthcare Accessible in Bangalore: A Caregiver's Handbook'. The launch featured a panel discussion on "Navigating Healthcare Away from Home," with panelists including Dr. Sonal Asthana (Liver Transplant Surgeon), Anoj Viswanathan (Co-Founder, Milaap), Valli Narasimha (Education Lead, Samiksha Foundation), Dr. Shalini Nalwad (Founder, ICATT Ambulance Services), and Rizwan Ahmed (Founder, Gubbachi Learning Community).

## St. Johns' children's day event – SF recognized for its contributions-21.9.24

Pediatric Hematology Oncology & BMT department of St.John's Medical College and Hospital celebrated Childhood Cancer Awareness Month at an event raising awareness, felicitating and celebrating the young survivors and sharing their stories of hope while also acknowledging the contributions of donors, Volunteersa and other partner NGOs working with the Dept. Samiksha Foundation found special mention here,



providing educational support to the children in the ward as well as at the Learning Centre set up there.

# Orientation about identifying special / learning difficulties in children, importance of assessments-23.9.24

Volunteer Revathi Sunder, a trained special needs teacher, conducted a workshop for the Samiksha Foundation Teachers on identifying overall and subject wise learning levels amongst children and documenting these while



having the opening conversations during the initial visits by children to the Learning Centres and importance of updating the student progress after each interaction.







## Ayudh and Saraswati Puja at Office- 10.10.24

Team Samiksha conducted Ayudh and Saraswati puja at the office, emphasizing the reverence for tools, other equipment and the books used in work.

# Children's day week-7<sup>th</sup> November 2024-14<sup>th</sup> November 2024

## Visit by Vid. Sikkil Gurucharan to SFLC@ SJMCH, IGICH, CoE-7.11.24

Samiksha Foundation welcomed leading carnatic musician Vidwan Sikkil Gurucharan and tabla artist Kartik N. Krishna on 7th November, 2024 (National Cancer Awareness Day) at Learning Centers at Indira Gandhi Institute of Child Health and St. John's Medical College Hospital as well as to the Samiksha Foundation Centre of Excellence (office). It was a great previledge to welcome and watch the duo perform live in classrooms filled with excited children, caregivers and doctors giving everyone such a memorable experience.



Vid. Gurucharan had this to say at the end of his visit-'Thank you so much! Feeling overwhelmed to have been part of a little sunshine in the kids' lives. Heart gets heavy seeing the innocent faces and the pain they carry undeservedly. Thank you for the making me earn some punniyam'



## Story telling by Pratilipi comics @ SJMCH-12.11.24

Samiksha Foundation and Pratilipi Comics joined hands to celebrate Children's Day week with a heartwarming event at St. John's Medical College Hospital, recognizing the magic of comic books as a joyful escape, bringing laughter and creativity to children in the hospital. The Pratilipi Comics team wowed everyone with vibrant comic presentations and engaging narrations that brought beloved characters to life. The kids participated in a fun-filled coloring activity and went home with certificates, storybooks, and delicious refreshments. Thanks to the dedication of the Samiksha Foundation team and the wonderful support from the PHO department, the day was filled with bright smiles and moments of pure happiness for the children and their families.





## Children's day @ SFLC at IGICH-13.11.24

Samiksha Foundation celebrated Children's Day in IGICH where all students and caregivers enjoyed fun activities, games and snacks. Dr. Vinay Jadhav, Ped. Surgeon visited Angana as a guest for prize and gift distribution which brought smiles on their cute little faces.





## Children's day @ SFLC at SSCHRC- 14.11.24

Samiksha Foundation celebrated Children's Day at SSCHRC where all students and caregivers enjoyed fun activities, games and snacks. Dr. Anand, Dr. Shashank, Dr. Aarati and Dr. Shamita visited playroom as guests for prize and gift distribution. Also distribution of vernacular versions of the book ' Who's Afraid of Cancer? 'written by Sanya Pradhan, a cancer survivor was done on this occasion by team Samiksha.

## Storytelling at SFLC @ SSCHRC- 22.11.24

Hetal Shah, a long-time volunteer, co-hosted a storytelling session with Ambika Chandrashekar. They shared stories about friendship, including "The 3 Butterflies Story" and another tale emphasizing the importance of supporting friends through both good times and bad. Parents and children participated in the session, enjoying the stories and making origami stars together.



To know more about our events, programs or volunteering opportunities, WhatsApp us on: +91 9686809400 Let us work together to make a real difference to children with cancer.

Samiksha Foundation is working towards raising funds to continue our integrated education, art, creative play, and yogacreative visualization programs, and sponsor education of cancer survivors through scholarships. Looking forward to your assistance by donating towards this. SFSP 9 will see disbursal of more than 13.5 lakhs to 77 students through the Samiksha Foundation Scholarships Program

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