

We are deeply thankful to Asha for Education, USA, for its continued support in empowering students at Aarti English Medium School. Asha's partnership has been instrumental in shaping a nurturing and inspiring learning environment. Currently (year 2025-26), Asha for Education has provided funds of Rs. 3854000/-, in which Rs. 5,34,000/- was given towards print shop setup(as a one-time grant), and Rs. 33,20,000 was given towards the payment of teachers' salaries. This support has helped Aarti School and the children in pursuing their dreams with confidence. We are also thankful to Ms Suvarna Geetha for visiting Aarti Home as part of the due diligence exercise.



This report highlights the key developments and the activities during the year 2025-26 with regard to school and also a brief of the activities of other branches of Aarti for Girls.

### **Aarti English Medium School:**

School reopened on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2025 after summer vacation. The reopening was celebrated with a vibrant welcome program organised by the school staff to extend a warm invitation to the students into the new academic year. 153 students newly joined the school.

The school strength during the year is 613 students, and there are 27 teaching staff and 13 non-teaching staff (staff details are as of January 2026).



## Offshore Volunteers

Aarti has welcomed two **German volunteers** again this year to engage in school activities and support both academics and extracurricular activities. These volunteers will interact with students, share global perspectives, and participate in cultural exchange. This experience benefits the children while giving the volunteers meaningful cross-cultural exposure.



## SSC (Grade X Board) Results:

The school has achieved 100% pass results in the SSC Board Exams conducted in April 2025. All the 37 children who wrote the exams passed successfully. The results are as follows.

1. No. of children who wrote the exam : 37
2. Marks obtained by the school topper : 565/600
3. Average GPA : 7.56/10



These results reflect the academic diligence, capable teaching, and perseverance of students. While these results include outstanding achievements, they also serve as a valuable diagnostic tool to plan remedial strategies and provide individual support where needed. The school remains committed to fostering excellence and bridging academic gaps for every learner.

## DOT Learning Circle:

Aarti School, starting this year, has adopted an innovative, comprehensive early education ecosystem named DOT Learning Circle that supports schools, teachers, and parents to create engaging and joyful learning experiences for kindergarten children. This system goes beyond textbooks, helping children explore and connect with the real world.



### Teacher Empowerment Program:

At the start of the academic year, a workshop was held for the teachers to update them on **Innovative Teaching Methods**. The key approaches discussed were

1. Project Based Learning
2. Flipped classroom
3. Inquiry Based Learning
4. Cross-Over Teaching.
5. Personalised Teaching
6. Gamification
7. Mistake-Led Learning and
8. Collaborative Learning.



The teachers were encouraged to adopt these methods in their classrooms.

### AI Classes for staff and Teachers:

Introduction Gen AI Sessions for teachers and staff: February 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>- An introductory workshop was held in Aarti School to equip the teachers with generative AI tools. The two day workshop covered AI basics, Chat GPT, Gemini and Notebook LM. The participants learnt to use AI tools to prepare lesson plans, mind maps, video overviews, quizzes/question papers, posters, presentations and flash cards. After these two day sessions the teachers were able to upload the source materials and generate outputs.



The participants were encouraged to use Gen AI in their daily classwork and update their knowledge.

### Parent-Teacher Meetings

A Parent-Teachers Meeting was held at Aarti School to discuss students' academic progress and overall development. Parents expressed their happiness about the home visits by teachers and the nutritious midday meals for the children, which helped them feel more connected and supported. The meeting strengthened the bond between parents and teachers.



### Empowering Parents - Seedling Support Circle

A Seedling Support Circle was formed in the school to help the families create a supportive learning space at home, extending education beyond the classroom. Parents were guided to actively engage in their child's studies, strengthening the home-school connection. This initiative nurtures consistency in learning and empowers children to thrive.



### Success Stories of Aarti for Girls:

This year also our alumni have secured jobs in the corporate field.

1. Three girls have completed their BSc in Nursing and have secured jobs in Omega Hospitals, a corporate chain of hospitals in Hyderabad.
2. One of our scholarship-supported students has secured a job in Tata Consultancy Services, reflecting the success of our empowerment efforts.
3. Girls joining higher education:

- a. Four girls from Aarti have joined Engineering Colleges after securing ranks in the entrance exams. Yogitha who is pursuing her first year BE has won a scholarship from Foundation for Excellence, which supports her financially through her 4 year Engineering studies and also mentors her for her future.



- b. Two girls have joined the B.Pharm and D.Pharm courses. One girl has joined B.Sc – Allied Health Sciences
  - c. One girl has joined B.Com in a degree college in Kadapa.
4. Two girls from Aarti Home are undergoing training in an advanced beautician course from a renowned institute in Hyderabad.
  5. Alekhya's Success : Alekhya joined Aarti when she was 5 years old with clubbed feet. She has now undergone multiple surgeries to correct the defect. During her medical procedures, she could not attend school but was supported within Aarti Village itself. When she returned to school, she was not on the same level as her classmates, so she was given special care and guidance in Aarti's Learning Improvement Section. With a lot of effort and dedication, she caught up in her

studies, was able to attend her exams, and is now on the same page as her classmates and friends in the mainstream classes.

### Remedial Classes for Aarti Children- Learning Improvement Program:

This year, 153 children were admitted to Aarti School, and many of these students lacked basic numeracy and linguistic skills. They were initially diagnosed for their mathematics and LSRW skills, and based on their performance, these children were grouped with children of similar skills. These children were given individual attention with the help of our regular teachers and volunteers (undergraduate students of Aarti). After 4 weeks of intensive training, around 50% of the students joined their peers in regular school.

### Mother Language Day

On February 21st, Aarti English Medium School hosted a special program to observe **International Mother Language Day**—the event aimed to instil an appreciation for cultural diversity and the preservation of endangered tongues. Students took an active role by preparing detailed charts for each of the **22 languages** listed in the Eighth Schedule of the Indian Constitution. Through these displays, they eloquently explained the cultural importance and "greatness" of each language, successfully promoting the spirit of multilingualism within the school community.



### Hindi Classes



At Aarti School, a **Hindi Coaching Programme, Prathamika Course** was held to strengthen students' proficiency in Hindi. The initiative is designed for **Classes 4 to 9**, with **54 students attending the classes**.



The programme focused on building confidence, communication skills, and cultural understanding. The students were assessed

by and conducted by the **Dakshin Bharat Hindi Prachar Sabha** and all of them passed the examination.

### Learning English:

During the last weeks of February and first week of March, five days long “English Language Workshops” were conducted for the students of 7th, 8th and 9th grades. The children from each grade were divided into groups and based on their grades the curriculum was designed, which included - nuances of grammar, parts of speech, passage and poetry reading, narration rules, vocabulary gaming, idioms, punctuation, slogan writing, story writing, active and passive voices, reading comic strips, dialogue writing, palindromes, and collocations.



Children participated actively in these workshops and opportunities were given to all the children to present their skills. It is heartening to note that the children have put in commendable efforts.

### Nature Visits:

Aarti girls visited Nagaravanam (An Urban Forest), maintained by the Forest Department.



The trip was organised by the Divisional Forest Officer Mr.Vineeth Kumar, IFS, who nominated a departmental officer to guide the children. During the visit, they learned about the different plants, their scientific names, their properties and their uses. This experience fostered responsibility, teamwork, and an appreciation for caring for nature. Our girls also volunteered to clean the park by picking up the garbage left. This exercise taught them to care for nature and enhanced their knowledge of the flora.

### Nature and Festivals:

Our 5th-grade children collected leaves, flowers, fruits, and vegetables from the field and explained their benefits, including the **Ayurvedic properties of leaves** in daily life. They also narrated the story behind Vinayaka Chavithi, linking tradition with practical learning. Using the collected leaves, the children joyfully created an **eco-friendly Vinayaka idol**, promoting sustainability.



### Promoting Logical Thinking: Maths Day

Maths Day was celebrated at Aarti School with enthusiasm to highlight the importance of mathematics in daily life. Students participated in activities such as quizzes, puzzles, and math-based games that made learning enjoyable. The event encouraged logical thinking, problem-solving, and creativity among children. Overall, the celebration created a positive interest in mathematics and learning.



### Celebrating Science : National Science Day

On February 28th, Aarti English Medium School celebrated **National Science Day** to honor Sir C.V. Raman's discovery of the Raman Effect. Students participated in live experiments and science exhibitions, emphasising the role of rational thinking and innovation in India's progress. The event



inspired many young minds to look at the world through the lens of curiosity and scientific inquiry.



### Understanding Government Structure

As a part of the Social Studies exhibition, a one-week workshop was conducted to help children understand the government structure in India, starting from ancient times. Sessions covered the roles of the legislature, executive, and judiciary in running the country. Children also learned about the election process, starting from the village-level to the national parliament, including panchayat, municipality, mayor, chief minister, and prime minister. Interactive discussions and activities made the learning practical and engaging. The workshop improved civic awareness and encouraged children to become responsible and informed citizens.

At the conclusion of the workshop, children prepared charts, displayed them and explained the processes to their peers.



**R. Manvitha Krishna – “We learnt lots of things from this workshop, like about Government, about 73rd & 74th Amendment Act, Committees for panchayat Raj Institution and about Reservations.”**

### Mock Parliament on Indian Constitution Day (26.11.2025)

On Indian Constitution Day, Aarti children organised a Mock Parliament program. They performed a skit demonstrating how the Indian government functions. Roles such as the Cabinet Ministers, Leader of Opposition, ruling party members, and parliamentary proceedings were showcased. A Question Hour was held where the opposition members asked questions and the minister dealing with the subject answered. These activities helped children understand democracy, working of the parliament, and constitutional values. It improved their public speaking and teamwork skills. The event was both educational and engaging.



### Health National Deworming Day

On **National Deworming Day** Dr. P.Sreenivasulu Reddy, Aarti's advisor ensured that all children were administered **deworming medicines**. His support helped raise awareness about the importance of preventive healthcare in maintaining children's overall health. This initiative not only protected the children from infections but also reinforced Aarti's commitment to providing a safe, healthy, and nurturing environment for every child.



### Regular Health Checkups:

All the children of Aarti School underwent annual medical checkups in January and parameters like complete blood picture, haemoglobin, height, and weight were checked. The results were populated in their medical records and their progress tracked. Girls with low haemoglobin levels are being provided with special dietary supplements to improve their haemoglobin levels.



### International Yoga Day Celebration at Aarti School

Aarti School celebrated International Yoga Day on June 21, 2025, with enthusiastic participation from students and staff. Some of our trained students guided the session, leading everyone through yoga asanas, breathing exercises, and meditation. The event emphasized the importance of yoga for physical health, mental clarity, and emotional balance. Both students and teachers practiced together, promoting unity and mindfulness. The peaceful atmosphere encouraged self-discipline and inner calm. Yoga Day served as a reminder of the value of holistic well-being and the need to incorporate such practices into daily life.



### No Drugs Day Awareness Program

An awareness workshop was conducted on No Drugs Day to educate children and youth about the dangers of drug abuse. The program highlighted the increasing concern of drug addiction among young people in cities. Sessions focused on prevention, healthy lifestyle choices, and self-discipline. Children actively participated and shared their thoughts. The initiative aimed to build awareness and resilience. It reinforced the importance of making responsible life choices.



### Annual Day Celebrations:

Aarti School celebrated their annual day in the month of February. Children performed skits, dances and other cultural programs. These celebrations were attended by the parents of the students and the teachers.



### National Festival Celebrations

**On Independence Day**, the national flag was hoisted with pride, followed by the distribution of chocolates to the children. Students presented patriotic skits and dramas, showcasing the spirit of freedom and unity. The celebration was filled with enthusiasm, instilling a sense of pride and responsibility among the children.



### Republic Day Celebrations

Republic Day at Aarti School is a celebration of unity, pride, and patriotism. Students come together to honor the values of our Constitution through cultural performances, speeches, and flag hoisting. The day inspires young minds to become responsible citizens of India. It is a reminder of our nation's strength, diversity, and democratic spirit. The celebration fills the campus with joy, respect, and national pride.



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***A brief report on the activities of Aarti Home's other branches.***

1. **Aarti Village:** Aarti Village is a home for girls, where 132 girls are being sheltered now.
2. **Aarti Cares Program:** Starting this year, Aarti has started a unique program to support 20 high performing girls, who have passed out from rural government schools in their intermediate education. These girls are staying in Aarti Village and are admitted to a renowned corporate junior college in the city.
3. **Aarti Vidya Vikasa Kendra:** This is a unique program implemented by Aarti since December 2026 and funded by the Azim Premji Foundation. The aim of this program is to identify out-of-school/long-term absentee children from 10 slums in Kadapa, and support them (education, nutritional and emotional) so that they return to school. The program will also identify individuals who do not possess essential government documents and enable them to access these documents. The program will also enable these individuals to access government welfare schemes. As part of the program, premises are set up in these slums, which will be used as resource centres for women and as learning centres.

4. **Aarti Women's Centre:** Aarti Women's Centre is where women can find a safe, discrimination-free space to be themselves and thrive. Aarti enables women to change their circumstances through sustainable livelihood activities and capacity enhancement programs, thus



empowering them with the skills and support needed for self-reliance and resilience. The holistic training programs in tailoring, embroidery, beauty care, computer skills, and culinary arts, Aarti has enabled women to earn livelihoods, support their families, and build brighter futures.

5. **Lalitha Women's Co-operative:** Lalitha Women's Cooperative was established in February 2003 to impart women with leadership and employability skills. The members of this group own a business that creates high-quality clothing, drapes, and home furnishing items. The cooperative currently has eleven women and



two men who have been trained and are retained as tailors. These talented

seamstresses contribute to VFT's training programs and produce high-quality clothing.

6. **Report on Print Shop - One-time Funding:** Aarti for Girls has received a one-time funding grant of Rs. 5,34,000 towards setting up a print shop so that the expenses of Aarti Home on photocopying and other printing expenses could be reduced. As proposed in the grant application, with the funds received, we have procured the following equipment:

- A Multi-Function Printer.
- A large-format printer (Plotter).
- A binding machine capable of both spiral and ring binding
- A lamination machine that can laminate up to 13" in width
- A paper cutting machine that can cut up to 500 pages
- Consumables, including photocopier paper, plotter rolls, lamination rolls and pouches, top covers for book binding, spiral coils, and Wire binders and initial setup expenses.



We have set up a print shop at the Aarti Women's Centre (AWC), named Lalitha Xerox Centre.



The facility began operations on December 1, 2025. The Multi-Function Printer is extensively used for photocopying study and learning materials for school, other projects and college-going students at Aarti Home. As of this report, we have printed and photocopied 132,000 pages, resulting in a reduction in expenses of Rs. 80,000 by printing in-house.

## Conclusion

Education at Aarti School is not just about academics—it is about opening doors for children who might otherwise be left behind. With our unique teaching methodologies, dedicated teachers, and the support of volunteers, we are bridging learning gaps and helping



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first-generation learners gain confidence in their studies. The introduction of programs like DOT Learning Circle, for early learners, ensures a strong foundation from the very beginning.

We remain deeply grateful to **Asha for Education USA** for supporting teachers' salaries, reflecting the power of collective responsibility in shaping young lives. Together, we are building not only educated individuals but also empowering future citizens.