

Snehalaya Asha Renewal 2026

Sneh Dnyandeep Program
& Snehalaya English Medium School

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2026 Proposal

Requesting support for Snehalaya = 18.71 Lakh INR for year 2026.

Support of running Sneh Dnyandeep program at 3 municipal schools, to address children drop out rate. This amount will be used primarily for covering staff salary, yearly recurring expenses (books & periodicals, events at school, internet/phone charges)	Recurring basis	INR 8,79, 000
Support for supporting Snehalaya English Medium School (covering 3 teachers and 1 staff salaries)	One time	INR 6,24,000
Support for supporting capital expenses of Sneh Dnyandeep program (e.g. laptop, office equipment, sports equipments)	One time	INR 75,000
Support for expanding Sneh Dnyandeep program to 1 additional municipal school	One time	INR 2,93,000
Total Support needed (sum of all above)		INR 18,71,000
<i>Detailed breakdown are on slides 17-18 and slide 23</i>		

Additional Context

For [Sneh Dnyandeep](#) Program:

- Approximate annual cost per school is Rs.2,93,000/- .
- Number of remedial children in each school is around 35 to 45 students.
- Cost per student per year is Rs.~8300/-
- Major portion of cost is salary per staff (INR 120,000/-). Total 2 staff per school. So INR 2,40,000/-
- Rest cost is for books + educational support + others

For [Snehalaya English Medium School](#) Program

- Salary for 3 teachers + 1 staff
- Combined annual cost for salaries: INR 6,24,000

Please see detailed slides for each program in their respective sections

Quick Introduction of Snehalaya

About Snehalaya

Snehalaya means 'Home of Love'.

Established in 1989, Snehalaya supports women, children, and LGBT communities affected by HIV/AIDS, trafficking, sexual violence, and poverty. Operating in the Ahmednagar district of Maharashtra, India, the organization is dedicated to completely eliminating second-generation prostitution and ensuring the local sex industry is entirely free of minors.

Mission: Every woman and child should have the right to a life free from inequality, cruelty and discrimination.

More details: <https://www.snehalaya.org/about>

Outreach & Impact

- Supports ~**20,000 beneficiaries** a year through 27 rehabilitation, health and AIDS prevention, education and [awareness-raising projects](#). (detailed breakdown of impact on next slide)
- **Shelters 250 children/year** of sex workers, minors rescued from sex work and those orphaned by or living with HIV.
- Provides a safe and supportive family setting, with our **own school and HIV hospital**.
- Short and long-term homes for women rescued from trafficking and forced prostitution also provide free counselling, legal aid, health treatment, vocational training and alternatives to sex workers.
- Outreach work includes **education projects in slums, sexual health clinics for sex workers, computer and vocational training** and **Child rescue** services.
- Also promote social work and issues through twice yearly **youth camps** and our own **community radio station**.

OUR VISION

To develop the awareness and capabilities of individuals who have been deprived of their fundamental rights as a result of the inequalities that exist in our society.

OUR MISSION

To provide rescue, rights and rehabilitative services to the communities in most need.
To offer a safe exit point to women and their children trapped in the crippling cycle of poverty and abuse.

OUR IMPACT 2024-25

Overall reach
2,02,425



Health
14,292



Shelter
459



Education
2,646

Support
3,741



Helplines
27,647



Awareness
1,53,520



[Annual Report](#)



EDUCATION



Balbhavan (Slum School)

100 children / centre

Community lead drop-in centres in 7
Ahmednagar slums, offering education for
youth of all ages

English Medium School

300+ pupils per year

An inclusive primary school for children who
have been pushed out of the education
system

Agricultural Training Centre

45-day residential course

Training the next generation of
agricultural entrepreneurs

Vatsalya pre-school

Nursery school education for children from
low income families

Vidya Sahayog Scholarship

Financial support for higher education for
students from low incomes

Mehekari Study Center

Community study center for young people
preparing for competitive exams

SNEH DNYANDEEP PROJECT

“Empowering marginalized children through Education”

Executive Summary

With the strong belief that “Education is the true foundation of development,” we aim to address the challenge of irregular school attendance, declining interest in learning, and high dropout rates among municipal school children.

The Sneh Dnyandeep Program has been implemented in two selected municipal schools for a period of 12 months as a pilot. Drawing on Snehalaya’s successful two-decade experience with the Balbhavan Project (an afterschool project to ensure that all slum children are brought in the mainstream of education) the initiative seeks to enhance attendance, improve education quality, reintegrate out-of-school children, and foster holistic personality development through joyful, innovative, and inclusive methods.

The Problem Statement

- Irregular Attendance:** Children from vulnerable communities often face barriers to consistent schooling.
- Gender-Specific Risks:** Girls are frequently forced into child labor or early marriage following puberty.
- Academic Disconnect:** Students lose interest when they cannot cope with standard academic demands.
- Economic Pressure:** Children are often pulled from school to become breadwinners for their families.

Program Objectives

- **Attendance:** Increase student presence through motivational activities and tracking.
- **Quality:** Enhance learning through joyful, interactive, and practical-based methods.
- **Reintegration:** Return out-of-school children to the mainstream education system.
- **Holistic Development:** Build leadership, communication skills, and health awareness.
- **Collaboration:** Strengthen the bond between teachers, parents, and the school community.

Methodology & Implementation

In-School Tools: Establishment of Toy Banks, Book Banks, and Science Corners.

Engaging Activities: Using storytelling, role models, and digital learning tools.

Community Outreach: Organizing "Mohalla Classes" and individual counseling for at-risk families.

Enrichment: Providing sports, arts, music, and drama to foster personality development.

Expected Outcomes (12-Month Mark)

Attendance: At least a 20% increase in student attendance.

Performance: Noticeable improvement in academic quality and learning outcomes.

Success Stories: Re-enrollment of previously out-of-school children.

Self-Growth: Enhanced student self-confidence and improved hygiene habits.

Expansion: Plans to scale the pilot to 4 additional schools in the following year.

Support Received from Municipal Corporation

- Selection of two schools for project implementation.
- Necessary permissions to conduct activities within school premises.
- Active participation and cooperation from school administration and teachers.

Conclusion & Request

Driven by the belief that “Education is not just a right, but a duty,” Snehalaya is committed to ensuring quality education for children from marginalized and neglected communities, enabling them to build a brighter future. Snehalaya plan to expand this pilot for 4 more schools in the next financial year subject to permissions from the municipal corporation.

We sincerely request your financial support to implement this initiative, so that together, we can make a meaningful difference in the lives of the city’s children.

SNEH DNYANDEEP PROGRAM approx budget per school for 2026-27

Sr. No.	Expenditure Head	Qty	Rate	Amount (INR)	Description
A	Operational Expenses				
	Books & Periodicals	1	16,300.00	16,300.00	Notebooks, Workbooks, Stationary for project work only
	Educational Support Expense	1	5,000.00	5,000.00	Teaching aids or educational toys for teaching purpose 5000/- for each school
	Training Material for Education/vocational Course	1	3,900.00	3,900.00	For winter and summer camp
	Photo Expenses	2	250	500.00	Monthly or quarterly printing photos of news and project work for display on board
	Programme & Event Expenses	1	5,000.00	5,000.00	events in school
	Staff Salary	2	120,000.00	240,000.00	(Co-Ordinators, Teachers & support staff)
	Training & Meeting Expenses	2	3,000.00	6,000.00	yearly two sessions for personal development regarding project for all staff
	Exposure Visit of staff	1	3,000.00	3,000.00	once in a year
	Telephone, Internet and Tab recharge Expenses	2	3,600.00	7,200.00	299 recharges per month for 1 staff
	Travel of Project Manager	2	1,000.00	2,000.00	
	Printing and Stationary	2	2,000.00	4,000.00	Question paper, Result etc.
	Total expenses			2,92,900	

SNEH DNYANDEEP PROGRAM capital expenses for 2026-27

B	Capital Expenses				
	Laptop	1	50,500.00	50,500.00	Laptop with Net connection to work out properly on data and reports making.
	Office Equipment	1	19,800.00	19,800.00	Table + Chair + cupboard + Printer plus scanner
	Sport Equipment	1	4,400.00	4,400.00	Needed for each school
	Total Capital Expenses			74,700.00	



Snehalaya English Medium School

Background

Snehalaya English Medium School(SEMS) was **set up in 2010**, primarily to provide education to Snehalaya Rehab Center children who were **struggling in mainstream school** as their **HIV medication** and restricted health affected their concentration and attendance.

Opened our doors to children from **neighborhood slum and local communities**, many of whom have been excluded from other schools or faced bullying due to their backgrounds or social standing, with the aim of improving social integration and acceptance.

Currently provide education for **452 children** up to **10th standard between ages 5 to 16**, after which they will be encouraged to continue onto higher education.

The students coming to SEMS are different than mainstream school children. They come from **deprived background and have complex emotions and problems**.

The direct beneficiaries of this school project include students who are:

Orphans and semi-orphans, The **children of sex workers**, Children living in **slums**, red light areas

Children from the poorest sections of society, Children staying in the adjacent villages and other areas

Any deserving child recommended by the board

Recognition



In 2023, Snehalaya English Medium School was shortlisted in the World's Best School Prize Top Three finalists for overcoming adversity for our work in tackling the stigma faced by people living with HIV/AIDS and sex workers. This was a huge achievement as we were the first and only semi-rural school in India to have made it to this stage in the prize since its inception.

Note: The World's Best School Prizes are the world's most prestigious education awards founded by T4 Education to celebrate schools transforming lives and communities, offering a platform to share best practices. Purpose: To showcase the crucial, often unseen, work schools do to improve society, providing a platform to share their expertise with the world.

Established in 2022 following the COVID-19 pandemic, these prizes recognize exceptional schools across five categories: Community Collaboration, Environmental Action, Innovation, Overcoming Adversity, and Supporting Healthy Lives.

Background - Asha support

Snehalaya school teachers have a great awareness and capability other than academics, to work with children from deprived backgrounds. To enhance their skills to work with the children Snehalaya has been investing in teacher training.

2019-2020 : [VOPA](#) (**Vowels of the People's Association**) is an NGO which works on the vision of creating a society which stands on the foundation of Justice, Compassion, Non-violence, Secularism, Gender equality, Democracy, Scientific temper and other Indian constitutional human values.

2021 -2023: [Adhyayan](#) develops innovative teaching strategies for students, in Science, Maths and Geography and have programs running in Mumbai, Vasai, Virar, Vikramgad, Dombivali, Pune, Ahmednagar and Goa

Founded in 2011 by Rajiv Vartak. As a teacher-educator Rajiv conceptualised Adhyayan for 2 decades during which time he and his team visited more than 150 schools in order to learn the best practices and good teaching methodologies. Rajiv also supports [Door Step school](#), another Asha supported project

2024 onwards : Supporting teacher salary

Budget proposal: Snehalaya English Medium School (2026)

Salary for 3 teachers	INR 39,000 per month	INR 4,68,000 for the year
Salary of 1 Teacher + Curriculum Lead staff	INR 13,000	INR 1,56,000
Total Proposed Budget for Asha SV : Support Salary for 4 teachers (Include pf% in the budget)		INR 6,24,000

Other Updates

Project UDAAN

Goal: Make Ahilayanagar (Ahmednagar) District **child marriage free** by 2030

Child marriage rate 47% (India) and 35% (Maharashtra)

Udaan is the project dedicated to sensitising communities and allied agencies and intervening and rehabilitating child brides across the district.

project Udaan stands firm on the legal grounds that child marriage is a crime—punishable under the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006.

Udaan 24/7 confidential helpline: 9011026495.

UDAAN RALLY



UDAAN IMPACT

Over the past two years (2023–24 and 2024–25), Udaan has made significant strides in prevention, rehabilitation and empowerment. Child marriages have been stopped and more girls have been protected from the lifelong harm early marriage brings. Through consistent follow-ups and community engagement, girls have been assisted in returning to school, received health and psychological support and received skill-development training that will enable them to achieve their full potential and financial independence. Each one represents a life redirected, a future restored and a community strengthened.



As Udaan progresses into the next phase, the focus remains on deepening impact—reducing the incidence of child marriage, strengthening community-driven systems, empowering more girls through education and skills, and building a replicable model for other districts across Maharashtra and India. Through consistent monitoring, monthly reviews and data-driven planning, Udaan continues to transform vulnerable childhoods into safe, dignified, and hopeful futures.



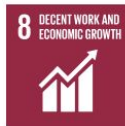
Together with our partners, supporters and community stakeholders and by combining protection, prevention, empowerment and community mobilization, we are moving closer to a district where every child grows up free, educated and empowered.



With your help, we are committed to ensuring that every child in Ahilyanagar has the opportunity to grow, learn, dream, and thrive—free from the shadow of child marriage.



EXPANDING MINDS



Over the past few years, our UK trustee and long-term Indian volunteer, Nick Cox has been working with our Snehalaya English Medium School 9 and 10 std students. As a native English speaker he engages the youngsters in conversation and activities to help improve their verbal, reading and writing skills. Each year, the classes aim to inspire students to 'start with the end in mind' by asking a simple yet powerful question: "What is your future dream?"

This sparks meaningful conversations about students' hopes and ambitions as they create a roadmap to success. To help bridge the gap between their dreams and real-world possibilities, students have engaged in work experience and this year took part in a series of exposure visits—a hands-on initiative designed to introduce them to diverse career paths and workplaces.

With over 20 Snehalaya projects and a large head office, there was no better place to start than right at home, taking our students on guided tours to meet our diverse teams of professionals. With interactions with our dedicated project managers, Secretary, Dr Priti Bhombe, and Founder, Dr Girish Kulkarni. Each visit offered (listed below) inspiration as well as invaluable insights into the responsibilities and community impact of our diverse NGO.

- Accounts
- Anamprem
- Caring Friends Hospital
- Himmatgram
- HR
- Manasgram
- Marketing, Fundraising & Communications
- PR
- Operations
- Sakshama
- Snehadhar
- Snehankur Adoption Centre
- Snehijot

A former student who wanted to work in hotel management, interned in our PR office and now works at Hyatt, Pune

This year, we broadened our exposure visits to include external organizations, businesses and community services, including MIDC Police and Fire stations. Hotel Udayan Raje Palace, SBI Bank, Hundekari Sports Academy (where students learned about cricket, umpiring & coaching—even winning a friendly match) and our District & Sessions Court (guided by advocate and Snehadhar honorary director, Sham Aasava, who introduced students to judges and the legal system). We also took seven boys from SKVK, our vocational training project, to Hunnar Gurukul, a residential vocational program for youth from challenging backgrounds. Seeing alumni, Rohit grown in height and confidence and Akshay working as a skilled carpenter teaching others, was one of our proudest moments.

At every stop, professionals explained the educational pathways and qualifications needed for their chosen roles with our students asking intelligent questions and showing remarkable curiosity, leaving strong impressions wherever they went. At Snehalaya, we believe in expanding minds beyond limits. Having seen what their futures could look like, our students are not just dreaming bigger—they are now working on the qualifications, skills, experience and confidence they need to turn those dreams into reality.

Appendix

Snehalaya English medium school - Asha Support in 2025

Salary for 3 teachers	INR 36,160 per month	INR 4,33,920 for the year
Salary of 1 Teacher + Curriculum Lead staff	INR 12,053	INR 1,44,636
Total Supported by Asha SV in 2025: Support Salary for 4 teachers (Include pf% in the budget)		INR 5,78,556