



**Swami Vivekananda
Youth Movement**

Annual Report 2024-25

**Harnessing
Human Potential**





Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement

Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement (SVYM) is a development organization, engaged in building a new civil society in India through its grassroots to policy level action in Health, Education, Socio Economic Empowerment and Training & Research sectors since 1984.

SVYM has its headquarters in Mysuru district of Karnataka state in Southern India. Acting as a key promoter-facilitator in the community's efforts towards self-reliance and empowerment, SVYM is developing local, innovative and cost-effective solutions to sustain community-driven progress. SVYM believes that building human and social capital will result in economic consequences and all of SVYM's programs are driven by this development paradigm.





Message from the Founder



Dear Friends,

Warm greetings.

As I reflect on SVYM's journey this past year, I am reminded that the true strength of a movement lies not in its size or scale, but in the quiet, sustained energy of its people. SVYM has never been just an organization - it has always been a living platform. A space where people come together, grow together, and work together to create change that lasts. The fuel that drives this platform is human potential - unlocked, nurtured, and directed toward the service of society.

This year, we have witnessed a quiet revolution - communities stepping forward not just as participants or partners, but as changemakers. Across our geographies, from the dense forests of Joida to the hills of MM Hills, we have seen people claim ownership of development. Parents of children with cerebral palsy in Kushalnagar came together, raised their voice, and worked with us to establish a rehabilitation centre - one they now help run. A group of millet farmers, driven by conviction and compassion, are influencing others to return to sustainable farming practices. Our young Viveka Scholars have gone beyond just being recipients of support and have transformed their sense of purpose into action - volunteering, organizing, and inspiring their peers through the Viveka Seva Dala.

These are not isolated stories. They are living proof that when we invest in people, they form bonds, build trust, and create new

centres of leadership and service. What we are witnessing is the emergence of many "SVYMs" within communities - groups that embody the same spirit, guided by values of selflessness, empathy, and collective action.

Our expansion into new geographies and our work with youth are grounded in this belief - that sustainable development begins when people see themselves as both the means and the end of change. It is not about delivering services, but about awakening capacities. Not about working for but doing with.

We believe that human potential is the most abundant resource our country has. And when communities come together - sharing strength, pooling compassion, & acting in unison - that potential becomes transformative. This is our vision of building human and social capital, growing and paying forward to make this world a better place.

As we present this year's Annual Report, we do so with deep pride and gratitude. We honour not just our work, but the countless acts of courage, collaboration, and compassion that made it possible. And we renew our commitment to be a platform where people continue to rise - not just as recipients of development, but as its authors and as our partners in progress.

With hope and humility,

Yours truly,

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Dr R Balasubramaniam

Founder, SVYM

Message from the President



Dear Well Wishers,

SVYM herewith proudly presents its 41st Annual Report, which summarizes its relentless efforts through various activities across its four sectors to promote the development paradigm of building human and social capital, while upholding the values that it believes in.

SVYM recognises the changing needs and aspirations of the partners it has chosen to serve. The stress on promoting advanced technology in the health sector along with attracting young talent by offering academic and research opportunities are steps in this direction.

Recognising education as a springboard for tribal and rural aspirations is another new approach in empowering the youth. The same is true of aspirational youth from semiurban and urban areas.

SEEP (Socio Economic Empowerment Program) focuses on integration with Health and Education in holistic development of aspirational villages. Training farmers to adopt newer scientific techniques to complement their traditional knowledge to facilitate organic millet farming and promoting group

entrepreneurship in marketing their produce have been the areas of focus for SVYM.

SVYM's Training and Research wing has been designing and executing various programmes encouraging youth to gain a perspective of doing public or societal good while making private gains.

A vibrant NGO should always aim to couple continuity with the necessary changes to incorporate new thought processes to stay relevant in this fast-changing world. Efforts are being made to widen and refresh the membership base to give more representation to the young Bharat.

I take this opportunity to thank all the members within and outside the Governing Body for their continued commitment and also the efficient operational team for realising various milestones and targets, who together have strived to make SVYM one of the best NGOs in the country.

Sincere gratitude to all the well-wishers, donors, supporters and the beneficiaries who have all become the willing partners in the SVYM's journey of service before self.

Long live SVYM!

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Sudheer B Bangalore', written in a cursive style.

Dr Sudheer B Bangalore
President, SVYM

Message from the Chief Executive Officer



Dear Well Wishers,

It gives me immense pleasure to place before you SVYM's Annual Report 2024-25 - 'Harnessing Human Potential'

अमंत्रम् अक्षरं नास्ति नास्ति मूलमनौषधम्
अयोग्यः पुरुषो नास्ति योजकस्तत्र दुर्लभः.

Amantram aksharam naasti naasti moolmanaushadham,
Ayogyah purusho naasti yojakastatra durlabh.

There is no letter in the alphabet that cannot be used as a 'Mantra', and there exists no root which cannot be used as a medicine. Likewise, there is no incompetent or useless person. Scarce is only a person who knows how to make good use of all these.

The above Shubhashita reiterates Swami Vivekananda's teaching that each soul is potentially divine. It is this divinity and potential that we need to harness in the people we work with, by identifying each individual's unique strengths & nurturing them in ways that benefit not only the individual and their family but also the community as a whole.

Translating this philosophy into action, SVYM is aligning its efforts through the framework for building human & social capital, operationalized across three delivery models - Direct implementation - work with partners who are providing last-mile delivery while SVYM continues to act as an umbrella organization that guides implementation, Managed implementation - Identify projects which are codified and serve as the starting point for delivery of identified levers and continue operating projects where SVYM has strong-hold, Research & consultation - building

knowledge and consulting products based on the wealth of SVYM's implementation expertise and provide research consultations.

In continuation of this approach, SVYM also recognizes that its own people are the foundation for delivering these aspirations. To enable every team member to realize their potential and contribute meaningfully, the organization has prioritized learning and well-being. Through learning & development opportunities, comprehensive health insurance coverage, adherence to minimum wages, and other benefits such as maternity pay and gratuity, SVYM ensures that its employees are supported, empowered, & cared for-thereby strengthening the human capital within the organization itself.

SVYM is committed to adopting an Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) framework that guides us to make the communities we work with more sustainable, inclusive, diverse, and equitable. From this year, we will define our ESG vision and goals, and report on the progress in the coming year.

In today's era of Artificial Intelligence, SVYM is keeping pace by integrating technology across its processes - from data collection to reporting. This has enhanced the accuracy of data, enabled informed decision-making, and improved the overall quality of our work.

At SVYM, we remain committed to building human and social capital by enabling people and communities to realize their strengths & shape a better future. With your continued support, we look forward to creating a deeper impact in the years ahead.

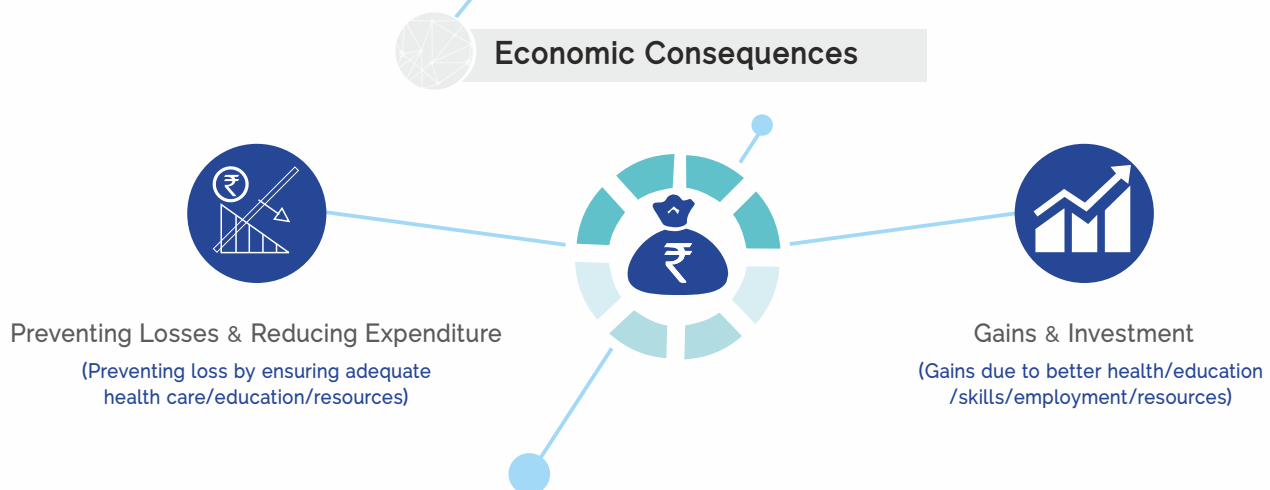
With great hope and gratitude,

Yours truly,

Savitha Sulugodu
Chief Executive Officer, SVYM

Development through expansion of Human Capabilities

Building Human & Social Capital



What is Human Capital?

Human Capital is the set of physical, intellectual, emotional and spiritual capabilities that an individual possesses that affords him or her the agency to lead and sustain their life.

What is Social Capital?

The benefits an individual receives from his/her social networks, and how these networks facilitate interactions, communication, awareness and access to opportunities.

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SVYM's initiatives are aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals - 2030

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2 ZERO HUNGER 	Vocational, Academic & Agriculture Training enhancing employability & income generation & facilitating social entitlements	7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY 	Solar Electrification of Remote Indigenous Tribal Settlements & SVYM Institutions	12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION 	Promoting indigenous dietary, medicinal and agricultural practices. Achieving near zero percent consumption of plastic in organisation events and promotional activities
3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING 	Institutional and community health programs for maternal-newborn, children, adolescent, women, elderly and persons with HIV, TB and NCD	8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH 	Livelihood Training Centre, Academic & Training Programs for rural women & youth. Formation of Self Help Groups engaging in business start ups	13 CLIMATE ACTION 	Tree plantation drives, promoting organic farming in rural and tribal communities
4 QUALITY EDUCATION 	Equitable education for children from tribal, rural & low income urban settlements. Scholarship program, capacity building of teachers & strengthening of education institutions	9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE 	Setting up rural Social Business Units, innovation to support entrepreneurship in women & youth through localised business models sensitive to the environment	16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS 	Working with indigenous tribal communities to achieve their human & social rights. Community Radio for empowering communities with information & participating in democracy
5 GENDER EQUALITY 	Initiatives that create equal opportunities in nutrition, education, employment & access to water & electrical energy. Social & financial inclusion and participation in democracy	10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES 	Reducing inequalities through equitable education, health care, employment opportunities for indigenous tribal, Persons Living with HIV, Persons with Disabilities	17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS 	Partnering with CSOs, Academia, Corporate, World bodies, UN and the Govt. to facilitate development

*SVYM's activities are established across the districts considering the need of the community & organisation's expertise in that particular aspect

Gender equality is a key principle that reflects across all our development activities

Human Capital Index

The Human Capital Index strengthens the economic case for investing in people as it links selected human capital outcomes with productivity and income levels. It is a forward-looking measure of how current health and education outcomes will shape productivity for the next generation of workers.

How does the Human Capital Index relate to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)?

The components of the Human Capital Index (survival, schooling, and health) have direct links with the global goals that countries around the world have set to achieve by 2030.

Survival to Age 5: By including under-5 mortality, the index links to SDG target 3.2-to reduce neonatal mortality to 12 per 1,000 live births or lower and under-5 mortality to 25 per 1,000 live births or lower.

Learning-Adjusted Years of School: The index introduces this innovative measurement of learning, which supports SDG 4.1 - to ensure, among other things, the completion of equitable & good-quality primary and secondary education. By tracking changes in the expected years of quality-adjusted education, countries will be able to monitor their achievement toward this education target.

Health: The index includes the adult survival rate & the prevalence of childhood stunting. The adult survival rate represents the probability that a 15-year-old will survive to age 60. To improve this indicator, countries will have to work on reducing causes of premature mortality, which will also help achieve SDG target 3.4. Prevalence of stunting among children under 5 is one of the key indicators for achievement of SDG target 2.2, which aims to eliminate all forms of malnutrition by 2030.

The Human Capital Index aims to draw attention to a wide range of actions across multiple sectors that can build human capital & accelerate progress towards the SDGs.

[Source: Human Capital Index Project, World Bank](#)

Our Community Partners



Indigenous Tribal Population

Since our inception, we have partnered with indigenous forest based tribal communities comprising Jenu Kuruba, Betta Kuruba, Yarava, Soliga, Iruliga & Paniya living on the fringes of Nagarhole and Bandipur Forest & Tiger Reserves.

Jenu Kurubas are given the status of Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group (PVTGs) by the Govt. of India. It is said that one can take Jenu Kuruba out of the forest, but one cannot take the forest out of Jenu Kuruba. Back in Maharaja days, Jenu Kuruba men, being deft Mahouts, were commissioned to escort the royal hunt parties. Even today, Jenu Kuruba Mahouts are a part of the royal procession during Mysore Dasara.



Rural Youth



Urban Poor



Migrant Workers



Persons with Disabilities



People with HIV/Chronic Illness



Pregnant Women & Mothers

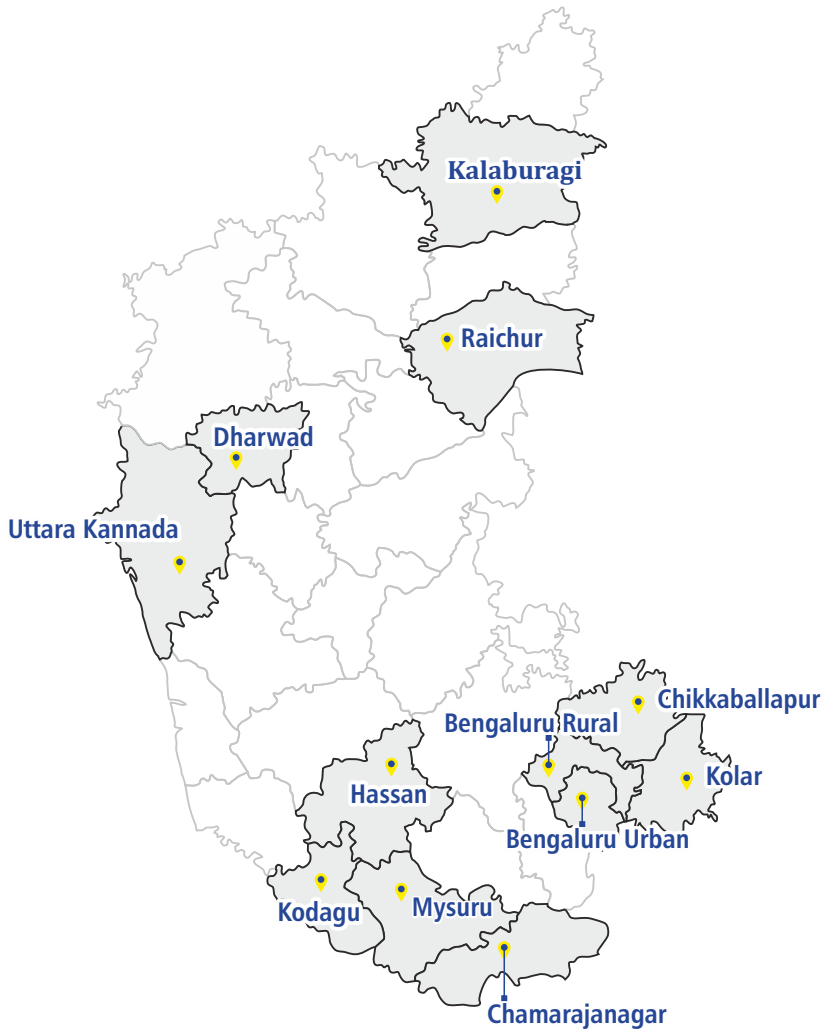


Elderly




Grassroots Government Functionaries

SVYM's Reach in Karnataka



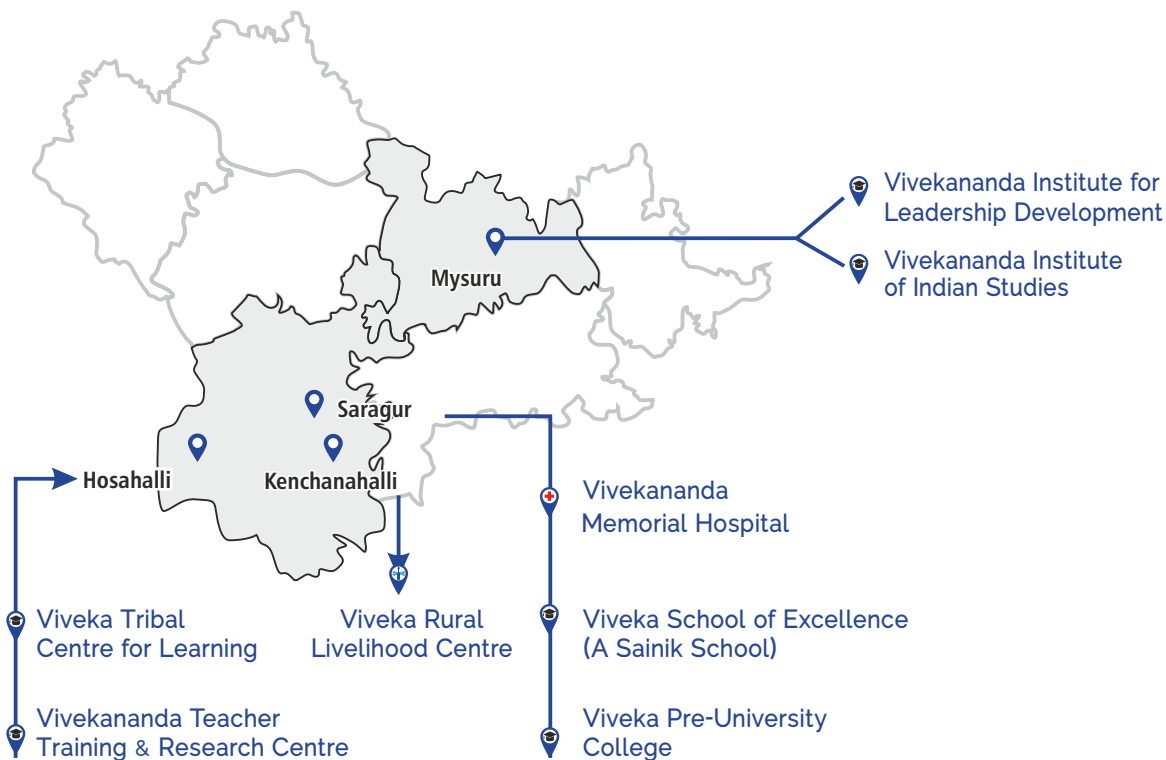
- 3.5 Million people being served
- 40+ Programs
- All 31 Districts of Karnataka

 SVYM intervention areas with regional/project offices

 Care & Support Centres (CSCs) 2.0 (HIV) across Karnataka

 Eliminating TB through decentralizing pediatric TB services & Innovative Active Case Finding in Karnataka

SVYM's Institutions in Mysuru District



SVYM's Development Narrative

Development Paradigm

Developing Human & Social Capital to build a resurgent India

Vision

A caring and equitable society, free of deprivation and strife

Mission

To facilitate and develop processes that improve the quality of life of people

Our Core Values

Satya (truthfulness) | Ahimsa (non violence) | Seva (service) | Tyaga (sacrifice)



Transparency in action,
disclosures &
accounting procedures



We work with ethical
& socially conscious
partners



Listed in NGO-DARPAN of
NITI Aayog, GuideStar India
& Credibility Alliance



Energy sufficiency through
focus on low-cost &
green alternatives



Environmental consciousness -
zero plastic, zero waste,
& reducing paper



All SVYM events
strive to be
plastic free



Ensuring dignity in
development



Non-transactional relationships with all
partners and stakeholders



Service before self



Building Human & Social Capital

SVYM's development initiatives are aligned to the organizational vision of building and growing Human & Social Capital that can lead to positive economic consequences



Local, innovative & replicable solutions

SVYM's bottom-up approach ensures solutions that are lean, contextually relevant, and culturally appropriate



Collaborations and Partnerships

SVYM's collaborations span government, corporates, CSOs, and academia



Community centric partnership

SVYM is a facilitator, catalyst, and partner, not merely a service provider. SVYM "works-with" community partners treating them as equals and valuing their contribution to achieve developmental goals



Complementing Institution & Community-based interventions

SVYM's blended intervention model ensures complementary synergy of institutional and community-based interventions for seamless service delivery to the community



Grassroot action

Grassroot action that directs development from the local, regional to national level



Family centric approach

Our interventions engage, involve & strengthen families by looking at family as the fundamental unit of development



Low transactional cost of less than 5%

Our operational overheads are less than 5% offering more CSR mileage per rupee



Employ local people to encourage ownership

We encourage diversity and inclusion & consciously promote employment of local people



Identify local Role Models who become agents of change

We promote role models from within the community to become the 'agents of change' & participate in the development of their community

Harnessing a connection with nature

Jenukuruba tribals have a custom of taking only a portion of the beehive, leaving a half of it for the bees to recoup. It is a sweet deal for some who have seen themselves as part of nature and not a master of it. Initiated in 2024-25, the Honey Processing Unit run by tribal men and women is an effort by these tribal families to recoup by harnessing their connection with nature.







Vivekananda Memorial Hospital Building the Human & Social Capital through health and well being

SVYM's Vivekananda Memorial Hospital started in 1998 to provide equitable health care to the local rural-tribal population of H D Kote and adjacent Taluks. The hospital has a reach of about 500,000 people including about 18,000 indigenous tribals.

The 100 bedded hospital with 24/7 emergency and critical care facility extends specialist secondary care combining the strength of both Allopathy and Ayurveda in a patient centric way.

VMH strives to provide ethical, rational and cost effective care adhering to the current accepted quality standards and incorporating the recent advances that are contextually relevant and in alignment with the needs of the community.

The rural hospital compliments and catalyses all major National Health Programs implemented at institution and community level.

The hospital serves as a hub for several community health programs, a training centre for medical and para-medical students and a field lab engaging in national and global research projects.

VMH is supported by corporate partners, trusts and foundations, the Ministry of Tribal Affairs and individuals.

The hospital's Yogakshema Committee administers a 'Poor Patient Fund' harnessing support from SVYM staff, community and donors for financing hospital care for deserving families.

67,078 Patient visits recorded at Vivekananda Memorial Hospital in 2024-25.



Vivekananda Memorial Hospital (VMH)

Empathetic holistic health care that adheres to current & appropriate standards of care-modalities, resources, outcomes & satisfaction based on evidence. Focused on tribal, rural, marginalized & vulnerable



Building Human & Social Capital



Complementing Institution & Community based interventions



Employ local people to encourage ownership

Started in 1998

Saragur, Mysuru District

Steps taken to enhance health care services

- Scope of OPD services expanded by including super speciality clinic services like Urology, Cardiology, Rheumatology, Dermatology & Cosmetology. Neurology and Spine surgeries and ENT surgeries were reintroduced
- High end technology based ophthalmic equipments, digital microscope, automated Blood Pressure monitor for quick and effective diagnostics and health care delivery
- Home-delivery of medicines and home-collection of lab samples
- Affordable hearing aids for rural and tribal communities introduced with support from Sivantos, our hearing aid provider

Patient Care Activities

Indicator	2023-24	2024-25
No. of outpatient visits	55,245	63,419
No. of inpatient admissions	3,263	3,659
Bed occupancy rate	32%	38%
Diagnostic services	1,15,699	1,79,942
Emergencies treated	5,940	7,872
HDU admissions	130	297
Cataract surgeries	813	815
General surgeries	177	242
Hearing Aids beneficiaries	Nil	68



Subsidised care for indigenous tribals at VMH is partly supported by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Govt. of India



Zero maternal mortality and zero stillbirths reported in 2024-25, reflecting improved obstetric care and emergency readiness. The hospital complemented the community based program for tribal maternal newborn health by conducting ANC camps and 417 deliveries with a caesarian section rate of 33%. *



Screening for Avoidable Blindness and Diabetic Retinopathy (DR) scaled up through hand-held Fundus Camera supported by Rotary Mysore and 4 major Rotary Clubs in the USA. Nearly 1000 diabetics screened and 48 linked to referred to DR Management.



Diabetic Retinopathy (DR) onsite treatment provided to 115 patients diagnosed with DR in collaboration with Vittala International Institute of Ophthalmology, reducing the need for referrals and improving patient compliance.

Vision was restored through Eye Care Services in over 815 patients post cataract surgeries in 2024-25.



Together we act to clear Cataract

In 2024-25, 815 Cataract surgeries were conducted with a 97% good outcome reported by the patients. We thank Rotary Mysore and partners supporting VMH for this milestone achievement.

Scan to watch



* Increase in the Caesarean section rate is due to the constantly increasing fetal weight in the tribal communities with low maternal BMI and more elective cesarean deliveries because of maternal requests.



Setting up the Smart ICU with financial support from Trellix India adds a new dimension to the hospital's capacity to deliver high-quality critical care.

The 6 bedded ICU facility at VMH was upgraded with cloud based ICU technology. 297 Patients were provided with care at the ICU facility

VMH's new Smart ICU ensures timely and advanced treatment, making critical care accessible to the rural population and reducing the need for patients to be referred to hospitals in nearby cities for critical care.

Rural communities needed access to critical care facilities. Setting up an ICU unit in our hospital with technical partnership with Cloudphysician Healthcare Pvt. Ltd. was a move to address this need, the Cloud ICU supported by Trellix completes the picture.

During the occasion, Sri Mahipal Nair, MD, Trellix India & Head of HR, said, " **When we are here, we realise what we mean when we talk about social work. It means a lot to us that through our contributions, we can reach communities in distant areas.**"

The newly built Ophthalmic Block supported by Trellix India was also inaugurated on the occasion. With a dedicated block, regular ophthalmic out-patient clinical can be conducted along with organising specialist camps for vitreo-retinal disorders, glaucoma and other corneal blindness.



Sri Mahipal Nair, MD at Trellix India and SVYM-VMH team dedicate the Cloud ICU and new ophthalmology block to the rural-tribal communities served by the Vivekananda Memorial Hospital, a step towards accessible and equitable health care



Participatory Approach to promoting health-seeking behavior - A collaborative Mega Health Camp held at Saragur in partnership with 7 local organisations - Varthakara Mandali Saragur, Lions Club of Saragur Santhe, Jain Milan Saragur, Lions Club, HD Kote, Rotary Club, HD Kote, Rajasthan Sangha Saragur and Taluk Medical Association, Saragur

From health care to care for health - a community led health movement

The yearly mega health camp conducted at VMH saw a good turnout from the nearby rural and tribal communities. What really stood out for us was community collaboration and an increasing value given to better health by the rural communities.

At SVYM, the core of our development philosophy is a participatory development approach - where communities equally participate in the matters that affect their lives. This approach ensures that the development efforts are contextual, relevant and sustainable.

Sri Jogappa, a local auto-rickshaw driver, on his own initiative, made announcements to all the villages he visited, spreading awareness about the camp. He is a role-model for self-driven well-wishers of his community. Smt Kempalamma from Agathur village, travelled over 20 kilometres to benefit from the camp on her electric wheelchair. Their involvement validates how our commitment to extend accessible, affordable and quality healthcare services is reciprocated by the community proactively seeking healthcare.

This awareness and intent is also shared by local organisations and sangha that supported the camp, eventually making it a free of cost camp for the visitors.

Contributing to the well-being of the rural and tribal populations of Saragur and surrounding areas, the camp invited speciality doctors, allowing hundreds of people access consultations in oncology, neurology, ophthalmology, orthopaedics and dentistry etc.



A woman taking specialist consultation from a doctor during the camp



Smt Kempalamma from Agathur village, travelled 20 kms on her electric wheelchair to get health screening at the Mega camp. Her commitment to seek health-screening is exemplary.

Academics & Training

A skilled healthcare workforce is crucial for providing quality healthcare and achieving universal health coverage. To train rural youth with skills to meet this demand, VMH collaborates with Viveka Rural Livelihood Centre, SVYM's youth training centre, to mobilise and train rural youth in short term courses like General Duty Assistant (GDA), Home Nursing, Pancha Karma & Yoga Basics, creating local employment & skilled healthcare professionals. This approach is in alignment with SVYM's tenet of employing local communities. The students find immediate employment opportunities in Mysuru and other cities.

Training

Key to transforming rural health care is building skilled local human resource in rural areas.



Graduation Day of the General Duty Assistant batch with additional home nursing skills



Pancha Karma & Yoga Basics Course students learning about Ayurvedic procedures

Internship & exposure visits at VMH

Internships, Rural Postings and Observerships and Medical Electives: VMH is a learning site for Allopathy and Ayurveda for both local and International students

Participation in Academic Programs		
MBBS Internship	JSS Medical College, Mysuru	182 Interns
	Bangalore Medical College & Research Institute (BMCRI)	112 Interns
Medical Post Graduation (PG)	BMCRI, SDM College of Ayurveda, JSS Academy of Higher Edu.	25 PGs
Masters in Public Health	M. S. Ramaiah University of Applied Sciences	22 PGs
Interns	V-LEAD, VIIS, University of Minnesota	07 Interns
Other Internship Students	RISE Program, IIT Bombay	30 Students

Professional Development and updating Competence

- CME on HIV and TB - Overview of the National AIDS Control Program (NACP) and National Tuberculosis Elimination Program (NTEP) in Mysore by Dr. Mohammed Shiraj Ahamad, DTO & DAPCU Officer
- Comprehensive Management of HIV: Diagnosis, Treatment & Prevention by Dr. Deepak Murthy, Technical Director - VMH. Total Participants - 47
- CME on Outbreak Investigation presented by Dr Abhishek, Manager Public Health, SVYM. Total Participants - 16
- CME on Smart ICU Concept and Enhanced Care of Sepsis Patients, presented by Dr Prudhvi Dasai. 49 members participated
- 34 CNEs were conducted with 626 participants
- 17 BCLS Training sessions were conducted with 591 trainees in collaboration with JeevaRaksha Trust

Research in Health Sector

The research activities at VMH aim at facilitating and building capacities for conducting scientifically and ethically sound research in the health sector. The research projects undertaken benefit from the hospital's strong community connection and presence in the rural and indigenous tribal communities.

Health Research Initiatives				
SN	Project Title	Status	Investigators	Collaborators
1	Healthy Life Trajectories Initiatives (HeLTI)-EINSTEIN study	Ongoing	Dr Kumar GS* Dr Kumaran K* Dr Krishnaveni GV Dr Giriraj Chandak Dr Vivek U Padvetnaya*	VMH, CSI Holdsworth Memorial Hosp. CSIR - Centre for Cellular & Molecular Biology, Sinai Health System, Canada
2	Strategies for non-communicable disease prevention in select populations residing in different regions of India	Ongoing	Dr Denis Xavier, Dr Deepak Murthy HJ*	SVYM & St. John's Medical College & Research Institute
3	Adaptive capacities & structured health vulnerabilities during disaster: Learnings from the experiences of Persons with Disabilities in Kodagu District, India.	Ongoing	Dr Seetharam M R* Dr Matthew Hunt	SVYM, McGill University
4	Determinants of success in the engagement of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) in livelihood ecosystems in India	Ongoing	Prof Anand B Rao Dr Seetharam M R* Mr Ramprasad V*	VMH, IIT Bombay

* Investigators from SVYM

Healthy Life Trajectories Initiatives (HeLTI)- EINSTEIN study

Healthy Life Trajectories Initiative (HeLTI) was launched in 2017 as a joint initiative between the Canadian Institute of Health Research, the Department of Biotechnology of India, the South African Medical Research Council, the National Science Foundation of China and the World Health Organisation. This programme follows a DOHaD approach, focusing on reducing the long-term risk of NCDs through interventions that target the interaction between environmental factors and genes during pre-conception, conception, fetal life, infancy and early childhood.

The project has been undertaken in 109 clusters of Saragur & H D Kote taluk of Mysuru district. 4419 women & 732 husbands were recruited till the end of March 2025. Baseline data has been collected from 3243 participants. Birth measurements done on more than 850 babies & collected birth records from more than 90% of the study participants. Intervention module has been initiated on all eligible participants which is close to 1700 & husband intervention initiated on 290. All eligible women received Multi-Micronutrient supplement during the study period. The average adherence (>50%) rate has been improved to 55%.

List of publications in 2024-25

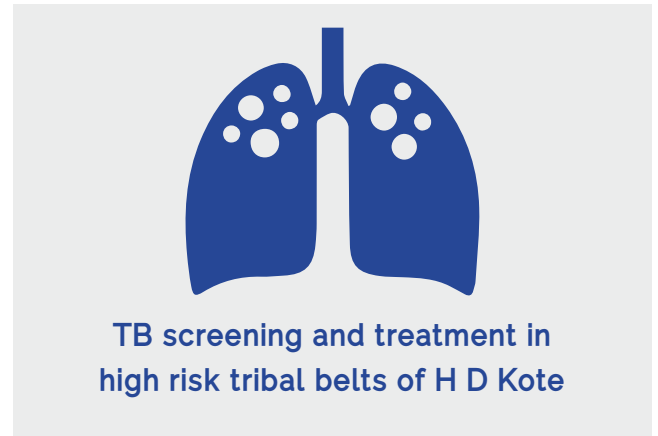
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Retaining focus on long term health goals

- 1265 Tribals screened for TB. 41 detected positive. Patients initiated on DOTS at Vivekananda Memorial Hospital and referred to other centres
- Screening & diagnosis of TB suspects at VMH Microscopy Center referred from outpatient department, wards & Integrated Counseling & Testing Centre
- Early detection, free treatment, awareness & screening camps have greatly reduced the burden of TB in tribal communities in H D Kote and Saragur taluk



TB Camps were conducted in tribal hamlets. A total of 61 TB cases were detected.



The TB patients were linked to DOTS and followed up. 32 Patients were cured and 2 deceased.



A person admitted to Vivekananda Memorial Hospital's Isolated ICU Ward for TB care. The two isolated ICU wards at the rural hospital meet the health care requirement for critical TB cases in the region



Protecting and building the human and social capital of tribal women

One of its flagship programs, SVYM's Reproductive and Child Health Program was initiated in 1997 to serve tribal communities living in HD Kote taluk of Mysuru District.

In nearly three decades, the program has adopted a broader framework that is in alignment with the National Health Mission, aiming to improve health outcomes for women & children across different life stages, from conception to adolescence.

Presently, the program leverages from a complementing institutional and community based model, serving tribal communities across the districts of Mysore, Chamarajanagar, and Kodagu and covering 10 taluk and a total population of 66,000 living in 453 tribal hamlets within a remote and forest covered geographical region.

The program is anchored on three primary objectives: Community Health Support and Awareness, Antenatal Care (ANC) and Postnatal Care (PNC), and Institutional Care for High-Risk Pregnancies (HRP).

SVYM's RMNCH-A has demonstrated significant impact by reducing maternal deaths to zero through 98.1 % institutional deliveries and timely cesarean sections (LSCS), ensuring optimal care without delay. This approach has also contributed to a decline in stillbirth rates by facilitating prompt medical intervention at the nearest health centre.

The program is supported by our partner Ashraya Hasta Trust.

The program served 1000 pregnant women and ensured zero maternal mortality in the year 2024-25



Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child & Adolescent Health

Ensuring maternal & child health in tribal communities through RMNCH+A lifecycle approach



Building Human & Social Capital



Family Centric Approach



Complementing Institution & Community based interventions



Started in 1997



Mysuru, Kodagu & Chamarajanagara Districts

Program Objectives

- To promote health of the mother along with safe reproductive practices to reduce high risk pregnancies resulting in zero maternal deaths
- Enhance service coverage, accessibility, acceptability, and its utilisation altogether
- Promote community participation and strengthen the inter-sectoral coordination

Geographical Coverage: 453 tribal hamlets in 10 taluks of Mysuru, Kodagu & Chamarajanagar Districts, Karnataka covering an estimated population of 66000.



98.1% Institutional delivery rate in indigenous tribal communities

Maternal & Newborn:

Coverage of Antenatal Mothers:

- 950 Antenatal mothers were newly registered for provision and facilitation of maternal health services
- 56 Baby shower programs were conducted covering 223 antenatal mothers and about 1500+ community members participated
- 1163 Community awareness meetings were conducted to deliver health education & address maternal and child health issues covering 13439 community members
- 897 ANCs screened & 15 detected with Severe Anemia and 100% treated
- 133 Families of ANCs enrolled in Public Health Insurance Scheme

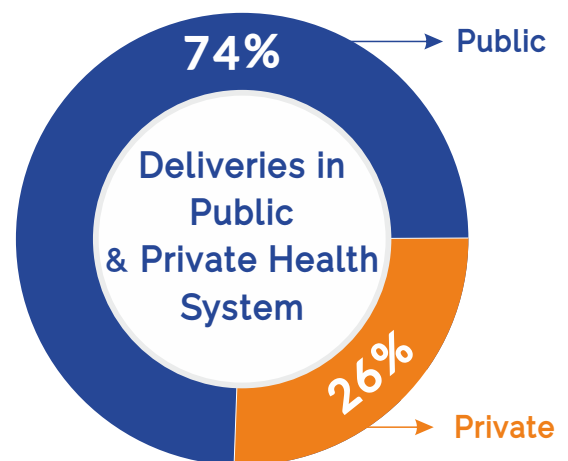


Health facilitator using a solar powered mother care kit to screen a pregnant woman

Pregnancy Outcome:

1020 Pregnant women delivered

- 98.1% (1001) were institutional deliveries, 1% (19) are home deliveries*
- 19.3% (194) were LSCS deliveries
- Total live births - 999, Still births - 26
- 27% (270) of newborns weighed less than 2500
- 0 Maternal death



74% deliveries in the public health system (Govt. hospitals - 738) and 26% are in private health system

*All facilitated to reach hospital within 24hr of delivery

Then and now, a mother's experience

Suma, an indigenous tribal woman gave birth to a healthy boy at Vivekananda Memorial Hospital, starting her journey of motherhood on a happy note. Having her second child at the age of 32 and after a long gap of 15 years made her experience motherhood in an entirely new way. She told us that her first child was delivered at home. Born on the day of a festival, she couldn't reach the hospital in time. The baby was delivered at home by her mother. Her entire family has a history of home deliveries; Suma herself was born at home, and her mother delivered all five of her daughters without any medical assistance.

Her decision to go for institutional delivery illustrates a change in mindset, reinforced by positive experiences throughout her pregnancy and delivery.

Suma and her husband kept trying for a second child. Being able to conceive after 15 years, they didn't want to leave anything to chance. The family's recent positive experience with delivering Suma's elder sister's baby at the Vivekananda Memorial Hospital encouraged them to seek hospital care for Suma's second delivery too.

Their decision underscores the importance of accessible and reliable healthcare services in building trust within the community.

Suma had visited the hospital numerous times for regular check-ups and scans. Suma's mother played a crucial role throughout her pregnancy, providing support alongside her husband. During her pregnancy, Suma experienced challenges such as leg swelling and headaches. The staff at VMH provided medication and made home visits to



Suma with her one day old baby and mother in law after delivering at Vivekananda Memorial Hospital

help her manage her symptoms as and when they appeared. Dr Mahadev Prasad, in particular, brought a reassuring presence, making several home visits for three to four months.

Seemingly small yet significant factors play a crucial role in building a strong foundation for future generations of indigenous tribal people.

We thank our partner **Ashraya Hastha Trust** for joining hands with us in serving tribal communities.

Independent Evaluation Report by an external agency

Read the **impact evaluation report** of SVYM's tribal RMNCH+A program implemented in Kodagu, Mysuru, and Chamarajanagar districts between 2022 and 2025 with the funding support of **Ashraya Hastha Trust**. It was a thorough exercise by an external agency that highlighted the key achievements and provided valuable insights and inputs.

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Evaluation Report on RMNCH+A program of SVYM
Commissioned by Ashraya Hastha Trust



[Tribal mothers on a safe journey to motherhood](#)

Together for safe motherhood for indigenous tribal women, our partnership with Ashraya Hastha Trust and the community resulted in 98.1% institutional delivery rate and zero maternal deaths in 2024-25.

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Building the Human & Social Capital of Persons with Disabilities

SVYM has been working towards the rehabilitation of Persons with Disabilities since 1996. In 2018, SVYM through a rigorous door-to-door household survey identified and registered a total of 37,282 PwDs in Mysuru and Kodagu districts as part of the Comprehensive Care, Support and Treatment for Persons with Disabilities (CCST-PwDs) program.

The program continues to provide comprehensive rehabilitation services, inclusive of institution-based and community-based rehabilitation for PwDs. This includes health rehabilitation, socio-economic rehabilitation, inclusive education and enabling an accessible ecosystem for PwDs to thrive.

As part of the socio-economic rehabilitation of PwDs, the program has formed more than 200 Self-Help Groups of PwDs in Mysuru and Kodagu districts. As a congregation of SHGs, there are six Federations and two Caregiver Associations.

Subsequent to skill-building, placements are facilitated or support towards self-employment is arranged. As part of such a supportive exercise several PwDs are backed up for establishing petty shops, expanding livestock rearing, enhancing value-added services and so on.

SVYM collaborates with numerous like minded partners, Govt agencies, Peer NGOs, Corporates, individual experts and beyond.

Employing a multi-dimensional approach focusing on comprehensive rehabilitation.
512 PwDs rehabilitated in 2024-25



Rehabilitation care for the specially abled

Identify, assess and enable PwDs to maximize their physical, mental and sensory abilities, compete with the mainstream and lead a socio-economically productive life.



Building Human & Social Capital



Family Centric Approach



Complementing Institution & Community based interventions



Started in 1996



Mysuru, Kodagu

Overview

Since 1996, SVYM's Comprehensive Care Support & Treatment for PwDs Program (CCST-PwDs) has been working with PwDs living in Mysuru and Kodagu districts. Through a family-centred approach, it combines institutional and community-based medical care, including early screening, restorative surgeries, assistive aids and appliances, vocational training, self help peer groups and socio-economic empowerment initiatives for PwDs to expand their capabilities through comprehensive rehabilitation.

Over 200 Self Help Groups composed of PwDs foster collective growth and resilience, while collaborations with stakeholders like the Govt, CSOs and local bodies encourage community inclusion. Together, these efforts weave a narrative of empowerment and social transformation.

Program Objectives

- Promote optimal health & well-being of PwDs & their families by providing comprehensive medical rehabilitation
- Enhance the social & economic independence of PwDs



Subsidised high quality hearing aids were provided to 61 individuals



Comprehensive Rehabilitation for **182** Children with Cerebral Palsy and developmental delays through a combination of institution-based and community-based rehabilitation programs.



Comprehensive Rehabilitation for **337** adults with spinal cord injuries, stroke, and other acquired disabilities through a combination of institution-based and community-based rehabilitation programs.



Members of the Parents Association with SVYM team gather for a therapy session at the Community Rehab Centre in Kushalnagar

Harnessing the community potential

Community led movement for continued care for children with disabilities

Community ownership and participation in its development journey is both sustainable and contextual. SVYM's programs are designed to gradually move from a provisioning and providing model to that of equal partnership. In this regard, Caregiver Associations were formed in Saragur and Kushalnagar comprising parents of children with Cerebral Palsy.

In Kushalnagar, families faced the challenge of little access to rehabilitation services. Caregivers had to travel nearly two hours and spend approximately INR 2,000 per day just to access a single therapy session for their child - a financial and logistical burden that made regular therapy nearly impossible.

To respond to this pressing need, the Caregivers Association came together and voiced their demand for a rehab center that can be owned and managed by the community.

SVYM joined the effort and approached the Education Department and the District Disability Welfare Office in Kodagu. The departments responded promptly by

allocating a building at the Government Model Primary School in Kushalnagar. With funding support from NewSpace India Limited (NSIL) and collaborative efforts from Rotary Somwarpet Hills, Somwarpet and Govt. and local bodies, the building was renovated using the blueprint of Rehab Resource Centre at VMH, SVYM's rural hospital. With a dedicated therapy room and accessibility features such as ramps and parallel bars to make the space inclusive, the one of its kind community based rehabilitation centre was ready to serve the community needs.

The Community Rehabilitation Centre was formally inaugurated on January 4, 2025, in collaboration with Government departments, NSIL & the Caregivers Association (Shree Kaveri Poshakara Swa-Sahaya Sangha).

Today, physiotherapy is provided twice a week, with around 40 children benefiting from the services. Parents are active partners, continuing therapies at home and participating in regular review meetings. This community-led initiative is now a temple of consistent, compassionate care for children with disabilities in the region.



[Community led movement for children with disabilities](#)

A one of its kind community based rehabilitation centre with dedicated therapy room and accessibility features such as ramps and parallel bars to make the space inclusive

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In observance of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, 1400 PwDs came together in Mysuru and Kodagu.

Finding a strong footing again

SVYM and Freedom Trust Chennai conducted a camp for the specially abled towards greater mobility and self-reliance achievable with prosthetics. 104 Individuals were served with prosthetics that were customised by the technical team on the spot with each individual's measurements taken. The event was inaugurated by Mr Logabiraman S, Head of CSR and Sustainability Initiatives at Hexaware Technologies, Chennai & Mr. Sankaran Annaswamy, Trustee of Freedom Trust, Chennai



Therapeutic training camp for spinal cord injury patients successfully held in Mysuru

A five-day Therapeutic and Activities of Daily Living (ADLs) training camp for individuals with spinal cord injuries in collaboration with Palliative Care Program of SVYM was held at District Hospital, Mysuru. The camp was held in collaboration with The Association of People With Disability, Bengaluru.



[Angels on Earth - Children with Cerebral Palsy](#)

Kavya's amazing journey with her son Mahindra is an inspiration for caregivers of children with Cerebral Palsy. Captured over 4 years, and through numerous milestones, it is a proof of the limitless potential within all of us.

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Rural-tribal oriented Outreach Health Initiatives

Address unmet health needs in the community by ensuring care continuity through effective DTRA (Diagnosis, Treatment, Referral, Awareness) services



Building Human & Social Capital



Family Centric Approach



Complementing Institution & Community based interventions

Started in 1990

H D Kote & Saragur Taluk



Mobile Health Unit serving tribals living in settlements abutting Bandipur forest

Making primary healthcare services accessible to rural-tribal community closer to their homes

Mobile Health Unit (MHU)

- 65 Tribal colonies covered for health outreach
- 13,480 Children, men and women were treated
- 306 Days of operation in 2024-25
- 443 Children were immunised during the MHU visits

General Health Camps

- 19 General health camps
- 47 TB camps
- 45 Eye camps
- 371 Pregnant women and mothers received continuum of care through follow up visits

Referrals : 203 patients were identified & referred to continued institutional care at a nearest primary/secondary health facility





Prerepana Urban Health Project

Improving the health status of the urban slum population through access to quality health care.



Building Human & Social Capital



Community centric partnership



Grassroot action

Started in 2022
10 low income settlements in Bengaluru

Improving health care access to communities in low income urban settlements

The Prerepana Urban Health Project was conceived with the aim of improving the health status of the urban slum population by facilitating access to quality health care.

The project is engaging communities residing in Jayanagara, Garudacharpalya & Siddapura in Bengaluru reaching ten low income settlements with a total population of 43,000.



An elderly women undergoing eye screening at the eye camp

Eye Camp

The project conducted eye camps focusing on avoidable blindness, cataract and eye related ailments. 12 eye camps were conducted and essential eye care services extended to 1283 individuals.

Project Objectives

- Improving the Maternal and Child health care by addressing and solving challenges present in Reproductive and Child Health service delivery
- Improving the comprehensive health services in the areas
- Strengthening familial & social determinants of health of the urban poor



The Mobile Health Unit covers 10 low income settlements with comprehensive health care services

Health Outreach

Taking health care to communities reluctant to seek health care services through a Mobile Health Unit in 10 low income settlements, the program reached 9375 individuals including 6321 females, serving an average of 50 patients daily.



Food kits distributed to low income families towards nutritional supplementation of children.

Nutrition for Children

Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) and Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM) screening organised in 10 slums. From 201 children screened, 43 identified, 11 children have transitioned to the normal category, including 5 from SAM and 6 from MAM.



HIV Care & Control Program

Comprehensive family-centered approach towards HIV prevention, treatment, care and support programs



Building Human & Social Capital



Family Centric Approach



Employ local people to encourage ownership



Started in 1999



31 Districts of Karnataka



Care & Support Centres 2.0 - A pan Karnataka project contributing to ending HIV by 2030

Overview

Care & Support Centres (CSC 2.0) project, a community-based service delivery model that complements HIV prevention and treatment programs, is implemented across the Karnataka 31 District through 36 Sub Sub-Recipients (SSRs).

Objectives:

- Increase the proportion of people who know their HIV status
- Increase the percentage of PLHIV initiated & adhering to ART
- Enhance the capacity of HIV prevention service providers and augment the knowledge of the public

Program Highlights and Achievements

● Enhancing Reach & Coverage

In 2024-25, the CSC 2.0 program made significant progress across key indicators. Systematic follow-up efforts led to the re-engagement of over 80% of PLHIV previously lost to follow-up.

Over 3,000 PLHIV were successfully connected to various social protection schemes. Key indicators tracked included ART initiation, retention, CD4 counts, viral load suppression, PPW (Pregnant and Postpartum Women) and HEI (HIV-Exposed Infant) coverage, comorbidities, and family testing, contributing to a more holistic and person-centered HIV care continuum across Karnataka.

● Positive Speakers Workshops – Empowering PLHIV Role Models

Two state-level Positive Speakers Workshops were conducted by KSAPS in December 2024—one in Bangalore (5-6 Dec) and another in Ballari (11-12 Dec) - with participation from PLHIV representatives across all CSCs in Karnataka. These workshops aimed to empower selected PLHIV to become community role models and peer advocates.

● CSC Induction Training – February 2025

A large-scale Induction Training program was conducted in February 2025, covering nine batches over three days each, with participation from 438 CSC staff members across Karnataka. The training aimed to orient newly recruited staff, reinforce program priorities, & build uniform understanding of CSC 2.0 objectives, service protocols, & reporting standards.





Subhiksha+ Project

Overview

SVYM's Subhiksha+ Program supported by Global Fund (GFATM) and SAATHII has been instrumental in combating HIV and Tuberculosis (TB) for Prison inmates & individuals in Other Closed Settings.

- **HIV Testing:** Our goal to increase HIV testing from 24% to 70% saw remarkable progress.
- **Treatment Linkages:** Our initiative to ensure that 100% of HIV-positive inmates receive timely care significantly advanced, bringing us closer to our ultimate coverage goal.
- **Coverage in Karnataka:** 54 Prisons, 76 Other Closed Settings and 32 District De-Addiction Centres

Key Activity Outcomes

- 92 new HIV-positive inmates identified; 87 were successfully initiated on ART
- 22 TB-positive inmates detected; 100% received TB treatment
- 59 Inmates tested positive for Syphilis; 57 received appropriate treatment



An induction training for newly appointed staff under the Prison & Other Closed Settings (P&OCS) project was held in Dandeli in December 2024. The training focused on project orientation, roles and responsibilities, HIV-TB service delivery in prisons, and coordination



Health Care Providers Training at Bangalore for prison HCPs was held in Bangalore. Medical officers and paramedical staff from prisons across Karnataka participated along with Senior officials from KSAPS, the Prison Department, and the State TB Cell



Nikshay Mitra: Tuberculosis Awareness and Support Program

Overview

The Nikshay Mitra Project in Bengaluru City & Bengaluru Urban aims to enhance awareness on Tuberculosis (TB) and extend nutritional support to TB patients, particularly among vulnerable populations, contributing to improved recovery and treatment adherence.

Key Activity Outcomes

- 1,020 TB patients received nutritional kits to support treatment and recovery
- 140 individuals sensitized through awareness sessions on TB and nutrition at two major platforms in Bengaluru
- 30 tribal community members engaged through targeted TB and nutrition awareness sessions, addressing gaps in knowledge and access



Overview

Initiated in 2012 and driven by Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement in partnership with the Karnataka State AIDS Prevention Society, the TI Migrant Project has steadily expanded its influence across Mysuru and into Mandya.

Key program activities

- **Robust Health Screenings:** We conducted 7,964 ICTC tests and identified 242 STI cases (220 treated) & 10 HIV cases (8 linked to ART).
- **Dynamic Community Engagement:** Over 1,000 migrants were engaged through street plays and health camps, where they received vital health information and services.
- **Award-Winning Impact:** Our efforts were recognized at the State-level AIDS Day, where we were honoured for 'Best Performance' among Targeted Intervention projects.

Innovative Strategies

Embracing innovative methods, we enhanced our outreach and educational efforts:

- **Cultural Connection:** Utilizing culturally resonant street plays and congregation events, we delivered health education in an engaging manner.
- **Holistic Health Services:** From vaccination to vision testing and nutritional support, our comprehensive approach addressed the broad health needs of migrants, including children and pregnant women.



Dr Deepak Murthy H J, Technical Director-Community Health, SVYM receiving the award on behalf of SVYM.

SVYM's TI Project recognized among the best in Karnataka

The Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement (SVYM)'s Targeted Intervention (TI) project in Mysuru, supported by the Karnataka State AIDS Prevention Society (KSAPS), has been honoured as one of the best-performing TI projects in Karnataka. This recognition underscores SVYM's outstanding contributions to HIV prevention, treatment, care, & support.

During the World AIDS Day program on December 2, 2024, SVYM was awarded the title of Best TI Project.

Since its inception in 1999, SVYM's HIV care and support initiatives have adopted a comprehensive family-centered approach to addressing HIV. By integrating prevention, treatment, and holistic support, the program has significantly improved health outcomes and strengthened community resilience among Migrants in Mysore.

This accolade highlights SVYM's unwavering commitment to combating HIV and ensuring better health for vulnerable populations.



Overview

The Pediatric TB project is implemented across the Karnataka state through 3 intervention models rolled out as Intense, light and technical. The Active Case Finding (ACF) Project is implemented in 9 intervention districts in Karnataka state Bidar, Kalaburagi, Bagalkote, Belagavi, Dharwad, Chitradurga, Vijayanagara, Koppal, Bengaluru City

Overview

To reduce morbidity and mortality due to TB and contribute to achieve the National TB Program's goal of elimination by 2025

Objectives:

- Increase pediatric TB case notification from 3226 (2022) to 5576 (2026-27) across the state.
- Increase pediatric TB treatment success rate in Karnataka from 90% (2021) to 92.5% (2026-27).
- Increase annual TB case notification in 9 districts of Karnataka through the deployment of portable X-ray devices for TB case finding.

Key Activity Outcomes

- Conducted detailed evaluations of healthcare facilities across all 13 districts to identify infrastructure gaps, diagnostic capabilities, and training needs specifically for pediatric TB care.
- Organized state-level, district level and block level ToT programs attended by master trainers including Pediatricians from Public and Private sector and DTOs.
- Established Public and Private hub sites across the 13 intervention districts (Intense and Lite Models)
- Training of Public and Private hub site pediatricians and staff nurses through the project to improve the knowledge levels on Pediatric TB guidelines and also provide hands-on training on Gastric Aspiration & Induce Sputum procedures.

"The collaboration with SVYM has strengthened our district's TB elimination efforts significantly. The systematic mapping of vulnerable populations and multi-departmental planning sessions have created unprecedented coordination between government departments. This integrated approach is exactly what's needed to reach our TB elimination goals."

*-Dr Chandini Devadi,
District TB Officer, Belagavi*



A State ToT on Pediatric TB Guidelines was organised by SVYM in collaboration with State TB Cell, SAATHII, and BMCRI at the PMSSY Building-BMCRI, Bengaluru on 28th November 2024.

Love triumphs over HIV

Love triumphs over HIV? For many, this statement may seem rather far-fetched, as though it were merely a plot device used by a novelist. However, Charitha and her family's long-standing battle with HIV reinforces the premise even further.

Charitha (name changed) had HIV passed down to her from her parents since birth. HIV took her father's life when she was just 8 years old. Her mother, despite struggling with HIV herself, ensured Charitha received the necessary medical care. She took Charitha to Vivekananda Memorial Hospital (VMH), where she was enrolled in the Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC) program. With her mother supporting her education and looking after her health, Charitha completed her schooling and later finished her pre-university education.

As she grew older, marriage proposals started coming in. But her mother turned them all down, afraid that people would reject Charitha if they knew about her condition. Then, one day, a young man from another taluk expressed his interest in marrying Charitha. When her mother refused him again like she did for all others before, the young man insisted on knowing the reason for the rejection. She hesitated but told him that Charitha was not ready for marriage, hoping he would walk away. But he didn't. Despite Charitha's mother telling him that Charitha had a medical condition and was not ready for marriage, the boy was adamant about marrying her irrespective of her medical condition. Charitha's mother, unsure of how to respond, decided it was best for the boy to learn about her condition directly from the doctor so that he could decide whether to proceed with the marriage or not.

After a consultation with the doctors at VMH, the boy agreed to marry Charitha, fully aware of her condition and committed to taking good care of her. Impressed by his clarity and conviction, Charitha's mother felt it was only right to allow the marriage to go forward. The boy also promised that his family would not know about Charitha's condition and assured them that he would ensure she received proper care and treatment.

After her marriage, Charitha received full support from her in-laws, who encouraged her to pursue her studies and find a job, which she eventually got. However, as time went on, questions about starting a family began to arise. Charitha's in-laws were eager for their son to have



children, but she was aware of the risks involved. To address her concerns, she visited VMH, where the doctors informed her that her viral load was low, indicating that she was healthy and could safely have a child. When Charitha learned about medical procedures such as IUI and IVF she felt discouraged by the costs of those treatments. Fortunately, the gynaecologist at VMH recommended the IUI with husband's sperm, which is a safe and cost-effective alternative. Our counselor at VMH played a crucial role in understanding Charitha's situation and presenting her with practical and contextual suggestions over the course of her journey.

With her husband's support, she followed the process and three months later, she conceived. Throughout her pregnancy she continued regular check-ups at VMH. When the time came, she gave birth in the same hospital where she had been treated since childhood. The baby was carefully monitored and Charitha took her baby to the hospital for regular checkups over 18 months, following strict medical guidelines to ensure that the baby did not contract HIV.

Finally, on January 29, 2025, the last test results came in & the results showed that her child was HIV-free. The couple, overwhelmed with relief, expressed their gratitude. "This hospital (VMH) has been a guiding light in our lives. The care my wife and child received has given us hope. We will continue to take care of our health & live a good life."

Their journey is a reminder that HIV is not the end of life but a condition that can be managed with the right medical care and support. With awareness & acceptance, individuals living with HIV can build families, pursue education and lead fulfilling lives just like anyone else.

Integrated Counselling & Testing Centre (ICTC) at VMH

In 2024-24, 4357 individuals were screened for HIV at the ICTC Centre at Vivekananda Memorial Hospital, out of which 7 were found to be positive and linked to ART. A total of 52 camps were conducted in tribal settlements.



Community demanded, community owned and community driven Palliative Care

Started in 2012, SVYM's Palliative Care Program serves individuals and families coping with serious and life limiting illnesses. The program provides both institutional & home-based care, addressing physical, psychological, social, financial, and spiritual needs.

The Palliative Care Program serves urban, semi-urban and tribal-rural communities in six locations in Mysuru, Dharwad, Hassan, Kodagu and Bengaluru districts of Karnataka.

The program is anchored on the core concept of community demanded, community driven and community

owned Palliative Care. SVYM employs a collaborative model of partnering with the Government, public and private health institutions to extend Palliative Care services in different locations. The program emphasises community involvement, including raising awareness about Palliative Care and encouraging community participation in providing care.

Training & capacity building of health care professionals, community members under the banner of "Har Ghar Jeeva Sevak" is a strategic move to fulfil the imminent requirement of Palliative Care services in the coming years.

The program served close to 3000 individuals and their families in 2024-25. The service is provided free of cost, but grateful families who have benefitted from the services, frequently give back to the program.



Palliative Care Program

To create Centres of Excellence, demonstrating collaborative patient centric integrated models of palliative care impacting program design, implementation, training, medical & nursing education, research & policy in the state.



Building Human & Social Capital



Family Centric Approach



Complementing Institution & Community based interventions

Started in 2011

Mysuru, Saragur, Kodagu
Hassan, Dharwad
& Bengaluru

Comprehensive care of individuals & families affected by chronic health related suffering

Palliative care program serves the population of urban, semi-urban and rural areas of Mysuru, Saragur, Hassan, Kodagu, Dharwad and Benagluru.

Together, expanding the circle of care



Palliative Care in Kodagu

The Palliative Care Program was launched in Kodagu in 2024-25. Currently, through home based care, close to 100 families are being served by the program.



SVYM & Sevakshetra Hospital have joined hands to advance Palliative Care for communities in Bengaluru

SVYM and Sevakshetra Hospital (Trust hospital of Canara Bank Welfare Relief Trust) entered into a formal collaboration for initiating institutional palliative care for deserving individuals and families coping with life limiting illnesses. Smt Savitha S, CEO SVYM & Shri KSS Kamath, General Manager, Sevakshetra Hospital signed the MoU to mark this collaboration.



Home care strengthened in Saragur

The home based care vehicle commissioned by Can Fin Homes Ltd has strengthened the Palliative Care Program in Saragur, covering villages in and around the town. Our continued partnership with Can Fin Homes Ltd underscores the role of collaboration in advancing community health services, helping SVYM continue its efforts to bring accessible healthcare and support to those in need.



SVYM's Palliative Care Program in Karnataka

There may be an end to cure, but there's no end to care, this is the spirit of palliative care and at SVYM, this has been our guiding mantra while reaching out and serving communities through our SVYM's Palliative Care Program.

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Serving communities with holistic home and institution based Palliative Care



Home Based Palliative Care

Through Home Based Care extended in Dharwad, Kodagu, Hassan, Bengaluru, Mysuru & Saragur the program served 2128 patients and their families, 578 out of which were new registrations. The home care team made monthly visits to the registered patients.



Institution Based Palliative Care

820 Patients served with institutional care extended at Palliative Care Centre in Mysuru, Vivekananda Memorial Hospital in Saragur, Hassan Institute of Medical Sciences and Sevashetra Hospital in Bengaluru. Follow up home visits were done for the inpatient in these locations.



Continuing care through and after life

361 Families extended bereavement care and counselling after the passing of their family member. Recognizing that grief responses vary widely, one on one support & counseling was extended to individuals. The Vidaaya program is regularly conducted at the Palliative Care Centre, offering a safe space for sharing experiences, reducing isolation and facilitating emotional processing of grief.

Swaraanubhuthi - A musical movement for Palliative Care

The 7th edition of Swaraanubhuthi, SVYM's signature annual musical charity event, touched the right notes to evoke emotions that portray compassion for one & all. Donation amount ranged from a hundred to lakhs - contributed by family members of our patients, our scholarship program students, rural women from Self Help Group, rural youth who had taken training programs, doctors, nurses and volunteers, little children giving from their piggy bank - all making it a community driven movement. Close to 2000 donors & sponsors contributed to ensure SVYM's Palliative Care Services continue in all 6 locations, free of cost & with the commitment of holistic quality care. The event was a housefull, further spreading awareness & the need of palliative care in urban and rural communities as there may be an end to cure, but there's no end to care. All proceeds from the tickets go into reaching more and more with palliative care. We are grateful to the artists, sponsors, donors, SVYM family & everyone joining us for Swaraanubhuthi, a musical movement for Palliative Care.



Swadesh Symmphony & Sri Harsha mesmerised a full house with 2000+ audience at the Prestige Srihari Khoday Centre for Performing Arts in Bengaluru

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- 145 Academic postings comprising Medical interns, Physiotherapy interns, Masters in Social Work and Nursing students. The postings offered a rich exposure to clinical practices, counselling, psychosocial support in both institutional and community based Palliative care settings.
- 35 Capacity building trainings were conducted for 1120 health care workers
- 8444 Individuals sensitised through 92 awareness sessions on Palliative Care organised for volunteers, youth groups and Self Help Groups.
- 1102 Volunteers actively contribute to the Palliative Care Program



106 Nursing students attended the three-day training on 'Essentials of Palliative Care' conducted at the Kempegowda Institute of Nursing in Bengaluru



The 32nd International Conference of the Indian Association of Palliative Care (IAPC) took place at AIIMS, Jammu. This year's conference theme was "Evidence-Based Palliative Care".

Dr Vibha S P, Senior Manager at SVYM Palliative Care Program, presented a poster on "Quality of life and patient satisfaction receiving home-based palliative care" and Dr Gowthami Palnati, Program Director, SVYM Palliative Care Program, presented a research paper on 'The symptom burden profile of individuals with chronic life-limiting illnesses and the cost-benefit analysis of community-based palliative care in Karnataka' Dr. Gowthami was awarded the second prize for her presentation at the conference.



MMCRI & SVYM hosted CME on 'Integrated & Comprehensive Palliative Care.'

On August 22, 2024, Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMCRI), in partnership with Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement (SVYM), conducted a CME on "Integrated & Comprehensive Palliative Care."

The event drew 287 participants, including healthcare professionals, students and featured expert-led sessions on palliative care challenges, management strategies and integration into the healthcare system.



Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

Address Water, Sanitation & Hygiene in a holistic way through awareness generation, behavioural change, communication and advocacy



Building Human & Social Capital



Family Centric Approach



Identify local role models who become agents of change

Started in 1991

Kolar

Water Equity through Watershed Project - Kolar

The Kolar Watershed Project supported by Oil and Natural Gas Corporation under "Amruth Sarovar Yojana", Government of India, is being implemented in 2 blocks of Kolar District by Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement. The Programme is technically supported by the District Administration, Kolar and Watershed Development Department, Government of Karnataka.

The Project has been approved by the committee chaired by the District Commissioner, Kolar District.

The holistic model of the village development with focus on Watershed management will impact on the wellbeing of the community and the advocacy efforts of the project with community inclusion will emerge as the development model to resolve the issue of water which impacts on the Nation's development.

The community development activities like WASH in institution and community rainwater harvesting model are part of the programme.

Reach

About 536 hectares of land belonging to 350 farmers of 7 villages in Kolar are covered under this project

Program Activity in 2024-25

- Water and soil conservation activities like trench cum pit, constructing farm ponds, diversion drain, boulder check, waste weirs, check-dams, nala bunds and go-katte are being constructed with community participation in public and private lands.
- Agro-forestry and horticulture activities initiated in the villages in Byrakur Gram Panchayath villages.

Short term impact

- Rain water harvested in the structures contributed for the ground water recharge.
- Rainwater harvesting is helping farmers produce an additional crop and increasing their earnings



The check dam is holding the water and checking surface water runoff.



A farmpond constructed in a village in Kolar is filled up with water.

Brimming!

SVYM and ONGC's Watershed Development Project in Mulbagal, Kolar district, is showing impressive results. The project is set to improve groundwater quality and vegetation, turning the arid landscape into fertile grounds for agriculture. Amidst news of floods and landslides, these photos of the catchment area brimming with water provide a hopeful sight.

Harnessing a deep connection

Seasonal migration is common in tribal-rural communities. In H D Kote, the parents go away during the coffee picking season, leaving their children behind for months with one or two adults. In close knit communities, there's care, safety and learning too. Something that inspired us to start and model our residential school for tribal children.







VTCL - A springboard for tribal aspirations

Starting from the humble beginnings in 1988, VTCL has come a long way from believing education as a means to 'engage' children and provide nutrition. The focus areas of the school have since evolved with the community's preparedness and aspirations. Over the last 5 years, the focus has shifted from mere admission and attendance to promoting learning outcomes and making arts, sports and vocational skills an integral part of school education. This has created opportunities for students to continue education & thereby transform their lives & their families.

We firmly believe that it is now the right time to move ahead to focusing on education which will transform the communities as a whole. VTCL now envisions to create a learning environment which is holistic, inclusive and joyful for the children from the rural and tribal areas of H D Kote and neighboring taluks. The school shall be modeled based on the recommendations of the National Education Policy 2020.

VTCL aspires to be the springboard for the aspirations of the tribal and rural communities and become a demonstrable and replicable model for an educational system as envisioned in the NEP 2020.



Viveka Tribal Centre for Learning (VTCL)

A springboard for tribal aspirations



Building Human & Social Capital



Family Centric Approach



Community centric partnership

Started in 1988

Hosahalli, H D Kote, Mysuru District, Karnataka

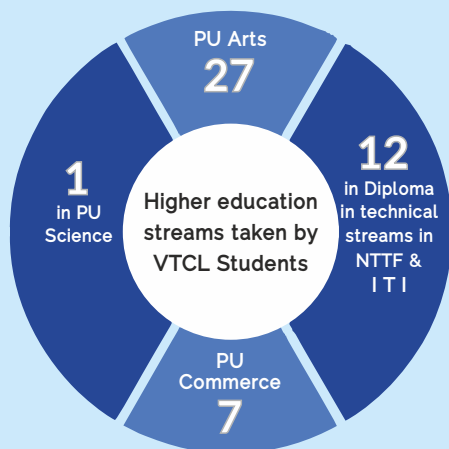
Viveka Tribal Centre for Learning

The Viveka Tribal Center for Learning (VTCL) was started as an informal school in 1988 with 28 students. Located in Hosahalli, on the fringes of the Bandipur National Park, the school today provides education to 562 students. A majority of the students belong to the Indigenous Tribes esp. the Forest Based Tribal groups (a subset of Scheduled Tribes) - Jenu Kuruba, Betta Kuruba, Yarava and Soliga. These students come from about 60 tribal villages (haadis) of H D Kote and neighbouring taluks. The admissions in VTCL have increased during the last 6 years from 291 to 562 students.

Continuing Education

Increasing enrolment in diverse courses after 10th std - almost 100% of the students now enrol for PU or Diploma programs after 10th std. The number of students continuing education beyond 10th std and the diversity of career choices have improved but not every student is completing their senior secondary education.

Students continuing education after SSLC



The VTCL students received scholarships towards continuing higher education. Eight students have taken admission in our Viveka Pre University College in Saragur. 47 Out of 50 students are continuing education after 10th standard.

49% Students are girls



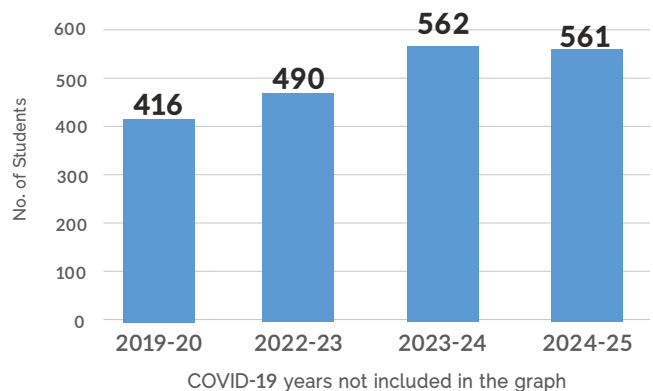
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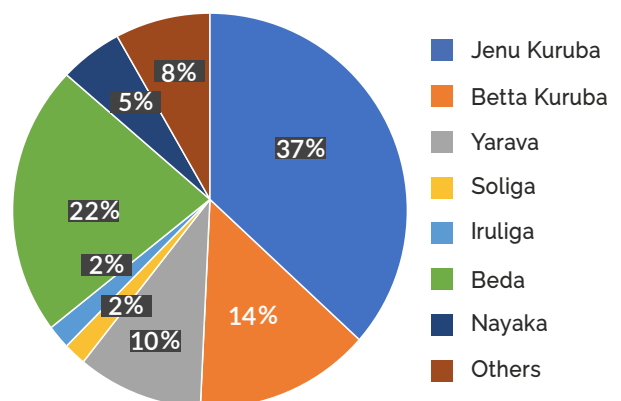
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Equal education opportunities

Student Strength at VTCL Community-wise Break-up



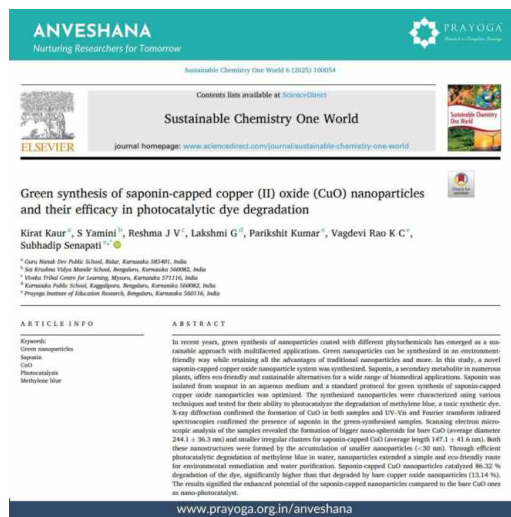
Forest based tribal composition



Jenu Kuruba Tribals are given the status of Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group (PVTG) by the Govt. of India



Reshma shares her achievement with her mentors from Prayoga Institute and her teachers from VTCL



Reshma's project get published in an international Science journal

J V Reshma, a student of VTCL - SSLC 2025 Batch (from the Jenu Kuruba tribal community) participated in the month-long collaborative students' project at Prayoga Institute of Education Research (under the Anveshana program). Her project is now a published paper in Elsevier's Sustainable Chemistry One World.

During her training, she conducted research under the theme "Nature to Nanotech: Saponin-capped Green Nanoparticles for Environmental and Biomedical Applications", under the guidance of Dr. Subhadeep Senapati (Chemistry) and co-guidance of Mr. Parikshit Kumar (Physics) and Mrs. Vagdevi Rao K. C. (Biology).

Reshma presented her research in Kannada on August 30, 2024, in front of esteemed scientists in Bengaluru, where her work was highly appreciated,

which was later published in the International Science Journal. Among the attendees was Dr. H. N. Hegde, who encouraged her by awarding her books he had authored.

Reshma is currently pursuing the bridge course and will be continuing her education in the science stream. Her work has also motivated 2 more students this year to join the same program. Reshma's education in 9th and 10th standard was supported by Titan Company Ltd.

Reshma's project is now a published paper in Elsevier's Sustainable Chemistry One World. [Scan QR code](#) for full research paper.



VTCL introduces Parents Saving Scheme - A piggy bank for investing in human potential

The Parents Saving Scheme was rolled out at our Viveka Tribal Centre for Learning (VTCL) starting with the 8th grade students. The scheme encourages parents to regularly deposit a fixed amount in a bank for a period of 3 years utilised for continuing the education of their wards after 10th as they take admission in Pre-University or pursue a diploma course. Every year, the parents are expected to deposit Rs. 2000 in four instalments in a savings account opened in the name of the student. To honour their commitment, the school will match and contribute Rs. 2000 to their savings after both the yearly instalments are successfully made by the parents. The students can withdraw the lump sum amount and use it as an education fund after three years.



Titan's Chief Sustainability Officer Sri Sridhar N E handing over the saving accounts book to the parent



As part of Introduction to Basic Technology project, students from standard 8 & 9 created an Electronic Voting Machine for school elections.



90% parents attended the parent teacher meet. Their growing participation & voicing of expectations for education is a positive shift in tribal communities. VTCL aspires to be a springboard for their aspirations.



The 35th Annual Day of VTCL was celebrated on 29th November 2024. The event was graced by Swami Anupanandaji Secretary, Ramakrishna Mission, Kadapa, Mr. C.K. Venkataraman, MD, Titan.



Arpitha came first in 400 m hurdles & second in 100 m hurdles at district-level tournament organised by the Department of School Education in Mysuru. Puneeth came first in the 200 m and second in 100 m sprint.



Midday meals for 364 students studying at VTCL are supported by our nourishment partner Feeding India.



[A school nestled in nature](#)

Located in a remote tribal village in Hosahalli in H D Kote and abutting Bandipur National Park on side and only separated by a trench and electric fence, the school today provides education to 550+ students.

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Read the Annual Impact Report of VTCL submitted to the Social Stock Exchange

[Click to read report](#)



Scan to read report



SVYM's listing for equitable education at VTCL on Social Stock Exchange completes one year

Project Snapshot:

The project with an issue size of INR 1,55,00,000 undertakes holistic education of 75 students studying at Viveka Tribal Centre for Learning for a duration of 5 years (2024-2029).

Proposed Impact of the Project

The Project aims at decreasing the gap of Enrollment, improving Gender Parity and Learning outcomes between the tribal community and the State and National Averages

Students shall complete Secondary education (2 years) & Senior Secondary education (2 years) or Equivalent education

Student shall be able to make informed career choices & pursue professions contributing directly and indirectly to the community development

Parents and the community at large actively participate in school activity and contribute positively to students' learning outcomes



Viveka Tribal Centre for Learning ZCZP Bond on Social Stock Exchange:



Project
Viveka Tribal Centre for Learning



Issue Size
INR 1,55,00,000/-



Duration
5 Years (2024- 2029)



Number of Direct Beneficiaries
75 Students



VSOE - Nurturing future leaders

Viveka School of Excellence is SVYM's day-scholar CBSE school (the only CBSE school in the taluk) with a Sainik School wing - the first and the only NGO-run Sainik School in Karnataka with 4 other Sainik Schools run by the Government in the state.

The school in Saragur town has been providing quality education to rural students since 2002 and has a Science Exploratory Park dedicated towards building scientific temper in children from Saragur & neighbouring taluk.

The school has 735 students from Montessori to 10th standard. The school is also recognised as a Sainik School.



Viveka School of Excellence (A Sainik School)

Holistic education for rural communities



Building Human & Social Capital



Community centric partnership



Employ local people to encourage ownership

Started in 2002

Saragur,
Mysuru District,
Karnataka



573 Students at Viveka School of Excellence access quality CBSE Board Education



The Sainik School Section with 162 students ranks amongst the top Sainik Schools



Our cadets represented their Sainik School in front of a huge forum, escorting eminent personalities like Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar to their stall at an Education Fair at Maharaja Grounds in Mysuru.



On 24th April 2024, a committee headed by Cmde R K Sharma, Inspecting Officer, Sainik School Society, Ministry of Defence, visited SVYM's VSOE Sainik School for annual inspection.



Sainik School cadets bagged 1 silver and 2 bronze at the Inter Sainik School Group H Intra Group Sports and Cultural Competitions held in Sainik School Kazhakoottam, Kerala.

The Inspection Team reviewed the school facilities and visited the classrooms, labs, students dormitories, canteen and the toilets. They also visited the sports ground and the new infrastructure being constructed. Cmde Sharma said that the school is taking effort to build the requisite infrastructure towards better provision of facilities.



Viveka Scholar Program

To support socio - economically challenged, academically meritorious students to excel and pursue meaningful professional education



Building Human & Social Capital



Community centric partnership



Identify local role models who become agents of change

Started in 2006

Mysuru, Dharwad & Bengaluru Districts

Viveka Scholar Program

Viveka Scholar Program (VSP) is SVYM's scholarship program offering academic and financial assistance to meritorious students from challenging socio-economic backgrounds during their pre-university and higher education. The program was initiated in 2007 and has supported over 2000 students.

To select students, a state level selection process is conducted across Karnataka, including 300+ schools engaged by SVYM's School Education Program.

Result	Overall	Girls	Boys
Distinction	82	63	19
First Class	33	31	2
Second Class	1	1	0
Total	116	95	21

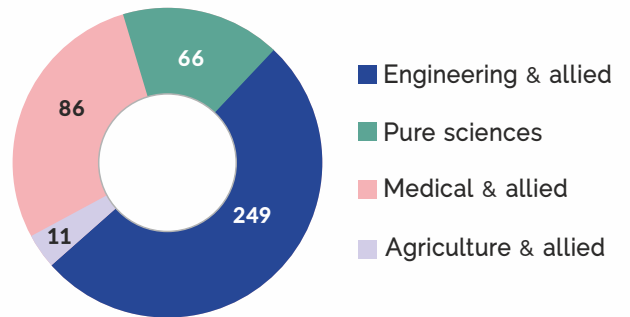
VSP II PU 2024-25 Batch Results

Academic & financial assistance to students in Pre-University

In 2024-25, 217 Students (185 girls) were awarded scholarships to continue first and second Pre-University education under VSP. The students have taken admission in 6 Pre University Colleges in different districts of Karnataka and our own residential college Viveka Pre University College (VPUC) in Saragur. 153 VSP students are studying in VPUC.

Scholarship for Higher Education

A total of 456 students were awarded scholarships to continue higher education (412 girls and 44 boys).



Viveka Scholar Program students come together for their annual meet at 'Yuva Payana'. The event fosters bonding, learning and interactions between the students, teachers, SVYM and the program supporters. Career counselling sessions, speaker sessions and cultural activities enrich the experience.



The Dindur family shares a proud smile, shaped by their journey through struggle and strength.

The Dindur sisters shine bright despite challenges, thanks to their dedication to education!

In the small village of Hebballi in Dharwad district, the Dindur family's story is one of perseverance and determination. This family of five daughters lost their father early on, and two of the girls were married as children. But the remaining three fought their way through life, proving that while financial struggles are real, talent and ambition can still shine through.

On the far right of the photo is Renuka Dindur. She was selected for the Viveka Scholar Program and pursued her studies at Vidya P. Hanchinamani College, completing her PUC Science and later earning a B.Sc from Karnataka College, Dharwad. While still a student, Renuka passed the Indian Postal Department exam & now proudly works as a postwoman.

Next to her is Pavitra Dindur. After completing her B.A.M.S degree in Shimoga, she became a doctor & started working in a private hospital in Dharwad. In addition, she runs a small one-room clinic in her own home, treating patients every evening from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm.

In the middle of this family is their mother, who kept the family going by working from home as a seamstress, all while ensuring her daughters could stay in school. On the left is Akshata Dindur. After earning an M.Sc in

Chemistry from Karnataka University, she now works as a teaching assistant in the same department, with plans to pursue her PhD.

Each of these three sisters has fought through challenges to receive a higher education, showing that while financial poverty is a barrier, talent and hard work can overcome it. With help from supportive individuals and organizations, they've been able to achieve academic success.

The transformative change brought in the lives of Dindur sisters is inspiring. Education has transformed their lives, and the happiness in their smiles tells the story. If we all harness our collaborative efforts on making education truly accessible to underprivileged children, it could bring this same joy and hope to thousands of others.

Viveka Scholar Program's aim is to be a foundation for young students like Renuka to come out and realise their full potential. We at SVYM feel fortunate to be a part of this journey. In the 2024-25 academic year, VSP awarded scholarships to 217 students, out of which 185 were girls; enabling them to pursue their first & second years of Pre-University education. These students have enrolled in 6 Pre-University colleges across Karnataka, at SVYM's own Viveka Pre-University College in Saragur.

Harnessing the Power of Youth for Social Change - Viveka Seva Dala

Members of Viveka Seva Dala taking a pledge during Seva Spandana Program



Four decades ago, SVYM took birth in the unquiet hearts of a group of young college students who couldn't look away from the sufferings of others, stirred by the words of Swami Vivekananda, a jolt passed through their bodies, *"This life is short, the vanities of the world are transient, but they alone live who live for others, the rest are more dead than alive."* Swami Vivekananda's words echoed deep within. Seeing Viveka Seva Dala, a young group of change makers, is like teleporting back in time to the same day, SVYM was founded.

Formed in March 2023 by a group of Viveka Scholar Program students, Viveka Seva Dala (VSD) members yearned to harness their collective potential & channel it in building a better society.

At SVYM, we are proud and filled with hope to see groups like Viveka Seva Dala take off as youth-led initiatives that are rooted in the spirit of service.

Prajwal, a member of VSD recalls, "the idea of Viveka Seva Dala came during the Seva Spandana program at SVYM's V-LEAD Centre in Mysore. Powerful sessions by Dr M R Seetharam, Sandeep S and Dr Pushpalatha & exposure visits to tribal communities, ignited a passion within our young hearts. We realized that as youth we are not just the future-we are the power of the present."

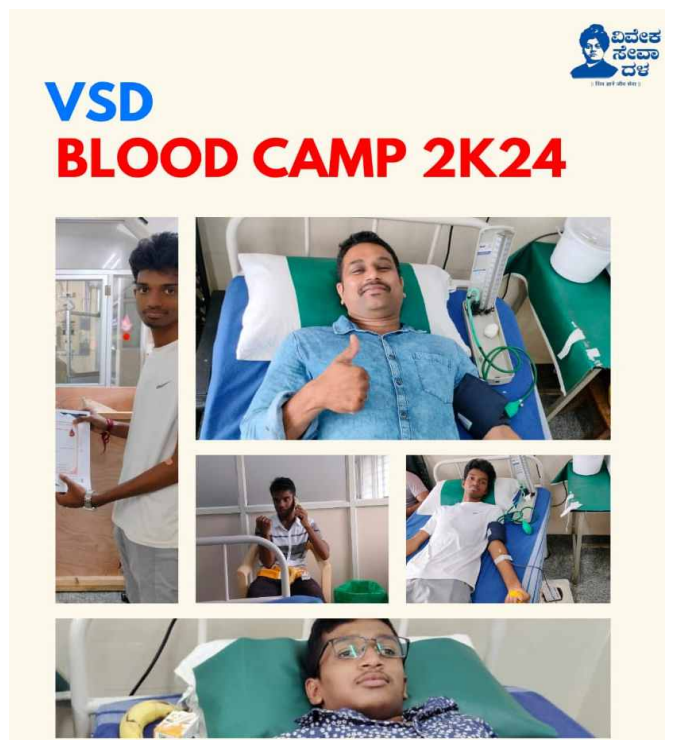
From an initial idea, VSD has grown into a dynamic group of 150 members with 20 active members. They've conducted blood donation camps, regularly volunteer in SVYM run programs and conduct screening and selection of students for the Viveka Scholar Program, something close to their heart.

One of their standout efforts was a month-long summer camp for primary school children in Mandya district. VSP

Alumni and inspiring personalities are invited for sessions about career, passion and the role of youth in the present times.

Harsha, a member of VSD says, "At VSD we value everyone's opinion, and every action big or small counts. Planning happens through regular online and offline meetings, and members stay connected via WhatsApp. Decisions are made collectively, and the spirit of service unites us all.

The message from Viveka Seva Dala to every young person is clear. Believe in your strength. Begin where you are. Use what you have. Take that first step. Be bold, stay humble, and keep learning. Use your talents not just for yourself, but for others.



A blood donation camp conducted by Viveka Seva Dala

Viveka Pre University College (VPUC)

To demonstrate a sustainable & affordable model of scientific & holistic education

The Viveka Pre-University College (VPUC) provides accessible pre university education in science streams to rural students from humble socio-economic backgrounds. Located in Saragur, the college provides hostel facility to students coming from different districts of Karnataka.

159 Students from rural communities have taken admission in VPUC. 153 Students were awarded a scholarship seat based on their ranking in Anveshane - SVYM's state level talent search examination for 10th standard students.

A rigorous selection process to support deserving students

This year, more than 26,000 students took the Anveshane State Level Talent Search Exam conducted by SVYM for scholarship and after a series of qualifiers at school, district & zonal levels, short listed students were awarded a scholarship seat at VPUC to continue education in science streams. The focus is given on girl students and after completion of PU, students are further supported for higher education with scholarships.

Result	Overall
Distinction	48
First Class	23
Total	71

2024-25 VPUC PU Board Results

From the 2024-25 batch, 71 students have cleared various exams to pursue professional courses. Counselling for these placements is still ongoing, although some students have already been placed in institutions.

A mathematician in the making

Hailing from the small village of Mekerri in Madikeri Taluk, Kodagu District, Varun B. R. has emerged as a shining example of perseverance and potential. Coming from a modest background, Varun's journey is a testament to making the most out of an opportunity to achieving one's goal.

Varun did his early schooling at a Govt. primary school in his village. He later took admission in Morarji Desai Residential School in Kudige, where he completed his middle and high school education. A true all-rounder, Varun excelled in sports too, securing a second place in the district level table tennis championship.

His academic trajectory took a defining leap when he cracked the Anveshane entrance exam and joined Viveka PU College (VPUC) under the Viveka Scholar Program (VSP). He scored an impressive 605 marks (96.80%) in the 10th board exams.

At VPUC, Varun's aspirations were met with the dedicated faculty, a nurturing residential environment, and a variety of enriching exposure visits. His consistent efforts paid off with a remarkable 97% in the 2nd PU Board Exams (2024-25), earning him the distinction of being the top-ranking boy among 116 VSP scholars.



Varun's achievement of being one of the toppers of the Viveka Scholar Program resonates with Swami Vivekananda's words - each one of us has an infinite potential

Varun's passion lies in Mathematics and Computers. With a dream of becoming a software engineer, he also aspires to return to the classroom as a Mathematics teacher-determined to make learning simpler, engaging, and accessible for future generations.



School Education Program

Access to Equitable and inclusive school education



Building Human & Social Capital



Community centric partnership



Local, innovative & replicable solutions



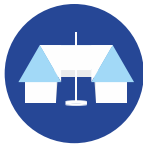
Started in 2006



Dharwad, Bengaluru, Mysuru, Kalaburagi Kodagu, Kolar, Chikkaballapur

Building the Human Capital of rural Govt. school students

SVYM's School Education Program (SEP) collaborates with over 280 Govt. Schools to enhance the learning environment by developing and deploying low-cost tech-based educational tools, promoting community participation in school management and capacity building of teachers. The program expanded to 7 districts in Karnataka this year.



280

Govt. Schools in 7 Districts



40,746

Students engaged through School Education Program



1109

Teachers



Flagging off of the new Mobile STEM Laboratory by the Qualcomm team, school staff and SDMC members at Chikkaballapur

School Education Program launched at Chikkaballapur

The Aqrity STEM Education Program was launched on 23rd of August 2024 by a team from Qualcomm India Pvt. Ltd. at the Karnataka Public School, D. Palya, Chikkaballapur district.

The team from Qualcomm India Pvt. Ltd., Bangalore included Sri Srinivas Kumar, Vice President (Engineering), Sri Ravi Rao, Senior Director (Finance), & Sri Aby Babu,

Senior Community Engagement Specialist (CSR, Sustainability, Public Affairs).

The program is engaging 25 Govt Schools within the Gauribidanur cluster and involving students, teachers, SDMC members, Education Dept. Officials and the community. The Mobile Science Lab takes science experiments to Govt Schools enabling students to experience science in action and build a scientific temper.

First girl to take up science in her village

Keerthi, in the same frame with the boys from her class who opted for science stream in pre-university



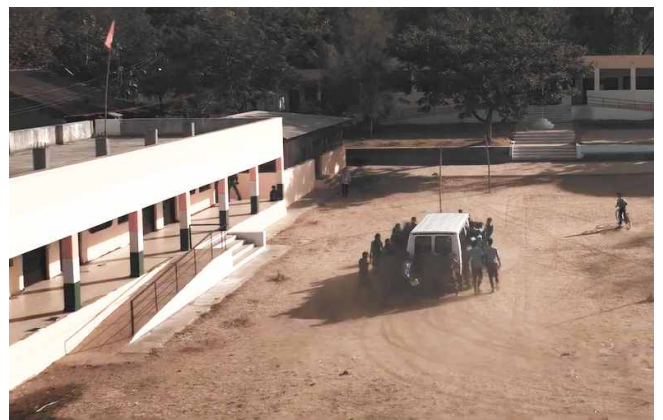
Why do you want to take up science? It's so tough, you will fail. Though coming from her best friend, Keerthi didn't let this friendly advice - a widely held opinion in her circle of friends - stop her from following her heart.

Right from class 1 to 10, Keerthi just had to walk out of her house and cross the road to reach her school & back. Now traveling for 2 hours to her PU college in a bus every day, in many ways she has surpassed the proverbial mile. She is the first girl in Holtikoti, a remote village touching Dandeli Wildlife Sanctuary in Dharwad, to opt for the science stream in Pre University (11th standard).

Keerthi shared that many boys in her class took science, some joined polytechnic institutes, but the girls preferred taking arts and commerce streams. She too was willing to follow the trend.

The nudge turning her towards science came from an exposure visit to an engineering college conducted by our School Education Program engaging several Govt schools to promote science education in the district. Meeting with the girl students studying engineering during that visit made her dream tangible for the first time.

Keerthi's mother says the parents often discourage girls from taking science. They don't want to invest in the education of their daughters thinking it won't help them later as they'll soon be married off. "I always wanted her to study, her taking science and studying really hard to



Mobile Science Lab visiting Keerthi's Govt. high school

become an engineer makes me a proud mother," she said. Interestingly, we have seen a change in parents' mindset in the last 5 years. Many mothers want to educate their daughters as they believe girls are more focused and sincere. We learnt this from interacting with the parents of meritorious girls supported by the Viveka Scholar Program.

For many Govt school students, Science may be tough when one considers the sudden transition in science education from Kannada to English medium after 10th or not having even a single experience of doing a science experiment in school but in almost all cases giving up Science is way more tougher for those who dream about science & we all can play a role in making that dream come true.



[First girl to take up science | STEM Education](#)

Keerthi becomes the first girl in Holtikoti, a remote village touching Dandeli Wildlife Sanctuary in Dharwad, to opt for the science stream in Pre University

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Anveshane, a talent search program by SVYM, seeks to discover young minds from across Karnataka and nurture their abilities in the field of science

Anveshane 2024-25 - Discovering talent in rural India

The history of mankind bears witness that the greatest minds are shaped by the greatest of challenges. In our schools in the remotest villages, there are many such diamonds in the rough, waiting to be challenged. The question is, can we reach them? Can we challenge them enough and provide them with the right exposure? If done so, they too will shine brightly.

Anveshane, a talent hunt program conceived by SVYM, seeks to discover these young minds from across Karnataka and nurture their abilities in the field of science.

This year, more than 26,000 students applied and after a series of qualifiers at school, district & zonal levels, 113 made it to the state finals organised at SVYM centres in Mysuru, Hosahalli and Saragur.

At our tribal school VTCL in Hosahalli, the students were put through a rigorous grind, exposed to science experiments & hands-on activities signing off gazing at the core of the milky way at a sky-watching session. The involvement of parents in these activities fostered a sense of shared learning, making the experience more collaborative and supportive.

A visit to the Science Exploratory Park at SVYM's CBSE School in Saragur, drama on Salim Ali & interactions with Science communicators like Kollegala Sharma and H L Satheesh etched the prints of scientific temper on young minds.

On the last day, the students had the opportunity to visit Qualcomm's facility in Bengaluru. They saw how electronic chips are made and caught a glimpse of professional life. Former Chairman of ISRO Dr Kiran Kumar's enthusiastic sessions lit up the room with his childlike enthusiasm as fed the curious minds.

The winners were awarded with scholarships to continue their education in STEM fields & an opportunity to join SVYM's Viveka PU College, Saragur, with a scholarship from the Viveka Scholar Program (VSP).

Qualcomm's continued support for SVYM's education initiatives over the years with a focus on girls has helped us expand our reach & work with government schools through mobile science labs, technology-enabled interactive learning and scholarships.



[SVYM Anveshane 2024 | Diamonds in the rough](#)

Anveshane state-level camp saw 113 students from across Karnataka shortlisted from 26,000 applicants gathered with their parents and teachers at Mysore. For many, this was their first time conducting a science experiment.

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Shri A S Kiran Kumar, former chairman of ISRO, spoke with the young students present at Qualcomm and also those in Govt. schools across Karnataka virtually.



Many students worked with a lab apparatus for the first time, experiencing the joy of science in action.



Students huddle up to solve the puzzle at SVYM's Science Exploratory Park



Qualcomm Bengaluru hosted the entire Anveshane team, a memorable experience for the students



Winners of Anveshane 2024-25 were awarded with a scholarship and shortlisted for SVYM's PU College

Nurseries of Talent

SVYM conceptualised the 'Nurseries of Talent' Program to engage the talented and gifted students (the top 10% of the class) through a specialised learning curriculum in Govt Schools by setting up digital classrooms.

The pilot program was inaugurated in 10 Government schools across the state and now is expanded to 25 schools in 15 districts of the state of Karnataka. Based on the success of the pilot, the program has the potential to be expanded to reach nearly half a million students in over 1500 schools.

In addition to the current SEP's reach, we are now also reaching Bagalkote, Vijayapura, Yadgir & Chamarajanagar districts i.e. 11 districts in total across the country.



Joining our digital quest for reaching talented students with content that rekindles the joy of learning, Qualcomm employees too joined us to take digital sessions on topics like 'Why take STEM?' or about physics subjects like 'waves'. They could reach students across 25 schools through an interactive learning medium.



Nurseries of Talent - Model Schools

Nurseries of Talent" program aims to equip schools to run a specialised program for gifted children i.e. top 10% of the class

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Qualcomm Leadership team visited Karnataka Public School in B Matakere for launching the Nurseries of Talent Program in the school

Nurseries of Talent Program expanded to 15 new rural Govt. schools

In 2024-25, digital classrooms were set up in 15 new schools in addition to 10 existing ones. Under this project, 25 model schools across different districts have been selected. Each school has received infrastructural support to set up a digital classroom in their school. These classrooms enable students to engage in interactive sessions with national-level resource persons, expanding their exposure and learning opportunities.



Praveen Kumar S, Head of Education Sector in a live interactive session with students from 25 schools across Karnataka.

Equitable Education for Rural Communities (EERC)



48

Anganwadi, lower primary, higher primary and higher secondary Govt Schools



2700

Students engaged through the Program



2

Districts in Karnataka

Objective of the Program

The "Equitable Education for Rural & Tribal Communities" program, launched in 2022, aims at supporting children across all stages of education: Foundational Education, Preparatory and Middle School, and Secondary, Senior Secondary, Continuing, and Vocational Education.

This program is being implemented in multiple phases across Anganwadi centres and Government Schools in D B Kuppe Gram Panchayat & in H D Kote taluk in Mysuru District and Benachi and Kadabagatti Gram Panchayats in Dharwad district. The highlight of the program has been the community involvement in putting the education of their children first.



Showing creativity and craft in equal parts, students build an Easel Stand as part of their carpentry class at the Skilling Lab at Govt. High School Benachi Taluk, Alnawar. The Easel is being used by the school staff.

Together for equitable education



A day long exposure visit organised for Children with Special Needs from Benachi and Kadabagatti Grampanchayath turned out to be a unique & memorable experience for the children, parents and staff.



Farmers have shared a patch of their land with the school allowing the students to carry out farming activities and also carry out observations for their science class.





Vivekananda Teacher Training & Research Centre (VTTRC)

Access to Equitable and inclusive school education



Building Human & Social Capital



Identify local role models who become agents of change



Grassroot action

Started in 2006

Hosahalli, H D Kote, Mysuru District, Karnataka

Building the Human Capital of rural school teachers

Vivekananda Teacher Training & Research Centre (VTTRC) is a teacher training institute offering both pre-service and in-service teacher training to youth from rural and tribal communities. The aim of the institute is to create a band of qualified teachers who understand the community and the context of education in rural and tribal areas.



Teacher trainees from SVYM's Future Teachers of India (FTI) program gather for a group photo after completing their fellowship, eager to contribute to the education of their communities.

28 Teacher trainees completed the three month Future Teachers of India fellowship

28 Young teacher trainees from Mysuru and nearby districts enrolled for the 3-month fellowship of Future Teacher of India (FTI). All 28 have successfully completed the training.

To wish the trainees well as they embark on a career in the teaching field, Swami Mangalanathananda, Maj Dominic (Titan) and Dr Ft. Lt M A Balasubramanya addressed the teacher trainees in the program.

Many teachers have decided to join SVYM's education institutions and contribute back by teaching children from the rural and tribal communities.

The FTI program was run with financial assistance from Titan Company Limited. We thank all the stakeholders for making this program a success.



Rajagopalanayaka (in the middle), Manikanta (on left) and Punith Raj (on right) and 17 out of 28 students from FTI have joined educational institutes and programs at SVYM



Teachers were recognized and awarded for their interactive teaching methods and knowledge at the end of Guru Manthan 2024

Guru Manthan 2024 - An annual state level teachers' meet

Teachers from south Karnataka attended Guru Manthan 2024 at SVYM's V-LEAD - a state level platform for teachers to inspire and get inspired

SVYM's third edition of Guru Manthan took place from December 6th to 8th 2024 at SVYM's V-LEAD Centre in Mysuru. The state-level camp continues to serve as a platform to bring out the very best among our teachers in a classroom and document these practices for reflection, review and learning by peers and the next generation of teachers.

The teachers delivered demo lessons in their choice of subjects to the students from grades VI to VIII, while the jury members observed their teaching and presentation. A diverse mix of students from Kannada medium government schools, English medium CBSE schools & also from SVYM's tribal school, Viveka Tribal Centre for Learning (VTCL) made it challenging.

Like the mythical Samudra Manthana, where the churning of the ocean brought forth treasures, Guru Manthan 2024 brought together 30 teachers shortlisted from many schools across Karnataka, to come together, exchange & enrich learning methodologies, to inspire and get inspired.

Teachers were recognized & awarded for their innovative teaching methods at the end of Guru Manthan 2024.



A teacher engages students in a interactive session at Guru Manthan



Teachers took classes to demonstrate their teaching techniques



Multi-lingual Educators (MLE) from the first batch of PATH - Capacity Building Program for teachers at V-LEAD Training Centre in Mysuru.

SVYM collaborates with Govt of Odisha to run a five-day capacity-building program for tribal teachers from Odisha at SVYM.

A 5-day capacity-building program for teachers was held in March at SVYM's V-Lead in Mysuru for Multilingual Educators (MLE) and District Education Coordinators from Odisha. A total of 132 individuals undertook the training, which was a blend of experiential and classroom-based engagements. The teachers visited rural and tribal government schools, ashram schools in the tribal regions of HD Kote taluk and Mysuru.

SVYM's experience of working with tribal communities in Karnataka offers an overlap, mutually beneficial for cross-cultural learning for teachers and educators from Odisha as well as SVYM. Identifying this opportunity, the Department of School and Mass Education, Govt of Odisha collaborated with SVYM to commence a unique training program - PATH (Promoting Aspirations Through Holistic Education) for tribal teachers.

After the training, the teachers shared there were a lot of learning activities and ideas that they can take back and apply in their schools. Parents Saving Scheme, Nalli Kalli and learning materials made out of wood were appreciated.



[SVYM PATH | Teacher Capacity Building Program](#)

SVYM PATH - a 5-Day capacity building program for teachers was held in the month of March for Multilingual Educators (MLE) and District Education Coordinators from Odisha.

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A balancing act!

In olden times, farmers in H D Kote would take the plough on their shoulders while returning from the fields after a hard day at work, knowing it was pulled by their bullocks long enough to deserve a break. In every world, every setting, on every shoulder, sustainable development is a balancing act between economic growth, environmental protection and social well-being.





Socio Economic Empowerment Program



Tribal Development Activities



Socio-Economic Empowerment through the development of Human & Social Capital of tribal communities.

Developing the Human & Social Capital of tribal communities, including Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) like Jenukuruba, through an integrated and interconnected approach comprising creation and facilitation of Self Help Groups (SHGs) among women, micro saving activities, internal loan and revolving fund activities, connecting and facilitating the tribal communities to access social entitlements and schemes rolled out by the Govt.

SVYM is working along with 85 SHGs with a collective strength of 911 women. Through micro saving activities, the SHGs have built a seed fund of INR 10,91,795

Prakruthi Girijana Mahila Okutta awarded the 'best stall'



Prakruti Girijana Mahila Okkuta, a tribal women business enterprise managing social business units and producing and selling millet based products secured the first prize for the 'Best Stall Exhibition' at the Suttur Jatra Mahotsav, held in Nanjangud taluk from 26 to 31 January 2025.

The group receiving the award from the Chief Minister of Karnataka was a moment of immense pride for the entire tribal community.

Indigenous tribal women invited to the Republic Day celebrations in New Delhi



Sarasu and Ragini, indigenous tribal women members of Prakruthi Girijana Mahila Okkuta, the local Federation, were invited to be part of Republic Day celebrations at Kartavya Path in Delhi. The gesture symbolized how far they have come along in their journey, from being members of a small Self-Help Group in H D Kote to meeting a large community of citizens.

Building the social capital of tribal communities towards integration and equality is the way of building a Viksit Bharat where everyone is equally participating in the nation's development through Jan Bhagidari.

Rural Social Business Units - Economic consequences of building the Human & Social Capital



Vanasiri Tailoring Unit, Kenchanahalli. 10 SHG Members earning avg. of INR 10,000/month. Total sale - INR 5,83,970



Honey Processing Unit, Seeguru Hadi. 12 SHG members earning an average of INR 5,000/month. Total sale - INR 73,920



Prakruthi Food Products, Jaganakote. 10 SHG Members earning INR 7,500/month. Total sales - INR 19,52,087



Prakruthi Food Product 2nd Phase, Hunsekuppe Hadi. 6 SHG Members earning INR 7,500/month. Total sales - INR 3,26,077



Cold Press Oil Extraction Unit, M.G Halli Hadi. 10 SHG members earning INR 7,500/month. Total sales - INR 2,55,301



Prakruthi Chips Production Unit, Annuru Hadi. 10 SHG Members. Total sales - INR 4,91,650



Millet Bar Production Unit, Penjahalli Hadi. 6 SHG members earning INR 7,500/month. Total sales - INR 5,20,160



Prakruthi Millet Canteen, Saragur Hand Post. 8 SHG Members. A new venture initiated on 26th March 2025



Stakeholders and tribal women commemorate the opening of the Prakruthi Millet Canteen in H D Kote. The group photo captures the collective effort behind this initiative focused on health, traditional foods and women's livelihoods.

Prakruthi Millet Canteen- Nutritious food by the tribal women

The Prakruthi Millet Canteen, the first of its kind in H D Kote and Saragur taluk, was inaugurated on 26 March 2025, to revive and promote the healthy culture of consuming millets and create livelihood opportunities for tribal and rural women. The canteen will serve traditional millet-based dishes while maintaining high hygiene and quality standards.

Speaking at the event, Ms. Snigdha Singh, VP Human Resource (Org Effectiveness, Culture & CSR), TATA Consumer Products Limited, emphasized the importance of collaboration. "This canteen is a result of teamwork, from developing the recipes to sourcing the produce. While it helps women earn a living in the short term, its long-term impact is on health and well-being. It is wonderful to see the women taking ownership and after tasting the food, I can say

it is both healthy and delicious." Dr. Dennis D Chauhan, Head of the Socio-Economic Empowerment Program at SVYM, emphasized the foundation required for such initiatives to succeed. "Projects like the Prakruthi Millet Canteen come to life when two key factors align the dedication of ground-level workers and the necessary financial support. Though this canteen is operated by tribal women, it is meant for everyone, regardless of background or status."

Shivamma from MG Halli Hadi, one of the Cooks at the canteen, shared her experience. "The training sessions helped us learn new recipes of Siridhanya (millets). I have learned to cook nine different millet - based dishes & I hope many people visit the canteen to enjoy these healthy meals."

The Prakruthi Millet Canteen offers a variety of traditional millet dishes, including Navane Bisibelebath, Jowar Talipettu and Udalu Curd Rice. With a focus on cleanliness & nutrition, the canteen not only brings back traditional food habits but also creates better economic opportunities for the women running it. The initiative is a step towards improving both livelihoods and food choices in the region.



The Millet Canteen in H D Kote run by tribal womam



Rural women entrepreneurs make their mark at PayPal's Global Entrepreneurship Week kickoff event in Bengaluru.

SVYM and PayPal collaborate to support women's self-help groups

SVYM through its Socio-Economic Empowerment Program (SEEP), supported 60 rural and tribal women entrepreneurs like Durga Mahila Okutta (Women Self Help Group) to participate in PayPal's Global Entrepreneurship Week event in Bengaluru. These

women, managing small SHGs (Self-help groups) from remote villages, showcased their products and shared their aspirations to financially support their families. PayPal and SVYM have partnered with women SHGs to facilitate setting up of social business enterprises.

Hardy grains and tough farmers

Taking the road swirling through the inundating landscapes in the heart of H D Kote Taluk in Mysuru District around March, harvest scenes fill one's mind.

For months, farming families devoted themselves to tending to their fields. Possibly any thought about uncertain weather, wild boars and elephants destroying their crop, fluctuating market prices, put away with the meditative and transcendental act of farming - working with hands - nurturing the soil and seeds with sweat. Being in the present.

Harvest this year for about 400 farmers growing Siridhanya - ancient varieties of Millet - has boosted their confidence apart from reviving an ancient connection with these hardy grains.

Nooralaiyah, a tribal farmer, remembers being served Foxtail Millet with curd by his grandmother, and mudde (Millet ball) with Horse Gram sambar when he was a child. He's going to share this experience with his grandchildren this season, after a successful harvest of Foxtail Millet. With a warm grin he shares that the neighbours are asking for some of his produce and so are some buyers who contacted him on WhatsApp.

He plans to keep 10% for his consumption and the



remaining for selling & generating some income. Krishnaya on the other hand wants to keep the entire produce for his own consumption. He grew five types of millet this season in a two acre patch -Ragi (Finger Millet), Navane (Foxtail Millet), Sajje (Pearl Millet), Saame (Little Millet), Haraka (Kodo Millet), Korale (Browntop Millet) & Oodalu (Barnyard Millet). For someone growing Chia seeds for five years, this change is a hope to improve the soil composition that is stripped off of nutrients.

Interestingly, 30% of the farmers supported by our Millet farming initiative are women farmers. The initiative has also set up a millet canteen and a seed bank, building an ecosystem to revive the millet culture in the region.

Tata Consumer Products Limited joined hands with us at the grassroots level all the way to setting up a market and buying the millets produced in the region.



Tribal farmers unite to start a 'millet movement' in H D Kote and revive a lost tradition of consuming millets.

Harnessing the community to revive a culture of health and wealth

Rural Social Influencers - Model Millet Farmers

Nine ordinary looking farmers from indigenous tribal communities are quietly contributing to the changing landscape of farming, both literally and metaphorically. What were once blue-purple dotted fields of Chia farms in many places are now replaced by bright green and brown shades of millet, five different varieties of ancient millet (siridhanya) that are making a return in the farmland, plates and recipes of the local population.

Under the Millet Farming Project, 405 farmers from tribal communities were engaged to cultivate millet on their farmland. In roughly over two years, their collective effort has led to a total production of 2713.91 quintals of millet worth INR 1,16,54,760, transforming about 953 acres of farmland into a golden millet bowl of H D Kote.

Interestingly, 220 farmers are from the Jenukuruba tribe listed as one of the Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups by the Govt. of India. Being forest based tribals, their reluctance towards taking up farming is evident. Many wouldn't farm on their own patch of land choosing daily wage work over agriculture.

Often the best role models are the ones next door. Krishnaiah, one of nine model farmers and one of the first ones to grow millet on his land, chose to do it after continuously growing Chia for five years. Seeing him, other farmers too decided to give it a try. Encouragement also came from the project's involvement right from soil testing, providing quality seeds, farming techniques, drip irrigation support, vermicompost training and building an eco-system for production to consumption.

Nooralaiah, another model farmer, shared that he started receiving messages on his WhatsApp from buyers inquiring about the rate at which he's willing to sell his millet product; he shared some of his millet seeds with other farmers who asked him instead of selling them.

The word 'social influencer' carries a very different picture in today's world, compared to these model farmers living in remote tribal hamlets bordering the forest, but in true sense, they are harnessing their collective voice to bring back a culture that promises both health and wealth with millet.



Mr Venkataramana, Managing Director of Titan Company Limited inaugurated the Biogas Plant Unit in Jompanahalli village.

Titan and SVYM promote renewable energy through a biogas plant.

On 29th November, Mr C K Venkataramana, Managing Director, Mr N E Sridhar, Chief Sustainability Officer of Titan Company Limited & Mrs Savitha Sulugodu, CEO, SVYM, dedicated domestic biogas plant units in Jompanahalli. Five villages Jompanahalli, Banavadi,

Bachegowdanahalli, Seeranahundi and Bandahalli are selected for the installation of the biogas units. The biogas project highlights the collaborative efforts of SVYM, Titan Company Limited and the community to empower rural households with equitable energy.



A Biogas Unit installed in front of Malliga's house

Fueling a rural movement with accessible energy

Malliga Nagaraj, a rural woman from Jompanahalli has been using the Biogas Unit for 5 months. She's able to save INR 500-1000 every month on a LPG Cylinder. Moreover, not having to wait for a month for the LPG delivery is what she's most happy about.

Often waiting for a LPG cylinder, she had to switch to firewood for cooking. She says it's not required anymore

and the struggle to get wood is over. Apart from being low maintenance, only requiring a cow dung feed once every two days, the byproduct of the Biogas Unit is used as manure which is an add on for farmers.

300 Families have installed the Biogas Unit at their homes contributing INR 3,500 from their pockets and receiving a support of INR 6,500 from our donor Titan Company.



Viveka Rural Livelihood Centre

Focus on social empowerment activities with skill training and placement for women & youth



Building Human & Social Capital



Community centric partnership



Local, innovative & replicable solutions



Started in 2017



Mysuru, Chamarajanagar, Raichur, Dharwad & Bengaluru Rural Districts

VRLC - An instrument for developing the Human & Social Capital leading to economic development

With a vision to offer livelihood training and skills to unemployed youth and women in rural areas, SVYM established "Viveka Rural Livelihood Centre" in 2017 at Kenchanahalli in Mysuru district.

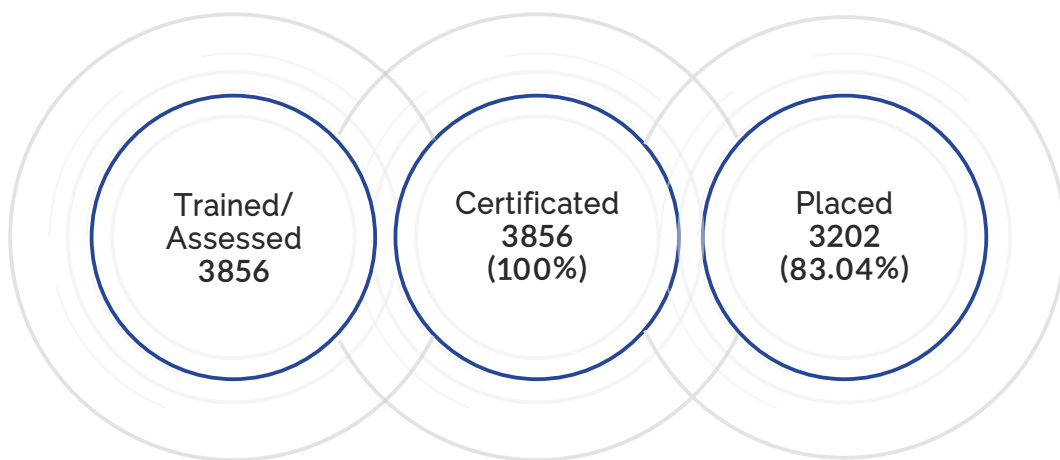
Key highlights of 2024-25

This year, new centers of livelihood were started in Sindhanoor and Jayapura and new trainings with eco-tourism and hospitality management, two-wheeler repair, organic farming have been introduced.

VRLC also expanded its reach in rural Karnataka with 5 new livelihood centres promoting the vision "Learn Locally, Earn Locally".

We were able to engage more farmers with the training being conducted in their villages and on-ground support from our resource partners. We also expanded northwards with a focus on the Kalyan Karnataka region in Raichur & Dharwad. This year, VRLC initiated livelihood activities where SVYM has an existing base in terms of the office like in Orohalli in Bengaluru. SVYM further augmented its social empowerment activities for the tribals in the Kodagu district and created 5 model tribal hadi (hamlets).

Training Dash Board April-2024 To March-2025



Electrician Training workshop in progress at Viveka Rural Livelihood Centre in Kenchanahalli



A 'Spoken English' class from the Spoken English, Basic Computer and Life Skills Course

Vocational Trainings in 2024-25

Agriculture Based Training

- Dairy Farming Training - **1490**
- Sheep and Goat Farming Training - **1000**
- Poultry Farming Training - **238**
- Sericulture Farming Training - **188**
- Pisciculture Farming Training - **160**
- Apiculture Training - **37**
- Flower Culture Training - **25**

Vocational Training

- Fashion Designing - **230**
- Beautician Training - **143**
- Electrician Training - Fully Residential - **96**
- Mobile Repair Training - Fully Residential - **111**
- Two Wheeler Repair Training - **10**

Academic Based Training Program (Fully Residential)

- GDA - General Duty Assistant - **45**
- Panchakarma Therapist and Yoga Basics - **34**
- Spoken English, Basic Computer & Life Skills - **41**
- Eco Tourism & Hospitality Management - **8**



Suleman hopes to have a great yield of silk cocoons now with improved rearing methods and the use of high-quality mulberry leaves he is growing in his farm.

Suleman's silk route to happiness

Suleman's farm hints of a unique income generation strategy not commonly seen in the villages in H D Kote in Mysuru District. He is growing areca nut and timbre, crops he plans to profit from in the future and for monthly earnings, he is relying on his Sericulture setup, a large hall with a high ceiling and tiers of platform stacked with mulberry leaves, mesh and silkworm cocoons. He is meticulous about keeping the area clean and infection free.

Before taking the Sericulture training at SVYM, Suleman was earning around INR 60,000 per month from his Sericulture farm. After the training, his earnings have substantially increased.

He says "I learned many techniques that I wasn't aware of before. The scientists came to my farm and their recommendations have benefitted me a lot, now my monthly earning is more than INR 1,00,000." The best part is that he only has to invest about INR 10,000/month on raw materials.

Once every month, he goes to Mysuru city to sell his produce and he claims it is sold in no time. Suleman may have found his silk route to prosperity.

Adding a scientific approach to his business strategy has enabled Suleman to harness the best of both and shine as a progressive farmer.



Dr. Dennis Chauhan, Head of SVYM's SEEP and Dr. M. R. Seetharam, Consultant Orthopedic Surgeon from VMH, examine goats on display during the largest Dairy Farming and Agriculture Mela in Saragur.

Mysuru district's biggest Dairy Farming and Agriculture mela for the socio-economic empowerment of farmers across the state.

Saragur, a small town in Mysuru district, is often seen as a transit hub where people are always on the move. But this time, it became the epicentre of something much bigger as farmers from across Mysuru district, Raichur and Dharwad gathered for the Dairy Farming and Agriculture Mela organised by the Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement (SVYM).

The event aimed to bridge the gap between farmers and their access to knowledge about sustainable livelihood and vocational skills, which will eventually contribute to their socio-economic empowerment. It also sought to identify local role models who could become agents of change within their communities.

More than 2,500 farmers participated in the mela, many of whom had previously attended SVYM's SEEP training programs in mushroom farming, pisciculture, sericulture, poultry farming and sheep and goat farming.

Among the many women who attended the mela was Mrs. Gopamma, who had previously participated in a poultry farming training program by SVYM. The knowledge she gained from this training enabled her to support her family, ensuring that her daughters could study and complete their education.

Many stories like Gopamma's echoed throughout the mela, tales of single mothers overcoming adversity or a farmer overcoming his/her alcohol addiction.

The mela was not just about vocational skills and learning; it was also about connecting with people who had similar experiences and opening doors to new opportunities. The event was organised at a time when farmers, after months of hard work, were finally resting after the harvest season, making it the perfect time for them to explore new opportunities for the next season. The mela provided them with exactly that, a chance to learn new skills, plan for the future and explore ways to increase their income.

The mela was made possible through the collaboration of the Department of Animal Husbandry, Government of Karnataka; Nandini (Karnataka Milk Federation); ICAR (Indian Council of Agricultural Research); Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK); Agriculture Department, Government of Karnataka; and corporate partners including TATA Consumer Products Limited, TITAN LeAP, Akamai Technologies and Texas Instruments.

Dr. Dennis Chauhan, Head of the SEEP, SVYM, shared that he plans to expand the SEEP initiative across every district of Karnataka by 2028. Strong partnerships help in mobilising resources, learning skills and creating sustainable development models in communities. He also spoke about changing societal perceptions and stigma around farming, highlighting that farming is not a low-standard profession which many make it out to be. He pointed out that many model farmers today earn more than corporate employees with years of experience, proving that agriculture remains a vital & rewarding profession

Solar Powered Tribal Habitations

8 Tribal hamlets powered by solar installations



Kanthana Hadi

Year : 2020

38 Solar installations

100% Solar Electrification of the tribal hamlet benefitting all 21 families

A Handloom Unit set up as a rural social business unit is run and managed by tribal women towards women employment & empowerment



Handloom Unit



Chikki Unit at Hunasekuppe Hadi



Hunasekuppe Hadi

Year : 2019

51 Solar installations

Creating equity through access to electricity and socio-economic empowerment through Ragi Processing Unit run and managed by tribal women



Chikkabaragi Hadi & Vaderahalli Hadi

Year : 2018

100% Solar Electrification of the tribal hamlet benefitting all 33 families

Light at night has enhanced the living standards of tribal families, allowing them more productive time for learning, earning & recreation.



Koodagi Hadi & Alanahalli Hadi

Year : 2022

75 Solar installations

Around 172 individuals from Koodagi hadi & 101 individuals from Alanahalli hadi directly benefit from solar power installations at household level.



Dadadahalli Hadi & Beddalapura Hadi

Year : 2024

Community dedication of solar electrification of electrification of two tribal hamlets benefitting 40 families by our donor partners Trellix India



[A New Dawn | Solar Powered Tribal Hamlets](#)

A short video capturing the impact of solar electrification at Dadadahalli & Beddalapura tribal hamlets.

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Janadhvani 90.8 MHz- Community Radio Station

To build a community which has timely access to information and actively participates in its development process.



Building Human & Social Capital



Community centric partnership



Working with Govt., Corporates, CSOs & Academia



Started in 2012



Saragur, H D Kote



2,70,000

Reached in 256 Villages



14 hours/day

On-air



40+

Programs



70%+

Programs are from Community

Voice of the Community

Janadhvani Community Radio station was started in 2012 with the objective of connecting the communities of H D Kote taluk which is considered as one of the most backward areas of Karnataka. The taluk has a population of 26,000 belonging to the Specially Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs). SVYM's community radio station broadcasts more than 40 programs a week in 2024-25.

Health Programs

To promote better health, 241 programs were aired in 2024-25 towards awareness, preventive measures, healthy habits targeting children, adults and the elderly. Doctors and medical experts from SVYM and other institutions also participated in the program.

Learnings on Air

557 Programs including Radio Patha, Maneye Parthapatha School, Spoken English, General Knowledge, Science Wonder, and Wisdom were broadcasted to benefit children in rural areas, especially SSLC and PUC students. 262 resource persons from the local communities participated in these programs.

Women Empowerment Program

149 programs including programs about tribal women empowerment, agriculture, employment, sports, social service, tribal leaders working for tribal rights, environmental concerns & art & culture were aired in 2024-25

Nangakadu Nangajan Program

About 52 programs were aired about the tribal culture, costumes, traditions of the tribal people and privileges available to them from the government.

Local Role Models

About 52 programs were aired in 2024-25 with department officials about identifying progressive farmers in the taluk, interviewing farmers who are a model for others and service facilities available to farmers in the agriculture department.



A health awareness session being aired by Janadhvani Radio Station.

Sethuve Program

Direct phone-in program acts as a bridge to initiate a dialogue between the community & the Government officials one every week about service facilities & community issues. 36 programs with 234 Govt. officials participated in this programs.

[Download the Janadhvani 90.8 App on Play Store](#)



Integrated Development Initiatives

Developing the Human & Social Capital - An ever evolving model

SVYM's development model of building the Human & Social Capital is derived from our rich experience of working alongside the rural-tribal communities for over four decades in the southern parts of Mysore district. This continuous, unbroken and close engagement with the community has contributed to shaping and evolving our development paradigm, tested over time and unique scenarios like the COVID pandemic.

In order to expand our development initiatives outside of our 'direct implementation area', SVYM has strategically entered into other aspirational blocks in Karnataka in the last one decade - implementing its development template through a 'managed implementation model'.

Integrated Village Development Project

The 'managed implementation model' leverages SVYM's integrated development approach of interventions in health, education, socio-economic empowerment & environment and sustainable energy in a phased manner and in partnership with the Govt., local authorities, community and our donors.

This model has been implemented in Kodagu, Raichur, Dharwad and rural Bengaluru and in 2024-25, SVYM expanded its reach to join hands with the rural-tribal communities in Joida and Male Mahadeshwara Hills.

Integrated Village Development Projects are being implemented in 3 locations in Karnataka in 2024-25.

Integrated Village Development Project - Ashakirana Project - Rural Bengaluru

Project Ashakirana covers 73 villages in seven Gram Panchayath in rural Bengaluru reaching a population of about 50,000 in rural and semi urban communities. The Ashakirana Project was initiated in 2018 beginning with one Gram Panchayath.

In a phased manner, the project has expanded its coverage and aligned its interventions with the needs of the communities. During the COVID-19 period, the project

Promoting health among rural population

Community Health Camps

79 Screening Camps conducted in the community for Non Communicable Disease like diabetes and hypertension, for pregnant women and adolescent girls and the elderly.

Tackling non communicable diseases

70% of identified NCD patients are now receiving optimal management through the outreach health services. Effective linkages to PHCs and Government health programs, treatment adherence and changes in lifestyle have significantly improved the health of the people.



Health camp at community level



Electrical Repair Training taken by rural youth to enhance employability

Vocational Training

170 Women, youth, PwDs and farmers trained in various vocational courses like fashion designing, beautician course, organic farming, sheep and goat farming, home appliances repair training and mobile repair training.

repurposed itself to focus more on community health, maternal-newborn health and hygiene and sanitation, running community based learning clubs. In the consecutive years, the focus was shifted towards building resilience in the communities through skilling of youth and women empowerment programs. A pilot model of the Ragi Processing Unit, run by tribal women in Jagankote village, was replicated in rural settings promoting group entrepreneurship.

Sustainable access to safe water

WASH awareness activities in schools

Strengthening of School Parliament and SDMC Committee towards community ownership in WASH at institutional level. 600 Students, teachers and SDMC members trained.

WASH Infrastructure development

Towards better hygiene and sanitation, 49 Schools & Anganwadi Centres equipped with toilets and handwash stations.



Reviewing construction of rainwater harvesting structures at school



The Nanda Deepa Ragi Unit recognized as a resource and training centre by Gramin Krishi Vikas Kendra.

Rural Women Social Business Unit

Towards self reliance, the Nanda Deepa Ragi Unit has built a corpus of INR 16,91,904 in Fixed Deposit account and are able to manage routine expenditures including rent and SHG members wages on their own.

Integrated Village Development Project - Project ASHA in Male Mahadeshwara Hills

Started in 2024, the Integrated Village Development Project (Project ASHA) at Mala Mahadeshwara Hills in Hannur Taluk of Chamarajanagar covers eight villages with a population of 5300 individuals from rural-tribal communities. The Project is supported by Siemens Technology and Services Private Limited

The project is planned with a holistic approach to development, focusing on health, education, livelihoods, and access to water with good governance and technology serving as key overarching themes.

In the first phase, (01-Oct-2024 to 31-Mar-2025), the project focuses on detailed need assessment, community-level meetings, formation of community groups, responding to immediate needs of the community to enhance the quality of life, integration of technology to improve living conditions, and strengthening governance through community-led advocacy at various levels.

A baseline survey was conducted during the year. A PRA (Participatory Rural Appraisal) was conducted to assess the needs of the rural communities.

From Burden to Blessing: A Village's Journey to Water



Every single day, for as long as they could remember, the women of nearly 20 families walked 1 to 2 kilometers to fetch water from a distant borewell. That was hard and the real ordeal began after filling their pots. Along with the SVYM team, a water tank was constructed at the top of the hill, and a solar-powered pump was installed to push water all the way up. When the system was switched on and water finally flowed into the tank, something magical happened. The long years of frustration gave way to tears of joy, and the laughter of freedom.

Integrated Village Development Program - Joida

The Integrated Village Development Project in Joida covers eight Gram Panchayath reaching a population of close to 30,000 rural-tribal communities in 52 villages.

Being one of the Aspirational Blocks, Joida faces the challenge of remoteness, heavy monsoons & sparse & spread out communities, impeding the development efforts.

SVYM is engaged in building the human & social capital of the communities through its integrated development model.

Health - Focusing on maternal newborn health & nutrition, 65 health screening camps were conducted reaching 2387

Education - Reducing school drop out rate and continuing higher education. The Mobile STEM Lab engaged 7,525 students across 5 Govt. high schools in the Joida block

Socio-economic empowerment - Skill development of youth, farmers & women. 272 individuals have started earning after taking vocational training. 12 SHGs members have commenced livelihood activities

Energy Equity - Access to solar energy at community level. 105 solar street lights were installed in remote villages



Malnutrition screening at an Angawadi Centre. The centres are provided with nutritional food packages



Mobile Science Lab facilitator conducting a science experiment at Shri Rama High School Joida

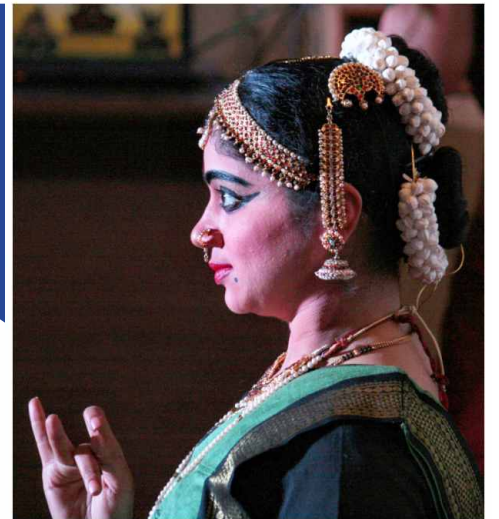
Harnessing community wisdom

There's wisdom embedded in cultural practices. Just before the arrival of monsoon, the villagers visit the ponds near their farms led by the chieftain who is the first to shovel the pond silt and put it in his farmland. Everyone follows and together harness the pond's water holding capacity by clearing silt & putting it in their fields & improving the soil quality & the crop yield. For community led development, some lost practices need to be harnessed again.





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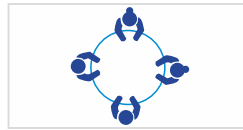
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Global Health, Globalisation & Leadership Program

One student through the Center for Global Health and Social Responsibility, University of Minnesota participated in Global Health, Globalisation and Leadership Program at VIIS. The objective of the program was to help students understand health care delivery, global health and effects of globalization in the context of India. Field experiences and a two day's workshop on Leadership complemented the two-week program.

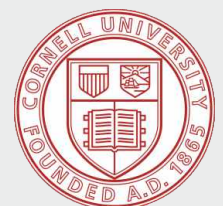
For me the greatest experience was connecting with people from other cultures, learning from them their customs, religion, own philosophy and been treated as family. India is rich in cultural, so many facets to explore and places to visit and explore. It is filled with marvelous people and the welcoming sense for returning.

-Gustavo Galarraga, University of Minnesota

Global Service Learning Program - Cornell University 2022

VIIS hosted the "Global Service Learning Program" for the students from Cornell University for the 14th year in succession.

8 students participated in this unique program designed in the blended mode of on-campus and virtual transaction. During their on-campus stay at VIIS, SVYM, the students had sessions on various topics, were a part of field visits and sight-seeing trips. They also got opportunities to get a slice of Indian culture (dance forms of India) along with their experiential, service-learning, field components and took up projects on the virtual mode.



Very touching and personal; was a great overview of SVYM that helped us have a better understanding of the organization as a whole.

-Eva Telesca, School of Industrial & Labor Relations, Cornell University

Summer Program of Music, Dance & Yoga – University of Michigan



4 Students accompanied by Professor Stephen Rush joined the maestros of Carnatic music, immersing in a cross cultural exchange learning about Indian culture & music.

Thank you so much for this program. If we did just one of the trips, lessons, or lectures it would have been a deeply meaningful experience. With everything together, I feel like I have found enough meaning for a lifetime. I really love India and I will miss it here very much.

-Charles McDermott

Internship and Volunteering:

This year 10 students participated in the Internship and Volunteering and projects in various institutions of SVYM

I loved the two months I spent at VMH. I immediately felt welcomed into the community, and really enjoyed learning from different members of healthcare teams to see how their individual services collectively served the tribal populations in Sargur. It was also very interesting to see the differences between Indian healthcare and U.S. healthcare.

- Disha Chandra, Creighton University, Omaha Nebraska.



Sulochana Pattabhiraman Utsavam - A global partnership to promote fine arts.

For the 16th year since its inception, the Annual Sulochana Pattabhiraman Utsavam took place on September 26th, hosted by the Vivekananda Institute of Indian Studies (VIIS) in collaboration with Swaralayam Arts Forum, Houston, and the University College of Fine Arts, Mysuru.

The musical event featured Carnatic classical music performances by Vidwan Bellari Raghavendra, Vidushi Surabhi P. Narasimhan, and Kumari Keerthana, accompanied by Vidwan G. S. Ramanujan, Vidwan H. L. Shivashankara Swamy, Vidwan Tumkur B. Ravishankar, Vidushi Divyashree, Vidushi C. V. Shruthi, and Amogh Nadadur.



Sri R Ravi Iyer, Founder-Director of Swaralayam Arts Forum, Houston addressing the gathering



Winners of the Argumentation & Debate Competition pose with the organising team at V-LEAD, Mysuru

One of its kind debate camp for high school students

At SVYM's V-LEAD Centre in Mysore, young students were seen refining their debating & public speaking skills as part of the Debate & Argumentation Workshop - the third one jointly conducted by SVYM and Cornell University, USA.

At the end of the 4 day workshop, the house unanimously believed that - the workshop was a unique learning experience for high school girl students, mentored by students from the USA, Vietnam and India, a cross-cultural exchange fostering future global citizens.

An enriching addition to this year, the mentoring team included students from the TDTU University, Vietnam and also the winners from previous year's debate workshop. Eva Telesca, the lead coach for the camp said, "We saw a lot of positive results in oratory skills and debating

techniques in girls who had come from all over Karnataka." Trang, mentor from Vietnam said, "I never had such an experience when I was their age. Getting into debating at an early age is really amazing. On the first day everybody was shy and quiet and on the fifth day everybody was vibrant and speaking with confidence." Bhavani who had participated in the debate camp five years ago expressed, "I had the opportunity to give back as a mentor this time. The workshop is a great platform for young girls to come forward and speak their minds." Sanvi, one of the participants said, "It was a wonderful experience. The mentors were helpful and patient and helped me understand the basics of debating."

Over 40 girl students from 16 schools were shortlisted for the debate camp from different districts across Karnataka.



A session on 'The rich heritage of India and its relevance today' as part of Understanding India Lecture Series



Samskrutha Diwas celebrated with Government Maharaja Sanskrit College. Spoken Sanskrit classes were conducted for the students.

Understanding India Lecture Series

VIS conducted 'Understanding India Lecture Series' highlighting the heritage and wisdom embedded in the Indian civilisation. Some of the topics for the series were - Journey of India - Governance for Social Welfare, Lessons from Bhagavad Gita, Scientific Heritage of India and Indian Diet for Healthy Lifestyle.



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SEED Fellowship: Building self directed leaders for development sector



Five fellows successfully completed the one year Society Environment Entrepreneurship Development (SEED) fellowship this month. SEED Fellowship was a program conceived and executed by the Vivekananda Institute for Leadership Development (V-LEAD) to create a group of quality conscious & service-minded professionals for the development sector & a testimony to SVYM's commitment to building Human and Social Capital. The SEEP fellows had month-long classroom training sessions before being assigned to various development projects at SVYM in Water & Sanitation, HIV Care & Rural Youth Empowerment & SVYM's HR & Relationship Management Department.

TISIT Program for B Tech students of IIIT Raichur



Technology & Innovation for Societal Impact Transformation (TISIT) is a customized elective program offered by V-LEAD, to Engineering students at IIIT Raichur with the main objective of igniting passion in students towards understanding the society, using technology for societal transformation along with a desire to contribute towards nation-building. 42 Students from IIIT participated in the program in 2024-2025.

Workshop on Youth & Leadership



V-Lead organised a workshop on Youth and Leadership in collaboration with CII- Young Indians. Students from IIT Raichur, Daksha college, MIT college and University of Mysore attended the one day workshop.

Workshop on Biomedical Waste Management



Vivekananda Institute for Leadership Development (V-LEAD), in collaboration with Manipal Hospital, Mysuru organized a workshop on Biomedical Waste Management highlighting the need to create a safer and cleaner health care environment.

Viveka Fellowship launched - Building the capacity of youth in development sector

The Viveka Fellowship Program is a 6 month immersive and intensive fellowship program designed by V-LEAD with a vision of creating a cohort of quality conscious and service minded professionals for the development sector. The program was launched on National Youth Day.

Kshamta Kendra

SVYM is one of the 19 Kshamta Kendra selected across India. V-Lead intends to build the capacities of approx 900 individuals across 70 NGOs in Karnataka.

To enhance the knowledge & skills of HIV service providers, the program targeted TI staff from NGOs and CBOs working with high-risk groups (HRGs) such as Female Sex Workers (FSWs), Men who have Sex with Men (MSM), Transgender individuals, & People Who Inject Drugs (PWID).

- 13 Master Trainers (MTs) were instrumental in executing the training programs.
- 41 training sessions were conducted in 2024-25 with a focus on Out Reach Workers, Peer Educators, Program Managers & Monitoring & Evaluation Staff



SVYM's Kshamta Kendra team presented a poster on 'Training Analysis of Comprehensive Knowledge Improvement from ORW Training and Best Practices and Innovations' at the three Day Kshamta Kendra Induction Capacity Building Workshop organised by SAATHII at New Delhi

Climate Change & Environmental Sustainability

SVYM through V-LEAD has extended technical support to UNICEF and the Karnataka Government on Water, Sanitation & Hygiene (WASH) and Climate Change & Environmental Sustainability (CCES) components working with the Department of Women and Child Development, Department of Health and Family Welfare, the Education Department and Shri Kshetra Dharmasthala Rural Development Project



Capacity building through state level training of HIV Prevention Service Providers at V-LEAD



A workshop conducted for the college students under the GEN-NEXT Program from V-LEAD



Smt Savitha Sulugodu, CEO of SVYM, addressing a batch of youth from different colleges during their exposure visit to SVYM's intervention sites.

Young Bharat, Prosperous Bharat: A unique event for youth on Vivekananda Jayanthi 2025

On National Youth Day, Swami Vivekananda Movement (SVYM) & WMG organised a 2-day event, "Young Bharat, Prosperous Bharat", for youth from various fields, a unique platform to engage with national youth icons & discuss their roles in shaping the future of the country. The event aimed at encouraging youth to contribute towards the national vision of a Viksit Bharat by 2047.

On day one, starting with an exposure visit to experience the rural realities, the group of students visited tribal settlements in H D Kote taluk, where SVYM also has its project sites & institutions. They gained an understanding of the organization's work towards contextual and need-based development of the rural communities. The day included a visit to SVYM's Palliative Care Centre in Mysuru which further broadened their perspective about the need for equitable & accessible services like healthcare for the community.

On the second day in Bengaluru, they met youth icons who are role models in their fields, from technology for democratic and financial inclusion to rethinking urban living spaces and their sustainability. All driven by a calling to challenge the norms and equipped with radical thoughts about what development means.

The youth also had an opportunity to interact with Dr R. Balasubramaniam, Founder of SVYM who chaired the panel discussion comprising of Mr Zayd Noaman, Executive Director of Prestige Group, Nirupa Shankar of Brigade Group, Mr Kaushik Raju, Director of Atria University, Atria Group & Founder of Xcelerator, Ms Deena Jacob, Co-Founder & CFO of Open Financial Technologies, and Ms Yamuna Sastry, Founder of Project Financial Dignity, CabDost & Co-Founder of Dvara Money. These discussions encouraged the students to explore



Dr R Balasubramaniam, Founder of SVYM, chaired the discussion with youth icons coming from diverse fields at the event co-hosted by SVYM and WMG

how they also can contribute to building a Viksit Bharat. Dr. R. Balasubramaniam spoke about the need to redefine success. He shared that success is about the social impact one creates along with personal and professional growth. He emphasized investing in people and communities, saying that real achievement lies in making a difference beyond oneself. His message resonated deeply with the students. One participant in his feedback said, "The way success is defined differently is truly something to think about. I heard them (staff at SVYM) speak about how they define success for tribal children and it made me rethink what achievement means. It allowed me to see things in a new light. This experience helped me understand the difference between a goal, success and achievement. It was truly rewarding." Another student shared, "Earning money is not the ultimate goal or destiny of life; it is just a part of life. There are many other ways to live a meaningful & fulfilling life."

During the event, the Viveka Fellowship was launched. Alongside this, "Reflections on Swami Vivekananda" book was released.

Financial Highlights

Abridged Balance Sheet (INR in Lakhs)

SOURCE OF FUNDS	*DST	EDUCATION	SEEP	HEALTH	TRAINING & RESEARCH	TOTAL	
						2024-25	2023-24
Restricted Funds	349	2,699	62	1,684	286	5,080	3,991
Designated Funds	93	267	33	349	30	772	665
Unrestricted Funds	97	44	41	166	5	353	301
Total Sources	539	3,010	136	2,199	321	6,205	4,957
APPLICATION OF FUNDS							
Fixed Assets	70	2,287	43	1,049	254	3,703	3,090
Investments & Deposits	401	565	77	821	67	1,931	1,210
Other net assets	68	158	16	329	-	571	657
Total Application	539	3,010	136	2,199	321	6,205	4,957

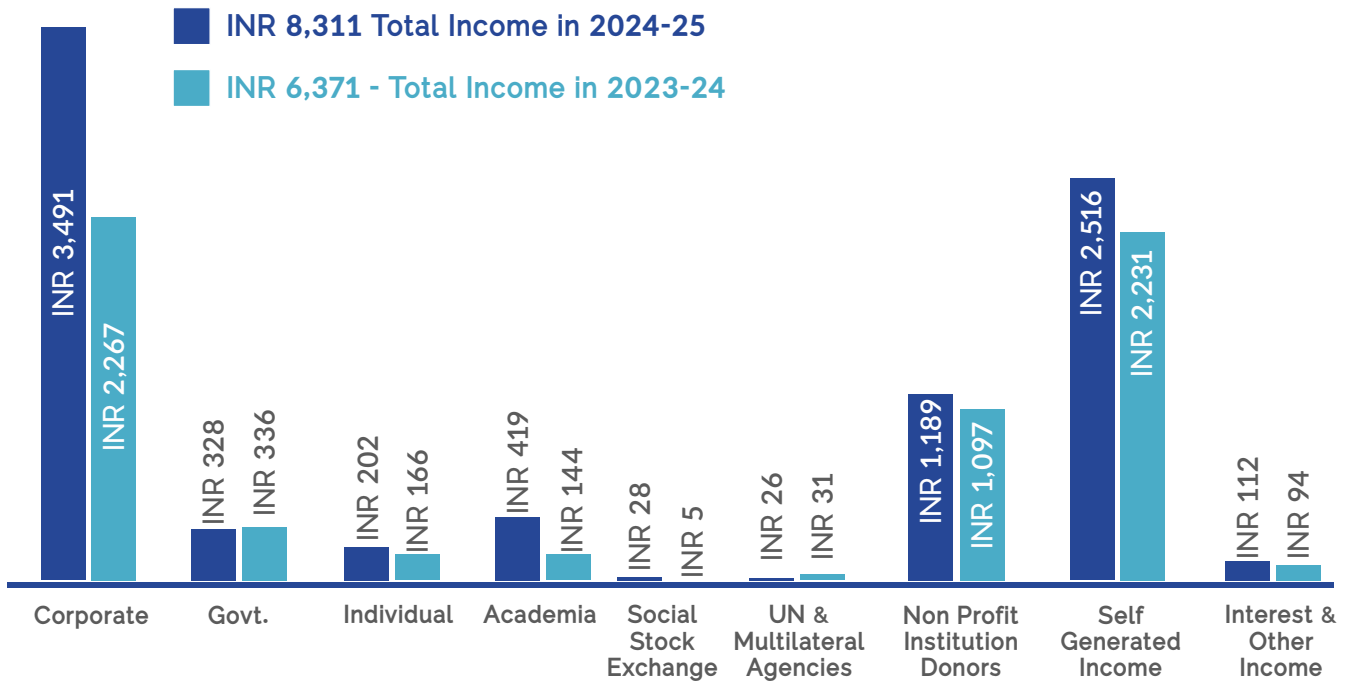
*DST- Development Support Team

Abridged Income & Expenditure Statement (INR in Lakhs)

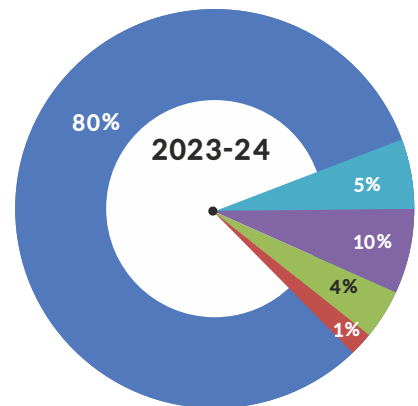
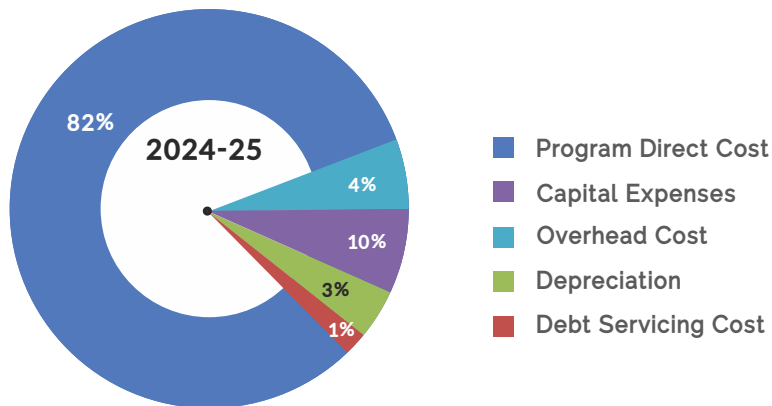
INCOME	2024-25	2023-24
General Contribution	252	203
Earmarked Funds	4,602	3,444
Interest & other Income	2,628	2,325
Total Income (a)	7,483	5,972
EXPENDITURE		
Development Support	306	305
Education	2,233	2,098
SEEP	834	465
Health	3,532	2,505
Training & Research	343	329
Depreciation	274	247
Total Expenditure (b)	7,523	5,949
Surplus/(Deficit) - (a-b)	(40)	23

Financial Highlights

The Income Composition (Including Capital in Nature) for FY 2024-25 (INR In Lakhs)

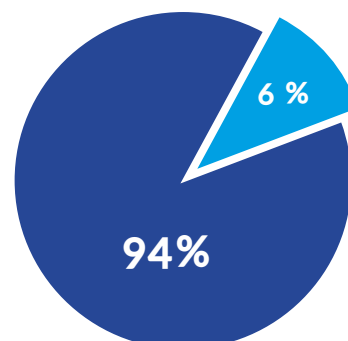


Rupee Spending for FY 2024-25



Geographical Segmentation for FY 2024-25

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Government of India

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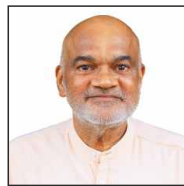
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