

SITE VISIT PROGRESS REPORT

Sikshana Early Education Program (SEEP)

Kanakapura, Karnataka | February 17, 2026



SEEP program launch — Anganwadi Workers with Sikshana Foundation and Asha for Education representatives

Program	SEEP — Sikshana Early Education Program
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Program Context

- Launched 2024-25 in partnership with Asha for Education Seattle Chapter, starting with 14 pilot Anganwadi centers in Kanakapura.
- Anganwadi Workers use the Shishuvikasana mobile app to deliver guided audio learning packs aligned with the Chilipilli curriculum (Dept. of Women and Child Development, Govt. of Karnataka).
- 2025 funding from Asha for Education Seattle Chapter scaled the program to 350 Anganwadi centers in Kanakapura.
- A separately funded Parental App (one-time proposal, 2025) extends the same audio resources to parents at home, to reinforce learning continuity.

Objectives of the Site Visit

- Review deployment and usage of the Shishuvikasana App across the 350 Anganwadi centres in Kanakapura
- Assess status of Anganwadi Worker (AWW) training and mentor support activities
- Evaluate progress of the Parental App and stakeholder awareness activities
- Review budget utilization relative to approved line items
- Identify implementation gaps, challenges, and emerging good practices
- Assess status of Government of Karnataka engagement and the Teaching & Learning Aid rollout

Progress to Plan

Planned vs. actual progress for each budgeted activity, as observed during the visit. Rows shaded orange relate to the Parental App.

Activity / Deliverable	Planned	Actual	Notes / Observations
Shishuvikasana App – Support & Maintenance	350 centers	350 centers	Now used across 532 Anganwadi's — beyond funded scope. Tracked via dashboard.
Content Customization & New Module Development	10 modules	10 modules	Modules developed and deployed across all Anganwadi's.
AWW Training (Shishuvikasana App)	350 AWWs (7 sessions, 50/batch)	350 AWWs	Training completed in 2025.
Mentor Deployment (5 Mentors × 70 Anganwadis each)	5 mentors, 10 visits each	5 mentors	Met all 5 mentors supporting the 350 Anganwadi's.
Staff Capacity Building	7 staff, 1 orientation	7 staff	Staff orientation completed.
Program Monitoring	Ongoing	Ongoing	Robust dashboards in place to track progress across Anganwadi's.
Parental App Development	Complete	Complete	Parent module extension of Shishuvikasana app complete.
Parental App Program Monitoring Dashboard	350 Anganwadi's	23 users	Low adoption — dashboard extended for parent reporting.
Stakeholder Awareness Program (parent onboarding)	350 centers	350 centers	AWWs across 350 centers trained to help parents install and access the app.
Govt. Implementation – Scale to 350 Anganwadis	Dec 2025	Dec 2025	Program scaled to all 350 Anganwadi's.

Key Observations

Observation Area	Details / Evidence
AWW Engagement & App Usage	Observed app usage by Anganwadi Workers at 2 Anganwadi's; program dashboard confirms deployment across 350 Anganwadi's.
Audio Pack Usage in Classroom	Audio packs, used alongside teaching and learning materials (TLM), were of very good quality and effectively engaged children.
Mentor Support & Availability	The 5 program mentors are well embedded with AWWs, parents, and children, and are highly appreciative of Asha for Education's support.
Parent Awareness & App Adoption	One parent (an uneducated village resident) was observed using the app with ease. Dashboard shows only 23 total users — broader adoption is constrained by smartphone access.
Infrastructure & Connectivity	App is designed for low-end smartphones; installed on AWWs' personal phones since government-issued phones block external app installs. Connectivity at visited centers was good.
Child Learning Outcomes (Qualitative)	Children (ages 3–5) engaged confidently with structured content and TLM, though struggled with more complex, reflective questions.
Government Partnership / Coordination	The Rural Development Panchayat Officer expressed strong appreciation; Sikshana Foundation maintains a trusted government relationship that enables continued piloting.

Issues, Gaps & Follow-Up Actions

#	Issue / Gap	Recommended Action	Responsible Party
1	Children struggled to complete tasks involving slightly complex questions relating to material covered.	Explore how to build critical-thinking skills appropriately for 3–5 year olds, recognizing parents may not be able to support this at home.	Sikshana Foundation
2	Mentors were focused on transactional tasks and lacked visibility into overall program goals, sponsors, and success metrics.	Guide mentors to think critically about program success, identify improvements, and track metrics.	Sikshana Foundation
3	Unclear whether government stakeholders have been trained and given dashboard access to track progress.	Follow up with Sikshana Foundation on government-side program monitoring access.	Asha for Education
4	Low adoption of the Parental App (23 users vs. 350-center target).	Analyze root cause for low adoption and implement corrective plans.	Sikshana Foundation

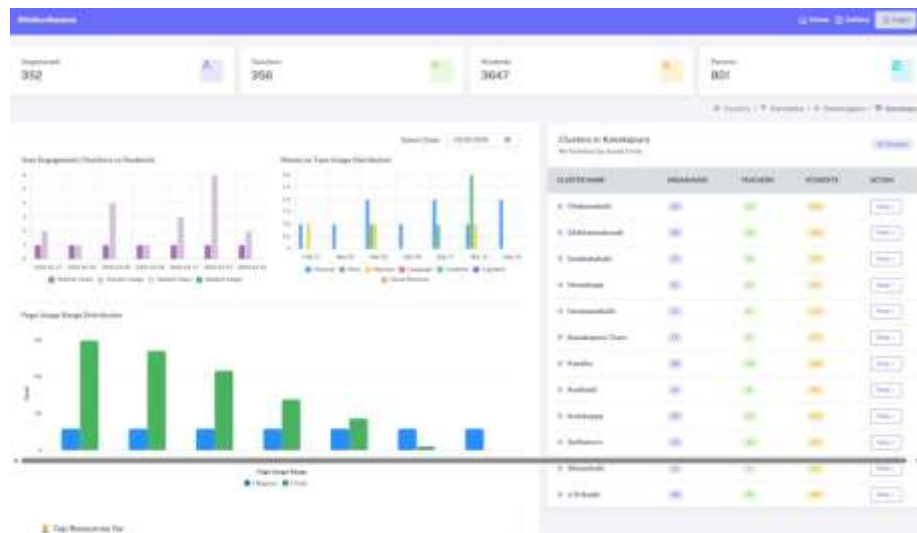
Good Practices & Replication Potential

Good Practice Observed	Potential for Replication / Scale
Scaling the Anganwadi structured program	Sikshana Foundation is already scaling this concept beyond Karnataka.
Partnering with government	Sikshana Foundation has honed the skill to collaborate effectively with government and scale programs within Karnataka and other states.
Deployment of technology-assisted program rollout	Across all funded programs, Sikshana Foundation has consistently leveraged technology to enable large-scale intervention.
Partnering with local government to gain support and scale	Sikshana Foundation consistently partners effectively with the right government stakeholders to expand program deployment.

Site Visit Photographs

Program monitoring dashboard, field visits, and stakeholder engagement captured during the February 17, 2026 site visit.

Program Monitoring Dashboard



Sikshana Foundation program dashboard — tracks Anganwadi's, teachers, students, and mentors in real time

Government Engagement



Kanakapura Taluk CDPO Mr. Narayan visits the Gowdahalli Anganwadi to observe SEEP program activities

Program Launch



SEEP program launch event with Anganwadi Workers

Classroom Engagement



Children engaging with structured curriculum activities



Teaching and learning aids displayed in an Anganwadi classroom



Children identifying fruit and vegetable flashcards



Group learning activity using picture cards

Engaging with Children



Site visitor engaging with children using picture cards



Engaging with children and Anganwadi staff

Meeting the Sikshana Mentors



Site visit team with the 5 Sikshana mentors supporting the program

Engaging with Children and Mothers



Engaging with children and their mothers at an Anganwadi center

Meeting the Kanakapura Taluk CDPO



Meeting with Kanakapura Taluk CDPO Mr. Narayan and his staff