



Asha
for Education
Bringing hope through education

Project Name

**Annual Review for April 2025 - March 2026
Budget Proposal for 2026-27 (Year 26/27)**
Asha Projects

Aug 5, 2026



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Part 1

Overview

- ❑ Please provide a high-level overview

- ❑ Focus area
- ❑ Geographical area
- ❑ NGO inception, history
- ❑ Asha engagement start
 - ❑ Chapter engagement start
 - ❑ Other chapters involvement ?
 - ❑ Projects Page

Sikshana Foundation – Overview



Who We Are

Our Vision

- Public institutions providing efficient and effective services to all

Our Mission

- Create replicable programs for public schools in collaboration with Education Department for improved Learning outcomes
- Augment Panchayat Libraries to create Digital Learning Centers to achieve aims of Digital India Initiative
- Work with various Government Departments and create technology based solutions to serve the people better



Prasanna VR
CEO (Industries) & Trustee

Responsible for growing Sikshana's reach from 48 schools to over 400 schools across the state.



Venkatesh Reddy
Head of Technology and Board Member

Created Sikshana's e-Path Practice Program. Prior to Sikshana, was Founder and CEO of Signal.



Rama
Senior Director - Operations

Responsible for work operations outside of Karnataka & post Graduate from Tata Institute.



Naveen Chikkanna
Director - Partnerships

Currently managing the donor relationship and strategic partnership of Sikshana Foundation.



Lt Cdr N Sumil
COO

Joined Sikshana in Aug '16. Prior to Sikshana, was in the Indian Army for over 10 years.



Smitha Venkatesh
Chief Program Officer

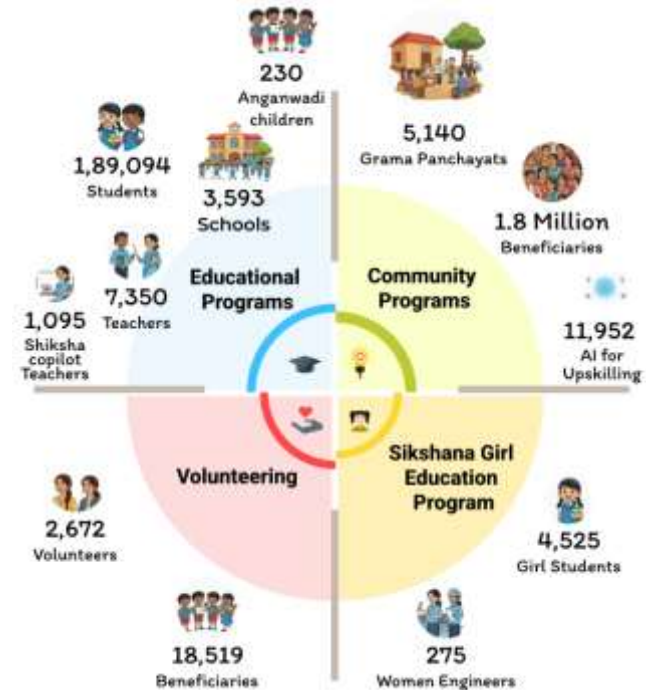
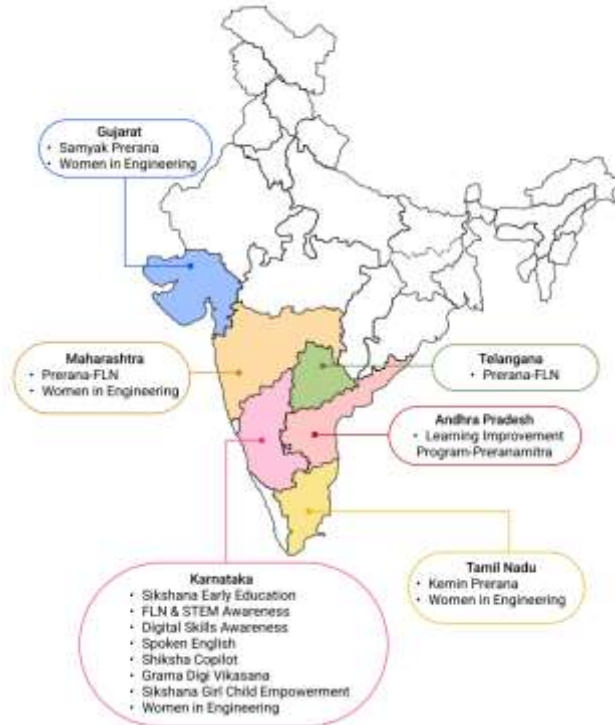
Currently responsible for writing programs in schools. Served on the Advisory Board for 2+ years.



Chitkala
Director - Pedagogy

Responsible for Pedagogy inputs at Sikshana. Comes with a 12+ years experience in teaching.

Sikshana Foundation | Programs + Impact



Sikshana Foundation | Partners



Sikshana Foundation | Strengths

Partnership with Government



Scaling Programs



Leveraging Technology

Shiksha Copilot: Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella on how AI is helping Indian school teachers

TOT Tech Desk / THE SOPINOSA.COM / Feb 8, 2024, 18:04 IST

Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella is betting on India's AI talent pool and highlighted the use of Shiksha Copilot as an example of applying AI in education. The project aims to develop generative AI copilots for teachers, farmers, and small business owners, saving time and delivering better lessons. The development comes Microsoft will skill 2 million people to strengthen India's AI talent.

[Read More](#)



Microsoft is betting big on India's AI talent pool and the company CEO Satya Nadella has been talking about how its AI offering, Microsoft Copilot, is helping people accelerate their work in multiple areas. One of the use cases that Nadella highlighted is the use of Shiksha Copilot.

"It was awesome seeing firsthand today this example of how Indian educators are applying this next generation of AI to give time back to teachers and deliver more engaging lesson plans for students," Nadella, who is on a visit to India, said in a post on X.

Current Project Focus: Anganwadi's

Reference credit: [Anganwadis: Services, Problems and Solutions - JournalsOfIndia](#)

Background:

Anganwadis are one of the main providers of early nutrition, healthcare, and childcare for the marginalized sections across the nation. While Anganwadis are effectively enabling nutrition and health services, they often fall short in providing quality early education for children before they enter formal schooling.

Major Challenges Noticed:

Lack of Education, Training, and Competency among AWW: Most Anganwadi Workers are not well literate and their skills are limited, they are good at monitoring the child's physical growth while not able to apply creative teaching skills towards developing the learning abilities among the children

Lack of Conducive Learning Environment: The majority of the centers are lacking basic amenities like access to drinking water, functional toilets, and adequate seating and lighting facilities.

Shared Responsibility: Anganwadi workers have multiple responsibilities and their involvement in engaging the child in an effective learning process is highly affected.

Required Support:

Access to Structured Curriculum: Good teaching resources and standard curriculum and materials to deliver daily play-based instruction

Effective Engagement of Anganwadi Workers in Teaching and Facilitation: Anganwadi workers need adequate support and training for engaging them in effective teaching and facilitation.

Beneficiaries and expected outcomes| Sikshana Early Education Program

Stakeholder/Beneficiaries	Expected Outcomes	Pain Points
Child (3-5 year)	Meet educational standards as defined by NEP	Not meeting education standards
Anganwadi Staff	Facilitate learning to children	Lack of training, consistency/structure in delivery of educational material
Government Staff - Child Development Projects Officer (CDPO) - Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHA) worker	Ensure staff are delivering pre-school education (PSE)	Unable to monitor how staff are delivering PSE.
Parent	Effective engagement of child at home to enhance foundational learning	Low participation among parent group

Key Components | Sikshana Early Education Program



Access to workbooks to address the foundational learning gaps



Mentor assistance for effective rollout of Shishuvikasana app to handhold and help Anganwadi Workers for improved classroom engagement



Access to TLMs to complement the learning process in alignment with Chillipilli content



Periodic assessment to track the effective utilization of Shishuvikasana app and Child's learning process



Integration of tech tool for effective program governance

Solution | Sikshana Early Education Program

1



- GUIDED SET OF INSTRUCTIONS IN THE FORM OF AUDIO TEACHING PACKS FOR AWW THROUGH THE "SIKSHANAPEDIA" PLATFORM
- INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE VERNACULAR LANGUAGE
- One module each week
- Supporting teaching aids to complement the module

Sikshana SMEs

2



- AWW REFERS TO DAYWISE INSTRUCTIONS ON "SIKSHANAPEDIA" TO ENGAGE CHILDREN
- PERFORM THE ACTIVITIES AS INSTRUCTED IN THE GUIDED PLAN AND ENGAGE CHILDREN IN LEARNING
- Installation of the Sikshanapedia app on smartphones
- Enable login credentials for AWW part of the program
- Access to Sikshanapedia through Android Smartphone

SikshanaTech Team

3



- AWW INTRODUCES THE BELOW CONCEPTS THROUGH RHYMES, GROUP PLAY, AND ACTIVITIES, AND USES THE RESOURCES AS GUIDED IN THE LESSON PLAN
 - FAMILY
 - FOOD
 - SHAPES
 - COLORS
 - NUMBERS
 - LANGUAGE
- Mentors handhold AWW on the use of modules
- Define the activity calendar for one quarter
- Engage with AWW to track the students learning progress

Sikshana Ops Team

4



- SIKSHANAPEDIA CAPTURES DAILY USAGE ACROSS ALL ANGANWADI
- MENTORS' PERIODIC VISITS WILL HELP IN TRACKING THE CHILD'S GROSS AND FINE MOTOR SKILLS
- MENTORS' PERIODIC INTERACTIONS WILL HELP IN TRACKING NUMBER AND LANGUAGE COMPETENCY
- M&E team from Sikshana extract the Sikshanapedia usage dump
- Analyze the performance of Anganwadi centers and provide the impact results

Sikshana M&E and Ops Team

Deliver and track usage of instructional material via app installed on smartphones

Key Metrics | Sikshana Early Education Program

Stakeholders	Metrics	Frequency	Method of Assessment
Child (3-5 year)	Child will be measured (Motor Skills, Number, and Language Competencies) through simple activities by Sikshana's mentor	Once in every quarter	Observation Checklist
Anganwadi Staff	Sikshana's mentor will conduct a survey twice in a year to capture the response from the below stakeholders ▪ Anganwadi Workers ▪ Asst Anganwadi Workers ▪ Parents ▪ Asha Workers	Twice in a year of intervention	Survey Questionnaire
Government Staff - Child Development Projects Officer (CDPO) - ASHA Workers	Track progress through usage/access of Sikshanapedia content	Realtime	Program Dashboard
Parents	Access to Sikshanapedia platform for parent group to engage child in a learning process as after school support	Realtime	Survey Questionnaire

Roadmap | Sikshana Early Education Program



2023-24

Pilot Stage



- Sikshana Early Education Program Rollout
- 10 Anganwadi Centres in Kanakapura
- Shishuvikasana app development
- Integration of Chilli Pilli audio-supported content into Shishuvikasana app
- Training of 28 Anganwadi workers on the use of Shishuvikasana app
- 200+ kids in the age group of 3-6 years were provided with access to workbooks and TLMs to complement their learning process

- Effective integration of Shishuvikasana app in the teaching-learning process
- Unique approach helping AWWs to effectively deliver the sessions
- Improved attendance in the centers
- Improved students participation in the learning process



01

Location



10

Schools



200+

Students

2024-25

Program Expansion



- Expansion of the program to an additional 4 centres with a total of 14 centres in Kanakapura
- Program dashboard to view the progress in real time
- CDPO and the circle officers close monitoring of the program
- Appreciation from the Women and Child Welfare Department on the efforts of Shishuvikasana app
- Explore the possibility of expanding the program to all the anganwadis in Kanakapura taluk

- WCD expressing interest in extending the program to all anganwadi centres in Kanakapura
- High acceptance and adoption of the Shishuvikasana app among the AWWs
- Improved attendance in the centers



02

Location



14

Schools



250+

Students

2025-26

Block Level Expansion



- Program extended across 350 anganwadi centers in Kanakapura location
- 350 anganwadi workers were trained on Shishuvikasana app and its usage
- All centers were supported with TLMs and workbooks to complement the teaching and learning process
- New donors outside of Karnataka shown interest in supporting the initiative in Telangana
- Parent app with audio instructions was implemented across all the 350 anganwadi centers

- The entire block was equipped with Shishuvikasana app
- Improved classroom engagements
- Improved students participation in the learning process
- Effective utilization of the parent app among the parent group
- Improved parental participation in the child learning process



01

Location



350

Schools



7000+

Students

2026-27

Statewide Expansion



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01

Location



10,000

Schools



0.2M+

Students

The attendance at the centres with the SEEP was good compared to the non-SEEP centers

Unique teaching and learning practices were observed at the SEEP centers

Extension of the app to parents increased parental engagement in the child's learning process

Statewide expansion in phases to equip the centres with Shishuvikasana app

Project Updates

- ❑ <https://www.sikshana.org/Reports/>
- ❑ Site Visit Report:
 - ❑ In-person only
 - ❑ Who – Sudhi Gulur, Project Steward
- ❑ Is the site visit valid ? Yes (Site Visit Completed on Feb 17, 2026)

Team | Sikshana Early Education Program

Sikshana Early Education Program Team



Program Budget | Sikshana Early Education Program – Fund Utilization – 2025-26



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Bangalore - 560 027, Karnataka

FUC - FY 2025-26

S.No.	Budget Line Item (Description)	Total Planned Budget Annual (INR)	Cumulative Budget vs Utilization (Auto Population)		
			Cumulative Budget	Cumulative Utilization	Percentage Utilization vs Budget
1	Product customization and new enhancement	40,000	40,000	40,000	100.00
2	ShikshaKanya App	2,45,000	2,45,000	2,45,000	100.00
3	Stakeholder Training and Events (KWW training on usage of ShikshaKanya App)	2,45,000	2,45,000	2,45,000	100.00
4	Staff Capacity Building	28,000	28,000	28,000	100.00
5	Monitoring & Support- Mentors	10,00,000	10,00,000	10,00,000	100.00
6	Monitoring	27,130	27,130	27,130	100.00
7	General Admin Cost	38,870	38,870	38,870	100.00
8		28,81,000	14,81,000	14,81,000	100.00

Product & Software Development, Monitoring & Admin expenses are apportionment of expenses carried out as per past experiences and requirements of the project as applicable.

S.No.	Budget Line Item (Description)	Total Planned Budget Annual (INR)	Cumulative Budget vs Utilization (Auto Population)		
			Cumulative Budget	Cumulative Utilization	Percentage Utilization vs Budget
1	Parent App Development	2,50,000	2,50,000	2,50,000	100.00
2	Program monitoring dashboard	2,26,000	1,20,000	1,20,000	53.06
3	Stakeholder Awareness Program	1,00,000	1,00,000	1,00,000	100.00
4	Program Management	30,000	30,000	30,000	100.00
5		6,06,000	6,00,000	6,00,000	100.00

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Authorized Signatory

[Click here for FUC Statement](#)



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Part 2

FCRA Compliance

FCRA Registration Number	094421186R
Association Name	SIKSHANA FOUNDATION
Association Address	113 Lalbagh Road Cross Krishnappa Layout , Bangalore Urban, Karnataka, 560027
Last Renewed Date	11/03/2024
FCRA Certificate Validity	From: 01/04/2024 To: 31/03/2029

Audit Reports

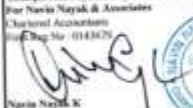
- ❑ Please provide link to latest available audit reports
 - ❑ 2023-24 (should be available)
 - ❑ 2024-25 (usually comes in June to September)
 - ❑ India Financial Year April 2024 to March 2025
 - ❑ Audit Reports finalized in June to September 2025 timeframe
 - ❑ Please have them provide an audit utilization report

Fundraising Model

- ❑ Diversified sources of funding ?
 - ❑ Yes, for programs already scaled
 - ❑ **SEEP is a new program and is primarily funded by Asha for Education** with anticipation of being adopted by Government of Karnataka and scaled across Karnataka

Financial Health

[FCRA Balance Sheet 2024-25.pdf - Google Drive](#)

SIVA SRI CHARITABLE TRUST Regd. Office No. 113, Lathbuga Road Cross, Krishnappa Layout, Bengaluru - 560 027 PAN: AADTN1642M Regd. No. Trust/710/06/VOL-B-055,095/NCIT-01 dated 09.12.1998 FCRA No. 604421186 DATED 9.9.2009 Receipts And Payments Account For The Year Ending 31st March 2025 (FCRA)							
RECEIPTS				PAYMENTS			
Particulars	2024-25	2023-24		Particulars	2024-25	2023-24	
To				By			
Opening Balance				Expenses:			
Cash at Bank	13,68,697	17,47,231		Managerial Cost	2,10,79,013	3,21,03,413	
Axis bank-300010100013601				School Expenses	1,20,11,000	70,45,247	
State Bank of India-40027947519	47,790	1,06,732	18,36,961	Teachers Training Expenses	14,51,375	12,84,947	
				Travelling & Conveyance	2,31,699	00,55,140	
				Other Office Expenses	10,08,430	36,434	3,33,23,599
Fixed Deposit							
Fixed Deposit Maturity	-	1,05,69,833	1,05,69,833	Payment to creditors			
Sale of Fixed Assets	-	9,35,000	5,12,000	Banky Creditors	16,726	-	
Donations Received				Capital Expenditure			24,20,000
Asha For Education	8,73,093	36,33,000		Purchase of Fixed Assets			
Charity Aid Foundation-America	14,98,349	12,40,800					
Give Foundation	-	68,455					
UK Online Giving Foundation	1,80,889	4,31,387					
Good Karma L.P.	20,32,948						
Vidya - INC	55,64,423	41,95,969					
The Hans Foundation	3,90,75,966	3,02,33,304	2,14,66,920				
Interest Income Received							
Interest Income on Savings Bank		2,38,684	99,827				
Miscellaneous Income			6,52,283				
Total	4,11,18,547	3,55,81,648		Total	4,11,18,547	3,55,81,648	
Receipts And Payments as per the Books of account For Navin Nayak & Associates Chartered Accountants Regd. No. - 0143429				For Siva Sri Charitable Trust			
 Navin Nayak K Partner Membership No. 205154				 Prashanth Prakash Chairman			
				 A. Balasubrahmanyan Vice Chairman			
Place : Bengaluru Date : 04-11-2025				 Praveena CEO			

Budget Overview

- ❑ Budget for 2024-25 vs. 2025-26
- ❑ Funds utilization in line with budget proposal for previous year?
- ❑ Operating expenses comparison in-line ?
 - ❑ Are the salary increases in-line ?
 - ❑ Usually 10% increments
 - ❑ If scaling rapidly, how do they plan to absorb higher operating expenses ?
- ❑ Hiring needs/ new programs/ plan for growth ?

Program Budget 2025-2026 | Sikshana Early Education Program

S.N o.	Intervention / Particulars	Units	Frequency	Cost/Unit (₹)	Budget	Budget
1	Product customization and new enhancement	1	8	10000	₹80,000	\$941
2	Shishuvikasana App	10000	1	50	₹5,00,000	\$5,882
3	Stakeholder Training and Events (AWW training on usage of Shishuvakasana App)	4	1	100000	₹4,00,000	\$4,706
4	Staff Capacity Building	7	1	4000	₹28,000	\$329
5	Mentoring & Support- Mentors	5	8	20000	₹8,00,000	\$9,412
6	Monitoring	1	8	3713	₹29,704	\$349
Total Program Cost					18,37,704	\$18,37,704
7	General Admin				₹39,870	\$469
Total Amount					₹18,77,574	\$22,089

[Click here for detailed budget](#)

Asha for Education - Sikshana Early Education Program - 2026-27

Aug 2026 to Mar 2027

Description	Description	Units	Frequency	Cost/Unit (₹)	INR	USD	Remarks
Program Cost	Product customization and new enhancement	1	8	10000	₹ 80,000	\$ 941	i. Customization of e-Content ii. Creation of new modules in addition to available resources iii. Guided instructions with supporting e-resource to facilitate joyful learning for children
	Shishuvikasana App	10000	1	50	₹ 500,000	\$ 5,882	i. support and maintenance, new feature enhancement of Shishuvikasana App integrated with audio guided instructions to facilitate teaching ii. Real time tracking of Shishuvikasana app and represent the data on a Shishuvikasana dashboard
	Stakeholder Training and Events (AWW training on usage of Shishuvikasana App)	4	1	100000	₹ 400,000	\$ 4,706	i. Training the AWWs on Sikshana Early Education Program ii. Hands-on experience on Shishuvikasana app
	Staff Capacity Building	7	1	4000	₹ 28,000	\$ 329	i. Sikshana staff program orientation
	Mentoring & Support- Mentors	5	8	20,000	₹ 800,000	\$ 9,412	5 mentors involved in coordination and program rollout
	Monitoring	1	8	3,713	₹ 29,704	\$ 349	Program Management team to track the program progress and provide necessary handholding
	Total Program Cost (A)				₹ 1,837,704	\$21,620	
General Admin	Admin (Audit, Travel, Utility)				₹ 39,870	\$ 469	
Total Amount					₹ 1,877,574	₹ 22,089	
Total Program Cost in \$ (Exchange Rate Rs. 85/\$)						\$19,235	

Key Points

1. The seed funding from Asha has enabled us to secure support from multiple corporate donors for establishing over 6,000 Digital Inclusion Centers across Karnataka.
2. These Digital Inclusion Centers will be effectively utilized to engage Anganwadi Workers (AWWs) by providing both in-person and virtual training, thereby strengthening the implementation of the program.
3. The proposed budget will enable us to implement the program effectively and achieve the desired outcomes. However, if the funding is reduced, we may need to decrease the number of anganwadi centers, which would consequently reduce the number of beneficiaries reached.

Program Budget 2024-2025 | Sikshana Early Education Program

Description	Description	Units	Frequency	Cost/Unit (₹)	INR	USD	Remarks
Program Cost	Product customization and new enhancement	1	10	4000	₹ 40,000	\$ 470.59	i. Customization of e-Content ii. Creation of new modules in addition to available resources iii. Guided instructions with supporting e-resource to facilitate joyful learning for children
	Shishuvikasana App	350	1	700	₹ 245,000	\$ 2,882.35	i. Support and Maintenance, New Feature Enhancement of Shishuvikasana App integrated with audio guided instructions to facilitate teaching ii. Real time tracking of Shishuvikasana app and represent the data on a Shishuvikasana dashboard
	Stakeholder Training and Events (AWW training on usage of Shishuvakasana App)	350	1	700	₹ 245,000	\$ 2,882.35	i. Training all the AWWs from 350 centers on Sikshana Early Education Program ii. Handson experience on Shishuvikasana app
	Staff Capacity Building	7	1	4000	₹ 28,000	\$ 329.41	i. Sikshana staff program orientation
	Mentoring & Support- Mentors	5	10	20,000	₹ 1,000,000	\$ 11,764.71	5 Mentors (each managing 70 Anganwadi Centers) to monitor and handhold AWW on use of Shishuvikasana app
	Monitoring	1	10	3,713	₹ 37,130	\$ 436.82	Program Management team to track the program progress and provide necessary handholding
	Total Program Cost (A)				₹ 1,595,130	\$ 18,766.24	
	General Admin	Admin (Audit, Travel, Utility)				₹ 39,870	\$ 469.16
Total Amount					₹ 1,635,000	\$ 19,235.39	
Total Program Cost in \$ (Exchange Rate Rs. 85/\$)						\$ 19,235	

Sources of Funding

- Where would the funds for the planned support come from ?
 - ☑ Chapter General Funds -
 - ☑ One-time Funds -

Chapter Vote

- ❑ Vote amount, decision and line-items of support for the period from April 2025 to March 2026
 - ❑ Amount is the nearest rounded down 1000s in INR (We cannot disburse higher than budget amount)
- ❑ Please use “... and to cover operating expenses”
 - ❑ 1st disbursement : April 2025 to Sept 2025 - Deadline Sept 15, 2025
 - ❑ 2nd disbursement : Oct 2025 to Mar 2026 - Deadline March 1, 2026
- ❑ Please ensure the chapter meeting minutes and checklist are in sync with the same language
- ❑ Please ensure all the relevant minutes when the projects were discussed are accurate
 - ❑ Please link to all relevant minutes in disbursement checklist under “Notes”

Summary

- ❑ Please summarize your inputs on overall stewarding experience with project partner
- ❑ What is the focus for the year ?
- ❑ What do we need to do to help them achieve their goals ?



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Thank You
Asha Projects

Chapter Checklist

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7
Budget and Proposal	Y						
Audit Report	Y						
Financial Analysis	Y						
Funding Partners	Y						
Audit Utilization Report	Y						
Corpus Fund Initiatives	Y						
Quarterly Reports	Y						
Site Visits	Y						
Beneficiaries List	Y						
FCRA Validity	Y						
% OPEX	50						
WCR	1.0						

Links to Documents

- ❑ Annual Review and Budget Proposal (Projects page)
- ❑ Site Visit Report (Projects page)
- ❑ Staff and Student List (Confidential, Asha Chapter restricted wiki)
- ❑ Funds Utilization Report (Projects page, please suppress names of staff for privacy)
- ❑ Audit Report (Projects page)
- ❑ Audit Utilization Report (Projects page)
- ❑ Annual Reports/Newsletters (Projects page)
- ❑ Photos/Videos on SmugMug (Project album under Asha Chapter)



Sikshana Foundation

One-time budget proposal budget proposal for 2026-27 (Year 26/27)
Asha Projects

Sep 9, 2026



Project ArivuKendra.ai & Schools.ai

Empowering Rural India through Localized, Offline AI.

14 Centers

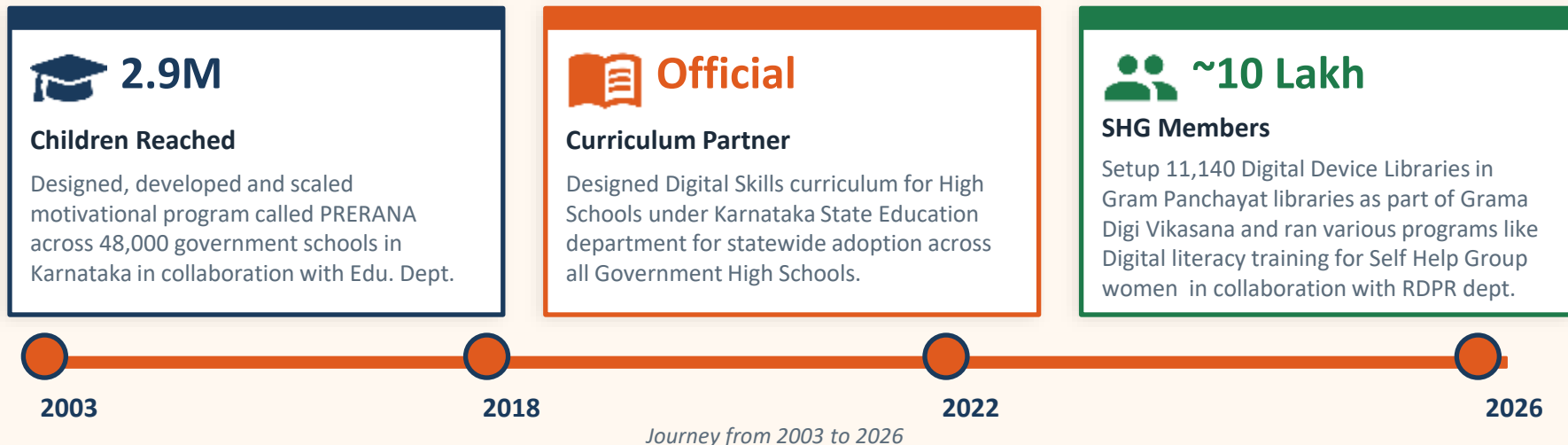
28 Devices

14,000+ Youth



Our Legacy of Scaling Programs Statewide

2003 – 2026



"20+ years of scaling grassroot programs across Karnataka in collaboration with the Government"

AI – Urgency

AI adoption is expanding rapidly and is already concentrated in sectors including Education, **Financial Services, Healthcare, Telecom, Retail, Transport and Logistics**

Implication for rural youth

Urban Students
↓
Early Exposure
↓
Experimentation
↓
Acquire Essential Skills
↓
Greater Opportunities

Rural Students
↓
Limited Exposure
↓
Limited Experimentation
↓
Weaker Skills
↓
Fewer Opportunities

Digital Literacy vs AI

Digital literacy is not the same as AI literacy

Known

- Search Google
- Watch YouTube
- Use WhatsApp
- Browse Social Media
- Make Digital Payments

Unknown

- What AI actually is
- How generative AI works at a basic level
- How to formulate an effective prompt
- How AI can help acquire skills to support employment, overcome language barrier
- How to use AI ethically in education, agriculture, skill enhancement etc.
- How to use AI to solve a real local problem.

AI Portals for students, youth and community available on AI PCs



Bhasha Mitra

Bilingual Bridge Tool

- 1 Helps students to transition to English medium schools after primary schooling in Kannada – covers classes 6 thru 10
- 2 AI feedback for pronunciation, comprehension and sentence construction while answering.
- 3 Aligned to Karnataka State Board



AI for Upskilling

Prompt Engineering for youth

- 1 Prompt engineering templates for various exams like Bank PO | State Exams | Agniveer
- 2 Mock interviews and career building options for youth facilitated by AI
- 3 Certificate available for youth who successfully complete the online exam



Digital & Financial Literacy

SHG & Community Modules

- 1 Self-learning smartphone skills module including safety
- 2 Basic financial literacy including safety in the digital economy
- 3 For SHG members & community adults



Sikshanapedia

Kannada Academic Content

- 1 Class 6-12 academic content in Kannada/English
- 2 Online AI bot for student queries with limited **offline** capabilities
- 3 Aligned to Karnataka State Board



Hardware Innovation: The KEO AI PC

KEO AI PC



₹23,429

per unit (CPU with accessories)

vs ₹1 Lakh+ for standard AI-ready PCs



RISC-V Architecture

Locally designed micro-form factor PC with 4TOPS GPU.



No Internet Needed

Fully offline — works in the most remote rural areas.



Buddh SLM

Pre-loaded Karnataka State Board curriculum (Grades 6–10): Maths, Science, Social, English, Kannada.



High-End AI Performance

4TOPS GPU ensures fast, responsive AI at a fraction of the cost.

Sustainable Funding Model – 2026-27



Contribution



₹7 Lakh

Funds towards installing 28 KEO AI PCs and project implementation costs at 14 Arivu Kendra



Contribution



₹22 Lakh

Space & full-time Librarians/Teacher across 14 Taluks in Karnataka (Recurring)

Total Combined Program Value: ₹29 Lakh

(Centres with high community footfall and a need for additional devices are being shortlisted)

KEY BENEFITS

- One-time investment to equip 14 Arivu Kendras with KIO AI PC
- Enhanced access to digital devices for youth and community members
- Improved access to AI-enabled learning and upskilling opportunities for youth and community members

PROGRAM SUSTENANCE

- The Government is committed to sustaining the program by providing a dedicated librarian at each center, along with the required physical infrastructure and basic facilities.
- Transform Arivu Kendras into digital hubs and provide communities with meaningful exposure to AI involving the librarians



Program Road Map – Asha Seed Funding Community Initiative

Contribution

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2022-23

Asha supported the establishment of 10 Digital Inclusion Centres as part of the Grama Digi Vikasana initiative. The program benefited 500+ youth from the community

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2023-24

The program, seed-funded by Asha, was subsequently scaled across 4,000+ Gram Panchayat Libraries across Karnataka, benefiting approximately 5 million community members.

2024-26

The program was expanded across 6,000+ libraries in the state of Karnataka

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2026-27

Asha's seed funding to equip Digital Inclusion Centres with KIO AI PCs is likely to be scaled across all districts in Karnataka, making it a first-of-its-kind initiative in the country.

2026-27 beyond

The GDV including KIO AI PC initiative is likely to scale across multiple states, following its recognition by the Ministry of Panchayat Raj, GoI, as a unique model for replication.

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Letter from Joint Secretary addressed to States to revive GP Libraries on similar lines of KA

Budget – KEO AI PC

Asha for Education Contribution

KEO AI PC - Budget - Asha for Education - Sep 2026 - Mar 2027								
Sl No	Category	Account Head	Quantity	Units	Cost per unit (₹)	HNI/CSR (₹)	HNI/CSR (\$)	Remarks
1	CAPEX	KEO AI PC	14	2	₹23,429	₹ 6,56,012	\$ 7,718	14 GDV centers will be equipped with two AI PCs per center. The hardware includes monitor, keyboard, headphone
Sub total - CAPEX						₹ 6,56,012	\$ 7,718	
2	OPEX & Admin	Implementation and Admin	1	1	₹44,000	₹ 44,000	\$ 518	
Sub total - Admin						₹ 44,000	\$ 518	
Total (CAPEX + OPEX & Admin)						₹ 7,00,012	\$ 8,235	

State Govt Contribution

Sl No	Category	Account Head	Quantity	Units	Cost per unit (₹)	HNI/CSR (₹)	HNI/CSR (\$)	Remarks
1	OPEX	Librarian	14	7	₹18,000	₹ 17,64,000	NA	Monthly expenses. (Sep 2026 to Mar 2027)
2		Center Maintenance	14	7	₹3,000	₹2,94,000	NA	
3	CAPEX	Internet	14	1	₹15,000	₹2,10,000	NA	
Total Govt Contribution						₹22,68,000	NA	

14 Centers

28 Devices

14,000+ Youth

Why Asha for Education support

Seeded Programs. Scaled Impact.

RDPR Contribution



PRERANA



STATES
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BENEFICIARIES
3 MILLION

Improving learning outcomes
in government schools across
6 states.



GRAMA DIGI VIKASANA



STATES
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BENEFICIARIES
4.5 MILLION

Enabling digital inclusion and
empowering rural communities
at scale.



EARLY EDUCATION PROGRAM



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BENEFICIARIES
0.2 MILLION

Building strong foundational
skills for a brighter
tomorrow.