

Karnataka State Council for Child Welfare

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# Annual Report

## 2023-24



*Over 67 years of Service to Children & Women*

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# KSCCW

## Annual Report

### 2023-2024

Constituted in May 1955 as Mysore State Council for Child Welfare, we are registered as autonomous non-profit organization in 1961 under the Mysore State Societies Registration Act, No. 17 of 1960 date 21, November 1961. During the year 1989-90 our name was amended to Karnataka State Council for Child Welfare vide Amendment No: AMR - 388/ 89-90/S No: 16/61-62 dated 12-Jan-1990.

Contributors to the Council can avail Income tax exemption under Section 80 G of the Income Tax Act.



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# A Salute to our Founder

## Smt. Lokasundari Raman



Smt. Lokasundari Raman, wife of Nobel Laureate Sir. C.V Raman was the founder President of KSCCW. The plight of children marginalised and neglected due to poverty touched her deeply inspiring her to start a play school and library in her home at Malleshwaram, Bengaluru. That was the beginning of Karnataka State Council for Child Welfare.

With her great humanitarian qualities she was able to help a large number of women and children in distress and laid the foundation for the various welfare and development programmes that KSCCW continues to be engaged in.

Smt. Lokasundari Raman served as our President from 1955 to 1977 and thereafter as our Life Patron until her demise in May 1980.

Lady Raman continues to remain the beacon of light for all of us who have joined KSCCW and volunteer our time and energy for the causes she so dearly espoused.

# Reach of our programmes this year

Pre-school Education	<b>Creches</b>	90 children
Medical and Educational assistance for Children with Disabilities	<b>Bal Roshni</b>	157 children
Care and protection of girl children	<b>Sharanya Children's Home</b>	17 adolescent girls
Health	<b>Physiotherapy Centre</b>	13 children
Education Support	<b>Education Sponsorship</b>	300 students
Supplementary Nutrition	<b>Bal Vidya Govt School Development</b>	725 students
Library	<b>Smt. Meenakshi Sivaramkrishnan Reading Room</b>	30 children
Vocational Training	<b>Sponsorship for Vocational Training</b>	7 children
Skill Development	<b>Bala Sevika Training</b>	30 women
Skill Development	<b>Tailoring Unit</b>	20 women
Women Empowerment	<b>Working women's hostel</b>	20 women

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## Life Patron

Smt. Kavery Nadamangalam (2014 - July 2023)

## Patrons

Smt. Meera P R Nayak

Smt. Nagamma Keshavmurthy (2009 - March 2024)

## Office Bearers

*President:* Smt. Namagiri Varadachari

*Vice President:* Smt. Jayashree Janardhanan

*Vice President:* Smt. Rashmi J Bhandarkar

*General Secretary:* Smt. Sudha Raghunandan

*Treasurer:* Smt. Vatsala Srinivasan

*Joint Secretary:* Smt. Premila Ponnappa

## Executive Committee Members

Smt. Shashikala Nayak

Dr. Shalini Joshi

Smt. Deepa Bhartia

Smt. Sindhu Naik

Smt. Chitra Shylakumar

## Co-opted Members

Sri. Bhakthavachala

## Departmental Members

Mayor / Administrator, Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike Commissioner of Public Instruction

Director of Women and Child Development

Director of Health and Family Welfare

Director of Youth Services Department

Chairperson, Karnataka State Social Welfare Advisory Board

# Life Members of the Council

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| 1. Smt. Sharada Narayan         | 41. Smt. Meera Ramachandran    |
| 2. Smt. Meera PR Nayak          | 42. Sri. T. Natarajan          |
| 3. Smt. Vatsala Srinivasan      | 43. Smt. Radha Murthy          |
| 4. Sri. H.V. Gowthama           | 44. Smt. Nirmala Raja          |
| 5. Smt .Uma Parameshwari        | 45. Lt. Col. Madav Raj         |
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| 7. Sri. M. Ramachandran         | 47. Smt. Sudha Raghunandan     |
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| 26. Smt. Damani Sean            | 66. Smt. C.K. Annice           |
| 27. Dr. S. MadanKumar           | 67. Col. K.G. Gangadhar        |
| 28. Smt. K. Mahadev Rao         | 68. Smt. Namagiri Varadachari  |
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| 33. Smt. Pramila Deshpande      | 73. Sri. V.S. Halki            |
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85. Sri. Samuel Joseph Michael	106. Sri. Venkat Prahlad S
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87. Smt. Vyjayanthi Raman	108. Sri. M. ShashiKumar
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91. Smt. Jayashree Janardhan	112. Smt. Sujata Srinivasan
92. Smt. Radha Nagesh	113. Smt. Brinda Srinivasan
93. Smt. Shashikala Nayak	114. Mr. Hari Menon
94. Smt. Deepa Bhartia	115. Mr. Rajashekar Rao
95. Smt. Sindhu Naik	116. Ms. Monisha Rajashekar
96. Dr. Shalini Joshi	117. Mrs. Sarita H Desai
97. Smt. Chitra Shylakumar	118. Ms. Monisha Banerjee
98. Dr. Indu Parthasarathy	119. Mrs. Prerna Ponnappa
99. Smt. Prema Kakde	120. Mrs. Kavya. A
100. Dr. N. Ramachandra	

# Members in-charge of Projects

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• District Councils</li></ul>	Sri. Bhakthavachala
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bala Sevika Training Programme</li></ul>	Smt. Sudha Raghunandan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bal Roshni &amp; Physiotherapy Centre</li><li>• Meera Nayak Endowment Fund</li></ul>	Smt. Premila Ponnappa
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bal Vidya School Development Programme</li><li>• Educational Sponsorship IV</li></ul>	Smt. Vatsala Srinivasan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Creche Programme</li></ul>	Smt. Namagiri Varadachari
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Educational Sponsorship III</li><li>• Ahalya Endowment</li></ul>	Smt. Rashmi J Bhandarkar
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sharanya Children's Home</li><li>• Lokasundari Raman Working Women's Hostel</li><li>• Educational Sponsorship I&amp;II</li></ul>	Smt. Jayashree Janardhan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Vocational Training Programme</li></ul>	Smt. Premila Ponnappa Smt. Deepa Bhartia
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Smt. Meenakshi Sivaramakrishnan Reading Room</li></ul>	Smt. Chitra Shylakumar
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tailoring Unit</li></ul>	Smt. Shashikala Nayak



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# Our sincere thanks to

- Department of Women and Child Development, Government of Karnataka and the Heads of Department, The Chairperson and members of Child Welfare Committee, Bengaluru Urban, The District Child Protection Unit, Bengaluru North
- The President, Secretary General, Members and Staff of the Indian Council for Child Welfare, New Delhi
- The President, General Secretary, Members and Staff of the District Councils and Committees, Karnataka
- TaeguTec India Pvt Ltd, Bengaluru
- Altair Engineering India Pvt. Ltd, Bengaluru
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- ACE Designers Ltd, Bengaluru
- Sterling Abrasives, Ahmedabad
- Synopsys India Pvt.Ltd.,
- Yuken India
- Mr. Rohit Prasad, Bengaluru
- PSN Trust, Cochin
- Pramod Ashraya, Bengaluru
- All our well-wishers, volunteers and donors who have truly made a difference to the lives of hundreds of children.

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# Child Care Institutions

Managed by KSCCW & District Councils

## Sharanya Children's Home

*Address:* IYC centre, 1st cross, 2nd block, R. T. Nagar, Bengaluru – 560032

*Run by:* Karnataka State Council for Child Welfare

*Started:* 1991

*No. of Children:* 17 Girls

## Chamundi Children's Home

*Address:* Site No. A/1 Brindavan Extension, II Stage Behind ESI Hospital, KRS Road, Mysuru - 570020

*Run by:* Mysore District Council for Child Welfare

*Started:* 1982

*No. of Children:* 14 Boys

## Kavery Children's Home

*Address:* "Chetana Chilume" Kohinoor Road, Madikeri - 571201

*Run by:* Kodagu District Council for Child Welfare

*Started:* 1975

*No. of Children:* 25 Girls

## Premalaya Destitute Children's Home

*Address:* No. 1989, M. C Colony A Block,

Near Shiradi Sai Baba Mandira, Davangere - 577004

*Run by:* Davangere District Council for Child Welfare

*Started:* 1978

*No. of Children:* 25 Girls

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# From the President's desk

Dear Members and Friends,

It gives me great pleasure to present to you the Annual Report for 2023-24. Our services continue to grow stronger, thanks to the dedication and efficiency of our remarkable team and members.

I am particularly proud to highlight that our flagship program, BST, is entering its 60th year. Over the decades, this initiative has made invaluable contributions by training young women to become preschool educators, community organizers, and social workers. Through this program, we empower women to prepare children for a bright future, fostering the next generation's success.

This year, we are placing a greater focus on educational sponsorship programs that support students from primary school through to degree and professional colleges.

Our crèches and daycare centres are becoming increasingly popular, leading to a long waiting list for admissions. By offering programs in English, we provide a strong foundation for children aged 3 to 6, prioritizing their health and overall development.

Additionally, our vocational training sponsorship has made a significant impact, helping many students achieve their goals. We are particularly proud to have supported ten students from Bowring Hospital in pursuing nursing training.

This year, we invite more young individuals to join us in our mission. We believe their fresh perspectives will be invaluable as we continue to evolve and enhance our work.

Last but definitely not the least, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to our corporate and individual donors for their unwavering support of our initiatives. I also wish to thank our staff for their dedicated, efficient and selfless service towards the Council.

As we reflect on our achievements, we remain committed to our mission and will continue to support one another in the years ahead.

Thank you once again for your support and dedication.

Warm regards,  
**Mrs. Namagiri Varadachari**  
President, KSCCW

# Obituary



Smt. Kavery Nadamangalam joined KSCCW as an honorary Social Worker and served as elected President of KSCCW from 1993 – 1996. She was also the Life Patron of KSCCW from 2014 till her demise. She was the Life Member of Indian Council for Child Welfare (ICCW), New Delhi and several voluntary organizations.

Smt. Kavery Nadamangalam served as a Bank Manager of Syndicate bank at several branches in Bangalore and Kodagu District before joining the State Council.

Smt. Kavery Nadamangalam actively promoted various child development and welfare initiatives, including programmes to combat child labor, such as establishment of non-formal education centers, vocational training centers for child laborers and helping them transition into formal schools. She conducted many rehabilitation programmes for the rag-pickers.

In 1996, during her presidency, KSCCW received the Radha Raman Memorial Award from the Indian Council for Child Welfare, New Delhi, for being recognized as the best performing State Council in terms of overall achievements and programmes. The Award was presented by the Honorable President of India at Rashtrapathi Bhavan, New Delhi in August 1996.

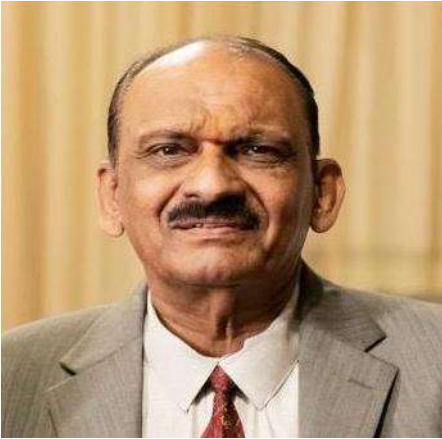
Smt. Kavery Nadamangalam's inputs towards the growth of KSCCW will always be highly valued and her memory fondly cherished.



Smt. Dr. C. Nagamma Keshavmurthy was a life member of KSCCW. She served as the President of Davangere District Council for Child Welfare. Her vision was to create a healthy society marked by socio-economic equality and cultural stability through child welfare and women empowerment.

Smt. Dr. C. Nagamma Keshavamurthy was a committed social and political activist, a passionate feminist and a creative cultural ambassador. Her commitment and zeal

were such that no scheme of the government went unnoticed by her, as she tirelessly worked to bring the poor and the marginalized to mainstream society. She was a well-known personality in Davangere and made significant contributions through her office “Vanitha Samaja”. She received several awards in recognition of her selfless service to the underprivileged. She was often referred to as “Mother Theresa of Davangere”. Her contributions towards the Davangere District Council were innumerable. Smt. Dr. C. Nagamma Keshavamurthy’s memory will always be treasured.



Shri. Ananth D S was life member of Karnataka State Council for Child Welfare. He served as

Executive Committee member of Karnataka State Council for Child Welfare. Shri. Ananth was the Founder President and also served as Honorary Secretary of Kodagu District Council for Child Welfare. He was an active member in raising funds for building KSCCW’s Field Marshal Cariappa Home at Madikeri.

His contribution towards the projects of Kodagu District Council was infinite. Shri. Ananth’s memory will always be treasured.

# Painting Competition

The Annual painting competition was held on 15th July, 5th August and 19th August 2023 at five zones Jayamahal, R.T.Nagar, Krishnanagar, Indiranagar, and Chamrajpet, Bengaluru.

Around 2300 children, including children with disabilities participated in the competition.

On 7th October 2023, the paintings were assessed at KSCCW by three judges from the field of art, Dr. Indu Parathasarthy, Mrs. Mangala Gowda and Mrs. Prema Kakde. Our sincere appreciation and thanks to them. Prize distribution for the winners was held on 2nd December 2023.

The selected entries were submitted for national-level judging at ICCW, New Delhi. The National level winners will receive cash awards. National level winners, whose family income is less than Rs. 5000/- per month are also eligible to receive scholarships from ICCW until they complete their 12th standard education.



Painting competition for children at Kodagu was held on 27th August 2023 at Kodagu District Council for Child Welfare. 300 children participated in the same. KSCCW contributed towards the prizes for the winners.

# Bal Vidya School Development Project

Bal Vidya School Development Project commenced in January 2008, based on a survey conducted by KSCCW in government schools in Bangalore North. The survey revealed that children in these schools come from economically disadvantaged families, with parents primarily earning a living as daily wage labourers. Many of these children were malnourished due to their family's limited income, and some faced the additional challenges of living in abusive households with alcoholic fathers. The schools also lacked essential infrastructure, including furniture, learning materials, and sports equipment. Based on these findings, six government schools located in Hesarghatta namely, Vaderahalli, Doddbyalakere, Shivakote, Somashettihalli, Mavallipura, Kanshiramnagar, were selected to enhance the overall development of children.

Since malnutrition among school-age children is a recognised risk factor for absenteeism, dropouts, low school enrolment and poor classroom performance, a primary intervention of this project is providing a nutritious breakfast.

Educated women from the local community are engaged as para-teachers in each of the schools and tasked with the activities of the programme.



On an average 800 students are provided with a nutritious breakfast every morning at school. School teachers report that as most students arrive at school without having had breakfast, our project has effectively addressed this crucial nutritional need. The height and weight of the children are recorded every quarter and the data shows notable improvements in health. The attendance of children has also improved.

In addition to providing supplementary nutrition, extra circular activities like painting competitions, summer camps etc. are also organized in these schools every year. Seeing the positive impact of the project on the health, attendance, and enrolment of children in these six schools, other schools in the area have requested similar interventions for their own institutions.

The project has been supported by TTK Prestige Limited for the last 16 years.





# Bal Roshni

Bal Roshni is a programme focused on the early identification, intervention, and support of children with disabilities.

It offers physical, medical, and educational rehabilitation for children with disabilities from disadvantaged backgrounds. This year 157 children benefitted from medical and educational assistance from Bal Roshni. The programme routinely includes corrective surgeries, as well as providing special shoes, calipers, crutches, and other assistive devices such as hearing aids, spectacles, and wheelchairs. Additionally, educational support in the form of financial assistance for continuing formal education is a key priority of this initiative.

We place on record our sincere thank to Synopsys India Pvt Ltd., for extending their generous support towards the project.

## Beneficiaries:

• Educational Support	80 children
• Surgeries and Medicines	13 children
• Aids and Appliances	29 children
• Club foot treatment	25 children
• Physiotherapy	10 children



# Bal Utsav

Bal Utsav, an annual cultural event that offers a platform for differently abled children to showcase their talents was held on 15th September 2023 at Bal Bhavan Cubbon Park, Bangalore.

240 differently abled children from 20 special schools participated in events like group dance, group song and fancy dress. Their joy was indescribable. A child from Divya Shanthi School gave an enthralling keyboard performance. Every child who participated received a participation certificate. The event ended with lunch and refreshments.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the volunteers from Janadhare, an Association for Social Activities, for their invaluable assistance in organizing the event.



# Bal Roshni Get-together programme

Bal Roshni get-together programme was held on 9th December 2023 at KSCCW's premises at Jayamahal, Bangalore. Around 62 beneficiaries of the project attended the event.

Cultural performances were organized by the students of Balasevika Training project.

Many beneficiaries were very enthusiastic in giving cultural performances. It was overwhelming to see the children perform and showcase their talents.



One beneficiary Ms. Jacintha shared her life story of how KSCCW's timely help changed the lives of her sister and herself.

Ms. Jacintha and Ms. Jasmi are siblings who were both born with a rare bone condition called “Osteogenesis imperfecta” (brittle bones). During their school ages both have undergone many surgeries as their bones would break even if they had a slight fall. In spite of their difficult medical condition both the girls are good at their academics. Ms. Jasmi completed her engineering in Computer Science and is currently placed with a company to do her internship and Ms. Jacintha has completed her MBBS.



# Physiotherapy Unit

Many of the children supported under the Bal Roshni programme come from economically deprived communities and need physiotherapy before and after they undergo a surgery. They find it difficult to commute to the physiotherapy centres, and also find the costs of the physiotherapy sessions to be unaffordable. Our physiotherapy unit which caters to the differently abled children was started in 2014 to address this need. Since its inception, many children have received physiotherapy at the unit. We thank Mr. Dinesh Kumar, the physiotherapist, for his sincere and dedicated work with the children who avail services at the unit.



Bal Roshni project and the physiotherapy unit is supported primarily by funds from Synopsis India Pvt Ltd from the year 2022.

# Balasevika Training Programme

Bala Sevika Training programme, is one of our flagship projects. Started in 1962, it has been running successfully for the past 59 years. The 10-month comprehensive training course prepares women to serve as preschool teachers, community organizers, and social workers in various sectors, including creches, preschools, community development organizations, child care institutions, special schools, and non-profits working with women and children. Young women from economically disadvantaged rural or urban communities in Karnataka, who have completed their 10th standard education (even those who have not passed the board exams), are eligible for the training. An examination is held at the end of the course to assess their competencies. Those who complete the course are placed as child care workers, community organizers and preschool teachers in various non-governmental organizations and companies. The job placement is facilitated by KSCCW.

The 59th batch began on June 10th 2023, and concluded on March 31st, 2024. 29 young women were benefited from the training. The course work included both theoretical and practical sessions in the following subject areas:

Child Development, Child Protection, Preschool-Education including preparation of Teaching Learning Aids, Social Work, Special Education, Health and Nutrition, basics of Computer Usage, Spoken English, Craft and Tailoring. The subjects were handled by 2 full time and 4 part time instructors. Workshops and special input sessions on specialized topics were organized with external resource persons and guest speakers.



To gain practical exposure to core subjects, trainees were placed for field work during the training and for block work from 25th January to 20th February 2024 at the following organizations in Bengaluru:

- **Special Schools** – Dharithri Special School, Asha Special School and Aruna Chetana.
- **Pre-Schools** - KSCCW Creches in R.T Nagar and Jayamahala, Priya English School in Lingarajpuram and Byapanahalli
- **Social Work Centers** – SMILE Foundation and Rehma Community Centre
- **Health** – Primary Health Center, Munireddy Palya

Trainees from rural areas were provided free hostel facilities including meals. Day scholars were given mid-day meals. Uniform sarees were also given to all trainees.



Cultural competitions such as Mehndi, Rangoli, Cooking without fire, Memory games, and Hairstyling were held from March 21st to 26th. Trainees eagerly look forward to these competitions and participate enthusiastically as they offer a fun break from their coursework and a chance to showcase their talents.

The end-of-course assessment for this batch was conducted from 11th to 20th March 2024.

## Valedictory

Valedictory function for the 59th Batch was held on 28th March 2024. Ms. Minchitha and Ms. Hrishya Pradeep from Taguete India Pvt Ltd, Bangalore were the chief guests. The function was followed by prize distribution to the winners of the cultural competitions and distribution of marks cards and course completion certificates for the trainees.

**General Secretary, Mrs. Sudha Raghunandan presented the certificate to the topper**



## Job Placement

**Twenty five trainees received job offers from schools, non-government organizations and companies through job interviews held from 26th - 30th March 2024, facilitated by KSCCW.**

- Janodaya Trust - 8 trainees
- St. Joseph's Convent - 1 trainee
- Academy for Severe Handicap and Autism - 5 trainees
- ACT foundation - 2 trainees
- Birdy Export - 2 trainees
- Dhathri Foundation - 3 trainees
- Hasirudala - 3 trainees
- Euro Kids School - 1 trainee





# CRÈCHE

KSCCW has been successfully running 3 crèche units - two crèches at Jayamahal and one crèche at R T Nagar. The Creches provide preschool education, nutrition and health for children in the age group 2 years to 6 years. Mothers of these children work as domestic workers, labourers, or construction workers. Some are in poor health and unable to care for their children.

Our creches empower working mothers by allowing them to maintain their employment, thereby enhancing their families' standard of living. Additionally, they enable older children to attend formal school regularly and without interruption, as they do not have to stay home to care for their younger siblings.

Activities conducted in the Creches foster all-round development of the child- the physical, emotional, social, intellectual, language, general awareness and pre-academic skills. Assessment of children is done for early intervention. Relevant teaching aids were prepared by the teachers. Each creche has age-appropriate play materials, teaching and learning materials, a toy room and audio-visual facilities. This year ninety children attended our creches regularly.



Mid-day meals are provided for the children to meet their nutritional need, including regular servings of eggs and seasonal fruits. Special meals are prepared on occasions, like children's birthdays and festivals.

National and religious festivals are celebrated at our crèche centers to create awareness about the special days and to impart cultural significance. On November 17th 2023, Children's Day was celebrated with a cultural programme presented by children, followed by distribution of prizes.



Health checkups were conducted regularly by Dr. Srilakshmi and Dr. Neetha Dhiren, from Veritas Diagnostic Centre, Jayamahal, Bengaluru. Regular dental checkups are done by doctors from the Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Dental Sciences and Hospital, Bengaluru. Height and weight are recorded to monitor the growth of the children. Importance is given to personal hygiene. Mr. Dinesh Kumar has conducted a screening for special needs and early intervention for the children. Three children have been advised daily physical exercise.

Mother's meetings are conducted periodically for the mothers where topics related to child care and the role of parents are discussed. The Crèche team comprises of Member-in-charge, child welfare officer, coordinator, five teachers and three helpers. Teachers' meetings are held regularly to discuss the progress, needs and concerns pertaining to the crèche programme.

Altair Engineering India Private Limited, Bengaluru, has been supporting the Crèche programme since December 2018.

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# Educational Sponsorship Programmes

KSCCW offers a range of educational sponsorship programs for children from economically disadvantaged families. These programs provide financial support to help them complete their education.

## Education Sponsorship I: Middle and High School

The programme which began in 1992 with a small group of students, now supports 68 students in classes 6th to 10th. Annual financial assistance is given to the college students. Letters from students and progress reports are sent to their respective donors. After completing their 10th standard, students receive financial assistance to purchase their study materials and books for their post-metric education.

The following table lists the number of beneficiaries in each class.

6 <sup>th</sup> Std	7 <sup>th</sup> Std	8 <sup>th</sup> Std	9 <sup>th</sup> Std	10 <sup>th</sup> Std	Total
6	16	8	13	25	68

This year 16 students who are in Pre-University College and Degree college were given financial support to buy books.

## Education Sponsorship II: Primary School

Nineteen children studying from class 2nd to 5th standard received financial assistance for their education.

## Education Sponsorship III: Primary School to College Education

This programme was started 29 years ago and continues to focus on the education of less privileged children. At present, 53 children are sponsored.

Under the programme, children who live with their families are being offered financial support for education. The beneficiaries study in primary, middle, high school and college.

# Education Sponsorship IV: Pre-University Course

## TAEGUTEC INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED, BENGALURU

Under TaeguTec India Pvt. Ltd - "SHIKSHAK SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME", 7 students are supported for 2 years Pre-University Course.

## ALTAIR SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMME

23 students have received educational sponsorship under Altair sponsorship programme. The beneficiaries study in primary, middle, high school and college.

## SMT. MEERA NAYAK ENDOWMENT FUND: HIGHER EDUCATION - PROFESSIONAL COURSES

The support for professional courses began in 2009. This fund, generously provided by Mrs. Meera Nayak, our patron, assists deserving and meritorious students in pursuing their professional studies. Currently, 19 students receive financial aid: five are studying MBBS, two are enrolled in BAMS, and twelve are pursuing engineering.

Many students who have completed their engineering degrees have secured placements in IT companies. Those who have completed their MBBS are currently doing internships and preparing for postgraduate studies.

## BALIKASHIKSHANA SAMRUDDHI SCHEME

The Balika Shikshana Samruddhi Scheme is an educational sponsorship program for girl students in grades 8th, 9th, and 10th attending government and corporation schools in Karnataka. This year, the scheme was extended to four districts - Belagavi, Davangere, Dakshina Kannada, and Kodagu - through our District Council offices. 35 girls are benefited from this scheme.

# Lokasundari Raman

## Working Women's Hostel

The Lokasundari Raman Working Women's Hostel was established to support marginalized and socially disadvantaged women from rural and distant areas who migrate to Bengaluru in search of employment. Located behind the office premises, the hostel has nine rooms and two dormitories which can accommodate 30 working women. It offers safe accommodation and quality food at reasonable rates. Admission requires an employment letter and a salary certificate etc.

Additionally, subsidized accommodation in the hostel is provided to Balasevika trainees and a few college students.

The warden, assisted by ancillary staff, oversees the day-to-day functioning of the hostel. All religious festivals are celebrated with enthusiasm and joy and special meals are prepared on these occasions. Overall, the hostel functions as a close-knit community, striving to be a home away from home for its residents.

Currently, 16 working women and 12 Balasevika trainees reside at the hostel.



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# Smt.Meenakshi Sivaramakrishnan

## Reading Room

Since April 2019, Smt. Meenakshi Sivaramakrishnan, our former President, has continued to support the Reading Room for children. Approximately 30 children from the local area come to the centre regularly from 4 pm to 6 pm to read general knowledge and story books as well as do their homework. A teacher and two volunteers assist the children with their academics.

On Saturdays the children arrive early and are engaged in different group activities, games and dance. All National and religious festivals are celebrated and annual summer camps and get together programme are also conducted.



# Sharanya Children's Home

Sharanya Children's Home is a Child Care Institution registered under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act 2015. Established in 1991, it initially functioned as a destitute cottage under the Department of Women and Child Development, Government of Karnataka.

The home currently has the capacity to provide care and protection to 25 girl children aged between 12 to 18 years. Children who are admitted to the Sharanya Children's Home come from economically disadvantaged backgrounds and need a secure environment to access education. Many are from single-parent families. At Sharanya, they receive safe accommodation, schooling, nutritious food, regular health check-ups, medical assistance, counselling, life skills and recreational activities.

This year, 17 girls requiring care and protection were placed at Sharanya Children's Home by orders of the Child Welfare Committee.

A summer camp was conducted in May 2023, where children participated in a variety of activities including learning basic computer skills, knitting, tailoring, life skills training, effective communication, independent living skills. They also engaged in games, music, drama, dance, arts and crafts. Parent meetings were held. Sessions were also conducted on adolescent reproductive health issues and challenges of growing up.



Regular medical checkups were carried out by Dr. Srilakshmi and Dr. Neeta Dhiren from VERITAS Diagnostics, Bengaluru. Regular dental checkups were provided by doctors from the Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Dental Sciences and Hospital, Bengaluru. Dr. Gayathri from U & I, a voluntary organization also conducted health checkups. Dr. Pramila Narendra from Sai Diagnostics was consulted whenever the children experienced health issues.

During the academic year 2023–24, five children appeared for the SSLC exam, and 4 passed their exams. Three with a first class and one with a high second class. Four girls were admitted to Pre-University College and one girl was admitted to KSCCW's BalaSevika training programme.

The children actively participated in various competitions and won prizes and awards. The children passed their Karate exams and have also participated and won prizes in online Karate tournaments.



Children committee meetings are conducted every month to address issues and complaints. Tutors are engaged to help bridge gaps in academic learning. Additional life skills like karate, yoga, tailoring, spoken English, and basic computer knowledge are being taught. Volunteers from U&I, a voluntary organization conducted English and life skills classes every Saturday evening which the children have found beneficial. Regular counselling services are provided to support their emotional well-being.

Children were produced before Child Welfare Committee-2, Bengaluru urban. DCPO office staff visited and inspected the Child Care Institute. The staff of Sharanya Children's Home attended workshops and trainings organized by the Directorate of Child Protection, Government of Karnataka on the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act and child-related laws.

All national and religious festivals were celebrated. The children participated in the Nakshatra Programme conducted by the Bhoomi organization and secured the runner-up position, bagging many prizes in the process.

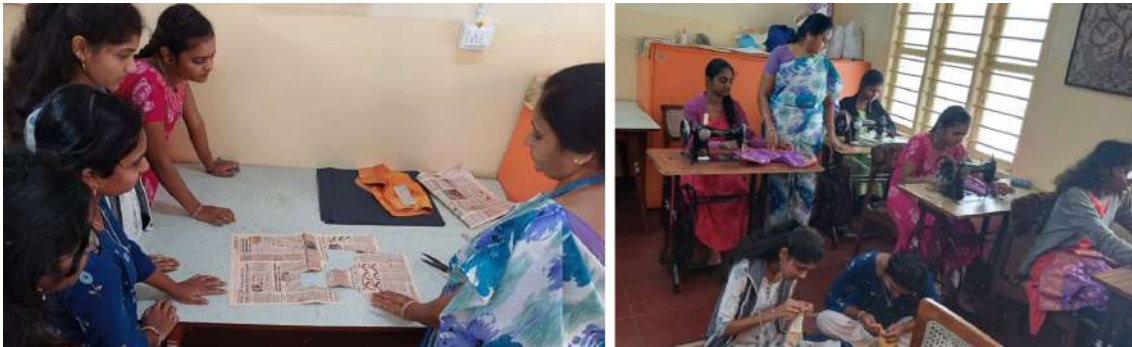


# Tailoring Unit

KSCCW's Tailoring Unit was set up in the year 2006 to impart livelihood skills to economically disadvantaged young girls and women from the nearby community. This self-employment training program has positively impacted the lives of many women and their families by building their self-confidence and providing them with the means for a sustainable livelihood.

Fifteen young women benefitted from the tailoring training.

They learnt basic hand stitches like tacking, hemming, fixing of buttons, hooks, button holes, hook eyes, etc. They also learnt to measure, cut and sew different types of garments. Exams are conducted after every 4 months and course completion certificate is given to the students who have passed the examination.



# Vocational Training Support

KSCCW's Vocational Training Support is designed for young boys and girls from economically disadvantaged backgrounds who have completed their 10th standard but lack the academic merit or inclination to pursue formal college education. Students who have achieved a minimum of 50% marks in their 10th standard are eligible for this support. The project provides financial assistance for short-term vocational training courses, enabling students to secure good jobs swiftly and achieve economic independence. The duration of the courses varies based on the selected program, and financial support is offered until the course is completed.

Students have received financial assistance under this program to pursue various courses, including:

- ITI training
- Diploma and certificate courses in computer hardware, electrical repair, plumbing, carpentry, and beautician training
- Courses for TV, Mobile, Refrigerator, washing machine & other electrical appliance repair
- Automobile courses such as 2-wheeler, 4-wheeler repairs and maintenance
- Nursing, etc



The duration of the courses varies based on the selected program. Financial support is offered until the student completes the course. This year 16 students have benefitted from the programme.

- ITI training - 5 students
- Nursing - 11 students

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