

Karnataka State Council for Child Welfare

Annual Report 2024-2025



Over 70 years of Service to Children & Women

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Constituted in May 1955 as the Mysore State Council for Child Welfare, we were registered as an autonomous, non-profit organization in 1961 under the Mysore State Societies Registration Act, No. 17 of 1960, on 21st November 1961.

In the year 1989-90, our name was amended to Karnataka State Council for Child Welfare (KSCCW), vide Amendment No. AMR-388/89-90/S No: 16/61-62 dated 12th January 1990.

Contributions to the organisation are eligible for Income Tax exemption under Section 80G of the Income Tax Act.



A Salute to our Founder

Smt. Lokasundari Raman



Smt. Lokasundari Raman, wife of Nobel Laureate Sir C.V. Raman, was the founder and first President of the Karnataka State Council for Child Welfare (KSCCW).

Deeply moved by the plight of children marginalized and neglected due to poverty, she was inspired to begin a play school and library in her own home in Malleshwaram, Bengaluru. This modest initiative marked the beginning of what has grown into the Karnataka State Council for Child Welfare.

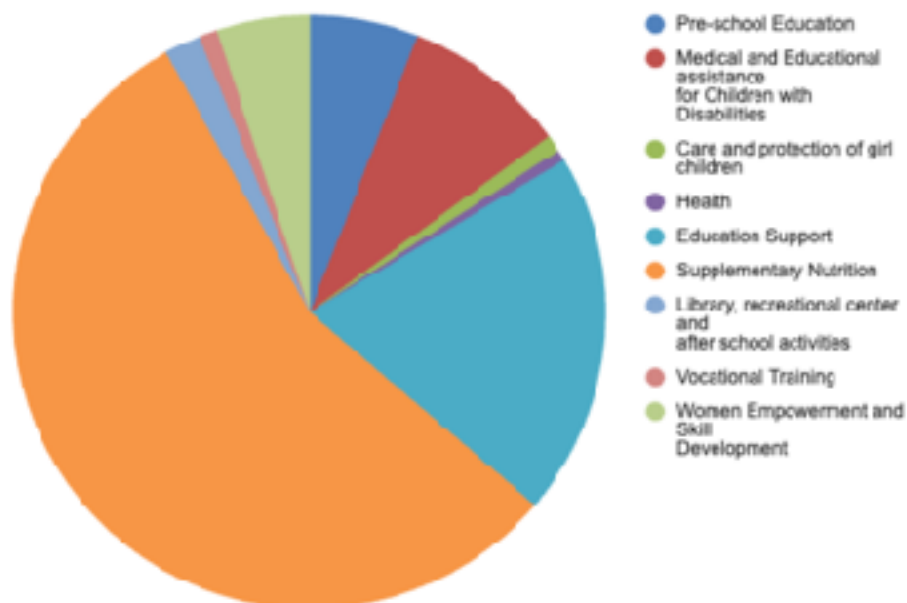
With her extraordinary humanitarian spirit, Smt. Lokasundari Raman extended help to countless women and children in distress, laying the foundation for the diverse welfare and development programmes that KSCCW continues to pursue to this day.

She served as President of KSCCW from 1955 to 1977, and subsequently as Life Patron until her passing in May 1980.

Lady Raman remains a beacon of inspiration to all of us at KSCCW, guiding our commitment to the causes she so passionately championed.

Reach of our Programmes

<i>Goal of the Project</i>	<i>Project Name</i>	<i>Beneficiaries</i>
Pre-school Education	Creches	90 children
Medical and Educational assistance for Children with Disabilities	Bal Roshni	136 children
Care and protection of girl children	Sharanya Children's Home	14 adolescent girls
Health	Physiotherapy Centre	9 children
Education Support	Education Sponsorship	300 students
Supplementary Nutrition	Bal Vidya Govt School Development	843 students
Library, recreational center and after school activities	Smt. Meenakshi Sivaramkrishnan Reading Room	30 children
Vocational Training	Sponsorship for Vocational Training	15 students
Women Empowerment and Skill Development	Balasevika Training	30 women
	Tailoring / Aari work Unit	25 women
	Working women's hostel	22 women



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Smt. Meera P R Nayak

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Smt. Deepa Bhartia

Smt. Sindhu Naik

Smt. Chitra Shylakumar

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- * 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
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- * Pramod Ashraya, Bengaluru
- * Zynga Game Network India Pvt Ltd
- * All our well-wishers, volunteers and donors who have truly made a difference to the lives of hundreds of children.

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: 14 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

From the President's Desk

It gives me immense joy to present this Annual Report of the Karnataka State Council for Child Welfare. Each year brings with it new learning, renewed hope, and deeper commitment to our mission — the care and empowerment of children and women. As we reflect on the year gone by, I am filled with gratitude for the progress we have made together and the lives we continue to touch through our collective efforts.

Under **Bal Roshni** programme, we have witnessed steady growth and encouraging outcomes. The number of children receiving educational support increased from 80 to 90 this year. In the coming year, we aspire to reach 100 children, ensuring that more young minds are given the opportunity to learn, grow, and dream without limits.

The **Bal Vidya** project underwent a period of transition. The project was temporarily paused following the launch of the Karnataka State Government's Morning Nutrition Scheme for government schools. We continued to stay connected with the children through meaningful initiatives. School bags were distributed to all the students, bringing smiles and a sense of belonging as they began a new academic year. Additionally, in response to a safety concern raised by the school principal, we installed an iron grill on the first floor of MRS Palya Government School — a simple yet vital step towards ensuring a safe learning environment for the children.

Another milestone this year was the launch of our **Aari Work Embroidery Unit** in January 2025 — a new livelihood initiative for economically disadvantaged young girls and women from nearby communities. This training programme is more than just a skill-development activity; it is a pathway to self-reliance and dignity. The participants have shown remarkable enthusiasm and talent, producing work that is both beautiful and professionally crafted. Seeing their confidence grow has been one of our most rewarding experiences.

As we look back on the year, I am deeply grateful to our dedicated staff and members whose hard work keeps our vision alive. To our generous donors — both corporate and individual — we extend our heartfelt appreciation for standing beside us and enabling us to continue this journey of service.

With renewed energy and a strong sense of purpose, we look forward to the year ahead — one filled with hope, compassion, and continued efforts to create a brighter future for the children and women we serve.

- **Smt. Namagiri Varadachari**
President, KSCCW

Painting Competition 2024

The Annual Painting Competition was conducted across 6 zones in Bengaluru at Jayamahal, R.T. Nagar, Krishnanagar, Indiranagar, Malleshwaram and Chamrajpet on 19th & 21st September and 26th October 2024.

Around 1,200 children, including children with disabilities, enthusiastically participated in the competition.

The paintings were assessed on 21st November 2024 at KSCCW by an esteemed panel of judges from the field of art, Dr. Indu Parathasarthy, Mrs. Mangala Gowda and Mr. Balan

Nambiar. We extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to them for their valuable time and expertise.

The prize distribution ceremony for the winners was held on 21st and 28th December 2024. The selected entries were also submitted to the Indian Council for Child Welfare (ICCW) New Delhi for national-level judging.



The national-level winners will receive cash awards. Additionally, winners from families with an income of less than Rs. 5,000 per month are eligible for scholarships from ICCW supporting their education until the completion of 12th standard.



Bal Vidya School Development Project

A Seventeen-Year Journey of Transformation Supported by TTK Prestige Ltd.

The BalVidya School Development Project, initiated by KSCCW in January 2008, was a transformative response to the findings of a comprehensive survey conducted in government schools across Bangalore North. These schools, located in socio-economically challenged communities, catered to children of daily wage labourers—many of whom suffered from malnutrition and lived in unstable home environments.

In light of these challenges, six government schools in Hesarghatta—Vaderahalli, Doddbyalakere, Shivakote, Somashettihalli, Mavallipura and Kanshiramnagar—were chosen as beneficiaries of this initiative. The project generously supported by **TTK Prestige Ltd.**, focused on improving school infrastructure, enhancing student health and supporting academic development.



Over 850 children received a nutritious breakfast every school day. The breakfast programme not only improved the children's health—evidenced by regular monitoring of height and weight—but also positively influenced school attendance. Para teachers from the community were appointed and trained to manage the distribution of nutritive food, monitor student well-being and conduct home visits. Their consistent involvement created a nurturing and supportive environment for the students.

Beyond nutrition, the programme encouraged participation in national-level painting competitions. Annual summer camps provided opportunities for children to explore art and craft, ensuring engagement beyond the classroom.

Feedback from school faculty consistently highlighted the importance of the nutrition programme. Many students came to school without any breakfast and this initiative filled a critical gap in their daily nutritional intake.

In October 2024 KSCCW decided to **temporarily pause the project** following the rollout of the Karnataka State Government's morning nutrition scheme for government school children. Recognizing the potential risk of overfeeding and duplicating efforts, KSCCW concluded that their nutrition programme would be redundant at this time. A formal communication was sent to all school principals notifying them of the temporary closure.

In February 2025, as part of the ongoing support, school bags were distributed to all the students by **Mrs. Namagiri Varadachari** (President) and **Mrs. Vatsala Srinivasan** (Treasurer) of KSCCW.

Another key initiative carried out under this project is the **Infrastructure Support** - An iron grill was installed on the first floor of MRS Palya Government School, at the request of the Principal, to address a significant safety concern for the children.

We are immensely grateful to the **headmasters, headmistresses, teachers** and especially our **para teachers**, whose unwavering commitment helped sustain this initiative over the years. All para teachers were honored and felicitated for their dedicated service.

Our heartfelt gratitude to **TTK Prestige Ltd.** for their steadfast support and generous partnership over the past 17 years. Their contribution has touched the lives of hundreds of children and brought about lasting change in these communities.



Bal Roshni

Bal Roshni is an early identification, intervention and support programme for children with special needs. It provides physical, medical and educational rehabilitation for children with disabilities from disadvantaged sections of society.

Currently, around **136 special children** receive medical and educational assistance under the project. Corrective surgeries, special shoes, callipers, crutches and other assistive devices such as hearing aids, spectacles and wheelchairs are provided regularly. Financial assistance to continue formal education remains a priority of this project.



Beneficiaries for 2024–25

* Educational Support:	90 children
* Surgeries and Medicines:	10 children
* Aids and Appliances:	27 children
* Physiotherapy:	9 children

Bal Utsav

Bal Utsav, the annual cultural event, was organized by KSCCW on 13th September 2024 at Bal Bhavan, Cubbon Park, Bengaluru. A total of 297 differently abled children from 22 special schools participated in cultural programmes like group dance, group song and fancy dress. The event began with a prayer song and lighting of the lamp, followed by a welcome address to the Chief Guest Mr. Chandrashekar BU, from Synopsys India, who inaugurated the programme and addressed the gathering.





KSCCW office bearers and Executive Committee members attended the programme.

Volunteers from **Janadhare** – Association for Social Activities also contributed their support to the programme.

The children showcased their talents with great enthusiasm, confidence and joy. For many, Bal Utsav is not just a cultural platform but also a festive day. All participating children were provided with lunch, refreshments, participation certificates and gifts. Bal Utsav 2024 was a memorable and successful event enjoyed thoroughly by all.

Bal Roshni Get-Together

The Bal Roshni Annual Get-Together for project beneficiaries was held on 7th December 2024 at KSCCW's office premises in Jayamahal, Bengaluru. 77 beneficiaries attended the programme.

Students of the **Balasevika Training Project** (another KSCCW initiative) presented cultural performances. Many beneficiaries themselves participated with much enthusiasm, singing and dancing to showcase their talents.

The event was graced by -KSCCW's Office Bearers, Members and Executive Committee members.

All the children received refreshments and participation gifts. It was a joyous and successful event, thoroughly enjoyed by all.



Physiotherapy Unit

Many beneficiaries require physiotherapy both before and after surgery. However, high costs and the inconvenience of traveling to distant centers make it difficult for them to access treatment.

To address this, KSCCW started a physiotherapy centre for differently abled children in 2014. Since then, many children have benefitted from its services. 9 children used the center during the year 2024-2025

We sincerely thank Mr. Dinesh Kumar, our physiotherapist for his dedicated and compassionate care towards these children.



Balasevika Training Programme

Balasevika Training Institute (BSTI), one of the premier projects of KSCCW, was established in **1962** and has been successfully training young women for over **six decades**. The programme equips trainees to serve as preschool educators, social workers and supportive teachers in special schools.

The 60th batch commenced on 12th June 2024 and concluded on 31st March 2025, with an enrollment of 30 candidates from economically weaker sections, giving preference to women from rural and urban disadvantaged backgrounds who have attempted or passed 10th or Pre-University level.



The training, of 10 months duration, combines theory and practice in:

- * Child Development & Preschool Education
- * Special Education & Social Work
- * Health & Nutrition, Spoken English, Basics of Computers
- * Craft, Tailoring and Teaching Aid Preparation

Trainees were supported with free boarding and lodging (for hostel residents), mid-day meals (for day scholars), uniform sarees and monthly stipends. The faculty comprised 2 full-time and 4 part-time instructors.

Inauguration

The batch was inaugurated on 12th June 2024 by Smt. Sudha Raghunandan, General Secretary & Member-in-charge of BSTI.

Major Events & Activities

- * Orientation visit to KSCCW Crèches and Aruna Chethana Special School – 10th July 2024
- * Visit to Lalbagh Flower Show – 12th August 2024
- * Independence Day celebrations with cultural programme – 15th August 2024
- * Awareness talk on Ovarian Cancer and Women's Health by Manipal Hospital doctors – 28th August 2024
- * Founder's Day celebration – 30th August 2024 with **Mrs. Jayashree Ramesh**, Director of ASHA as chief guest
- * Teachers' Day – 5th September 2024
- * Nutrition Week activities – Chart displays, debate on balanced diet (6th Sept) and Cooking without Fire (9th Sept)
- * Debate on Social Media Pros & Cons – 30th October 2024
- * Group discussion on Women Empowerment – 30th October 2024
- * HIV/AIDS awareness session at SMILE Foundation – 3rd December 2024



Field Work Placements

From 10th September 2024, trainees were placed at:

- * Special Schools: Dharithri, Asha, Aruna Chetana
- * Preschools: R.T. Nagar & Jayamahall
- * Social Work Centres: SMILE Foundation, United Effort, Rhema Foundation

They gained hands-on experience in child care, teaching, social survey and outreach.

Workshops & Guest Lectures

A series of 17 workshops and guest lectures were conducted on topics including:

- * Early Childhood Education & Program Planning
- * ADHD, Child Rights & POCSO, Management of Special Needs Children
- * Nutrition & Health, Community Participation, Childhood Trauma
- * Importance of Play, Drama & Storytelling, Identification of Disabilities

Block Placement

From 4th to 18th January 2025, trainees underwent block work at **People's Trust, Shriramanahalli**. They were placed in 11 Anganwadi centres and taught preschool children creative methods of learning.

Their activities also included -

- * Conducting mothers' meetings on health, hygiene, nutrition, family planning
- * Social surveys on socio-economic status, literacy, employment
- * Health & PHC visit on 17th January
- * Gram Panchayat visit on 17th January to understand local governance and schemes



Examinations & Cultural Competitions

- * Mid-term exams: 21st November – 2nd December 2024
- * Final exams: 11th – 20th March 2025
- * Cultural competitions: 21st – 26th March 2025 (Mehndi, Rangoli, Singing, Dance, Cooking, Memory games, etc.)

Valedictory & Placements

The Valedictory Function was held on 28th March 2025, with Dr. Siddaramanna, Deputy Director, Department of Women & Child Development, as Chief Guest. The Guests of Honour were Ms. Madhavi from ACE designers, Bangalore and Ms. Devika from Taegutec India Pvt Ltd, Bangalore.

Marks cards, course completion certificates and prizes for competition winners were distributed.

Job Placements

Campus interviews (25–27 March 2025) by leading organizations resulted in employment offers to trainees:

- * Budhi Special School – 3
- * Janodaya Trust – 2
- * Academy for Handicap and Autism – 2
- * Birdy Export – 1
- * Dhathri Foundation – 3
- * Hasirudala – 2
- * KSCCW Crèche (RT Nagar) – 1
- * Bridavana School – 4
- * 5 trainees chose to pursue higher education
- * 3 trainees planned to start their own day care centers



The 60th batch of Balasevika Training Institute was a **highly successful milestone**, empowering 30 young women with the skills, confidence and opportunities to contribute meaningfully to society as educators, caregivers and advocates for child welfare.

CRÈCHE

The **Crèche Programme** caters to children aged **2 to 6 years**, providing Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) to children from economically weaker sections. The programme allows working mothers to engage in gainful employment while their children are cared for in a safe and nurturing environment.

Objectives

- * To promote all-round development of children by providing a safe, healthy, caring and wholesome environment.
- * To encourage basic discipline, hygiene, punctuality and regular attendance.
- * To develop healthy social skills.
- * To improve nutritional standards through supplementary nutrition.
- * To organize awareness and training programmes for mothers on health, nutrition and child care.
- * To enable older siblings to continue schooling by relieving them of child care responsibilities.



Overview

The programme operates three crèche units located at **Jayamahall** and **RT Nagar**, each catering to about 30 children. The team consists of 1 Child Welfare Officer, 5 Teachers, 3 Helpers, 1 Supervisor and the Member-in-charge overseeing the programme

Regular teachers' meetings ensure discussion of progress, needs and concerns. Staff undergo annual training on preschool teaching techniques and crèche management. Each unit is regularly evaluated on timing, cleanliness, staff quality and new programmes introduced.

Activities & Curriculum

A structured daily timetable is followed with activities designed for holistic development — physical, emotional, social, intellectual, language and pre-academic skills.

- * Activities include play, storytelling, singing, dancing, craft and learning readiness.
- * Children aged 4 years are introduced to reading and writing to prepare them for formal schooling.
- * Teachers prepare relevant teaching aids, children are provided with books, stationery, play materials and access to an audio-visual facility.
- * Regular assessments track each child's interests, skills and social interactions.

Internships

Students from Balasevika Training Institute, Mount Carmel College, VHD Home Science College Bangalore and other institutions complete internships at the crèches to gain hands-on experience in ECCE.

Nutrition and Health Monitoring

Children are served nutritious, hygienic mid-day meals daily with a varied menu featuring a variety of dishes including eggs, sprouts and seasonal fruits. Festival days are marked with special sweets.

- * Height and weight are recorded regularly to track growth.
- * Screening for special needs and early intervention was conducted by physiotherapist **Mr. Dinesh Kumar**, three children were advised daily exercises.
- * Medical check-up was conducted by **Dr. Srilakshmi** and **Dr. Neetha Dhiren** of Veritas Diagnostics, Jayamahall, Bangalore.

Mothers' Meetings

Monthly meetings are held to educate mothers on topics such as:

- * Early education, discipline, behaviour, autism awareness
- * Effects of screen time and mobile phone overuse
- * Breast and cervical cancer awareness, rabies, iron deficiency, anemia
- * Healthy diet, hygiene, monsoon health tips, artificial food colourings
- * Parenting and creating a supportive home environment
- * Job opportunities in the hospitality sector (TATA Strive)
- * Awareness on flu, fever, common cold



Celebrations

Throughout the year, children participated in vibrant celebrations and theme based days:

- * **Color Days:** Pink, Yellow, Orange, Red
- * **Festivals:** Women's Day, Earth Day, Mother's Day, Buddha Poornima, Ramzan, Krishna Janmashtami, Independence Day, Ganesha Festival, Milk Day, Environment Day, Father's Day, Rainy Day, Tiger Day, Gandhi Jayanti, Kannada Rajyotsava, Dasara, Deepavali, Christmas, New Year, Pongal, Army Day, Republic Day, Pulses Day, Vegetables Day

- * **Children's Day:** Was celebrated at KSCCW office, Jayamahal. Cultural programmes like fancy dress, songs and group dance were preformed by the children. Participation gifts and special lunch was arranged for the children.

Impact

The Crèche Programme has positively impacted both children and their families:

- * Mothers can work, increasing family income
- * Children show improvement in health, social and cognitive skills
- * Preparation for formal schooling is strengthened
- * Older siblings can continue education without caregiving burden
- * Mothers gain knowledge on child development and health

Support

Repairs and renovations of crèche buildings were carried out with the generous support of **Altair Engineering India Pvt. Ltd.**

We sincerely thank **Altair Engineering India Pvt. Ltd.** for enabling the successful continuation of this essential programme.

Educational Sponsorship Programmes

Karnataka State Council for Child Welfare continues to empower children from economically disadvantaged families through a range of educational sponsorship programmes, providing financial support to help them complete their schooling and beyond.

Education Sponsorship I: Middle & High School

Launched in 1992 with just a handful of students, this programme now supports 65 students from 6th to 10th standard.

Annual financial assistance is provided to cover school expenses, and once they complete 10th standard, students also receive help to purchase books and materials for their post-matric education. Letters from students and their progress reports are shared with donors, fostering a personal connection.

Beneficiaries in each class this year:

<i>Class</i>	<i>No. of Students</i>
6th	12
7th	8
8th	19
9th	12
10th	14
Total	65

Additionally, 20 students in Pre-University and Degree College received support for books and study materials.

Education Sponsorship II: Primary School

This programme supports 25 students from 2nd to 5th standard, ensuring they stay in school and build a strong foundation for their future education.

Education Sponsorship III: Primary to College

Supporting education of children for 30 years, this comprehensive programme supports 50 Students from primary school all the way to college. Children living with their families are provided with financial assistance to pursue their education, regardless of their current level - primary, middle school, high school, or college.

The project get together programme for the beneficiaries was held on 18th May 2024. The students participated in cultural programmes and games organised for them. Participation gifts and snacks were arranged for them.



Education Sponsorship IV: Pre-University Course

Under TaeguTec India Pvt. Ltd - “**Shikshak Scholarship Scheme**”, 8 students are supported for 2 years Pre-University Course.

Smt. Meera Nayak Endowment Fund - Professional Courses

Support for professional courses began in 2009, thanks to the generous contribution of our patron, Mrs. Meera Nayak. This fund provides financial assistance to deserving and meritorious students to pursue professional studies.

Currently, 22 students are receiving aid under this initiative

<i>Course</i>	<i>No. of Students</i>
MBBS	9
BAMS	1
Engineering	12

Several engineering graduates supported through this fund have secured placements in IT companies. MBBS graduates are presently undergoing internships and preparing for postgraduate entrance examinations.

Balika Shikshana 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.

Altair Sponsorship Programme

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

Thanks to Our Donors

The educational sponsorship programmes has been possible all these years only with the generous support of our donors, who not only fund education but also inspire hope and ambition in these children. We sincerely thank all our donors who continue to support us.

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 remote areas who migrate to Bengaluru in search of employment. Conveniently located behind the KSCCW office premises, the hostel features nine rooms and two dormitories, providing safe accommodation for up to 30 working women and students.

The hostel offers secure lodging and nutritious meals at affordable rates. Admission is granted upon submission of an employment letter, salary certificate and other necessary documents.

In addition to working women, subsidized accommodation is extended to Balasevika trainees and a few college students, enabling them to pursue their training and studies in a supportive environment.

The hostel is managed by a warden, supported by ancillary staff, who ensure the smooth day-to-day operations. All national and religious festivals are celebrated with joy and special meals are prepared during these occasions, fostering a sense of community among residents.

At present, the hostel houses 16 working women and 15 Balasevika trainees, offering them not just a place to stay, but a **home away from home**.



Smt. Meenakshi Sivaramakrishnan Reading Room

This project began in April 2019 and has been generously supported by Late Smt. Meenakshi Sivaramakrishnan, our former President.

Each day, around 20 children from the nearby community visit the centre between 4:00 PM and 6:00 PM to read storybooks and general knowledge materials and to complete their homework. A teacher and two volunteers are present to offer academic support and guidance.

In addition to academic activities, the children actively engage in group games, creative activities and dance sessions, which encourage creativity and teamwork. National and religious festivals are celebrated with great enthusiasm. The centre also organises annual summer camps and get-together programmes, making it a vibrant, inclusive and nurturing environment for the children.



Sharanya Children's Home

Sharanya Children's Home is a Child Care Institution registered under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act. Established in 1991 at R.T. Nagar, Bengaluru, it began as a Destitute Cottage under the Department of Women and Child Development, Government of Karnataka.

The Home currently houses 14 girls between the ages of 12 and 18 years, with a total capacity to accommodate 25 children. The residents come from economically backward and single-parent families. They are provided with safe accommodation, schooling, nutritious food, medical care and recreational opportunities.

Educational Support

Children are enrolled in the following schools and college:

<i>Institution</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>No. of Children</i>
Govt. Kannada Medium Primary School, Ganganagar	Class 7	2
BBMP High School, Ganganagar	Class 8	5
BBMP High School, Ganganagar	Class 9	2
BBMP High School, Ganganagar	Class 10	3
Adarsha PU College	II PUC	2

Tutors are engaged to help bridge learning gaps. In addition, children are taught Karate, Yoga, Tailoring, Spoken English and basic computer skills. Regular counseling sessions support their emotional and mental well-being. Children have passed Karate Belt Exams and won prizes in online Karate tournaments.

Academic Achievements & Restorations

- * In March 2024, Sulochana and Bharathi scored First Class marks in the SSLC exams and are now pursuing Pre University Course (PUC). Both were successfully restored to their parents.
- * Two children appeared for the II year PUC Board Exams
 - * Mallamma T scored 80% and has enrolled in a Nursing course at Ramaiah College.
 - * Divya scored 57% and is now pursuing B.Com course at Government Degree College, Yelahanka.

Mallamma T and Sulochana received financial assistance from KSCCW for their education. Mallamma and Divya have been transferred to Vishwashanthi Public Trust for Aftercare as they are 18 years old .

Summer Camp

A vibrant summer camp was organized, including:

- * Skill-building activities: Computer training, knitting, music, drama, dance, art & craft (greeting cards, hand painting, emojis, paper weaving, rangoli, coconut shell work, glass painting, teaching aids).
- * Life Skills Training: Awareness on child rights, child-related laws, Constitution, gender equality, rights & duties.
- * Independent Living Skills: Visits to the post office, learning to cook (burgers, pasta, cakes), jewelry making, envelope making.
- * Recreational Activities: Games, a picnic to ISKCON Temple, Hanuman Temple, Orion Mall, Sankey Tank, movie screening and lunch.
- * The camp concluded with a cultural programme followed by a parents' meeting.



Health & Medical Care

- * Regular health checkup by Dr. Srilakshmi and Dr. Neeta Dhiren from Veritas Diagnostics, Bengaluru.
- * Consultation with Dr. Pramila Narendra (Sai Diagnostics) as needed.
- * Eye checkup conducted by Pradnya Eye Hospital and Veritas Diagnostics.
- * Two children received spectacles under the Bal Roshni Project of KSCCW.

Life Skills, Volunteering & Workshops

- * U&I volunteers conducted English classes every Saturday evening.
- * Awareness sessions on:
 - * Personal safety
 - * Menstrual hygiene and related issues

Other activities

- * Children's Committee meetings and Management Committee meetings are conducted regularly.
- * New children were produced before Child Welfare Committee-2, Bengaluru Urban and follow-up visits were carried out.
- * Visit and grading by DCPO Office staff were done.

Training & Capacity Building of Sharanya staff

- * Two-day workshop on the Juvenile Justice(C&PC) Act 2015 and topics related to standards of care, case management, record keeping for children in Child Care Institutions was attended by the Coordinator and warden, organized by UNICEF, Shanthi Sandesh Trust and DCPU under the 'Neravu Project' at Ashirwad Community Centre, St. Mark's Road.
- * Three-day Life Skills training workshop was attended by the Coordinator and Counselor at Sanskaran Rainbow Home, Rajajinagar.

Celebrations & Events

National and religious festivals were celebrated with joy. Children actively participated in observances such as Global Hand washing Day, Swachhata Diwas, Veer Bal Diwas, National Youth Day, etc.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all our donors and well-wishers whose generous contributions have made a meaningful impact in the lives of these children.

Tailoring Unit

The Tailoring Unit of KSCCW was established in 2006 with the objective of imparting livelihood skills to economically disadvantaged young girls and women from the surrounding communities. This self-employment training programme has had a transformative impact on the lives of numerous women and their families by enhancing their self-confidence and equipping them with the skills needed for sustainable income generation.

During the reporting period, fifteen young women benefitted from the tailoring course. They were trained in essential hand stitches such as tacking, hemming, button fixing, making buttonholes and attaching hooks and eyes. In addition, they learnt how to measure, cut and sew a variety of garments.

To ensure quality and progress, examinations are conducted every four months. Students who successfully complete the course and pass the examinations are awarded a course completion certificate.



Aari Work Embroidery Unit

The Aari Work Embroidery Unit was started in January 2025 as a self-employment training programme aimed at imparting livelihood skills to economically disadvantaged young girls and women from the surrounding communities. The duration of the course is three months.

The training includes hand embroidery with silk thread, glass beads and crystal stones. The training encourages the students to enhance their creativity and develop intricate designs for blouses, kurtas and sarees. To maintain quality and monitor progress, examinations are conducted every three months. Students who successfully complete the course and pass the assessments are awarded a course completion certificate.

Eight young women benefitted from this training programme in the first batch.



Vocational Training Support

KSCCW's Vocational Training Support is designed to empower young boys and girls from economically disadvantaged backgrounds who have completed their 10th standard but may lack the academic merit or interest to pursue formal college education. Students who have secured a minimum of 50% in their 10th standard are eligible for this support.

This initiative provides financial assistance for short-term vocational training courses, enabling students to gain practical skills, secure employment quickly, and achieve economic independence. The duration of the courses varies depending on the selected program and financial support is offered until the student completes the course.

Under this programme, students are supported to pursue a variety of vocational courses, including:

- * ITI training
- * Diploma and certificate courses in computer hardware, electrical repair, plumbing, carpentry and beautician training
- * Repair and maintenance of TVs, mobile phones, refrigerators, washing machines and other electrical appliances
- * Automobile repair and maintenance for two-wheelers and four-wheelers
- * Nursing and related healthcare training

This year, 15 students have benefitted from the programme

Course	No. of Students
ITI training	1
Nursing	12
Beautician course	1
Web designing course	1



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