



A creative learning initiative for children undergoing cancer treatment and their caregivers

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## Greetings from Samiksha Foundation!

**Samiksha Foundation Learning Centre @ Mazumdar Shaw Cancer Center at Narayana Health City, Bangalore (SFLC@MSCCNH) is back!!**

We are elated to be able to engage the children and see their joy to tap their creativity while learning. As you must be keen to know what has transpired in the last six months, we are happy to share our achievements and latest activities with you, who are our most beloved well wishers.

## Virtual Annual Day Event

Samiksha Foundation held a well-attended virtual 12<sup>th</sup> Annual day on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2021 that included an enthralling kathak performance, updates on Samiksha 2.0 and Happiness Project. [Watch](#)

## Recognition of Our Work

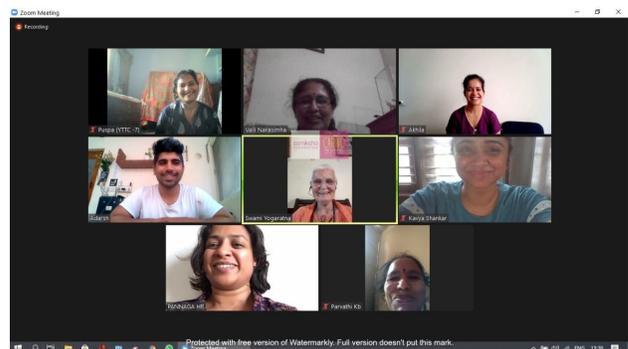
Samiksha Foundation in coordination with Ms.Rhea Daruvala and Dr.Sunil Bhat was able to publish its **first scientific report**. This report documents that play & music based activity has helped in anxiety management and improved the wellbeing of children recovering from cancer. [Click](#)

Dr.Julius Scott has *dedicated a chapter to Samiksha Foundation* in his book 'Kurukshetram 2.0 - War Against Childhood Cancer'. Dr.Julius Scott is an esteemed doctor who is currently the Head of Paediatric Hematology and oncology at Sri Ramachandra Institute of Higher Education & Research in Chennai. He heard about Samiksha Foundation from oncologist's cohort at Bangalore.A recommendation, which led to a short phone conversation and a few messages, resulted in him lauding our efforts when he said, *"Very impressed! It was my dream for many years, which you and your team have been doing. Sincere appreciations"* - (pages 148 to 154) [https://www.amazon.in/dp/8194736625?ref=myi\\_title\\_dp](https://www.amazon.in/dp/8194736625?ref=myi_title_dp)

Himalaya Drug Foundation internal magazine mentioned us! Link for Down to Earth: <https://bit.ly/3dqBERA> Refer to Pg. No. 27.

## Update on our Activities

Swami Yogaratna of Shankar Prasad Foundation, under the aegis of the **Samiksha Yoga Program**, conducted a virtual training workshop for the 2nd batch of Yoga teachers via Zoom in 3 sessions on successive Sundays - 20 June, 27 June and 04 July 2021.The session was *for the next trainers of the Yoga- Creative Visualisation program* at our Learning centres.



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Samiksha Foundation has shown tenacity in reopening SFLC@MSCCNH. With vaccinated staff, volunteers, and renewed vigour of the team, we are pleased to have **44 students** attending in June and enrolled **22 new students** in July and August.

This re-entry has involved meticulous planning, training, and discussions over the possible means to reach and support these children through their education against all odds of the pandemic.

We braved the circumstances as we are committed to our mission of caring for inpatient and outpatient children seeking treatment for cancer at the pediatric oncology ward. Proud of the mission, the team here and the constant support of the psycho - oncology team at NH.

### Tie up with OmPrakash Foundation - USA - [www.omprakash.org](http://www.omprakash.org)

Omprakash is a nonprofit global network of social impact organisations, volunteers, learners and donors that has been working since 2004, building connections across 51 countries and has over 200 partners. By tying up with them SF is able to receive funds from USA and American citizens will receive tax exemption under section 501(c)(3). Donations from credit card, PayPal and also BitPay are possible. [SF Page](#)

### Samiksha 2.0 -Tech to Teach progresses rapidly

Samiksha Foundation has provided the children at SFLC with 8 tablets and headphones, which the children have received excitedly and get immersed in learning through the USky platform. We are proud to provide this through a mobile app that they can use on their personal devices.

Translating the class notes to Hindi and Kannada proceeds unabated and focus is now on creating the audio files. The translation and voice-overs for Marathi and Bengali is an area that we require volunteers to help us out with. Kindly refer those with knowledge of these languages and willing to volunteer a few hours a week to help us in this gigantic effort to provide vernacular language education to these children even remotely. [USky platform](#)



### Support from Students of Mallya Aditi International School (MAIS)

(MAIS) student volunteers are providing online classes on Saturdays for the children. Children keenly await these classes and arrive early on Saturday's so that they do not miss anything.

MAIS has launched *BOUNCE BACK 2021*; this time the event will be a virtual art show Hoping for your support in making this a success to raise more funds, to continue the development of the Tech to Teach platform for these children at very difficult learning environments at Hospital and home.

**SSP6 - Samiksha scholarship Program 6** due diligence is ongoing, *76 prospective students* have been identified. A sum of 10,000 to 20,000 per student as scholarship is what SF would like to sponsor. Towards this, we look to *raise INR Fifteen Lakh*, and would like your support. The program is scheduled in January 2022. [Kindly Donate.](#)

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### Trust Announcement

We have moved our auditing work to N.P. Sridhar & Co., Whitefield, Bangalore. Samiksha Foundation has a new Center coordinator- Poornesh Gowda and a Part time Admin and Social Media coordinator- Rahul Papali on our rolls. The trustees welcome them into the team.

### Images from our Learning center - September 2021



*children occupied at the pediatric ward play room at SFLC@MSCNH - photos taken in Sept 2021*

### COVID Support

Samiksha Foundation was able to procure 5 oxygen concentrators and is constantly providing food support to the needy families, costs of RTPCR tests and medicines.

### Please get in touch and support our work

We continue to believe that there are many opportunities to improve the situation for children with cancer and their families, outside formal medical care. The ultimate aim is to increase the happiness quotient of those affected by cancer, notwithstanding their circumstances. The possibilities are endless. The results would be heartening. Together, we can make a real difference!

We welcome you to be part of this incredible journey of spreading Happiness

Visit Our Website or Contact [Rahul Papali](#) , [Valli Narasimha](#)

Looking forward to receiving your support in our continued efforts to spread happiness and better mental well being of children going through cancer treatment.

**With sincere gratitude to all our patrons, volunteers, teachers, doctors, children and their families.**

Team Samiksha Foundation - Caring for Children with Cancer

To contribute to our corpus funds, please donate through our website.

Donations online (Indian and Foreign): <https://samikshafoundation.org/donate/>

Donations from US Citizens: <https://www.omprakash.org/global/samiksha-foundation/donate>

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Your donations will be processed by NASSCOM Foundation for Indian donors and for foreign donors/companies by UK Online Giving Foundation following the FCRA rules.

For domestic INR Indian Donations direct transfer to our Bank account

**Name of Account:** "Samiksha Foundation - Caring for Children with Cancer Trust"

**Bank:** Axis Bank Ltd, No. 9 MG Road Branch, Bangalore 560001, India.

**Account Number:** 909010035466397 **SC:** UTIB0000009

**We welcome you to drop in at our Centre for Excellence at Koramangala, and refer volunteers too!!**