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A creative learning initiative for children with cancer and their caregivers

### Founder's Desk

It has been an exciting few months, as we look to increase our reach across hospitals, towards our vision of bringing holistic learning to children in long-term treatment for cancer and other lifelimiting conditions.

As we mark the milestone 10th Scholarship program in January 2026, I am grateful to the teachers dedicated and volunteers who increase the children and caregivers' happiness quotient every day! I hope you will recognise the necessity of this mission to bridge the education gap in the country. We look forward to your continued support in Samiksha's journey to add more smiles!









# Announcements

<sup>កែ</sup> Scholarships Program 11 January 2026

Over 85 children will be awarded scholarships. this academic year.

# Nephrology program at St. John's

diseases (CKD) and Continuous Ambulatory Peritoneal Dialvsis (CAPD), getting into school is a dream, especially if diagnosed at a very young age, and continuing education is a challenge.

Creative education and positive interactions, even in small doses, can spark joy and dignity, and remind these young warriors that they are more than their illness.

Samiksha Foundation, aligning with person and remote tutoring. its mission, extended its creative

For children with chronic kidney learning program to pediatric nephrology, and initiated its pilot program at St John's pediatric nephrology department on 1st September 2025.

> The program is designed to provide multilingual academic support and bedside teaching through visuals and activity-based methods. It engages children in art and craft, equips them to use digital learning platforms, and assists school-going children in their academics via in-



### Children's Week

Team Samiksha celebrated Children's Day on 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> of November.

We are grateful to the Goodera Social Impact Partners for their comfort kits for Hospitalized Children event in Bengaluru on 6 Nov 2025 for Red Hat.

The photo shows these assets from RedHat volunteers worn children.

Planned across three centres, we had talent shows, musical chair, memory games, quiz on freedom fighters, plants and animals and more. And not just for the Children but for the grown ups too!







# 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Scholarships Program Event

**Celebrating the 10th Samiksha Foundation Scholarships Program** 

### Samiksha Foundation Celebrates a Decade of Hope!

We are thrilled to announce a spectacular milestone: the 10th Anniversary of our Scholarship Program!

To honor the resilience of young cancer survivors and their commitment to education, we are transforming this year's scholarship celebration into a vibrant **Carnival of Courage and Hope** on 11 January 2026.

Join us for a day filled with joy, games, and inspiring stories as we present scholarships to our new class of scholars. This carnival is not just a celebration of financial aid, but a testament to the transformative power of education and the unwavering spirit of survivorship.

Let's make this 10th anniversary the most unforgettable celebration yet!

### **Testimonials**

Even though I was in the hospital, I never felt like I was there — Samiksha Foundation filled our days with learning, art, and joy. Their support continued even after my treatment through a scholarship that helped me study further.



Today, I'm working at Mysore Sandal Company and recently got married. My message to parents is — never lose hope.

I'm forever grateful to Samiksha Foundation for standing by me." — **Jayaprabha, 2012 Batch**Watch full video here

# Meet our new CPO!





Vijaya Nanjundeswaran

Having been associated with Samiksha Foundation since inception in a peripheral role, diving deep in the midst as CPO into daily operations is a invigorating and touching experience. This is a much needed opportunity for the children, for the joy and sense of purpose it brings them. The changing atmosphere in the wards, participation from doctors, parents, the commitment, service, planning and thoughtfulness by the teachers and stake holders manages the mission of an NGO with the vigour of a corporate.

To accommodate more children at existing centres, and expand to pediatric nephrology and Thallasemia, fresh program creation and implementation strategies to manage limited resources is the challenge now. To deliver quality and 'leave no child behind' provides both the opportunity to give and to think creatively, resourcefully and challenge oneself.

There is a continuous need for volunteers, teachers for the program and we hope they reach out with their time and efforts.

I have been a recipient of the Samiksha Foundation Scholarships program since 7 years now and i am what i am today, doing Nursing at Gokak KLE college of Nursing because of the support provided to me by Samiksha Foundation. - **Siyanath Desai**Watch full video here



# Reflections - 9th Samiksha Foundation Scholarships Program

The scholarship program is a testament to Samiksha Foundation's dedication and meticulous planning. From identifying deserving students to providing financial support and monitoring their progress, the foundation has consistently demonstrated exceptional commitment. Their ultimate goal – empowering these students to succeed – is a shining example of their impactful work.

Krishna Arjun, Volunteer | Emcee for scholarships program events

### Activity Highlights | July - October 2025

- 1/7 National Doctors' Day
- 26/7 Kargil Vijay Diwas @ SFLC Session group with CKD patients
- 29/7 World Tiger Day
- ~3 Storytelling Sessions

### Aug

- Ouit India Movement &Independence Day
- National Sports Day
- Introductory Goodwill Visit @ Nephrology Ward St. John's



- **T**eacher's Day Celebration @ SFLC
- @ St. John's
- Ayudh Puja @ SFLC

- Animal Welfare Day
- World Food Day
- Diwali celebration ( Diya craft activity)
- "Joy of Giving" Engagement with Microsoft Bangalore's Give Campaign - over 70 volunteers

### Nov

- Karnataka Rajyotsava Day
- Children"s Week celebrations





### Latest Updates

Samiksha The Foundation team visited the Belagavi Institute of Medical Sciences, Belagavi between 29th October and 31st October, 2025.



A Presentation was given to the Director and pediatric Doctors about Samiksha Foundation, its genesis, history, operations and requirements to run and operate a Samiksha Learning Centre, while interacting with the key stakeholders here. We explored the feasibility of timeline, remote operations, and partner volunteer organisations in the area to start and operate the Learning Centre.

We are grateful for the hospitality extended to our team during this visit, and look forward to a long-term association with the management and oncologists, spreading joy and hope to the children there.

# Volunteer now!

We have volunteering and internship opportunities for senior citizens, retired professionals, teachers, and students. Volunteers are needed to support the education and storytelling programs:



- remote tutoring for students 8th grade upward,
- in-person storytelling and reading at wards.

### **Session Slots:**

Monday - Friday: 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM | 2:00 - 4:00 PM Saturday (1st & 3rd of the month): 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM Please contact Garima Ashta at +91 7411063007

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### Impact Story: over 16000 beneficiaries and 527 scholarships awarded -**1200** direct beneficiaries this year across hospitals in Bangalore,India



It was motivating to see how your team combines compassion with purpose, making a real difference in so many young lives. We wish you continued success in your noble mission.....Please do pass on our sincere appreciation and good wishes to everyone at Samiksha, especially the children to who made us smile through their Fun activities, Yoga, Dance, Drawing . The passion and care with which you and your team support these incredible kids truly makes a difference in their lives. -

Ramesh & Rupa (Management consultants and patrons since 2016)

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