



# ANNUAL REPORT

## Avakaasha Foundation

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Year 2021-2022

### We Are :

Avakaasha Foundation was officially registered on 1st Jan 2015, however we started working with schools sometime back in August 2014. What started as an experiment in one school with one teacher saw the addition of more schools and teachers to the program by 2022. On an average we directly reach out and impact 1000 students, around 1000 homes in about 10 villages every year.

Avakaasha Foundation is an NGO working towards improving the quality of education in rural areas of Karnataka. We identify and partner with *rural and remote* Government schools providing free education and in need of teachers or/ and infrastructure . Our goal is to work with such schools enhancing the overall knowledge of children through experiential learning and to develop their communication skills. We support sports and cultural activities in schools associated with us and believe in the all-round growth of children. We hire only qualified women teachers either from the same or neighbouring villages, thereby providing them with the right job opportunities. We also fund basic infrastructure needs of the schools in rural areas, such as classrooms, libraries, toilets, sports equipment, laboratories, science projects etc.

## Our Mission

**Our mission is to improve the quality of free education in rural areas, to empower our students from low income homes to excel in their education.**

## Our Goals :

- **Equal Opportunity for all:**

We try to reach children in remote places and provide them with an opportunity for quality education. We currently focus on UN Sustainable Development Goals #sdg4 – **Quality Education**. By providing skilled teachers for subjects like Mathematics, English and Science, we not only help increase the admission to the schools, but also help the rest of the staff to focus on what they are trained to teach. This improves the results drastically thereby attracting more students to the school.

- **Employ & empower qualified rural women:**

Avakaasha hires qualified women teachers who are recruited locally to these government schools. Thus Avakaasha provides employment and the right opportunity to talented rural women.

- **Focus on experiential learning:**

Avakaasha encourages experiential learning in children, our focus is on active learning. We also focus on improving the communication skills of students in Kannada and English. We understand that sports also play a major role in the overall development of children. Hence the Foundation also sponsors awards for sports events and sponsors student participation in various sports.

- **Basic Infrastructure :**

In addition to ensuring the schools have sufficient teaching staff, Foundation also provides funds to build basic infrastructure required in schools, such as toilets, library, classrooms, computer labs, internet connectivity etc.

- **Rural Development:**

While rural communities will benefit from better quality of free education, we also want to transform and empower communities in villages through participatory rural development. We aim to achieve this transformation by partnering with communities, industry and enterprise on various high impact projects like sustainability, climate change, health & hygiene, agriculture etc.





## Our Schools:



Bidkalkatte Government Higher Primary School in Udupi district, Karnataka, India is associated with us since 2019. It is one among the 1000 schools selected to become a Karnataka Public School. The current school strength is around 548 and it has a staff strength of 18. The school has been quite innovative in motivating children by sending regular newsletter meant for children, running activities like 'a drawing a day'.

The Government Higher Primary school of Amasebailu in Kundapura Taluk, Karnataka, India was started in 1954. The strength of the school is around 217 this year with a staff strength of 8. They have been with us since 2018. In 2019 the school has won the SDMC [School Development Monitoring Committee] award for working towards development of school, increase of student strength and providing better facilities for students.



Vidyadayini Higher Primary School of Kuthyar is a government aided school that was founded in 1925 . The association with Foundation started in 2021. It is a few years short of celebrating its centenary. The current strength of the school is 130 and it has a staff strength of 7. This school has proved the quality of its education by showing constantly increasing admission while many of the Kannada medium schools in the state are on the verge of closing.

The Government Higher Primary School of Molahalli was started in 1933. The current strength of the school is 125 and it has a staff strength of 8 . The school associated with us since 2019. What started out as a primary school transformed into Higher Primary school and later the pre-primary section was added too. The school has produced many stalwarts, some of them going on to become writers, Yakshagana artists and doctors.



## Overview of the year 2021-2022

Avakaasha Foundation was officially started in 2015. We started out with Thekkatte school and government school in Hebri and then added more schools and teachers in the following years. Avakaasha partnered with three schools- Government Model Higher Primary School Hebri, Government Higher Primary School Heskuttur, K.S.M.School Thekkatte (till Dec 2016). We collaborated & funded Government school of Heskuttur for Children's day celebration and Government school of Hebri for annual day celebration.

In the year 2018 the Government School of Amasebailu got associated with Avakaasha and a new teacher was provided for English to the school by the Foundation. Similarly Government Higher Primary school of Hunsemakki in Kundapur also got associated with us. We provided an English/science teacher for the school. Amasebailu did not have a restroom facility for girls. Avakaasha Foundation helped/sponsored the construction of toilets. We also sourced and sponsored for Headmasters training. The following year saw Karnataka Public School, Bidkalkatte getting associated with us.

In 2019 the Government School of Molahalli also got associated with Avakaasha and a teacher was provided for English to the school by the Foundation. Similarly, Government High school of Vaddarse also got associated with us. We provided an English/science teacher for the school.

In the year 2020 the Foundation withdrew its support for Hebri and Vaddarse schools. In 2021 February, support for Heskuttur was also withdrawn.

This year Avakaasha Foundation is associated with 4 schools in Kaup and Kundapur taluks of Udupi District in Karnataka state. i.e, Molahalli, Bidkalkatte, Amasebailu and Kuthyar[November 2021].

### **2021-2022 Activities**

Due to the corona pandemic classes were conducted in the online mode for some time. However schools started functioning offline from the month of October in the year 2021.

- Kannada Rajyotsava, Republic Day was conducted in schools.



- Art and craft activities were conducted throughout the year.



- Science Day activities were conducted with much involvement by students and teachers. Sports Day,yoga also saw huge participation in schools.





- Vaccination drives took place in all the schools in the month of March.



- In the month of March-April, Samudayadatta Shale program was held in the schools. This was an yearly exercise to get parents involved in the schools. Dance,skits,yakshagana performances were few highlights of this program.



We initiated several projects this year.

### **Project MASOOM – preventing Child Sexual Abuse:**

Child sexual abuse (CSA) is a very big problem children face across the globe, irrespective of economic status, religion, gender, caste and creed. As per research, it is said that more than 90% of the CSA cases go unreported, but those children lose their childhood and carry the burden even as adults. Most of the time, the abuse is carried out by known people.

CII Young Indians took up the project 'MASOOM' which means "the innocent" to bring awareness on this issue.

Avakaasha Foundation also collaborated with CII Young Indians on this. A 'Train the trainer' certification was conducted for teachers on CSA. The session was conducted by Ms. Ashwini, from Muktha Foundation. The Foundation brought teachers from different schools of Udupi and Kundapur Taluk together on a virtual platform. The session was held on 15th and 16th of July 2021 and was received very well by the attendees. We had a good interactive participation from 32 teachers despite the rain and network issues. Director of Avakaasha Foundation recently visited the schools and personally handed over the certificates to the teachers.

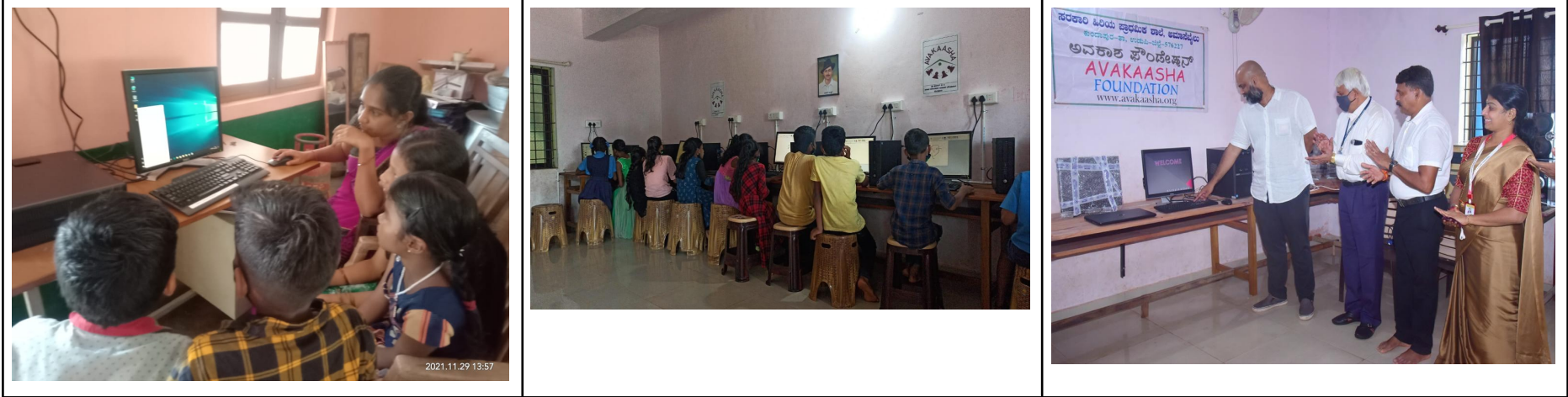


### Computer Learning Centers:

Admissions to most of the rural Government schools have increased in the last 2 years; however infrastructure in some of these schools still remains a drawback when it comes to providing quality education to rural children. Considering these schools are in remote areas of Karnataka, availability of working computers, internet connectivity is a challenge. We provided internet connectivity to four of our associated schools.

Mitel donated monitors, laptops and projectors. We procured CPUs for these monitors and built computer labs for our associated schools. Apart from the schools associated with us, few more rural schools also got the computers as part of this project.

Schools benefited with this project so far – 15 – GHPS Amasebailu, KPS Bidkalkatte, GHPS Molahalli, Vidyadayini Higher Primary School Kuthyar, GHPS Rattadi, GHPS Machhattu, GHPS Jaddinagadde, GLPS Kela, GPS Kelasunka, GLPS Holebagilu, GLPS Goliangadi, GLPS Kondadi, GHPS Nadaburu, GHPS Ballane, GHPS Hale Amasebailu.



### Distribution of books:

The Foundation also provided 25 sets of textbooks to Lower Kindergarten and Upper Kindergarten classes of Molhalli School, Udupi District, Karnataka. The Foundation has also provided notebooks to a remote school in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir, India





- In March 2022 we donated six laptops to Government High Schools of Nadambooru, Jadingadde, Ballane, Hale Amasebailu, Kuthyar and Kelasunka. We also donated a monitor to Government High School Kela. This was with the help of donors like Mitel, Past & Present and partners, Young Indians and SSi People



## Impact of our activities:

There has been an increase in student strength at all of our partner schools. This is a direct impact of additional teachers, better infrastructure, better exposure for our students.

School Name	Previous Year Strength	Year - 2022	Percentage Increment
Amasebailu	207	233	12.5%
Bidkalkatte	515	550	6.7%
Molahalli	145	147	1.3%
Kuthyar	130	141	8.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>997</b>	<b>1071</b>	<b>6.9%</b>

## Our Partners and Donors

- Karnataka Department of Primary Education
- Udupi District of Primary Education
- SSI People
- Mitel
- CII-Young Indians
- AB Solutions Pvt. Ltd
- Belaku Trust-Hosa Belaku
- "Jaladeepa", Kuthyar



## Team:

The core team members of Avakaasha Foundation have rich experience in conducting training programs, workshops, impact assessment studies etc on various issues concerning schools of rural community. We offer –

- Capacity building and training programs for teachers and children of rural areas.
- Planning and operating development programs in schools
- Providing qualified teachers for schools in remote rural areas.

### **Donation Related :**

The donations made to the trust are deductible under section 80G(2)(a)(iv) r.w.s 80G(5)(vi) of the Income Tax Act 1961 in the hands of the donors subject to the limits prescribed therein.

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