



**ಅವಕಾಶ**  
FOUNDATION

**ANNUAL REPORT**

**2022-23**



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# About Us

Avakaasha Foundation was officially registered on 1st Jan 2015, however we started working with schools sometime back in August 2014. What started as a conversation to help 1-2 rural underprivileged girls' education in Udupi, evolved into a movement to support schools, villages within 6 months!.

Since its formal inception in 2015, we have directly impacted around 9000 rural kids in improving their primary education, giving them better facilities!

We started out with Kuvempu Shathamanothsava Model Higher Primary School Thekkatte and Government school in Kedor and Hebri and then added more schools and teachers in the following years.

The Foundation recently celebrated 8 years of operations in rural Karnataka, and we have been fortunate with sponsors, donors & like minded partners who helped us grow.

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

# About Us



- **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.

We are aligned with UN's Sustainable Development Goal 4 to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all.



# Our Schools



## Amasebailu

The Government Higher Primary school of Amasebailu in Kundapura Taluk, Karnataka, India was started in 1954. The strength of the school is 233 this year with a staff strength of 8 and has been associated 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. Our teacher Bhagya Lakshmi is working in this school.



## Bidkalkatte

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 533 and it has a staff strength of 18. Our teacher Pavitra has been working in this school since 2019.





## Beloor

The Government Higher Primary School of Beloor, Kundapur was started in 1912 and is associated with us since 2022. The current strength of the school is 109. Our teacher Vidya A Shetty is teaching in this school.



## Brahmavara

Government Model Higher Primary School of Brahmavara is a government school that was founded in 1895 and is associated with us since 2022. The current strength of the school is 584. Our teacher Ashwini Nayak is teaching in this school.



## Kuthyar

Vidyadayini Higher Primary School of Kuthyar is a government aided school that was founded in 1925. The association with Foundation started in 2021. The current strength of the school is 141 and it has a staff strength of 7.



# Our Schools



# Annual Overview

The year began with the addition of two new schools in the month of June: *Government Higher Primary School of Beloor* and *Government Model Higher Primary School of Brahmavara*.

Currently the Foundation is working with Government School of Amasebailu, Vidyadayini Higher Primary School of Kuthyar, Karnataka Public School, Bidkalkatte, Government Higher Primary School of Beloor and Government Model Higher Primary School of Brahmavara.

## 2022-2023 Activities

Schools reopened with a lot of excitement in 2022



- **World Environment Day** was celebrated in the beginning of June in all the schools.

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- International Yoga Day was celebrated in the month of June 2022.



- **Independence Day** was celebrated with a lot of enthusiasm.







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- Our schools of Bidkalkatte, Amasebailu won the sports events conducted at Haladi and got selected to Taluk level. Further Amasebailu Government Higher Primary School bagged *six gold, two silver and two bronze* at the Kundapur taluk level sports event held at Shankaranarayana College grounds. Few of them were further selected for the State level sports tournament in 400-metre race, long jump and disc throw..



- **Teachers Day** was celebrated in the month of September 22. Schools paid tribute to *Mahatma Gandhi & Lal Bahadur Shastri* on their birth anniversaries in the month of **October 22**. The month of January saw Republic day celebrations as well.



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- In the month of February 23, Science exhibits and experiments were showcased by budding young scientists at our school of Beloor.



- **Internet Connectivity:**

Government higher primary school, Beloor in Kundapur Taluk got the internet connectivity last year. The Foundation also renewed the internet for another year for other schools.



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The Foundation initiated several projects this year some in collaboration with Organizations and people of similar interest.

## In Partnership with Yi

- **Eye Screening Camp for Bidkalkatte School:**

Avakaasha Foundation in partnership with *YI Bengaluru* conducted an eye screening camp for children of *KPS Bidkalkatte School*, Udupi district.

The eye screening was done by a team of ophthalmologists from *Sankara Eye Hospital*, Shimoga and we covered **507** children.



- **Laptops Distribution to Schools:**

Avakaasha Foundation in partnership with *CII-Young Indians, Bengaluru* and *Mitel* donated laptops to schools. Government Higher Primary School Beloor was given two laptops, and so was Government Higher Primary School Saibrakatte, Udupi district and KPS Bidkalkatte

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Collaborating with the **Bengaluru** Chapter of **Young Indians**, the Foundation organised few activities in school. and completed a project on child safety.

### **Project MASOOM- Child safety book translation:**

For us at Avakaasha Foundation, teaching life skills and ensuring child safety is as important as formal classroom education of our children. Our partnership with *CII-Young Indians (Yi) Bengaluru* provided us with an opportunity to work towards the child safety. Project MASOOM has multiple ways of working towards child safety and empowering the children, parents, teachers, and caregivers against Child sexual abuse. As part of this project, we got an opportunity to work on translation of child safety booklet into Kannada, educating children about child sexual abuse. The content enables children to protect themselves against sexual abuse and seek help when required.

The book translation was done by Avakaasha Foundation, and it was formally released by *CII-Young Indians*, during their recently concluded NIRAM, Regional Council Meeting of SRTKKA Region held in Trivandrum, Kerala.

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- *CII-Young Indians, Bengaluru* team visited and donated books to the schools – Karnataka Public School, Bidkalkatte, Govt. Higher primary school Beloor, Govt. model primary school Brahmavara, Karnataka.
- *Climate Change vertical of CII-YI Bengaluru*, led by Rajni Jajodia along with few members visited Govt. Higher Primary School Beloor and interacted with children, bringing in the awareness about climate change and its effect. 110 pencil pouches made out of old denims were distributed to the students showing them how everyone can contribute to climate control and reduce waste.





# Annual Overview

## **In Partnership with Padmalaya Dance Foundation**

**Padmalaya Dance Foundation** sponsored science lab equipment to schools associated with **Avakaasha Foundation** through a fundraiser event **DHANYOSMI 2022**, a performance by their students to support our school activities & programs.

Government Higher Primary School Beloor, Government Higher Primary School Amasebailu, KPS Bidkalkatte, Government Higher Primary School Saibrakatte, Government Model Higher Primary School Brahmavara, and Vidyadayini Higher primary school, Kuthyar were the beneficiaries of this.

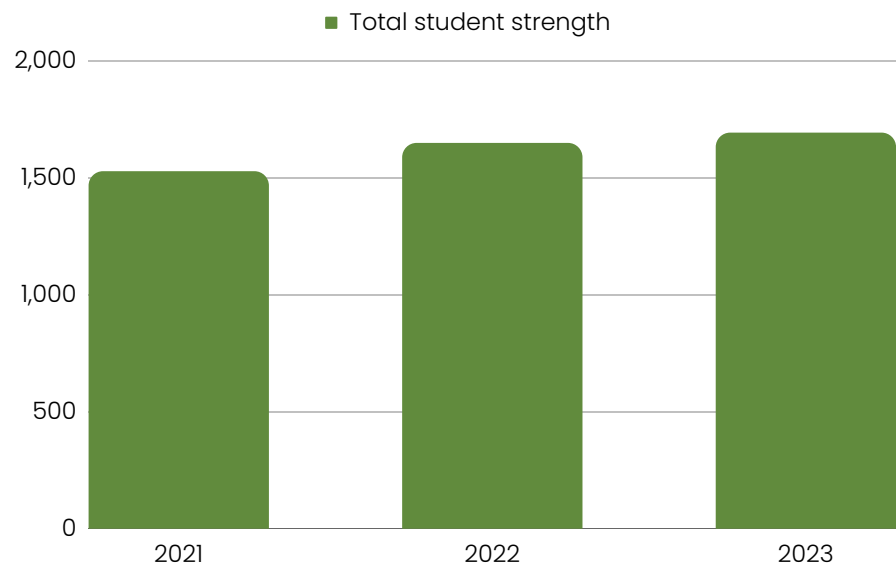
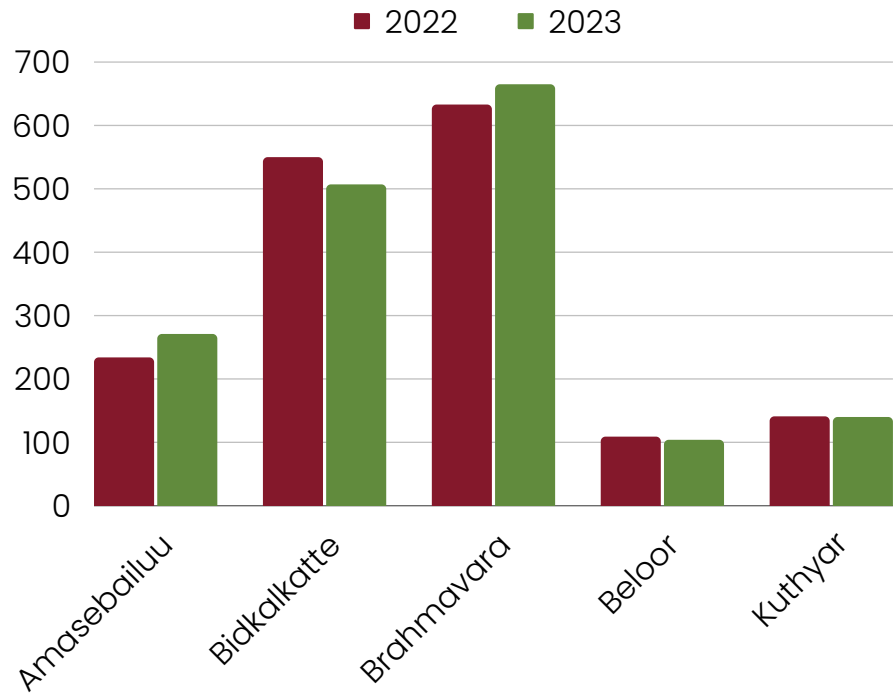
The science kits procured had a number of lab materials like microscopes, test tubes, magnifying glass, skeleton system, science charts, lenses, magnets etc. This sponsorship and science kits has helped young minds to learn by experiment and experience, which otherwise would have remained a theory to be memorized for examinations.



# Impact



Intake of students in the last 2 years

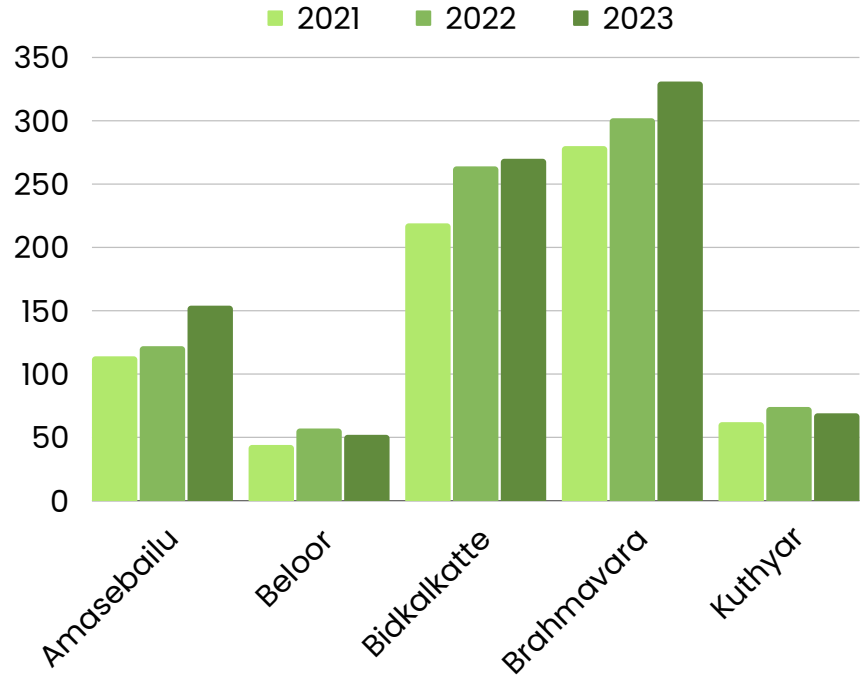


There has been an increase in student strength at all of our partner schools. This is a direct impact of additional teachers, better infrastructure, better exposure for our students.

# Impact



Intake of girl students in the last 3 years



Celebrating **8 years**

**9000+**  
Students

**60+**  
Villages

**25**  
Schools

**Other projects**

- \*Teacher Training Programs
- \*School Event Sponsorships
- \*Environment Sustainability Projects
- \*Basic Infrastructure Projects
- \*Child Safety Projects

**18**  
Digital  
Infrastructure

**11**  
Schools with  
teachers  
sponsored

**5**  
Smart learning  
Centres

Our Sponsors & Partners





# Financials

AVAKAASHA FOUNDATION				
Jaladeepa, Kuthyar				
Udupi-574504				
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31.03.2023				
RECEIPTS		Rs.	PAYMENTS	Rs.
To	Opening Balance		By Bank Charges	949.96
	Cash on Hand	3,520.00	" Audit Fees	5,900.00
	Bank of Baroda	941.08	" Consultancy Charges	1,000.00
		4,461.08	" School project-Salary to Teachers	5,76,000.00
"	General Donations	7,10,000.00	" Travelling Expenses	24,184.01
			" School Management expense	5,696.00
			" Internet & Telephone Expenses	9,418.00
			" Science Kits to School	42,541.00
			" Closing Balances :	
			Cash on Hand	3,520.00
			Bank of Baroda	45,252.11
				48,772.11
		7,14,461.08		7,14,461.08

For AVAKAASHA FOUNDATION	For SHABBIR AND GANESH CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS FRN:009033S
Digitally signed by HEBRI SHRINGARI PANDURANGA HEGDE	Digitally signed by YERMAL GANESH
Sringari Hegde Managing Trustee	CA. GANESH Y. PARTNER
PLACE : UDUPI	M.No.:207231
DATE: 15/09/2023	UDIN: 23207231BGRDEJ9447

Avakaasha Foundation				
Jaladeepa, Kuthyar.				
Udupi-574504				
Statement of Income and Expenditure for the year ended 31st Mar 2023				
(Amount in Rs.)				
	Particulars	Note	31 March 2023	31 March 2022
II	Donations Received	5	7,10,000.00	9,60,030.00
III	Total Income (I+II)		7,10,000.00	9,60,030.00
IV	Expenses:			
(a)	Educational Charity	6	6,33,655.00	9,42,791.54
(b)	Other expenses	7	32,033.97	23,719.63
	Total expenses		6,65,688.97	9,66,511.17
V	Surplus/(deficit) for the year (XI+XIV)		44,311.03	-6,481.17
	The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements			

For Avakaasha Foundation	As per our report of even date For SHABBIR AND GANESH CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS FRN:009033S
Digitally signed by HEBRI SHRINGARI PANDURANGA HEGDE	Digitally signed by YERMAL GANESH
Sringari Hegde Managing Trustee	CA. GANESH Y. PARTNER
Place: Udupi	MN:207231
Date: 15/09/2023	UDIN: 23207231BGRDEJ9447

# Partners & Donors



Department of School Education & Literacy, Karnataka



SSI People



Mitel



CII-Young Indians



Avakaasha Business Solutions Pvt. Ltd



Padmalaya Dance Foundation



Belaku Trust-Hosa Belaku

# Our Team



**Shreepad Kuthyar**  
*Founder*



**Usha Hariprasad**  
*Program Manager*



**Vasudha L**  
*Director, Corporate Relations*

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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