

Hongirana Foundation Update



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Gnana jyothi - School Support Updates

The Hongirana Foundation initiated collaboration with the Ganigarapalya Government Higher Primary School in June 2022, with a dedicated commitment to enhancing educational standards for the academic year 2022-23 and beyond.

HF started with two guest teachers and expanded to a team of four, providing specialized support in Math, Kannada, and English for students from grades 3 to 7. Additionally, a volunteer-driven program was introduced to help students struggling in these subjects. This integration of guest teachers and volunteers has facilitated the effective implementation of the Teaching at the Right Level (TaRL) methodology.

Through regular assessments and monitoring, HF has achieved significant progress.

Beyond academics, HF provides art, library sessions, outbound activities, and guest lectures for holistic development. It also collaborates with partner NGOs and corporates to improve infrastructure. Additionally, HF supports 7th-grade pass-outs in transitioning to quality schools, including assistance with school fees when needed.

In the coming year, HF aims to enhance experiential learning, extend these concepts to science education, and expand its alumni program to support more children.

CLASS 1 TILL CLASS 7 AND ANGANAWADI ~270 STUDENTS
OF TEACHERS : 4
OF VOLUNTEERS : 25
ACADEMIC SUBJECTS: MATH, KANNADA AND ENGLISH
HOLISTIC EDUCATION SESSIONS: ART, LIBRARY/STORY
CLASSES: 3RD TO 7TH

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Volunteer Program Update

Our 17 volunteers are actively supporting 100 students in Kannada, English, and Math, with an average of 12 students per subject per grade. So far, four students per class have progressed back to the main classroom.

Key efforts include:

- **Subject Support:** Personalized guidance to strengthen understanding.
- **Math Reinforcement:** Two additional volunteers help middle-group students maintain steady progress.

- **Worksheets:** Encouraging discipline and independent thinking through problem-solving and language exercises.
- **Library Sessions:** Promoting reading with bilingual books and discussions.
- **Audio-Visual Learning:** Making English and Kannada lessons interactive.
- **Advanced English:** Enhancing speaking and comprehension skills for high-performing students.

These initiatives are helping students gain confidence and improve academically.



Art Program Update

Our 9 volunteers have conducted 20+ engaging sessions for grades 3 to 6, fostering creativity through drawing, painting, clay modeling, origami, collage work, and more.

Highlights:

- Hands-on learning with diverse art forms.
- Special artist sessions, including leaf art workshops.
- Collaborative activities that build teamwork and confidence.

These sessions provide a fun, creative outlet while enhancing essential skills.



School Infrastructure Updates

HF, with the support of generous donors, has addressed key challenges at Ganigarapalya Government School this year:

- New audio system to enhance events and classroom engagement.
- Additional bookshelves & desks for a more organized learning space.
- Upgraded chalkboards in six classrooms for better teaching.
- AV room setup (in progress) to enable interactive learning.

With continued support, we aim to drive even greater impact!

Vidhya Jyothi Updates

At Hongirana Foundation, under our Vidya Jyoti stream, we have continued our commitment to supporting children's education, particularly focusing on the children of VGC staff. For over 4 years, we have been proudly sponsoring part of the school fees, helping lay a strong foundation for their futures and opening doors to immense career possibilities. This year, we are supporting around **15 children**, ranging from kindergarten to pre-university levels. While some of these children attend government schools, many others are enrolled in private institutions that offer an English-medium education, a key factor in providing them with greater opportunities ahead. Our commitment to empowering children with the education they deserve has never been stronger, and we are proud of the positive changes we've helped bring about, as with this initiative, we are not only investing in their immediate educational needs but also paving the way for their long-term success in a rapidly changing world.



Events & Outbound Activities

- **Art & Science Mela (Jan 30th):** Held alongside the Parent-Teacher Meeting, engaging students in hands-on learning and giving parents insight into their progress.
- **Valley School Visits:** Two immersive outdoor learning experiences, fostering exploration and creativity.
- **Kere Habba Art Competition:** Students showcased their talent, with one student securing second place in their category.



- **Guest Talks :** Ganigarapalya School welcomed J.N. Prasad, a naturalist and bird watcher, for an engaging session on wildlife. Mr. Pavan Kumar, a PhD scholar from PES University and Gubbalala School alumnus, inspired 6th and 7th graders with his journey in Material Sciences.
- **HF's Original AV Story Premiere :** HF's original production, Ghost in the Park, was screened for the first time to a live audience—5th graders at Ganigarapalya Government School—creating an engaging and immersive storytelling experience.



Chittara: Art with a Purpose

The HF Chittara Program connects corporate employees with grassroots education through art, making engagement meaningful. In collaboration with The Bodhi Tree Foundation, HF enabled employees to personalize Desk-Bags for rural school children, blending creativity with impact.

- Epsilon at Anand Marga School – 40 employees painted 150 bags with vibrant Gond motifs.
- GE Healthcare at Arodi Government School – 100 employees designed 300 bags, making a lasting impact.

Beyond painting, volunteers became part of a child's learning journey, adding a personal touch to education.

External Associations

- Tranquil Charitable Foundation - Helping with children passing out to support their further steps
- The Valley School for opening their campus, support for library session and many more
- The Bodhi Tree - CSR partners for Chittara events