

Hongirana Foundation Update



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Gnana jyothi - School Support Updates

The Gnana Jyothi program is Hongirana Foundation's core school support initiative at Ganigarapalya Government Higher Primary School. It focuses on strengthening foundational learning through a combination of academic support, volunteer engagement, and exposure to diverse learning experiences.

Over the years, the program has evolved to address both classroom learning gaps and broader development needs, working closely with school staff to improve overall learning outcomes for students.

Looking Back - Highlights

Academic & School Developments

- **Computer Lab & Classes:** A new computer lab was set up, with computer classes introduced for 6th and 7th graders, strengthening foundational digital skills.
- **English Medium Introduction:** The first English-medium section was introduced at the school.
- **Student Transition Support:** Seven students moved to English medium in Grade 8, with additional academic support to help them adapt confidently.
- **Library Program:** Continued library sessions in collaboration with The Valley School (KFI Outreach Program).

CLASSES 1 TO 7 (~270 STUDENTS)

OF TEACHERS : 5

OF VOLUNTEERS : 28

ACADEMIC SUBJECTS: MATH, KANNADA AND ENGLISH

HOLISTIC EDUCATION SESSIONS: ART, LIBRARY/STORY, COMPUTER CLASSES

CLASSES 3RD TO 7TH (KANNADA MEDIUM),

CLASSES 1ST & 2ND (ENGLISH MEDIUM)

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Art & Creative Learning

The art program was strengthened this year with 2 professional teachers and 8 volunteers, focusing on creative exploration across grades.

- Regular sessions included drawing, painting, craft, pottery, and group activities
- Exposure to different mediums and themes across junior and senior grades
- Additional inputs from resource persons and artist-led sessions

The program concluded with an Art Mela during the PTM, where students showcased their work through art displays and interactive stalls, including math and language-based games.



Student Transition Support

This year, HF strengthened its focus on supporting students transitioning to English-medium education.

- Seven students moved to English medium in Grade 8, with continued academic support.
- Seven of those students are currently receiving focused support in Math and Science, helping them bridge learning gaps.
- Two dedicated teachers are working with these students at the Deeksha College premises, conducting sessions five days a week.

Beyond academics, the program also ensures broader exposure:

- Students participated in a Science Expo, experiencing hands-on learning beyond the classroom
- Additional opportunities like a theatre summer camp are being introduced to build confidence and communication skills



School Infrastructure Updates

This year saw steady progress in improving the learning environment at the school, with support from partners and donors.

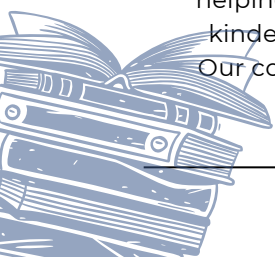
- Computer Lab Setup: Made possible through the support of Project Shiksha, enabling digital learning for students
- Smart Class Setup: Introduced with support from The Bodhi Tree, bringing more interactive learning into classrooms
- Two New Classroom Construction: Work has commenced and is currently in progress, thanks to Rotary Club South Joint

Student Welfare Initiatives

- HF raised funds to provide winter jackets for all students, helping them stay warm and attend school during the colder months.

Vidya Jyothi Updates

At Hongirana Foundation, through our Vidya Jyoti initiative, we continue to support the education of VGC staff children. For six years, we have sponsored part of their school fees, helping build a strong foundation for their future. This year, we support around 15 children from kindergarten to pre-university, across both government and private English-medium schools. Our commitment remains focused on enabling access to quality education and creating better long-term opportunities for them.



Events & Outbound Activities

This year, students had opportunities to learn beyond the classroom through a range of engaging experiences.

- **Valley School Visit:** An immersive outdoor learning experience that encouraged exploration, creativity, and interaction in a different learning environment.
- **Science Expo (Dakshinaasya Darshini):** Students participated in a science expo, gaining hands-on exposure to scientific concepts. As part of this, 3 students from the extended support program attended Dakshinaasya Darshini, a curated exhibition organized by Vedanta Bharati in collaboration with Param Foundation in Bengaluru, where scientific ideas were presented through experiments linked to philosophical concepts.
- **Kalika Mela(PTM):** The year concluded with an Art & Science/language fest, where students showcased their work through art and hand on science, language displays and interactive stalls, including math and language-based activities.



Chittara: Art with a Purpose

This year, HF's Chittara program conducted three outreach art initiatives, bringing together volunteers, corporates, and communities through art.

- **Rural School Wall Art – Thowdanahalli:** In collaboration with Gramanthara Trust and Andritz Technologies, the HF team worked at Thowdanahalli Government Primary School, a rural school that has recently seen significant infrastructure improvements. Building on this, the team painted educational murals on the theme of local wildflowers and butterflies of Bangalore, adding both aesthetic and learning value to the school environment.
- **Desk-Bag Painting – Epsilon:** Employees at Epsilon participated in a creative session, painting desk-bags that were later donated to children, making the activity both engaging and purposeful.
- **Epsilon - ASHA Academy Collaboration:** Volunteers worked with students at ASHA Academy for Severe Handicaps and Autism, painting walls and conducting activities with children, making it a meaningful and inclusive experience for all involved.



External Associations

- **Tranquil Charitable Foundation** - Supporting children graduating from school in their next steps.
- **The Valley School** for opening their campus and supporting library sessions.
- **The Bodhi Tree** - CSR Partners for Chittara events and help with setting up smart classroom
- **Gramanthara Trust** - CSR Partners for Chittara Events
- **Deeksha College** for Providing their premises for Student Transition Support classes
- **Deeksha Foundation**, sponsoring teacher's salary for the whole year
- **Think Tac** for donating the hands on math kits for students

