

# ANNUAL REPORT

— 2025-2026 —



**SANKAR SHALINI**  
**FOUNDATION**  
Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO)



**EMPOWER**  
Communities



**EDUCATE**  
For a Better Future



**ELEVATE**  
Lives Sustainably



**TOGETHER**  
We Can



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# CHAIRMAN

## CHAIRMAN MESSAGE

This year has been a year of hopes and challenges not surprisingly in the life of an organization working for the poor and the marginalized. We complete 11 years of service to the disadvantaged section of society. We are proud that fifteen years ago a few committed persons came together to shape their commitment to serve the Poor and marginalized in the form of building an organisation, "SANKAR SHALINI FOUNDATION" that has changed many a lives. We believe that along the years the organization has grown with more people getting associated bringing their experience, expertise, commitment and dedication. Our experiences of hardship and challenges have made us renew our commitment and dedication to the cause. We are happy that we have been able to keep our heads above water and keep our feet firmly on the ground during adversities. Neither challenges nor opportunities have swept us off our feet. Beginning with our intervention in Watershed Management, we have deepened and broadened our engagement with the community. We have been able to forge convergence and synergy for holistic development of the partner community. Our interventions on livelihoods promotion have been layered with issues of governance and interventions on issues of governance have been fortified with livelihoods promotion. Creation of cadres from among the partner community has been the strength of Sankar Shalini Foundation.

Vadithya Soma Sankar Naik  
Founder & Chairman,  
Sankar Shalini Foundation.



## About Us.

Sankar Shalini Foundation is a non-governmental organisation established in 2018, with a mission to transform the lives of students in government schools across rural and remote villages in, State- Andhra Pradesh. started with a vision to give back to society, inspired by the financial support he received from



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ప్రపంచంలో అనుసంధానించడం ద్వారా మంచి అభివృద్ధి సాధించవచ్చు. ఈ దిశగా ఆదివాసి - గిరిజనులందరూ ఏకతాటి మీదకు రావలసిన అవసరం ఉంది. ప్రస్తుతం ప్రభుత్వం ఎన్నో వర్గాలకు ఎన్నో అవకాశాలను అందిస్తోంది. పీటీసీ అందిస్తున్నామని తేలికతలో ఎదగాలి. మీరు ఒక్క అడుగు ముందుకు వేస్తే, మీ కోసం వంద అడుగులు ముందుకు వేయడానికి ప్రభుత్వాలు సిద్ధంగా ఉన్నాయనే విషయాన్ని ఆదివాసి - గిరిజన సోదరులు గ్రహించాలి అని చెప్పారు.

ఆదివాసిలంటే తనకు ప్రత్యేకమైన ఆధివాసం, గౌరవం అని వెంకయ్య నాయుడు చెప్పారు. కామ జీవించటంతో పాటు, ప్రకృతిని కాపాడుకోవడానికి కట్టబడిన వారి సంస్కృతి మహాస్థూతమైనది అన్నారు.

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భారతదేశ జనాభాలో ఆదివాసిల సంఖ్య 8 శాతం.. అంటే దాదాపుగా 10 కోట్ల మంది ఆదివాసిలు ఉన్నారు. అంటే సమగ్రాభివృద్ధి (సబ్జా వికాస్) అనే జాతీయ లక్ష్యంలో ఆదివాసిల అభివృద్ధి అనేది కూడా ఓ కీలకాంశం అని వెంకయ్య నాయుడు చెప్పారు.

గిరిజన అభివృద్ధికి సంబంధించిన ఎన్నో సవాళ్లు, ప్రసంగించారు.

friends, teachers, and non-profits for his education. Initially focusing on providing scholarships to bright yet underprivileged students, Sankar Shalini Foundation expanded its initiatives over time, recognizing deeper issues within the education system. This led to the inception of various programs aimed at empowering students both academically and personally.

Our primary focus lies in partnering with government schools. We have carefully designed two types of programs to address the diverse needs of the students coming from underprivileged backgrounds. The first category includes Individual Empowerment Programs, which provide financial assistance, material support, personalised guidance, and

mentoring to underprivileged students, ensuring access to school education and higher education. The second category comprises Large Scale, classroom-based Awareness Programs. These initiatives aim to address broader student audiences, especially from government schools, by identifying and raising awareness about key issues such as reproductive health, menstruation, child marriages, life skills education, career counselling, and child sexual abuse. In our Classroom-based Awareness Workshops, we employ carefully crafted presentations, informative videos, impactful storytelling, and interactive hands-on activities. By utilising these diverse methods, we create an environment conducive to empathetic teaching and open dialogue, allowing us to address critical issues and ignite essential conversations among students.

## Welfare Activities

Sankar Shalini Foundation is actively involved in initiatives to promote social responsibility and contribute to sustainable development. Businesses today are increasingly recognised for their efforts to positively impact society by integrating social, environmental, and ethical practices into their operations. These efforts not only enhance long-term profitability, competitiveness, and sustainability but also help build a strong brand that resonates with key stakeholders, including customers, employees, government, and the public.

## The Society has made small, but effective strides in the following areas:

1. Health Care and Nutrition
2. Education of deprived children
3. Social rehabilitation and rural upliftment
4. Women's empowerment
5. Environment
6. Supporting the government in improving governance
7. Legal Rights Awareness
8. Promotion of Sports among youths



## Our Mission

- ❖ To work towards strengthening capacities of vulnerable communities & groups to get their entitlement in every aspect of human existence
- ❖ To influence policy-making to include provisions for excluded and marginalized groups by creating alternative models.
- ❖ To engage and advocate towards gender balanced development through collective, participatory and empowering actions
- ❖ Tribble Community Free Educational and Rural Development Program
- ❖ Tribble Women and Girls Skill Development and Income Generation Program



## Our Vision

To do our best so that the current generation of underprivileged children living below the poverty line integrate seamlessly into mainstream society. To impart quality education, and all-round development, including skill building, in order to provide avenues for employment that are suited to every child's dominant intelligence and strengths.

## Our Programs

Every child goes through an all-round development programme at our learning centres to enrich their physical, mental and emotional wellbeing while furthering their education. We make this impact through 8 key areas of intervention.



## Who are the beneficiaries?

Children from lower income families whose parents work as house maids, painters, tailors or daily wage earners. More than often, they have 3-4 siblings with the parents struggling to educate at least one or two of them. 90% of the children are first generation literates. In the event of a financial crises in the family the children are pulled out of school to do proxy work for their parents. This is worse for the girl child whose education stops abruptly when she attains puberty. Fee hikes in higher classes add to the woes of the parents. Sankar Shalini Foundation assesses each child and family and steps in to ensure that the child's education is guaranteed

# Activity Report 2025-2026

## Education Programme

Sankar Shalini Foundation aspires to address the academic need of every child. In addition to paying their

fees and providing school supplies, we assess each child individually to identify core strengths and build independent study skills through our after-school and in-school coaching and mentoring programs.

### ENGLISH PROGRAMS

Tailored to engage primary students to learn and listen, speak and read the alphabets, two to three letter words and sight phrases in English. Graded reading and writing program exposing the children to a variety of writing styles and enabling them to grow into class appropriate levels.

### MATH PROGRAMS

Aims to teach the basic mathematical concepts such as addition, subtraction, multiplication, division and number concepts. Tailored to enable children to gain confidence in math and grow into class appropriate levels.

## Health Programme

Sankar Shalini Foundation organises routine health camps and vaccination drives for Typhoid, MMR and Hepatitis B. Every child is provided with a protein mix as a dietary supplement regularly. To

# ‘గిరిజన-ఆదివాసీ’ సమ్మేళనం



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తుమ్మలపల్లి  
కళాక్షేత్రంలో గిరిజన  
ప్రజా సమాఖ్య, గిరిజన  
విద్యార్థి సమాఖ్య  
ఆధ్వర్యంలో ‘గిరిజన-ఆదివాసీ’  
సమ్మేళనం ఆదివారం ఘనంగా  
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ఉపరాష్ట్రపతి ముప్పవరపు వెంకయ్య నాయుడు  
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ఉండే సహజసిద్ధ వైపుణ్యాలకు వ్యాపార వి  
లువలను జోడించుకోవాలని పిలుపు నిచ్చారు.  
ఈ సందర్భంగా ప్రదర్శించిన గిరిజన  
నృత్యాలు, సాంస్కృతిక ప్రదర్శనలు,  
గిరిజన వేషధారణలు ఆకట్టుకున్నాయి.





assess their overall improvement, the height and weight of each child is recorded at the beginning and end of the academic year.

## Core Values



### Child-Centric Approach

Placing the welfare of children at the heart of our efforts, ensuring every initiative revolves around their needs and well-being



### Empathy

Listening, understanding, and acting with genuine compassion to make a meaningful difference in the lives of those we support.



### Accountability & Transparency

Upholding accountability and practicing transparent principles, building trust through openness in our actions and decision-making.



### Collaboration

Embracing the power of collaboration and interdependence to achieve more effective and sustainable outcomes in our mission.

## Swechha

Educating and Raising Awareness among adolescent girls and boys, and women with interactive awareness workshops about reproductive health, hygiene, and self-empowerment while encouraging them to let go of long-held, unscientific blind beliefs.

The journey of SWECHHA began on September 12th, 2015, with a discussion about adolescent girls in remote rural parts of Andhra Pradesh.

## Swechha for Girls

This programme is dedicated to making a difference in the lives of adolescent girls through awareness sessions. The awareness is provided on topics such as menstruation and its hygiene, personal hygiene, reproductive systems, personal safety, child sexual abuse (CSA), child marriages, attractions in adolescence, etc. This programme aims to break the silence on these critical issues and provide the support and resources these girls need for a healthy, comfortable life. This programme enables girls to speak openly about these topics and break out of the age-old myths.

## Swechha for Women

Swechha Women's Programme by Sankar Shalini Foundation focuses on menstrual hygiene, reproductive health and disorders, gender equity, and self-employment. We raise awareness through campaigns and workshops to empower women with vital knowledge and promote gender equity. We support women in their entrepreneurship efforts by providing training and resources for self-sufficiency. We are trying to create a healthier and more equitable future for them.

## Student Empowerment Training (SET)

Program SET is a dedicated initiative aimed at empowering students through inspirational training sessions. The program focuses on sharing motivational anecdotes, life lessons, and practical skills that inspire students to overcome challenges and strive for excellence.

The interactive sessions cover a wide range of topics, including self-awareness, empathy, critical thinking, decision-making, and problem-solving. Through engaging narratives and activities aligned with UNICEF (United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund) and WHO (World Health Organisation) recommendations, SET fosters vital life skills and personality development.



## Free Education in Slums

The Sankar Shalini Foundation is conducting an educational program for children in District- Chittoor, State- Andhra Pradesh, which will provide free education to 250 children during the 2025–2026 period. Education is the most powerful tool that can bring an enormous change in society and can enlighten and empower people. We all have seen massive changes in the education sector with the introduction of new policies by the government from time to time. Many laws were framed and many policies too were brought to promote free education in the slums of India. Various schemes are introduced to motivate children of



slums, and rural areas to come to school. However, the main question that arises here is :Is Every Individual able to reap the benefits of the education available in India?

Everyone is talking about education in government schools and education in rural areas, forgetting the slums completely. It's a bitter truth that Slum children's education in India remains a burning issue. Moreover, no one talks about that nor likes to mention this anywhere.

Even only a few organizations are seriously focusing on creating an impact and working in the educational sector. But the focus and attention that the educational sector or organization should receive are still lacking and that seriously matters a lot.

## Slum Children in District- Chittoor, State- Andhra Pradesh



The Sankar Shalini Foundation is conducting an educational program for children in District- Chittoor, State- Andhra Pradesh, which will provide free education to 250 children during the 2025–2026 period. According to the Census 2011, more than 8 million children under 6 years of age live in approximately 49,000 slums. Along with it, there are 22.72 million children (age group 5–18) living in urban slums who are out of school. Basically, the slum household comprises mainly migrant workers. These workers are mostly illiterate and less aware of the government schemes for education. They are also constantly moving, in search of new livelihood opportunities.

Therefore, as these migrant children move with their parents, they often lose out on age-appropriate educational opportunities. Often, they engage in labor to escape poverty and support their parents. They are never empowered to study or focus on their education.

We all know the basic importance of childhood care, balanced nutrition, education, and health. However, in a place where there is a struggle for two square meals and even for clean and safe drinking water. The education of children will always take a backseat.

## Education Program for Out-of-School Children

Sankar Shalini Foundation Education Program for Children is a community-driven initiative dedicated to ensuring access to quality education for migrant children in underserved areas. The project is currently active across District- Chittoor, State- Andhra Pradesh.

### Our Objective

Our objective is to bridge the educational gap for children from migrant communities by:

- Identifying out-of-school children (OoSC) through door-to-door surveys
- Enrolling them in Sakshi's structured learning programmes
- Preparing them for mainstream integration into government schools

### Where We Work

- States Covered: District- Chittoor, State- Andhra Pradesh
- Centres Operational: 2 Education Centres
- Total Children Reached: Over 5,00 children aged 6 to 14 years

## Non-Formal Education Support

- Free and compulsory elementary education is a constitutional assurance and is a fundamental right to children in India. Despite continuous efforts there is a significant number of children who have either never been or have dropped out of school, especially the children from slum migrant families who remain outside the periphery of quality education. Thus, non-formal education plays a very vital role in the rural & slum areas to provide education for underprivileged Children. It has proven to be a viable alternative to formal primary education for the 5-14-year age group of children who cannot afford formal education.
- Primary Right to Education Act (RTE Act) use a reference period of 45 working days at any time after the beginning of a school year to identify out-of-school children. If a child does not attend school even for a day in this reference period they are identified as out-of-school children or dropped out. Based on the above understanding Sankar Shalini Foundation Education Program is addressing this issue of children's education in India including drop-out children and marginalized communities comprehensively guided by an inclusive paradigm. Our holistic child development program includes day care, meals for underprivileged students, childhood basic education and enrol them to Government school for a secure future.



- The proposed model is moving away from the conventional bridge model and working towards creating a resilience model for the betterment and improvement of the children.

## Early Childhood Education Support

Traditionally the early childhood years were considered to lay the foundation for inculcation of basic values and social skills in children. In India, much of the early care and education of the child is informal, within the family and largely through the grandmothers' caring practices, stories, lullabies, and traditional infant games, handed down from one generation to the next. In early childhood, one develops the cognitive, physical, social, and emotional skills, which lay the foundation for holistic development. These learnings are largely determined by supportive family structure and community care practices.

But with the families coming from difficult socio-economic realities, it is found that the burden of Child

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The scenes of Girijana Sammelanam at Tummalapalli Kalakshetram in Vijayawada where Girijana Adivasi Sammelanam celebrated on Sunday. Former Vice President of India M Venkaiah Naidu attending

Care is shifted on to the hands of the elder siblings of the family. This burden eventually keeps them away from the educational structure. With growing urbanization, the need and increase in maternal employment has deprived children from accessing informal child care as it is essentially believed to be the responsibility of a woman.

This challenge paved the way for organized Pre- School Education/ Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE). Recognizing the significance of informal child care, Mukesh Chandra Chaturvedi Memorial Charitable and Educational Trust, Working as Leading Child Care NGO imparted ECCE for disadvantaged families. The curriculum is designed as activity based. The activities spanning for four hours in a day focuses on the overall development indicators necessary for a child's growth i.e. cognitive, physical development, language etc.

These ECCE centers in regions of , State- Andhra Pradesh, ensure a safe and healthy environment where the children can grow their knowledge, develop necessary skills of thinking, imagination, and writing. This also prepares them to become part of the mainstream school structure upon enrolment after turning 6 years old.

## Why is early education important for every Children?

A Children Education Programme is a structured learning initiative designed to support underprivileged children through academic help, school readiness, life skills, digital literacy, and overall development. It aims to keep children enrolled in school and improve their learning outcomes. Early education builds foundation skills like reading, writing, motor skills, social development, and discipline. Without it, children fall behind quickly and are at a higher risk of dropping out.

# Focus on e-commerce, digital avenues to sell produce, Venkaiah Naidu tells tribals

In view of growing demand for their products, the former Vice-President advises them to focus on entrepreneurship instead of jobs, which could provide employment opportunities to many

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**F**ormer Vice-President Muppavarapu Venkaiah Naidu has suggested to the tribal people take advantage of the huge demand for tribal products and the growing market. The tribals need to focus on e-commerce and digital business avenues, he said and highlighted the importance of making their eco-friendly products accessible to society.

Mr. Venkaiah Naidu was addressing Girijana Adivasi Sammelan organised by Girijana Praja Samakhya and Girijana Vidyarthi Samkhyah here on Sunday.

The former Vice-President said that there was a demand in the market for tribal products, and they should take advantage of this opportunity to excel in the business sector. The Girijana Adivasis possess unique craftsmanship skills and it is essential to pro-



Former Vice-President M. Venkaiah Naidu participating in Girijana Adivasi Sammelan at Tummalapalli Kalakshetram in Vijayawada on Sunday. G.N. RAO

mote their natural talents, publicise their products, and improve their sources of income. By adapting tribal products to modern needs, it is possible to enhance both the quality and value of their goods, he said adding that the tribals should add commercial value to their natural skills in various handicrafts.

Given the current huge demand for organic food

and other products, Mr. Venkaiah Naidu advised tribals to focus on entrepreneurship instead of jobs, which could provide employment opportunities to many.

### 'Embrace technology'

Particularly the young tribal people should embrace technology and connect their products to the world to achieve significant pro-

gress. All tribals and tribal communities to unite in this direction. The government is providing several opportunities for the Scheduled Tribes (ST), and they should make the most of them to succeed in life.

Social development must be achieved alongside the preservation of their culture and traditions for the benefit of humanity. While some may think that tribal people need to be taught many things about development, Mr. Venkaiah Naidu reminded them that those in urban areas have much to learn from the tribal people. He noted that the term "Adivasi" means "original inhabitants" and that their way of life reflects ancient principles of truth, moral values, and simplicity.

The event was also attended by Andhra Pradesh ST Commission member Vaiditya Shankar Naik, among others, who addressed the gathering.



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