

AKANKSHA

CHARITABLE TRUST

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INTRODUCTION

As a shining beacon of hope, Akanksha Charitable Trust has persistently illuminated the lives of underprivileged students, empowering them to dream big and reach their full potential through innovative initiatives and programs. This report delves into the specifics of our programs and the tangible impact on our beneficiaries, demonstrating the remarkable difference we've made together.

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The Message From Our Managing Trustee



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Dear Supporters, Partners, and Friends

As I reflect on the journey of Akanksha Charitable Trust (ACT) over the past year, I am filled with immense pride and gratitude. Our mission to empower rural education and transform lives has continued to inspire us, guide us, and drive us forward, even in the face of challenges. The pages of this Annual Report bear witness to the dedication, resilience, and passion of our team, volunteers, and partners.

Envision a future where every child has access to quality education, opportunities for growth, and the support they need to thrive.

Together, we have made significant strides in advancing educational opportunities for rural students across Dakshina Kannada, Uttara Kannada, Udupi, and Kodagu districts. Our initiatives, from Grantha Mitra to Belaku, Jnana Vahini to Career Guidance programs, have touched the lives of over 5000 students, brightening futures, unlocking potential, and the fostering a love for learning. Through strategic collaborations and community engagement, we have expanded our reach, deepened and laid the foundation for sustainable progress.

Behind every achievement lies a story of perseverance, innovation, and collaboration. It is the collective effort of dedicated individuals and organizations that has propelled us forward, turning dreams into reality and aspirations into achievements. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to our supporters, partners, volunteers, and team members for their unwavering dedication and relentless pursuit of our shared mission. Together, we will continue to illuminate, inspire, and empower generations to come.

Dr. Shreesha Bhat

Managing Trustee, Akanksha Charitable Trust (R.), Puttur



A Promise of Empowerment

In the quiet dawn of a rural landscape, where the first light of day gently touched the humble homes, a young government school student stirred from sleep. With determination etched on his face, he rose early, shouldering the responsibilities of his home before embarking on the journey to school.

Each step he took, through dusty paths and verdant fields, was a testament to his courage and resilience, driven by the promise of a brighter future.

Through relentless dedication and a shared vision, ACT's impact rippled across communities, touching the lives of thousands annually. From rural classrooms to state-level conclave halls, the journey of empowerment continued, weaving a tapestry of knowledge, resilience, and transformation.

And as we reflect on the chapters written, we look ahead with optimism, knowing that the journey of empowerment is not just a story, but a promise – a promise to illuminate, inspire and empower generations to come.



01. Who we are?

Akanksha Charitable Trust (ACT) emerged in 2012, initially addressing the educational disparities faced by rural students in Dakshina Kannada and rural Bangalore. Since 2014, officially established as ACT, empowering rural govt. high schools by fostering practical knowledge and creativity. At the our core, we conduct hands-on workshops, practical classes, skill development sessions, tailored to students' aspirations.

02. What we do?

At Akanksha, our vision is to illuminate the minds of rural government school children with advanced scientific knowledge and social awareness. We strive to enhance life skills and leadership among the youth, guiding them into the competitive world with confidence. Our mission is to inspire and engage youth in service activities, fostering their self-development while disseminating knowledge and instilling a scientific temperament in rural school children.



ACT Events

Impact Highlights

Our flagship program, Grantha Mitra, provided vital educational resources and academic support to over 2,000 students in Dakshina Kannada, Uttara Kannada, and Udupi districts.



5000 +
Beneficiaries



FOUR
Districts



800 +
Volunteers



Other Features



**350+ Youths
Guided**



**500+ Young
Leaders
Inspired**



**88 Librarians
Empowered**



**86 Digital
Champions
Built**



What have we accomplished ?

Collaborative Initiatives

We are thrilled to announce our collaboration with key partners for Grantha Mitra initiative, joining hands with entities such as Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (Government of Karnataka), NSS State Unit, Nitte University, Amrita University, and Mangalore University. We are also excited to announce our collaboration with Tata Consumer Products and Commscope for Empower programs and Grantha Mitra.

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STEM Lab in Vittal

Operating a dedicated STEM Lab, we conduct practical classes, enriching students in learning experiences. More than one thousand students are the benefiting from the labengaging in the workshops designed to enhance learning

02

Academic Excellence and Scholarships

We are providing NMMS Free Online Coaching classes to students, in collaboration with District Administration Authorities, furthering our commitment to educational empowerment.

03

Partnership

Team ACT signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Government of Karnataka for next three years for effective implementation of Grantha Mitra

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E-Grantha Mitra

Recognizing the need for flexible learning solutions, we embarked on the planning phase of E-Grantha Mitra. This digital platform will serve as a lifeline for remote areas and during holiday seasons, ensuring uninterrupted access to education for all.

Highlights

The signing of a three-year MOU signifies a steadfast commitment to the long-term progress of Grantha Mitra Initiative.

- **Dakshina Kannada - Over 900 Beneficiaries**
- **Uttara Kannada - Over 800 Beneficiaries**
- **Udupi - Around 300 Beneficiaries**



Milestones of Excellence

N.M.M.S Examination



The Jnana Vahini initiative,

led by Team ACT, is an extensive educational program designed to provide coaching and guidance to students preparing for the National Means cum Merit Scholarship (NMMS) examination. This initiative employs a variety of platforms, including online classes via the Teachment app, recorded sessions on YouTube, and offline workshops across different taluks, to reach and support a broad audience of eligible students.

N.M.M.S Result

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Students

Objectives :

1. To Provide Quality Coaching
2. To Increase Access to Education
3. To Facilitate Scholarships

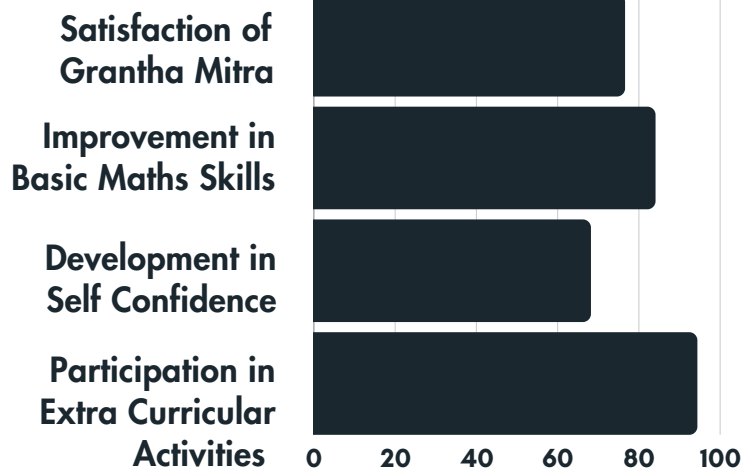
MOU Signing and RDPR Recognition

Grantha Mitra Growth

Our flagship program, Grantha Mitra, provided vital educational resources and academic support to over 2,000 students in Dakshina Kannada, Uttara Kannada, and Udupi districts.

Grantha Mitra Initiative remains steadfast in its commitment to rural education, leveraging innovation, collaboration and dedication to empower communities and nurture the leaders of tomorrow.

Student Feedback Analysis





Belaku Program

Illuminating Minds, Empowering Futures

Program Overview

The Belaku Program focuses on hands-on learning, teamwork and personal growth, aiming to transform the way students learn and approach subjects.

Outcome

The program has empowered students with knowledge, skills and confidence, becoming a beacon of hope and ambition for them. The Belaku program aims to propel students towards their dreams and aspirations.



The program 01. components include

- Physics lab experiments
- Biology corner with microscope exploration
- Financial Literacy sessions
- Teamwork and collaboration activities
- Workshops and personalized guidance sessions
- Inspirational speeches & conversations

02. Impact

- Transforming the way students learn and approach subjects
- Developing essential skills in leadership, cooperation, and communication
- Igniting the spark of leadership and personal growth



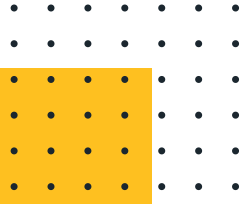
Schools where Belaku events were conducted

- BGS School, Shivamogga
- Sri Subramanya Swamy School, Kadandale
- Gokarna Vishnu Gupta Vidya Peeta (motivational camp)



Kodagu District

Kodagu Digital Librarians



Empowering Kodagu Digital Librarians

The Empower Program, a flagship initiative of Akanksha Charitable Trust, demonstrates our dedication to empowering communities through education. This program focuses on enhancing communication skills among government librarians in Coorg, spanning 88 digital libraries. Over six weeks, the program delivers an intensive curriculum designed to improve communication proficiency in English.

Building a Stronger ACT

Volunteer Training Initiative

Akanksha Charitable Trust (ACT) is committed to empowering our volunteers, the backbone of our organization. In 2023-2024, we launched a ground-breaking two day training program designed to hone their skills and elevate their impact.

Bridging the Digital Divide in Rural Karnataka

Akanksha Charitable Trust's GoIT Program empowers Kodagu Digital Librarians, transforming them into champions of digital literacy and sustainability in their communities.

Impact

1. **Enhanced Leadership**
2. **Improved Communication**
3. **Simplified Teaching Methods**
4. **Strengthened volunteer capabilities**
5. **Increased volunteer confidence**
6. **Improved volunteer engagement**



Bridging the Digital Divide in Rural Karnataka

GoIT Program 2024



Impact of GoIT Program

- Advanced Digital Skills
- Critical Thinking and Design Thinking
- Sustainability Champions

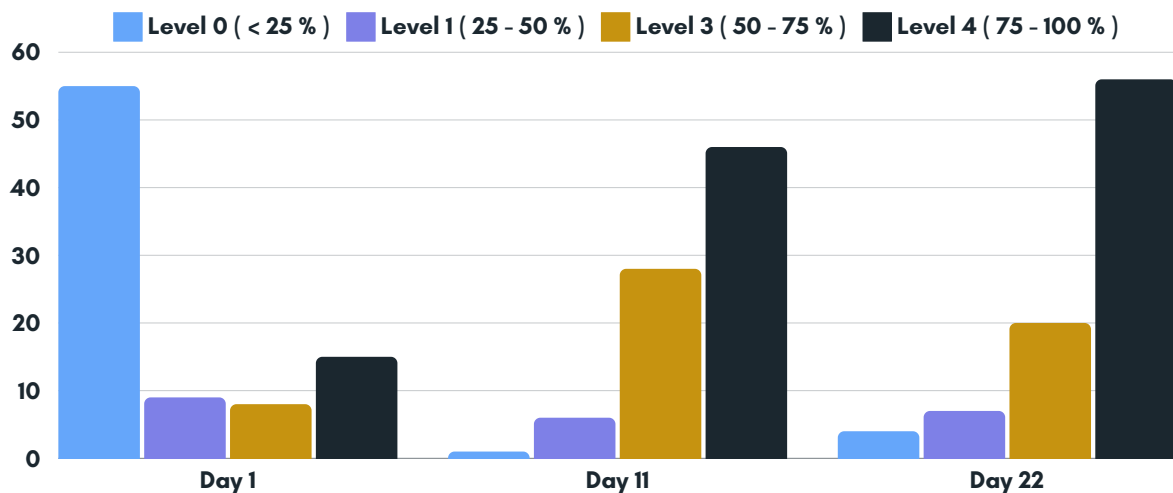
Active Participation

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Librarians

participated in 18 groups, with a teacher-to-student ratio of 5:1, ensuring personalized attention and engagement.

GoIT Program Analysis



This chart shows the digital librarians marks improving from Level 0 (<25%) to Level 4 (75-100%) over 22 days.



The hackathon and student program

State Level Youth Conference 2023



Overview

The State Level Youth Conclave 2023, held at Nitte University's Avishkar Hall on November 6, 2023, marked a significant milestone in the journey of the youth empowerment. This conclave emerged as a resounding success, resonating with the energy and enthusiasm of the young participants.

With distinguished guest speaker Mr. A. R. Ghanashyam, a retired Indian Foreign Service officer, the event was set abuzz with dynamic interactions and enriching panel discussions.

Mr. Ghanashyam's insights provided a beacon of inspiration for the youth, igniting their passion for contributing to the nation's development.

State Level Quiz Competition

One of the highlights of the conclave was the intense State Level Quiz Competition, where participants showcased their knowledge and quick-thinking skills. With attractive prizes up for grabs, the competition added an element of excitement and friendly rivalry to the event.

Museum Visit

Program Overview

The visit aimed to provide students with hands-on learning opportunities and a deeper understanding of scientific concepts. Through interactive displays, they explored topics such as snake varieties, blood groups, and emergency procedures for snakebites.

Support



CSR Partners





Team Akanksha Charitable Trust (ACT)

Summary

This year, Akanksha Charitable Trust (ACT) has made significant strides in advancing educational opportunities for rural students. Through initiatives like Grantha Mitra, Belaku, and the Vittal STEM Lab, we've empowered thousands of students across multiple districts. Key partnerships, including the MoU with the Government of Karnataka, have strengthened our ability to drive lasting change.

Looking ahead, ACT is dedicated to continuing this momentum by expanding our programs and deepening our impact. We believe that through education and community engagement, we can unlock the potential within every student, fostering a future where knowledge and opportunity are accessible to all.

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