



vidyaranya
Towards sustainable change

Annual Report 2021-22

FROM GENERAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE

Dear Supporters,

I want to thank you for all your support towards creating happy childhoods, empowering women, and providing care for senior citizens in 2021. One of the greatest privileges I have as the General Secretary of Vidyaranya is seeing first-hand the incredible impact various programmes have on more than a thousand lives every single day, creating new opportunities for children, women, and senior citizens.

The past year was an exciting era for us as we have expanded our verticals and entered the environment sector. Community and health are the other initiatives that we have been focusing on to broaden the reach of Vidyaranya.

Vidyaranya wouldn't have been able to achieve everything it did if it wasn't for your invaluable and unshakeable support. Your contribution not only helped the children to receive a quality education, the women to find hope in life, and the senior citizens to find a home away from their home but also created a safe and healthy environment for them to grow. When you donated to Vidyaranya or participated in our initiatives, you made sure that our people's voices were heard.

I'm so grateful to each and every one of you for being the very backbone of all our efforts. Thank you so much for standing by us, as we continue on this journey of transforming children's lives! With faith and goodwill.



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General Secretary

A MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

Dear Supporters,

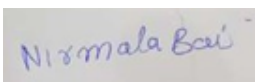
It was because of supporters like you, that the past year was an active one for our organization. In addition to the services provided to the target population, our governing council was busy in 2021-20 with efforts to strengthen our organization, in order to run the organization effectively and efficiently.

The past year was a journey never experienced, but it was due to your support that Vidyaranya was able to cater to the underprivileged sections of the society and those impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Because of your encouragement, Vidyaranya was able to reach out to 1000 people on a daily basis through its various initiatives. Also, hearty gratitude to all the volunteers who dedicated their precious time to support us in our cause and impart their skills for the benefit of our people.

Thank you so much for standing by us and trusting us as we embark on this journey to spread love and hope.

On behalf of Board of Trustees,



Nirmala Bai
President





ABOUT US

WHO ARE WE?

Established in the year 1991, Vidyaranya was founded by Mr. M. C. Ramesh to serve the marginalized sections of society including children, women, children, aged, differently able, that needed the most care but usually went unnoticed. He committed himself to the goal of providing a choice and an opportunity of better living for those who were the most underprivileged. In the 30 years that followed, many more shared their vision and joined him in his mission to make Vidyaranya what it is now, a non-profit organization with the strength of dedicated staff that works to keep the dream alive and thriving.

Vidyaranya's focus is to work with the most marginalized groups in society. It has a holistic approach and integrated one to empower the participant beneficiaries in all spheres of their lives.



Our Mission

To work with marginalized sections of the society to empower them and enable them to evolve a Vision of an alternate society that includes alternate models of social and economic relations and Alternate development paradigm



Our Vision

A prosperous, harmonious and peaceful society

OUR INITIATIVES

01

EDUCATION & CHILD CARE

- NAMMA MANE (HOME FOR GIRL CHILDREN)
- SHELTER FOR STREET CHILDREN
- SCHOOL FOR DISABLED CHILDREN
- MISSING CHILD BUREAU

02

WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

- REHABILITATION CENTRE FOR TRAFFICKED WOMEN
- REHABILITATION CENTRE FOR DISTRESSED WOMEN
- HOSTEL FOR DISABLED STUDENTS, TRAINEES AND WORKING WOMEN

03

SENIOR CARE

- OLD AGE HOME FOR MEN
- OLD AGE HOME FOR WOMEN

04

SKILL DEVELOPMENT & LIVELIHOOD

- ENTREPRENEURSHIP & JOB PLACEMENTS
- INMATES & LOCAL COMMUNITIES

05

HEALTH

- CHECK-UPS
- MENTAL HEALTH
- COMMUNITY HEALTH INITIATIVES

06

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- AWARENESS PROGRAMS
- COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & IMPLEMENTATIONS
- NIGHT SHELTER FOR THE URBAN HOMELESS

07

ENVIRONMENT

- SOLAR POWER GENERATING SYSTEM
- TREE PLANTATION
- LAKE REJUVINATION
- PARKS AND PLANT NURSERY
- ARECA LEAF PLATE MAKING
- GRAMEENA UTSAVA
- SUSTAINABLE FASHION

Success Story



Orphaned at a very tender age, Lalitha was admitted to Namma Mane ('Our Home'). Her parents were very poor. They were rag pickers and could not provide their children with the necessary food, shelter, care, and were able to educate Lalitha only up to 2nd Standard, in a government school. She also has an elder brother. She was referred by our social mobilizer. Lalitha loves playing outdoors and getting involved in sports. She is currently a happy and mischievous 10-year-old girl. She has successfully learnt how to read and write. She has also improved in her academics and is good at dancing. Lalitha also loves to hone her guitar skills.

EDUCATION IS THE MOST POWERFUL WEAPON WHICH YOU CAN USE TO CHANGE THE WORLD.

Namma Mane is a rehabilitation home for girl children. The shelter houses 40 girl children from vulnerable backgrounds. Similarly we have two other childrens' initiatives namely open shelter for street kids and a school for specially abled kids. The programme provides these children with food, shelter, and clothing. We understand the value of education in shaping an individual's life and hence enable these kids with access to quality education.

NAMMA MANE

OPEN SHELTER

**RESIDENTIAL
SCHOOL FOR
SPECIALLY ABLED
CHILDREN**





DAILY CLASSES

Daily time-table and schedule has been drafted at each project to facilitate the education and other activities of the children. Children go to school and also, receive remedial coaching.

EXTRA CURRICULARS

Extra curriculums are as much important for the kids as the studies, and hence we facilitate sports for these children. Also, cultural activities are also conducted like painting, dancing, etc.



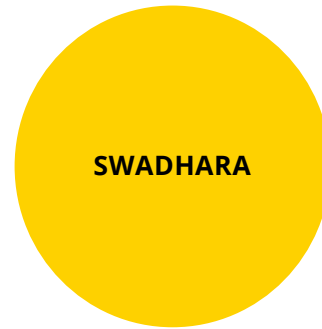
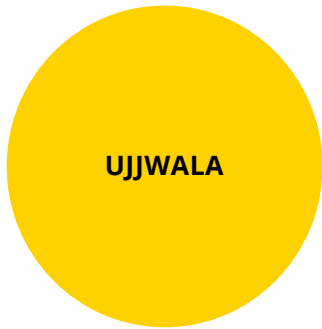
LIFE SKILL SESSIONS

These children come from distressed backgrounds primarily orphans, street kids, etc. and hence life skill sessions become of utmost importance to them.



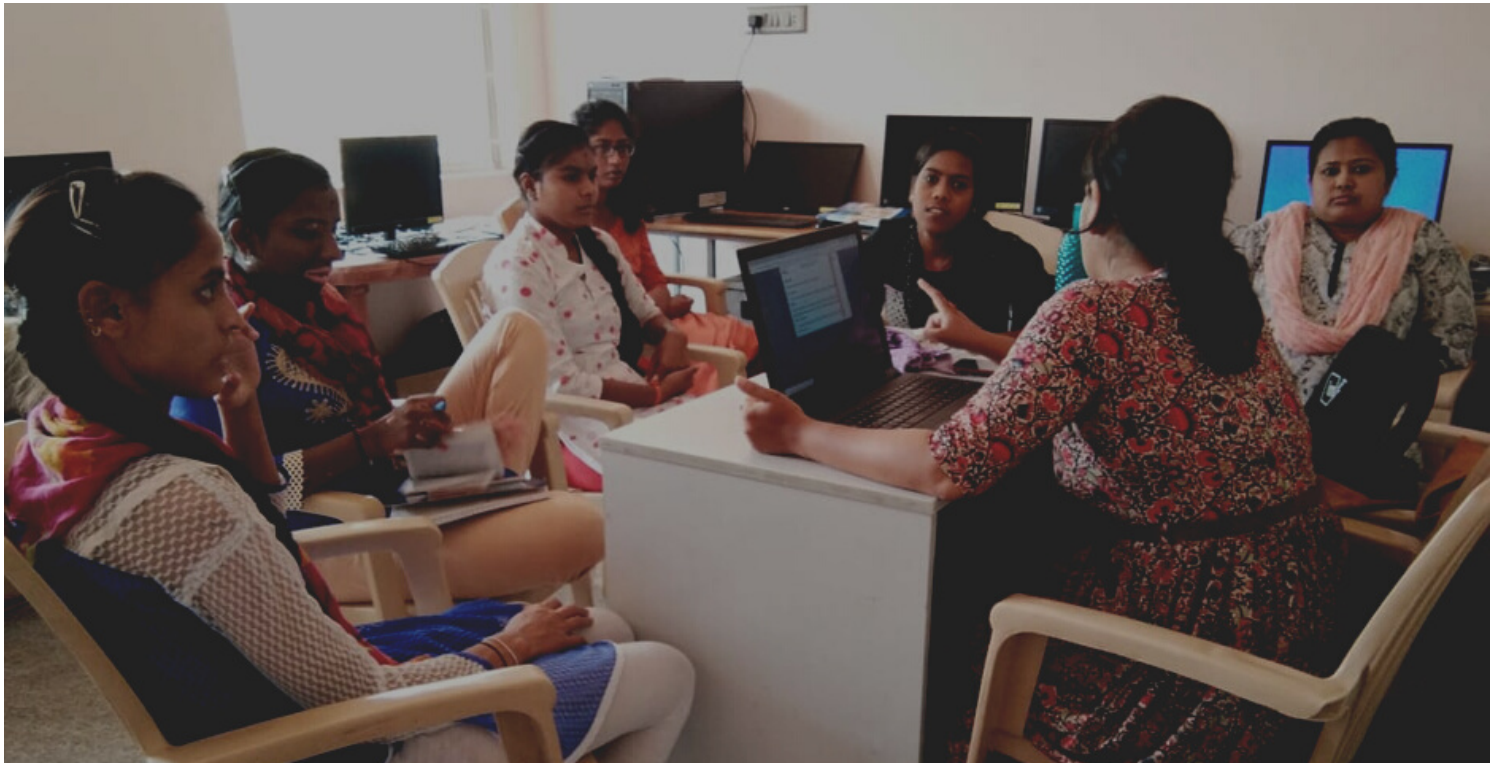
IF YOU DON'T FIGHT FOR ALL WOMEN, YOU FIGHT FOR NO WOMEN.

The latest figures from the National Crime Records Bureau show that a crime was recorded against women every three minutes. As a result of violence, women suffer social isolation, unemployment, income loss, poor self-care and fail to provide childcare, which is a grave concern.



Vidyaranya works towards the rescue and rehabilitation of such women who are victims of trafficking, sexual assault, domestic violence, etc. We believe that the true progress of a nation will happen only when the women of the country are empowered. Hence, we work towards empowering these women through various Vocational Training and assisting them with job placements.





Vocational training in tailoring, BPO, mat making, artificial jewellery making and candle making is conducted to empower these women coming from distressed background. This gives a sense of empowerment in them and also develops a sustainable solution to the issue in hand.



"PEOPLE OF OLD AGE ARE A TREASURE TO BE TREATED RESPECTFULLY, AS THEY CAN OFFER US WISDOM AND LIFE EXPERIENCES."

Through our initiatives for senior citizens, Vidyaranya reaches out to the old-age people who have been deserted by their family or have no family. We aim to provide them with a comfortable life by providing them with basic amenities of food, clothing, and shelter and also, providing them with required medical and psychological assistance.

**HOSA BELAKU
HOME FOR
THE AGED**

**GANDHI HOME
FOR
THE AGED**

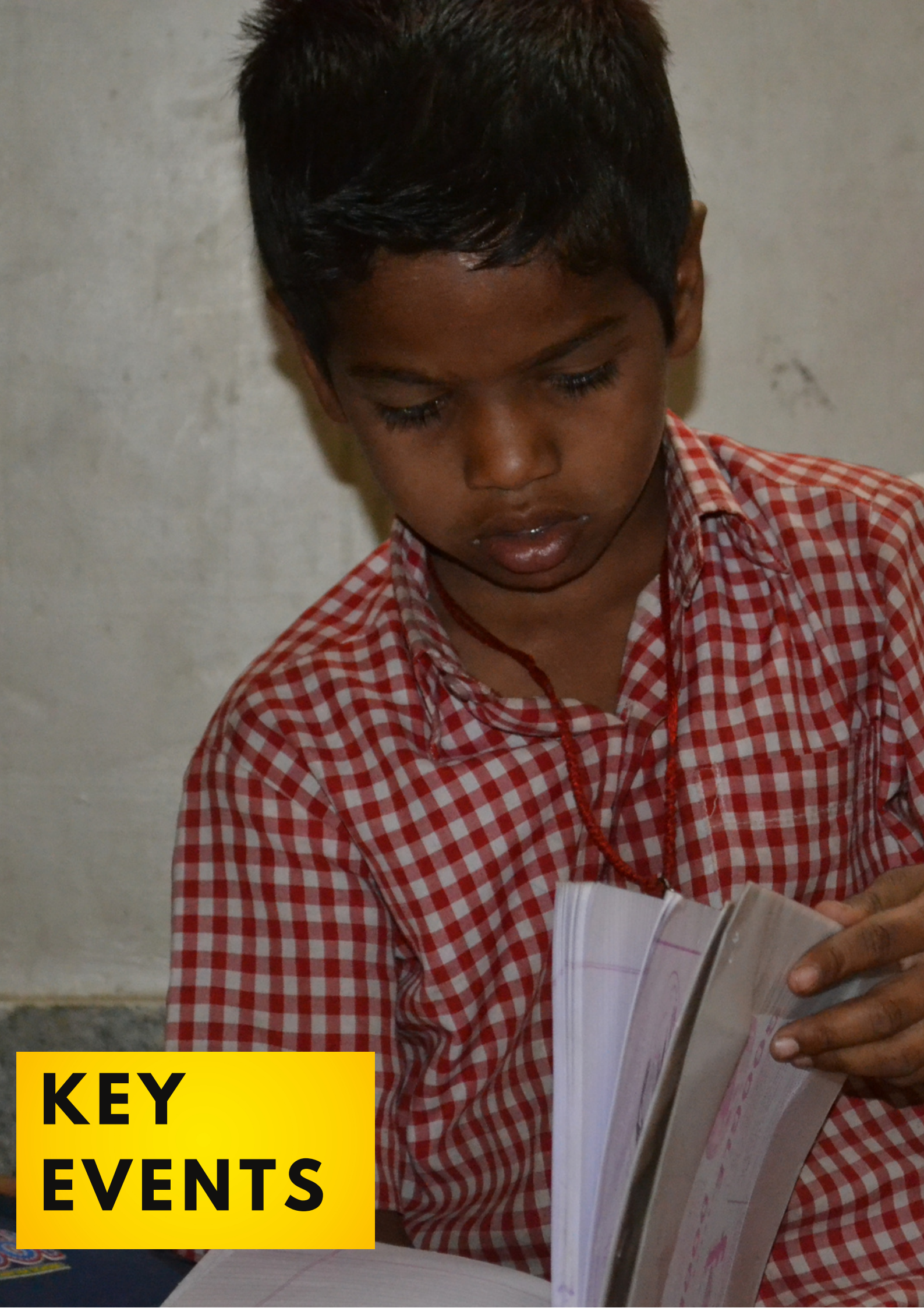
In order to engage them and utilize their time in productive activities, the inmates engage in vocational training for candle making and paper bag making. They also engage in gardening and an annual trip is also organised for them.



Success Story



David hails from Tamil Nadu and was found on the streets as his family was financially incapable. His father is an alcoholic and used to hit his wife regularly. The mother could not tolerate this any further and thus, ran off from her house with her kids. However, it was difficult for her to sustain the family, and thus, ended up on the streets. She was later approached by Vidyaranya staff and David was taken into the Open Shelter project. Now he is leading a happy life along with all his friends and going to school and is in 3rd grade.



**KEY
EVENTS**

Charity Bake Sale By Lavonne

A seed ball (or seed bomb) is a seed that has been wrapped in soil materials, usually a mixture of clay and compost, and then dried. Seed balls are an easy and sustainable way to cultivate plants in a way that provides a larger window of time when the sowing can occur.



Mental Health Sessions- Dr.Ruchi

Mental health is a topic we particularly stress upon. It's the key factor is rehabilitating our victims. Hence we conduct regular mental health awareness sessions for the kids.

Life Skill Sessions

On blood donor day we got together with ESI blood bank and conducted a blood donation drive.

We collected about 30 units of blood. We do conduct similar camps on a regular.



Laptop Drive

Amazon had a great initiative to distribute laptops amongst our children.

With the whole online culture booming Amazon's laptops have made it easier for our girls to attend online classes.

Laptop skills are a must and they have now made that possible too.

Seedball Making Event

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High Density Plantation Drive

We conducted a high density plantation drive at Kidwai hospital in collaboration with @citrix. We conducted many more this year and wish to do more.

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Breast Cancer Screening

We collaborated with Pink express, an initiative by @rotary_blr_it_corridor and @projectniramaya for a breast cancer screening conducted at our Mandur premises by specialised doctors.

All the women at our projects and the local women of Mandur were screened for early detection of breast cancer for free!



Pad Distribution Drive

We have a lovely group of volunteers who have started a wonderful initiative to distribute free pads to the women at our organisation.

Our initiative aims to spread awareness around menstrual hygiene and break the stigma over the same.



Free Haircuts By Vurve

Vurve salon has been giving our girls makeovers!

This wonderful initiative by them is to support orphaned girl children. We are grateful for your contribution.

Vocational Training

CMR university conducted one on one English classes for the children of Vidyaranya.

This helped them drastically and we are conducting more such sessions for them.



Yellow Rabbit Photoshoot

Yellow Rabbit is a childrens' clothing company that curates sustainable products.

In addition to giving back to the planet, they arrived at a novel concept of collaborating with Vidyaranya and allowed our children to take part in their Monsoon '22 photoshoot. This was amazing exposure for the children who were delighted with the experience.

Success Story



Praveen suffers from down syndrome. His father is an alcoholic and does not work, and hence, his elder brother had to take up the family's responsibility at a young age and started working. However, the family is financially incapable and thus, Praveen was admitted to Vidyaranya.

Praveen is friendly and undergoes a school curriculum for special children. Since his admission two years back, he has shown progress in learning and quickly picks up things.

The prevalence of intellectual disability has been estimated at 1-4% i.e. about 20 people per 1000 in the population. Many families are not able to bear the financial burden and many view these children as a liability.

Support Vidyaranya is facilitating these children with education and living in order to promote self-sustenance.

VOLUNTEER WITH US

“Remember that the happiest people are not those getting more, but those giving more.”
— H. Jackson Brown Jr

Vidyaranya works for children, children with special needs, women, senior citizens, community, health and environment. Since its inception, Vidyaranya has been working towards recognizing the prevailing issues in the unprivileged sections of the society and eradicating it. An inevitable contribution to this cause comes from the persistent efforts of the volunteers. These self-motivated individuals understand the need to get involved with this cause. Vidyaranya offers a diverse range of volunteering opportunities. Through these, you can not only contribute towards the betterment of underprivileged children/women/senior citizens, but also undergo a transformational journey for yourselves!



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