



# SEVA SANGAMA

Non-Governmental Organization for Concern Development  
Near Kendriya Vidyalaya, Kotnoor (D) Village, Jewargi Road,  
Kalaburagi- 585102



## Annual Report 2023-2024



## Bishop's Message



As we reflect on the 2023-24. Our journey, which began 17 ago, has been one of deep commitment, growth, and transformation, always guided by our mission to uplift those most in need.

Over the years, Seva Sangama has remained steadfast in its focus on addressing the challenges faced by individuals with disabilities, women, farmers, Slum children and the underprivileged youth of our district. Through initiatives such as skill-based empowerment programs for women and youth, we have equipped individuals with the tools they need to lead independent and dignified lives. Our efforts in environmental protection have further emphasized our belief in a holistic approach to development, recognizing the integral connection between the health of our planet and the well-being of our communities.

In addition, our programs in early intervention and early education have ensured that children at risk receive the support they need during their formative years, setting the foundation for a brighter future. We have also been on the frontline during natural calamities, and the challenges brought about by the Covid-19 pandemic tested our resilience and compassion in unprecedented ways. Yet, through it all, we were able to offer assistance to those in need, thanks to the unwavering dedication of our staff and volunteers.

None of this would have been possible without the tireless efforts of our Governing Board members, our Director, and our committed staff members. Their selfless service has been the backbone of our organization, enabling us to continue serving the most marginalized with dignity and respect.

I also extend my heartfelt gratitude to all our donors and well-wishers, whose generous contributions and unwavering belief in our mission have allowed us to sustain and expand our work over the years. Your support has been invaluable in transforming the lives of countless individuals, and for that, we are deeply thankful.

As we move forward into another year of service, we remain committed to creating lasting, positive change in the lives of the vulnerable. Together, we will continue to strive towards a future where every individual in Bidar district can thrive in a just and compassionate society.

With gratitude and hope for the future,

**Most Rev Robert Michael Miranda**

Seva Sangama Development Society  
Kalaburagi





## Director's Message

Dear Friends and Supporters,

We are immensely proud to present Seva Sangama annual report for the year 2023-24, marking a significant milestone in our journey — 17 years of dedicated service to the community of Bidar. Guided by our vision of a transformed society based on equality, justice, and love, we reflect on our accomplishments and look forward to the challenges and opportunities ahead.

### Our Vision

For three decades, Seva Sangama has been committed to fostering a society where every individual, regardless of background, enjoys equal opportunities, social justice prevails, and compassion guides

our actions. Our work is grounded in the belief that sustainable development begins with empowering communities and individuals.

### Our Impactful Initiatives

**Women Empowerment:** Over the years, we have empowered countless women in Kalaburagi through skill-building workshops, entrepreneurship training, and advocacy for gender equality. Our efforts have led to increased economic independence and improved social standing for women in our communities.

**Community-Based Inclusive Development:** We continue to champion inclusive growth strategies that ensure no one is left behind. By engaging with local communities, we have implemented projects that promote social cohesion and empower marginalized groups.

**Natural Resource Management:** Seva Sangama remains steadfast in its commitment to preserving Bidar's natural resources. Through reforestation efforts, water conservation projects, and awareness campaigns, we strive to safeguard our environment for future generations.

**Early Intervention and Early Education:** Investing in early childhood development has been a cornerstone of our approach. By providing quality early education and developmental support, we lay the foundation for lifelong learning and success.

### Gratitude and Recognition

As we celebrate this milestone, we extend our deepest gratitude to our donors, partners, volunteers, and dedicated staff members who have been instrumental in Sevasangma's success. Your unwavering support and commitment have enabled us to make a lasting impact in Kalaburagi.

### Looking Ahead

While we take pride in our achievements, we remain mindful of the challenges that lie ahead. Economic disparities, environmental degradation, and social injustices continue to demand our attention. Moving forward, Seva Sangama is committed to leveraging our experience and expertise to address these challenges effectively.

### Conclusion

In conclusion, as we embark on the next phase of our journey, Seva Sangama reaffirms its dedication to creating a society where equality, justice, and love flourish. Together with our stakeholders and supporters, we are confident that we can build a brighter future for the communities we serve.

Thank you for your continued trust and partnership.

Warm regards,

Fr. Victor Anil Vas

Director, Seva Sangama



Most. Rev. Robert Miranda  
Bishop of Gulbarga Diocese  
President of Seva Sangama



Rev. Fr. Stany Lobo  
V G of Gulbarga Diocese  
Vice – President



Rev. Fr. Anil Victor Vas  
Secretary/ Director



Rev. Fr. Santhosh Bapu  
Member



Sr. Reena D'Souza  
Member

**Vision:** A transformed society based on equality, justice and love

**Mission:** To facilitate the empowerment of the marginalized and uplift the economically backward people through participatory actions and capacity building with collaborative social actions leading to self-dignity and self-reliance.

#### Goals

- Enhanced dignity, quality of life and participation in local self-governance for socially and economically backward women through integrated development.

- Children enjoying a safe and secure environment exercising their Rights and accessing inclusive development.
- Upholding dignity of life and Mainstreaming Persons with disability and HIV by increasing access to opportunities and entitlements along with promotion of education, skills and leadership.
- Protection and sustainable management of Natural Resources by caring for Mother Earth.
- Self-sustained organization for Sustainable Development.

## **PROGRAMS**

- *Women Empowerment Programme (WEP)*
- *Women in Micro Enterprise (SAMRUDI)*
- *Early Intervention & Early Education*
- *Ujjivana For Farmers*
- *SABALA- Skill Development*
- *SPARSHA Cancer Awareness Program*
- *Vidya Vikas- for Sulm children*
- *Special Programs*

### **Early intervention& Early Education**

#### **Goal:**

Identify and enhance the normal development of the infants and toddlers at risk of developmental delays: Such as physical, cognitive, communication, social or emotional development, sensory and adaptive development.

#### **Objectives**

##### **Early Identification**

- Children from 0-6 years show confidence and enjoy their right to education



- Families understand their own strengths, abilities and special needs and support their children to develop and learn.
- Ensure that the children with development delays receive support services
- Sensitization of other stakeholders on early identification & intervention among children with disabilities.
- Government departments at Taluk level and district level extend their support for the effective implementation of EI & EE programme

Early Intervention and early education programme involves identifying/screening children with different disabilities in the age group of 0-6 years, providing necessary intervention after proper assessment. Empowering parents to enable them to deal with the special needs of their disabled child and creating awareness amongst various stakeholders for ensuring the functional, developmental and coping abilities of children.



**Target group:** The disabled children below the age of 6 belonging to economically weaker sections of the community.



**Smart Goal:** To strengthen the ecosystem for early stage intervention and early education (EI & EE) for 450 children with disabilities/development delays of Kalaburagi Taluk and 3 PHC Hoonkirangi, Farhatabad, Savalgi between the age group of 0-6 years and the relevant stakeholders through therapeutic and support services.

**Objective of Early Intervention:** To identify disability in minimum 450 children between 0 - 6 year old, assist them with identification of disability, rehabilitate them in order to mitigate the effects of disability to as they grow.



#### **Objectives:**

1. Identification of 315 children with disabilities
2. To provide assistance in surgeries, medicine, physiotherapy and speech and hearing therapy.
3. To Provide Assistive devices (Aids and Appliances)
4. To reduce the impact of disability and to live independently.
5. To bring changes in Child and the attitude of the Parents
6. To provide education by fostering inclusive education
7. To facilitate Govt. entitlements

8. To create awareness among parents, students and people about the causes of Disability, Rights and entitlements of Disabled persons.

**Focus:** The focus of the project is to provide early intervention to the young children with developmental delay and other disabilities. Besides this, speech therapy, physical therapy, corrective surgeries, Occupational Therapy, psychological and audiology services would be provided as an integral part of this programme. Basic education and various coping strategies will be imparted to the children from 3-6 years in order to enrol them to the mainstream schools and get adjusted to the school environment.

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Besides this, families especially the parents and care givers are helped to gain control over their lives and develop their capacity to meet the emerging needs of their children and to promote development. All the other stakeholders in the community will be made aware of the needs of such children and the necessary links to be utilized in providing service to these children and their families.



### Activities

- ❖ Identification of 27 Children through door-to-door survey.
- ❖ Assessment of the Child with a disability to classify the disability.
- ❖ Counselling to Parents about the Disability and their roles and responsibilities.
- ❖ Assessment for Medical Help like Surgeries, Medicine, Physiotherapy, Hearing and Speech Therapy etc
- ❖ Surgeries and Medical Help
- ❖ Home/community-based Physiotherapy, Hearing and Speech Therapy
- ❖ 34 Children received of assistive devices
- ❖ Training on using and servicing the Assistive devices
- ❖ Growth assessment.
- ❖ Awareness in communities, schools, colleges, about the causes of disability and prevention.
- ❖ Training for ASHAs, Anganwadi Staff and ANMs about the Early Intervention program and their role.
- ❖ Trainings for parents on how to cope up with the disabled Children





## Achievement

- ❖ We surveyed Gulbarga urban area and successfully visited 415 Anganwadis.
- ❖ 315 children are identified and registered.
- ❖ 152 children, are given reassessment
- ❖ 34 children received Aids and appliances
- ❖ 225 Anganvadi workers and other stakeholders were trained on early identification
- ❖ We set up a Chetana Early Intervention Centre in a prominent place and equipped it with various Materials for Stimulation Activities.
- ❖ 3062 Home Based Stimulation Activities were conducted.
- ❖ 277 Centre-based Stimulation Activities were conducted.
- ❖ 1 Surgery has done.
- ❖ 5 Bank Accounts are opened.
- ❖ 6 Meetings for the Parents were conducted.
- ❖ 12 Children benefited from Medical Camp
- ❖ 35 Vanamohostava programs were conducted.
- ❖ 91 New Children were Identified
- ❖ 210 children received nutrition food twice in a month
- ❖ 20 children received a Niramaya Card
- ❖ 120 children received Disability Card
- ❖ 10 children received a scholarship
- ❖ 10 children received help for the treatment
- ❖ Collaboration with other projects we extended our services to the rural areas of Kalaburagi taluk.
- ❖ 200 participated in the World Disable Day celebration.
- ❖ 7 early interventionists trained to do the assessment and stimulation activities.
- ❖ 134 awareness programs were conducted in Gulbarga Taluk and 7352 people directly received the awareness.
- ❖ Counselling is given to 45 parents of EI children.



## The success story of Uliay Kulsum:



Kulsuma, a girl child born on 22nd November 2012, is the eldest of two children of Mr. Usaman and Mrs. Reashma Bahanu, a poor couple from Tarfele Nagar, Kalaburgi. From birth, Kulsuma faced challenges with her mobility and was unable to sit or move on her own—she could only lie down.



At the age of four, the family was visited by Seva Sangama's Early Intervention and Education (EI & EE) animator, who brought hope to the parents. They reassured Mr. Usaman and Mrs. Reashma that with proper therapy, their daughter could improve her mobility.

With the support and therapy provided by Seva Sangama, Kulsuma's condition gradually improved. She is now able to sit, stand, and walk with the help of standing and sitting aids provided by the organization. Her parents are actively involved in her home-based therapy, training alongside the EI & EE team to continue Kulsuma's progress at home.

Thanks to the dedication of the SSDS staff and the unwavering support of her parents, Kulsuma's condition is steadily improving. Her parents have expressed heartfelt gratitude to the SSDS staff, whose interventions have brought remarkable results in their child's development.

## UJJIVANA PROJECT PHASE III

Goal: Fostering and Securing Self-Sustaining Climate Resilient Agriculture. Livelihood through Community-Owned Processes in Kalaburagi. The Ujjivana Project Phase III, implemented by SevaSangama with financial support from Misereor, Germany, has been underway since January 2022 in 10 villages of Gulbarga Taluk. The project aims to empower small landholding farmers (up to 5 acres) and encourage them to adopt modern and climate-resilient agricultural practices. It also provides technical support to help eligible small farmers access various government agro-based schemes and benefits.



During the current project period (January 2022 to December 2024), the initiative has successfully mobilized several government agricultural schemes for small-scale farmers as follows:

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Awareness and Training programs conducted on various activities for 7160 beneficiaries at 10 villages, 5 panchayats, at 2 Hoblies at Kalaburagi Taluk of Kalaburagi District:-

### Activities: Meeting / Awareness and Training Programs

- MGNREGA – Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act for GP and Migrant Laborers
- Re Strengthening Community Institutions
- Awareness Meetings on Schemes for Sustainable Livelihood Development



- Meeting with Community Institutions On Local Resource / Schemes Identification & Management
- Block Level Public Hearing / Jan Sabha With Community Leaders
- Focus group discussion with selected community representatives
- Half-yearly review meeting
- Dialogue between community leaders and government officials - KVKs, ADA, PRI and Horticulture, Animal Husbandry Depts.
- Identification of key issues and income opportunities
- Exposure visit
- Linkage meeting
- Orientation meeting with community leaders (SHGs, Farmers Clubs and women collectives, leaders engaged in off-farm activities)
- Mobilization of community leaders
- Regular review cum planning meetings with community leaders
- Green Campaigns led by Community leaders - use of Biofertilizers, cloth bags, plantation drives
- Monthly Review Meeting
- Farmers day celebration
- Skill Development training for low-income group
- Interface meeting between line depts. & GP and migrant labors
- Awareness Meeting on Integrated Organic Family Farming
- Networking with marketing agencies
- Awareness meeting on post-harvest technologies
- Capacity Building training for volunteers
- Community awareness training on Government schemes
- Finding community issues through cross-learning Organize Dialogue with duty-bearers





## Achievements through meetings/awareness and training programs:

- the agriculture department helped 9 SHGs through Suttu Nidi. Each SHGs were received Rs.5000. Total Amount received Rs. 45000 .
- 5 new farmers' groups were formed with a total 55 farmers
- 8 New SHGs were formed with 120 members. Farmers' groups came to know about Village level Banks, Schemes, and other facilities and they applied for loans for lower interest
- 8 New SHG's bank passbook opened.
- Celebrated district-level International Women's Day in Gulbarga. 175 women from the working area participated. 4 achievers of women in different fields were honored during the program.
- Panchayati premises were cleaned and 1 drinking water plant was installed. As a result, people are getting clean water.(One water plant cost Rs 4,00,000).
- Mahananda, a member of the SHGs association, got a roti-making machine through a subsidy of Rs 70,000.
- 740 Members from 10 villages got information about Gram Panchayati facilities and Schemes
- 740members have received the benefits, of 48 Days of work. 316 per day. Total Rs. 1, 12, 24,320.
- Two training programs on animal husbandry were conducted for 83 participants. As a result, 18 members started animal husbandry activities. Through the sale of milk and curd, they currently earn Rs. 6,000 per month, totaling Rs. 72,000 per year. The collective annual income amounts to Rs. 12,96,000.
- Four linkage meetings were held with government departments: one with the agriculture department and two with Gram Panchayats. A total of 82 participants attended. As a result, 36 farmers applied for agricultural department schemes, and one farmer received a power tiller machine at a subsidized cost of 93,000 rupees.
- Two training sessions were organized on the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana, with 132 families participating. Out of these, 82 families applied for the scheme, and 17 families received a free gas connection under the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana. One unit cost Rs.6, 000. Total benefits1,02,000 rupees.
- In five meetings, SHG members received off-farm training on various schemes. Of these, 17 members were trained in goat farming, 21 in poultry (chick) farming, and 12 in cow farming, benefiting a total of 50 farmers. Their monthly income is Rs. 7,000, amounting to Rs. 84,000 annually.





- Livelihood applications under SC/ST social welfare department schemes were submitted by 16 families..
- Under the PM Kisan Samman Nidhi scheme (eKYC link), Aadhaar cards of 211 farmers were linked..
- Millet survey completed, covering 360 households
- New registration for 87 Farmer Identification Cards (FID) was completed.
- Since the government has declared our working area as a drought-hit area, the Farmer Information Center organized a survey for crop compensation in Fartahbad, Nandur K, and Dharmapur villages of Gulbarga District. A total of 186 farmers' lands were surveyed.
- Eight skill development training sessions were organized for low-income groups, with 142 members participating. They received awareness training in tailoring, embroidery, and sambhar masala making. As a result, 36 of them have started selling cloth and offering embroidery services, earning Rs. 650 per day, which totals a monthly income of Rs. 19,500.
- Five meetings were conducted on government schemes for sustainable livelihood, with 95 members participating. Out of these, 44 members adopted diversified agriculture based on their needs and the changing climate..
- Six programs were conducted, and 130 members learned how to identify community-related issues through cross-learning.



- Forty-five beneficiaries received information on kitchen gardening, and among them, 18 are cultivating vegetables in their own surroundings
- Project implementers and community educators conducted awareness sessions on the Karnataka state government's five guarantee schemes. A total of 320 Grahakshmi applications were submitted, and 140 members qualified for a monthly subsidy of Rs. 2,000. Additionally, 180 families applied for the Grah Jyothi scheme, which provides 200 units of free electricity.,

Volunteer Somshekar assisted two farmers in obtaining Krishi Honda from the Gram Panchayat. The cost per unit is Rs. 55,000, bringing the total cost to Rs. 1,10,000, benefiting the farmers(dip 10 fit 4x4 width 25 fit )



- Volunteer Shajan Begma, under the Rohini company, distributed 160 saplings free of cost, including Mango (40), Pear (30), Drumstick (30), Sapodilla (30), and Lemon (30).)
- Eleven farmers were introduced to Vermi-Compost. Each unit costs 12,000, with a total cost of 1,32,000/-



A total of 18 beneficiaries received sheets of tarpaulin (Rasi Tadapatri) at a per-unit cost of 1,500, totaling 27,000.

- SPRINKLER PIPES ,17 beneficiaries  
Total per person 18,000/ subsidy
- Total Rs 3,06,000.



## Success story

- **Name:** Parvati
- **Occupation:** Farmer
- **Children:** 4
- **Age:** 46
- **Caste:** Muslim



• **Background:** Mrs. Parvati lived in Nandikur village with her husband and four children. They owned 5 acres of land but lacked irrigation pipes for farming. **Introduction:** Under the Ujjivan III program implemented by Seva Sangam Organization, community educators and coordinator visited Nandikur village and met Anjum. They gathered her complete information and found that she didn't have pipes for

mixed crop and vegetable farming on her 5 acres of land. She managed her farming using alternative methods to sustain her livelihood.

**Guidance:** The community educator from Seva Sangam Organization provided information and advised Parvati to apply for pipes at the Farmer Service Center. They suggested applying for a subsidy to obtain 30 pipes.

- **Change:** Mrs. Parvati took the guidance from the coordinators of the Ujjivan program and applied for pipes at the farmer service center. She received the pipes and started irrigation farming. They installed pipes and began irrigation farming on their land. She mentioned that the pipes were very helpful for growing vegetables and sustaining her farm.
- **Opinion:** Parvati expressed gratitude to the community educators of Seva Sangam Organization for providing information, applying for pipes at the farmer service center, and obtaining 30 pipes on subsidy. She thanked the directors, assistant directors, coordinators, and workers of the Seva Sangam Organization.

#### **Individual Study**

**Name:** Mr Vijay Patil

**Age:** 48

**Caste:** OBC

**Village :** Nandur k

**Background:** Mr. Vijay Patil is

from Nandur k village in Kalaburagi district. His wife works as a homemaker, while he works in the fields. They have Two children, and their family's income was just about sufficient. However, he mentioned difficulties in affording the children's education and repaying debts taken from fellow villagers.





**Result:** The workers of the Ujjeevana scheme by Seva Sangama visited Nandurk village and met Mr. Vijay Patil in his field. They learned about the various hardships his family was facing. Mr. Vijay Patil was growing vegetables on an acre of land. However, due to pests, the crops were getting heavily damaged, and he expressed his frustration. Community educator informed him that the use of chemical pesticides and fertilizers was reducing the fertility of the soil and stunting the crops. He was advised to stop using chemical fertilizers and to switch to organic fertilizers. Additionally, he was told to maintain cleanliness in his one-acre field, grow vegetables, and take advantage of the facilities provided by the horticulture and agriculture departments.

**Change:** Under the Ujjeevana scheme by Seva Sangama, Mr. Vijay Patil reduced the use of chemical pesticides and fertilizers. He maintained cleanliness in his one-acre field and grew vegetables using organic fertilizers. To protect the vegetable garden, he received insecticides and pipes from the agriculture department. This enabled him to safeguard his garden and use the vegetables for household consumption instead of taking them to the market and also selling additional to the market Rs. 4000 weekly and Rs. 16,000 monthly. He mentioned that vegetables fetch higher prices in the market, which greatly helped in affording his children's education and repaying debts.

## **SPARSHA ANTICANCER CAMPAIGN- INSTILLING HOPE**

(Awareness, detection treatment and prevention of cancer in Karnataka)



With the financial support of caritas India, Sevasangama is implementing the programme as third phase in kalburgi taluk; The main objectives of the third phase are to identify new volunteers, to strengthen

the existing volunteers and to train them to carry out the task of spreading the cancer awareness in every village of the diocese.

**Goal:** A society that mitigates the threat of deadly disease cancer through awareness, early detection, and treatment and prevents it by adopting a healthy lifestyle in Kalaburagi and Bidar districts.

#### **OBJECTIVES:**

To make people aware of cancer and adopt healthy lifestyle  
To establish systematic approaches/ strategies to diagnose treat and prevent cancer  
To Create a Sustainable approach to be in place for the further cause

#### **Activities:**

#### **Awareness Programs:**

A total of 341 awareness programs were conducted for school children, women's groups, men's/farmers' groups, Gram Panchayat members, village leaders, SHG members, Anganwadi teachers, ASHA workers, pregnant women, and lactating mothers. In total, 9,189 participants attended, with 8,500 members gaining substantial knowledge about the impact of cancer. They are now well-informed about the types and causes of cancer, as well as preventive measures they can incorporate into their daily lives. Additionally, they were encouraged to establish kitchen gardens, learning about their benefits. As a result, many participants have started growing organic vegetables and millets, incorporating organic food into their diets. This has contributed to improved health and enhanced livelihoods.



#### **Health campaign programs:**

Nine health check-up camps were conducted, with 617 people participating in the screening program. One cancer patient was identified, and general medical check-ups were conducted for three patients. All patients received free medication.



#### **Resource Mobilization / Fund Raising:**

Donation coupons were sold as part of a local fundraising activity across various villages in the Gulbarga Diocese, involving people from all categories. This effort successfully raised a total of ₹1,43,720.

#### **Volunteers Training programs:**



Training programs were conducted for 423 volunteers from various groups, including school and college students, YSM leaders, SHG members, Anganwadi teachers, ASHA workers, farmers, and community animators from the Gulbarga Diocese. These sessions focused on spreading awareness about the types of cancer, its negative impacts, causes, and daily preventive measures. Volunteers were also trained on how to identify potential new patients and received comprehensive orientation on these topics.



### **Cancer day Observation:**

World Cancer Day was celebrated in Gulbarga and Humnabad to raise awareness about the types of cancer, its negative impacts, ways to identify new patients, and daily preventive measures. A total of 450 beneficiaries from various groups participated in the event, where they received in-depth orientation on these important topics.



### **“Cancer Awareness- One Day Workshop”**

On April 20, a training session on cancer was organized in collaboration with Orbit and the Indian Cancer Society at the auditorium of Orbit Institute in Humnabad Taluk. Gururaj Kulkarni, District Coordinator of the Indian Cancer Society, served as the resource person for the training, providing valuable information about cancer. He emphasized that, as cancer is spreading rapidly these days, awareness is crucial for prevention, particularly in rural areas where social workers operate. He also discussed appropriate treatment options for cancer. The training was attended by Orbit's director, Fr. Victor Vas, co-director Fr. Vijay Kumar, program manager Sister William Mathew, as well as staff from Seva Sangama and Orbit



### **Vidya Vikas Program:**

#### **Evening Tuition Centre for Slum Children:**

Seva Sangama has implemented this project in five urban slums of Gulbarga. During this reporting period, we established five evening tuition centers, enrolling a total of 137 children from 1st to 10th standard. The conditions of children in these slums are precarious, as their parents are daily wage workers and are unable to provide individual attention to their children's education and personal growth. In response to this critical situation, the project aims to provide holistic support and extra coaching to these vulnerable children. We have also encouraged participation in extracurricular activities such as national and international celebrations, competitions, and sports. Winners are recognized and awarded suitable prizes for their achievements

### **Activities and Achievements:**



The children from the slums are actively encouraged to participate in a variety of extracurricular activities and competitions, which include speech contests, drawing competitions, dance contests, singing competitions, and quiz competitions, along with regular weekly and monthly internal assessments, as well as games and sports. A total of 137 children have taken part in these initiatives.

Among the participants, notable achievements include 10 children receiving prizes for their exceptional academic performance, while 12 children were awarded for their accomplishments in the speech competition. In the drawing competition, 20 children earned prizes for their creativity, and 6 children were recognized in the singing competition. Additionally, 25 children were honored for their performances in dance competitions, and 5 groups received awards for their overall best performance.

These activities not only enhance the children's skills and talents but also foster a sense of community and achievement, contributing to their overall personal development and confidence. The impact of such programs in slum areas cannot be overstated, as they provide vital opportunities for growth and recognition that these children may not otherwise receive.

**Birthday Celebrations:** Children's birthdays were celebrated at all centers with cake-cutting ceremonies and prayers for God's blessings.

At five tuition centers, Republic Day was celebrated. Eight children participated in the International Women's Day celebration, performing a dance at Kannada Bhavan in Kalaburgi. A total of 137 children from all six tuition centers celebrated Christmas with cultural programs. Additionally, five children from slum areas enjoyed a one-day learning trip to significant sites in Basavakalyana, the birthplace of the great social reformer Lord Basaveshvara. The trip included visits to Anubhava Mantapa, Bijjala's fort, the 108-foot-tall Basavanna statue, and the surrounding garden. During the trip, children learned about Basavanna's life history through illustrated portraits. Seventy-six children and teachers participated in this excursion.

Furthermore, 170 children and their parents attended the Children's Day celebration at St. Mary's School in Kalaburgi. Two hundred parents participated in a parent-teacher meeting, where they received information about child rights and tips for promoting a healthy lifestyle for children. One hundred fifty children were provided with notebooks and other stationery items. All the tuition center children celebrated the New Year 2024 together. On Constitution Day, 137 children participated in the celebration and were motivated to understand the significance of this day. Dr. B. R. Ambedkar's death anniversary was also commemorated, with 50 children participating and receiving guidance on reading and reflecting on books about Ambedkar's life.





### **WOMEN EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM**

The program covers **655** women belonging to **42** Self Help Groups (SHGs) in 15 Grama Panchayats in Gulbarga taluks of Gulbarga district. The target groups of the program include rural women and adolescent girls.

#### **Objectives**

- Improve the level of literacy of adolescent girls and women
  - Increase the number of trained women in the bookkeeping of Self-Help Groups (SHGs) of women
  - Strengthen women with knowledge and awareness of basic rights of their own, their families, and villages
  - Reduce the number of women and adolescent girls with ignorance on nutrition, health, and sanitation
  - Promote Cluster and district-level federations for economic self-sustainability of SHGs
- Educate women on enhancing livelihood through entrepreneurship

#### **Government schemes & Entitlements Availed by SHGs**

**April 2022- March 2023**

SCHEME	NO.OF BENEFICIARIES	Total Value
PM's Ujjwala (gas)	2,70,000- People	
Health cards	12	
Identity Card	11	
Labour card	28 People	
Scholarship for education	2	
Old age pension (SandhyaSuraksha Yojane)	150000 Rs	
MGNREGA	407	
Crop Insurance	39	
Ayushman card	16	
E-shram cards	45	
Abha card	542	

## WEP- WOMEN IN MICRO ENTERPRISE:SAMRUDHI

Women empowerment is the primary focus of Sevasangam. Currently, the women empowerment program has been merged with the Jana Jagruthi Munch program. However, the existing Self-Help Groups (SHGs) are regularly visited, and their records are checked and updated by the appointed animator. At present, there are 79 SHGs under Seva Sangama across four talukas: Kalaburgi, Sedam, Wadi, and Aland. Training programs and awareness sessions related to SHGs are conducted for women in these areas

**Goal:** Empower leaders of marginalized communities; Farmers' Leaders, leaders among adolescent girls, child leaders, women leaders among SHGs & youth leaders to achieve integrated community development through collaborative social actions in availing Govt. entitlements, promoting nutrition, health & hygiene, and ecology in 15 villages and 6 panchayats in Sedam taluk of Kalaburagi District.

### Objectives:

1. Train and empower leaders of marginalized communities to help and assist communities to avail jobs under the MGNREGA scheme along with other entitlements in 15 villages and 6 panchayats in Sedam taluk of Kalaburagi District through collaborative social actions.
2. Adolescent girls, lactating mothers, and pregnant women to know about sexual and reproductive health, and hygiene to practice the same thus community should be aware of health issues and make efforts to access health facilities.

Benefits received by the Women

SL. no	Type of Enterprises	No. of Beneficiaries
1	Grocery store	07
2	Pawn Shop	03
3	Rotti Making centre	03
4	Xerox Shop	02
5	Tea Shop	02
6	Tailoring	14
7	Vegetable Shop	07
8	Clothing Store	02
9	A New Auto	03
10	Buffalo Farming	10
11	Goat Farming	03
12	Cow farming	09
	<b>Total</b>	<b>65</b>

Success story:





Name: Anjuma  
Husband: Mashak  
Age: 39  
Village: Nandikur

**Mrs. Anjuma**, wife of Mashak, is a resident of Nandikur Village. She has three children: two daughters and one son, all of whom are studying in school. Her husband works as a labourer and earns 13,000 rupees per month.

**Guidance:** Mrs. Indu, a social worker with the Sevasangam organization's Ujjivana program, visited Nandikur village and encouraged Anjum to gather 20 members to form a Self-Help Group (SHG). Subsequently, information was provided about self-employment opportunities, including a loan of 70,000 rupees

**Change:** Anjum received information about self-employment and took a loan of 70,000 rupees from Samrudhi to set up a clothing shop in PNT Colony. It is reported that her income is 15,000 rupees per month, which provides additional support for her children's education and household expenses.

**Impression:** She has become a role model for other women in the the village who come from poor economic backgrounds. Samrudhi has become a beacon of hope in their lives.

**Environmental Program:** Sevasangama Development Society gives important to environmental program in Kalaburagi District to promote ecological sustainability. The initiative included planting saplings in 15 villages of Kalaburagi Taluk, with approximately 1,250 plants being distributed and planted by the local community.



In addition to tree planting, the program focused on water conservation by constructing 6 check dams, 28 water check ponds, and 224 water ponds. These efforts aim to enhance water retention, prevent soil erosion, and improve the overall environmental health of the region.

This initiative reflects Sevasangama's ongoing commitment to environmental preservation and sustainable development in Kalaburagi District.

## **SPECIAL PROGRAMS:**

**The 26<sup>th</sup> death anniversary of, St. Teresa of Kolkata was observed:**

In commemoration of the 26th death anniversary of St. Teresa of Kolkata, the Sevasangama Development Society in Kalaburagi and the Organization for Bidar Integral Transformation (ORBIT) team, along with Rev. Fr. Victor Vas, the Director of SSDS and ORBIT, celebrated the day meaningfully. A blood donation camp was organized on this occasion and 75 people donated blood on this special day.

**Disabled Day was observed at. Pattana and Farthabad on 19 and 20 December 2023**

Sevasangama Development Society celebrated Disability Day at Pattana and Farthabad, Kalaburgi District, from December 19 to 20, 2023. Prema Dodmane, PDO; Ambarish Udachana, Gram Panchayat member; MRW Khasim; VRW Savita; Farthabad PHC Superintendent Dr. Santosh Patil; CHO Virupaksha Heremat; BHEO Gangubai; PHCO Kavita Guttedar, and Fr. Victor Vas, Director of Sevasangama, along with EI & EE team members, were also present for this program. A total of 120 members participated. The delegates delivered a message on disability, emphasizing that people with disabilities are not disabled, but are specially able and fortunate individuals in society. It is the duty of social workers to recognize and address their needs.



### **Children's Day Celebration of Evening tuition slum Children:**

On November 30, Children's Day was celebrated at the Mother Teresa Auditorium for the children of the four evening learning centers of Sevssangama Institute, Kalaburagi District. Fr Stany Lobo presided over the program and Juwanalmr. Ramesh Patedar, Zonal commissioner of Mahanagara Corporation and Mahadevappa, District Coordinator of Azim Premjii Foundation inaugurated the program by lighting the lamp.



Zonal Commissioner Mr. Ramesh Patedar Said that we respect today's children as citizens of today and provide them with the basic necessities of life. He said that good education should be provided for good health and all-round development of children, and an environment of respect and dignity should be created for them in society by protecting them.



Another chief guest present at the program was Mr. Mahadevappa, District Coordinator of the Azim Premji Foundation in Kalaburgi. He addressed the audience, emphasizing that the roles of parents and teachers are crucial in shaping the lives of children, helping to raise them step by step like a hand mirror.



Father Victor Vas, Director of the Sevasangama Institute in Kalaburgi, stated that a positive atmosphere and humanitarian education can shape children into responsible citizens of the country. Notebooks were distributed to 110 children from the evening learning center during this occasion.



## International Women's Day: Kalaburagi

International Women's Day was organized by the Sevasangama Organization at Kannada Bhavan in Kalaburgi city. The program was graced by Bishop Robert Miranda, Bishop of Kalaburgi, and presided over by Pilomenaminajs, Principal of St. Mary's School, Kotnoor. In her inaugural speech, Mrs. Lakshmi Dattatreypatil stated that the purpose of International Women's Day is to achieve equal status for women. The day is celebrated to highlight the importance of women's empowerment, to build a society free from gender bias, to commemorate the contributions of women in various fields, to create awareness to prevent violence and abuse against women, and to advocate for equal rights for women. Currently, women are reaching the peak of achievement through their work in every field of society and serve as role models by fulfilling family responsibilities. However, she emphasized that women should also pay more attention to their health.



Bishop Robert spoke about the importance of gender equality in society. He stated, "If we want to understand the survival and prosperity of a nation, we can examine the position of women in that nation and determine which country is at risk. The role of women is crucial in the development of the nation." Advocate Mrs. Ashwini Madanakar stated that the progress of a country is measured by the progress of women within that country. She emphasized that women have great faith in the organization and asserted that if they set their minds to it, they can change society.

On this occasion, nine women were felicitated with the "Mahilasadhaki" award for their outstanding performance in rural development. Present at the program were Father Victor Vas, Director of the Sevasangama Organization; Mr. Sharanu Pappa; Mrs. Tripti Srinivasa Lakhe; Mrs. Neelambika Sherikara; Dr. Sapna Patil; Slum Janandola Convener Mrs. Renuka Saradagi; Fr. Stany Lobo; Fr. Vincent Pereira; Fr. Deepak Furtado; Kumari Mahananda Sindhe; Mrs. Lakshmi Kupendra; and others. The program was compered by Mrs. Dakashayani and welcomed by Mrs. Swati..



## **“The Festival of Christmas is the Festival of Joy”**

On December 23, 2023, the Jesus Janam Mohotsav (Christmas) program was celebrated with grandeur in the auditorium of the Orbit Organization in Humnabad Taluk, under the leadership of the Sevasangama Orbit Institute Director and the families of staff members from both organizations. Fr. Mark Muchalamba, the Church Director, delivered a message on the birth of Jesus. He stated that where there is prayer and the Word of God in the family, love, peace, and harmony will prevail. He emphasized that a family can only grow where there is love. Cultural programs were organized by the staff of Orbit and Sevasangama, and competitions were held, with prizes distributed to the winners. All staff members of the organization received Christmas gifts. At the end of the program, Fr. Stany Lobo offered a blessing and prayed for the staff and their service to society. A sumptuous meal was served to all.



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