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AKANKSHA CHRONICLE

Quarterly Impact Newsletter

JULY - SEPTEMBER 2026

Igniting Dreams, Shaping Lives

FROM THE HEART OF AKANKSHA

Every step forward begins with a possibility.

Welcome to the second quarter of Akanksha Chronicle. This quarter, Akanksha crossed new thresholds — a new robotics centre, our first community health camp, and national recognition for governance — alongside eleven programs that reached over 2,060 students across 59+ schools and institutions.

Explore this quarter's highlights, inspiring journeys, and the collective efforts of our partners, educators, volunteers, and communities as we work together to empower young minds and build brighter futures.



EDUCATE
Quality learning for every child

EMPOWER
Skills for today and tomorrow

INSPIRE
Building confident future leaders

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A VOICE FROM OUR BOARD



As I read the stories in this edition, I feel grateful for the care, energy and generosity that make this work possible. Each achievement represents more than a number. Behind every achievement is a young person discovering a new interest, building confidence or beginning to imagine new possibilities for themselves.

This quarter, Akanksha reached over 2,060 students across schools and learning centres in Dakshina Kannada and Udupi. I am particularly encouraged by the CodeCraft Science Mela, where 1,189 students created 650 working STEM models. It is inspiring to see children go beyond textbooks to ask questions, experiment, create and proudly share their ideas.

Some of the most touching moments come from people simply showing up for one another. More than 60 volunteers dedicated their weekends to brightening learning spaces at BEM School and Anganwadi Kendra. Through their efforts, they helped create welcoming and engaging environments where children can learn, explore and grow.

To our teachers, volunteers, sponsoring partners and community members, thank you for being part of this journey. Your time, encouragement and support help turn opportunities into meaningful experiences for children and young people. As a Trustee, I feel fortunate to be part of a community that believes in their potential and works together to nurture it.

As we look ahead, let us continue listening to students and the communities around them, while creating opportunities for every child to learn, discover and grow. I hope the stories in this second quarterly newsletter leave you feeling as hopeful and proud as they leave me.

With warmth and gratitude,

Ganesh Hegde

Trustee

Akanksha Charitable Trust

OUR IMPACT AT A GLANCE

A closer look at this quarter's impact data



76
SCHOOLS/INSTITUTIONS REACHED
Across Dakshina Kannada & Udupi



11
PROGRAMS CONDUCTED
Addressing education and community needs



140
VOLUNTEERS ENGAGED
Powering community impact



~150
RESUMES/PROFILES REVIEWED
Building career confidence



2
DISTRICT IMPACTED
Building sustainable impact



4,878
STUDENTS BENEFITED
Across diverse learning initiatives



9
TEACHERS TRAINED
Strengthening classroom excellence

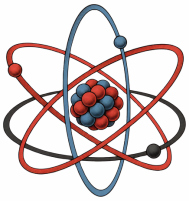


600+
VOLUNTEER HOURS
Dedicated to community service

Every number represents a life touched, an opportunity created, and a community empowered.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS IN NUMBERS

A closer look at this quarter's program-level data



650

STEM MODELS BUILT

Inspiring creativity, curiosity, and hands-on learning.



8

NMMS SCHOLARS QUALIFIED

Opening doors to opportunity through learning and dedication.



15

SCHOOL LIBRARIES ESTABLISHED

Opening Books. Inspiring Minds. Shaping Futures.



38

BLOOD UNITS COLLECTED

Every Drop Saves a Life.



3-year

MoU SIGNED

Dr. G Shankar Govt. Women's First Grade College, Ajjarkad



2

SANITARY PAD INCINERATORS INSTALLED

Promoting Menstrual Hygiene.



355

STORYBOOKS DISTRIBUTED

Preparing children for the creative world.



130+

VOLUNTEERS CONVENED

ACT Volunteer Connect & Get-Together, 2-day convention.

Behind every number is a child who showed up, a classroom that welcomed learning, or a volunteer who made a difference.

PROGRAM IN ACTION

Creating Impact, One Initiative at a Time



EDUCATION

Orientation of Teachers & Initiation of Stipend-Based - Grantha Mitra

9 Schools, Dakshina Kannada - 2 July 2026

ACT hosted a Grantha Mitra FLN Teacher Orientation to prepare educators for strengthening Foundational Literacy and Numeracy among higher primary students. Nine teachers from partner schools were equipped with a complete toolkit — baseline assessment sheets, structured syllabuses and student workbooks — and are now leading FLN classes in their own schools, directly benefiting 160 students.

STEM / EDUCATION

BuildSpace Robotics Centre Inauguration

VCET, Puttur - 10 July 2026

Team ACT inaugurated the BuildSpace Robotics Centre, a new hub for hands-on technical learning for local students. Supported by Alteryx Software India Pvt Ltd through its CSR initiative and hosted at VCET, the centre provides dedicated infrastructure for practical STEM education, launched before corporate leaders, academic heads, and volunteers.





STUDENT DEVELOPMENT

Alteryx CSR Partner School Visit & Resource Launch

BEM Manjalpadpu & DKZP GHPS Nellikatte
10 July 2026 - 60 students, 15 teachers

Alteryx representatives visited two partner schools to engage students through games and activities, gathering feedback on ongoing interventions such as FLN, Bharatanatyam and MindSpace. The team unveiled newly developed storybooks and Grantha Mitra workbooks, reinforcing corporate mentorship and classroom enthusiasm.

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EDUCATION / INFRASTRUCTURE

EGDK Library Setup — Reading Corners for Young Minds

15 Schools, Rural Dakshina Kannada - July 2026

In partnership with EGDK India Pvt. Ltd., ACT established functional reading corners and libraries across 15 government and aided schools, directly reaching 2,691 students. Each setup was equipped with a curated collection of up to 205 Kannada storybooks, library bags, "Vaarada Oduga" reading bookmarks, and "Grantha Sarathi" leadership badges for student class representatives, combining physical infrastructure with student-led leadership to build a lasting reading culture.

- 15 library setups completed
- 2,691 students reached
- Up to 205 curated Kannada storybooks per school

VOLUNTEERISM / EDUCATION

NMMS Interns Felicitation & GMAT Training Program

5 Schools · 17 July 2026

ACT felicitated five engineering-student interns, Kshithi Shetty, Shreevathsa C. H., Krishna Prasad, Sachith Akkadka, and Janani Prabhu B., for over 160 hours of GMAT mentoring across five schools, empowering 206 learners, eight of whom qualified for the NMMS scholarship.

- 5 interns felicitated for high-impact volunteer teaching
- 206 rural students coached across 5 schools
- 8 students secured the NMMS scholarship



PROGRAM IN ACTION

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CAREER READINESS

Skill Edge Career Readiness Program

GFGC Punjalkatte & Dr. G Shankar Women's FGC, Ajjarkad
24–25 & 29 July 2026

Intensive Skill Edge bootcamps bridged academic education and corporate expectations - covering interview mastery, email etiquette, resume crafting, LinkedIn branding, and AI tool adoption, with live one-on-one review clinics.

- 2 government colleges covered
- 7+ workplace domains taught
- 100% device-based, mentor-reviewed

VOLUNTEERISM / EDUCATION

Wall Painting Drive

BEM Manjalpadpu & Anganwadi Ermetotti
1–2 & 8–9 August 2026

Two weekend drives turned plain walls into bright learning canvases. Over 60 volunteers crafted murals sparking curiosity and visual learning, revitalising early-education spaces and community ownership.

- 2 centres transformed
- 60+ volunteers across two weekends
- 4 full days of community action





STUDENT DEVELOPMENT

Storybook Distribution Drive

14 Partner Schools · 5–11 August 2026 · 355 students

As part of Grantha Mitra FLN, ACT distributed bilingual Kannada–English storybooks, authored and designed by Latha Mohan Shetty, placing quality reading material in the hands of young readers across 14 schools.

- 14 schools reached
- 355 young readers impacted
- Bilingual Kannada–English format storybook

PROGRAM IN ACTION

Creating Impact, One Initiative at a Time



VOLUNTEERISM / EDUCATION

ACT Volunteer Connect 2026

Puttur & Baipadavu Kabaka
22–23 August 2026 - 130+ volunteers

A two-day convention commenced with a masterclass by Mr. Chandan Rao, followed by strategy sessions, team-building activities, cultural performances, and the annual Volunteer Recognition Ceremony, honouring seven outstanding contributors for 2025–26.

STEM / CAREER READINESS

Build Space Talk Series — Session 01

Build Space Robotics Centre, VCET
30 August 2026 - 15 students

A technical masterclass by Nithesh Shetty (ALFO Systems) guided student innovators into real product engineering — design for manufacturability, material selection, production constraints and cost optimisation.





EDUCATION / HEALTH

Sanitary Pad Incinerator Installation

Navodaya High School, Bettampady & Sridevi School, Punacha - 18 September 2026

ACT installed sanitary pad incinerator units across two schools to enhance adolescent health dignity and promote sustainable waste management. Alongside installation, faculty and staff received thorough training on operating procedures, safety measures, and long-term maintenance. The initiative eliminates a critical sanitation barrier for 127 adolescent girls, supporting consistent school attendance and establishing safe, hygienic menstrual health practices on campus.

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STEM/EDUCATION

CodeCraft Science Mela

41 school sessions, Dakshina Kannada
7 Aug – 19 Sep 2026

A multi-week STEM exhibition across 41 schools. Over 25 volunteer mentors empowered students to design, build, and exhibit interactive science models, turning textbook lessons into hands-on learning.

- 41 sessions across 7+ taluks
- 1,189 students built working projects
- 650 functional models demonstrated

VOLUNTEERISM / COMMUNITY HEALTH

Mega Blood Donation & Free Health Checkup Camp

Vidyakuteera, Kabaka, Puttur
19 September 2026

ACT's first community health intervention - a Mega Blood Donation and Health Checkup Camp run by 6 volunteers alongside partner medical teams, reaching 140+ community members.

- 140+ community members attended
- 38 life-saving blood units donated
- ACT's first health intervention



Together, these nine initiatives reflect our commitment to creating equitable learning opportunities, empowering educators, nurturing young minds, and building stronger communities across Karnataka.

SUCCESS STORIES

Real voices. Real experiences. Real impact.



Colors of Care in the Interior Classrooms

- **A Teacher's Perspective**

Anganwadi Kendra in Ermetotti serves early-childhood learners in an interior rural pocket where engaging visual infrastructure is hard to come by. To create a warmer, more stimulating space for toddlers, over 25 youth volunteers from ACT spent a full weekend hand-painting bright, educational murals across the centre's walls.

> *Our Anganwadi is located in quite an interior area, so seeing over 25 young volunteers travel all the way here and dedicate their entire weekend with so much passion was truly heartening. The beautiful, educational murals have brought so much vibrant life into our classrooms; our young children are fascinated by the colors and now come in every day with bigger smiles and eager curiosity.*



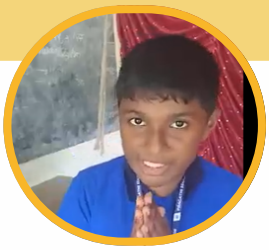
Ashwini Ajeru
Teacher
Anganwadi Kendra, Ermetotti

Innovating for Care: Smart Baby Monitoring System

- **A Student's Journey**

At the CodeCraft Science Mela, students were encouraged to build functional STEM models addressing real-world challenges. Saharsh designed an IoT-enabled Smart Baby Care Monitoring System integrating ultrasonic, moisture, temperature and sound sensors — a working prototype that tracks infant safety and sends real-time alerts to a parent's phone.

> *I built a Baby Care Monitoring System as my science model. If the baby is about to roll over or fall off the bed, it sends an alert message to the mobile phone, and if the message isn't noticed, it triggers a call. It also has a raindrop sensor, a temperature alert, and a sound sensor that detects when the baby cries and immediately notifies parents.*



Saharsh V Rai
Student
Pragathi Education Trust (R), Kaniyoor



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EGDK INDIA PVT. LTD.

Building Reading Infrastructure



Through its CSR program, EGDK India Pvt. Ltd. partnered with ACT to address a critical gap in foundational literacy — establishing 15 school libraries equipped with curated Kannada storybooks, reading bookmarks, and student leadership badges, directly benefiting 2,691 students across rural Dakshina Kannada.



15 school library set up



2,691 students reached

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ALTERYX SOFTWARE INDIA PVT. LTD.

Powering Robotics, Classrooms and Mentorship



Through vital CSR backing, Alteryx partnered with ACT to inaugurate the BuildSpace Robotics Centre and expand grassroots digital learning. Their leadership team engaged directly with rural schoolchildren, evaluated classroom interventions, and officially unveiled new storybooks and Grantha Mitra workbooks - combining infrastructure investment with direct employee mentorship.



1 robotics centre inaugurated



FLN supported across 14 schools



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DR. G. SHANKAR GOVT. WOMEN'S FIRST GRADE COLLEGE, AJJARKAD

Career Readiness to Public Higher Education



Dr. G. Shankar Govt. Women's First Grade College hosted an intensive two-day career-readiness bootcamp for its graduating women students, mobilising cohorts with digital devices and smooth logistics for the practical workshops. In recognition of this partnership, ACT signed a three-year MoU with the college to extend sustained career-readiness support to its students.

1 premier women's college empowered

3-yr MoU Signed

VIVEKANANDA COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY (VCET)

Anchoring a Regional Innovation Hub



VCET anchored this quarter's STEM work, cementing its place as one of ACT's most consistent institutional partners by hosting three distinct initiatives on its campus - the BuildSpace Robotics Centre inauguration, the regional Grantha Mitra Teacher Orientation, and the BuildSpace Talk Series - reflecting a deepening, multi-year collaboration that spans STEM infrastructure, teacher capacity-building, and industry mentorship. Beyond benefiting its own students, VCET is also emerging as an important hub for ACT's efforts to expand access to STEM learning across the wider Dakshina Kannada region.

3 major interventions supported

1 regional innovation centre hosted

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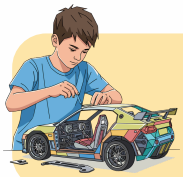
CODECRAFT TECHNOLOGIES PVT. LTD., MANGALORE

Fuelling a Region-Wide STEM Exhibition

CodeCraft collaborated with ACT to deliver a hands-on STEM exhibition across rural and semi- urban school clusters, providing frameworks, materials and mentoring support for students building functional prototypes.



1,189 students mentored



650 working STEM models built



Dikshith Rai
Founder-CEO
CodeCraft Technologies Pvt. Ltd.

"We take our CSR initiatives very seriously, focusing on three key areas: Quality Education, Health & Safety, and Environmental Sustainability.

We have been working with Dr. Shreesha Bhat and Akanksha Charitable Trust since 2023, and they are one of the best CSR execution partners we have worked with. They consistently bring forward meaningful ideas and, more importantly, execute them with commitment and care. What makes them a great partner is their trustworthiness, accountability, transparency, and timely communication.

We value their ability to turn ideas into meaningful impact and look forward to working with their team on many more initiatives."

Meaningful partnerships are at the heart of our work.
Together, we are creating opportunities that inspire learning, strengthen communities, and transform lives.



VOLUNTEER CORNER

Voices of Passion - Stories of Service



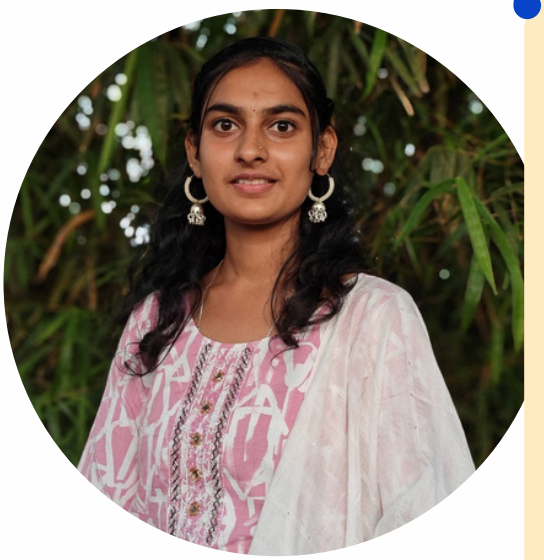
Anitha

Volunteer Lead
Storybook Donation Campaign
Akanksha Charitable Trust

Being a volunteer at Akanksha Charitable Trust for almost 2 years has been a really meaningful journey for me. I've been a part of different activities, met so many new people, and learnt from every experience.

Recently, I led a volunteer drive to donate storybooks across our FLN schools. It was really a good experience to lead volunteers in this meaningful initiative, which positively impacts the school children. One thing I really appreciate about ACT is how much it has helped me grow personally. I've worked on the things I felt were my weaknesses, become more confident, and learnt how to take initiative and work as a team. Being an ambivert, I initially took some time to open up and interact with people, but now I feel much more comfortable speaking in front of others and being involved.

I feel ACT has given me a space to learn, explore, connect with people and become a better version of myself. I'm genuinely happy to be a part of this journey.



Megha R. S.

Volunteer Coordinator
CodeCraft Science Mela
Akanksha Charitable Trust

Volunteering at CodeCraft Vijnana Mela was a wonderful and unforgettable experience for me. I had the opportunity to interact with students from around 10 schools and learn about their innovative models, creative ideas, and project presentations.

One of the most memorable moments for me was overcoming my stage fear. I had never spoken on stage before and was always nervous about it. For the first time, I announced the judgement list on stage — nerves and all — and came away with newfound confidence. I also gained valuable knowledge by observing the students' models and listening to their presentations. Asking them questions and listening to their answers made the experience even more interesting and educational.

Overall, CodeCraft Vijnana Mela helped me improve my communication skills, build confidence, and learn many new things. It was not just a volunteering opportunity but also a chance for personal growth. I am truly grateful to have been a part of this wonderful event, and I will always cherish this experience.

MILESTONES & RECOGNITION

Celebrating Progress, Honouring Impact

RECOGNITION

GUIDESTAR INDIA CERTIFICATION

ACT has been officially certified by GuideStar India, in recognition of its ongoing commitment to transparency, accountability and good governance — reflecting ACT's dedication to meaningful impact alongside the highest standards of operational integrity.

- Verified transparency and stronger trust
- Opens the door to meaningful partnerships
- Reinforces ACT's commitment to continued impact

PARTICIPATION

EXHIBITOR AT SAMAGRA 2026

Radisson Blu Atria, Bengaluru · 25 September 2026



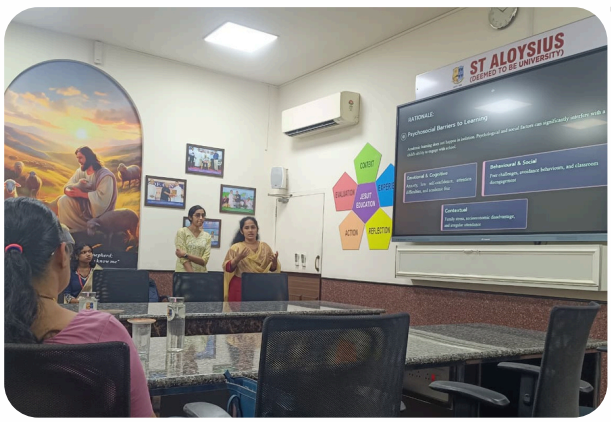
ACT participated as an official exhibitor at SAMAGRA 2026 — Karnataka CSR & Social Impact Conclave, showcasing its FLN, STEM and rural youth development work to corporate CSR heads and social-impact leaders from across the state — opening avenues for collaborative CSR investment.

PARTICIPATION

SAMPRATHI–2026 NATIONAL SEMINAR

St. Aloysius (Deemed to be University), Mangaluru

16–17 September 2026



ACT took part in SAMPRATHI–2026, a national seminar on "Promoting Health and Well-being in a Changing World," organised by the Department of Social Work, St. Aloysius. On Day 2, ACT psychologists Rajeshwari and Sharanya presented a research paper at the concurrent paper sessions — representing ACT's work among researchers and practitioners from across the health and well- being sector.

WHAT'S AHEAD

Coming Up Next



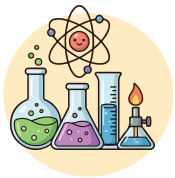
Career Orientation Session

Government First Grade College for Women, Balmatta



RE-Mind: Mental Health Week 2026

Mental Health / Education



District-Level CodeCraft Science Mela

Education / STEM Learning



Spoken English Classes

Udupi District

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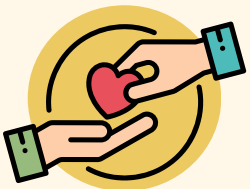
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Together, we can ignite dreams and shape lives

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