



# Karnataka Vikalachetanara Sangattane (KVS)

Annual Report 2024-25



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# INTRODUCTION

Karnataka Vikalachethanara Sanghatane (KVS) is a dedicated organization committed to promoting the rights, dignity, and inclusion of persons with disabilities, with a special focus on women, children, and marginalized groups. Since its inception, KVS has been working tirelessly at the grassroots level to empower individuals with disabilities through awareness, capacity building, healthcare access, education, advocacy, and community engagement.

In the year 2024-25, our organization successfully implemented a wide range of impactful initiatives across Chikkaballapura, Bangalore, Bagepalli, Gowribidanur, Chintamani, and other parts of Karnataka, covering thousands of beneficiaries. Our programs were designed to address not only the immediate needs of individuals with disabilities but also to create long-term pathways for empowerment and social inclusion.



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# ABOUT US



## Our Approach:



We believe in a holistic and participatory approach—engaging families, community members, local governance institutions, and civil society stakeholders to create a supportive ecosystem for persons with disabilities.

## Our Impact:

We believe in a holistic and participatory approach—engaging families, community members, local governance institutions, and civil society stakeholders to create a supportive ecosystem for persons with disabilities.

### Beneficiaries Reached

Over 3,000 across multiple districts in Karnataka

### Key Focus Groups

Disabled women, girls, students, and rural families

*The essence of charity lies not in the act itself, but in the intention to uplift others and alleviate suffering.*



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# LOCATION



## Our Location:



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# MISSION & VISION



## Mission

To organize, educate, and empower persons with disabilities—especially women and Dalits—by adopting a rights-based approach that ensures their protection, inclusion, and advancement. We strive to:

- ✓ Promote awareness of rights and entitlements among PWDs.
- ✓ Build strong, democratic, and transparent community-based organizations.
- ✓ Advocate for equality and justice while monitoring and addressing human rights violations.
- ✓ Facilitate collaboration and networking with NGOs, CBOs, and other stakeholders to create a supportive ecosystem for disability rights.

## Vision

To create an inclusive and just society where all persons with disabilities, irrespective of gender, caste, or background, can access their rights and entitlements, actively participate in decision-making, and live with dignity, equality, and freedom.



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# LEGAL STATUS OF THE ORGANIZATION

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- 2** Society Registration No.  
**CBL-S150-2012-13**
- 3** 80G Registration No.  
**AABAK9385JF20213**
- 4** 12A Registration No.  
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# OUR TEAM



## K.G. Subramanyam

### KVS President

K.G. Subramanyam, a resilient leader from a Dalit background, has overcome many challenges in life. Affected by polio at the age of three, he grew up facing barriers to education, accessibility, and social inclusion. Despite these hardships, he has dedicated the last 15 years to working in the field of disability rights and accessibility, particularly in Chikkaballapur district.

Currently serving as a Gram Panchayat Member, Subramanyam actively supports initiatives that improve accessibility, education, and livelihood opportunities for marginalized communities. His leadership and commitment have made him a strong voice for persons with disabilities and their families, many of whom continue to face social and economic difficulties.

As a member of KVS, Subramanyam contributes to collective efforts that strengthen community support systems, promote inclusive development, and ensure that the concerns of persons with disabilities are recognized at local governance levels. His journey stands as an inspiration of determination, service, and hope.



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## Dr. Kiran Nayak B

### KVS General Secretary

I am Dr. Kiran Nayak a 38-year-old Banjara tribal trans man from Warangal, Telangana, living with 75% polio disability and a wheelchair user since the age of three. I come from a Below Poverty Line (BPL) Dalit–Adivasi Banjara background, and my life journey has been defined by resilience in the face of deep structural exclusions based on caste, disability, gender identity, and poverty.

I grew up in Hanuman Thanda, a small village in Telangana, immersed in the rich Banjara culture. At 12, I began identifying as male, despite being assigned female at birth. At 18, I migrated to Chikkaballapur, Karnataka, where I faced further struggles related to my gender identity, disability, and societal stigma. Today, I continue to live and work in Karnataka, building a life of dignity while working for the rights of marginalized communities.

## Community Work & Advocacy

Despite severe barriers, I have dedicated my life to grassroots activism, focusing on disability rights, transgender rights, sanitation, and access to basic needs like safe drinking water. The COVID-19 pandemic deepened vulnerabilities for disabled and transgender communities, but I worked tirelessly to mobilize and distribute relief aid to those most disenfranchised.



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**Dr. Kiran Nayak B**  
KVS General Secretary

I continue to advocate for:

- Disability rights & accessibility – especially for wheelchair users.
- Trans men’s recognition and rights in India.
- Basic infrastructure needs such as sanitation and safe drinking water in marginalized regions.

## Awards & Recognition

- Karnataka Rajya Prashasti
- Dr. Batra’s™ Positive Health Award (201x)
- Featured in Deccan Herald’s “22 in 2022”: [Link](#)
- Helen Keller Award – Para-Champion & Activist



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**GV. Venkatshivappa**  
(Vice - President)



**Mamatha KC**  
(Treasurer)



**Sowbhagyamma**  
(Women convener)



**R. Chandra Shekar**  
Convener



**BN. Narshima Murthy**  
(Executive Member)



**HS. Krishnappa**  
(Executive Member)



**S. Manjunatha**  
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# OUR CORE VALUES



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# CAUSES WE WORK FOR



## Disability Rights & Inclusion

Promoting equality, accessibility, and opportunities for persons with disabilities in all aspects of life.



## Transgender & LGBTQI+ Communities

The Mental Health Initiative (MHI) works to strengthen resilience, promote well-being, and reduce suicide risk among transgender and LGBTQI+ communities.



## Women Empowerment

Strengthening the voices of women with disabilities through skill training, leadership, and livelihood opportunities.



## Dalit & Marginalized Communities

Advocating for social justice, dignity, and equal rights for vulnerable groups.



## Education & Awareness

Creating awareness about rights, entitlements, and building capacity through training and workshops.



## Health, Rehabilitation & Livelihood

Facilitating healthcare access, rehabilitation services, and sustainable livelihood support.



## Advocacy, Networking & Policy Change

Collaborating with NGOs, CBOs, and government bodies to influence policies and ensure rights-based development.



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# OUR PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES



As communities gradually recovered from the pandemic, our organization, with the support of partners, resumed full operations across six locations. We focused on rebuilding routines, conducting livelihood needs assessments, and strengthening local resource networks.

During the year, we achieved two key milestones: a comprehensive evaluation of our work and support from the Azim Premji Philanthropic Initiatives (APPI), enabling expansion into new Blocks in Chikkaballapur. With APPI and Misereor's support, our reach now covers the entire district.

Through active engagement with Gram Panchayats, school committees, families, and Government departments, our teams and DPO leaders have worked together to address disability challenges and promote inclusion. We remain deeply grateful to our donors, collaborators, and community members for walking alongside us in creating lasting change.

Our organization work on the Mental Health Initiative (MHI) to build resilience, promote well-being, and reduce suicide risk among transgender and LGBTQI+ communities. Through this program, we foster empowerment, awareness, and solidarity.



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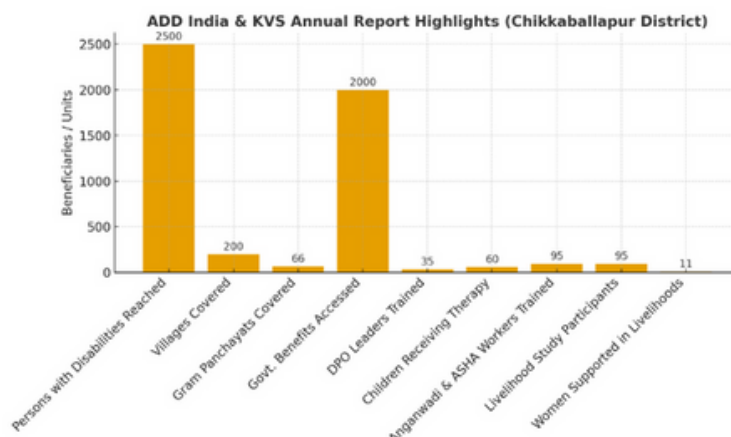
## Working Through Collectives:

ADD India works through collectives and partnerships in six taluks of Chikkaballapur District, Karnataka. Together with our partner Karnataka Vikalachetanara Sanghatane (KVS), we directly reach around 2,500 persons with disabilities (PwDs) across 200 villages and 66 Gram Panchayats (GPs).

### Government Benefits Accessed

During the year, persons with disabilities accessed a wide range of entitlements:

- 350 received disability assessments
- 750 obtained UDID/ID schemes
- 115 accessed travel aid
- 150 received mobility aids (wheelchairs, tricycles, artificial limbs, etc.)
- 115+ beneficiaries received aids for hearing, vision, and intellectual disabilities
- 60 referrals made for surgeries
- 160 scholarships/school benefits distributed
- 100 accessed livelihood loans and subsidies
- Support also extended for marriages (22 cases) and post-death relief (8 cases)



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## Key Objectives & Achievements

### 1. Strengthening DPOs (Disabled People's Organisations)

- New DPOs formed, adding to KVS's strong network across the district.
- 35 DPO leaders trained in engaging with Panchayat officials, Anganwadi workers, teachers, and parents.
- Results included lobbying for accessible roads and enabling 95% of households to use existing toilets.
- DPOs also supported families in applying for government entitlements.

### 2. Health & Education of Children with Disabilities

- Therapy support reached 60 children through monthly sessions and parent training.
- 80+ assessment camps mobilised children/adults for UDID cards and health checks.
- Engagement with schools led to:
  - Parents of children with disabilities joining School Management Committees.
  - Dropout children re-admitted with DPO support.
  - Improved inclusion (front-row seating, mid-day meals, toilet access).
- **Training of frontline workers:**  
55 Anganwadi & 40 ASHA workers trained in identification, nutrition, and referrals.



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## 3. Livelihoods (Special Focus on Women)

- A district-wide livelihood study mapped opportunities with employers (Hindustan Lever, Titan, Vishal Mart, etc.).
- 95 PwDs participated in focus group discussions.
- Women-focused workshops addressed challenges faced by women with disabilities, resulting in:
  - Resolution of 2 domestic violence cases.
  - 8 women accessing group loans for livestock.
  - 3 women's groups starting coffee shops with NGO support.

## Capacity Building of Staff

- Senior staff trained in DPO support, community participation, and resource mobilisation.
- New staff focused on baseline surveys, rapport building, and family engagement.
- Cross-learning between senior and new teams strengthened field operations.

## Conclusion

Through collective action and strong partnerships, ADD India and KVS have expanded their impact to cover the entire Chikkaballapur District. From entitlements and education to health, livelihoods, and advocacy, our work continues to empower persons with disabilities and their families to claim their rightful place in society.



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## Mental Health Initiative (MHI)

### SPLGBTQI+ Program (Oct 2024 – Sep 2025)

The Mental Health Initiative (MHI) was launched to strengthen resilience, promote well-being, and reduce suicide risk among transgender and LGBTQI+ communities. Through the SPLGBTQI+ Program, a series of public events and community-based activities were organised to foster visibility, solidarity, empowerment, and mental health awareness.

#### Trans Day of Remembrance (TDOR)

##### Objective:

To honour transgender individuals who lost their lives to violence or suicide.

##### Activities:

Candlelight vigils, art exhibitions, guest speakers, and workshops on advocacy and mental health.

##### Impact:

Created space for remembrance, healing, and awareness, helping reduce stigma and promote collective well-being.

#### Self-Defence Workshops

##### Objective:

To empower LGBTQI+ individuals with safety and resilience skills.

##### Activities:

Hands-on training, role-play sessions, safety strategies, and legal rights awareness.



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## Impact:

Increased participants' confidence, reduced vulnerability, and improved mental health resilience.

### Pride Parades and Festivals

## Objective:

To celebrate diversity and foster acceptance in society.

## Activities:

Parades, cultural performances, resource booths, and panel discussions on LGBTQI+ rights and mental health.

## Impact:

Enhanced community pride, reduced social isolation, and strengthened protective factors against suicide.

### Community Support Groups

## Objective:

To create safe peer-support networks for LGBTQI+ individuals.

## Activities:

Regular meetings, themed discussions, guest speakers, and social gatherings.

## Impact:

Improved social connectedness, reduced loneliness, and encouraged open dialogue on mental health.



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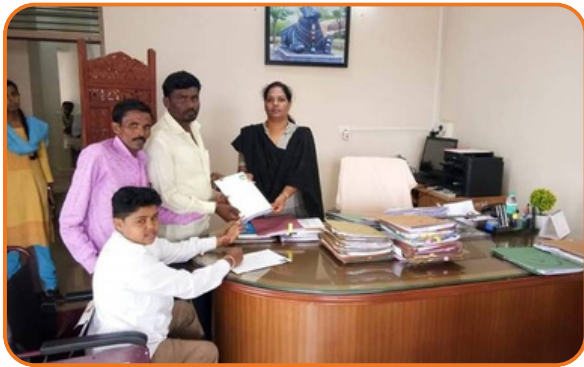


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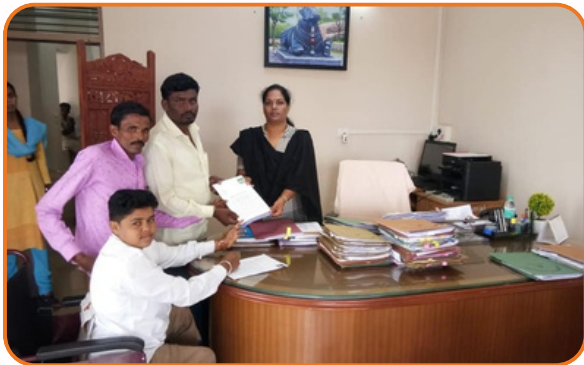
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# PROGRAM'S IMPACT



	PROGRAMME	OBJECTIVE	OUTCOME
<b>53+</b> PROGRAMME	Trans Day of Remembrance (TDOR)	Honour lives lost to violence and suicide while raising awareness.	Promoted healing, remembrance, and reduced stigma around transgender issues.
<b>500+</b>	Self-Defence Workshops	Equip LGBTQI+ individuals with personal safety and resilience skills.	Built confidence, reduced vulnerability, and improved mental well-being.
<b>50+</b> VOLUNTEERS INVOLVED	Pride Parades & Festivals	Celebrate diversity and create visibility for LGBTQI+ communities.	Strengthened solidarity, reduced isolation, and enhanced protective mental health factors.
	Community Support Groups	Provide safe spaces for peer support, sharing, and resilience-building.	Fostered social connections, reduced loneliness, and encouraged open dialogue on mental health.



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# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



The Annual General Meeting of our organization was convened during the financial year to review the progress, programs, and financial performance of the past year. The AGM provided a platform for board members, staff, and stakeholders to reflect on achievements, identify challenges, and set priorities for the coming year.

## Key highlights of the AGM included:

- Presentation and approval of the audited financial statements.
- Review of ongoing programs and their impact on beneficiaries.
- Discussions on new initiatives, partnerships, and resource mobilization.
- Election/confirmation of board members and office bearers.
- Open forum for members to share suggestions and feedback.

The AGM reaffirmed the organization's commitment to transparency, accountability, and collective decision-making. It also strengthened the vision of working together with communities, donors, and partners to ensure the sustainability and growth of our programs.



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# TECHNICAL & FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

## Technical Management:

Our organization adopts a systematic and professional approach to manage all rescue, treatment, and welfare programs. We follow standard operating procedures (SOPs) for cow rescue, medical treatment, and vaccination, ensuring timely intervention and quality care. A dedicated team, including veterinarians, caretakers, and volunteers, uses appropriate equipment, record-keeping systems, and monitoring tools to track the progress of each case. Regular training sessions are organized to upgrade skills and improve efficiency in operations.

## Financial Management:

We maintain complete transparency and accountability in managing funds. All donations and grants are recorded through proper accounting systems, with detailed expense tracking for every program and activity. Budgets are prepared annually, approved by the governing body, and monitored regularly to ensure optimal utilization of resources. Financial statements are audited by certified auditors, and periodic financial reports are shared with stakeholders to maintain trust and confidence.



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# REQUIREMENTS OF OUR ORGANIZATION

## Financial Support

We require funding assistance to sustain and expand our programs, covering operational costs, program implementation, aids & appliances distribution, awareness campaigns, and administrative needs.

## Infrastructure & Resources

Adequate office space, training centers, and accessible venues are needed to conduct awareness programs, skill development sessions, and community meetings effectively.

## Partnership & Collaboration

Strong linkages with government departments, CSR partners, NGOs, and community-based organizations to enhance outreach, resource mobilization, and impact.

## Human Resources

Skilled trainers, program coordinators, volunteers, and support staff are required to execute activities smoothly and provide quality services to beneficiaries.



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