



KALKERI SANGEET VIDYALAYA



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ANNUAL REPORT



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Executive Summary

A Year of Reconnection, Renewal, and Rising Potential

The 2024-25 academic year marked a time of growth, stronger partnerships, and deeper community engagement at Kalkeri Sangeet Vidyalaya. With campus upgrades and more enrichment opportunities, KSV continued to provide transformative education for children from marginalised social and economic backgrounds.

Key milestones included new leadership in the Academic Department, a more robust teaching team, and excellent SSLC examination results. Alumni made notable vocational progress, and students excelled in inter-school competitions. Campus improvements, such as a new laundry facility and office space, enhanced our environment, while renewed partnerships with organisations like Feeding India, Danfoss, EdelGive Foundation, Rohini Nilekani Philanthropies, and PwC strengthened our efforts. Our sports, wellness, and environmental education programmes saw high participation, and cultural highlights such as Jagriti Yatra, Guru Purnima, and traditional festivals celebrated KSV's unique mix of tradition and innovation.

We also made significant progress in our child sponsorship and Annadaan fundraising initiatives. Guided by our core values of Integrity, Compassion, Equity, Cooperation, and Achievement, KSV aims to build on this momentum by deepening academic support, expanding arts education, and improving student well-being in a sustainable and inclusive manner.

Warm regards,



Adam Woodward
Executive Director
Kalkeri Sangeet Vidyalaya



Who we are

Introduction

Kalkeri Sangeet Vidyalaya is committed to transforming the lives of children from socially marginalised and economically disadvantaged backgrounds. Our comprehensive educational program and immersive engagement in the performing arts are not just tools, but catalysts that enable the students to unlock their full potential and pave the way for a more promising future.

Established in November 2002, our institution is nestled in a tranquil valley near Dharwad. With its peaceful ambience, this serene backdrop is not just ideal but essential for students' academic pursuits, musical training, and cultural activities, ensuring a high-quality education.

Within this nurturing atmosphere, children not only acquire essential academic knowledge but also develop a range of valuable social skills. Moreover, they receive proper nutrition and essential healthcare services, all underpinned by care, love, and compassion, which are not just words but the very essence of our holistic approach.



Impact at a Glance



Education & Learning

- 226 Students Enrolled (ages 6 - 23)
- 19 Teachers & Education Staff
- 94% Top Mark in the SSLC Examinations
- 72 Higher Education Students



Performing Arts

- 5 Disciplines taught: Vocal, Tabla, Sitar, Violin & Drama
- 10 Internal Performances (Manch Pradarshan)
- 4 Morning of Music Programs
- 3 Guest Workshops



Competitions & Achievements

- Girls' Kabaddi Team Wins District Level Event
- 2 Students Selected for State-Level Championship Camp
- Students Placed in the Top 3 at Taluka Level Events
- 2 Students at the District Finals in Music



Welfare & Nutrition

- ~100,000+ meals served
- New community laundry facility inaugurated
- Hosted 6 Interns from Laval University, Canada
- Conducted Various Emotional & Wellbeing Workshops



Partnerships & Volunteers

- 15 institutional partners engaged
- 45 international volunteers
- 4 new institutional partners engaged
- 2 construction projects with CASIRA



Sponsorship & Fundraising

- 450 Active Child Sponsors
- 98 New Sponsors in 2024-25
- 91% Sponsor Retention Rate
- 1 Successful Sponsorship Campaign

Our Foundation

Our Vision

It is the fundamental right of all children to have access to education, adequate food, healthcare services, and to participate in their community's cultural life. Empowering disadvantaged children gives them the opportunity to obtain academic qualifications as well as develop their musical talents.

Through their achievements at Kalkeri Sangeet Vidyalaya (KSV), the students will be in a position to attain more meaningful livelihoods, thus breaking the cycle of persistent poverty and creating a better future for themselves, their families, and their communities. Through their music, the students proudly contribute towards the conservation and diffusion of India's vast musical heritage.

Our Mission

KSV empowers, supports, and encourages children from socially marginalised and economically disadvantaged backgrounds to realise their full potential and attain a better life. This is done through an intensive and comprehensive educational program and through the performing arts, which are undertaken in a peaceful rural residential setting.

In such an atmosphere, the children learn many social skills and receive a nutritious diet and adequate healthcare services. Care, love, and compassion are fundamental elements of the whole process. In this peaceful setting, the children enjoy the tranquillity necessary for their academic studies, music practice, and many other cultural activities.



Our Core Values

Our approach, guided by five core values, is a collaborative effort that shapes our students' personal and artistic development. These values, upheld by our community, play a vital role in our approach, guiding the development of well-rounded individuals and preparing them to contribute positively to society.

Integrity is a key aspect of our educational philosophy. We emphasise honesty, ethical behaviour, and personal responsibility, guiding students to uphold high moral standards.

Compassion is nurtured by encouraging empathy and understanding. We aim to instil kindness and sensitivity, helping students support and care for their peers and community. This is achieved through our community service programs, where students engage in activities that benefit others, and our peer support initiatives, which encourage students to listen and empathise with their classmates.

Equity is not just a value, but a commitment that is central to our approach. We are unwavering in our commitment to providing equal opportunities for all students, regardless of their socio-economic background or other differences, ensuring that everyone has the resources needed to thrive.

Cooperation is promoted through collaborative activities and group projects. Students learn to work together effectively, developing teamwork and communication skills essential for harmonious collaboration.

Achievement is recognised and celebrated in all aspects of students' lives. We support their academic, artistic, or personal successes, fostering a sense of pride and motivation that is integral to our educational philosophy.

By embedding these core values into our approach, KSV aims to nurture individuals who embody these principles and contribute meaningfully to their communities.



OUR VALUES



INTEGRITY

Integrity is the foundation upon which we build all of our relationships, and refers to our commitment to honesty and ethical behaviour in all our actions.



ACHIEVEMENT

Achievement means setting ambitious goals, working diligently to attain them, learning from both successes and failures and persistently trying to become our best selves.



COMPASSION

Compassion inspires empathy, mutual care, and understanding of others' perspectives, driving us to look beyond ourselves and support of one another's wellbeing.



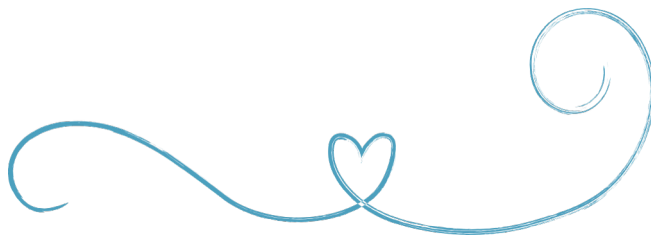
EQUITY

Equity ensures that everyone is treated fairly and with respect, regardless of their background or circumstances, and speaks to our belief in fairness and justice for all.



COOPERATION

Cooperation allows us to combine our talents and efforts, overcoming challenges & accomplishing more together than any one of us could alone.



Governance & Team

The Managing Committee

The Kalkeri Sangeet Vidyalaya Managing Committee, with its diverse professional backgrounds, is deeply committed to education and development. Their shared passion for equitable education, the arts, and rural development guides the school's strategic direction, financial oversight, and governance, inspiring confidence in KSV's future.



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Members of Staff

KSV's staff are the heart of our institution — a committed team of educators, artists, caregivers, mentors, and administrators from diverse fields who bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to their roles. Their shared dedication unites them in ensuring our students are safe, nourished, challenged, and inspired every day, while fostering holistic development through compassionate mentorship and professional excellence.

As of the end of the 2024–25 academic year, KSV employs:

- 76 full-time staff
- 12 part-time staff
- Across seven departments: Academic, Performing Arts, Student Welfare, Administration, Fundraising & Communications, Volunteers and Maintenance.

Highlights from this year include:

- The appointment of Ms. Rupali Avargerimath as Head of the Academic Department renewed the focus on foundational literacy and numeracy and value-based education.
- Mr. Krishna Sutar's continued leadership in performing arts nurtured students' expression and confidence.
- Dedicated wardens and healthcare staff maintained the well-being of our residential students.
- Expanding international and domestic volunteer engagement added depth to classroom and extracurricular experiences.



Prof A.V.Rama Rao Awards for Excellence in Teaching

This was the fourth year of the Prof A.V. Rama Rao Award for Excellence in Teaching. Established by our esteemed sponsor and supporter, Shri Dinkar Rao, this distinguished award holds great significance as it honours and remembers the late Prof AV Rama Rao, a revered and committed educator.

This year's winners are from the Performing Arts Department. Our heartfelt congratulations go to Archana Pattar, whose passion for teaching and artistic guidance has enriched the lives of our students. We also acknowledge the outstanding efforts of Dullu Adolkar, the runner-up, for his remarkable commitment to nurturing talent within the performing arts domain.

These deserving teachers have been recognised for their unwavering dedication, tireless efforts, and profound influence on the lives of our students. Their passion and hard work have fostered a transformative educational experience, nurtured each student's potential, and shaped their future endeavours.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Shri Dinkar Rao for his invaluable support in establishing this prestigious award. His contribution not only honours the memory of Prof AV Rama Rao but also underscores the significance of outstanding teaching and its profound impact on our students' academic and personal growth.



 Staff Spotlight: Rupali Avargerimath

Head of Academics, Appointed June 2024
Kalkeri Sangeet Vidyalaya.

Rupali, a native of Mudhol, Karnataka, is a distinguished academic with an MA and M.Ed from Mysore University. Her strong educational and social service background and experience teaching at several renowned schools instil confidence in her capabilities and the value she brings to Kalkeri Sangeet Vidyalaya.

From her first day, Rupali has infused the Academic Department with energy, rigour, and compassion. In just one year, she has spearheaded efforts to enhance classroom assessments, fortify curriculum delivery, and provide meaningful professional development to teachers. Her clear communication style and unwavering belief in student-centred learning reassure us of the school's commitment to a holistic educational approach.

"We want students to leave KSV with good marks and strong values, critical thinking, and a clear sense of purpose."

— Rupali Avargerimath, Head of Academics



Academic Department

A Holistic, Child-Centred Approach to Learning

The Academic Department at KSV is unwavering in its commitment to providing inclusive, value-based education that caters to students' individual needs, academically and emotionally. Our approach, deeply rooted in empathy, flexibility, and curiosity, is designed to help all students, especially those from disadvantaged backgrounds, thrive at their own pace.

Under the dynamic leadership of our new Head of Department, Rupali Avargerimath, this year has been marked by significant achievements. We have renewed our focus on foundational learning, literacy and numeracy, continuous assessment, and teacher development. Classrooms across standards have embraced activity-based learning, peer collaboration, and differentiated instruction, improving student outcomes.

Classroom Innovations & Pedagogy

KSV teachers continue to integrate:

- Experiential learning through storytelling, project work, and nature walks.
- Digital Learning uses YouTube, Khan Academy, and Google Classroom in upper grades.
- Language Support through remedial reading sessions, word walls, and library corners.
- Assessment for learning, including rubrics, learning trackers and student portfolios.

This year, a new initiative called “Discovery and Development” was introduced for students. This initiative combines life skills, citizenship, and academic exploration. These weekly sessions covered personal finance, values education, general knowledge, and career pathways.

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Academic Assessment & SSLC Results

KSV continues to use a continuous assessment model for students from 1st to 7th Standard, supported by regular feedback and individualised interventions. For classes 8 to 10, internal examinations prepare students for the SSLC board exams.

2024-25 Academic Highlights:

- 81% pass rate in SSLC (10th Standard Board Exams)
- 16 students appeared for the exam
- Highest score: Bhishtavva Ratolli scored the highest with 94%
- Bhishtavva achieved 100% in SST, & 99% in Kannada & English
- 25% of the graduates scored above 80%
- All SSLC graduates were admitted to PU College or vocational training.
- 100% of 8th & 9th grade students passed internal exams
- 72 total higher education students supported in 2024-25



Additionally, students from previous batches now pursuing college degrees or vocational studies continued to receive financial support from KSV.



Foundational Learning & Remedial Support

KSV placed special emphasis this year on strengthening early literacy and numeracy across the 1st to 4th Standards, with the following strategies:

- Dedicated Foundational Literacy sessions using multilingual storybooks
- Introduction of numeracy kits with games and manipulatives.
- Early intervention and extra help for students with learning gaps.
- Diagnostic assessments to track reading and arithmetic progress.

These efforts are part of KSV's long-term strategy and align perfectly with the National Education Policy (NEP 2020) goals, particularly ensuring universal foundational learning by Grade 3.

Enriching Discovery & Development Sessions

KSV's Discovery & Development sessions are an ongoing opportunity for students to explore new areas of knowledge and develop essential life skills. Their continuous nature ensures that students have a consistent platform for growth and learning, instilling confidence in their progress.

The sessions have been a diverse mix of activities, including:

- Visits to local universities
- Visits to local sustainable farms
- Sessions on road and traffic safety
- Sessions on plant grafting
- Designed clothes from waste material
- Workshops on self-defence
- Gained insight into journalism





Inter-School Academic Achievements

KSV students continued to shine in external competitions:

Pratibha Karangi Inter-School Cultural Competitions

- 14 & 18 1st & 2nd Places respectively at the Cluster Level
- Students placed in the top 3 at the Taluka-level events.



Girls' Kabaddi Team Success at the District Level

The girls' Kabaddi team achieved victory at the district level. Their journey included intense matches and moments of perseverance, making their win even more commendable.

We were also thrilled that two of our players, Swetha and Sangeeta, were chosen to represent KSV at the state-level championship camp. Their unwavering dedication to sports has not only opened new doors for them but also brought pride to our school.

The team's success is a testament to the unwavering dedication of their sports teacher, Sunil Goravanakolla. We also extend our heartfelt thanks to the team members for their hard work, their coach for his guidance, and all the supporters who cheered them on.

Teacher Training & Professional Development

Teachers participated in:

- A value-based education workshop by the India Foundation for the Arts
- Monthly in-house training sessions on classroom management, lesson planning, and formative assessment
- Peer observations and post-class debriefs to foster reflective practice

These sessions reinforced our commitment to building a motivated, skilled teaching team capable of meeting diverse learner needs.

 Academic Snapshot (2024-25)

Standard	Girls	Boys	Total
1st	7	7	14
2nd	7	11	18
3rd	10	7	17
4th	8	10	18
5th	7	9	16
6th	11	7	18
7th	7	6	13
8th	10	5	15
9th	6	3	9
10th	9	7	16
Total	82	72	154



Performing Arts Department

Music, Expression, and Cultural Identity

The Performing Arts Department is not just a part of KSV; it's at the heart of our mission to nurture the whole child. We believe access to Indian classical music and the dramatic arts fosters creativity, confidence, self-discipline, and deep cultural pride. This is a mission we all share and strive to uphold.

This year, KSV has again demonstrated its commitment to providing a comprehensive arts education. We have continued to offer intensive daily training in vocal music, tabla, sitar, violin, and drama, and we have provided regular performance opportunities for all students from the 1st to 10th standard.

Each day at KSV begins with sadhana, a quiet, focused, and individual practice that sets the tone for the day. This is followed by structured Performing Arts classes from 8:30 to 11:15 AM, led by dedicated teachers who are also working artists and practitioners. This routine ensures that our students start their day with a sense of purpose and focus.



😊 Elementary & Regular Programs

Elementary Classes (1st-4th Standard)

Through the joy of songs, games, and interactive lessons, students are introduced to Hindustani classical vocal music, folk dance, rhythm, and creative movement. These formative years build appreciation and confidence, fostering a sense of excitement and engagement in the learning process.

Regular Classes (5th-10th Standard)

Older students specialise in one or two disciplines (Vocal, Tabla, Sitar, Violin, Drama). They deepen their skills through:

- Weekly assessments
- Evening practice sessions
- Ensemble rehearsals
- Feedback-based learning
- Participation in internal and external performances



"KSV grows young hearts with music, where every note builds confidence, creativity, and joy in learning. "

— Krishna Sutar, Director of Performing Arts



Performances & Programs

Manch Pradarshan

A beloved KSV tradition, Manch Pradarshan is a bi-monthly internal performance showcasing students' work. This event fosters peer learning and builds stage confidence, with classical compositions, improvised scenes, and solo vocal and instrumental performances.

Morning of Music

Launched in 2024 and sponsored by the EdelGive Foundation, these special quarterly programs celebrate the tradition of Baithak-style performances. Students from all levels perform in a formal setting for an invited audience, including Managing Committee members, local musicians, and community leaders. The success of these events, with four editions held this year and growing support, is a testament to your valued participation and enthusiastic support. We were delighted to welcome renowned artists Pandit Venkatesh Kumar, Pandit Somnath Mardur, Pandit Jayateeth Mevundi, Pandit B.S. Math, and Vidushi Akkamahadevi Hiremath.





Ustad Hameed Khan's Punyatithi

In early January, KSV had the honour of hosting a musical program organised by the Kala Samvahana Trust, commemorating the legacy of Ustad Hameed Khan, one of KSV's esteemed founders. Ustad Hameed Khan, a maestro in the world of Indian classical music, was known for his innovative approach to teaching and performing, and his contributions to the preservation of Hindustani classical music are unparalleled.

The event featured a deeply moving vocal recital by the renowned Ustad Faiyaz Khan, who stirred the audience with a soulful rendition of Raag Jaunpuri. The depth and emotion in his performance resonated with the audience, reminding us of the timeless power of Hindustani classical music. Ustad Ji was accompanied on tabla by the highly acclaimed and talented Ustad Nisar Ahmed and on harmonium by our very own Pramod Hebballi.

This tribute was not just a celebration of music but also a powerful reaffirmation of Ustad Hameed Khan's vision—that music can uplift spirits, inspire young minds, and preserve cultural heritage. The morning was filled with emotion, reflection, and gratitude, leaving all in attendance with a deep appreciation for the profound contributions of this great maestro and a renewed inspiration to carry forward his legacy.

Guru Purnima & Maha Shivaratri

KSV students performed moving compositions created by their teachers at the Guru Purnima celebration in July and the Maha Shivaratri Sangeetotsav in February. Both events showcased the strength of the teacher-student tradition.



External Performances & Competitions

Pratibha Karangi Cultural Competitions

KSV students participated at the Cluster, Taluka, and District levels, earning several prizes in:

- Light Music
- Mono-Acting
- Folk Dance



Two students reached the District Finals, with one placing second in the Devotional Song category. These achievements underscore the depth of our training and our students' confidence.

Cultural Exchange Events

Students also performed in:

- A campus showcase in collaboration with the Kannada Cultural Department
- An outreach concert during the Jagriti Yatra visit



 Guest Workshops & Collaborations **Preserving Tradition with the Miraj Artists**

As part of our ongoing project with the Indian Foundation for the Arts, we hosted a unique workshop focused on the art of making, repairing, and restoring Hindustani classical instruments, particularly the tanpura and sitar. This workshop, a key component of our four-phase project with the IFA, is not just about music but about fostering a deep appreciation for the rich cultural heritage of traditional Indian music and its instruments.

During this workshop, the esteemed artisans from Miraj played a pivotal role in guiding our students. The students, in turn, actively participated in repairing instruments such as tanpura, tabla, sitar, or harmonium. This hands-on activity, including a demonstration, empowered the students to better understand the technical aspects of instrument care.

To culminate the project partnership with IFA, KSV hosted a special program marking the final phase of a project celebrating the craftsmanship of Miraj, a city renowned for its handcrafted classical musical instruments. The program showcased the students' work, a panel discussion with the artisans, and a musical performance.

Our students had the incredible opportunity to present their learning journey, showcasing the intricate artistry behind sitar, tanpura, and tabla-making. This hands-on experience deepened their appreciation for the craftspeople whose dedication keeps these traditions alive, and it was a moment of pride for all of us.

The event also featured an extraordinary musical performance, headlined by Ustad Chhote Rahimat Khan, who delivered a breathtaking rendition of Raag Charukeshi on the sitar. This performance, accompanied on the tabla by the gifted Kumar Hemant Joshi, was a testament to the enduring beauty and captivating power of Hindustani classical music.

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This initiative bridges the gap between artists and artisans and helps students understand the importance of preserving cultural heritage. It was a truly inspiring experience, reinforcing our belief that music is a way of life.



 Performing Arts Assessment

- All students (5th to 10th) completed internal annual exams in their art form.
- 100% pass rate, with an average performance score of 80%
- 15 students were considered ready for external exams (KSEEB — Junior Music Exams)
- Students received detailed written and oral feedback from their instructors and mentors.

 The Himanshu Roy Award for Excellence in Music

- In memory of music lover and patron Himanshu Roy, this year's award was presented to:
- Pruthvi Sulgekar – Vocal (winner)
- Santosh Rathod – Tabla (winner)

Pruthvi, a talented vocalist and Santosh, a dedicated tabla player, have consistently demonstrated extraordinary dedication and talent in their musical pursuits. In recognition of their outstanding achievements, Pruthvi and Santosh have been presented with a well-deserved certificate of recognition and a musical instrument. This invaluable support will significantly aid their continued pursuit of higher education in music.

The KSV community, with its unwavering support, takes great pride in celebrating Pruthvi and Santosh's remarkable accomplishments. Their achievements serve as a testament to their exceptional talent, relentless efforts, and the support they have received from their mentors and peers. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to both of them on their well-deserved recognition, knowing that we have played a part in their success.

The Himanshu Roy Award for Excellence in Music, an annual tribute to Himanshu Roy's revered memory, seeks to recognise and honour students who demonstrate outstanding performance, deep interest, and unwavering commitment to the field of music. This esteemed award catalyses to inspire further and empower students to excel in their musical journeys.



Kaleet Vidyalay

 HIMANSHU ROY AWARD
FOR
EXCELLENCE IN MUSIC 2024
This certificate is awarded to :
Pruthvi Sulgekar

ADARSH SUTAR
Principal

Student Welfare Department

Creating a Safe, Nurturing, and Empowering Residential Environment

At KSV, student welfare is at the core of everything we do. In a fully residential setting, we don't just provide care; we create a home where children feel safe, respected, and supported every hour of the day, ensuring their safety and well-being round the clock.

The Student Welfare Department plays a pivotal role in students' lives, overseeing their emotional well-being, physical health, personal development, hygiene, and discipline. With a dedicated team of wardens, nurses, and coordinators, we provide holistic support that extends beyond the classroom.

Staffing & Leadership

- Warden Coordinators: Sushma Yadgeri & Jyotiba Kademani
- 12 full-time hostel wardens
- An on-campus nurse providing daily health care
- Regular support from healthcare professionals and visiting counsellors



Hostel Life

KSV currently operates six hostels:

- Divided by gender and age group: Small, Medium, and Big
- Each hostel houses approximately. 25 students
- Two wardens are assigned to each hostel, ensuring 24/7 adult supervision and emotional support.
- Daily routines include morning hygiene, evening study, reflective check-ins, and value-based guidance.

This year, hostel routines were strengthened through the introduction of:

- Weekly hostel meetings to build a stronger sense of community.
- Circle of Gratitude to encourage feedback and positivity.



Health, Hygiene, and Nutrition

- Over 100,000 meals served this year, all prepared by our committed kitchen staff, who diligently follow KSV's nutrition guidelines and use local ingredients. Students received a diverse range of balanced South Indian vegetarian meals, emphasising pulses, millets, eggs (twice a week), fruits, and green vegetables, ensuring a healthy and varied diet.
- A new laundry room, a significant addition this year, was constructed near the hostels (thanks to the PwC funding). This facility has greatly improved the living conditions of our students, ensuring they have clean and hygienic clothes at all times.
- Sanitary pad kits were distributed to all adolescent girls.

The infirmary remains equipped for basic first aid, minor illness treatment, and emergency triage. For more serious conditions, our referral system with local hospitals ensures access to free or low-cost care.

Emotional & Mental Wellbeing

As students navigate adolescence and the demands of residential schooling, emotional well-being remains a significant priority. This year, KSV introduced:

- Wellness Workshops focused on managing anger, sadness, anxiety, and relationships
- One-on-one student counselling, both internally and with external therapists
- Mindfulness and breathing exercises before major exams and competitions



Health & Safety Highlights

- Regular Body Mass Index checks are completed for all students
- Students received health kits with soap, toothbrushes, combs, and undergarments.
- Dental hygiene awareness activities led by international volunteers
- Kitchen hygiene training was conducted for the student kitchen team.

"Our role is not just to care for students, but to raise resilient, respectful, and self-aware young people."

Sushma Yadgeri — Hostel Warden, Big Girls' Hostel

Collaboration with Laval University, Canada

This year's six interns from Laval University, Quebec, Canada, joined us for a three-month internship focused on various special projects to enhance health and wellness.

- Developing Nursing Protocols
- Nutritional Education
- Meal Planning & Menu Enhancement
- Promoting Ayurvedic Care
- Preventing Musculoskeletal Pain



Feedback from students and wardens was overwhelmingly positive. KSV is committed to continuing this dialogue in future years.

Celebrations & Community Life

Major festivals like Independence Day, Guru Purnima, Diwali, and Holi were celebrated in style, blending tradition with creativity. Students helped plan decorations, performances, and even food menus, making each event a moment of joy and connection.

Higher Education & Alumni

Continuing the Journey: Life Beyond KSV

At Kalkeri Sangeet Vidyalaya, graduation is not the end but a new beginning, a journey of personal growth and empowerment. We are proud to support our students far beyond the 10th Standard, guiding them towards their chosen paths, college degrees, vocational training, or music careers. KSV is there, every step of the way, fostering their growth and empowerment.

This year, the Higher Education Program focused on:

- Academic counselling and course selection
- Application and admission support
- Scholarship facilitation
- Career awareness workshops
- Ongoing emotional and financial support



KSV currently supports 72 higher education students (ages 16–25), including those in PUC, undergraduate, postgraduate, and diploma courses. This diversity is a testament to our inclusive approach, connecting us with students from various backgrounds and aspirations.

What Our College Students Are Studying

Level	Students
Pre-University	18
Undergraduate	29
Postgraduate	10
Vocational	15



★ Spotlight on our College Students

Kaveri Nayak - A Tale of Dedication and Success

After completing her academic journey at KSV, Kaveri Nayak has been accepted into the prestigious Azim Premji University with a full scholarship to undertake a BA in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics. As an exemplary student, Kaveri excelled in academics and performing arts, practising vocal and Kathak dance. Her hard work and dedication have paid off, and her achievements are a shining example for other students at KSV.

Renuka Sulgekar - A Journey in Kathak and Beyond

Renuka Sulagekar has begun a five-year integrated degree in Kathak Dance at the Savitribai Phule Pune University under the guidance of renowned Kathak exponent Guru Shama Bhate (Shama Tai).

Renuka's unwavering dedication to Kathak Dance is truly inspiring. Her aspiration to become a Kathak dancer, while also exploring other academic areas, is a testament to her commitment to establishing herself as an independent woman and creating a better future for herself and her family.

Renuka's journey is her own, but it serves as a beacon of inspiration for all our students, faculty, and the community interested in the arts and education. It's a testament to the power of pursuing diverse passions and building a fulfilling career.



The KSV Alumni Network

We now have over 120 alumni who have graduated from KSV since its founding in 2002. Many have gone on to:

- Become teachers, artists, and social workers
- Study and work abroad
- Mentor younger KSV students.
- Support their own families and uplift their communities.

This growing network proves that KSV's impact endures long after students leave campus.

Ongoing Support for Alumni

KSV remains committed to alumni well-being by providing:

- Career guidance and mentorship
- Mental health counselling
- Emergency response for health or family challenges

In several cases, alumni were invited back this year to lead workshops, co-teach classes, and serve as role models for current students.



Infrastructure & Environment

Creating a Campus That Reflects Our Values

Over the past year, Kalkeri Sangeet Vidyalaya has continued to upgrade and expand its physical infrastructure to better serve the evolving needs of students and staff, all while unwaveringly keeping sustainability at the core of all decisions.

With the generous support of partner organisations and volunteers, 2024-25 saw significant progress in improving facilities, enhancing hygiene, and creating a more comfortable, functional campus environment, which has positively impacted the daily lives of our students and staff.

New Laundry Room: Dignity Through Design

Thanks to the generous funding from PwC India, a new laundry room was completed this year. The space now includes:

- An industrial 30kg washer
- An industrial 30kg dryer
- Easy access clothes sorting area

This facility has improved hygiene, reduced water usage, and created a cleaner, more organised space for hostel life.

"For our girls, having a proper laundry space is more than clean clothes — it's about self-respect and independence."

— Survarna Hadagar, Big Girls' Hostel Warden



Campus Sustainability Initiatives

Sustainability is not just a value at KSV but a way of life. This year, the students, staff and volunteers implemented several impactful changes:

Waste Management Overhaul

- Clear separation of wet, dry, and non-recyclable waste
- Installation of new rubbish bins around the campus
- Improved signage to separate waste
- A full day dedicated to recycling awareness
- Bi-monthly waste collection coordination with local recyclers

Water Conservation

- Repairs were made to multiple leaking pipelines around the campus
- Installation of water-saving nozzles in select washrooms
- Upgrades were made to the filtration system



“Green Time” Student Sessions

Environmental awareness was woven into student life through weekly “Green Time” sessions, where children engaged in:

- Nature walks and plant identification
- Natural shelter building
- Building and installing birdhouses
- Made medicinal remedies using natural ingredients
- Built and flew kites
- Gardening, seed collection, and composting
- Waste sorting challenges
- Art from waste competitions
- Guest talks on local ecology



Over 30 sessions were held this year across all age groups.

“Students have started reminding each other to turn off the lights, reuse plastic, and take only what they’ll eat. That’s real learning.”

— Tara Fortier, Volunteers’ Coordinator



Ongoing Repairs & Upgrades

Throughout the year, our Maintenance Team, alongside external support from CASIRA and local artisans, completed:

- Construction of a new office building
- Construction of a new Volunteers/Staff accommodation
- Painting and limewashing in classrooms and hostels
- Campus maintenance and safety checks

A Campus in Harmony with Nature

KSV continues to protect and nurture its unique natural surroundings — a forested valley with a lake, birdsong, and silence. Infrastructure projects remain carefully planned to minimise environmental impact and maintain the space's serenity.

Future goals include:

- Solar power & light expansion
- Biogas production from kitchen waste
- Improved kitchen gardens



Events & Community Life

Building Identity, Belonging, and Joy

At KSV, learning is never confined to textbooks or timetables. The school's residential nature and arts-integrated model create a dynamic, diverse community where shared experiences, celebrations, and performances are central to growth.

This year's calendar was rich with festivals, ceremonies, visits, and community-led events, each offering students a chance to deepen their understanding of their culture, peers, and the world around them.

Guru Purnima – Honouring the Teacher Within

In July 2024, the Performing Arts Department organised a moving Guru Purnima celebration. The event featured student performances of original compositions written by their teachers, reflections, poetry, and song, blending tradition with creativity.

All students who spoke or performed did so with exceptional confidence, and the atmosphere was respectful and joyful. Special acknowledgement was given to the students who presented the program and those who provided seamless backstage support.



"A guru is not just someone who teaches, but someone who believes in you before you believe in yourself."

— Pallavi Tamadaddi, 9th Standard



Jagriti Yatra - Welcoming 500+ Changemakers

A highlight of the year was hosting over 500 participants from the Jagriti Yatra in November 2024. These young Indian changemakers spent the day at KSV, walking the forested trail around the lake to reach our campus — a route lined with hand-painted quotations created by staff and students.

The program included:

- Campus tours led by student guides
- A Q&A with the school leadership team
- Performances in tabla, drama, and vocal
- Shared meals and cultural exchange
- This visit powerfully reminded me of KSV's role as a school and a living model of rural innovation, equity, and art-based learning.



Celebrations of National and Cultural Festivals

KSV students actively participated in a range of cultural and national celebrations, including Independence Day, Republic Day, Ganesh Chaturthi, Holi, Teachers' Day, and Children's Day.

These events offered rich opportunities for cross-department collaboration and student leadership.



Annual Inter-House Competitions

In the spirit of healthy competition and teamwork, KSV organised two major inter-house events this year: the Inter-House Performing Arts Competition and the Inter-House Debate & Quiz Competition. Agra emerged victorious in the Performing Arts Competition, while Kirana took the honours in the Debate and Quiz Competition. The final House Shield was awarded to Kirana at the Annual Prize-Giving Day in April 2025, a joyful event attended by students, staff, volunteers, and local supporters.



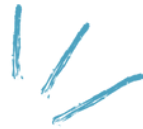
The School Fair

Our School Fair was a day of games, challenges, and laughter! Students participated in activities to earn tokens, which they later exchanged for treats at the School Stall.

- Exciting games & activities brought students together
- The School Stall allowed them to "shop" for rewards
- A refreshing fruit salad ended the day on a healthy, sweet note

It was a perfect blend of fun, teamwork, and celebration!

Campus Visitors & Volunteers



KSV welcomed:

- Visitors from EdelGive, India Foundation for the Arts, Feeding India, CASIRA, and IIT Bombay
- Independent educators, musicians, and researchers
- Volunteers from France, Canada, and India, who contributed to music, academics, healthcare, and hostel life

Each visitor left with a deeper appreciation for the school's unique model, and many shared that it was one of the most meaningful stops on their journey.



Volunteer Programme

Bridging Worlds Through Service

Kalkeri Sangeet Vidyalaya has always welcomed volunteers as an integral part of its ecosystem — not only for their support but also for their perspectives, friendships, and inspiration.

After a cautious relaunch post-pandemic, the Volunteer Programme has continued and grown steadily in 2024-25. This growth is a testament to our collective resilience and commitment, enriching students' lives and strengthening KSV's international and intercultural connections.

This year, 27 volunteers from France, Germany, Canada, and India spent between one month and one year at KSV, contributing in tangible ways to academics, health care, fundraising, communications, hostel life, and performing arts. For instance, they helped with academic tutoring, organised health awareness camps, and conducted cultural exchange programs.

Integration with Campus Life

Volunteers lived on-site, sharing meals and engaging in community life while being paired with staff mentors. They received orientation on cultural context, local customs, school values and policies, Kannada survival language sessions, and child protection and safety procedures. This immersive approach built trust, promoted cross-cultural understanding, and fostered genuine relationships with both students and staff.



Roles & Contributions

Volunteers were involved in:

Academic Support

► English language instruction, reading circles, remedial tutoring, and higher-level exam preparation.

Performing Arts Mentorship

► Coaching in vocal practice, rhythm training, movement, and exposure to global musical styles.

Health & Hygiene

► On-campus nurse support, wellness education, dental hygiene sessions, and student health check-ins.

Hostel & Student Life

► Organising evening games, arts & crafts sessions, and individual mentorship for students needing extra emotional support.

Administrative & Outreach Work

► Support with photography, documentation, newsletters, fundraising, and communications.



Voices from Volunteers

"I have been an art teacher at KSV since November 2024. This is my first volunteering experience and my first big trip. The school's educational project is very motivating, and every child has an enthusiasm and curiosity that makes you want to surpass yourself every day. What I like most about my experience is the daily challenges and how I have learned to manage them differently thanks to Indian culture, resilience and teamwork. Since the beginning of my mission, my relationship with the children through teaching has evolved a lot, which has allowed me to confirm my attraction to teaching children in an intercultural context".

— Juliette Delamarre, KSV Volunteer



Although too short for my liking, my time at KSV will remain a milestone in my personal and professional journey.

In this environment, I first witnessed the real impact of this organisation. Beyond providing academic education and Hindustani music, KSV offers young people a caring environment and the chance to enjoy a childhood filled with precious memories.

I also had the chance to discover Indian culture from a unique perspective. I was immersed in daily customs—through food, festivities, spirituality, and warm human connections. This closeness helped me better understand the richness and complexity of the local culture.

Finally, the experience was highly professional. I put my branding and communication skills into practice while facilitating genuine knowledge transfer. This allowed me to contribute to KSV's mission and shape my own vision of communication's social role.

— Martin Vanasse, KSV Volunteer

Moving Toward Longer-Term Engagement

In 2024-25, KSV began transitioning to a longer-term volunteer engagement model, aiming to:

- Prioritise volunteers who can stay for 12 months
- Offer more structured onboarding and mentorship.
- Focus on skills-based placements that align with school priorities.

This shift is helping ensure continuity for students and deepening the impact of volunteer contributions.

Volunteer Partnerships

La Guilde (France)

➤ As a part of France's Civic Service program, they recruit and train young people under 26 to become volunteers abroad

La DCC (France)

➤ They recruit and train qualified professionals for volunteer roles under France's International Voluntary Service scheme

CASIRA (Canada)

➤ Brought a team of retired professionals to work on construction projects and infrastructure repair

➤ Supported KSV's maintenance and hygiene goals with hands-on work and donated materials

Laval University (Quebec)

➤ Continued sending education interns through a structured partnership

➤ Volunteers contributed to literacy programmes and documentation

Independent Volunteers

➤ Reached KSV through organic outreach, alumni networks, and partner recommendations



Fundraising & Sponsorship

💖 Empowering Education Through Generosity

Fundraising at KSV is about financial sustainability and building a community of belief. Each donor, each sponsor, each supporter represents a vote of confidence in our mission to provide free, high-quality education to children from marginalised backgrounds.

The 2024-25 academic year saw growth in donor engagement, the continuation of long-term institutional partnerships, and several impactful fundraising campaigns — each one helping us reach more children and offer more opportunities.

😊 The Child Sponsorship Programme

Our Child Sponsorship Programme remains KSV's most reliable and sustainable core funding source. The model is simple but powerful: each student is matched with three committed sponsors, who receive regular updates and corresponding opportunities.

2024-25 Snapshot

- 450 active sponsors
- 98 new sponsors joined this year
- 91% retention rate
- Sponsors from India, France, Canada, the Germany, the USA, and beyond
- Over 43% of KSV's funding came from sponsorships.



☀ Sponsorship Campaign

From February 2025 to May 2025, we ran a sponsorship campaign, during which we recruited 75 new child sponsors.

Each year, we welcome new students into our community. Last year, 30 endearing students – 15 in 1st Std and 15 in other standards – began their enriching journey with us. To ensure our sustainability, we launched a sponsorship campaign to meet the educational needs of each child. While our goal was to ensure 90 sponsors, we feel humbled and encouraged by the 75 kind-hearted individuals who joined us on this journey.

✉ Sponsor Communication

This year, we enhanced sponsor engagement by:

- Exchanging letters where children write to their sponsors
- Sending four seasonal newsletters
- Including video clips and performance
- Hosting occasional online interactions for sponsors



We are deeply grateful to each sponsor — individuals, families, and friends — whose support changes lives daily.

"I sponsor a child at KSV not out of charity, but because I believe in education as a right, not a privilege."

— Sponsor, UK

🍲 Annadaan Campaign – Nourishing Minds and Bodies

In Indian tradition, offering food (Annadaan) is among the most sacred acts of giving. Our [Annadaan programme](#) allowed donors to support the daily nourishment of our students and staff directly.

🍽 2024-25 Highlights

- 273 donors contributed to Annadaan
- 360 days of meals were sponsored in full

Meals funded supported over 150 students per day.

Institutional Partnerships

KSV received transformative support from key institutional partners this year:

- [Feeding India by Zomato](#)
- [Danfoss Power Solutions](#)
- [EdelGive Foundation](#)
- [Rohini Nilekani Philanthropies](#)
- [Price Waterhouse Coopers](#)
- [SELCO Solar Lights](#)
- [CASIRA](#) (Canada)
- [Namaste Association](#)
- [Congrégation de Notre Dame](#)
- [Double Arrow Consultancy Pvt Ltd](#)
- [Insolite Batisseur Philippe Romero](#)
- [Sprinklr India Private Limited](#)
- [Numile Solutions Private Limited](#)
- [CDPQ India Private Limited](#)

Each partnership is grounded in trust, shared values, and measurable impact, and we deeply value these relationships.



Spotlight on Our Institutional Partners

Feeding India

Feeding India, a flagship program of Zomato, is one of the country's most significant not-for-profit initiatives working to eradicate hunger and malnutrition. With a vision of ensuring "Better food for more people," the program reaches underserved communities across India by partnering with grassroots organisations and food providers. Their approach combines charitable outreach with professional systems, ensuring meals are not only plentiful but also nutritious, safe, and sustainable. Feeding India is not just providing meals, but creating pathways for healthier and more equitable futures for countless individuals by addressing the fundamental need for proper nutrition.

At Kalkeri Sangeet Vidyalaya, our partnership with Feeding India has been truly transformative, significantly improving our students' lives. Our students receive wholesome meals daily that include fresh fruits, protein sources, and a carefully balanced diet. This consistent nourishment has led to tangible improvements in their health, energy levels, and ability to concentrate, allowing them to thrive in academics and performing arts. Beyond physical well-being, the meals bring a sense of dignity and care, reinforcing that our children are valued and supported. For many students, this is the foundation that allows them to confidently pursue their dreams. We extend our deepest gratitude to Feeding India for standing beside KSV, nourishing young lives, and helping our students reach their full potential.



Danfoss Power Solutions

Danfoss Power Solutions is a global leader in sustainable engineering solutions, committed to creating a better tomorrow through innovation, energy efficiency, and social responsibility. Danfoss extends its commitment beyond industry in India by supporting impactful educational initiatives that empower underprivileged children. Their partnership with Kalkeri Sangeet Vidyalaya reflects this vision, bringing opportunity and hope to children who might otherwise face barriers to learning. Danfoss demonstrates how corporate responsibility can create meaningful and lasting societal change by investing in education. Their role in creating a better tomorrow is not just a vision, but a reality that inspires us all.

At KSV, Danfoss Power Solutions supports the Academic Education Program, ensuring every child receives high-quality, child-centred learning. This includes subjects ranging from languages and mathematics to science, arts, and computer studies, taught through innovative methods catering to diverse learning styles. The impact is profound: students gain knowledge, confidence, creativity, and the ability to pursue higher education and meaningful careers. Many alumni now thrive in college and professional life, breaking the cycle of poverty for themselves and their families. We extend heartfelt gratitude to Danfoss Power Solutions for their transformative support, which inspires hope and empowers our students to become the best versions of themselves.



 EdelGive Foundation

EdelGive Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Edelweiss Group, is dedicated to building strong and resilient grassroots organisations across India. Guided by a vision of empowering communities, EdelGive supports initiatives in education, livelihoods, and women's empowerment, ensuring that meaningful change reaches those who need it most. Their approach is collaborative, long-term, and deeply invested in strengthening the capacity of NGOs to create lasting social impact.

At Kalkeri Sangeet Vidyalaya, EdelGive Foundation supports our Performing Arts Program, which lies at the heart of KSV's mission. Through this partnership, children from marginalised and economically disadvantaged backgrounds receive intensive training in Hindustani classical music, tabla, sitar, violin, drama, and more. Beyond artistic skills, this education fosters creativity, discipline, confidence, and cultural pride—qualities empowering students to aspire to higher education and professional arts careers. The impact extends beyond our campus: many alumni are now accomplished artists, teachers, and performers contributing to India's rich cultural heritage while achieving financial independence. EdelGive's support ensures the arts remain a pathway to empowerment, breaking cycles of poverty and opening doors to brighter futures. We extend our sincere gratitude to EdelGive Foundation for championing the transformative power of the arts at KSV, confident this long-term partnership will continue making a lasting impact.



Rohini Nilekani Philanthropies

Rohini Nilekani Philanthropies supports ideas and institutions that foster social change, equity, and empowerment. The foundation firmly believes in communities' capacity to shape their own futures. It provides flexible and long-term support to education, the environment, and societal development organisations. Its approach emphasises trust-based philanthropy, offering partners the freedom to innovate, adapt, and grow in response to community needs.

At Kalkeri Sangeet Vidyalaya, we are privileged to be in the second year of a rare and invaluable three-year grant from Rohini Nilekani Philanthropies. The foundation provides unconditional funding each year—one of the few multi-year, unrestricted grants KSV receives. This flexible support is vital, as it allows us to strengthen our core operations and direct resources where they are most needed, whether in academics, performing arts, student welfare, or infrastructure. By trusting us with unrestricted funding, Rohini Nilekani Philanthropies enables us to plan strategically, respond swiftly to challenges, and invest in long-term impact rather than short-term fixes. The results of this support are profound and can be seen in our students' enhanced learning, improved well-being, and increased opportunities to pursue higher education and meaningful livelihoods. We sincerely thank Rohini Nilekani Philanthropies for believing in KSV's mission and empowering us to continue transforming young lives.



Total Income Breakdown (Operational Expenses)

Source	Amount (INR)	%
Institutional Grants	83,78,000	36%
Child Sponsorship	1,01,43,000	43%
Annadaan	21,16,000	9%
Other Donations	27,50,000	12%
Total Income (2024-25)	2,33,87,000	100%

Thank You

We sincerely thank each of our sponsors, donors, and friends. Your generous support is vital for sustaining our mission and realising our vision. Together, we are creating a world where children are not defined by their backgrounds but are empowered by their vast potential.

Your contributions make a tangible difference, enabling us to provide resources, opportunities, and a nurturing environment for children to flourish. Thank you for trusting in our cause and for your steadfast commitment to shaping a brighter future for the next generation. Together, we are making lasting change and fostering hope. We could not do this without you.



Closing Message & Acknowledgements

✨ A Year of Growth, Gratitude, and Grounded Hope

As we close the 2024–25 academic year, we do so with a deep sense of gratitude, not only for what has been achieved but for the people who made it possible. This year, we witnessed our students shine on stage, in classrooms, in hostel life, and in the world beyond KSV. We saw them grow into compassionate leaders, disciplined artists, confident speakers, and kind peers. We saw the impact of consistency, care, and community. At the heart of this progress are the many people who have walked alongside us — some quietly, some boldly — but all with purpose.

With Heartfelt Thanks



We express our deepest gratitude to:

Our Staff

For showing up with commitment, creativity, and compassion every single day.

Our Students

For their trust, resilience, and boundless potential. You are the reason we exist.

Our Managing Committee

For their strategic vision and shared belief in empowerment through education.

Our Donors & Sponsors

For investing in the children's future. Your generosity sustains our mission.

Our Partners

Thank you to each one of our valuable partners for their generous contributions.

Our Volunteers

For their time, talent, and warmth, building bridges across borders and hearts.

Our Alumni

For returning to give back, guide, and inspire the next generation.

And finally, to everyone who believes in KSV's mission, near or far, thank you for being part of this journey.

Looking Ahead

As we move into 2025-26, our focus will remain on:

- Strengthening foundational education and student well-being
- Expanding access to higher education and career guidance
- Deepening performing arts education
- Honouring sustainable, local practices
- Building the next generation of rural changemakers



We do this with clarity, humility, and unwavering hope.

"Within each child lies endless possibility—a seed of promise waiting to grow. With the right care, encouragement, and guidance, that seed takes root and becomes steady progress. And in communities like KSV, where opportunity and compassion are woven into daily life, that progress evolves into transformation that touches not only the child but the entire community."

— Adam Woodward, Director
on behalf of the KSV Team





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