



Kalkeri
Sangeet
Vidyalyaya

Annual Report
2018-19



Introduction

Kalkeri Sangeet Vidyalaya 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, receive a nutritious diet and adequate healthcare services. Care, love and compassion are fundamental elements of the whole process.

Founded in November 2002, the school is located in a peaceful valley near the city of Dharwad. In this setting, the children enjoy the tranquillity necessary for their academic studies, music practice and many other cultural activities.

This year, KSV welcomed 215 students from 6 to 25 years old. Students are supported from 1st standard until the completion of their studies.

2018-2019 Students

Primary school students - **119**

Secondary school students - **43**

Higher education students - **53**

Girls - **51 %**

Boys - **49 %**



The Managing Committee

PRESIDENT

Naveen Jha

Serial Social Entrepreneur & Impact Investor

VICE-PRESIDENT

Ustad Hameed Khan

Principal of KCD Music College (Retired)

TREASURER

Vacant Position

SECRETARY

Adam Woodward

Director, Kalkeri Sangeet Vidyalaya

MEMBERS

Arun Bellary

Managing Director - Asarva

Mathieu Fortier

Cofounder, Jeunes Musiciens du Monde - Kalkeri Sangeet Vidyalaya

K.L Patil

Karnataka High-Court Lawyer

Agathe Fortier

Cofounder, - Jeunes Musiciens du Monde & Kalkeri Sangeet Vidyalaya

Avinash Patil

Accountant





Members of Staff

The KSV family is a multidisciplinary team of dedicated and enthusiastic individuals from various backgrounds. They are fully qualified and experienced professionals creating a motivated and dynamic team of mentors for the students.

KSV employs 74 members of staff and two long-term interns (2-year internships) across its Academic, Performing Arts, Student Welfare, Administration, Kitchen and Maintenance departments. 64 employees are full time and 10 are part time. Excluding the School Director and two interns, the entire workforce have been recruited locally and all members of staff are based on campus at Kalkeri.

ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

Director: Adam Woodward

General Manager: Yashwant Shindhe

Accounts Officer: Kavita Hiremath

Human Resources and Fundraising Executive: Santosh Pujar

Human Resources Executive: Suprita H.S.

Volunteer Coordinator: Améthyte Ouedraogo

Sponsorship Coordinator: Sarah Tavernier

Sponsorship Coordinator: Myriam Bailly

Driver: Chandrashekhhar Pagoji

Security Guard: Anand Waddar

Security Guard: Fakkirappa Pagoji



ACADEMIC DEPARTMENT

Director of Academic Studies:
Sudharm Basapur

TEACHERS:

1st Standard: Bhimray Jadennavar
2nd Standard: Marimbanu Adhoni
3rd Standard: Jeejabai Koldar
4th Standard: Fakkiramma Dandin
5th Standard: Basavaraj Kajaganatti

Mathematics: M.B.Shaikh

Science & Mathematics:
Santosh Hiremath

Science & Mathematics:
Rajashekharayya.S.Kalagi

Social Sciences: Mohamedali.S.Wallikar

Kannada: Vimala Patil

Hindi: Nalina Badiger

English: Ravi Walmiki

Library: Girja. N. Pujar

Sports: Sunil Goravanakolla

ELEMENTARY DEPARTMENT

TEACHERS:

General: Rekha G. Baledamath

General: Nanda Pagoji

Craft: Roopa Holehonnurmath

General: Bhagyashri Maralingappanavar

Vocal: Shruti Khan

Vocal: Anita

Drama: Shashikala

PERFORMING ARTS DEPARTMENT

Director of Performing Arts:
Veeranna Pattar

TEACHERS:

Vocal: Krishna Sutar

Vocal: Vasanti Mutugoor

Sitar: Mohasin Khan

Sitar: Noorjahan. A. Nadaf

Tabla: Prasad Madiwalar

Tabla: Prashant Harugerimath

Drama: Veeranna Pattar



STUDENT WELFARE DEPARTMENT

Director of Student's Welfare:
Lingaraj Bannihatti

TEAM

Ashwini Walikar
Basavaraj Doddamani
Bharati B Malavalli
Geeta Gouda
Kalavva Pujar
Mahathesh Hosamani
Pakkiramma Pagoji
Pushpa Goravanakolla
Ravi Walmiki
Reshma G Lamani
Santosh I Kalaghatagi
Seeranhalli Banashankari
Shruti.Kamatar
Sunanda Pujer
Suvarna Hadagar
Vinod Shukla

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

Supervisor: Arjun Bangadi
Foreman: Dharmraj Walikar
Skilled Labour: Sahu Kokare

TEAM

Bagubhai Kokare
Bommu Toravatt
Dhulu Toravatt
Hanumant Walikar
Hanumavva Mummigatti
Jannabai Toravatt
Mahadev Javalli
Maruti Naikar
Premavva Mummigatti
Ravi Vaddar
Tammanna Naikar
Vittu Lambore
Tammanna Naikar
Vittu Lambore

KITCHEN DEPARTMENT

Head Cook: Laxmi Pagoji

ASSISTANTS:

Gangavva Javalli
Mahadevi Goudar
Renavva Mummigatti
Sarita Naikar
Savitri Goudar
Storekeeper: Manjula Kale

Academic Department





Primary and Secondary Education

KSV's Academic Department's primary aim is to implement a truly child-centred education that caters to different and varied learning styles which allows each and every child to learn at their own pace. To achieve this, teachers undergo constant training sessions to learn about alternative approaches. They are also encouraged to use new technologies in the classroom such as computers, tablets and projectors.

Various teaching methods are employed in the classroom such as Reciprocal Method, Group Work and Peer-to-Peer teaching. Teachers also have access to various teaching aids such as flash cards, charts, counting-beads, number cards, cards of different shapes, currency, blocks, puzzle games and activity books.



2018-2019 Students

Standard	Age Range (yrs)	Boys	Girls	Total
1st	6-7	7	8	15
2nd	7-8	5	9	14
3rd	8-9	7	7	14
4th	9-10	9	11	20
5th	10-11	12	11	23
6th	11-12	6	10	16
7th	12-13	12	5	17
8th	13-14	6	12	18
9th	14-15	4	5	9
10th	15-16	9	7	16
Higher Education	16-25	27	26	53
Total		104	111	215



The subjects taught in Lower Primary (1st to 4th Standard) are Kannada, English, Mathematics, Environmental Science, Art, Storytelling and Games. In Upper Primary to Higher Secondary (5th to 10th Standard) the subjects are Kannada, English, Hindi, Mathematics, Science, Social Science, Computer Studies, Arts and Sports.

Class hours per student per week

Age Range

Class hours per student per week

1st-4th

Kannada - 4
English - 4
Maths - 5
Environmental Science - 5
Story Telling - 2
Games - 2
Art - 2

5th-10th

Kannada - 4
English - 4
Hindi - 2
Maths - 5
Science - 5
Social Science - 4
Computer Studies - 1
Art - 1
Sport - 2





Higher Education

53 students are now perusing their higher education studies

- 25 students are in PUC College
- 18 students are in an Under-Graduate degree programmes
- 2 students are in Post-Graduate degree programmes
- 8 students are in vocational training courses

College Students & Parents Meeting



Each month we hold a College Student's Meeting with the students that we continue to support for their higher education, and then each semester we hold one of the meetings along with their parents. This is a great opportunity for us to all get-together, share information, reflect upon performance and progress, and to chalk out a vision for the up-and-coming academic year.



Alumni

This academic year, three Students completed their education.

Sangeeta Chavan completed her Bachelor's Degree in Education with distinction, and she is now working in a residential school at Navalgund as Higher Secondary English Teacher.

Shanti Chavan, Sangeeta's younger sister, completed her Bachelor's Degree in Arts with distinction. Shanti is currently considering applying for fellowship program at Deshpande Foundation, Hubli, further education or whether to enter the job market.



Tabasum Langadi completed ITI (Industrial Training Institute) as an electrician, and she will take up an apprenticeship with a Bangalore based company.



Academic Examinations

- 100% of the 8th, 9th & 10th Standard students passed their annual internal academic exams with an average pass rate of 66%.
- There are no traditional exams for the 1st to 7th standard students, they undergo continuous evaluation throughout the year.
- The 10th Standard examination results were announced in April 2019. All of the sixteen students passed their Secondary School Leaving Certificate exams, thereby maintaining the 100% pass-rate.
- The average pass mark was 68% and Aditya Tulajappanavar came top of the class with 86%.
- All of the students from the 10th Standard were admitted in PU Colleges.
- 100% of students finishing college continued their education by starting an undergraduate degree.
- 100% of undergraduates finishing their bachelors continued their studies either starting a new bachelor's degree or starting a Masters or Government job coaching classes.

Academic Regular Activities

• **Weekly - Green Time**

Every Saturday afternoon from 2.00pm to 4.30pm the students take part in “Green Time”. The intention behind this is to ensure the students become more aware regarding the environment. Activities include: gardening, recycling, natural cosmetics, art from recycled materials, herbarium, mud sculptures, etc





• Throughout the Year - House Competitions

This year, it was the third year of the “House System”. Six houses were created and named after Hindustani classical sangeet gharanas (families/houses): Agra, Gwalior, Kirana, Jaipur, Patiala & Rampur. Each child is allocated a house, and houses are balanced according to age, gender and families. Throughout the year there are various competitions where the children take part and represent their houses. The winners are credited with house points.

The House System is linked to the discipline system. Any child going beyond what is normally expected of them may be awarded a star. Any child with serious misbehaviour may be awarded a stripe. At the end of the year stars, stripes and house points are tallied to see who wins the house shield.

The competitions that the children take part in that are related to the house system are as follows:

- Olympic Games - Winners - Gwalior
- Debate Competition - Winners - Kirana
- Music Competitions - Winners - Rampur
- Elementary House Competitions - Winners - Kirana

Patiala House were the winners of the House Shield.

The house system creates a supportive environment, generates a sense of unity, promotes healthy competition, encourages cooperation within the houses, endorses good behaviour, upholds a sense of pride and loyalty, helps older and younger students to mix, supports new students to integrate and develop a sense of belonging, creates a sense of history within the school, and places an element of the discipline management in the hands of the students.



Debate Competition and Quiz

Each year, we hold several events in which the children take part and represent their Houses, and then the winning House will gain House Points which will count towards the points collected for the House Shield which is awarded at the end of the academic year.

The Academic Department organised various events such as Pick 'n' Speak, Speed Typing, Essay Writing, various debates, and quizzes. The children competed in these events according to their age.

Kirana House came out on top with 49 House Points, Jaipur came second with 32 House Points and Patiala came third with 23 House Points.



Annual Prizing Giving Day

At the close of the 2018-19 academic year the final day of the year is reserved for Prize Giving Day. Before lunch, we held a program that was a mixture of prize-giving, students' music & dance performances and opportunities to express our gratitude to the parents and our members of staff.

For the prize giving; there were prizes in the Academic and Performing Arts departments for Top of Class and Most Improved. Prizes were awarded by the Hostel Wardens for the Best Leader and the Most Helpful. There were also several prizes distributed to the children from all the competitions that they had taken part in over the last year.

Finally, the House Shields were awarded; Kirana won the shield for the Debate Competition, Rampur won the Music competition Shield, Kirana won the Elementary Competition Shield, Gwalior won the shield for the Olympics and the 2018-19 House Shield was won by Patiala.



House Shield Winner's Day Out

Last academic year, House Kirana were winners of the KSV House Shield and they were rewarded with a special day out.

We took them to the local Dharwad Adventure Base. They spent the full day there where there were lots of activities to keep them occupied and entertained throughout the day.

They had the opportunity of buffalo riding, horse riding, zorbing, tractor driving, rope activities, aerial activities, swimming and much more.

Mr. Pramod Angadi the owner of the Dharwad Adventure Base had kindly agreed to give us a generous concession, but after meeting the group and getting to know the children he very kindly waived all the costs. All the KSV Family is extremely grateful to Pramod for his generosity, and also to all his team at the Dharwad Adventure Base for looking after the group so well and for giving Kirana House a great day to remember. Many Thanks.





Prathiba Karangi - Inter-School Competitions

Prathiba Karangi is an annual inter-school competition. There are four levels from the Cluster Level, thirteen local schools, up to the State Level. The students take part in a variety of events such as speeches in various languages, story-telling, mono-acting, clay modelling, music, dance, a quiz, poetry, fancy dress and much more. The students compete in two categories, Primary School and Secondary School.

At the first level, the Cluster Level, in primary and secondary, we entered for a total of fifty-one events and came away with twenty-two 1st places, twenty 2nd places, and three 3rd places; those that achieved the 1st place advanced to the next round.

At the second level, the Sub-District Level, the students achieved three 1st places, two 2nd places, and two 3rd places.

Inter-School Sports Competitions

The inter-school sports competition is another annual event. This event has five levels of competition, from the Cluster level, fifteen local schools, right up to the State Level. All those students achieving a first place will advance to the next level.

At the Cluster Level, Kiran Rathod was our big success with a 1st in the Long Jump and a 2nd in the 100 and 200-meter sprint. From the girls Nivedita achieved 2nd place in the High Jump, Madhu did well with a 2nd in the Long Jump and a 3rd in the High Jump. The Primary Girls' Team also came 2nd in the Kabadi.

At the next level, the Zonal Level, Kiran came 1st in the 200-meter running and 2nd in the Long Jump.



The 10th Std End of Year Trip

As is the case each year, once the 10th standard finishes their final exams they go for a short trip. This year they had the wonderful opportunity to spend a couple of days on a private beach which was the perfect place for them to unwind and relax after all the weeks and months of study, revision, and exams.



Academic Extra Activities



World Environment Day - Tree Planting

We marked World Environment Day with several activities, one of them being a tree planting session. The local Forest Department had very kindly donated more than seventy saplings, and then one Saturday afternoon as a part of our weekly “Green Time” activities we set about planting.

The children were split into groups and were accompanied by some members of staff and volunteers. We planted trees in various areas of the campus and some of the trees we planted included Moringa, Teak, Neem, Silver Oak, Sapota, Jamun, and Sitafal.

This was a great community activity and yet another step forward towards making our green space even greener.

World Environment Day - A Stage Play

Another element to mark World Environment Day was when several of children acted in a stage play, “Bakasura Barmaygalu”. This play was written and directed by one of our teachers Santosh Hiremath, and he was assisted by Basavaraj and Shashikala.

And of course, all the children had great fun during this drama, whether they were acting in the play, or were part of the audience.



Celebrating National Science Day

On 28th February we celebrated National Science Day; this is celebrated in India each year to mark the discovery of the Raman Effect by Indian physicist Sir C. V. Raman on 28 February 1928.

We conducted various activities on the day; the students from the 1st to 9th Standards, with the help of their teachers, researched various scientific concepts, and then prepared an assortment of models to demonstrate the same. There were a variety of topics included such as - Nutritional Benefit of Fruits & Vegetables, The Functions of Kidneys, Solar & Lunar Eclipses, and a Working Model of a Currency Printing Machine.

During the day all the students, staff and volunteers had the opportunity to go around the various stations and see the presentation of the concepts by the students.

Academic Teachers' Drama

We were treated to a stage drama performance by the KSV Academic Teachers. The play, Naaeke Badavanu, a comedy, was scripted and prepared by the teachers themselves, and the general theme was regarding the fact that not everyone uses their talents to the best of their abilities and how this can be overcome.

The teacher gave wonderful performances that highly appreciated by one and all. We anticipate that this will become an annual event at KSV.





Performing
Arts
Department

The most unique element of KSV is the level of intensity spent on the performing arts by children at the primary and secondary level. Students spend one hour every morning, five days a week practicing their chosen art. Performing arts classes then run from 8.30 am to 11.15 am five days a week. Students are divided into two groups: Elementary Classes (1st to 4th Standard) and Regular Classes (5th to 10th). Elementary classes provide a broad and varied schedule of activities over the course of four years. Children are given an introduction to Hindustani classical music (vocal), introduction to dance (folk & Kathak), and this is combined with activity-based learning, education through games, arts & crafts and sports & games.

For the students from the 5th to 10th standards the full three hours is dedicated to performing arts classes; most students take two options choosing between: vocal, tabla, sitar, violin, Kathak and drama.

Performing Arts

Standard	Subject	Tuition per week (hours)
1st-4th	Elementary Classes	15
5th-10th	Student's choice: music, dance and drama	15



Performing Arts Examinations

Gandharva Mahavidyalaya Music & Dance Exams

- KSV entered **30** students for the exams
- **100%** of students passed with an average pass rate of **76%**.

KSV Internal Music/Dance/Drama exam

- **85** students were entered for this exam.
- **100%** of them passed with average pass mark of **84%**





Performing Arts Regular Activities

Manch Pradharsan

On every second Friday we reserve three hours for a Manch Pradharsan program, a literal translation into English being, Floor Show.

The first two hours are for the students from one elementary group and one of the senior classes to present what they have been learning over the course of the previous weeks and months; the students are encouraged to perform individually. The remaining time is given over to their Guru Ji who performs in front of their students and the audience. The audience consists of the senior students and performing arts staff. These sessions are empowering for the students as they have the opportunity to showcase the outcome of all their hard work and effort, and their Guru's performances are inspiring for the students which serves to further motivate them onwards in their musical journey.

Performing Arts Extra Activities



Ustad Wasifuddin Dagar at KSV

We had the immense pleasure and were honoured to welcome Ustad Wasifuddin Dagar to the KSV Campus. Ustad Wasifuddin Dagar is the son of the late Ustad Nasir Faiyazuddin Dagar, and the nephew of the late Ustad N. Zahiruddin Dagar, of the well-known junior Dagar brothers and therefore a descendant of the legendary Haridas Dagar, Tansen's teacher.

Ustad Ji spent the whole day with us at KSV; shortly after his arrival, we made a tour of the campus and in particular the music classes. He then conducted a workshop whereby he introduced the KSV students to the wonderful world of Dhrupad.

After lunch, Ustad Ji, accompanied by Pandit Mohan Shyam Sharma one of the leading Pakhawaj players of India, and Pramod and Sucheta on Tanpura gave an enthralling dhrupad vocal recital.

The whole day's activities were organised by SPICMACAY to whom we are most grateful for having given us the opportunity and pleasure for us to welcome such a notable exponent of India's rich classical music tradition to our humble campus.





A Vocal Recital by Pandit Bhuvanesh Komkali

We were indeed most fortunate to welcome Pandit Bhuvanesh Komkali, Shri Sanjay Deshpande and Shri Guruprasad Hegde. Pandit Bhuvanesh Komkali, the grandson of Pandit Kumar Gandharva, blessed us with a vocal recital and was accompanied on tabla by Shri Sanjay Deshpande from Pune, and on Sarangi by Shri Guruprasad Hegde from Dharwad. Also as accompanists were two of KSV's alumni; Krishna Sutar on Tanpura and Vinod Patil on Harmonium.

Pandit Kedar Bodas visits KSV

We were honoured to welcome Pandit Kedar Bodas. This is his second visit to KSV. Kedar was born into a family of professional musicians and is the son of Sri Narayan Bodas, a well-known singer and teacher of the Gwalior and Agra Gharanas.

Kedar is currently one of the senior Gurus at the Dr.Gangubai Hangal Gurukul in Hubli that was established in memory of legendary musician the late Padmavibhushan Dr.Gangubai Hangal.

He visited along with his students from the Gurukul, one of whom is Mutturaj Madanbhavi, a KSV Alumni. Mutturaj is one of three KSV Alumni that are currently taking their studies in music further at the Dr.Gangubai Hangal Gurukul.





Odissi Dance - Lecture/Demonstration

We were treated to an Odissi Dance Lecture – Demonstration which was conducted by Smt Yogini Gandhi and Smt Yojana Pokarna. Their vast knowledge, expertise and skill on the subject led to a wonderful and informative session that was presented in a straightforward format that was easy to understand for the students.



Odissi & Kathak Dance Performances

We had the wonderful opportunity to witness classical dance performances from two immensely talented dancers, Debasish Pattnaik – Odissi Dance, and Nitin Shirale – Kathak Dance. Their performances were a delight for the students and we are very grateful that they came and spent their valuable time with us at KSV.





Jnaana Vaahini - A Bharatanatyam Workshop

We were indeed fortunate to welcome Smt Radhika Shetty, the Founder and Director of Nrityaangan, who conducted a Bharatanatyam dance workshop with the students.

Jnana Vaahini is the latest project from Nrityaangan which aims to popularise the sacred dance of Bharatanatyam through workshops and lecture-demonstrations.

Radhika Ji herself gave a short performance and she spent time with the students discussing the various dance forms practised in the country and also regarding some of the nuances and finer points of Bharatanatyam.

A Hubli House Program

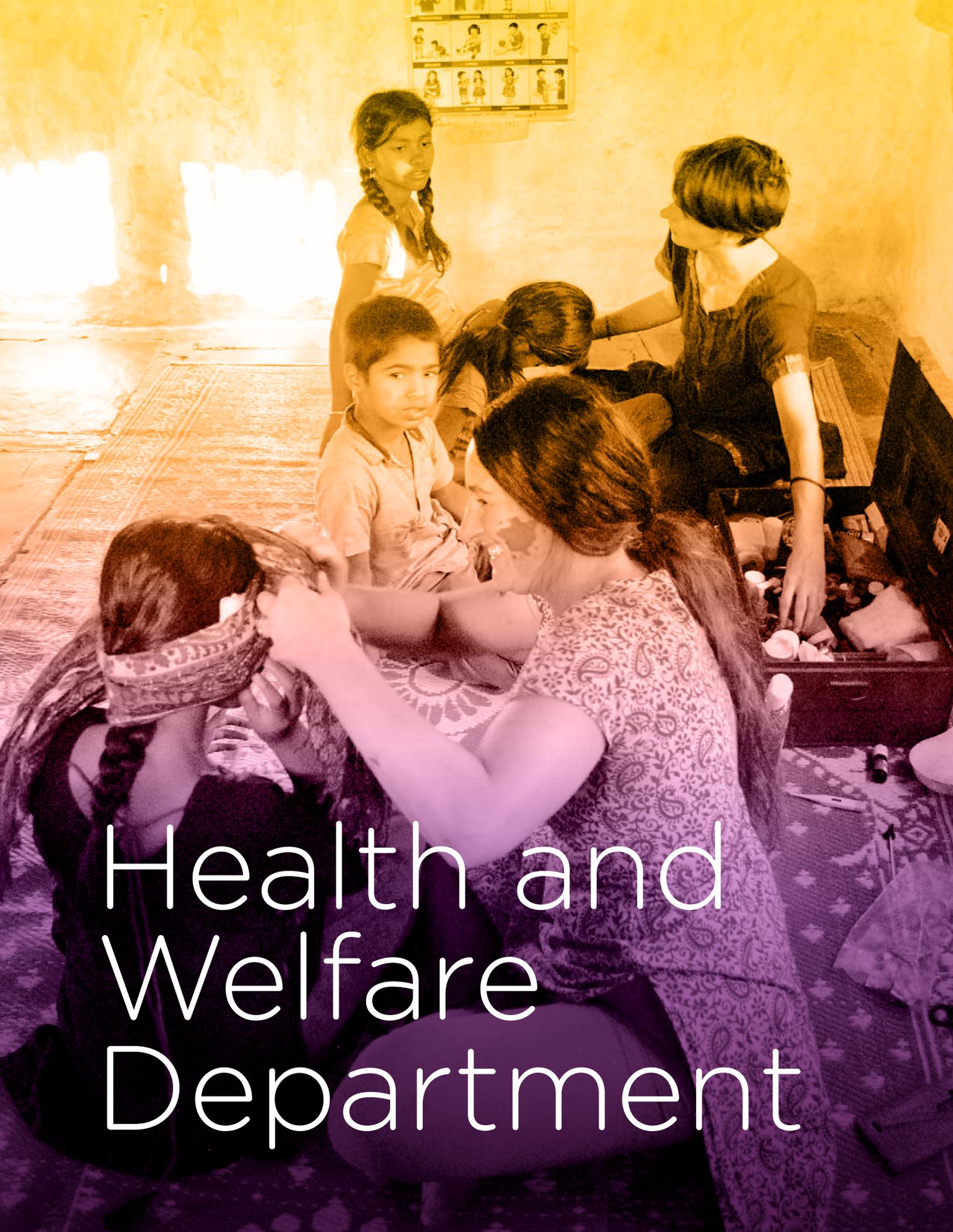
Towards the end of the year we held an informal Baithak-style concert at the home of Naveen and Neelam Jha in Hubli. The objective of the function was to bring together interested individuals from the local community and give them the opportunity to learn more about the KSV model, the school and the students. A small group of students presented a music program and there was also a short presentation on KSV which was followed by a Q&A session.

We are currently planning to host these events every two months with the intention of attracting further support and new donors to the school. If you're local to the Hubli-Dharwad area and are interested in attending one of these events then please reach out to us for more details:

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By e-mail: info@ksv.org.in





Health and Welfare Department



As a residential school, the health and welfare of the children is paramount. Three nutritious home-cooked South Indian vegetarian meals are provided every day. The kitchen staff caters for over 300 people, including students, staff and volunteers. KSV runs a small infirmary on campus, 'the Bobo House', managed by volunteer healthcare professionals. This facility is sufficient to deal with basic medical needs of the children, staff and volunteers but for more serious health issues, members of staff or volunteers escort children to one of the local hospitals in Dharwad, several of which KSV has a relationship with that entitles the school to free or reduced cost treatment and medicines.

Every week, all the students receive vitamin and iron supplements to prevent anaemia and other health problems.



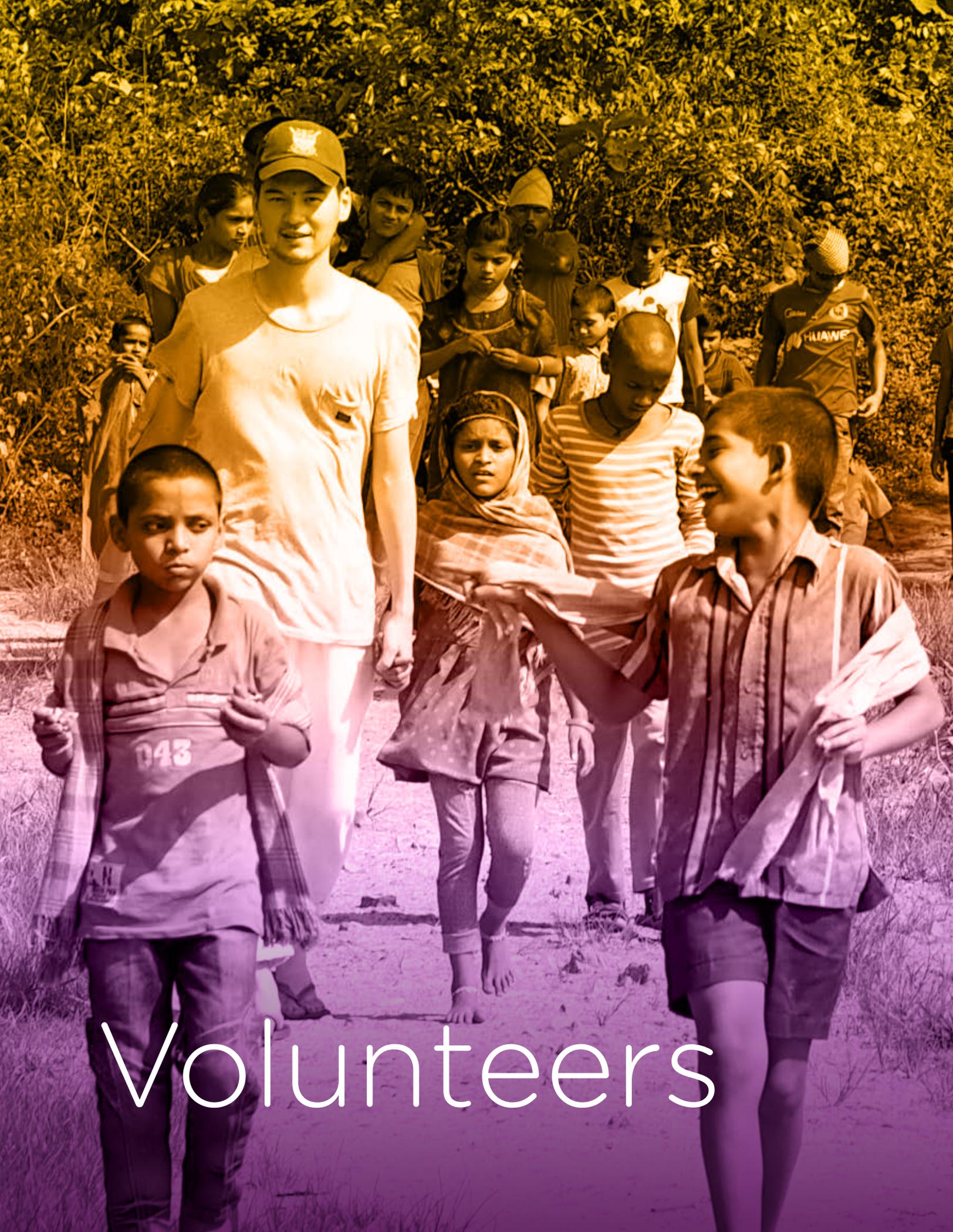
Nurse Internship

Again this year, KSV was delighted to receive two students nurse from the Faculty of Nursing Science of Laval University, Quebec City, as well as one student in psychology from the Faculty of Psychology of the same university for a nine-week internship.

A Dental Camp from SDM Dental Hospital

A Dental Camp was organised at KSV thanks to the cooperation between Dr. Vijay Trasad and our nurses. During this event, that occurs every semester, Dr. Trasad along with another dentist and four interns from SDM Dental Hospital successfully completed a dental check-up for 200 students all free of cost. We are deeply thankful for their support.



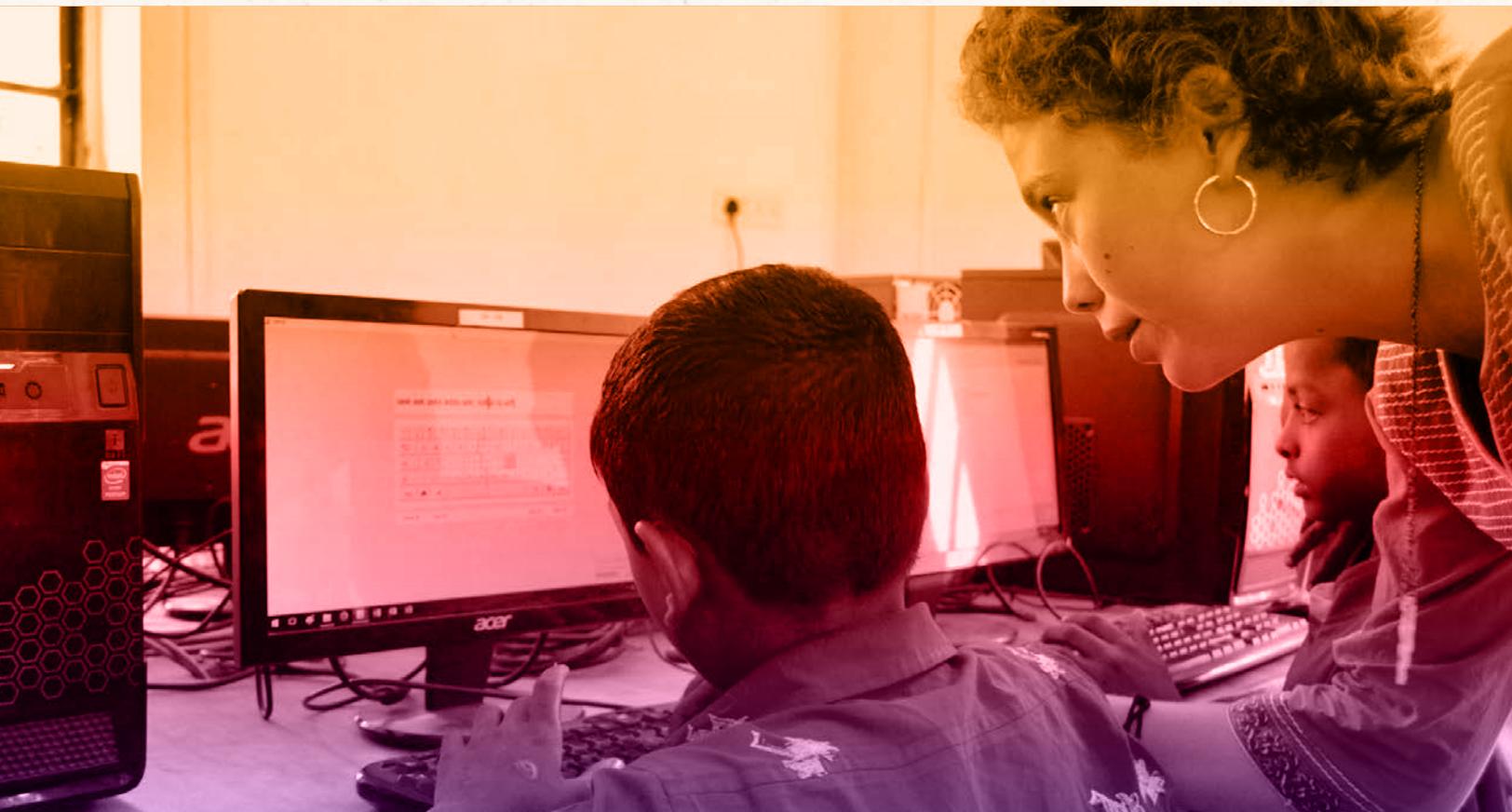


Volunteers



This year, KSV welcomed thirty-seven volunteers coming from Switzerland, Canada, Spain, Germany, France, India and Belgium. Some former volunteers came to visit the school with their friends and contributed to the project during their stay. They shared their volunteering experience with the new team and took part in various activities with the children.

The volunteers represent valuable support for the school as nurses, wardens, teachers, technicians, but also as sponsorship, fundraising and volunteer coordinators. They carry out different task depending on their qualifications and experiences from five months up to one or two years. International and Indian volunteers are a rich source of cultural exchanges for the children.





Fundraising

Sponsorship

KSV runs a successful Child Sponsorship Programme which is the school's most sustainable and reliable source of funding. The target is for each child to have three sponsors. More than 320 sponsors are actively involved with the KSV students. Last academic year (May 2018-April 2019) KSV recruited 73 new sponsors and maintained a low attrition rate of 5%. The sponsorship programme makes up more than 50% of the school's total funds.

Sponsors come from many different nationalities: Canadians, Indians, French, German, English, Belgian, Spanish, American, Irish, Portuguese, Australian, Venezuelan and Swiss.

KSV wholeheartedly thanks all of the sponsors who are supporting the students, it means a great deal. More than a financial contribution, the students have greatly benefited from the communication and engagement with their individual sponsors.

Partner Organizations

- Jeunes musiciens du monde
- Congrégation de Notre-Dame
- Namaste Association
- Asha for Education
- Husky Injection Molding Systems (India) Private Limited
- Foundation Insolite Batisseur Philippe Romero
- KSV L'Orphelinat
- KSV Forderverion
- Development Sans Frontieres DSF / GINKGO
- La Delegation Catholique pour la Cooperation
- Deshpande Foundation
- ICDE India

The KSV Pillars

This year the following individuals gave their support to KSV by making recurring donations as part of the Pillars Program:

- Subhash and Sarita Gatonde
- Shri Shankarlal Pokarna Charitable Trust



Special Visits and Highlights



Celebrating Festivals

Throughout the year several religious festivals, national holidays and other important days such as: Independence Day, Ganesh Chaturthi, Republic Day, Raksha Bandan, Naga Panchmi, Ramzan, Holi, Gandhi Jayanti & Children's Day and Teacher's Day were celebrated at KSV by the students, staff and volunteers.

Children's Day

On the 14th November Children's Day is celebrated across India in order to increase awareness of the rights, care, and education of children.

At KSV on Children's Day, there are of course no classes and we organise a dynamic and interesting day for the children.



In the morning, the older boys stayed at the school where they had a mini cricket tournament whilst the remainder of the school took a walk to the Bamboo Forest where there were various activities and games.

The boys then joined us and we all enjoyed a picnic lunch in the forest.





Teacher's Day

On the 5th September, we celebrated Teacher's Day. The 5th September is the birth anniversary of Dr.Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, a well-known diplomat, scholar, the President of India and above all, a teacher. Dr.Radhakrishnan was India's first vice president and second president. Since 1962, the year he became president, India has commemorated his birth anniversary by paying tribute to its teachers and gurus on this day.

We had a morning of activities and games that were organised by the 10th standard students. The academic & performing arts teachers, wardens, and volunteers were organised into teams and took part in various games.



The KSV Olympic Games

Early in the year we hold the KSV Olympic Games; this is one of the annual house competitions. At KSV the children are divided into six houses: Agra, Gwalior, Jaipur, Kirana, Patiala, and Rampur. For the Olympics games, the children compete amongst their houses. To kick-start the games the students bring the Olympic Torch and light the ceremonial fire.

The Olympics are organised by the volunteers and the children compete in various events such as several running events, long-jump, triple-jump, high-jump, shot-put, and there are also assorted other events for the younger children.

This year Gwalior House won the Olympics; congratulations to all the participants, and many thanks to all the volunteers for their hard work and effort that went into organising the event and making it a grand success.





Shri Jagadish Shettar visits KSV

One of the more prominent visits this year was from Shri Jagadish Shettar who was the 21st Chief Minister of Karnataka. He is a senior leader of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and has served as Leader of the Opposition in the Karnataka Legislative Assembly.

Shri Jagadish Shettar arrived at KSV early evening, we had a brief tour of the campus, including the evening music practice sessions, after which the students presented a music and drama program. The visit culminated with Shri Jagadish Shettar giving a short address to the students.

Gavisiddeshwara Yatra

Two of our founders, Mathieu and Agathe Fortier, has the honour and privilege of inaugurating the Gavisiddeshwara Jatra, and alongside Captain Gopinath of Air Deccan, attended the event as Chief Guests.

The three-day Gavisiddeshwara Jatra is organised by Gavi Mutt in Koppal. Tens of thousands of devotees congregated to witness the Jatra which is one of the biggest fairs in the northern Karnataka.

Gavi Mutt, which has a history of over 1,000 years, became popular during the regime of Sri Gavisiddeshwar Swami for his concern towards humanity.





A Visit from IIT Bombay

This is the second year that we have welcomed a group of students and their faculty from IIT Bombay. A visit to KSV is a part of a small tour they undertake in the south of India. The visit is an opportunity for the students to better understand a social-enterprise model.

There was a presentation of KSV which was followed by a tour of the campus and a Q&A session. We made positive links and forged personal connections for future opportunities for recruiting volunteers, sponsors and instigating other interesting projects.





Exchange Visits with The Centre for Learning, Bangalore

Ten students from the 7th Std accompanied by three members of staff visited the Centre for Learning (CFL) in Bangalore where they held a Children's Conference.

CFL is a community of students and adults interested in learning about themselves and their relationship with the world. This learning involves not

only academics and other life skills but is also a deeper exploration about emotions and thought processes and the way we respond to the challenges of life.

The Children's Conference brought together children from several schools and communities. The children and accompanying adults had the opportunity to discuss topics such as the worlds we inhabit, the kind of spaces we would like children to grow up in, and ideas of education.

Our students also had the opportunity to present some of the music and dance to the other children at the conference.

All-in-all a good time was had by all and we are now looking forward to being able to welcome a group of students from CFL to the KSV campus.

In December, it was then our turn to host a group of students from there at KSV.

It was a relatively short visit of just two days but the CFL students had the opportunity to experience life at KSV and they also attended the annual all-night music program that is organised by our very own Mr Pattar.

Steam Cooker Installation

One local group that has generously supported KSV on various occasions is the State Bank of India Friends Circle. Through this group, a second-hand industrial steam cooking system, which is in great condition, was donated to KSV, and the SBI Friends Circle took care of all the expenses related to the installation.

The system is heated by a large wood-burning boiler that is situated outside the kitchen and there are three large vessels inside the kitchen that are suitable for cooking rice, sambar and some vegetable dishes. We anticipate that 80% of the cooking will be carried

out using this system. The primary benefit is the fact that there will not be any wood fires inside the kitchen thereby greatly improving the air quality and working environment for the kitchen staff.

All the KSV Family wholeheartedly thanks the SBI Friends Circle for this most generous and valuable contribution, and we are also most grateful to Mr Pattar, our Drama Teacher, for making it all happen.

The Minstrels of Hope

For nearly three weeks, we were most happy to host The Minstrels of Hope, a choir group from the Philippines. The Minstrels of Hope empower Manila's urban poor and under-privileged children to become productive and responsible citizens who can contribute to society. They provide access to resources for education, rehabilitation, and development. They encourage young people to expand their knowledge, achieve their goals and make a difference to their own lives and the lives of others.

During their stay they conducted several art related workshops for the KSV students, and generally immersed themselves in the school-life at KSV. They also presented several concerts during their visit; one at the school, one in Kalkeri village and also at an all-night function celebrating Maha Shivaratri.





Warli Art

We were most happy to welcome a group of young and talented artists from Halbhavi Arts College and Government Arts College, Dharwad who spent several days at KSV in order to realise a mural art project. They skilfully decorated the outside of the Education Hub with various murals in the traditional Warli Tribal Art style.

Warli painting is a style of tribal art mostly created by the tribal people from the North Sahyadri Range in Maharashtra, India. This tribal style of art is thought to date back as early as 10th century. The Warli culture has a strong focus upon Mother Nature and elements of nature are often focal points depicted in Warli painting.

The murals we chose for this project are centred on life in the school, especially music, nature and rural community life.

We are most grateful to Shri.S.K.Pattar and the artists who shared their valuable time and talents with us to realise this wonderful project that has given a new lease of life to the Education Hub and in general to the campus.



The Jagriti Yatra visits KSV

On what is without a doubt one of the busiest days of the year for us we once again were delighted to welcome the Jagriti Yatra to the KSV campus for the first stop of their 15-day journey of discovery and transformation which sees 450 young people circumnavigate the country by train stopping on the way to meet role models, change-makers, and leaders.



The morning speaker sessions were followed by a tour of the campus; we had split the Yatriis up into eight groups, but still, there were more than fifty people in each group! During the tour, they visited eight different locations on the campus where we highlighted various aspects of the school, the campus and the work we are undertaking.

After the tour, there was time for lunch before the main event in the afternoon which was a cultural program performed by our students. This is always a highlight for both the Yatriis and the KSV students who are very happy and proud to showcase their talents to a large audience.

All-in-all a great day that was filled with energy, inspiration, curiosity, and optimism. Yaaron Chalo!





LEAD Leadership Camps at KSV

Over the course of June and July, we welcomed four batches of students who are taking part in ten-day leadership camps organised by LEAD - Leaders Accelerating Development.

The ten-day camp emphasizes practical exposure over classroom learning and makes use of hands-on learning to better understand leadership, team building, critical thinking, and entrepreneurship. An element of the camp is to visit community-based organizations in order to foster practical, critical and creative thinking abilities within the students.

At KSV the students had a speaker session so they could get to know KSV and better understand our model. They had a tour of the campus and then got involved with some community-based activities.

Prior to coming to KSV some of the students had collected various grocery items for the kitchen as a donation-in-kind. All the KSV Family is most grateful to the LEAD students and their team leaders for their valuable support.



LEAD Prayana at KSV

In January, we welcomed two batches of visitors from the LEAD Prayana. LEAD Prayana is an annual leadership journey for youth aged 18-26 with the aim to unleash leadership potential.

The first batch of forty students stayed overnight at KSV, and the second batch of one-hundred-and-forty students came for a morning visit. Both batches engaged in a speaker session with KSV's Director, Adam Woodward, before having a tour of the campus. The Prayanis also took time out for some community work and to spend a little interacting with the KSV students.



Police Trainees Visit KSV

We had a large group of Police trainees visit the campus as a part of their training program. They visit such organizations as KSV so as to sensitize the cadets to social issues and positive solutions that are being undertaken in the local community.

The cadets had a tour of the campus and had the opportunity to interact with some of the students and volunteers.







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