

CONCERNS UNIVERSE FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER



Welcome to the quarterly update from Concerns Universe Foundation, where we continue to empower individuals through education, vocational training and community engagement.

In this edition we would like to appreciate the wonderful work done by the teachers of our Child Development Centres who have worked hard to prepare the children who will transition to primary school in June.

At Concerns, we are committed to identifying the needs of our community and have therefore decided to start a new education program to help school dropouts complete their secondary and senior secondary education through National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS)



CREATIVE ACTIVITY



SPORTS DAY



DISCOVERY ACTIVITY

CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

- On 13th January 2025, all our childcare centers came alive with colors and joy as children celebrated the harvest festivals Pongal and Sankranti. Traditional decorations, songs, and cultural activities helped children connect with their roots.
- In February 2025, Ms. Gauri visited all centers to monitor and assess the effectiveness of the Key Foundation curriculum. The team applauded the dedication of our teachers in preparing children for school. We are happy to share that the same curriculum and pedagogy will continue in the next academic year.
- On 10th February 2025, an online training session via Zoom was conducted by the Key Foundation team. The training focused on: Body safety for children, Academic program planning, Childcare activities, Annual Day and Parent engagement.
- To strengthen the parent-child connection, two workshops were held in February and March 2025, focusing on safety and development. These sessions saw 80 enthusiastic parents participating and engaging meaningfully.
- In collaboration with a medical doctor, in March 2025 all children across centres received deworming treatment and Vitamin D supplements, ensuring better health and growth.
- March 2025 brought joy and excitement with Sports Day held across all four centers. Children showcased their talents and were rewarded with prizes, medals, and special snacks—a fun-filled day of play and recognition!
- Teachers and unit staff came together on 6th and 28th March 2025 to review the year's progress, discuss challenges, and begin planning for the next academic year. These collaborative sessions help us continuously grow and improve.
- At the end of March 2025, we hosted our Annual Day at the local school ground. Children performed, showcased their learning, and were celebrated with gifts and special treats—a heartwarming end to a fruitful year.
- Throughout the year, children were continuously assessed, and their progress closely tracked. A detailed School Readiness Report was shared with parents to support formal school enrolment.



MEDICAL CAMP



WELL BABY SHOW



LIFE SKILLS SESSION

COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

- The Community Initiative (CI) team successfully identified 30 school dropouts, counselled families, and re-enrolled 15 students back into school.
- CI team, in collaboration with MCC Chennai interns, engaged 200 adolescent boys individually and in small groups to understand their challenges.
- Conducted a survey with 100 students to explore causes of school dropout. The findings suggested the NIOS (National Institute of Open Schooling) pathway to help dropouts complete Secondary (X) and Senior Secondary (XII) education. A proposal was submitted to CSR partner Pacific International Lines (PIL) and funding was secured to implement this program from May 2025.
- In collaboration with The Fishermen Trust, Nine life skills sessions were conducted in 7 local schools and 4 community teen clubs. A total of 239 teens participated in activity-based sessions that focused on: Respect and politeness, anger management, Emotional regulation.
- On average, 430 community members received assistance for applying or correcting documents like: Aadhaar card, Voter ID, Health card, PAN, BPL ration card etc. Guidance was provided to enroll in: Gruha Lakshmi Scheme, Bhagyalakshmi Scheme, Widow and Old Age Pension etc.
- 15 individuals were supported in opening new bank accounts.
- A human rights awareness session was held by Manasa Sichrem, benefiting 32 women. Topics included human rights, gender equality etc.
- Well Baby Show :17 infants were assessed for health status out of them 70 % were under nourished. Relevant awareness on weaning and healthy practices were given.
- In March 2025, 36 community members were referred to Asha Foundation for free HPV vaccination–targeted at families affected by TB and HIV.
- Teacher Training on Child Health: On 21st January 2025, a training session was held for 12 teachers and assistants on: Child health assessments, Malnutrition identification, Importance of nutrition.



TALENTS DAY



MONTHLY ASSESSMENT



SELF EMPLOYED TAILORING CLASS

COMMUNITY COLLEGE

- 31st January 2025 – Inauguration and Talent's Day: The academic year began with a warm welcome for new students, followed by a Talent's Day celebration. Students showcased their creativity through events like: Rangoli, Painting, Bangle Making, Mehendi, Puppet Show, Mad Ads, Solo Singing, Solo & Group Dancing, Cooking without fire, Face Painting, Handmade Decorations. The event boosted confidence in students.
- 27th January to 7th February 2025 – ECCE Student Internships: ECCE (Early Childhood Care and Education) students interned at Cecilia English High School and SMK English High School. Their teaching was appreciated by the schools. Some institutions expressed interest in hiring the interns for the upcoming academic year.
- 19th February 2025: ECCE students showcased self-made visual teaching aids. Mrs. Ivy Sam, Retired Principal, evaluated the displays. She also conducted a viva on Child Development and Early Childhood Education, reinforcing their subject knowledge and application.
- Mrs. Ivy Sam assessed ECCE students on their practical teaching knowledge after theory and model practical exams.
- 6th March 2025 – Staff Meeting: A meeting was held with the Director and CEO to assess the current programs and plan for future improvements.
- 6th March 2025 – Monitoring Visit: Mrs. Anjana from Adhyan Charitable Trust conducted a monitoring visit and met with the leadership to discuss upcoming programs and reporting expectations.
- 25th March 2025 – NIOS Staff Meeting: A focused session led by the Director with NIOS project staff to coordinate student enrolment and admissions under NIOS.
- 13th March 2025 – Basic Life-Saving Skills Training: Conducted by Manipal Hospital, students were trained in: First Aid, Managing Unconsciousness, etc.
- 18th & 19th March 2025 – Mehendi Training Session: Mrs. Anitha, an alumna of Concerns, conducted a Mehendi design workshop for Assistant Beauty Therapist students.
- 20th March 2025 – Medical Screening Camp: A health screening camp by Muthoot Mobile Medical Unit included tests for: Blood Pressure, Diabetes, Hepatitis B, Kidney Function. Students with identified health concerns were referred to hospitals for further care.

SUCCESS IMPACT STORIES

VANITHA

Vanitha, a resilient young woman with mild vision impairment, overcame challenges and pursued the Early Childhood Care and Education course at Concerns Community College. Her internship at SMK English High School helped her gain hands-on experience, leading to her current role as a primary school teacher at the 515 Army Base Workshop Primary and High School, earning Rs. 12,000 per month, she takes pride in her achievement and her ability to contribute financially. Her journey highlights the power of education and perseverance in transforming lives.



SHRUTHI

Shruthi, a mother of two from Old Baiyappanahalli, overcame financial struggles and limited education after joining the Assistant Beauty Therapist course at Concerns Community College. With training and internships, she built practical skills and confidence, leading to her current job at Nisarga Saloon in K.R. Puram, where she earns Rs. 20,000 per month. Now thriving, she is proud of her transformed life.



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