



Sneha Sandesh

NEWSLETTER FROM SNEHA TRUST

LOOKING BACK

It all started in 2007 when a few like-minded KREC Alumni got together and decided that they must support the education of the needy. Initially, these efforts were individually driven, but the idea of formalising this through NITK Sneha germinated in 2018.

Partnering with Dream School Foundation, Bengaluru, NITK Sneha started the Vidya Unnati classes for 8th, 9th and 10th grade children in 2018, mainly focused in Bengaluru. These children were selected from mainly Government schools and from LIG families. Over the last three years, Sneha and DSF have managed to bring 150 High school students under its Vidya Unnati programme.

In 2021, we expanded our program to 11th and 12th standard Science, with a tie up with UR Academy - an educational partner based in Bengaluru. UR Academy's founder Dr. G K Bhat has a successful track record of having trained hundreds of students who have qualified in IIT JEE & NEET.

Sneha has a target of doubling their student reach this year; towards this we have embarked on a massive program of expanding our educational partners, NITK Alumni volunteers and CSR partners.

We encourage the NITK Alumni and their family to join us in our effort to improve the quality of education and access to opportunities for underprivileged children. Be a part of the NITK Sneha and make a difference to the society.

TEAM SNEHA



Vidya UNNati
for Economically Challenged Students of Classes 8-12



NITKSNEHA
Enabling the Leap



SNEHA AND NITK ALUMNI

Our NITK Alumni have been a great source of support for us – volunteering for teaching, guest lectures, “beyond the classroom” programs, monthly lecture series and CSR support. We are confident that with the continued support from our strong NITK Alumni Chapter network, NITK Sneha can be the flag bearer of social initiatives of the Alumni group.



Did you know: Only 28% of government schools in India in 2018-19 had computers and only 12% had an internet connection.

COVID CHALLENGES OF 2021-22

The Covid completely derailed our efforts which were primarily classroom based. The online classes brought in a new challenge with students struggling to get internet devices to attend the virtual classes. Sneha got into action immediately by providing 100+ customized tablets for



attending the online classes. With the help of Dream School Foundation, we were able to provide access to educational lessons from industry leaders such as Byju’s etc. Despite these challenges, we have increased our student enrolment rapidly to 150 students in 2021-22. With the learnings from Covid challenges, we plan to use hybrid delivery in the coming years.



MONTHLY LECTURE SERIES

This event features a talk every month by an eminent speaker on topics of interest to our volunteers and students. We had talks by prominent personalities from the field of education and from reputed institutions such as Azim Premji University, our NITK Alumni etc. The topics are typically oriented towards challenges in teaching and emerging teaching pedagogies

Speakers

H S Ravishankara - NITK 1980
 R Karthikeyan - NITK 1982
 Prof. Srivatsa Seshadri - NITK 1977
 M Nanjundaswamy - NITK 1993
 C V Rajagopal - NITK 1996
 Dr. Rakhi Banerjee - Azim Premji University
 Narasimha Kamath - NITK 1971
 Ms. Surekha Jagannath
 National Award Winner, Science Education, Kalaburgi
 Ms. Subbalakshmi - NITK 2019
 Dr. Nagendra - Anna University

BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

To encourage the children to learn beyond the classroom, Sneha conducts regular events. A few programs conducted this year were :

Working of a bicycle

- Mohan Shenoy NITK72

Working of a motorcycle

- Manjunath Rao NITK93

Maths is Fun

- V A Ramakrishna NITK80

Maths & Cryptography

- Ms. Subbalakshmi & Ms. Kavana NITK2019



NITK ALUMNI AS TEACHERS

To support the teaching efforts of our educational partners such as Dream School Foundation, our NITK Alumni have volunteered for teaching. N V Raghuram NITK80 teaches Kannada and Gurudutt Shenoy NITK82 teaches Maths. Supplementary sessions in Mathematics were taken by V A Ramakrishna NITK80 and Subbalakshmi NITK19.



JOIN US IN OUR JOURNEY

For 2022-23, we plan to double our student reach to over 300 students.

Towards this, we have invested in our own Learning Management System(LMS). We are exploring tie ups with curriculum partners for providing access to study materials for students and teaching faculty. With the help of LMS, we plan to expand the reach of our programmes to more students and enlist the support of more volunteers from NITK Alumni family and friends network.

We have aggressive plans to reach over 1000 students by expanding our tie ups with Government and budget private schools in Bengaluru and beyond.

We seek the help of our NITK Alumni family and friends network in seeking support for CSR and reaching out to more schools.



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