



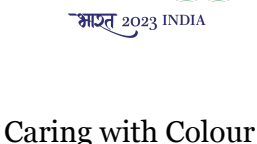
Our Imprints

Newsletter

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Dear Readers,

At Caring with Colour, we are always brewing ways to make education experiential and impactful for young learners. Our effort since 2016 has convinced us of the impact a school teacher can make on young minds. Our challenges and memories as we train and enable the government school teacher is captured in our quarterly newsletter. Read on to find out what we've been upto in the last quarter!



Caring with Colour leaves our mark at the G20 Education Working Group (EdWG), 2023.

Caring with Colour was chosen as one of the exhibitors to represent Karnataka at the prestigious G20 Education Working Group (EdWG) held in Pune, Maharashtra. The three-day-long event hosted by the Union Ministry of Education gave us the opportunity to present our impactful work in the education sector in Ramanagara and Tumakuru to numerous state and national-level representatives.



Representing Karnataka in Educational Innovation

The opportunity to represent Karnataka state alongside Room to Read India and Samagra Shiksha Karnataka has given us not only a platform to showcase our work but also to build connections and explore new teacher training methodologies in practice across the country.

Curious Youngsters

Amidst the friendly G20 rush came a wave of students, brimming with excitement to know about the future of the education sector. Many students were intrigued to know more about our work and its real-life applications. Students downloaded the CWC digital app called Teachtopia to use the activities on the application for themselves and to suggest them to their teachers at school.



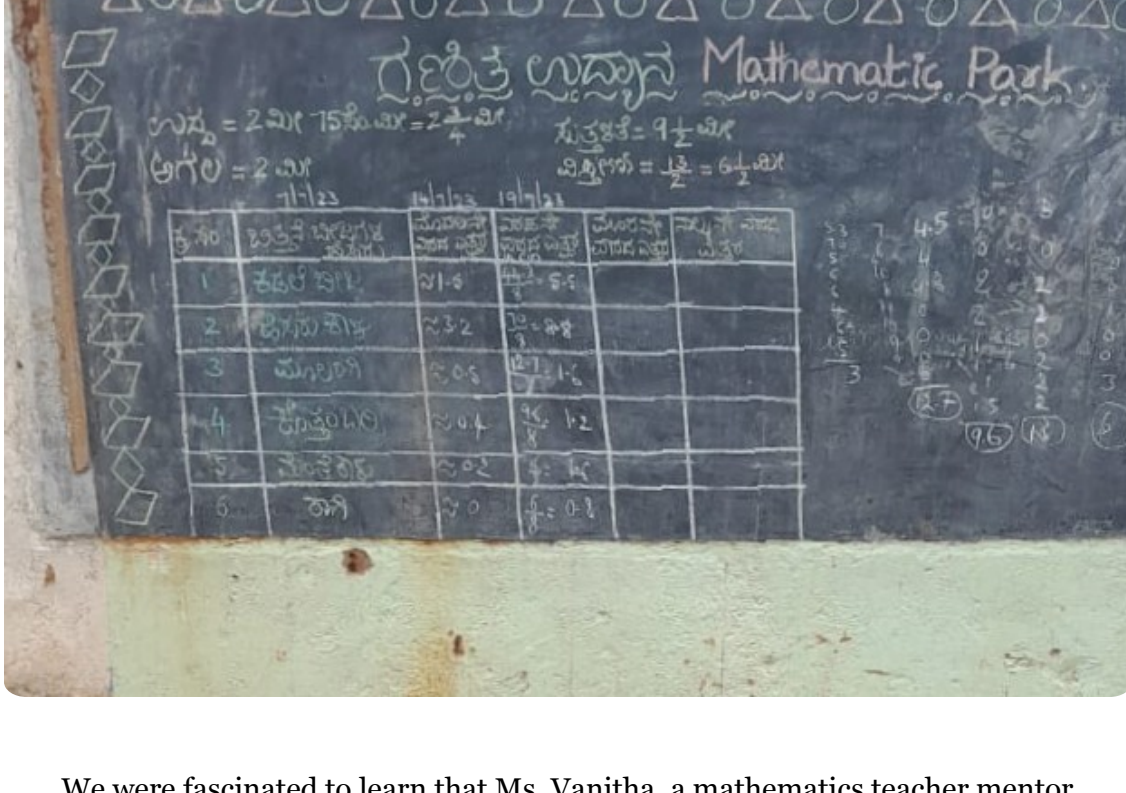
A visit from the Minister of Education, Government of India

As a non-profit organisation working with school teachers to bring an experiential learning environment to government schools, CWC was able to attract delegates, guests, and other organisations with shared interests. Among them was the Honorable Minister of Education, India, Mr. Dharmendra Pradhan, the present Commissioner for Public Instruction, Ms. Cauvery B.R. IAS the UNICEF team, the NCERT team, and SCERT teams from various states.

The Mathematics Garden: Learning that comes to life

What does a schoolyard and a workplace environment have in common? They are both spaces where individuals can learn important skills through real experiences!

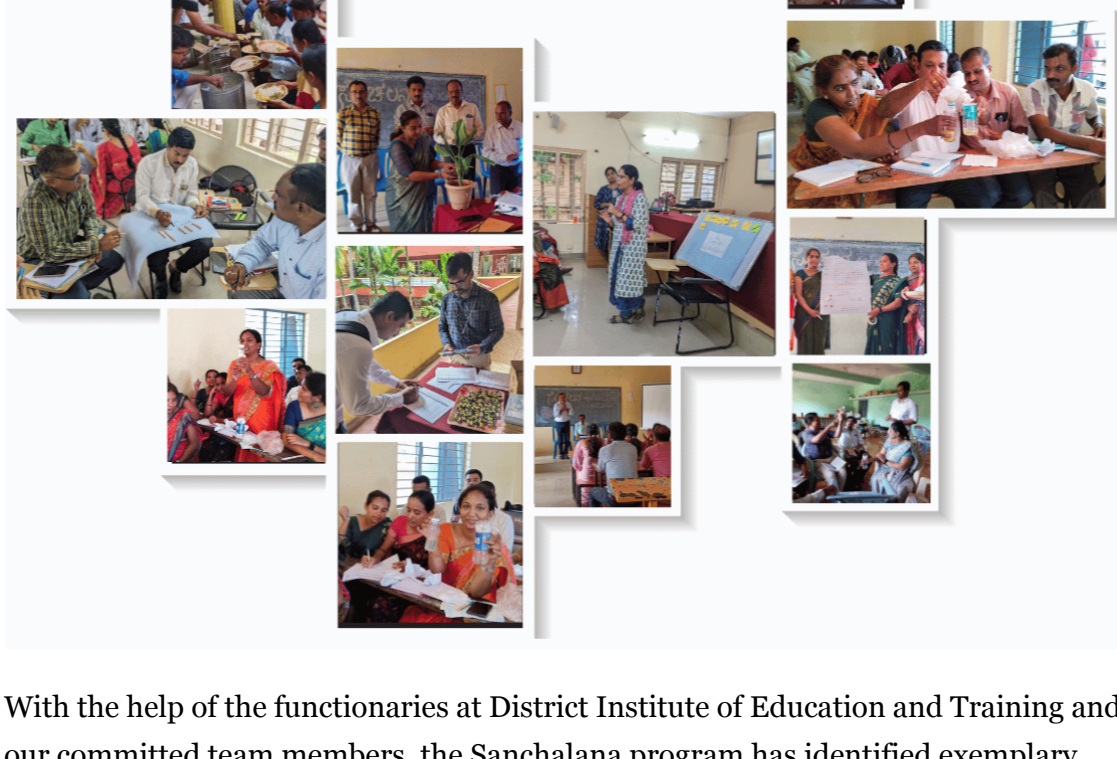
In our years of delivering quality educational content, we have always maintained that learning by doing is the best kind of learning. If we shift the perspective on real-life experiences from instances to learning opportunities, we can open an unlimited world of possibilities for any learner. This is why, this month, it brings us joy to illustrate our philosophy with a special story from one of the government schools we work with. Presenting the Mathematics Garden at GHPS Channapatna School, Koratagere Taluk.



We were fascinated to learn that Ms. Vanitha, a mathematics teacher mentor from Koratagere, was inspired to take an experiential activity from one of our Mathematics modules and turn it into real-life application for her students by growing a simple garden in her school yard. Through this garden, her students are now able to understand fundamental mathematical concepts like area, perimeter, fractions and mensuration. Now that's what we call experiential learning! Call us dreamers, but we believe Ms. Vanitha's initiative has opened a world of learning opportunities and we're excited to see what grows out of this mathematics garden!

SANCHALANA 2023

We kick start this year's teacher training program in Madhugiri & Tumakuru.



With the help of the functionaries at District Institute of Education and Training and our committed team members, the Sanchalana program has identified exemplary government school teachers who have volunteered their time and effort to help us deliver impactful training programs for regular government school teachers in the district. Between the 20th and 22nd of June, Caring with Colour conducted a three-day introductory session for government school teacher mentors in Experiential Teaching Learning (ETL) methods. This comprehensive module acted as a successful curtain raiser to the Sanchalana program for the new academic year. Our subject expert teams work to create learning modules that make concepts relatable to the culturally rooted and diverse classrooms of rural Karnataka, encouraging students to actively experiment, reflect on what they learn and apply their learning to real life scenarios. In the past year, our training programs have successfully taken root in the Madhugiri-Tumkur educational district with an impressive 43000+ schools being directly benefited every month.



Envisioning Change Together: Consultations with Block Level officers at Ramanagara District

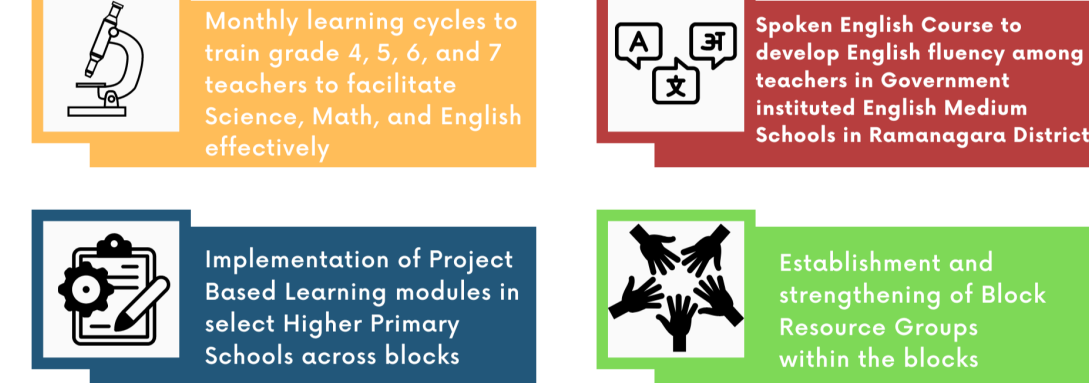


It is said that in order to serve its purpose, a vision needs to be shared.

In our journey to empower the government education system, we have learned the value of sharing our vision with members of the education system that have the potential to take it forward and make the impact we need to create and sustain change. These partnerships not only create a sense of camaraderie between us and the institutions we work with, but also play an important role in driving the initiatives we envision to reach our end user- the government school teacher.

One of the many ways we ensure this process occurs is through orientation programs at the block level conducted for resource persons. These orientation programs ensure that the block resource persons involved in running our program at the ground level understand its design, intention, and the implementation techniques required to achieve its full potential.

OUR PROGRAMS



During the month of June this year, we conducted one such orientation program for the Block functionaries across 4 blocks in the Ramanagara District regarding the upcoming 'Shikshana Sambhrama' (a program organized by Caring With Colour, in association with District Institute of Education and Training, Ramanagara) for the academic year 2023-2024.

Members of Caring with Colour and the District Institute of Education and Training facilitated the orientation of over 200+ Block Resource Clusters, taking them through the various initiatives planned for the year under the program, designed for teacher improvement.

Quality at every step: Meeting with the Quality review committee at DIET, Tumkuru & Madhugiri

The government schooling system is vast. We recognize that teachers come with a diverse set of competency skills and a varying range of needs. So how do we decide what competencies and skills a training program should focus on to be impactful?



WHAT MAKES OUR TEACHER TRAINING PROGRAMS SUCCESSFUL?

Data Collection and monitoring by CWC team
Caring with Colour conducts a detailed data collection and analysis exercise through which we determine the precise training needs of government school teachers.

Collaboration with DIET
We collaborate closely with the District Institute of Education and Training (DIET) to validate our data and use their experience to fine-tune our training programs to fulfill the teacher's requirements.

Capacity building through relevant content
We capacity build with training content that is highly relevant to the classroom needs of the government school teacher.

On the 27th of June, 2023, Caring With Colour had the opportunity to collaborate with our partners in the District Institute of Education and Training at Tumkuru. Along with the approval for our annual plan, we were able to get inputs from the officials on the training needs of the teachers, strategies to enhance experiential teaching-learning in the classroom, and ideas to adequately support teachers across the Tumkuru and Madhugiri districts.

Exchanging Experiences for Change: When Bangalore International Airport Limited visited the field.



In the context of government school education and experiential learning, there is one long-standing question - what is the mantra for achieving quality education? Of course, there is no single right answer. It is important for NGOs working in this space to exchange ideas and experiences, as well as find synergies in work. We had the pleasure of Mr. Hemanth Madegowda, head of the CSR for Bangalore International Airport (BIAL), visiting Tumakuru to study the District Education Transformation Program (DETP) that CWC is running for 3200+ primary and higher primary schools. We took Mr. Madegowda and his team to two Higher Primary Schools where we interacted with the teachers and teacher mentors who have been participating in our DETP training programs. The BIAL team also interacted with Mr. Gangadhar, the principal of the DIET at Madhugiri.

We are grateful for the experiences we shared and the ideas we exchanged during these moments.

We believe that education is the key to building a better India, and we are committed to making that vision a reality. Thank you for joining us in this important mission, and we look forward to sharing more updates with you in the future.

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