



**Sankalp**  
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## VISION

To Empower the socially and economically vulnerable adolescent girls and elderly, through education and all-around care.

## FOCUS AREAS

Girl child education  
Child safety  
Health  
Development



# A WORD FROM THE FOUNDER



Dear readers,

COVID 19 is taking its toll on the world. It has exacerbated social and economic inequalities and has posed extreme challenges among marginalised communities. Along with serious health threat, it has spiked hunger, poverty, loss of employment, fear, loss of education, digital divide, violence against children and women, widened digital divide, loss of education and employment.

Yet, your belief and unending support in our endeavours encouraged us to continue working harder to create ensuring access to education to deserving girl children and in creating safe neighborhoods for children in this critical period.

Sankalp has continued to support the online education of girl children and children with disabilities. To address violence against children during the pandemic, Sankalp has conducted virtual awareness sessions on the prevention of child sexual abuse and has reached out to children & teachers and parents from schools, corporates and communities.

To engage with a larger audience, we have created socially engaging posts and blogs on Sankalp's social media handles and further strengthened awareness of child sexual abuse and as well as the need for continuous access to quality education for children during these testing times.

COVID-19 did not just edge as a health crisis but also as a social crisis scattering lives of vulnerable communities. In these uncertain times, let us support each other and emerge stronger. Let's build a more resilient, inclusive and sustainable future for all of us.

We are still grappling with the deadly second wave of the pandemic. Let's ensure that we follow all the COVID protocols and take care of ourselves and our communities. Confident that we will get through this together.

Let's Stay Safe, Stay Healthy and Stay  
Connected

**Hemalatha Vijayaraghavan**

Founder and Director



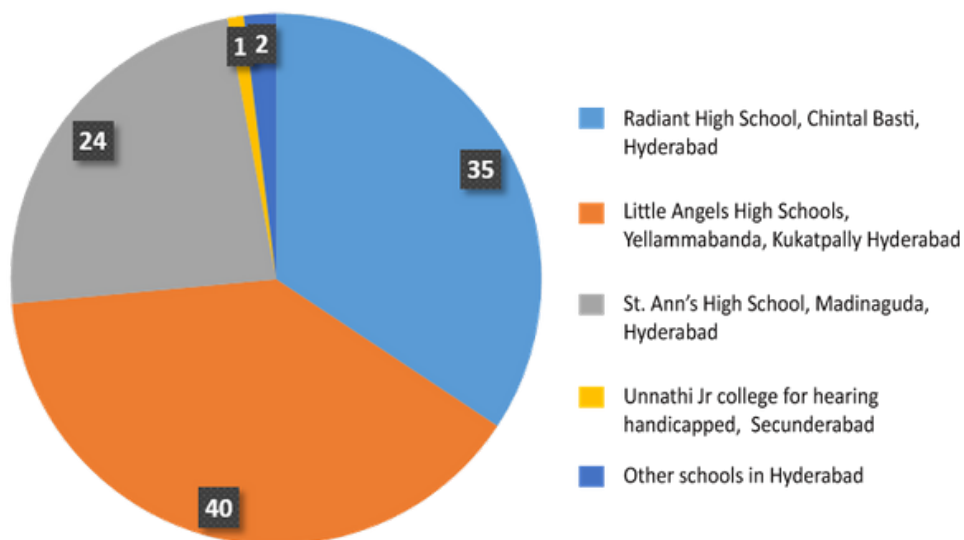
# SANKALP SIKSHA

With the lockdown and closure of schools, digital education has seen a sudden upsurge in India. To achieve academic continuity, children swiftly had to adapt to digital classrooms and online education. While corporate and high-end schools have adapted quickly, children from low-income schools suffered challenges associated with internet access and uninterrupted power supply. Additionally, with loss of employment, parents could not afford to pay fees to enable their children to continue their online education. This became a harsh reality for many resource-poor families during the pandemic.


Amidst these devastating consequences, Sankalp has reached out to 100 girl children and provided scholarships so that they could continue their education on different online platforms.

In addition to scholarships for girl children, Sankalp has supported higher secondary education of students with speech and hearing difficulty.

## Sankalp Scholarship Program







*Sankalp has always stood by the side of needy and deserving girl children- to educate them and making them capable of leading their self-reliant lives. This service being extended even during the pandemic situation is just a proof of the selflessness of the Sankalp organization. Apart from supporting the girl children financially, the organization's efforts to fight against child abuse is just admirable. Though this pandemic has caused a huge decline in the ushered financial matters, Sankalp never took it as an excuse instead, Sankalp went out of its way to offer a helping hand. We salute the Sankalp organization for their relentless efforts and their consistency in bringing a change in the lives of the needy girl students. Just how as glass of water is for a thirsty traveller in a desert, similar is the help extended by the Sankalp organization to the girl students with a single parent.*

*God bless you all involved in this noble cause.*

**Sr. Pushpa Leela, Principal - St. Ann's High School, Madinaguda, Hyderabad**

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*A focus on financial matters during a life and health threatening pandemic, such as COVID 19, seems misplaced. But for the world's poor the financial impacts of COVID 19 can be devastating and far more immediate. The current circumstances we live in are unknown to us all and they bring a lot of uncertainties and new challenges with them. For this reason, we would like to express our gratitude to SANKALP on behalf of all our students, for all that you and your team have done so far. We are grateful to SANKALP for providing scholarships to students, even during these unprecedented times. Thank you for your help.*

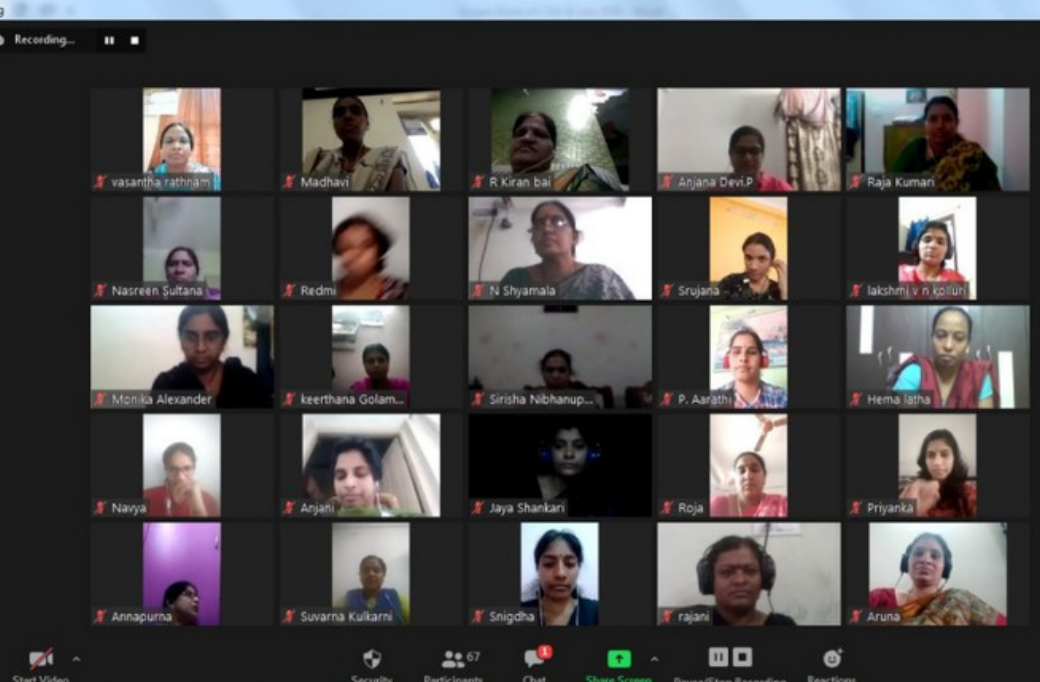
**Mr. Tousif Afzal, Principal, Radiant High School, Chintalbasti**

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*We are very thankful to Sankalp for the support they have extended by sponsoring our students, through scholarships, in this pandemic situation. Our school is a budget school. During the academic year 2020-21 we and our student's parents faced many problems because many of the parents lost their jobs and some of them went to villages. Many parents were unable to pay their wards' fees. However, we continued to impart education through the conduction of online classes. this would not have been possible had it not been for SANKALP's efforts of providing scholarships to our students. We thank SANKALP for supporting our students during this pandemic situation.*

**Ms. Shailaja, Principal, Little Angels School, Yellamma Banda, Kukatpally.**

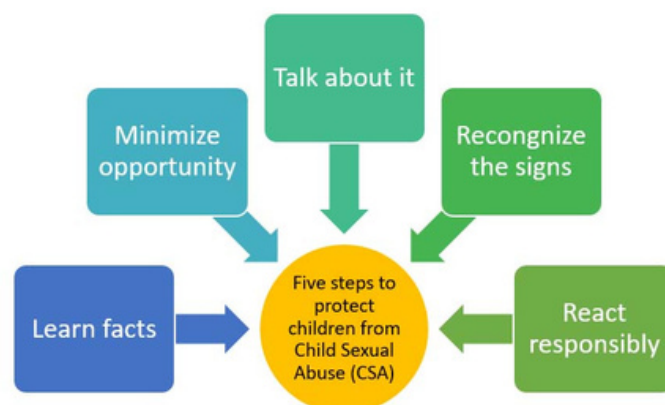




With COVID 19 and the subsequent lockdown, schools across India were shut down to control the transmission of COVID-19. Since then, children were confined to their homes for longer periods than ever before. Closure of schools, lack of extracurricular, outdoor activities, and lack of peer-time has changed their daily routines and has stimulated monotony, anguish, irritation, and diverse problems among children. Although home should be the safest place for a child, sexual, psychological and physical abuse have shown a significant rise. Childline in India has received 92,000 SOS calls from children asking for protection from abuse and what is even more shocking is that these were the numbers from the first 11 days of lockdown!!

In the pandemic situation, the responsibility of adults to keep their children safe has become indispensable. To keep our children safe, it is important to talk to our children, educate them age-appropriately about child sexual abuse, create safe circles, and build self-esteem and confidence that trusted adults will support them. Furthermore, talking about sex, sexuality and bodies can help children understand that sex and sexuality are healthy parts of life. Such conversations will enable them to make informed decisions.

To this end, Sankalp has reached out to teachers from 6 private schools, corporates and 52 government schools supported by Cyient. Sankalp conducted virtual awareness sessions to enhance the understanding of teachers on CSA, its prevalence, dynamics, impact, knowledge about potential perpetrators, the importance of educating parents and children, reporting, legislations and their role in creating safe spaces for children.





# Let's accelerate girls returning to schools

Let's hold our children's hands and support them to be self-sufficient and self-reliant

Promoting girl child education is critical for both mitigating the effects of the COVID crisis and building resilience against the future. A policy brief on National Forum on Right to Education, released in January 2021, estimated that around 10 million girls are at risk of dropping out due to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic. The report indicated that the increased dropouts might impact girls by putting them at risk of early marriage, early pregnancy, poverty, trafficking and violence.

With the loss of livelihoods, parents are suffering due to limited resources constraints and are considering curtailing the education of their daughters.

But bringing girls back to schools will enable them to make informed choices and participate meaningfully in the economy.

As we all circumvent the COVID crisis, let's extend our support to embolden girls returning to schools. Contribute towards girl children scholarship, bridge education, their access to online education platforms and a safe environment for children to return to schools confidently.

**Your support will go a long way to ease the burden on resource-poor families and give scope for girls to get back to schools.**

**Donate**

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