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# Quarterly Progress Report

SUKHA EDUCATION FOUNDATION



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### INTRODUCTION

Good communication skills are a pre requisite in any profession. With this goal in mind, Sukha Education Foundation (Sukha) was established in June 2021. At Sukha we believe that communication impacts one's life experiences and development.

Although India carries the heritage of many culturally diverse languages, English as a global language seems to be able to push forward careers and unlock opportunities for thousands in this country. An essential part of our goal is to connect with government schools/low-income private schools and community centres to allow this category of students to have opportunities.

Bearing this in mind, we created Sukha with one simple goal, to teach communicative English through creative ways and bridge the gap between education and employability. We teach all we can to empower people with the power to communicate.





### **GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

#### **OUR VISION**

Our Vision is to bridge the English communication divide by enabling a supportive ecosystem for all.

### **OUR MISSION**

Our Mission is to create a safe space for students to learn, feel empowered and grow. By providing students with the agency to be the most confident version of themselves possible, Sukha seeks to empower individuals to become their best.

### **OUR CULTURE**

Our culture is one of constant evolution. Feedback from our student community is a vital element which refines our teaching methodology and strategy. Empathy is crucial as it creates a much better learning atmosphere to build connections between teacher and student. We believe that our culture is a work in progress.

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### **JOURNEY**

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### June, 2021

#### Launched Sukha

Sanjana and Kavya, together, taught a batch of students 8 together | We registered the NGO under the name 'Sukha' meaning happiness (because that is how we feel when we teach) | Launched Sukha's first cohort of students

### December, 2021

#### **Closed our 1st Cohort**

Trained over 6 batches of students (6-10 students each) for over 6 months - Once a week in English communication and Grammar| Worked with over 8 volunteers | Developed and refined our curriculum

### January, 2022

### Launched our 2nd Cohort

Expanded to over 6 batches of students from Tamil Nadu and Kerala (each) | Worked with 12+ volunteers

### June, 2022

### Launched our 3rd Cohort

Taught over two cohorts (each cohort is 6 months) of students across Tamil Nadu and Kerala | Working with 25+ volunteers across 5 verticals | Secured our first corporate training | Launched a new short-term program (Communication through the arts)



### **PROGRAMS**

Team Sukha is extremely grateful for our support in the past year and a half. Our students and pool of talented volunteers inspire us each day to constantly improve and launch programs and events for our students. Currently, Sukha runs the following programs:



### English courses (Long-term program)

Sukha runs a program for a period of 6 months. Over this course we train our students in English Grammar and Communication



# Beyond The Chalk Board Programme (Short-term program)

Sukha runs a program for a period of 2 weeks. Through this program, we teach students the basics of theatre, art, and public speaking. The goal is to increase students' exposure to art forms and enable better communication that transcends language, through creative means.





## Dare to Dream (Short-term program)

Sukha runs our dare to dream program for the students of Kannagi Nagar. Every month we present our 40-50 students with individuals across different career paths in an effort to inspire them to dream and explore new career paths.

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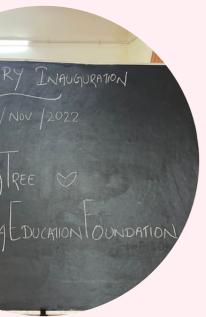
### **PROGRAMS**

This quarter, Team Sukha has launched our fourth program - The Book Club Project



### The Book Club Project (Long-term program)

When we started entering local government schools and community centres (where we had already set up our six-month English communication program), we noticed a large section of students eager to further their reading and comprehension. However, they could not access the right books that enhance their skills, as they couldn't gauge their current reading level or the type of books that interest them. This led to Sukha's intervention in building Community Libraries for students.



The goal is to set up a small local lending library in the community. Sukha currently handles the entire management and upkeep of the library.





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### REACH



#### 3 Libraries

Sukha opened it's third library in Santhome increasing the count to 3.



#### 7+ Partners

Sukha has partnered with NGOs and corporates to launch and conduct our programs



#### **Offline Centers**

Sukha conducts our English course in 7 offline centers across Chennai



#### 100+ Students

Trained over 100+ students across all Sukha Centres



### 15+ Volunteers

Working with over 15+ volunteers across 5 verticals | 4 part time employees



### Workshops

Conducted short-term workshops over themes of CV writing and interview practice at Stella Maris College



# ACHIEVEMENTS (1/2)

Month	Planned Activity	Achievements
July	English Language Programme	Conducted the end line assessment for 45 students and a showcase by our graduating batch from Sugun Thomas Foundation. We have brought 2 new centres on board.
August,September	Beyond the Chalk Board Programme	Conducted an Art workshop for 20+ students in Jeth Nagar & a dance workshop in Kannagi Nagar.
September	Learning centre	Identified a space for a Sukha Learning Centre at Hope School - Kannagi Nagar.



# ACHIEVEMENTS (2/2)

Month	Planned Activity	Achievements
September	The Book Club Project	Opened a new library in Santhome.Recruited two part time facilitators to conduct reading workshops. We have 3 libraries across the city.
July, August, September	Dare to Dream workshop	Sukha worked with the Ashoka Tree to present the students of Kannagi Nagar with individuals across various career paths in an effort to motive them and learn about the different career options for their future
July,August,September	Part Time Employees	Sukha has recruited 3 new part time members under the following verticals- Programme Manager( training and quality control) HR Manager Chief Of Staff ( outreach)



### **NEXT STEPS**

Where do we go from here? Team Sukha is as excited as ever for what the year 2022 has in store for us. Below are the few key focus areas and goals that we have set out for ourselves

### No. 01 - Expand offline centers

Sukha intends to open more offline centres across Chennai over the year. In the pipeline to target over 100+ students in the next six months.

#### No. 02 – Expand Libraries

Sukha intends to increase the number of activities conducted at our current libraries along with launching 1 more library along with our partners.

#### No. 03 – Expand workshops

Sukha plans to conduct one short-term 'beyond the chalkboard program' a month over the period of the next 6 months

#### No. 04 - Explore partnerships

Sukha intends on partnering with several NGOs across Chennai to conduct our communication through the Arts Wokshop



# **GALLERY**



Inauguration of our new library



Monthly teacher training session



Dare to Dream with Ajay Suresh



Dance workshop with Sahana



Art workshop with Durga & Architha



### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

We thank you for your continued support in our efforts to grow our collective dream of bridging the gap between education and employability.

We want to extend our deepest gratitude to our partners who have helped us grow our organisation and look forward to your continued support.















