

2012 – 2013

August

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION AT SUKRUPA



SUKRUPA celebrated the 66th Independence Day on August 15, Wednesday at its premises. Mr. Arvind Dadu, of renowned Anand Sweets, was the Chief Guest of the day. All the Board Members, Management Committee, Staff, Volunteers, Students along with their parents were present to mark the occasion. The program started with the March-past followed by Flag hoisting ceremony and Cultural programs respectively.

Students from different grade levels gave speech on Independence Day in different languages including English, Kannada and Hindi. The students showcased their talents through group singing, different forms of dancing, etc., which concluded with the vote of thanks by the founder| executive director Ms.

Krupalatha Martin Dass.

The children and their parents, staff and volunteers were served with snacks and sweets sponsored by the chief guest . The day turned out to be a mesmerising event for all. **For more pictures of the event,** please log on to our [Facebook Page](#) (SUKRUPA Official).

INAUGURATION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The Community Development Program of SUKRUPA, which empowers young adults and women to lead a financially independent and dignified lives, was inaugurated on August 27, 2012. The program was inaugurated by The councillor of the ward Mr. Jayappa Reddy. We are thankful to Mr. Reddy for allowing us to use the Local Government's Building for our empowerment program. In the first month, we are hosting the candle-making workshop followed by tailoring, paper handicrafts workshops respectively.



FOUNDER SPEAK: Krupalatha Martin Dass

Literacy in India is key for socio-economic progress, and the Indian literacy rate grew to 74.04% in 2011 from 12% at the end of British rule in 1947. Although this was a greater than sixfold improvement, even after 65 years of independence the level is well below the world average literacy rate of 84%, and India currently has the largest illiterate population of any nation on earth. Although schooling is free and compulsory from 6–14 years of age, facilities are inadequate and often totally lacking. Approximately 40% of students, mostly girls, drop out by secondary school.

SEPTEMBER



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SONY PIX @SUKRUPA

Sony Pix Channel visited SUKRUPA on September 11, 2012 & organised painting competition for the release of 'Tintin' on their channel. Sandalwood actress Harshika Poonacha was called upon for the event. The event was covered by various local & national news channels. Winners were given prizes by the actress, students had great fun!!! **For more pictures of the event**, please log on to our [Facebook Page](#) (SUKRUPA Official).



Ambassador|Board Member Speak:Preethika Alva

Mrs. Preethika Alva is an educationist, who has been associated with SUKRUPA since 2009, when she volunteered to teach the children at SUKRUPA Education Center, through Times of India's 'Teach India' initiative. Preethika is a Special Educator trained at Spastics Society of India, and currently teaches at Small Wonders. She is involved with SUKRUPA to train teachers to use teaching aids and managing SUKRUPA Creative Center.

Preethika is not only provides training to our teachers in teaching aids, and helping SUKRUPA Education Center maintain our high academic standards through her expert advice garnered from

her years of experience in the education sector, she has also gotten us the maximum donations this month!



FounderSpeak:

Krupalatha Martin Dass

I recall a number of years ago watching a documentary about the great 20th century artist, Pablo Picasso. Picasso's father was himself a highly accomplished classical painter. The elder Picasso had trained his obviously gifted son from a very young age in the methodology of traditional painting. In the film Pablo reported that because of his father's insistent tutelage, by the age of twelve he had learned to paint like a master -- and that it took him the remainder of his life to learn how to paint like a child! The lesson here is that the imaginative and creative process so naturally abundant in young children is something to be treasured, preserved and respected -- and once lost nearly impossible to recapture.

That is why, at SUKRUPA, we do everything possible to nurture every child's creativity, be it through music classes, dance classes, art workshops. We are launching a joint project with 3M where the students of our science club will find new and innovative ways to use 3M products. Think- shoes with Scotchbrite stuck under them, so when you walk around you house you are also scrubbing your floors!

Watch this space next month for the new inventions our students are going to make with 3M products!

OCTOBER



SAP @SUKRUPA

A day of fun and learning



More than 60 volunteers visited SUKRUPA on the 20th of October to work with the students of the entire school. The challenge was, how do we make sure everyone has fun, but that both the students and volunteers have a comprehensive learning experience too?

So we took topics from the syllabi of every class, paired groups of students with volunteers, who made charts about these topics, that were displayed in every classroom. These charts will serve as a constant revision of their syllabi to the students for the entire academic year. They drew, painted, made collages, write rhymes and hts about everything from body parts, to the solar system, from area and perimeter to circle theorem, the fun they had making these charts will make sure they remember these lessons for a long time to come!

We want to extend a huge thank you to SAP LABS for encouraging so many of their employees to be part of SUKRUPA for this wonderful day!

SUKRUPA's Young Movie Makers



Students from Class VII to X have been part of [Adobe's Youth Voices program](#), through [America India Foundation](#), for the past two months. As part of this program, the students learnt the entire process of making films, from the concept, to making a story board, shooting, editing, and even creating animation. After this intense learning experience, our students are making a series of five films about issues relevant to their lives. These movies will lend voices to problems that they face in their everyday lives and the solution they have conceived for these problems.

The movies will soon be ready and uploaded on our YouTube channel. So watch this space!

FOUNDER SPEAK: Celebrate the Victory of Light over Darkness

Narakasura became evil. Drunk with power, as he knew himself to be unrivalled in prowess, he brought all the kingdoms on earth under his control. All the **Devas**, led by **Indra** went to Vishnu, to ask him to deliver them from Narakasura. Vishnu promised them that he would attend to this matter, when he would be incarnated as **Krishna**. As promised to the Devas, Krishna attacked the great fortress of Narakasura, riding his mount **Garuda**. The battle was furiously fought. The Lord slew him with little effort. Before dying, the Asura requested a boon that his death anniversary should be celebrated by all people on earth. This day is celebrated as 'Naraka Chaturdashi' - the first day of **Diwali**.

So, when you celebrate Diwali, you celebrate the victory of good over evil, the victory of light over darkness, the victory of kindness and compassion over destructive forces. This Diwali, celebrate it in the true spirit, and bring the light of education in the life of a child, who will otherwise remain in the darkness of illiteracy. To show kindness and compassion towards this child, sponsor their education at SUKRUPA for an entire year, just for Rs. 18, 000/- or US\$ 360, [click here](#).

November

ADOBE @ SUKRUPA



A team of volunteers from Adobe visited SUKRUPA on 17 December and engaged all the SUKRUPA students in learning activities and fun games. While the Primary School children learned new songs and rhymes, the Middle School got their hands dirty with a sapling plantation drive, and the High School students watched and discussed educational and inspirational videos.

At the end of this enjoyable day, the volunteers from Adobe, in their feedback session, exclaimed how impressed by the creativity and confidence our students displayed. The SUKRUPA students thanked and bid farewell to the volunteers with a delightful performance by the SUKRUPA choir



Founder Speak

It is hard to imagine celebrating Christmas in the modern world without thinking about giving gifts. But, have you ever thought to yourself, "Why do we give gifts at Christmas?" In the Christian religion, the practice of giving gifts at Christmas is traced back to the gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh that were given to the Christ child by the three Magi. Today, we all give gifts at Christmas for our own reasons. For some, it is a way to celebrate the Christian holy day. For others, it is a special time to let family and friends know that you care by giving gifts.

This year, along with your family and friends, show your love and care for a child in need. [Give the gift of education to a child this Christmas.](#)

December



Christmas celebration with NetApp!!

A 100 volunteers from NetApp visited SUKRUPA for a fun filled Christmas party spread over 2 days. The volunteers hosted activities for all the 350 children at SUKRUPA, starting from passing the parcel and songs with the pre-school children, sports for the primary school, and brain teasers for the high school children. There was also a Santa Claus doing the rounds distributing prizes and chocolates to all the children. All the SUKRUPA children had a grand time at the Christmas party, but what was even better was that the volunteers said this was the best Christmas party they'd ever been to!



The children of SUKRUPA celebrated Christmas to their hearts' content....

The hours of preparation by the children was reflected on the day when all of them gave their best performance as part of their Christmas celebration programme. The little wonders from the pre-primary danced on 'snow is falling' and 'jingle bells' and the high school children danced to Micheal Jackson's song 'Beat it' amongst many more programmes that added to the fun-filled day!



Krupalatha Martin
Dass, Founder &
Executive Director
SUKRUPA

As most of you know

that at SUKRUPA, we provide a unique curriculum for our students; this has been possible because of all the enriching experiences that we have come across over time and such experiences have helped us to instill value-added programmes in our school and instill a holistic development for our children. Likewise, Language' has been a pre-dominant factor in my life throughout. I have always had the passion to learn different language from a very young age. Today! As I reflect on my childhood days, I know that I had a flair for learning languages which has helped me realize that, such acquired skill is a life-long asset towards education, employment and leisure throughout the world. American linguist Benjamin Lee Whorf rightly said that 'Language shapes the way we think, and

determine what we can think about'. In conjunction to it, I now know the importance of languages - a path carved towards understanding of diverse art and culture that every language carries along-with. Therefore, we at Sukrupa have taken the initiative to help the young minds to imbibe the skill of being a linguist! Our children are exposed to a platform where they learn and shuffle their linguistic skill through French, German and Spanish classes apart from learning English and Kannada in Sukrupa Education Centre - a hope to see them enhance their ability to interact and relate to people and to feel a sense of global citizenship!

January

Our gratitude to ING Vysya



It's a great privilege for SUKRUPA to have ING Vysya Foundation as one of their Corporate Sponsors.

Over the years since 2006, not only they have funded the residential program, but also have helped SUKRUPA as an organization with capacity building and leadership program for the management. Above all their volunteering program has helped kids to enjoy great interaction with ING staff and learn a great deal on saving through programs like financial inclusion.

The Foundation creates several programs during the year to invite the children to their premises that helps the children to experience different perspective of life besides having lot of fun.

Children enjoyed Magic Show and Christmas

celebration by ING both at SUKRUPA and their premises where they had games and snacks. ING volunteers have been very good at making time to spend with the kids at SUKRUPA for all the events conducted by the foundation.

ING Vysya Foundation is also sponsoring the Annual Sports Day to be held in the month of Feb.

Thank You ING Vysya Foundation and All the ING Volunteers for being part of the cause in Creating Opportunities through education, nutrition, healthcare, creativity and values.

Republic Day @ SUKRUPA



SUKRUPA celebrates Republic day! The day started with the hoisting of the National Flag by the Chief Guest AnkushDadu(a representative of Anand Sweets) and thereby, speech on the 'Republic Day' and patriotic songs by the children to mark the day. We were also happy to receive the volunteers from Deloitte who were part of our celebration.

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Sankranti Celebration

With abundance of joy, the children at SUKRUPA celebrated MakaraSankranti. The Spring Festival where the farmers worship Sun God for their harvest.

Little ones from pre-primary to high school teens everyone dressed in their best offestival outfits that spun the Sankranti celebration even more. The celebration continued with cultural programme and traditional rice preparations of sweet pongal and spicy pongal, sweet potatoes, ground nuts and sugarcane.



Target

Volunteers

Around 12 volunteers from Target visited SUKRUPA and interacted with the Primary school children. The volunteers had a story telling session with the children of 3rd, 4th and 5th standard children. It was a pleasure for SUKRUPA to have had the opportunity where the children had a great time of interaction with the volunteers.



Children at National Public School

It was an amazing day for some of SUKRUPA children to visit National Public School Indiranagar; which was in continuation with the generous donation of Rs.30,000-00 made by NPS children of 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th graders through bake sale.

The first expression of our children was WoW such a huge play ground!

Little Anna, Gowtham, Sudershan, Prathyusha, Harshitha and Raj Kumar, spoke on various topics such as education, learning, environment, keeping Bangalore clean. 'Little Angel's Choir Group' of SUKRUPA who are learning music at SUKRUPA and Bangalore School of Music gave an excellent performance with Rajkumar on the guitar and keyboard. Ms.Krupalatha Martin Dass the Founder | Executive Director shared her childhood how her parents instilled the value of giving and sharing at a very young age that helped her to set up SUKRUPA along with her mother Suguna.

It was a day to remember for the children of SUKRUPA as the Headmistress of NPS made their day by asking all the kids to give a standing ovation.

SUKRUPA Thanks NPS Indiranagar for the generous donation and inviting the kids to their premises.

To watch one of their performance in NPS, please visit the link below:

<http://www.facebook.com/photo.php?v=10151252656522343&I=3390301144325467202>



National Girl Child Day!

SUKRUPA on the eve of National Girl Child Day, 24th January created awareness on the importance of health and hygiene to the girl students of the High School. On the occasion, Bangalore Metropolitan Ladies Circle 5 sponsored sanitary napkins for the girl students and the members of the community for a period of 6 months.

SUKRUPA Thanks Bangalore Metropolitan Ladies Circle 5 for their initiative in being part of health and hygiene programme.



**Krupalatha
Martin Dass,
Founder |
Executive
Director**

As we all know that ‘a good health leads to a sound mind’; we have always ensured and integrated a policy at SUKRUPA to practice good health and hygiene: a hand-in-hand initiative towards effective learning of our children. Considering the socio-economic background of the children, we at SUKRUPA provide healthy nutritious food to make sure that they have good health – an initiative carried forward from the time of inception of the organisation.

Moreover, a prevalent state in India has always been the absence of basic hygiene and a clean

environment – a constant challenge; as such, many health related problems which are curable often becomes fatal. This is more in conjunction with the women in our country even today. Therefore, SUKRUPA's constant effort has been to educate the children especially the girl students on basic health and hygiene, the importance to imbibe 'Good Habits' in order to keep ailments at bay. In the regards, we also initiated on sensitizing our young girls and their mothers on its importance on the eve of National Girl Child Day 24th Jan 2013 – An initiative towards understanding the basic nuances of hygiene.

Feb & March

SUKRUPA Welcomes New Partner: ALD International part of SocieteGenerale Group.



SUKRUPA is proud to announce a New Partnership with ALD International, part of SocieteGenerale Group who have started of with sponsoring 50 children for the coming year 2013-2014.

On 26th of Feb there was a team of CEO's and Top Executives from different countries visited SUKRUPA to meet with the Children and to sign the MOU. All the Guests were welcomed Indian Way, with garland and Red Teeka.

Pre-School kids welcomed the guests with a flower song. After an

introduction about SUKRUPA by Ms.Krupa they met with kids from class 1 to class 10 and the kids had a session on Geography learning about few of European Countries. SUKRUPA's Little Angel's Choir Group enthralled the guests with their performance. MOU was signed between Mr.Mike Masterson CEO ALD International and Ms.Krupalatha Martin Dass Founder | Executive Director of SUKRUPA which is the beginning of great partnership for years to come.

Children with their creativity made beautiful personalized Thank You Cards. Visitors distributed snacks pencil boxes, Geometry Boxes for all the children. It was a day to remember for everyone.

SUKRUPA Thanks all of ALD International part of SocieteGenerale Group for partnering with SUKRUPA to help the underprivileged children receive high quality education that will help them to integrate into the mainstream and make them positive contributors to the society.

SUKRUPA's Annual Sports Day Sponsored by ING Vysya Foundation



SUKRUPA's Annual Sports Day! at the Ganesha ground in RT Nagar was swarming with activities; the children had their focus to be the first to touch the finishing line, and the parents took to their seats with the excitement to see their children enjoying and competing. The Sports Day started with a well synchronized Marching Band by the children of SUKRUPA followed with a note by Ms. Joytri Ray, Director of Projects from ING Vysya Foundation. There-on, without further ado, BANG! The first race starts and the rest follows. It was a wonderful day to see these young minds enjoy to their hearts content.

Highlight of the Sports Day was Parents participating. The Pride moment for SUKRUPA was when all the Alumni- the Youth Group who have been with SUKRUPA for more than 10 years participated and took the initiative to conduct the events that day.

For this wonderful Day, SUKRUPA extends heartfelt thank you and gratitude to ING Vysya Foundation for sponsoring the programme.

Children sparkle on 'Talents Day'



We all get excited when it comes for the time for fun and frolic, so did the children at SUKRUPA. After all, it was the Talents Day for them. The hours of preparation in honing their skills to be the best was reflected on every one of them. When it did start, the ambiance was filled with excitement; cheering for their friends to the last minute preparations. The array of programmes from stand – up comedy, recitation to singing and dancing – it was really a day that the children sparkled all the way...

Danish Teachers' Visit



SUKRUPA welcomed a group of 12 Danish teachers on 8th February. A special tour to Southern India to understand the challenges and potential that our country holds in Education – SUKRUPA was one of their chosen project to visit. Their

keen interest to understand the initiative of the organisation, paved their way towards an interesting quiz with the children on countries and their geographical areas. We thank Ms.LiseKloch for this initiative.



**Krupalatha Martin
Dass
Founder | Executive
Director**

As we all know, education is an integral part of our lives. It is a determinant that helps us to grow to our full-potential and become what we aspire to be. However, when we reflect the scenario in our country, we still see a void where the enrolment and retention rate of girl student is extremely low. Reasons are many-fold! And the challenges have always been to create awareness in the community on 'Right To Education for ALL' and weave through their confidence to empower the young girls. In this regards, we have been following it for 10 years towards creating awareness and carving a platform for girl child education. Today,

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