## Newsletter - 2025

#### **MAY-SEPT**

Change begins with small steps and fuels trasformation when we walk together. Each story we share is a reminder of the resilience, hope and possibilities that come alive when people working towards the same vision come together.

This newsletter is our way of keeping in touch with you to share moments from the past quarter that have inspired us, celebrate our milestones and remind ourselves that every effort counts.



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## Solar Power: When the Lights Went Out, Learning Continued

It was a stormy afternoon in Jaipur. Heavy rain lashed against the school walls, and as always, the power went out. The fans slowed, the lights flickered, and silence filled the room.

But this time, the lights came back on immediately; not from the grid, but from the school's newly installed solar power system. The children cheered, the teacher smiled and the studies carried on without a pause. For this remote school, power cuts were once a daily obstacle. Classes would stall, lessons would be cut short, and children often lost valuable learning time. Today, with solar energy, education is no longer at the mercy of outages.

Concern India Foundation's intervention has

brought more than just electricity; it has brought reliability, stability and dignity to the learning experience. So far, solar systems generating 787 kW across India, ensuring thousands of Individuals get uninterrupted electricity. Soon, Kochi and Coimbatore will also join this journey towards a brighter, sustainable future.



# STEM and Digital Education: Transforming classrooms, encouraging curiosity for young minds

Education today is not about books and blackboards – it is about preparing children to think critically, solve real-world problems and adapt to a rapidly changing future. At Concern, we believe every child deserves access to learning tools that spark curiosity and nurture innovation.

We identified schools in Gurugram,
Bengaluru, Pune and Hyderabad where
students were eager to learn but lacked
access to modern resources. To bridge this
gap, STEM Labs were set up and digital
learning facilities introduced. These spaces
are designed to transform classrooms into
hubs of exploration where children can
experiment, question and apply their

knowledge in practical ways.

With this initiative, we have opened new doors of discovery for 3,284 students to engage in interactive learning that goes beyond textbooks. The labs help children strengthen their foundation in science and mathematics, while also developing problem-solving skills, creativity and confidence.

By creating this environment of discovery, we are improving the quality of education and contributing to shaping the next generation of future thinkers, innovators and leaders.





## Mangroves: Nature's green shield, restoring community dignity

Along India's fragile coastal belts, mangroves stand as the silent protectors of both land and life. For centuries, these natural barriers have shielded communities from storms, reduced soil erosion, and nurtured diverse marine ecosystems. The weight of human interference has left these natural guardians fragile and fading.

For the past three years, Concern has been working tirelessly to restore mangroves, bringing 350+ hectares of degraded patches of coastline back to life by planting 9.5 lakh saplings. Our initiative has strengthened the 'green shield' that guards against the rising threats of climate change,

and also touched the lives of over 10,000 individuals who depend on these ecosystems.

What makes this journey truly unique is the blend of ecological revival with social transformation. While the mangroves reclaim their place in the natural habitat, communities too are finding new ground to stand on. Through skill development and training, Concern has helped locals move towards alternative, sustainable livelihoods - weaving nets of opportunity that allow them to live with dignity, independence, and hope.

## Healthcare: Strengthening healthcare in rural Telangana

Healthcare in remote areas is often difficult to access, yet it remains a critical need.

Concern is committed to strengthening rural healthcare so that quality medical care is not a luxury, but an essential service available to all, because every life matters.

In Patancheru Mandal, Sangareddy District, Telangana, we have extended support to PHC Bhanoor and 10 Sub Centres with vital medical and non-medical equipment. This intervention is enabling better healthcare

delivery and ensuring that frontline health workers have the resources they need to serve their communities effectively.

The initiative will positively impact over 1,70,000 individuals across 44 villages, improving access to timely and reliable healthcare for underserved populations.

A healthier future begins with strong foundations, and together, we are building that future for rural India.





### Colours of Concern

At Colours of Concern, paintbrushes become mirrors of courage.

A celebration of ability, freedom to be truly seen.

In that moment, beyond disability, we find ability.

Long after the colours dry, children's spirit keeps painting our hearts.





#### **CASE STUDIES:**

### Generational Upliftment:

Mother's Hands Carried Bricks, Son's Hands Carry Books.

Widowed when Shiva was six months old, she worked as a daily wage labourer, determined to secure an education for her son.

Since only six months old, Shiva grew up witnessing his mother's struggle and absorbing her dream.

#### **Her Sacrifice**

Long days of hard labour, saved earnings, and support from relatives were saved to pay his school fees.

#### **His Efforts**

Tutoring children, doing odd jobs, and also continuing long nights of study to keep moving forward.

#### **Her Dream**

"One day, my son will receive the education I never had."

#### **His Breakthrough**

A remarkable 980/1000 in exams, 98% in JEE, and a seat at NIT Karnataka.



#### **Together, They Found Support**

Concern India Foundation's scholarship lifted the financial burden and provided mentorship, ensuring Shiva stayed on track, creating the possibility of a new future for him and his mother.

Shiva is building a career in engineering, while his mother's dream lives on in his every step.

### **Driving towards Dignity**



Kalai Selvi spent long, exhausting days working gruelling jobs, often with only two hours of rest, carrying ₹4 lakh in debt while struggling to feed her children. Everything changed when she attended a community event and discovered the E-Auto Driving Programme by Concern India Foundation.

Though she had never driven before and felt nervous, she joined with determination and hope for a better future. Over three months of training,

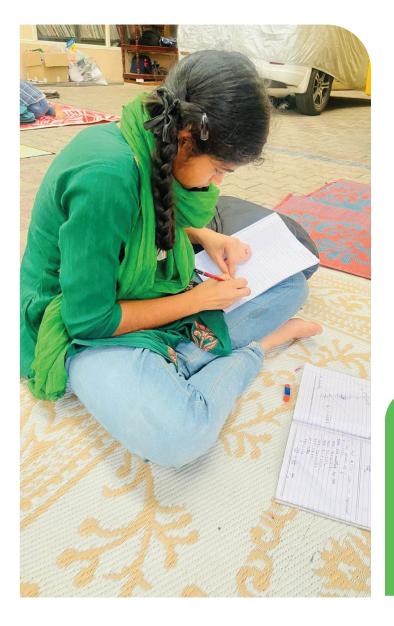
management, soft skills and self-defence, she gained the skills and confidence to take control of her life.

Today, Kalai Selvi drives her electric auto professionally, earning a steady income that allows her to provide for her family.

More than financial stability, her vehicle symbolises independence, dignity and hope. She being a testament to courage, perseverance and the power of opportunity.

## Leela's Equation of Hope Education + Support = A Possible Future

Leela always loved Maths and Computers — they were her comfort zone. But when she lost her parents, she was left without the very foundation of emotional and financial support every child needs. Having a brother with special needs made it even more difficult for her to continue. The prospect of education felt uncertain.



#### A Ray of Hope

Concern India Foundation's higher education scholarship covered her education fees, paired her with mentors and most importantly, gave her the reassurance that her dreams mattered.

#### **Life Restarts**

With the burden lifted, freed from financial worries, Leela immersed herself in her studies. Her love for problem-solving grew with confidence, and a career in technology began to look like a real possibility.

#### **Her Today**

A girl with her head held high, a promising look in her eyes, as she stands ready to pursue her dream of working in technology. An equation that felt unsolvable now presents as a solution of hope.

## Warm Welcome to our New Members!

Akhina K Nair | Shilpa Sharma Sindhu Kavi | Naomi Rohilla Smriti Parmar







