

Anganwadi Habba to Empower Parents in Early Childhood Education



Bengaluru, Karnataka Feb 10, 2025 ([Issuewire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - More than **100** parents of children enrolled in nine Anganwadis from **Gopalapuram, V.V. Giri Colony, and Valluvarpuram** gathered to celebrate **Anganwadi Habba**—an event designed to **promote the importance of Early Childhood Education**. Including **Anganwadi teachers (AWTs), helpers, community leaders, ICDS functionaries, and representatives of NGOs**, the gathering saw the participation of nearly **200 people**, underscoring a collective commitment to ensuring quality **Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE)**.

The event, organized by **Makkala Jagriti**, a Bangalore-based organization working for quality education of children from disadvantaged backgrounds in collaboration with in collaboration with **R Gundurao Foundation**, aimed to **empower parents** with the knowledge and skills to actively support their children's early learning journey.

The event featured an **interactive ECCE showcase**, covering key aspects of early childhood development and the critical role of parents and the community in **preschool education**. Parents and children enthusiastically engaged with learning stalls, while Anganwadi children delighted the audience with vibrant dance performances.

A key highlight was a **demonstration by parents from V.V. Giri Colony**, showcasing **simple yet impactful ways to support children's early learning at home**, emphasizing that **education begins within the household**.

Adding depth to the discussions, a **panel of experts** shared insights on child development, nutrition, and the significance of ECCE with experts, including **Dr. Chaithra** (Child Mental Health Specialist), **Dr. Satyavati** (Medical Officer, Primary Health Centre), **Dr. Vimochana**, Former Deputy Director- Maternal and Child Health and Former State level Advisor for Child Health under National Health Mission, Karnataka, a parent and a lead mother **Manjula**, **Supervisors Rashmi, and Dakshayini**.

Mr. Ashok, Child Development Project Officer – State Project ICDS, addressed the gathering, urging parents to leverage Anganwadi services for their children's early development. The event concluded with a **felicitation ceremony**, recognizing the invaluable contributions of Anganwadi teachers and helpers for their dedication and service to early childhood education.

Makkala Jagriti remains committed to strengthening early childhood learning ecosystems by engaging and empowering parents, educators, and communities in meaningful ways.

About Makkala Jagriti

Makkala Jagriti (meaning “**Awakening of Children**”) is an award-winning NGO dedicated to empowering children and youth from disadvantaged communities towards a bright future. In 2003, Makkala Jagriti started its journey with the vision of empowering children from marginalized communities to break barriers and obstacles to quality education imposed by their circumstances. Starting from a learning center in one of Bangalore’s urban poor communities, Makkala Jagriti is now a **movement** that is empowering thousands of disadvantaged children and youth through its unique holistic development model. The organization has a direct presence in 13 districts across Karnataka presently and has been a winner of the CSR Impact Award in 2022, and has been certified as a Great Place to Work.

The organization works with Anganwadis, Government Schools, Child Care Institutions, and Urban poor communities and has programs catering to all age groups from 3 to 25. The year 2023 marks the completion of 20 years of Makkala Jagriti’s service to the communities. Over 20 years the organization has positively impacted more than 80,000 children and youth, 500 institutions, and 25+ urban poor communities.

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