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From the Director's Desk.....



Greetings from KROSS to all the ALEGALU readers, In the fast-paced world of creating impacted model, ideas alone won't cut it, however we need fuel (Funds) and connections (network) to scale. Fundraising and networking are vital pillars for the growth and sustainability of any development organization committed to social transformation. My grateful appreciations to all the volunteers and collaborators

Fundraising is not merely about collecting financial resources; it is about inviting individuals, institutions, and communities to become partners in our shared vision. Every contribution—big or small—strengthens our capacity to serve, innovate, and respond effectively to our initiatives. A strong culture of fundraising and ownership ensures continuity, accountability, and long-term impact. Through a campaign mode, SPARSHA programme has sharpened our pitch, attracted mentors, and opened doors to resources.

Equally important is networking. Building meaningful relationships with like-minded organizations, community leaders, donors, volunteers, and stakeholders has expanded our reach and deepened our effectiveness. Through collaboration and shared learning, we leverage collective strengths, and create broader platforms for advocacy and service. SPARSHA Cancer awareness programme has shown us that Networking fosters solidarity, trust, and mutual growth.

May I invite you all to join hands together with our initiatives which empower us to transform vision into action. When we invest in relationships and cultivate responsible resource mobilization, we build not only financial stability but also a vibrant community united by a shared commitment to the common good.

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As part of the Women Empowerment Programme, TLF (Taluk Level Federation) and DLF (District Level Federation) trainings were conducted across partner organisations in January. The sessions focused on strengthening leadership, organisational capacity, governance, and financial management. These initiatives have enhanced the effectiveness of women-led federations, enabling them to play a more active role in community development.



A Review Meeting-cum-Capacity Building Training was held at KROSS from 20th to 22nd January 2026, with 68 representatives from 14 partner organisations. The first two days focused on reviewing quarterly reports and sharing progress, while the final day covered safeguarding and strengthening of Community-Based Organisations (CBOs). The programme promoted collective learning, strengthened coordination, and enhanced the capacity of partners for effective community engagement.

An orientation programme on Safeguarding was conducted for over 50 staff members of SMSSS, Shivamogga. The session focused on key safeguarding concepts, including understanding abuse, prevention strategies, and appropriate response mechanisms. It also emphasized ethical conduct and fostering a culture of safety and accountability. The programme enhanced staff awareness and strengthened their commitment to ensuring a safe and respectful environment.



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Cluster-Level Trainings on Gender Equality and Justice were conducted across Ballari, Badravathi, Udupi, and Bangalore in February 2026, with participation from over 100 members. The trainings focused on strengthening gender teams and promoting gender sensitivity, equality, and justice. Through interactive sessions and discussions, participants explored key gender issues and developed strategies for community-based action. The programme enhanced leadership, collective action, and commitment towards promoting inclusive and equitable practices.



**“Awareness is the first step,
courage is the journey.
Together, we can fight cancer
and save lives.”**



On 16th February 2026, KROSS, in collaboration with Caritas India and 14 Diocesan Social Service Societies, organized the Sparsha Ambassadors Orientation Program at Bangalore. The programme highlighted the Sparsha Initiative, volunteer engagement, and resource mobilization. A key session on cancer awareness focused on early detection and prevention. The event concluded with the development of a six-month action plan to strengthen outreach and awareness efforts across dioceses

A Safeguarding Training of Trainers (ToT) Programme was held at KROSS from 10th to 13th February 2026, organized by Caritas India. The four-day training focused on child protection, prevention of abuse, and creating safe environments. Through interactive sessions and practical exercises, participants were equipped to serve as trainers, strengthening safeguarding practices and promoting accountability within their organisations and communities.



The Governing Board Meeting of KROSS was held on 19th February 2026 at the KROSS Resource Centre, Bangalore. The meeting was attended by the Directors and Governing Board Members. During the session, the Programme Coordinators presented their quarterly reports, highlighting key activities, achievements, challenges, and progress made under various initiatives. The Board members reviewed the reports and offered valuable inputs and guidance for strengthening ongoing programmes and ensuring effective implementation in the coming quarter. The meeting concluded with constructive discussions and strategic directions for the continued growth and impact of KROSS initiatives.



As part of a CSR initiative, HP India provided four laptops to the organisation, supporting its digital capacity and operational efficiency.

MAANINI- State Women Federation- International Women's Day Celebration



The MAANINI State Women Federation, in collaboration with Samrudi Women Federation, organized the International Women's Day celebration on 9 March 2026 at Town Hall, Mangalore, with the participation of around 700 women from SHGs and federations across Karnataka. The event began with a vibrant rally promoting women's education, equality, and empowerment.

The programme featured inspiring addresses by dignitaries and honoured women leaders for their contributions to community development. Cultural performances by federation members added to the celebration. The event served as a platform to strengthen solidarity, recognize achievements, and reaffirm the commitment towards women's empowerment.

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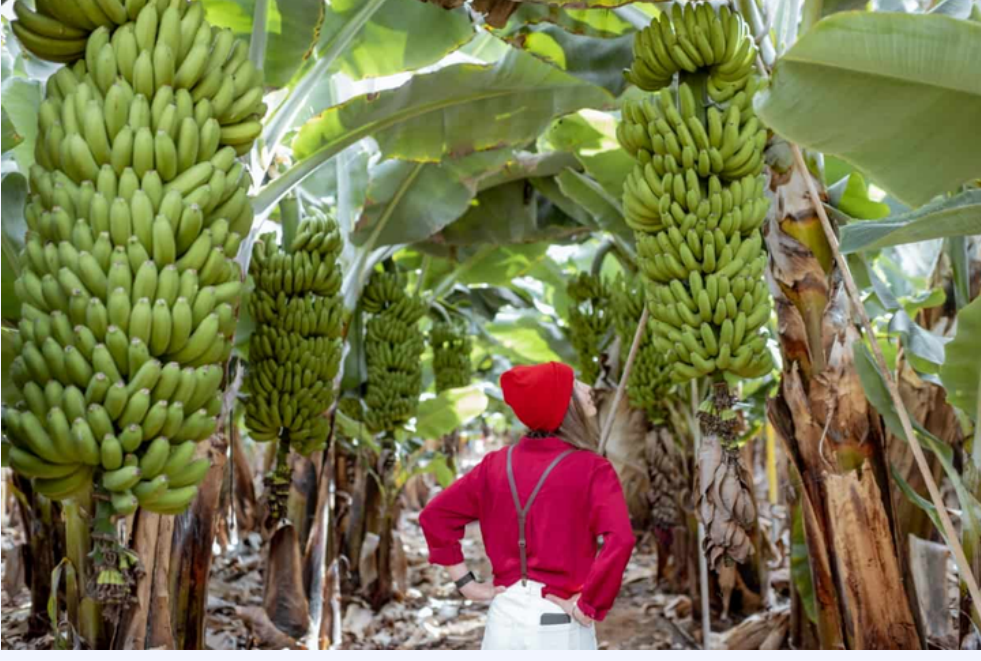
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Awareness, Detection,
Treatment and Prevention of Cancer in
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ಸಂಕಷ್ಟದಿಂದ ಸ್ವಾವಲಂಬನೆಗೆ: ಯೆಲಿಯಮ್ಮ ಅವರ ಯಶೋಗಾಥೆ



ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ಯೆಲಿಯಮ್ಮ ಅವರು ತಮ್ಮ ಪತಿಯ ನಿಧನದ ನಂತರ ಭಾರೀ ಸಂಕಷ್ಟಗಳನ್ನು ಎದುರಿಸಿದರು. ತನ್ನ ಮಗುವಿನ ಹೊಣೆಗಾರಿಕೆಯನ್ನು ಒಬ್ಬರೇ ಹೊತ್ತುಕೊಂಡು ಬದುಕು ನಡೆಸಬೇಕಾಯಿತು. ನೆರೆಹೊರೆಯವರ ಬೆಂಬಲದಿಂದ ಅವರು ಡಿಕೆಆರ್‌ಡಿಎಸ್ ವತಿಯಿಂದ ಶಿರಾಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಆಯೋಜಿಸಲಾದ “ಜ್ಞಾನಜ್ಯೋತಿ” ಸ್ವಸಹಾಯ ಸಂಘಕ್ಕೆ (SHG) ಸೇರಿದರು. ಅಲ್ಲಿ ವಿವಿಧ ತರಬೇತಿಗಳ ಮೂಲಕ ಜಾಗೃತಿ ಮತ್ತು ಆತ್ಮವಿಶ್ವಾಸವನ್ನು ಗಳಿಸಿದರು.

ಜೀವನೋಪಾಯ ನಿರ್ಮಿಸಬೇಕೆಂಬ ಪ್ರೇರಣೆಯಿಂದ ಅವರು SAMRUDI ಯಿಂದ ₹15,000 ಸಾಲ ಪಡೆದು ಬಾಳೆಹಣ್ಣಿನ ಬೆಳೆ ಬೆಳೆಸಲು ಪ್ರಾರಂಭಿಸಿದರು ಮತ್ತು ಹೆಚ್ಚುವರಿ ಆದಾಯಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಸುವರ್ಣ ಗೆಡ್ಡೆಯನ್ನು ಬೆಳೆಸಿದರು. ಅವರ ಪರಿಶ್ರಮದ ಫಲವಾಗಿ, ಸ್ಥಳೀಯ ವ್ಯಾಪಾರಿಯೊಬ್ಬರು ಅವರ ಬೆಳೆಯನ್ನು ₹50,000ಕ್ಕೆ ಮುಂಗಡವಾಗಿ ಖರೀದಿಸಲು ಒಪ್ಪಿಕೊಂಡರು. ನಂತರ ಅವರು ಹಾಲು ಕೊಡುವ ಹಸು ಖರೀದಿಸಿ ಹಾಲು ಮಾರಾಟ ಮಾಡುವ ಮೂಲಕ ತಮ್ಮ ಆದಾಯವನ್ನು ಮತ್ತಷ್ಟು ಬಲಪಡಿಸಿದರು.

ಇಂದು ಯೆಲಿಯಮ್ಮ ಅವರು ಹೊಸ ಆಸೆಯೊಂದಿಗೆ ಮತ್ತು ದೃಢಸಂಕಲ್ಪದೊಂದಿಗೆ ತಮ್ಮ ಮಗುವಿನ ಉತ್ತಮ ಭವಿಷ್ಯಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಶ್ರಮಿಸುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ತಮ್ಮ ಜೀವನವನ್ನು ರೂಪಾಂತರಗೊಳಿಸಲು ಸಹಾಯ ಮಾಡಿದ SHG ಮತ್ತು DKRDS ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳ ಬೆಂಬಲಕ್ಕೆ ಅವರು ಹೃತ್ಪೂರ್ವಕ ಕೃತಜ್ಞತೆಯನ್ನು ವ್ಯಕ್ತಪಡಿಸುತ್ತಾರೆ.

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