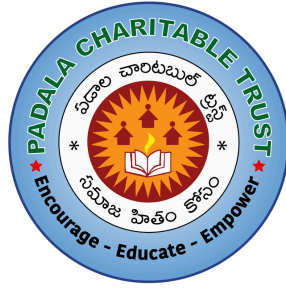


Quarterly Newsletter

Q1 2025-26 (Apr - Jun)



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Dear Valued Supporters, Donors, and Well-Wishers,

It is with immense pride and gratitude that I present the Padala Charitable Trust's Quarterly Newsletter for Q1 2025-26 (April-June). This past quarter has been filled with significant milestones and heartwarming successes, all made possible by your unwavering commitment and generosity.

In this edition, we reflect on the powerful impact of our **Unnathi Student Meets**, where we connected with intermediate, diploma, and MBBS students, providing guidance, scholarships, and fostering a sense of community. We are particularly proud of the continued success of our **School of Excellence program**, culminating in inspiring showcases of student talent. Our Swechha for Little Birds (SFLB) Training session to raise crucial awareness on **child sexual abuse & POCSO Act**, reaching over 46,000 children across 465 schools, a remarkable achievement that even garnered appreciation from District Collector Sri Shan Mohan Sagili IAS.

We also highlight the success of our **Vaaradhi program**, including an engaging Science Lab Workshop for young girls and the felicitation of top-performing 10th-grade students. Our **Menstrual Hygiene Month** Campaign fostered open dialogue, and we were honored by the visit of Assistant Collector **Ms. Manisha IAS**, who expressed full support for our child-safe district vision. We've strengthened our operational capacity through generous donations like desktops from the **Rotary Club of Kakinada**. We also enhanced our team's skills through organizational development workshops on program planning, fundraising, child protection with the help of **Dhwani Foundation (Bangalore) and UNICEF (Hyderabad)**.

Behind every success story, like **Ram Sai reaching NIT Nagaland** or **Shaik Arshiya Fatima securing multiple placements**, stands the incredible support of our donors. Your contributions are the lifeblood of PCT, enabling us to uplift underserved communities through education, healthcare, and sustainable development.

Thank you for being an integral part of this journey. Together, we are not just making a difference; we are building a brighter, more equitable future for hundreds of children and families year after year.

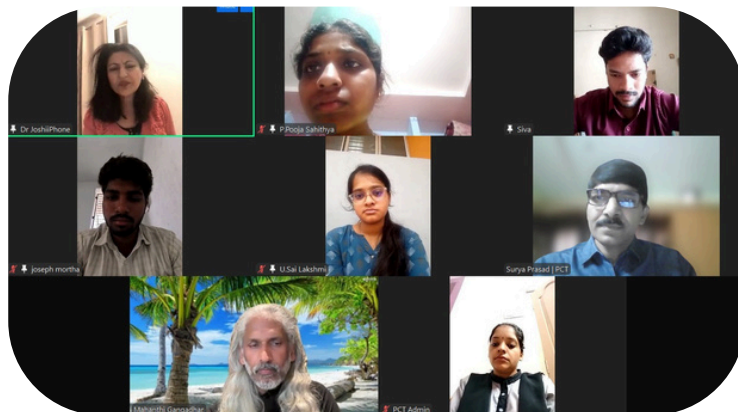
With warm regards,

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UNNATHI STUDENTS MEET



Unnathi Intermediate Student & Parent Meet brought together 50 students and parents for a meaningful session. We connected with students to understand their goals and offered guidance on academics and careers. Many shared how Unnathi Scholarships eased financial stress, and we encouraged them to seek further support if needed. Parents also emphasized the importance of their role in student success. Together, we're moving toward a brighter, empowered future.



MBBS Students Mentoring

An inspiring day with our future doctors and dedicated mentors! Heartfelt thanks to Dr. Rohini Joshi, EFC USA, and PCT leaders for their empowering talks on career opportunities, scholarships, and global pathways.

The Unnathi Diploma Students Meeting at the PCT Office was a day filled with inspiration, learning, and connection. Students shared their dreams and career goals through one-on-one interactions, receiving guidance and mentorship to help shape their futures. We also shared updates on Unnathi Scholarships, reaffirming our commitment to supporting every deserving student. The importance of family support was highlighted, reminding us that success is even greater when shared. At PCT, we continue to stand by our students—every step of the way.



SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE (SOE)

The final event of the School of Excellence (SOE) program was successfully held at APSW Yeleswaram(G), APRS Tuni(G) & APSW Lovakothur(B) proudly sponsored by Techgene. Our talented 9th-grade students showcased their creativity through skits, poster presentations, and heartfelt testimonials. To celebrate their enthusiasm, we awarded certificates, planks, and compass boxes. The event marked the culmination of 8 inspiring modules aimed at building confidence, leadership, and a spirit of excellence in young minds.



Collector's Appreciation

Swechha for Little Birds – A powerful initiative by the Indian Red Cross Society, Kakinada, and Padala Charitable Trust has been raising awareness on child sexual abuse since 2022. Aimed at students from 1st to 7th class, the program educates children on private parts, safe vs unsafe touch, bullying, internet safety, the POCSO Act, and how to say NO and report abuse. **District Collector Sri Shan Mohan IAS praised the initiative**, stressing the need for such awareness everywhere. With over 46,000 children reached across 465 schools, this movement is making a real impact.

As part of the "Vaaradhi" program, a hands-on Children Circuit Lab Science Workshop was held for 150 enthusiastic 7th-grade girls at APRS Tuni & APSW Lovakothuru. The sessions began with engaging questions to spark curiosity, followed by interactive circuit-building activities. Students explored and experimented through 1–2 guided demonstrations, gaining confidence, creativity, and a deeper understanding of science through practical learning.



Science Lab Workshop

SFLB TOT & Scholarship Renewal



As part of our Swechha for Little Birds (SFLB) Programme, Padala Charitable Trust is not just providing training — we're inspiring change! During a recent awareness session on the POCSO Act and child protection, a touching moment stood out: a mother shared, "We will definitely teach our children everything you explained today. Thank you for giving us the right awareness!"

At Sri Skandadesika asramam, Yarakampalem, PCT conducted impactful sessions under the SFLB, SET, and SWECHHA programs, engaging 60 bright young minds. Through SFLB, kids eagerly spoke about hygiene like it was their new superpower. Under SWECHHA, lively discussions on nutrition led to thoughtful questions about food and health. With SET, children shared their dreams — one girl's wish to become a teacher, inspired by our team, was truly heartwarming.



We recently conducted our **Scholarship Renewal Program in Vizag**, and what unfolded was far more than just an administrative process. Students arrived expecting support—but left with so much more: heartfelt conversations, one-on-one guidance, clarity about their future, practical life skills, and a renewed mindset rooted in growth and belief. Many opened up about their struggles—some through tears, others with hopeful smiles—and walked away with new dreams. Even parents were deeply moved. This was more than an event; it became a space of hope, healing, and direction for everyone involved.

Felicitation for SSC Students & Parents



PCT, under its Vaaradhi Programme, felicitated top-performing 10th-grade students and their parents at JNTU - Kakinada. Chief Guest **Dr. CSRK Prasad (VC, JNTUK)** congratulated the students and parents. Other guests of the event include **Mr. Muralidhar (COO, Kakinada Seaports Ltd)**, Professor **K.V.S.G. Muralikrishna (Former VC, JNTUK)** Dr. Kada Venkata Ramana (Satya Scan), Mr. Jagannadha Rao (KRIYA), Mr. Shankar (Sankaplam) and several teachers headmasters, MEOs and other well-wishers of PCT.

Menstrual Hygiene Month Campaign (May 2025)



As part of Menstrual Hygiene Month, we initiated a video campaign inviting girls and women to share their voices. Participants recorded 1-minute videos expressing their thoughts on menstruation and made personal pledges, like "I'm proud of my periods." This initiative aimed to break stigma, promote menstrual health awareness, and empower communities through open dialogue.

Asst. Collector Visit to PCT Office

Assistant Collector of Kakinada District, Ms. Manisha IAS, visited the Padala Charitable Trust (PCT) office, where she was briefed on the organization's ongoing initiatives. The Swechha for Little Birds (SFLB) team presented a detailed overview of their program and its impact. Impressed and inspired by the work, Ms. Manisha expressed her full support and affirmed her commitment to making Kakinada a 100% child-safe district.



Health Training & Menstrual Hygiene



Menstrual Hygiene Awareness

Like every year, Padala Charitable Trust proudly marked this important day with impactful awareness and action. This year, we held a focused session for 40 women at the Panasapadu Panchayat Office, covering menstrual health, hygiene, diet, and myth-busting—tailored to their needs through a pre-survey. Hygiene kits were distributed, and the women actively participated by asking questions and sharing their experiences.

PCT's Training Of Trainers for Health Department, Kakinada District

Padala Charitable Trust is conducting TOT (Training of Trainers) sessions to equip health staff with the skills to handle cases with care, understand legal aspects, and advocate for children's safety. These trainings are happening at Vetlapalem, Virava, and Gollaprolu PHCs, in close collaboration with local health teams to help build a safer future for children



Rotary club Donated Desktops

We were delighted to host the Rotary Club of Kakinada at the PCT office, where they generously donated 5 desktop computers to support our operations. Their visit strengthened our partnership and gave us a chance to share our goals and initiatives. These desktops will enhance our internal capacity, improve workflow, and support our growing administrative and program teams.

Dhwani Workshop



Our team participated in a 3-day Fundraising Management (FRM) workshop organized by the Dhwani Foundation under the Niranthara Sahayak program in Tirupati. The workshop provided valuable insights into effective fundraising strategies, donor engagement, leadership, and organizational development. We are grateful for the learning opportunities and the meaningful connections made during the sessions.

PCT fundraising team recently participated in the dynamic 3-day Niranthara Sahayak Program (NS 6 – Andhra Pradesh) in Bengaluru, gaining powerful insights into fundraising, donor management, and social impact marketing. From writing compelling project proposals and crafting persuasive donor pitches to mastering storytelling, social media strategy, CSR laws, and retail fundraising – the experience left our team supercharged and ready to take PCT’s mission to the next level



Niranthara Sahayak Program at Bangalore



UNICEF - Session

We had an incredible session with Mr. David Raj through UNICEF CPRC that left us inspired and informed. It gave us clarity on the true meaning of child rights and the specific protections our programs support. We learned how to identify and prevent offences against children, gained insights into cyber crimes, online grooming, the dark web, and deepened our understanding of the Juvenile Justice Act, POC SO Act, and the 41 rights under the UNCRC. We're now more focused and committed than ever to child protection.



SFLB TOT - ASHA, ANM

In AV Nagaram, Chebrolu, Gollapalem & Duggudur our SFLB Training of Trainers sessions took a powerful new direction—this time with ASHAs, ANMs, and MLHPs, the frontline health workers who care for our communities every day. With the support of the DMHO, they were trained on key child safety topics. These real-life heroes are now better equipped to protect and empower the youngest members of our villages—proving that child safety isn't just a teacher's responsibility, but a shared mission for all.

It was a joyful day at the Peddapuram summer camp, where we engaged with over 100 children. We held interactive sessions on child safety, menstrual hygiene, nutrition, and digital safety, while also raising awareness about the POCSO Act and the 1098 child helpline.



Summer Camp

Student Success Stories



From Tragedy to Triumph

Ummidisetti Ram Sai, once a student at a small government school in Kirlampudi, is now pursuing his B.Tech at NIT Nagaland a remarkable journey made possible with the support of **D.Sai Prasad** (Vaaradhi Program). After losing a parent, Vaaradhi stepped in to support his education, helped his mother secure a job, and provided the stability and encouragement needed to rebuild their lives. Today, Ram Sai stands as a symbol of resilience and hope – one of many inspiring success stories made possible through timely support and belief in potential.



From Internship to Impact

Shaik Arshiya Fatima, a dedicated Unnathi scholar of Padala Charitable Trust, has transformed her journey from intern to achiever through hard work and unwavering determination. With the constant support of PCT and the **APPS Associates**, she successfully completed two years of graduation and secured placements in five esteemed companies, including TCS BPS, Grant Thornton, and Firstsource. Now, Arshiya is confidently pursuing her dream of becoming a Chartered Accountant, taking bold steps toward a bright and promising future.

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