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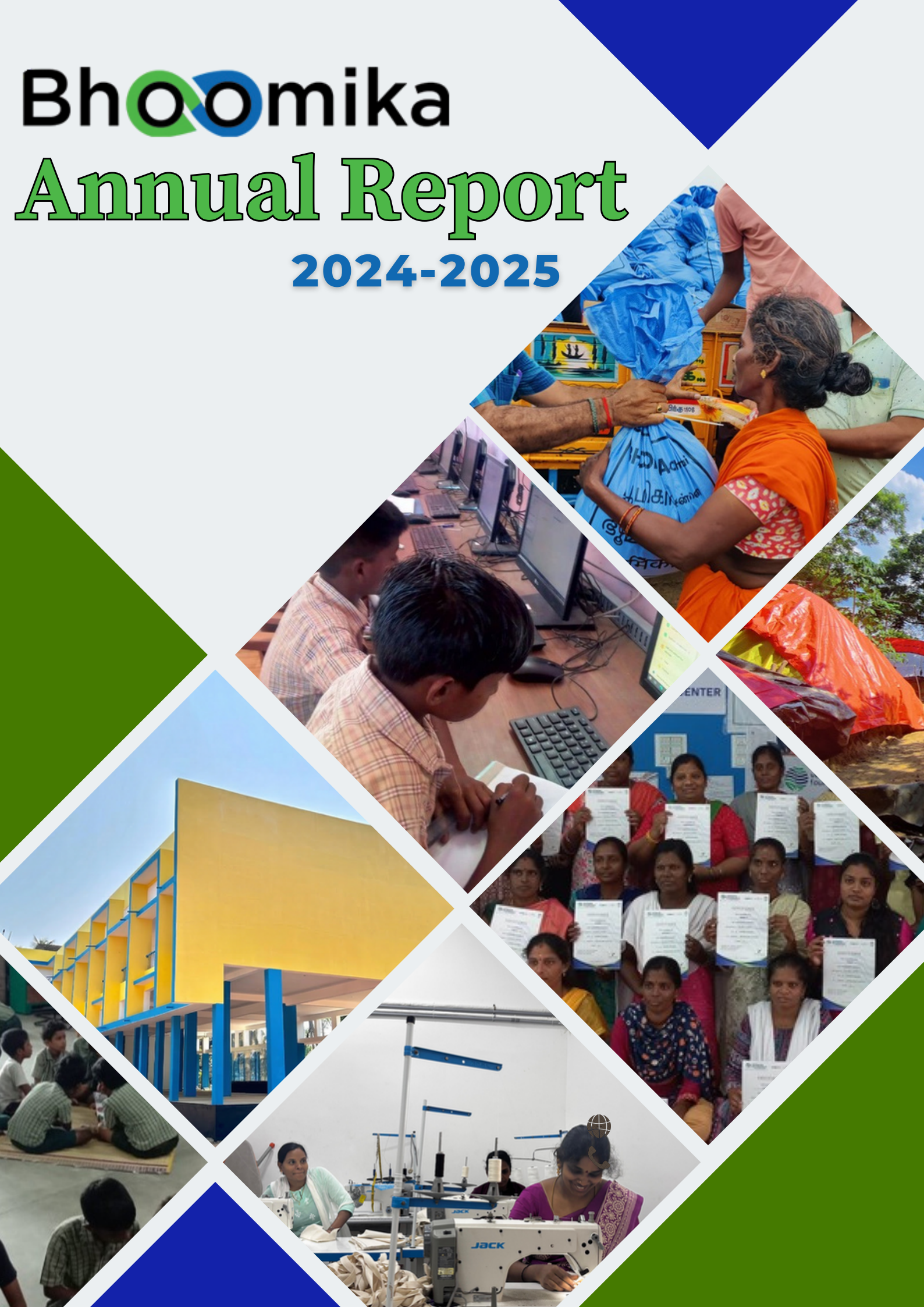


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ABOUT BHOOMIKA

In the aftermath of the Gujarat earthquake in 2001, a group of compassionate individuals came together to support those impacted by the disaster. What began as an effort to provide immediate relief quickly revealed the immense challenges like rebuilding homes, livelihoods, and schools in the wake of such destruction for these affected communities. Witnessing this struggle, particularly among those already marginalised, underscored the urgent need for structured and empathetic intervention. From this shared experience and understanding, the vision for Bhoomika was born.

VISION

To support the vulnerable during disasters and empower them through education and livelihood opportunities.

MISSION

To provide immediate relief during natural calamities, rebuild resilient infrastructure, and bridge the digital divide in rural education.

OUR APPROACH



Identify requirements & gaps



Gather & disseminate credible information



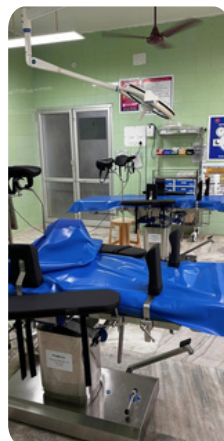
Engage with local NGOs, corporates & citizen groups



360-degree transparency among all stakeholders



Practice continuous learning



SHARING MY THOUGHTS

Disasters leave deep and lasting impacts on communities. Yet, within the devastation lies an opportunity to rebuild not merely what was lost, but to create stronger, more resilient systems for the future. The principle of building back better reminds us that rehabilitation can go beyond restoring pre-disaster conditions. It can strengthen community resilience, expand economic opportunity, and lay the foundation for more sustainable development.

At Bhoomika Trust, this perspective has guided our work for many years. While we respond to disasters with empathy and urgency, we remain conscious that every recovery effort presents an opportunity to improve the systems and structures that communities depend upon. This philosophy has shaped many of our initiatives from rebuilding schools and strengthening healthcare infrastructure to supporting livelihoods in vulnerable communities.

Our work in education illustrates this approach. In several instances, rebuilding schools meant going beyond repairing damaged structures. We focused on improving the quality and durability of infrastructure through measures such as waterproofing buildings, repairing structural damage, and addressing persistent issues like leaks. These practical improvements help create safer and more reliable learning environments for children.

At the community level, we have also prioritised strengthening economic resilience. Livelihood-skilling initiatives have supported families in rebuilding stable sources of income following disasters. Alongside this, we have begun piloting qualitative programs in rural schools aimed at widening the horizons of children from small towns



By introducing them to technology-enabled learning and new ways of engaging with the world, we hope to equip them with the confidence and capabilities required in a rapidly changing future. The insights from these early initiatives will guide us as we expand and deepen their impact in the coming years.

The year 2024–2025 reflects the long-term nature of this commitment. In disaster management, public attention often centres on immediate relief food distribution, the rescue boat, the emergency tarpaulin. While we remained agile in responding to Cyclone Fengal and the Ponneri rains, this year also marked the fulfillment of commitments made several years earlier.

The inauguration of the SNDP School in Kuttamangalam, Kerala, stands as a powerful symbol of this journey. What began as a response to the devastating floods of 2018 has culminated, seven years later, in the completion of a modern educational facility. For us, it is a reminder that meaningful rehabilitation is not defined by the speed of response alone, but by the perseverance required to see long-term commitments through to completion.

Similarly, our response to Cyclone Fengal extended beyond immediate relief. By upgrading three flood-affected Primary Health Centres with critical medical equipment, we have helped strengthen the healthcare systems that serve these communities, ensuring they are better equipped to respond to future challenges. Across all our initiatives from establishing Technology Aided Learning Labs (TALL) in rural schools to installing solar lighting in tribal settlements our focus remains consistent. We do not simply rebuild what was lost. We strive to rebuild in ways that leave communities stronger, institutions more capable, and opportunities more accessible.

As we look ahead, we remain committed to learning from each experience and deepening the impact of our work. With the continued support of our partners, volunteers, and communities, Bhoomika Trust will continue to stand alongside those rebuilding their lives ensuring that recovery becomes a pathway to resilience and lasting change.

Aruna Subramaniam
Managing Trustee

DISASTER RELIEF



Every year, when the monsoon clouds gather over Tamil Nadu, our teams at Bhoomika Trust know that the rains bring both hope and anxiety. For farming communities they bring life; but for families living in fragile thatched homes, they bring uncertainty.

Over the years, we have built strong local networks in several districts. Community members, local volunteers, and partners help us monitor the early impact of heavy rains. A phone call from a village, a message from a schoolteacher, or a local leader's alert often becomes the first signal that help may soon be needed. These connections allow us to respond quickly when the monsoon tests the resilience of vulnerable communities.



November Rain Relief in Tiruvallur District, Tamil Nadu: Protecting the Most Vulnerable (Nov 2024)

In November 2024, heavy Northeast monsoon rains began lashing Ponneri Block in Tiruvallur district. In the low-lying villages of Ellapuram and Uthukottai, families living in thatched homes watched as rainwater seeped through fragile roofs, threatening their belongings and their sense of safety.

From years of experience, we have learned that sometimes the most effective intervention is also the simplest. Durable tarpaulins can make the difference between a roof that leaks and a home that offers protection during relentless rains.



During October and November, Bhoomika Trust distributed 150 heavy-duty tarpaulins (30' x 18') to families in these villages. For many households, this small but timely support provided immediate relief keeping rain out, protecting their few belongings, and giving them peace of mind during an unpredictable monsoon season.

Yet we also know that when rains intensify and flooding begins, tarpaulins alone are not enough. At such times, families often have to move into safer community spaces and relief shelters. Preparedness and early response remain critical.

CYCLONE FENGAL

When the Storm Passed, the hardest days began.

In December 2024, Cyclone Fengal struck the eastern coast with devastating force. More than 300 mm of rainfall fell within just 36 hours, flooding large parts of Villupuram, Cuddalore, and Puducherry. Homes were damaged or washed away, and livelihoods especially those of underprivileged and Irula communities came to an abrupt halt.

As floodwaters rose, families were moved into relief centres where community kitchens provided immediate meals and shelter. The most urgent phase of disaster response was underway.



At Bhoomika Trust, we have learned that the most difficult period often begins after the waters recede. When families return home, they face damaged houses, lost belongings, disrupted livelihoods, and schools struggling to reopen. It can take weeks for life to regain some sense of normalcy. This transition phase from relief to recovery is where Bhoomika focuses much of its effort.

1) RELIEF DISTRIBUTION

To address immediate food insecurity, Bhoomika distributed essential ration kits to 2,000 families across 15 villages in Villupuram district. Over five days, families in Kandamangalam, Koliyanur, Mugaiyur, Thiruvennainallur, Vikravandi, and neighbouring blocks received kits containing staples that would sustain them for nearly three weeks.



For many families, these kits bridged the critical gap between disaster and the gradual return of livelihood.



II) Clothing distribution

As people returned to their homes, it became clear that many had lost almost everything including clothing. Bhoomika Trust organised a clothing drive, distributing clean and gently used clothes to 227 families from Gypsy and Scheduled Tribe communities across villages such as Pakkam, Anichampalayam, Koliyanur, Asakulam, Arasur, Ilangadu, and Kumarakuppam. While simple in nature, this effort restored dignity and comfort for families who were rebuilding their lives from the ground up.



III) Supporting Children Returning to School

Disasters often disrupt children's Education in ways that are easily overlooked. School closures, displacement, and the loss of books and supplies make returning to the classroom difficult.

To support students resuming their studies, Bhoomika Trust distributed notebooks to three Government schools in Villupuram district:

- Government Higher Secondary School, Poiyapakkam
- Government Higher Secondary School, V. Agaram
- Middle School, Poonthottam

For children returning to school from homes still recovering from the storm, even a simple notebook brought back a sense of normalcy and often a smile.



Summary of our immediate response after Cyclone Fengal



Fengal Relief Distribution – Villupuram



Ration Kit

2,000 families
15 villages

Blocks:

Kandamangalam
Koliyanur
Mugaiyur
Thiruvonnainallur
Vikravandi



Clothing

227 families

Villages:

Pakkam, Anicharnpalayam,
Koliyanur, Asakulam, Arasur,
Ilangu, Kumarakuppam



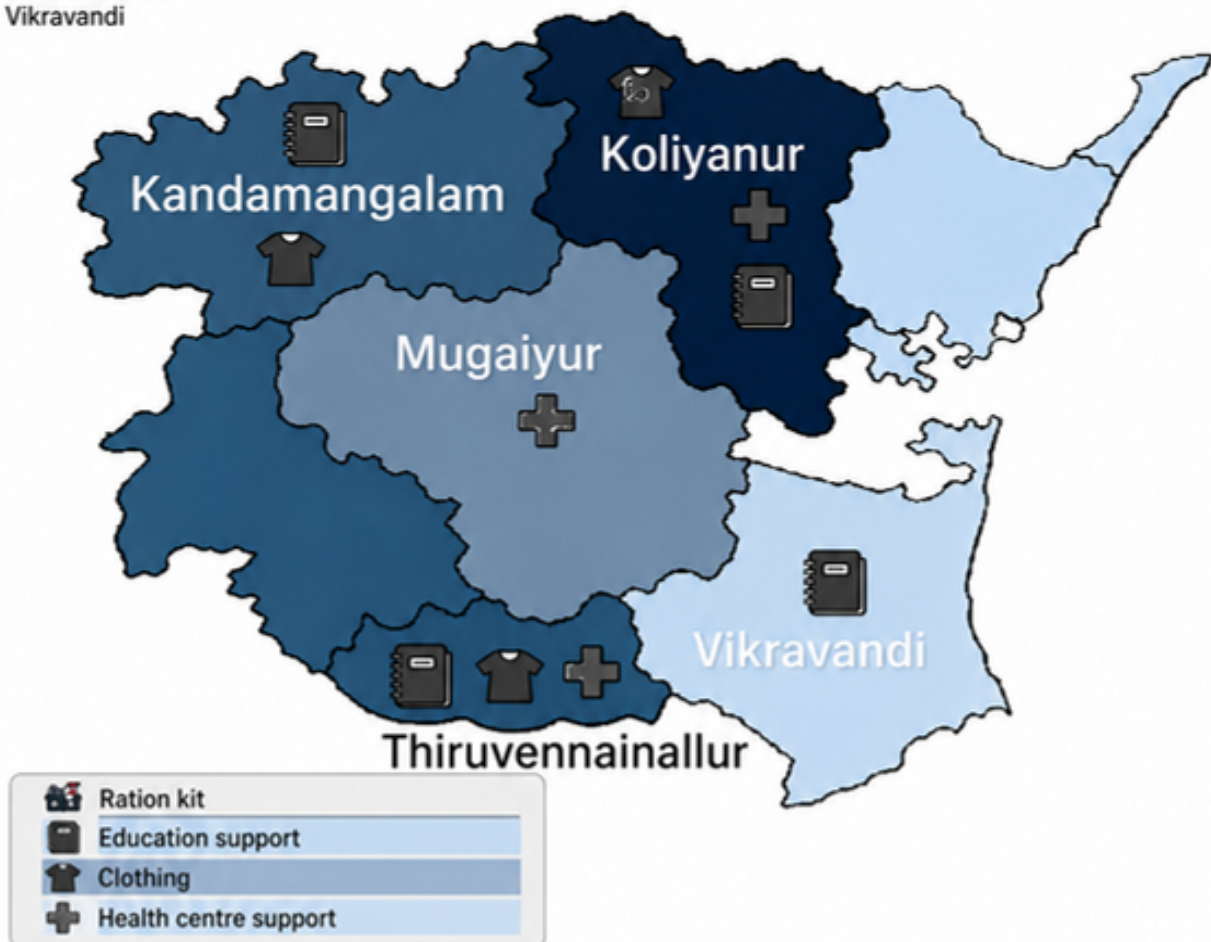
Notebook

(Education Support)

3 Government
Schools

Schools:

GHSS Poiyapakkam,
GHSS V Agaram,
Middle School Poonthottam



Bhoomika Trust spent **INR 30,04,776** towards flood relief and immediate recovery support for affected communities.

Through these efforts, we were reminded once again that disaster relief is not only about responding to emergencies, it is about standing beside communities as they take the first steps toward recovery.

DISASTER REHABILITATION

Devastation of Primary Health Centres



When Cyclone Fengal swept through Villupuram district, the immediate images were of flooded streets, damaged homes, and uprooted livelihoods. But beyond what was visible, something far more fragile had also been submerged - Access to healthcare.

Several Primary Health Centres across the district were inundated with four to five feet of floodwater. Medical equipment that had served communities for years, lay damaged and unusable. ECG machines stopped working. Autoclaves used for sterilisation were ruined. Labour room spaces meant to welcome new life were suddenly unfit for use.



For the doctors, nurses, and administrators who served these centres, the aftermath was heartbreaking. Floors, doors, windows, and furniture had been damaged. Equipment had to be inspected, salvaged where possible, or declared unusable. Staff worked tirelessly to clean the facilities and create lists of what would need to be replaced before services could resume.

When a Health Centre shuts down, an entire community feels the impact

In the days that followed the floods, pregnant mothers postponed check-ups, unsure where to go. Elderly patients missed critical cardiac monitoring appointments. Emergency response capacity across the block weakened just when communities needed it most.

Rebuilding the lifeline of Healthcare

Recognising that restoring healthcare services was critical for community recovery, Bhoomika Trust stepped in to support the rehabilitation of three key Government Health facilities in Villupuram district:

- Community Health Centre, Iruvelpattu
- Primary Health Centre, P. Edayar
- Primary Health Centre, Rampakkam



Our priority was clear: restore emergency care and labour room facilities so that essential services could resume quickly.

Bhoomika Trust helped re-equip these centres with vital medical infrastructure, including:

- Emergency Crash Carts
- Multipara Cardiac Monitors
- Suction Apparatus
- Labour Delivery Beds

These essential additions enabled the Health Centres to return to full functionality, restoring confidence among healthcare workers and patients alike.

Restoring care after the Storm

Today, these centres are once again bustling with activity, serving nearly 500 to 600 patients each day.

For many families, the restoration of these facilities has brought reassurance at a time of uncertainty.

One expectant mother shared her experience:

“At seven months pregnant, I was scared because our PHC had no working delivery bed or monitor after the floods. Travelling far for check-ups felt risky. Now that the equipment has been restored, I feel relieved and safe.”

Stories like hers remind us that rebuilding healthcare infrastructure is not only about replacing machines it is about restoring trust, safety, and dignity for communities.

Bhoomika Trust invested **INR 21,99,880** towards hospital upgradation and the restoration of essential healthcare services in flood-affected areas of Villupuram district.

Through this effort, what began as disaster recovery has become a step toward stronger and more resilient community healthcare.

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DONATION ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

To:
Medical Officer – Incharge
Government Upgraded Primary Health Center
Iruvelpattu,
Thiruvennainallur Block,
Villupuram District

Date 24 March 2025

Dear Sir/Madam,

Greetings from Bhoomika Trust.

Institutions like yours have been providing critical medical care and support to everyone who reaches out to you. The Fengal Cyclone had caused severe damage to your facility and medical equipment and Bhoomika Trust through donations from our generous donors are extremely happy to support you in your Healthcare Capacity building and are providing the following items as Donations to your Institution, and you would have received these in Feb 2025

IRUVELPATTU CHC – OT COMPLEX

SNO	MEDICAL EQUIPMENT	DETAILS	QUANTITY
1	Stainless Steel Hospital Emergency Crash Cart trolley	Powder coated Size 940x490x1530 mm Alkon Modular	2
2	Suction apparatus	Semi-automatic suction apparatus for surgery Capacity 0.75HP Yuwell	2
3	Autoclave	Vertical 15"x12" Sterilized	1
4	Pulse oximeter	Patient monitor SP02 and NIBP Contec	2
5	Boyle's apparatus	Trolley, manual, O2 flush 30-75 Liter, dual gas cascade with O2 fail alarm Mark 4HCP	1
6	Hydraulic OT table	Universal operating table Technomed	2

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7	Multi para cardiac monitor	Para Monitor SP02, NIBP, TEMP, ECG, PR - Contec	2
8	Autoclave- vertical	Vertical autoclave BSL Double walled heavy duty SS with digital temperature liner alarm 16x24 inches - Sterilized	2
9	OT Fogging machine	BL capacity Fogstar/ULV	2
10	Nebuliser	Omron	1
11	B type Oxygen cylinder		1

IRUVELPATTU CHC – LABOUR ROOM

SNO	MEDICAL EQUIPMENT	DETAILS	QUANTITY
1	LDR Hydraulic Labour Delivery room bed	Richmat	1
2	Stainless Steel Hospital Emergency Crash Cart trolley	Powder coated Size 940x490x1530 mm Alkon Modular	2
3	Suction apparatus	Semi-automatic suction apparatus for surgery Capacity 0.75HP Yuwell	1
4	Delivery tray (sets)with instruments	18 nos instruments Carwell	5
5	Episiotomy tray (sets) with instruments	For delivery/SS 15 inch Carwell	2
6	Autoclave	Vertical 15"x12" Sterilized	1
7	Pulse oximeter table top	Patient monitor SP02 and NIBP Contec	1
8	Focus lamp	Model No H.L.2000/12V-50W Basco	2
9	Pediatric Multi para monitor	Contec/CMS 8000	2
10	Infant weighing machine	Digital baby weighing scale for infant toddler with weight upto 20 kg - SAMSUNG	1
11	Nebuliser	Omron	1
12	MVA tray with instruments	Carwell	2

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Thanking You

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Managing Trustee

Received on behalf of
Medical Officer – Incharge
Government Upgraded Primary Health Center
Iruvelpattu,
Thiruvennainallur Block,
Villupuram District

Name	R. Ganesan
Designation	Block Medical Officer
Contact	9448936505
Institution	UPHC - Iruvelpattu
Donations received on	14/2/25
Signature with Stamp	<i>R. Ganesan</i> BLOCK MEDICAL OFFICER IRUVELPATTU - 600028 VILLUPURAM DIST

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LIVELIHOOD RESTORATION POST DISASTER

Rebuilding Work, Restoring Dignity

When disasters strike, homes can often be rebuilt and roads repaired. But the loss of livelihoods lingers much longer.

For many low-income families, especially women who depend on small home-based enterprises or daily vending livelihoods are fragile threads that hold household stability together. When those threads snap, the impact ripples through the entire family.

In the aftermath of Cyclone Fengal, many small vendors across affected villages lost the tools, materials, and equipment that sustained their daily income. For households dependent on informal micro-enterprises, even a few days without earnings created deep financial strain.

When the Waters Recede, Reality Sets In

Malliga runs a small roadside tiffin stall, supporting her family alongside her husband's income as a driver. After the cyclone, heavy rains destroyed her utensils, provisions, and cooking equipment, making it nearly impossible to restart.

A few villages away, 65-year-old Kala faced a similar loss. For over three decades, her tiffin stall had served farmers and daily wage workers and was a vital part of the community. When the cyclone destroyed it, she lost both her livelihood and the satisfaction of feeding others.

This is often the reality after disasters. Once initial relief fades, families with damaged homes and lost livelihoods are left facing an uncertain future. It is during this phase that rebuilding livelihoods becomes critical.



Helping Small Businesses Start Again

When Bhoomika Trust's team visited these villages, many small vendors were sitting quietly amidst the debris left behind by the rains unsure of how they would begin again.

Bhoomika stepped in to support Malliga, Kala, and several other small vendors to restart their businesses. Roadside eateries were provided with essential cooking equipment and materials to resume operations.

Other vendors received occupation-specific support:

- Pottery supplies for local potters
- Materials for small puja and archanai shops
- Tailoring machines for women dependent on stitching work
- Mini-hotel equipment for food vendors
- Carpentry tools
- Rope-making materials
- Materials for small bangle shops



In total, 21 small vendors received livelihood assistance that helped them restart their work without prolonged disruption.

When the equipment was handed over, several beneficiaries expressed a simple but heartfelt sentiment:

“Bhoomika, we do not know you, but thank you for coming here to help us”

For the team, seeing these vendors return to work and seeing their smiles return was the most meaningful outcome.



Building Resilience Through Skills

Livelihood recovery does not end with restoring existing work. For many communities, building new skills can provide greater resilience in the face of future uncertainties.

When Bhoomika revisited communities affected by Cyclone Michaung the previous year, the team found that several families in Pattabharam were still struggling with income disruptions. To support long-term recovery, Bhoomika initiated a skill-building programme for women.



“THERE WAS A TIME I WAITED FOR OTHERS’ PERMISSION TO DREAM. TODAY, I WAKE UP, TAKE CHARGE, AND STITCH A FUTURE ON MY OWN TERMS. WHAT I EARN ISN’T JUST MONEY, IT’S MY INDEPENDENCE, MY LIFE BACK”

More than 50 women were trained in tailoring, in partnership with the Danirasa Foundation, which served as the training partner. The programme focused on practical, income-generating skills that could be sustained locally.

After two months of training and four months of guided practice, many participants began stitching garments for neighbours and taking job work through the training centre. A group of women formed a Self-Help Group and established their own tailoring unit, along with a small display and sales space to showcase their products.

Gradually, incomes began to return and confidence grew with it.

VOICES OF EMPOWERMENT

During one interaction with the trainees, a young woman spoke with striking honesty:

**“I hate asking my husband for money for my personal needs.
I hate explaining why I need it.
I want to earn and spend for myself without all of that”**

Her words opened a floodgate. One after another, women began speaking about their desire for independence and dignity through earning.

When the Bhoomika team returned a few months later, the transformation was visible.

Living in a household still shaped by patriarchal norms, she balances school runs, household work, and stitching orders every day. What began as a small monthly income of ₹1,000–₹2,000 has now grown into over ₹10,000 per month.

Her next dream is even bigger: opening her own tailoring shop and training other women.

Her first step toward independence? Buying a second-hand motorbike not for comfort, but for freedom.



Another participant, rebuilding life after separation, joined the second batch of training with two young children to support. Initially, orders were small and income uncertain. But she persevered.

Together with other trainees, she formed a Self-Help Group, took a small loan, and invested in tools and materials. Today, she earns over ₹12,000 per month and says simply:

**“There’s no tension, no pressure.
I work with my own hands, on my own time. I feel free”**

These women are only two among the 50 participants who have learned tailoring through the programme. Some have found employment in export garment units. Others run small home-based businesses. Many are still discovering their confidence and capabilities. For Bhoomika Trust, their journeys are a powerful reminder that livelihood restoration is not just about income it is about dignity, resilience, and the freedom to shape one’s future.

During 2024–2025, Bhoomika Trust invested **INR 6,50,092** towards livelihood restoration and skill development initiatives in disaster-affected communities. As we look ahead, strengthening women’s economic resilience will remain a key priority for Bhoomika’s livelihood programmes.

EDUCATE TO EMPOWER



REBUILDING RURAL SCHOOLS

For many children in rural communities, a school building is more than just a place to study. It is a space of safety, routine, and hope.

But when heavy rains, floods, or cyclones damage these fragile structures, learning can come to an abrupt halt. Roofs begin to leak, classrooms grow unsafe, and children are sometimes sent home as the weather worsens. For families already facing uncertainty, the loss of a safe classroom can disrupt not just education but also a child's sense of stability.

Through its Rebuild Rural Schools initiative, Bhoomika Trust works to ensure that rural children continue to learn in safe and dignified spaces. The programme identifies vulnerable government schools, conducts detailed need-based assessments, and restores or rebuilds critical infrastructure. The goal is simple but powerful to create safe, functional, and child-friendly learning environments, especially in disaster-affected or infrastructure-deficient schools.

During 2024–2025, Bhoomika upgraded infrastructure across six government schools and completed the construction of one new school building, restoring safe access to education for hundreds of rural children.

Restoring Classrooms After Cyclone Michaung

When Cyclone Michaung swept across parts of Tamil Nadu, several rural schools were left with damaged roofs, water seepage, and weakened structures. In some classrooms, rainwater flowed through the ceiling. Books got wet, and lessons were frequently interrupted.

Through the Rebuild Rural Schools initiative, Bhoomika stepped in to repair and strengthen these schools, ensuring that children could return to classrooms that were safe and welcoming



Panchayat Union Middle School, Rajanagaram – September 2024



A severely damaged tiled roof was replaced with a durable PUFF cooling metal sheet roof. Doors and windows were repaired, classrooms repainted, and electrical fixtures such as fans and tube lights installed to improve the learning environment.

Panchayat Union Middle School, Ragavanaidukuppam – September 2024

Two buildings required extensive restoration. Structural repairs, waterproofing, flooring work, and rainwater pipelines were installed to prevent future damage. Classrooms were repainted and equipped with fans and lighting to create a more comfortable space for students.

A STUDENT FROM THE SCHOOL SHARED:

*“WHEN IT RAINED EARLIER,
WATER CAME INTO OUR CLASSROOM AND OUR BOOKS GOT WET.
SOMETIMES WE WERE SENT HOME.
NOW THE ROOF DOESN'T LEAK AND THE ROOM FEELS BRIGHT”*



Panchayat Union Primary School, Egnapuram – September 2024

Terrace weatherproofing addressed water seepage issues. Renovation included dismantling, cleaning, plastering, flooring, and painting. Four windows were repaired, and rainwater pipelines were installed.





Panchayat Union Middle School, Periyar Nagar – February 2025

Bhoomika removed old terracotta roof tiles and applied waterproofing treatment to classrooms as well as the Noon Meal building. Rainwater pipelines were added, and the Noon Meal Centre was repainted to improve the overall environment for children.

Panchayat Union Primary School, Ammaiarkuppam – February 2025

Damaged roof tiles were removed and replaced with waterproof screed concrete, along with improved drainage systems.

Panchayat Union Primary School, Krishnakuppam Medu – February 2025

Old terracotta tiles were removed and waterproofing was completed using screed concrete to protect classrooms from further damage.

Through these interventions, more than 600 students now study in classrooms that are safer, brighter, and better prepared to withstand heavy rains.

To make these improvements possible across six schools, Bhoomika Trust invested INR 30,36,971 during 2024–2025 toward construction, painting, and infrastructure restoration.



Rebuilding a School, Rebuilding Hope

Sometimes rebuilding a school takes years of patience and commitment.

In 2018, the devastating Kerala floods left the village of Kuttamangalam in Alappuzha district struggling to recover. Homes were submerged, roads disappeared under water, and the local school, one of the community's most vital institutions, was severely damaged.

For many months, children in the village faced immense challenges in accessing education. With roads inaccessible and transportation possible only by boat, reaching school itself became a difficult journey.

When Bhoomika's team visited the area and conducted a detailed assessment, it became clear that rebuilding the school would be essential to restoring normalcy for the community.

The journey was long, but by January 2025, the new SNDP School building in Kuttamangalam was completed, standing as a symbol of resilience and renewed hope.

The ground floor houses well-designed sanitation facilities including:

- Boys' toilets with three urinals, two toilets, and wash basins
- Girls' toilets with four toilets and three wash basins
- An accessible toilet for students with disabilities



The building now includes:

- Three classrooms
- A staff room and office-cum-principal room
- A computer laboratory
- A store room and two toilets on the first floor

Rebuilding a School, Rebuilding Hope

Additional infrastructure such as a septic system and a 5,000-litre water tank ensures the school functions safely and efficiently for years to come.

For the community, the new school represents far more than a building.

The total cost of constructing the school was **INR 1,86,80,808**, of which **INR 14,59,083** was spent during the financial year 2024–2025.



THE HEADMASTER SHARED HIS THOUGHTS DURING THE INAUGURATION:

*“THIS IS THE ONLY SCHOOL FOR OUR CHILDREN.
WHEN IT WAS DAMAGED, I FEARED WE WERE LOSING THEIR FUTURE.
NOW THE SCHOOL STANDS STRONG AGAIN,
AND THAT FEAR HAS FINALLY GONE”*

TECHNOLOGY AIDED LEARNING LABS



In many rural government schools, the world of digital learning is still distant. Classrooms often rely solely on textbooks and blackboards, and for many children, especially first-generation learners, the idea of using a computer for learning feels almost unimaginable. Bhoomika Trust envisioned a way to change this reality. Its Technology Aided Learning Labs (TALL) were created to bring together access to computers and guided, self-paced learning, giving students the opportunity to experience education in a new and empowering way.

The labs focus on students in Grades 6 to 8, using a digital mathematics curriculum aligned with the Tamil Nadu State syllabus. For many of these children, the lab is their first interaction with a computer. Trained facilitators guide them patiently, helping them navigate both the technology and the concepts, while encouraging them to learn at their own pace and build confidence along the way.

IN THE WORDS OF RENOWNED PHILOSOPHER JOHN DEWEY, “IF WE TEACH TODAY’S STUDENTS AS WE TAUGHT YESTERDAY’S, WE ROB THEM OF TOMORROW.” THIS RINGS ESPECIALLY TRUE IN TODAY’S DIGITAL AGE, WHERE TECHNOLOGY PLAYS A CENTRAL ROLE IN CHILDREN’S LIVES

TALL at Panchayat Union Middle School, Chellathur, RK Pet Block

Established in 1962, Panchayat Union Middle School, Chellathur, has a long history of serving children from surrounding rural communities. To strengthen digital learning and improve mathematics outcomes, Bhoomika Trust supported the school by setting up a Technology-Aided Learning Lab (TALL).

Following discussions and planning, the school prepared a dedicated space for the lab, including partitioning and electrical work. Bhoomika installed 15 computer systems and one server, appointed a trained facilitator, and conducted teacher orientation sessions to ensure effective integration of technology into classroom learning.

The Impact:

Directly benefits 45 students from Grades VI to VIII

Introduces structured, technology-enabled learning in a rural government school



TALL at Panchayat Union Middle School, Devalambapuram, RK Pet Block

Panchayat Union Middle School, Devalambapuram, serves children from a remote rural area where access to technology is limited. Recognising the need for digital exposure and self-paced learning, Bhoomika Trust partnered with the school to establish a Technology-Aided Learning Lab.

The school supported the initiative by providing basic infrastructure such as tables, chairs, and electrical arrangements. Bhoomika installed 19 computer systems and two servers and extended facilitator salary support to ensure consistent lab usage and student guidance.\

The Impact:

Benefits 46 students from Grades VI to VIII
Expands access to digital literacy and independent learning in a high-need rural setting

TALL at Panchayat Union Middle School, Panchetty, Sholavaram Block

Established in 1928, Panchayat Union Middle School, Panchetty, serves a growing rural community with limited exposure to digital learning tools. To address this gap, Bhoomika Trust supported the establishment of a Technology-Aided Learning Lab by optimising available resources through system reallocation.

Bhoomika provided 18 computer systems, two servers, and additional accessories, along with facilitator salary support. The school prepared the space and completed the required infrastructure and electrical work, ensuring the lab was fully functional and ready for student use.

The Impact:

Benefits 48 students from Grades VI to VIII
Strengthens digital access and learning continuity in a long-established rural school



The impact of these labs has been felt quickly and deeply. One Grade 7 student summed it up simply:

“I had never touched a computer before. Now I can solve maths problems by myself”

Within weeks of the labs becoming operational, teachers began noticing changes. Students who had once been hesitant in class were showing greater engagement. Their confidence was growing, and curiosity was beginning to replace fear when it came to mathematics.

To make this transformation possible, Bhoomika Trust invested **INR 12,17,224** in establishing and operating Technology-Aided Learning Labs across these government schools. Through this initiative, 139 students gained improved access to digital learning and structured academic support.

At its heart, Bhoomika Trust’s work in qualitative education is about more than infrastructure or technology. It is about continuity, confidence, and care staying alongside students as they navigate financial uncertainties, academic transitions, and the choices that shape their early futures. Project TALL is one step in that larger journey, opening doors to learning that many students had never imagined possible.

Total number of Systems Installed

→ **52 + 5**

Number of beneficiaries

→ **139 STUDENTS**

Total number of schools Installed

→ **3 SCHOOLS**



SCHOLARSHIP

A Scholarship often becomes a Lifeline for many students and their families.

For many students from low-income families, the path to education is uncertain. A medical emergency, job loss, or sudden crisis can disrupt the fragile balance that keeps a child in school. For some, higher education feels even more distant as costs remain out of reach. In such moments, a scholarship becomes more than financial support. It becomes a lifeline, assuring that a student's journey does not end due to circumstances beyond their control.

Through its scholarship programme, Bhoomika Trust provides this support, helping students stay focused on their studies despite financial strain. It enables them to remain in classrooms, prepare for exams, and keep their aspirations alive.

During 2024–25, this lifeline reached 144 students across school and college levels. With ₹46,34,096 in support, they continued their education despite challenges. Behind each scholarship is a story of perseverance, of families determined to see their children study, and of young people who refuse to give up on their dreams. For them, this support is not just about fees, but about keeping hope, dignity, and opportunity within reach.

When the Waters Recede, Reality Sets In

Among the scholarship recipients was Ms. S, a final-year college student and the daughter of a daily wage worker. Her education was moving forward with determination and hope when her father suddenly fell seriously ill. With the family's only source of income gone, the household was plunged into uncertainty. Continuing her studies began to seem impossible, and the thought of dropping out felt inevitable.

At this critical moment, the continued scholarship support made all the difference. It enabled Ms. S to remain in college and complete her degree, even as her family struggled through a difficult period.

Today, she is employed and contributing to her household income. Just as importantly, she is helping support the education of her younger sibling, ensuring that the next generation in her family can continue studying without interruption. In the end, the scholarship did far more than pay for tuition. It interrupted a cycle of hardship and opened a pathway forward, not just for one student, but for an entire family.

STEP-UP

Bridging Education to Employability

For many first-generation learners, earning a degree is only one part of the journey. The transition from education to employment can be uncertain and daunting. Limited campus placements, little exposure to professional environments, and inadequate preparation for interviews often leave students unsure of how to take their next step.

Recognising this gap, Bhoomika Trust continued its Step-Up programme during 2024–25, designed to help scholars move from academic achievement to career readiness. The programme focuses not only on practical skills such as communication and interview preparation, but also on building emotional resilience, self-belief, and the confidence needed to navigate professional spaces.

Over the course of the year, nine sessions were conducted for final and pre-final-year scholars. Sixty students participated in the programme, including nineteen in their final year, each preparing to make important decisions about their future.

As the programme progressed, many students began to see their next steps more clearly. Some secured employment, others chose to pursue higher studies, and a few began internships aligned with their interests and career aspirations.





Shruthi, a B.Com graduate supported through Bhoomika's scholarship programme and a participant in Step-Up, reflected on her experience and shared:

“In my college, placements were very limited and there was no proper interview training. I lacked confidence about stepping into the corporate world. Step-Up helped me prepare, communicate better, and believe in myself. Today, I am working at Bank of America. That confidence made the difference”

Stories like Shruthi's capture the true purpose of Step-Up. The programme ensures that educational support does not end with a degree. Instead, it helps scholars translate their learning into meaningful career opportunities, enabling them to step from classrooms into professional life with clarity and confidence.

MALARGAL

Building Happy Learning Spaces

Every child deserves a space where learning feels joyful and inviting. With this belief, Bhoomika Trust took a step towards creating such environments for young learners through Malargal, an initiative that focuses on building small libraries and encouraging activity-based engagement for primary school children.

The Malargal Project, which began towards the end of the previous year, continued during 2024–25 with a focus on strengthening foundational literacy among children at Perumbakkam Government Primary School.

Through 17 structured reading and storytelling sessions, supported by dedicated volunteers, students were introduced to the simple joy of reading together. The sessions encouraged children to listen, imagine, and express themselves, helping them gradually build confidence with words and stories.



The project also strengthened library infrastructure in other schools. A new book rack was installed at Panchayat Union Primary School, North Perumbakkam, and 92 books were donated to Panchayat Union Primary School, Pandeswaram, expanding access to reading material for young students.

Malargal has been an important learning experience for Bhoomika Trust. Considered a pilot initiative, the insights gained from this effort will help shape future plans, as the Trust looks forward to bringing similar joyful learning spaces to more schools in the years ahead.

Alongside books, children were also introduced to age-appropriate digital learning content, allowing them to develop an early familiarity with technology while nurturing their reading habits. Even though the programme faced occasional volunteer constraints and brief administrative pauses, it continued steadily, ensuring that students had regular opportunities to engage with stories and reading activities.

For eight-year-old Kavya, the library became a small but meaningful turning point. Once hesitant to read aloud, she slowly began participating during storytelling sessions. Over time, her confidence grew, and today she reads short stories to her classmates with ease. As she happily explained, “I like stories because they take me to new places.”

Summary slide of Educate to Empower



SPECIAL PROJECT

POLICE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS

Strengthening Community Safe Spaces

Children growing up in vulnerable urban neighbourhoods often face exposure to substance abuse, crime, and unstable socio-economic conditions, which can disrupt their Education and emotional development. The absence of structured after-school engagement increases the risk of children drifting toward unsafe influences, making community-based support systems essential.



Police Boys and Girls Clubs serve as important platforms for community policing and youth development. Located close to underserved communities, these clubs provide safe and structured spaces for children aged 8 to 18 to access academic support, sports, life skills training, and personality development opportunities. With guidance from caretakers, scout masters, child welfare officers, and Police personnel, the clubs nurture discipline, confidence, and positive social behaviour while strengthening trust between communities and institutions. They also indirectly benefit families by promoting awareness, support networks, and social responsibility within neighbourhoods.

During 2024–25, Bhoomika Trust continued its support to two Police Boys and Girls Clubs in Chennai by facilitating operational expenses, Educational resources, and activity materials. As Government funding alone is often insufficient to sustain the full range of developmental activities, Bhoomika's support helped ensure uninterrupted engagement for children and strengthened these clubs as safe community anchors that encourage learning, mentorship, and responsible citizenship.

Through this special project, Bhoomika Trust extended support to 22 students (Classes 4 to 8) with a total spend of **₹96,000**.

TRUE GIFTS

True Gifts – Small acts with meaningful impact



Not every act of giving comes in the form of a large project or a structured program. Often, the most meaningful support arrives in quieter ways through a thoughtful gesture, a shared resource, or a timely connection that helps meet a specific need. At Bhoomika Trust, these moments of thoughtful generosity are brought together under the initiative we call True Gifts.

True Gifts creates a way for individuals to celebrate special occasions or honour someone important in their lives by contributing towards a clearly identified need within the social sector. Instead of traditional presents, the contribution supports a practical requirement within a non-profit organisation ensuring that the gesture of giving creates a direct and tangible benefit for others. Donors are able to see exactly how their contributions are used, making the act of giving both personal and purposeful.

In this way, each gift carries a double impact. It becomes a way to acknowledge someone special while also extending care and support to communities that need it.





During the year, contributions through True Gifts to the value of **Rs 5,37,001** helped address a range of specific needs across partner organisations. These included providing nutritional support for children's homes and elderly care facilities, learning materials for students, essential medicines for residents at a Home for the elderly and support for vision care services at an Eye Centre. Each of these contributions may appear modest on its own, but together they reflect the power of thoughtful giving. By responding to clearly identified needs, True Gifts demonstrates how small, well-directed acts of generosity can create meaningful and immediate impact.



OTHER PROJECTS

Volunteer Engagement

The Power of Corporate Volunteering in Disaster Relief

In the aftermath of the floods, many families were left struggling to rebuild their daily lives after losing essential belongings. Responding to this need, Bhoomika Trust organised a clothes collection drive, reaching out to schools and community associations to gather usable clothing for affected families.

What made this effort particularly effective was the involvement of corporate volunteers who stepped forward to translate goodwill into action. Fifteen employees from BNP Paribas joined the initiative, contributing their time and energy to support the relief efforts.



The volunteers worked together to sort, categorise, and carefully package the donated clothes, ensuring that the materials could be distributed efficiently and respectfully to the families who needed them. Their participation helped transform a large volume of community donations into organised relief supplies ready for distribution. This collaboration highlighted the power of Corporate volunteering. When professionals bring their time, skills, and collective spirit to community initiatives, they significantly strengthen the reach and impact of relief efforts. In moments of crisis, such partnerships demonstrate how organised volunteer action can make humanitarian responses faster, more effective, and more compassionate.



Chocolate Distribution



In August, 9,500 chocolates were distributed to students across 14 government schools in Chengalpattu District sponsored

April 2024 – Solar lights distribution for Scheduled Tribes Village Chengalpet district



Distributed solar lights to 50 households in Patwari Nagar, Vaiyavur Village, where families lacked electricity.

Medicine Support for Senior Citizens, Little drops



In response to a request from Little Drops Old Age Home, we provided essential medical items to the senior citizens residing there. This initiative ensured that they had access to vital healthcare and medical supplies, promoting their overall well-being.

OUR FINANCIALS

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Balance Sheet As At 31st March, 2025					
Particulars	Sch.	As at 31st March 2025		As at 31st March 2024	
		(Amount in INR)		(Amount in INR)	
I. Sources of funds					
(a) Capital Fund	1		3,74,56,360.69		4,08,48,897
(b) Corpus Fund	2		6,22,32,174.79		6,02,32,176
(c) Loans & Advances	-		-		-
Total			9,96,88,535		10,10,81,072
II. Applications of funds					
(A) Fixed Assets:	3				
(a) Gross Block		54,598		77,629	
(b) Less: Depreciation		14,972		23,030	
(c) Net Block			39,626		54,598
(B) Current Assets, Loans and Advances:					
(a) Cash and Bank Balances	4	9,86,62,255		9,97,90,021	
(b) Other Current Assets	5	15,72,967		17,21,015	
(c) Loans and Advances	-	-		-	
		10,02,35,221		10,15,11,036	
(C) Current Liabilities and Provisions:					
(a) Liabilities	6	5,86,314		4,84,563	
Net Current Assets (B) - (C)		9,96,48,908	9,96,48,908	10,10,26,473	10,10,26,473
Total			9,96,88,535		10,10,81,072
As per Our Report of even date for CNGSN & Associates LLP Chartered Accountants Firm's Reg. No. 004915S/S200036					
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Income And Expenditure for the year ended 31st March, 2025

Particulars	Schedule No.	For the year ended 31-03-2025 ₹	For the year ended 31-03-2024 ₹
Income			
Donations received	-	92,41,147	2,46,64,744
Interest received from bank	-	64,56,117	63,02,216
Interest on Income Tax Refund	-	55,920	-
Total Income		1,57,53,184	3,09,66,960
Expenditure			
Application for Charitable Purposes	7	1,91,30,749	2,87,16,148
Depreciation	2	14,972	23,030
Total Expenditure		1,91,45,721	2,87,39,178
Excess of Income over Expenditure		(33,92,538)	22,27,782
Carried to Balance Sheet		(33,92,538)	22,27,782

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Date: 27-10-2025

OUR GRATITUDE

This year reinforced our belief that meaningful change happens when people come together with shared purpose and compassion. We sincerely thank our volunteers - both long-time supporters and those who joined us this year. Their dedication, empathy, and willingness to serve strengthened every initiative and brought comfort to communities during difficult times.

We also thank philanthropic individuals, Foundations, and Corporate partners who continue to place their trust in Bhoomika Trust. Their support enabled us to respond effectively during emergencies and sustain long-term development initiatives in Education, Healthcare and livelihoods.

We express our sincere appreciation to all our stakeholders, including school Headmasters and Headmistresses, Government officials, teachers, healthcare staff, community leaders, and local partners. Their guidance, cooperation, and commitment helped us ensure that our interventions reached the right beneficiaries effectively and responsibly.

Together, our partners, supporters, and stakeholders make Bhoomika Trust's work possible. We remain deeply grateful to everyone who walks alongside us in creating positive and lasting change

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