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Social Impact Architect of the Decade by Today Club CSR Summit 2026



Global ESG Awards: Platinum Winner under Terrestrial biodiversity conservation and/or afforestation initiatives

TCS World 10K Bengaluru 2026: When every step sparked a story of giving

TCS World 10K Bengaluru 2026 proved that every step can create lasting change. As the Philanthropy Partner, United Way Bengaluru brought together 94 NGOs, 46 corporates, 222 individual fundraisers, 7 institutional partners, and nearly 2,200 corporate runners to build one of India's largest community-driven fundraising movements.



Together, they enabled fundraising of **₹5,81,05,570** supporting 16 diverse causes ranging from education and healthcare to women empowerment, livelihoods, environment, disability inclusion and community development.

Corporates contributed ₹3,09,94,158, while individual fundraisers mobilised ₹1,96,01,012, demonstrating the growing power of peer-to-peer fundraising. Institutional partners further strengthened the movement by raising ₹11,08,173, proving that philanthropy thrives when communities come together.

Among the many inspiring stories were Usha Baliga, who raised over ₹40 lakhs for Bangalore Kidney Foundation, Tia Bali, who mobilised more than ₹11 lakhs for Neonates Foundation of India, and Radha & Partha, whose matching donations of ₹11 lakhs doubled the impact of every contribution made to their campaign.

More than the numbers, this edition demonstrated that philanthropy is most powerful when it becomes personal. Every fundraiser, donor, volunteer, corporate team and NGO helped transform a running event into a movement for social change. As we look ahead, the **vision** is clear—to **make fundraising the reason to run and continue building a stronger culture of giving, together.**



New projects for the financial year

As we begin the new financial year, we have initiated new Anganwadi refurbishment projects across Bengaluru. In Yelahanka, we will be refurbishing Anganwadi centres with the support of our existing partner **Delta**. We also welcome on board new corporate partner **Rossell Techsys**, with whom we will be working in Devanahalli. We are also developing Model Anganwadi centres with **Empower**.



*Inauguration of the newly constructed building at GMHPS Kannamangala, along with **Flowserve**.*



*Inauguration of Jeevan Bhima Nagar Police Station with **Zebra**.*

We signed a new MoU with the Raichur District Collector and Magistrate for a 3-year period, beginning work in 2026. This agreement between UWBe and the local government of Raichur district mark the beginning of collaborative efforts towards education efforts across the lifecycle – targetting early childhood care and education by working with Anganwadi centres, strengthening of KRIES schools, strengthening of Government Polytechnic Institute, and improved health through community RO units.

Handover of e-bikes with Healthium



In Bengaluru Urban, Shri Dinesh Gundu Rao (Minister for H&FW) & others were present



In Magadi, Shri H.C. Balakshna (MLA) & others were present



In Kunigal, Dr. H.D. Ranganath (MLA) & others were present

World Environment Day & plantation events

In celebration of World Environment Day on 5th June 2026, we conducted multiple events towards different aspects of our climate action interventions, in partnership with different partners.



4,000 saplings were distributed to students to plant in their homes, in collaboration with the GBA. This encouraged them to appreciate the importance of plantations and learn to nurture these saplings from a young age.

Teams of volunteers from multiple corporates joined us to plant saplings around our refurbished lakes.



GE HealthCare at Baiyapanahalli Lake



Daimler Truck and local representatives joined hands at the inauguration of Kithaganur Lake

Bangalore Development Authority Mega Plantation Drive

We took ownership of the plantation of 40,000 saplings over 10 acres of land during the BDA Mega Plantation Drive event, managing 500+ volunteers and ensuring the maintenance of saplings until they are old enough to survive.



Kicking off new projects in new rural locations

This quarter, we are entering new locations: Kondagaon district of Chhattisgarh and Khammam district of Telangana, where we will be working in tribal areas. Our project team is in the process of carrying out needs assessments, following which we will begin Rural Rising projects supported by **Kotak**.



Kondagaon



Palakkad



Khammam

Expanding from successful efforts in Bagepalli and Khed previously, corporate partner **Marvell** has also supported us with expanding into Kodangal Mandal in Vikarabad district of Telangana.



Vikarabad Community Discussions

Opportunities for Interns:
Students studying Social Work have done internships with us, visiting our older Rural Rising interventions, engaging with stakeholders, learning about community systems, and sharing their interventions for strengthening of the projects.



#PartnerStories: From survival to self-belief: Suwathi's story

In 2013, Suwathi left home in Chennai, carrying the weight of rejection from her family and society. As a transgender woman, finding acceptance and a livelihood was never easy.

There was a time when she wondered if prostitution was the only way she could survive. But Suwathi chose a different path. She learned tailoring, learned to drive, and pursued her passion for modeling. Her journey took a transformative turn when she joined the eight-month tailoring training program supported by Born2Win Social Welfare Trust and United Way Bengaluru.

Today, Suwathi stitches her own outfits and blouses, participates in fashion shows and beauty pageants, and has won several awards and medals. More importantly, she has found the confidence to dream bigger.

"People often judge us by our gender, not by our skills. Society needs to accept us for who we are as human beings, just like everyone else - Suwathi".



Suwathi at a beauty pageant

Shwetha, founder of Born2Win Social Welfare Trust, has been a powerful source of support for Suwathi.

Having faced her own struggles as a transgender woman, Shwetha is determined to create pathways for the trans community to learn, build skills, discover their potential, and live with dignity and equality.

She has built an organization that today supports more than 10 women with employment, operates from a main office and regional offices in Chennai, and creates opportunities for the community through skill development and storytelling.

For Shwetha, empowerment begins with self-belief. "I am trans. I believe in the power of being trans, and I love myself. I inspire myself every day, every minute."

Aligning action with impact: Our volunteering & ESG journey



Volunteers from Corporate Partners (Apr-Jun '26)

Alstom
Applied Materials
AstraZeneca
Caterpillar
CBA
Daimler Trucks
Delta
Fidelity

Flowserve
GE Aerospace
GE Healthcare
Mediatek
Morgan Stanley
Mphasis
OpenText
Pratt & Whitney

SKF
Swiss Re
Target
UiPath
Wells Fargo
Western Digital
Zebra
& Others



Champion of Change

For Lokesh, academic partnerships are ultimately about one thing: **creating opportunities for young people to discover their potential.**

In his role, Lokesh works closely with schools, colleges, corporates and partners to bring **meaningful learning and career opportunities to students.** From college engagements and internships to workshops on CSR and sustainability, he helps young people gain exposure beyond the classroom and equips them with skills to navigate their futures with confidence.

Through initiatives such as the **Next Engineers programme with GE Aerospace and Green Skilling with Community Chest Korea,** Lokesh has helped connect students with emerging career pathways and future-ready skills. He sees himself not simply as a programme facilitator, but as a catalyst, someone who can open a door, spark an idea and help a child take their next step.

Lokesh's passion for youth empowerment began in 2018, when he created a platform for students to showcase their science projects. His journey has since spanned corporate partnerships and M&E, with a **consistent focus on bringing people together, building possibilities and empowering others to grow.**



Lokesh Gujarappa
Head – Partnerships & Impact

New Volunteering Team

This quarter, we have launched our Volunteering logo – **The Guiding Star.** The **star represents achievement, guidance, and shared success.** This symbol expresses community in its own way, sharing the message that real change happens when people come together with purpose.





Kithaganur Lake revival boosts water storage capacity by 22%

BENGALURU, DHNS: The rejuvenation of Kithaganur Lake, a water body spanning 25 acres in east Bengaluru, has increased its storage capacity by 22%.

Daimler Truck Innovation Centre India (DTICI), in partnership with United Way Bengaluru (UWBe), undertook the project under the latter's 'Wake the Lake' campaign, which focuses on restoring the city's degraded water bodies.

The two organisations formally handed the restored lake to the gram panchayat on June 5, on World Environment Day.

Kithaganur Lake has faced years of neglect due to silt accumulation, sewage inflow, encroachments and blocked



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feeder channels, leading to reduced water storage and a decline in ecological health.

The effort included scientific desilting, clearing and reviving water channels, fencing, biodiversity enhancement

and community engagement for lasting conservation.

The lake now supports 65 species of flora and fauna and is expected to sequester nine tonnes of carbon annually, benefiting 24,000 residents in the surrounding areas.

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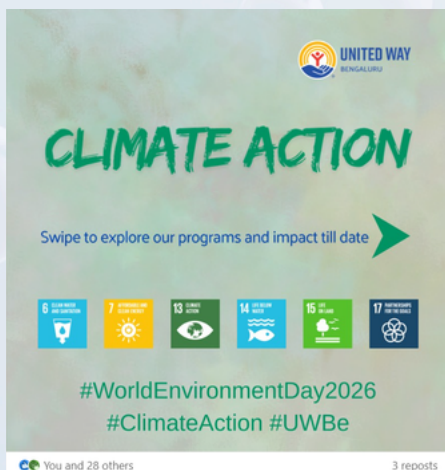
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7 Years of Impact: 45 Anganwadi Centres Upgraded, Benefiting 3,000+ Children

by HCL FOUNDATION

Marking seven years of partnership, HCL Foundation and United Way Bengaluru (UWBe) continue to drive meaningful change through the Born Learning Campaign, focused on creating nurturing and engaging early learning environments for young children.



Magesh Subramanian and 74 others

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ABOUT US

United Way Bengaluru (UWBe) is a part of United Way Worldwide, the largest NGO network of over 1,100 chapters in 36 countries. Since 2008, UWBe has been dedicated to working in underserved locations and marginalized communities. Over 18 years, the organization's reach extended to 19 states, with a special focus on remote areas and aspirational districts. United Way Bengaluru works in five key areas : Climate Action, Education for All, Integrated Rural Development, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI) and Volunteering. Aligned with its mission, the organization brings together unified efforts from CSR partners, civic bodies and local communities to work collaboratively towards solutions. The organization carries a global image with a 'local heart' committed to creating meaningful change in the lives of the local communities.

VISION



United Way Bengaluru envisions a world where all individuals and families achieve their human potential through education, income stability, and healthy lives.

MISSION



United Way Bengaluru seeks to improve lives by mobilizing the caring power of communities around the world to advance the common good.



Flagship Campaigns

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