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# Awards & Recognitions



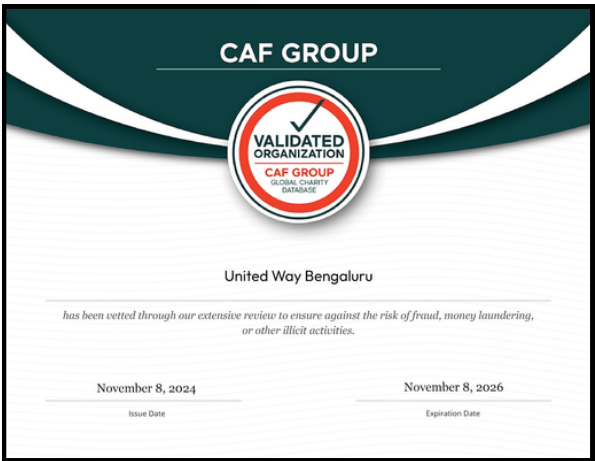
SICA '25 – The CSRUniverse Social Impact Awards.  
Award of Excellence in WASH category



National Awards for Excellence:  
Award for Outstanding Contribution To  
Social Consciousness



At Today Club Forum's Annual CSR Summit 2025, Sriram Ananthanarayanan participated as a panelist and was honored as the 'CSR Icon of the Year.'



Charities Aid Foundation of America (CAF) Validation for Nov 2024-2026



## Clean Energy, Healthy Homes

In the tiny village of Gosasi, Khed Taluka of Maharashtra, families struggled to ensure reliable gas connections for their cooking. They were dependent on buying LPG, and cooking was uncertain and expensive.

With the support of **Northern Trust**, a biogas unit was installed. The unit converts cattle dung into cooking fuel.



Today, this entire family of six gets 100% clean cooking fuel from biogas, and no longer relies on LPG since the installation of the unit. They are saving ₹10,200 in fuel cost annually, and their kitchen is now smoke-free, and better for health.



A secondary benefit of this bio-gas plant has been that the family is also seeing agricultural gains. The unit produces 18 tons of organic manure each year, providing them with 1,500 kg slurry each month to use as natural fertilizer in their fields.



## Community Engagement with 'Wake the Lake' Stakeholders

As we kick off new lake rejuvenation projects under the Wake the Lake campaign, our team has been conducting visits as a part of the needs assessment process, interacting with community members to understand their perceptions around the problems faced by the lakes and build ownership as we work towards sustainable community involvement in lake development.



## Plantation Initiative Bears Fruit – Literally!

Saplings planted in Sidlaghatta under the Social Forestry initiative have begun to yield fruit, with species including custard apple, guava, avocado, jackfruit, and pomelo. All the sapling species were grafted and chosen owing to their characteristics of quick growth and maturity, high yield, pest and disease resilience, and drought tolerance.



## A Partnership Towards Lake Rejuvenation

The local government, United Way Bengaluru (UWBe) team and corporate partner **Manjushree Technopack's** team came together in August for the ground-breaking ceremony of Punagumaranahalli Lake, Bengaluru.







# EDUCATION FOR ALL



## A New 'spark' of Inspiration

'**spark**' campaign is kick-started, which aims at making science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics (STEAM) an integral and fun part of the learning process for every student by enhancing the availability and accessibility of resources for knowledge enhancement and practice.



**spark classrooms** with teachers capacitated to demonstrate STEAM models



**CURIOSITY ADDA** allows students to experience concepts through 2D and 3D models

## India's Next Engineers: A First for Asia-Pacific

In a step toward bridging the skills gap in the engineering sector and creating equal opportunities for students from underserved backgrounds, we have partnered with the **GE Aerospace Foundation** to bring the **Next Engineers Program** to Bengaluru. This marks the first Asia-Pacific location for Next Engineers, a global educational program currently active in seven locations worldwide.



**Engineering Discovery** (9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> standard)



**Engineering Academy** (11<sup>th</sup> standard)

The program aims to reach

**4,000+**

students over the next 4 years.





## Stakeholder Interactions: Govt, Academic, & Student Beneficiaries

This quarter, we have conducted a number of meetings with government stakeholders, as we ensure our projects and interventions are well aligned with the priorities of the districts we are working in. Meetings have been conducted with block & district administration, CDPOs, CEOs, and through Gram Sabhas in various districts of Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, and Karnataka.



Meeting with Pune Zilla Parishad CEO, Aug 2025



As a part of the mentorship program supported by partner **Applied Materials**, **92 students** who are currently enrolled in the scholarship program paid a visit to the corporate office.



Through our academic partnership with Azim Premji University, students gained valuable insights from our field locations in Kolar as a part of their Community Learning & Reflection.

*"Interactions with inspiring individuals such as Mr. Babu Anish, who shared his remarkable journey of resilience, and Mr. Manjunath, who donated land for an RO plant, reminded us of the strength of community leadership... officials helped us understand governance and horticulture-based livelihoods." ~ Ritika, Group Convenor, APU*





## Awareness, Identification, and Inclusion of Children with Disabilities

In collaboration with **GE HealthCare** and facilitated by trained professionals from **Nidhi Foundation**, we organized a series of awareness sessions for Anganwadi workers (AWWs), parents, and relevant community members, focused on children with special needs.

- 💡 **Increasing awareness** among AWWs and parents about various types of disabilities
- 💡 **Enabling early identification** of developmental delays & disabilities
- 💡 **Promoting inclusive practices** within AWCs and the community
- 💡 **Building confidence** of AWWs to support children with disabilities

**408 attendees**

across

**30 AWCs**

over 4 days reaching

**1,837**

children aged 0-6



There was a notable story of a 5-year-old girl who exhibited signs of developmental delay, including persistent drooling and limited verbal and social interaction. Despite being unsure of the child's condition, the AWW proactively included her in daily activities such as group play, storytelling, and learning exercises.

With consistent encouragement and inclusive practices, the child gradually started engaging more actively with her peers and caregivers. Her communication skills improved, and she became a more confident participant in AWC (Anganwadi Centre) activities. This case illustrated the transformative power of empathy, consistency, and inclusion, emphasizing how even basic awareness and support can make a significant difference in a child's developmental journey.





Volunteers from **LM Wind Power** visited Sompura, Bengaluru, distributing cloth bags at the weekly market & raising awareness on environmental sustainability.



**Kotak Mahindra Bank's** leadership team inaugurated 30 Anganwadi Centres, refurbished in Dharwad & Gadag districts of rural Karnataka.



**Alstom** employees participated in nature walks across two lakes, exploring local birdlife and learning how to recognize different species.



**Parexel** volunteers participated in a sign-language learning workshop, also engaging in activities with students of Ashray Akuti.





Aligning Action with Impact: Our Volunteering & ESG Journey



Volunteers from Corporate Partners (Jul-Sep '25)	Alstom	Harro Hoefliger	Salesforce
	Applied Materials	Herbalife	Swiss Re
	Bazaar Voice	Kenvue	Target
	Caterpillar	LM Wind Power	UiPath
	CBA	Mediatek	Ujjivan Small Finance Bank
	Collins Aerospace	Microsoft	UL India
	Delta	Morgan Stanley	Wells Fargo
	Empower	Mphasis	Wesco
	Flowserve	OpenText	Zebra
	GE Aerospace	Parexel	
	GE HealthCare	Pratt and Whitney	





## Champion of Change

Sagar has been associated with the **'Climate Action'** team for the past year and a half, where he has found an opportunity to serve society and contribute to meaningful causes. Working primarily with operations on projects building percolation wells across the city, his strength in collaborating with Government stakeholders was evident, and from this quarter, his role has reflected a shift specifically to a focus on government relations.

Earlier this year, Sagar was recognized with the **'Rookie of the Year Award'**, which he says brought him great happiness and motivated him to continue giving his best efforts towards the organization and the communities we serve.



**Sagar SP**

*Executive – Government & Public Relations*

Being closely associated with the **One Billion Drops** campaign, Sagar also recently attended **The CSR Universe Social Impact Awards 2025** where **UWBe received an Award of Excellence** for this campaign. To him, this award was both an individual as well as a collective achievement, reflecting the dedication and teamwork of the organization and his team.

## Onam Celebration

All team members came together to celebrate Onam together, understanding the significance of the festival, playing games, and enjoying a delicious Sadhya.







Born Learning Campaign || Raichur || UWBe X GE Healthcare

We are pleased to share that United Way Bengaluru has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with RV College Of Engineering, Bengaluru. The MoU was signed by Dr. Subramanya K N, Principal, RVCE, and Namala ...more



GE Aerospace  
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At GE Aerospace, we are deeply committed to inspiring the next generation of engineering talent. In partnership with United Way Bengaluru (@uwbe), we launched the GE Aerospace Foundation's Next Engineers program in #Bengaluru, India – it's very first location in the Asia Pacific region. Over the next four years, the program will reach more than 4,000 students, equipping them with hands-on learning experiences, career exposure, and university readiness. This builds on the impact of 26,000+ students already engaged globally through Next Engineers.

## Rejuvenating Lakes, Reconnecting People

Once called the City of Lakes, Bengaluru has lost over 80% of its lakes in the ...more



Radhakrishna Pradeep and 91 others

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## Meet the picklepreneurs of Kolar, Karnataka's mango capital

Rathnamma AV, a homemaker and a member of Women's Farmer Producer Organisation from Kolar's Srinivasapur taluk, started a small mango pickle-making unit in 2017 with 10 members producing 50 kg of pickle a month. Today, she has a 50-person team and produces 2,000 kg of pickle a month.

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MINI TEASERS

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Rathnamma (right) and her team members at their mango pickle unit in Kolar, on August 30, 2023. | Photo Credit: K. Murali Kumar

Pravin Yedurkar and 28 others

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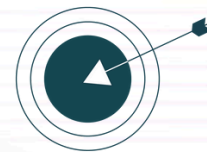
**United Way Bengaluru** (UWBe) is a part of United Way Worldwide, the largest NGO network of over 1,100 chapters in 36 countries. Since 2008, UWBe has been dedicated to working in underserved locations and marginalized communities. Over 17 years, the organization's reach extended to 17 states, with 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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