

Jana Vikasa Social Service Society

Annual Report 2024-25



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Profile

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Founders' Message 2024–25

Looking back on this year, we feel proud of the progress Jana Vikasa has made and grateful for the spirit of solidarity that has guided our work. Thousands of women were empowered through savings groups, capacity building, and leadership building opportunities. Children from the most vulnerable families received support to continue their education. Communities benefited from new water purification plants, borewells, and kitchen gardens that improved both health and nutrition. The elderly, widows, and orphans were not forgotten — they were supported with dignity through our humanitarian programs.



These results remind us of the strength of our model: when people are trusted, trained, and supported, they create solutions that last. Every borewell that brings water closer to homes, every loan that helps a woman start her business, every training that builds confidence — all of these are steps toward building communities that are resilient and self-reliant.

As we look to the future, we see the need to expand this approach even further. Empathy and partnership will remain at the heart of our mission. We want to deepen our work in India while also sharing our experience with communities in other countries that face similar struggles. The vision ahead is clear — to build a wider network of community-driven development initiatives that spread hope, equality, and dignity wherever they take root.

We thank our staff, partners, and supporters for believing in this mission. Together, we will continue to walk with the poor, build on this year's achievements, and strive for an even greater impact in the years to come.

Andre Gingras, MSC

Bala T Singareddy Gingras, MSC

Founders, Jana Vikasa

President's Message 2024–25

It makes me very happy to look back at the work Jana Vikasa has done this year. Since 1997, our mission has been simple: to help poor families stand on their own through development programs, and to support those who cannot help themselves through our humanitarian work.

A special focus was given to our Women Integrated Development Program, where thousands of women gained confidence, leadership, and financial strength through savings groups, trainings, and small businesses. Along with this, our Water Program set up community water purification plants and borewells, giving safe drinking water to thousands of families and reducing the struggles of women and children who once walked long distances for water.

This year, we supported many children such as orphans, semi-orphans, differently-abled, and those from poor families to continue their education and build a better future. We also helped widows and their children with support for daily needs and education. Our programs also reached the elderly, destitute, and sick, giving them food, clothing, and care.

I am proud to say we have achieved all our goals for 2024–25. This success was possible because of our dedicated staff, the support of our communities, and the kindness of our donors and well-wishers.

I thank our Founders, Andre and Bala Theresa Gingras, for their constant encouragement, and SOPAR-Canada and our governing bodies for their steady support. With everyone's help, Jana Vikasa has built trust over the last 27 years and continues to bring hope and dignity to many families.

Let us keep working together with the same spirit in the coming year.

Jai Jai Jana Vikasa

S. Lourdhu Marreddy
President, Jana Vikasa



INTEGRATED WOMEN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

1. Empowering Women to Be Powerful Change Agents

In rural India, women have historically been excluded from decision-making, confined to domestic spaces, and deprived of financial independence. Jana Vikasa's Women Integrated Development (WID) Program is reversing this pattern by enabling women to build confidence, form strong collective institutions, and take active roles in village



development. Through savings groups, training programs, and solidarity initiatives, women are emerging as leaders, planners, and income earners. This year, the program reached **51,850 women across 315 villages**, supported by **55 coordinators**, showing that when women take charge, communities transform alongside them.

Testimonials

- *“Earlier, I never spoke in village meetings. Today, I chair our SHG discussions and feel my voice is heard.”* – B.Laxmi SHG leader, Bejjanki
- *“Joining the group gave me courage. Now, other women come to me for advice.”* – SHG member, P.Kalavathi from Husnabad

Several multi-dimensional activities were implemented this year too to empower rural poor women intellectually, financially, socially and politically.

2. Financial Empowerment through Savings and Credit

Access to safe savings and affordable credit has long been a missing link in rural women's empowerment. Jana Vikasa has nurtured Mutually Aided Cooperative Societies (MACS), where women pool resources, manage funds collectively, and build financial literacy. Alongside this, governance and leadership training programs enabled women to make informed financial decisions and participate with confidence. As a result, women not only accessed credit but invested in small businesses, education, and health, thereby reducing dependence on moneylenders and strengthening family resilience.

2024–25 Results

- 2,038 new women joined MACS groups
- 14 governance and leadership trainings conducted
- 4,630 women participated in MACS annual general body meetings. They were updated on all MACS financial literacy programs
- 5,332 women accessed loans worth ₹13.98 crores
- 55.5% of loans used for business ventures; 44.5% for household needs

Testimonials

- *“The loan I received helped me buy a sewing machine. Today, I earn enough to pay school fees without borrowing from anyone.”* – Tailor, K.Srilatha from Nagarkurnool.
- *“For the first time, I feel in control of my money. I can plan for my children’s future.”* – MACS member, S.Amala from Huzurabad.

3. Building Skills and Leadership through Capacity Building

True empowerment goes beyond access to credit — it requires voice, confidence, and the skills to lead. Jana Vikasa’s training programs this year focused on equipping women with the tools to manage SHGs effectively, run enterprises, and support community initiatives.



Village leaders learned to plan and review group activities, entrepreneurs enhanced their business acumen, and coordinators strengthened their monitoring and communication skills. These investments in knowledge translated into stronger community institutions and women who see themselves as capable leaders.

2024–25 Results

- 378 women village leaders trained
- 340 entrepreneurs trained in business and digital skills
- 60 program coordinators trained in M&E and planning
- 16 coordinators trained in digital literacy and English

- 10 women completed advanced tailoring through a 15-day course

Testimonials

- *“I used to feel nervous speaking in front of people. The training gave me the confidence to guide my group.”* – Village Leader, T.Kavitha from Husnabad.
- *“I now keep proper records and manage customers better. My shop income has doubled.”* – Woman entrepreneur, Thallada Srilaxmi, Danthalapalli.

4. Improving Nutrition through Kitchen Gardens and Plantation

Food security and environmental restoration are deeply linked in rural households. Recognizing this, Jana Vikasa promoted kitchen gardens and plantation drives as cost-effective solutions that improve diets and restore



ecological balance. Women learned to grow vegetables using minimal resources, thereby reducing food expenses and enhancing dietary diversity, while community plantations expanded village green cover with fruit-bearing and medicinal trees. The result has been healthier households, greener villages, and women leading the way in sustainable living.

2024–25 Results

- 255 villages established kitchen gardens
- 9,358 women received seeds, kits, and training
- 164 villages organized plantation drives
- 7,042 saplings planted

Testimonials

- *“My children eat fresh vegetables daily from our garden. Earlier, we depended on the market for everything.”* – D.Pitchamma from Thorur.
- *“The saplings we planted will give fruits for years. It feels like we are getting something for the next generation.”* – Md.Fathia from Nagarkurnool.

5. Supporting Widows and their Children

Widows often face the harshest forms of exclusion — stigmatized socially and left without stable financial support. Jana Vikasa responded by extending both material and educational assistance to widows and their children. Sponsorships provided targeted



financial aid, while non-sponsored widows were supported with groceries and pedagogical kits. These efforts did more than meet immediate needs — they helped households regain stability, children stay in school, and widows feel recognized and supported within their communities.

2024–25 Results

- 79 widows received financial and grocery support
- 184 children of widows supported with education and nutrition
- 773 non-sponsored widows and children supported with supplies and training
- 346 widows received additional financial/material assistance

Testimonials

- *“After my husband’s death, I felt helpless. With Jana Vikasa’s support, my children are continuing their studies.”* – J.Rajitha, Huzurabad.
- *“The grocery kit reduced my daily struggles. I can focus on earning instead of worrying about food.”* – Md.Taslim from Wardhannapet.

6. Celebrating Women’s Resilience and Contributions

Cultural and social recognition is as vital as material support in shifting perceptions. By marking International Women’s Day and International Widows Day, Jana Vikasa created spaces where women and widows could be visible, share experiences, and affirm their rights. These gatherings built confidence, sparked dialogue on autonomy and leadership, and strengthened women’s presence in village life.

2024–25 Results

- Women’s Day celebrated in 83 villages with 2,159 participants; 27 events featured in local media
- Widows Day marked in 24 villages with 1,633 widows participating

Testimonials

- *“Standing on stage to speak about my journey was a proud moment for me.”* – A.Venkata Rathnam from dantalapalli.

7. Extending Care to Children in Need

Empowerment extends beyond women to the children who often inherit vulnerability. This year, Jana Vikasa supported semi-orphans, differently-abled children, and those from poor households with educational kits, scholarships, and emotional care. By doing so, the program helped children feel recognized, encouraged, and included, building pathways for a more secure future.



2024–25 Results

- 116 differently-abled children supported
- 109 semi-orphans supported with supplies
- 411 poor children provided with educational kits
- 106 high-performing students supported with scholarships
- 700 children participated in the Youth Convention at PDTC

Testimonials

- *“I never had proper books before. Now I can study like the other children in my class.”* – Md. Afrin from Bejjanki.
- *“At the Youth Convention, I felt proud to share my achievements. It gave me hope for the future.”* – Vrsha from Danthalapalli

8. Compassion in Action: Women Supporting Weaker Communities

When women extend their empowerment to serve others, they demonstrate the true meaning of leadership. In 2024–25, women organized health camps, orphan solidarity programs, elderly support drives, and water donation kiosks. These



were not external interventions but acts of compassion led by women themselves — women who once received support and now give it forward. Through these initiatives, women became enablers of health, caretakers of orphans and elderly, and stewards of compassion in their villages.

2024–25 Results

- 151 health camps; 21,060 beneficiaries; ₹41.14 lakhs worth of medicines mobilized
- 14 centers organized solidarity program where 177 orphans supported, 8,540 women engaged, 106 orphans received school kits
- 510 elderly supported; ₹8 lakhs raised and 12,722 kg rice collected by 450 donors
- 101 Jala Danam kiosks; 45,450 people served
- World Water Day: 21 villages, 3,513 participants, 45 clippings

Testimonials

- *“I was treated with dignity at the health camp. They checked me thoroughly and gave medicines free of cost.”* – Ellavva from Jammikuntta.
- *“I was an orphan once. Today, I helped support children like me. It feels like life has come full circle.”* – Suresh from Ramanthapur

9. State-Level Youth Convention Inspires Future Changemakers

On 19 January 2025, Bala Vikasa, through Jana Vikasa SSS, hosted the State-Level Youth Convention at the PDTC campus, bringing together over 700 orphans, semi-orphans, and rural youth from Women and Water Program centers. The day-long gathering focused on *personality development, career guidance, and cyber safety*, equipping youth to step into the future with confidence and purpose.



In his keynote, Executive Director Shoury Reddy reminded participants: *“Our aim is not just to run programs, but to achieve outcomes. Think ten years ahead. Work smart, not just hard, and protect yourself in today’s digital age.”*

Guest speakers offered practical wisdom. Dr. Raji Reddy, Apollo NSR Hospital, shared his journey from a poor farming family to becoming a physician: *“Education is your weapon, and victory is your own.”* Circle Inspector Edukondalu inspired students to embrace resilience, balance emotional health, and step beyond comfort zones:



“Happiness, health, and success all come from within. Believe in yourself, and grow.” Cybercrime experts Innareddy and Srinivas urged vigilance in the digital age, emphasizing online safety and awareness.

Community voices echoed the convention’s impact. Varsha from Danthalapalli reflected: *“My mother, a Bala Vikasa member, taught me that what you contribute to society is what truly matters.”*

Suprithika from Siddipet, daughter of a widow, shared: *“Society imposed restrictions, but Jana Vikasa gave us confidence and dignity.”*

The event also recognized 106 high-performing students with merit scholarships and provided pedagogical kits to all participants. Songs, dances, and motivational sharing's added vibrancy, creating a space where youth felt not only guided, but celebrated.

As Jana Vikasa continues its commitment to building people before projects, the Youth Convention reaffirmed that when given direction, opportunity, and belief, young people become the most powerful drivers of change in their communities.

10. Water and Sanitation

Community Water Purification Plants (CWPPs)

For many rural households, drinking water remained unsafe, exposing families to disease and economic loss. Jana Vikasa addressed this by facilitating **25 community water purification plants**, managed by local committees and sustained through nominal fees. These plants provided safe drinking water to thousands of families, reducing illness and increasing productivity while reinforcing community ownership of vital resources.

2024–25 Results

- 25 CWPPs established
- 7,870 families benefited
- 39,344 individuals gained access to safe water



Testimonials

- *"Earlier, my children fell sick often. Now we drink clean water and hospital visits have reduced."* – Sujatha, Warangal
- *"We manage the plant ourselves. It feels good to solve our own problems as a community."* – Ramesh, Committee member, Nizamabad

11. Borewells for Rural Families

In many villages, women and girls still spent hours fetching water from distant sources, losing time for education or livelihoods. By constructing **67 borewells** in program villages, Bala Vikasa ensured water was accessible within reach, reducing drudgery and improving quality of life. These borewells have transformed daily routines, restored dignity, and given back time for more productive pursuits.



2024–25 Results

- 67 borewells installed
- 12,000 people benefited

Testimonials

- *“I used to walk two hours daily for water. Now the borewell is near our home, and I can work in my fields instead.”* – Lavanya, Khammam
- *“This borewell changed everything for our village. We have water for both families and cattle.”* – Nagaraju, Karimnagar