



# VANAMITRA

NAGARVASI GRAMAVASI VANAVASI - HUM SAB BHARATHAVASI

## Tribal Freedom Fighter



### Singhi Dai

**Born:** Rohathsgada, Bihar

**Tribe:** Oraon

When we hear the name Singhi Dai, the legendary heroine of the Oraon tribe, we are filled with awe at her courage and daring spirit. After the Oraon kingdom's army, led by King Rajarui Das, was scattered in battle against the Turks, the King Ruidaspa seized control. During this turbulent time, many brave warriors laid down their lives to protect their land.

Amid this chaos, Princess Singhi Dai, daughter of King Ruidaspa of Rohathsgada, took charge of the kingdom following her father's reign and rose to the occasion.

She led the Oraon kingdom

with remarkable strength, wisdom,

and strategy. To empower the women of her community, she used the Eshu Sendra—a traditional hunting festival—as a platform to train them in combat.

With this women-led force, Singhi Dai bravely defended the kingdom and repelled the Turkish invasion. In honor of her valiant leadership, the Oraon community continues to celebrate the Mukya Sendra festival to this day.



### Nantram Negi

**Born:** Dehradun, Uttarakhand

**Tribe:** Jaunsari

The provided text details the life and death of Nantram Negi, a powerful figure from the Jaunsari tribe in Dehradun, Uttarakhand.

#### • Early Life and Background

Nantram Negi was born in 1725 in Chaunsar, Dehradun, Uttarakhand, belonging to the Jaunsari tribe. He was known for his strength from a young age.



- **Defense of Nahan**

When Mughal General Ghulam Qadir Khan attacked Dehradun and later moved towards Nahan in Himachal Pradesh, whose king was a minor, Nantram Negi was called upon for help.

- **Battle and Victory**

Nantram Negi joined the Nahan army, fought against the Mughals, killed their commander, and defeated them.

- **Martyrdom**

In this battle, Nantram Negi and his horse were both wounded. He attained martyrdom at the young age of 21 on February 14, 1746, during the ascent of Markandeya.



# SABAL - Annual Report: 2024-25

## 1) Introduction

SABAL is one of the initiatives under education services of Vanavasi Kalyana Karnataka. This initiative was started in 2019 with an objective of developing and improving the capacity & capability of tribal students from Vanavasi Kalyana hostels and also from tribal hamlets of Karnataka. This is a personalized program to identify and nurture true potential of each child among the target group and provide equitable opportunity and suitable platform for them to build suitable career.



### Students Analysis -

Collect data of each and every student on regular basis for the profiling of the students



### Mentoring -

Identify strengths, challenges and potential of students and help them in their holistic career development by leveraging various subject matter experts - Career Counselling, Spoken English courses, Internships



### Talent Nurturing -

Identify students with special (or exceptional) talents and nurture them to utilize and to explore their inherent strengths fully - Sindhuvinda Bindu



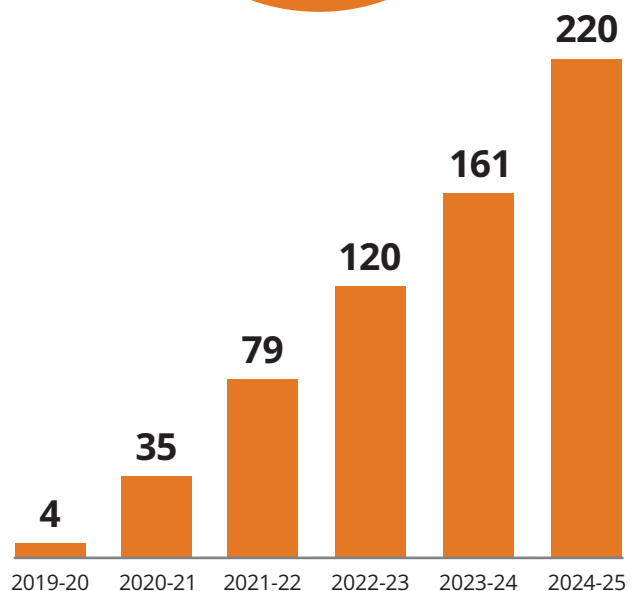
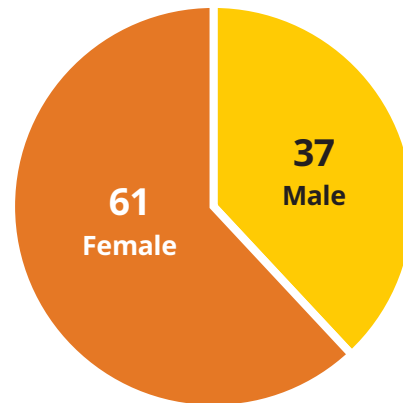
### Financial Assistance -

Define policy, Raise Funds and select suitable candidates for providing financial assistance.

## 2) Accomplishments

From last 5 years, SABAL has provided financial support for over 220 students to pursue their education in various fields which includes Engineering, Diploma Courses, ITI courses, Post-graduation, Nursing, Horticulture, Physiotherapy and other Graduation courses. We are very happy to mention that out of 98 students who were supported in 2024-25, 61 are girl students.

## Total Beneficiaries



## Career Path - Breakup of courses

Post Graduation	8
Medical (MBBS)	2
Nursing and Para Medical	20
Pharmacy	2
Law	2
Agricultural Science	2
Engineering	8
Diploma	8
BEd	2
BCA	4
ITI	2
Others	38
<b>Total</b>	<b>98</b>

**3) Activities of 24-25**

- a) Obtained financial support from RECT82 Charitable foundation (a trust founded by 1982 batch of REC Trichy) for female Vanavasi students pursuing professional courses. They have supported 10 girl students in the year 2024-25.
- b) Conducted career counseling session for students of 10th standard and 12th standard, one on one, online, which helped them in making their choice about their next course of studies.
- c) 'Sindhuvinda Bindu' – one day workshop conducted at Birsa Munda Bhavan, H D Kote for students supported through SABAL program on 19th Jan. 2025. Program included sessions to understand each student's profile, talent exhibition from students and motivational talks. Apart from other dignitaries, Shri. Yaduveera Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wodeyar, Maharaja of Mysore and Member of Parliament graced the event and addressed the students.

- d) Conducted Online spoken English class for 25 undergraduate students amongst Sabal beneficiaries. This program was conducted over three months by Sri. Ramaprasad of '10 seconds', a training organization based out of Bangalore.
- e) SABAL team visited tribal hamlets where the beneficiaries of the program reside in Coorg District.

**4) Internship and placement assistance**

One Engineering graduate, one BCom graduate and few Nursing students were assisted in getting placement.

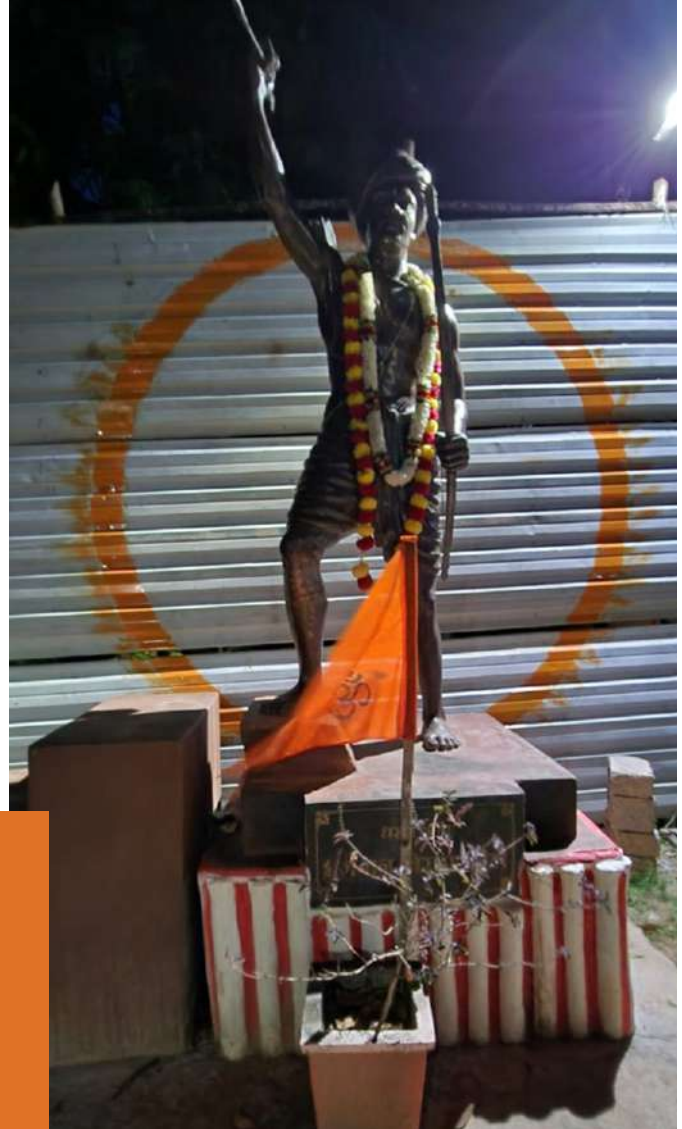
**5) SABAL Partners**

Apart from many individual doners, below organizations have kindly provided financial support :

- I) CIM Tools Private Limited, Bengaluru
- II) RECT 82 Charitable Trust
- III) Dr. Bhaskar Swadi Chartitable Trust, Sirsi

Financial support was provided to following students in the year 2024-25





### May 2025

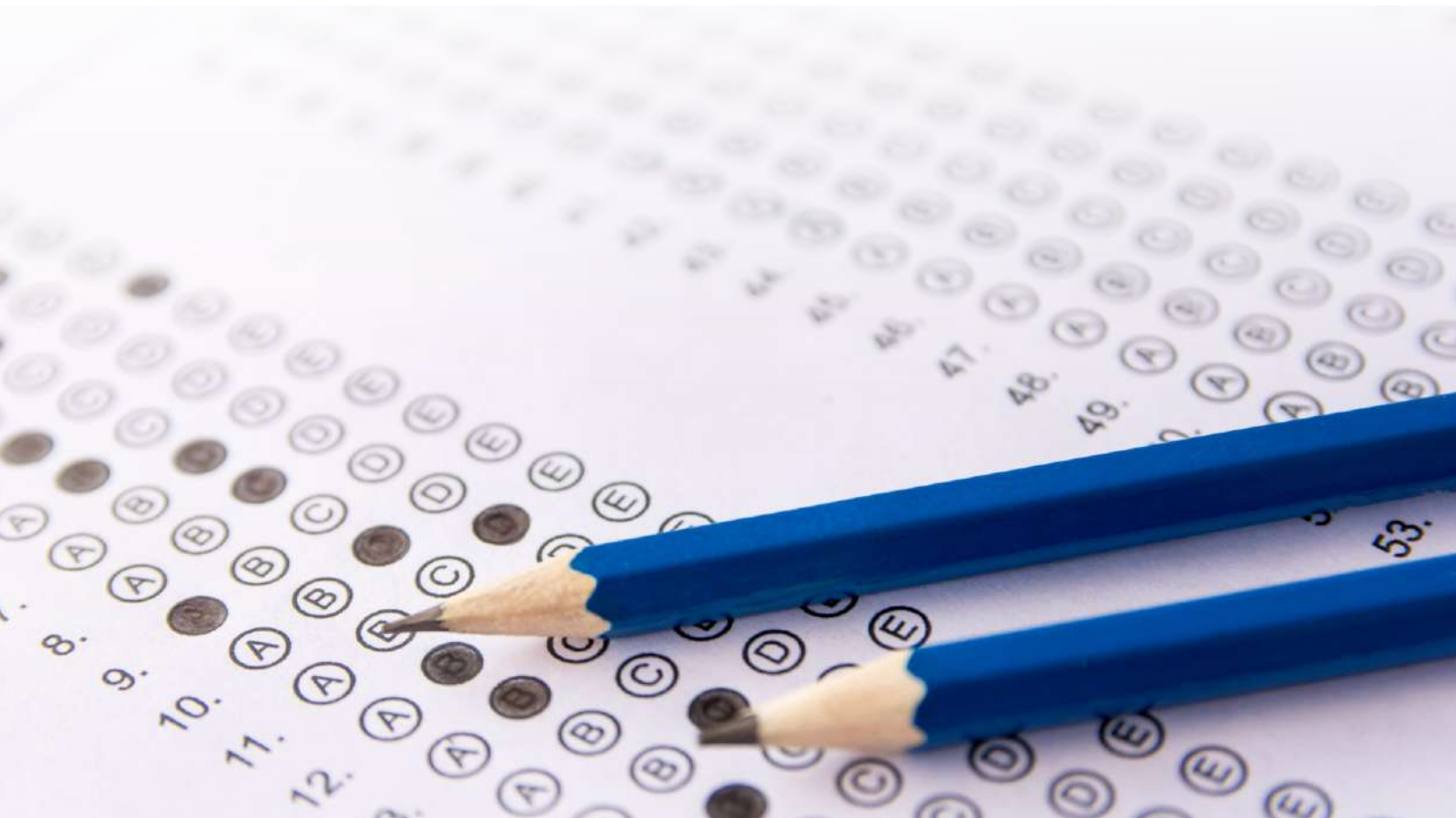
Bhagini Vanithakka, along with a few Yogabandhus, visited the Kalyan Ashram Centre and hostel in Andaman, where she interacted with the students and offered Aasheervachan, wishing them success in their studies and future endeavors.



12th May 2025

Our Students in Various Hostels of Karnataka have secured good percentage in SSLC

Vanavasi Kalyana Karnataka			
Hostel Students SSLC Results -2025			
SL No	Name of Student	Percentage	Name of Hostel
1	Soujanya Marathi	96.48%	Rukmini vanavasi balika nilaya, Dandeli
2	Kannutayi Gurakhe	80%	Rukmini vanavasi balika nilaya, Dandeli
3	Shanti Varak	79.84%	Rukmini vanavasi balika nilaya, Dandeli
4	Sakkubati Patil	76.16%	Rukmini vanavasi balika nilaya, Dandeli
5	Nirmala Edage	73.28%	Rukmini vanavasi balika nilaya, Dandeli
6	Jnaneshwar Jangale	79.84%	Vittal Vanavasi boys Hostel, Yellapura
7	Suraj Siddi	71.20%	Vittal Vanavasi boys Hostel, Yellapura
8	Vittal Gavade	61.12%	Vittal Vanavasi boys Hostel, Yellapura
9	Jnaneshwar Patil	59.04%	Vittal Vanavasi boys Hostel, Yellapura
10	Krishna Thorvath	56.64%	Vittal Vanavasi boys Hostel, Yellapura
11	Devaraj Siddi	54.72%	Vittal Vanavasi boys Hostel, Yellapura
12	Shivaji Kokare	54.24%	Vittal Vanavasi boys Hostel, Yellapura
13	Naveen Siddi	51.04%	Vittal Vanavasi boys Hostel, Yellapura
14	Kushalappa M S	52%	Kumara rama boys hostel, Gundlupete
15	Anjaneya	47.84%	Vanasuma boys hostel, Sullia



**15th May 2025**

In a show of moral support for our brave soldiers, a Tiranga Yatra was held on 15th May at 10:30 AM at Malleshwaram, Shirur Playground.



**OPERATION  
SINDOOR**

**CITIZENS COMING TOGETHER WITH  
THE INDIAN ARMY IN DEFENSE OF THE NATION**

**TIRANGA YATRA**

**15 MAY 2025, AT 10:30 AM**

**Venue: Shirur Park Play Ground (opposite Mantri Mall)  
Malleshwara, Bengaluru**

**COME, LET US OFFER MORAL SUPPORT TO OUR BRAVE SOLDIERS**

19th May 2025

Bicycles were distributed to tribal children in Raichur and Yadgiri—an initiative sponsored by Uniphore.



### 30th May 2025

Vanavasi Kalyana, with the support of its CSR partners, successfully conducted the Archery Set Distribution Ceremony on May 30, 2025, from 5–6 PM at Abhalashram, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru.



### 4th June 2025

On June 4th, school kits were distributed in Devadurga to support tribal children, helping them gear up for the new academic year.







**6th June 2025**

On June 6th, a medical camp was conducted in Nandgad, Khanapur, with a team of doctors, benefiting around 120 people from the local community.



**8th June 2025**

On June 8th, marking World Environment Day, Vanavasi Kalyana, in collaboration with Adhamya Chetana, organized a cleanliness and tree plantation drive at Subrahmanya Lake in Vasantapura, Banashankari, with the participation of around 200 environmental enthusiasts

**9th June 2025**

On June 9th, a medical camp was conducted in Kapoli village, Khanapur, Belagavi, benefiting around 100 people, with free medicines distributed as part of the initiative.







**18th June 2025**

On June 18th, school bags were distributed to students in Sanduru, Bellary, as part of an initiative to support education in the region.

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**21st June 2025**

On June 21st, a medical camp was conducted in Gowdgere village, Haveri, benefiting a total of 187 people from the local community.



**23rd June 2025**

On June 23rd, school kits were distributed to tribal children in Bidar and Yadgiri, as part of an initiative sponsored by Uniphore and Infoblox.





**28th June 2025**

On June 28th, a new toilet block sponsored by Gleeds Consulting (India) Pvt. Ltd. was inaugurated at Sri Bheereshwara Swamy Gramanthara Higher Primary School in Abbur Doddi, Channapatna Taluk, followed by a community visit to the tribal hamlet of Muniyappana Doddi.



**7th July 2025**

Kumari Rajeeshwari, belonging to the Malayali Janajati community of Tamil Nadu and a former student of the Kalyan Ashram School in Karumandurai Village, Kalvarayan Hills, Salem District, has successfully cleared the JEE Exam (2025 batch) and secured admission to IIT Chennai



சேலம், கருமந்துறை அரக பழங்குடியினர் உண்டி உறைவிட மேல்நிலைப் பள்ளியில் பயின்று அதில் இந்திய தேர்வில் தேர்ச்சி பெற்று IIT- சென்னையில் உயர்கல்வி பயில தகுதிப் பெற்று சாதனை படைத்துள்ள கல்ராபன்மலை கருமந்துறை பகுதியைச் சேர்ந்த பழங்குடியின மாணவி ஆராஜேஸ்வரி



**18th June 2025**

On November 26, 2024, Deputy CM Mr. Fadnavis stated that the Supreme Court had clarified that Scheduled Caste (SC) reservation is applicable only to Hindus, Buddhists, and Sikhs. He added that individuals from other religions who have obtained SC certificates or availed reservation benefits will face cancellation of their caste and validity certificates through due process. He further emphasized that those who secured government jobs or other benefits based on such certificates will face appropriate action

21st July 2025

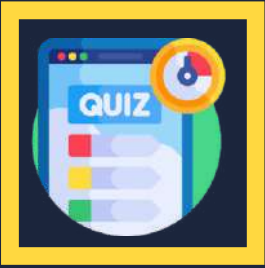
Vanasuma stall by Sri Bagesh System was set up at the Sri Gurupuja festival held in the Dasarahalli area.



**5th August 2025**

In the finals held in Chennai, Tamil Nadu, the Karnataka team participated in the National Level Archery Games organized by the HCL Foundation. Balabheem, an archer from the Ekalavya Archery Sports Center in Devpur village, Surapura taluk, Yadgir district, and son of Bheemaraya, won the bronze medal. Congratulations to Balabheem on this proud achievement!





# QUIZ

TIME TO TAP YOUR MEMORY...

By M. Ashok

- 01) What was the name of Ravana's sister?
- 02) Who gave Rama divine weapons to fight Ravana?
- 03) What is the name of Ravana's son who fought in the war?
- 04) Who killed Indrajit in battle?
- 05) Which herb did Hanuman bring to revive Lakshmana?
- 06) Which mountain did Hanuman lift to bring the Sanjeevani herb?
- 07) Where was Sita held hostage in Lanka?
- 08) How many heads did Ravana have?
- 09) How did Rama kill Ravana?
- 10) What festival celebrates Rama's victory over Ravana?

01) Surpanakha  
02) Sage Vishwamitra  
03) Indrajit (Meghnad)  
04) Lakshmana  
05) Sanjeevani Booti  
06) Dronagiri (or Gandhamadana Parvat)  
07) Ashoka Vatika  
08) Ten  
09) By shooting an arrow at his navel, which was his weak point  
10) Dussehra (Vijayadasami)

Answers:

## Want to contribute?

**Donors can contribute any amount desired and be eligible for tax benefits:**

- How to contribute and make a difference:
  - Participate in Vanayatra to have a glimpse into Vanavasi life
  - Become a member of the local VKK committee
  - Sponsor a Tuition Center (Mane Pata Kendras) – Rs 50,000/- per Year
  - Sponsor a College Student for Rs 40,000/- per year
  - Sponsor education and living expenses of a school student Rs 25,000/- per year
  - Sponsor education expenses of a school student Rs 10,000/- per year
  - Sponsor a school kit for Rs 1000/- per kit
  - Sponsor a health camp for Rs 80,000 per camp
  - Sponsor a Hostel – Rs 15,00,000/- per year
  - Sponsor specific projects like drinking water, solar lighting, infrastructure etc.
- Project-based
- Sponsor a tailoring centre Rs.80,000/-
  - Sponsor nutrition for one student Rs 2700/-



# SPONSORSHIP DETAILS

- All donations are exempt from Income Tax under Section 80G of IT Act 1961
- One can make bank transfers as per below account details
- Donations can also be made through crossed cheques
- For 80G receipts, contact **Mr.Keshava +91-94829 84575**

## India Resident Accounts

Account Name: Vanavasi Kalyana  
SB Account number: 04212160000078  
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IFSC Code: CNRB0000033 (For IMPS Transaction)  
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