



# Sankalp India Foundation Annual Report 2009-10

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## About Sankalp India Foundation

Sankalp India Foundation is a voluntary youth organisation working for the cause of Voluntary Blood Donation and Disaster Relief since 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2003. It is registered under Karnataka State Registrar of Societies as an NGO working for blood donation and disaster management.

**Voluntary Blood Donation:** Since the organization took birth as a blood donor organization, the work area was identified as Blood Donation and related activities, the moment it was born. The purpose of the organization is to ensure 100% voluntary blood donation in our country so that no life is lost just because blood was not made available to him/her at the right time. The organization does not wish to take short cuts for these, but rather reaches out to people and makes them aware of the problem and gets them to participate in the solution. It also aims to push Blood Banking in India towards better quality. The organization wishes to be the nucleus of a Red Revolution in India whose end result is to usher a new era of safe, quality and effective blood banking of course with enough quantity of blood. The ultimate vision is to make our society adopt blood donation as a standard practice and wipe out blood shortage in India.

**Disaster Relief:** When the Kashmir earthquake struck in 2005, members of the organization had a strong desire to work as a team and help out those in need. The collective opinion of the group is to reach to fellow Indians who have been the unfortunate victims of a disaster. As individuals who have potential and interest in providing relief, volunteers feel a sense of responsibility to do their bit in order to get lives of others back on track after a disaster. Over a period of time, maturity crept in and now the organization is equipped with resources and people to participate in disaster relief campaigns. Since a few days after the disaster a lot of agencies/organizations are present to rehabilitate people, Sankalp India Foundation focuses on relief operations in the first 72-96 hours of the disaster.

**The Journey So Far:** The sustained efforts of the teams have ensured that the organization has conducted more than 100 blood donation drives in the last 3 years with well over 15,000 units of blood being collected all over the state of Karnataka. More than 7000 school students and lots and lots of college students and working professionals have been made aware of the need and importance of blood donation and also the crucial things a donor needs to know for blood donation.

The organization over this period has also been able to inspire blood banks to strive for quality as Sankalp blood donation drives are run in strict accordance with the rules and regulations laid down by the National Aids Control Organization (NACO). The voluntary blood donation index has gone a couple of notches up since the time Sankalp stepped in to conduct blood donation drives

The state-wide helpline number 9480044444 too has been a successful and first of its kind in the country that has integrated a lot of good blood banks under one blanket. More than 60 quality and safety conscious blood banks are sharing their sock information regularly and participating in the initiative to have a common access point for blood availability information. With a view to make blood search a less cumbersome and painful process, the organization has knocked the doors of the media to help publicize this number. Leading English and Kannada dailies in Karnataka have carried



articles on the same, shows on the Radio have been aired and the success of the helpline is on the rise. More than 30 blood requests a day are attended to by the call centre executives

The Emergency Wing has been another major cornerstone for the success of the organization. Blood requests have poured in from all over the country, and all of them have been attended too. In fact there were requests for help from neighbouring countries too. The organization has pioneered platelet apheresis donations in Bangalore. Platelet apheresis is a special sort of blood donation where the unit of blood collected is an instant life saviour for people suffering from dengue, cancer etc. On an average about 120 blood emergency requests are attended to by the organization on a monthly basis.

The Disaster Wing of Sankalp has participated in disaster relief programmes at Jammu, Nagappitnam (TN), Raichur (Karnataka), Hyderabad, Jaipur, Mumbai, Bihar etc. The organization's methods and way of handling disaster activities have received good accolades from the organizations that have made financial contributions. The magazine 'Outlook Money' ran an article on the organizations success as a disaster relief organization in the country thereby showing the highly structured and effective disaster relief approach adopted by Sankalp

The organization is self-funded, i.e. the 30 volunteers who make up the organization are the ones who fund the organization. Every volunteer has an option to make a financial contribution depending on his/her will and ability. So in this way finances are available every month and these finances are utilized effectively for the various activities. If there are any resources for any particular activity/project which can be completely funded by an external organization, then the organization talks to such individuals/organizations that have a desire to help out.

### Members of the 2009-2010 Executive Committee

Name	Age	Gender	Occupation	Position
Rajat Kumar Agarwal	27	Male	Self Employed	President
Kumari Ankita	26	Female	Self Employed	Vice President
Jayesh Parmar	26	Male	Engineer	General Secretary
Vibha	25	Female	Engineer	Treasurer
Lalith Parmar	26	Male	Engineer	Executive Member
Sujata Subhash	26	Female	Engineer	Executive Member
Rakesh Dhanya	26	Male	Engineer	Executive Member
Amit Sedai	25	Male	Engineer	Executive Member
VenuGopal	26	Male	Govt Employee	Executive Member



## **Registration Details**

Sankalp has also obtained all necessary registrations for it to function as a fully transparent organisation. The following are the details of the registration.

- Sankalp India Foundation is registered as a Society under Karnataka Societies Registration Act 1960. Registration no. BLU-S297-2007-08 dated 29.05.2007.
- Sankalp India Foundation is registered with Income Tax Department under Section 12A No. DIT(E)BLR/12A/S-2049/AADAS3438A/ITO(E)-3/VOL 2009-2010 dated 28.08.2009.
- All contributions to Sankalp India Foundation are exempt under Section 80(G) of the Income
- Income Tax Permanent Account No AADAS3438A
- Sankalp is now a member of Credibility Alliance



## Annual Report (April 2009-March 2010)

### Major Accomplishments

1. Disha helpline reaches 95% of Karnataka through 9480044444.
2. Sankalp completes 10,000 blood donations in various drives.
3. Message of voluntary blood donation taken to 4391 students in schools.
4. Project Sparsh to provide relief to victims of North Karnataka floods.
5. State wide expansion of the emergency service and blood donation drives.
6. Registration with department of Income Tax and tax exemption under 80G.
7. Streamlining and automation of various support services.

The Year 2009-10 was an eventful year for Sankalp India Foundation. The group of 30 individuals who call themselves Sankalp volunteers were kept very busy with the back to back activities that took place in the last year. We are happy to bring to you the yearbook of 2009-10.

### The Blood Helpline

A lot of major projects took great shape in the last year. The Blood helpline for the state of Karnataka reached 95% of the needy people in 2009-10. The year also marked the migration of the blood helpline number from 1062 to 9480044444 for higher reliability and performance. Sri Sri Sri Balgangadharnatha Mahaswamiji from Adi Chunchunagiri Ashram inaugurated the helpline on Independence Day. With this Karnataka becomes the first state in country to have a dedicated helpline for blood.



### Blood Donation Drives

March 2010 saw the completion of 10,000 blood donations in various drives organised by Sankalp. This milestone comes exactly 3 years after we organize the first drive in March 2007. Rakta Kranti is an attempt to make sure that there is no shortage of blood in the blood banks and that



the blood banking moves towards 100% Voluntary Blood



Donation. Last year more than 4000 units of blood were collected in drives. The MSR Memorial Blood Donation Service which aims at ensuring regular small blood donation camps in MSR Group of Institutions, Bangalore was strengthened in the last year with more colleges participating in the programme. Here

too blood donation drives have now become a pretty regular event with many small drives being conducted.



*We're pretty comfortable with working with Sankalp. Your processes are professional and your publicity posters are pretty effective. The entire operation is handled professionally and it makes the job of any company CSR team coordinator like me easy. It would help to raise the profile of Sankalp within the employees by organizing publicity or awareness programs during blood camps - Sriram, CSR Team @ AMD*

### Karnataka Flood Relief

When the floods hit North Karnataka in October 2009, Sankalp undertook a relief operation code named "Sparsh". The organization provided 1000 sets of utensils to the most affected families in Raichur district as part of the project. This also led to the reorganization of Sankalp's Disaster mitigation and Management Wing to increase the organization's preparedness for Disasters.



1000 sets of utensils, (each set comprising of 2 bowls, 2 plates, 2 glasses and 2 serving spoons coming to an average of Rs 230 per set) and 73 sarees (costing about Rs 95 per saree) were purchased

### Emergency Services

The emergency wing of Sankalp that helps the people who fail to find blood from any other source expanded its area of expertise. The wing developed the potential to effectively help people in emergency requirement of blood in any part of Karnataka. The team also came up with a very effective and standardized process model in order to effectively take the increased volume of blood requests that may come as a result of the State wide Expansion.

### State-wide Expansion of Drives

Another major attempt in the direction of ensuring supply of safe blood to blood banks outside Bangalore (who suffer from terrible shortage) was the Rakta Kranti Karnataka Programme. There are 12,00,000 students studying in 2000+ institutes of higher learning in the state. With the blood requirement of the state





marked at 4,00,000 units annually, if only these institutions organize blood donation drives, no one would suffer due to shortage of blood anymore. With this opportunity the team set off to encourage systematic blood donation camps across the state. 9 districts were visited and a total of 126 colleges were approached. A total of 8 blood donation drives were conducted and 632 units of blood were collected and distributed to various prominent blood banks of Karnataka. This is a giant leap in the direction of ensuring supply of safe blood to blood banks across the state.

### Awareness and Education



The schools wing of Rakta Kranti reached out to 4391 children studying in classes 8-10 with the message of Voluntary Blood Donation encouraging and motivating them to be voluntary blood donors when they grow up. In the last year, Sankalp received ample support from the media. The programme and activities of the organization found space in 6 newspapers, 4 Radio programs and one television channel in the year. Awareness and public mobilization of this scale was never before seen by the organization. The

organization's main website [sankalpindia.net](http://sankalpindia.net) is getting 6000 unique visitors a month.

### Registration and Compliance

Compliance to the highest standards set by Government and Regulatory agencies and maintaining provable transparency are integral part of our working norm. Sankalp is happy to announce that the Government of India has exempted all contributions made to the organization under the section 80G of Income Tax. This paved the way for greater contribution in the event of a disaster. The organization also became a member of the prestigious Credibility Alliance. Credibility



Alliance is a consortium of voluntary organizations committed towards enhancing accountability and transparency in the voluntary sector through good governance.

### Internal Strengthening

Another major enhancement to the organization in the last year was the upcoming of a number of websites for day to day operations of our teams. A total of 6 new portals were integrated with the organization. The streamlining of resources was done to a great extent. Any team can now raise a request of the materials they need and the same is made available to them at cheapest price and with good quality. The process of systematic feedback also found way into the working mainstream. Lots of training sessions were also conducted for the volunteers. These trainings gave all volunteers



a greater overview of work in various teams. Fully fledged review meet was held in March where performance of all teams was debated, discussed and reviewed

This gives a quick look into what the organization has been doing. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the people who have been supporting Sankalp in one way or the other. When our work matches with immense support and participation from your end, then we are able to inch closer to “Giving Life A Better Chance”.

Vande Mataram

Rajat Kumar Agarwal

President, Sankalp India Foundation



## Transparency Disclosures

- No remuneration, sitting fees or any other form of compensation was paid to any board member or volunteer.
- Travel reimbursement made to volunteers who undertook travel to various parts of Karnataka for camps and networking helpline is Rs 21298/-
- No travel reimbursement was made for international travel.
- Sankalp does not have any salaried employees.

## Income and Expenditure Account for 2009-10

### Balance Sheet As At 31st March 2010

Liabilities	Amount	Amount	Assets	Amount	Amount
Corpus Fund		43,760	Excess of Expenditure over Income for FY 09-10	3,797	
			Less: Excess of Income over Expenditure for FY 08-09	467	3,330
			Cash at Bank		37,664
			Cash In Hand		2,766
		<b>43,760</b>			<b>43,760</b>

### Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31.03.2010

	Particulars	Amount		Particulars	Amount
To	Printing Expenses	1,14,484	By	General Contribution	44,320
"	Travelling Expenses	21,298	"	Annual Membership Fees	41,184
"	Aid To Karnataka Floods	2,35,235	"	Monthly Contribution From Members	75,342
"	General Expenses	3,252	"	Interest	1,303
"	Public Relation Expenses	5,816	"	Contribution Towards Karnataka Floods	2,53,113
"	Stationery Expenses	38,974	"	Excess of Expenditure over Income	3,797
		4,19,059			4,19,059

### Name and address of the Bankers:

- State Bank of India, Koramangala 3<sup>rd</sup> Block Branch, Bangalore, Karnataka, Pin: 560034
- Punjab National Bank, 1382, 32nd Cross, 4th T Block Jayanagar, Bangalore - 560041

**Name of Auditors:** Annapurna Kabra and Associates



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