

Asha Chennai: Minutes of the Meeting held at 9:30 AM on Sunday, 31st May 2026

Following were present:

Bhaskar, Kasturi, Komalavalli, Madhavan, Paripoornam, Rajaraman, Shiva, Sundaram, Venkat, Usha Bhaskar.

- 1) Ratification of minutes of the meeting held on 3rd May 2026 and Ratification of poll held to elect AfE office bearers

The above were ratified unanimously

- 2) Staff loans and changes

Three Loan proposals pertaining to one staff each from Asha Kanini, Poorna Vidhya & Mirzapur projects were approved unanimously, amount being Rs 60,000 in each case. Conditions apply.

- 3) Karadipath plan for 26-27

Rajaram explained in detail the number of Licences obtained from Kardipath for Spoken English so far and their usage in schools projectwise. Karadipath consists of 3 levels, i.e., in Foundational Literacy, Functional literacy and Advance/Academic Literacy. When a school adopts the program for the first time, all designated classes (Classes 2, 3, and 4) will start together at Level 1. Over a three-year implementation cycle, the school stabilizes into the standard format where Level 1 maps to Class 2, Level 2 maps to Class 3, and Level 3 maps to Class 4. Asha Chennai had completed a three year cycle in 32 Schools. Once the 3 year cycle Asha Chennai could use it in the same schools without any licensing fees. While expanding the reach of Karadipath availability of teachers, existing or new hires had to be kept in mind. Rajaraman stated that a clearer picture would emerge shortly on the additional licences to be obtained and also deployment projectwise after talking to Karadipath officials.

- 4) Budget Review and Approval

- Scholarship

Kalyan had already submitted the Budget (26-27) covering grant of scholarship to a total of 125 Scholars 95 continuing and 30 fresh with an outlay of Rs 34.70 Lakhs which was unanimously approved.

-Cauvery

Komalavalli presented budget requirements for 26-27 Rs 18.87 Lakhs for schools and Rs 3,17,500 for the Library. After some discussions a budget for Rs 19,64 Lakhs for the schools was approved subject to the feasibility of

deployment of Karadipath for the schools while the budget for Library of Rs 3.17 Lakhs was approved in toto.

-Thulasi

Paripoornam presented requirements of funds for Thulasi Project Schools, Tuition Centre and Library . Suggestions for revising figures on some line items were made and Paripoornam was requested to rework once the choice of covering expenses under Amazon and non Amazon became clear. As for Tuition centre against the proposed expenditure of Rs 2,13,700 under line item Excursion was changed to Rs 10,000 from Rs 21000 and a total budget for Rs 2,02,700 was approved. For the Library budget approval was given for Rs 4,19,100 pruning the expenditure on Teacher excursion by Rs 5000

-Manigal

Usha Bhaskar presented a budget for Manigal Project after making a small correction by deleting Line item 14 on Healthcare/Hygiene etc and adding Rs 10,000 to Line item 15 thus totalling Rs 10,64,200 for 26-27 which was duly approved. A suggestion was made regarding Line Item 7 School Fees etc for “+2 Passed students” to cover the same by transferring the students as scholars under the Scholarship project.

-Pearl

Bhaskar stated the requirements of Pearl during 26-27 as Rs 58,35,450 which included requirements for five libraries for which a provision of Rs 4,07,250 had been made, This was approved subject to delineation of split of computer teachers as Amazon and non Amazon and addition if any to Karadipath implementation

-Asha Kanini

Rajaraman spelt out the requirements for Asha Kanini which included apart from salaries of Team managers and engineers a good chunk for Rent, Internet, Electricity for Mylapore office. The total amount projected was Rs 46,50,000 and the budget was duly approved.

-Sangamam

This is the biggest of all among our projects covering 90 schools where Asha deploys fourteen regular teachers, 17 Karadipath teachers and 27 Computer teachers, Rajaraman projected the total requirements of funds for 26-27 to be Rs 1,97,30,000 This was approved subject to confirmation of Amazon/Non Amazon split and addition of Karadipath schools, if any,

General

It was decided to carry over the rest of the agenda points to the next meeting due to paucity of time.