



Ankuran
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“Tell me, and I forget, teach me, and I remember, involve me, and I learn.”

- Benjamin Franklin

“The only source of knowledge is experience”

-Albert Einstein



MESSAGE FROM THE MANAGING TRUSTEE

It is with great pride and enthusiasm that I present to you the **Annual Report of Ankuran Foundation** for 2024-2025. This past year, Ankuran embarked on its journey of growth beyond Durgapur, especially in Tamil Nadu, while continuing to pursue innovation and deeper engagement in Durgapur. All this while, Ankuran has remained committed to its mission of cultivating scientific temperament, fostering a culture of innovation and enhancing the employability of India's youth through practical, **experience-based learning in STEM**.



**Bimal Patwari, Managing Trustee,
Ankuran Foundation and CEO of
Pinnacle Infotech Solutions**

One of the most significant milestones this year has been the laying of the foundation stones for **Ankuran Science Centres in Trichy and Madurai, Tamil Nadu**, in collaboration with the Tamil Nadu Government. These centres will serve as dynamic hubs for hands-on science education, bringing high-quality STEM learning experiences to more than **20,000** students from government and private schools alike. This expansion marks an important step in our vision to create a nationwide network of science learning centres that nurture curiosity, problem-solving skills and a love for scientific exploration in young minds.

Meanwhile, our Durgapur Science Centre has continued to thrive, engaging over **1,500 students** in lab-based learning, interactive workshops and science competitions. Through our specialised programmes, students have had the opportunity to conduct experiments, build models and explore scientific concepts in an engaging and supportive environment. Additionally, Ankuran's outreach programmes in rural communities have played a crucial role in making science education more accessible and inclusive, especially for students in underprivileged and marginalised communities.

As we move forward, our focus will be on expanding our reach, strengthening our programmes and nurturing more collaborations to ensure that young learners across the country have access to world-class science education. With your continued support, Ankuran will keep growing, inspiring future generations of innovators, problem-solvers and scientific thinkers.

Thank you for being part of this journey. Together, let's make science learning more engaging, hands-on and accessible for all!



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INTRODUCTION AND OVERVIEW

Ankuran Foundation



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Ankuran Foundation is a non-profit organisation founded in August 2023 by Bimal Patwari, CEO of **Pinnacle Infotech Solutions**, Sapna Patwari, Co-Founder of **Pinnacle Infotech Solutions**, and Ramesh Venkataraman, a private equity investor and former partner of McKinsey & Company.

The goal of the **Ankuran Foundation** is to establish a network of Science Learning Centres for school children across India. Through these centres, **Ankuran Foundation** seeks to cultivate a scientific temper and culture of innovation among India's youth. This is achieved by providing experiential learning opportunities that allow young minds to grasp scientific theories and technologies through hands-on experimentation, tinkering, observation, and collaboration. Each centre will be self-sustaining, community-integrated, and part of a national platform.

Pinnacle Education & Welfare Trust, an associate organisation of the **Ankuran Foundation**, piloted the concept of a community science centre in Durgapur, West Bengal, in 2021. **Ankuran Foundation** has been actively collaborating with this centre in Durgapur for the past year and has organised numerous activities there. The foundation plans to expand this model nationwide through a 'social franchise' approach involving local sponsors.



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PAST YEAR

Expansion in Tamil Nadu

One of the most significant achievements of the year was Ankuran Foundation's expansion in Tamil Nadu through a landmark partnership with the Tamil Nadu Government. A MoU was signed to establish **Ankuran Science Centres** in Trichy and Madurai, marking a major step toward our mission of making hands-on science education accessible to students across the country. The foundation stone for the Trichy Centre was laid by the Deputy Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, **Tr. Udhayanidhi Stalin** in July 2024 while **Dr. Palanivel Thiaga Rajan**, Hon'ble Minister for IT & Digital Services, laid the foundation stone for the Madurai Centre in June 2025, symbolising the beginning of a transformation journey for science education in Tamil Nadu.

Ankuran Science Centre – MoUs at Trichy & Madurai

Trichy

MoU with Tamil Nadu Model Schools Society (TNMSS) – Key Features:

- Land Allotment: 37,660 sq. ft. (0.846 acre) land within premises of Govt. Adi Dravidar Boys Higher Secondary School for a 30-year (extendable) term
- Facilities: Fully equipped labs for Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Maths, Robotics, Programming & interactive exhibits
- Free Access: Government & government-aided school students get free access; nominal fees for private schools
- Governance: Managed by Ankuran under a 5-member Executive Committee

Madurai

MoU with Madurai Municipal Corporation – Key Features:

- Land Allotment: 24,210 sq. ft. (0.56 acre) land in Survey Ward 5, Block 67, Survey No. 6. for a 30-year (extendable) term
- Facilities: Fully equipped labs for Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Maths, Robotics, Programming & interactive exhibits
- Membership Structure: Institutional and individual memberships as in Trichy
- Governance: Joint Executive Committee with representatives from the Madurai Corporation & Ankuran





Ankuran Science Centre – Durgapur – Engaging Over 1500 Students

The Ankuran Science Centre in Durgapur continues to flourish, engaging more than 1,500 students through hands-on experiments, tinkering labs and interactive science sessions. Students actively participated in lab-based learning, scientific model-making and practical demonstrations, helping them grasp complex scientific concepts in a fun and engaging manner.

Ankuran Foundation – Initiatives & Events

Ankuran successfully organised a series of impactful science events and competitions to develop interest and curiosity in science among students. Some of the major programmes included:

National Science Day 2025

Ankuran Science Centre hosted an engaging science celebration that brought together **199 students** from 12 different schools. The event offered hands-on experiments with gases, allowing students to observe and understand physical and chemical changes firsthand. A motivational session by **Dr. Amal K. Kumar** captivated the audience with real-life examples of how science drives innovation in fields like medicine, technology and environmental sustainability. To encourage learning beyond the classroom, science kits were distributed for home experiments. A key focus of the event was on nurturing scientific curiosity, promoting rational thinking and challenging superstitions among young minds.

SciFun Celebration – Children’s Day 2024

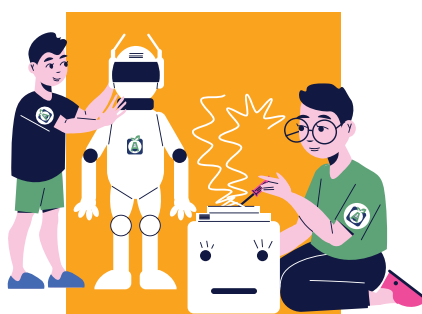
On November 16th, the Ankuran Science Centre in Durgapur hosted an enthusiastic celebration that brought together **98 students** for a day of discovery, collaboration and fun. The event was designed to cultivate curiosity and teamwork through interactive group-based science games. Students participated in engaging experiments like the Magic Balloon (demonstrating gas expansion), the Paper Circuit Challenge (introducing basic electronics) and the Floating Needle (exploring surface tension and magnetism), all of which connected classroom science to real-world phenomena in a playful way. One of the most memorable parts of the day was a live telescope session, where students viewed celestial bodies like the Moon and Saturn, sparking fascination with astronomy.

Community Engagement

Through the Vigyan Jyoti Programme, Ankuran extended its reach to **127 marginalised students** across multiple rural centres. By conducting practical demonstrative classes, we aimed to remove the fear of science education, spark curiosity and make learning accessible for students who otherwise have limited exposure to hands-on science education.

Ankuran Foundation – Strategic CSR

Actively tapped CSR funding donors to escalate our programmes across new geographies; received encouraging and positive responses from several national-level corporate CSR teams expressing interest in long-term collaboration.





OUR PROGRAMMES & INITIATIVES

Core Programme: *Ankuran Science Classes*

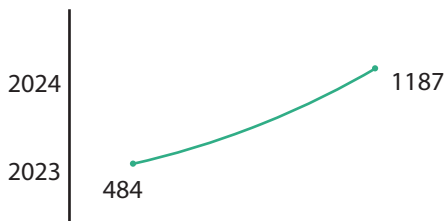
The Ankuran Foundation continues to transform science education in Durgapur through its structured, lab-based learning program, reaching over 1,500 students from Grades 6 to 12 – serving students mainly from government schools. The initiative promotes scientific curiosity beyond textbooks and has built strong partnerships with 10 local schools to ensure consistent participation and institutional collaboration.

At the core of this effort are the Ankuran Science Classes, which redefine science learning for students from Grades 6 to 12 through a hands-on, experiential model. Held at the Ankuran Science Centre, the program offers regular sessions in advanced Physics, Chemistry, Biology and Tinkering Labs. Students can join through their schools (Institutional Membership) or independently (Group Membership), offering both flexibility and accessibility.

Hands-on lessons include observing onion peel and cheek cells under a microscope, dissecting flowers, performing vinegar and baking soda reactions, building simple circuits, and designing hydraulic lifts and mini windmills. These activities bridge theory and real-life application, making science learning practical, engaging and fun.

An Overview:

Participation



Types Of Schools



6 Government And 3 Private Institutions

Most Active Grades



Gender Inclusion





Highlights:



Bringing Theoretical Knowledge to Life:

Textbook concepts are translated into real-world applications, helping students observe science all around them.



Learning in a Natural Environment:

Sessions conducted in a child-friendly and green setting, enhancing curiosity and well-being of the learners.



Boosting Creativity:

Open-ended tasks and experiments encouraging students to think outside the box.



Encouraging Interactive Learning:

Group activities fostering collaboration, critical thinking and peer learning.

Key Outcomes:



Regular lab exposure for sharpened practical skills and deepened comprehension through real-time experimentation.



Encouraging independent inquiry along with tailored guidance to make learning inclusive and student-centric.





Our Initiatives

Summer Camp 2024

Ankuran Science Centre, Durgapur hosted its vibrant Summer Camp 2024 from May 18 to May 26, bringing together **73 students** from Classes 4 to 12 for a week filled with discovery and creativity. The camp featured a dynamic mix of hands-on science experiments, model-making, interactive games and mindfulness activities - nurturing curiosity, teamwork and all-round development in a joyful and engaging setting.

Key Highlights:

Hands-on Science Activities: Students engaged in interactive Physics, Chemistry and Biology experiments, turning theory into practical learning.

Creative & Skill-based Sessions: Design challenges, problem-solving tasks and drama with social messages fostered creativity and critical thinking.

Well-being and Mindfulness: Yoga, Om chanting, and self-awareness sessions promoted mental wellness and holistic growth.

Fun & Games: Activities like buzz wire, blind man swag and team games brought joy and encouraged teamwork.

Parental Engagement: The camp wrapped up with a model exhibition and certificate ceremony, with parents joining in to celebrate their children's efforts.

Key Outcomes:

- Sparked a deeper interest in science & technology through experiential learning.
- Enhanced analytical and problem-solving skills among students.
- Promoted teamwork and cooperation among students from diverse backgrounds.
- Strengthened parent-school collaboration through active involvement in the event.
- Motivated students to explore scientific concepts beyond the textbook in a joyful and supportive environment.





Astronomical Workshop

The Astronomical Workshop series has become one of the most popular and impactful programs at Ankuran Science Centre, Durgapur. Held across 10 sessions between November 2024 and February 2025, it engaged around 156 participants – including students, teachers, parents and space enthusiasts. The workshops fostered scientific temper and curiosity through hands-on learning in astronomy and celestial observation.

Key Highlights:

Celestial Observation: Participants viewed the Moon, planets and more through telescopes, deepening their understanding of the night sky.

Hands-on Telescope Training: Guided sessions helped participants learn to set up and operate telescopes hands-on.

Conceptual Demonstrations: Simple and engaging demos made complex astronomy concepts easy to grasp for all ages.

Interactive Discussions and Q&A: Open discussions encouraged curiosity, critical thinking and deeper exploration of space science.

Key Outcomes:

- Improved awareness and knowledge of celestial bodies and cosmic phenomena.
- Practical experience in telescope handling and observation techniques.
- Heightened interest in astronomy and space science among students and educators.
- Strengthened scientific temperament through inquiry-based learning.
- Encouragement for future exploration and research in the field of astronomy.





Durgapur Utsav 2024

From December 6th to 10th, 2024, the Ankuran Foundation proudly took part in the vibrant Durgapur Utsav, held in Durgapur, West Bengal. This five-day community festival provided an exciting platform to spark scientific curiosity among young learners and the general public, while also introducing the Ankuran Science Learning Centre to a wider audience across the city through engaging, hands-on science activities.

Key Highlights:

Live Science Demonstrations: Visitors observed cells under microscopes, explored elements on the periodic table and experienced static electricity with the Van de Graaff generator.

Telescope & Astronomy Zone: Participants observed the Moon and celestial bodies through telescopes, sparking interest in astronomy, especially among students and families.

Key Outcomes:

- Boosted interest in science among children and families.
- Increased visibility of the Ankuran Science Learning Centre.
- Encouraged hands-on learning through live demonstrations.
- Sparked curiosity in biology, chemistry and astronomy.
- Strengthened community engagement and support for science education.





SciFun Celebration – Children’s Day 2024

On November 16th, 2024, 98 students joined the Children’s Day celebration at Ankuran Science Centre, Durgapur for a day of learning and fun. The event featured team games, hands-on experiments like the Magic Balloon and Paper Circuit Challenge and a prize ceremony with badges and goodies. It ended with a telescope session, where students viewed the Moon and Saturn, sparking curiosity about space and nurturing scientific interest.

Key Highlights:

Interactive Science-Based Group Activities: Fun group games promoted teamwork and set the tone for collaborative science learning.

Hands-On Science Experiments: Experiments like the Magic Balloon and Paper Circuit Challenge made science engaging and interactive.

Astronomical Observation: Students viewed the Moon and Saturn through telescopes, nurturing curiosity about space.

Recognition and Encouragement: Badges and gifts were awarded to celebrate participation and encourage enthusiasm for science learning.

Key Outcomes:

- Boosted curiosity and scientific temper
- Enhanced teamwork and engagement
- Strengthened mentor-student bonds
- Inspired interest in space and astronomy





National Science Day 2025

On February 28, 2025, Ankuran Science Centre, Durgapur celebrated National Science Day with 199 students from 12 schools across the city. The lively, activity-packed event aimed to foster scientific temper and rational thinking through hands-on experiments, expert sessions and messages that encouraged inquiry and challenged superstitions.

Key Highlights:

Hands-on Science Workshops: Students from Grades 8-10 conducted experiments with gases like hydrogen, oxygen, CO₂, ammonia and H₂S to explore their properties & applications.

Interactive Session with Dr. Amal K. Kumar: The renowned chemist delivered live demos and relatable stories, making science engaging and easy to grasp.

Science Exploration Kits: Students received take-home kits with basic chemicals and gas dispensers to continue experimenting beyond the classroom.

Pledge Ceremony: Participants took an oath to uphold scientific thinking and challenge irrational beliefs in their communities.

Community Collaboration: Held in partnership with Durgapur Adda Young Association to promote science-driven societal progress.

Key Outcomes:

- Sparked deeper interest in scientific exploration among students.
- Promoted awareness and critical discourse against superstitions & blind beliefs.
- Encouraged independent, self-motivated learning through distributed science kits.
- Reinforced the importance of science in shaping a progressive & rational society.
- Strengthened Ankuran Science Centre's role as a hub for science education & social change.





Science Talent Quest 2025

The Science Talent Quest 2025, held on January 17th, brought together 116 students from 10 schools for a day of hands-on science learning. Special guests Dr. Kalimul Haque and Mr. Bimal Kumar Patwari, and judges Dr. Snigdha Roy and Dr. Shitanshu Chakraborty handed out awards to the best science projects, emphasising the role of experiential learning and parental involvement in nurturing scientific curiosity in young minds.

Key Highlights:

Student-led Science Projects: Participants demonstrated innovative models and experiments, applying scientific concepts to solve real-world problems.

Judging Panel and Guests: The event was graced by Dr. Kalimul Haque and Mr. Bimal Kumar Patwari as special guests and judges Dr. Snigdha Roy and Dr. Shitanshu Chakraborty.

Award Ceremony: Best projects were recognised and awarded, encouraging students to pursue their interest in science with renewed enthusiasm.

Active Parental Engagement: Parents interacted with students and their projects, fostering a supportive atmosphere for scientific exploration.

Focus on Practical Learning: The event emphasised experiential learning and moving beyond textbook-based approaches to science education.

Key Outcomes:

- Boosted student confidence and enthusiasm in scientific research & innovation.
- Strengthened analytical thinking, creativity and problem-solving abilities.
- Valuable mentorship & constructive feedback provided by expert judges.
- Enhanced community involvement and support through active participation of parents.
- Strengthened inter-school collaboration, promoting peer learning & knowledge exchange.





Marie Curie-Meghnad Saha Science Conference 2025

To mark National Science Day, Ankuran Science Centre, Durgapur - along with Durgapur Adda Young Association – hosted the 5th Marie Curie-Meghnad Saha Science Conference at its Bidhannagar campus on February 28, 2025. Continuing its mission to foster scientific inquiry and critical thinking, the day-long event drew 300 students from 10 schools, along with teachers and community members. This annual conference aims to demystify Nobel Prize-winning research in Physics, Chemistry & Physiology for students in Grades 8 to 10, while promoting scientific awareness and rational thinking.

Key Highlights:

Physics: Dr. Somshukla Maiti explained AI research by Hopfield & Hinton on neural networks and machine learning.

Physiology: Dr. Arnab Ganguly discussed microRNA discoveries by Ambros & Ruvkun and their role in gene regulation.

Chemistry: Dr. Snigdha Roy presented Computational Protein Design by Baker, Jumper & Hassabis and its biotech applications.

Student Participation: Around 300 students from 10 schools engaged in Q&A and quiz sessions, reflecting strong enthusiasm for science.

Key Outcomes:

- Sparked greater curiosity in Nobel-winning science among middle and high school students.
- Improved understanding of cutting-edge research through simplified expert-led sessions.
- Encouraged interactive, question-driven learning through live discussions and quizzes.





Science Remedial Classes – Vigyan Jyoti Programme

The Vigyan Jyoti Programme, conducted by Ankuran Foundation, brought together 127 students from Classes 5 to 10 across six rural centres, offering them an accessible and empowering platform to explore science in a hands-on and engaging manner. Held twice a week throughout the 2024-25 academic year, the programme created an inclusive learning space where marginalised students could deepen their scientific understanding and build confidence through practical experimentation and peer interaction.

Key Highlights:

Hands-On Science Demonstrations: Sessions included simple, engaging experiments that made core scientific concepts easy to grasp and enjoyable.

Grade-Appropriate Learning Groups: Students were grouped by academic level for tailored guidance and effective peer learning.

Dedicated Faculty Support: Experienced facilitators offered conceptual clarity and encouraged curiosity through open questioning.

Inclusive Educational Environment: Welcomed students from under-resourced backgrounds, ensuring a safe, supportive space.

Community Involvement: Local educators and volunteers actively supported the sessions, strengthening ties with rural communities.

Key Outcomes:

- Fostered scientific curiosity & self-belief among students from marginalised backgrounds.
- Improved understanding of fundamental science through practical application.
- Encouraged regular participation and increased engagement in science classes.
- Created a rippling effect of curiosity and learning within local communities.
- Contributed to long-term educational equity by providing quality science learning experiences in underserved areas.





NETWORK DEVELOPMENT

Expansion into Tamil Nadu:

As part of its national outreach, Ankuran Foundation has partnered with the Government of Tamil Nadu to set up Ankuran Science Centres in Trichy and Madurai under a formal MoU. These centres aim to deliver immersive, hands-on science education while serving as hubs for community engagement and teacher training.

In Trichy, the centre is coming up on a 0.846-acre campus at the Govt. Adi Dravidar Boys Higher Secondary School, Pappakurichi Kattur, in collaboration with the Tamil Nadu Model Schools Society. Equipped with Internet, AV and computer infrastructure, it will serve over 10,000 students from nearby schools and colleges. The foundation stone was laid in July 2024 by Tr. Udhayanidhi Stalin, Deputy Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu. The Madurai centre, located on a 0.56-acre plot in Survey Ward 5, Block 67, will benefit over 11,000 students in the region and 20,000+ across the state. The foundation stone was laid in June 2025 by Dr. Palanivel Thiaga Rajan, Hon'ble Minister for IT & Digital Services.

Both centres will feature advanced Physics, Chemistry, Biology and Tinkering Labs, following the successful lab-based model from Durgapur, with a strong focus on first-generation learners. Set to open by early next year, they are already exploring partnerships with 24+ local schools to ensure strong regional integration.

Strategic Partnerships with Corporate and Philanthropists:

Ankuran Foundation is building long-term partnerships with corporate CSR divisions and philanthropists to expand and sustain its science education initiatives. Drawing from the success of the Ankuran Science Centre in Durgapur, which benefits over 1,500 students through hands-on, lab-based learning, we invite partners to adopt existing centres or sponsor flagship programs that promote curiosity-driven and practical science education.

The upcoming centres in Trichy and Madurai – developed in collaboration with the Government of Tamil Nadu and equipped with advanced labs, AV classrooms and outdoor learning spaces – offer a strong and scalable model for national impact. Through co-branded initiatives, naming opportunities and regular impact reports with measurable learning outcomes, partners gain both visibility and meaningful ownership. This structured collaboration ensures innovation, continuity, and long-term success through robust monitoring and evaluation for long-term success.

Scaling through Social Franchising:

To scale its Science Centre model across India, Ankuran Foundation plans to adopt a Social Franchising approach. Building on the success of its flagship centre in Durgapur and new hubs in Trichy and Madurai, the model empowers local educators, NGOs and community-based organisations to establish science centres under the Ankuran banner.

Under this framework, each franchised centre will receive end-to-end support – from curriculum and pedagogy training to lab setup and ongoing mentorship – while maintaining standardised quality and allowing for local adaptation. This decentralised approach enables rapid and cost-effective expansion and ensures that small towns and rural belts gain access to high-quality STEM learning ecosystems.



FOSBECCI Awards

Ankuran Foundation Receives Best NGO of the Year Award by FOSBECCI

Ankuran Foundation has been awarded the prestigious 'Best NGO of the Year' by FOSBECCI (Federation of South Bengal Chambers of Commerce and Industry), in recognition of its steadfast commitment to grassroots education and community development. The award ceremony brought together eminent personalities and leaders who praised the Foundation's innovative approach to hands-on science education, particularly its efforts to empower rural students through practical learning programmes. The recognition marks an important milestone in Ankuran's mission to make quality education both accessible and meaningful in under-resourced regions.

Key Highlights:

- The ceremony was attended by Mr. Bimal Patwari, CEO & Co-Founder of Pinnacle Infotech, Mr. Chandra Shekhar Ghosh, Founder & CEO of Bandhan Bank and Mr. Kabi Dutta, Chairman of ADDA.
- Mr. Chandra Shekhar Ghosh praised Ankuran's focus on practical science education for rural students.
- He later visited the Ankuran Science Centre in Durgapur, interacting with students conducting live experiments.
- This prestigious award highlights Ankuran Foundation's crucial role in bridging the gap between textbook knowledge and real-world application for young learners.





OUR FINANCIALS

Particulars	Amount For Current Year
Opening Balance	
Donation Received	6,60,000
Utilization Of Funds	
Expenses	
Consultancy Charges	4,21,550
Science Event Expenses	1,37,500
Professional Fees for Science Instructors(village- Vigyan Joti)	71,200
Professional Fees (Legal, Audit, etc.)	11,800
Printing & Stationery	9,440
Bank Charges	1,641
Travelling Expenses	860
Total	6,53,991
Expenses Disbursed	
Current Payable	7,270
Bank And Cash Balance	96,851.22
Net Assets	



OUR FINANCIALS

Sources of Funds

Donation Received:

Ankuran Foundation received a total of ₹6,60,000 in donations during FY 2024–25. These contributions were primarily from trustees and individual donors.

Utilization of Funds

- **Consultancy Charges:** Payments made to educational consultant engaged in designing, monitoring and improving science education initiatives and outreach programmes.
- **Science Event Expenses:** Covers costs associated with organising science exhibitions, talent quests, science clubs and practical demonstration events. These activities encourage student engagement and public participation in science.
- **Professional Fees for Science Instructors (Vigyan Jyoti):** Honorarium/ remuneration provided to instructors delivering hands-on science lessons in field-based learning environments for school children from Grades 6 to 12.
- **Professional Fees (Legal, Audit, etc.):** This includes legal advisory charges, accounting services, auditing and other compliance-related expenses required for operating a registered nonprofit organisation.
- **Printing & Stationery:** Expenses related to educational materials, activity sheets, science kits and other stationery items used in the delivery of workshops and classes.
- **Bank Charges:** Standard service fees and transaction costs levied by financial institutions on operational bank accounts.
- **Travelling Expenses:** Logistics and travel costs incurred by field educators, administrative staff and visiting experts to support village classes and community engagement efforts.

Balances

Bank and Cash Balance:

As on 31st March 2025, the foundation held ₹96,851.22 as available funds in its bank accounts. This reflects the remaining corpus after full disbursement of expenses for the current fiscal year.



OUR ROADMAP

Building on the success of our programmes at the Ankuran Science Centre in Durgapur, we are now set to scale our efforts, expanding reach, deepening impact and embedding scientific thinking into the heart of education systems across India.

Our upcoming initiatives include:

Scaling Impact Through School Partnerships & Flagship Science Centres

Following successful partnerships with ten schools in Durgapur, Ankuran aims to expand collaboration with government and private schools nationwide to integrate hands-on science into regular curricula. Simultaneously, we plan to establish flagship Science Centres in key regions featuring advanced labs, tinkering spaces and digital tools, built as model STEM learning hubs.

Enhancing Teacher Capacity for Practical Science Education

Drawing from our experience with faculty-led lab sessions and peer learning, we will launch expanded teacher training initiatives. These will empower educators to confidently deliver hands-on science sessions, promote inquiry-based learning and foster curiosity-driven classrooms using our proven methods.

Collaborating with Corporate CSR to Establish Ankuran Science Centres

With growing interest from corporate partners in our Durgapur model, we plan to set up more Model Science Centres through CSR collaborations. These centres will bring world-class science infrastructure to underserved regions, functioning as learning hubs for both students and communities.

Mobile Science Exploration Units for Remote Outreach

To reach underserved and remote areas, we will deploy Mobile Science Exploration Units: customised vehicles with portable lab kits, interactive exhibits and digital tools. Staffed by trained educators, these mobile labs will offer hands-on science learning to students in rural schools and community spaces, bridging the urban-rural divide and feeding into the broader Ankuran ecosystem.

Scaling the Vigyan Jyoti Model to Aspirational Districts

Our community-based demonstrative classes under the Vigyan Jyoti initiative have significantly increased science interest among rural students. Building on this success, we will replicate this model in more aspirational districts, prioritising first-generation learners and areas where formal lab access is minimum.



CONCLUSION

Expanding Access & Excellence in STEM Education

The year 2024-2025 has been transformative for Ankuran Foundation, marked by significant expansion, impactful events and deeper community engagement. With our growing presence in West Bengal and Tamil Nadu, Ankuran is poised to make science education accessible and engaging for thousands of students across India.

We express heartfelt gratitude to our supporters, partners, educators and students who continue to make this vision a reality.

Together, let's ignite young minds with the power of science!

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