

# Student Spotlight

## Aithapaka's Path to Purpose

Soham For Kids  
Educational Charity

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Aithapaka Sadvika has walked a difficult road, but today she stands as a symbol of strength, determination, and possibility.

Sadvika and her family once lived on the pavements of Mallapur, struggling every day to survive. Her father works as a helper, and the family's income was never enough to meet basic needs. Life at home was further strained by her father's alcohol addiction, which deeply impacted the family's wellbeing and stability. Her mother, overwhelmed and without resources, found it increasingly difficult to care for the children.



Sadvika's early experiences left her feeling isolated. She struggled to build friendships, and the pressure of her home environment eventually caused her to drop out of school in Year 3. In that vulnerable state, she fell under negative influences and developed a substance use disorder.

Recognising the urgency of her situation, members of the community referred Sadvika to Soham's Child Watch Programme. She was immediately given access to care and underwent a month of therapy and support at a government hospital. The transformation was profound. Once her health and strength began to return, Sadvika expressed a sincere and determined desire to return to school.

She started with non-formal education support to help rebuild her foundational literacy skills. Soon after, she enrolled in Grade 3 at Soham School. Today, she's thriving—taking part in competitions, and immersing herself in drawing and dance classes. Her confidence continues to grow each day.

With the support of Soham and her own inner resilience, Sadvika is creating a new path forward. She dreams of securing a job and building a bright, independent future for herself.

Her journey—from the margins of society to the heart of a classroom—is a powerful reminder of how education, care, and second chances can transform lives.

### Support and Facilities at Soham School

At Soham, we believe that a nurturing and well-rounded environment is essential for every child's growth. Our facilities and support include:

- Two wholesome, nutritious meals provided daily
- Seasonal fruits and healthy snacks during the day
- A well-equipped play area with toys and games
- All essential educational materials and school supplies
- Regular health care, including bi-annual check-ups by qualified medical professionals
- A first aid kit on campus for everyday care

Our dedicated teaching and support staff are committed to providing quality education in a safe, structured, and encouraging environment.

Every child is given the opportunity to thrive emotionally, socially, and academically.

### MISSION

To bring hope and happiness to children from the poorest communities by giving them access to quality education.

### VISION

To harness the transformative power of education to break the cycle of poverty - one child at a time.

### GOAL

By 2035, we aim to ensure that no child in our community is left without an education.

