

SiliconAndhra Mana Badi



Lunched in April 2007 on Ugadi day, SiliconAndhra Mana Badi attracted 350 students in twenty five centers across seven states across USA. 25 passionate volunteer teachers, using meticulously developed curriculum, are helping the students learn Telugu with enthusiasm. The response from students and parents has been tremendously positive. Building on this success, Mana Badi is coming close to your location across USA this September.



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UNESCO feels that all moves to promote the dissemination of mother tongues will serve not only to encourage linguistic diversity and multilingual education but also to develop fuller awareness of linguistic and cultural traditions throughout the world and to inspire solidarity based on understanding, tolerance and dialogue.

Taking inspiration from this, SiliconAndhra encourages children to appreciate the languages and culture of India and to become ambassadors of Indian culture to the American mainstream society as they grow up in today's global village. As you all know that Telugu language is at the very heart of SiliconAndhra's objectives. It is the most powerful instrument of preserving and developing our tangible and intangible heritage and culture. All of us who migrated from Andhra Pradesh dream that a formal school would be started to teach Telugu language, our mother tongue, to our children. Now that dream comes true in the form of **SiliconAndhra Mana Badi**.

It is a common adage that parents are the first teachers to their children. Despite the desire of migrated Telugu parents to teach Telugu to their young, yet one notices that the parents don't have the proper tools and methodology to teach Telugu to their children who happen to go to local schools in America where the medium of instruction is English and either Spanish or French is taught as a second language. **SiliconAndhra Mana Badi** would like to fill that void with formal teaching of Telugu.

The formal teaching implies a class room interaction between the teacher and a student, with a definite course outline and material for a given level. The teaching ends with an exam conducted to assess the student's performance.

SiliconAndhra team prepared Telugu language learning material in an unprecedented way with the support and guidance from highly reputed Telugu linguists, professors, teachers and institutes like Central Institute of Indian Languages, Mysore and Telugu University, Hyderabad. Several proven and advanced learning tools would be used in teaching Telugu in the '**Mana Badi**' in an interactive and interesting way to all kids. '**Mana Badi**' will be offering classes in a neighborhood close to where you live.

SiliconAndhra Mana Badi would be using the language drills and exercises developed after 35 years of research by CIIL linguists and academicians. SiliconAndhra would be using a 'Language Lab' to help the children with proper Telugu pronunciation to overcome their accent. We believe that this kind of extensive effort based on proper methodology would immensely help children learn Telugu with interest and excitement.

Mana Badi would have four levels of course work (Duration of one year each) and starts with Pravesam during 2008-2009 **Mana Badi** academic year –

1. Pravesam – One Year; 2. Prakasam – One Year; 3. Prabhasam – One Year; 4. Pramodam – One Year

At the successful completion of each year course, Potti Sriramulu Telugu Viswavidyalayam would be awarding a Certificate to all the students. SiliconAndhra is also working with Department of Education to get a foreign language credit for each student that completes the four years course.



In April 2007, SiliconAndhra started ‘**Mana Badi**’ classes in Northern California initially. **Mana Badi** classes are now being held in 25 centers in 7 states across USA. 350 students are learning Telugu every week in a very exciting live class room environment. 25 volunteer teachers went through training to teach Telugu in these classes.

Students and teachers have been provided with high quality teaching materials, work books, customized class notes, personalized binders, school bags and everything else that is required. The materials created a lot of excitement among the kids of all ages. Several kids who had never spoken Telugu at home started making sincere efforts to speak Telugu at home.

SiliconAndhra has formed Curriculum Development Team headed by experienced teachers who has prior training in child psychology and teaching methodologies in best schools in USA. SiliconAndhra also developed Teacher Training Programs, Teaching Kits, Lesson Plans and an Admin team to effectively support teachers, students and parents.

SiliconAndhra **Mana Badi** is hailed by students and parents alike as this is the best ever Telugu learning initiative that really made an excellent impact in a very short span of time.

This is the first of its kind program with structured lesson plans, total professional approach and proven teaching methodology of teaching Telugu as second language in a foreign country. SiliconAndhra would like put all this experience and the resources of its committed volunteers to full use and expand **Mana Badi** across all the states in USA. SiliconAndhra would like to start a **Mana Badi** class wherever ten students and a volunteer teacher are available. Already, we have received interest to start classes in several cities across USA.

SiliconAndhra would like to work with all the interested people hand in hand to spread Telugudanam all around. Let us work together to make the Telugu language learning experience as an exciting one for everyone involved.

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Enrollment Information

1. The first level, 'Pravesam' course will be offered during 2008-2009 Mana Badi academic year.
2. The classes will be held for two hours on weekends unless otherwise specified.
3. The student **MUST** have completed **6 years** as of September 1, 2008
4. The curriculum has been developed in a scientific way to impart Telugu as a second language.
5. Students would be exposed to Reading, Writing and Speaking of Telugu through various interactive methods by using different multimedia tools.
6. Mana Badi teachers are passionate volunteers who want to teach Telugu to youngsters.
7. Involvement of parents in Mana Badi classes is strongly encouraged and requested.
8. The students would be divided into two groups depending on their regular school grade level as of September 2008:
 - a. Juniors: Grades 1 – Grade 5
 - b. Seniors: Grades 6 – Grade 12
9. The academic year is divided into three Quarters
 - a. Sep '08 – Dec '08: I Quarter
 - b. Jan '09 – Mar '09: II Quarter
 - c. Apr '09 – Jun '09: III Quarter
10. One time **Registration Fee of \$50** and a **Tuition fee of \$300 per Year**. Fees should be paid by a check payable to **SiliconAndhra** before the due date. The due date for payment of fees are:
July 31, 2008 – Due \$350.00
11. SiliconAndhra provides course material and curriculum that are included in the fees.
12. Students also receive other supplies like three ring binders, pens, pencils etc.
13. The fees once paid are not refundable.
14. The following are the list of locations where the course is offered. The locations may change depending on the strength of enrollment. Any changes would be informed in advance.
15. The timings and days would vary by locations. Please check with the Mana Badi coordinator for timings of a particular location.
16. The students are required to maintain 90% attendance and pass the final examination (written/oral) to complete the course and receive the Certificate.
17. Telugu University would award a Certificate of Appreciation to all the students who successfully complete the course.
18. The Graduation Ceremony will be held on at the end of the Mana Badi academic year.
19. Once a location is decided, students may not change during the middle of a Quarter.
20. Good behavior is expected from all the students just like in the regular schools.
21. Bringing and picking-up of the students on time is a must.
22. Please mail the completed Application Form with Check for Tuition Fee to

SiliconAndhra, 20990 Valley Green Dr. Suite 615, Cupertino, CA 95014



2X2 passport size
photo of the student

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Student Registration Form

Student Information

Name: _____

Last

First

Middle

Suffix

Date of Birth: _____ Social Security Number: _____

Sex: _____

Grade: _____ School Name _____

Residence Address

Street number and name

Apartment #

City

State

Zip Code

Phone (Home)

Alternate number

Choice of Location _____

Telugu Proficiency Speak Understand Read Writes

Parent Information (If student is below age 18)

Father Name _____

Mother Name _____

Occupation _____

Email Id _____

Silicon Andhra Membership # _____

Do you speak Telugu at home Yes No Other _____

Can you read and write Telugu Yes No Other _____

Are you interested to volunteer Yes No

Other Interests _____



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TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Parental Responsibility

* Parents are responsible for dropping off children at the respective classrooms before the beginning of class and picking them back up at the end of each class - please do not drop off or pick up children at the curb. Please also do not leave children in classrooms until the appointed teacher has arrived.

* Parking is available near the locations/homes in which Mana Badi is conducted. Children and parents must use the designated crosswalks for going to and from the class location.

* Please plan to arrive a few minutes before the class time to allow for adequate time to park the car and walk your child to the respective classroom. This will help you be safe. Most unsafe conditions in parking lots are caused by delay induced rush.

2. Safety of Children Outside the Class

* SiliconAndhra cannot and will not be responsible for the safety or security of children outside class. Parents are responsible to make sure their children (especially the younger ones) have adult escorts or chaperones outside class hours.

* Please make arrangements to have your child escorted at the end of the class on time.

3. Mana Badi Classes

* At the end of each class, classrooms should be left in the same condition they were in prior to the start of class. Please do not remove anything from the classrooms or disturb any items in the classrooms as most of them would be held in someone's home.

4. Food, Drink, and Miscellaneous

* No food or drink allowed in any of the classrooms or assembly area.

* We welcome parental involvement in the running of Mana Badi. Please let us know if you are available to volunteer - there are many areas where we can use your help.

SiliconAndhra is 'Jagamantha Telugu Kutumbam'. Your help, support, guidance, co-operation and involvement will help make our family happy!

I have read, understood, and agree to comply with the Terms and Conditions above.

Signature of Parent



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Schedule of Weekend Classes

2008-2009

Month	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday
	Q1 Starts	Q1 Starts								
September	6	7	13	14	20	21	27	28		
October	4	5	11	12	18	19	25	26		
November	1	2	8	9	15	16	22	23	Thanksgiving Holiday	Thanksgiving Holiday
December	6	7	Q1 Finals 13	Q1 Finals 14	No Class 20	No Class 21	No Class 27	No Class 28		
January	Q2 Starts 3	Q2 Starts 4	10	11	17	18	24	25	31	
February		1	7	8	14	15	21	22	28	
March		1	7	8	14	15	Q2 Finals 21	Q2 Finals 22	Q3 Starts 28	Q3 Starts 29
April	4	5	11	12	18	19	25	26		
May	2	3	9	10	16	17	Memorial Day Holiday 23	Memorial Day Holiday 24	30	31
June	6	7	Q3 Finals 13	Q3 Finals 14						

Tuition Fee \$300 + \$50 Registration = Total \$350– **Due July 31, 2008**

Classes will be either on Saturday or Sunday (one day only) depending on the location