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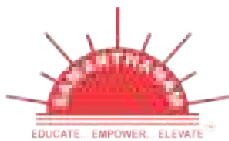
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An outstanding tribute to the
legendary actor Ambareesh

A grand celebration at
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The first ever 150 km run by
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SAMARTHANAM AT A GLANCE

Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled, founded in 1997, is an NGO working towards facilitating opportunities to enable persons with disabilities and the underserved to keep pace with the rest of the society by providing quality education, accommodation, nutritious food, vocational training and placement based rehabilitation. It was established by Founder Managing Trustee Mahantesh G Kivadasannavar along with his schoolmate and childhood friend, Late. Nagesh SP. The organization is affiliated to the World Blind Union and Rehabilitation International. Acknowledging the efforts, National Award for Child Welfare (2010) by Ministry of Women & Child Development, Government of India and National Award for Child Welfare (2014) in the institution category were awarded. Samarthanam also received the National Award for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities 2017.

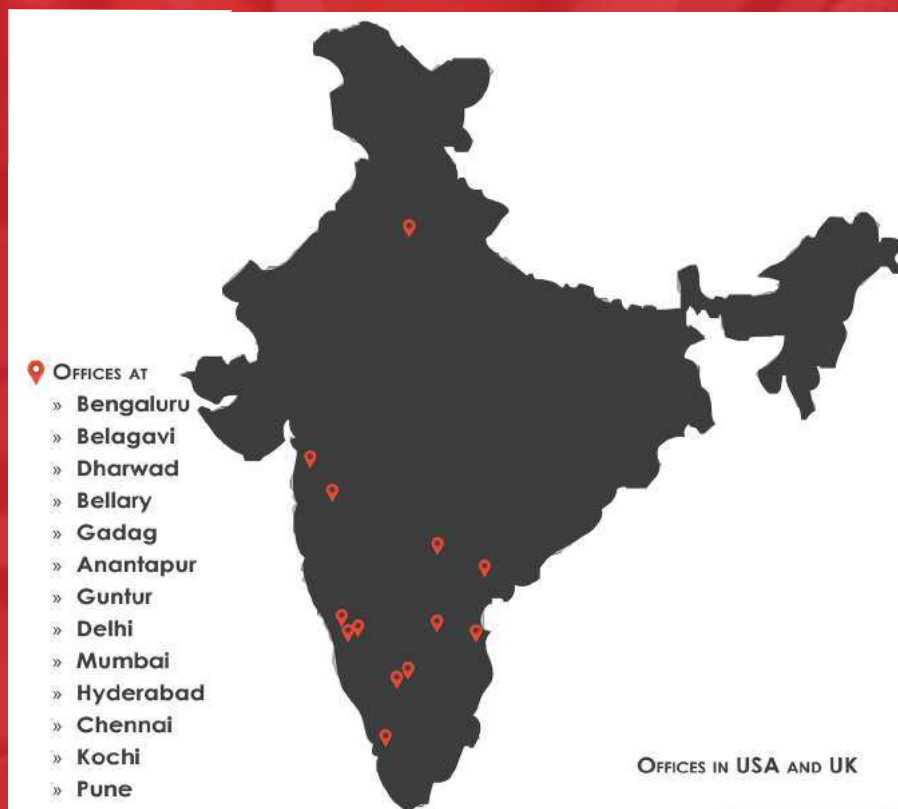
Samarthanam envisions to touch 100,000 lives by the year 2020

Vision

An inclusive society free from discrimination where persons with disabilities become contributing members, living with dignity and respect.

Mission

To empower visually impaired, disabled and underprivileged people through developmental initiatives focusing on educational, social, economic, cultural and technological aspects.





Samarthanam stepped into the year 2019 with greater expectations and the journey has been fruitful in the first quarter marked with events, celebrations and achievements directed towards the empowerment of the disabled. The beginning of the year has been glorious with brighter prospects down the line.

“We can,” is the attitude of people with disabilities and proving their ability, our visually impaired beneficiaries ran in the phenomenal Ultra Marathon, from Mysuru to Bengaluru. The effort and commitment was commendable, saying out loud to the society that our abilities speak more than our disabilities. I am thankful to the coach, supporters and guests who have encouraged the athletes cross the finish line.

Right to education and inclusive education have been one of our primary missions and taking a step towards establishing inclusivity, an MoU has been signed with Karnatak University launching an equal opportunity cell, a Tablab inaugurated, Tabs distributed to children with disabilities and inclusive sports encouraged at the schools. We are thankful to the Government and our partners in these alliances who have chosen Samarthanam to be the ideal organization for carrying out the task at hand.

“ *Our success stories have a lot to say about the changing scenario and Samarthanam ascribes its growth to people who have been a part of the journey for the past 22 years.* ”

I am truly grateful to the Government, sponsors, volunteers, well-wishers, donors and the team at Samarthanam who have always been my pillar of support all through the journey. It was not an easy expedition and I am glad to witness that Samarthanam’s vision of empowering the disabled is moving towards fruition.

One among our many ardent supporters was Sir Ambareesh, who had shared a valuable relationship with Samarthanam. He was a revered actor who was optimistic about our initiatives. To pay homage to the late Kannada actor, Samarthanam set the stage with Ambi Namana and gathered the most eminent artists of his time. The splendid musical charity concert helped us in funding the Disabled-friendly building in JP Nagar.

As Samarthanam moves ahead garnering equal respect and dignity for the disabled fraternity, we look forward to receiving unconditional support from our followers who have always believed in our cause.

Thank you.

Mahantesh GK
Founder Managing Trustee



NEWS CORNER

Samarthanam signs an MoU with Karnatak University

Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled signed an MoU with the prestigious Karnatak University at Dharwad on March 30, 2019. The signing of MoU will strengthen the equal opportunity cell – wherein Samarthanam can assist disabled students of Dharwad and affiliated colleges. The EoC will be a platform over the course of five years that will provide every student including students with disabilities an opportunity for equal access to education. This initiative will be a meaningful step towards reiterating the mission that every child is equal and that every single student can avail access to education and related assistance without getting left behind in the learning process.



The MOU was signed by the Registrar of the University, Professor Honna Siddhartha and Mr Mahantesh GK, Founder Managing Trustee of Samarthanam in the presence of professors Mr Pramod Gai, Professor Harish Ramaswamy Director, UGC - Human Resource Development Cell, Professor Vedamurthy and Mrs Vasanthi, Trustee Samarthanam. Mr Mahantesh GK expressed his delight at being associated with a prestigious university and said it is an honor and privilege to be investing in the lives of the disabled students.

Legendary singer Dr SP Balasubrahmanyam visits Samarthanam

The most popular South Indian playback singer, Dr SP Balasubrahmanyam, graced Samarthanam with his presence hours before his much awaited performance at 'Ambi Namana,' the charity musical concert organised in honour of late Kannada actor, Ambareesh.

Dr Balasubrahmanyam toured Samarthanam premises at HSR Layout, Bangalore along with Mahantesh GK, Founder Managing Trustee, Mr Shivaram, Indian actor Director along with trustees and program heads. He expressed great interest and appreciation towards the programmes and reach of Samarthanam. The positive encouragement received from highly revered personalities like Dr SPB motivates Samarthanam to serve the society and people with disabilities at large.





Our Boys have done us proud! CABI wins the Republic TV award

The Cricket Association for the Blind in India has yet again received another laurel. The National Blind Cricket Team was awarded the prestigious Open - Republic TV Awards under the “Special Jury mention - category”. The team was felicitated by the Union Law Minister Mr Ravi Shankar Prasad at a glittering Awards Ceremony at the Taj Palace on January 28th. The high profile ceremony was attended by the influential dignitaries of the country and distinguished guests namely Arnab Goswami and Sanjiv Goenka that saluted the tallest achievers of the country. Mr Mahantesh GK, Founder Managing Trustee of Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled and President of Cricket Association for the Blind in India received the award along with the Indian Blind Cricket Team. We express our gratitude to IndusInd Bank for being the exclusive supporter of Nagesh Cricket Tournament with the Finals of the inaugural edition season that was held at the iconic Eden Gardens on February 10, 2019. The continued support of IndusInd has enabled us to be recognized among India’s achievers.

We will continue to strive to defy all odds and overcome the barriers that hold us and make our country proud.

Inaugural edition of the Nagesh Trophy a huge success!

The inaugural edition of the IndusInd Bank Nagesh Trophy season 2018-19 was held at the iconic Eden Gardens on February 10, 2019 exclusively sponsored by the Corporate partner, IndusInd Bank. The Cricket tournament was named in memory and honor of Late SP Nagesh, Founder of Samarthanam trust, who was a friend, mentor and an avid cricketer himself and motivated every blind cricketer passionate about the sport to go beyond barriers.

After more than two months and 59 matches in which 23 teams from across the country battled each other, it was down to the last two states where Odisha took down Andhra to be crowned as the inaugural champion of the IndusInd Bank Nagesh Trophy season 2018-19. This match prepared and groomed the next rung of players for the country. This event aims to spread the momentum about the game and an increased awareness as it is being spread across various horizons of the country.



A journey of 22 years!



In 1997, a vision that was sown in the hearts of Mr Mahantesh GK and his school friend, Mr Nagesh SP conceived into Samarthanam, an organization that would be dedicated to serving people with all types of disabilities and given the type of support that can help them live full and productive lives. The journey has been remarkable with many milestones that has led persons with all types of disabilities to achieve their maximum level of sustainable independence as contributing, responsible and equal participants in society. We believe the need to work towards achieving our goals is universal, as setting goals and then working towards accomplishing them helps make life worthwhile.

The last year has seen the expansion of our work across India, promoting education and livelihoods, our work being honored by the nation and a stronger movement towards Digital Inclusion.



Ambi Namana, a charity concert tribute to the legendary Ambareesh

In honor of the well-known personality Late Mr Ambareesh, the concert 'Ambi Namana,' was organized on March 3rd and was attended by celebrity artists, singers, actors and guests from the film and music fraternity with close to 10000 attendees.

The famous South Indian playback singer, Dr SP Balasubrahmanyam opened the concert with his mesmerizing voice along with other singers Manjula Gururaj, Archana Udupa, Anuradha Bhat and others.

Ms Sumalatha Ambareesh inaugurated the event along with the Mayor Gangambike Mallikarjun. There were splendid dance and music performances by actors Ragini, Harshika along with a performance by the Sunadha troupe of Samarthanam.

The funds raised during this charity musical event will be channeled to support the construction of the Accessible Barrier Free (BFA) Residential building at JP Nagar for girl students with disabilities and the elderly.



Samarthanam celebrated its Anniversary

We celebrated our 22nd Anniversary with a grand gala event attended by corporate delegates, donors, well-wishers, media, supporters, and employees. Students and staff of Samarthanam put together amazing dance and stage shows. The event had the presence of chief guests Mr Shankar Narayan Reddy, Secretary HSR Club, Mr Ramesh Kumar, Social Worker, Dr Geetha Ramanujam, Founder and Academic Director, GR Educational Institutions and Ex Principal National College and Mr Anand Reddy and representatives from Corporates namely Deepti Moolya, Sr HR Manager, Happiest Minds, Vaishali Banerjee, Global Talent Partner – DXC Technologies, Prajeetha Prasad, Sr Manager HR, Nutanix, Ms Geeta Nataraj, HR Manager, Moog Motion Controls, Nagarajan, Director Finance, Moog Motion Controls.



“I am truly grateful for all the support received from individuals, corporates and government agencies that has enabled us to do incredible work and implement our programmes successfully and make a meaningful impact in 2019.”





Our founder's love for travel and speaking

Our founder Managing Trustee Mahantesh G Kivadasannavar, a bold visionary and disability leader enjoys travelling and meeting with people of different backgrounds. His zest for life, exemplary people skills and his love for inspiring people with his public lectures have had many amazed at his sense of imagination, boldness and insight. He brings out the best in people with his remarkable sense of humor, thoughtfulness and encourages his audience to work with a shared sense of purpose.



With his clear inspirational vision to empower the disabled, he is the prime example of commitment to his values and mission. He recently went on a whirlwind tour spanning several cities in India, covering 9000 kms by air, rail and even enjoyed a ride on a local truck.

In his own words, MGK says, “I had a fantastic, engaging and productive week - from meeting with dignitaries at the Ministry of Social Justice in Delhi that involved a grant, holding meetings with Corporates and listening in to exceptionally talented visually impaired singers in Mumbai to inaugurating development Centres in Kochi and Punjab, visiting schools in Chandigarh and finally receiving an award in the Capital. He hopes every week will be an eventful one filled with surprising packages.

“I had a fantastic, engaging and productive week - from meeting with dignitaries at the Ministry of Social Justice in Delhi that involved a grant on Jan 28, 2019, holding meetings with Corporates on Feb 1, 2019 and listening in to exceptionally talented visually impaired singers in Mumbai on Feb 2, 2019 to inaugurating development Centres in Kochi and Punjab on Feb 29, 2019, visiting schools in Chandigarh on Jan 31, 2019 and finally receiving an award in the Capital on Jan 28, 2019.”



Some of his key talks include his speech at Kleuber Hyderabad on Feb 6, 2019 forum on Inclusion and Accessibility towards a just, equitable, humane and sustainable society at the Azim Premji Foundation on March 15, 2019, his presence at the Microsoft ACE Awards- Architects of Excellence on March 31, 2019 where he felicitated the winners and also gave an inspiring speech to the top executives and corporate professional gathering, delivering a guest talk at the refresher course for Science Assistant Professors from different cities at the Karnatak University, Dharwad on March 30, 2019.

Thank you for continuing to inspire us and transforming the world with your vision.

International Women's Day at Samarthanam

In honor of this year's International Women's Day, Samarthanam highlighted the contributions that the women workforce brings to the table. A celebration was organized at its Bangalore office. The women workforce was addressed by the Founder Managing Trustee, Mr Mahantesh GK, who also gave out roses to all the beautiful women who have been efforting for the organization's well-being at large.



First ever trailblazer-

Ultra Marathon from Mysuru to Bengaluru

Five visually impaired runners embarked on a historic run on January 23rd supporting the cause of inclusion for the disabled and ably completing the ultra marathon successfully. The training and mentoring provided to the athletes have come a long way in shaping the runners to keep going. The Honorable Queen of Mysuru Her Highness Rajmata Pramoda Devi Wadiyar, Shri Mahantesh G K. Founder Managing trustee, Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled flagged off the run. Mr Milind Soman, Founder of Pinkathon and celebrity runner cheered them on their feat.

At the 150k Ultramarathon closing ceremony in Bengaluru on Jan 25, the visually impaired marathon runners sprinted over to the Kanterava stadium to receive their medals just a few hours after completing the historic 150K Ultramarathon.

Mr Mahantesh, Founder Managing Trustee, presented the citations of achievement and cheered on the winners. A gift cheque of 10K was presented to each of the runners from Samarthanam. He urged on the audience to dream big and look beyond barriers.

Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled has received a gift of 75K for the 6 visually impaired runners as announced by the Karnataka Olympic Association and 75K from Mr Govindaraj, Member of Legislative Council and President of the Karnataka Olympic association. The runners were also awarded 10K each from the Department of Youth Affairs and Sports. The Founder thanked the KOA and DYAS and stated that the encouragement and support will go a long way in meeting the aspirations and training needs of the athletes.

Samarthanam aims to keep up the momentum in continuing to empower the lives of the disabled. The run had a strong team of guide runners accompanying the visually impaired runners.

FIRST EVER ULTRA MARATHON

A run towards
disability inclusion



- » 150km distance Mysuru to Bengaluru
- » 23 to 25 January, 2019
- » Flag-off - Hon Queen of Mysuru, Rajmata Pramoda Devi Wadiyar
- » Celebrity Runner - Milind Soman

Visually Impaired Athletes

Mala Kolkar
Nandeesh Janardan
Sunitha N.D
Renuka Rajput
Kavya
Ajay Eranna



Cricket matches across Samarthanam centres

The 4th State Level Cricket Tournament for the Blind at Belagavi brought together 18 blind cricket teams who played with great enthusiasm. Matches were played from 18th to 20th January, 2019. The inauguration witnessed the presence of Ramachandran, CEO of Belagavi Zilla Panchayat, Dr. Praveen, CSR Head of Aequs company, Mahantesh G K, Founder Managing Trustee and Udaykumar Y B, Trustee, Samarthanam along with the LRC staff. Belagavi team and Ramanagara team headed to the finals and the winning trophy was lifted by Ramanagara team. A medical eye camp was also organized for the blind cricket players of B2 and B3 category.

Blind cricket matches was organized as part of Tata Communications volunteering activity at their Pune campus. The players from Tata acquainted with our players before starting on a 12 over match on the first day and Samarthanam team had won the play. The second match was taken over by the Tata team. It proved to be a fun experience for both players and volunteers.



Young singing prodigies rock the stage at Radio Udaan show

Singing prodigies rocked the grand finale of the Radio Udaan show in Mumbai with their talents by belting out classic numbers. At Samarthanam, we look beyond disabilities and encourage young people to nurture their talent and give it their best. The grand finale in association with Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled was held in Mumbai on 2nd February 2019. The show began way back in May 2018 and out of 155 Visually Impaired participants selected through online musical rounds, 17 made it to the finals. At the finale, Mr Mahantesh Kivadasannavar, Founder Managing Trustee of Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled, commended the efforts of the artists and stated that Samarthanam always believed in abilities and supported the efforts of PwDs. The finale was judged by prestigious personalities namely renowned Punjabi singer Dolly Guleria, Ghazal Singers Chandan Das and Ghanshyam Vaswani and Playback Singer Dilraj Kaur. We congratulate the winners and wish them the very best!



A step towards inclusive education for children

One among the many schemes to provide quality education to children with disabilities by Chandigarh Government was to launch Resource Centres alliance with Samarthanam Trust. An MoU was signed by Samarthanam with Chandigarh Government under Samagrah Shiksha Scheme under which inclusive education is provided to children with different disabilities from class 1 to 12. As a part of the MoU, Tablets (electronic) were provided to 5 existing Resource Centers in Chandigarh which have been developed exclusively for children with disabilities. These resource centers provide specialized support to approximately 2200 children with disabilities. It is expected that 500 children with different disabilities would be covered through the Tablets provided by Samarthanam Trust who would be learning using digital technology.

The first TabLab in Punjab opens doors to inclusive education

Samarthanam in collaboration with Department of School Education, Government of Punjab, inaugurated the first Tablab in Chandigarh for children with disabilities on 31, Jan 2019. An MoU was signed between Samarthanam and the two State Governments of Punjab and UT of Chandigarh with the major task of developing modules on inclusive education in the likes of teacher training, establishing Tablabs, formation of a music band for children with disabilities and training a young cricket team with visually impaired players.

Training on Inclusion by
Samarthanam across



Punjab



40365
teachers trained



28141
schools



Chandigarh



200
teachers trained

The Tablab has been set-up in a Government Middle School in Mohali and would be used by 60 children with disabilities. The lab was inaugurated by Prashant Kumar Goel, IAS, Director General, School Education and Mahantesh GK, Founder Managing Trustee, Samarthanam.

Tab distribution at Chandigarh



A walk to support inclusive education

Samarthanam Mumbai organized 'Walk the World' Mumbai walkathon, a charity initiative led by Informa India. The employees walked a stretch of 9 kms on 20 March, 2019 at Marine Drive which drew enthusiasm among the walkers. The objective was to promote inclusive Education where students with disabilities have an equal opportunity to education. The funds raised will be used for the Higher Education Program in Mumbai towards the higher education of differently abled students.



In his thanksgiving speech, Mr Mahantesh G K. appreciated the noble gesture by Informa and assured to have a long association with them for our different projects. The concluding function was organized at Catholic Gymkhana attended by the beneficiaries of Samarthanam.

STORIES OF CHANGE

Vandana hails from the city of Belagavi. Her locomotor disability did not deter her spirit from having a normal childhood at school. However, life threw challenges at her, when she lost her dad at 9 years of age. Being the oldest of 3 girls, she had to be responsible to care for her mother and siblings. Life took another turn as she went through turbulent times, lost track of her career, with distant hope of the future. She sought the help of Swadhara - the home at Samarthanam that welcomed her with open arms. Following her graduation, Vandana took up the 3 month BPO course at Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled and was ready to face interviews. But she failed repeatedly at interviews. Dejected, she wanted to give up, but with the moral support of the trainers and placement officer at Samarthanam encouraged her to keep going and in 2018 she landed herself a job with AIG as an underwriting Analyst. Vandana beams with joy and is confident of the future. Her heart is full as she thanks Samarthanam for all the ways it has helped her to never give up and look ahead with confidence. She assures us she will excel at her work!

Vandana is among the scores of lives we have worked to transform bringing about a holistic development, nurturing beneficiaries to brave the realities and fight on!



"I am more confident of my future. I am financially independent and can support my family now."



NEWS FROM INCLUSIVE SAMARTHANAM SCHOOLS

Our students have actively engaged in sports and other extracurricular activities despite their challenges. Here is a glimpse of their activities

- Exposure visits to Samarthanam: Sherwood High, Arpana Special School, Anviti Insurance, Jain College and Christ Academy students visited our ID and Primary school and interacted with the students
- Sports events: 'IIMB Run for a cause,' a unique sports event by IIMB, a marathon by Karnataka State Highways Improvement Project – KSHIP at Kanteerava stadium, Annual Sports Meet at BBMP grounds, marathon by Rotary Bangalore Raja Rajeshwari nagar centennial at Mindtree Global village Campus, Bhoomi – Sports 2019 at BM English School by Bhoomi NGO and cycling competition by Special Olympics Bharat.
- Sahana charitable Trust organized a fancy dress competition for the children with special needs and ID school students took part in the event winning first prize.

HIGHER EDUCATION



A Blood Donation Camp in collaboration with Indian Red Cross Society on National Youth Day



"Pick and Speak" competition on National Youth Day



"Need Analysis" workshop organized by Dr. Sheshagiri for clearing the competitive exams



'Lead Program,' a leadership development program for college youth

VOLUNTEERING ACTIVITIES AT SAMARTHANAM SCHOOLS

- Service Learning Activity for VMware employees led by the ID school staff who taught them making of wall-hangings and penstands with crafting material.
- Corporates such as WIPRO, HSBC, VM WARE conducted educational and fun activities for the children of the ID school
- Fitness and arts being is a new addition to the curriculum of ID school kids with a fitness trainer training the students on Zumba, music, Yoga and karate classes by an expert Brillio Technologies Private Limited visited Samarthanam to inaugurate the new project – Digital needs for Primary and ID school.
- Samarthanam ID school children took part in the shoot of a song for Vasu Dixit's album 'Aagalla Anbeda,' which had a positive message on perseverance
- The students of vocational training unit involved in a product making activity with volunteers from Fidelity and Shop X, prepared paper roses as part of the activity.
- Volunteers from VMware, Citi Bank, Christ University, Tact.ai, RBS, Fidelity conducted fun and educational activities for students of primary school.
- Events participated: 'Methods and Madness in Science' on National Science day at BGS National Public school, Prabhar Pheri (Procession) by Swadeshi Sangha on National Youth Day, cultural event 'Manzil-2k19' by Share a Smile, cultural event by HP, and Dream Camp for personality development by Make a Difference.



ID school kids in Vasu Dixit's album



Volunteers from Brillio

A little bit of support and encouragement can go a long way in molding a child's personality.

Eleven year old Nikhil is an active and bright student who belongs to an economically backward family. Though he was highly interested in learning and school, Nikhil's family could not afford his educational expenses. Unfortunately since his father passed away, Nikhil's family had to deal with additional financial crisis. Nikhil joined Samarthanam when he was in Grade one. He took some time to settle in the school and with the consistent encouragement by his teachers he picked up pace both in learning and sports.

"He is a very sharp kid and his level of understanding is high. Nikhil has a good memory and is respectful to others. I believe he is going to do great," says Nikhil's Class Teacher. Nikhil wants to be either a doctor or an engineer and Samarthanam is proud to be supporting a student with hardworking attitude.

STORIES OF CHANGE





SKILLING CENTRE BANGALORE

- Analog Devices Inc. signed an agreement with Samarthanam on a project called 'Project Playtime' which is primarily focused on developing a technology based recreational toy for the differently abled. Samarthanam will be extending its expertise and testing the accessibility.
- Awareness session on the importance of women empowerment was organized for the female candidates.
- Microsoft employees received an orientation on Braille writing skills which proved to be interesting and informative for the participants
- A consulting firm had an interactive session with the visually impaired trainees and staff to understand the features which can be added in the devices manufactured by them, increasing accessibility.

INTERVIEWS AND PLACEMENTS



WORKSHOPS

The following workshops helped foster a learning environment, introduce a new concept, and promotes a sense of community

- Workshop on Hackathon organised by Inclusive STEM which primarily focuses on assistive aids for the visually impaired.
- Vision Aid workshop on Mobile and Braille Technology for the visually impaired
- Intel's training program on mobile servicing for differently abled youngsters
- SEBI organized workshop on investor education and financial planning on managing finances



SKILLING CENTRE KOCHI

The DDUGKY skilling centre in Kochi was formally inaugurated in the month of January in the presence of MLA of Kochi, K J Maxi and Mahantesh GK, Founder Managing Trustee. The centre has successfully trained candidates in the first two batches with an average 96% pass percentage.



SKILLING CENTRE PUNE



Industrial visit to Mapro Foods Private Ltd



A session on English and soft skills by the staff of Symbiosis School of Liberal Arts



Mobilization field visits to Fergusson College, Sarthak NGO and Poona Blind School



Braille-it-up volunteering activity for Tata volunteers

NIPUNA GUNTUR



Graduation Day



Session on career prospects in commerce industry by Mr Nanda Kishore, a prominent Chartered Accountant and Managing Director of Sri Medha Institute of commerce

NIPUNA ANANTAPUR

Sportstars shine at Para Olympics

Students from Nipuna skilling centre Anantapur participated in the District level PARA Olympics sports competitions held at Anantapur. It was organized by “District Kreedha Sadhikara Samithi Anantapur”, AP Government. Five were selected for State Level Sports, later held at Indira Gandhi Stadium in West Godavari District, who brought home medals in Shot-put, Running Race and Long Jump. The selected beneficiaries will receive practical training by the District Sports authorities to make them ready for the National PARA Olympics Sports Meet scheduled for April 2019.

Para Olympics



Industry visit

An industrial tour to M/S M.G.M Metallic Springs Pvt Ltd was organized for the students and staff of Anantapur LRC. A detailed demonstration on the manufacture and usage of machinery and the designing of various springs was provided to the students, along with a quick look at the work environment.



Industrial visit

Career guidance and motivation sessions

Samarthanam Team organized various motivation sessions led by the Athletics coach of District Sports Authority, employees of Med Plus, Assistant Technical Director of Rural Development Trust and a Professor of Sociology from Hyderabad Central University.

STORIES OF CHANGE

Moguram Sowmya is a partially blind individual who also suffers from melanin pigment deficiency from birth. She belongs to a farming family from the State of Telangana. Financial difficulties have burdened the family but did not stop her from achieving her only goal of being an engineer. After completing Diploma in Electrical & Electronics from State Board of Technical Education, Telangana, she pursued B.Tech and wanted to continue on the same path. Being deprived of disability scholarships, Sowmya sought the help of Samarthanam Higher Education Programme and prepared for exams conducted by Telangana State Service Commission. She secured a job as a Sub-Engineer with Telangana State Northern Power Distribution Company Limited (TSNPDCL). Sowmya expresses her gratitude for the support received and stands as a true inspiration for many people with disabilities.



SKILLING CENTRE MUMBAI



A motivational session led by MBA volunteers



**A visit by CSR head of Godrej and Boyce Industries
Ms. Ashwini Deodeshmukh and Mr. Mahajan**

SKILLING CENTRE HYDERABAD



Professors of Madras Christian College, Department of Social Work, visit as part of Study Tour



**Braille reading session for
Madras Christian College professors**

SKILLING CENTRE CHENNAI



Mock interview sessions by the placement officer



**Braille-it-up activity by TATA volunteers
for visually impaired girls**

SKILLING CENTRE DELHI

Samarthanam Delhi Skilling Centre successfully placed 12 candidates across Spark Minda, Samarthanam and Tara Tech this quarter who are currently undergoing on-the-job training and would begin working soon.

SKILLING CENTRE BALLARI



Interactive session with Akamai team

SKILLING CENTRE GADAG



Motivation session by
B.D. Tatti Memorial Charitable Trust

SKILLING CENTRE DHARWAD

- Hubballi-Dharwad Walk-a-thon is an annual event organized at Dharwad to raise awareness on a social cause. The 4th Walkathon was initiated to raise awareness on the abilities of the disabled fraternity in the society and also to convey Samarthanam's cause to the people.
- On the occasion of TATA Joy of Week for the year 2019, TATA Motors volunteers conducted various learning activities for the students.



SKILLING CENTRE BELAGAVI

- The speech and hearing impaired individuals from Belagavi LRC took part in the National Deaf Senior Sports Championship. Medals were won in Volley Ball, Swimming, Wrestling and Basket Ball.
- Devotional sessions have been organized by Amma Bhagavan team and Divine Park group.





- Parisara is a waste management service provider set in Bangalore with focus on creating a waste free environment and constantly works on building sustainable technologies. Parisara also works on raising awareness on the importance of waste management.
- Parisara steps into wet waste management with ‘Suchitha,’ the food waste to manure converter. Suchitha is a waste management system installed at Samarthanam premises with sponsorship from NTT Data. The system proved to be resourceful in converting the 70-80 kgs of food waste generated by Samarthanam in a day into manure.
- Parisara’s training programme in paper cups and leaf plates making, along with Suchitha producing organic manure, is providing employment opportunities for persons with speech, hearing and intellectual disabilities.

**1,94,959
kg dry waste
collected for
recycling**

**694 kg
food waste
converted
into 234 kg
manure**

**Bio-product
range: Leaf
plates, paper
cups, organic
manure**



‘Suchitha,’ the food waste to manure converter



Paper cup making

Samarthanam is planning on establishing a Dairy Farm at Kodikonda Check Post in Andhra Pradesh which would aid in sustaining the project, provide employment to the disabled and also the produce would be utilized by Samarthanam beneficiaries in Andhra Pradesh.

**Support Samarthanam’s Dairy Farm initiative.
Please contact Samarthanam at +91 9480809586 for further details.**



World Blind Cricket organized its 21st AGM

The World Blind Cricket Ltd 21st AGM was held at Kathmandu on Dec 10 and 11 and was attended by Mr GK Mahantesh, Mr John David and Mr Rajanish Henry. Mr Mahantesh GK and Mr Rajanish Henry were re-elected unopposed as the President and Regional Development Director, Asia respectively.

Mahantesh GK, President of World Blind Cricket expressed great happiness on the way blind cricket is progressing and the amount of participation being witnessed. He said, "I feel honored to be reelected as the President of WBC. The game of blind cricket possesses immense potential and is a perfect platform for the aspiring cricketers to show their talent. I am positive that WBC is going to make complete efforts for the benefit of blind cricket."

Sports routine for Samarthanam schools

An everyday physical activity routine was established for the school children. Students are being trained everyday for 30 to 45 minutes on an activity for 6 days of the week. Games such as Kabaddi, Badminton, Floor ball, Marshal Arts, Foot ball have been introduced along with coaching, equipment, and a safe sporting ambience set up. Organized sports are introduced for children with special needs with the help of trained professional coaches.

Sports competitions

Primary and high school students participated in Nakshatra 2018-19 and Bhoomi's National inter-children's home talent festival in sports winning many medals and certificates.

Annual sports day

Energy and enthusiasm filled the air on Samarthanam annual sports day, organized with close to 95 various events arranged for students and 75 sports activities for staff.

“ STORIES OF CHANGE

A young achiever who never looked back

Sunitha N is an arts student studying in Bengaluru and a sports enthusiast. Visual impairment was never a hurdle to Sunitha who has been breaking records with her sports achievements all through her student years.

With an exceptional interest in sports, she participated in various athletic events such as wall climbing, running including Cricket that won her prizes. Her first outstanding achievement was winning the first prize at the National level wall climbing event held at Jammu setting a record in the "India Book of Records." She is the first visually impaired Indian runner to finish a full marathon completing 42.2 km in 5 hours. She also enjoys rock climbing and Cricket. Currently Sunitha plays for the Karnataka Cricket team and wishes to be a part of the Indian team in the future. Her latest achievement was being a part of Ultra Marathon, where she ran 150 kms from Mysore to Bangalore.





SUNADHA

Sunadha is the cultural troupe of Samarthanam with disabled artists who excel in various classical dance and music forms. This quarter Sunadha was invited to perform at various events including;

- The see-off and felicitation ceremony organized for the Indian Para-Olympics team before departing to Abu Dhabi for Special Olympics
- Kannada Sahitya Sammelana at Dharwad
- Karibasaveshwar Gaddige Jathra, Davangiri, the annual fair held during a religious festival where many cultural organizations gather to perform on stage set-up for the pilgrims.
- 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao,' a special programme organised by the Regional Outreach Bureau, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting along with Ministry of Women and Child Development, Karnataka region.
- Hampi Utsav
- Ambi Namana



Kannada Sahitya Sammelana



'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao'

WORKING WOMENS HOSTEL

- Samarthanam Working Womens Hostel students, Suneetha, Renuka and Mala were a part of the Ultra Marathon, the 150km in three days long run from Mysore to Bangalore.
- Students from the hostel also took part in the March-past at Manekshaw Parade Grounds during the Kannada Rajyotsava celebrations.

VOLUNTEERING CORPORATES

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HSBC	Flipkart
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ANZ	KPMG
SCB	

SOCIAL AWARENESS VISITS

- 100 students from Greenwood High International
- 120 fellows from Deshpande Foundation (Lead Program)
- 12 students from University of Zurich
- 70 students from Christ Academy
- 14 students from Silver Oak School

37 STUDENTS FOR INTERNSHIPS FROM

Jindal Global Law School	The Oxford College of Arts
IFIM Law College	IFIM Management College
Banjara Academy	St Joseph College- Pilathara
Mar Elias College - Kerala	Kannur University- Kerala
St. Joseph's College of Law	Dept of Media studies- Christ
Jain University	University

HIGHLIGHTS

- Target International organized a one day fun trip for the primary school students to Discovery village, Kanakapura.
- An activity called 'Braille it up' was organized for Microsoft where Samarthanam visually impaired students taught the volunteers on how to read and write Braille. It was a fun learning session where volunteers could read alphabets and numerals in Braille and superbly enjoyed the session.
- Oracle organized 'Science day' for Samarthanam children who had an opportunity to learn the basic science concepts and conducted experiments in the same lines along with words on the significance of science and technology.
- Samarthanam organized 13 volunteering activities with Tata Communications across 6 centres. Six matches were played with Samarthanam blind cricket team along with several other activities which were conducted across the LRC centres.



40

volunteering
activities



33

corporates



628

volunteers



2067

hours of
service

SAMARTHANAM DIGITAL LIBRARY



321
volunteers
visited



156
demo
presented



1596
books
uploaded







1897
books
recorded



New reading formats
of Daisy 2.2, Daisy
2.0, ePUB, ePUB text
introduced



this quarter		till date	
	1389 Audio books		2092 Scanned pages
	5600 Braille books		8461 Regular books

Highlights:

- Visitors from Zurich University received a demo on the OBI (Oriented Book Index) tool which generated an interest among the students
- James Carter, a senior leader from Wells Fargo from the United States visited and interacted with the library team and understood the process of digitizing books for the visually impaired.
- Swami Nirbhayananda Saraswathi, President of Ramakrishna-Vivekananda Ashrama, visited Samarthanam Digital library and the recording studio. He also made a recording on his observations of Samarthanam's work
- Digital library has been engaged in teaching computer and English classes to the primary school children from this quarter.

SAMARTHANAM OVERSEAS

- Samarthanam's Overseas team has brought in sponsorships for the noon-meal programme in India. Many supporters are coming forward to support the programme for the welfare of children.
- Samarthanam is to sign an MOU with HSN Car Rentals, a US-based company who offered its customer services unit to be handled by Samarthanam telecallers based in Bangalore.
- Ambi Namana, the musical charity event held in Bangalore, received financial contribution in the form of donations from overseas supporters.
- Mr. Naresh Suryaprakash, Samarthanam supporter in Germany proposed organizing cultural programmes by Samarthanam with Kannada Sanghas in Frankfurt and other major cities across Germany.
- Mr. Mohd. Khatri has been identified to support UK operations
- Initiated partnership to run "My Body Is My Body" Programme, UK in Samarthanam schools in India to educate children on child abuse and its prevention.
- Initiated partnership with RIN Academy (Hindustan Unilever Initiative) for online training of LRC candidates PAN India on Soft Skills and English Speaking skills.

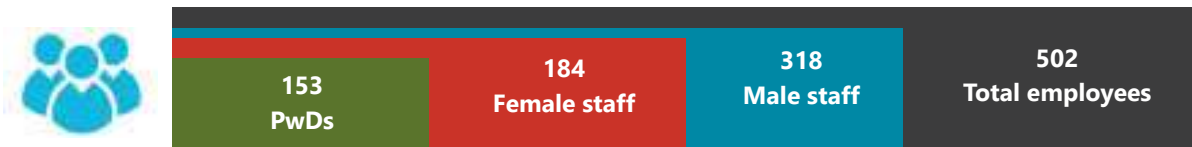


SAMARTHANAM HUMAN RESOURCES

The human resources team at Samarthanam has been the backbone in organizing the following events namely Samarthanam 22nd Anniversary Celebration, Annual Sports Day, International Women's Day, regional festivals, New Year, National Youth Day, team outings as part of employee engagement and Six Sigma training.

- A Blood Donation Camp was organized to encourage the activity among employees.
- The meticulous task of handling the ticket sales across various platforms for Ambi Namana was well carried out and efficiently managed by the HR team.

Management would like to thank the entire Samarthanam team for organizing the Ambi Namana concert successfully and tirelessly working towards the ticket sales and sponsorships.



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