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**CABI Awards Night  
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Enriching the unbound talent of  
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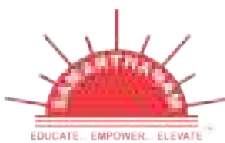
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## SAMARTHANAM AT A GLANCE

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.

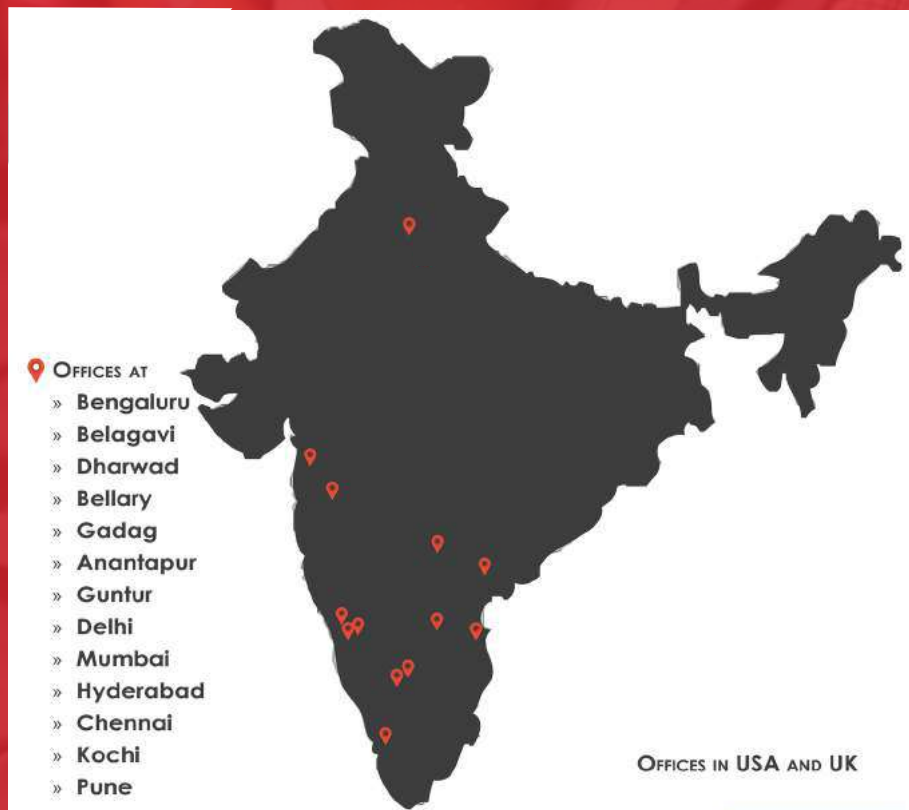
**Samarthanam envisions to touch 100,000 lives by the year 2020**

### Vision

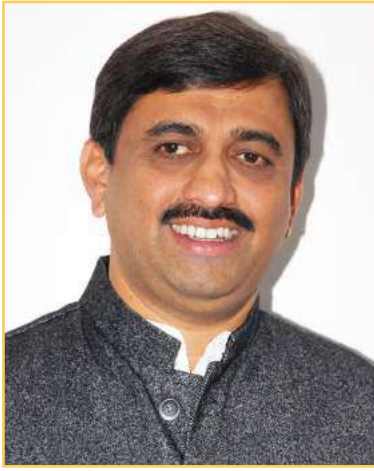
An inclusive society free from discrimination where persons with disabilities become contributing members, living with dignity and respect.

### Mission

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



# FROM THE FOUNDER



## Mahantesh GK

Founder Managing Trustee, Samarthanam Trust  
President, Cricket Association for the Blind in India  
President, World Blind Cricket

The society expects less of people with disability. But barely do we realize that the disabled also have the potential of any normal person. “Disability is not an obstacle to success,” said Stephen Hawking who always believed in perseverance. Samarthanam has taken a stand to advocate for the rights of people with disabilities in 1997 and more than two decades down the road, our organization has led more than 60,000 lives to independence. We take pride in our beneficiaries who have defied all odds and worked their way up to success.

This quarter, Samarthanam’s initiatives like Skill-ability, National Congress, Talent Hunt, Pedal-o-thon, CABI Awards Night and more have been our sincere efforts towards providing the support system to people with disabilities with different needs. The Skill-ability project, launched in support of ABB company, is going to transform the disabled youth into skilled professionals and we greatly thank ABB for their generous support and belief. Alongside, the National Congress, led by Thomas Krauss and hosted by Samarthanam, sent out a strong message that inclusion is the need of the hour. We greatly admire the panel members at the Congress who advocated for the empowerment of the disabled. I am thankful to Thomas Krauss for giving us an opportunity to voice our thoughts.

It was an enchanting evening filled with music at the Talent Hunt event which pulled together artists with disabilities from various geographies and sectors. The stage was laid to encourage budding artists who have unbound talent in dance and music and to bring out the artistic self among people with disabilities. The select few will be further groomed by Samarthanam Sunadha to perform on National and International platforms.

To honor our blind cricket players who made the entire country proud with their marvelous cricketing talent and achievements, CABI organized an Awards Night at the KSCA Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru. Our heroes of blind cricket have displayed sheer talent across many World Cup tournaments and stand strong to be the only team to win all formats of International cricket. Congratulations to every player who has been a part of the game of cricket. The evening also announced the CABI members elected after the AGM held earlier and I welcome the new members aboard and look forward to working together for broadening the prospects for blind cricket.

As a part of our meet and greet, Samarthanam was glad to welcome various corporate and Government officials to interact with our team and beneficiaries. The visits and interactions by our well-wishers gives our vision a major boost and assurance that we are moving in the right direction. We look forward to receiving the same support as we move ahead accomplishing vision 2020.

As we step into a new financial year we would like to thank the corporates, Government, donors, sponsors and volunteers who have always stood by my side in delivering the best. Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mahantesh GK'.

Mahantesh GK



# NEWS CORNER

## An honor to remember!

It was a moment to remember when Mahantesh GK, Founder Managing Trustee of Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled, President of Cricket Association for the Blind in India (CABI) and World Blind Cricket Ltd (WBC) was nominated for the prestigious “Namma Bengaluru Award 2019” under the Best Citizen of the Year category. Mahantesh was one among the eight finalists nominated for the award and we are thankful to the jury for the recognition and believing in our cause. It inspires us to keep up the good work and move ahead on the road to inclusivity and empowerment.



## Cycling along the specially-abled with Pedal-o-thon

Raising the energy levels a notch higher, a cycling marathon was organized by Samarthanam Mumbai and Oberoi International School Mumbai together for persons with disabilities. Named Pedal-a-thon, the event witnessed great enthusiasm from the specially-abled and the students of the school.

Pedal-a-thon was held on 14th April, 2019 at MMRDA Grounds BKC, Mumbai and largely served its purpose of erasing the stigma often associated with the specially-abled community and promoting equality.



## Vehicle support by Manhattan Associates

Manhattan Associates, INC has supported Samarthanam with two Bolero vans for the Mid Day meal project. Ushasri T.S, Senior Vice President, Subramanian Srinivasan, Regional Finance Director and Sathish Govindan, Senior Manager, Facilities were part of the inauguration. Manhattan Associates have been supporting Samarthanam Higher education program from 3 years and we are thankful for their generosity.



## Enriching the talent of disabled artists

An inclusive Talent Hunt Competition for People with Visual Disabilities was organized at Samarthanam premises in Bengaluru on June 29 and 30th. The event brought together disabled artists with an interest in performing arts under one roof to participate and showcase their talent. Music enthusiasts, Judges, Samarthanam staff, Corporate executives, Government dignitaries along with Chief Guests, Mahantesh G K, Founder Managing Trustee, V Manohar, Music Director Kannada Film Industry, Sanjith Hegde, Emerging Playback Singer, Kannada Film Industry, Srikanth Raghavan Sr. Director – Unisys, Manjunatha Aradhya, Senior officer, Kannada and Cultural Department, GoK were part of the event.

The two-day event served as a platform for the talented artists with disabilities to showcase their creativity and stand as an inspiration to the society. The artists put on stage beautiful performances, garnering appreciation and raising awareness on the innate talent of disabled artists.

Samarthanam's Sunadha, the troupe of artists with disabilities, has been encouraging the disabled artists shed their inhibitions and come forward to be an inspiration with their unsurpassed talent. Samarthanam presents opportunities to these talented artists, boosts confidence dissolving the cultural barriers and making them independent. To gather such artists from across the State, Talent Hunt proved to be an ideal attempt where the participant beneficiaries will receive a chance to perfect their skills and move ahead. The winners of Talent Hunt will be absorbed into Sunadha and will be provided with free higher education along with free training in performing arts.



## Ocwen supports Samarthanam students

Ocwen Financial Corporation supported Samarthanam School with CCTV cameras, DVR, Hard disks, LED TV, benches for classrooms and school uniforms for the students. On the day of inauguration, senior leaders and 30 plus volunteers had graced the event to distribute uniforms to the children. We appreciate the support extended by Ocwen towards Samarthanam Education initiative.



# THE CHAMPIONS OF BLIND CRICKET RECEIVE HIGH HONOR

## First Annual CABI Awards 2019

Samarthanam and Cricket Association for the Blind in India (CABI) have together laid the stage to honor the heroes of blind cricket. The first Annual CABI Awards proved to be a splendid evening organized at the KSCA Chinnaswamy stadium in Bengaluru on 8 June 2019. The awards night was to honor the achievements, the tremendous journey made by the blind cricketers and the increasing recognition for blind cricket on an international stage. The country is proud of their remarkable accomplishments and the ceremony was to convey our respect for their successful careers made in disability sports.

Mahantesh GK, President of CABI, Rajanish Henry, Vice President of CABI, John David, General Secretary of CABI and other governing council members graced the ceremony. S Viswanath, former Indian cricketer and a great player was the Chief Guest of the event, who greatly appreciated CABI's work. KN Chandrashekar, former India blind cricket player who was a part of two Blind Cricket World Cups (1998 and 2002) was the Awards Committee chairman who played a vital role in choosing the blind cricket awards along with his five member team.

The ceremony also acted as a stage to recall the blind cricket tours and achievements of the last year along with CABI election results held earlier in the day.

### CABI BOARD MEMBERS

#### PRESIDENT

GK Mahantesh (Karnataka)

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#### NORTH ZONE SECRETARY

Shailender ( Delhi)

#### EC MEMBERS

Buse Gowda (Karnataka)

Uday Kumar (Karnataka)

Mahender

Krishna Malik (Haryana)



S Viswanath, former Indian cricketer with Mahantesh GK, President, CABI



S Viswanath presenting the awards to the blind cricket achievers



**S Viswanath presenting memento to Siddharth Jayakumar, Associate VP, IndusInd Bank**



**Sameer Anup Minj, Manager CSR, L&T Technology Services**

**EMERGING PLAYERS OF THE YEAR (2018-19)**

- Veeresh from Karnataka, Category B1
- Rohit from Delhi, Category B2
- Singrai Majhi From Odisha, Category B3

**ASSOCIATION OF THE YEAR FOR BEING A SPORTING PIONEER IN THE STATE**

The Cricket Association for the Blind in Kerala for promoting and popularized blind cricket for the visually challenged persons and creating economic independence for the Kerala Blind Cricket players.

**TEAM OF THE YEAR FOR THE YEAR 2018-19**

Jharkand Blind Cricket team for emerging as competent players in the All India Nagesh Trophy but the team had lost to Odisha in the semi finals.

**CORPORATE SUPPORTERS OF THE YEAR**

Indus Ind, Allergan, L&T Technology Services and Nike

**CRICKETER OF THE YEAR**

- Zeeshan Haider from UP, Category B1
- Ajay Kumar Reddy from AP, Category B2
- Sunil ramesh from Karnataka, Category B3

**BLIND CRICKET AWARD WINNERS**

**Highlights in the coming year:**

- Election of CABI new office bearers: 13 member governing council and 4 Executive Council members.
- Launch of the Men's domestic Season starting 2019
- First ever Women's tournament 2019 -20
- First away tour of the season: Indian Blind Cricket team's tour to Jamaica from July 18 to July 28
- Home Season bilateral series in November and December 2019



**Yoganand Kote, India Sustainability Manager, Nike**



**KN Raghu Prasad, Senior Manager - I.T., Allergan India**



## A step towards inclusion with the National Congress for PwD

Samarthanam hosted a three day National Congress conceptualized by Thomas Krauss of the World Congress for People with Disabilities. It was the 2nd National Congress for People with Disabilities which was flagged off at Samarthanam HSR premises in Bengaluru. The objective was to bring together the disabled communities from various regions for them to meet and share their mutual experiences leading to a change in themselves and their surroundings.

The three day Congress was filled with interactions, talks and panel discussions on issues surrounding the disability sector, acceptance of disability by various stakeholders, banking, finance management, work place solutions for people with disabilities, interactive assistive technology and self defense training. Various activities were also organized to raise awareness on cross-disability and understanding. One of our revered guests, Dr Aiswarya Rao spoke on the importance of Parliamentary representation from the disability sector while Mahantesh GK closed the ceremony with a note of appreciation to the participants, organizers and guests who have made the event a day to remember.

As part of the National Congress, an inclusive run was organized, flagged off by Mahantesh GK. The run saw the participation of many people with special needs including intellectually challenged, physically challenged, hearing challenged, and visually challenged who joined hands to send out a positive note on inclusion.



## MEET AND GREET by Mahantesh GK

Mahantesh GK, Founder Managing Trustee, Samarthanam and President of Cricket Association for the Blind in India apart from advocating disability rights and empowerment, is a technology follower, an avid traveler, speaker and likes to interact with people who value his vision. This quarter, Mahantesh met a few important dignitaries sharing his views on disability, advocating disability sports, supporting accessibility and seeking patronage.

- A meeting in the capital with Thawar Chand Gehlot, Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment who assured his support to Samarthanam and Cricket Association for the Blind in India.
- A memorable interaction with Desmond Haynes, West Indies cricketer in Delhi, sharing stories of cricket around the globe and the advancement of Blind Cricket in India.
- Mahantesh GK presented blind cricket ball to Honorable Sports minister of India, Kiren Rijiju who appreciated CABI for its efforts and achievements recorded over the years. He also offered support towards the future activities of CABI and development of Blind Cricket in India
- Samarthanam Delhi team and Mahantesh GK met with the newly appointed MP Suresh Angadi to congratulate him followed by a meeting to brief about Samarthanam's work in the disability empowerment sector Suresh Angadi offered his support towards Samarthanam. Another meet and greet with Honorable MP Prahalad Joshi, current Coal Minister of India, lead to a fruitful meeting along with receiving support for Samarthanam's work and expansion in India.
- Tejasvi Surya, MP of Lok Sabha, Bangalore South was felicitated at Samarthanam. He greatly appreciated Samarthanam's work after visiting all the programmes and interacting with the beneficiaries at Bangalore premises.



With Thawar Chand Gehlot



Desmond Haynes and Mahantesh GK



Kiren Rijiju with CABI team



Tejasvi Surya with Samarthanam student

## SNIPPETS

- Samarthanam centres pan India celebrated Hellen Keller Day, commemorating the birth of Hellen Keller, the first deaf blind woman to graduate and an avid advocate of people with disabilities.
- Mahantesh GK, Founder Managing Trustee of Samarthanam inaugurated the new Delhi office which would serve as a skilling centre for youth with disabilities along with the implementation of Higher Education Programme.
- Mahantesh GK was a part of the 25 years celebration at SP Jain School of Management and was felicitated by Development of Corporate Citizenship (Docc), the non-classroom learning wing of SP Jain.
- Mahantesh GK was the Chief Guest at Fosroc's Annual Awards function where he inspired the audience with his thoughts and motivational insights.
- Bhoomandala ceremony was performed for the upcoming Samarthanam's Mysore Building project which was graced by CH Vijayshankar, Former MP, Karnataka and KV Rajananna, Former Commissioner for People with Disabilities.
- Mahantesh GK inaugurated the 50th branch of the Suryoday Bank Jayanagar Branch, an inclusive bank, along with the finance leaders and senior executives of the bank.
- Mahantesh GK was a part of the Microsoft ACE Awards- Architects of Excellence event where he felicitated the winners and gave an inspiring speech to the corporate professional gathering.

## STORIES OF CHANGE

**“Hardwork pays,” says Ismayil, beaming at his offer letter received from a Training Centre in Abu Dhabi.**

**Ismayil hails from a middle class family in Malappuram district whose childhood has not been easy owing to his poor vision. But he always believed in hard work and got a job in marketing after completing his studies. His outstanding performance helped him move to the role of the Assistant Manager and later as Manager. Ismayil was excelling in his career but his vision kept deteriorating and led to many surgeries. Ismayil was at the peak of his career when he suffered a huge loss in vision which left him clueless with respect to career, profession and family.**

**Ismayil learnt about the DDUGKY Skilling training programme at Samarthanam and got enrolled. The training was rigorous but Ismayil was a strong-willed person. Through the training he re-built his confidence which led to better career opportunities.**

**Ismayil cleared the interview accommodated by Samarthanam's placement team at AIMS training center, UAE as Telesales Executive.**

**“It is a dream come true. I have regained myself at Samarthanam and I am thankful to the organization for the superb opportunity presented to me. I appreciate Samarthanam's work in the disability sector and I believe many can find a future here,” says Ismail, who profusely thanked Samarthanam team for helping him make a career.**



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**‘Skill –Ability,’ the skill development project launched by ABB**

ABB has come forward to sponsor the skill-development project of Samarthanam and hence support the technical and sector based skill training of youths with disabilities. Samarthanam Livelihood Resource Centres (LRC) would act as a one-stop learning center for the quality training of the disabled and also introduce to a gamut of stakeholders like employers, financial, training and marketing institutions. It would bridge the gap between employers and skilled workers. The resource centre has accessible infrastructure to support persons with different disabilities, JAWS software, Braille and audio books (for persons with visual disabilities); and sign boards (for persons with hearing impairment). Each LRC is equipped with computers and other equipment to facilitate the training program.

The ABB supported skill training programme will be supporting the training of 150 youths in 4 batches across 5 training centres in one year.

We are grateful for the support received from ABB encouraging our efforts in turning youth with disabilities into a skilled workforce.

**JDA Software team welcomed at Samarthanam**

The senior leadership and staff of JDA Software Bengaluru graced Samarthanam premises with their presence for a wonderful time of sharing of experiences and learning.

Our children have been excelling in academics, taking part in educational tours, competitions, marathons and exposure visits, various sports training, dance and cultural activities and all thanks to the patronage received from our sponsors. JDA has been one of our key supporters providing education support to 360 primary and ID school students. We are grateful for their contribution towards the social and academic progress made by our students, ensuring their access to quality education, physical health and hygiene.

We are thankful to JDA for the unrelenting support extended towards educating the young and their holistic development.

**GNV Subba Rao, Global Head of Process Control Platform, ABB and Mahantesh GK, Founder Managing Trustee of Samarthanam at the Skill-ability launch**



**Mahantesh GK, Founder Managing Trustee of Samarthanam with Girish Rishi, CEO, JDA Software**





### HIGHLIGHTS FOR THIS QUARTER

A new term has begun at Samarathanam with many new children who were welcomed into the School to start on a learning expedition. At Primary and ID School, the staff had conducted a survey to identify suitable children in the region and encouraged the parents to enroll them at Samarathanam.



**Primary School Strength**  
**227**  
**Students with disabilities**  
**31**



**ID School Strength**  
**100**  
**New Admissions**  
**20**



**High School Strength**  
**100**

Many activities have been held for the children along with the regular schooling, such as;

- An exposure visit to Forum Mall, Koramangala was organized for the Primary and ID School students on World Autism Awareness Day in association with I Support Foundation.
- FUNterval was an event organized for the staff at Samarathanam School and Swadhara which wholly entertained the teachers and beneficiaries.
- ID School staff made a detailed educational report for every student in the class.
- AMBA computer training has been reopened for the students.
- A workshop was conducted for the ID School teachers where sessions on lifeskill training for special children between the age group of 7 and 12 years were organized.
- A session by Thomas Krauss, a special educator from Germany, included various interactions with parents and special educators of ID School. A few ID school students also participated in the 2nd National Congress for Persons with Disabilities which was held at Samarathanam and lead by Thomas Krauss.
- A training programme was held for girl children of class VI and VII on Menstrual Health, Hygiene and nutritional requirements.
- The school staff from Primary, ID and High Schools was part of the refresher IT to learn the usage of certain tools and applications. Faculty development programme was also organized by resource faculties of G R College of Arts, Science and Commerce at their training center. The programme led by expert senior educators of the college offered lessons on curriculum planning, question paper drafting, evaluation, use of teaching aids, student development, disciplining and performance analysis.
- Samarathanam in collaboration with Jayadeva Institute of Cardiology organized blood grouping camp for the school students in connection with the World Blood Donors Day.
- Special Olympics Bharath organised Young Athlete Assessment Programme for the special children below 8 years of age.

## A moment of pride

- Shri Lakkamma Kala Poshakara Sangha, Rani Bennuru, Karnataka in collaboration with Kannada Culture Department, Govt. of Karnataka honored “Rashtreeya Basava Shree Sadhbhavana Prashasthi” to Geetha K, Principal of Samarthanam Primary and ID School on 28th May 2019 in the field of Education.
- Geetha K, Principal of Primary and ID school received Honorary Doctorate in the category of Education by the dignitaries of International Global Peace University at Chennai.



## High School Toppers in SSLC

Samarthanam congratulates the high school SSLC toppers including Yallamma who scored 519 (83%), Chandrakala TH who is visually impaired scored 462 (74%) and Somesha who scored 422 (67%).

## Higher Education



Navaneeth Raghu, representative of Mercedes Benz at Pune Center for the HEP review



Samarthanam JP Nagar residents at the demo of an electronic blind assist system prototype made by BMS Engineering College students



Students at the Yoga and Meditation camp for 650 differently-abled on the occasion of International Yoga Day by Divyaj Foundation

- The CSR team representatives of BMC Software India Pvt. Limited visited Pune Center. BMC Software sponsored the higher education of 25 students in Pune.
- The Quiz Competition exclusive for Visually Impaired students organized by Samarthanam's Higher Education Department and Bangalore University with 40 students participating from various colleges.

## Congratulations to II PUC Toppers

Basamma Mathad 90%



Marutigowda 83%



Netravathi 85%



Deepa B Jore 81%



## VOLUNTEERING ACTIVITIES AT SAMARTHANAM SCHOOLS

- Summer camp 2019 was organized by ANZ and Brillio for the Primary, ID and High School children with many fun and art activities.
- Citi Bank, UiPath, Wells Fargo, Morgan Stanley, Nielsen Sports India Private Limited, Hidden Pockets and Eli Lilly conducted various educational, fun, craft and drawing activities for the children on separate days.
- Volunteers from Hidden Pockets conducted a session on 'Growth' for seventh grade students.
- Experts from Youth for Seva conducted educational activities to the Primary School children.
- A dental check-up camp with the support of Dr. Kiran and Dr. Divya, Senior Consultant Dentists was held to help the students with oral hygiene.
- The medical students from Geneva visited ID school and interacted with the students to detail on general healthcare.
- Akamai Technologies volunteers introduced Banking System and co curricular activities to High School students.
- Ocwen supported Samarthanam Barrier-free School Phase-2 building with CCTV cameras, DVR, Hard disk, LED TV, School benches and School uniforms.
- FireEye Cybersecurity Private Ltd supported construction of a single room at Samarthanam JP Nagar building and installation of an RO- drinking water for the school.



ANZ Summer Camp



Dental Check-up camp

“I wish to be an IAS Officer and help the society,” says Basamma, a well disciplined, hardworking, industrious student with a pleasant personality who never looked back despite her visual impairment.

Basamma belongs to Belagavi District in Karnataka. She has been visually impaired since birth. After completing class 12 and II PUC Board Examination with 90% result, Basamma was looking forward to studying BA at KLE Society Lingaraj PU College at Belagavi.

Basamma’s father is a retail businessman and due to financial difficulties in the family, her parents could not support her higher education. They approached Samarthanam Trust in 2017 requesting financial support for her education. Samarthanam offered complete educational support along with free accommodation, food, library, and other educational needs helping her integrate into the socio-economic structure of India. Basamma is now able to study without any trouble and looks forward to accomplishing her dream of being a civil servant.

## STORIES OF CHANGE





### **SKILLING CENTRE BANGALORE**

- Amazon organized a session on personality development and interview skills which greatly helped the students improve their approach during interviews.
- Allegis, CITI Bank and Gainsight organized sessions on soft skills and communication skills on separate days to help the trainees communicate in a formal and professional manner.
- Verizon organized a volunteering activity on Mobile Technology and Intel Company's session on soldering proved to be beneficial for the trainees.
- UBER organized a one day work shop on corporate lifestyle to present a glimpse at the work culture and etiquette inside the corporate world.
- AIG representatives organized a session on email etiquette used in formal communications at work places across various sectors.



**Women empowerment classes for the female trainees**



**Trainees on International Yoga Day**

### **SKILLING CENTRE MUMBAI**



**An activity on interview techniques by Morgan Stanley volunteers**



**A session on general etiquette by a volunteer**

## SKILLING CENTRE DELHI



All day activities by Catholic Relief Services to celebrate Community Day



Abhirup Ghosh from NASSCOM visits to discuss placements



Navaartist Welfare Association visits and interacts with the students



Moody's volunteering visit-interactive session

## SKILLING CENTRE CHENNAI



Samarthanam Chennai second anniversary celebrations



Tree planting activity during World Environmental Week held in association with Sanofi India Private Limited

## SKILLING CENTRE PUNE

- Divyaj Foundation hosted an exclusive Yoga and Meditation Session in Mumbai for 650 differently abled people on the occasion of 'International Yoga Day' on 21st June 2019. The event was graced by film actors, politicians and sport-persons. Pune Center actively participated in the programme with 35 students who took part in the Yoga Day celebrations.
- HR interaction with the Managing Director of IAB solutions to provide a detailed understanding on the job placements, opportunities available and the work profile.
- One the Job Training (OJT) organized by Guru School (operated by EduBridge) for better growth and understanding of various domains, such as Retail, IT and BFSI.
- A volunteer faculty from Symbiosis School of Economics explained the work profile with beneficiaries along with a session on English and soft skills, hygiene, grooming and interpersonal skills.

## International Yoga Day



## SKILLING CENTRE HYDERABAD

- A motivation session was organized by T. Krishna Rao, Director of Intelligence India Software Solutions Pvt Ltd.
- Team visits and interactions by companies like HSBC, Salesforce, C-mobiles, D-Mart, Hinduja Global Solutions and UDIS provided the trainees with necessary exposure.
- An Internship Training Programme was organized by Vindhya Info E-Media.
- The HR Manager of Accord Power Conversion LTD interacted with the beneficiaries to explain on the placements and profiles.
- A two-day awareness program was organized on Reproductive Health Care for Women.
- Beneficiaries from Hyderabad LRC have joined Flipkart as interns.



**Blind cricket Match by Cricket Association of Telangana**



**A workshop at Google on resume writing and interview skills**

## SKILLING CENTRE KOCHI

- The team leaders from Tamil Nadu DDUGKY presented the beneficiaries with brainstorming sessions on training, mobilization and placements.
- The trainees received placement letters from SIS (Security and Intelligence Services), Sign Next (as sign language presenter) and Reliance Ltd



**One week Certification programme at Sutherland Global, an International BPO**



**Conduent BPO and Holiday Inn group placement sessions for Speech and Hearing Impaired**

## NIPUNA GUNTUR



**ITC team visit**



**Regular yoga classes by a professional trainer**

## NIPUNA ANANTAPUR

- An advanced class on Braille Script was organized by M. Hosea, Coordinator at “Society for the Blind” Anantapur.
- An interactive session on Para Olympics was held by K. Suresh, Athletics Coach from Beacon Youth Sports Club and Sreenivas, Secretary for PARA Sports Society.
- Motivational classes help the students re-energize and the one by Shaik Basha, Coordinator, Social Education Society and by T. Rambabu, Retired Head master, High School for the Blind Rural Development Trust proved to be highly valuable.
- An interactive session was organized by C. Nagaraju, District Officer, Bharathiya Scouts and Guides.
- Para Olympics Training for the visually impaired and orthopedically disabled was organized to bring the students onto the playground and take part with great energy.
- The industrial tour to M.G.M. Metallic Springs Pvt Ltd Company exposed the trainees to the industry ambiance and work culture.

**SKILLING CENTRE BALLARI**



**Akamai team visit**



**Samarthanam Ballari 5 years anniversary**

**SKILLING CENTRE BELAGAVI**



**UDIS forum workshop on usage of computer and assistive devices for North Karnataka beneficiaries**



**SKILLING CENTRE DHARWAD**



**Volunteering activity by JJS College and Sonia College**



**Motivational session by Bavsar Vision India**

**SKILLING CENTRE GADAG**



**A session on sales and marketing by the Sales and Marketing executive, Vardhaman Pvt Limited**



**Volunteering services offered by the students and staff of VDST College**



## SAMARTHANAM ENVIRONMENT

Promoting the 3Rs, Reduce-Reuse-Recycle, building sustainable dry waste recycling system and creating a greener environment are the objectives of Samarathanam Parisara, the waste management service provider set in Bangalore. Promotion and implementing of waste segregation has made the lives of the waste-handlers less taxing.

Apart from the regular activities, Parisara team also executes volunteering activities and programmes at the premises, like;

- Vocational training to intellectual disabled school students in paper cup and plate manufacturing unit with a monthly stipend
- An in-house vegetable garden with cultivation of leafy vegetables has been initiated with the help of interns as a part of volunteering activity
- Interns receive exposure at community level by moving along with the propagation executive creating awareness on waste management
- Volunteer activity by Citi bank to celebrate their global day by planting saplings and indoor succulents.
- Global Foundries sponsored for the installation of a Conveyor belt at Parisara dry waste processing unit as a step towards mechanization of the waste management process and increasing the work efficiency. The Conveyor Belt will ensure safer operation, improved productivity, management of airborne dust and minimize the risk of inhalation and explosion.

2496 tonnes  
of dry waste  
collected

35  
BBMP  
wards  
covered

Educated  
486702  
householders

80%  
source  
segregation  
achieved

1157  
tonnes of  
LVP  
processed

3600 kg  
food waste  
converted  
into 624 kg  
manure

WOW is a recycling programme, initiated by the Paperboards and Specialty Papers Business of ITC. It is a corporate level program where the focus is on ensuring proper segregation and recycling of waste. In association with Samarathanam Trust, ITC executes various programmes under WOW with the help of BBMP.



This quarter, WOW team initiated Community Exchange Program, where apartments were visited and residents educated on the importance of source segregation. Also a material exchange programme was held for children where they exchanged their old notebooks with new classmate stationeries. The World Environment Day celebrations at Singasandra with the theme “Beat Air Pollution & Segregate the Waste at Source” took off with planting of saplings across the path.



**School Zone Cricket Tournament for the Blind**

Allergan sponsored School Zone Cricket Tournaments across the four Zones of India. While three Zonals have been completed, the West Zone is yet to be played. The initiative brought together young cricket players at school level from across the country to show their abilities in the game of cricket. The School Zone tournaments greatly encouraged the young cricketers and introduced them to players from various States to exchange knowledge and playing techniques.

East Zone

15th and 16th April 2019

Muzaffarpur, Bihar

North Zone

17th and 18th April 2019

Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh

South Zone

26th and 27th April 2019

Hyderabad, Telangana

**Blind Cricket coaching and personality development Camp**

L&T Technology Services sponsored the Blind Cricket coaching and personality development Camp for the budding cricket players from various regions. Many players from different Indian states participated in the Camp which proved to be greatly beneficial in grooming the cricketing skills of the players.

The initiative not only helped in perfecting the cricketing skills but also provided personality development and training in soft skills like communication, spoken English, basic computers and so on. The camp boosted the self-confidence of the sportsmen and prepared them for stepping into the job world. The participants were provided with sports gear and uniforms along with computer learning related accessories.





**SWADHARA**

Swadhara Gruh provides a home for women in distress along with their children. Over the past 12 years, Swadhara has supported 400 women helping them overcome adversities training them to live independently. This quarter, we had three women walked into Swadhara, where they were provided with food, accommodation and counseling. The Swadhara team will further look into their problems and provide the necessary support. Alongside, health camps, menstrual hygiene sessions and meetings with expert counselors have been arranged for the beneficiaries.



**Swadhara activity**



**Swadhara awareness programme**

Suvarna is a 25 year old woman from Bijapur with two children Shravan and Sagar. Married at a young age Suvarna has been facing various issues with her in-laws and husband. She did not know much about her rights and continued to endure the domestic violence inflicted by her family. Hardships have become a part of her life when Suvarna came to know about organizations which can help destitute women like her with the support needed for an independent living.

She wanted to leave the house along with her kids but it has not been an easy journey. Suvarna hails from an economically backward family and she did not receive much support with her decision. Being a victim of domestic abuse she had lost her confidence in beginning a new life. "I was never cared by anyone and I was scared," says Suvarna.

Suvarna reached Samarthanam Swadhara seeking shelter and emotional support. It has not been easy for Suvarna to recuperate and lead a normal life but Swadhara counseling team is doing their best to morally support her and provide vocational training to make her live independently.

**STORIES OF CHANGE**



**VOLUNTEERING CORPORATES**

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RBL	Microland,
Citi Bank	RBS
Borderless Access	Neilsen
Aspect Software	Moody's
Amazon	Unisys
Wells Fargo	Verizon

**INTERNSHIPS**

26 students from various institutes completed their internships at Samarthanam. Institutes include;

- St Joseph College- Pilathara
- Kannur University
- Ekya School
- St. Joseph's College of Law
- Amrita University
- Christ University
- Mar Gregorios College of Law
- PES Degree College
- BMS College of Engineering
- University of Mysore
- Azim Premji University
- Symbiosis International University

Four Medical students from the University of Geneva completed their 3 weeks internship studying the work led by Samarthanam.

**HIGHLIGHTS**

**World Nutrition Day by Morgan Stanley**

Morgan Stanley prepared a nutritious meal for our kids on the occasion of the World Nutrition Day under their Global Volunteer Month (GVM) program. 35 volunteers participated in the activity who cleaned, chopped, cooked and served the meals.

**Global Community Day by Citi Bank**

Citi Bank celebrated the Global Community Day with Samarthanam inclined to World Environment Day. It was a huge event where more than 150 volunteers from Citi Bank painted pots, planted saplings and created products out of waste material mainly plastic. They also worked on the floral and kitchen gardening.



51  
volunteering  
activities



22  
corporates



896  
volunteers



3293  
hours of  
service

## SAMARTHANAM DIGITAL LIBRARY



**395**  
volunteers  
visited



**2540**  
books  
uploaded



**80840**  
books  
recorded



**321**  
books in  
ePUB format



**2540**  
Audio books



**2092**  
Scanned pages



**5610**  
Braille books



**8461**  
Regular books

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Library team had a formal meeting with the Head of NCERT and DSERT to understand the availability of text books for the visually impaired at their respective premises.
- A library is being set-up at Karnatak University in Dharwad for which a proposal has been duly submitted.
- Another library is also being planned to be set-up at Microland at their premises.
- A Braille session was organized for Target internationals by engaging 30 senior level leaders for about 2 hours.
- Samarthanam is also planning on approaching HSBC for a library at their premises.

### SAMARTHANAM OVERSEAS

Odisha Society of America had placed an order for 650 gifts made from recycled materials from Samarthanam for their 50th convention to be held in July in NY, USA.

Mahantesh GK- President of WBC and CABI was the Chief Guest for a podcast episode by Education2Sports, a UK based organization that relays podcast series of famous personalities involved in global sports.

Samarthanam is working on plans to open a centre in UAE to promote its initiatives and also for overseas placements of its trainees from Samarthanam Skilling Centres.

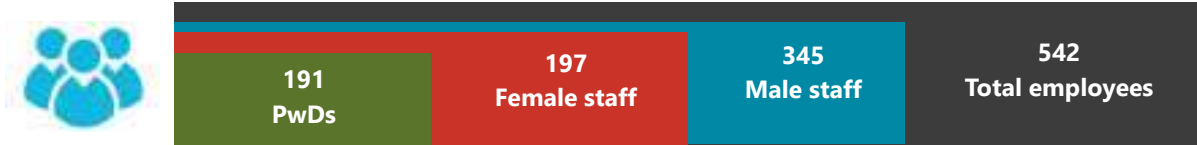
Samarthanam Officials will be a part of the NFB Annual Conference held in the USA from 7th -12th July 2019.

The UN ECOSOC Quadrennial Report (2015-2019) has been duly submitted.



## SAMARTHANAM HUMAN RESOURCES

The HR team plays an active role in organization development, employee wellness, team management along with upholding workplace etiquette. As part of contributing to the implementation of events, this quarter, the team coordinated efforts in organizing second National Congress for Persons with Disabilities.



Moving in the direction of capacity building for employees, Samarthanam HR team organized a training session led by Six Sigma for Samarthanam staff who apart from completing the training also took the review and assessment with great learning interest. While the training ended on a positive note, the CCM saw the active participation from program heads, key stakeholders and follow up action is in steady progress. On the fun side, the team building activity, FUNterval, filled with fun activities served as a de-stressor and was greatly appreciated by the employees.

### Six Sigma Training



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