



COVID care, a top priority
 '24X7 ICU on Wheels'
 An emergency ambulance service launched

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COVID Vaccination Drive
 for the disabled and
 underprivileged



Inauguration of ICU Modular Unit
 in Jayanagar General
 Hospital



Samarthanam
 COVID Relief Services
 ramped up

Samarthanam Trust is a two-time National Award winning NGO that has carved a niche in the field of serving, enabling and empowering the differently-abled and the underprivileged. Samarthanam works to lift and empower every individual in socio, cultural, economic aspects so that they can contribute holistically to the society. Born through the vision of a visually impaired GK Mahantesh and his friend, Nagesh SP, Samarthanam envisions to touch 10,00,000 disabled lives by 2030.

The organization is affiliated to the World Blind Union and is one of those few nonprofits to be awarded the Special United Nations Consultative Status in 2015. Samarthanam is a CRISIL rated organization with PAN-India presence and burgeoning reach. It reaches out to beneficiaries from diverse verticals through its 15 offices and multiple divisions spread across India.

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.

CORE VALUES

- Accessibility
- Inclusion
- Disability rights
- Women empowerment
- Employment
- Zero hunger
- Reduced poverty
- Equality
- Technology
- Environment protection
- Transformation

REACH AND IMPACT



13,659
KIDS EDUCATED



19,719
YOUTH TRAINED



2.6 lakh tonnes
DRY WASTE PROCESSED



25,000+
BLIND CRICKETERS TOUCHED



3206
WOMEN EMPOWERED



7300
CHILDREN RECEIVED MEALS



125
DISABLED ARTISTS SUPPORTED

FOUNDER'S NOTE

Dr Mahantesh GK

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



A pandemic has changed our lives to an extent unimaginable. Two years and we are still fighting to find our way back to normalcy. India had to witness a second wave of the COVID wrath and this time, it affected us in large proportions. We, at Samarthanam, and as a whole country, have lost a lot of our people to this pandemic. We are saddened at the loss and we look forward to recuperating from the pandemic soon.

Samarthanam and its task force, since March 2020, have been relentlessly working on helping people, with food, groceries, masks, PPE, medicine, health kits, sanitizers, and this year, we had to escalate our relief work further with ICU beds, Monitors, Fumigators, Ambulance Service. We have reached out to more than 100,000 people in distress, and the support will continue till we get to the end of the pandemic.

Samarthanam feels responsible to help people and give out our support in these difficult times. We have escalated our Relief Services and initiated projects to cater to the COVID affected communities across India. Vaccination is our primary focus, and we are actively raising awareness in this arena. Somehow various myths on vaccination are hovering over our society and we want to let people know that “Vaccine is the only way out.” Samarthanam aims to reach out to one billion people with disabilities and the underprivileged via the Vaccination awareness Campaign, which is currently active across many cities.

An Emergency ICU on Wheels is currently operational and active to provide COVID care in the city of Bengaluru. An ICU Modular Unit is set up at a Government Hospital. ICU monitors and Fumigators are being given out to Hospitals. Vaccinations are ongoing with the help of partners and health and medical support is provided to Hospitals.

Alongside, Samarthanam has been running its initiatives including School, Skilling Centres, Environment activities, Cultural programmes and so on, virtually. After long, the Indian Blind Cricket team got into action with the Tri Nation Series played at Bangladesh. It was an energetic experience and I congratulate the winning team, Bangladesh. Since we, at Samarthanam, have always been ardent cricket followers, ‘Samarthanam Premier League’ made its debut with enthusiastic employees of Samarthanam as players.

Our programmes are extensive and it would not have been possible to run them without the help of our supporters, sponsors, partners, donors and my team at Samarthanam. My sincere appreciation for the encouragement and generosity which largely helped our programmes progress and impact the society positively. My gratitude and appreciation to all the people who have been instrumental in implementing the initiatives without any setback.

It has been tough, and we are hopeful that the toughest phase has passed. Samarthanam urges people to kindly wear masks, get vaccinated and stay safe till the pandemic subsides. Together we fight the spread of COVID19 and together we end the pandemic.

Thank you.

HAPPENINGS at Samarthanam

THE LAUNCH OF 'ICU ON WHEELS,' AN EMERGENCY COVID CARE AMBULANCE SERVICE

With the surging second wave of COVID19 pandemic in India, supporting the society with emergency care is the need of the hour. In the city of Bengaluru, Samarthanam, in association with L&T Technology Services (LTTS) launched a free 24x7 ICU-on-wheels to assist the COVID affected, disabled, and underserved communities.

The Ambulance is equipped with medical necessities such as ventilators, cardiac monitors, defibrillators, oxygen cylinders, emergency kit, other critical care life-saving equipment and medication. The emergency service is fully operational in the city of Bengaluru and aims to offer COVID care anytime of the day.

The initiative was flagged off by Mr. Sudip Banerjee, Independent Director & LTTS CSR Committee Chairman, Dr. Mahantesh GK, Founder Managing Trustee of Samarthanam, and presided over virtually by Mr. Abhishek, Chief Operating Officer and Member of the Board, L&T Technology Services.

"We have lost many people dear to us and I believe that our emergency medical service vehicle is going to help those who need emergency COVID care. L&T Technology has been supporting our initiatives for a long time and I am glad that we have partnered with them for this noble initiative."

Dr. Mahantesh GK,
Founder Managing Trustee of Samarthanam

"We are hopeful that this 24/7 ICU-on-wheels will help bring relief to all those who are in urgent need of medical support. LTTS along with Samarthanam Trust, is fully committed to complement the efforts of the Government and provide a fast and efficient response to those who need help the most."

Mr. Abhishek,
COO and Member of the Board,
L&T Technology Services



COVID VACCINATION DRIVE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES AND THEIR CAREGIVERS

Samarthanam Trust organized camps for COVID vaccinations for People with Disabilities, Caregivers, and NGO Frontline workers.

The initiative was organized by Samarthanam Trust along with Health and Family Welfare Services, Office of the State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Directorate for the Empowerment of Differently Abled and Senior Citizens, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), Disability NGOs Alliance (DNA) Voluntary Organisations and Civil Societies.

The first Vaccination Camp held at Samarthanam HSR premises was inaugurated by Mr M. Satish Reddy, MLA, Bommanahalli Constituency inaugurated the drive along with Dr. Mahantesh G. K, Founder, Managing Trustee, Samarthanam Trust. The camp held at Samarthanam Bhavan JP Nagar was inaugurated by Mr Tejasvi Surya, Member of Lok Sabha, Bangalore South Constituency, Dr V. Muniraju, Director, Dept for the Empowerment of Differently abled and Senior Citizens, Govt. of Karnataka, Dr. Vaishnavi, Nodal officer BBMP and Dr. Mahantesh G. K, Founder, Managing Trustee, Samarthanam. More than 100 beneficiaries received vaccinations on that day.

The second Vaccination Camp organized by Samarthanam in collaboration with BBMP and Agara PHC provided vaccinations for 118 beneficiaries who are differently abled, their caregivers, and NGO Frontline workers.

**Samarthanam Trust for
the Disabled
launches
Toll Free Number
for Help Desk**

Call: 080-68333999



SAMARTHANAM PREMIER LEAGUE TAKES OFF IN BENGALURU

Samarthanam family ardently follows cricket. An in-house tournament involving the staff of Samarthanam was organized which brought in heaps of excitement and energy. The grand opening of the Samarthanam Premier League was held at Altiore Sports arena Bangalore, inaugurated by Dr Mahantesh G K, Founder Managing Trustee of Samarthanam. The cricket tournament was for the Staff of Samarthanam where interested cricketers registered for the tournament. 5 teams of 13 players each played 5 matches of 10 overs each.

While all the five teams played with most dedication on the field, the final match was between Sam Warriors led by Mr Narendra Pandey and Sam Strikers captained by Mr Vikas Kulkarni. The Strikers won the match and lifted the Champions Trophy. Mr Sajeev was the Man of the series and Best batsman of the Tournament. Mr. Kumar was the best bowler of the tournament. It was a brilliant experience for people at Samarthanam, who displayed unity and passion on the field.

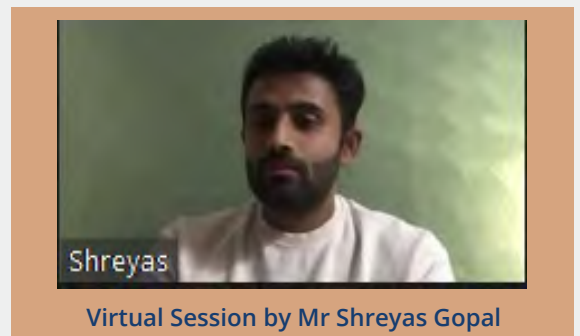
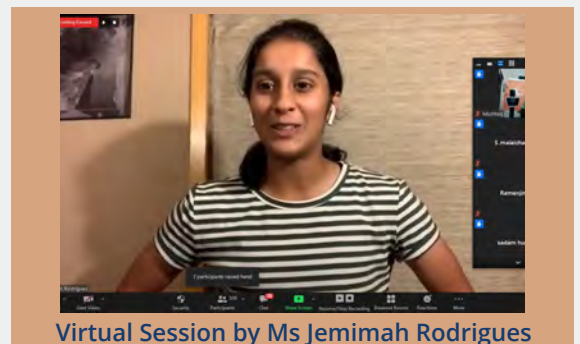
Dr Mahantesh G K, Founder Managing Trustee of Samarthanam announced that the best players will represent Samarthanam Team and will soon be playing on a Ground of its own to promote cricket effectively.



Cricket stars inspire the Blind Cricket team over a virtual talk

Cricket Association for the Blind in India (CABI) and Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled organized an online Motivational & Fitness Session to the Visually Impaired Cricketers of India. Ms Jemimah Rodrigues – Indian Cricketer motivated the participants with the story narration and stressed on the need to have a “Never Give Up” attitude. More than 300 Men and women Visually impaired enthusiastic cricketers took part in the Webinar from the 24 affiliated state boards.

The second webinar on the same theme had the guest speaker, Mr Shreyas Gopal – Indian Cricketer. He spoke about his cricket journey, his inspiration and added observations on the hard working Visually Impaired Cricketers. It was an interactive and lively webinar with great inspiration from two of the best cricket stars.



INSHORTS

Max Insurance felicitated Dr. Mahantesh GK, Founder, Managing Trustee, Samarthanam for his exemplary service to the affected COVID19 Community.



Samarthanam's commitment towards COVID Relief in India received a special coverage in Kannada's leading News Channel, News First Kannada



Dr. Mahantesh G. K, Founder Managing Trustee, Samarthanam, who has been leading the COVID Relief Campaign with compassion and commitment, delivered a talk on the Relief activities and Vaccine drive and covered by CNN-News18.



Five members of the Differently-Abled Cricket Council of India (DCCI) were invited to attend the Opening Ceremony of IPL 2020 in Chennai, by BCCI. It was for the first time the DCCI members will be part of any BCCI event. Dr. Mahantesh GK, President, Mr. Sumit Jain, Vice President, Ravi Chauhan, Gen Secy, Sqn Ldr Abhai Pratap Singh Retd, Jt Secy and John David, Treasurer, DCCI attended the Opening Ceremony representing various forms of Differently Abled Cricket.



200+ Assistive Devices to promote digital literacy and accessibility for Persons with Disability (PWDs) were given away across four locations in India. An initiative supported by BMC Software.



Samarthanam makes way for its 'Toastmasters Club' with Dr. Mahantesh G K as the Charter President.





COVID 19

RELIEF CAMPAIGN

Samarthanam's
Pan-India Initiative

The second wave of COVID19 pandemic raises alarm.
Samarthanam ramps up its Relief Services.

Since March 2020, Samarthanam's Task Force has been providing Food, Groceries, Medical and Health care supplies to the poor, disabled, needy, elderly population along with supporting the Frontliners across the country. But the second wave of COVID19 has been devastating for millions in India. To help people across the country, Samarthanam escalated its relief services many folds.



52,000+
Dry Ration Kits



5,00,000+
Packed Meals



86,000+
PPE & Health Kits



2,00,000+
RtPCR Kits



32+
Hospitals covered
pan India



2
ICU Ambulance on
Wheels



2
ICU Modular Bed
Facilities



1,00,000+
Frontline Workers
supported



1,000,000
PwDs aimed to be
educated on Vaccinations



In progress
Oxygen Generator
Bank



5000+
Disabled families
supported with health kits



Rs5,00,00,000
worth medical equipment
provided to Hospitals

DRY RATION KIT DISTRIBUTION

- Dry Ration Kits distribution at Ramohalli Grama Panchayat supported by Ashraya Hastha Trust
- Dry Ration Kits at Chunchanakuppe Grama Panchayat supported by Ashraya Hastha Trust
- Mr S T. Somashekar Gowda, MLA Yeshwanthapur (Bangalore), Minister of Co-Operation, Govt of Karnataka was present during the kit distribution.
- Dry Ration Kits at Pillaganahalli supported by Ashraya Hastha Trust.
- Ration kits were given away to the poor and underserved at Nagashetti Halli in Sanjay Nagar, Bangalore.
- Dry Ration and Medical Kit Distribution to Disabled Community by Acuity Knowledge Centre (India) Private Limited.



Kit Distribution at Pillaganahalli



Dry Ration Kit Distribution at Govt. Schools by Tesco Bengaluru Private Limited



Dry Ration and Medical Kit Distribution to Disabled Community by Acuity Knowledge Centre (India) Private Limited.



Medical Kit Distribution at ESIC and C V Raman Hospital By Lowe's Service India Pvt Ltd

FOOD FOR FRONTLINERS

While the city was under a lockdown during the pandemic, the police resumed their duty from the frontlines. To support the hardworking police personnel, Samarathanam provided Lunch and Dinner at the Police Head Quarters at Nirupathunga Road, Bangalore. The volunteers have taken necessary hygiene precautions during the food distribution.



HEALTH AND MEDICAL SERVICE

- Samarthanam distributed Medical Equipment to two government Hospitals in Bangalore with support from Lowe's India.
- Hygiene Kit Distribution to Asha Workers By VM Ware
- RtPCR kits to Bowring Hospital, supported by Persistent Foundation. ICU monitors and Fumigators to Konankunte, Singasandra, Yelahanka Government Hospital, and Jayanagar General Hospital were also supported by Persistent Foundation
- ExxonMobil Modular ICU Unit was inaugurated at Jayanagar General Hospital Bangalore by Mr Naveen Shukhla, Board of Director, EMSTPL, Ms. Sowmya Reddy, MLA Jayanagar, Mr Ajesh John- CSR Lead, EMSTPL and Dr. Mahantesh GK, Founder, Managing Trustee, Samarthanam.
- OCWEN Financial Solutions Pvt. Ltd supported the distribution of ICU beds at Government hospitals across Yelahanka, Hosakerehalli, Konanakunte, Singasandra and Arekere areas.
- Samarthanam and Ruth Foundation Charitable Trust distributed masks at Domkal
- ESIC Hospital, Bangalore, and Bowring Institute, Bangalore were supported with RT PCR kits.
- Masks, face shields and sanitizers were given away at Yelahanka Police station and ICU beds to Rangadore Memorial Hospital and CV Raman Hospital Indiranagar, supported by Sri Radhakrishna Swamiji Trust, Bangalore.
- ICU beds were given to Chickballapur District Health Department by District Commissioner Ms Latha, Dr Indira DHO, and Mr. Sudhin Mathew Head Corporate Citizenship of Soc Gen. This initiative was supported by Societe Generale.
- A school bus with Oxygen Concentrators was stationed at Gundulpet Taluka General Hospital in Chamrajnagar to assist the COVID affected, with support from Family and Friends of India and Lions Club of Bangalore Pride.
- Supported by FireEye, the project, "Access to Health Care services for Children and adult with Disabilities" helped 70 PwD get vaccinated, and 3 children received assistive devices and physiotherapy. 200 beneficiaries were reached out virtually and facilitated with required necessities.
- Supported by ExxonMobil, 75 PwD received vaccinations, senior citizens received medical support, ICU beds were given away, 200 PwD were virtually communicated with to identify their needs and support accordingly.



Medical Equipment Distribution supported by Persistent Foundation



ICU Modular Unit supported by ExxonMobil Services & Technology Private Limited



ICU Beds distribution supported by Ocwen



Pfizer Healthcare India Pvt Ltd donated PPE Kits & N95 Masks at Stanley Govt Hospital Chennai



Samarthanam Trust, for the past 24 years has been playing an instrumental role in the learning and development of millions of people with disabilities and those from under-privileged communities. Our seven diverse interventions are designed to nurture and encourage the abilities of the differently-abled population.

Samarthanam envisions an inclusive society where people with disabilities lead a socio-economically independent life.



SAMARTHANAM INTERVENTIONS

- Inclusive Education
- Skilling
- Disability Sports
- Environment
- Arts and Culture
- Health and Nutrition
- Rehabilitation



SAMARTHANAM BARRIER-FREE RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL | HIGHLIGHTS

The pandemic has introduced a new education system and practices to the Schools and students across the country. Since the second wave of COVID scare has begun to rise, targeting wider population, Samarthanam continued its Online Education with the help of its dedicated teachers and administration.

Virtual interactive sessions

- Online classes and online assessment tests were conducted for the students, analyzing the progress and helping them learn better.
- Since the pandemic, the physiotherapy classes were being provided online. Regular follow-ups, video recordings, and virtual therapy classes were conducted as part of the initiative.
- Early Intervention is another initiative of Samarthanam that moved online. It focuses on the special children and their learning development
- At the Vocational Training Unit, an online art/craft activity was introduced on the concept, 'Best out of waste.'
- An innovative initiative of the quarter is the 'Tinker lab' which provides a space for the children to explore, think, create, and design on their own. It is an online class with 6 modules, games and animation, mobile app development, robotics, microbit, 3D printing, and artificial intelligence. Students from 5 to 7 Grade are being a part of class and reaping its benefits.



Virtual Workshops for teachers

- Primary school staff attended a three-day virtual workshop on "Vision Empower," with details on teaching the visually impaired and the making of teaching aids for them. Another virtual session was on "Mindfulness" and was hosted by District Institute of Education and Training, Delhi.
- Resource Teachers Training Programme in Sign Language is an important initiative by the School where the teaching staff were trained in Indian Sign Vocabulary, and practice the same to teach the school curriculum in Sign Language.
- C.B.S. Memorial Mahila Bal Evam Shrivam Viklang Shiksha Evam Punarvas Sanstan organized a three-day National level CRE webinar on the topic – Adaptation of Curricular and co-curricular Activities for the children with ASD, accredited by the RCI, New Delhi.
- CRC Davanagere organized a webinar for the ID School staff on 'Sensory Diet,' a National level online CRE programme on "Teaching Functional Academics to students with Intellectual Disability" and a two-day programme on 'Facilitating Early Intervention for children with Hearing Impairment.'

COVID Vaccination Campaign

Samarthanam Trust in collaboration with DDWO & BBMP organized vaccination drive for the youth with intellectual disabilities and their care takers. The teaching staff of Samarthanam School received vaccinations as well. Samarthanam teaching staff participated in COVID Vaccine awareness programme, visited surrounding Districts raising awareness at large.



Virtual Volunteering

- Soc Gen conducted quiz sessions to 5th, 6th and 7th class students online.
- Volunteers from Standard Chartered conducted online classes to 4th, 5th and 6th class students on 'First aid and Importance of Health.'
- Pay pal's quiz and fun activities for the Primary students added lots of enthusiasm to the online session. The volunteers also involved in story telling sessions for the ID school children.
- Morgan Stanley conducted fun activities for the children with special needs.

SAMARTHANAM HIGH SCHOOL

- Samarthanam High School students are continuing with their online classes and assessment tests effectively being carried out by the teachers.
- The initiative, 'Innovative Tinker Lab' has begun with great interest and participation from the High School students.
- Volunteers from NVIDIA sponsored gifts to the disabled students of High School.
- GKN Aerospace volunteers conducted a career guidance session for the girl students from 10th Standard.

SAMARTHANAM HIGHER EDUCATION

Samarthanam's Higher Education programme are operational across 11 cities including Belagavi, Ballari, Dharwad, Gadag, Bangalore, Delhi, Hyderabad, Ananthapur, Guntur, Pune, Mumbai. These programmes enable college students pursue their higher education without any setback and proceed towards successful careers.

Assistive devices sponsored by BMC Software India Pvt. Ltd were distributed to the higher education students of Samarthanam at Bangalore, Delhi and Pune. Wheelchairs and hearing aids were given away to students. And Kibo digital scanners were distributed to educational institutions. A virtual career guidance program, focused on empowerment of higher education girl students was conducted by GKN Aerospace volunteers for girl students from Bangalore and Ananthapur locations.





BANGALORE SKILLING CENTRE

Samarthanam Skilling Centres cater to the youth with disabilities from urban and rural regions through its 14 centres set up across the country. Since the COVID pandemic, the Centres are continuing to organize virtual classes for the trainees via various web and video platforms.

Samarthanam Training staff and administration have ensured that the Virtual Training Sessions reach the trainees every day. With the help of WhatsApp, Zoom, Google Duo, Google Meet and Voice Calls, classes are organized without major setbacks. Assignments and assessment tests are regularly analyzed to prepare a better teaching programme for the next batch.

DDUGKY and NIRDPR announced 'DDUGKY ka Hunarbaaz Awards' for differently-abled candidates who were trained in DDU-GKY, on the occasion of Azaadi ka Amrit Mahotsav INDIA@75. Nine students from Samarthanam Karnataka will be receiving the Award for their training in IT/ITES.

A COVID Vaccination Drive was organized for people with disabilities, their caregivers and the underprivileged.



Samarthanam received the best organisation award for Skilling and Placement of PwDs



On World Skill Day Mr. Wilson receiving Best Student Award

DELHI SKILLING CENTRE

The Delhi centre has actively carried out mobilization programmes before the second wave of pandemic. The centre moved to a new premises and the inauguration took place in the presence of Samarthanam staff, administration, and other executives.

The trainees and staff of LRC received vaccinations for COVID19 as part of the Vaccination Drive by Samarthanam.



PUNE SKILLING CENTRE

Online classes are being carried out at the Pune centre without any setback. Various Guest Lectures & Motivational sessions were arranged in the areas of Personality Development, IT, Health, Cybercrime and Placements.

HYDERABAD SKILLING CENTRE

- Samarathanam's Hyderabad Livelihood Resource Centre (LRC) received a Certificate from the Government of Telangana, Welfare and Senior citizens Department, Hyderabad appreciating COVID Relief work.
- Lions Club of Alwaal organized an event for the trainees to raise awareness on COVID and also on the skills required to step into the corporate world.
- Mobilization activities are on to raise awareness among the disabled communities on the LRC programme.
- The trainees and staff of LRC received vaccinations for COVID19 as part of the Vaccination Drive by Samarathanam.



Lions Club organized Event

CHENNAI SKILLING CENTRE

- Career School HR Solutions, Chennai organized a Guest Lecture session on interview etiquette, resume making and confidence improving tactics.
- The HR Manager from Technonix Systems, Puducherry took a Guest Lecture Session online to detail on the general industry expectations to the beneficiaries. Resume writing and personality development tips were taught as well.
- As part of Project Saksham, tailoring machines were distributed to women promoting entrepreneurship and encouraging economic independence.



Project Saksham

MUMBAI SKILLING CENTRE

Dry ration and healthcare kits were distributed to the students and their families to sustain during the COVID lockdown.

Every disability conceals a vocation, if only we can find it, which will 'turn the necessity to glorious gain.'

– C.S. Lewis



GUNTUR SKILLING CENTRE

- The first batch of trainees have received their certificates after going through the final assessment test. Online interview skill improvement sessions have been conducted for the trainees. Since the COVID second wave has been drastically affecting the people, trainees turned into volunteers to assist in the opening of the Emergency Center at Brodipet, Guntur with the support of Red Cross.
- To bring in fun and fitness for the trainees, Samarthanam organized a cricket match between two batches of the LRC students.
- The trainees and staff of Gunur LRC received vaccinations for COVID19 as part of the Vaccination Drive by Samarthanam.



Fun & Fitness for trainees in Guntur

ANANTHAPUR SKILLING CENTRE

- Samarthanam Ananthapur completed the training course and conducted online assessment test and interview skill training sessions. Online interviews were organized with HR Managers of various companies with positive feedback.



Motivation Class

IE PWC PROJECT ACTIVITIES AT KODIKONDA

- The IE team visited Bagepalli and Chilamathur area villages to conduct tuitions for the disabled children under IE PwC Project. 58 villages have been covered and 306 children were tutored. The team also provided physiotherapy by visiting 20 villages and provided therapy to 25 children.
- Samarthanam Kodikonda staff organized awareness camps on COVID19 at 3 villages of Chilamathur Mandal by involving PWCs, Family and SMC members.
- The tree plantation at Kodikonda is actively progressing with 170 trees being planted with the total tree count coming to 417 on the campus.



Tree Plantation drive

BALLARI SKILLING CENTRE

The Ballari team is actively involving in COVID awareness programmes, by visiting various locations in Ballari and talking to people about the dos and donts during the pandemic. Online classes are on the go and various interviews were organized for the trainees who have completed the course.



BELAGAVI SKILLING CENTRE

Apart from the regular classes and tests, as part of the COVID Vaccination Drive by Samarthanam, 400 persons with disabilities along with guardians were vaccinated. The drive was inaugurated by Dr Mahantesh G K, Founder Managing Trustee, Samarthanam, Mr Girish Sawasari, Secretary of Association for Physically Handicapped Belagavi, and Mr Veeresh G K, President, Samruddhi Seva Samsate Belagavi.



DHARWAD SKILLING CENTRE

- Virtual training activities are actively progressing at the center. Assessments and interviews were conducted online for the trainees, who also found the guest lectures on financial management, job orientation, and health awareness, highly useful. Alongside, “Stop the Spread,” COVID-19 Vaccination, Awareness and Facilitation project had begun.
- The trainees and staff of LRC received vaccinations for COVID19 as part of the Vaccination Drive by Samarthanam.





PARISARA

- Samarthanam's Parisara, apart from being the dry waste management service provider, also promotes the 3Rs, Reduce-Reuse-Recycle, with various activities raising awareness in the public. Parisara's sustainable dry waste recycling system aims to create a greener environment and lessen the burden on landfills.
- A new project on Waste management was initiated with focus on creating awareness on the importance of waste segregation at source. It also acts as a livelihood programme for the Rag pickers involved.

WOW (WELL-BEING OUT OF WASTE)

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

- Masks, Water bottles and Awareness information on COVID19 delivered to the DWCC workers and Pourakarmikas (PKs).
- Dry Ration Kits distributed to the DWCC & Pourakarmikas (PKs) during COVID Lockdown.
- Successful implementation of the new system in 4 divisions with 28 wards
- Total Dry Waste collected in 28 Wards- 782 Tonnes
- Total LVP {Low Value Plastic} Dispatched - 176 Tonnes
- Waste Handlers Income - Rs 2160212

PROGRESS AND IMPACT



102 Tonnes of dry waste collected



91 Tonnes of dry waste recycled



12 persons employed



Masks to PKs

AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS

Samarthanam and United Way India supported by Federal Bank Ltd and Network18 Group launched Project Sanjeevani to assist people with vaccination, awareness, alleviate apprehensions and encourage citizens to get vaccinated.

The Campaign was flagged off by the Dr. Rajendra KV, Dep Commissioner of Dakshina Kannada. Mr. Vedavyas Kamath, MLA, Mangalore South Assembly, Mr. Pramod B Patil, Sr Manager and Branch Head of Federal Bank were part of the programme.



CRICKET FOR THE BLIND



CRICKET ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND IN INDIA (CABI)

Cricket Association for the Blind in India (CABI) is the cricketing arm of Samarthanam fostering Blind Cricket in India by organizing Tours, Coaching Camps and encouraging blind cricket players pursue a career in cricket.

TRI- NATION BLIND T20 CRICKET TOURNAMENT

Blind Cricket season has begun again, and the first tournament was organized at Bangladesh. The Bangladesh Blind Cricket Council (BBCC), an affiliated organization of the World Blind Cricket Ltd. (WBC) organized a ‘Tri- Nation Blind T- 20 Cricket Tournament’ on 3rd and 4th of April 2021 in Dhaka on the occasion of the ‘Birth Centenary of the Father of the Nation -Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rehman’ – “Mujib Barsho” and the 50th Independence Anniversary of Bangladesh.

India, Pakistan and the host Bangladesh took part in the Tri- Nation Blind Cricket Tournament. Since the COVID scare has not been completely removed, the teams followed strict precautions as per the Government guidelines.

Indian Blind Cricket team at Dhaka faced tough luck during the final match but it did not take away the individual performances of players. Indian Team had to settle it for the Runners – up trophy. Indian players bagged 5 awards out of 9 awards which were distributed during the closing ceremony of the series at Dhaka, Bangladesh.





SUNADHA

Sunadha is the group of artists with disabilities at Samarathanam who perform on various National and International platforms, portraying Indian art and culture on stage.

- Since the COVID pandemic has not subsided yet the performances were limited in number. The troupe delivered virtual performances for two major corporates KPMG and NASSCOM, received acclaim and appreciation by the senior management of both organizations.
- Sunadha got registered with two online platforms, Atypical Advantage (Indian) and Creative Xchange (International) which allows the troupe to perform online, promote and market themselves.
- Devraju from Sunadha dance troupe participated in the World Dancers Online International Dance Contest 2021 organized by the Akhil Natrajam Aantar Sanskrutik Sangh, Nagpur.



World Dancers Online International Dance Contest 2021

REHABILITATION



SWADHARA

Swadara Gruh is the Rehabilitation programme by Samarathanam to lend a helping hand to women in distress. Swadhara is a home for women who along with their children receive protection and vocational training, helping them recuperate and become independent. The women beneficiaries are always supported as their empowerment is Samarathanam's primary motive. Health, nutrition, medical needs, food, accommodation, vocational training, and counseling by experts are a few of the services provided by Swadhara.

WORKING WOMENS HOSTEL

Samarathanam's Working Women Hostel provides home for many women who are pursuing their higher education, and those who are employed in the city. These hard-working young women are encouraged to study further and make a future. Considering the current COVID pandemic, their study plans and exam preparations are on the go along with the following of strict precautions of cleaning, sanitizing and staying safe. Awareness sessions on the pandemic, lockdown, safety rules and vaccinations are regularly provided for their wellbeing.

STORIES OF CHANGE

BHAVANI KEDIA

“Bhavani has always been a strong young lady with optimism and positive thinking,” says Bhavani’s parents, who initially weren’t very sure on how to help her. Her father, Meeraj Kumar, runs a furniture store in Hyderabad and, along with Bhavani’s mother, they always had been encouraging. Bhavani was born in the year 2002 with multiple disabilities. She could not hear and see. Though shock and sorrow consumed her parents for a few years, upon her doctor’s advice, they enrolled Bhavani into Early Intervention and training in living skills.

Bhavani’s parents encouraged her in sports and cultural activities. She had to overcome many troubles and hurdles from her childhood but never did Bhavani feel depressed.

Bhavani wanted to pursue higher education but the family’s financial crisis limited her options drastically. Bhavani approached Samarthanam Trust after hearing about the Higher Education Programme in her college. Bhavani availed the scholarship support from Samarthanam for her higher studies and is pursuing her Bachelor of Arts programme in the prestigious St. Ann’s College for Women, Hyderabad.

Bhavani was very passionate about sports since her childhood, especially Tennis. She has participated in many International Tournaments and won many medals. Bhavani aspires to participate in the prestigious Wimbledon Tournament going further.

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SAI PRASANNA

“She loves to paint and always been very good at it. We want to let her study and pursue her interests, and we needed support,” says Prasanna’s father who has the responsibility of running the family with his meager salary.

A young mind with many hopes and big dreams. Since childhood Sai Prasanna has been excellent with her sketching skills and they have been improving with each day. “I want my own art studio one day,” says Prasanna with great desire. Born in Hyderabad, Telangana, it has not been easy for Prasanna and family due to her Orthopedic disability and constant economic crisis. But she never let the troubles stop her from smiling.

After completing regular school at Hyderabad, Prasanna wanted to study further and focus on her art in a better way. Severe financial crisis got in her way, and she could not enroll into higher education.

Sai Prasanna and her parents came to know about Samarthanam Trust’s Higher Education Support Programme and how the organization is breathing life into the careers of many young people. A visit to the Centre and after consulting the Coordinator at Samarthanam, Prasanna came to know in detail on the facilities and the support being offered to differently abled students and in specific about the “Higher Education Programme.”

Sai Prasanna availed the scholarship support from Samarthanam for her higher studies. “I cannot express my gratitude in words. The organization has given me more than I expected and helped me support my education. Thank you,” says a grateful Prasanna.

Prasanna is pursuing her second year Bachelor of Commerce programme at Hyderabad. She wants to continue her art and also aspires to work in a multinational company soon.



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“Ability is what you're capable of doing. Motivation determines what you do. Attitude determines how well you do it.”

- Lou Holtz

VOLUNTEERING

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GKN, Socgen, CITI, VMware, KPIT, Alstom, Morgan Stanley, Paypal, ANZ, SCB, Marriott, Croma, Puma, Unisys, JLL, Target, DHL, United Way Hyderabad, Google

INTERNSHIP PROGRAMS

26 students completed internship and service learning at Samarthanam, who were exposed to the various verticals at the organization.

A few worked closely with Human resource department, Sunadha and early intervention, CABI, Rehabilitation center. A few counseled the students online, took English grammar classes. They also involved in case studies, organizational study, Mini projects, Dance Movement therapy for Women beneficiaries from Swadhara. These included students from Tata Institute of Social Science, IIM Rathok, UPES Deharadun, Christ University, Bangalore University, Institute of Management, Nirma University (IMNU), Jindal Global Law University, Gujarat National Law University.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Volunteers from VMware, Alstom, Morgan Stanley, ANZ and JLL volunteered for Audio book recording at Samarthanam Digital Library.
- Volunteers from Morgan Stanley conducted sessions on financial literacy for Swadhara and women beneficiaries from LRC.
- Sign language workshop by Samarthanam inhouse trainers to volunteers from NASDAQ And DHL.
- Volunteers from GNK conducted session on career guidance to higher education beneficiaries.
- 56 students from Jyoti Nivas College, 26 students from Shri Shikshayatana college volunteered for Audio book Recording.

*Volunteering is at the very core of being a human.
No one has made it through life without
someone else's help.*



40 volunteering activities organized



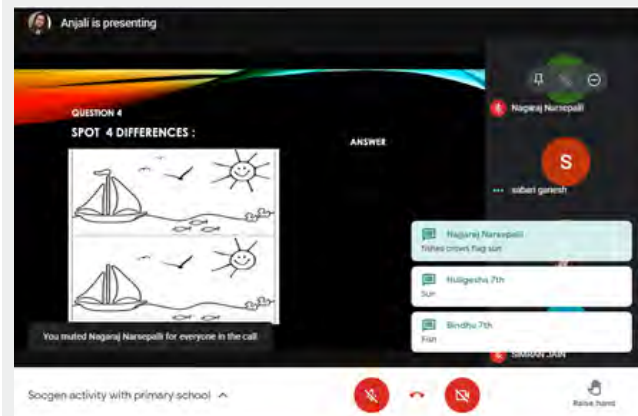
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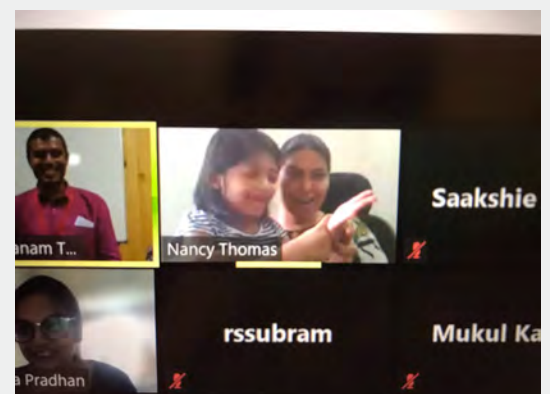
651 volunteers participated



823.1 hours of voluntary service



Virtual volunteering by a Corporate



Sign Language workshop by Samarthanam to Volunteers

DIGITAL LIBRARY

Samarthanam's Digital Library is a one of its kind to be set up in India which offer accessible education assistance to people with disabilities. The libraries contain books which are well-suited for the print disabled students including visually impaired, dyslexic children and those with verbal processing difficulties.

Digital Library takes the support of volunteers for the making of audio books. Recording of books is an active volunteering activity which largely helps the Library team in increasing the database.

HUMAN RESOURCES

The Human Resources team at Samarthanam had the toughest job of keeping the structure and function of the organization intact, during these tough times. Since the pandemic had set foot in India, and the devastating second wave, the HR team worked hard to facilitate work from home, measures for uninterrupted workflow, sanitized office premise, supplies for sanitization, and emotional support, enabling continuous functioning of the organization. The second lockdown has been disheartening and gloomy for the employees and the initiation of 'Sam Fun Fiesta' was the best move. The online employee engagement activities proved to be a stress-buster for the employees who had great fun interacting with their teams. Samarthanam Toastmasters Club was another brilliant initiative with 21 members and 7 club officers. The ice breaker speeches are through, and more members are showing great interest in being a part of the club.

Samarthanam COVID Vaccination Drive ensured immunizations of the staff and beneficiaries at Samarthanam, making the premises safe for everyone.



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231 Corporate Volunteers



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