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Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled®



Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled

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We believe in building an inclusive society free from discrimination, where persons with disabilities become contributing members living with dignity and respect.

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FROM THE FOUNDER'S DESK

Dr Mahantesh GK
Founder Managing Trustee

When the news of COVID vaccine in the making hit the stands, my 14-year-old son expressed relief. My 10-year-old daughter reminds me to wear a mask when I am about to step out. COVID pandemic does not need an introduction. It has come into our lives and changed the way we live.

The entire world was thrown into panic and the pandemic swept through India at an alarming pace, disrupting the lives of millions. Samarthanam, as a Non-Profit Organization working for the welfare of society, initiated COVID Relief Service Campaigns to cater to the people in need and raise awareness on measures to stem the spread. When the pandemic struck in March 2020, Samarthanam and its team stood on the front ready to support any call for help. We partnered with benevolent supporters and provided food, groceries, health kits, PPE, masks, sanitizers, ICU beds, RtPCR kits, not hesitating to step into hotspots and restricted areas. After reaching out to 100,000 people in need, the relief services continue to broaden and diversify, as we are still not free from the pandemic.

While the pandemic locked us in our homes, we have entered a virtual mode of living. The organization's seven interventions and multiple projects had to switch gears and learn to operate via the web. Our Schools, Skill Training Programmes, Health programmes, Job placements, Cricket matches, had to be kept active and operational, alongside COVID Relief measures. Thanks to our

teaching staff, operations team, IT crew, students and beneficiaries who welcomed the Digital Literacy age without dissension. The transition was not easy, but we have learnt to adapt to the changing scenario.

Samarthanam, with accessibility, technology, equality, and digitization as its four pillars, is advocating for a society where people with disabilities can grow and progress along with their non-disabled peers. Samarthanam inaugurated a new and accessible facility, the Samarthanam Bhavan. We launched programmes like digitization of 100 public schools, technology embedded inclusive education, health intervention, the Blind Cricket Tournament, the Blind Cricket Conclave, the Accessible Railways project, and Resource Center for Children with Hearing Impairment. Our work is backed by many corporates Government, public and private organizations, and our donors. Through their support we have been able to accomplish a few goals and continue working towards our Vision 2030.

As we continue to grow as an organization, the partnerships made are vital for the success of our programmes. Our beneficiaries are able to get closer to their career goals, achieve their ambitions, fulfill dreams with the help of your support. My gratitude and appreciation to people who have been instrumental in moving closer to our vision and mission.

Thank you and stay safe.



SAMARTHANAM TRUST

Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled is a Non-Profit Organization that is engaged in empowering persons with disabilities and distress in socio-economic-cultural fronts through its various initiatives on Education, Livelihood, Environment, Health & Nutrition, Sports, Culture and Rehabilitation. It was established in the year 1997 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 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.

Samarthanam envisions to reach One Million persons with disabilities by the year 2030.



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 under-privileged 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

INITIATIVES



EDUCATION



SKILLING



ENVIRONMENT



SPORTS



CULTURE



HEALTH & NUTRITION



REHABILITATION

Samarthanam MILESTONES in 2020-2021

April 2020
COVID RELIEF CAMPAIGN

The Campaign extended its services reaching out to more people, hospitals, COVID warriors and health workers across India.

June 2020
ACCESSIBLE NEW WEBSITE

A new and completely accessible Samarthanam website with improved design, navigation, comprehensibility, and ease, launched.

July 2020
STEVE WAUGH'S VISIT

Steve Waugh is inspired by Blind Cricket and mentions the game in his Photobook, 'Spirit of Cricket.'

Dec 2020
BLIND CRICKET IMPACT REPORT

Welingkar Institute of Management's Social Impact study on blind cricket written in a report, 'Social Impact Measurement Report 2020'.

Oct 2020
AN HONORABLE DOCTORATE

Mahantesh GK honored with a Doctorate in Social Service by Brampton International University.

Sep 2020
VIRTUAL SCHOOL BEGINS

Virtual schooling commenced with the onset of online learning for students with the help of Digital literacy training programme.

Dec 2020
DEAF RESOURCE CENTRE

Resource Center for Children with Hearing Impairment set up for helping children with hearing impairment with communication by an experienced sign language interpreter.

Feb 2021
SAMARTHANAM BHAVAN OPENS

A second accessible facility, the Samarthanam Bhavan, inaugurated to accommodate girls with disabilities, from under-privileged backgrounds, and the elderly.

Feb 2021
NAGESH TROPHY BLIND CRICKET

The third edition of IndusInd Bank Nagesh trophy 2021 was played, and Andhra Pradesh lifted the trophy, second time in a row.

TOWARDS VISION 2030

Samarthanam envisions to touch the lives of 10,00,000 disabled and the under-privileged by the year 2030.

Mar 2021
ACCESSIBLE RAILWAY STATIONS

Implementation of accessible facilities for Divyangjan at the Railway Stations in Mumbai Division, for improving the services of passengers, especially for the Divyangjan.

Aug
2020

INCLUSIVE EDUCATION PROJECT

The first inclusive education and health interventions programme launched at Kodikonda in Andhra Pradesh for students with disabilities.

Sep
2020

'EYE-OPENER' RELEASED

'Eye-Opener,' The Autobiography of Dr Mahantesh GK, released at the hands of Rahul Dravid, former Indian Cricket player and Captain of the Indian national team.

Feb
2021

OUTSTANDING VISION AWARD

SABAL Centre for Abilities, an Initiative of Tata Steel Foundation in collaboration with Enable India felicitated Dr Mahantesh GK with Person with "Outstanding Vision" Award.

Mar
2021

DIGITALIZATION OF SCHOOLS

A project, supported by DXC Technology, and implemented by Samarthanam Trust took forward the digitalizing of 100 Government Schools in India.



1583
KIDS EDUCATED



21707
YOUTH TRAINED
48% EMPLOYED



3391
TONNES OF DRY WASTE
RECYCLED



50000+
BLIND CRICKETERS REACHED



200
ARTISTS SUPPORTED



60
WOMEN EMPOWERED



6308
MEALS SERVED ACROSS
50 GOVT SCHOOLS

RESPONDING TO A GLOBAL PANDEMIC, the COVID Outbreak

Samarthanam on the forefront

Dry Ration Kits

PPE and Health Kits

Packed meals

RtPCR Kits

ICU Beds

Masks

Sanitizers

Digital support

Online Fund Transfers for the disabled

Support for Children of Health
Workers

In progress

Oxygen Generator Bank

ICU Ambulance

Vaccination Awareness

ICU Modular Unit



Food and groceries to people
across the hard-hit regions

45,000+ Dry Ration Kits

50+ Locations

- Underprivileged, disabled and the marginalized families received groceries lasting for two months to keep them home and not hungry
- Every remote District, Town, Village of Karnataka, and other cities were covered
- Kit distribution stations were set-up across various regions for giving away the grocery
- Government officials, corporate executives, Ministers and MLAs led the distribution programmes



Meals for the stranded
families

5,00,000+ packed meals

- Hot and Hygienic Food provided to migrant families in hotspots, families who have lost jobs and were struggling to make their ends meet
- A food van visited the homes of families of daily wagers who were provided with meals twice a day
- Reduced the hunger problems surfacing among the poor and disabled families due to the pandemic



Supporting the women health workers

36,000+ Women health workers

25+ Locations

- Health Kits and Supplies prepared the women healthcare workers for their everyday duties at COVID affected sectors
- Sarees, IR Thermometers, Hand Sanitizers, Record Books, N95 Masks, gloves were given away to Anganwadi and ASHA workers



Our Task Force and Operations

17 Cities covered

- The massive COVID Relief Campaign aimed to reach out to large and diverse geographies
- Committees were constituted, Periodic planning and review meetings were held, a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) prepared and followed for perfect implementation
- Media helped us in spreading awareness and officials from Corporate, Government and Ministries supported the Campaign



Keeping our Frontliners safe and strong

61000+ Frontliners

17+ Hospitals

41+ Police Stations

86,000 PPE Kits

25,000 RtPCR Kits

200+ ICU Beds

- Police Stations across the cities were supported with Healthcare Supplies (Masks, Hand sanitizer, Sanitizer refill, Sanitizer dispenser, Handwash etc)
- PPE & Healthcare Kits (N95 Masks, PPE, Medicines, 3Ply face mask, Nitrile gloves, Sanitizer) to keep doctors and medical staff safe
- RtPCR kits given away to improve the efficiency and speed of testing the COVID affected
- The ICU Beds largely helped in increasing the accommodation of the Hospitals attending to the COVID affected
- COVID warriors including the Police, Doctors, Emergency services, Sanitation crew, security personnel, received protective gear as they resumed their duties as frontliners
- Women frontliners, ASHA workers and Anganwadi workers were provided with health kits to stay protected
- All Police Stations were distributed with kits including PPE, Sanitizers, Refills, Gloves, Masks and so on
- Masks and sanitizers were given away to pourakarmikas for their safety

COVID CAMPAIGN

MAKING
A
REAL
IMPACT



Providing timely resources to 10,000,000 people





across the country.



Samarthanam COVID Relief Campaign

Thank you,
says the
beneficiaries!

I am Deepak and my wife Basavva, who is pregnant, need to move to a safe place. We are Speech and Hearing-impaired and needed assistance owing to her late months of pregnancy. We were escorted to our village in Dharwad district after obtaining Police and other necessary permissions by Samarthanam team.

-- Deepak Gabbura, Samarthanam employee

A very huge thanks to the Trust for bringing in all the healthcare needs and distributing among us (healthcare workers). They have been thoughtful in approaching us with health kits as we keep moving across the city and helping the COVID affected. We need protective gear and sanitisers importantly. Thanks to them we have a good supply now.

-- Health Department, HSR Division

We need to survive but we don't have any money. The situation has been very critical at Lingarajapuram where we (migrant daily wage workers) live. No work in hand and no money to feed. Samarthanam's meals twice a day helped us to survive.

-- A daily wage worker who lives with his pregnant wife, children

We are staying at Padarayana-pura and it is a containment zone with no help being received from anyone. We were very depressed as no one would dare to come to our rescue. In this critical situation we requested Samarthanam to support, and they immediately helped with ration kits. The help that is received is unforgettable and we are greatly thankful to them. Many thanks to Samarthanam.

-- A family at Padarayanapura

I live in a joint family, and I have many kids at home. It is highly important that I stay safe while doing my job. The pandemic has created difficult situation for us ASHA workers, but we still need to resume our routine. Since we have been receiving Health kits from Samarthanam, I feel my job can now be done without fear. Thank you.

-- ASHA worker from Bangalore

Samarthanam's ration kits are helping us during the pandemic times or it would have been impossible for us to survive. The ration received will help us run our kitchen for 2 months. We are thankful to Samarthanam.

-- Mr. Guruprasad, Beneficiary

Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled is identifying a lot of disabled people like me and helping us with dry ration kits. Samarthanam team is bringing in ration which is very essential during these times, especially for the disabled as we cannot move out as easily as other people.

-- Elderly and disabled family

Our hospital received PPE Kits from Samarthanam which greatly helps us in keeping our staff safe while attending to our patients. We cannot step back from our responsibilities and these kits help us continue our services without setback. I appreciate the timely support offered by Samarthanam to Hospitals and doctors which is quite ideal. Thank you.

-- Mr. Radhakrishna, Medical Superintendent, CV Raman General Hospital

STORIES OF CHANGE

Shared Connections

by

Niranjan S

Communications Department

(Media Coordinator)



“When we allow ourselves to adapt to different situations, life is easier. Knowingly or Unknowingly, this is what I did, and my actions and adaptability during COVID-19 pandemic created an opportunity to make a difference by serving the community in a whole new way” says Niranjan of Samarthanam Trust for the disabled.

The pandemic hit the world in March 2020 and soon everyone started facing the devastating effect. The situation called upon for quick thinking on the feet and adapting to the situation. Under the leadership of Dr. Mahantesh G K, Samarthanam formed a COVID task force and I was part of the team from day one. The task force was constituted as Samarthanam had already started receiving distress calls from PwDs and underprivileged. Toll free numbers were launched and Media witnessing the work of Samarthanam, projected the NGO as one of the frontline organizations working for the upliftment of disabled during pandemic.

With just over 6 years of experience in media fraternity and having spent good amount of time in Samarthanam, it was time for me to be on field executing the relief work taken up by the organization. Every day I and my team were distributing 1900 food packets to the needy in and around Bangalore. Along with this, I also planned and distributed nearly 100 dry ration kits every day to various communities prioritizing on the highly affected areas like Padrayanapura, Shivajinagar, Hongasandra etc.

During this period, I recall an incident which made me realise that COVID had not spared anyone including our own staff. One of the employees who has speech and hearing impairment was struggling to find any support during the lockdown as everything was shut and he was finding it difficult to communicate. The employee's spouse was pregnant and this made the situation even more tricky as the couple wanted to leave the city and go to their hometown. Somehow, the employee created and shared a video in social media and the disability department was quick to notice this distress message and informed Samarthanam to respond. I was entrusted with the responsibility of ensuring that the couple reach their hometown safely. Due to lockdown, stringent rules were in place and seeking permission from the law enforcement authorities was a tedious task. I still remember waiting for 4 hours in the police station to get the permission approved to travel within the state and finally was issued a travel pass. The next step was to plan the travel adhering to COVID safety protocols as the disease was wreaking havoc across the state and cases were on the rise. I along with my colleague arranged for a vehicle and travelled along with the couple to ensure they reached their hometown safely.

Lessons I learnt were many. Most of us were connected and it showed me how interdependence wins and the need for bonding. I realised the weight of Humanity. Together we Win!!!



INCLUSIVE EDUCATION

Education, on virtual mode for
the year

Primary School

220+
students

ID school

100+
students

Early Intervention

40
students

High School

120
students

When the COVID outbreak forced the organization and the school to shift gear and move to virtual mode, Samarthanam adopted the new ways of learning. The Barrier-free Residential School and its staff were able to communicate with students across the State of Karnataka and helped them to study, without losing a year to the pandemic.

The teachers were accustomed to the traditional way of teaching. But they have been guided and encouraged to learn the skills necessary to teach digitally. As the first step towards online education, virtual class-wise parent-teacher meetings were conducted to sensitize the parents. Later the online classes took off after ensuring complete attendance.

The e-Learning for Primary School children started through WhatsApp groups, online virtual classes, class-wise and subject-wise learning. Textbooks were procured from the Education Department and were distributed. The staff were provided with laptops and students with Tabs for the online classes. The teachers attended Digital Literacy Programme to gain a complete understanding of the online education system.

Samarthanam Barrier-free School

- Inclusive education for the differently abled children acted as a great opportunity to build their careers through a mainstream approach.
- Quality education and residential facility for marginalized and children with disabilities
- Smart Classrooms and Technology embedded learning practices
- Physical, emotional, and social wellbeing of the children taken care
- Focus on sports, cultural activities, yoga, health and nutrition, boosted the self confidence among the differently abled
- Transportation in accessible vehicles
- Nutritious food for complete growth and development.
- Physiotherapy services for children with therapeutic needs.
- Vocational skill training for children with special needs for improving their livelihood skills.
- Surgery and orthosis need taken care on priority for children.
- The families of 300 children have focused on their work, well-being, improved their livelihood, economic stature, and mental health.

"The COVID lockdown introduced virtual education to teachers and students who geared to adopt the new way of learning. Kudos to their dedication and a great deal of effort that made it possible."

- Dr Mahantesh GK

Samarthanam High School

- Students from High School continued their classes via Online Schooling. NLP helped in the teaching and to accommodate easy access to the virtual classes, Tabs were given away to students by Samarthanam.
- A stream of online sessions, workshops and trainings were organized for the teachers to understand technology, its implications, outcome, Applications, Software and Programs.
- The teachers dedicated their time for transition to Digital Learning and make online classes comfortable for the students. The outcome is evident in the grades scored by the students in their examinations.





New Launches

- Resource Center for Children with Hearing Impairment, for effective means of communication involving the hearing impaired, by an experienced sign language interpreter
- Innovative Tinker Lab with six learning modules, Games and Animation, Mobile App development, Robotics, Microbit, 3D Printing, and Artificial Intelligence
- Smart boards, which are interactive teaching aids for improved learning and understanding
- Next Learning Platform, a platform used for online teaching
- Avaz App to help children with disabilities with reading and communication

Way Forward

- The teachers and students are planning on developing an effective system to make good use of the science lab, the library, and the computer lab facilities.
- Samarthanam is working on improving the hands-on knowledge with respect to Computers and technology for the teaching staff. We look forward to utilizing the Deaf Community Resource Center to give out maximum support for the Hearing-Impaired students owing to its state-of-the-art technology.
- Samarthanam is planning to set up a school for the children with Hearing Impairment.
- The ID School has plans on enhancing the vocational training unit by introducing simple cooking activities and other similar programmes for the special children.



Samarthanam's Inclusive Education Project

The Inclusive Education Project aims to address the barriers that keep disabled children away from formal education and help in creating accessible schools. It supports families, schools, and communities to work together to promote a new schooling culture with accessibility as its foundation. The project promotes inclusive education to children with and without disabilities across various Government schools from poor and backward sections of the society.



200 children
with and without disabilities targeted to reach



68 villages
of Bagepalli and Chilamatur reached (Karnataka & Andhra Pradesh)

- Education support through home visits and networking with Government schools
- Health assessment & assistive devices provided
- School teachers' orientation and capacity building
- Awareness campaigns on a large scale
- Campaigns to make schools, learning material and teaching accessible to children with disabilities using advanced technology
- To promote co and extracurricular activities for children with and without disabilities



Samarthanam's Digitalizing of Government Schools Project

In association with DXC Technology, Digitalization of Government Schools project took off with an objective to strengthen the online education practices.

Samarthanam is installing Smart Boards across 125 Government Schools to help the children pursue education during the pandemic period and adopt digital learning as well. The schools have been identified, permission from Education Departments procured from four locations, smart boards procured, and the installation has begun.

The team is looking forward to recruiting trainers and organize orientation as the next step.



1,00,000+ Children



125 Government Schools



8 States

Higher Education Programme

- Students provided with financial assistance, free residential facility, nutritious food, accessible study environment, assistive technology, to enable the young men and women study without hurdles.
- Tabs were given away to students making their access to online education easy and comfortable.
- Computer training, soft skills training, communication skill improvement sessions for improved confidence levels.
- The Coaching for excellence initiative provides intensive training in various subjects and is helpful for clearing the Karnataka Public Service Examinations.
- Career guidance and counseling sessions for a better understanding of higher study opportunities.
- The beneficiaries are encouraged to take up study of choice, and supported to make their mark in the field
- Increased awareness among students with disabilities about Government schemes and programmes
- Improved socio-economic status of the students and their families, who completed their higher education with good jobs.
- Physical, emotional, and social wellbeing of students as they pursue sports, arts, reading, audio books, health, nutrition, corporate exposure visits, educational tours, for a holistic learning experience.
- The students of Higher Education programme scored extremely well in the Board Examination with an average of 80% result.

Way Forward

Samarthanam looks forward to expanding the programme across new locations in India, thereby encouraging those youth with disabilities and the poor who are unable to pursue education for various reasons. Samarthanam HEP is planning to start Competitive Examination Coaching across various centres in India and to launch Disability Resource Centres in Universities and Colleges.

Impact and Reach

1172 beneficiaries

882 disabled

11 Centres

Bangalore

Belagavi

Ballari

Dharwad

Delhi

Chennai

Ananthapur

Guntur

Pune

Mumbai

Hyderabad



STORIES OF CHANGE

Puttalakshmi

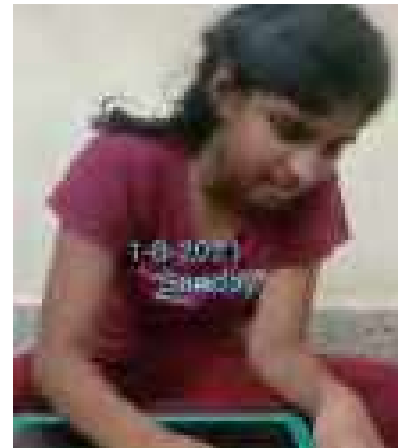
Student, Samarthanam School for Children with Intellectual Disabilities

“Puttalakshmi is a charming girl. We noticed speech difficulty and hyperactivity but that did not last long,” says her teacher from Samarthanam Special School.

Puttalakshmi hails from an agricultural family in a remote village in Karnataka and is the eldest of three children. Her father worked in a small private organization. Being the first child with special needs, Puttalakshmi’s early symptoms went unnoticed by her parents for some time.

Puttalakshmi came to Samarthanam Special School as her parents believed that she will be able to learn and grow at this School. The child has zero sitting tolerance, poor communication, and hyperactivity. It was very difficult to make her sit in a chair for a few minutes. Eventually, she learnt many skills and ability to do daily activities, physical exercises and she also had begun to talk in single syllables.

Puttalakshmi is at her home now due to COVID, but her learning has not stopped. She listens to her teachers online and continues her classes via WhatsApp. Puttalakshmi says that she wants to be a teacher when she grows up and Samarthanam is positive that her dream will come true.



*“I am glad that I got her to Samarthanam at the right time. She is able to communicate now, and we are amazed to see her progress.”
says her mother*



SKILLING CENTRES

Skill-training to be on par with the professional world

12

Centres Pan India

21707

Youth trained (Overall)

17366

Youth with Disabilities trained (Overall)

69%

Placement (Overall)

Samarthanam Skilling Centres Pan India on an average every year trains 2000 students with disability and the poor, to lead them towards socio economic independence. The Centres were aware of the escalating crisis and prepared for the pandemic with all hands on deck. Since the pandemic, virtual classes in all the centers PAN India were planned and implemented using technology and Apps like Google Meet, Zoom, Duo and other digital mediums. The transition has created a new learning environment and experience for the teachers and trainees.

Virtual Training Mode

Samarthanam ensured the continuous operation of the training centres by supporting with the necessary gear, technology, and applications. Tabs were provided to the trainees as easy access to the virtual classes was a priority. The trainers and Center Heads Pan India, met to have sessions to understand the training activities of virtual sessions to prepare the Guidelines and training implementation process. Technical and non-technical issues were addressed effectively.

The training materials and content were simplified and digitalized to make it accessible to the trainees. The beneficiaries were categorized into groups based on disability and learning ability. The teachers were able to focus and communicate efficiently to these groups.

Video calls, Audio calls, Recorded classes, WhatsApp groups, Mobilization via social media, training on usage of technology, were a few measures taken for a successful Digital Skill Training programme. Since the practical exposure was compromised, the candidates were offered an additional one month of practical training after lockdown was lifted.

Highlights

- Samarthanam Guntur launched a YouTube Educational Channel to support online education.
- Dry Ration Kits were provided to the trainees from different centers across India.
- Since promoting accessibility is one of the primary objectives of Samarthanam, the Delhi and Mumbai team supported to conduct access audit after installation of accessibility at Anand Vihar Railway Station, Delhi and Lokmanya Tilak Terminus Railway Station, Mumbai with the support of Anuprayaas.
- A project to train 400 candidates under DDUGKY at Bangalore Location in the Hybrid Trade of BPO and Retail has been accomplished.

Bangalore
Belgaum
Bellary
Dharwad
Gadag
Ananthapur
Guntur
Hyderabad
Kochi
Chennai
Mumbai
Pune
Delhi





“ Since Virtual Training had begun, we were able to reach beneficiaries from remote areas and far from our Training Centres. An inclination to enroll was witnessed, given the option of Virtual and Physical Training.”

- Chandrashekhar K N, LRC Head - Pan India



New Launches

- Introduced technical domains like JAVA and PHYTHON to the skilling curriculum at Chennai OMR Center
- Value addition to the skilling program was done by adopting Hybrid model- such as combining Cricket and skilling for the visually impaired female candidates.
- The Tailoring Training Unit at Bangalore Location initiated mask making training to support the needy during the COVID-19 pandemic
- An additional unit has been added to the Tailoring Unit at Bangalore Location.
- Along with the regular IT, BPO, English, soft skills and digital literacy training, Samarthanam LRCs introduced a training session on Retail and Hospitality.

Way Forward

Samarthanam is working on upgrading the training modules by exploring more technology related training programmes and infusing them into the regular curriculum. A combination of virtual and physical training sessions are being planned which will benefit students from various locations.

The effective implementation of DDU-GKY skilling programme and upgrading it by introducing Hybrid Trades (Retail and BPO) is on the discussion table.

Alongside, Samarthanam is reaching out to remote geographical regions by mobilizing people and elucidating training modules to the youth for their better livelihoods.

DIGITAL LIBRARY

Accessible learning practice to benefit students with disabilities

4

Digital Libraries (Bangalore, Chennai, Guntur and Vizag)

2100

PwDs benefited

22000

Volunteers participated

12821

Books recorded

10368

Ink print Books

6023

Braille Books

8981

Books in Sugamya Pustakalaya

Braille Printer

printing books in Braille for the visually impaired

Sugamya Pustakalaya

A library to encourage reading habit among children

Mobile Library

which is taking books to the doorstep of many children

Digital Library had the important role of supporting the online learning practices at Samarthanam, especially during the COVID lockdown. The four Digital Libraries of Samarthanam made education accessible for the print-disabled including visually impaired, dyslexic children and those with verbal processing difficulties. Because of the year-long virtual learning at Samarthanam facilities, Digital Library had to support the online learning needs of the students with digital study material.

Samarthanam is an active member of the Daisy Forum India (DFI) which is involved in the production of books and reading materials in accessible formats for the disabled. Samarthanam's Digital Library is first of its kind to be set up and operational in India.

Highlights

- New languages in the likes of French, German and Spanish were added to the Digital Library database.
- Digital Library welcomed volunteers from various countries like Morocco, London, Spain, New Zealand, Qatar, and Oman.
- Rahul Dravid, former Indian Cricket Captain, Bhaskar Rao IPS, and a few other corporate executives and Government officials visited the Library, recorded a byte and appreciated the initiative focused on the welfare of people with disabilities.
- The Audiobook recording activity by volunteers from Citibank is a programme carried out at a global level where 616 volunteers from various branches across the world participated in recording books including a few in languages, Portuguese and Italian.
- Volunteering activities have been virtual and on the big impact day from the corporate, 20000 volunteers participated in the editing of 10000 books, which is still in process.
- Volunteering activities are largely encouraged at the Digital Library helping in increasing the database.
- The Library team has played an active role in implementing the COVID Campaign across the country, on or off the field.

SAMARTHANAM BHAVAN

The Accessible facility at Bengaluru
Catering to Girls with disability & the Elderly



STORIES OF CHANGE

Saurabh Malik

Livelihood Resource Centre, Delhi

Saurabh hails from an economically poor family in Delhi. Being the only child, Saurabh had immense responsibility on him, which he wanted to fulfill without protest.

Saurabh's parents being unemployed made him the bread winner. He was in a hurry to complete his education and get a job for the well-being of his entire family. But Computers and English communication was something he struggled with. Saurabh was worried about his prospects but was not ready to give up

"I wanted to get myself equipped with skills that would make my job hunt easier. That's when Samarthanam's LRC came into picture," says a smiling Saurabh. After his training at Samarthanam Delhi, his Computers, English and aptitude improved by leaps and bounds. "I could see a different version of myself," says Saurabh.

During the training, Saurabh Malik attended a few interviews and got selected at BA Continuum Pvt. Ltd. Saurabh is today a working professional, who can pursue his interest in cricket and support his family. "Thanks to Samarthanam for guiding me in the right direction. I owe it to them," says Saurabh.



"I might be physically disabled but my only focus was on being an employed earning member of the family."
Says Saurabh Malik



DISABILITY SPORTS

For improved strength, endurance
and well-being

Sports Training for games
Major Marathons participation
Various Sports Meet
Sports for Special Children
Wall Climbing for the blind Sports
competitions
Coaching assistance
Training equipment and gear
Trained professional coaches
Counseling and guidance
Interpersonal skills
Communication
Personality development sessions
Nutrition and personal hygiene

At Samarthanam School, sports form an integral part of education. The team at Samarthanam encourages the students to step up and focus on any game of their choice, helps them train and excel in this area. Children with disabilities are encouraged to participate in a variety of sports for their physical and mental well-being, fitness, develop independence, communication, social skills, exposure, and improved confidence. The participants are introduced to Competitions at National and International levels which act as a platform to showcase their ability.

Achievements

- Indian mountaineering Association organized Wall Climbing training programme for Persons with Disabilities at Equilibrium Climbing Station.
- The Karnataka Sports association for the physically handicapped organized the Para State Athletic Meet for Visually Impaired and Samarthanam athletes brought home prizes and accolades.
- Karnataka Sports Association for the Physically Handicapped organized Para National athletic meet and Samarthanam received prizes in Running and Javelin Throw.

CRICKET FOR THE BLIND

Cricket Association for the Blind in India (CABI)



Cricket Association for Blind in India (CABI) is the sports division of Samarthanam, and is the apex body governing cricket for blind in India. It is affiliated to World Blind Cricket Ltd (WBC). CABI organizes cricket tours and tournaments, trains the blind cricket players, encourages the new players and works on blind cricket awareness. CABI encourages Women Blind Cricketers via camps and tournaments, which is increasingly gathering cricketing talent among women.

The COVID pandemic had brought a halt on the regular Cricket Coaching and the Blind Cricket Tournaments. The initial pandemic days were difficult for the visually impaired Men and Women blind cricket players who had to stay home to stay safe. With support from Samarthanam, Cricket Association for the Blind in India (CABI) took a step towards organizing Tournaments with the rules of social distancing, masks, sanitization in place. To provide the best possible opportunities for the players, a few events were organized virtually, and expert players agreed to share their views via online webinars.

Keeping up the spirit during the pandemic

- Virtual Training was conducted to the visually impaired cricketers across India to encourage and guide the players during the pandemic. It was important to keep the players motivated about the game, fitness, and training.
- The rules of cricket, lessons in communication, Skill training, Health, Computer applications, Soft skills training, and an overall grooming programme was in place for the blind women cricketers.
- A virtual AGM was organized with 28 State representatives where Indian Women's Cricket Nagesh Trophy and other major significant cricket decisions were made.

50000+

Blind cricket players reached

30

States in India affiliation

2

Major Tournaments organized

3

Coaching Camps and Events

- A Webinar by former Indian women's team captain and BCCI Apex Council Member, Shantha Rangaswamy, and one by All India Visually Impaired Bankers Association addressed by Indian Blind cricket team player Ajay Reddy and CABI General Secretary John David witnessed wide-ranging audience.
- Legendary Australian Cricketer, Steve Waugh got down to playing Blind Cricket with our visually impaired men and women players. His book, "Spirit of Cricket," mentions blind cricket and we, at Cricket Association for the Blind in India, feel proud and honored to be a part of his work.
- 650 Visually Impaired Cricketers across India received monetary support to go through the crisis caused by the pandemic and the lockdown, as supported by Samarthanam. Many cricketers also received dry ration kits with necessities fit for two months.



IndusInd Bank Nagesh Trophy National Blind Cricket Tournament - Third Edition

67 T20 matches

384 Players

24 States



Cricket Association for Blind in India (CABI) and Samarthanam organized the third edition of IndusInd Bank Nagesh Trophy after a long break due to the pandemic. Bringing together the players, organizing the matches, venue arrangements, promotion and following COVID precautions were carried out without any setback. After two weeks of active and enthusiastic league matches, quarter finals and semi-finals, Andhra Pradesh team lifted the winning trophy, second time in a row, beating Odisha by 80 runs, in the Final match. Congratulations to the players and kudos to the organizers for presenting an amazing game despite the challenges posed by the pandemic.



Skill Training for Women Blind Cricketers

**120 women blind cricketers Camps
in Karnataka and Tamil Nadu 3-day
coaching camp**



CABI supports Women Blind Cricketers, grooms their talent and lays the stage for their future in cricket. CABI with the Affiliated State Boards organized various Coaching Camps for the young aspiring women cricketers, following COVID protocols.

The players were detailed on the rules and regulations of blind cricket, the Auditory Cricket Ball, Cricket Pitch and the Field placements during a Match. The camp focused on different aspects needed for the making of a good player and prepared the aspiring young women for future tournaments.



National Coaching Camp for the Tri – Nation Series at Bangladesh

7 days of fitness and cricket coaching at Bangabasi College Cricket Ground in West Bengal



The Blind Cricket National Conclave, organized by Cricket Association for the Blind in India (CABI) and Samarthanam Trust, sponsored by IndusInd Bank, has set a stage to brainstorm on the important aspects revolving around blind cricket, its history, achievements and the future. Welingkar (WE School) school team has put together a comprehensive Social Impact Report on Blind Cricket, which was launched at the conclave.

The conclave encompassed panel discussions on significance and development of Womens Blind Cricket, role of Samarthanam in the journey of Blind Cricket, the importance of mental health for a visually impaired player and the need to support blind cricket. The Panelists involved were Dr Mahantesh GK, President of CABI, Founder Trustee, Samarthanam, Mr Adwait Hebbar, Head Corporate Services & CSR, IndusInd Bank, Mr Paneesh Rao, Chief People Officer, Mind Tree, Mr Milind Gunaji, Actor/TV Host, Mr Sujith Somasundar, Former Indian Cricketer & current mental conditioning Coach, Indian Men's Team, Ms. Shantha Rangaswamy, Former Indian Women's Team Captain & BCCI Apex Council Member, Mr K.T. Rajan, Head of Technology & Innovation, India, British Deputy High Commission, Dr Anil Rao Paila, Senior Dean & Director, WE School, Ms. Pallove Raj, IndusInd Bank, Ms Kripa Williams, CSR Allergan, and Mr John David- General Secretary, CABI.

IndusInd Bank Blind Cricket National Conclave – 2021

5 Panel discussions by experts and eminent speakers

The Impact Study Report on CABI released

CABI Documentary film released

STORIES OF CHANGE

Akshay Borrikar

Indian Blind Cricket player

“The wait is never tiring when you wish to represent your country at the highest level and when it happens you feel elated and honored. Representing your country in any possible manner is the biggest achievement is what I honestly feel,” says Akshay.

Akshay Borrikar is a Blind Cricket player from the Indian Blind Cricket team. It was a joyous day when he received a call from the Selection Committee asking him to be a part of the Indian Blind Cricket team for Tri Nation T20 Series at Bangladesh.

Akshay lost his vision in 2012 due to Jaundice. It was an unfortunate phase for him, as the illness affected his eyesight and now he is totally Visually Impaired. Akshay holds a bachelor’s degree in commerce and works as an Assistant Manager in the Bank of India at Nagpur Maharashtra.

Akshay started playing cricket at School and his talent was noticed by the Visually Impaired State Selection committee. That brought Akshay to the IndusInd Bank Nagesh Trophy and stood as the ‘Man of the Match’.

“The maiden tour to Bangladesh has brought a lot of learning and has provided me an opportunity which I wish to hold on to. I will work hard and represent the Indian Blind Cricket Team and make the team proud,” says Akshay.

We are positive that Akshay is on the right track and is moving ahead at full speed to accomplish what he had begun. CABI appreciated Akshay for his success and the enthusiasm to achieve big.



“Cricket is something that keeps me happy. It gives me the confidence to overcome any hurdle or impediment.”
Says Akshay Borrikar

EYE OPENER

The Autobiography of a extraordinary man on a mission,
Dr Mahantesh GK, Samarthanam Founder Managing Trustee





ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION

Parisara and WoW, working for a cleaner and greener environment

32
Wards of BBMP covered

498649
Households covered

3050
Number of rag pickers and waste handlers handing over the material at DWCC

28
No of DWCC

18
No of Schools

80
No of Corporates

12233 MT
LVP diverted from Landfilling

628
Tonnes
Sent for recycling from 40 corporates

2737
Kilogram
Food & Kitchen Waste processed as manure

We have a responsibility towards our environment and Recycling is one among the many practices which one can adopt to conserve environment.

Samarthanam's Parisara is a reliable and efficient dry and e-waste management programme collecting, segregating and recycling various forms of waste in the city of Bengaluru, promoting the concept of reduce-reuse-recycle. Parisara collects dry waste from various corporate, industries, companies, institutions, apartments, and communities and directing it towards Recycling Centres. On the same road, Parisara is changing the lives of the disabled and the weaker sections by generating employment and providing sustainable livelihood.

WOW is a recycling programme initiated by the Paperboards and Specialty Papers Business of ITC. The programme focuses on raising awareness on source segregation, waste recycling, clean neighborhood, and a sustainable living for people who work in the waste handling department. WOW team works together with BBMP and implements various programmes towards ensuring a cleaner and greener city.

The pandemic this year has locked us in our houses but the Hospitals, Health workers, Sanitation crew, Police and many other primary care departments had to stay on the frontline, ensuring public safety. While hundreds of sanitation workers stayed on job, Samarthanam Parisara lent a hand to the safety of these groups by distributing masks, sanitisers, gloves, and protective gear, with the help of other organizations. COVID safety and awareness sessions have been organized for the continued safety and well-being of the workers.

Way Forward

Parisara is planning on expanding its reach to other divisions of the State and scale up the recycling process. Awareness among public is a priority and the team is collecting ideas on improving awareness and understanding the importance of segregation at source. Despite the unpredictable lockdowns, Parisa would be continuously supporting the workers with necessary safety gear.

SUCHITHA

18250 kgs food waste
converted to organic manure

SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT (STP)

2920000 liters of wastewater
treated in one year



STORIES OF CHANGE

Satheesh

Parisara

I came into this world with beautiful eye sight like any person, but lost the precious gift at a very young age. My parents' economic conditions prevented them from giving the much needed treatment for my eye sight. A good Samaritan entered into my life to shape my future. I joined a Blind School, in Mysore with his help, and then pursued my Education in Maharajas college, where I began to understand Cricket, started playing with utmost dedication and passion and participated in State and National Level tournaments. "Life is worth living with all excitements and every inch I moved forward in my life was filled with adventure and determination"

1994 is a milestone in my life, when I had an opportunity to know about Samarthanam. I was introduced to Mahantesh Sir and Nagesh Sir, the dynamic personalities. Their guidance and support helped me to steer forward and I found a new meaning in life.

In 2006, I started working for Parisara- the environmental vertical of Samarthanam. Our initiatives are more focused on bringing out environmental awareness among the general public. Parisara and WOW, are working towards promoting the 3Rs (Reduce-Reuse-Recycle), waste segregation, greener and cleaner environs, and developing sustainable waste management models. Each step taken towards conservation is a step laid towards presenting a cleaner India and a better future to our next generations. Parisara also contributes to the disabled communities by providing livelihood opportunities to people with disabilities and the underprivileged.

What excites me and my Team is the work getting interesting and challenging every day as the progress and impact has been too encouraging. Around 162 Tonnes of dry waste was collected 134 Tonnes of dry waste recycled, 12 persons are employed and the value derived from segregation and recycling amounts to Rs 12 lacs.



"I have never considered Disability in my spirit.

I love being courageous, determined and steadfast in my goals that takes me further in my life with Samarthanam to excel higher"

Says Satheesh



A word of Appreciation

DXC Technology's association with Samarthanam has been mutually enriching and rewarding in terms of achieving sustainable social impact.

The Samarthanam team's commitment, passion, attention to detail and relationship-building capabilities are commendable.

DXC has had the opportunity to partner with Samarthanam over the past couple of years on a few of the organization's flag-ship projects. The outcomes have been remarkable, with long-standing benefits to the community.

We at DXC extend our regards and best wishes to everyone at Samarthanam for their continued success.

Angelyn Jayaseelan

DXC India CSR Lead





ARTS AND CULTURE

Performing Arts beyond barriers

200

Artists with disabilities supported

23

performances, virtual and on-stage

Artists with disabilities believe that the true form of art knows no boundaries, limitations, constraints, and prejudice. At Samarthanam Sunadha, a troupe of talented artists, defied all odds of disability and presented excellent classical dance and music shows, on National and International stages.

Sunadha is an empanelled group of Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) which is a part of Ministry of External Affairs (MoEA), Government of India. Sunadha receives support from the Department of Kannada and Culture, Government of Karnataka for our activities.

Coping with the pandemic

The pandemic has been difficult for people with disabilities and these brilliant artists were not an exception. But with the support of Samarthanam, Sunadha artists have taken on the virtual stage, and continued their performances.

Samarthanam launched Sunadha virtually on two platforms, both domestic and international. These portals would provide Sunadha troupe the platform to showcase their artistic excellence and promote the cause. The artists have adapted to the new practice of virtual shows and received immense applause on the web and media platforms.

Virtual performances for corporates like SOCGEN, GKN Aerospace, NASSCOM, SKF Ltd, Marlabs Innovations, SEWA International, State Bank of India have been highly appreciated. Sewa International aired the dance performance virtually live in California in February 2021.

Accomplishments

Balasubramaniam received the first prize in an International Online Singing Competition organized by Qatar Uttar Kannada Balaga.

Devraju received 3rd prize in World Online International Dance Competition 2021 organized by Akhil Natrajam Aantar Sankrutik Sangh (Member of The International Dance Council CID, Paris- France)

Way Forward

Sunadha is actively encouraging young artists to come forward and nourish their interest in dance and music, with Samarthanam supporting their careers. Sunadha team is planning on organizing performances which can be aired on AIR and regional television channels.

Samarthanam is actively working on establishing an Accessible Art Centre for children, youth, and people with disability to promote art and culture. The centre is going to be a unique facility dedicated for the disabled for their uninterrupted training, practice, organize workshops, events, and expert sessions.

Sunadha will continue to raise awareness on their programmes to welcome artists with disabilities from various regions of India.



STORIES OF CHANGE

Divya

Sunadha Artist

“I feel like a bird now. Sunadha gave me wings to fly,” says Divya, a visually impaired artist at Samarthanam Sunadha.

Being completely visually impaired by birth, Divya’s journey to the artist that she is today was not easy. While visual impairment is considered an impediment by society, Samarthanam believes that ability beats disability on every front. Women empowerment is one of the primary focus areas at Samarthanam. “The NGO supported my ambitions and I am thankful,” says Divya.

Divya used to work in a primary school as a music teacher, but she wanted to do more. When she came to know about Samarthanam and their services, Divya was positive that this would be the right place for her. Samarthanam provided her with the platform which helped her study, develop skills, and learn music. She completed her Diploma in Computer Applications from Samarthanam’s Livelihood Center under its Skilling program, Senior level in Karnataka Music Course and is a trained Kannada singer. She is currently the lead female singer in Samarthanam’s Sunadha. Divya’s recent performance at a central government scheme known as National Disabled Artist Singing garnered high acclaim.

Divya’s family proudly introduces her as an artist and completely supports her endeavors. When asked what she wants to do next, she says that she wants to be a playback singer and continue to learn.



“My blindness is not a weakness or a disability, it’s a strength that

keeps me on track.”

Says Divya



A word of Appreciation

Wherever ExxonMobil operates around the world, we work with high-impact organizations to bring real change through our CSR initiatives. We strongly believe that good things happen when the right people come together. Our long, fruitful association with Samarthanam to provide quality healthcare to the needy is one such example. We support Samarthanam's vision to empower specially abled and disadvantaged people and give them a life of dignity. It's great to see such impactful work being done to help marginalized communities realize their full potential and join the mainstream. I wish Samarthanam the very best for all their future endeavors.

Naveen Shukla

CEO & Director, EMSTPL
ExxonMobil Services & Technology
Private Limited





REHABILITATION

Empowering women and enabling socio-economic independence.

60

Women residents

20

Children supported

40

Women reconciled

Swadhara is a rehabilitation home by Samarthanam to lend a helping hand to women in distress. Those women who have undergone trauma and abuse need care and support. As they look forward to beginning a chapter, along with their children, these women receive safety, counseling help, and vocational training, to become independent. Health, nutrition, medical needs, food, accommodation are few of the services provided by Swadhara.

Samarthanam Swadhara Gruh has been actively supporting women with the help of Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India. The home provides shelter, education support, skill-building, and suitable employment opportunities based on their aptitude.

The project is currently aiding women between the age of 18 years and 45 years coming from various regions of Karnataka. The team supports women with disabilities, widows, economically backward and those from troubled families.

During the COVID pandemic and the lockdown period, Swadhara kept its doors open for people in need. The safety precautions and social distancing rule was made mandatory while assisting to women who stepped into Swadhara. The accessible hostel provided working women and students of higher education programme to continue their work from home. Girl students resumed online education without any setback.

While the pandemic troubled the country severely, Swadhara had to be on alert and educate the residents to keep them stay safe from the pandemic. Counseling on the safety guidelines, precautions to be taken and also measures to stay safe during the COVID season were conveyed to the residents.

WORKING WOMENS HOSTEL

A hostel for women, set up at Prashanthnagar in Bengaluru, accommodates women who are working, studying, those in the process of making a career, and those who are into competitive exam. The hostel is home for many women who are employed in the city and girl students pursuing education. The women stay together as a family and celebrations are regular at the Hostel.

As the lockdown rules made them to stay home, hostel residents were provided with Tabs, enabling their easy working, and studying virtually. The women continued to attend online classes and worked online without any setback. As colleges reopened, students were helped with financial support, scribes, and the essential moral support.

30

Women with disabilities as
residents

Training Categories

Computer training

Housekeeping

Cooking

BPO training

Recycled product making

Tailoring





HEALTH AND NUTRITION

A complete meal for the young children, keeping hunger at bay

6700+

Children served

50

Schools covered

A healthy body makes a sharper mind. For the students who attend public schools in Bengaluru, Samarthanam ensures that they receive timely, hot, nutritious meals, every day. Since the mid-day meal programme has been progressing without hurdles, many students have begun to attend School, decreasing the drop-out rate and increased focus on learning.

Due to the pandemic, Schools were shut, and the children had to rely on virtual education. To assist the families of these children, Samarthanam distributed Dry ration kits to their families. The groceries provided have helped these families cope with the lockdown and unemployment phase, till they got back to regular jobs. As Samarthanam steps into the new year, the team is planning on expanding their reach and helping more Schools with mid-day meals.

STORIES OF CHANGE

Sudeep

Samarathanam High School Student

“I want to top the State Level Athletics,” says young Sudeep, who is pursuing his 10th Standard at Samarathanam High School.

Sudeep came to Samarathanam ten years ago. He was a shy child who did not make many friends in the beginning. He hails from an agriculture family in Karnataka. Sudeep’s parents, due to lack of good farming facilities and financial instability, had to move to the city and opt for jobs with daily wages.

Sudeep’s parents wanted their children to have a better future and enrolled Sudeep at Samarathanam School when he was 6 years old. It was initially difficult for him to leave his parents but with the help of his teachers, friends, and Hostel staff, Sudeep felt at home. Sudeep’s sports teacher identified his keen interest in athletics, trained him and encouraged to participate in competitions. With every prize that Sudeep won he gained more confidence and continued to train harder. Sudeep won accolades at Taluk Level Athletics sports meet, District Level Sports, and is now training for State Level.

“I am happy to be at Samarathanam. I can access the facilities here and train for my future in Sports. I am grateful to my teachers who never stopped believing in me. My next goal is State Level athletics and I want to focus on winning the game,” says Sudeep.

“He is a dedicated and focused kid. He never hesitated to begin his training at 5 in the morning before a big competition. He had potential and we are encouraging him to do better,” says Sudeep’s Physical Education teacher at Samarathanam.



*“I am happy to be at Samarathanam. I can access the facilities here and train for my future in Sports”
Says Sudeep*

COVID RELIEF CAMPAIGN

The massive campaign which set out to help the pandemic affected communities and reached 10,00,000 people in need





A word of Appreciation

We have been partnering with Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled since 2018. Together, we rolled out two very special projects- assisting skill building of disabled youth from the backward districts of Belgaum and Bellary in Karnataka for bettering their chances at employability and organizing a Tri Nation Cricket series of people with visual impairment in Bangalore, and Goa. Both these projects are very significant for L&T Technology Services.

While executing both the initiatives, we could see their excellence in project execution, resource management etc., The commitment from senior management to the executives to the cause is clearly visible and reflect in whatever they do. Hence during an unprecedented Pandemic when we decided to execute certain CSR initiatives via free 24/7 high end Ambulance Services and Vaccination drive for the disabled, Samarthanam Trust was our obvious choice.

We compliment Trustees, Management, Executives and all their staff of Samarthanam for their relentless services towards the noble cause of improving the quality of life of the disabled through various measures and making them to lead a very dignified life.



K N Prabhakaran

Head - CSR
L&T Technology Services

We have been associated with Samarthanam since 2016 and have seen the development of Blind Cricket in India from being host to the World Cup event to development of the infrastructure, early recognition of talent, awareness and recognition and finally empowerment of the players to be economically independent besides demanding their own space in the social field. They have upped the ante now with introducing the game to women with visual disability.

Adwait Hebbar

Head Corporate Service and CSR
IndusInd Bank





OPERATIONS

HUMAN RESOURCES

Human Resources team is responsible for keeping the employees safe, healthy, and content in their respective roles, improving the employee efficiency and the overall progress of the organization. Since COVID pandemic made our homes as our workplaces, the HR team's duties amplified. The lockdown was set for an indefinite period and Samarthanam employees continued to support the operations from their homes. During the pandemic, the Human Resources team, considering the long work hours from the confinement of a room, introduced a few fun, motivating and learning based online sessions for employees. Funterval 3.0, the employee engagement programme, was launched to add some fun to the routine and acknowledge the employee hard work as well.

Employee engagement sessions including advanced MS-Excel training, Dale Carnegie session for BPO staff, Virtual Team bonding activities, online training on leadership development, a session on Financial Planning by experts, online employee engagement

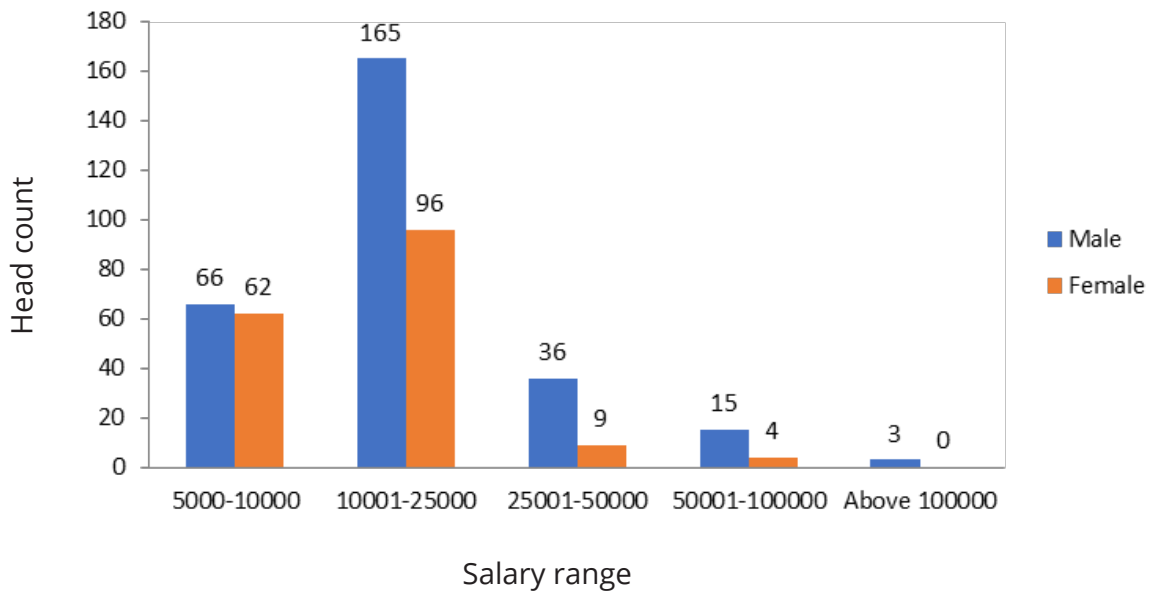
activities and a fun learning session were organized as the employees needed a stress-buster during lockdown. The team, in association with a start-up, hosted a virtual product expo on AI based tools which have been developed to make the digital content increasingly accessible to the visually impaired.

The team largely supported the COVID Campaign at various levels, ensuring the perfect implementation of the distribution programmes to help the destitutes.

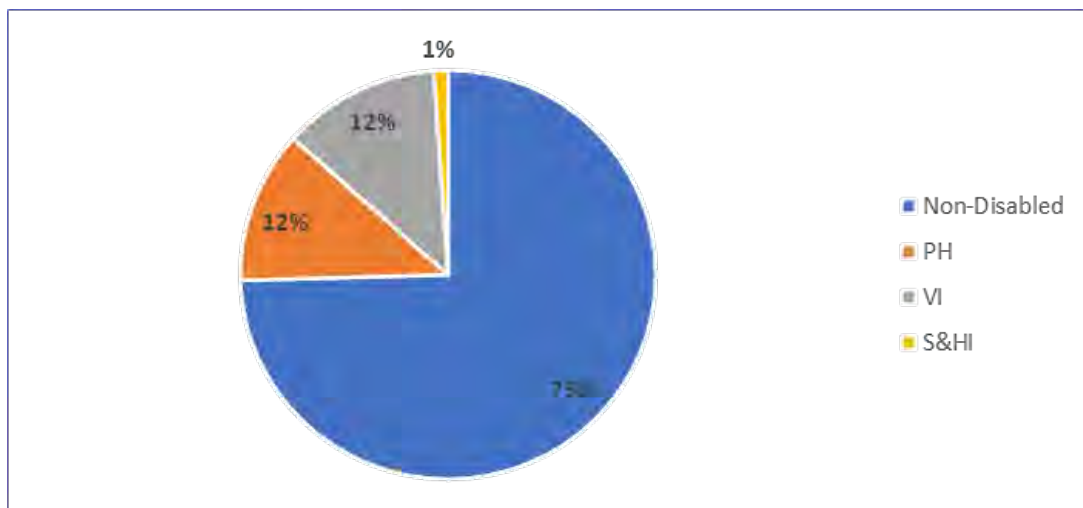
To encourage communication, articulacy, and expressiveness among Samarthanam people, Samarthanam Toastmasters Club was chartered with registration of 21 members including 7 club officers. Under employee welfare, medical insurance was provided for Samarthanam staff which would support during medical emergencies.

Pandemic or no pandemic, Samarthanam and team continues its effort for the welfare of the society and we continues to keep the offices and policies employee friendly.

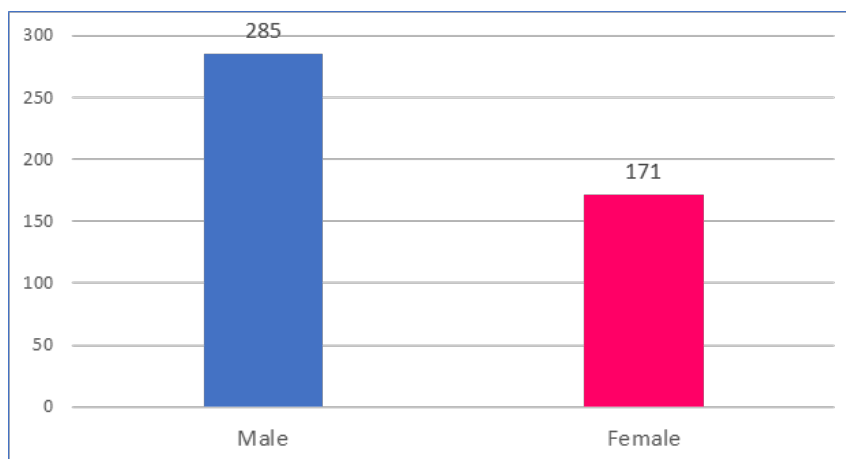
Categorization of staff based on salary



Categorization of staff based on disability



Categorization of staff based on gender

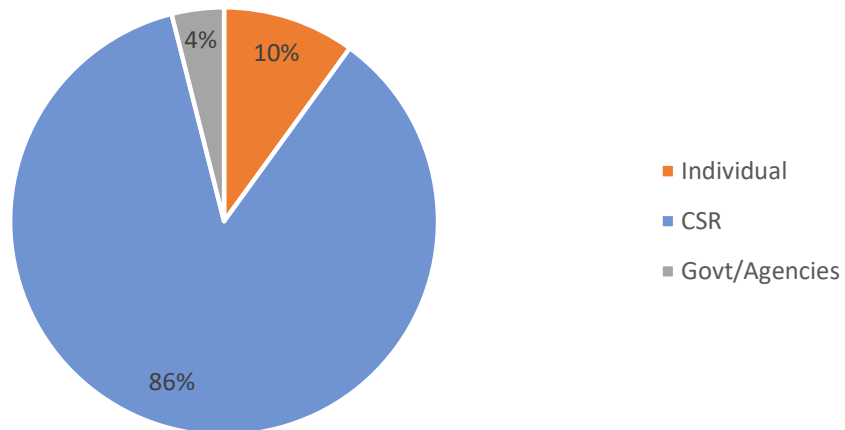


FUNDRAISING

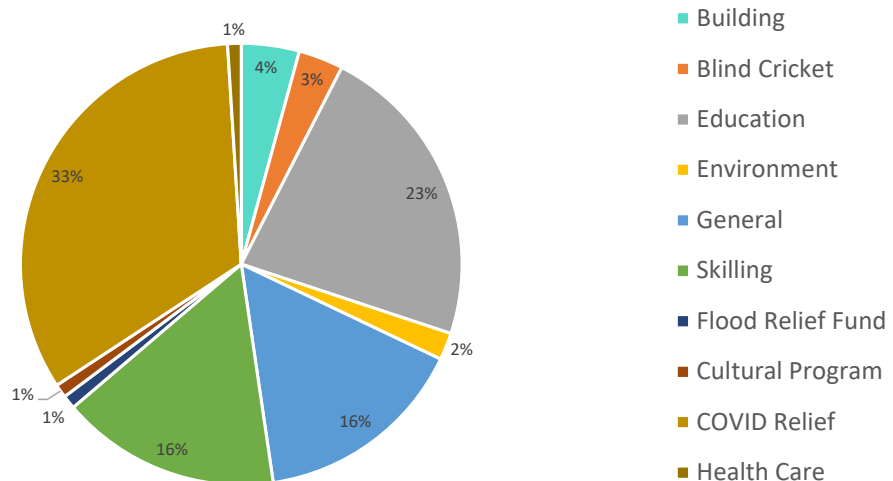
Samarthanam's COVID Relief Campaign was launched in the month of March, two months after COVID hit our country. It was the need of the hour. As the pandemic heightened and pushed many low-income communities into uncertainty, Samarthanam Task force reached out to people in need with essentials. With the increasing turbulence each day it was crucial for the Fundraising team to step up the job of garnering monetary support. For a campaign as mammoth as COVID Relief, Samarthanam received support from corporates under CSR, enabling non-profits to attend to the millions of people negatively affected by the pandemic. Fundraising

is the glue that holds together the various initiatives at Samarthanam. While the COVID Campaign set out to provide timely resources, Samarthanam interventions digitalized their programmes and continued to be accessible for its beneficiaries. The immaculate and relentless efforts of enabling the continuous operations at Samarthanam, occurs in conjunction with designing strategies, exchanging ideas, networking, garnering funds, utilization of resources, end assessment and evaluation. We are thankful to our sponsors and donors for supporting our cause and escorting us towards Vision 2030.

Revenue Sources



CSR split- Project wise





INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

The IT team make the operations easy and hassle-free across the Samarthanam offices, training centers, schools, and other project implementations. The latest technology is in use by the beneficiaries at Samarthanam, including Smart Classes, Deaf Resource center, Digital Schools, Web and Mobile Applications, Assistive aids, Audio books and the technology at Digital Libraries, Employee Operations. And these are largely supported by the IT team who maneuvered the digital administration, keeping the technical inconsistencies at bay.

Since the pandemic and the lockdown has been initiated, the IT played a crucial role of keeping the digital connect between Samarthanam and its beneficiaries intact. Tabs, internet facility and other electronic devices have been given away to the students and trainees. The team dedicated extra hours in providing the necessary technical support for the smooth implementation of programmes by Samarthanam workforce and the administration

ACCOUNTS

Samarthanam is led by a structured accounts department and a team who execute the responsibility of looking after the finances of the organization. The Finance management division perform the functions of making productive decisions, avoiding crisis, authorized expenditure, bookkeeping, budget monitoring, and overall fund management, crucial for the success of the organization.

TRANSPORTATION

Samarthanam runs a fleet of buses, vans and vehicles providing the necessary commute to beneficiaries and workforce at the organization. Though the schools were closed during the pandemic, the transport unit competently served the COVID Campaign which involved distributions across various locations in the city. Samarthanam vehicles, being accessible, helped in the shuttling of people with disabilities during the lockdown period. A new school bus was added to the transport division, for the school children.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Communications team of Samarthanam holds the responsibility of portraying the organization's work and the cause to the outside world. The stories as narrated by the organization's various publications are valuable for conveying Samarthanam's work and impact to the society. The team handles various elements of Communications including the publications, photo coverage, website, social media, digital marketing, branding, broadcasts and print media. With the looming pandemic and the active Relief Campaign launched to alleviate the crisis, the team put together a complete picture of the scenario to raise awareness on the services across the country. The promotion across various

platforms greatly helped in spreading the word on the services being facilitated by the NGO.

Samarthanam launched its new and accessible website at the hands of Deputy Chief Minister, Karnataka. Renewed design, easy navigation, improved User Interface, enhanced User Experience, Whatsapp chat, seamless Donation page, and accessibility widget are a few significant features of Samarthanam's revamped website. Samarthanam's team and the developing unit redesigned the new website from the ground up, reorganizing the layout to make it easier to navigate and improve the flow of information.

INFRASTRUCTURE

Among the core values of Samarthanam, accessibility is the foremost. The facilities are built to be barrier-free for the easy commute of the beneficiaries and visitors. Alongside accessibility, we also care about our environment and hence the green buildings. The Sewage Treatment Plant, RO water system, Solar power panels, Rainwater Harvesting and the Waste Converter installed at the HSR premises makes the Head Quarters, a part of the green ecosystem.

- Making of an Auditorium is underway at Samarthanam Head Quarters at HSR Layout. An accessible auditorium for 400 people is being planned and the construction is about to take-off.
- Samarthanam Trust paved way to the making of a Specialized Facility for people with disabilities

and the elderly, named Samarthanam Bhavan, at JP Nagar. The four storied building is a one-of-a-kind accessible facility with color contrast interiors, solar power panels, handrails, accessible toilets, anti-skid flooring, security Installations and latest kitchen equipment.

- The Inclusive Education Project at Kodikonda facilitates education and health services to the disabled and poor from nearby villages. The building with accessible features was inaugurated and is actively reaching out to close to 200 children from rural regions.
- To provide better education facilities for students with Speech and Hearing Impaired, Samarthanam launched a special facility called Resource Centre for the Hearing Impaired, set up at the Head Quarters.



Samarthanam new Accessible Website launched by Deputy CM of Karnataka

VOLUNTEERING

Samarthanam's diverse initiatives involving education, skilling, sports, environment, rehabilitation, and beneficiaries involved in various projects often say that they never stop learning from the volunteers who bring in a diversity of skills and knowledge. Since COVID lockdown, volunteering had to take the virtual route and our ardent volunteers continued to invest the same energy and time for our programmes.

Skill based virtual volunteering in Swadhara and Sunadha initiatives was launched, where qualified counsellors and psychologists offered their services to women beneficiaries, musicians, and dancers. Activities including educational, skill-developing, soft-skill grooming, interview etiquette, motivational talks, sports, crafts, arts,

music, dance workshops, are being implemented by volunteers across the Samarthanam centres. Digital Library and book recording is another major volunteer friendly division at Samarthanam which takes the help of corporate volunteers to the best.

As part of corporate employee engagement activity, virtual performances by Sunadha, Sign Language Workshop, Disability Awareness sessions, Segregation and Recycling activities were conducted by Samarthanam in-house trainers. Samarthanam immensely appreciates the involvement and contribution of volunteers who dedicate their valuable time and expertise adding momentum to our initiatives.

Highlights



Corporates
60



Volunteers
25301



Volunteering Activities
161



Volunteering Hours
169782



Interns
79

- 20,000 volunteers from a major corporate firm on their Impact Day, participated in recording of Audio books for the Visually impaired. Alongside, 190 individuals volunteered for the IndusInd Bank Nagesh Trophy Third Edition National T20 Cricket Tournament for the Blind 2020-21.
- A Panel Discussion on the International Day of People with Disabilities led by Dr Mahantesh GK, Founder Managing Trustee of Samarthanam, witnessed 400 Volunteers who appreciated Mahantesh's talk on Disability awareness and the relevance of the day.
- Almost 1000 volunteers from major corporate were present for the Sign Language workshop, a virtual volunteering engagement for the corporate employees to bring in awareness on the importance of sign language, nurture inclusion at workplace, and to embrace Deaf Community as part of Diversity.

Corporates involved in volunteering

- AIG
- ABB
- Agility
- Amadeus
- Amazon India
- Amazon USA
- ANZ
- Asian Paints
- AT&T
- Avanse
- Avey Dennison
- AXA
- Brillio
- Cipla
- Citi Bank
- Cognizant - Kolkata
- Crane India
- DXC Technology
- Eclerx
- Emids
- ExxonMobil
- First American
- Goldman Sachs
- Goodera
- Hexaware
- HGS
- Inventures Academy
- JLL
- JP Morgan
- Kone Cranes
- KPIT
- Lenovo
- Lilly
- Lowe's India
- Marriott
- MicroLand
- Morgan Stanley
- NASDAQ
- NetApp
- NTT Data
- Pro Engage
- Puresoftware
- PayPal
- RBL
- Reliance Foundation
- Riversand
- Sandvik
- Sanofi
- SocGen
- State Street
- Target
- Tata Communications
- Tata Croma
- TCE
- Tempbridge
- TMK
- Transworld
- Unisys
- VMware
- Wells Fargo





A word of Appreciation

Otis India has partnered with Samarthanam Trust over the years. It has been gratifying to see how the lives of so many visually and physically challenged youth have been positively impacted, propelling them to gain employment. Often it is necessary to supplement their basic education with other soft skills which places confident and well-rounded young women and men into the workforce.

We are proud to be part of such a nation building imperative. Moving ahead we are looking forward to collaborating with Samarthanam Trust on Otis' STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Maths) initiatives, as we set up mini science centers across schools. Through this program we are looking to spark an early, lifelong interest in STEM and ignite young minds to pursue solutions to make the world a better connected place.”

Sebi Joseph

President
Otis India



At Morgan Stanley Giving Back is one of our five core values. Investing in communities where we live and work is an integral part of our culture and the way we do business.

Samarthanam's mission to empower disabled children by supporting their education and livelihood needs aligns with Morgan Stanley's global commitment to children's health and education. Over the past five years, our partnership has strengthened with our contribution to the HSR Layout and JP Nagar facilities and towards COVID Relief.

On behalf of Morgan Stanley, we would like to wish the entire Samarthanam team all the best to build an even more resilient ecosystem for the differently-abled beyond the crisis.

Nikita Shah Mascarenhas

Head of Corporate Affairs, India
Morgan Stanley





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- DXC Technology
- Oracle Financial Services Software Limited
- Morgan Stanley Advantage Services Private Limited
- Societe Generale Global Solution Centre Private Limited
- United Way Mumbai
- Coca Cola
- Otis Elevator Company (India) Limited
- Standard Chartered Bank
- IndusInd Bank
- Give India Foundation
- ITC WoW
- NTT DATA Global Delivery Services Private Limited
- Timken Foundation of Canton
- International Association for Human Values/JDA
- Black Rock
- Yokogawa India Limited
- Micro Focus Software Solutions India Private Limited
- Charities Aid Foundation India (Oracle)
- Lowe's Services India Private Limited
- ANZ
- Tesco Bengaluru Private Limited
- Manhattan Associates (India) Development Centre Private Limited
- Akamai Technologies India Private Limited
- VMware Software India Private Limited
- Persistent Foundation
- H T Parekh Foundation
- Godrej Consumer Products Limited
- J C Penney Services India Private Limited
- Tech Mahindra Foundation
- Nasscom Foundation (Microsoft)
- Charities Aid Foundation American (Target)
- Hinduja Global Solutions Limited
- Mediatek Bangalore Private Limited
- UK Online Giving Foundation
- Charities Aid Foundation America (Bright Funds Foundation)
- WS Atkins India Private Limited
- Building A Better Tomorrow Foundation
- LIC Golden Jubilee Foundation
- NetApp India Private Limited
- Tata Elxsi India Limited
- Ocwen Financial Solutions Private Limited
- AIG Analytics & Services Private Limited
- Redseer Management Consulting Private Limited
- BMC Software India Private Limited
- Life Style International Private Limited
- ExxonMobil company India Private Limited
- Dow Chemical International Private Limited
- Can Fin Homes Limited
- Fossil Foundation
- Bridgestone India Private Limited
- Alufit India Private Limited
- Collective Good Foundation
- Avanse Financial Services Limited
- Eli Lilly Services India Private Limited
- T E Connectivity Services India Pvt Ltd
- Gensler Design India Private Limited
- Cypress Semiconductor Technology India Private Limited
- Tata Hitachi Construction Machinery Company Pvt Ltd
- Iron Mountain Services Private Limited
- The Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited (HSBC)
- Fireeye Cybersecurity Private Limited
- Commscope Networks India Private Limited
- Servicemax Technologies (India) Private Limited
- Moog Motion Controls Private Limited
- Nike INC
- India Cares Foundation/Epsilon

- TPI Advisory Services India Private Limited
- XL India Business Services Private Limited
- Progress Software Development Private Limited
- Affirmed Networks India Private Limited
- Australian Consulate General
- Unisys India Private Limited
- Target corporation India Private Limited
- Aspect Technology Center (India) Private Limited
- Menzies Bobba Ground Handling Services Private Limited
- Nutanix Technologies India Private Limited
- Kluber Lubrication India Private Limited
- DreamOrbit Softech Private Limited
- Technosoft Global Services Private Limited
- Nihchal Israni Foundation
- Marketboats Consulting Private Limited
- Marlabs Innovations Private Limited
- Auma India Private Limited
- Momentive Performance Materials (India) Private Limited
- ITW
- Barclays Private Limited
- Charities Aid Foundation America(Cisco)
- Agility Logistics Private Limited
- Nasscom Foundation
- TSI Yatra Private Limited
- Thorogood Associates India Private Limited
- Foundation for CSR @ Redington
- GKN Aerospace Engine Systems India Private Limited
- Kintetsu World Express India Private Limited
- GKN Sinter Metals Private Limited
- Google
- Amway India Enterprise
- SLK Global Solution Private Limited
- CBA Services Private Limited
- Inspira Enterprise India Private Limited
- Ashirvadam Trust
- Happiest Minds Technologies Pvt Ltd
- Stonera Systems Private Limited
- Association For Democratic Reforms
- NSM Services Private Limited
- The American India foundation Trust
- Globant India Private Limited
- Meredith India Services Private Limited
- Kaalbi Technologies Private Limited/Radware
- Lam Research (India) Private Limited





FINANCIALS

RECEIPTS

Financial Year	2020-2021		2019-2020	
Particulars	Amount (Rs in lakhs)	Percentage	Amount (Rs in lakhs)	Percentage
Opening Balance	475.22	6.78	952.66	19.68
Earned/Self generated income	55.07	0.79	40.77	0.84
Donations from Indian Sources	711.20	10.14	890.89	18.40
CSR Donations	1,694.85	24.17	1,118.46	23.10
Government Grants	196.52	2.80	184.85	3.82
Corpus fund	7.43	0.11	0.20	0.00
Advance Donations from Indian Sources	959.00	13.67	549.49	11.35
Donations from International Sources	1,799.49	25.66	521.87	10.78
Advance Donations from International sources	268.74	3.83	12.40	0.26
Loans/payables	321.00	4.58	104.31	2.15
Deposits & Advances	507.30	7.23	406.11	8.39
Other Receipts	17.28	0.25	58.89	1.22
TOTAL	7,013.10	100.00	4840.90	100.00

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PAYMENTS

Financial Year	2020-2021		2019-2020	
Particulars	Amount (Rs in lakhs)	Percentage	Amount (Rs in lakhs)	Percentage
Capital items/assets	740.76	10.56	449.49	9.29
Programme Staff Salaries, benefits, Consultants Fee	933.75	13.31	1,253.55	25.89
Programme	3,030.72	43.22	1,487.14	30.72
Staff Travel	10.53	0.15	23.41	0.48
Office Support/Admin	255.72	3.65	140.16	2.90
Other Payments	7.90	0.11	-	-
Deposits & Advances	665.41	9.49	903.74	18.67
Loans/Payables	87.74	1.25	108.19	2.23
Closing Cash and Bank Balance	1,280.57	18.26	475.22	9.82
TOTAL	7,013.10	100.00	4840.9	100.00

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INCOME

Financial Year	2020-2021		2019-2020	
Particulars	Amount (Rs in lakhs)	Percentage	Amount (Rs in lakhs)	Percentage
Earned/Sell generated income	62.99	1.28	43.34	1.26
Donations from Indian Sources	661.73	13.49	975.65	28.30
C.S.R Donations	2,104.89	42.92	1,349.26	39.14
Government Grants	153.76	3.14	422.42	12.25
Donations from International Sources	1,917.42	39.09	654.82	18.99
Other Income	3.77	0.08	2.07	0.06
TOTAL	4,904.56	100.00	3447.56	100.00

EXPENDITURE

Financial Year	2020-2021		2019-2020	
Particulars	Amount (Rs in lakhs)	Percentage	Amount (Rs in lakhs)	Percentage
Programme Staff Salaries, benefits, Consultants Fee	933.75	19.04	1,245.29	36.12
Programme	3,030.71	61.79	1,487.14	43.14
Staff Travel	10.53	0.21	23.41	0.68
Office Support/Admin	259.97	5.30	143.17	4.15
Other Expenses	7.90	0.16	-	-
Total Expenditure	4,242.86	86.51	2,899.01	84.09
Depreciation	177.78	3.62	160.07	4.64
Excess of Income over expenditure	483.92	9.87	388.48	11.27
TOTAL	4,904.56	100.00	3,447.56	100.00

ASSETS

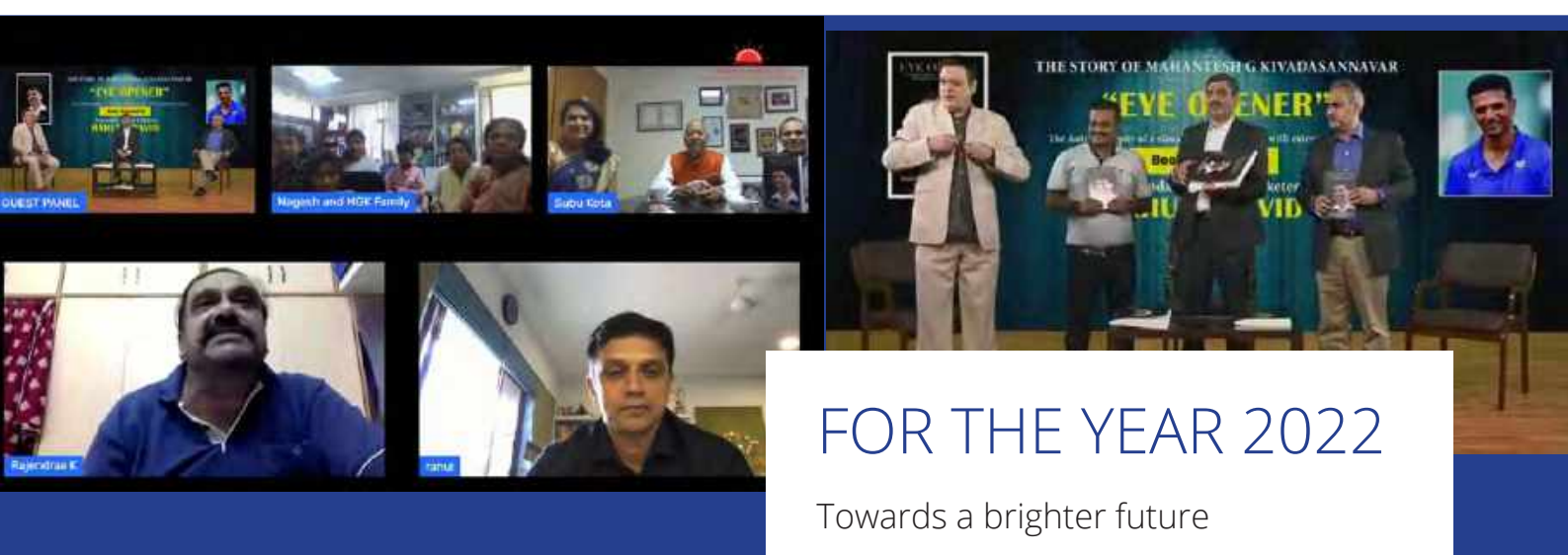
Financial Year	2020-2021		2019-2020	
Particulars	Amount (Rs in lakhs)	Percentage	Amount (Rs in lakhs)	Percentage
Fixed Assets	2790.48	51.60	2227.5	56.76
Deposits & Advances	1178.55	21.79	1007.11	25.66
Receivables	158.36	2.93	214.66	5.47
Cash and Bank Balances	1280.57	23.68	475.22	12.11
TOTAL	5407.96	100.00	3924.49	100.00

LIABILITIES

Financial Year	2020-2021		2019-2020	
Particulars	Amount (Rs in lakhs)	Percentage	Amount (Rs in lakhs)	Percentage
Capital Fund (unrestricted fund)	1,831.28	33.86	1,442.79	36.76
Corpus and endowment fund(s)	31.62	0.58	24.17	0.62
Building Fund	576.31	10.66	576.31	14.68
Advance Grants	1,946.44	35.99	1,197.19	30.51
Payables	501.26	9.27	258.40	6.58
Reserve Fund	37.13	0.69	37.14	0.95
Excess of Income over expenditure	483.92	8.95	388.49	9.90
TOTAL	5,407.96	100.00	3,924.49	100.00

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FOR THE YEAR 2022

Towards a brighter future

- Vision 2030 – To reach 10,00,000 people with disabilities by the year 2030
- COVID Relief campaign with focus on setting up of oxygen generator plant, ambulance, vaccination awareness programmes, across the country
- Rehabilitation programmes for the negatively impacted due to the pandemic
- Completion of Digitalization of 100 Government Schools, making them Smart and Strong with Technology
- To promote a blend of Inclusivity and Technology across Schools, Workspaces, and various other public platforms.
- Realization of the project, Accessible Railway Stations across the country
- Geographic expansion of Samarthanam Skilling Centres, reaching out to youth with disabilities from remote locations
- Raising awareness and mobilization of the youth to access the training and employment facilities at Skilling Centres
- Coaching camps and Tournaments for blind women cricket players
- Launch of Blind Cricket IPL- Bharat Cricket League
- Expanding Digital Libraries
- Parisara and WOW to launch projects which work on improving the segregation rate, recycling, environment conservation, awareness, and employment for the disabled
- Samarthanam's launch in Canada and Singapore
- Sunadha Accessible Art Centre to be established for children, youth, and people with disability to promote art and culture
- Swadhara to support women from various geographies with vocational training, employment, and self-sustenance.
- Midday Meal Programme team to focus on expansion and cater to increased number of schools

WALL OF FAME



Mahantesh GK conferred an Honorary Doctorate by the Brampton International University 2021



Best Organization Award for Training and Placement under DDU-GKY Program 2021

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- Rotary Karnataka CSR Award for CSR Implementation Excellence in Skill Development and Livelihoods 2020
 - Sri Sathya Sai Award for “Human Excellence in the category of ‘SPORTS’ 2019
 - Indian Blind Cricket team was nominated for the ‘Team of the Year’ Award by Times of India Sports Award (TOISA) presented in the year 2020
 - Mahantesh GK, Founder Managing Trustee of Samarthanam was the finalist for “Namma Bengaluru Award 2019” under the Best Citizen of the Year category 2019
 - Open-Republic TV Award 2019 under the Special Jury Mention- Category 2019
 - NAB Sarojini Trilok Nath Award 2019
 - CNBC TV18 India Business Leader Award 2018
 - CavinKare Ability Award for Eminence 2018
 - National Award for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities received from Shri Ram Nath Kovind, Honorable President of India 2017
 - NASSCOM Social Innovation award for use of technology in skilling for persons with disability 2016
 - Spirit of Humanity Award for excellence in the field of eyecare by AmeriCares India 2015
 - National Award for Child Welfare in the institution category received from Dr. Pranab Mukherjee, Honorable President of India 2014
 - PMI Award for Successful Project Management of World Cup for the Blind 2013
 - Winner of 15th NCPEDP- Shell Helen Keller Award 2013
 - Nominee for “Indian of the Year - Public Service” by CNN-IBN 2012
 - Vajrakumara Award for excellence in the field of providing a better lifestyle for PwD 2011
 - NDTV Spirit of Sports Award for lifetime achievement 2012
 - National Award for Child Welfare by Ministry of Women & Child Development, Government of India and received from Smt. Pratibha Patil, Honourable President of India in 2010
 - Aryabhata International Award in recognition of the excellent contribution and services in the field of Visually Impaired 2009
 - State Award in recognition of services rendered for persons with disability, 2007 and 2009

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Rahul Dravid releases 'Eye Opener'

The book is written by G.K. Mahantesh and Journalist Satish Viswanathan

ARUNACHAL NEWS

The autobiography of G.K. Mahantesh, President of the Cricket Association for the Blind in India (CABDI) and President of World Blind Cricket (WBCI), was released by former India captain Rahul Dravid on Thursday.



Rahul Dravid at the launch of the book



The authors, Satish Viswanathan and Mahantesh.

The book - titled 'Eye Opener', and written by Mahantesh and veteran cricket journalist Satish Viswanathan - follows the story of visually challenged Mahantesh. Apart from his long association with blind cricket, Mahantesh is also the Founder Managing Trustee of Samarathanam Trust for the Disabled.

Dravid recalled his association as the brand ambassador of the Blind T20 World Cup. "It is a very big event like the IPL, as it is backed by unlimited resources. But this was not the case with the Blind World Cup. It required extraordinary vision and courage from Mahantesh and CABDI to organise an event with limited finances," Dravid said.

Dravid did not consider being visually challenged as a hurdle, but as motivation to help others with similar disabilities. Mahantesh was happy that the autobiography, published by Notion Press, could be released on the birthday of the late S.P. Nagre, his close friend and Co-Founder of Samarathanam.

Born with clubfoot, teenager from Haveri makes it to medical college

Santha.Raviteshgroup.com



Suhas, who couldn't afford tuition or coaching classes for NEET, happens to be the first person from Samarathanam to enter a medical college

"I was born with clubfoot, a birth defect, may have had surgery, but this boy's movement has not stunted his spirit. Suhas N Ryeethanavara, 18, from Ranebennur in Haveri district, has bagged an MBBS seat in the prestigious Haveri Institute of Medical Science and Research Institute, which was started under the physically handicapped quota on November 25. Suhas' feet were curved inwards at birth and he struggled to walk like others, though he managed to attend school. Seeking the boy's details, his mother's uncle brought him to Bengaluru in 2017 when he was in class 4 and enrolled him under Samarathanam Trust for the Disabled, which provides free education, food and shelter to orphans and disabled children.

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Hearing-impaired woman gets pass

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BIG ORDEAL: Deepak and Basava at the DCP's office on Thursday

Bengaluru: A speech and hearing-impaired seven months' pregnant woman, who is desperate to reach her village in Dharwad, was on Thursday forced to physically present herself to avail a travel pass as the police officer issuing it insisted she needed to ascertain "facts". Basava's husband Deepak Gabbura, who is also speech and hearing-impaired, visited the DCP (southeast) office in Koramangala, TOI on Thursday highlighted the couple's plight. Stranded at their Bommasandra residence, they had made a video, seeking help in sign language. The CM's office had directed they be issued a pass. Niranjan, who accompa-

to no avail. For three hours, we tried to convince her. Deepak and I returned by 1pm and took Basava there by 2am. Around 3.30pm, they issued the pass." Niranjan said. The couple got a 16-hour pass to travel on Thursday. Niranjan said he would accompany them to their village Lakshnapura and return on Friday. DCP (southeast) Joshi Sri-nath Mahadev said, "We are not issuing passes to those in their first seven months of pregnancy with no medical complications as it's not advisable to travel. However, there are exceptions." There have been instances of people faking pregnancy to get a pass. Other instances of pregnant women finding it difficult to get passes have also been reported.

'ಎಷ್ಟು ಪ್ರಶಂಸಿಸಿದೂ ಸಾಲದು' ಅಂಗನವಾಡಿ, ಆಕಾ ಕಾರ್ಯಕರ್ತರಿಗೆ ವೈದ್ಯಕೀಯ ರಕ್ಷಣಾ ಕವಚ ವಿತರಣೆ

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'In spite of rise in Covid cases, Dharwad in better position'

HUBBALLI, DHNS



Minister Jagadish Shettar hands over safety gear provided by Samarathanam, a Bengaluru based NGO for physically challenged persons and Coca Cola Foundation to Covid-19 warriors at a programme organised at Hubballi-Dharwad Mahanagara Palike auditorium here on Monday. He said Karnataka Institute Medical Sciences (KIMS), Hubballi has treated several Covid-19 patients so far effectively. However, one of the doctors there has tested positive. In spite of taking several safety measures, he is the second doctor in the district to test positive for the virus, he said. He said, doctors, who are one of the front-line warriors in the war against the virus, have been asked to take extra precautionary measures to stay away from virus.

District In-charge Minister Jagadish Shettar said, compared to other districts, Dharwad is in a better position in terms of handling spread of Coronavirus. He was speaking to media persons before participating in the distribution of safety gear and medical equipment worth more than Rs 37 lakh, by Samarathanam, a Bengaluru based NGO for physically challenged persons and Coca Cola Foundation to Covid-19 warriors at a programme organised at Hubballi-Dharwad Mahanagara Palike auditorium here on Monday. He said Karnataka Institute Medical Sciences (KIMS), Hubballi has treated several Covid-19 patients so far effectively. However, one of the doctors there has tested positive. In spite of taking several safety measures, he is the second doctor in the district to test positive for the virus, he said. He said, doctors, who are one of the front-line warriors in the war against the virus, have been asked to take extra precautionary measures to stay away from virus.

others who are risking their lives against the virus. He also condemned people who attack Covid-19 warriors. On the occasion, the NGO provided more than 25,000 face-masks, 5,000 hand sanitiser, five ICU beds, 1,500 PPE kits and other medical requirements to KIMS, purnakarmikas, Asha workers, police officials and other Covid-19 warriors. M.L.A Arvind Bellad, HDMP Commissioner Suresh Itagi, KIMS Director Ramalingappa Antaranani and Samarathanam Managing Trustee Mohantesh



A word of Appreciation

We partnered with Samarthanam in the year FY16-17, with a hope that India's favorite sport 'Cricket', has potential to create history & grab audience to feel for the people with "Super ability" & not disability. We witness them growing everyday & hope to see a complete transformation... to bring the change efforts from all of us is a must as 'United we stand & divided we fall'. We at IndusInd, strongly believe in Sports, inclusion & diversity...Samarthanam was the platform to help us contribute & achieve our goal.

I personally believe, there's nothing like sports – it helps to grow an individual – mentally, physically, emotionally & financially too. In short it's a complete transformation & holistic development, the sooner we all realize the better it's gonna be for the country. When sports become your passion, survival becomes rejuvenating & interesting. Let's not add a question "Why Cricket?". It's a sport & all that is important...'Cricket Dil Se...'

I cherish our journey with Samarthanam & personally wanna thank the entire team for enriching lives of numerous blind cricketers- both 'Men' & 'Women'. Proud to be associated with the program & the organization...& look forward to being a part of the change in the near future

Pallove Raj

IndusInd Bank





Volunteer talk

Sujatha Krishnamurthy

Volunteer reader from USA

I would like to share my association and experience as a volunteer reader for Samarthanam Trust. Year 2020 changed the lives of most of us during the pandemic and so did mine, but in a positive way. Due to COVID, I had to discontinue my volunteering work at other organizations and my interest in reading books for the visually challenged received an opportunity. I read about Samarthanam's commitment, dedication and the digital library initiative aligned with my interests. Since September 2020, I have thoroughly enjoyed reading and recording 25 books on various subjects. I would like to say that it has been a pleasure communicating with Dr. Mahantesh GK, CEO of Samarthanam and working with the entire team. A few family and friends joined Samarthanam as volunteer readers from different parts of the world. I look forward to continuing this journey in future.



Sneha Rastogi

Flame University

I volunteered at Samarthanam Trust, a Non-For-Profit organization, which greatly helped me improve my skills while handling various assignments. My tasks assigned by the supervisor inculcated a feeling of responsibility and content, as my work, along with helping me learn, would also help the society. I am grateful that I was able to play an active role while helping the students during the pandemic. I consider it as an important part of my learning. And thanks to my Supervisor for the guidance. It has been an exciting and rejuvenating experience and my sincere appreciation to the organization for carrying out an effective COVID campaign during difficult times.



Nida R Syed

Jain (Deemed to be University)

I had the opportunity to intern with Samarthanam, the second time. Samarthanam has always been a place I look up to. I always had the opportunity to learn something new every day. It was a new experience, being a part of a non-profit organization and working for a good cause. I assisted a few experienced people at the Trust and learnt a lot on the way. The work environment is inclusive, sociable, and friendly. I was able to interact, learn, and in the end share my perspective, which was greatly encouraged. I appreciate the work being carried out by the NGO for the people and I am glad that I have been a part of it, though for a short time.



OUR ONLINE PRESENCE

WEBSITE

SOCIAL MEDIA



57856
Visitors



19,123
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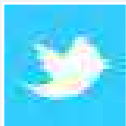
3252
Newsletter Subscribers



18,903
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2410
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1555
Twitter Followers

GLOSSARY

Accessible / Accessibility

Accessibility is the design of products, devices, services, or environments for people with disabilities

ASHA

Accredited Social Health Activist

Assistive Technology

Technology used to assist a person with disability

Barrier-free

Design for people with disabilities, involving the provision of alternative means of access to various facilities

BBMP

Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike

CABI

Cricket Association for the Blind in India (CABI), the apex body governing cricket for the blind across India

COVID19

Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) is an infectious disease caused by a newly discovered coronavirus.

CRISIL

Credit Rating Information Services Of India Limited

CSR

Corporate Social Responsibility, a mandate by the Indian Government to corporates to spend a part of their income on social initiatives

DDU-GKY

Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana, an Indian Government youth employment scheme

Digital Library

An online database of digital objects including text, still images, audio, video, or other digital media formats

Dry Ration Kit

A kit containing groceries made to be distributed to the poor families affected by COVID

Early Intervention

Early intervention is a support and educational system for very young children with developmental delays or disabilities

ICCR

Indian Council for Cultural Relations

ID School

Intellectually Disabled School, a school for students with intellectual disabilities by Samarthanam

ITC

India Tobacco Company Limited

KPSC

Karnataka Public Service Commission

LRC/Skilling Programme

Livelihood Resource Center, a training centre by Samarthanam for the youth with disabilities to improve their skillset and broaden employment opportunities

MoEA

Ministry of External Affairs

MOU

Memorandum of understanding

PwD

Person with Disability/Persons with Disabilities

Parisara

A dry waste management programme by Samarthanam providing sustainable waste management services

PKs

Pourakarmikas, a person who cleans the city premises

PPE

Personal Protective Equipment designed to protect against the viruses/bacteria

Special Olympics Bharat

It is an officially recognised programme of Special Olympics International which operates in India

Suchitha

A food waste to organic waste converter set-up at Samarthanam premises

Sunadha

A group of artists with disabilities at Samarthanam, who excel in Indian classical and folk dance forms

Swadhara

A home by Samarthanam for women in distress and their children who are supported to reconcile

SWMP

Sewage Waste Management Programme is an environmental initiative by Samarthanam to promote source segregation in the city

STP

Sewage Treatment Plant set-up at Samarthanam

Vidyaprasad

A mid-day meal programme by Samarthanam where healthy nutritious food is served to students from Government schools in and around Bangalore

WoW

Well-being out of Waste, a recycling programme which ensures proper segregation and recycling of waste

WBC

World Blind Cricket Ltd

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