



Dr Mahantesh GK receives  
The 66th Kannada Rajyotsava Award 2021

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**SAMARTHANAM**  
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# SAMHITA

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A mega Job Fair for Persons  
with Disabilities across  
eight major cities



Mini Science Centre for STEM  
Learning inaugurated in Govt  
School at Mumbai by Otis India



The Nagesh Trophy and Bilateral  
Series add momentum to the  
Blind Cricket season

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

The organization is affiliated to the World Blind Union and is one of those few nonprofits to be awarded the Special United Nations Consultative Status in 2015. Samarthanam is a CRISIL rated organization with PAN-India presence and burgeoning reach. It reaches out to beneficiaries from diverse verticals through its 14 offices and multiple divisions spread across India.

### VISION

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

### MISSION

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

### CORE VALUES

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

### REACH AND IMPACT



14,114  
KIDS EDUCATED



22,974  
YOUTH TRAINED



34,567 Metric Tonnes  
DRY WASTE SEGREGATED



25,000+  
BLIND CRICKETERS TOUCHED



3230  
WOMEN EMPOWERED



7300  
CHILDREN RECEIVED MEALS



125  
DISABLED ARTISTS SUPPORTED

# FOUNDER'S NOTE

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Dr Mahantesh GK

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



Samarthanam, in the last one year, was largely focused on inclusive education, technology and blind cricket. As we close the year 2021, we take pride in our projects, Accessible Buildings, Digitalization of Government Schools, Mini Science Labs, Blind Cricket Tournaments, Tinker Labs, Accessible Railway Stations, and Inclusive Education project. These major projects have a significant geographical reach and successfully supported thousands of people with disabilities across the nation. Education and technology go hand in hand at Samarthanam, providing the perfect platform for academic excellence for our school children. And not just Samarthanam School, but the Smart Classes and Mini Science Labs being set-up across many Government Schools, are going to nourish the inherent talent of the students coming from various backgrounds.

While the COVID pandemic refused to recede, Samarthanam continued to provide resources to the adversely affected communities and Hospitals, by supporting them with Dry Ration Kits, Packed Food, Health Kits, ICU Beds, ICU Ambulance Vehicles, Medical Supplies, Modular ICU Unit and RtPCR Kits. 32 Hospitals, 1,00,000+ Frontline Workers and 5000+ disabled families were supported so far. Since vaccination is our only way to stay safe, numerous vaccination campaigns helped us in immunizing a large group of people. We appreciate the effort laid by the Government in helping India fight the pandemic and hope to be a part of COVID free nation soon.

This quarter, Samarthanam organized a mega job fair for people with disabilities across eight cities, providing employment to 700 eligible individuals and more shortlisted. Our efforts, via Skilling Centres and Training programs, are towards economically empowering the youth with disabilities with jobs and a promising independent future. On the other hand, Indian Blind Cricket team won the Bilateral Series against Bangladesh in a non-stop energetic T20 and ODI blind cricket matches. We are proud of the blind cricketers who show utmost passion and hard work towards each tournament, inspiring the young players.

Samarthanam is always grateful to our supporters who stand by us, making our initiatives meaningful and successful. Corporate, Government, Donors, Partners, Media and Celebrities, you all have been a significant part of our journey and we will be indebted to you, always.

In the coming year, Samarthanam is planning on furthering our interventions including Education, Sports, Culture and supporting accessibility. We have an Accessible Art Centre, Blind Cricket IPL, Accessible Railway Stations, Digitalization of Schools, rural development projects and Womens Cricket coming up. We hope to receive the same support, as we have been receiving for the past 24 years, in building a society free from discrimination towards the disabled.

Lets join together and wish for a happy and healthy New Year!

Happy New Year!

# HAPPENINGS at Samarthanam

## A MEGA JOB FAIR FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES ACROSS EIGHT CITIES

Samarthanam organized a job fair for persons with disabilities, which took off in the city of Bengaluru. The massive event was inaugurated at the hands of Dr Ashwath Narayan, Minister for Higher education, IT& BT Science & Technology, Skill Development, Entrepreneurship & Livelihood, GoK at Manpho Bell Hotel. Dr Mahantesh G.K., Founder Managing Trustee Samarthanam, Dr V. Muniraju, Director Department of Empowerment of Differently Aabled, D.L. Krishnamurthy, District Skill Development Officer, Karnataka Skill Development corporation, Bangalore Urban, RM Patil Former Minister and Dr Subhash Mahajan were present.

The job fair took place at Bangalore, Dharwad, Delhi, Mumbai, Pune, Hyderabad, Guntur and Chennai bringing together qualified individuals from various backgrounds and corporate companies seeking to hire. Corporate who are into IT, BPO, Retail, Hospitality and other domains were a part of the job fair offering jobs to over 700 eligible individuals. Alongside online interviews took place with major corporates. The job fair proved to be a huge success with many receiving offer letters and other being shortlisted, giving everyone a fair chance at proving their abilities.

Samarthanam thanks the participating companies and the Government for their support and encouragement.

## KANNADA RAJYOTSAVA AWARD 2021

It was a moment of honor and pride for Samarthanam when Dr. Mahantesh G K, Founder Trustee Samarthanam Trust received the 66th Kannada Rajyotsava Award 2021 by the News Paper Association of Karnataka. The Award was given away by Basavaraj Horatti, Chairman of Karnataka Legislative Council, Shruthi Krishna Kannada Film Actress, T A Sharavana JDS MLC.

“It doesn’t matter how many times I win an award, each one is special to me, and I am very grateful for the recognition,” said Dr. Mahantesh G K.



## AN ENERGY FILLED BLIND CRICKET TOURNAMENT, THE 4TH EDITION OF INDUSIND BANK NAGESH TROPHY

The Cricket Association for the Blind in India in association with Samarthanam Trust inaugurated the 4th Edition of IndusInd Bank Nagesh Trophy Cricket Tournament for the Blind at Tau Devi Lal Cricket Stadium, Gurugam. Shri Jasmeet Anand, Senior Zonal Head-North, IndusInd Bank, Dr. Mahantesh GK, Founder Managing Trustee, Samarthanam Trust, and President Cricket Association for the Blind in India (CABI), Priyanka Rana, Dealing Assistant ( P&A) ONGC, John David, General Secretary, CABI, and Shailendra Yadav, North Zone Secretary, CABI were part of the inauguration.

Teams from 24 States of India, and 384 visually impaired players, came together to participate in the T20 National Cricket Tournament for the Blind. The matches began on 17 November 2021 to play 67 league matches apart from quarter finals, semifinals, and the finals.

The final clash took place between Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka on 25 November 2021. Andhra team beat Karnataka by 27 runs and stood to be the Champions, third time in a row. The tournament was helpful for the organizing team in selecting key players for the upcoming International Championships. The hard work and dedication put in by the blind cricket players show their passion towards blind cricket.

## KANNADA HABBA CELEBRATIONS TO MARK THE STATE FORMATION DAY

Samarthanam's Kannada Habba was celebrated at the HQ, in the presence of Hon'ble MLA M Satish Reddy Bommanahalli Constituency, Dr. Mahantesh G Kivadasannavar, Founder Trustee Samarthanam Trust, Veeresh Kivadasannavar, Honorary Director, Samarthanam Belagum, Shrimati Sudha Baragur - Indian humorist and stand-up comedian, Shine Shetty - Kannada Actor, Manvita Kamath - Kannada Actress, Vasanthi Savanur Trustee, Buse Gowda Trustee Samarthanam Trustees, staff and beneficiaries.

A parade with regional folk dance, a walk led by Mahantesh GK, Karnataka State flag hoisting and a stage was set for the guests to speak on the significance of the day, along with Sunadha dance performances. The gathering organized was a portrayal of affection and respect towards the State of Karnataka.



## STEM LEARNING IN GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS VIA MINI SCIENCE LABS

The initiative, Mini-Science labs, had begun in the last quarter where Mini Science Centers are being set-up in 39 schools across 5 states in India.

A Mini Science center for STEM Learning was inaugurated in a Government School at Vidyabhushan High School, Dahisar East, Mumbai, with Samarthanam as the implementing partner. Stephen D'Souza - Regional Director, West, Otis India, Shesha Devadiga Vijay - Director Legal, Otis India, Gajanan Thakare - Chairman of Vidya Bhushan Shikshan Sanstha and Dr. Mahantesh GK - Founder Managing Trustee Samarthanam were present during the inauguration.

With the support of Future Generali, 10 Mini Science Centers & Smart Class Rooms were installed in Government schools across Gaya, Bihar. The labs help the students enhance their interest in Science, Technology and Mathematics, strengthening their ability to integrate and apply knowledge, skills, creativity, and problem-solving skills.

## DIGITALIZATION OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS ACROSS EIGHT STATES OF INDIA

Education and Technology are being largely promoted by Samarthanam, with the help of Corporate supporters. The project Digitalization of Schools, supported by DXC Technology, is actively moving towards fruition. The target was to set-up Smart Classes across 125 Government Schools and so far, 98 schools have been completed. Appointing the trainers and their physical training is ongoing.

Samarthanam inaugurated a Smart Classroom, with support from DXC Technology, at Government High School- Saneguruvanahalli, Bangalore. Suresh Kumar S, Hon'ble MLA, former Minister of State for Primary & Secondary Education and Sakala of Karnataka with Dr Mahantesh G. Kivadasannavar Founder Trustee Samarthanam inaugurated the Smart class.

The next Smart Classroom was opened at Zilla Parishad High School, Gundlapochampally, Medchal Mandal, Telangana. Following was the one in Government Girls Higher Secondary School, Nagda, Madhya Pradesh in the presence of His Excellency Governor of Karnataka Dr Thawar Chand Gehlot and Dr Mahantesh GK, Founder Managing Trustee, Samarthanam.



## INDUSIND BILATERAL CRICKET SERIES FOR THE BLIND 2021

The Blind Cricket teams of India and Bangladesh joined for a Bilateral Cricket match, supported by IndusInd Bank. Samarthanam Trust, Cricket Association for the Blind in India (CABI) and Cricket Association for the Blind in Madhya Pradesh (CABMP) organized the first ever Bilateral Series, held from 24 to 29 December 2021, which brought together enthusiastic players from both teams show their mettle on the field. The series included 3 T20's and 3 ODI's which were played at Faith Cricket Club, Ratibad, Bhopal – Madhya Pradesh.

The Bilateral Cricket series was inaugurated on 24 December 2021 at the Faith Cricket Club. K P Singh Yadav, Member of Parliament, Guna, Lokinder Parasar, Media Head, BJP, MP, Ragavendra Tomar, Director, Faith Cricket Club, Brijesh Tomar, Former Cricketer Madhya Pradesh, E John David, General Secretary CABI and Ragavendra Sharma, President of CABMP were present during the inauguration.

The first Day/Night International T20 match was played on 25 December 2021. His Excellency Mangubhai Patel, Governor of Madhya Pradesh was the chief guest and wished the players.

The Final T20 match between India and Bangladesh was held on 26 December 2021, where Indian Blind Cricket Team won the series with 3 -0 against Bangladesh. Sunil Ramesh was delighted to win his first International T20 Series as the Captain of the Indian Team. Winning all the 3 T20 Matches, India stood to be the Champions of the IndusInd Bilateral Series 2021.

The Presentation Ceremony witnessed guests and well-wishers of Blind Cricket including Pallove, CSR Lead South Zone – IndusInd Bank, Pushpendra Tomar-Regional Head- IndusInd Bank and Sandeep Yadav Regional Wealth Head, Dr Mahantesh G K - Founder Managing Trustee of Samarthanam Trust & President of CABI, E John David – General Secretary Cricket Association for the Blind in India and CABMP officials. Kalpesh Nimbadkar, B1 Category - India, D Venkateshwara Rao – B2 Category – India, Prakash Jayaramiah – B3 Category – India were declared as Man of the Series for their outstanding performances during the T20 Series.

The players were appreciated by Jyotiraditya M Scindia, Hon Minister of State for Civil Aviation of India who met and encouraged the teams during the Series.



# INSHORTS

Samarthanam Trust in association with Shankara Eye Hospital organized an Eye Camp at Primary Health Center, Varthur, offering service and diagnosis to 151 patients.



Samarthanam High School students with disability received Tabs from Blue Yonder to support online education.



Dr. Mahantesh GK, Founder Samarthanam Trust, and Shri Veeresh Kivadasannavar Honorary Director, Samarthanam Belgaum met the Governor of Karnataka, His Excellency Dr Thawar Chand Gehlot. A brief on the developments and future of Samarthanam was presented to the Governor.



Dr Mahantesh GK & Mr. Shailender Yadav met Shri Anurag Thakur, Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports of India and had a discussion on the progress and development of cricket for the blind.



Dr Mahantesh GK has been appointed by BCCI as a Committee Member of Differently Abled Cricket Committee



Dr Mahantesh GK had an opportunity to meet Shri Abbaiah Narayanaswamy Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment of India. The brief meet has been delightful with the Minister appreciating the efforts of Samarthanam.





# COVID 19 RELIEF CAMPAIGN

Samarathanam's  
Pan-India Initiative

Samarathanam expands its COVID pandemic Relief Services  
Vaccination awareness and Kit distribution continue



52,000+  
Dry Ration Kits



5,00,000+  
Packed Meals



86,000+  
PPE & Health Kits



2,00,000+  
RtPCR Kits



32+  
Hospitals covered  
pan India



7  
ICU Ambulance on  
Wheels



2  
ICU Modular Bed  
Facilities



1,00,000+  
Frontline Workers  
supported



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



In progress  
Oxygen Generator  
Bank



5000+  
Disabled families  
supported with health kits



Rs 10,00,00,000  
worth medical equipment  
provided to Hospitals

## DRY RATION KIT DISTRIBUTION

- Distribution of Dry Ration Kits took place at Davanagere Rotary Club where 250 kits were distributed in the presence of Shri Veeresh S T, Mayor of Davanagere, K.K. Prakash from Disabled and Senior citizens empowerment department, K.M.Natraj and M. Vijayalakshmi - Karnataka State Disabled RPD Taskforce.
- Supported by GKN Aerospace, Samarthanam distributed Dry Ration Kits to the parents of students with disability from Samarthanam HSR Campus.
- COVID-19 Relief kits was distributed to disabled families by Health Minister, M. Subramaniyan at Saidapet, Chennai supported by HSBC.
- HSBC also supported distributions at Hyderabad, Bangalore, Vizag and Gurugram.
- In a distribution program organized, Dry ration kits were given away to PwDs at Hyderabad.
- J C Penney sponsored Dry Ration Kits for Government School Children in Bangalore
- Global Growth supported Ration kits distribution for ID School Students in Bangalore
- NTT Data supported Grocery Kit Distribution to disabled and underprivileged in Bangalore



Kit Distribution at Davanagere



Kit Distribution at Chennai



Kit Distribution by Global Growth



Kit Distribution by J C Penney

## HEALTH KIT DISTRIBUTION

- Morgan Stanley supported distribution of Dry Ration Kits & Health Kits for beneficiaries in Bangalore.



- ExxonMobil Company India Pvt Ltd donated ICU Beds to Bijapur Govt Hospital



## VACCINATION CAMPAIGN

- COVID 19 Vaccination was organized with the support of PHC Narayanapuram. The staff of LRC Ananthapur and students were vaccinated through this program.
- Samarathanam successfully reached out to beneficiaries in need under “Stop the Spread” COVID-19 Vaccination program & COVID awareness activities were initiated in Dharwad.



Vaccination campaign at Ananthapur

## COMMUNITY HEALTH ACTIVITIES

Samarathanam, as part of its community health interventions, supported people with disabilities with assistive devices and various medical necessities. The support and beneficiary count is as below:

- Assistive Devices – 78
- Medications for PWDs – 32
- Medical Camp – 06
- Surgery Support – 07
- Cataract Surgery – 302
- COVID Recovery Support – 09
- Vaccination Drive – More than 10000
- Total Interventions – More than 1500



Assistive devices distribution



Vaccination drive



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

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

## SAMARTHANAM INTERVENTIONS

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

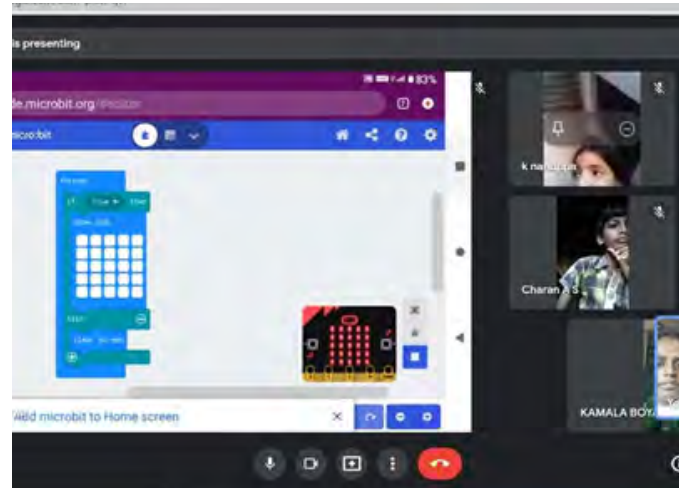


## SAMARTHANAM BARRIER-FREE RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL | HIGHLIGHTS

Samarthanam reopened its classes, welcomed the students and teachers, but the precautions continue to be followed for everyone's safety. The online classes are also being conducted along with offline classes, giving students the flexibility in learning. Since the pandemic has not completely disappeared, sanitization, masks and hygiene rules are still in place.

### Everyday learning

Since the schools have reopened the students are back to their everyday learning with greater enthusiasm. Along with regular classes, their participation in extra-curricular activities, sports, arts, and culture is back on track. The online Tinker Lab is significantly progressing with every session. So far, the students have been introduced to the basics of computers, their function, working, information processing, software, coding and so on.



Tinker Lab

### Sports and Cultural activities

- Lions International Peace Poster Contest was organized for the Special needs students by the Lions International. 13 students took part in the event and bagged prizes.
- Special Olympics Bharat organized Golf National Coaching Camp at Gurugram, Haryana where Preethi. S, a student of ID school represented Karnataka state.
- Children with special needs took part in the film shooting conducted at ID school for a short story.



Tinker Lab

### Workshops for teachers

- A product stall was set-up by the students from Jain college, Jayanagara where the products prepared at the Samarthanam vocational training unit were displayed and appreciated by the buyers.
- CRC Davangere organized Prayas Series -9, National level webinar on "Occupational Therapy for Children with Special needs" on the occasion of "World Occupational Therapy Day" attended by the Teachers.
- CRC Davangere organized a Webinar on the Eve of World Stroke Day 2021 on the theme 'Minutes can save lives' attended by the teachers.
- A virtual session on Vision Empowerment was held and ID School Special Educator attended the session.



Lions Peace Poster Contest

## Celebrations to remember

- Samarthanam School students were an active part of the Karnataka Rajyotsava celebrations at the premises, imbibing the significance of the day via the talks and activities organized.
- Children's Day was celebrated at the school with guests Vasanthi Savanur, Trustee Samarthanam, and school staff. Fashion Show, group songs and other cultural activities were presented during the program.

## Volunteering at Samarthanam Schools

- Senior leaders from OCWEN distributed Tabs to students with intellectual disabilities. Reshma Goyel, President, Customer care, OCWEN, Yadunath Srinivasamurthy, Director Solutions delivering project and Tulika from OCWEN were present during the distribution.
- Seva in Action conducted Quizabled -2021 for the children with intellectual disabilities in virtual mode. 15 students participated and received participation certificates.
- Interns from Indian Institute of Psychology & Research visited ID school, interacted with the students, and conducted fun activities.
- ID School welcomed the visits by the Australian Consulate General, senior representatives from APPI, Samarthanam US team and Senior leaders from Iron Mountain.
- A few major corporates like TCE, Target India, NatWest, SCB, DHL, Amway conducted virtual volunteering including activities like storytelling, crafts, essay writing and sessions on Climate awareness, Exercise, Fitness, Hygiene, Health awareness, Yoga, etc.
- AzimPremji University students visited Primary School and conducted various volunteering activities.
- Naariyari volunteers celebrated Christmas with activities, cake, and gifts for the students.
- Interns from Oxford Physiotherapy college conducted physiotherapy sessions twice a week for the students who required therapy services.



## SAMARTHANAM HIGH SCHOOL

- The high school students are attending virtual and physical classes, along with tinker lab sessions, volunteer activities, and fitness programs.
- Byju's conducted a Maths Workshop for the students who found the session to be immensely beneficial.
- A self-defense awareness program was organized by a police officer to teach the students on self-defense, traffic rules, safety, awareness, Child Help line.
- As part of the Talents Day celebration, students participated in cultural activities, storytelling, mimicry, dance, awareness clubs and so on.
- Volunteers from NatWest conducted personality development sessions virtually on cultivating critical thinking Skills.
- Morgan Stanley volunteers led a career guidance online session for the students helping them to prioritize and plan accordingly.
- The High School students and staff visited Heritage centre and Aerospace museum at HAL as part of an educational tour.



## SAMARTHANAM HIGHER EDUCATION

- Students who are pursuing higher education with the help of Samarthanam received further encouragement from corporate supporters. 455 disabled and underprivileged students received support for college admission, tuition, examination fee, books, stationery, and tabs. The support received will be greatly beneficial for the students in accomplishing their career goals.
- On Vision Day 2021, Lions Clubs International distributed Braille watches to Samarthanam Higher Education students from Bangalore.
- A career guidance workshop was organized for the students at Samarthanam JP Nagar branch, led by two visually impaired experts.
- A 3-day workshop on soft skills, communication and life skills was organized by the volunteers from Christ college (Deemed University)
- The CEO of Avanse Financial Services Limited distributed tabs to Samarthanam Higher Education students of Bangalore branch.



Avanse distributing Tabs to students

## SAMARTHANAM INCLUSIVE EDUCATION PROJECT

Samarthanam initiated its first Inclusive Education (IE) and Health intervention program in Kodikonda, Andhra Pradesh for students with disabilities.

The project reaches out to 200 children with disabilities in 70 villages.

### Education support

- Schools covered - 11 (primary & high school)
- Beneficiaries – 179
- Home assignments covered 66 students who required special attention.
- Home tuitions and school support activities assisted 179 students.
- Engaged Preparatory education center activities with 14 special students attending for a week during the month.

### Therapeutic intervention

- Villages covered in Bagepalli, Karnataka and Chilamatur A.P. – 37
- Beneficiaries – 104
- Health activities cover therapy services, hospital referrals, and assistive devices
- Identification of new beneficiaries for the Physio project and assessment at Bagepalli Hospital was carried out. The Project is in the process of employing part time Physiotherapist and Ortho expert to visit the project area on a fixed routine and schedule.
- VRWs orientation and meeting at Bagepalli resulted in data collection and identification of 2543 persons with disabilities (PWD) were identified across 216 villages.





## BANGALORE SKILLING CENTRE

The training classes have begun at Bangalore Skilling Centre, along with assistance to attend the classes from home. The team initiated an exposure visit for the students to Vishal Mega Mart and Vindhya company. The candidates have also been a part of the Job Fair organized at Bangalore.

## DELHI SKILLING CENTRE

Samarthanam Delhi team is implementing online and offline classes for the trainees, providing them with necessary equipment for the virtual lessons. New online batches are about to begin, and mobilization activities are underway. Safety protocols and social distancing is being practiced in all classes.

The trainees were part of the Job Fair organized by Samarthanam. The team also organized a Legal Awareness session for the trainees, organized by Dist. Legal Services Authority, New Delhi.

## MUMBAI SKILLING CENTRE

The Mumbai team, along with regular classes, initiated dry ration kit distribution programme to beneficiaries across Mumbai, giving away groceries for people in need. The trainees took part in the Job Fair, giving interviews and interacting with the recruiters.

## PUNE SKILLING CENTRE

A new batch took off at Pune Skilling Centre after the screening and counseling of mobilized candidates. Many volunteering sessions were conducted on Communication Skills, MS Excel, Digital Literacy and Financial Literacy by Microsoft, Morgan Stanley & CITI volunteers.

Samarthanam Pune organized a Mega Job Fair for Persons with Disabilities, and many received opportunities from recruiting employers.



Job Fair at Bangalore



Job Fair at Delhi



Job Fair at Mumbai



Job Fair at Pune

## CHENNAI SKILLING CENTRE

- The trainees completed the skilling program on Java, Python & Soft Skills and expressed confidence in these subjects.
- A motivational talk by a Technical Architect and a Social Activist on increasing self-confidence, interview prerequisites and interview guidance proved to be valuable.
- The CSR team from Redington visited the centre to interact with the beneficiaries, trainers and discuss the training methodologies.
- The trainees attended the Job Fair by Samarthanam and received placement opportunities.



Redington Team visit

## HYDERABAD SKILLING CENTRE

- The Skilling Centre at Hyderabad initiated a new batch of students and regular training sessions are on the go.
- Alongside, Lions Club of Alwaal organised a yoga training session for beneficiaries.
- A few HR professionals and Managers from various firms conducted interviews for the beneficiaries and assessed their capability.
- The trainees took part in the Samarthanam Job Fair and received offers.



Yoga session by Lions Club

## GUNTUR SKILLING CENTRE

- Samarthanam Guntur team welcomed a new batch of students, and encouraged the trainees to give their best during the program.
- EyeMitra camp, an eye check-up camp was organized for the students.
- Rotary club members gave away higher education syllabus books in Braille format for the visually impaired students.
- Along with motivational talks and volunteering activities, online and offline interviews are being arranged for the trained candidates, helping them find the right employer.
- The trainees took part in the Job Fair organized by Samarthanam and received offers from participating recruiters.



EyeMitra Eye Camp

## ANANTHAPUR SKILLING CENTRE

- Along with regular training classes, Samarthanam organized a few awareness sessions on health, self-motivation, socialization, and COVID, by volunteers.
- An awareness camp on COVID was organized by a Primary Health Center, for students who also received their vaccination.
- The students took part in Jhoom India Talent Hunt Program for the PwDs by Shantidham Foundation, Orissa. Talent Videos which were uploaded received appreciation and encouragement.
- Samarthanam held a jobfair for differently-abled people. It witnessed the participation of students and companies, offering jobs for eligible candidates.
- Online and offline interviews were arranged for trainees at companies like, Med Plus, Vindhya E Info Media Private Limited, Royal Orchid Resort & Convention Center and others.
- Trainees who completed the program, have been working as Telecallers, Billing executives, Sales, computer operators & earning their livelihood.

## BALLARI SKILLING CENTRE

- The skilling centre have begun their classes after screening, counseling, and welcoming the new students with necessary study material.
- Exposure visits, awareness programs and motivational talks by experts are organized regularly at the centre.
- Online interviews were arranged for a few trained individuals.
- A Dental Health Camp was organized by Healthy Smile Dental Home, for the students.
- Lions Club Ballari distributed free braille watches to Samarthanam students.

## BELAGAVI SKILLING CENTRE

- The training classes were run without any setback at the Belagavi Centre with necessary precautions.
- Alongside, ongoing motivational classes and volunteering sessions were conducted as well.
- An exposure visit to Jina special Steel company, Jina Forge, Vishwaraj Sugar Industries presented the students with an inside view and operations of an industry.

## DHARWAD SKILLING CENTRE

- The centre has begun the classes with batch initiation program and trainees receiving the welcome kits.
- Samarthanam organized Mega Job Fair which witnessed a large group of people with disabilities and companies. They gathered to hire potential human resource for their organizations with various job roles to offer.
- A trainee of Samarthanam, differently-abled and working in a private organization, was in need of a laptop to pursue her work and was supported with one, by Samarthanam.



## PARISARA

- Samarathanam's Parisara is the dry waste management service provider of Samarathanam promoting the 3Rs, Reduce-Reuse-Recycle, with various activities raising awareness in the public. Parisara's sustainable dry waste recycling system aims to create a greener environment and lessen the burden on landfills.
- Parisara's Solid Waste Management Program, is initiated to avoid burden on municipal waste system during the pandemic. Parisara team is propagating households and bulk waste generators to reduce waste generation and segregate waste, without compromising on the individual's health and safety.
- MSW management as an essential service has mandated personnel involved in MSW management to implement precautions.

## PROGRESS AND IMPACT



211 Tonnes of dry waste collected



207 Tonnes of dry waste recycled



12 persons employed

## WOW (WELL-BEING OUT OF WASTE)

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

This quarter, WOW team has; Awareness on COVID19 delivered to the DWCC workers and Pourakarmikas (PKs). Successfully implemented the new system in 4 divisions with 32 wards.

Samarathanam, with the support of a corporate firm, initiated a new project on waste management, a ward awareness program.

### Ward Mapping:

Total Blocks - 20

Total Auto Allocated - 17 to 20

### Awareness and household propagation: Total

Awareness & Bags issued - 4411

Door Lock households - 2202

Total households propagated - 6613

An awareness activity to tell people on the importance of waste segregation at source was implemented. Under which;

- A mime act performance by Christ college Students was organized at Government Primary School, and Satya Ganapati Temple road, Jaraganahalli Ward 186
- A street play by Samarathanam Staff was performed on the importance of segregation at home at Siddeshwara theatre Junction, Jaraganahalli Ward 186.
- Additional Activities in Jaraganahalli Ward 186 were dry ration kit distribution to the divyang community and mask distribution to pourakarmikas and rag pickers.



2085 Tonnes of Dry Waste collected in 32 Wards



159 Tonnes of LVP {Low Value Plastic} Dispatched



Rs 2831341- Income to Waste Handlers



Rs 4170114 - Saving to Municipal corporation



## SUNADHA

Sunadha is a group of artists with disabilities at Samarthanam, who perform classical dance and music on stage. The spectacular performances delivered by Sunadha troupe have received immense admiration and respect from the audience across the country and abroad. These dedicated artists' inherent talent in art and culture is nurtured at Samarthanam, who also gather and share their talent among budding young artists.

This quarter, Sunadha performances include:

- A classical presentation at Ravindra Kalakshetra on World Senior Citizen Day.
- Kannada and Samskruthi Sambrama event at Bharath scout and guides by Lions club.
- A music show to welcome Samarthanam US board members and guests who visited Samarthanam HQ.



Music show at Samarthanam HQ

# REHABILITATION



## SWADHARA

Samarthanam's Swadhara is a Rehabilitation programme, which helps women in distress recuperate and regain their independence. Swadhara is a place for women and their children, who are distraught and looking for a safe home, counselling support, education guidance, and vocational training. Swadhara also provides healthcare, nutrition, medical needs, food, accommodation, vocational training, and counseling by experts, which proved to be greatly valuable for the residents.

## WORKING WOMENS HOSTEL

Samarthanam's Working Women Hostel accommodates women who are pursuing their higher education, and those who are employed in the city. The hostel is a safe home for hard-working young women who wish to study, work hard, and make a future. Samarthanam team supports and encourages the residents at every level. They provide a clean and safe place for the women along with awareness sessions on the COVID pandemic, hygiene, safety rules and vaccinations for their well-being.

# STORIES OF CHANGE

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## NAVYASHREE

“The School for Children with Intellectual Disabilities is a special place where our child is learning and improving each day,” say the parents of Navyashree, who is a 12-year-old special child.

Navyashree was born with Down’s syndrome. Though Navyashree is 12-year-old, because of her intellectual disability, her understanding is slow and learning at the level of kinder-garten. Born in an agricultural family, Navyashree’s parents struggled to provide her with appropriate learning guidance, owing to financial inconsistencies. Navyashree needed special care and education which her parents thought can be provided only at Samarthanam Special School.

“Navyashree is a cute, lovely, co-operative child. She can identify all her classmates and likes schooling,” says her teacher.

Navyashree has been juggling between online and offline classes since Covid pandemic. Navyashree’s progress has been noted to be significant since she stepped into Samarthanam. She is now independent with respect to socialization and self-help. Her learning improved and she is active in cultural activities, sports, yoga, and exercise. She has a good receptive language, meeting the expectations of her educators. Navyashree can count, write Kannada alphabets, narrate stories and identify pictures.

“She is showing very good improvement in all the aspects of discipline, hygiene and learning. I appreciate her progress,” says her class teacher.



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Navyashree’s parents

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Navyashree’s teacher

## RADHIKA

“Samarthanam was like a home to me. They helped me and my children when I was alone. I am indebted to Swadhara,” says 25 year old Radhika, who has the huge responsibility of two children and their well-being.

Radhika hails from Bangalore and was married at a young age. She was a woman who believed in self-sustenance but never felt appreciated at home. After facing a lot of domestic problems with family, when Radhika felt like her problems were mounting each day, she left her home and came to Samarthanam via a Women and Child Development Administrator.

Radhika came to Samarthanam with two small children and seeking emotional support. “She was not emotionally strong when she came to Swadhara. We provided her with counselling and she recovered sooner than we expected,” says Swadhara team. Radhika stayed at Swadhara home for a short period, felt safe and cared by people around her.

After a few sessions of counselling and noticing her interest in tailoring, the team trained her accordingly. Radhika enrolled her kids into a good school and while waiting to find a job, she received an opportunity to work as a house-keeper for a loving family, who also supported her with accommodation and healthcare.

“I am happy to be on my own now. I am happy to be earning my living and thanks to Samarthanam,” says Radhika.



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# VOLUNTEERING

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Samarthanam volunteering team organizes online and offline volunteering activities since the pandemic. Volunteering being one of the major verticals at Samarthanam which brings together our beneficiaries and professionals from the corporate, we figured virtual volunteering would be the best way to keep the program running. As we are stepping back into our routine, a few in-person activities are being implemented, following the rules of social distancing.

## INTERNSHIP PROGRAMMES

130 students completed their internship and service learning at Samarthanam. They were exposed and engaged in various programs like schools, Digital Library, LRC, rehabilitation center, Rehabilitation for women, and Parisara. A few were part of the Sunadha, Blind Cricket, student counseling, English grammar classes. They conducted case studies, organizational study, mini projects, and were part of the Vaccination Drive. Participating colleges include Christ (Deemed University), Bangalore University, Indian Institute of Management, Jindal Global Law University, Gujarat National Law University, Oxford college, Krupanidhi, St. Josephs, IIRM, IIPR, Symbiosis Noida, Symbiosis Pune, BMS Bangalore, Xavier Institute of Management.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Volunteers from SCB conducted Mock Interview for visually impaired students of Delhi, Mumbai, and Pune.
- Microsoft and BMC Software volunteered for Audiobook recording.
- CITI conducted Financial Literacy training for Pune skilling beneficiaries.
- Volunteers from Cloudbyz conducted fun activities for primary school children.
- Morgan Stanley volunteers offered career guidance for high school students.
- JLL volunteers painted Government school walls.
- Volunteers from Firstsource did Tactile Making activity at Chennai.
- Many student volunteers from institutes like Oxford, Christ, NSS, IIPR, Surana College took part in various activities including health camps, vaccination drives, School activities, Blind Cricket matches, and awareness campaigns with WOW.



66 volunteering activities organized

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22 corporates involved

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1605 volunteers participated

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1686 hours of corporate voluntary service

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130 student interns

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## VOLUNTEERING CORPORATES

Akaimai, ANZ, BMC software, Citi, Cloudbyz, DHL, Firstsource, Future Generali, HPCL, IDFC, JLL, Lowe's, Mersan, Microsoft, MiQ, Morgan Stanley, NatWest, NI, PureSoftware, SCB, Target, TCE.

# DIGITAL LIBRARY

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

- 6023 Books recording and editing was completed
- 1591125 pages recorded and edited in the last quarter in Kannada, English, Hindi
- The Big Impact Day of a major corporate has its volunteers read 3000 books for Samarthanam Library.
- Citi bank volunteers completed the recording of books and we are thankful for their contribution.
- Unisys has started the recording process where 50 books have been completed out of 875 books.

# HUMAN RESOURCES

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Since COVID pandemic has not subsided completely, the HR team is continuing to implement the necessary precautions and social distancing at its premises. The HR team at Samarthanam successfully organized 8 massive Job Fairs across cities including Bangalore, Dharwad, Delhi, Mumbai, Pune, Hyderabad, Guntur and Chennai. The job fair was for people with disabilities and the response was appreciable. Almost 30% of the participating candidates received employment confirmations and expecting 50% of job confirmations from shortlisted candidates.

Samarthanam Toastmaster Club, which took off this year, organized two sessions with active participation from all club members. Also, the HR vertical organized regional and national festivals with fun celebrations involving staff and beneficiaries. Team Samarthanam who worked hard during COVID as front line warrior, spent a day at Discovery village resort. This was sponsored by a corporate to motivate and appreciate the team's contribution. The team had a wonderful time and enjoyed with recreational activities at the resort.



531 employees



116 People with disabilities



6059 Braille Books

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5484 Audio Books

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241074 Scanned Pages

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140 books in "Sugamy Pustakalaya"

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Discovery Village Resort

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