



Samarthanam celebrates
25 years of service to the disabled community

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Accessible Railway Station at
Krantivira Sangolli Rayanna Railway
Station inaugurated by
Samarthanam



IndusInd Bank National
T20 Cricket Tournament for the
Blind 2022



Mega Job Fair for
Youth with Disabilities
across six cities

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 Dr GK Mahantesh and his friend, Nagesh SP, Samarthanam envisions to touch 10,00,000 disabled lives by 2030.

The organization is affiliated to the World Blind Union and is one of those few nonprofits to be awarded the Special United Nations Consultative Status in 2015. Samarthanam is a CRISIL rated organization with PAN-India presence and burgeoning reach. It reaches out to beneficiaries from diverse verticals through its 13 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



23,666
YOUTH TRAINED



34,567 METRIC TONNES
DRY WASTE SEGREGATED



25,000+
BLIND CRICKETERS TOUCHED



3280
WOMEN EMPOWERED



7300
CHILDREN RECEIVED MEALS



125
DISABLED ARTISTS SUPPORTED

FOUNDER'S NOTE

This New Year, Samarthanam's projects took off with lots of innovation and energy, the significant one being the Accessible Railway Stations, which proved to be an essential step towards making the most highly used public transport, accessible for all. We are thankful to our sponsors who believed in our vision of accessibility and supported the same. This quarter, Samarthanam laid the stage for National Blind Cricket Conclave and the Women's National Cricket Tournament, supported by IndusInd Bank. The annual conclave welcomed leaders and officials from corporate and Government who offered valuable advice for the progression of blind cricket as a game and as a medium to encourage disability sports. And as the women cricketers took the field with confidence at the National Tournament, motivating millions of cricket enthusiasts, has made me proud of being a part of the blind cricket community.



Samarthanam strives to do the best for its people and this year, we celebrated 25 glorious years of its unfaltering service in addressing the needs of the disabled and deprived communities. I would like to thank everyone who has been with me through this 25-year journey, supporting, encouraging, inspiring, guiding and working along with me, towards realizing the vision and mission of Samarthanam. The hundreds of projects that Samarthanam has conceptualized and implemented across the country, we would not have been able to do it without our supporters, partners, well-wishers, followers, Government, Donors and Corporates.

This quarter, Samarthanam picked momentum with a mega job fair for Persons with Disabilities, Smart Classrooms for public schools, Accessible Art Centre which is in the making, the COVID Relief Campaign, and more projects on the go. We encourage students to take up Tinker Lab Classes, sports, advanced learning, arts, culture and stay on par with the evolving technology. With the help of digitalization, Samarthanam is able to introduce sophistication at the grassroots level of education for students hailing from all backgrounds.

Along with active efforts of controlling the COVID pandemic spread, as we inch closer to restoring our routine, we want to stay optimistic and hope for a healthy and safe future.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dr. Mahantesh G K'. The signature is stylized and fluid.

Dr. Mahantesh G K

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

HAPPENINGS at Samarthanam

A HASSLE-FREE TRAVEL FOR THE DIFFERENTLY-ABLED VIA THE ACCESSIBLE RAILWAYS STATION

Samarthanam Trust, in an effort to support accessibility, with support from Southwestern Railways and Sapiens Technologies India Pvt Ltd, initiated Accessible Railway Station for Persons with Disabilities and senior citizens in Bengaluru.

The Accessible Railway Station was inaugurated at Krantivira Sangolli Rayanna Railway Station, Bengaluru, at the hands of Shyam Singh, Divisional Railway Manager, Bengaluru, Mahantesh G. K, Founder, Ms. Vasanti Savanur, Trustee Samarthanam Trust and officials from Sapiens Technologies India Pvt Ltd. The Railway Station facilitated effortless commute for people with disability, including the visually impaired, Speech and Hearing impaired and Senior Citizens. The Railway Station was enhanced with Braille Signages, LED TV with sign language announcements for Speech and Hearing impaired & Waiting Room for the Disabled.

JOB FAIRS ACROSS SIX CITIES ENABLING EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE DISABLED

Samarthanam initiated Job Fairs for Youth with Disabilities, across six cities including Mysuru, Bangalore, Pune, Indore, Delhi, and Chennai. The Job Fairs were organized in partnership with Barclays to widen the bridge between recruiters and job seekers with disabilities. It provided a platform for the recruiters to assess the potential of candidates, engage in an active hiring process, and offer suitable employment as well.

More than 6500 job seekers who are SSLC, PUC, ITI, Diploma and Degree holders joined the events, where over 350 companies participated including all the locations.

Samarthanam appreciates the support received from Barclays, the COVID-19 Community Aid Package, which helped in delivering quality education, accommodation, nutritious food, vocational training and placement based rehabilitation for those in need.



SAMARTHANAM CELEBRATED 25 YEARS OF REMARKABLE SERVICE TO THE SOCIETY

It was a day to rejoice at Samarthanam, when employees, beneficiaries, and well-wishers gathered to celebrate 25 glorious years of the non-profit's exceptional service to people. The Silver Jubilee of Samarthanam marked a prestigious milestone in its history of achievements, with a reminder that the organization still has a long way to go, plenty to achieve and will continue to escort those in need.

The celebrations took off with Jagadish Shettar, Hon'ble MLA Hubli Central, Former CM of Karnataka, and H.S Gopinath Reddy, Hon'ble MLC, Vidhan Parishath, Bangalore City Constituency, Shri Veeresh G K, Honorary Director, Samarthanam, Shri Uday Kumar & Ms. Vasanti Savanur, Trustees, Samarthanam releasing Samarthanam's Silver Jubilee Logo, signifying accessibility, inclusion, and the support for people with disabilities.

Shri Jagadish Shettar said, "Samarthanam is the finest example in rendering service for the past 25 years to the disabled and underprivileged. Samarthanam reminds us that the efficiency of the disabled can never be undermined and I could witness in their service to people. I am happy that I had the opportunity to help Samarthanam in my former days."

H.S Gopinath Reddy, Hon'ble MLC Vidhan Parishath, Bangalore Constituency said that Samarthanam has played a great role in influencing society positively through its work and the organization and Founder are role models not only for the disabled community, but for all.

On the occasion, Dr. Mahantesh G K said "Samarthanam in 25 years has done its best, but we have miles to go to work towards Disability Inclusion and Empowerment and much more towards the Society, where persons with Disabilities become contributing members living with dignity and respect."

Samarthanam School, employees, beneficiaries from various programs, and Skilling Centres across the country were a part of the Silver Jubilee celebrations, and expressed gratitude and delight to be a part of the organization and upholding its values.

Assistive Devices like wheelchairs, water beds & artificial limbs were distributed to people with disabilities by the Chief Guests.



INDUSIND BANK BLIND CRICKET NATIONAL CONCLAVE 2022

Samarthanam and Cricket Association for the Blind in India, every year, organize the Blind Cricket Conclave, where eminent personalities, dignitaries, blind cricket supporters from the Government and corporate space take the stage to express their appreciation, acknowledge the partnership, achievements and convey their continual support for the growth of disability sports.

The IndusInd Bank Blind Cricket National Conclave-2022 was graced by Hon'ble Governor of Karnataka Thaawar Chand Gehlot as the Chief Guest and the Guests of Honor were Anna Shotbolt, Deputy Trade Commissioner South Asia for Investment and Deputy High Commissioner, Anne Seshadri, Consul for Public Affairs, U.S. Consulate, Syed Kirmani, Former Indian Cricketer, Matilda Lobo, Head- CSR, IndusInd Bank, Anil Parmar, Vice President, Community Investment, United Way Mumbai and Dr. Mahantesh G K, Founder Managing Trustee, Samarthanam Trust and President Cricket Association for the Blind in India (CABI).

The Conclave was inaugurated by symbolically lighting the lamp by the Hon'ble Governor of Karnataka, Dignitaries and eminent personalities, amidst roaring applause by the cricketers from 14 states, participants and the audience.

Dr. Mahantesh, on the occasion, said, "The Blind Cricket Conclave is a milestone in the journey of blind cricket. The Conclave has generated fresh ideas, insights and solutions to the challenges of Blind Cricketers in India and worldwide."

The participating guests took part in panel discussions highlighting the current status and key focus areas pertaining cricket, provided technical advice, conceptualized proposals, offered guidance and shared experiences. The themes covered were, 'Mental Health and Fitness for visually challenged cricketers,' 'Transforming women through sports,' 'Role of Corporates/ Institutions and NGOs in building Inclusive Society,' and 'Role of Samarthanam on Diversity and Inclusion.'



INDUSIND BANK WOMEN'S NATIONAL T20 CRICKET TOURNAMENT FOR THE BLIND

The inauguration of IndusInd Bank Women's National T20 Cricket Tournament for the Blind 2022 kicked off at the Chancery pavilion. The Guests of Honor were Ms. K.S Latha Kumari IAS, Director, Department of Empowerment of Differently Abled and Senior Citizens, Government of Karnataka, Ms. Matilda Lobo, Head-CSR, IndusInd Bank, Ms. K. Pallove Raj, CSR, Kotak Mahindra Bank, Shri Sudhakar Rao, Former Indian Cricketer; Former Secretary KSCA, Shri Anil Parmar, Vice President, Community Investment, United Way Mumbai, Shri Yoganand Kote, Nike, Shri Sanchith Sanjeev, Kannada Film Actor, Dr. Subhash Mahajan, U.S.A, Dr. Mahantesh G K Founder Managing Trustee, Samarthanam Trust.

224 players from 14 States took part in the tournament played at 3 grounds in 21 matches. The Tournament provided a brilliant opportunity to the talented visually impaired women players from various States to show their sporting skills and motivate many budding visually impaired players. Karnataka was crowned Champions of IndusInd Bank Women's National T20 Cricket Tournament for the Blind -2022.

Dr. Mahantesh G K stated, "A huge shout-out to the blind women cricket players and the supporting units for a breath-taking performance and executing the biggest tournament in a beautiful way. I am very happy that every woman cricketer who has participated in Tournament feels proud today for have given their best performance."

ACCESSIBLE PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE IN THE MAKING

Samarthanam Sunadha is excited to be taking the first step towards the making of the Accessible Performing Arts and Theater Center. The Bhoomi Pooja took place at Samarthanam Head Quarters in Bangalore. Chief Guests Dr. Ramalinga Reddy, MLA, BTM Layout Constituency, Former Home Minister of Karnataka, Shri D Kupendra Reddy, Former MP Rajya Sabha, Shri Satish Reddy, MLA Bommanahalli, Dr. Subash Mahajan, PhD MBA, Mechanical Engineer USA, Shri HS Gopinath Reddy, MLC Vidhan Parishath Bangalore city, Dr. Mahantesh G K Founder Managing Trustee Samarthanam, Shri Buse Gowda & Ms. Vasanti Savanur, Trustees, Samarthanam were part of the auspicious event.



MORE SMART CLASSROOMS SET-UP WITH SUPPORT FROM DXC TECHNOLOGY

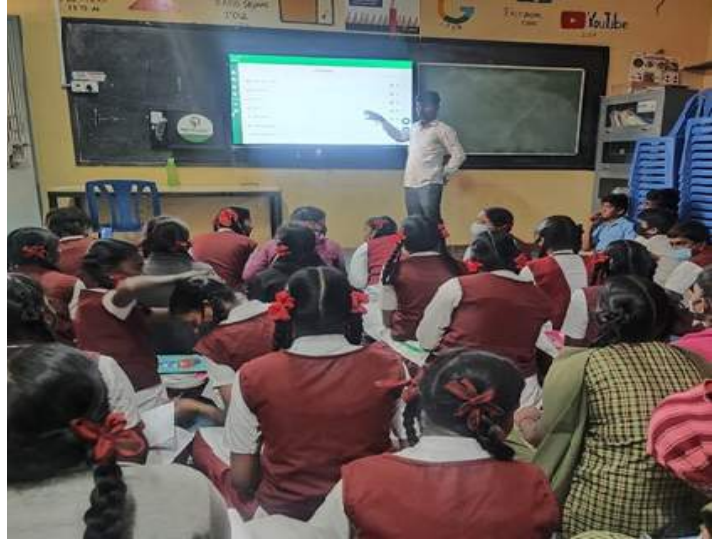
The project Digitalization of Schools, supported by DXC Technology, and implemented by Samarthanam spread out to more locations during this quarter. The project which has been ongoing to reach 103 public schools across India focuses on facilitating digital literacy and modern technology to students coming from various backgrounds.

The project promotes quality education by establishing 125 Smart classrooms at Govt. Schools located across Bangalore, Chennai, Hyderabad, Sikri, Alwar, Indore, Delhi, Gurgaon, Noida, Faridabad, Bhilwara and Nagda. So far, the appointment of trainers was completed in Chennai, Bangalore, Indore, Nagda, Delhi and NCR regions, Alwar, Sikri, Bhilwara and Hyderabad. Physical Training of the Trainers was completed in all locations.

The Smart Classroom at Govt. Higher Secondary School, Khajrana Square, Indore was inaugurated by Shankar Lalvani, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Indore, Pushpraj Singh Patel, Director Application, DXC Technology, Akash Vijayvargiya, Hon'ble MLA Indore, Sandeep Chaukse, Associate Director, Application Delivery, DXC Technology, Manish Kapur, DIG of Police, Dr. Ragavendra Sharma, Pradesh Karyala Mantri, BJP, Poonam Gupta, Principal, Govt. Higher Secondary School, Vasanti Savanur, Trustee, Samarthanam Trust.

Smart Classroom at Govt. Girls. Sr. Sec. School, New Kondli, East Delhi was launched by Dr. Rajanish Singh, Director S.C.E.R.T, Govt. Of NCT of Delhi, Dr. Ajay Kumar (OSD Integrated Education Branch) Govt. Of NCT of Delhi, Dr. Javed Qamar, Deputy Director Education, East Dist. Zone, Dr. S. K. Sharma, Deputy Director Education East Dist. Zone II, Anita Singh (Head of School G.S.S.S. Kondli), Amudha Michael (DXC Program Manager).

The one at Government Model Higher Secondary School Anna Salai, Saidapet was inaugurated by Dr. J. Vijaya Rani, IAS District Collector, Chennai, Angelyn Jayaseelan, DXC India CSR Lead, and Mrs. Vasanti Savanur Trustee Samarthanam Trust.



INSHORTS

Samarthanam received a 'Mid-Day Meal Transport Vehicle' sponsored by SEG Automotive and launched in the presence of Anil Kumar, Managing Director and senior leaders from SEG Automotive along with Dr. Mahantesh G K Founder Managing Trustee & Mrs. Vasanti Savanur, Trustee.



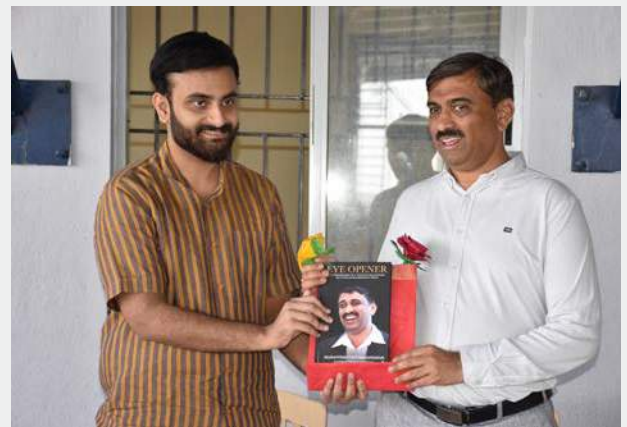
Samarthanam is glad to receive a special prize at the Sandesha Awards 2021 held in Mangalore.



At Samarthanam, the New Year dawned with the visit of Shri Sanath Kisan Lal Sharmaji yoga guru from Varanasi who visited the organization and spoke to his audience about inner strength and yoga.



Samarthanam welcomed Vishnu, the grandson of Hon'ble Vice President of India, Shri Venkaiah Naidu, who spent time with the children and appreciated the efforts of Samarthanam.



The Sports Editor of Dainik Jagran, Shri Abhishek Tripathi, visited Samarthanam and met Dr. Mahantesh G K Founder Managing Trustee who presented him with the Silver Jubilee Memento and his autobiography, Eye Opener.



Moments of Ecstasies and Celebrations. Celebrating the spirit of Samarthanam's 25 years of consistent growth backed by Corporates, Government Public and Private organisations, Donors, Partners, Media and Celebrities. The Team at Samarthanam works with Zeal and uninterrupted passion to build a Society free from discrimination towards the Disabled.



MGK- MEET AND GREET



Dr. Mahantesh G K, Founder Managing Trustee, Samarthanam Trust had a brief meeting with Dr. Bhujang Shetty, Chairman of Narayana Nethralaya and encouraged people to come forward for eye donation and become ambassadors for the project.



A conversation between MB. Patil, MLA, Babaleshwara, President Congress Publicity Committee and Dr. Mahantesh G K Founder Trustee Samarthanam on the initiatives of the Non-profit led to receiving his support fostering the good cause.



Dr. Mahantesh G K Founder Managing Trustee, Samarthanam and Shri Uday Kumar, Trustee, Samarthanam Trust met Shri Arvind Bellad, Hon'ble MLA Karnataka, Dharwad West constituency and spoke on the upcoming Samarthanam Dharwad construction, which is in progress.



Dr. Mahantesh G K Founder Managing Trustee and Satish, Placement Head of Samarthanam, met Hon'ble Minister for Labour, Government of Karnataka, Shri Shivaram Hebbar to seek his support in implementing a project supported by HSBC.



COVID 19 RELIEF CAMPAIGN

Samarthanam's
PAN-India Initiative

Samarthanam expands its COVID pandemic Relief Services
Oxygen Plant Set-up to support the rising demand

COVID REACH



75,000+
Dry Ration Kits



5,00,000+
Packed Meals



86,000+
PPE & Health Kits



2,30,000+
RtpCR Kits



36+
Hospitals covered
PAN India



14
ICU Ambulance on
Wheels



11
ICU Modular /
Bed Facilities



1,50,000+
Frontline Workers
supported



5,00,000+
Vaccinated



1
Oxygen Plant



7000+
Disabled families
supported with health kits



Rs 1,00,00,000
worth medical equipment
provided to Hospitals

OXYGEN PLANT AT SILIGURI

- The COVID pandemic has increased the use of oxygen for patients and the demand has been rising with increasing positive cases. The health systems were facing a crisis, with hospitals in many cities running out of oxygen, resulting in preventable deaths.
- Samarthanam, to alleviate the situation, set up an Oxygen Plant to provide the necessary oxygen support to COVID patients, and support the rising demand to an extent.
- United Way Mumbai initiated setting up of the Oxygen plant in Siliguri District Hospital, with the support of Disney Star and implemented by Samarthanam Trust.



MEDICAL SUPPORT FOR THE NEEDY

HSBC supported various requirements for the COVID affected like Vaccination, Dry Rations & Flash Torches along with Medical Equipments to several communities like Siddi Community, Disabled and Underprivileged. 6000+ got vaccinated from all age groups & 625 families (2400 people) from Siddi community were given Dry Rations and Flash torches. 5 Hospitals in North Karnataka received medical equipments to provide medical support to the needy.





Samarthanam Trust, for the past 25 years has been playing an instrumental role in the learning and development of millions of people with disabilities and those from underprivileged communities. Our seven diverse interventions are designed to nurture and encourage the abilities of the differently-abled population.

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

SAMARTHANAM INTERVENTIONS

Inclusive Education

Skilling

Disability Sports

Environment

Arts and Culture

Health and Nutrition

Rehabilitation



SAMARTHANAM BARRIER-FREE RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL | HIGHLIGHTS

Samarathanam School has initiated hybrid learning module for the students, where online and offline classes are being held without any setback. Since the COVID pandemic, the School has done its best in providing education to the students via online resources. The students living far off were asked to attend online classes after supporting them with necessary devices. The School premises is regularly sanitized and cleaned to perfection, creating a safe learning environment.

Everyday learning

Samarathanam staff and teachers offer classes to students online and offline, along with regular monitoring, curricular activities, worksheets, exams and tinker lab classes. Since the launch of online learning modules, the teaching staff take part in meetings to analyze, learn and understand the needs of the class, make the necessary changes and provide the best learning experience for students.



Tinker Lab

Cultural activities

- World Braille Day was celebrated at the school led by the Education Program Head, Guru Ragavendra and Srinivas Reddy who was the guest of the day.
- The education team celebrated Republic Day when Dr. Mahantesh G K inaugurated and hoisted the flag. Deshpande, Head Operations & Primary and ID school principals were part of the event where the children were told about the significance of the day.
- Various regional festivals were celebrated by staff and students.



Holi celebration at School

Volunteering at Samarathanam Schools

- Volunteers from Christ college conducted online classes for students on healthy food habits and life-style teaching them how to eat, what to eat and other food hygiene.
- An online session on good behavior in pre-teens was an important session by a renowned corporate firm's volunteers which proved to be highly valuable.
- RBL volunteers conducted Quiz sessions for students.
- A dental awareness program on oral hygiene was imparted by representatives from Times of India.



Volunteering session

SAMARTHANAM HIGH SCHOOL

- Online and offline classes are on go, helping the students learn and prepare for the upcoming exams. Study materials, tabs and data support have been provided along with learning via study groups, remedial classes and monthly assessment tests.
- Online workshops on “Language Teachers Training” and “Subject Teachers Workshop” conducted by DDPI Bangalore South helped in capacity building for the teaching staff.
- High School staff participated in ‘Samarthanam Cricket Team’ and ‘Cricket for Life Club’ at Altiore ground. They also extended their help for the Women’s National T20 Cricket Tournament for Blind 2022.
- Innovation and Tinker Lab is a space where students can learn and innovate using Technology in the likes of Coding, Micro bit, 3D printing, Games and Animations, Mobile Apps, Machine Learning, Artificial Intelligence & Robotic kits with sensors. The classes are ongoing with increasing interest from students.
- Teachers from 7 Govt. Schools received training in implementing Innovation and Tinker Lab teaching modules covering 3D Printing, Robotics, Games and Animation and Mobile application development.
- Volunteers organized Career Guidance Session on Soft skills, Computer skills, Communication skills & Decision making skills.



Assessment exams



Tinker lab teaching



SAMARTHANAM HIGHER EDUCATION

- Under Samarthanam's Higher Education Program, 1746 disabled and underprivileged students received support from 17 corporate supporters towards college admission fee, tuition fee, examination fee, books, stationery and tabs.
- Pen drives, health and hygiene kits were distributed to higher education girl students of the Bangalore branch.
- A virtual workshop on "Standup against street harassment" was organized by Breakthrough India, and higher education students from Karnataka participated in the workshop.
- Tabs and medical and Hygiene Kits (Supported by United Way Hyderabad) were distributed to female students pursuing higher education in Delhi and Hyderabad.
- Tabs supported by ExxonMobil India Pvt. Ltd. were distributed to speech and hearing impaired students pursuing higher education at Mysore.
- Wheelchairs, Crutches & Walkers were distributed to higher education students of Belagavi and Ballari branches.
- Officials from Quacquarelli Symonds and Komatsu visited Samarthanam Trust. Quacquarelli Symonds sponsored tabs and Komatsu supported higher education scholarships for disabled and underprivileged students pursuing higher education.
- Avanse Financial Services supported dry ration kits and educational kits for higher education and skilling students from Bangalore, Chennai, Mumbai, Pune and Delhi locations.



Virtual Workshop by Breakthrough India



Kits by United Way Hyderabad



ExxonMobil supported Tab Distribution for Higher Education Students



Kits by Avanse Financial Services

SAMARTHANAM INCLUSIVE EDUCATION PROJECT

Education support

- Inclusive education training was conducted for school teachers and learning material support was extended to the students.
- Writing skills development using copy writing books and materials.
- Preparatory education center activities for special students.
- Identification of School and College going students with disabilities to extend education support in the Bagepalli and new areas within Karnataka.
- Meetings with Block education officer, SSA program are undertaken to strengthen and sustain our initiatives, by working along with the government departments.
- Schools covered - 43
- Villages covered - 53
- Beneficiaries – 355

Therapeutic intervention

- Home based assessment camps for children with disabilities.
- Home Based Physiotherapy Services.
- Appliances Measurement Camps.
- Parents meeting and Community meetings in the surrounding regions.
- Meetings with the Government executives, officials, MRW and VRW offices to detail on the activities of Samarthanam and the upcoming Mobile Physiotherapy Vehicle.
- The programme spread out to many new areas, creating awareness on therapy services at large. Orientation meetings with village rehabilitation workers were organized, along with meeting beneficiaries, and volunteers who mobilized people to avail the therapy services.
- Health and Education department officials at the District level were met for data collection. 200 new beneficiaries came forward for therapy.





BANGALORE SKILLING CENTRE

The Skilling team at Bangalore is running training classes in various modes to ensure efficiency in reach and communication. The trainers share day wise topics and assignments online with trainees who accomplish the same. Online classes are being run without hurdles and for those who do not have phones or laptops, trainers reach the students via voice calls and lessons are taken. Apart from regular classes, the trainees involve in celebrations and events organized at the premises.



Job Fair at Bangalore

DELHI SKILLING CENTRE

Samarthanam Delhi centre is implementing in-person classes for students while strictly adhering to COVID regulations and safety protocols. Mobilization activities are ongoing with new batches being initiated every quarter. Study materials were provided for the new students and Avanse supported the beneficiaries with ration and education kits as well.



Welcome kits for Delhi students

MUMBAI SKILLING CENTRE

Regular classes are on the go at Mumbai Skilling centre along with the initiation of safety and hygiene protocols to keep COVID away. The students are glad to be back in classes and resume learning. The students were supported with ration and education kits to enable hassle-free learning.

Aadhar Housing Finance Limited sponsored an inclusive Skill Training Program for 225 students at Delhi, Bangalore and Mumbai Skilling Centres, to train and provide placements to youth with and without disabilities.



Skill Training by Aadhar Housing Finance

PUNE SKILLING CENTRE

Samarthanam Skilling trainees at Pune took a break from training sessions by making an exposure visit to Fosifeel Design Pvt Ltd where they were introduced to operations like Sales & Marketing, Telecalling, Front Office, Back Office and Outbound. The company HR detailed on the work profile and processing in a BPO.



Job Fair at Pune

CHENNAI SKILLING CENTRE

- The students are back to classes for their regular training but this time, along with social distancing protocols. A volunteering session was organized which was led by the Managing Partner of Talendata Technologies, Chennai. The volunteer inspired the students with a motivational session, gave notes on interview preparation and the industry demands.
- The beneficiaries took an industrial visit to Yali Mobility Pvt. Ltd. where manufacture of two wheelers exclusively for the disabled and products for SHI and VI persons takes place.
- Anna Centenary Govt. Library was also visited to explore the various book sections and the Braille Section in particular.



Industrial visit

HYDERABAD SKILLING CENTRE

- Along with the regular training sessions, the students were a part of interactive learning conducted by volunteers from the Lions Club. Assistive aids were distributed to the disabled beneficiaries sponsored by Otis.
- The trainees also went on an exposure visit to various locations in Hyderabad which proved to be a good learning and re energizing experience.



Online session by Microsoft

ANANTHAPUR SKILLING CENTRE

- Inauguration of new batches and regular training classes are ongoing at Ananthapur Skilling centre and alongside are motivational sessions by proficient speakers who talked about good communication skills, English language, interview skills, and e-currency. Wheelchairs were provided for students with disabilities.
- Placements are on a roll at Ananthapur centre where students received job offers and are glad to have chosen Samarthanam skill training.
- Industry tours were organized to Sri Devishree Industries to witness the manufacturing of rigid PVC Pipes, casing pipes and drip irrigation pipes. And to Nivas Fencing Industry to understand fencing material manufacture.



Exposure visit

GUNTUR SKILLING CENTRE

The Guntur Skilling team organized events to celebrate Louis Braille Day, National Youth Day & Republic Day, alongside in-person skill training sessions. A new batch has also been launched with trainees provided with learning kits and lots of encouragement. Students took an exposure tour to Patchala Spinning Mill to understand the mechanism and also to interact with the Industry experts.



Job fair at Guntur

BALLARI SKILLING CENTRE

- Samarthanam gave free Wheelchairs, Walkers and Walking Sticks to students who were happy to be receiving support from Samarthanam. A motivational class by Cream Organization District Coordinator, Ballari, by stating examples of successful people with disability proved to be insightful.
- A one-day exposure visit to Karnataka Milk Federation (KMF) showed students the Company environment, methods and machine operations, preparations, rules and regulations.



Wheelchair distribution, Ballari

BELAGAVI SKILLING CENTRE

- Belagavi centre opened its doors for in-person classes along with various celebrations for Republic Day and Silver Jubilee.
- An Eye camp in association with Dr. Kodkany and Staff was organized for the students with details on complete eye-care.
- An exposure visit to Jain Engineers helped students understand the materials, manufacturing, and working of machines (CNC machines, Tool cutting machines, Weighing machines, etc.)



Eye camp at Belagavi

DHARWAD SKILLING CENTRE

New batch initiation, mobilization workshops and training modules are parallely running at Dharwad Skilling Centre. The project, Stop the Spread, was successfully completed by reaching 28000+ beneficiaries for COVID vaccinations in Dharwad location. Also, LTTs COVID-19 project was initiated and it reached 4000+ beneficiaries for COVID Vaccinations.



Mobilization workshop at Dharwad



PARISARA

- Samarthanam's Parisara is the dry waste management service provider of Samarthanam 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 was 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.

PROGRESS AND IMPACT



228 Tonnes of dry waste collected from Corporates



211 Tonnes of dry waste recycled



12 persons employed



Awareness programme by TESCO

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

Ward Mapping:

Total Blocks - 20

Awareness and household propagation:

Total Awareness & Bags issued - 8333

Total households propagated - 12602

PKs supported - 120

- Black spot clearance in 11 Spots in different localities of Jaraganahalli.
- A skit performance on the importance of waste management to raise awareness among people
- Dry Ration Kit distribution to Pourakarmikas, Waste pickers & Auto drivers.
- ReWare, an awareness project on waste segregation importance supported by TESCO CSR initiative.
- The Urban Afforestation / Tree Plantation Project under which high density plantation of 3700 plants at Government School Hennagara and 3000 plants at Yeshwantpura railway Station will be done.



Raising awareness on waste management



National level Paralympic Athletic Meet

Samarthanam students with disabilities participated in the State level Paralympic selection for athletic events at Chamundeshwari stadium in Mysore, in which 8 visually impaired athletes got selected to represent Karnataka at the National event at Bhubaneswar Odisha.

Jayalaxmi B secured Bronze medals in the 1500m and 400m running events for the visually impaired B2 category at the National level Paralympic Meet. Samarthanam appreciates the hard work of the participants and the coach towards training for the event and winning the medal.



Jayalaxmi

CRICKET FOR THE BLIND



National Coaching Camp

A coaching camp for the National Blind Cricket Team was held at Bengaluru and the selected players trained for the upcoming International Tournament. The selected players spent their effort on training, fitness, and cricket coaching. They also participated in the National Cricket Conclave for the Blind organized by CABI.

Triangular Series for the Blind 2022

The Blind Cricket team from India participated in the Triangular Series organized in Sharjah, UAE. The team flew to Dubai along with the CABI Officials to take part in the tournament which was organized by the NRIs and well-wishers of Cricket for the Blind.

India played a total of five T20 Matches against Pakistan and Bangladesh including the Final during the Triangular Series. India lost to Pakistan in the finals and settled for the Runners-up trophy. Visually impaired cricketers Deepak, and D Venkateshwara Rao were chosen as the Man of the Match for their outstanding performance during the series. Sunil Ramesh won the Man of the series under the B3 Category for his outstanding batting performance.



Coaching camp



Triangular series



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.

Samarthanam Trust and HSR RWA celebrated Ugadi Utsav at Swabhiman Park, organized in association with the Resident Welfare Associations of HSR layout. It was an evening of Cultural extravaganza by the talented Specially Abled Artistes of Sunadha and the Residents of HSR Layout. It was a splendid evening with Yoga, Music, Dance and much more to entertain the spectators.



Sunadha Team performing during Ugadi Utsav at HSR Layout



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, counseling 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

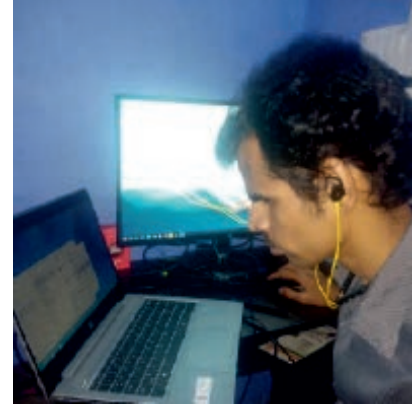
Samarthanam's Working Women Hostel accommodates women who are pursuing their higher education, and those who are employed in the city. The hostel is a safe home for hard-working young women who wish to study, work hard, and make a future. Samarthanam team supports and encourages the residents at every 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 wellbeing.

STORIES OF CHANGE

Ashwathnarayana

“I was at home, clueless on what to do next, and that’s when I came across the Skill Training Program. I cannot thank enough for what I learned at Samarthanam,” are the words of Ashwathnarayana, trainee from Samarthanam Bangalore Skilling Centre.

Ashwathnarayana is a 23-year-old from Ananthapur District, visually impaired by birth. He hails from an economically poor background with 4 members in the family. Being the eldest he always felt a responsibility towards helping the family financially. His father and mother worked hard to support the family and his education. Ashwathnarayana is a hard-working individual who completed his schooling and studied till PUC. During his schooling, he had faced difficulties with the learning as it was not a disability friendly set-up. Due to lack of financial support Ashwathnarayana was unable to go for higher studies. While at home contemplating on what to do next, he came to know about Samarthanam and the 3-month training program.



“Samarthanam helped me with basic computer, spoken English and interpersonal skills increasing the possibilities of getting a job,” says Ashwathnarayana.

After the completion of training, he with the support of placement team at Samarthanam, got through an interview to work as an Associate (Loan Setup Analyzer).

“I am very pleased, excited, and thankful about the fact that I am leading an independent life and supporting my parents in running the family. I thank Samarthanam and the training team for their support,” says Ashwathnarayana.

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STORIES OF CHANGE

Vishwaradhya

Vishwaradhya is a 24-year-old speech and hearing impaired individual from Gulbarga, Karnataka. He is a standing example that one opportunity if used wisely can change anyone's life drastically.

Vishwaradhya was provided with fewer opportunities in Gulbarga, and coming from an impoverished family only made it arduous. His parents are farmers and because of their meager income and lack of opportunities, Vishwaradhya after SSLC did not pursue his higher education.

After being referred to Samarthanam Thrust for the Disabled, Vishwaradhya immediately sprang into action. He enrolled in a 3-month skilling program, a leeway for Vishwaradhya to grow, learn new skills like IT, spoken English, and BPO concepts, and become financially independent.

Vishwaradhya with the aid of Samarthanam's placement team attended interviews and got placed with India's largest online grocery market, BigBasket as an Associate for a handsome package of Rs. 17,920 per month. Despite the hardships Vishwaradhya faced, he never gave up and used the opportunity provided to him. He is elated to have been a part of the training program and is grateful to Samarthanam Trust for providing him with a wonderful training environment.



“I am extremely happy to have been a part of Samarthanam's training environment.”

STORIES OF CHANGE

Rajesh

“I want to be a soldier. I want to protect our country,” says Rajesh, a bright and friendly young boy studying Class 4 at Samarthanam School. Rajesh is the eldest of three siblings. His parents came to Bangalore ten years ago looking for better employment and his father works as a daily wage worker. Rajesh was enrolled in a private school for his first standard but due to low income and financial inconsistencies in the family, his father could not continue his schooling. Rajesh came to Samarthanam School to pursue his education and had an opportunity to live in the hostel.



“Rajesh used to be timid initially but very quickly he transformed into an active and responsible kid. He even takes up the role of a class monitor when the teacher is not around,” says his teacher.

Rajesh is a very friendly person and has a very good learning interest. He is respectful and self-sufficient with respect to learning and writing. His grasping capabilities are appreciated by his teachers and he also helps his friends in reading and writing. During COVID lockdown, Rajesh was unable to continue his classes for the lack of technology at home. But Samarthanam’s support helped him get back to his classes. He received a Tab from Samarthanam and has not missed a single class since then.

Rajesh is happy to be back to school now, scoring well in all the subjects and extracurricular activities. He shows good interest in English and actively participates in the activities conducted by the volunteers. Samarthanam believes in bringing out the best in our beneficiaries and Rajesh is a true example.

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STORIES OF CHANGE

Shahanaj

“All I ever wanted was to live a simple life for me and my child,” says a 24-year-old Shahanaj, who was married at a very young age. Shahanaj hails from Bangalore and as any simple girl would wish for, she expected her marital life to be blissful. Unfortunately, Shahanaj’s marriage did not provide her what she hoped for.

Shahanaj comes from an economically poor background and her problems started very soon after her marriage, starting with domestic issues and disturbances in the family. Since her husband proved to be noncooperative and unwilling to support her, Shahanaj had to leave her house and approach her parents. As they refused to support her, she approached a women help centre, from where she came to Samarthanam Swadhara along with her daughter.

Samarthanam team provided Shahanaj accommodation, emotional support and offered counseling to help her recuperate. After a few promising sessions, Shahanaj agreed to talk to her parents and husband, who were ready to reconcile. Family counseling sessions were arranged for Shahanaj, and after some guidance and advice, they are, today, living together.

“We were worried about her and her daughter but after Samarthanam’s intervention, she is doing good. Thanks to Swadhara,” says Shahanaj’s parents.

“I was depressed when I left home but I am thankful that I found Samarthanam Swadhara. The people at Swadhara helped me in difficult times. I am eternally grateful.”



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VOLUNTEERING

Samarthanam volunteering team organized online and offline volunteering activities. 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.

INTERNSHIP PROGRAMMES

About 130 students completed their internship and their service learning at Samarthanam in this quarter. They were exposed and engaged in all the programs right from schools, Digital Library, LRC, rehabilitation center, Rehabilitation, and Parisara. Few of them worked closely with the Human resource department, Sunadha and early intervention, CABI, Rehabilitation center, WOW. Few were counseling students participating on virtual platforms and were monitored.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Volunteers from BMC Software, Western Digital, Allegis, ANZ oriented on the audiobook recording for Samarthanam Digital Library.
- Volunteers from BMC software organized a sign language workshop for the beneficiaries.
- NatWest conducted personal health and first aid at Bangalore Skilling Center.
- Volunteers from various other corporate conducted separate sessions on critical thinking, basics of computers, career guidance, healthy communications, and good behavior in preteens for the beneficiaries.
- Volunteers from United way Mumbai (BDS) conducted financial literacy sessions for Mumbai, Pune, and Delhi Skilling beneficiaries.
- Skilling sessions took place for Delhi, Bangalore, Chennai, and Hyderabad LRC beneficiaries led by NatWest, Eli Lilly, Fullerton, and other Corporates.
- JLL had come forward to paint the walls of Government High School at Kudlu where the volunteers worked on making the school walls bright and clean.



38 volunteering activities organized



13 corporates involved



130 student interns

VOLUNTEERING CORPORATES

180degree SRCC
Allegis
ANZ
Barclays
BMC Software
Brillio
Eli Lilly
Fullerton
JLL
Lowe's
Mavenir
NatWest
UWM

DIGITAL LIBRARY

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.

- The second set of recorded books from a major corporate involved in volunteering under the Big Impact Day has been received.
- Citibank volunteers completed the recordings, shared the books, sorted them accordingly and the editing process will start soon.
- Unisys has completed the recording and shared them as well.
- Disability Director, K S Latha Kumari, visited Samarthanam to discuss the set-up of digital library in Mysore, and also presented an audio byte at the recording lab.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Samarthanam is glad to be back to its routine. Since the entire Samarthanam staff and beneficiaries are vaccinated against COVID, we have moved back to our workplace, along with events and celebrations for New Year, Silver Jubilee celebration, and regional festivals. The HR team did not miss out on wishing the dedicated staff and beneficiaries the very best for the coming year. Every employee received acknowledgment and appreciation for the effort laid in achieving the organization's goal set for 2021.

The HR team actively recruited around 100+ employees in this quarter to execute new programs, taking the employee base to 600. With the help of HR team, a mega job fair for persons with disabilities was organized across multiple cities with effective response from employers and candidates. Also, the Women National Cricket Tournament was coordinated along with CABI team which proved to be a huge success and inspiration for the women cricketers.

Samarthanam believes in inclusion and our disabled workforce as of March is 23%. We encourage people with disabilities to dissolve barriers, believe in their strengths and come forward to take up any career of their choice.



6081 Braille Books



6829 Audio Books



243088 Scanned Pages



140 books in "Sugamy Pustakalaya"



472 employees



117 People with disabilities



188 Women employees

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