



Dr. Mahantesh GK receives
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Dr. Mahantesh GK
receives Honorary
Doctorate from Kuvempu
University



Samarthanam's mega job fair
supported by Barclays across
multiple cities



Accessible building
inaugurated at Dharwad for
Youth Skill Training

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

Dr. Mahantesh G Kivadasannavar

Founder Managing Trustee

Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled

President

Cricket Association for the Blind in India (CABI)



Samarthanam is proud of its new launches in the Education sector which have been up and running for a few months. The Science Centres, Tinker labs, Smartboards, STEM concepts and Digitalized Schools were initiated to support our young and bright students with advanced learning and stay on par with modern technology. A new Tinker lab was launched this quarter and it makes me happy to witness the increasing interest from the children towards learning via these technology additions. Alongside, Samarthanam has inaugurated a new accessible building at Dharwad which is going to serve as a skilling center with residential facility. With accessible infrastructure being a priority at Samarthanam, the Dharwad Center is going to present a barrier-free learning environment for the disabled.

With the support from Barclays, Samarthanam organized a mega job fair for the youth with disabilities and other young job aspirants. The teams across all Samarthanam offices conducted the job fairs at their respective locations mobilizing hundreds of young and talented individuals. I am glad that these job fairs organized often by Samarthanam are a platform for the job seekers to meet their potential employers. Almost 3000 candidates participated in the job fairs where more than 150 companies have come forward looking to hire. We appreciate Barclays's support towards the event and look forward to implement more events beneficial for the youth with disabilities and promoting employability.

I would like to convey sincere gratitude to Kuvempu University for the Honorary Doctorate recognizing the contributions to society through sports. I would also like to thank the GC Surana Transformation Leadership Award received at GCS Conclave. I am extremely honored to be receiving such important awards and promise to continue the good work for the society.

Samarthanam has always been an active contributor in the field of sports, encouraging young talent and nurturing their sporting skills. Cricket Association for the Blind in India (CABI) is looking forward to organizing the 3rd T20 World Cup Tournament with all the Blind Cricket playing countries participating in the mega tournament. I am thankful for all the support received in the previous years from benevolent sponsors enabling us to realize our goals and we look forward to receiving the same for the exemplary 3rd World Cup Blind Cricket as well.

With lots of energy, enthusiasm, and excitement as we wait for the World Cup to be launched, we wish everyone a healthy, happy, and safe future.

Thank you.

HAPPENINGS at Samarthanam

A MEGA JOB FAIR FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES ACROSS MULTIPLE CITIES IN PARTNERSHIP WITH BARCLAYS

The beginning of the quarter, Samarthanam joined hands with Barclays, and organized a massive job fair for youth with disabilities. The aim of the job fair was to widen the employment opportunities among the disabled, encourage the youth with disabilities to take up suitable roles at organizations and succeed.

The job fair held in Mysore welcomed over 22 companies who interviewed over 260 job seekers and the one at Tumkur had more than 150 differently abled youth. Eminent Political personalities, Ministers, Government officials and Educationalists were part of the inauguration events across the many locations, who praised and encouraged the effort.

The fair in Delhi had more than 380 disabled attending the interviews by 15 companies. Two more job fairs were held & Bellary and Bangalore in Karnataka involving 350 and 157 jobseekers respectively. The job fair in Delhi presented an opportunity to 511 skilled youth interviewed by 25 companies. The Job Fair in Davanagere was a huge success with over 250 jobseekers attending the event and 22 companies participating. And the event in Bangalore helped 300 individuals to interview with various organizations.

The mega job fair which brought together almost 3000 skilled and talented youth was an ideal stage for the companies to confer with people with disabilities and assess their potential. Around 130 companies participated in the event organized across various locations and offered jobs for deserving candidates.

Many thanks to Barclays for supporting a major event and the chief guests at every city who graced the event and motivated the crowd with their valuable words.



AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS TO THE FOUNDER, Dr. MAHANTESH GK

Dr. Mahantesh GK, Founder Managing Trustee, Samarthanam and President of the Cricket Association for Blind in India (CABI), received an Honorary Doctorate for his humanitarian contributions to society through sports from Kuvempu University from the Chancellor of the University and Hon'ble Governor of Karnataka, Shri Thawar Chand Gehlot.

The Founder also received the GC Surana Transformation Leadership Award at GCS Conclave. The ceremony was graced by Dr. Ashwath Narayan, Minister of Higher Education, GoK, Dr. Kiran Bedi, Former Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry, Dr. Ramana Rao, Cardiologist and Dr. Appannaiah HR, Scholar and Writer.

Dr. Mahantesh GK stated that he is feeling honored and extremely thankful to be receiving such prominent awards recognizing his work and promises to keep working for the welfare of the society and the disabled communities.



AN ADDITION TO SAMARTHANAM'S ACCESSIBILITY BUILDINGS

Samarthanam opened gates to a new accessible building in Dharwad which was inaugurated by Shri Arvind Bellad, Hon'ble MLA- Hubli Dharwad West, Shri Chandrakant Bellad, Former Member of Karnataka Legislative Assembly and Dr. Mahantesh GK, Founder Managing Trustee, Samarthanam. The special invitees on this occasion were Ms. Neelavva Yallappa Aravalad, Corporator, Vanasiri Nagar, Sattur- Dharwad, Shri Govindraj B. Kulkarni, Plant Head- Tata Hitachi, Dharwad, Shri Achintya Chandra, COO, Uni Abex Alloy Products Ltd, Dharwad, Trustees of Samarthanam Smt. Vasanti Savanur & Shri Udaykumar Y. Bagunnavar

The accessible building is going to serve as a skilling center and a hostel for the youth with disabilities looking to learn and improve their job skills, understand the job world and groom their personality for successful careers.



A NEW TINKER LAB LAUNCHED IN BANGALORE

Tinker Labs are technology embedded labs by Samarthanam which focus on encouraging Coding, Microbit, 3D printing, Games and Animations, Mobile Apps, Machine Learning, Artificial Intelligence & Robotics among students. It presents the students with a pathway to modern learning and increased exposure to the latest technology.

The labs present a perfect space for the young students to learn, innovate and implement ideas the high-tech way. Samarthanam inaugurated a new Tinker lab in Mahila Mandali Vidya Samsthe in Bangalore, a CSR initiative of Can Fin Homes Limited. It was inaugurated in the presence of Shri Amitabh Chatterjee, Deputy Managing Director, Can Fin Homes Ltd., Shri Prashanth Shenoy, Deputy General Manager Can Fin Homes, Shri Prashanth Joishy, Assistant General Manager and CFO, Can Fin Homes, Dr. Mahantesh G K, Founder Managing Trustee, Samarthanam, Smt. Sushilamma S. Rao, President Mahila Mandali Samsthe, Smt. Nagarathna Suresh, Vice President, Smt. Shantha R. Rao, Secretary, Mahila Mandali Samsthe and Ms. Padmini K.V. Treasurer



INSHORTS

Dr. Mahantesh GK, Founder Managing Trustee and Samarthanam students participated in a yoga program marking the International Yoga Day, promoting a healthy and peaceful lifestyle.



Samarthanam Delhi LRC organized a free Dental Hygiene Awareness and Check-Up camp to help people understand their dental problems.



Samarthanam in partnership with Dr. Solanki Eye Hospital organized a free Mega Eye Camp under the TE Connectivity project at Govt. PU College, Devanahalli, Bangalore.



Apexon supported the distribution of Sewing Machines to underprivileged women, helping them take the first step towards setting-up their own business in tailoring.



Mitti Café is an inclusive café run by people with physical and intellectual disabilities from low-income households. Dr. Mahantesh GK, Founder of Samarthanam inaugurated the café. Alina Alam, Founder of Mitti Cafe stated that her internship at Samarthanam inspired her to start the inclusive cafés.



Samarthanam and Otis organized Assistive Device Distribution programme for Persons with Disabilities in the presence of Shri Manish Asopa, Managing Director, Otis Global Services Center Pvt Ltd. Dr. Mahantesh GK Founder Managing Trustee Samarthanam Trust, Shri Shivram Deshpande, Operations Head, Samarthanam & the Senior Leadership Team from Otis participated.



MGK- MEET AND GREET



Dr. Mahantesh GK, Founder Managing Trustee, Samarthanam met Shri Anurag Thakur, Minister of Sports. The Minister was invited for the inauguration of the 3rd T20 World Cup for the Blind scheduled in December.



Dr. Mahantesh GK, Founder Managing Trustee, Samarthanam along with Shri Veeresh K. Honorary Director, Samarthanam, interacted with Shri Pushendra Kulshrestha, Journalist, Public Speaker and Motivator. He appreciated the work done by Samarthanam and Cricket Association for the Blind in India.



Dr. Mahantesh GK, Founder Managing Trustee, Samarthanam was the Chief Guest at the Graduation Day celebrations of MCom Students at Sri Aurobindo college, Rajajinagar, Bangalore. He was felicitated by the Chairman and the Vice Chairman of the College.



Dr. Mahantesh GK, Founder Samarthanam Trust met Hon'ble MP Dr. Subramanian Swamy, Indian Politician, Statistician & Economist who was briefed about Samarthanam's initiatives and vision.



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



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



Samarthanam Trust, during the last 24 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

As Samarthanam School welcomed its students back to school after an amazing summer vacation, the administration is continuing to implement the health and hygiene rules for the students. The classes are back on track beginning in May and the students are happy to be back to school. Samarthanam School team is doing its best in providing everything that a student could ask for. A safe learning environment is created for the growth and development leading towards a bright future for all the students at Samarthanam.

Everyday learning

A new school year has begun at Samarthanam, and the students are excited to be a part of the new agenda. School supplies, stationery, books and bags were given away to the students making them school-ready. Along with planning for the new school year, mobilization activities were initiated at various locations, raising awareness among rural residents on the significance of education and the facilities offered at Samarthanam.

A precursor to the new school year

Summer camps, exposure visits, day trips and trekking were organized for the students during the summer vacation. The students had an amazing experience at each event, articulated their thinking and improved social interaction.

Activities for kids from Special School

- A Health screening camp was organized by Special Olympics Bharat for the children with special needs at R V Dental college.
- Wheelchairs were distributed to students in need.
- Students with special needs took part in the selection trials of NCC in Athletics, Volleyball, Badminton and Lawn Tennis at Nandini Layout.
- Monica. J, student with special needs, was selected for the Athletics Female NCC 2022 which will be held in Ahmedabad by Special Olympics Bharat, Karnataka.

Sports activities

- Nike in partnership with Samarthanam organized fun-filled volleyball, throwball and kabaddi training sessions for the school students. They also arranged a trek to the magnificent Savan-durga Hills. The students were elated and enjoyed the events.
- Exposure visits to Sir. M. Vishveshwarayya Museum and Bandipur National Park has been educational and enjoyable for the school students.



Books distribution



Female Athletics NCC 2022



Nike sponsored sports activity

Teacher Training and Awards

- Training programs were organized for the teachers on topics like New Education Policy, Lesson plans, Behavioral Management, improving students aptitude. Teachers from Intellectually Disabled (ID) School attended the capacity building workshop on Functional Assessment Checklist for Programming (FACP) led by a faculty from KPAMRC.
- Congratulations to Samarthanam Primary and ID School Principal, Smt. Geetha, who received the 'Karnataka Rajyothsava Award' at Kannada Sahithya Parishath, Bangalore organized by Karnataka Sahithya Parishat along with Srushti Shakthi Samsthe.



Karnataka Rajyothsava Award to Smt. Geetha, School Principal

Volunteering at Samarthanam Schools

- Samarthanam participated in Daan Utsav, organized by Volvo, displayed art and crafts made by the special school students.
- Volunteers from Manvior conducted a summer camp for students with Art & Craft, Sports & Educational activities with gifts.
- Taekwon-Do-Association of Karnataka celebrated their Foundation Day with the primary school students.
- NatWest volunteers conducted online sessions for students to teach English to special kids & a storytelling session was also held.
- The children with special needs attended the storytelling sessions conducted by Morgan Stanley.



ID school crafts display at Daan Utsav



SAMARTHANAM HIGH SCHOOL

- Students from High School, after a fun summer vacation and activities, were back to school to begin a new school year and received textbooks, notebooks, and stationery.
- The teaching staff took part in workshops organized by Manthana, Mitra Jyothi.
- The students visited Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium sponsored by the company Eventbrite Taare Zameen ke.
- The girl students were a part of the Menstrual Awareness and Hygiene Programme organized by Pranav Foundation.
- High School students participated in the Annual Day celebrations of Standard Chartered Bank at HSR Layout and received goodies.
- The high school teachers participated in SPL Cricket Match at Sachin Tendulkar Ground, Bangalore.
- Sports activities were organized at Hulimavu Samarthanam premises sponsored by Nike where 60 students participated in different activities like Volleyball, Throwball, Kabaddi and so on.



Books distribution



Kits distribution by Pranav Foundation

SAMARTHANAM HIGHER EDUCATION

- Under Samarthanam's Higher Education Program, 88 disabled and underprivileged students of Bangalore branch have been facilitated admissions for PUC I Year and II Year in the colleges, APS, BES, Vision, BMS, Nagachethana, Adarsha, Oceanik, VET, and St. Ann's. Supporters include Allergan and BNP Paribas. Many students who were negatively affected by pandemic were provided with scholarships and education support.
- Samarthanam appreciates Allergan for the Scholarships and Tabs provided to the visually impaired higher education students. Ms. Kripa Williams, Head PR and CSR, Allergan, Shri Perumal Chinniah, Sr. Manager Finance, Allergan and Shri Suresh Ramchandran, Associate Director Business Excellence, Allergan, visited Samarthanam to distribute the Tabs.



Tab distribution by Allergan

SAMARTHANAM INCLUSIVE PROJECTS

Digitalization of Government Schools

Samarthanam is moving towards digitalizing schools and providing technology rich education facilities to children hailing from various backgrounds. We are helping the children pursue their education during the pandemic and access the latest technology for students from poor and rural regions.

Samarthanam has installed 190 smart boards in 133 schools Pan-India, encouraging students to learn in the modern way. 10,5000 children are benefited because of the project which is active in 13 cities. The smart board is accessible to both disabled and non-disabled children and the teachers have been trained to teach children effectively using digital tools and technology.

Digital resource room solution has been provided with comprehensive and engaging content, custom made for Indian syllabus, available to children in their local languages respectively as per their location.

This quarter, teachers across 10 schools in Gaya & Bihar have been trained on the usage of Smart Boards, supported by Future Generali. Smart Boards were also installed in 3 schools of Gaya & Bihar supported by Future Generali and will be inaugurated soon.

Tinker labs for the inquisitive minds

The 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 kit with sensors. They work on developing a combination of “hands on” and “minds on” approach.

22 new schools received Tinker Labs across Bengaluru, Thane rural, Pune rural, NCR region and Kolkata rural. The expansion of Tinker Labs is still moving on with more permissions under review and the team is preparing to construct more labs.



Inclusive Education Project at Kodikonda

The Inclusive Education project provides Education, Health and therapy needs to people with disabilities in Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka Districts.

Education Highlights:

- 23 Primary Schools & 4 High Schools have been covered assisting 84 Children With Disabilities (CWD) & 55 normal children.
- Tuitions have been conducted for 142 children in first round & for 38 children in second round visiting 18 schools.
- The team handled assignments for 24 students, project works for 12 students and counseling to the families about the education and development of their children.
- Online classes were arranged for 10 students, managed day care center for 22 children with disabilities, and tuitions for 48 CWDs in 6 villages. The team visited schools and interacted with teachers.

Therapy Highlights:

- Physiotherapy services were provided to 941 beneficiaries in a few rural regions in Karnataka in 26 days of field visits.
- Beneficiaries were assessed and references were made for their medical needs. 3 surgeries have taken place at Puttparthi in SSSA Hospital and Shankar Eye Hospital in Bangalore.
- Conducted community meetings in all the locations.
- 66 villages have been visited and followed up on 85 appliances distributed earlier.
- Physiotherapy was provided in the clinic to over 113 beneficiaries twice in one month.
- The team took part in the Chikkaballapur District Arogya mela and provided therapy to 30 beneficiaries.
- Participated in the health camp in Gauribidanur taluk, and provided therapy to 16 beneficiaries. Also participated in the Chikkaballapur mela and therapy provided to 124 beneficiaries.
- Beneficiaries have been helped with employment and job placements.
- Survey is being done to note the disabled students count and evening tuitions are organized.





BANGALORE SKILLING CENTRE

The staff and students at Bangalore LRC were part of industrial exposure visits, health camp, an eye checkup camp, and a day trip to Jawaharlal Nehru planetarium.

DELHI SKILLING CENTRE

A new batch started in the month of April supported by OSRAM project where welcome kits were distributed to the students. The students were a part of volunteer sessions, exposure visits, workshops and health camps helping them groom their skills, improve communication and social skills, and stay healthy. Dry ration kits were distributed as part of the relief campaign, supported by Global growth. Multiple placement drives and job fairs were held for the youth with disabilities to find suitable employment across Delhi. Many young job seekers took benefit from the job drives and were glad to be a part of the event.



A trip to Planetarium



Job Fair at Delhi

MUMBAI SKILLING CENTRE

Along with a new batch launch at the Mumbai centre the team also organized multiple job fairs in the city at various locations, providing opportunities to people with disabilities and the underprivileged. Employers who came in for assessing the potential of the participants offered employment opportunities to most of the interviewees.



Job Fair at Mumbai

CHENNAI SKILLING CENTRE

Samrathanam Trust conducted a Mega job fair in VRC Guindy at Chennai, where 253 candidates participated. The event was inaugurated by Shri P. Sangeethan, Psychologist, VRC and Shri K.Venkatesh, DEO Special Employment and Career Guidance for Differently Abled.

The next Job Fair at Mylapore in Chennai had the participation of 206 candidates & was inaugurated by Shri James Albert, Headmaster in CSI Deaf School and Rainbow sheik, Chairman, Rainbow city.



Job Fair at Chennai

PUNE SKILLING CENTRE

The Pune centre started a new batch of students who are looking forward to improving their job skills and making successful careers. Samarthanam, as part of multi-city mega job fair, organized two job fairs at Pune. More than 243 skilled job seekers joined the event, where over 18 companies participated.

Shri Pramod Bhangire, Corporator Pune Municipal Corporation, Shri Sunil Patnakar and Shaksham Foundation, joined the fair in Pune as key guests. The second event had more than 230 skilled job seekers and over 17 companies participated. The guests at the inauguration were Ms. Kamala Tai Gholap, Corporator PCMC, Ms. Suman Tai Powle Corporator PCMC, Shri Uttam Kendale Corporator PCMC, Adv. Ms. Piyali Ghosh Practicing in Civil, Criminal, Family & Consumer, forum matters, Shri Gopal Birari, National President of Prant Police Mitra Sangh, Shri Kishor Sakhale, National Career Services for Differently Abled.



Job Fair at Pune

HYDERABAD SKILLING CENTRE

The recruitment drive for people with disabilities held at Hyderabad by Samarthanam team presented a commendable opportunity to many potential and talented individuals, who gained the benefit of such mega job fairs. The skilling center welcomed a new batch and also a few visits by major corporates, who interacted with the trainees.



Job Fair at Hyderabad

GUNTUR SKILLING CENTRE

Samarthanam Guntur organized multiple Job Fairs for the youth with disabilities and more than 500 job seekers were a part of the event. They received an opportunity to showcase their skills and bag employment offers. The center started a new batch, along with organizing a few motivational sessions for the trainees. Braille books were given away for the visually impaired students and World Health Day was celebrated as well.



Job Fair at Guntur

KODIKONDA SKILLING CENTRE

- The Skilling Center at Kodikonda initiated a horticulture plantation. 40 Mango, 60 Neem, 5 Jackfruit and 8 Jamun saplings were planted by students and staff.
- Samarthanam, with the support of Kodikonda LRC staff, organized Health Camp headed by Dr. Vasu and Shri Sudhakar. In this camp, 40 health checkups were conducted.
- LRC Kodikonda staff and trainees visited the Factory KRONAX (Engineering and Pressure Vessels) and the quality manager explained about the process of manufacturing Gas cylinders.



Horticulture plantation, Kodikonda

BALLARI SKILLING CENTRE

- The job fair organized by Samarthanam at Ballari was inaugurated by Shri B Sriramulu, Hon'ble Minister of Transport and Tribal Welfare of Karnataka. Dr. Mahantesh GK, Founder Managing Trustee, Samarthanam, Shri Pola Radha Krishna, Entrepreneur and Businessman, Hotel Bala Regency and President of RSB Charitable Trust, Ms. Rupashree V Deepak, President of Inner Wheel Club Ballari, Shri K Ram Kiran, Principal of Shree Medha Degree College & Shri Gududuru Vijay Kumar, RSB Charitable Secretary, Ballari were present.
- A new batch was started by giving out welcome kits. The trainees also attended motivational sessions led by professionals which play an important role in encouraging the students, imparting focus, understanding the job world, boosting confidence and staying on the right path.



Ballari Job Fair inauguration

BELAGAVI SKILLING CENTRE

Samarthanam Belagavi organized an exclusive Job Fair for Persons with Disability at Association for the Physically Handicapped, Alwan Galli Belagavi. The response was appreciative with 15 Companies participating in the event and many candidates receiving placements. For the students at the skilling center, exposure visits, Yoga Day activities, volunteer and motivational sessions were conducted.



Job Fair at Belagavi



ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION

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.
- Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) management as an essential service has mandated personnel involved in MSW management to implement precautions concerning the landfills.

PROGRESS AND IMPACT



262 Tonnes of dry waste collected from corporate



225 Tonnes of dry waste recycled



ReWare by TESCO



Sapling Plantation

Samarthanam, as a TESCO CSR initiative, started ReWare, an awareness project on the importance of waste segregation. The project is focused on creating awareness among the general public / community on the significance of primary source segregation of waste. Samarthanam works in multiple wards with BBMP, propagates households & maintains a record of waste being generated and processed. This helps in reducing carbon emission, air pollution rate and increases the recycling rate. This project is also helping rag picker community to lead a good life by creating employment. So far, 13000 households in 5 wards of BBMP are educated on source segregation.

Awareness activities:

- Sapling Plantation supported by O9 Solutions at Railways Quarters Whitefield Station, Bengaluru where 200 saplings were planted marking Earth Day.
- Mass awareness, waste segregation and street cleaning by TESCO where 25 volunteers from the corporate cleaned the spots with garbage on roadside and created awareness in the community on waste segregation.
- Urban Afforestation event backed by BNP Paribhas at KIDWAI Hospital, Bengaluru where 500 saplings, the Western ghat endangered species, were planted.
- A flash mob and skit by Samarthanam Parisara Team at VR Bengaluru Mall on World Environment Day with a dance performance by employees, games and a skit performance on protection of Biodiversity.



- Indian Mountaineering Foundation South Zone Bangalore conducted the National Para climbing Championship event for the physically disabled and visually impaired climbers in May at Yavanika Climbing Wall. Athletes from Samarthanam worked hard to be a part of the championship and were excited to participate. Sunitha, Deepika and Kavya secured 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in VI Women's category. Devaraju secured 3rd place in VI Men's category and Wilson secured 2nd place in Wheelchair category (Physically Handicapped)
- 34 VI students got the opportunity to participate in the State level Para Athletic meet organized in Mysore and won many prizes. 9 VI students have been selected for National level sports meet at Odisha.
- Preethi from ID school has been selected for the National Level Golf event and Monica from ID school got the opportunity to attend Special Olympic at National Level Athletic meet.
- The young athletes who participated in the many State and National level events experienced air and rail travel which also introduced them to new people from different regions of the country. Also provided the stakeholders with opportunities for cultural exchange, helping them to break down prejudices and discrimination.

CRICKET FOR THE BLIND



The Annual General Body meeting

The 12th Annual General Body meeting of Cricket Association for the Blind in India was held at Hotel CRN Canary Sapphire, Gandhinagar, Bangalore. 48 Delegates along with the CABI officials from 22 affiliated State Cricket Boards took part in the AGM. Shri John David General Secretary, CABI was the host and Shri Buse Gowda, Executive Committee Member welcomed the gathering. Shri John David tabled the report of CABI for the year 2021- 22.

Dr. Mahantesh GK, President, Cricket Association for the Blind welcomed the gathering and spoke on the events organized by CABI to promote Blind Cricket in India. Mentioning specifically the forthcoming 3rd T20 World Cup scheduled in India during December. He also spoke connecting with the participants on the importance of experience and nurturing of the young talents. He appreciated and thanked the devotion and hard work of the committee heads for coordinating events during tough times. Various points were deliberated during the 2 day AGM and various new initiatives were planned to promote cricket for the Blind.



Empowering Blind Women through Cricket

The project supported by Azim Premji Philanthropic Initiatives aims at empowering and transforming 3000 visually impaired (VI) women from the states of Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand and Odisha through Cricket training and tournaments. Cricket Association for the Blind Madhya Pradesh (CABMP), Cricket Association for the Blind in Jharkhand (CABJ) and Cricket Association for the Visually Impaired Odisha (CAVI Odisha) are taking active roles in the identification and mobilization activities.

- 330 visually impaired women received training in blind cricket via coaching camps. They were also supported with cricket uniforms. Orientation has been provided in sports-specific workouts, teamwork, and meditation.
- Community level 'friendly matches' were organized, and these provided them with opportunities for communication, exposure, performance, and empowerment.
- Sensitization and awareness generation workshops benefitted 660 Visually Impaired women. Government schemes, programs for the disabled, higher education opportunities, educational support for the disabled and career choices were discussed.
- Improved confidence level of the visually impaired women and their parents were achieved through self defense sessions, leading to a positive outlook towards life. 500 visually impaired women benefited from the programme.





SUNADHA

Sunadha is a group of artists with disabilities who excel in classical dance and music. Their performances have received great appreciation and accolades from many sectors and international audiences. The performances delivered by the artistes show their dedication, hard work and finesse which are nurtured at Samarthanam. These artists are an inspiration to the new talent and budding young artists.

This quarter, the artists were a part of the following events:

- Yugadi Utsava organized by the HSR residential welfare association
- Musical evening for City railway officials
- World Women's Day event organized by the team of HAL Ladies Association
- A felicitation program for Rituparna Mandal organized by Mediateck
- A performance at a temple at HSR layout on May 13th.
- A performance for DXC where the team felicitated Sunadha troupe with gifts
- An event at the disabled friendly park, Lalbagh and received appreciation from the Hon'ble Governor of Karnataka, Shri Thawar Chand Gehlot
- A virtual programme for RPG group



Sunadha Event at Lalbagh

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, 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 WOMEN'S 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

VIJAYA KUMARI

“I did not expect life to present me with good and bad at the same time,” says Vijaya Kumari, who has experienced a great deal of troubles since her pregnancy.

Vijaya Kumari is 37 years old woman with two beautiful children. When Vijaya had her first child everything went easily with no hurdles. But when she decided to have a second child, many changes took place in her life.

Due to unforeseen complications, after the birth of her second child, she had certain medical issues which made her physically challenged. It became difficult to sustain with her two children. Her elder brother came forward to help her and offer care for her children. Vijaya was thankful for the kind gesture but later due to turbulence in the family, she had to leave the house and was homeless.

Vijaya came to a women help center in the city seeking assistance and later was referred to Samarthanam Swadhara. The women rehabilitation center at Samarthanam took Vijaya in and helped her settle down. Vijaya received accommodation at Swadhara and the counseling team analyzed that she was disturbed and stressed. The counseling sessions helped her to compose herself and de-stress. She changed her mind and agreed to reconcile with her family. Vijaya is now leading a content life with the help of her family.

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“We wanted to help her think clearly and come out of her depression. It was possible because she is a strong woman”

Swadhara team

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 corporates, we figured virtual volunteering would be the best way to keep the program running.

INTERNSHIP PROGRAMMES

180 Students completed their internship and their service learning at Samarthanam this quarter. They were exposed and engaged in all the programs at Samarthanam beginning from Schools, Digital Library, LRC, Rehabilitation center, Parisara & WOW. Few of them work closely with Education department, Sunadha and Early Intervention, CABI, Eye Camp, WOW door to door Awareness. The volunteers conduct classes, case studies, organizational studies, Dance Movement therapy for Women beneficiaries from Swadhara.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Teaching learning materials and tactile materials were prepared by JP Morgan Chase corporate.
- BMC US team participated in the sign language workshop with nearly 70 participants in the session.
- VMWare conducted the art and craft session for Primary school kids.
- Citi volunteers conducted the ‘I’m Remarkable’ session for Bangalore LRC students.
- Mavnair did the activity on Cook-A-Meal and served the kids.
- Google gave the opportunity to LRC Hyderabad team to visit their office and conducted interview skills and guided them on how to crack interviews.
- Blind cricket match was played between Althea & Samarthanam blind cricket team.



38 volunteering activities organized



13 corporates involved



180 student interns

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Brillio, CloudThing, Mavnair, Eli Lilly, DHL/ Sattva, Barclays, Citi Bank Bangalore, NASDAQ, UWM, PayPal, Twitter, Goodera, IIT Delhi, Tata engage group, Persistent, Target, BNPP, DXC, Navis Technology, VMware, Google, NatWest markets, DaMensch, prodigygame, Adobe, Morgan Stanley, JP Morgan chase, JLL, Citi bank Chennai, Althea, BMC, Cloud9, AXA India, TESCO, Standard Chartered Bank

INTERNING COLLEGES

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DIGITAL LIBRARY

Samarthanam's Digital Library is 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.

- Elli Lilly, Citi bank Chennai, JLL, Morgan Stanley, DXC, Google, Bristlecone and IIT Delhi were given an orientation for audiobook recording and nurturing their recording.
- Volunteers from a major corporate have completed the recordings and shared the books. The team is sorting and editing the lot.
- Rotary e-club of Bengaluru supporters organized a Fundraising Musical event for Digital library and provided the funding for the acoustic infrastructure.

HUMAN RESOURCES

The HR team at Samarthanam, along with fulfilling their regular responsibilities of Training & Development, Employee Relations, Knowledge Building, Employee Safety & Healthcare, also lend a hand in organizing Events, Campaigns, Cricket and large-scale celebrations. HR team coordinated with the skilling teams from the centres located Pan-India in organizing job fairs to provide job opportunities to the unemployed individuals. The job fairs proved to be an ideal platform for the employers to meet their prospective employees. The education and hostel team had an orientation session organized on Child Protection Policy.

A Blind Cricket tournament was organized by the HR team for the Samarthanam staff in honor of Late Nagesh SP, Co-Founder of Samarthanam. The SPL tournament brought together Cricket enthusiasts from the organization for a fun game. Staff recognitions were delivered to Samarthanam employees who worked hard for the COVID Relief and Vaccination Drive. On the tech side, Employee Data Base Management tool has been introduced in the system to have an organized staff Data Base Management.



6234 Braille Books



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472 employees



117 People with disabilities



188 Women employees

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