



Dr. Mahantesh GK meets the Hon'ble President of India Smt. Droupadi Murmu at Raj Bhavan, Bangalore

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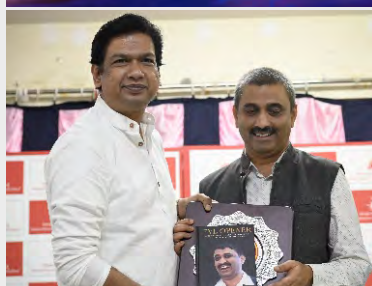
Samarthanam celebrates Silver Jubilee with a Donor Appreciation Meet



Nazraana, A Musical Fundraiser by Samarthanam USA



Blind Cricket Coaching Camps for Women Cricketers



Renowned Singer Vijay Prakash receives 'Eye Opener' the Autobiography of Dr. Mahantesh GK

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



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

Dr Mahantesh GK

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



Every success is measured by hard work, patience, persistence, and passion spent towards achieving it. Samarthanam, as a Non-Profit Organization working for the disability sector, wishes to make this success a part of everyone's lives. Everyone in Samarthanam family has the task of empowering people with disabilities and enhancing the socio-economic stature of the disabled community. Samarthanam, since 1997, has been working relentlessly at various levels. This year, in 2022, Samarthanam celebrated its 25th anniversary. In these 25 years, Samarthanam has touched the lives of 100,000 people in need, and I am glad to say that we have made a difference in society. This Silver Jubilee was celebrated with a "Donor Appreciation" event, honouring the significance of a donor in our successful journey. I am thankful to the guests for contributing their valuable time and sharing their wisdom with the participants. It was a memorable and remarkable experience.

This year Samarthanam is very excited to be organizing two significant events, the Walkathon, and the World Cup Cricket. Walkathon is Samarthanam's annual feature, and we look forward to witnessing a large gathering supporting Blind Cricket through the walk. Samarthanam and CABI are delighted to announce the 3rd T20 World Cup Cricket for the Blind, with six participating nations coming together for the game. To organize a Cricket Tournament as massive as the World Cup, Samarthanam and CABI, would not have been able to do it without the immense support received from our supporters, the corporate, Government, well-wishers, and donors. A huge appreciation to Samarthanam team, who are making this extraordinary effort to organize and execute this massive task without any setbacks. These will be the two significant events post-pandemic, and we have ensured the utmost safety and security in implementing the same.

Samarthanam's efforts to advocate inclusion and accessibility are always on the go via our projects in the education, skilling, training, sports, technology, environment, and women empowerment sectors. The new tinker labs, mini science centres, smart classrooms, women's cricket, job fairs and more projects every quarter are made to nourish the learning capability and widen the opportunities for people with disabilities.

As we inch closer to the end of the year, I look forward to receiving unconditional support from our followers who have always believed in our cause.

Thank you.

HAPPENINGS at Samarthanam

SAMARTHANAM CELEBRATES SILVER JUBILEE, A 25-YEAR JOURNEY EMPOWERING THE DISABLED

As an organization working for the empowerment of people with disabilities Samarthanam initiated various diverse interventions for the disabled community in 1997. For the last 25 years, Samarthanam's work garnered great encouragement and regard, thanks to the unfaltering support received from the corporate, government, and well-wishers.

As a part of Samarthanam's Silver Jubilee celebrations, the Non-Profit organized a Donor Appreciation Meet to commemorate the steadfast support which Samarthanam has been receiving for all its endeavors. Over 150 senior executives from over 100 corporates, well-wishers, trustees, and staff participated in the event and shared their views on the Impact of CSR, Cricket for the blind-Transforming lives, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, Assistive Aids and Technology, Intellectually Disabled School, Samarthanam Education, Samarthanam Parisara (Environment), Cricket Association for the Blind (CABI) and Skilling and Employability stalls were set-up. Sunadha dance and musical troupe performed gracefully for the guests.

The event also witnessed the launch of Samarthanam documentary, anthem, and the Impact Report of Samarthanam's 25 years journey.



"I am thankful to the guests who have contributed their valuable time, and wisdom by participating in the Donor Meet. We are indebted to their support and encouragement which helps us inch towards our vision and mission."

Dr. Mahantesh GK,
Founder Managing Trustee,
Samarthanam.



CELEBRATING TEACHERS DAY AND THE BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF SP NAGESH, CO-FOUNDER OF SAMARTHANAM

Samarthanam extends a high regard to teachers, who are our role models and mould us to be ideal individuals since a very young age. Celebrating Teacher's Day takes great prominence at Samarthanam Schools. Teachers, students and staff of Samarthanam came together with performances and plays highlighting the significance of Teachers Day. The school honored the teachers with felicitation at the HQ and all the centres of Samarthanam celebrated Teachers Day at their premises.

On the same day, the Co-Founder of Samarthanam, late SP Nagesh's birth anniversary is also celebrated at the organization. SP Nagesh was the childhood friend of Mahantesh GK, Founder Managing Trustee of Samarthanam, who together envisioned an inclusive society, free from discrimination towards the disabled.

Mr Manjunath, Deputy Director, Karnataka State Highways, Development Authority, PWD, Dr. Geetha K Rao, Principal, VN Degree College, Mr Mahajan, former Indian Air Force and well-wisher of Samarthanam, Dr. Mahantesh, Founder Managing Trustee, Samarthanam, Mrs Vasanti Savanur, Trustee, Samarthanam, Mrs Mamtha, Late Nagesh's wife, staff, teachers, and students of Samarthanam joined together at Samarthanam HQ to honor the birth anniversary of late SP Nagesh. The other centres of Samarthanam pan India offered regards to late SP Nagesh at their respective premises.



"I am thankful to Nagesh for all the lives he has touched and inspired. He will always be the heart and mind of Samarthanam. The efforts that Nagesh put towards developing blind cricket and inspiring people with disabilities will be long remembered."

Dr. Mahantesh GK,
Founder Managing Trustee,
Samarthanam.



SAMARTHANAM'S HEALTH INITIATIVES

- Samarthanam Trust, and the Department for Empowerment of Differently Abled and Senior Citizens, conducted a Unique Disability Identity (UDID) card camp under the TE Connectivity project. A general physician, psychiatrist, and clinical psychologist participated, and 18 intellectually disabled beneficiaries benefited from camp.
- Samarthanam Trust, and the Primary Health Center of BK Halli and BK Halli Panchayath, organized a Menstrual Hygiene workshop for the adolescent girl students of Goutham School, BK Halli, under the TE Connectivity Project. Mrs. Shashikala, Community Health Officer (CHO), educated 87 adolescent girls on the issues of menstrual hygiene and safe practices.
- ANZ, in partnership with Samarthanam, distributed 18 assistive aids to persons with disabilities (PwDs)
- As part of a Health Camp held in association with TE Connectivity and Vishnu Sena Samithi, blood donation was organized, reading glasses were distributed, dental check-up was done, and a few were selected for cataract surgery. Doctors from Narayana Nethralaya, Naraya Hrudayalaya, RV Dental College, Idrusti Hospital and Doctcare took part in the camp.



TE Connectivity supported health camp

A MULTICITY JOB FAIR FOR THE DISABLED, SUPPORTED BY BARCLAYS

Samarthanam Trust, in partnership with Barclays in India, hosted an inclusive job fair for people across many cities in India. The Job Fair received a splendid response and the event proved to be an ideal platform for the employers to interact with youth with disabilities.

The Job Fairs were organized at Mandya, Bengaluru, Bellary, Mysore, Hassan, Pune, Chennai, New Delhi cities which were inaugurated by prominent Government officials, educators, and other dignitaries, who greatly encouraged the participating youth and appreciated their efforts. Representatives from Barclays were a part of the inauguration ceremonies at a few locations. Each event witnessed a positive response from the hiring teams who believed in an inclusive workforce. The objective of the Job Fairs organized by Samarthanam is to promote inclusion, widen the employment opportunities and introduce the disabled youth to the many hiring divisions in various sectors. Almost 4000+ job seekers participated in the Job Fair across all locations and expressed gratitude to Samarthanam and Barclays for organizing the employment drive.



INSHORTS

Dr. Mahantesh GK had the privilege of meeting the First Citizen of India Smt. Droupadi Murmu, in Bangalore, with Smt. Vasanthi, Shri Uday Kumar Shri Buse Gowda & Mr. Kumar. She expressed support for Samarthanam's cause, its mission & mentioned its alignment with Atmanirbhar Bharat. Samarthanam appreciates the President's sensitivity towards disability & socially disadvantaged.



Samarthanam Trust was presented with a special award on India Independence Day celebration, by the Chief Secretary Government of Karnataka Ms. Vandita Sharma, and DG and IGP Karnataka State, Sri Praveen Sood.

Seven candidates from Samarthanam who underwent DDU- GKY (Karnataka) Program were felicitated with "Hunarbaaz Award" at Vidhana Soudha, Bangalore by Hon. Chief Minister of Karnataka, Mr Basavaraj Bommai and Dr. Ashwath Narayan, Minister of Science & Technology, Government of Karnataka, on World Youth Skills Day.

Dr Mahantesh GK, Founder Managing Trustee of Samarthanam celebrated his 52nd birthday at Samarthanam among his gurus, trustees, family, friends, Samarthanam well-wishers, students, and staff. On the day, a Eicher truck was added to Parisara, Assistive aids were distributed to 17 beneficiaries & Dr Mahantesh's gurus were felicitated.

Dr Mahantesh GK, Founder Managing Trustee, Samarthanam received "Sevaa Dharmik Award 2022" from Latha Raja Foundation Hyderabad honoring his humanitarian contributions to society through Samarthanam and CABI.



Dr Mahantesh GK, was invited as a special guest for book release of Kamala Kanthi- a Book of poems by Late Smt. B. S. Kamamma with the legendary Mr S. G. Siddaramayya, Poet, Literary Scholar, Chandrashekhar B. K., former Education Minister, GoK & K. Leela Prakash.

Signify Innovations India Ltd. in partnership with Samarthanam contributed a Computer Lab for visually impaired students of Rashtriya Virjanand Andh Kanya Vidyalaya (RVAK), Delhi, under their Jagmag Pathsala CSR Program- Transforming Lives by supporting digital education in blind schools.

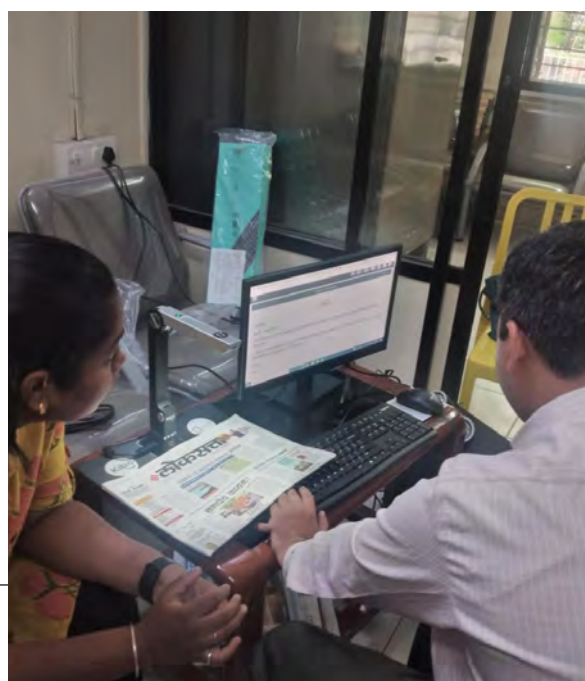
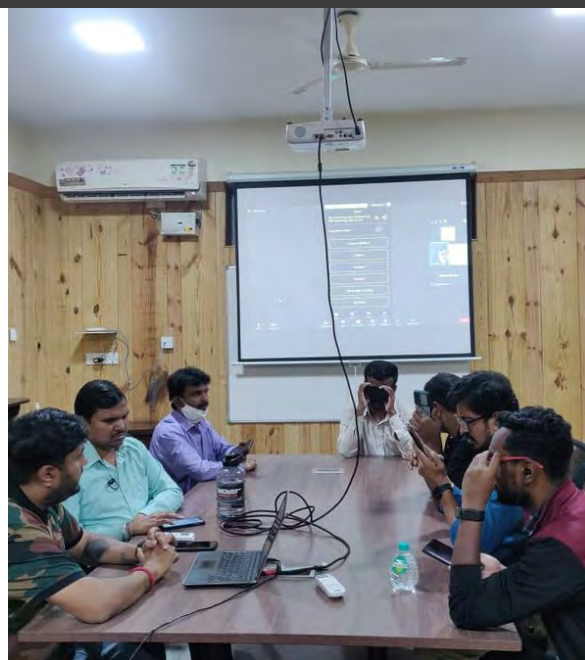


Mr Vijay Prakash, the famed playback singer, music composer, well-wisher, and supporter of Samarthanam, visited and interacted with students and staff.

ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY ACCELERATOR

Samarthanam, through ATA, aspires to reach people with disabilities through technology at an affordable cost. ATA demonstrates unique tech solutions for people with disabilities and acts as an information hub for all the technology solutions. This quarter;

- A concept note on 'Technological Solutions for Social Enterprise in Disability Sector' is prepared by ATA and is under discussion with Continual Engine.
- ATA organized a demo session on 'We Walk' App and provided 11 free accounts to visually impaired staff and students of Samarthanam.
- ATA has prepared and presented a concept note on 'Let'sTalkSign,' an automatic sign language interpretation software to make content accessible for hearing impaired.
- ATA participated in the Donor Appreciation event by Samarthanam and displayed the tech solutions which ATA has been working on.
- ATA coordinated with the founder of Eye-D to restart the technology initiative which had begun before pandemic. The solution will be introduced to a fresh set of beneficiaries and impact will be evaluated with the help of the start-up.
- The team met the diversity and inclusion team of Google USA and are hopeful on collaborating and introducing Google tech in Samarthanam and creating awareness
- A demo session on WordQ was organized. It is a software which helps build English language writing and reading skills for school students. The solution is being explored by Samarthanam High School and can be implemented once the benefits are assessed.
- The tactile solutions built by RFL can help school students and other visually impaired to understand about various topics through tactile books. ATA is exploring possibilities of creating a tactile book for visually impaired cricketers and introducing the same before 3rd T20 world cup blind cricket.
- A training and Q&A session on Eye-D App was organized for 20 visually impaired staff and students of Samarthanam.
- Senior leadership team from Deaf Children Worldwide (DCW) visited Samarthanam and ATA demonstrated solutions which are being planned to be introduced in deaf resource centre, LRC and Education program.
- A discussion took place with Inclusive Stem to understand the solutions and ideas on innovative technology solutions which can be developed and introduced in Samarthanam.





SAMARTHANAM'S UPCOMING PROJECTS

WALKATHON 2022

Every year, Samarthanam organizes Walkathon, an event to commemorate the International Day of Persons with Disabilities.

Walkathon is organized on a specific theme each year. It is a public event organized to involve people across the country and spread awareness on a common cause. As we bring together people from various walks of life to walk along with us, Walkathon is perceived as an event initiated to raise awareness and call for concerted action.

This year, Walkathon 2022 is being organized to support the game of cricket for the visually impaired and promote the upcoming 3rd T20 World Cup Cricket Tournament. Blind cricket as a game and the visually impaired players have proved their mettle across National and International stages and its time to gather and show our support towards blind cricket.

The 16th Bengaluru Walkathon holds the theme, "Lets walk to support Blind Cricket."

For this splendid event being organized by Samarthanam, support us, volunteer for us and walk with us at the upcoming Walkathon 2022 at Shree Kanteerava Stadium on 19 November, 2022.

The funds garnered from Walkathon 2022 will be utilized for the upcoming 3rd T20 World Cup Cricket Tournament, further motivating blind cricketers across the globe.

3RD T20 WORLD CUP FOR THE BLIND

Cricket for the Blind is a unique and an extraordinary game which has been increasingly garnering fame since 2010. It is believed to present the players with a platform to showcase their skill and talent, increase awareness, sensitize public on the opportunities and understand the needs of the blind. After many National and Regional games, coaching camps, vigorous training, and 4 successful World Cup Tournaments, CABI is launching its 3rd T20 World Cup Cricket for the Blind in 2022.

Cricket Association for the Blind in India (CABI) and Samarthanam are organizing the Third T20 World Cup Cricket Tournament for the Blind, an international tournament which is being much awaited for.

The World Cup Cricket will be held from 4 December to 17 December 2022 in India, Participating nations include Australia, Bangladesh, Nepal, Pakistan, South Africa, Sri Lanka and the host, India.

Mr Yuvraj Singh, legendary Indian Cricketer, is the Brand Ambassador for the World Cup Tournament. CABI and Samarthanam requests the cricket world to come forward and be a part of this mega cricket tournament and encourage the talented visually impaired cricket players perform their best.



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

Everyday learning

- Samarthanam primary school teachers are taking extra measures to help the students improve their learning by taking extra sessions. Students are involved in regular quiz sessions as well.
- The parents of primary school students are encouraged to interact with their children and the teachers to keep a note on their progress.
- The teachers at Samarthanam school conduct regular activities for the special children to help in improving gross motor skills.
- The Individual Education Program is a meeting between the educator and the special children's parents where they discuss on areas and ways to improve their children's learning ability. Based on the need, IEP was held for students in the presence of the physiotherapist, special educator, and parents.

Sports and Games

- Two students with special needs Preethi. S and Monica. J participated in the National Level Coaching camp held at Pondicherry organized by Special Olympics Bharat.
- Monica J, ID student took part in the National Coaching Camp for athletics in Gujarat, organized by Special Olympics Bharat.
- Primary school students took part in the Cluster level sports meet at KSRP grounds and won many prizes. Those who went on to play Taluk level won prizes and got selected to play at District level.
- The Department for the Empowerment of differently Abled and Senior Citizens and DDWO organized the 'World Seniors Day 2022' at Kittur Rani Chennamma Stadium where sports and cultural competitions were held. Dr. Geetha. K participated and won prizes.

Meetings and Workshops

- The Special school teachers attended the session on 'Bridge Parents App' which will be making the school data management easy for staff.
- Seva in Action conducted an online training on Quizabled for the teachers.



IEP meeting for special children



Cluster Level Sports



Cluster sports

Health and Fitness

- The A.E.C.S Maruthi college of Dental Science and Research Centre conducted an Oral Hygiene Awareness and Dental Camp for the children and staff.
- An eye checkup camp was organized for children with special needs and primary school students by Shekhar Eye Hospital.
- The UDID Camp was held for the persons with Intellectual disability at Samarthanam premises.
- Physiotherapy sessions were done thrice a week, where students were given therapy according to their diagnosis
- A session on adolescence, menstruation and importance of menstrual hygiene was led by Dr. Lavanya Shetty for the girl students.

Cultural & other activities

- Four children with special needs and a few from primary school participated in the program, launching the posters and promo of 'Kidigalu' a Kannada feature film at Chamundeshwari Studio.
- Dance movement therapy was organized for children with Intellectual Disability and 20 children are participating once a week for an hour.
- Eka Educational and Charitable Trust organized an art competition on the theme Indian Folk Art for the students.
- Sadbhavana diwas was celebrated and the students and teachers vowed to promote integration and to spread goodwill among people of all religions, languages and regions.
- Students of Primary school attended the Prathibha Karanji Cultural Competition and participated in the events like storytelling, fancy dress, drawing competition, pick and speak, clay modeling, and so on.

Vocational Training Unit

- The vocational training unit involves the special kids to learn and also involve in hands-on art and crafts making. The academic activities of reading, writing, numbers, words, money counting and so on is carried for half a day and crafts for the next half.
- Vocational work such as newspaper bag making, and mat weaving training was carried out.
- The new addition of Bottle Art/designing was a refreshing activity for the children.
- The unit received a big order to make tea coasters from Samarthanam USA and along with students, volunteers and a few staff got involved to fulfill the coaster order.



Health Camp



Dental Camp



Pratibha Karanji Cultural Competition



Vocational Training

Volunteering at Samarthanam Schools

- The volunteers from VMware conducted fun activities for students with intellectual disability like nine pins, ball in the bucket and talent show.
- Quiz competition was conducted for the special needs children.
- A volunteer introduced gardening to the special kids where the volunteer brought saplings, pots, and soil and made the children plant and water them.
- Students and teachers from Narayana E Techno School visited and interacted with the ID School students in their respective classrooms and distributed stationery.
- The team leaders from JLL visited ID school.
- Students from National Public School visited ID school, conducted fun activities like musical chair, nine pins and distributed prizes for the winners.
- Volunteers from TE connectivity conducted fun activities for the ID school children.
- Volunteers from GKN Aerospace and ZS corporate interacted with the students.
- Volunteers from Embrace conducted human chain activity, clay modelling, paper craft activity, alphabets preparation using thermocol for the primary school students.
- Volunteers from Adobe conducted Yoga session.
- MIQ Digital volunteers conducted volunteering activities like quiz, drawing and dance for the primary students.
- The volunteers from Eli Lilly conducted activities for the Primary school students like singing, drawing, dance, clay modelling.



Volunteering activity



Gardening activity



Volunteers from Embrace

Awards for the Educators

- Indian Empire University in collaboration with Universal Developmental Council organized an award ceremony to honor people who have accomplished exceptional work in their respective fields. Geetha. K, Principal was felicitated with the honorary doctorate in the category of Special Education & Social Service.
- The A.E.C.S. Maruthi college of Dental science & Research Centre felicitated Dr. Geetha K. for her remarkable work and efforts.



Geetha K, Principal receiving the felicitation

SAMARTHANAM HIGH SCHOOL

- At Samarthanam High School, students' clubs and committees were formed including Eco club, Health club, Science club, Sports club, ELC club, Marketing, Consumers court, cultural club, Exam Committee and Scholarship Committee. The students are picking their choice of interest and participating in the activities.
- Guardians Scholastic Awards Program, an initiative of Guardians of Dreams Foundation, selected merit students from High school and offered financial support.
- Sports being the favorite of many students, the boys and girls teams participated in the cluster level sports organized by the Department of Education. The High school students participated in the Taluk Level sports and athletic games held at KSRP Ground Adugodi.
- Samarthanam High school teachers and Hostel warden attended a session on POCSO Act, conducted by Ms. Manju Anand who holds 10 years of experience in child protection.
- The visually impaired students from Hulimavu High School were provided with eye check-up and screening at Narayana Netralaya, sponsored by Santhosh Charitable Trust.



Tab Distribution to Higher Education students by Allergan

SAMARTHANAM HIGHER EDUCATION

- Educational tabs were distributed to visually impaired students pursuing their higher education at the hands of senior representatives from Allergan.
- Representatives from Akhil Bharatiya Terapanth Mahila Mandal visited Samarthanam JP Nagar girls hostel and distributed white canes, hearing aids, note books, carrom boards, badminton sets to the students
- A demonstration of I-Stem app was presented by the company to the visually impaired higher education students. The app offers State-of-the-art OCR and document accessibility services for the visually impaired.
- The students who have written the II PUC Exam 2021-2022 cleared the test with 83%.



Teachers Day celebration



I-Stem App demonstration

SAMARTHANAM INCLUSIVE PROJECTS

Mini Science Centre for STEM education

- The project, Mini Science Centres, is to provide quality education through STEM learning in Government Schools across various cities in India.
- This quarter, installation of Mini Science Centres has been completed in 1 school at Anantapur, 2 schools in Guntur, 5 schools in Kolkata and 8 in Gaya. Alongside, monitoring visits were organized regularly for 8 schools in Bengaluru, 6 in Hyderabad, 6 in Chennai, 10 schools in Pune, 6 in Mumbai, 4 schools in Thane, and 8 in Gaya.
- The inauguration of Mini Science Centre at Vidya Bhawan School, Navi Mumbai and Upper High School, Kewali were organized.
- The teachers from schools who receive the facility are being trained in the Mini Science Centre applications and the Teachers training program has been completed for 24 schools across India.
- A one-week training and orientation program was conducted to the coordinators from all the locations at Samarthanam HQ regarding Mini Science Centre and Tinker Lab.
- Refresher trainings and monitoring visits are being done in Bengaluru, Chennai, Hyderabad, Pune, and Mumbai locations.
- Samarthanam is thankful to the supporters of the project, OTIS Elevators, Lubrizol, KarurVysya Bank, Momentive, Ocwen, EMIDS, ATOS Syntel, and Future Generali.



Digitalization of Government Schools

As part of the 'Digitalization of Govt Schools and Upgradation of Health and Infrastructure project,' supported by DXC, refresher training of government school teachers has been completed for all schools in Delhi, Rajasthan, Indore, Nagda, Bangalore, Chennai, and Hyderabad.

- 160 smart boards were installed in 103 Government schools pan India.
- As the project expands to other cities, a monitoring visit to Delhi was done in the month of September.
- The distribution of tables, chairs, fans, hot and cold-water dispenser, and cupboards was completed pan India.
- The installation of RO water filters was completed in Bangalore and Rajasthan and the same at other locations is being pursued.

Tinker labs for the inquisitive minds

The Tinker Lab is a space where school 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. Tinker Labs are being set-up by Samarthanam in various schools across India.

- This quarter, the installation of Tinker Labs in 5 schools of Pune rural, 5 schools of Kolkata and 4 schools of Thane has been completed, as supported by OTIS Elevators.
- Teacher training was conducted on a regular basis for 2 schools in Bengaluru, supported by CanFin Homes. Teacher training was also conducted at Indira Priyadarshini School.
- So far, 314 teachers have been trained in 105 schools which accommodate Mini Science Centres and Tinker labs.



BANGALORE SKILLING CENTRE

Samarathanam Training centres are resuming their training routines without any setback. The mobilization activities, training and placements are on the go, along with encouraging the trainees to analyze their goals and actively work towards them. Regional and National festivals are celebrated at their premises with activities and events.



Onam celebration at Bangalore

DELHI SKILLING CENTRE

Along with the new batch launch, various volunteering sessions, camps and exposure visits were organized. Various job fairs and placement drives organized by the centre proved to be beneficial for the outgoing trainees. Active mobilization activities across the city help in raising awareness about the skilling program among the disabled communities.



Placement Drive at Delhi

HYDERABAD SKILLING CENTRE

Hyderabad centre students took part in Inclusive Job Fairs organized at various locations for people with disabilities. Mobilizers interacted with various Government officials to raise awareness on the Skilling Program. Interviews were arranged for the skilling trainees at KL Group, MedPlus, Accure Network Marketing Pvt Ltd, Corpone Staffing Solutions. and 3G HR Services. Exposure visits help the students in understanding the work environment and prepare them for it.



Interviews by Accure Network

CHENNAI SKILLING CENTRE

Samarathanam Chennai centre organized three mega Job Fairs for people with Disabilities at three locations - Holy cross college Trichy, SIVET Chennai and VRC Guindy. Around 2000 candidates attended the job fairs in total and many received offers. Skill training sessions are ongoing at the centre with volunteering, guest lectures and motivational classes.



Job Fair at Chennai

GUNTUR SKILLING CENTRE

Guntur LRC branch inaugurated and distributed welcome kits to the beneficiaries from the new batches. While regular skill training sessions are ongoing, the mobilizers reach out to various organizations and raise awareness on the program. Job Fairs are regularly planned by Samarthanam and Guntur team organized a job fair at Hindu college, Guntur for differently abled people. 256 candidates participated in this program. Two Mega Job Fairs were held at different venues and almost 1000 candidates took part in the event, attended interviews and many received job offers.



Job fair at Guntur

BALLARI SKILLING CENTRE

New batches were inaugurated, and students were welcomed into the program. Motivational talks are a regular practice at the centres and speeches on confidence building, leadership and mental health were presented this quarter by a few experts. Mobilizers from the centre participated in various events to raise awareness on the skilling program and educate people on the benefits. Job fairs were organized for the trainees who took part in the sessions and attended interviews.



Ballari Job Fair inauguration

BELAGAVI SKILLING CENTRE

The Belagavi Centre launched new training batches with screening, counseling and welcome kits were given to the new trainees. Multiple job fairs were organized for the outgoing students who took part in the interviews and secured job offers from the participating companies.



Job Fair, Belagavi

DHARWAD SKILLING CENTRE

Three Mega Job Fairs were organized by the centre for people with disabilities and it presented a platform for the individuals to interact with employers. Over 977+ PwD and 30+ employers attended from Karnataka. A Placement Drive at Flip Kart campus Dharwad was also arranged. Guest sessions on soft skills and management skills proved to be beneficial for the students. A Medical Camp was conducted for the beneficiaries and team by Karatagi Super Specialty Hospital Hubballi. Samarthanam Dharwad Building Phase 2 is being constructed and the concrete work is progressing as planned.



Medical camp 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.

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

PROGRESS AND IMPACT



220 Tonnes of dry waste collected from corporate



172 Tonnes of dry waste recycled



TESCO awareness program

Samarthanam, as a TESCO CSR initiative, started ReWare, an awareness project on the importance of waste segregation. The project is focused on creating awareness to 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 recycling rate. This project is also helping rag picker community to lead a good life by creating employment. So far 27000 households in 5 wards of BBMP Bangalore are educated on source segregation.

Awareness activities:

- A 'sapling plantation' activity, supported by NatWest, was carried out at Govt. Primary High School, Bengaluru where 50 saplings were planted.
- Under Garden Beautification, the pathway at HSR park was laid with granite, sponsored by NetApp Company.
- Safety Gears distribution to Pourakarmikas and Rag pickers, to promote safe health, was organized where 2004 units of gum boots, safety shoes, and gloves were given to the workers.



Sapling Plantation

NTT DATA National Coaching Camp and T20 Cricket Tournament for the Blind 2022

Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled and Cricket Association for the Blind in India organized coaching Camp and tournament which helped in selecting the blind cricket players for the upcoming 3rd T20 World Cup Cricket for the Blind 2022. The top 56 players, based on their performances in the last National Tournaments, were involved in the coaching and tournament. Through this 12-day National Coaching Camp NTT DATA enabled the nurture of 56 young and talented visually impaired cricketers through state-of-the-art coaching techniques. 29 Players were shortlisted from the camp who will undergo sports and life skills training, leading to their participation in the upcoming 3rd T-20 World Cup for the Blind 2022.

IndusInd Bank National Cricket Coaching Camp

A 12-day National Cricket Coaching Camp was inaugurated at Faith Cricket Club Bhopal in the presence of Mr Vishvas Kailash Sarang, Minister of Medical Education, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh, Dr Raghvendra Sharma, President Cricket Association for the Blind in Madhya Pradesh, and Mr E John David – General Secretary President Cricket Association for the Blind in India. IndusInd Bank National Coaching Camp in Bhopal is a qualification pathway to select CABI's 17 Blind Cricketers from 29 players for the upcoming 3rd T20 World Cup 2022.

The players also took part in a sapling plantation activity along with Mr Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh in Smart City Garden.

Blind Cricket Training for visually impaired Women players

Empowering and transforming 3000 visually impaired (VI) women from the states of Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand and Odisha through Cricket training and tournaments, Azim Premji Foundation has reached out to a total of 930 blind women beneficiaries. The efforts of the project team and the State Blind Cricket Associations towards the progress and success of the project are commendable.



NTT Data camp inauguration



NTT players with Hon Governor of Karnataka



IndusInd Cricket Coaching Camp

- A total of 12 coaching camps were completed in the quarter. 360 blind women received training on various aspects of blind cricket, including fitness training and physical strengthening. A 3 day long self-defense session trained 500 beneficiaries on self-protection mechanisms. Awareness sessions to strengthen the entitlement rights of blind women reached out to 240 blind women beneficiaries. 12 blind schools and institutions working for the blind were supported with cricket kits as part of sport promotion activities.
- A 3 day long ToTs was organized in Madhya Pradesh and Odisha, and 40 trainers from each state attended the session. The master trainers received training in various aspects and techniques of blind women's cricket coaching.
- The Coaching camps are followed by friendly matches, providing visually impaired women with an opportunity to strengthen their cricketing skills.
- International cricket player from Jharkhand, Sourav Tiwari who plays for Mumbai Indians in IPL was invited as a special guest in the awareness session organized in Jharkhand.

Skilling and Cricket Coaching for visually impaired men cricketers

The project supported by Unisys India Private Limited aims at empowering 320 visually challenged young cricketers from Karnataka, Telangana, Tamilnadu, Delhi, Haryana, Maharashtra, Pondicherry and Andhra Pradesh via skill training and cricket coaching camps.

- A Skill training and Coaching camp was organized for the Karnataka team and was attended by 42 trainees. The 20 day program included Cricket coaching along with Digital and Financial Literacy, Basic Computer and Life Skill training. The project was to identify the best talents for the National/Indian blind cricket team to represent India at the World Cup.
- During the camp, with the support of the Karnataka State Cricket Association, the 42 young cricketers got an opportunity to watch the 'Shriram Maharaja Trophy' organized at Chinnaswamy Stadium. Krishnappa Gowtham, the Indian cricketer who plays for Karnataka spent time with the young cricketers and talked about cricket. The trainees also interacted with Prakash Jayaramaiah, wicketkeeper and opener batsman for the Indian blind cricket team who shared his journey as a cricketer. At the closing ceremony of the coaching camp the young cricketers said that the camp has helped them learn and improve their cricket skills.



APPI supported cricket coaching camp



Sourav Tiwari, International cricket player, with women cricket players



Unisys inaugurating cricket coaching camp



A session with Prakash Jayaramaiah



SUNADHA

Sunadha is a group of artistes with disabilities who excel in classical dance and music. Their performances have received great appreciation and accolades from many sectors and international audience. The performances delivered by the artistes' show their dedication, hardwork and finesse which are nurtured at Samarathanam.

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

- A performance at Samarathanam's Cricket conclave and Donors meet celebrations.
- COVID Warriors Award Program, a Government organized program at Bengaluru.
- A singing event for the celebrity singer, Vijay Prakash, when he visited Samarathanam.
- The Jain community's 100th year celebration and Independence Day at Galeria mall.
- The team performed at Aurobindo, Hindu Engineering college, VVIT, Atal Bihari medical college, KITS Guntur.
- A performance at Durgapooja at Haryana Bhavana and Devanahalli geleyara balaga Ganeshothsava.
- Performances at GKN Aerospace annual gathering, Bosch family fiesta, Power TV and virtual performance for Genpact, and Amazon.
- The Engineer's Day at Guntur Engineers Association welcomed Sunadha performance for their 25 years event.



Renowned Singer Vijay Prakash at Samarathanam

REHABILITATION



SWADHARA

Samarathanam'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

Samarathanam'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. Samarathanam 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.

SAMARTHANAM OVERSEAS

Sevathon 2022 at California

“Sevathon 2022”, a half marathon, yogathon and dance-a-thon was organized by Samarthanam USA in partnership with India Community Center, and Samarthanam Trust India. The 5k walk was held at Vasona Park, Los Gatos, California in which Dr Mahantesh GK, Founder Managing Trustee, Samarthanam and 46 participants took part.



“Nazraana,” a Fundraiser to support Samarthanam

Dr Mahantesh GK, Founder Managing Trustee, Samarthanam, traveled to the United States of America to meet his global acquaintances, reinforce partnerships, and make way to new alliances. Advocating inclusion and diversity, he spoke about Samarthanam at the prestigious Harvard Business School and the Fundraiser, Nazraana.

Samarthanam USA organized a spectacular Fundraiser by name “Nazraana” in partnership with Juju Productions and India Association of Greater Boston. The performance Fundraiser starred Vijay Prakash, Anuradha Juju, Kamlesh Bhadkamakar, and 40 other musicians who dazzled the show with their melodious singing. The event was held at Hanover Theater & Conservatory in Massachusetts. The concert was a huge hit with over 1300 attendees. The proceeds from the event were forwarded to Samarthanam.

Samarthanam expressed gratitude to the sponsors and supporters who contributed to the success of the event.



STORIES OF CHANGE

MANJULA

“I want to be a lawyer. Not any lawyer but a righteous lawyer,” says a brilliant 17 year old Manjula who is a hardworking, studious and sport loving individual and a Samarthanam beneficiary.

Manjula is from North Karnataka who has been residing in Bangalore for the past 16 years. Manjula is not blind by birth but has Optic Nerve Atrophy, a condition where the vision begins to dim and eventually results in complete loss of vision. Since her vision was clear when Manjula started her schooling, it was difficult for her to understand and adjust to the depleting ability to see. Despite the challenges, she kept her hopes intact and worked hard to study. Manjula is a brilliant student and scored 95% in her board examination. She is currently pursuing her PUC 1st year, with History, Economics, Political Science in BES college, Bangalore.

“My father is my inspiration,” says Manjula. “He motivates and encourages me and tells me to be a good individual. Additionally, I also would like to extend my help to the underprivileged and the deprived by educating children, encouraging individuals like me and be a good citizen in the society,” says Manjula.

She loves to play outdoor sports like Kabaddi, Volleyball, Shot put and navigates through the games by listening to the sounds, and claps. Manjula is an extrovert who loves to talk, make friends with her charismatic persona. She is proficient in Kannada, English, Telugu, Tamil, and Hindi. Manjula says that learning Braille was difficult for her to grasp. She felt helpless because of the sudden loss of her vision and commencing Braille, together was a challenging experience for her. However, it did not dishearten her, and she continued to learn and grow to be the person she is today. Manjula thanks Samarthanam for the support including accommodation, nutritious food, assistive and learning aids, braille books, and academic support, helping her progress. “Thanks to Samarthanam and their programs that people with disability are able to make decisions and accomplish their goals without a setback,” says Manjula.



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VOLUNTEERING

Samarthanam volunteering team organized online and offline volunteering activities. Volunteering is one of the major verticals at Samarthanam which brings together our beneficiaries and professionals from the corporate. The activities organized serve as a learning experience for the beneficiaries.

INTERNSHIP PROGRAMMES

About 25 students completed their internship and service learning at Samarthanam this quarter. They were a part of various programs involving schools, Digital Library, LRC, rehabilitation center, Rehabilitation, Parisara, and WOW. A few worked closely with the education department, Sunadha and early intervention, CABI, Rehabilitation center, Eye Camp, and WOW door-to-door awareness. English grammar class was conducted by volunteers for primary students. Counselling sessions, case studies, and organizational studies were organized as well. Interns were from Christ university, Krupanidhi college, Vemana institute of technology, and Jyothi Nivas college.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Cook-A-Meal activity was conducted by VMware, JLL, and ZS Associates India Pvt Ltd
- Fun activities were conducted by VMware, JLL, Adobe, and ZS associates India Pvt Ltd
- PoSH session was conducted by GKN Aerospace for high school girl students.
- GKN Aerospace organized HAL museum visit for Primary school students.
- “I am Remarkable” session and resume building were conducted by Citibank with Bangalore LRC students
- Sign language session and blood donation camp were organized by BNP Paribas.
- Lowe’s volunteers worked with the Braille tactile materials for visually impaired kids.
- Braille card-making session was conducted with Adobe at Delhi and Bangalore locations.
- Samarthanam team and Tata Communications Mumbai volunteers had a friendly blind cricket match.
- On the Global Day of Eli-Lilly the volunteers took up a “Cook-a-meal” activity, a friendly blind cricket match was played, and fun activities were held with primary school kids.
- o9 solutions, as an Impact Day activity, the volunteers cleaned Lalbagh Garden in Bengaluru.



45 volunteering activities organized



16 corporates involved



1994 volunteers involved

VOLUNTEERING CORPORATES

VMWare, o9 solutions, Morgan Stanley, Citibank, GKN Aerospace, JLL, Adobe India, JP Morgan Chase, BNP Paribas, Oracle, NatWest, Tata communication (Mumbai), TE connectivity, Lowes, ZS Associates India PVT Ltd, Eli Lilly



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.

- ANZ, HSBC, Amazon, Unisys, Google, and Bosch corporates were given an orientation on audiobook recording.
- Mr. Basavaraj Patil from PMO office and Mr. Manjunath, MLA of Magadi District visited the Digital Library and appreciated the efforts



HUMAN RESOURCES

The Human Resources team at Samarthanam works towards strengthening the organizational culture along with recruitment, interpersonal relations, orientation, resource management, planning and appraisals. The team steps up when the organization has events and project launches enabling their successful execution. This quarter, Samarthanam celebrated its Silver Jubilee, the co-founder of Samarthanam, late Nagesh's Birthday, Teachers Day and the effective implementation of these events received contribution from the HR team. Human Resources team organized an orientation for the Samarthanam employees on child protection policy and antiharassment policy which was conducted by experts from the field. This helped the entire team to understand the legal aspects of child abuse. Samarthanam offers an amicable working environment for the new employees. A monthly orientation on HR policy for the new recruits was held to help them stay on par with the regulations.



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