



The Indian Blind Cricket team!  
 Defending champions of the 3rd T20 World Cup Blind Cricket

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Indian Blind Cricket team felicitated by Hon. President of India, Droupadi Murmu, and Hon. Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports, Anurag Singh Thakur

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 uplift 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, late 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



**16,819**  
KIDS EDUCATED



**24,933**  
YOUTH TRAINED



**300,000 Metric Tonnes**  
DRY WASTE SEGREGATED



**30,000+**  
BLIND CRICKETERS TOUCHED



**5000+**  
WOMEN EMPOWERED



**30 million**  
MID-DAY MEALS SERVED



**1500+**  
DISABLED ARTISTS SUPPORTED

# FOUNDER'S NOTE

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Dr Mahantesh GK

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



At Samarthanam and Cricket Association for the Blind in India, we are closing this year with a marvelous blind cricket championship and a remarkable victory by the Indian Blind Cricket team. I am extremely proud of the boys who have worked hard and played with passion throughout the game to be standing as the defending champions of the 3rd World Cup Blind Cricket Tournament 2022. Yuvraj Singh was the official Brand Ambassador for the World Cup and I am immensely thankful to him for believing in the game of blind cricket and cheering for the players. I am thankful to the supporters, sponsors, partners, Government, celebrities, media, and volunteers who have supported and cheered for blind cricket. Each year, CABI organises tournaments for the blind cricketers, giving them an opportunity to display their skills and each year, we receive great support from everyone, encouraging our initiatives in the disability space.

The Indian Blind Cricket team were felicitated by Hon President of India, Droupadi Murmu, Hon Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting (IB) and Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports (MYAS), Anurag Singh Thakur, Hon Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment, Dr Virendra Kumar, Governor of Karnataka Shri Thaawar Chand Gehlot, and Hon Minister of Youth Empowerment & Sports Karnataka, Shri KC Narayana Gowda. Many eminent politicians and celebrities are congratulating the team and appreciating the efforts of the players. We are greatly honored to be receiving such huge appreciation and praise.

Prior to the World Cup was Samarthanam's annual Walkathon which was organized to commemorate the International Day for People with Disabilities. This year, the 16th Walkathon has witnessed a huge participation from more than 10,000 people. It was an overwhelming experience to walk along people coming from various backgrounds to support our cause of blind cricket.

Samarthanam welcomes the New Year with new plans, and projects which portray our vision and mission of empowering the disabled communities. Samarthanam's many inclusive projects that have taken shape in the year 2022 have shown promising results and we look forward to continuing the same near future.

We hope to receive the same support, as we have been receiving for the past 25 years, in building a society free from discrimination towards the disabled.

Wishing everyone a happy and healthy New Year and a Happy Makara Sankranti.

Happy New Year!

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# HAPPENINGS at Samarthanam

## SAMARTHANAM 16TH BENGALURU WALKATHON 2022 A WALK TO SUPPORT BLIND CRICKET

Every year, Samarthanam organizes Walkathon, an event to commemorate the International Day of Persons with Disabilities. The 16th Walkathon was organized to support the Blind Cricketers across the globe. The event was a reverberating success with over 10,000 participants who gathered at Sri Kanteerava Stadium in Bangalore. It was held on 19 November 2022 to promote the 3rd T-20 World Cup for the Blind 2022, scheduled to be played from 5 December to 17 December 2022, in India.

The walk was graced by Chief Guests, Sapthami Gowda, Lead actress of Kantara Film, the Brand Ambassador of Walkathon, P.C. Mohan, Member of Parliament, K.S. Latha Kumari, IAS Director, Dept. of Empowerment of Differently-abled and Senior Citizens, GoK, Kala Krishnaswamy IPS, Deputy Commissioner of Police, Ashok Kumar Govindarajan, Assistant Vice President State Street, Ramya Parashar, CEO and Member of Executive Board, MiQ, Prarthna, GKN Aerospace, Anjana Aruna, Director Covalense, Kiran Kumar, Deputy Finance Manager Kluber, Rakesh Shetty, MD of Power TV, M. Mahadeva, Founder Secretary, and Treasurer, PCI President, KSAPH, Dr. Mahantesh, Founder Managing Trustee, Samarthanam and Vasanti Savanur, Samarthanam Trustee.

We are thankful to the distinguished guests, corporate, volunteers, NCC cadets, Media, Medical Partners, School children and College students who have joined us passionately to show their support for Blind Cricket.



*“People with disabilities are an integral part of the society. Our focus is to assure inclusiveness and bring in a Rehabilitation drive to the millions of visually impaired across the globe and overcome barriers by boosting their confidence leading to economic empowerment.”*

Dr. Mahantesh,  
Founder Managing Trustee, Samarthanam.



## INDUSIND BANK INTERNATIONAL CONCLAVE ON BLIND CRICKET

Cricket Association for the Blind in India (CABI) and Samarthanam Trust launched the IndusInd Bank International Conclave on Blind Cricket, on 8 December 2022 in Delhi, at the hands of Dr Mahantesh G Kivadasannavar, Founder of Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled and President of CABI, Ridhi Bhatia, Strategic Program Lead- CSR, IndusInd, Tammy de Wright, Political Counsellor, Australian High Commission, New Delhi, Raymond Moxly, Secretary General of WBC, George Abraham, Founder WBC, ACBI, Shaym Sharma, DDCA, Dr. Ragavendra Sharma, State BJP Office Incharge Madhya Pradesh and E John David, General Secretary of CABI.

The conclave focused on various panel discussions including topics like Positive Journalism for Inclusive Sports- Do They Have the Space for You?, the reach of Cricket for the Blind – have we evolved ourselves for a revolution?, and Passion, Dignity, and Pride- Who are we? The discussions by the experts at the Conclave focused on various perspectives and ensured that there was a clear purpose and outcome from the discussion.



## AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS AT SAMARTHANAM

Dr Mahantesh G K received 'Sri Pabbaraju Venkateshwara Rao Rajyalakshmi Memorial Humane Service Award' for his outstanding work and service to the blind, disabled, and orphans at Guntur. Samarthanam thanks Sri A. Purna Chandra Rao, Chairperson, and the Board of Trustees of the Sri Pabbaraju Venkateshwara Rao Rajyalakshmi Memorial Trust for presenting the honor.



Samarthanam Trust was the Finalist for the “Energy and Environment Award” (Comprehensive project for model solid waste management and environment protection in Bangalore) at the World Smart City Awards ceremony held at Barcelona, Spain. The proposal on Solid waste management which was submitted by Samarthanam was one of the finalists among the other 360 proposals which had come from 60 countries.

SMARTCITY  
EXPO WORLD CONGRESS



**WORLD SMART CITY AWARDS 2022**

**FINALIST**

ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT AWARD

SAMARTHANAM TRUST FOR THE DISABLED  
COMPREHENSIVE PROJECT FOR MODEL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AND  
ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION IN BANGALORE  
INDIA



### 3<sup>RD</sup> T20 WORLD CUP CRICKET FOR THE BLIND A SPECTACULAR TOURNAMENT TO MARK THE YEAR 2022

After two successful World Cup Tournaments, Cricket Association for the Blind in India got the stage ready for the 3rd T20 World Cup Cricket for the Blind. The mega tournament was organized by CABI and Samarthanam in which 6 countries participated including Australia, Bangladesh, Nepal, South Africa, Sri Lanka and host India. Yuvraj Singh, Legendary India Cricketer was the Brand Ambassador for the Tournament, whose encouragement and guidance are greatly valued.

The tournament inauguration took place at the Tau Devi Lal stadium, in the presence of Sandeep Singh, Hon. Minister for Sports & Youth Affairs, Govt. of Haryana, Dr. Mahantesh G Kivadasannavar, President of the Cricket Association of the Blind in India (CABI), former Indian world-cup winning cricketer Yuvraj Singh, also the brand ambassador for the event, Raymond Moxley, Secretary General, World Blind Cricket Ltd. (WBC) and Swami Nirbhayanda Saraswati, President, Ramakrishna Vivekananda Ashrama, Gadag & Bijapur, Karnataka among others. Also present amongst all the dignitaries was a special guest in Indian Actress from the Kannada film industry, Harshika Punaccha.

CABI welcomed the teams from various countries and conducted the matches across various venues without any setback. CABI expresses gratitude and appreciation to the sponsors, partners, Government, media, volunteers and Samarthanam team who have extended great support all through the planning, promotion, and execution of the game.

After 12 days of enthusiastic blind cricket matches played by all the teams, India and Bangladesh were the teams to play the Final Match. Defending champions India faced the first-time finalists Bangladesh in the finals at the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium, Bangalore. Brilliant tons by Sunil Ramesh and captain Ajay Kumar Reddy guided India to beat Bangladesh by 120 runs and win their third consecutive title in the 3rd T20 World Cup for the Blind. Hon. Governor of Karnataka, Thawar Chand Gehlot, presented the winner and runners up trophies.



Sunil Ramesh was declared as the Man of the Match of the final and he also received the Man of the Series in the B3 category. Indian captain Ajay Kumar Reddy was adjudged the Man of the series in the B2 category. Bangladesh's Mohammed Mahmud Rashid was the Man of the Series in the B1 category.

Post Indian team's victory, Ministers, eminent politicians, corporate leaders, celebrities and organizations congratulated the team for making the country proud. Heaps of appreciation messages flowed in on social media platforms congratulating the success of the Indian Blind Cricket team.



# FELICITATIONS AFTER VICTORY OF THE 3<sup>RD</sup> T20 WORLD CUP CRICKET FOR THE BLIND



# INSHORTS

Dr. Ramalinga Reddy, MLA, BTM Layout, and Former Home Minister, Karnataka, honored Vasanti Savanur, Trustee of Samarthanam, for her exemplary service in the field of social work for women and children.



Assistive devices were distributed to PwD by Yasunori Fujji, Managing Director of Komatsu India Private Limited, Mahesh Muralidharan, Deputy General Manager - Marketing and Kengo Ogawa from Komatsu India Private Limited.



Dr Mahantesh G K, Founder Managing Trustee Samarthanam, met Dr. L. Murugan, Hon. Minister of State in the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying and Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, GoI to discuss Blind Cricket.



Dr Mahantesh GK Founder of Samarthanam, was a part of the Inclusion Conclave by the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA India) where he spoke on “Challenges Faced by Athletes with Disabilities.”

Samarthanam ATA along with CAGS-IIIT-B, and DXC Technology organized a Consultative Workshop for collaboration to scale up Assistive Technology in Disability Sector. The workshop had representatives from Social Alpha, ARTILABS, Deep Vision Tech.AI, Amazon, Manipal Institute, DXC Technology, Careers Worldwide, Oracle, Google, Infosys, Walmart, Amend, Continual Engine, CAGS-IIITB, Samarthanam, and PSU such as Union Bank & Forest Department, Government of Karnataka. The workshop was to bring the experts together and understand various perspectives which can contribute to the sector individually and collaboratively.

The Member of the Karnataka Legislative Assembly, M Satish Reddy, celebrated his birthday with Samarthanam kids.





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

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

## SAMARTHANAM INTERVENTIONS

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



## SAMARTHANAM BARRIER-FREE RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL | HIGHLIGHTS

### Celebrations

- Samarthanam Schools celebrated Children's Day amid fun and laughter. It was a perfectly cheerful environment for the children and teachers who together enjoyed the food, activities, singing, and dance performances.
- Kannada Rajyotsava was greatly celebrated at Samarthanam centres across the State including schools and skilling centres. Samarthanam is proud of the culture and heritage of the State and is thankful to the guests Vasishtha Simha, Actor, Ramachandra Raju, Actor, Meghana Gaonkar, Actress, Mimicry artist Dayanand, Impressionist, Zee Fame Darshan Melavanki, Singer, Kirthi Rai, Singer and Dr. Mahantesh, Samarthanam Founder Managing Trustee, for their presence and G Dance Studio, for the amazing dance performance.



Kannada Rajyotsava

### Academics

- Samarthanam Primary School teachers conducted quiz programs, gave away textbooks, science lab sessions, and educational tours. Teacher meetings were conducted every weekend to discuss the progress of the students and special coaching for students was set up as well.
- The teachers at ID School are dedicated towards the progress of their students via conducting regular classes, yoga sessions, gross motor skill improvement, sports training, physiotherapy, AMBA and vocational training.
- The National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences in association with the Department of Empowerment of persons with disabilities, organized the Second National Level Art Workshops for persons with disabilities on World Mental Health Day 2022, followed by an Art Exhibition to showcase their paintings. Akhilesh, a student with special needs participated in the art workshop.
- Individualized Educational Program was conducted for a few students in the presence of parents, school Principal, and teachers. The team discussed and designed vocational, personal, social, and communicational goals for the student.
- Seva in Action conducted Quizabled-2022 competition and children from ID school participated in the online quiz.



Individualized Educational Program



Learning at Science lab

## Sports and Games

- Samarthanam ID School at Mysore had their students compete in the Bandhavya Sports Festival 2022, held in Mysore, and took home awards in 15 different categories of sports including running, softball, shotput, and long jump.
- Sports meet was conducted as part of Children's Day celebrations at Samarthanam HQ where various fun games were organized for ID School kids. The special students were also a part of the passing the ball game organized by Department of Empowerment of Differently abled and senior citizens to celebrate World Disability Day at Kanteerava stadium.
- Special Olympics Bharat conducted 2nd preparatory National Coaching camp for World Summer Games at Gujarat. Monica, a special needs student took part in the camp and trained for Athletics.
- Samarthanam ID School Belagavi was a part of sports activities organized by District Disabled Welfare Office officials and Block Resource Center officials on World Disability Day.



Bandhavya Sports festival

## Health and Fitness

- The Oxford Dental College conducted dental check-up camp for the Primary school children. A total of 126 students were screened and 68 students advised for further follow-up. Alongside, Narayana Multispeciality hospital organized general health checkup for the primary school students as well.
- Regular Health Checkup are conducted for ID School Bangalore students. The girls received menstrual health and hygiene kits during the MHM kit distribution program for Samarthanam Adolescent girl students supported by Western Digital.
- ID School Belagavi students were a part of skin check-up camp by KLE BM Kankanwadi Ayurvedic Hospital and a dental Camp organized by Children With Special Needs officials. The students also received yoga sessions led by experts.



Dental check-up camp

## Vocational Training Unit

- Under functional literacy, four new students joined in and received focused teaching classes on alphabets, short words, dates, months, numbers, and names.
- Under product making, daily training is given to students on preparing newspaper packets and bags. Crafts such as bottle painting, making paper flowers, and different types of pen stands are also done. In a project, 1000 tea coasters were made with the help of volunteers and primary students and delivered to the office. The team put up stalls at various places for special occasions.



Vocational Training

## Cultural and other activities

- As per the education department's instructions, Samarthanam students celebrated Kotikanta Gayana program.
- A Magic Show was organized at Good Shepherd Auditorium, for the students of Samarthanam Primary School.
- Dream India invited children from Samarthanam to Children's Carnival 2022.
- Fund A Child Annual event had "Draw your Dreams -2022" drawing competition at BMS college of Engineering, and the primary students from Samarthanam participated.
- Samarthanam ID school (Bangalore) staff and students took part in Spandana 2022, a state-level program organized by KSA of Special Educators where the students presented 2 cultural programs.
- Students with special needs took part in 'Splash-2022', an employee engagement program conducted by Concern India Foundation.
- The sports meet conducted by JSS public school and another cultural and sports meet, "Paripoorna" at Surana school witnessed the participation of Samarthanam Bangalore ID school students.
- Tandav, a Festival of Inclusion was held at St. Joseph's University, which was greatly enjoyed by the children with special needs from Samarthanam.
- On World Disability Day, the students, and staff of Samarthanam Mysore participated in an awareness walk on the importance of inclusion, and accessibility.
- Belagavi ID School students took part in a drawing competition at Reliance Smart Bazaar and won prizes.

## Volunteering at Samarthanam Schools

- Primary students took part in the employee engagement program conducted by Microsoft and assisted in Diya painting and door decors.
- Volunteers from Northern Trust, Vichithram design studio, and Biofourmis India Pvt Ltd organized various fun and educational competitions for the Primary School students on various occasions.
- Awareness session on Health and Hygiene for 5th to 7th grade students was held by VMWare.
- Volunteers from Northern Trust conducted activities like drawing and storytelling with the ID school students.
- Students from Christ University visited ID school and interacted with the students, listening to their everyday progress and learning.
- Lions District New Voices Coordinator, Shobha Srinivas conducted a painting activity for ID School children to paint on theme "Paint with Compassion."



Magic show



Splash 2022 program



Awareness walk at Mysore



Volunteering activity

## SAMARTHANAM HIGH SCHOOL

- Among regular classes, exams, activities, and teacher meetings, outdoor visits, festivals and celebrations add fun to the routine of students and teachers. An Eco club was conducted at school where students were educated on cleanliness of surrounding, environment conservation, and planted saplings as part of the activity.
- Little Flower Public School conducted games for 8th and 9th standard students at Gnyana Bharathi University. Also, the students took part in the World Disabled Day Sports Meet at Kanteerava Stadium.
- High school students with disabilities participated in a Youth Program APAC, organized by a corporate firm.

## SAMARTHANAM HIGHER EDUCATION

- In this quarter, 1262 differently abled and under-privileged students from Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Pune, Mumbai, have been supported for college admission and tuition fees under Higher Education programme.
- Health and hygiene kits were distributed to 75 higher education students of Hyderabad region supported by United Way Hyderabad.
- Hearing aids were distributed to students at Bangalore branch.
- About 4000 higher education students participated in the Samarthanam 16th Walkathon held at Kanteerava stadium. Students had come together from 15 reputed colleges in Bangalore. 250 National cadet cops, 800 NSS volunteers were involved in the various committees.
- On International Disability Week, a round table discussion on the “Challenges of disabled students pursuing Higher Education” was organized under the joint auspices of Samarthanam Trust and Bihar Viklang Adhikar Manch at Patna Law College, Bihar. Differently abled higher education students, voluntary organizations, academicians, government officials, representative from NGOs were present on the occasion. Raghavendra, Program Head, HEP from Samarthanam, addressed the audience.
- A State level chess tournament was organized to college students at Government Women’s College, Guntur and Samarthanam students won the prizes in the competition.



Sports activities for High School students



Hygiene kits by United Way Hyderabad



Hearing aid distribution



Chess Tournament

## 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, more Mini Science Centres were installed at more schools whereas monitoring visits and doubt clarifications were done on a regular basis across all the schools where the Science Centres were already set-up. Further, school identification and feasibility study were done for a few more schools who are going to see the Science Centre very soon. Teacher training sessions were also implemented at the MSC. We are thankful to the supporters, OTIS Elevators, Momentive, Ocwen, EMIDS, ATOS Syntel, Future Generali, KVB, Komatsu, Lubrizol.

### Digitalization of Government Schools

Samarthanam's 'Digitalization of Government schools' project provides technology rich education facilities to children from various backgrounds. The smart board that are being installed at the schools are accessible to both disabled and non-disabled children and teachers have been trained to teach effectively using digital tools and technology.

This quarter, Smart Boards were installed at many more schools and permission from the education department has been received for the implementation of the program in more regions. School identification, feasibility study and permissions were taken as well for a few more schools. Thank you sponsors, Future Generali, and Komatsu, for making the progress possible.

### 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, more Tinker Labs were set-up at a few more locations and teacher training sessions were conducted for many schools which have the Labs installed. Samarthanam expresses gratitude to sponsors, OTIS Elevators, and CanFin Homes.

### Inclusive Education Programme

#### Education highlights:

- School visit tuitions covered 120 children with disabilities in 17 Primary schools, and 4 Z. P High schools.
- The team interacted with 25 teachers and 4 headmasters, discussed about their improvement in education and school participation.
- Home based tuitions for 17 CwDs organized.
- Children with disabilities participated in the day care center activities during the month.
- Periodic review of a plan made to improve the day care children daily living skills and other activities.
- Coaching support provided for competitive exams and exams conducted.

#### Health programme highlights:

- The team provided home based Physiotherapy Services and Physiotherapy on Wheels services to beneficiaries.
- Conducted Assessment camp in Chikkaballapur Govt High school for 17 disabled children's and taken Measurement for assistive devices. And an Eye Assessment camp in Devanahalli District Hospital for 41 school students identified with eye problems.
- Distributed 4 AFO and 3 wheelchair, 19 school going students were given prescribed power glasses.
- Provided Physiotherapy Services in Clinic for adults.
- Provided monthly medicine for 11 disabled children's in Bagepalli and Chilamathur mandal.





## BANGALORE SKILLING CENTRE

- Samarthanam Bangalore Skilling Centre students went for exposure visits to HAL & ISRO and on their second exposure visit visited an industry in Mysore.
- CSR Acuity Client visited LRC and interacted with the students.
- LRC students participated in the Sports Day conducted by Disabled Department on World Disability Day.



Sports Day at Bangalore

## DELHI SKILLING CENTRE

- At Delhi Skilling Centre, along with a new batch initiation, regular training and placement activities, mobilization programs were carried out as well. Volunteer sessions on legal awareness, Braille and a few other significant topics led by volunteers from big corporate were a great value-addition to the students.
- A job fair was organized for the trained candidates to help them find suitable jobs.



Job Fair at Delhi

## CHENNAI SKILLING CENTRE

Volunteers from Fiserv organized a few learning sessions with the trainees helping them improve their technical skills. They explained basics in computers, Hardware and Software, MS Office, web, and Fiserv nature of work. Volunteers from DHL presented a session on career guidance for the students. An exposure visit to First Source and interacting with the personnel presented the LRC trainees with an insight into a professional working environment. They conducted activities for Samarthanam trainees on Braille typing, and a few mock interviews were arranged.



Volunteering by Fiserv at Chennai

## BHOPAL SKILLING CENTRE

Samarthanam Bhopal launched the first batch of students for their training. Counseling screening of the candidates was done for residential training program, based on educational background, specific disability, and potential career opportunities. Mobilization drives were organized at various regions of Madhya Pradesh to update the communities on Samarthanam LRC services.



A session by DHL, Chennai

## GUNTUR SKILLING CENTRE

- Guntur LRC branch inaugurated and distributed welcome kits to the beneficiaries for the new batch, which was initiated in the presence of Manikumari, Retired Principal of Hindu College. A Medical Camp was organized for all the students and staff with focus on good health care.
- The Mini Job Drive at Samarthanam Guntur which was organized for the students with disabilities provided job opportunities. Andhra Pradesh State Chess Selection Championship Competition for visual impaired was co-organized by Samarthanam Guntur at Government Women's College of Guntur and the students participated.



Job fair at Guntur

## HYDERABAD SKILLING CENTRE

- The Placement Officer facilitated the beneficiary interviews at Max Showroom, ICICI bank, Viba BPO, Flipkart Logistics and Unnathi organization.
- Tabs were distributed to VI beneficiaries pursuing higher education supported by Allergan.
- Braille volunteering activities were organized for Microsoft, and Google employees on different days.
- Hygiene Kits were given to Higher Education Students supported by United Way Hyderabad.
- A volunteering activity by Avanse Financial Services included educational and sports kit distribution to school children of ZPHS School.
- An inclusive Job drive for people with disabilities was organized where job offers to work in Reliance group companies (Reliance Digital, Reliance Jewels & Reliance Value format) were given.
- A visit to First Source office, Hyderabad helped trainees understand the corporate culture, and procedures along with a session on interview techniques.
- The trainees got placements in Wipro, ECIL and Viba BPO companies.
- The students participated in the Telangana state Campaign for Divyang, (Valedictory and Creative Expo) organized by Brahma Kumaris Hyderabad & Rajayoga Education & Research Foundation.



Visit to First Source



Braille volunteering activity at Google

## BALLARI SKILLING CENTRE

- Samarthanam Ballari centre has organized awareness programs in the region. A few motivational sessions by volunteers on career guidance, good health, meditation and success stories have been inspirational.
- LRC students participated in various sports on the World Disability Day.
- A one-day exposure visit to KMF, Vishal Mega Mart, Anjanadhri Hills, Kishkinda Water Park and Atal Bihari Vajpayee Zoological Park, were enjoyable. At the industry, the students learned about company environment, methods and machine operations.



Sports on World Disability Day

## BELAGAVI SKILLING CENTRE

Along with regular classes, and event celebrations, volunteer sessions provided encouragement and motivation to the trainees. A motivational session by a few industry experts and educationalists on how to face challenges with confidence and overcome our fears, inclusive society, self-confidence were greatly appreciated by the students. A Sports Activity was organized in association with DDWO on World Disability Day. Exposure visits to Netalkar Power Transmission, and Muktimath Temple were enjoyed by the students.



Exposure visit by Belagavi centre

## DHARWAD SKILLING CENTRE

- The new students who were welcomed into the Skilling Centre at Dharwad were given welcome kits and explained on the module of the sessions. Alongside, the students took part in the Dharwad District level chess competition on World Disabled Day 2022.
- A Mega Job Fair by collaborating with Dharwad District Skill Development Department and JSS College Dharwad was organized. 250 candidates took part in the job fair, and 74 candidates got the placements.



Chess competition at Dharwad



Job fair at Dharwad

## KODIKONDA SKILLING CENTRE

Kodikonda trainees were engaged in “Shrama Daana” to make known the importance of physical work for having good health. To access government programs and schemes the center facilitated ABHA Cards, e-SHRAM Cards, PAN Cards and NCS Employment Registration Cards registration process, obtained and issued to 14 trainees. Volunteering sessions on life skill, overcoming disability and importance of physical activities and games were organized. As part of co-curricular activities exposure visits were organized to Noorullamkhan Art Cement Products Industry, Rich men Silks Ltd, KRONAX, Lepakshi, Brahmakumari Meditation Center which enhanced the learning of the trainees.

## KOCHI SKILLING CENTRE

- The Kochi center organized two mobilization drives where many people participated from various Districts of Kerala and enrolled for the program. The first batch took off at Kochi with students receiving the welcome kits and initiation of classroom training.

## SKILLING PUNE

- Samarthanam Pune welcomed TIAA corporate executives who are supporting LRC for this year and interacted with students, conducted sessions like mock interviews and soft skills training.
- An exposure visit to Mapro Food Processing Plant at Mahabaleshwar was organized for the students and staff to understand the various sections and functioning of the factory
- Samarthanam Pune received an Award for their enthusiastic work and support given to the students of CR Ranganatham College for Deaf, Pune, under HEP project for the last 2 years. The Chief Guests for the event were the Managing Directors and the Principal of the college.



Mobilization drive by Kochi



Mobilization drive by Kochi



A visit by TIAA, Pune



Award received by Pune Skilling Centre



## PARISARA

Samarthanam's Parisara is the dry waste management service provider of Samarthanam promoting the 3R's, Reduce-Reuse-Recycle, with various activities raising awareness amongst 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



280 Tonnes of dry waste collected from corporate



263 Tonnes of dry waste recycled



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 52271 households in 5 wards of BBMP Bangalore are educated on source segregation.

### Awareness activities:

- 200 pots plantation was conducted for one of our corporate donors.
- Wall painting activity was conducted on Samarthanam School walls HSR Layout for JLL.
- A public awareness activity to create awareness about waste management and environment protection, the team gathered in malls to conduct public involving activities on waste segregation along with a thematic dance performance portraying the importance of nature.
- A waste management awareness activity was organized for college students at Gopalan Institutions, Ward Garudacharpalya for more than 1000 students.



# CRICKET FOR THE BLIND

## Empowering and transforming blind women through cricket

Under the project, 'Empowering and transforming blind women through cricket,' supported by Azim Premji Foundation, blind women cricketers from the rural areas were trained in various aspects of blind cricket, and self-Defense techniques. This quarter, 600 blind women received training in cricket via 20 coaching camps, organized in three states. The trainees were supported with cricket uniforms. 500 Women received training in self-defense techniques and 450 blind women attended awareness sessions about different government entitlements. 20 blind schools and institutions were supported with cricket kits. 60 skilled blind women cricketers were identified via friendly matches, and these women will be provided with cricket training.



APF supported Women Cricket

## IndusInd Bank National Cricket Coaching Camp

The national cricket coaching camp was held in Bangalore under the supervision of E John David and Coach, Asif Basha. The cricket players received training from various former players as the team prepared themselves for the 3rd T20 World Cup Tournament. The players trained rigorously, and the camp helped CABI to monitor and evaluate player's performance and fitness level. The second part of the coaching camp was in Delhi at DDA Saket Sports Complex.



Unisys supported Skill training of cricketers

## Empower and transform blind men through skilling and cricket coaching

To empower the visually impaired men players through skilling and cricket coaching, the project supported by Unisys India Private Limited reached out to 202 visually impaired youth from the States of Andhra Pradesh, Delhi, Haryana, Karnataka, and Maharashtra. 20 days long residential training helped in improving computer and soft skills of these youth along with coaching in blind cricket.



Unisys supported kit distribution in AP

This quarter, 160 visually impaired youth were trained. A coaching camp cum skill training of 40 youth from Haryana has been organized at National Association for the Blind (NAB), Faridabad. 40 visually impaired youth from Delhi and nearby states of Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Bihar and Jharkhand attended the session at Delhi Samarthanam Office.



## 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 audience. The performances delivered by the artists' show their dedication, hardwork and finesse which are nurtured at Samarthanam.

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

- A few events organized at various corporates like Lowe's, Qualcomm, DXC, and Unisys
- Senior Citizens Rotary Club
- Srirangapatna Yuva Dasara
- Dasara celebration at Mysore
- Virtual performances for a few companies like Citibank, Kotak Mahindra, Microsoft, and 24.7ai
- Samarthanam Kannada Rajyotsava
- The 25th anniversary event of KWE
- Kannada Rajyotsava event at TATA Advanced Systems
- World disabled day celebrations
- Inaugural program of 3rd T20 World Cup Cricket for the Blind.
- Sunadha explored a new dance form, a blend of western and Indian authentic classical music with traditional Yakshagana gestures. This dance form received great reviews from newspapers in Delhi.



Sunada at Dasara celebrations

# REHABILITATION



## SWADHARA

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

## WORKING WOMENS HOSTEL

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

# STORIES OF CHANGE

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## R. SHAHBAZ AHMED

R. Shahbaz Ahmed is a 19-year-old individual from Attibele, Karnataka who has the big dream of working in a Multinational Company. His ambition received great support from his mother and elder brother. Shahbaz's father unfortunately passed away and his mother has been supporting him by working as a Tailor. Shahbaz is visually impaired since birth and his initial experiences at school have not been easy. His first school for blind students used Kannada language as a medium of communication which he could not comprehend, as he could not understand the language. He later moved to an English medium School for the blind and there was no stopping him from there. Shahbaz completed his SSLC and is now pursuing Bachelor of Commerce in APS College, Bangalore.

Shahbaz is an outdoor person who loves to travel. And Sports always interested him as well. He was an athlete in school which he ardently pursued. He is a national level athletic player.

Shahbaz came to Samarthanam for one year. He believed that Samarthanam helps differently abled to become independent. The initial few days at Samarthanam Hostel has not been easy for him but he says that his friends and hostel team helped him settle in and made him feel at home. "The society treats the visually challenged in a different way. They show sympathy. But Samarthanam will help in overcoming challenges and make them independent," says Shahbaz.

"Samarthanam played an important role in my life during my bachelor program. Samarthanam provided residential facility, educational support, scholarship. Now I can speak three languages fluently," says Shahbaz. He is confident that he is receiving a good education, training in sports and other extracurricular activities under the guidance of Samarthanam.

"I can only say that Samarthanam helps you to become what you want to be, but you need to work in that direction wholeheartedly" says Shahbaz.



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# VOLUNTEERING

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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 120 students completed their internship and their service learning at Samarthanam in this quarter. They were engaged in programs like schools, Digital Library, LRC, Rehabilitation, Parisara, and WOW. A few worked closely with education department, Sunadha and early intervention, Eye Camp, and WOW door to door awareness. A few were counseling students and English grammar class was conducted for primary students. Students from Christ University- Dept of Social Work, Christ University - Dept of Management Studies, Christ University, Dept of Psychology, Bangalore University, Krupanidhi College Bengaluru, Jain (Deemed University), Oxford College HSR, Bengaluru City University, Institute of Management, RV institute of management, St. Francis college Bengaluru, RV College, SSMRV, and Vijaya college Bangalore.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- A group of 70 volunteers from a major corporate involved in a tactile activity at Samarthanam
- A friendly blind cricket match was played with BNPP corporate volunteers.
- An arts and craft session with Microsoft volunteers where Samarthanam staff visited the corporate to teach them crafts.
- Cook-a-meal activity was organized for corporate volunteers coming from JLL, Herman Miller, Biofourmis India, and Microsoft.
- A Braille activity was conducted with a corporate at Bangalore and Noida regions.
- First Source arranged an office tour for Samarthanam Bangalore and Chennai LRC students.
- Rotary volunteers conducted a blood camp at Samarthanam.
- Byju's organized a fun activity on math for Samarthanam high school students at Hulimavu.
- HBC did the fun activities with primary school.
- Volunteers have been a major help during Samarthanam events like Walkathon and 3rd T20 World Cup Cricket.



19 volunteering activities organized

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10 corporates involved

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2423 volunteers involved

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## VOLUNTEERING CORPORATES

BNPP, Nutanix, Google, Herman Miller, Northern Trust, JLL, Microsoft, First Source, Byju's and HBC



Byju's volunteering activity

# DIGITAL LIBRARY

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

- Target, VMware, DHLE, Eli Lilly, Bristlecone, Redseer corporates were given an orientation on audiobook recording.
- Eli Lilly completed recording and editing is in progress.
- Samarthanam library welcomed Sri swami Namdev, Bosch US team, Komatsu team, Oxford college science students, Biofourmis, VMware who visited the Digital library and appreciated the service.



6646 Braille Books

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7558 Audio Books

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305055 Scanned Pages

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15575 Library regular books listed

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# HUMAN RESOURCES

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Samarthanam Human Resources team put together great efforts in the implementation of various events, large and small scale, this quarter. Since celebrations of national and regional festivals and significant days are important at Samarthanam, the HR teams organizes the respective event with planning and structure. The celebrations are made fun and interactive for the employees and beneficiaries of Samarthanam. Diwali was one such beautiful event day which witnessed colours and lights along with gifts and sweets. Walkathon being one of the major annual events, the HR team contributed to the implementation of the walk and coordinated the organizing. Samarthanam's new skilling centre at Bhopal was supported with the required needs for the easy operation of the program. Samarthanam biggest event of the year, the 3rd T20 World Cup Match was coordinated by the HR team as well.



Walkathon 2022

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