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Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled®

"Historic Victory at Inaugural IBSA World Games: Women's Team Strikes Gold, Men's Team Claims Silver in Debut of Blind Cricket"



SAMARTHANAM

AN OVERVIEW

Samarthanam Trust is a non-profit organization based in India that is dedicated to empowering individuals with disabilities and promoting their inclusion in society. Established in 1997, the trust focuses on various aspects of disability, including education, employment, healthcare, sports, and rehabilitation. Through its wide range of programs and initiatives, Samarthanam aims to create equal opportunities and improve the quality of life for people with disabilities. The organization provides education and skill development training, facilitates employment opportunities, offers healthcare services, and promotes sports and recreational activities for individuals with disabilities. With its holistic approach and tireless efforts, Samarthanam Trust continues to make a significant impact in fostering inclusivity and empowerment for people with disabilities in 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.

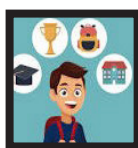
CORE VALUES

Accessibility
Inclusion
Disability Rights
Women Empowerment
Employment
Zero Hunger
Reduced Poverty
Equality
Technology
Environment Protection
Transformation

VISION 2030

Samarthanam envisions to touch at least 10,00,000 lives by 2030, providing comprehensive solutions to the disabled and underserved communities.

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

Dear Samarthanam Family,

As we delve into the second quarterly newsletter of the year, I extend my warmest greetings to each one of you. It's a time to reflect on the remarkable highlights and accomplishments across our centres in Bangalore, Chennai, Kochi, Mumbai, New Delhi, and beyond. This journey we've embarked on together reflects our unwavering commitment to breaking barriers and creating opportunities for people with disabilities.

Independence Day, Onam, and Vinayaka Chaturthi celebrations at our various centres fostered patriotism, unity and cultural diversity. Our industrial insights program, highlighted by the successful Chennai job fair, showcases our students' potential and our team's dedication.

Volunteers empower students, and we appreciate individuals and organizations supporting this noble cause.

Our focus on skilling programs at our Livelihood Resource Centres offers practical sector insights. We've organized job fairs, health camps, and educational initiatives in our Delhi, Bangalore, Chennai centres emphasizing holistic development.

Our environmental initiatives, including the Parisara Solid Waste Management Programme, reduce waste and raise environmental awareness. Health initiatives, like dental camps and health check-ups has positively impacted our beneficiaries.

In education, our inclusive projects promote quality education and a safe learning environment, reflected in academic activities and cultural events.

The Cricket Association for the Blind in India (CABI) has achieved remarkable success, supporting women cricketers and hosting community-based sports events. Their outstanding participation and gold-medal victories in the historic IBSA World Games fill us with immense pride.

Lastly, stories of change, like Pallavi's journey, remind us of the transformative power of sports and education, showcasing the profound impact we can have on individual lives.

I want to thank each one of you - our supporters, volunteers, staff, and beneficiaries. Your dedication and belief in our mission drive our achievements. As we venture into the next quarter, let's persist in breaking down barriers, creating opportunities, and empowering lives. Together, we can make a difference that resonates far beyond the boundaries of our organization.

Happy Ayudha Pooja and Vijayadashami to all. We also look forward to seeing you at our annual Walkathon on December 9th, or we appreciate your contributions in your own way

Thank you for being a part of the Samarthanam family.

With warm regards,

Dr. Mahantesh G Kivadasannavar
Founder, Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled
Chairman- CABI (Cricket Association for the Blind in India)



SAMARTHANAM SPECTACULARS



🏠 Inaugural Pooja at Samarthanam's new Doddaballapura Land.

🏆 Recognizing the outstanding contributions of Samarthanam's Founder and Managing Trustee, @mahantesh_g._kivadasannavar, and key team members at Maratha Mandal School, Belagavi.



🏏 New office bearers for Cricket Association for the Blind in India (CABI) have been announced!

🎓 Dr. Mahantesh G Kivadasannavar, founder of Samarthanam Trust, honoured with a Doctorate of Letters - Honoris Causa by Sri Krishnadevaraya University, Anantapuram



The prestigious award was presented on July 17th, 2023, under the distinguished presence of the Honourable Governor of Andhra Pradesh and Chancellor of the University, Shri Justice S Abdul Nazeer."



☐ Dr. Mahantesh G Kivadasannavar had a productive meeting with Shri Dhiraj Muniraj, MLA of Doddaballapura constituency.

🎵 Team Sunadha's sensational vocalists left a lasting impression on Akashvani Yuvavani, India's prestigious national public radio broadcaster!



SAMARTHANAM

SPECTACULARS



IN The High Commission of India, London, warmly welcomed and honoured the Indian Cricket Team and Dr. Mahantesh G Kivadasannavar on India's 77th Independence Day.

👏 Hosting Major Abhishek, son of Mr. Rajendra, a mentor to Dr. Mahantesh, at Samarthanam to inspire and empower young minds.



🙏 A visit from Sri Sugunendra Theertha Swamiji from Puthige Matha, Udupi, who commended Samarthanam's impactful work.



🏆 Samarthanam's participation in the ICC Sevathon, USA and the unwavering support received. 🙌 Applause for Mr. Maruthi & Mr. Shivanna for their dedication to Samarthanam's activities and visibility.



🎂 Celebrating the birthday of distinguished filmmaker Indrajit Lankesh and former Mayor Manjunath Reddy at Samarthanam, emphasizing inclusivity and support for individuals with disabilities.

🙏 Honouring the visionary Founder Trustee of Samarthanam, late Shri S P Nagesh, on his birthday.



EDUCATION

PRIMARY

📖 ACADEMICS

July: 7th-grade students visited the library with the class teacher's guidance.

July: Formative Assessment-1(FA1) tests for the academic year 2023-24.

August: Smart board-assisted teaching in the classroom.

August: Library class for 6th and 7th -grade students.

September: Formative Assessment -2 for primary and higher primary students (1st to 7th grade).

September: Quiz competition for 5th, 6th, and 7th grade students.



👤 PARENT-TEACHER MEETINGS / TEACHERS' MEETINGS

August: Meeting regarding Cluster Level Sports and FA1 marks entry.

August: A meeting to address matters concerning parent-teacher conferences.

August: Parent-Teacher Meeting.



🏥 HEALTH CAMP

Regular doctor visits for students.

July: Dental check-up by RV dental college team.

August: Eye check-up by Sankara eye hospital.

August: Blood group check-up by Health Care Service and Diagnostic Centre.



🏆 SPORTS MEET

August: Cluster-level sports for 7th and 8th-grade students.

August: Taluk level Kabbadi competition at Begur ground with a 2nd place win.

👤 VOLUNTEERING HIGHLIGHTS

Bhīma Jewellers celebrated, distributed cake and stationery.

Brahma Kumaris conducted activities.

Chinmaya Vidyalaya's 108th anniversary celebration.

Major Abhishek shared army experiences.

Team AMETEK distributed hygiene kits.

OTIS Company Volunteers engaged 1st to 4th graders, provided blankets.



HIGH SCHOOL - HULIMAVU

ACADEMIC UPDATES:

- Updated UDISE Plus SDMS for 97 students' data in MHRD UDISE plus portal.
- Talents Day was held on July 7th at Samarthanam High School Hulimavu, featuring various cultural activities, drawing, singing, quiz, speeches, dance, and more.
- Clubs and committees, including Eco club, Health club, Science club, Sports club, ELC club, Marketing, Consumers court, and Cultural club, were formed on July 24th.
- Formative Assessment FA-1 was conducted from July 19th to 21st for 9th and 10th standard.
- The Guardians Scholastic Awards Program selected merit students from Samarthanam High School SSLC and offered financial support, which was distributed in three installments.



CELEBRATIONS:

- The 77th Independence Day was celebrated with a grand procession and special guests in attendance at Hulimavu Bus Stand.
- International Day of Democracy was observed on September 15th, 2023, with students and staff reading the Constitution.
- Teachers' Day and Late Shri S.P. Nagesh's Birthday were celebrated at HSR Layout on September 12th.



SPORTS ACTIVITIES:

- Participation in QPL In-house Cricket Tournament on July 14th, 2023.
- Cluster level Sports meet took place from July 26th to 28th, 2023, resulting in several prizes.
- A Cricket match between HUBLI TIGERS and MANGALORE DRAGONS was attended at Chinnaswamy Stadium on August 26th.
- Taluk level Kho-Kho and Kabaddi Sports meet took place on August 28th.
- Taluk level Athletics Sports meet took place on September 21st and 22nd, with three prizes won.



VOLUNTEERS ACTIVITY:

- Women in Technology Annual Summit 2023: Otis BW team visited Samarthanam High School Hulimavu on September 13th. Activities included a Best Out of Waste Competition and career-related discussions.



HEALTH ACTIVITIES:

- Primary Health Centre Arekere (PHC) conducted a Blood Group Check-up of Samarthanam High School students on July 22nd, 2023.
- Rajiv Gandhi College of Nursing Staff and Students conducted a Student health program and raised awareness of Menstrual hygiene in High school students on September 2nd.

SPEECH & HEARING IMPAIRED

📚 EDUCATION:

- ❑ SATS: New admissions, TC-based admissions, marks, and attendance entries for the month
- ❑ Formative Assessment 1: Conducted from 20-07-2023 to 21-07-2023
- ❑ Applied for UDID cards for new students
- ❑ Weekly ISL classes for students and teachers
- ❑ Dance, art, and craft classes for students
- ❑ Weekly counselling sessions by Counsellor Puneetha
- ❑ Formative Assessment 2: Conducted from 21-08-2023 to 22-08-2023
- ❑ Reading of the Preamble of the Constitution on 15-09-2023



👤 PARENT-TEACHER MEETINGS / TEACHERS' MEETINGS:

- ❑ Teachers' meetings discussing roles, responsibilities, and more
- ❑ Participation in cluster-level sports and cultural meets
- ❑ Parent-Teacher Meeting on 16-08-2023 regarding UDID cards and discipline
- ❑ Workshop attended on 17-08-2023 at Dr. S R Chandrashekar Institute of Speech and Hearing



👤 VOLUNTEERING ACTIVITIES:

- ❑ NatWest team's stationery distribution and competitions
- ❑ Visit by Bhima Jewellers and birthday celebration
- ❑ Lalbagh flower show visit
- ❑ Raksha Bandhan celebration and stationery kit distribution



🏥 HEALTH CAMP:

- ❑ Regular doctor visits
- ❑ Session on menstrual hygiene and eye camp
- ❑ Blood group check-up and MHM kit distribution

🏆 SPORTS MEET:

- ❑ Various sports and games
- ❑ Exercise and yoga classes
- ❑ Cluster-level sports meet participation
- ❑ Chinnaswamy stadium visit to support the Hubli tigers

🎭 CULTURAL AND OTHER ACTIVITIES:

- ❑ Video shooting and fashion show
- ❑ Distribution of essentials and uniforms
- ❑ Meetings with Indrajith Lankesh
- ❑ Independence Day celebrations
- ❑ Visit by Major Abhishek
- ❑ Cluster-level literary competition
- ❑ Clay modelling activity
- ❑ Teachers' Day celebrations with awards and gifts



INTELLECTUALLY DISABLED(ID) SCHOOLS

BELAGAVI

□ On 30th June 2023, essential nutrients such as cashew nuts, Horlicks, and chikki (peanut brittle) were distributed to the students.

🎉 The Guru Poornima festival was celebrated on 3rd July 2023.

🎂 Mr. Vijay Sonal's birthday on 3rd July 2023 was celebrated with a meal generously offered by his family to students and staff.

👤 On 13th July 2023, Mr. Devaraja, PRO at Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled, visited ID School and distributed study material kits to the students.

🎉 On 14th July 2023, Mr. Vinoba Joshi's birthday was celebrated, with his family distributing Panipuri and Pavbhaji as evening snacks.

👤 BSW students paid a visit to the school on 20th July 2023, engaging with the students.

👤 The second Parents Teachers Meeting took place on 26th July 2023.

🎶 Dance classes were conducted in preparation for the Independence Day program.

👤 Ms. Geetha K (Program Manager), Mr. Srinivasa Reddy (Principal), and Mr. Srinivasulu (Asst. HM) visited ID School Belagavi on August 3, 2023, to conduct a document review.

👤 On 4th August 2023, Dr. Sharath P. visited ID School and provided counseling for the students.

□ The 3rd Parents Teachers Meeting was held on 4th August 2023, graced by the presence of Ms. Geetha K (Program Manager).

👤 Students visited Radhakrishnan Ashram Belagavi on August 9, 2023.

🎉 The Har Ghar Tiranga Yojana was celebrated with the LRC Team on 14th August 2023.

🎉 The 77th Independence Day was celebrated on 15th August 2023 with the LRC Team and students at the ID school campus.

□ Donor Mr. Vishvanath Patil visited the LRC Centre on 18th August 2023 and extended an invitation to our students to visit the LRC Centre.

📁 Information collection for FACP and IEP Forms of the students commenced .

🎂 Kumar Omkar A Hiremath's birthday was celebrated on 22nd August 2023.

👤 On 24th August 2023, Ms. Manjula's birthday was celebrated with the presence of Dr. Mahantesh G.K, Samarthanam Founder Managing Trustee.

👤 Teachers' Day was celebrated on 5th September 2023.

🎂 The birthday of Shri S.P. Nagesh, Trustee at Samarthanam, was celebrated on 10th September 2023.

📅 Teachers have been diligently conducting classes according to the timetable, and students are actively participating in physiotherapy sessions twice a week.



BENGALURU

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS:

- Full-fledged functioning of I D School.
- Individualized Educational Programs (IEP) for students.
- Admission of approximately 10 new ID children.
- Amazon Alexa Training in 3 classrooms.
- Distribution of study materials, uniforms, school bags, and books for 100 children.
- Regular classroom activities, assemblies, yoga, and physical education.
- Discussions on Word Q software.
- Appointment of a new warden for the boys' hostel.
- Nomination of Monica for the Pradhan Manthri Rastriya Bal Puraskar 2024 Award.
- Regular educational activities in each class.
- Conducted Parent-Teacher Meetings for the new academic year 2023-24.

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES HIGHLIGHTS:

- Volunteers from PayPal, JLL, and Qualcomm engaged with children through various activities, including drawing, singing, games, and distribution of sweets.
- Approximately 100 volunteers, including students and teachers from ACTS Secondary School, Electronic City, interacted with the children and prepared small gifts for them.
- Students from NPS Indiranagar crafted velvet flowers in collaboration with our students.
- Students and teachers from Narayana e-Techno School celebrated Rakshabandhan and Friendship Day with our students.
- Six MSW (Master of Social Work) students from Christ University interned at our school, assisting in various capacities.
- A group of 30 volunteers from Vemana Institute of Technology conducted art sessions, engaging children with sketches and fun activities.

HEALTH CAMP AND INITIATIVES:

- Regular medical check-ups and consultations.
- Dental camp with talks on oral hygiene.
- Blood group check-up camp.
- Eye screening by Sankara Vision Rehabilitation Centre.
- Distribution of hygiene kits for adolescent girls.
- Routine check-ups and medication.
- Milk provision for balanced diets and specialized care for some children.
- Participation in sports activities and training.

SPORTS:

- Daily organization of both indoor and outdoor games for our students.



- ⌘ Conducted online training sessions and floorball training programs for intellectually disabled children.
- 🏆 Selection of Akhilesh for the National level Team.

🎨 CULTURAL AND OTHER ACTIVITIES: ✨

- 📖 Educational insights provided by Mohammed Sinan, Managing Director of ORANGE Child Development Centre.
- 🚲 Donation of bicycles to three students from AMBA Unit as part of CSR activity.
- 🇮🇳 Independence Day celebration with cultural activities.
- 🌸 Visit to Lalbagh and Chinnaswamy Stadium.
- 🎵 Regular weekly cultural programs.

🎂 BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS AND FRIENDSHIP DAY ACTIVITIES.

- 👥 Participation of ID school teachers in an RSS Baithak.
- 🎉 Late Nagesh Sir's Birthday and Teachers' Day celebrations, including various cultural activities and awards.

MYSURU

ART AND MUSIC THERAPY

Renowned therapists used the universal languages of drawing and music to connect with amazing children at the Mysore Intellectually Disabled School.

HEALTH KIT DISTRIBUTION

On July 20, 2023, essential health kits, uniforms, and learning materials were distributed to Mysore school children, with the participation of parents, Principal Ms. Geetha, and well-wishers.

👪 PARENTS & TEACHERS MEETING

PTM took place on July 20, 2023, to gather input on the growth of the school children and school development.

TRAINING FOR PARENTS

On August 7, parents received the second level of training on the Awaaz App, led by resource person Lakshmi Janardhana.

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

Mysore Samarthanam ID School celebrated India's 77th Independence Day on August 15, 2023, with flag hoisting, patriotic programs, and sweet treats for all.

👤 TEACHER'S DAY

Teacher's Day was observed at Mysore Centre with a cake cutting ceremony and lessons on the significance of this special day.



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HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRAMME

🎓 COLLEGE SUPPORT:

- ❑ 938 disabled & underprivileged students aided with tuition fees in Karnataka, AP, Telangana, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, and UP.

🌱 ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVITY:

- ❑ 50 HEP students joined Pooja at Doddaballapur Samarthanam Facility, with 2 visually impaired girls planting trees on July 2nd.

🏔️ ADVENTURE BEYOND BARRIERS:

- ❑ 30 visually impaired HEP students embarked on a trek to "Tikona Fort" in Lonavala, Maharashtra on July 15th.

💼 CAREER & EDUCATION:

- ❑ Mr. Gaurav, VP of Learning & Development, Otis India, conducted a virtual Career Guidance session for Sri Aurobindo Pre University College students on July 15th.
- ❑ Dr. Jayanth Kumar led a career guidance workshop for PUC students on September 8th.

🇮🇳 INDEPENDENCE DAY:

- ❑ 40 HEP students joined the Independence Day March-past and received prizes from Chief Minister of Karnataka at Manekshaw Parade Grounds

🎵 MUSICAL PERFORMANCE:

- ❑ Dharwad HEP students delivered an enthralling musical performance at Basava Kendra Vijayostava Program on September 15th.

👤 TEACHERS' DAY:

- ❑ Teachers' Day & Founder Trustee Late S.P Nagesh's birthday was celebrated on September 12th.

👂 HEARING AID DISTRIBUTION:

- ❑ Hearing aids were provided to 14 speech & hearing impaired higher education students.



INCLUSIVE EDUCATION

CIE PROJECT - MISSION HIGHLIGHTS

📍 LOCATION:

- Bagepalli, Gauribidanur Taluk, Chikkaballapur District, Karnataka, Doddabalapur, Bangalore Rural, Karnataka, Chilamatur, Lepakshi, Kodur, and Gorantala Mandal, Andhra Pradesh

📖 EDUCATION:

- Assisting 198 children with disabilities in mainstream schools
- Supporting 136 severely and profoundly disabled children at home
- Enabling 200 students to access NMMS scholarships
- Training 70+ teachers in 46 schools
- Introducing computer education to 430 girls
- Providing SMART boards and digital teaching methods

🏥 HEALTH:

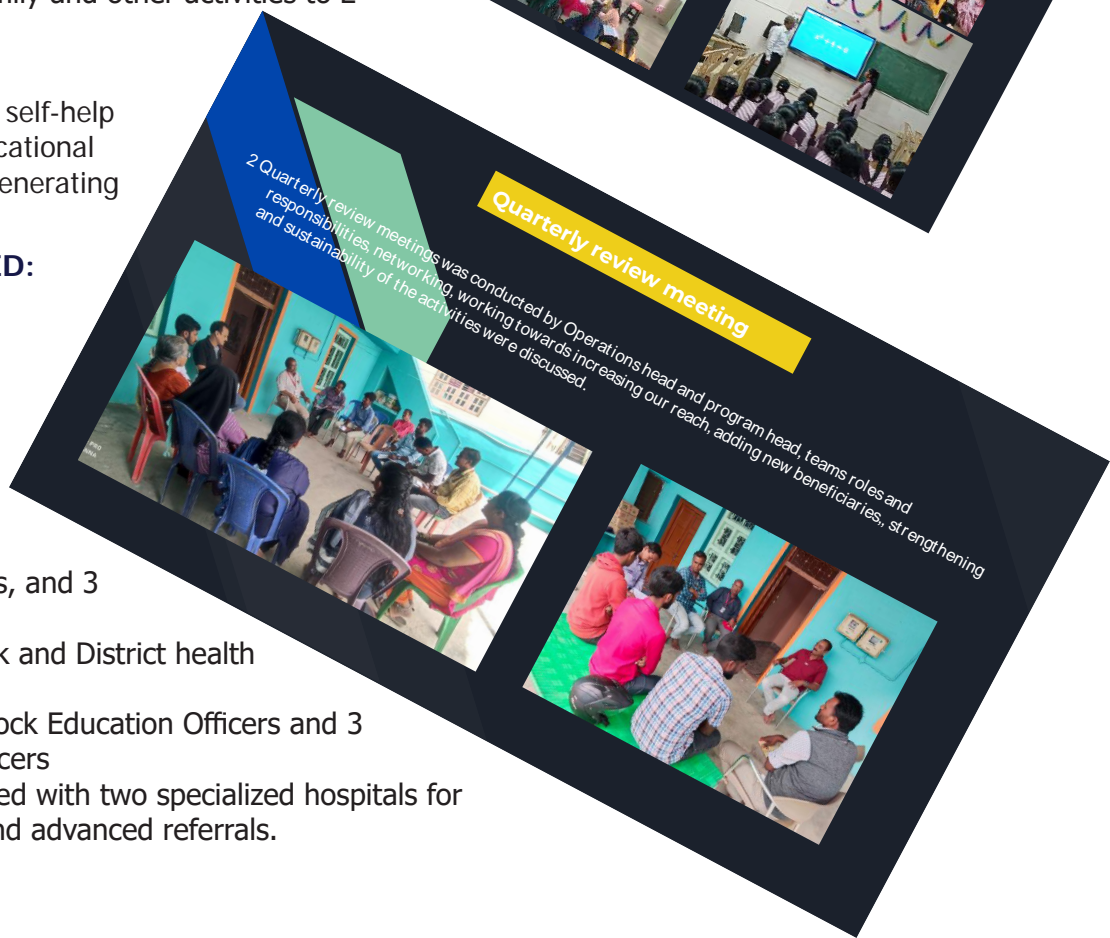
- Referral to hospitals for 46 beneficiaries
- Eye hospital referrals for 106 students
- Corrective glasses and eye medicines for 67 students
- Jaipur limb referrals for 6 beneficiaries
- Mobility devices for 45 beneficiaries
- Physiotherapy for 100 home-based children and 391 community adults
- Accessing social security benefits for 18 UDID card holders, 22 pension beneficiaries, 12 health card holders, and 4 caste/income certificate holders
- Providing loans for family and other activities to 2 beneficiaries.

👥 BENEFICIARIES:

- Formation of 2 parent self-help groups engaged in vocational training and income-generating activities

🌐 NETWORK ESTABLISHED:

- Collaboration with 46 government schools
- Engagement in Taluk and Village schemes with National Rural Livelihood Mission
- Partnerships with 1 District hospital, 2 PHCs, 4 health centers, and 3 assessment centers
- Cooperation with Taluk and District health officers
- Connectivity with 3 Block Education Officers and 3 Mandal Education Officers
- Partnerships established with two specialized hospitals for surgical procedures and advanced referrals.



STEM - SCIENCE & TINKER LABS

DIGITISATION OF GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS PROGRAM

PROJECT UPDATES SUMMARY

OTIS ELEVATORS: MINI SCIENCE LAB & TINKER LAB

- Installation completed in 9 schools: 4 in Kolkata, 2 in Delhi, and 3 in Mumbai.
- MSC teachers' training in Kolkata, Mumbai, and Delhi in July.
- Purchase and delivery of 36 laptops.
- Monitoring visit by Program Manager and HOD in August 2023.
- Ongoing Tinker lab training initiated in July.
- Inauguration of Science & Tinker lab on 15th September 2023 in Gurukul Vidyalaya, Mumbai.
- Guests included representatives from Otis Elevators India, Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled, and Gurukul Vidyalaya.



LITTLE ENGINEER PROGRAM

- Conducted in Bangalore and Hyderabad.
- Total of 40 students participated.

FIS GLOBAL: DIGITAL SMARTBOARD

- Teachers' training completed in all schools in July.
- Routine training sessions conducted.
- Monitoring visit by Program Manager and HOD in August 2023.
- Inauguration of digital classrooms planned for October 2023.
- Refresher training to be planned in the next quarter.



OTIS GLOBAL: MINI SCIENCE LAB

- Schools identified by regional coordinators.
- Feasibility study conducted by regional coordinators.
- HM and school staff orientation.
- Installation in Bangalore (3 schools) and Hyderabad (2 schools).
- Inauguration in July at Government Higher Primary School, Bandepalya, Bangalore.
- Donor visit in Hyderabad school on 24th August 2023.



ATOS : MINI SCIENCE CENTRE

- Mini Science Centre installations completed in September.
- Teachers' training completed in all six schools in September.
- Inauguration completed at Government ADW Higher Secondary School, Puduvanchery, on 15th September 2023.

THOUGHTSPOT: MINI SCIENCE CENTRE

- Identification and feasibility study conducted by coordinators.
- Installation at Government Higher Primary School, Kudlu, Bangalore.
- Teachers' training completed in August.



WASH PROJECT

PROJECT COMPONENTS:

- Ensure inclusive, equitable, and quality education for girl children from deprived sections in Govt./ Aided schools.
- Promote lifelong learning with a focus on equity in girls' education.
- Improve access to safe drinking water and enhance hygienic conditions.
- Renovate toilets and classrooms to prevent infections and risks.
- Promote menstrual hygiene through the provision of health and menstrual hygiene kits.
- Improve nutrition and health conditions with the distribution of nutrition supplements, including micronutrients.
- Enhance the knowledge, skills, and perspectives of teachers in regular schools to improve pedagogy and teaching techniques.
- Undertake digitization of classrooms by establishing and setting up smart classes.

Major Activities in Q2 - Highlights:

- Permission obtained from the Education Department.
- Installation of 20 Smartboards in 20 schools in Bangalore.
- Installation of RO water units in 10 schools in Bangalore.
- Installation of incinerators in 2 schools.
- Renovation initiated in 10 schools in Bangalore, with 5 schools already completed.
- Inauguration of newly installed Drinking Water Units, Renovated Toilets, and Smart Boards in classrooms on 23-08-2023 at Government Higher Primary School, Yellukunte, Bengaluru, in the presence of esteemed dignitaries from Morgan Stanley Senior Management, Dr. Mahantesh G K (Founder Chairman – Samarthanam), and Samarthanam Team.
- Completion of renovation in 3 schools in Raichur, 3 in Virudhunagar, and 2 in Jalgaon.
- Installation of RO filters completed in Bangalore, Raichur, Virudhunagar, and Jalgaon.
- Distribution of 3415 MHM kits in Bangalore, Raichur, Virudhunagar, and Jalgaon.
- Distribution of 1700 Nutritional kits in Raichur, Virudhunagar, and Jalgaon.
- Finalization and completion of sensitization health sessions in Raichur, Virudhu_nagar, and Jalgaon.
- Health sessions emphasized various aspects of MHM, including puberty, menstruation cycle, hormonal changes, and healthy habits.



- ❑ Mid-day meal food lab testing was conducted during the quarter.
- ❑ Special food for the BEO office meeting was delivered.
- ❑ Meals for Prathiba Karanji, serving 250 children, were served.
- ❑ Food for JD office meeting with 300 members at Shikshakara Sadana were delivered.
- ❑ Special meals for 800 people were served on the occasion of Trustee Late Shri Nagesh's birthday and on Teacher's Day.
- ❑ Representation of Samarthanam at the annual workshop of Karnataka MDM NGOs Federation in Belgaum, in the presence of Chandrashekara Swamiji from Hukkeri Math.
- ❑ On August 15th, Laddus were distributed to all mid-day meal schools.
- ❑ Welcomed Ms. Veena, the Assistant Director, for an inspection of our mid-day meal kitchen.
- ❑ Supplied schools with Eggs, Bananas, and Chikki as part of the mid-day meal program. 🍳🍌

JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL WALKATHON



The poster for the 17th Bengaluru Walk-A-Thon 2023 features a red background with a city skyline at the bottom. At the top left, there is a logo for the walkathon with icons for a wheelchair, a person with a hearing aid, and a person with a white cane, and the text "HEALTH FOR ALL". At the top right, there is a logo for Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled with a sun icon and the text "ಸಮರ್ಥನಂ ಅನಾರೋಗ್ಯ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆ Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled". The main title "17th Bengaluru WALK-A-THON 2023" is in large yellow and white letters, with the tagline "WALK ALONG TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE" below it. In the center, there is a white silhouette of a man and a woman walking. Below this, the text "JOIN US A DRIVE TO ACHIEVE HEALTH FOR ALL" is written in white and red. The date and time are "09th DEC 2023, SATURDAY" and "9:30 AM". The venue is "KITTUR RANI CHENNAMMA STADIUM, JAYANAGAR, BENGALURU". There is a QR code for registration and contact numbers "9480809591" and "9480809589". At the bottom, it says "SAMARTHANAM TRUST FOR THE DISABLED" and "CA: 39, 16th Main Road, 15th Cross Rd, Sector 4, HSR Layout, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560102". There are also social media icons for email and website.

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SKILLING - LIVELIHOOD RESOURCE

BHOPAL

1. BATCH 4 COUNSELLING AND WELCOME KITS:

Batch 4 was initiated with screening, counselling, and welcome kit distribution on 05th July at Samarthanam, Bhopal.

2. VISIT TO RABINDRA BHAVAN WITH MINISTER

We watched the 61st episode of Mann Ki Baat live with Central Agricultural Minister Narendra Singh Tomar at Rabindra Bhavan on 24th August.

3. INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION:

Samarthanam Trust's beneficiaries in Bhopal, including both LRC and HEP students, celebrated Independence Day with vibrant cultural activities on 15th August.

4. GANESH UTSAV CELEBRATION:

At Samarthanam, Bhopal, on 19.09.2023, students crafted a cardboard temple, engaged in cultural activities with the staff, and continued morning and evening prayer offerings for 11 days.

5. VISIT TO TRIBAL MUSEUM:

Students were introduced to Tribal Society and their way of life, gaining insights into how Tribal people earn their livelihood on 18th August, at the Tribal Museum in Bhopal.

6. DAINIK BHASKAR PRESS VISIT:

LRC students visited Dainik Bhaskar Press at Govindpura Industrial Area in Bhopal for an exposure visit on 20th September, where Mr. Hemant Verma briefed them about the press's working capacity and the newspaper printing process, including a live demonstration.

7. TALKING CALCULATOR DISTRIBUTION EVENT:

An event was organized on 25th September, at Samarthanam, Bhopal to distribute talking calculators to visually impaired HEP students. The event featured guest personalities Bhagwan Singh Kushwaha, the first Vikram Award winner in adventure sports, and Satish Binjhade, a Para-athlete, leaving the students filled with enthusiasm.



MUMBAI

JULY 2023

- ★ Batch No. 24 - Offline Livelihood Training Program began with 25 beneficiaries on 1st July 2023.
- Meeting with HR Shiva for Job Opportunities and Interview Preparation on 1st July 2023.
- ✍ Personality Development session for beneficiaries by Aarchi Shah on 3rd July 2023.
- 📦 Welcome Kit distribution for 25 beneficiaries on 20th July 2023.
- 💻 Laptop donations to schools on 24th July 2023.



AUGUST 2023

- 👤 Beneficiaries' interviews with Rakesh Randive, Pace Settle Pvt Ltd, on 4th August 2023.
- ✍ Interview preparation session by Rakesh Randive on 4th August 2023.
- 📅 Online interview drive with Lubeena HR on 10th August 2023.
- 🇮🇳 Independence Day celebration with beneficiaries on 15th August 2023.
- 🏥 Health Camp by Avendus Corporate on 23rd August 2023.
- Counseling Human Behavior session by Amruta on 26th August 2023.
- 🌸 Raksha Bandhan celebration with Ramniranjan volunteers on 28th August 2023.
- 📅 Job Fair at R.A Poddar college on 31st August 2023.



SEPTEMBER 2023

- 🌳 Tree Plantation drive with DXC Technology volunteers on 2nd September 2023.
- Meeting with Sr. Neeta, Canossa Convente, Andheri, regarding mobilization Training Program on 4th September 2023.
- 👩 Teachers' Day celebration with beneficiaries on 5th September 2023.
- 🏏 Cricket match for PWD candidates with Tata volunteers at BKC on 12th September 2023.
- Inauguration of Science Lab and Tinker Lab at Gurukul Vidyalyay on 15th September 2023.



BALLARI

BATCH INITIATION:

At Samarthanam, Ballari, the 44th batch underwent physical screening, counselling, and received welcome kits on 11th July,2023.

MEDITATION SESSION:

A meditation session led by Basaveshwara Food Agency was held on 14th July 2023, accompanied by motivational speeches showcasing success stories of disabled individuals.

SKDRDP TEAM VISIT:

At Sidiginamola, Ballari, the Shri Kshethra Dharmastala Rural Development Project (SKDRDP) team interacted with students on 10th August and delivered a motivational speech to inspire them.

CELEBRATIONS:

* The 77th Independence Day was celebrated on August 15, with a motivational speech by Mr. Ganesh, highlighting the achievements of freedom fighters and disabled individuals, followed by sweets distribution to students and staff.

* Teacher's Day was celebrated with a motivational address from Mr. Ganesh, followed by the distribution of sweets to students and staff on 5th September.

* Ganesh Chaturthi Celebration at Samarthanam, Ballari on September 18, 2023, was marked by joyous festivities as students and staff came together, and sweets were distributed to enhance the celebratory atmosphere.

ASHA WORKERS AWARENESS PROGRAM:

Mr. Pavithraraj conducted an awareness program on 17th August for Asha Workers at the District Hospital in Ballari, with Smt. Prema, Asha Worker Supervisor, in attendance.

MEGA JOB FAIR

Samarthanam Ballari hosted a Mega Job Fair at T.M.A.E.S. Sir. M. Visvesvaraya Polytechnic College in Hospet, featuring representatives from educational institutions and staff in attendance, along with successful student interviews and a joyous atmosphere on August 24.

MOTIVATION SESSIONS:

In a series of motivational sessions held at Samarthanam, Ballari, throughout the months of July to September, various speakers shared valuable insights. Mr. Ganesh, District Coordinator of Foster Care, led a session on July 22, emphasizing leadership skills through the inspiring success stories of disabled individuals. On August 30, Mr. Shrijesh, Supervisor at Vishal Mega Mart, delved into teamwork skills, using similar success stories to illustrate his points. On September 12, Smt. Sumalatha, a counselor from Yuva Spandana, emphasized the importance of effective communication, showcasing examples from disabled individuals' achievements. Lastly, on September 13, Mr. Vijayendra, a retired English lecturer from Municipal College, provided career guidance while incorporating inspirational success stories of disabled individuals, making these sessions a source of motivation and empowerment for all attendees.



ASHA WORKERS AWARENESS PROGRAM



GANESHA CHATURTHI CELEBRATIONS



MOTIVATION SESSIONS

PUNE

IN INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

The Independence Day celebration on 15th Aug 2023 at Pune center included participation from all HEP & LRC students, along with a special guest, Mr. Somaya Pradhan from Deutsche Telekom company.

JOB FAIR

A job fair was organized on 29th August inclusively for youths with and without disabilities. The event featured an inauguration by Dr. Navnath Nalawade, Honourable Principal of Moze College of Engineering, along with Mr. Satish K, Placement Head at Samarthanam Trust, and leaders from various backgrounds. A total of 24 employers participated, and the event attracted over 320 candidates. More than 130 candidates were shortlisted/selected across various domains such as Retail, Manufacturing, and Production Sectors, among others.

MHM SESSION & KIT DISTRIBUTION

An MHM session and kit distribution took place at Nasirabad & Dhanwad ZP schools on 22nd September benefiting 300 students under the WASH project in Jalgaon, Maharashtra.



GUNTUR

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

JULY 2023

23-07-2023: Cricket Match with SBI Employees Team and LRC Team

29-07-2023: Health & Hygienic Session by Retired Principal Ms Ramani.

AUGUST 2023

08-08-2023: Visit by District Employment Exchange Team

18-08-2023: Job Fair with 37 Companies Participating

30-08-2023: Motivational Visit by Additional Director of Disabled Welfare Mrs. Suvatha.

SEPTEMBER 2023

08-09-2023: Recruitment Drive with SLJ Fibre Networks, Paytm, and Faber Mgmt. Consultants

08-09-2023: Freelance Trainer Baji Baba on Grooming and Personal Hygiene

10-09-2023: Freelance Trainer Baji Baba on Goal Setting

10-09-2023: Motivational Session by Freelance Trainer Baji Baba

14-09-2023: Skills Required for Corporate World by Srestha Management HR Services

15-09-2023: Career in Insurance with SBI Life Insurance Manager

20-09-2023: Careers in Banking & Life Skills by Andhra Bank Retired Employees Association

22-09-2023: Assistive Aids Distribution by Andhra Bank Employees AGM Union Bank of India & Director Retd Hari Babu.



CHENNAI

🎉 CELEBRATION HIGHLIGHTS OF Q2:

🇮🇳 15th August, 2023 - Independence Day:

Students sang "Thaiyanmanikodi," delivered inspiring speeches on Independence, and enjoyed treats to commemorate the day.

🌸 29th August, 2023 - Onam Festival:

The day began with a sacred Pooja and included song performances, storytelling, rangoli art, and other activities, culminating in the sharing of sweets among students and staff.

🙏 18th September, 2023 - Vinayaka Chaturthi:

The celebration included the elaborate adornment and worship of Lord Vinayaka's idol with great reverence.

🏢 INDUSTRIAL INSIGHTS:

First Source Visit:

📷 The visit included a welcome note, ice-breaking session, interview etiquette, HRBP team floor walk, and memorable photos.

VIVIRA Mall Exploration:

🛍️ Retail insights for differently-abled candidates.

Marina Beach Excursion:

🌊 Delightful time by Asia's Longest Seashore.

🏢 JOB FAIR SUCCESS:

Job Fair 11 :

👥 655 participants, 240 selected, 145 offered jobs.

🎉 Inaugurated by Thiru Avudai Kandhan, Deputy Director of South Zone Staff Selection Commission, Chennai,

🏢 Leading companies: COGNIZANT, SUTHERLAND, HAPAG LLOYD, and more.

📦 VOLUNTEER IMPACT AND SESSIONS CONDUCTED:

Kotak Mahindra -July 13, 2023:

🚀 Empowering session on Sales Techniques and Management.

Deloitte -July 15, 2023:

📄 Elevating sessions on Resume and Interview Etiquette.

Deloitte -August 12, 2023:

🎯 Practical mock interviews for students.

PWC -July 26-28, 2023:

🏔️ Empowering sessions on Time Management, Mock Interviews, Stress Management, and Career Guidance.

PWC -August 17, 2023:

♀️ Strengthening sessions on Personality Development and Decision-Making.



KODIKONDA

TRAINING CLASSES: IT, English, BPO, Food, and Soft skill classes conducted for current batch students during July to September 2023. Classes and assignments were conducted in person.

Mobilization: LRC Kodikonda staff contacted local communities to enrol students for the current batch.

Placements: Successful placements in various companies, including Oracle and Samarthanam head office. Dates and details of placements provided.

HO Team Members Visits: Visits by Samarthanam HO team members, including HR Mallikarjun and HR Sowmya. Document verification and interaction with staff and trainees.

ORACLE 2nd and LTTS 1st Batch Inauguration Ceremony (July): Inauguration programs held for Oracle 2nd and LTTS 1st batch trainees. Chief Guests, speeches, and Welcome kits distribution mentioned.

Agriculture Related Works (July): Initiatives for land preparation, seed sowing, and drip irrigation for crops. Utilization of homegrown vegetables for food.

Honouring Dr. Mahantesh (July): Honouring Dr. Mahantesh, Samarthanam Founder and Managing Trustee in recognition for receiving a doctorate.

Motivation Classes (July to September): Guest speakers motivated trainees with valuable suggestions and insights.

Birthday Celebrations and Special Meals (July to September): Multiple birthdays celebrated with staff, trainees, and special meals. Community members also organized birthday celebrations.

Independence Day Celebrations (August): Sports and Independence Day celebrations held with flag hoisting, speeches, and prizes.

Compound Wall Construction (August): - Construction of a compound wall for added security.

Teacher's Day Celebration (September): - Trainees celebrated Teacher's Day with trainers and staff.

Festival Celebrations (September): - Celebration and pooja for Krishnastami.

Higher Education (September): - 35 Higher Education students requested college fee support and received scholarships.

Industrial Study Tour (September): - LRC Kodikonda staff and trainees visited Kronax, Mahendra granites, and tiles making factory on an industrial tour.



BELAGAVI



📅 JULY 2023

🎉 New Batch Inauguration

👥 Two Batches: FIS 02nd Batch & Qualcomm 08th Batch

★ Screening, Counselling, Welcome Kits distribution.

👤 Donor Visit by Mr. Sagar Joshi

📅 Volunteer Session by Shruti Bedar

🗣️ Motivational Session on Overcoming Fears and Advancing in Life.



📅 AUGUST 2023

🇮🇳 Independence Day Celebrations

🗣️ Volunteer- Motivational Session by Praveen Kadapatti on 23.08.2023 on the Importance of Habits, Routines, and Self-Improvement.

🗣️ Volunteer- Motivational Session by Mr. Kiran Patil on 28.08.2023 on Saving Power and Energy – Tips to Reduce Wastage.

👤 Birthday Celebrations of staff.



📅 SEPTEMBER 2023 HIGHLIGHTS:

🙏 Lakshmi Pooja at New Premises (01.09.2023)

👤 Birthday Celebrations for Donor Ms Veena (05.09.2023)

👤 Teachers' Day & Founder's Birthday

👤 Ganesh Chaturthi Celebrations (19.09.2023)

👤 Inclusive Mega Job Fair at SJPN Polytechnic (22.09.2023)

👤 Job Fair Stats: 35 Companies, 352 Selected

👤 Birthday Celebrations of Trustee Mr. Udaykumar Bagunnavar (Chavat Galli)

👤 Birthday Celebrations of Founder Dr. Mahantesh G Kivadasannavar (28.09.2023)

📅 Volunteer Session by Shivanand S - Time Management (01.09.2023)

👤 Student Volunteer Sessions at KLE M V Sheshgiri College: 🗣️ Topics: Communication Skills (14.09.2023), Digital Literacy (25.09.2023)



HYDERABAD

The following activities were conducted by various companies at the Hyderabad Centre from July to September 2023:

★ DELOITTE:

📅 Deloitte organized a series of informative and skill-building events .

📅 Starting on 8th July, they focused on different types of jobs and personal development skills.

📅 This was followed by aptitude and mock interview sessions on 15th July, helping individuals prepare for job interviews.

📅 On 22nd July, Deloitte provided insights on the usage of Excel .

📅 On 29th July, they explored the world of art and culture.

📅 Continuing into August, Deloitte conducted an event on 5th August, delving into the art of storytelling with "The Story Narrator."

📅 They further offered guidance on resume building and conducted mock interviews on 26th August.

📅 In September, Deloitte showcased its commitment to inclusivity by organizing an event on 2nd September about story narration in sign language.

📅 The series continued with more sessions on 9th, 16th, and 23rd September, covering topics like resume building, mock interviews, word guessing, and framing sentences, and prepositions.

💡 MICRON :

📅 On 29th August, Micron Company conducted a knowledge-sharing event focusing on essential skills.

📅 The topics covered included stress management, offering strategies to cope with workplace and personal stress.

☐ Time management techniques were discussed to enhance productivity and efficiency.

🔗 They provided insights into effective job portal utilization, aiding job seekers and professionals in their career endeavors.

📅 The event also emphasized the importance of digital literacy, empowering individuals with the necessary digital skills for personal and professional development.

☐ SOMESH GOENKA:

📅 On 8th September, Mr.Somesh Goenka made a generous and community-focused contribution by donating cans



DHARWAD

📅 NEWSLETTER CONTENTS FOR JULY – SEPTEMBER 2023 📅

👤 LRC TRAINING BATCHES INITIATIONS & GRADUATIONS:

- ❑ Initiated LRC Skilling Training batches with the support of FIDELITY INFORMATION SERVICES INDIA PVT. LTD, QUALCOMM INDIA PVT & ABB India Foundation by completing the basic batch start-up formalities.
- ❑ Enrolled a significant number of beneficiaries for the LRC Skilling Training program for July - September 2023 Quarter.

📁 PLACEMENT DRIVE:

- ❑ Successfully Conducted a Mega Job Fair in Hubli on 26th August 2023, with a substantial number of participants and placements in various companies. Numerous companies participated in the job fair.

🧑‍🎓 GUEST SESSIONS & VOLUNTARY ACTIVITIES:

- ❑ BASAVESHWAR RURAL B.Ed College Students & team visited the center on 14 July 2023.
- ❑ Various guest sessions covering employment, life skills, and personal hygiene were conducted in August and September 2023.

🌟 EVENTS & OTHER HIGHLIGHTS:

- ❑ The center received visits from notable figures and organizations to explore center development activities in July 2023.
- ❑ The 77th Independence Day was celebrated with esteemed guests in attendance on 15th August 2023.
- ❑ A Blood Check-up and Blood Donation camp took place with the support of healthcare and charity organizations.
- ❑ Distinguished guests recognized the achievements of Dr. Mahantesh and Shri Uday Kumar.
- ❑ Birthday celebrations for Trustees Late S.P Nagesh and Shri Uday Kumar were held in September .
- ❑ LRC Trainees showcased their musical talents.
- ❑ The centre celebrated Ganesh Festival in the presence of Dr.Mahantesh and Mr. Ranganath on 18th September 2023.



NEW DELHI

JULY 2023 HIGHLIGHTS:

- 🌐 A disability camp was attended, organized by the Department of Social Welfare in Delhi on July 3rd.
- 📅 A job fair was organized and sponsored by Osram Lighting on July 7th.
- ☐ The Rotary Club of Delhi organized a dental camp on July 26th.
- 🌸 Welcome kits were distributed to the new batch on July 28th.
- ☐ A donor visit occurred on July 28th.



AUGUST 2023:

- 🛡️ A general disability camp was held at the SDM Office in Saket (UDID camp) on August 1st.
- ☐ A donor visit took place on August 4th, which also included the celebration of Dr. Meghana Gopal's birthday, who is a dentist.
- 🌸 On August 12th, the Nari Shakti Foundation organized a donor visit, which involved a pre-Independence Day celebration and the donation of two wheelchairs. Independence Day was celebrated on August 15th.
- 🌟 A job fair, supported by Barclays Global Service Ltd, was conducted on August 21st.
- 🛡️ A mobilization camp was attended at Madan Mohan Malviya Hospital in Malviya Nagar, Delhi, on August 24th and 25th.
- 🏛️ On August 29th, a meeting was attended at the District Magistrate Office at Bhagwan Mahavir Hospital in Pitampur (Northwest), Delhi, regarding the implementation of the UDID camp.



SEPTEMBER 2023:

- 📅 A placement drive was conducted on September 1st, with participation from Optum, GMR Foundation, Amazon, Silaris Information Pvt. Ltd, and Square Ring Enterprises.
- 🖨️ The inauguration of a computer lab under the Signify project at Bhartiya Netrahin Vidhyalay took place on September 12th, 2023.
- 🛡️ A workshop at AIIMS Hospital was attended on September 5th. It focused on the Teachers' Orientation Programme for Low Vision Rehabilitation and Assistive Technology Services in schools for the blind in Delhi.
- 📅 Another placement drive was organized on September 12th, with participation from Amazon and Flipkart.
- 🛡️ A mobilization camp was attended at Bhagwan Mahavir Hospital in Pitampur on September 14th.
- 🏛️ An exposure visit to the National Science Museum was conducted on September 22nd.
- 🩸 A blood camp was attended at I Dream to Trust in Meerut on September 22nd.



❑ VOLUNTEER ENGAGEMENT HIGHLIGHTS: ★

🏠 Kotak Life: Five volunteers conducted a session on Finance Money Management on July 22, 2023.

📖 Gaurav Sharma: One volunteer hosted a session on Competitive exams on July 22, 2023.

⚖️ Saket court: Two volunteers provided Legal awareness on July 25, 2023.

❑ Rotary Club: Seven volunteers organized a Dental camp on July 26, 2023.

🎮 Ms. Meghan: Two volunteers led a Fun activity with Indoor games on August 4, 2023.

🚀 Forrester Research: Twenty volunteers delivered sessions on Motivation, Advance technical, and Personality development on August 9, 2023.

🌸 Nari Shakti Foundation: Three volunteers hosted a Pre Independence Day celebration session on August 12, 2023.

📧 HSBC Company: Four volunteers conducted sessions on Online job applications, Web searching, and Resume building on August 29, 2023.

🗂️ Randstad: Five volunteers organized a Mock interview (virtual session) on September 22, 2023.



KOCHI

🔍 On 17th August 2023, Ashish Chaudhary from Skill Council for Persons with Disability (SCPwD) visited to explore the potential for SCPwD support in our Skilling Program.

🌸 Onam, a major Kerala festival, was celebrated at Kochi LRC on 29th August 2023, featuring Pookalam (flower design) and cultural programs.

🏢 On 13th September 2023, Kochi LRC (Batch 02 – Oracle) beneficiaries had an insightful exposure visit to Modern Bread Factory, Lulu Mall, and Hill Palace Museum.

✈️ Yadhusankar, a beneficiary of Kochi LRC, completed an induction program organized by Indigo Airlines in Gurgaon for one month and joined Team Indigo at Kannur Airport. Graduation ceremony held on 19th September 2023.

🎉 On 23rd September 2023, Founder Chairman Shri. Dr. Mahantesh G K visited Kochi LRC, with highlights including faculty and student interaction, certificate distribution, and a pre-birthday cake cutting ceremony.

👋 On 23rd September 2023, the faculty team of Samarthanam Kochi visited FMCT HSS KARUMALLOR School to celebrate International Sign Language Day and conducted a formal session on Sign Language to enhance awareness among school children and teaching faculty.



BENGALURU

📅 14-07-2023: LRC New Batch Screening And Counselling

📅 17-07-2023: LRC New Batch Inaugurated And Welcome Kit Distribution

📅 20-07-2023: IKEA Industry Visit

📅 25-07-2023: Kargil Divas

📅 02-08-2023: Raksha Bandhan Celebration

📅 10-08-2023: Friendship Day Celebration

📅 15-08-2023: Independence Day Celebration

📅 16-08-2023: LRC Students Visited Chinnaswamy Stadium To Support KPL Match

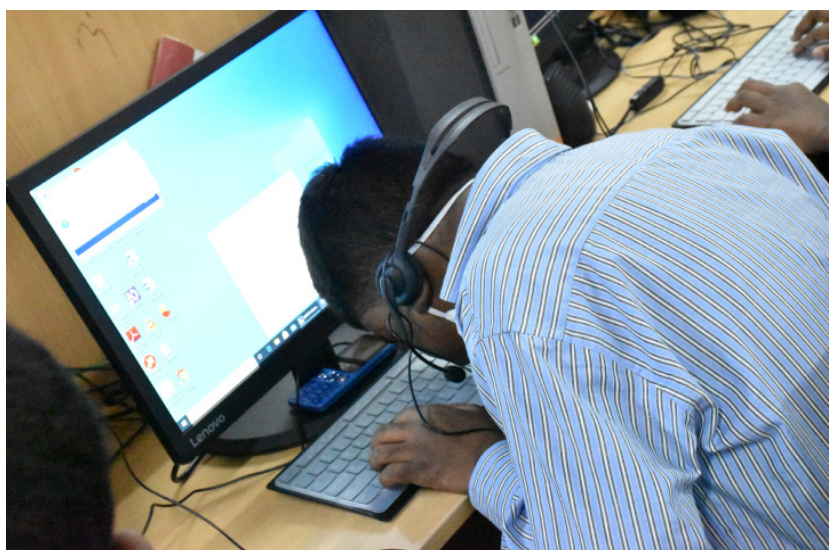
📅 17-08-2023: Industry Visit to VOLVO Plant

📅 22-08-2023: Grand Mercure Hotel Industry Visit

📅 25-08-2023: Varamahalakshmi Pooja

📅 05-09-2023: Teacher's Day Celebration

📅 06-09-2023: NATWEST Industry Visit



TRAINING DETAILS 📁

👤 Total Enrolled: 52

👤 Gender Classification:

👤 Male: 34

👤 Female: 18

☐ DISABILITY CLASSIFICATION:

♿ PWD: 34

♿ Non-PWD: 18

Training Activities 🗂️

☐ ⌚ Schedule: Daily between 9.30 AM to 6.00 PM from January 2023.

🗂️ 📁 Modes: Theory & LAB

📁 Topics: Trainers in BPO, IT, English & Soft Skills share day-wise topics and assignments in theory and LAB classes.

🗂️ Candidates: Learn and complete assignments based on the topics.

Keep up the excellent work at LRC! Your commitment to training and inclusivity is truly inspiring. 🏆👏

SUNADHA - ARTS & CULTURE

SUNADHA, the cultural vertical of Samarthanam, showcased their remarkable talents at various events and performances. Here's a glimpse of their captivating journey from July to September:

JULY

- 🎤 Hitachi Solutions: Outstanding virtual performance by Team Virtually.
- 🎵 Vanamahotsava CM Program: Enchanting band performance appreciated by the Chief Minister.
- 🎸 Adobe Project Smile: Heart-warming gesture from Adobe with a present of a high-quality guitar.
- 💃 GSK Pharmaceutical: Mesmerizing dance performance.
- 📺 Akashvani: Captivating half-hour broadcast.
- 📺 Doordarshan TV: Memorable episodes on national TV.

AUGUST

- 🇮🇳 Independence Day: Patriotic tunes at multiple locations; NEXUS, BMRCL..
- 💃 Raphe:mphir - Noida: Exceptional dance performance for aerospace company.
- 🌸 Ramaiah College: Active participation in Independence Day celebrations.
- 🎤 Innovation Summit: Showcase of beatboxing skills.
- 📺 Paul Techno Process: Vibrant performance at a start-up event.

SEPTEMBER

- 🎤 EBM Conclave: Electrifying beatboxing performance in Hyderabad.
- 🎵 Krishna Janmashtami: Soulful devotional singing at ISKCON.
- 🎵 Corporate Event for JLL: Diverse talents on display.
- 📺 Aduvodi Police Quarters: Electrifying atmosphere during Lord Ganesha program.
- 🎤 Ganesha Utsav: Vocalists' performance.
- 📺 Mayura Yuvakara Sangha: Band and dance collaboration.
- 🎵 GKN Aerospace Recognition: Bollywood flair at the Ritz Carlton.



PARISARA - ENVIRONMENT

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME

WASTE MANAGEMENT INITIATIVES

Parisara team promotes waste reduction and segregation at households and bulk waste generators without compromising safety. MSW management personnel follow essential precautions.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY CONCERNS

A review study found that over 70% of waste in Indian cities is land-disposed, necessitating action to prevent pandemic-related issues.

DRY WASTE COLLECTION AND RECYCLING

Total dry waste collected from corporate: 362 Tons
Total dry waste recycling: 330 Tons

CSR PROJECTS

1. ReWare – Waste Segregation Awareness (TESCO CSR Initiative)

Tesco's contribution aids in waste segregation awareness.

The project educates communities on the importance of waste segregation.

Samarthanam works with BBMP to propagate segregation, maintain waste records, and reduce landfilling.

Benefits include reduced carbon emissions, air pollution, increased recycling, and employment for ragpickers.

Sensitized 7,593 households/30,372 householders in 5 BBMP wards on waste segregation.

2. Pourakarmika Day Celebration :

Pourakarmikas, the city's backbone for cleanliness, were celebrated with fun activities, felicitation, and lunch. Around 80 Pourakarmikas enjoyed the event.

3. **Plantation** : 3,000 local Indian species were planted at KIDWAI Hospital Bengaluru, Govt. Higher primary school Sarjapur road Bengaluru, and Canossa High School, Andheri East Mumbai. Objectives: Urban afforestation, protecting local species, preserving biodiversity, and rejuvenating groundwater.

SUPPORTERS

Activities supported by TESCO, Covalence, and DXC.



HEALTH

HEALTH AND AWARENESS PROGRAMS

- Dental Camp on 07-07-2023 at Samarthanam Trust Primary School.
- Spectacles Distribution on 15-07-2023 at Bashettihalli (TE Connectivity).
- Sanitary Pad Distribution and Awareness Program on 19-07-2023 at Gowtham School, BK Halli.
- Health Camp on 30-07-2023 at Aravind School, Arodi (TE Connectivity).



MEDICAL INITIATIVES

- Blood Group Identification Camp on 18-08-2023 to 19-08-2023 at Samarthanam Trust Primary School.
- Assistive Device Distribution on 28-08-2023 at Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled, HSR Layout (in collaboration with ANZ).



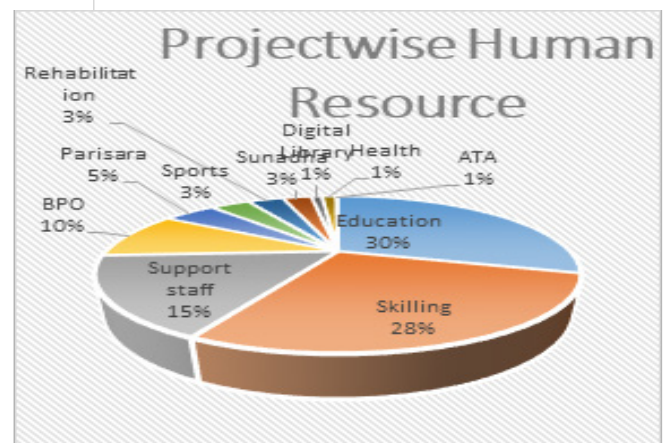
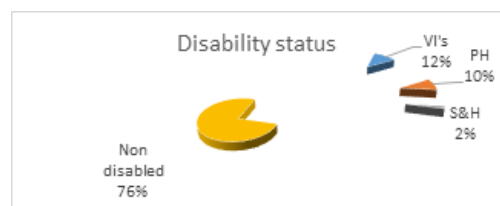
STUDENT HEALTH CHECKUPS

- Health Checkup Camp on 07-09-2023 at Government Primary School and Gowtham School, BK Halli.



HUMAN RESOURCE

- Commenced the annual staff performance review process across various locations.
- Marked Friendship Day with enthusiasm, promoting employee engagement.
- Celebrated Teachers' Day and Trustee Late S.P Nagesh Sir's birthday with heartfelt tributes.
- Supported a workforce inclusive of individuals with disabilities.
- Celebrated MGK's birthday in the esteemed presence of his Gurus and mentors.
- Initiated the Aadhaar seeding process for employees in the ESIC portal, benefiting the Ayushman Bharat scheme.
- Launched night-shift medical assistance for all residential beneficiaries by deploying a dedicated nurse.



SUVIDYA - THE DIGITAL LIBRARY



📖 QUARTERLY REPORT: JULY - SEPTEMBER 2023 LIBRARY RESOURCES

- 📖 Braille Books: 185 (Current) | 6,345 (Total)
- 🎧 Audio Books: 104 (Current) | 5,108 (Total)
- 📄 Scanned Pages: 47,044 (Current) | 375,256 (Total)
- 📚 Library Regular Books Listed: 170 (Current) | 8,146 (Total)



PROMINENT ACTIVITIES

- 📁 Registration drive in SRMAB Trust, Vinyasa Trust, Sahana Trust, Deepanjali Trust.
- 📖 Provided BA semesters' audio books and Braille books to HEP students.
- 🚐 Mobile library services to government schools and public places in Bangalore.
- 🏛️ Attended meeting on beacon libraries under Panchayat Raj. Engaged in weekly library and Moral Science classes for students.

KEY ACTIVITIES

- 📄 Visiting Cards Embossed: 1,450
- 🎧 Audio Recordings for Companies: GKN Aerospace, BNP Paribas, BNP Sharekhan, Deloitte, Canara HSBC, OTIS

VIP AUDIO RECORDINGS

- 🎧 Recorded audio for Smt Arul Mozhi, Honourable Judge, E-Court Supreme Court, and Indrajit Lankesh, Distinguished Indian Filmmaker and Udupi Pontiff Sri Sugunendra Theertha.

VOLUNTEERING

📖 QUARTERLY REPORT: JULY - SEPTEMBER 2023

- ☐ 56 Corporate Volunteering Activities
- ☐ Participating Companies: BNP Paribas, JLL, BNP Sharekhan, Canara HSBC, Deloitte, DXC, GKN Aerospace, KPMG, Qualcomm, Randstad
- ☐ 2,498 Volunteers Contributed Approx. 8,691 Hours

HIGHLIGHTS:

- ☐ Tree Plantation with DXC in Bengaluru & Mumbai.
- ☐ Cook-A-Meal with Qualcomm, Mediatek, and Forvia.
- ☐ Health Camp by Aventus in Mumbai.
- ☐ TLM Chart Making by PwC & TIAA.
- ☐ Fun Activities with Primary School Kids by JLL.
- ☐ Career Guidance Programs by Deloitte, PwC, and Otis in Chennai, Bangalore, Hyderabad.

🎓 INTERNSHIP & SERVICE LEARNING (Q3)

- ☐ 12 Students Completed Internships at Samarthanam
- ☐ Engaged Across Various Programs, Including Education, Rehabilitation, and Eye Camps
- ☐ Collaboration with Christ University Dept of Social Work
- ☐ Total Corporate Volunteering Hours: 8,691
- ☐ Total Internship Hours: 1,251



ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY ACCELERATOR



- ATA, a Samarathanam initiative founded in 2018, aims to provide accessible and affordable assistive technology for people with disabilities.
- Collaborates with individuals, start-ups, government and non-governmental organizations, academic institutions, venture capitalists, and more to prioritize user-centric design for accessible products.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- ATA Labs unveiled a new logo to celebrate the 26th Anniversary of Samarathanam, covering 21 disabilities with a 360-degree approach to Assistive Technology.
- Conducted "Roarathon campus edition" Hackathon in collaboration with BNP Sharekhan Mumbai, where 6 teams developed solutions for persons with disabilities.
- Working on an Android Assistive Technology Project in collaboration with IIITB, with a pilot study completed and the main study in progress.
- Signed an MoU with the Department of Differently Aabled and Senior Citizens, Govt. of Karnataka, to set up computer labs in government blind schools.
- Provided digital accessibility training to visually impaired court staff at the Karnataka Judicial Academy.
- Inaugurated a computer lab at Bharathiya Blind School in Delhi under Signify's Digital Classroom Setup Project.
- Conducted a hybrid ATA Core Committee Meeting with participants from various organizations to discuss creating an Assistive Technology Eco system.

WORKING WOMEN'S & STUDENT'S HOSTEL

🏏 Miss Deepika TC's Triumph in International Women's Blind Cricket Tournament:

We proudly celebrate the remarkable achievement of Miss Deepika TC, who showcased her exceptional talent in an international women's blind cricket tournament.

🇮🇳 Team India's Victory Against Pakistan:

Miss Deepika TC and Team India emerged victorious against Pakistan, marking a significant moment in the world of women's cricket and highlighting their exceptional sportsmanship.

🏃 Student Participation in Adobe Marathon:

In September, our students showcased their athleticism and teamwork by actively participating in a marathon organized by Adobe.

🏃♀️ A Dedicated Team of 10:

A dedicated group of 10 members from our organization represented us in the Adobe marathon, bringing an energetic and enthusiastic presence to the event.

CABI -

CRICKET ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND IN INDIA

ALETHEA COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGIES PVT LTD:

- Supported 5 Women Cricketers of Karnataka with INR 3500/- monthly stipends for Fitness Training.
- Provided Cricket Kits to the players.

EMPOWERING BLIND WOMEN THROUGH CRICKET (SUPPORTED BY APF):

- Conducted 6 Cricket coaching camps across Odisha, Madhya Pradesh, and Jharkhand.
- Organized 3 Self Defence training sessions.
- Hosted 3 entitlement awareness sessions for the visually impaired.
- Conducted 8 refresher cricket coaching camps.
- Trained 420 blind women players in cricket during the quarter.

COMMUNITY-BASED SPORTS PROGRAM (SUPPORTED BY NIKE):

- Cluster and Taluka Level Sports Events:
- Cluster Level sports events held on August 7th and 8th.
- Various sports disciplines showcased, including Kabaddi, Kho-kho, running races, relay races, shot put, and discus throw.
- Outstanding achievements by both girls and boys in running races, relay, and Kabaddi.

CORPORATE MATCHES:

- Engaged in matches with donors, corporates, and institutions.
- Matches against Alethea Technologies, Brillio, India A, Oracle Volunteers, Tata Communications, and Continental Automotive Components (India) Private Limited.



Congratulations to the new office bearers of Cricket Association for the Blind in India (CABI)



CRICKETERS AS GUESTS:

- Mr. Jafar Iqbal and Mr. Ajay Kumar Reddy served as guest speakers at various events.
- Acknowledged their contributions to cricket for the blind.

PRESS CONFERENCES

Announcement of the Teams:

- Press conference held in Bangalore on August 3, 2023.
- Teams announced for the IBSA World Games.
- Dignitaries and officials shared their thoughts and support.
- Press Conference at Delhi:
- Held on August 08, 2023, at the Press Club of India Delhi.
- Former India star Mohammad Kaif praised visually challenged cricketers.
- CABI officials and dignitaries addressed the press conference.



IBSA WORLD GAMES 2023 BIRMINGHAM:

- Cricket for the Blind introduced for the first time in the history of the games.
- Exciting matches played from August 20th to August 26th, 2023.
- Indian Women's Cricket Team won the gold medal.
- Indian Men's Cricket Team secured the silver medal.
- Historic achievements in blind cricket.



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STORIES OF CHANGE

PALLAVI K M - OVERCOMING ADVERSITY THROUGH SPORTS

Meet Ms. Pallavi KM, a 29-year-old from Chitradurga, who has battled a locomotor disability since a tragic tractor accident when she was just three years old. Despite enduring a spinal cord injury for 25 years, Pallavi never lost hope and remained active, engaging in reading, sewing, and household chores.

Driven by her desire for independence, Pallavi decided to take on a new challenge—badminton. Over the past two years, she has pursued the sport with unwavering determination, setting her sights on international tournaments and the Para Olympics, where her goal is to bring home medals for India.

Pallavi's remarkable journey recently reached a milestone at the Badminton International Tournament in Uganda. In her debut match, she clinched a gold medal, opening up new opportunities and horizons for her.

Achievements:

- Gold in Singles
- Gold in Doubles
- Bronze in Mixed Doubles

(Uganda Para Badminton International Tournament 2023)

- Gold in Singles
- Silver in Doubles

(5th Para Badminton Nationals Championship 2022 – 23)

- Bronze in Doubles

(4th Para Badminton Championship 2021)

- Gold in Mixed Doubles

(Badminton Championship 2023 – Indonesia)

Pallavi is enthusiastic about future national events and dreams of representing India in international tournaments, aiming to secure gold medals for her country. In this pursuit, Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled stepped in, providing her with a sports wheelchair to support her journey.

Before receiving this specialized wheelchair, Pallavi faced challenges using a basic one, making it difficult to play and train effectively. Financial constraints posed further hurdles in acquiring a suitable wheelchair.

Pallavi expressed her heartfelt gratitude to Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled for their unwavering support and to the generous donors who indirectly contributed to her dream. She emphasized the newfound freedom her sports wheelchair has brought her and looks forward to competing in upcoming tournaments.

Her message to the supporters, "Thank you again for your generosity; I am very humbled." Pallavi also extended her heartfelt thanks to the Samarthanam Health Team for their invaluable assistance.



I am immensely grateful to Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled and our generous donors for gifting me a specialized sports wheelchair that has not only transformed my life but also set my dreams on fire – thank you for making the impossible, possible!

Pallavi K M

SAPNA BHOSALE - EMPOWERING DREAMS THROUGH SPORTS

Sapna Bhosale, a 34-year-old B.Com graduate from Thane, Maharashtra, found her life taking an extraordinary turn despite facing significant challenges due to her physical disability. Born with a crooked leg that impaired her mobility, Sapna refused to allow her disability to define her. Her family, which included three brothers and a sister, relied on her father's blue-collar work while her mother managed the home.

Sapna's early years were marked by adversity, where bullying, neglect, and rejection became all too familiar due to her disability. Her academic achievements were commendable, yet employment opportunities remained frustratingly elusive. Employers often perceived her as a liability rather than an asset.

In a fortuitous twist of fate, Sapna encountered an employee from Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled in Mumbai, and her life would change forever. Learning about the organization's commitment to training and supporting persons with disabilities (PWDs), she saw a glimmer of hope for a brighter future. She eagerly enrolled in a three-month online training program.

During the program, Sapna gained proficiency in computer skills, mastering applications like MS Word, Excel, and PowerPoint. She learned to navigate the internet and effectively utilize various online tools. Sapna's English language skills, both written and spoken, improved significantly. But her journey was about more than just acquiring technical skills; she also exhibited remarkable interpersonal and leadership abilities throughout the training.

Upon completing the program, with the guidance and support of the placement team, Sapna ventured into the world of interviews. Her newfound skills and unwavering determination made a lasting impression on YES BANK, which offered her a position as a Senior Officer in Operations & Service Delivery. This opportunity transformed her life, providing not only a meaningful career but also a monthly salary of INR 25,000.

Sapna's incredible success story showcases her tenacity, resilience, and unwavering determination. Her journey, guided by the supportive network of Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled, proves that a disability should never hinder one's dreams and ambitions. Today, Sapna expresses her deep gratitude to Samarthanam for empowering her to overcome adversity and turn her dreams into reality.



My journey extended beyond acquiring technical skills; it was a discovery and nurturing of remarkable interpersonal and leadership abilities along the way. Thank you Samarthanam.

Sapna Bhosale

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Qualcomm India Private Limited
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Samarthanam is also qualified to receive contributions through Give India, Give to Asia, United Way, Charity Aid foundation, USA and American service to India, USA



"Members of the Indian team, hailing from Karnataka, were honoured by Hon'ble Governor Shri Thawar Chand Gehlot for their gold (women) and silver triumph (men) in Blind Cricket at the World IBSA Games at Raj Bhavan on September 28, 2023."s

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