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SAMHITA

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ARJUNA AWARD presented to Blind Cricket Captain Ajay Reddy by President Smt Droupadi Murmu.



Awareness Conclave on Assistive Technology at Hotel Holiday Inn, Mumbai, on 30th January, 2024.



TEAM SAMARTHANAM

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SAMARTHANAM TRUST

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

At its core, Samarthanam is driven by values encapsulated in the acronyms **PRIDE** and **HEART**, representing

REACH AND IMPACT



25,000+

KIDS EDUCATED



24,933

YOUTH TRAINED



300,000 Metric Tonnes

DRY WASTE SEGREGATED



30,000+

BLIND CRICKETERS TOUCHED



5000+

WOMEN EMPOWERED



7500+/month

MID-DAY MEALS SERVED



1500+

DISABLED ARTISTS SUPPORTED

PRIDE

Protection
Reduced Poverty
Inclusion
Disability Rights
Employment

HEART

Hunger Eradication (Zero Hunger)
Environment, Employment
Accessibility
Rights- Women Empowerment
Transformation, Technology



VISION 2030

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

FOUNDER'S NOTE

Dear Supporters and Well-wishers,

As we reflect on the past quarter's accomplishments, I am filled with immense pride and gratitude for the remarkable strides we have made together at Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled and the Cricket Association for the Blind (CABI).

Our engagements throughout the quarter have been diverse and impactful. From organizing a national awareness conclave on assistive technology to fostering collaborations with esteemed organizations like DXC and Dell Tech, we continue to advance accessibility and empowerment on multiple fronts.

I am particularly delighted by the progress made in our educational initiatives, including the conversion of English Medium Kannada textbooks into sign language videos and the initiation of SIMPA - Samarthanam Institute of Music and Performing Arts in affiliation with KSGH, Mysore, for training programs for budding artists under the UNISYS and KOTAK projects. These endeavours exemplify our dedication to nurturing talent and providing avenues for personal and artistic growth.

Furthermore, our outreach efforts have extended to the realm of sports, with CABI commemorating 13 years of remarkable achievements in Blind Cricket. We are proud to witness the recognition bestowed upon our athletes, including Shri. Ajay Kumar Reddy, Captain of Men's Blind Cricket who was honoured with the prestigious Arjuna Award by Hon'ble President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu.

Through our Parisara vertical, we have conducted a massive plantation drive with 14500 saplings planted. Additionally, through LRC training, we've facilitated placements for individuals, further enhancing their opportunities for professional growth.

This quarter also saw the 27th anniversary of Samarthanam and the initiation of the annual Samarthanam Awards. The award categories included Donor Categories, Employer of Diversity Award, Tomorrow's Trailblazer Award, Education Ally Award, Collaboration Excellence Award, Cultural Luminary Award, and Apex Achievement Award for Sports.

As we look ahead, let us reaffirm our commitment to creating a more inclusive and accessible society. Together, we can continue to break barriers, defy stereotypes, and empower individuals with disabilities to pursue their dreams with unwavering determination.

Thank you for your unwavering support and dedication to our cause.

Warm regards,

Dr. Mahantesh G Kivadasannavar

Founder Trustee, Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled
Chairman, Cricket Association for the Blind



SAMARTHANAM SPECTACULARS



Dr. Mahantesh G Kivadasannavar was honored with the prestigious "Krishna Anugraha Prashasthi" at the 4th Udupi Sri Krishna Sarvajnapeeta Peetarohana. The award was presented by His Holiness Dr. Sri Sri Sri Sugunendra Theertharu, alongside His Holiness Sri Sri Sri Vishwapriya Theertharu of Sri Admaru Matha

Mr. C.K. Baba, DCP of the South-East division of the Bengaluru City Police, Mr. Lakshmi Narayan K C, ACP of the Madivala Sub Division, and Mr. Harish Kumar, Police Inspector of HSR Layout, joyfully rang in the New Year with the children of Samarthanam.



Mr. Balwinder Sandhu, Former Indian cricketer, Dr. Mahantesh G K, Founder Trustee of Samarthanam Trust, Ms. Gauri Bhure, Associate Director and CSR Head for DXC India, and Mr. Adarsh Shastri, Former MLA of Delhi & Trustee of the Lal Bahadur Shastri National Memorial Trust, attended the National Awareness Conclave on Assistive Technology hosted by Samarthanam Trust at Holiday Inn, Mumbai.



Samarthanam's Sunadha team had the honour of performing at Divya Kala Shakti, the cultural program for the Disabled organized by the National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Multiple Disabilities (NIEPMD), Government of India. The performance was witnessed by the Hon'ble Governor of Karnataka, Dr. Thawar Chand Gehlot. Mr. Bala (Male Lead Singer at Samarthanam's Sunadha) performed on the prestigious stage of Zee Kannada Sa, Re, Ga, Ma, Pa Season 20!



Science Expo- 2024, hosted by Samarthanam's primary school, drew attention from notable figures including Dr. Kiran Kumar, Former Chairman of ISRO and Dr. Satheesha Reddy, President of the Aeronautical Society of India & former Secretary of the Department of Defence R&D, The event showcased 100 models and welcomed 450 visitors.

SAMARTHANAM SPECTACULARS



CABI, the Cricket Association for the Blind, proudly commemorates 13 years of remarkable achievements and unparalleled dedication in Blind Cricket.

Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled participated in the Mega Event "Manipal Marathon," organized by Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE), with over 100 incredible kids from Samarthanam joining the marathon.



Dr. Mahantesh G Kivadasannavar, Chairman of the Cricket Association for the Blind, with Shri. Anurag Thakur, Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports of India, and Mr. Mohammed Shami, Indian cricketer, along with CABI members during the pre-Arjuna Awards dinner in Delhi.

Shri. Ajay Kumar Reddy, Member of the Indian Men's Cricket for the Blind, was honoured with the prestigious Arjuna Award by Hon'ble President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu.



Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled in New Delhi celebrated Ms. Emma Torres, a leading advocate for inclusive education and workforce integration. Torres, acclaimed for her work as an educational psychologist and CEO of Ibiza Inclusion, received prestigious awards including the Bharat Empress Universe 2018 International Award and the Sunshine Personality of the Year Award 2023. The



MEET & GREET event at Hotel Park Inn highlighted Torres's commitment to inclusivity, with Dr. Mahantesh G Kivadasannavar, Founder Trustee of Samarthanam, emphasizing the cause's importance.

EDUCATION

Throughout the fourth quarter of 2023-24, Samarthanam's Primary School, High School, SHI School, ID Schools- Mysuru, Bengaluru, Belagavi, Higher Education, and Inclusive Education programs, spearheaded a spectrum of academic, health, sports, volunteering, cultural, and celebratory initiatives. These included summative assessments, comprehensive health camps, sports meets, volunteering events, and cultural activities. Educational tours broadened practical knowledge, while community interactions, collaborations, and celebratory events like Republic Day emphasized cultural values and inclusivity. The Bengaluru section specifically focused on academic activities, health camps, corporate volunteering engagements, and vocational units' contributions, fostering skill development and corporate interactions. Meanwhile, the Higher Education program expanded access to college admissions, provided career guidance, distributed learning aids, and celebrated achievements. Inclusive Education, spanning multiple regions, introduced innovative initiatives, assisted in exam registrations, and provided home-based therapy and educational support, impacting numerous lives and communities.

PRIMARY SCHOOL

- Regular classes with Smart Board usage.
- Counselling sessions for students.
- Life skill classes on "Good Touch, & Bad Touch" by volunteers.
- Public exams for 5th standard students.
- Volunteers' activities and distribution of gifts and MH kits.
- Students' regular health check-ups and visit to PES Hospital.
- Sports activities: drum set practice, Mass P.T., and Yoga classes.
- Cultural events and birthdays celebrations.
- Educational trips.
- Saraswathi Pooja and send-off party for 7th standard students.
- Samarthanam anniversary as Samarthanam Sambrama, with prizes and medals distribution.
- Competitions such as quiz and drawing contests were organized for students, along with preparatory examinations in February and March.
- Actor Chethan's and Mr. Subu Kota's birthdays were celebrated.



SPEECH & HEARING IMPAIRED (SHI) SCHOOL

- Regular counselling and speech therapy sessions were provided for students in need. Volunteers from Smileys conducted Saturday remedial classes.
- Selected students received daily one-hour dance classes courtesy of the Sunadha team. Daily and monthly SATS attendance entries were meticulously recorded.
- Completion of the UDISE + work teacher module & follow-ups for UDID cards were ensured.
- DXC team organized volunteer activities, including drawing competitions and arts and crafts sessions.



- The SHI school received a visit from the Western Digital team.
- Regular health camps, along with follow-ups and sessions on menstrual hygiene, were conducted, alongside hearing aid programming and measurement sessions.
- Various sports, yoga, and exercise classes were held throughout the month, with staff and children's sports meets also organized.
- Cultural celebrations such as New Year, Louis Braille Day, and Republic Day were commemorated, along with events like Youth Day, Ram Mandir Pranaprasthan, and actor Chethan's birthday.
- CC Camera access was granted for the SHI School, and a farewell ceremony was held for 7th students.



HIGH SCHOOL

- The SSLC action plan was implemented, including special classes conducted for the 10th standard students.
- Preparatory question papers were submitted, and registration forms were processed for SSLC exams.
- A virtual science lab demo was held for 10th standard students.
- Monthly tests and co-curricular activities were conducted throughout the quarter.
- An awareness session on the marketing system was conducted for students of the 8th, 9th, and 10th standards.
- District-level preparatory exams were organized for 10th standard students.
- Internal marks for SSLC were entered into the portal.
- National Science Day was celebrated to commemorate the 'Raman Effect' and highlight the importance of science.
- SA-2 Annual Examination was conducted for the 8th and 9th standard students.
- SSLC Annual Board examinations commenced across three centers.
- Republic Day was celebrated with flag hoisting and various stage programs.
- A farewell event was organized for the 10th standard students, attended by guests and alumni.
- Samarthanam's 27th Anniversary was celebrated with cultural programs and participation from students and staff.
- The Annual Sports Meet and health activities, including a personal hygiene kit distribution and a free health camp, were conducted for students and staff.



INTELLECTUALLY DISABLED (ID) SCHOOLS

BENGALURU

- Diverse Educational Activities: Regular classroom sessions covering various subjects, supplemented by yoga and speech exercises.
- Quizabled Success: Madhusri and Prashanth Kumar reached State and National finals, earning a Consolation prize.
- Innovative Education: Implementation of Amazon Alexa educational program across three classes for enhanced learning experiences.
- Pre-Vocational Training: Practical skills development including weighing scale operations, mat weaving, ironing, and liquid quantification.
- Digital Literacy: Introduction to basic computer operations and data entry tasks in the vocational Unit (AMBA).
- Scholastic Excellence: Regular conduct of scholastic activities, emphasizing academic growth and achievement.
- Technological Integration: Utilization of digital platforms like Amazon Alexa, desktops, televisions, and PowerPoint presentations for interactive digital classes.
- Individualized Educational Planning: Collaborative efforts to focus on academic and Individualized Education Program (IEP) goals for each student.
- Expansion of Opportunities: Increase in student engagement in data entry tasks, reflecting growth in the Data Entry unit.
- Parent-Teacher Meeting/Teachers Meeting: PTM held on 20th January discussed health programs, Summer carnival, MR kit, and finalized trip plans in March.
- Health Camp: Weekly medical consultations, health camps for ophthalmology, ENT, Dental, with sessions on 'Health and Nutrition'.
- Volunteering Activities: Involvement in Republic Day, classroom activities, and student-led keyboard sessions.
- Sports Program: Participation in state-level cycle race, National Level Volleyball, annual sports meet, and Christ Fest 2024.
- Cultural and Other Activities: Participation in cultural programs, Lalbhag Flower Show, National Youth Day, Kolata dance, and Republic Day celebrations, Samarthanam Sambrama
- Vocational Unit: Training in letters, numbers, daily living skills, and participation in International NGO Mela, craft sessions, and CSR activities.



MYSURU

ID SCHOOL Mysore:

- Melodic sessions, led by the dedicated music teacher, grace the weekly schedule, providing students with spiritual upliftment and auditory stimulation.
- Valuable insights were shared during the visit of Mr. Suresh and Mr. Mohan on February 17th, 2024, where they conducted a thorough inspection of the school premises.
- The inauguration of the Alumni Association of JSS Polytechnic for the differently-abled was overseen by Dr. Mahantesh G.K on March 3rd, 2024, furthering the commitment to empowerment.
- Health and wellness were prioritized with comprehensive health check-ups and BMI assessments conducted on March 15th, 2024, ensuring the vitality of the students.



BELAGAVI

- The ID School was visited by volunteers. the APD Committee for Physiotherapy, and the DDW.
- The AWAZ APP was utilized by students.
- A Sports Event was organized by the Smile Foundation in February 2024.
- Additionally, a one-day picnic was enjoyed on February 2nd, 2024.
- A visit for Grant Inspection was conducted by DDW and DD.
- Ramp installation was completed.

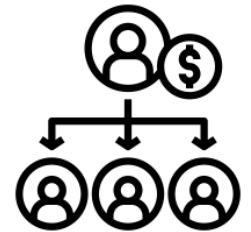


HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRAMME

- College admission and tuition fees were facilitated for 1823 disabled and underprivileged students across multiple states.
- The Annual Guruvandana Program on January 3rd honoured educators and celebrated the abilities of individuals with disabilities.
- World Braille Day was celebrated on January 4th at the NR Colony campus of APS Educational Trust.
- Higher Education students from Pune visited ZS IT company on January 10th for an exposure visit.
- A staff capacity-building event in Mumbai on January 31st and Feb 1st focused on meeting deliverables for upcoming projects.
- On February 23rd, a Guruvandana Program at Bharathidasan University included the inauguration of a computer lab and honouring of faculty members.
- A faculty capacity-building workshop in Mysore on Feb 27th engaged 95 faculty members from multiple districts.
- A Guruvandana program in Bengaluru on March 2nd felicitated five faculty members.
- On March 7th, 55 Higher education students attended a financial literacy workshop facilitated by LOWE's Corporate Volunteers.



INCLUSIVE EDUCATION



1989 Beneficiaries

Activities Conducted and Statistics

- Education (Chilamathuru, Lepakshi, and Gorentla):
Total Number Reached: 173 children
- Therapy (Home Based): Total Number Reached: 46 children
- Therapy (Gowribidanuru): Total Number Reached: 75 children
- Total Disabled Children Reached: Total Number: 248 children
- Mobile Van Therapy: Total Number Reached: 229 beneficiaries
- NMMS (Bagepalli and Chilamatturu): Reach : 506 children
- Social Security Benefits Applied and Received :
 - » UDID: Applied - 22, Received - 13
 - » Pension: Applied - 4, Received - 4
 - » Niramaya: Applied - 7, Received - 10
 - » SC & ST Scholarship: Applied - 17, Received - 0
 - » Cast and Income: Applied - 4, Received - 0
 - » PM Vikas Yojana: Applied - 9, Received - 0
 - » Total: Applied - 63, Received - 27
- Aids and Appliances Distribution: Total Distributed: 39



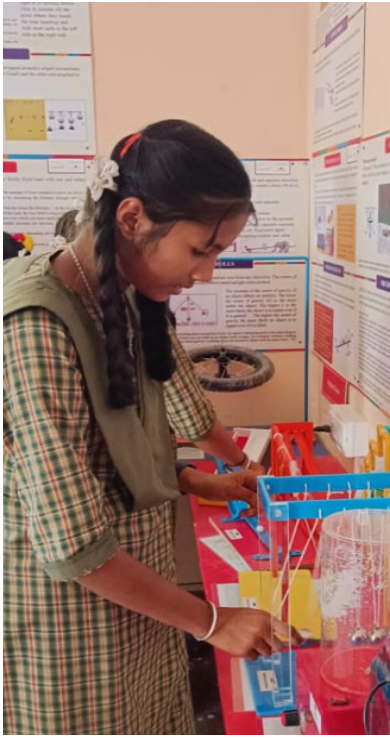
- School Visits for Tuition and Classes:
 - » Total Schools Visited: 50
 - » Total Disabled Children Reached: 106
 - » Total Education Sessions Conducted: 173
- Home Visits:
 - » Total Home Visits: 12
 - » Total Children Reached: 12
- NMMS Exams:
 - » Total Children Provided Coaching: 506
 - » Total Appeared for Exams: 506
- Computer Education:
 - » Total Children Attended Classes: 406
- IG Activity to Parents:
 - » Total Parents Provided with Materials: 20
 - » Total Profit to Parents: Rs. 5,000
- Day Care Centre at Kodikonda and Doddaballapura:
 - » Total Days Functioned: 21 days
 - » Total Children Participated: 32
- Mobile Van Physiotherapy:
 - » Total Villages Visited: 5
 - » Total Beneficiaries Received Therapy: 229
- Distributed Gifts to Government School Students:
 - » Total Students Received School Bags with Notebooks: 500



STEM - SCIENCE & TINKER LABS

Summary of activities and statistics from January to March 2024 for STEM science labs, Tinker labs, and Digitization of Government Schools' Programs:

- Tinker lab training was completed in all 10 schools in Bangalore, Belagavi, Dharwad, Hubli, and Ballari.
- Monitoring visit scheduled for STEM and Tinker supported schools in Delhi.
- Approximately 12,000 students benefited across Mumbai, Kolkata, and Delhi.
- Teachers utilizing labs for routine classes.
- Impact assessment completed in 4 schools at Kolkata.
- National Science Day celebration conducted.
- Routine training sessions conducted for digital smartboard usage.
- Around 25,000 students benefited from the digital smartboard program in Pune.
- Regular monitoring visits conducted for Mini Science Centre.
- Effective usage of Mini Science Centre observed during regular class hours.
- Sensitization, installation, and training completed for various schools and programs.
- Inaugurations conducted for Mini Science Centres, Tinker labs, and Digital Smartboards.
- Total of around 40 schools benefitted from various programs.
- Further installations and training planned for Smartboards in March 2024.
- Additionally, it's noteworthy to mention that this program is supported by a collaboration of various companies, including Otis Elevators, FIS GLOBAL, Atos Syntel, JC Penney, Unisys, TE Connectivity, QS, Give India, Can Fin Homes, AstraZeneca, On Semiconductor, Otis Global, Ranstad Risemart, United Way Bengaluru, Intel, and Media Tek.



WASH PROJECT

WASH Project Quarterly Report

Project Overview:

Goal: To ensure inclusive, equitable, and quality education for girls from deprived sections while promoting lifelong learning and improving health and hygiene conditions in schools.

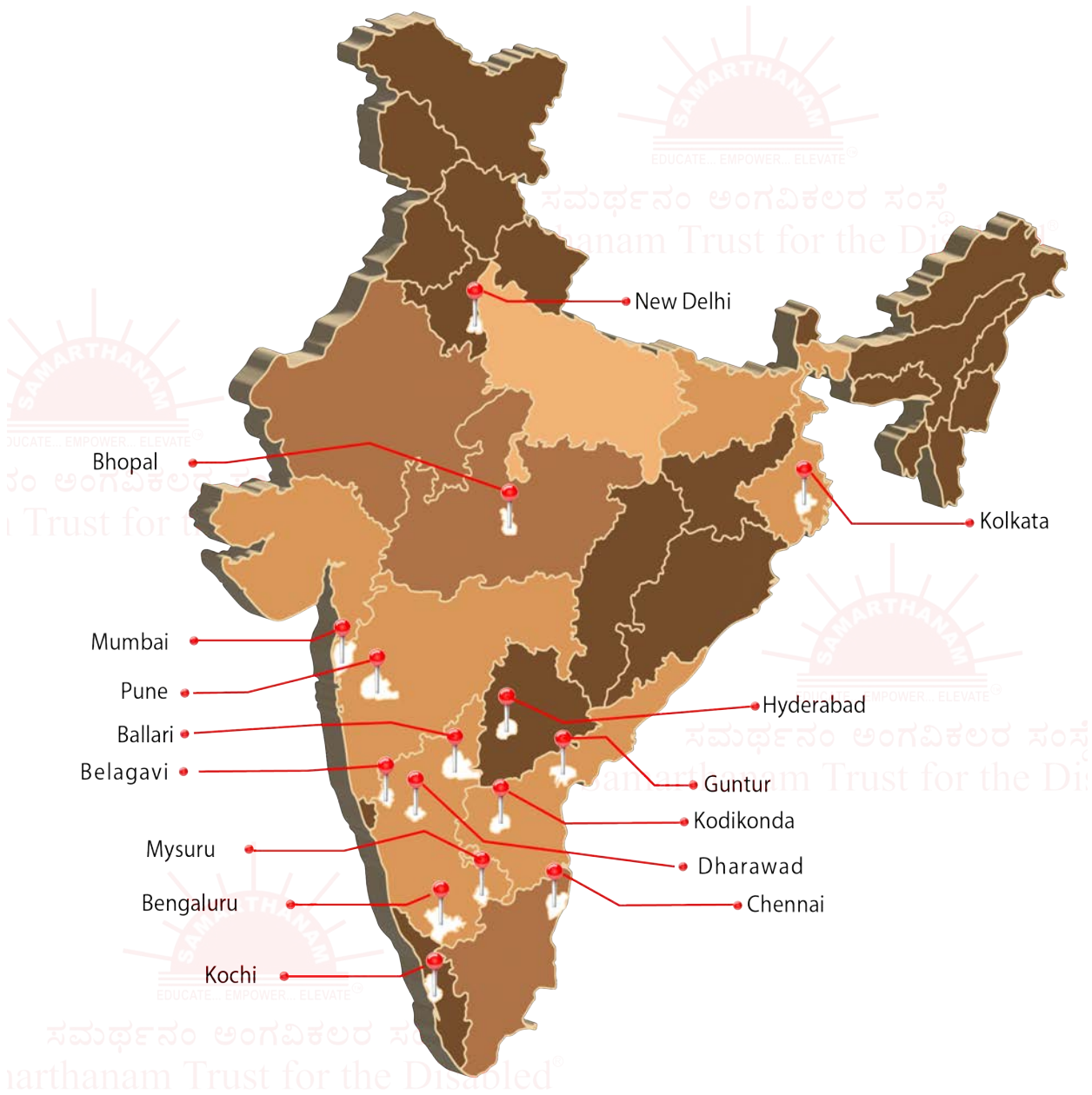
Major Activities in Q4:

- » RO water installed in 34 schools across multiple locations.
- » Incinerators installed in 20 schools.
- » Construction of new toilets: 50 schools.
- » Renovation completed in 34 schools across multiple locations.
- » Distribution of 15,035 MHM kits and 7,535 Nutritional kits.
- » Conducted health sessions for students and teachers in 34 schools, emphasizing menstrual hygiene management.

The WASH project continues to make significant progress in improving education quality and health conditions in supported schools. The collective efforts have positively impacted thousands of students and teachers across various locations.



Our Livelihood Resource Centres PAN India



Common Activities Conducted by All Samarathanam Livelihood Resource Centres (LRCs) - January to March 2024

- Training for Q4 batches was successfully initiated at all locations after the completion of the batch initiation process in Jan.
- Regular training sessions encompassing communicative English, IT, BPO, Soft Skills, and Digital literacy were conducted across all locations
- The training for Q3 batches in all locations was successfully completed, and course completion certificates were issued within the reporting period
- Placement activities were carried out in all locations aimed at facilitating placements for unplaced candidates from Batches 01, 02, & 03.

BENGALURU

Highlights:

- The Bangalore LRC Team had a three-day trip to Kerala from February 24th to February 26th.
- Samarthanam Head Office in Bangalore organized a capacity building session for LRC Emerging Leaders on March 1st.
- Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled celebrated its 27th anniversary on March 2nd, at the Freedom International School Ground in HSR Layout, Bangalore.



Special Events & Celebrations:

- Sankranthi
- RepublicDayCelebration



Exposure Visits:

- Volvo
- Citibank
- Bosch



Volunteering Activities:

- Skill Development, Career Counselling & Resume Building by Qualcomm & 09 Solutions
- Digital Literacy & Financial Literacy by Christ University Students.
- Mock Interview by Allstate.



BALLARI

Bellary Centre Quarterly Newsletter Highlights:



Volunteering Activities:

- Time Management Workshop by Vindhya Info Media
- Interpersonal Skill Development by Yuva Spandana
- Effective Communication Workshops by SSA Govt First Grade College, Ballari in January and February



Livelihood Resource Centre Statistics (Jan- March):

- 50 candidates trained
- 28 candidates placed



Exposure Visits:

- Vishal Mega Mart
- Anjanadri Hill, Hampi
- Atal Bihari Vajpayee Zoological Park



Special Events:

- Republic Day Celebration

BELAGAVI



LRC Statistics (Jan-March):

- Training Batches: 3
- 50 candidates trained
- 28 candidates placed



Exposure Visit:

- SFS India Pvt Ltd

Volunteering Activities:

- Yoga for a healthy life and mind Workshop by Mr Pampapathi.
- Breath Control & Flexibility for Easy Living Workshop by Mr Pampapathi.
- Motivational sessions: Disciplined Living and its advantages and benefits by Mr Annappa Habagundi and The healing power of Music by Mrs Annapurna Bennur.

BHOPAL



LRC Statistics (Jan-March):

- Training Batches: 1
- 25 candidates trained
- 11 candidates placed



Volunteering Activities:

- Motivational sessions by Ms Kanchana and Ms Deepto Patwa
- Career Guidance Workshop by Anurag Sharma
- Computer Basics Workshop by Ms Ganga

KOLKATA



LRC Statistics (Jan-March):

- Training Batches: 2
- 50 candidates trained
- 14 candidates placed



CHENNAI



Exposure Visit:
➤ DHL



LRC Statistics (Jan-March):

- Training Batches: 2
- 63 candidates trained
- 07 candidates placed- Ongoing



HIGHLIGHTS :

The Leadership Team from QUALCOMM participated in the batch inauguration program on 10th January, distributing welcome kits to enrolled candidates.



Volunteering Activities:

- Motivational sessions & interview tips by DELOITTE.
- Resume preparation & interview tips workshop by PWC.
- Mock interview by DELOITTE.
- Information sharing on FIRST SOURCE by FIRST SOURCE.

NEW DELHI

LRC Statistics (Jan-March):

- Training Batches: 3
- 69 candidates trained
- 25 candidates placed



Highlights:

- Eye Check-up Camp Conducted in Collaboration with AIIMS Hospital – Delhi on Jan 10th
- Interviews Organized for Candidates at NIVA BHUPA on Feb 24th



Volunteering Activities:

- Legal Awareness session by Saket Court
- Interview Skills workshop by JC Penny
- Painting & Origami workshop by Wheels to Wings
- Mock interview & session on perception by Natwest & Kearney Consultant



Exposure Visit:

- Army Museum - Dhaula Kuan
- Hastinapur
- Amrit Udyan- Rastrapati Bhavan

GUNTUR

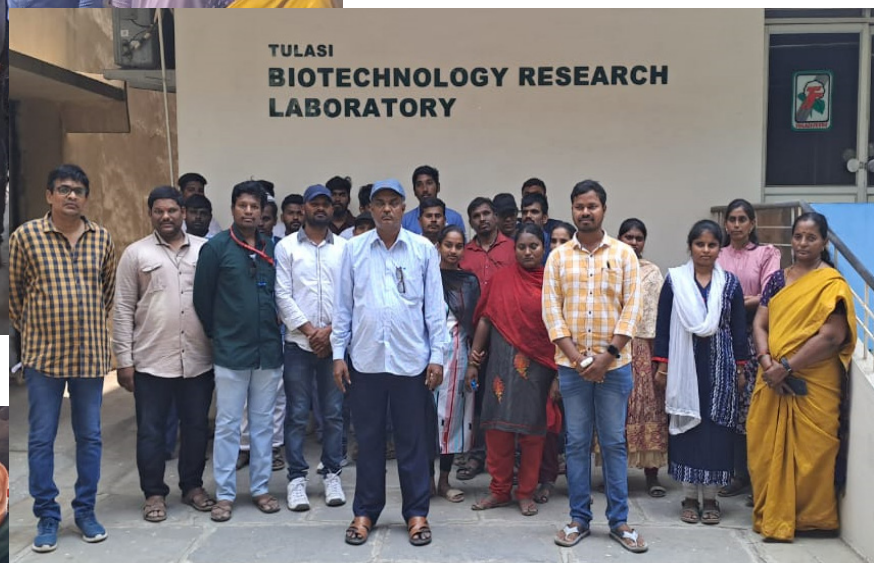


Volunteering Activities:

- Career Guidance by Guntur District Employment Exchange Team
- Career Info at SBI Life Insurance
- A seminar on Career Opportunities by Apex Solutions
- Guidance on Life skills & Goal Setting by Digital Green Trust & NARSAM

LRC Statistics (Jan-March):

- Training Batches: 2
- 45 candidates trained
- Candidates placed- Ongoing



Exposure Visits:

- Kondaveedu, Chaitanya Packaging Pvt. Ltd, Tulasi Biotechnology Research Laboratory

DHARWAD

Highlights:

- » B.Ed. students from JSS College visited the centre and interacted with the team and trainees on Feb 8th.
- » Trainees, along with the trainers, participated in the annual conference of the Karnataka State Chapter of the Association of Surgeons of India on Feb 9th.
- » SVYM team, along with their MR children, visited the Dharwad Centre and interacted with the trainees and staff members on February 24th.

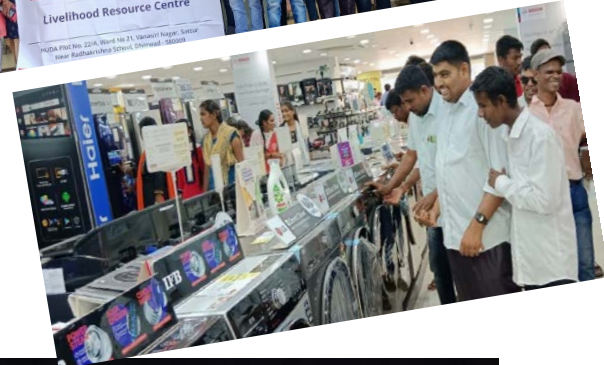
Exposure Visits:

- » Reliance, Trends, Girias Sales & Retails Sector, Neerasagara Dam



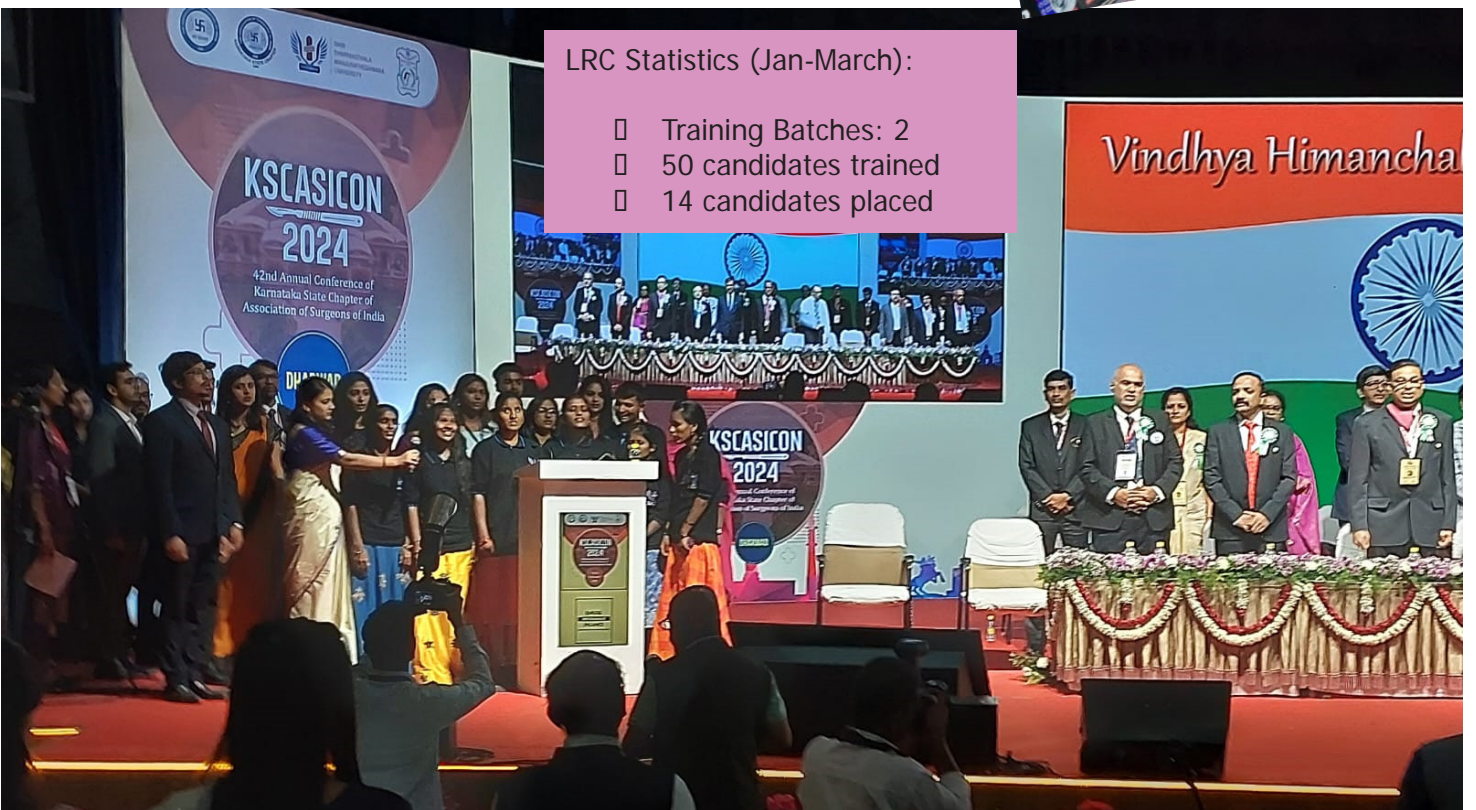
Volunteering Activities:

- » Orientation on Competitive Exams by Ms. Mallika & Ms Roopa
- » Guidance on Health and Hygiene by Dr. Akshata
- » A seminar on Financial Management by Mr. Narayana



LRC Statistics (Jan-March):

- Training Batches: 2
- 50 candidates trained
- 14 candidates placed



HYDERABAD

LRC Statistics (Jan-March):

- » Training Batches: 2
- » 40 candidates trained
- » 6 candidates placed



Volunteering Opportunities:

- » Resume Building & Mock Interviews with Salesforce
- » Self-Introduction, Communications, Career Guidance, Career Growth, and Resume Preparation Workshops, including Articles & Propositions, facilitated by DELOITTE

Special Events:

- » Republic Day Celebration

KODIKONDA

Volunteering Activities:

- » Discussions on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act by NKDYWS.
- » Importance of hard work by DRDA.
- » Motivational sessions by
Mr. Praveen Kumar, a CPM Leader
Ms. Prabhavathi & Ms. Shamanthakamani, IERP
Medical Officers from Chilamathur.



Exposure Visits:

□ Kronax Vidhurastaram & Lepakshi Temple

LRC Statistics (Jan-March):

- Training Batches: 2
- 50 candidates trained
- Ongoing placements



Highlights:

On 11th Jan'24, the leadership team from Bosch visited the centre to monitor the programs and activities.



KOCHI



Volunteering Activities:

- » Spoken English sessions were conducted by Ms. Steffy and Ms. Haritha.
- » A Motivational Session was delivered by Mr. Jeeson Antony.

Exposure Visits:

Pencil Manufacturing Company, Dutch Palace, Vasco Da Gama Tomb & Lulu Mall

Special Events:

- » Republic Day Celebration



Highlights:

- » Organized sign language orientation to the staff members of St. Teresa's College- Ernakulum on 15th Jan'

LRC Statistics (Jan-March):

- » Training Batches: 1
- » 30 candidates trained
- » 4 candidates placed



MUMBAI



Highlights:

- » The senior leadership team from DXC visited the center on 11th Jan'24, distributing assistive devices to trainees.
- » On 24th Jan'24, the Mumbai center organized a job fair aimed at securing employment opportunities for candidates awaiting placement.

Volunteering Activities:

- » Goal Setting and Logical Thinking Session facilitated by PwC
- » Motivational Session conducted by DXC



Exposure Visits:

CROMA

LRC Statistics (Jan-March):

- » Training Batches: 1
- » 40 candidates trained
- » Ongoing



PUNE

Highlights

- TIAA senior team leaders conducted a volunteering session on "How to introduce yourself during an interview" at the Samarthanam centre on February 1st
- Basic Sign language session was conducted for TIAA senior leaders by SHI interpreter.

Exposure Visits:

- Mapro Food Factory Pvt. Ltd

LRC Statistics (Jan-March):

- Training Batches: 1
- 25 candidates trained
- 8 candidates placed



Special Events :

Republic Day Celebration
Chatrapati Shivaji Jayanti



HUMAN RESOURCE

CELEBRATING ENGAGEMENT, COMPLIANCE, AND TALENT RECOGNITION

New Year Celebration: Started the year with a festive atmosphere, marked by cake cutting and engaging activities to boost employee morale.

Compliance Success: Submitted annual reports on Prevention of Sexual Harassment (POSH) and Child Protection, ensuring our commitment to a safe workplace.

Team Outing to Dandeli: Strengthened team bonds with an adventurous outing to Dandeli, fostering a culture of camaraderie and well-being.

Annual Sports Meet: Hosted a spirited sports meet for all staff, promoting teamwork and healthy competition on our annual day.

Grand Annual Day Celebration: Highlighted employee talent with a spectacular show and cultural programs, reinforcing our vibrant organizational culture.

Employee Recognition: Identified employees serving for 10 years and acknowledged top performers, recognizing their dedication and contribution to our success.



HEALTH

➤ Over 1200 individuals with disabilities have benefited from various assistive devices through projects including:

- DXC in Bangalore, Mumbai, Pune, Delhi, Chennai, Hyderabad
- Streparva
- Coreel Technologies
- BMC
- Qualcomm

➤ A total of 1256 beneficiaries were supported with assistive devices.

➤ Additionally, one individual received surgery support, further enhancing their quality of life and accessibility.



ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY ACCELERATOR

The Assistive Technology Accelerator (ATA), a Samarthanam initiative established in 2018, is committed to providing accessible and affordable assistive technology solutions to millions of people with disabilities. ATA collaborates with various stakeholders, including individuals with disabilities, start-ups, government and non-governmental organizations, academic institutions, and policymakers, to ensure user-centric design and enhance the accessibility of technological products.

Highlights:

- » An Awareness Conclave on Assistive Technology was conducted at Hotel Holiday Inn, Mumbai, on January 30th, 2024, with 200 participants and 12 AT start-ups showcasing various assistive technologies. The event aimed to promote 360-degree awareness on Assistive Technology, emphasizing affordability and accessibility, with a focus on user-centric design.
- » A National Level Capacity Building program was organized for Special Schools and Universities in Mumbai on January 29th, with the participation of 20 special schools and 1 University.
- » 88 Mobile phones were distributed and training was provided on Android Accessibility to beneficiaries at HEP Students Samarthanam JP Nagar, Dharwad & Bellary Hostels through the Android as AT Project in collaboration with IIITB.
- » Digital Accessibility training was conducted for 300 Visually Impaired court workers across various district courts in Karnataka, in collaboration with the e-committee of the Supreme Court of India, at the Karnataka Judicial Academy.
- » Computer labs in 4 Blind schools were inaugurated in Gujarat, including Surbi Lions Blind School, Samaj Suraksha Sankul in Vadodara, Andhajan Shala in Surat, and Andhajan Shivarimal in Dang District.
- » Participated in Dell Tech CSR roadshow and initiated MOU signing for the Wistern STEM App for students with print disabilities. This initiative, to be deployed pan India in the next fiscal year, aims to support blind students in pursuing careers and higher education in STEM fields.
- » English Medium Kannada textbooks from classes 1 to 3 were converted into sign language videos through DSERT Department of the Government of Karnataka, deployed on the DIKSHA Portal.
- » The Bangalore hackathon was organized with participants from 24 pioneers on January 23rd, 2024, at Hotel Chancery Pavilions.
- » An MoU was signed and work with ISTEM Foundation was initiated for R & D of 2 problem statements to make STEM education accessible to visually impaired students.
- » A 2-day Confluence was organized by Samarthanam, ISTEM Foundation, in collaboration with Microsoft, Google, and IIITB. The event included panels, Hackathons, and Career fairs, with a footfall of over 150 people with disabilities, corporates, and organizations.
- » ATA Project lead's work was represented at the 3rd national conference on Assistive Technology organized by Saartak in Delhi.
- » Ongoing work to enhance website accessibility, including automatic sign language integration.
- » DXC Impact evaluation was conducted by Mr. Rajendra K R for the previous year's DXC funded project, receiving positive feedback from end-users and beneficiaries. Impact assessment report was presented at the Awareness conclave to DXC.



SUNADHA

Spotlight: Jan-March

- » The team participated in Divyakalashakti competition organized by National Institute of Empowerment for Persons with Multiple Disabilities at Ravindra Kalakshetra, attended by the Honourable Governor of Karnataka
- » Performed for Tata Power Solar with a musical performance on Republic Day
- » Received accolades for performance at VIT Vellore Annual Day
- » Balasubramaniam Grandhi of Sunadha appeared on Kannada ZEE TV's Sa Re Ga Ma Pa
- » Sunadha team featured on ZEE TV, creating a memorable event
- » Performed for HSBC's annual celebrations
- » Participated in Dr. Gangubhai Hangal's 111th birth anniversary at KSGH, Mysore
- » The team actively engaged in Samarthanam Sambrama 27th Anniversary
- » Ms. Anusha of Team Sunada performed at Radio Udaan's cultural program in Delhi

MoU Signed and Ongoing Projects:

- » 40 artists were trained under the UNISYS project, which ended in March.
- » Preparations are in progress for training 200 budding artists under the KOTAK project.
- » Training classes have commenced for Vocal music, Bharatnatyam, and various instruments
- » The first Member of Council meeting with the Vice Chancellor of Karnataka State, Dr. Gangubhai Hangal University(KSGH), and the other members of Council of Samarthanam Institute of Music and Performing Arts (SIMPA), was successfully completed.
- » Screening and baseline survey of budding artists across Karnataka for enrollment as trainees has been conducted.
- » Various instruments, speakers, and monitors have been procured to support the training classes.
- » Newspaper publications and social media promotions of SIMPA have been initiated.
- » Admission procedures are currently in progress.
- » Music and dance-related books have been procured to set up a library.
- » Qualified faculty members have been recruited to engage the specified syllabus from KSGH.
- » A timetable has been framed for the smooth conduct of classes.
- » Samarthanam Summer Camp is ready to commence for the first time at Samarthanam.



CABI - CRICKET ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND IN INDIA

CABI Quarterly Newsletter Highlights

CRICKET TOURNAMENTS

➤ **IndusIndBankWomen'sNationalT20 Cricket Tournament for the Blind 2023-24**

Tournament Overview:
16 teams participated from January 8 to January 12, 2024.

Teams divided into four groups based on previous year's performance.

Champion: Odisha defeated Karnataka in the finals.



➤ **IndusIndBankNageshTrophy–Men's National T20 Cricket Tournament for the Blind 2023-24**

Tournament Overview:
Super 8 stage inaugurated on January 28, 2024.

Karnataka emerged as champions, defeating Andhra Pradesh in the finals.



➤ **FriendshipCricketSeriesfortheBlind India vs. Pakistan Friendship Cricket Series**
Result: India won the series 2-1.

Notable Matches:
India defeated Pakistan in the final match to clinch the series.

India's victory marked a significant turnaround after eight consecutive losses to Pakistan.



Achievements and Recognitions

» **Government Job Placements:**

15 visually impaired cricketers from Odisha secured government jobs.

A testament to the hard work and dedication of individuals like Mr. Jafar Iqbal.

» **Illuri Ajay Kumar Reddy Receives Arjuna Award:**

Honoured for outstanding contribution to blind cricket by the President of India.

» **BRM-ASHA Sports Award 2024:**

Pankaj Bhue and Padmini Tudu recognized for excellence in sports.



Samarth Initiative

Hyundai's 'Samarth' Initiative:

Aims to create inclusivity for people with disabilities.

Collaboration with Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled to support visually impaired cricketers.

Coaching and Development

National Coaching Camp for Indian Men's Cricket Team for the Blind:

Held from February 8 to February 20, 2024, in Bangalore.

Aimed at enhancing players' skills and fitness for upcoming tournaments.

Samarth Championship for Blind Cricket – India Vs Sri Lanka:

Series played in Delhi, with India winning 5-0.

Notable performances from players like Ajay Kumar Reddy and Nakula Badanayak.



Community Initiatives

Empowering and Transforming Blind Women through Cricket Supported by APF:

Significant achievements in Odisha, Madhya Pradesh, and Jharkhand.

Impactful participation and engagement of blind women in cricket.

Community-Based Sports Program Supported by NIKE:

500 children and youth at Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled participated in various sports activities.

Aimed at promoting physical activity and identifying talents irrespective of disability.

22nd National Para Athletics Championships 2024, Goa

9th to 13th January 2024
at Goa



Spreading Joy and Inspiration: The Australian Capital Territory Women's Cricket Team recently visited Samarthanam, sparking joy and inspiration. Their presence emphasized inclusivity in sports, showcasing how it unites people of diverse backgrounds. This event highlighted the importance of accessibility and equal opportunities in sports, reminding us that sports transcend physical limitations, fostering confidence, teamwork, and resilience in all individuals. Let's embrace this inspiration to create positive change and spread happiness in our communities.

PARISARA

PARISARA SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM:

□ To alleviate the strain on municipal waste systems, the Parisara team is encouraging households and bulk waste generators to minimize waste generation and practice effective waste segregation without compromising individual health and safety. As MSW (Municipal Solid Waste) management remains an essential service, personnel involved in this initiative are implementing necessary precautions.

□ A review study on the environmental sustainability assessment of MSW land disposal for Indian cities highlights a significant concern: over 70.00% of waste generated in cities is landfilled. Addressing this issue at all levels is crucial to prevent potential consequences such as the resurgence of the pandemic or related issues.

Dry waste collected from corporate: 240 Tonnes Dry waste recycled: 238 Tonnes

CSR PROJECTS:

- » ReWare – Waste Segregation Awareness Project (TESCO CSR INITIATIVE):
- » Tesco's contribution supports environmental and community welfare efforts.
- » This project aims to raise awareness among the public/community about the importance of primary source segregation of waste.
- » Samarthanam collaborates with BBMP in multiple wards to propagate household waste segregation, maintaining records of waste generation and processing to ensure zero landfilling.
- » The project contributes to reducing carbon emissions, air pollution, and increasing recycling rates. It also provides employment opportunities for the rag-picker community.



Beneficiaries from all 5 BBMP wards in Blr:

- » Blocks Covered: 29
- » House Visits/Awareness Reached: 23,009
- » Total Community Beneficiaries: 83,121
- » Waste Givers: 16,630
- » Black Spots Cleared: 8
- » Commercial Shops Visited: 360
- » School Awareness Sessions: 5

Otis Elevators- 2000 saplings@ Nangi, Kolkata

Flex Foundation- 5000 saplings @ Hulimangala

Intel- 4600 saplings @ Bangalore University

Computa Centre- 2500 saplings@ Huskur



VOLUNTEERING



CORPORATE VOLUNTEERING ACTIVITIES: IMPACT AND ENGAGEMENT

Volunteering Activities Overview

➤ Total Volunteering Activities

26 Physical Activities: Engaging 2056 volunteers for approximately 8538 hours.

➤ Diverse Initiatives

Tree Plantation: Conducted in multiple cities with Otis, Intel, Computacenter, and JLL.

Cook-A-Meal Activity: Organized with KPMG and Euromonitor.

Audiobook Recording: Collaboration with SAKS, JLL, GKN Aerospace, Euromonitor, and DXC.

➤ Community Engagement

Friendly Blind Cricket Match: Held in Bangalore and Chennai with Keysight and BNP Paribas.

Wall Painting Activities: Conducted with SAKS and JLL.

Corporate Volunteering Highlights

➤ Career Guidance Program

Organized in Several Cities: With participation from Deloitte, PwC, Otis, Salesforce, Qualcomm, and KPMG.

Participation in Corporate Volunteering Conclave: Organized by Youth for Seva.

➤ Volunteer Engagement

Total Volunteers: 2056

Total Volunteer Hours: Approximately 8538 hours.

Internship Programs and Service Learning

➤ Student Engagement

Approximately 100 Students Completed Internships: Contributing a total of 6540 hours.

Engaged in Various Programs: Schools, Digital Library, Rehabilitation Centres, and Parisara.

➤ Educational Collaborations

- Collaboration with Educational Departments: Including Bangalore University, Christ University, IGNOU, and others.
- Conducted Case Studies and Organizational Studies.
- Contributed to education and early intervention programs.

Educational Collaborations and Initiatives

Philanthropic Commitment

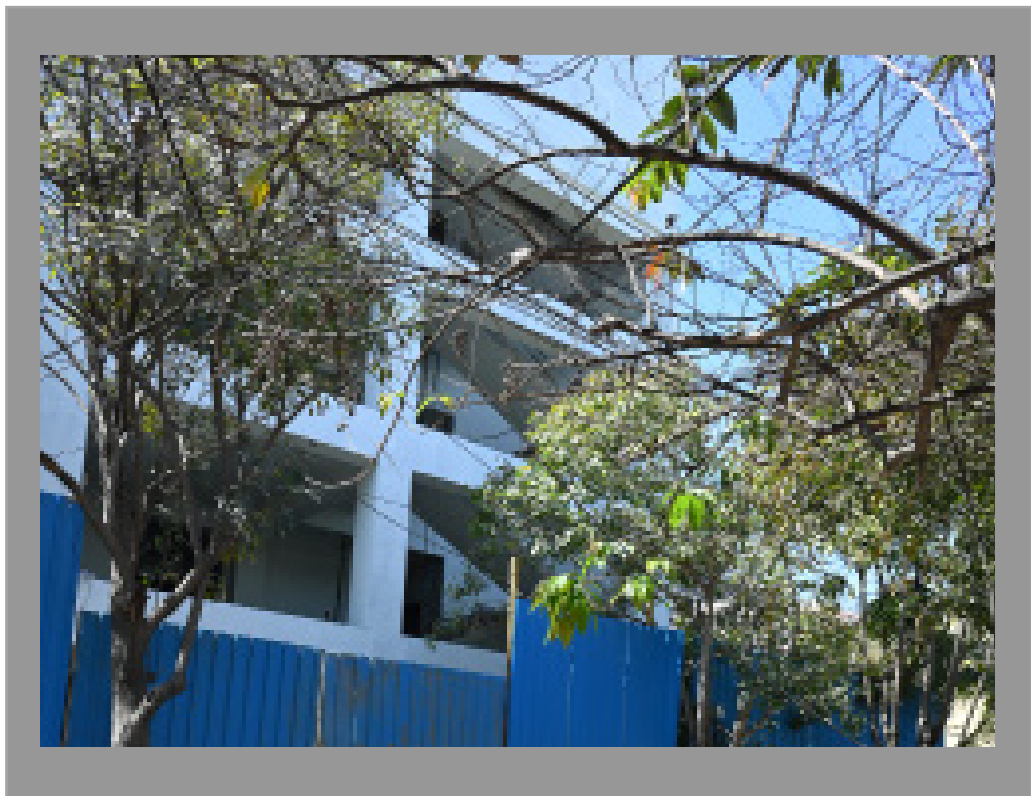
- Engagement of Multiple Corporates and Educational Institutions: Demonstrates a strong commitment to community development and social responsibility.
- Significant Volunteer Hours Contributed: Reflecting the dedication of the volunteers and the impactful outcomes of the initiatives.


INFRASTRUCTURE




Samarthanam's Art Centre:


Terrific progress is underway at our unique Art Centre, specifically designed for disability training, autism therapy, and accessibility. The laying of marble, granite, and tiles is currently in progress, bringing us closer to completion by October 2024.




 **Doddaballapura Day Care Centre:** Construction successfully completed! This hub provides essential care and support to the inclusive community around this location. The day-care caters to 16 children with simple to mild disabilities admitted from 19 villages, while 17 severe cases receive home-based treatment.

 **New Girls' Dormitory at Kodikonda:** Progressing well! Creating a safe space for girls to thrive and pursue their dreams.

 **Renovation of Government Schools:** Enhancing educational environments for inclusive learning and student success.

 **WASH Project:** We're making significant strides in enhancing water, sanitation, and hygiene facilities for the well-being of beneficiaries. Renovations and construction of washrooms have progressed significantly, with over 100 accessible toilets completed. Additionally, sessions on health hygiene and menstrual hygiene, along with the distribution of nutritional and hygiene kits, have positively impacted approximately 50,000 adolescent children.

 **Upcoming Projects:** Exciting plans finalized for projects in Bellary and Mysore, expanding our impact further. Stay tuned!

SUVIDYA- THE DIGITAL LIBRARY

Key Metrics:

- Available Braille Books: 6345
- Audio Books added: 580
- Pages scanned: 10642
- Number of books listed: 1809



Key Activities:

- Delivered orientation and conducted audio book recording activities for companies including KPMG, Euromonitor, DXC, JLL, GKN Aerospace, OTIS SAKS, BMC, and Morgan Stanley.
- Promoted Savira Dwani Samarpne at Malleshwaram PU College and Pustaka Sante.
- Donated NEET and CET material books to Malleshwaram PU College students.

SWADHARA

Resilience Renewed: The Stories of Two Women.

Mrs. Lavanya, a 31-year-old homemaker, endured severe family harassment due to her husband's aggressive and neglectful behavior. His constant absence and poor communication fueled frequent arguments, leading to mental distress for Mrs. Lavanya. Eventually, unable to cope, she left home and sought refuge at Samarthanam through Janodaya Santwana Kendra. Despite facing resistance from both families, Swadhara provided Mrs. Lavanya with compassionate care, alleviating her mental tension. Leveraging her education, she secured a job at Kotak Mahindra Bank and relocated to a nearby PG accommodation. Grateful for the support received, Mrs. Lavanya remains deeply attached to Swadhara and acknowledges Samarthanam's role in her journey towards stability and independence.

Dr. Shilpa, a 33-year-old Ayurvedic doctor, found herself in a challenging situation when misunderstandings arose in her marriage to Shivaswamy, an IT graduate. Despite their initial happiness, the discord led to a mutual decision for divorce. However, Dr. Shilpa soon realized her mistake and desired reconciliation, but her husband was unwilling to relent. Feeling lost and alone, she sought guidance from women's helplines, leading her to Samarthanam Swadhara. Despite the turmoil, Dr. Shilpa remained dedicated to her job at Siddalinga Memorial Hospital and found solace in her work at Swadhara. With the support of the helpline and encouragement from Swadhara, efforts were made to reconcile with her parents. Eventually, through intervention and dialogue, her parents welcomed her back home, allowing Dr. Shilpa to rebuild her life while continuing her career journey. This journey showcases resilience, seeking help, and the power of reconciliation, ultimately leading to a renewed sense of hope and stability in Dr. Shilpa's life.

VIDYAPRASAD

- » Over the course of January 2024, the kitchen supplied a total of 177,000 meals to schools, followed by 156,400 meals in both February and March 2024.
- » Food provisions supported a Cooking Assistant training for three days at Shikhsakara Sadan and catered to a CEO meeting at Zillpancyath on January 22nd.
- » The organization received grants amounting to Rs-1,410,000 in January, Rs-2,940,000 in February 2024, and Rs-1,542,800 in March.
- » Throughout February, egg, banana, and peanut chikki were distributed, while laddu was supplied for Republic Day celebrations in mid-day meal schools. Ragi malt with milk was also provided to all schools.
- » Special food arrangements were made for mid-day meal schools in observance of Sharada Pooja.
- » Additionally, food was supplied to staff for the annual sports meet and for 250 members of the Karnataka Liberation Forum for the Blind at Gandhi Bhavan.
- » Mid-day meal quarterly food tests were conducted at SMS lab service.
- » Representatives from all MDM NGOs visited Sri Sathya Sai Annapoorna Trust in Muddenahalli.

WORKING WOMEN'S & STUDENTS' HOSTEL

January: New Year and Makara Sankranti celebrations, Louis Braille Day, Republic Day, and a memorable trip for hostel students to Dharmasthala, Kukke Subramanya, Kemmanagundi sponsored by donor Mr Sathish.

February: Hostel involvement in Women's Blind Cricket Tournament and participation in Manipal Marathon.

March: Samarthanam Day celebration, Maha Shivaratri observance, and attendance at a health check-up in JP Nagar.

TRANSPORT

- » A 32-seater Eicher bus and a Maruthi Ecco van has been acquired to facilitate transportation for ID school and hostel students.



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Samarthanam Sambrama 2024, the 27th-anniversary celebration of Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled, was held at the expansive grounds of Freedom International School, H.S.R Layout. The event was organized in two sessions, accommodating a diverse range of activities and recognition ceremonies.

One of the key highlights of the event was the introduction of the prestigious Samarthanam Awards, recognizing individuals, organizations, and institutions that have shown outstanding commitment and support to the cause of empowering persons with disabilities.

The award categories included Donor Categories, Employer of Diversity Award, Tomorrow's Trailblazer Award, Education Ally Award, Collaboration Excellence Award, Cultural Luminary Award, and Apex Achievement Award for Sports.

Additionally, 49 Stellar Performance Awards were bestowed upon exceptional employees from various departments for their dedication and outstanding contributions during the year 2023-24. Furthermore, the Decade of Dedication Awards honored nine individuals - Lalithamma, Renava Arahunasi, Deepak Suresh Gabbur, Ningayya Mathapati, Vijayashankara, Kiran Kumar, Rekha.R, Priyanka.G, and Madhu.H.C, who have exhibited unwavering dedication and commitment to the cause of Samarthanam over the past decade.

The event was filled with vibrant cultural performances by staff, students, and beneficiaries, including dances, skits, songs, and instrumental performances. These captivating performances showcased the talent and diversity within the Samarthanam community.

The Samarthanam Sambrama 2024 event was not just a celebration; it was a testament to the unwavering spirit of empowerment and inclusivity championed by the Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled. Amidst the vibrant cultural performances and heartfelt expressions of gratitude, the event stood as a beacon of hope and recognition for those who tirelessly advocate for the rights and dignity of persons with disabilities. From the Accessible Travel Champion Award presented to Bangalore International Airport Limited, to the Healthcare Accessibility Advocate Award bestowed upon Rangadore Hospital and Sri Krishna Sevashrama Hospital, each accolade underscored the pivotal role played by organizations and individuals in breaking barriers and fostering an environment of equal opportunities. As the names of distinguished awardees resonated through the air, it became abundantly clear that Samarthanam Sambrama 2024 was not just a celebration of past achievements, but a powerful call to action for a future where inclusivity reigns supreme and every individual's potential is recognized and celebrated.

Various awards were presented during the event, including the Education Ally Award to APS College and RV Group of Institutions, recognizing their support for education. The Collaboration Excellence Award was given to long-standing vendors, highlighting their outstanding cooperation. Ms. Sunitha, Mr. Nandesh, Ms. Pallavi, and Mr. Hemanth received the Apex Achievement Award for Sports for their remarkable feats in various athletic disciplines. Mr. Kiran was honored with the Individual Award for being the Best Technology User. TESCO, Menzies Aviation Pvt Ltd, and BBMP were acknowledged with the Green Award for their environmentally-friendly practices. Employers of Diversity such as Landmark Group, Reliance Industries Limited (RIL), SUTHERLAND, INDIGO, QUESS CORP, and VINDHYA INFOTECH were commended for their efforts in fostering diversity. Recipients of the Cultural Luminary Award and Tomorrow's Trailblazer Award were also recognized for their significant contributions to promoting accessibility, diversity, and inclusion across different domains, including travel, healthcare, education, sports, technology, and environmental sustainability.

These awardees were recognized for their outstanding contributions and commitment to promoting accessibility, diversity, and inclusion in various domains, including travel, healthcare, education, sports, technology, and environmental sustainability.

Distinguished guests, including prominent personalities from various sectors, graced the occasion with their presence, adding to the grandeur of the celebration.

During the morning session, the event was graced by the presence of esteemed individuals including Shri Ugrappa, Ex. Member of Parliament Lok Sabha and Member of the Karnataka Legislative Council, Shri. Nagaraju Yadav, Member of Karnataka Legislative Council, Shri. Venkatesh Reddy, Secretary of the National Education Society, Mrs. Sneha Rai, Principal of Freedom International School, and Shri. Sampat Sadanand, Head of Terminal Experience and Operations at Bangalore International Airport.

In the evening session, notable attendees such as Shri. Tejasvi Surya, Member of the Lok Sabha, Shri. Mehboob Pasha, President of Kanteerava Studio Ltd, Government of Karnataka, Shri. Gopinath, Member of Legislative Council, and Shri. Manjunath, Assistant Commissioner of Police, contributed to the event's significance.

Their participation underscores the commitment and dedication of the Samarthanam community towards fostering a more inclusive and empowering society.

Samarthanam Sambrama 2024 was a testament to the unwavering commitment and dedication of the Samarthanam community towards creating a more inclusive and empowering society for persons with disabilities.

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Mahesha... A Life Transformed: A Gratitude Letter for the Gift of Independence

Dear Dr Mahantesh Sir

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to express my heartfelt gratitude for providing me with the NeoBolt wheelchair. Since receiving it four days ago, my life has taken a remarkable turn for the better.

The NeoBolt wheelchair has truly transformed my daily routine and mobility. With its assistance, I have been able to navigate through various government schools independently, a feat that would have been challenging without it. The sense of freedom and empowerment it has given me is truly invaluable.

Your generosity and support have made a significant impact on my life, and I cannot thank you enough for your kindness. It is heartwarming to know that organizations like Samarthanam exist to make a positive difference in the lives of individuals like myself.

Please accept my deepest gratitude for your unwavering support and for providing me with the means to live a more independent and fulfilling life. I am immensely grateful for the NeoBolt wheelchair and for the opportunities it has afforded me.

Thank you once again for your kindness and generosity.

With sincere appreciation,
Mahesha M



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