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Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled®

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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

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 Community,

As we wrap up the final quarter of 2023, I am thrilled to celebrate the highlight of our year - the 17th edition of the Bengaluru Walkathon, our flagship annual event. This significant event, held this quarter, echoed our steadfast commitment and marked a triumphant conclusion to the year. With an incredible turnout, it gathered an unprecedented number of enthusiastic participants united in support of our cause, "Health for All."



Our impactful collaboration with Hyundai through the Samarth Initiative, featuring Mr. Shah Rukh Khan as its brand ambassador, stands as a testament to our inclusive endeavours. Moreover, our signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the esteemed Karnataka Dr. Gangubai Hangal Music and Performing Arts University in Mysore on December 16th marked a monumental milestone. This MoU solidifies Samarthanam's role as a dedicated Music and Performing Arts Centre, nurturing the talents of specially-abled individuals and artists from underprivileged communities.

Addressing environmental concerns, our Parisara Solid Waste Management Program focused on pandemic-sensitive waste management strategies, health precautions, and sustainability practices. Our initiatives in waste segregation awareness, plantation drives, and dry waste recycling were fortified by dedicated partners.

In the realm of culture and education, our Digital Library initiative took a significant leap with the launch of "Saavira Dhvani Samarpane" during Kannada Rajyotsava, aiming to curate 1000 Kannada audiobooks.

Our involvement in blind cricket, particularly through the IndusInd Bank Nagesh Trophy 2023-24, and the Fedfina Women's Bilateral Series led to exceptional sporting achievements, empowering blind cricketers and championing inclusivity in sports.

The progress made by our Learning Resource Centres (LRCs) from October to December showcases our unwavering dedication to fostering education and skill development. Training sessions covering communicative English, IT, BPO, Soft Skills, and Digital literacy resulted in successful course completions and certificates. We organized 14 job fairs, significantly benefiting our nationwide beneficiaries.

The WASH Project's aim to promote inclusive education, enhance health conditions, and digitize classrooms for underprivileged girls remains a catalyst for meaningful change.

These initiatives are pivotal strides towards our vision of nurturing a more inclusive and empowered community. As we embrace the new year, let's carry forward the spirit of determination and optimism, seizing new opportunities and achieving shared success.

Wishing each of you a Happy New Year!
Together, let's continue making a difference.

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

SAMARTHANAM SPECTACULARS



Dr. Mahantesh G Kivadasannavar was an esteemed guest at the 6th World Congress on Disaster Management (6th WCDM) held on November 28th in Dehradun, Uttarakhand, India. His participation in this influential event dedicated to advancing knowledge and innovation in Disaster Management is a source of immense pride for all of us at Samarthanam. The event, held from November 28 to December 1, 2023, was also attended by the Chief Minister of Uttarakhand, Mr. Pushkar Singh Dhama.

Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled has been honoured with the prestigious **REHABILITATION INTERNATIONAL CENTENNIAL AWARD!** This recognition commemorates a century of advancing the rights and inclusion of people with disabilities worldwide. As part of RI's 100th-anniversary celebrations, Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled is privileged to be among the select few organizations worldwide acknowledged for their exceptional contributions.



Samarthanam Trust has proudly partnered with **HYUNDAI INDIA FOUNDATION** for their transformative 'SAMARTH' initiative. Led by Hyundai Motor India Limited's MD & CEO, Un Soo Kim, along with COO Tarun Garg and Executive Director J.T. Park, 'Samarth' is a pioneering project dedicated to empowering disabled individuals across India, promoting inclusivity. The collaboration, marked by a grand unveiling event with Hyundai's brand ambassador Shah Rukh Khan.

The **ARI ROLAND JAZZ QUARTET** from the United States of America brought their incredible talents to a special music workshop with our Sunadha team. Ari Roland on bass, Chris Byars on tenor saxophone, Zaid Nasser on alto saxophone, and Keith Balla on drums mesmerized us with their amazing music blend.



SAMARTHANAM SPECTACULARS

Samarthanam celebrated the 68th Kannada Rajyotsava with enthusiasm, featuring guests like Shri Satish Reddy, Member of the Karnataka Legislative Assembly, and actors from the Kannada film industry including Yashas Surya, Bhoomi Shetty, Sonal Mantero. The event also included performances by singers Darshan Gurushanth, Pritvi Bhat, Victory Vinod, and performances of comedian Hitesh Belthangadi from Comedy Khiladigalu, along with a lively act by the Zee Dance Studio troupe.



The members of Karnataka's gold-winning women's team at the World IBSA Games, Varsha, Deepika and Gangavva along with the silver-winning men's team members Sunil Kumar, Basappa and Prakash, were honoured, along with D. Mahantesh G. Kivadasannavar, Chairman of CABI (Cricket Association for the Blind), by the Karnataka Chief Minister Shri Siddaramaiah.

Team 'Parisara' collaborated with o9 SOLUTIONS MANAGEMENT INDIA PVT LTD. for an environmental initiative. 350 o9 Solutions volunteers engaged in a combined effort of jogging, walking, and litter collection to clean Veerasagara Lake and its surroundings. The initiative included planting native shrubs to boost biodiversity, creating seed balls for future planting, and concluding with a session on environmental conservation.



Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled has taken a monumental step towards inclusive education in the arts by forging a partnership with KARNATAKA STATE. DR. GANGUBAI HANAGAL, UNIVERSITY OF MUSIC AND PERFORMING ARTS, Mysore. The MoU signing ceremony featured Dr. Mahantesh G Kivadasannar, Founder Trustee Samarthanam Trust; representatives of Sunadha, the dynamic Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Nagesh V. Bettakote, Mr Rajesh M R KAS- Registrar, and Mr Mahade - Evaluation Registrar.

EDUCATION

Throughout the third quarter of 2023, 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 Gandhi Jayanti, Kannada Rajyotsava, and World Disability 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

VOLUNTEERING ACTIVITIES

- "Draw Your Dreams" event was executed by FUND A CHILD on 5th Nov.
- Nutrition kits were distributed by AMETEK company
- Children's Carnival was organized by DREAM INDIA .
- A cultural and drawing competition was conducted for World Disability Day on 24/11.
- A volunteering activity was facilitated with DELOITTE on 25/11.
- Volunteers from ALATION distributed bicycles and soft ball to the students on 13th Dec.

CULTURAL AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

- Seventeen students participated in a movie shoot on Oct 28th.
- Support was provided for the participation of Samarthanam women's team in Mahila Samavesha on 26th Nov.
- Distribution of shoes and T-shirts to students was done on 8th Dec.
- Attendance was marked at the Kaladarpana Art Reflects award ceremony on 2nd Dec.
- Students participated in Samarthanam's annual Walk-A-thon on 9th Dec.
- Distribution of bicycles to students was carried out on 13th Dec.



SPEECH & HEARING IMPAIRED (SHI) SCHOOL



HIGH SCHOOL

CLUB ACTIVITIES, SPORTS, AND VOLUNTEER ENGAGEMENTS

- Showcased science models, eco-club activities, and planted a sapling.
- Organized sports activities for Children's Day and participated in Walk-A-Thon.

VOLUNTEERING ACTIVITIES

- Generation Tech & Adobe Projects Participation: Hostel students actively engaged in Generation Tech by JP Morgan Chase and the Adobe Project Smile Community League, contributing to innovative initiatives.
- Guest Speaker Session by Ms. Yamuna: Ms. Yamuna conducted insightful goal-setting and time management classes exclusively for 10th standard students, fostering valuable skills for their personal and academic growth.

HEALTH INITIATIVES

- Distributed hygiene kits, attended health check-ups, and yoga sessions., and culture, enhancing students' practical understanding beyond textbooks.



INTELLECTUALLY DISABLED (ID) SCHOOLS

MYSURU

RECOGNITIONS AND COLLABORATIONS

- MOU Signings: Samarthanam Trust entered into a partnership with Maharani Women's Commerce and Management College, Mysore, focusing on higher education.
- An MOU was established with JSS Polytechnic for the Differently Aabled, Mysore, for a Learning Resource Centre (LRC) project.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND FESTIVITIES

- IBSA World Games Recognition: Varsha Umapathy, Gangavva NH, Deepika T.C., and coach Shikha Shetty Ara were honoured at the Mysore Samarthanam branch for their exceptional achievements at the IBSA World Games 2023.
- Mysuru Dasara Yuva Sambhrama: Students from Mysore ID school and the higher education hostel showcased their talents in a dance program during the Mysuru Dasara Yuva Sambhrama, participating alongside 35+ artists.
- Diwali Festivities: Mysore ID School and hostel students engaged in vocational activities by decorating Diyas (lights) as part of the Diwali festivities.



BENGALURU

ACADEMICS

- Happy School, Chennai Visit: Teaching staff from Happy School, Chennai toured ID school in Bangalore, interacting with class teachers and students.
- Classroom and Academic Activities: Classroom activities, including the use of Amazon Alexa for teaching recreational and ADL skills. Preparation of Teaching Learning Materials (TLMs) such as vegetable and animal puppets, and a model house conducted.
- Educational Programs: Regular classroom activities along with yoga, speech, occupational, and other educational activities. Training sessions for the upcoming inter-school quiz competition, Quiz Abled, held in the Data Entry unit.
- Incorporation of Advanced Technology: Integration of Amazon and Alexa devices for educational purposes across three classes within ID school's curriculum.



HEALTH CAMP

- Counselling and Physiotherapy Support: Qualified counsellors and experienced physiotherapists provided guidance and support, aiding around 16 students with counselling and 25 students with physiotherapy sessions.



CORPORATE VOLUNTEERING ACTIVITIES

- Stall Events: Staff engaged in stall events at FLEX(Oct 10th) and CISCO (Oct 12th) for showcasing crafts and school initiatives.
- VTU Collaboration: School set up a stall at VTU's Durga Pooja event (Oct 21st) in HSR Layout, Bengaluru, fostering community engagement.
- Crafts Training: Staff attended crafts training at MAVENHIR SYSTEMS PVT. LTD to enhance craft-making skills for CSR events.



- Corporate Interactions: Engagements with HINDUJA GLOBAL SOLUTIONS, KPMG, and ALATION included fun activities, sponsored bicycles, and interactive sessions.
- Crafts Preparation: Students and volunteers crafted diyas, paper roses, door mats, and torans for stalls at State Street, Eco Space (Dec 12th), and Little Genesis Preschool, JP Nagar (Dec 16th).

VOCATIONAL UNIT OF ID SCHOOL

- Craft Preparation: Preparation of crafts for CSR events at corporate companies, involving painting diyas, crafting paper roses, torans, door mats, and participating in stall setups at various locations.
- Engagement at Preschool: Participating in stalls at Little Genesis Preschool and State Street, Eco Space, Marathahalli for vocational purposes.

BELAGAVI

SPORTS EVENTS:

Sports activities were organized by District Disabled Welfare Office Officials and Block Education Officials to commemorate World Disabled Day. Additionally, the opening ceremony of the Disabled Sports Event was held later on.



VOLUNTEERING ACTIVITIES:

Students from KLE participated in a volunteering visit to Samarthanam ID School in Belagavi.



CULTURAL AND OTHER ACTIVITIES:

Various events took place including a birthday celebration for Trustee Shri Buse Gowda involving LRC staff and ID School students.

School staff attended the Red-Cross Program at the B.E.O Office.

Children's Day Celebration occurred at KLE Ayurveda Hospital.

Meals were sponsored by Mr. Nikhil K Patil.

A Candle March event was organized for World Disability Day in collaboration with Ankur ID school.

Additionally, Dry Ration Kits were donated by Ms.Aishwarya and Ms.Hema Kulkarni.



HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRAMME

EXPANDING ACCESS AND SUPPORT

- Facilitating College Admissions and Tuition Fees for Underprivileged Students across Multiple States
- Initiation of Hostel Facility for Higher Education Students in Mysore

CULTURAL AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES

- Vibrant Dance Programme for/by Higher Education Students during Dasara Festival in Mysore
- Yoga Program Focused on Students' Well-being in Ballari
- District-level Sports Events Celebrating International Day of Persons with Disabilities

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES AND GUIDANCE

- Disability Sensitization and Career Opportunity Programs at Rani Chennamma University, Belgavi
- Career Guidance Workshop for Students with Disabilities at Sarojini Naidu Girls PG College, Bhopal

SUPPORT INITIATIVES AND LEARNING AID DISTRIBUTION

- Distribution of Educational Materials: Power Banks, College Bags, Books, Stationery, Pen Drives, Braille Slates, Stylus, Taylor Frames, Talking Calculators, and Pen Drives
- Training on Mobile App Usage for Visual Impaired Students

EVENTS, CELEBRATIONS, AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

- Walkathon Participation with Higher Education Students in Bengaluru
- Guruvandana and World Disability Day Celebrations at Maharani Commerce and Management College, Mysore
- Acknowledgment and Honouring of Faculty Members for Their Contributions
- Celebratory Events Jointly Held with Organizations and Colleges

PARTNERSHIP SUPPORT AND DIGNITARY MESSAGES

- Support Provided by Financial Institutions like Avanse Financial Services, Standard Chartered Bank, and Dow Chemical International Private Limited
- Messages from Dignitaries Emphasizing Education, World Disability Day, and Inclusivity



INCLUSIVE EDUCATION

Samarthanam launched a 'preparatory development centre' at Doddaballapur, empowering individuals under the Inclusive Education Programme. In Bagepalli, a caretaker accessed a 1 lakh NRLM grant for a hotel. Ongoing NMMS (National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship) exam revisions in A.P. and Karnataka aid students, while a tailored computer syllabus assists a government school's digital literacy program. Inclusive education efforts impacted 192 children across 43 schools in Chilamathuru, Lepakshi, and Gorentla. Home-based therapy supported 139 individuals, 75 in Gowribidanuru, aiding 267 disabled children. Mobile Van Therapy helped 263 individuals, NMMS activities influenced 180 students in 15 schools, and 416 students joined computer classes. Initiatives included a parent meeting at Doddaballapur centre, computer training for 416 students at Government Girls High School, and an engaging Income Generation activity session for 23 parents in Chilamathuru Mandal. Additionally, educational gifts benefitted 500 students, with reviews and appliance distribution for 28 disabled children.



STEM - SCIENCE & TINKER LABS

MINI SCIENCE CENTRES AND TINKER LABS

Ongoing Tinker lab training across schools.

Monitoring visits conducted in various locations.

Quiz competitions held in STEM-supported schools.

Approximately 14,000 students benefitted in Mumbai, Kolkata, Delhi, Pune, Chennai, Bangalore, and other locations.

DIGITAL SMARTBOARDS AND DIGITAL CLASSROOMS

Routine training sessions for teachers. Technical support provided for smartboard usage.

Successful inauguration of digital classrooms.

Approximately 25,000 students benefitted in Pune and other locations.

UPCOMING INSTALLATIONS AND PLANNING

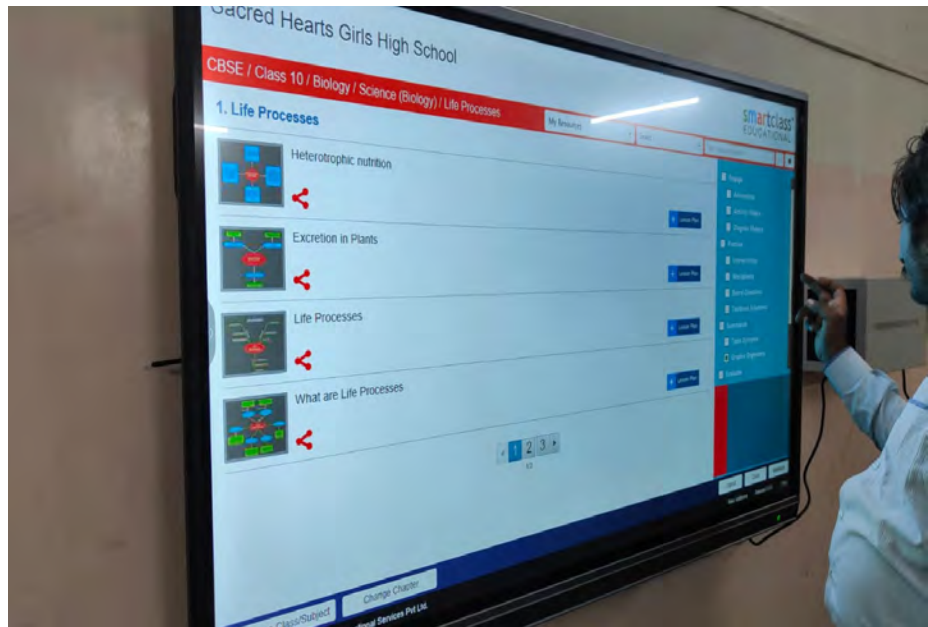
Identification, sensitization, and planned installations for January '24.

Expansion plans to benefit additional students across various cities.

VOLUNTEERING ACTIVITIES

School supplies distribution conducted in multiple schools in Chennai, Bangalore, Delhi, and other locations.

Samarthanam's educational initiatives encompass the establishment of Mini Science Centres, Tinker Labs, Digital Smartboards, and ongoing installations. Currently, these projects are being implemented in collaboration with OTIS ELEVATORS, FIS GLOBAL, ATOS SYNTEL, KOMATSU, and other corporate partners, impacting over 39,000 students across multiple cities by enhancing the learning environment and providing technological resources in the educational sector. The organization remains committed to expanding its reach and planning further interventions to benefit more students in the coming months.



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 Q3 - HIGHLIGHTS:

School infrastructure enhancement involved the identification and selection of 50 schools for construction and renovation in Bangalore, Chennai, Tirunelveli, and Pune. The initiative also encompasses the initiation of construction for new toilets in 50 schools and the renovation of 50 schools, with 20 initiated and 15 completed. Facility upgrades and educational support include the installation of 20 smartboards, 20 RO water systems, and 2 incinerators. The distribution of MHM and nutritional kits comprises 4000 units each distributed across Bangalore, Raichur, Virudhnagar, and Jalgaon, along with 4000 IEC booklets dispensed. Health sessions for girls, focusing on MHM aspects, have reached 4000 participants in Bangalore. These initiatives have been made possible through generous contributions from various corporate partners, including Morgan Stanley's School Improvement Project, ATOS, and Oracle.



SKILLING - LIVELIHOOD RESOURCE CENTRES

Quarterly Report Highlights – October to December 2023 for Samarthanam Learning Resource Centres

Significant Highlight: Inauguration of a New Centre in Kolkata

- Bangalore
- Belgaum
- Bellary
- Dharwad
- Chennai
- Anantapur - Kodikonda
- Guntur
- Hyderabad
- Mumbai
- Pune
- Kochi
- Bhopal
- Delhi

- New Delhi
- Kolkata (New Centre)
- Bhopal
- Mumbai
- Pune
- Hyderabad
- Guntur
- Belagavi
- Dharwad
- Kodikonda
- Ballari
- Bengaluru
- Chennai
- Kochi



Common Activities Conducted by All Samarthanam Learning Resource Centres (LRCs) - October to December 2023

- Training for Q3 batches was successfully initiated at all locations after the completion of the batch initiation process in October '23.
- Regular training sessions encompassing communicative English, IT, BPO, Soft Skills, and Digital literacy were conducted across all locations from October '23 to December '23.
- The training for Q3 batches in all locations was successfully completed, and course completion certificates were issued within the reporting period (October '23 to December '23).
- Placement activities were carried out in all locations aimed at facilitating placements for unplaced candidates from Batches 01, 02, & 03.
- Collaborating with Barclays Bank, Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled conducted 14 job fairs across the country from October '23 to December '23.

BENGALURU

- An orientation program was conducted on 9th Nov'23 by a team from the Department for Women and Child Development, Government of Karnataka, in preparation for the upcoming Mahila Samavesha on 26th Nov'23.
- An employers' meet was conducted on 24th Nov'23 in collaboration with Barclays Bangalore centre to honour the employers who had proactively hired disabled individuals in their companies.
- Grocery kits were distributed to trainees in collaboration with FEDEX Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled on 1st Dec'23.
- On the occasion of World Disability Day, food was donated to the candidates by IBIS Hotel on 4th Dec'23.



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BALLARI

- Five day Yoga Sessions were organized for the candidates by Samarathanam Trust for the Disabled- Ballari unit in collaboration with Patanjali Yoga Committee and Bharat Swabhimana Trust, Ballari, from 20th Oct'23.
- The trainees actively participated in a Cultural Program organized by Kannada Chaitanya Vedhike, Ballari, on 19th Nov'23.
- Participation in the sports event organized by DDWO was undertaken by the trainees on the occasion of World Disability Day on 27th Nov'23.
- A mega job fair was organized by Barclays Bank Bellary centre on 27th Oct'23 in collaboration with Samarathanam Trust.
- Mr. Vijay Kumar from KPMG conducted a batch closure and certification program, issuing course completion certificates to the trainees on 19th Dec'23.

MUMBAI

- Trainees along with the trainers participated in the NGO Mela organized at Powai on 4th Oct'23.
- Mumbai center organized Rehabilitation and Assistive Device Camp on 14th & 17th Oct'23.
- In collaboration with Barclays Bank, Job Fairs to open up job opportunities to the PwDs was organized on 31st Oct'23 & 19th Dec'23.
- An employers' meet was conducted on 28th Nov'23 by Mumbai centre in partnership with Barclays Bank to express gratitude to companies, organizations, and institutions that provided employment opportunities to individuals with disabilities.



DHARWAD

- The centre was visited by Mr. Santhosh Lad, Labour Minister for Karnataka, along with Mr. Aravind Bellad, Dharwad MLA, who inaugurated the inclusive training centre on 1st Oct'23.
- The leadership team from PRAXAIR visited the LRC and engaged in interactions with both the trainees and the staff members on 4th Oct'23.
- A placement drive was conducted at the Dharwad centre on 31st Oct'23 & 31st Nov'23 to facilitate placements for unplaced candidates.
- Samarthanam – Dharwad unit collaborated with PRAXAIR company to distribute wheelchairs to youths with disabilities on 9th Dec'23.
- On 14th Dec'23, members of the Inter Wheel Women's Club – Dharwad, a women's voluntary organization, visited the centre and interacted with the staff and trainees.



KOCHI

- Trainees along with the trainers participated in the international world disability day celebration organized by Union Christian College on 19th Dec'



HYDERABAD

- Trainees along with the staff of the centre participated in Sankalpa Divas celebration organized by Suchirindia foundation on 28th Nov'23.



CHENNAI

- An employers' meet was organized on 25th Nov'23 by the Chennai centre in collaboration with Barclays Bank to express gratitude to all companies, organizations, and institutions that provided employment opportunities to disabled individuals at Hilton Chennai.

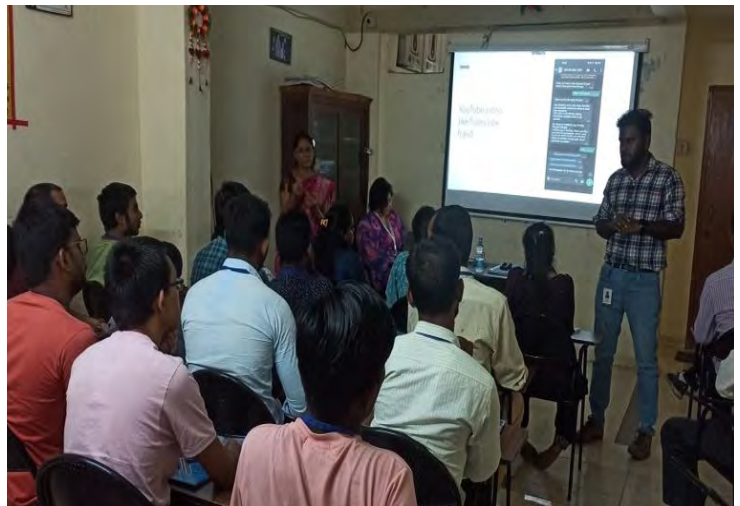


KODIKONDA

- A job fair was organized at Hindupur in collaboration with Barclays Bank on 27th Oct'23 to create job opportunities for Persons with Disabilities (PWDs)

PUNE

- A volunteering session on Communication skills and Soft skills was conducted on 28th Nov '23 by Deloitte.
- Various co-curricular activities were conducted with beneficiaries on the occasion of Disability Day.
- Regular placement sessions were conducted with beneficiaries to enhance their interview skills.



BHOPAL

- An experience sharing session was organized for the trainees by Alumna Ms. Kiran Dhurve on 22nd Nov'23.
- A Sensitization & Awareness Programme was organized by Bhopal centre in collaboration with Sarojini Naidu College for the college students and their teaching staff on 30th Nov'23.
- A prayer meeting organized by Bhrama Kumaris Ashram on 9th Dec'23 was attended by the trainees.
- A Medical check-Up camp was organized by LRC –Bhopal on 11th Dec'23.



NEW DELHI

- An orientation on sign language was organized for the team members of Cushman & Wakefield by the Delhi centre team on 13th Oct'23.
- An assessment camp for hearing impaired candidates was organized in collaboration with DXC Delhi centre on 2nd Nov'23.
- The centre staff attended a planning meeting organized by the Commissioner for the Welfare of the Disabled – Delhi on 20th Nov'23, in celebration of Kalautsava.
- A workshop on sign language was organized by the Delhi team for the employees of Adobe service company on 21st Nov'23.
- A placement drive was organized in collaboration with Barclays Delhi Centre on 22nd Nov'23 to facilitate placements for unplaced candidates.
- Trainees actively participated in the World Disability Day organized by Vishwa Yuva Kendra on 1st Dec'23.
- Participation in the Divya Kala Utsav organized by the District Commission for Disability was undertaken by trainees on 4th Dec'23.
- Attendance at the empowerment event for Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) organized by Spark Minda Foundation in Noida was completed on 16th Dec'23.



VOLUNTEERING ACTIVITIES CORPORATES

- KPMG (FIS), Bangalore: Conducted a session on Cyber Security.
- Northern Trust (Oracle), IQVIA (QUALCOM), PWC, Microsoft (Oracle)
- Various sessions on Self-Introduction, Teamwork, Leadership, Interview Etiquette, Basics of Communication, Team Building, Leadership Qualities, Personal Healthcare, Basic First Aid, Grooming Sessions, and Placement Sessions held in different states.
- Various Corporates (Deloitte, Micron, TIAA, Kushman & Wakefield, NueVed Business Services, and others)
- Conducted sessions on Communication & Skill Development, Time & Stress Management, Motivational Sessions, Gardening, Handicrafts, Networking Marketing, Art & Craft, Cyber Security, and more across different locations.



VARIOUS SKILL-BASED SESSIONS CONDUCTED BY INDIVIDUAL VOLUNTEERS:

Workshops on various skills and development topics were conducted in different locations by different individuals/entities. These included sessions on problem-solving, self-confidence, career guidance, personality development, health & hygiene, interview skills, motivational speeches, goal setting, job opportunities, voter registration, effective communication, grooming, and mock interviews. Additionally, mural art painting sessions were organized in diverse locations. These sessions spanned across different cities such as Hyderabad, Mumbai, Chennai, Pune, Delhi, Kochi, and more.



EXPOSURE VISITS

Exposure visits were organized to various locations including Delhi, Bangalore, Chennai, Kochi, and Belgaum. Some of the places visited were the National Gallery for Modern Art in Delhi, Flex in Bangalore, Koti Lingeshwara Temple, Reliance smart, Virva Mall & Mahabalipuram Seashore Temple in Chennai, Forum Mall & Hill Palace Museum in Kochi, and Raymond Textile and Reliance Mall at Kolhapur in Belgaum.



CELEBRATIONS

Various celebrations were held at multiple locations including Pune, Bhopal, Bellary, Dharwad, Kodikonda, Bangalore, Delhi, Chennai, Belgaum, and Kochi. The celebrations included Gandhi Jayanti & Lalbahadur Shastri Jayanti, Dasara Celebration – Ayudha Pooja, Durga Pooja, Karnataka Rajyotsava & Kerala Rajyotsava & Madhya Pradesh establishment day, Deepavali Celebration, Kanakadasa Jayanti, and World HIV-AIDS day.



ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY ACCELERATOR

The Assistive Technology Accelerator (ATA), A Samarthanam initiative, founded in 2018, aims to provide accessible and affordable assistive technology to millions of people with disabilities. ATA collaborates with individuals with disabilities, start-ups, government and non-governmental organizations, leading academic institutions, social venture capitalists, policymakers, and industrial/manufacturers associations to prioritize user-centric design for technologically accessible products.

HIGHLIGHTS

- ATA is working on Android as AT Project in Collaboration with IIITB. Mobile phones were distributed to a batch of 22 visually impaired students. Two days of training on Android Assistive Technologies were successfully conducted at the JP Nagar Hostel.
- Provided trainer training sessions at special schools across five states in North India, covering Delhi, Haryana, Uttar Kashi, Chhattisgarh, and Madhya Pradesh
- Inaugurated computer labs in 4 Blind schools across north India-Uttar Kashi, Haryana, Bilaspur, and Indore
- Computer labs were set up in five blind schools in Madhya Pradesh, two schools in Bhopal, two in Indore, and one in Jabalpur. Each of these schools received 10 computers equipped with screen readers, UPS, and furniture
- The team Attended World Congress on Disaster Management and presented a paper on Role of Assistive Technology in disaster management and inclusion of persons with disabilities.



HEALTH

ASSISTIVE DEVICE DISTRIBUTION:

150+ devices provided to PWDs in Bangalore and Delhi through projects like First Source and DXC.

MEDICATION SUPPORT:

15 beneficiaries received essential medication aid.

UDID CAMP:

Successfully held a UDID Camp in Rajanakute - Doddaballapur under the TE Connectivity project.

SURGERY SUPPORT: Facilitated surgeries for 2 individuals, aiding their medical needs.



CABI - CRICKET ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND IN INDIA

INDUSIND BANK NAGESH TROPHY 2023-24: (November' 2023- January 2024)

Grand Launch and League Matches: Commencing in November, the Men's National T20 Cricket Tournament for the Blind honoured Late Shri SP Nagesh, uniting the blind cricket community in a historic milestone. The league matches, spanning from November 23rd to December 29th, were held across six venues, culminating in progression to the Super 8 Stage in January.



EMINENT AMBASSADORS:

In this period, Mohammad Kaif and Harmanpreet Kaur, distinguished cricketers, were appointed as ambassadors, endorsing the tournament's spirit and acknowledging the women's team's gold medal triumph at the IBSA World Games.

UPCOMING WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT:

Scheduled for January 7th – 12th, the 4th edition of the IndusInd Bank Women's National T20 Cricket Tournament for the Blind 2024 is set to take place in Hubli – Dharwad, featuring 16 teams in an exciting series of 27 matches.



TRAINING INITIATIVE:

Throughout November and December, a rigorous 22-day National Cricket Coaching Camp for the Indian Women's Cricket team for the Blind focused on skill enhancement and fitness in Belapur, Navi Mumbai.

FEDFINA WOMEN'S BILATERAL SERIES:

Historic Triumph for Indian Women's Team Inaugural Series: The inaugural Fedfina Women's Bilateral Cricket Series for the Blind between India and Nepal unfolded with five thrilling T20 matches in December, culminating in India's victorious performance.



COMMUNITY SPORTS PROGRAM:

Over December, NIKE supported a community-based sports program, engaging 500 children and youth in various sports activities, fostering physical strength and skill development among children with and without disabilities.

SUPPORT AND RECOGNITION IN BLIND CRICKET (OCTOBER - JANUARY):

CORPORATE BACKING AND STATE TOURNAMENTS:

In October, Alethea Communication Technologies Pvt. Ltd. extended support to five Karnataka women cricketers, offering a monthly stipend for their training. Simultaneously, the Disabled Employee Association of Railway (DEAR) in Kharagpur organized a thrilling cricket event showcasing talents of the West Bengal and Indian Railways Cricket Teams for the Blind. In Karnataka, the 2023 State T10 Cricket Tournament for the Blind concluded in October, with Samarthanam Dharwad emerging victorious.



HYUNDAI SAMARTH INITIATIVE:

In November, Hyundai's Samarth Initiative garnered acclaim for its inclusive efforts in supporting blind cricket, symbolized by the collaboration between Dr. Mahantesh G. Kivadasannavar and Mr. Shah Rukh Khan.



NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS:

Over the mentioned months, numerous achievements were celebrated, including awards for IBSA World Games 2023 gold medalists, the appointment of ambassadors, and the announcement of the prestigious Arjuna Award for Mr. Illuri Ajay Kumar Reddy- Captain of the men's Blind Cricket Team.



EMPOWERING BLIND WOMEN:

In the months across November to January, the 'Empowering and Transforming Blind Women through Cricket' project, backed by the Azim Premji Foundation, marked significant milestones in Odisha, Madhya Pradesh, and Jharkhand, emphasizing skill development and fostering awareness among 210 blind women players.



SUNADHA

Key Highlights of Sunadha Performances (Oct - Dec 2023)

APPLAUDS:

- Delivered heart-winning performances for prestigious corporate companies such as Morgan Stanley, Interweave Company, FedEx Company, Leap Finance, Eco World, JCPenney, and Pernod Ricard Pvt Ltd Delhi.
- Performed at Saviynt, Lalit Ashok, and Leela Palace Bangalore.

DIVINE PLATFORMS:

- Presented divine renditions at events including Jaraganahalli Ganeshotsava, Bengali Association Durga Pooja, DRDO Kannada Balaga, and Kannada Koota GE Electronic City.

GOVERNMENT PLATFORMS:

- Proudly performed at government platforms such as Mysore Yuva Sambrama and Kittur Utsav Belgaum.
- Showcased talent at the Indian Council for Cultural Relations in Bangalore and Chennai, and engaged with cancer patients at KIDWAI Oncology Centre in Bangalore, sponsored by the Kannada and Culture Department.

SPECIAL PLATFORMS:

- Featured in the Diwali celebrations on POWER TV, a popular Kannada news channel.
- Sunadha's lead singer, Mr. Balasubramaminum Grandhi, selected for the famous Kannada reality show Sa Re Ga Ma Pa, participated in a campus shoot to raise awareness for the services of Samarthanam Trust for the disabled.
- Participated in a campus shoot for Director Indrajit Lankesh's upcoming movie, attended a musical workshop with the ARI ROLAND JAZZ QUARTET from the US.
- Received comprehensive media coverage of various departmental activities of Samarthanam verticals on the popular Kannada YouTube channel Kalamadhayama.
- All of Sunadha's talents were selected for the final day participation in the DIVYA KALA SHAKTI competitions.

MEMORABLE MOMENTS:

- Marked a memorable day on December 16th by signing an MoU with the prestigious Karnataka Dr. GANGUBAI HANGAL UNIVERSITY in Mysore to establish Samarthanam as a Music and Performing Arts Centre to nurture the specially-abled and artists from underprivileged communities.
- Signed an MoU with UNISYS to train and deliver certificate courses for budding specially-abled artists.



PARISARA

PARISARA SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM:

Pandemic-Sensitive Waste Management: The Parisara team is urging households and bulk waste generators to minimize waste production and segregate waste effectively while prioritizing individual health and safety during the pandemic. This approach alleviates strain on municipal waste systems.

Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) Management Precautions: Essential MSW services have mandated stringent precautions for personnel involved in waste management, ensuring safe waste handling practices.

Addressing Land Disposal Concerns: An environmental sustainability review of Indian cities' MSW land disposal indicated that over 70.00% of waste is land disposed. Addressing this at various levels is crucial to prevent potential repercussions such as a resurgence of the pandemic or related issues.

STATISTICS: DRY WASTE COLLECTION & RECYCLING:

Total dry waste collected from corporate: 196 Tonnes

Total dry waste recycled: 197 Tonnes

CSR PROJECTS:

ReWare – Waste Segregation Awareness (TESCO CSR Initiative):

- Tesco's contribution supports nature and community welfare.
- The project focuses on creating public awareness about primary source waste segregation.
- Samarthanam collaborates with BBMP across multiple wards, ensuring waste segregation at the source and maintaining comprehensive waste records to achieve zero landfilling.
- This initiative aids in reducing carbon emissions, air pollution, and increasing recycling rates while fostering employment opportunities for the rag-picker community.
- Sensitization on waste segregation reached 9520+ households and 38080+ individuals in 5 BBMP wards in Bangalore this quarter.

Plantation Initiatives:

- Total saplings planted: 7000
- Plantation of Shrub Species for o9 Solutions: Approximately 5000 shrubs planted around Veera Sagar Lake, Yelahanka, bolstering erosion control and enhancing the area's aesthetics.



- Seed Ball Making for O9 Solutions and Kyndryl: Volunteers prepared 2000+1000 seed balls.
- Plogging Activity: Volunteers collected 45+ kg of waste along the lakeshore, promoting environmental consciousness and cleaner surroundings.
- High-Density Plantation for Otis India: 2000 saplings planted at Sulikunte Government School, following a high-density plantation method, with 120+ volunteers participating.

SUPPORTERS FOR THE ACTIVITIES:

- O9 Solutions
- Otis India
- Kyndryl



VIDYAPRASAD

- The mid-day meal program extended its support by supplying sustenance for three days during the blind cricket event at Huskur.
- Provided meals for 2000 individuals at Kanteerava Stadium on World Disabled Day, December 3rd.
- Supplied quality food to 9000+ people for Samarthanam’s Annual Walkathon on December 9th.
- Conducted a cooking activity by CLOUDIFYOPS’ volunteers for the mid-day meal on December 16th.
- Received a generous donation of a TATA Yodha goods vehicle from K.W.E, significantly enhancing its capacity to serve.



SUVIDYA- THE DIGITAL LIBRARY

CORPORATE ENGAGEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES:

- Provided Orientation and participated in audiobook recording activities for companies including Deloitte, Tally Solutions, Microsoft, BNPP, Northern Trust, Unisys, Canara HSBC, OTIS, TAJ, BMC, and First Source.
- Completed the Impact Day activity for Deloitte involving 20,000 volunteers who recorded audiobooks on the same day.

CULTURAL INITIATIVE:

- Launched "Saavira Dhvani Samarpane" during Kannada Rajyotsava, initiating a drive to create 1000 Kannada audiobooks in the first stage to address the scarcity of resources.

VOLUNTEERING

CORPORATE VOLUNTEERING ACTIVITIES

- 57 volunteering activities conducted by corporate partners: Acuity, Adobe, Ametek, BNP Paribas, Cisco, Cloud9, Cloudify OPS, Cushman & Wakefield, Deloitte, Firstsource, GKN, Hitachi, Kyndryl, Western Digital, and others.
- 29,172 volunteers contributed 36,995 hours of their time.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS:

- Alation India Pvt Ltd donated four cycles worth 20K each for school kids.
- Audiobook recording sessions held with Northern Trust, Tally Solutions, Kyndryl Solution Pvt Ltd.
- Friendly Blind cricket matches organized with Adobe & BNP Paribas.
- Cook-A-Meal activities with Qualcomm, State Street, Microsoft, PwC, Cloudify OPS.
- Arts and craft sessions with Adobe, Natwest, Vyapar, Cloud9, KPMG.
- Seed ball and wall painting activities conducted with Kyndryl, Hitachi Lift India Pvt Ltd, BNP Paribas Chennai.
- Tree plantation activity carried out with Otis India.
- Tactile activity organized by First Source in Mumbai, Bengaluru, Chennai, Hyderabad.
- Exposure visit to Flex corporate office for LRC students.
- Disability awareness sessions held with PwC employees in Bangalore & Kolkata.
- Impact Day with Deloitte volunteers involving 25,000 participants for audiobook recording.

INTERNSHIP PROGRAMS/SERVICE LEARNING:

- Around 15 students completed internships and service learning at Samarthanam.
- Engaged in various programs across schools, Digital Library, LRC, rehabilitation centers, Parisara, and more.
- Collaboration with institutions like HKBK College, Akkamahadevi College Vijayapur, Bangalore University, Christ University, and IGNOU.
- Total Corporate Volunteering Hours: 36,995
- Total Internship Hours: 1,451

WORKING WOMEN'S & STUDENTS' HOSTEL

Between October and December, our students at the hostel engaged in a range of meaningful activities and celebrations. October witnessed their jubilant observance of Gandhi Jayanti and the vibrant Dasara festival. Notably, five of our hostel students participated in and triumphed at the state-level women's blind cricket tournament in Udupi against Mysore. November brought the joyous celebration of Deepavali. In December, the students enjoyed a trip to Tirupati organized by kind-hearted donor Sri. Satish. They also actively participated in events like the International Paralympic Day at Kanteerava Stadium and observed "World Disabled Day" organized by the Department for the Empowerment of Differently Abled and Senior Citizens. Additionally, our student Naksh showcased his talents on "World Human Day" at Ramaiah High School by presenting a program and singing a song in honour of Kuvempu's birthday.

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ZS BENGALURU WALKATHON 2023.

The annual Walkathon, organized by Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled, commemorated World Disability Day under the theme "Health for All." The event aimed to raise awareness and mobilize support for accessible healthcare and inclusivity for individuals with disabilities, highlighting the need for fair health services.

EVENT FOCUS:

Theme: "Health for All"

Objective: Advocate for equal opportunities and support in healthcare access, emphasizing healthcare's crucial role in enhancing the quality of life for people with disabilities.

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS:

Date & Venue: December 9th, 2023, at Kittur Rani Chennamma Stadium in Jayanagar.

Notable figures at the event : Chief Guest Shri. Dinesh Gundu Rao, Hon'ble Minister for Health and Family, Government of Karnataka, Dr. Mahantesh G. Kivadasannavar, Founder Trustee of Samarthanam Trust, Shri C.K.Ramamurthy, MLA Jayanagar, Mr Manish Menon(ZS Associates), Mr Subbu Raghunathan(Paypal),Mr Venkata NAndan Chintala(Q2), Dr Hyung Min Kim(Australian Consulate), Mr Chandru Iyer(British Deputy High Commission)

Participants: Over 12,500 individuals.

Vibrant atmosphere: Participants donned 'Health for All' themed T-shirts, adding vibrancy to the event.

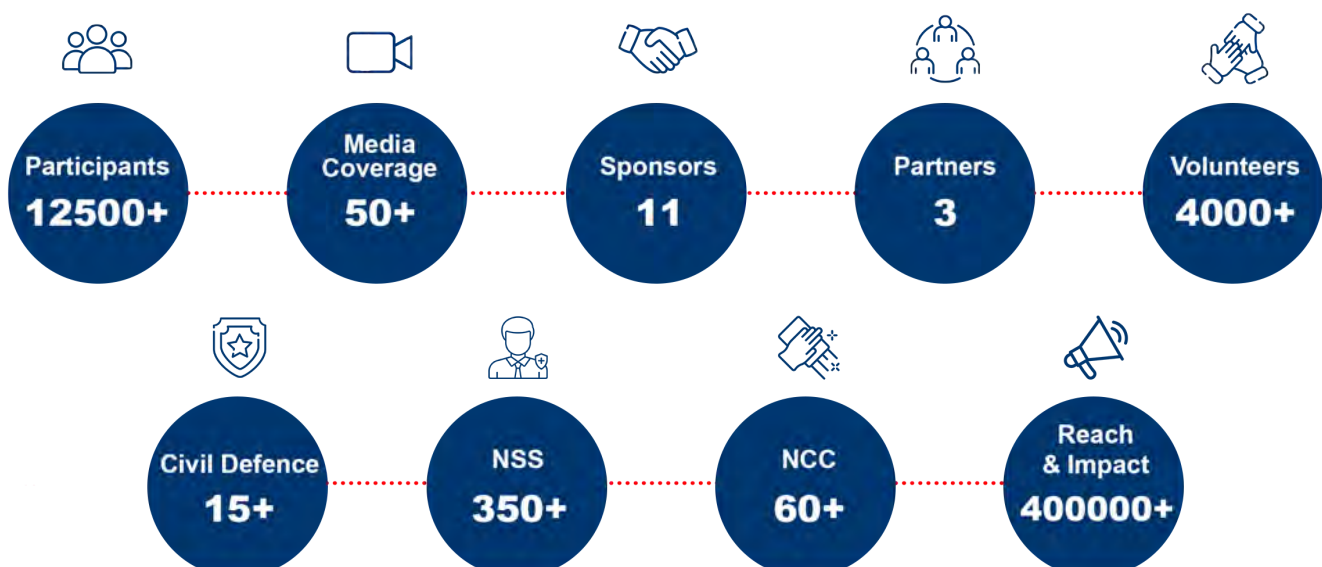
Energetic start: Chief Guest Shri Dinesh Gundu Rao ceremoniously flagged off the spirited 5 km walk.

Cultural unity: Distinguished guests walked alongside participants, fostering a sense of solidarity.

Joyous moments: Dollu Kunitha beats and street dancing enhanced the event's spirited atmosphere.

Live performance: Samarthanam's Sunadha team captivated the audience with melodies resonating with the event's theme.

The Bengaluru Walkathon at Kittur Rani Chennamma Stadium in Jayanagar celebrated unity, advocacy, and a collective commitment to champion 'Health for All.' It demonstrated the power of community engagement and collective action in fostering a more inclusive and healthier society, emphasizing the need for accessible healthcare and equal opportunities for individuals of all abilities.



JEEVIKA'S JOURNEY: OVERCOMING ADVERSITY WITH MOBILITY AND HOPE

Jeevika, a spirited 12-year-old from Mandya, Karnataka, faced immense challenges after a tragic accident that left her and her family in dire circumstances. The accident took away her mother, left her father with a fractured leg, and severely injured her elder brother. Jeevika herself suffered a lower body injury, rendering her bedridden for two years. Though she later regained mobility, she became reliant on a wheelchair.

During a routine check-up at 12, hope emerged when a doctor suggested calipers that could potentially help Jeevika walk again. However, financial constraints made this solution seem out of reach for her family. Her father's inability to work and her aunt's limited income left them unable to afford the necessary equipment, shattering Jeevika's dream of regaining independence.

In her quest for help, Jeevika found a ray of hope in the form of Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled. Understanding her situation, the trust stepped in and provided her with the much-needed calipers. This intervention transformed Jeevika's life drastically.

With the support received, Jeevika gained the ability to stand tall, walk independently, and return to school without relying on others. The invaluable gift of mobility and independence, made possible by Samarthanam Trust's support, has enabled Jeevika to embrace life's opportunities with newfound optimism and gratitude.



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