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FROM THE FOUNDER



"Your steadfast support empowers our journey, and together, we are forging a world where every person with a disability can shine and share their extraordinary talents."

As I reflect on Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled's journey over the past 27 years, I am filled with pride for our accomplishments. Established in 1997, we envisioned an inclusive society where individuals with disabilities could thrive. Today, that dream continues to unfold through the lives we have impacted.

Our mission is rooted in the belief that everyone deserves the opportunity to live a dignified life. We have empowered over 100,000 people with disabilities, educated 34,000 children, and trained 32,000 youth for employment. Each milestone brings us closer to the inclusive society we envision.

This year, we significantly expanded our educational initiatives, ensuring all students have access to quality education through inclusive programs and digital classrooms. Our Higher Education Program provides essential support to help students overcome barriers.

Our commitment to livelihoods is evident in our job fairs and new skilling centres in Kolkata, Dharwad, and Bhopal, which connect youth with disabilities to meaningful employment. The Cricket Association for the Blind in India celebrated historic achievements, including the Women's Team's gold victory at the 2023 IBSA Games.

Samarthanam also planted 38,600 saplings this year, contributing to over 50,000 saplings planted overall. Sunadha, our ensemble of artists with disabilities, continues to excel in classical arts, earning recognition for its exceptional performances. Additionally, we provide nutritious meals to 7,500 students daily, and 27% of our workforce was from the disabled community last year.

Our new cultural centre is nearing completion, enhancing our support for artists and community engagement. This year, Samarthanam was honoured with the prestigious Rehabilitation International Centennial Award, and our volunteers contributed an impressive 395,918 hours to support our initiatives.

As we look towards Vision 2030, we remain committed to expanding our impact through innovative partnerships and cutting-edge technology. Our growth is a collective effort, and I am grateful for the unwavering support of my dedicated team, volunteers, corporate partners, government agencies, and the communities we serve.

Together, we are transforming society and shaping a world where no one is left behind. Thank you for being an integral part of this incredible journey.

Dr. Mahantesh G Kivadasannavar
Founder Managing Trustee, Samarthanam
Chairman, Cricket Association for the Blind in India

ABOUT US

Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled, a non-profit organization founded in 1997 by Dr. Mahantesh G Kivadasannavar and his childhood friend, the late Nagesh SP, is dedicated to empowering individuals with disabilities and the underserved across socio-economic and cultural domains. With its Headquarters in Bengaluru, Karnataka, India, Samarthanam spearheads initiatives in education, livelihood, environment, health and nutrition, sports, culture, and rehabilitation to foster an inclusive, non-discriminatory society.

With over 27 years of service, Samarthanam has positively impacted millions of lives. It holds affiliations with the World Blind Union and received the Special UN Consultative Status in 2015, marking it as one of the few non-profits with this recognition. The founders, both visually impaired, established Samarthanam to support people with disabilities, including the visually impaired and the underserved, through comprehensive programs and partnerships, including the Cricket Association for the Blind in India (CABI).



VISION

Build 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.



VISION 2030

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

CORE VALUES

At its core, Samarthanam is driven by the following values :

Accessibility

Inclusion

Disability rights

Education

Women empowerment

Employment

Zero hunger

Reduced poverty

Equality

Technology

Environment protection

Transformation





Samarthanam Barrier-free Residential School

SAMARTHANAM TRUST



34,000
kids
educated



32,010
youth trained,
72 % employed



310,359
tonnes dry-waste
collected
50,000
saplings planted



30,000
blind cricket
players
supported,
30 Indian states
& UTs affiliated

27 years
of service to the
disabled communities



15 centres
across India

7 major
interventions and many
community welfare programs



100,000
people with disabilities and
the poor reached

BY THE NUMBERS (since inception)



1600+
visually impaired
artists
supported



5100+
women
empowered



30 million
mid-day meals
served in
government
schools



18,000+
volunteers involved



187
corporate
companies support via CSR



Moving towards

Vision 2030

OUR YEAR



TECHNOLOGY

TINKER LABS

Tinker Labs by Samarthanam are cutting-edge technology hubs designed to revolutionize learning for school students. Featuring advanced tools and concepts such as Coding, Micro bit, 3D Printing, Games and Animations, Mobile Apps, Machine Learning, Artificial Intelligence, and Robotics, these labs empower students to explore, innovate, and bring their novel ideas to life.

The Tinker Labs offer an exceptional environment for students to engage with modern technology and turn their creativity into tangible achievements.

Schools covered 38

Cities Benefitted 8

Students 10000

Cities covered: Bangalore, Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, Ramanagara, Belagavi, Ballari, Dharwad & Hubli

DIGITALISATION

This project empowers marginalized children from rural and urban migrant backgrounds, promoting digitization in 10 Indian states: Karnataka, Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Maharashtra, and Delhi.

85



Schools

88



Smartboards

45000



Students

3

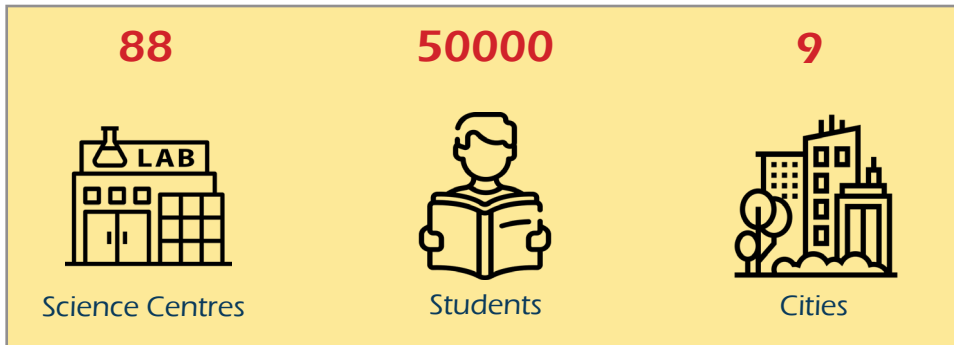


Cities

Cities covered : Bangalore urban, Pune, Udupi

MINI SCIENCE CENTRES

The Mini Science Centres is an initiative to provide quality STEM education to government schools across various cities in India to develop students' knowledge and interest in STEM, strengthen their skills, and nurture creativity, collaboration, and problem-solving abilities.



Cities covered

Pune, Kolkata, Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Hyderabad, Bangalore, Udupi, Shirwal



TECHNOLOGY

AWARENESS CONCLAVE

Samarthanam Trust, in collaboration with DXC Technology, organized an Assistive Technology Awareness Conclave on January 30th, at Holiday Inn, Mumbai. The event gathered investors, corporates, NGOs, persons with disabilities, disability sector experts, and representatives from Electronic & EduTech industries to discuss and address the needs of people with disabilities.

1500 digital and non-digital assistive devices were given away to those in need



AWARENESS CONCLAVE

ASSISTIVE



Awareness Conclave on Assistive Technology



EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING

JOB FAIRS

The job fairs organized across India was an ideal platform for the employers to meet skilled and talented youth with disabilities and direct them towards suitable job opportunities.

33 mega job fairs across
21 locations benefiting
11886 youth

A new skilling centre launched in Kolkata

BARSEGA SAWAN

“Barsega Sawan ”- A tribute to Padmabhushan Ustad Rashid Khan presented by Samarthanam in association with Academy of Music, Chowdiah Memorial Hall



The musical extravanza at Chowdaiah Memorial HALL

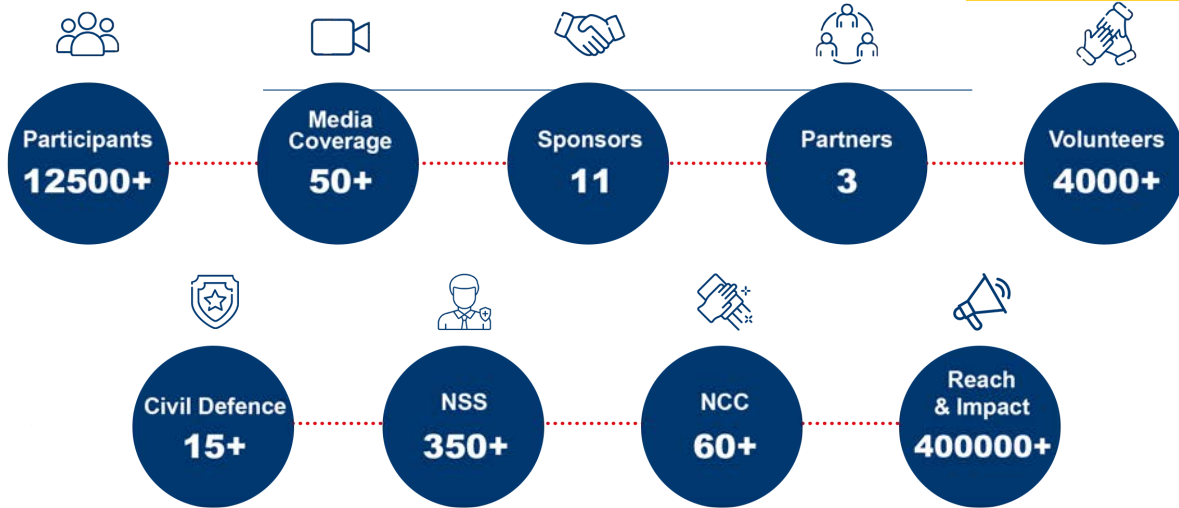
WALKATHON

17th annual walk to support the disabled

Walkathon 2023 was held to commemorate the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, focusing on this year's theme, "Health for All." The event highlighted the crucial need for accessible healthcare and inclusivity. Over 12,500 participants walked together to advocate for equal healthcare opportunities and support for individuals with disabilities.



WALKATHON



BLIND CRICKET

The IBSA (International Blind Sports Federation) Games is a prestigious multi-sport event held every four years, providing a global platform for blind and visually impaired athletes to showcase their talent and determination. The 2023 edition took place in Birmingham, UK.

In the 2023 IBSA Games, the Indian Women's Blind Cricket Team made history by clinching the gold, while the Men's team won silver.



DISABILITY
SPORTS

HEALTHCARE AND THERAPY

Therapy included health assessments, physiotherapy, rehabilitation, assistive aid distribution, medical referrals, post operative therapy, and parents sensitization

20 Projects

3,900 Beneficiaries

6 Locations

5 Surgeries Supported



INCLUSIVE EDUCATION



COMMUNITY INCLUSIVE PROGRAM



The Inclusive Education project delivers education, health, and therapy services to individuals with disabilities in the districts of Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka, India. Support includes home tuition, teacher training, assignments, online classes, counseling, daycare, and sponsorships.

EDUCATIONAL STATISTICS

In total, 356 children with special needs were enrolled across 56 schools, with 226 currently attending within a total student population of 5,463, yielding a ratio of typically developing children to children with disabilities of approximately 4:31.

INFRASTRUCTURE AND ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENTS:

Several schools were upgraded with ramps and disability-friendly toilets; hearing aids were distributed to those in need; 280 teachers received training in inclusive education; and additional schools adopted Indian Sign Language.

HEALTHCARE AND THERAPEUTIC SERVICES:

There were 525 health referrals made, 14 surgical interventions performed, 290 individuals received aids and appliances, 1,206 people (232 children and 974 adults) benefited from physiotherapy, and the improvement rate for treated children ranged between 70%-80%.

COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT:

Fifty children participated in sports events with six winning medals; 912 individuals gained access to social security programs, and 301 assistive devices were distributed, including 52 callipers, 36 CP chairs, 11 hearing aids, and 53 glasses.

FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT:

116 parents participated in income-generating activities—98 in garland making, 10 in product sales, 2 in tailoring, and 6 in mushroom cultivation—with an average monthly income of ₹6,000, and 45% of these parents started savings accounts.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:

Recognition from Karnataka State Health Minister



Children with special needs enrolled

356



Schools involved

56



Teachers trained

280



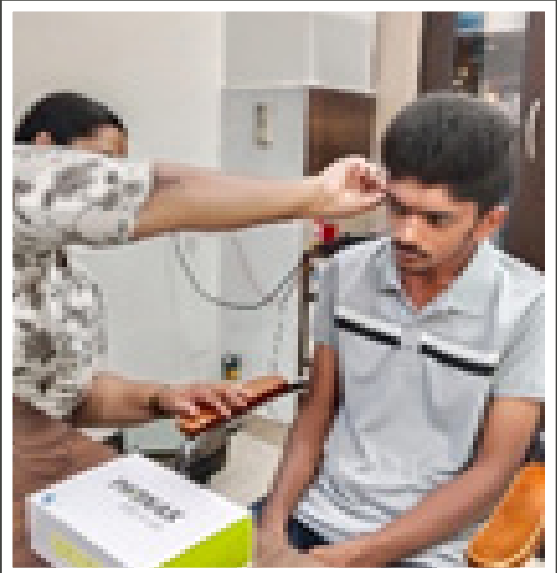
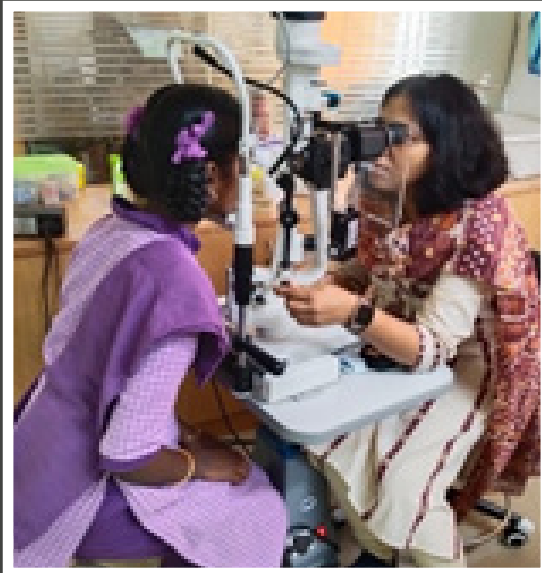
Health referrals made

525



Physiotherapy recipients

1206



INCLUSIVE EDUCATION



- » Residential Barrier-free Higher Primary School
- » School for Children with Intellectual Disability
- » School for Children with Speech & Hearing Impairment

Inclusive Education at Samarthanam

The young minds at Samarthanam Schools exhibit a remarkable ability to excel across various fields, including sports, cultural performances, art and music competitions, and science fairs. These students are not only dedicated to their everyday schooling but also have a keen interest in technology, computers, and modern science. Samarthanam Schools provide a nurturing environment that fosters their innate skills and talents, guiding them towards a brighter future and inspiring their peers.

Moreover, Samarthanam's schools, hostels, and programs are designed to be accessible, creating an inclusive learning space for students with disabilities. This commitment to accessibility ensures that all students have the opportunity to thrive academically and personally, making Samarthanam a true home for these young geniuses.

RESIDENTIAL BARRIER-FREE HIGHER PRIMARY SCHOOL

Samarthanam is committed to providing inclusive primary education for differently-abled and underprivileged children, emphasizing quality academics, leadership development, and holistic well-being. The school integrates STEM education through initiatives like Tinker Labs, Mini Science Centres, and Smart Classes, fostering curiosity and skills among students.

The school also prioritizes the physical, social, and emotional well-being of its students through regular sports activities, volunteering interactions, arts and crafts, fitness regimes, yoga sessions, and health interventions. Health camps, including dental, eye, and general check-ups, are regularly conducted for students and staff, ensuring comprehensive healthcare.

To support their learning journey, students are provided with essential gear such as books, shoes, school bags, uniforms, and stationery, alongside nutritious mid-day meals and residential students receiving three meals daily. Remedial classes for slow learners and children with disabilities are offered, supported by dedicated teachers and volunteers. The counseling support available further contributes to the mental and emotional health of the students.

SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN WITH SPEECH AND HEARING IMPAIRMENT

The SHI School supports children from Grades 1 to 5, particularly those from economically disadvantaged backgrounds with speech and hearing impairments.

The School follows the National Education Policy 2020, offering foundation classes and primary education while addressing academic, social, and communication gaps.

The program emphasizes yoga, life skills, sports, co-curricular activities, and competitions to nurture students' physical and emotional well-being.

Regular health camps, specialized teaching, counselling, and volunteer support contribute to the students' holistic development.

The Organisation has been recognized with awards like the National Award and NASSCOM Social Innovation Award for its contributions to inclusive education.

214 Primary School students

40 students with SHI



SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY

Bengaluru ID School

105 special students

Belgaum ID School

35 special students

Mysuru ID School

35 special students

Samarthanam school imparts special education to children with intellectual disabilities and trains them in life skills, and vocational skills.

- At the school, special children received care for their physical, emotional, and social wellbeing via sports, cultural activities, health and nutrition, yoga, and meditation classes every day.
- The Physiotherapy Center at Samarthanam is a facility for these children who need regular physical training. Also, orthotic needs were addressed for children with motor disability/ cerebral palsy.
- Participating in quizzes, sports, and hands-on educational activities helped in furthering their confidence, communication, coordination, and learning.
- The program is helping many children progress at various levels like improved learning ability, mental health, cognition, and vocational skills.
- They were introduced to 'Summer Carnival' this year that created an artificial space for the kids exposing them to real-life situations. Socializing was introduced via grocery shopping, food identification, money transactions, which enhanced cognitive development and logical thinking.





HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRAM

The program provided comprehensive support to students from economically challenged backgrounds and those with disabilities, covering tuition fees, hostel accommodations, study materials, audiobooks, and scribes. Additionally, students received essential motivation and emotional support. Disabled students were equipped with tablets, laptops, and various assistive and learning aids such as wheelchairs, hearing aids, smart canes, walkers, and crutches tailored to their specific needs.

These students, with aspirations to study at premier institutions, had their goals reinforced through extensive and holistic support, ensuring they had every resource necessary to succeed.

The program facilitated online classes, career guidance, counselling sessions, and training in soft skills, interview techniques, communication skills, and basic computer proficiency. Workshops introduced students to diverse job fields and prospective employment opportunities, enhancing their employability.

A holistic approach to student wellbeing was adopted, focusing on physical, emotional, and social development. This included participation in sports, cultural activities, fitness programs, and health and nutrition initiatives, fostering a well-rounded and balanced lifestyle for all participants.

4826 higher education students

16 cities in India

Major funding partners of HEP program 2023-24

Standard Chartered Bank
 BNP Paribas
 AVANSE Financial Services
 Marlabs
 Dow Chemicals International Pvt Ltd
 PWC
 Manhattan Associates
 Morgan Stanley
 JC Penny
 Lowe's India
 State Street Services
 Xiaomi
 TPI Advisory Services India Pvt Ltd

Location: 11 states - Karnataka, Tamilnadu, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar , West Bengal, and Orissa)				
Disability Type	Gender-wise breakup			
	Boys	Girls	Trans Gender	Total
Visually Impaired	1228	769	1	1998
Speech & Hearing Impaired	287	211	0	498
Physically Impaired	251	152	0	403
Multiple Disabled	37	33	0	70
Cerebral Palsy	17	4	0	21
Economically Challenged(Parent/Guardian is disabled)	160	204	0	364
Economically Challenged(single parent)	18	134	0	152
Economically Challenged (Orphan)	2	0	0	2
Economically Challenged	196	1122	0	1318
Total	2196	2629	1	4826
Category	Students enrolled			
	Boys	Girls	Transgende	Total
Students with disabilities	1820	1169	1	2990
Economically Challenged(parent/Guardian is disabled)	160	204	0	364
Economically Challenged	216	1256	0	1472
Total	2196	2629	1	4826



HIGH SCHOOL

The High School Education for Differently Abled and Underprivileged Children programme aims to deliver quality academics, instill discipline, enhance leadership and team-building skills, and ensure health and hygiene. Children are provided with nutritious meals and counseling support as needed .

Throughout the year, the program conducted sessions on teacher well-being, child mental health, drug abuse awareness, and menstrual hygiene; organized health camps and blood group check-ups; held inter-school sports competitions; facilitated volunteer-led activities in arts, academics, and life skills; and celebrated national festivals. For higher-grade students, the program included career field exposure to encourage active learning, problem-solving, and innovation; clubs focused on environment, health, science, sports, marketing, and culture; the integration of Smart classes, Smart boards, and the Next Learning Platform (NLP); and workshops on mental health, menstrual hygiene, fitness, environment, and personality development.

87 high school students

Going Further

- Samarthanam will expand its outreach to more children with disabilities, encouraging formal education. Focus on enhancing technology-driven learning through Tinker labs and STEM science programs.
- National Science Day, introduced last year, will now be an annual event.
- The School for Children with Intellectual Disabilities will extend its vocational training unit and host a Winter Carnival, similar to the Summer Carnival.
- The High School team will focus on improving Board Exam results and providing career support.
- The School for Children with SHI will continue speech therapy, audiometric assessments, sign language, and computer classes.
- Education initiatives will expand to include WASH programs, classroom digitalization, higher education support, and solar projects.
- Target regions include aspiration districts, North Eastern states, and tier 2 and 3 cities.
- New initiatives feature learning platforms like Class Saathi and Tinkerhat, virtual science labs, AI-powered smartboards, martial arts training, and immersive planetarium experiences.

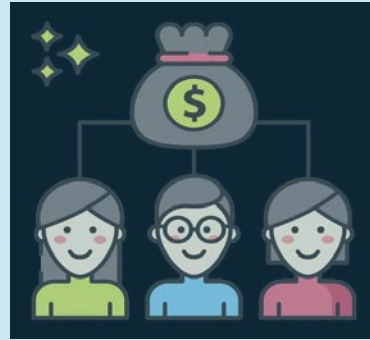
TRACKING THE PROGRESSION

A COMPREHENSIVE LOOK AT WASH PROGRAMME UPDATES



LOCATIONS : 11

Bangalore
Bangalore Rural
Raichur
Yadgiri
Chennai
Tirunelveli
Virudhunagar
Ramanathapuram
Pune
Jalgaon
Nandurbar



Beneficiary Count
66723



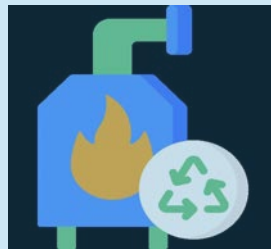
Washrooms Renovated
36



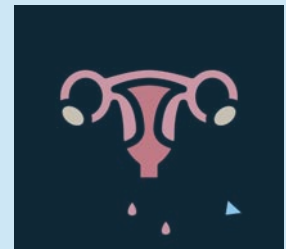
Washrooms Constructed
50



Schools Covered - 126



Incinerators Provided
20



MHM Kits Distributed
18974



Teachers trained - 1400+



Nutrition Kits Distributed
11474



Health Sessions Conducted
200+



Families Touched - 66723



Adolescent Girls Oriented
21474



RO Units Provided
35

OUR SUPPORTERS SAY

D Sneha Nair

Assistant General Manager, CSR
GIC Re -General Insurance Corporation of India

It gives me immense pleasure to extend our heartfelt appreciation to Samarthanam Trust for their unwavering commitment and exemplary work in the empowerment of persons with disabilities and the underserved communities. Their tireless efforts in creating an inclusive environment have been nothing short of extraordinary.

GIC Re takes pride to collaborate with Samarthanam Trust on their project of construction of an Art and Cultural Auditorium, a project dedicated to enriching the lives of persons with disabilities. This initiative reflects our shared vision of fostering an inclusive society where everyone has the opportunity to express themselves and thrive.

The work being done by Samarthanam Trust stands as a beacon of hope and progress, not just for those directly benefiting from their programs, but also for society at large. Their dedication to making a meaningful impact is truly commendable, and we are honoured to be part of this journey.

Thank you, Samarthanam Trust, for your outstanding contributions. We look forward to continuing our partnership and supporting your mission to empower and uplift those who need it most.



*Thrilled to support
Samarthanam Trust
in creating an Art &
Cultural Auditorium that
champions inclusivity and
self-expression for all.*

SKILLING

Each year, Samarathanam's skilling centres empower thousands of individuals, equipping them with valuable skills, enhanced personalities, and strong communication abilities. This transformation extends beyond personal growth, fostering financial stability for entire families through the employment of trained individuals. The program also includes exposure to diverse work environments through corporate visits, industrial tours, and interactions with volunteers from various sectors. Samarathanam takes pride in these resilient individuals who overcome challenges to enter the professional world. A heartfelt thanks to the corporates and organizations that champion inclusion and equality, providing equal opportunities to all deserving candidates.

Nationwide Training Impact: A total of 8,674 candidates were trained across 9 states and 14 centres in India, with 70% of the candidates being successfully placed in various sectors.

Women Empowerment: 170 women were supported through entrepreneurship programs, with tailoring training provided and sewing machines distributed at Bangalore and Delhi locations.

New Training Centres: A new training centre in Dharwad was inaugurated on October 1, 2023, by Labour Minister Mr. Santhosh Lad, MLA Mr. Aravind Bellad, and Dr. Mahantesh G.K. A new training centre in Kolkata was established and officially inaugurated by Dr. Mahantesh G.K. on December 22, 2023, with sessions commencing immediately after the inauguration.

Job Fairs and Employer Engagement: 33 job fairs were organized across 21 cities in India, and 4 Employer Meets were held in Bangalore, Chennai, Mumbai, and Delhi in November 2023, featuring over 150 employers.

New Facility and Training Initiatives: A new facility in Bhopal was occupied, and training activities were initiated from February 2024.

Notable Achievements: The Nexus Select Retail Award 2024 for Best Employee of the Year was received by Mr. Viknesh Paramasivam, a beneficiary from Bangalore, who is employed at Raymond's Group.

Capacity Building: A Capacity Building Workshop for PAN India Emerging Leaders, including Centre Heads and Placement Officers, was conducted at the Bangalore HSR Campus in March 2024.





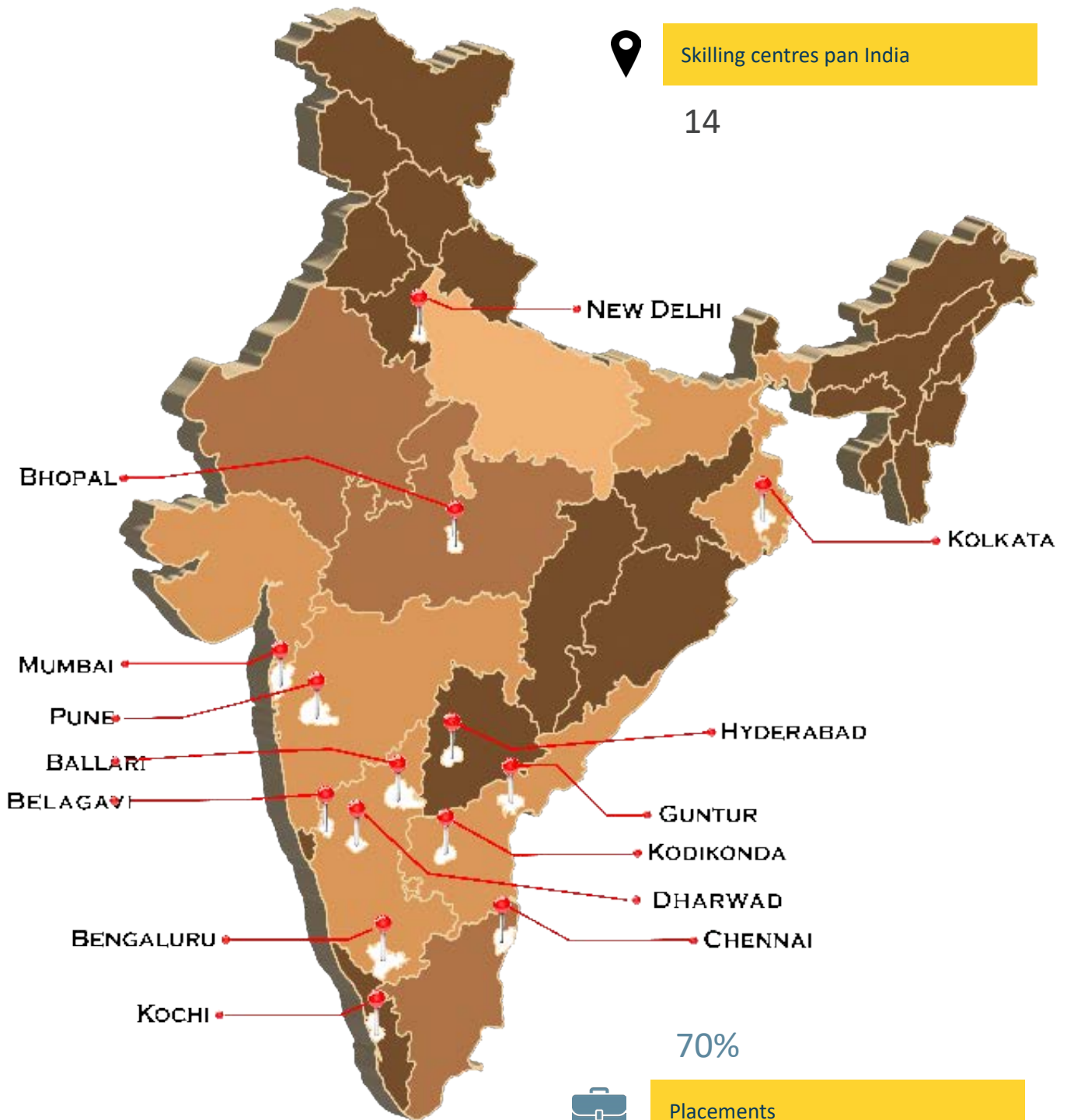
Trained underprivileged youth & youth with disabilities

8674



Skilling centres pan India

14



70%



Placements



New Skilling Centre launched in

Kolkata



JOB FAIRS

33 Job fairs across 21 locations

200+ employers participated

11886 job-seekers attended

3952 received placements



TAILORING UNIT

170 women beneficiaries



TOTAL STATS

39417 overall trained

25904 overall placed

IMPACT NUMBERS

12952 beneficiaries reached

70% employed

01 new skilling centre launched

Going further

Grants and partnerships will be secured to ensure long-term financial stability. Collaborations with IT/ITES companies will be established for financial support and industry expertise.

Feedback will be gathered to refine the program, curriculum, and support services. Data will be utilized to track trainee progress and adapt training methods accordingly.

Standardized modules will be developed and instructors will be trained to facilitate program replication in other locations or sectors. A mentorship and alumni network will be fostered to assist graduates in navigating the IT/ITES workforce.



SUVIDYA - SAMARTHANAM's DIGITAL LIBRARY

Initiative for Registration Drive: Enhancing End-User Engagement

Drive at JP Nagar and HSR Campuses: A registration initiative was held to enhance end-user participation in Sugamya Pustakalaya from Digital Library Samarthanam.

Follow-up Initiative: Following an awareness program, a subsequent drive was organized at Prashanthnagar campus and Gnana Jyoti Girls and Boys Hostel for the Blind.

Empowerment Through Education: Specialized Training Initiatives
Braille Literacy Project: Amazon volunteers were engaged in a dedicated initiative for teaching Braille language reading and writing.

Kibo Device Training: Specialized training on using the Kibo device was provided to visually impaired students at BES College, Jayanagar.

Advocacy for Accessibility: Policy and Collaboration

Discussion on Beacon Libraries: Participation occurred in a meeting on 15/5/23 at Karnataka Panchayat Raj Commissionerate office to discuss setting up beacon libraries under Panchayat Raj.

Impactful Partnership: Collaboration with Deloitte for Impact Day resulted in the recording of 20,000 volunteers and the provision of 2,500 PDF books across various genres.

Cultural Enrichment: Saavira Dhvani Samarpane

Launch Event: "Saavira Dhvani Samarpane" was launched on Kannada Rajyotsava, aiming to create 1000 Kannada audiobooks to address scarcity.

Educational Support: HEP students at Samarthanam were provided with BA semester audiobooks and Braille books.

Corporate Engagement and Staff Development

Professional Outreach: Orientations and audiobook recording activities were conducted with participation from companies like KPMG, Microsoft, and Deloitte.

Internal Engagement: A quiz competition, Brainary@27, was organized for Samarthanam employees.

Promotional Campaigns and Community Outreach

Public Awareness: Promotion of "Saavira Dhvani Samarpane" was extended to educational institutions and public spaces.

Educational Support: Regular classes and book donations were provided for primary and secondary students.

Expansion of Mobile Library and Educational Initiatives

Community Services: Extension of mobile library services to government schools and public areas in Bangalore occurred.

Student Engagement: Orientation sessions about library utilities were conducted for V grade students of VIBGYOR School.

VIP Recordings and Notable Engagements

Notable personalities like Indrajit Lankesh, Sri Sugunendra Teertha Sripadaru, and Honourable Justice Sri B S Patil were engaged for VIP recordings.

BOOK INVENTORY

9308

Regular books

7188

Audio books

6345

Braille books

405

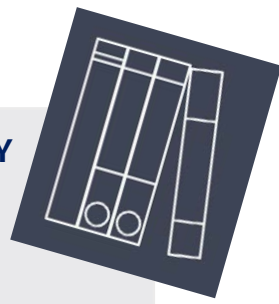
@ Mobile Library

20000

@ Volunteers

150000

@ Volunteering Hours



OUR BENEFICIARIES

Nayana

Samarthanam Higher Education Programme

“My name is Nayana, and I come from the village of Haliyuru in Karnataka. When I was nine, I lost both my parents in an accident, leaving me alone in the world. My uncle and aunt took me in and worked tirelessly to support me. Despite my physical disability, I always believed in the power of education and worked hard to excel in school and college.

I had a dream of becoming an engineer, and I faced many challenges along the way. I worked hard and succeeded in competitive exams like CET, NEET, and JEE Mains. When I scored a remarkable 131st rank in the JEE examination, my dream of studying at NITK, Suratkal, came true. However, financial difficulties were a major hurdle.

Samarthanam Trust stepped in to help me when I needed it most. They provided financial support, assistive devices, and the necessary technology for my education. This support has been crucial in my journey. I also aspire to become an IAS officer one day, to help others who face challenges similar to mine.

I want to express my deepest gratitude to Standard Chartered Bank for their timely support through Samarthanam Trust. This assistance has made a significant difference in my life and is helping me achieve my dreams. My uncle and aunt are also incredibly grateful for the support we’ve received. With the backing of Samarthanam Trust, I am determined to overcome every obstacle and reach my goals.”



“Samarthanam Trust and Standard Chartered Bank have been my guiding lights, helping me turn my dreams into reality. Their support has given me the strength to face challenges and the confidence to believe that I can achieve anything I set my mind to.” - Nayana



U.S. Ambassador to India, Mr Eric Garcetti at KSCA with the Indian Cricket Team for the Blind.
Venue : M. Chinnaswamy Stadium

SPORTS

Blind cricket is more than just a sport; it is a powerful medium that fosters social, economic, emotional, and educational development among visually impaired players. This adapted version of cricket allows participants to engage in a competitive environment, enhancing their confidence, teamwork, and leadership skills.

The Cricket Association for the Blind in India (CABI), the cricketing arm of Samarthanam, promotes blind cricket across the country. As the apex governing body for blind cricket in India, CABI organizes national and international tournaments, training camps, and awareness programs. Affiliated with World Blind Cricket Ltd (WBC), CABI ensures that Indian players compete globally, enhancing their exposure and experience.

Samarthanam views sports as a medium to improve inclusion and empower people with disabilities. Sports activities at Samarthanam schools are designed to groom students' skills and encourage national-level participation. CABI, established in 2010, provides a platform for visually impaired cricketers to showcase their talent and compete professionally at national and international levels.

Blind cricket, evolving from simple beginnings to a professional sport, allows players to display their skills and boosts their self-confidence. The Indian Blind Cricket team has a history of success, including multiple World Cup victories and series wins. CABI's initiatives have led to significant achievements and the promotion of blind cricket, including women's participation and international recognition.

By organizing tours, tournaments, and training, CABI promotes the holistic development of visually impaired individuals. Involving corporate volunteers in friendly matches fosters socialization and inclusion, furthering the impact of blind cricket on society.

CRICKET MATCHES

180 matches

INTERNATIONAL SERIES

06 3 each- Men & Women

COACHING CAMPS

70 camps

SKILLING AND CRICKET

3000 beneficiaries



CABI ELECTS NEW OFFICE BEARERS TO PROMOTE CRICKET FOR THE BLIND IN INDIA-

The 13th Annual General Body Meeting of the Cricket Association for the Blind in India (CABI) was held on July 8th and 9th, 2023, in Bengaluru, with 65 delegates from 24 states in attendance. Dr. Mahantesh G Kivadasannavar highlighted the achievements of CABI, including the success of the 3rd T20 World Cup Cricket for the Blind, and reiterated Samarathanam's commitment to supporting CABI. Key discussions included the 2023-24 Calendar of Events, and new office bearers were elected, with Mr. Buse Gowda as President and Dr. Mahantesh as Lifetime Chairperson.

NEW OFFICE BEARERS

DESIGNATION

Lifetime Chairperson
President
General Secretary
Treasurer
1st Vice-President
2nd Vice-President
North Zone Secretary
South Zone Secretary
West Zone Secretary
East Zone Secretary
Executive Member
Executive Member
Executive Member
Executive Member

NEW OFFICE BEARERS

Dr. Mahantesh G Kivadasannavar
Mr. Buse Gowda
Mr. Shailender Yadav
Mr. G. Sridhar
Mr. Chinmoy Mondal
Mr. Gurpreet Singh Chahal
Mr. Yogesh Taneja
Mr. Anil Reddy
Mr. Islam Ali
Dr. Sangeeta Aggarwal
Mr. E John David
Mr. Chandrashekar K N
Mr. Uday Kumar Y Bagunavar
Mr. V. Mahendran





Illuri Ajay Kumar Reddy receives the prestigious Arjuna Award for his outstanding contribution to blind cricket from the Hon'ble President of India, Ms. Droupadi Murmu, on January 9th, 2024.

ACHIEVEMENTS OF CABI: 2023-24

- Participated in the IBSA World Games 2023, with the Women's Team clinching gold and the Men's Team securing silver.
- Organised Corporate Matches to promote Cricket for the Blind.
- Organised the Fedfina Women's T20 Bilateral Cricket Series for the Blind 2023-24, where India won the series 4-1.
- Organised the Karnataka State T10 Cricket Tournament for the Blind 2023.
- Organised the Nagesh Trophy National T20 Tournament for the Blind 2023-24.
- Hosted the 6th Edition of the IndusInd Bank Nagesh Trophy T20 Cricket Tournament for the Blind in multiple cities.
- Organised the 4th Edition of the IndusInd Bank Women's National T20 Cricket Tournament for the Blind in Hubli and Dharwad.
- India vs Pakistan: Friendship Series Men's Cricket Tournament for the Blind, supported by Air Water India (AWIPL). at ICC Cricket Ground, Dubai, where India won the series 2-1
- Samarth Championship for the Blind, India vs Sri Lanka, supported by Hyundai.
- Community-Based Sports Program for children with and without disabilities from marginalized communities in Karnataka, supported by NIKE.
- Empowering and transforming Blind Women through Cricket in Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand, and Odisha.
- Cricket Kit Distribution by Lake Chemical to teams from 13 states.
- Illuri Ajay Kumar Reddy, Captain of the Indian Men's Cricket Team for the Blind, received the Arjuna Award in 2024.



CORPORATE MATCHES

Corporate Matches are organized with various donors, corporates, and institutions to raise awareness and promote Cricket for the Blind.

The following matches have taken place at various locations:

- Alethea Technologies vs. Indian Men's Cricket Team for the Blind
July 22, 2023, in Bangalore.
- Brillio vs. Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled
August 23, 2023, at Altiore Oval Cricket Ground, Bangalore.
- India A vs. India B
A practice and awareness match organized by Rotary Bangalore on August 6, 2023, in Bangalore.
- Oracle Volunteers and Families Joined the Women's Team on August 8 and 9, 2023, to learn cricket and support the team.
- Tata Communications vs. Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled
September 12, 2023, at BKC Tata Communications Campus.
- Tata Communications vs. Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled
September 15, 2023, at BKC Tata Communications Campus.
- BNP Paribas vs. Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled
March 27, 2023, in Chennai

HISTORIC ACHIEVEMENTS AT IBSA WORLD GAMES – 2023

Birmingham: 18th – 27th August 2023

The **IBSA (International Blind Sports Federation) World Games** is a prestigious international multi-sport event that brings together athletes with visual impairments from across the globe. The 2023 edition, held in Birmingham, marked a significant milestone for India, showcasing the talent and determination of its Cricket Teams For The Blind (Men & Women) on an esteemed international platform. This event not only promotes inclusivity in sports but also enhances awareness and recognition of athletes with disabilities, making it a crucial occasion for the blind sports community.

At the **IBSA World Games 2023**, the Indian Blind Cricket Teams achieved remarkable success. The men's team, led by **Ajay Kumar Reddy Illuri**, showcased their skills against strong opponents like Pakistan, Australia, England, and Bangladesh. Meanwhile, the women's team, captained by **Varsha U**, made history with their first-ever international debut, dominating matches against Australia and England to secure the **gold medal** by defeating Australia in the finals.

These achievements not only highlight the talent and resolve of Indian blind cricket athletes on the global stage but also mark a significant leap forward for women's cricket in India. The success of the women's team at the IBSA World Games is a testament to the progress made in promoting inclusivity in sports, inspiring future generations of athletes with disabilities.





ADDITIONAL HONOURS & ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Karnataka's Sports Ministry awarded ₹5 lakhs each to the Gold Medallists of the IBSA World Games 2023 during Mysore's Dasara festival, with recognition extended by H. C. Mahadevappa, Minister of Social Welfare and K. Govindaraj, President of FIBA Asia.
- Sandra Davis Karimalikkal was appointed as the Brand Ambassador for Beti Bachao Beti Padhao in Thrissur District.
- Padmini Tudu and Sandra Davis were honoured by the Governments of Odisha and Kerala, respectively, on International Persons with Disabilities Day 2023.
- Sonu Golkar was recognized with the Sabal Role Model Award by Tata Steel Foundation for his contributions to blind cricket in Madhya Pradesh.
- A historic milestone was achieved by CABI when fifteen visually impaired cricketers from Odisha secured government jobs, a result of the dedicated efforts of Jafar Iqbal.
- Pankaj Bhue and Padmini Tudu were awarded the BRM-ASHA Sports Award 2024 as outstanding sports persons.
- The Government of Odisha awarded cash prizes to individual players from the state who participated in the IBSA World Games. Gold medal-winning women players received ₹20 lakh each, while silver medal-winning men players were awarded ₹15 lakh each, in recognition of their remarkable achievements.



MAJOR TOURNAMENTS AND SERIES

Fedfina Women's T20 Bilateral Cricket Series for the Blind 2023-24

In December 2023, India hosted the inaugural Fedfina Women's Bilateral Cricket Series for the Blind against Nepal, featuring 5 T20 matches in Mumbai. The series commenced with a grand inauguration, attended by both teams and notable personalities, including former Indian Test Cricketer Ms. Diana Edulji, and Fedfina representatives such as Ms. Anila Rajneesh, Chief Human Resource Officer, and Mr. Vikas M Srivastva, Chief Business Officer, who addressed the media during a press conference.

India won the series 4-1, with key performances including an 8-run win in the opening match, a close victory in the second match led by Jhili Birua's bowling, and an 8-wicket win in the final match, led by Simu Das. The closing ceremony celebrated the success of the series, with Simu Das named Player of the Series in the B1 category.



Karnataka State T10 Cricket Tournament for the Blind 2023

The 2023 Karnataka State T10 Cricket Tournament for the Blind took place on October 6, 2023. The event, supported by the Snehadeep Trust for the Disabled, saw participation from 12 teams. Samarthanam Dharwad team won the tournament, with significant prizes awarded to the winners and runners-up. The event highlighted skill and sportsmanship.



NAGESH TROPHY NATIONAL T20 SUPER 8 TOURNAMENT FOR THE BLIND



The Super 8 stage of the INDUSIND BANK NAGESH TROPHY FOR THE BLIND commenced on January 29, 2024, at the MLA Guest House in Nagpur. The tournament, featuring Odisha, Telangana, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Andhra Pradesh, Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, and Karnataka, was organized by the Cricket Association for the Blind in India, Cricket Association for the Blind in Vidarbha, and Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled.

Arjuna Awardee Mr. Ajay Kumar Reddy officially inaugurated the event, while Honourable Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways, Shri Nitin Gadkari, praised the players for their determination and skill. Mr. Gadkari joined the post-match presentation, awarding the Player of the Match and commending the players' resilience and sharp auditory skills.

In the final, Karnataka secured the Nagesh Trophy by defeating Andhra Pradesh by 9 wickets. Andhra Pradesh set a challenging target of 237/5, but Karnataka chased it down with 241/1, achieving victory with three balls to spare. Sunil Ramesh, who was named Player of the Match, led Karnataka to their first national title in 20 years. Naresh Tumda (Gujarat), Dunna Venkateshwara Rao (Andhra Pradesh), and Sunil Ramesh (Karnataka) were recognized as the Players of the Series in their respective categories.

The 6TH INDUSIND BANK NAGESH TROPHY T20 CRICKET TOURNAMENT FOR THE BLIND

This tournament took place from November 23, 2023, to January 30, 2024. Organized by the Cricket Association for the Blind in India (CABI) and the Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled, with support from IndusInd Bank, the tournament showcased blind cricket talent across India.

During the league stage, held until December 29, 2023, matches took place in cities including Jammu, Dehradun, Kochi, Chandigarh, Agartala, and Kota. Teams were divided into six groups:

- Group A:** Andhra Pradesh, Haryana, Rajasthan, Himachal Pradesh, Tamil Nadu
- Group B:** Karnataka, Delhi, Maharashtra, Pondicherry, Uttarakhand
- Group C:** Odisha, Jharkhand, Kerala, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar
- Group D:** Gujarat, Chandigarh, West Bengal, Madhya Pradesh, Telangana
- Group E:** Jammu & Kashmir, Railway, Punjab, Goa



LAKE CHEMICALS PVT LTD. reinforced its commitment to social responsibility by supporting the Cricket Association for the Blind in India. The company provided cricket kits to visually impaired players across 13 states, equipping them with essential gear like cricket balls, bats, helmets, and gloves to enhance both safety and performance.

ALETHEA COMMUNICATIONS has significantly impacted the training and fitness of five visually impaired women cricketers from Karnataka. By providing quality coaching and resources, they have empowered these athletes to excel in national and international competitions while fostering their personal and professional growth. This initiative highlights ALETHEA's commitment to enhancing opportunities for visually impaired women in cricket.

INDUSIND BANK WOMEN'S NATIONAL T20 CRICKET TOURNAMENT FOR THE BLIND -2024

The 2024 IndusInd Bank Women's National T20 Cricket Tournament for the Blind, held from 8th to 12th January in Hubli-Dharwad, was a grand success. Visually impaired women cricketers from across India participated, with 16 teams divided into four groups:

- Group A: Odisha, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Telangana
- Group B: Karnataka, Maharashtra, Jharkhand, Assam
- Group C: Delhi, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal
- Group D: Andhra Pradesh, Rajasthan, Chandigarh, Haryana

The tournament began with league matches on January 8, followed by knockout rounds, semi-finals on January 11, and the final match on January 12. Odisha emerged victorious, defeating Karnataka in the final. The closing ceremony was graced by Shri. Santosh Lad, Karnataka's Minister of Labour, and Shri. Jagadish Shettar, Former Chief Minister of Karnataka, who presented the trophies to the champions, runners-up, and the player of the match.





With unwavering focus and passion, our visually impaired cricketers are rapidly mastering the game and making a significant impact on the global stage. CABI members are actively campaigning for the inclusion of cricket for the visually impaired in the 2028 Paralympics to further elevate their achievements.”

*Mr Buse Gowda
President, CABI*

EMPOWERING INDIAN MEN'S CRICKET TEAM FOR THE BLIND WITH THE SUPPORT OF AIR WATER INDIA (AWIPL)

The 2024 FRIENDSHIP CRICKET SERIES FOR THE BLIND, held in Dubai from February 22nd to 25th, highlighted the Indian Men's Cricket Team for the Blind's resilience and excellence, thanks to the vital support of Air Water India (AWIPL). AWIPL's backing played a crucial role in empowering the team, enabling players like debutants Debaraj Behera (B1) from Odisha, Gudadappa (B1) from Karnataka, Sanjay Kumar Shah (B1) from Delhi, and Magunta Sai (B2) from Karnataka to make their mark on the national stage.

In this intense series against Pakistan, India showcased their determination. Despite Pakistan's initial win, powered by Badar Munir's century in the first T20, India made a strong comeback, winning the second match by 46 runs, with Sunil Ramesh leading with a stellar 87-run innings. In the decisive final match, India dominated with an 8-wicket victory, thanks to brilliant half-centuries from Sunil Ramesh and Ajay Kumar Reddy. Securing the series 2-1, India's triumph was a testament to the team's unwavering spirit and the crucial role AWIPL played in their journey, helping transform the future of blind cricket in India.

A community-based sports program in Bengaluru benefited 500 children from marginalized communities, focusing on physical fitness and overall development. Additionally, 53 visually impaired women cricketers received specialized coaching at the Sachin Tendulkar Turf Cricket Ground. Samarathanam athletes showcased their talents at the 22nd National Para Athletics Championship in Goa, with Jayalaxmi, Sarath, and Bhaskar representing the organization and highlighting sports opportunities for people with disabilities.

EMPOWERING AND TRANSFORMING BLIND WOMEN THROUGH CRICKET

The program has significantly advanced blind women's cricket in rural Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand, and Odisha, benefiting 1,290 visually impaired women through coaching and training. With 43 camps and awareness sessions, it has also supported 196 blind men and 114 existing blind women cricketers, driving remarkable skill improvement.



Going further

Cricket for the Blind has grown remarkably over the last two decades, reaching thousands of young aspiring disabled cricketers. The initiative has been exceptional, with multiple programs promoting the progress of the disabled cricket community and significantly increasing its impact compared to last year.

CABI is campaigning for blind cricket to be included in the 2028 Paralympic Games and aims to broaden grassroot initiatives across India to nurture young blind cricket talent. On a global scale, CABI will promote blind cricket in countries without established teams, including a 10-city tour of the USA planned from July to September.

Samarthanam and CABI will collaborate to groom women cricketers for upcoming tournaments, while corporate cricket matches will continue to raise awareness about cricket for the blind. Additionally, CABI plans to enhance infrastructure and accessibility for blind cricket through dedicated facilities and advocacy efforts.



SAMARTH CHAMPIONSHIP FOR THE BLIND

INDIA'S DOMINATING VICTORY AGAINST SRI LANKA

The Samarth Championship for Blind Cricket, held from March 11th to March 15th, 2024, at the Karnail Singh Stadium in Delhi, was a thrilling bilateral series featuring India and Sri Lanka. The tournament showcased the prowess of 17 Indian players, with the opening ceremony inaugurated by prominent dignitaries such as Dr. Mahantesh, Mr. Subu Kota, Mr. Shailendra Yadav, Mr. Shombi Sharp, and Commodore R Joseph.

This exhilarating championship saw five T20 matches, where India displayed sheer dominance throughout the series:

In a historic first match, Ajay Kumar Reddy marked his 100th international appearance, leading India to a resounding 132-run victory over Sri Lanka.

The second T20 saw India maintaining its momentum, overpowering Sri Lanka to extend their lead in the series.

India secured a 7-wicket victory in the third T20, with Pankaj Bhue being named Player of the Match.

India continued their unbeaten run, winning the fourth T20 by 8 wickets, taking a commanding 4-0 lead in the series.

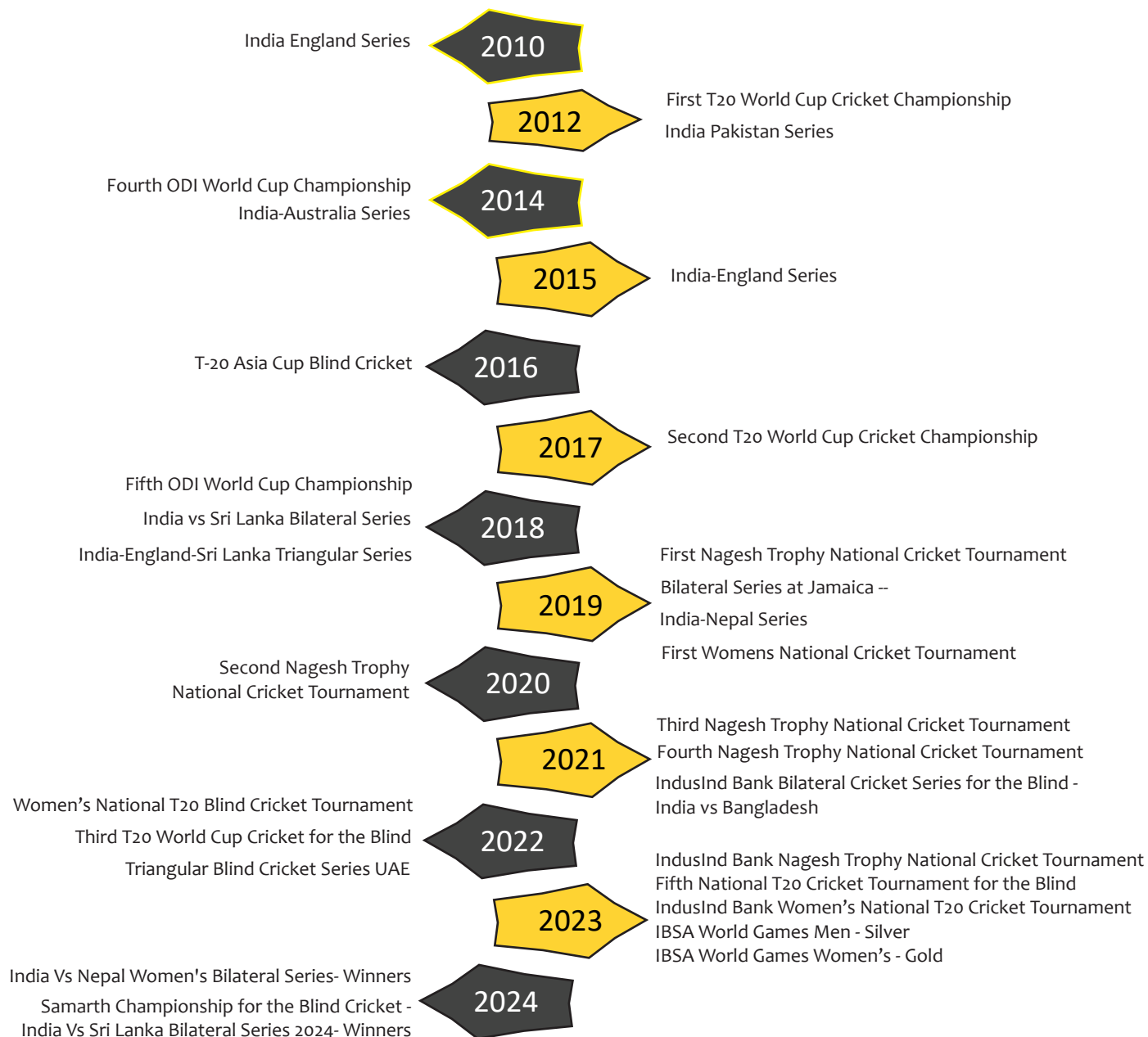
In the fifth and final T20, India wrapped up the series with a 90-run win, with Nakula Badanayak shining as Player of the Match.

Ajay Kumar Reddy, Nakula Badanayak, Pankaj Bhue, and other key players delivered standout performances, propelling India to a clean 5-0 sweep. Ajay Kumar Reddy's explosive innings in the first match and consistent team efforts throughout underscored India's dominance.

The closing ceremony was a grand affair, attended by notable personalities including Ms. Meenakshi Lekhi, former cricketers Mr. Madan Lal Sharma and Mr. Praveen Kumar. Dr. Mahantesh expressed heartfelt thanks to the 'Samarth by Hyundai' initiative for supporting blind cricket. Hyundai Motor India's CEO, Mr. Un Soo Kim, praised the series as part of Hyundai's ongoing commitment to fostering inclusivity. The tournament concluded with awards and cash prizes for the top performers, celebrating their remarkable achievements in the Samarth Championship for the Blind.



CRICKET FOR THE BLIND SO FAR



30,000

BLIND CRICKETERS



20

BLIND CRICKET TOURNAMENTS



30

INDIAN STATES/UT AFFILIATION



5

WORLD CUP CHAMPIONSHIPS



ENVIRONMENT

Samarthanam Parisara, the dedicated green team of Samarthanam Trust, is committed to tackling various environmental causes, raising awareness, and promoting recycling throughout India. Operating primarily in Bengaluru, Karnataka, Parisara focuses on dry and e-waste management by collecting, segregating, and recycling diverse forms of waste. They collaborate with companies, corporates, industries, educational institutions, and residential apartments to ensure efficient waste collection and recycling.

Recognizing that environmental conservation is a shared responsibility, Parisara actively engages the community through door-to-door education on source waste segregation, enlisting volunteers in city beautification projects, and organizing street plays and awareness programs. Additionally, Parisara undertakes plantation drives to enhance green cover and promote ecological balance. By implementing an effective waste management model and advocating for reforestation, Parisara significantly reduces the burden on landfills and contributes to a cleaner, greener, and more sustainable environment.

WASTE COLLECTED/ RECYCLED

1247/ 1174 Tonnes

BBMP BLOCKS COVERED

118

HOUSEHOLDS COVERED

99100+

SAPLINGS PLANTED

38600

CORPORATES REACHED

50+

POURAKARMIKAS TOUCHED

875+



PARISARA INITIATIVES

BEAUTIFICATION OF CITIES

Our initiative focuses on raising public awareness about waste management and revitalizing areas plagued by litter. We aim to protect the environment from pollutants and hazardous chemicals that affect soil, water, and air

5 wards
in Bengaluru covered



PLANTATION PROJECT

This program promotes environmental conservation through the planting of saplings. With the support of volunteers and corporate partners, we aim to increase green cover and enhance the natural landscape.

38600
saplings planted



SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

We offer practical solutions for waste management at the source level and educate waste handlers on effective practices. Our efforts are directed toward increasing recycling rates and reducing the burden on landfills.



1247 tonnes of
waste collected



1174 tonnes of
waste recycled

SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT

Our sewage treatment plant processes 8,000 litres of wastewater daily, playing a crucial role in protecting the environment by treating and purifying water.



2920000 litres of
water treated in
one year

REWARE

Reware is an initiative focused on encouraging community involvement in source waste management and improving the livelihoods of waste handlers.

79077 houses propagated

3370 commercial shops' awareness

3278 awareness activities

15 street plays

14 blackspots beautified

SUCHITA

Suchita is a food waste converter that transforms food waste into organic manure, contributing to sustainable agriculture and waste reduction.



38500 Kgs of
waste converted



Future Plans

- Expand the Community Waste Management Awareness initiative across India.
- Train school students to become environmental ambassadors under the Green Champions Programme.
- Expand collaboration to over 100 corporate partners for the Dry Waste Collection.
- Conduct special environmental awareness programmes in Bangalore colleges.
- Scale up water conservation efforts across India.
- Plant 100,000 saplings nationwide.

OUR SUPPORTERS SAY

Mayur Gangurde

Corporate Social Responsibility, India
FIS Marketing & Communications

We take immense pride in our association with Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled, an organization that has become a beacon of hope and empowerment for individuals with disabilities across India. Samarthanam's relentless efforts to uplift the disabled community and represent India on various prestigious platforms inspire us deeply.

Their robust partnerships with organizations, government agencies, and stakeholders are a testament to their commitment to creating meaningful change. These collaborations not only amplify their impact but also enhance their ability to address complex issues, leveraging support from diverse quarters to drive sustainable progress.

As an implementation partner, Samarthanam stands out for its unwavering dedication to excellence. Their regular assessment of programs and activities ensures that they remain on the cutting edge of effectiveness, allowing them to measure progress, identify areas for improvement, and adapt strategies as needed. This dynamic approach guarantees that their initiatives continue to deliver tangible, life-changing results.

We are honoured to contribute to their mission and look forward to continuing this impactful journey together.



*As a trusted partner,
Samarthanam
exemplifies the power
of collaboration in
transforming lives and
creating a more inclusive
society.*

ARTS AND CULTURE

Sunadha, an ensemble of artists with disabilities under Samarthanam, excels in Indian classical arts. As an empanelled group of the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) and supported by the Department of Kannada and Culture, Government of Karnataka, Sunadha garners increasing recognition for performances in classical music, dance, and musical instruments, each marked by finesse and poise..

ARTISTS SUPPORTED

175

CORPORATE ENGAGEMENTS:

Delivered standout performances for major clients including Morgan Stanley, First Source, UNISYS, Bosch, Hitachi Solutions, GSK Pharmaceutical, JLL, and GKN Aerospace. Additional engagements with Adobe, FedEx, Leap Finance, EcoWorld, JCPenney, Pernod Ricard, and Saviynt

SPECIAL PLATFORMS:

A limelight episode for Diwali Celebrations on POWER TV.

Sa Re Ga Ma Pa Kannada Reality Show: Selection of Sunadha lead singer Mr Balasubramanyam Grandhi

Musical Workshop: Collaboration with Ari Roland Jazz Quartet from USA.

Media Coverage: Features on popular Kannada YouTube channel Kalamadhayama

GOVERNMENT PLATFORMS:

Enchanted audiences at Vanamohotsava CM Program.

Celebrated regional heritage at Yuva Sambrama, Mysore and Kittur Utsav, Belgaum. Delivered emotional performances for cancer patients at Kidwai Oncology Centre.

PERFORMANCES DELIVERED

110+





CULTURAL AND RELIGIOUS EVENTS:

Paid soulful tribute on Ambedkar Jayanthi and Krishna Janmashtami.

Delivered patriotic tunes on Independence Day at multiple locations.

Staged exceptional dance at Raphe, Noida, and multiple performances for Ganeshotsava celebrations.

MEMORABLE MILESTONES: MoUs SIGNED

Karnataka Dr. Gangubai Hangal University for launching a Music and Performing Art Centre Unisys for training and certificate courses for artists

GOING AHEAD

Sunadha is dedicated to expanding its reach and impact, with several strategic initiatives planned for the coming year:

1. New Collaborations: Forming partnerships with additional corporate sponsors and cultural organizations to provide more performance opportunities and resources for our artists.

2. Enhanced Training Programs: Implementing advanced training modules and workshops in classical and contemporary arts to further develop the skills of our artists.

3. Community Outreach: Increasing engagement with schools and trusts to identify and nurture new talent, ensuring the inclusion of more individuals with disabilities.

4. Digital Presence: Expanding our online platforms to showcase performances and reach a global audience, making art accessible to all.

5. Innovative & Sustainable Projects: Launching new projects that address social issues through art, including women empowerment, environmental conservation, and cultural heritage preservation.

6. Recognition and Awards: Striving for greater recognition in national and international cultural forums to highlight the exceptional talents of our artists.

Sunadha continues to shine, bringing artistic excellence and inclusivity to diverse platforms across the globe, ensuring the sustained development and empowerment of artists with disabilities.

OUR BENEFICIARIES

Dr Shilpa

Swadhara Greh

Dr. Shilpa, a 33-year-old Ayurveda doctor, once enjoyed a blissful married life with her husband, Shivaswamy, an IT graduate. However, their relationship faced significant challenges, leading to misunderstandings and a mutual decision to divorce. Shortly after the divorce, Dr. Shilpa realized her mistake and wished to reconcile, but it was too late as her husband did not agree.

Without support from her parents, Dr. Shilpa experienced deep distress and emotional turmoil. Seeking help, she reached out to the Women Helpline, which referred her to Samarthanam Swadhara Greh, a refuge for women in crisis. Despite her personal struggles, Dr. Shilpa continued to fulfill her professional responsibilities at a hospital.

At Swadhara, Dr. Shilpa received counselling and support to navigate her emotional challenges. The counsellors worked tirelessly to bridge the gap between her and her estranged parents, encouraging them to provide the support and understanding she needed.

After a few months of guidance and counselling, Dr. Shilpa's parents welcomed her back into their home. This reunion marked a significant turning point in her life. With her parents' support, Dr. Shilpa regained her strength and confidence, allowing her to continue her professional journey with renewed vigour.

Dr. Shilpa's story is a testament to the resilience of the human spirit and the power of support systems in overcoming personal challenges. Her journey from despair to hope highlights the crucial role of organizations like Samarthanam Swadhara Greh in providing a safety net for individuals facing life's toughest moments. Through professional counselling and emotional support, Dr. Shilpa rebuilt her life, illustrating the transformative impact of compassion and care.



*Thank you, Samarthanam
Swadhara Greh, for your
invaluable support and
guidance*

Dr Shilpa

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Swadhara Gruha

A home for women in distress

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Women beneficiaries at Swadhara Gruh

REHABILITATION

Samarthanam Swadhara is home for many women who need support towards establishing an independent livelihood and seek emotional support. As we talk about women empowerment, Samarthanam goes an extra mile in contributing to the welfare of women who approach Swadhara looking forward to rebuilding their lives.

The women at Swadhara receive shelter, vocational training, guidance counseling, and their children are provided with education, nutrition, medical and other requirements. Swadhara assists in the rehabilitation of the women who have gone through trauma and distress. These women also explore the various job and training opportunities based on their aptitude, interest, and skillset. Healthcare, motivational sessions, skill training, mental health and recovery sessions are offered.

Swadhara receives support from Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India. The project is currently helping women between the age of 18 years and 45 years coming from various regions of Karnataka.

Highlights of the year

- Swadhara introduced dance therapy, English language learning, exposure visits to places of interest, games, and tourist trips were organized.
- The beneficiaries at the home received expert counselling which helped them reconcile with their families. By pointing in the right direction, motivating, and supporting their abilities, many women at Swadhara have begun their economically independent journey.
- Further, Swadhara will focus on the learning needs of the children, training activities and strengthening the program's reach.

WOMEN SUPPORTED

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Working Womens and Higher Education Students' Hostel

The Working Women's Hostel for the Disabled in Nagarabhavi offers a safe and supportive environment with essential amenities, educational support, and opportunities for growth.

Samarthanam provides this facility for women with disabilities, economically disadvantaged women, and those preparing for exams, offering food, tuition, healthcare, assistive aids, electronics, scholarships, and travel needs to foster independence and success.

Students received tailored learning assistance, exam scheduling, and scribes for the visually impaired, while working women were supported to work from the hostel.

Residents participated in art, music, sports, fitness, mental health sessions, gardening, yoga, meditation, soft skills, personality development, and self-defence activities.

The hostel celebrated all major festivals and events, including World Women's Day, Gandhi Jayanti, Dasara, Deepavali, New Year, and others, fostering a sense of community and independence.

Hostel members engaged in various events such as international women's blind cricket tournaments, marathons, educational tours, and engagement in events like International Paralympic Day and World Disability Day sports, showcasing their diverse achievements and activities.

Health campaigns and programs providing crucial aids like calipers were organized by Samarthanam.

WOMEN RESIDENTS

45



OUR SUPPORTERS SAY

Shiwani Varma Vyas

Director, Corporate Communication & CSR
Lowe's India

Lowe's India is proud to partner with Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled on a variety of impactful projects. What truly sets the Samarthanam team apart is their deep understanding of the on-ground realities and the specific needs of the beneficiaries they serve. Their ability to manage projects seamlessly, while keeping a sharp focus on the real-world impact these initiatives have on individuals' lives, has been nothing short of impressive.

The team's commitment to excellence is evident in their meticulous project management, which ensures that every initiative is executed with precision and purpose. The regular reporting and updates provided by Samarthanam have been invaluable, enabling the Lowe's India CSR team to stay fully informed of progress and promptly address any potential challenges. This level of transparency and communication has strengthened our partnership and reinforced our confidence in the meaningful work being done.

Kudos to the Samarthanam team for the remarkable difference you are making on the ground and for your unwavering dedication to driving positive change. We look forward to continuing this impactful journey together as we advance the Lowe's India CSR program.



Samarthanam exemplifies impactful project management and transformative on-ground excellence, making them a valued partner in our mission.



Fueling Minds with Nutritious Meals

HEALTH AND NUTRITION

Samarthanam Trust has dedicated 21 years to supporting differently-abled and underserved youth through education, skill training, and nutrition. The Vidya Prasad program provides nutritious mid-day meals to government school students in Bangalore, prepared in centralized kitchens using mechanized steam-heated boilers to ensure quality and efficiency. Children's well-being is a collective responsibility that extends beyond parents, especially amid poverty, illiteracy, poor health, and discrimination. By providing universal schooling and nutritious food, Samarthanam addresses these needs and protects children's rights.

This Year

* 7500 meals served, enhancing nutritional status.

*Expanded reach reduced malnutrition and encouraged social inclusion among students, improving attendance and focus.

*Added eggs, bananas, and sweet treats to the menu for better growth and health.

*Volunteers actively participated in cooking and serving, supporting events like blind cricket tournaments and walkathons.

*Key events included serving food at Kanteerava Stadium for World Disabled Day and providing meals at Samarthanam's anniversary celebrations.

Looking Ahead

*The program has gained social recognition and government appreciation.

*Efforts are focused on maintaining food quality, increasing school coverage, and boosting attendance.

*Teachers reported improved student attention, better concentration in class, and a 20% rise in enrollment for 2023-2024.



STUDENTS RECEIVING MEALS/DAY

7500



OPERATIONS

HUMAN RESOURCES

Samarthanam, committed to the welfare of disabled communities, fosters a diverse and inclusive environment. The organization values knowledge-building, healthcare, team-building, and celebrations, creating a stimulating workspace. The Human Resources department plays a key role in maintaining this culture, managing talent, compliance, recruitment, and employee well-being across its many centres in India.

To ensure safety, a dedicated committee implemented POSH and Child Protection policies, providing security for all stakeholders. The HR team also strengthened the workforce by collaborating with consultancies to recruit top talent. Healthcare remains a priority with regular check-ups by a visiting doctor, while the organization continuously adopts government-introduced systems to enhance employee welfare.

The collective spirit of Samarthanam's employees shines through their support during health emergencies, while numerous celebrations and recreational activities boost engagement and camaraderie. Internal mobility and training programs further optimize skills and ensure both personal and organizational growth.

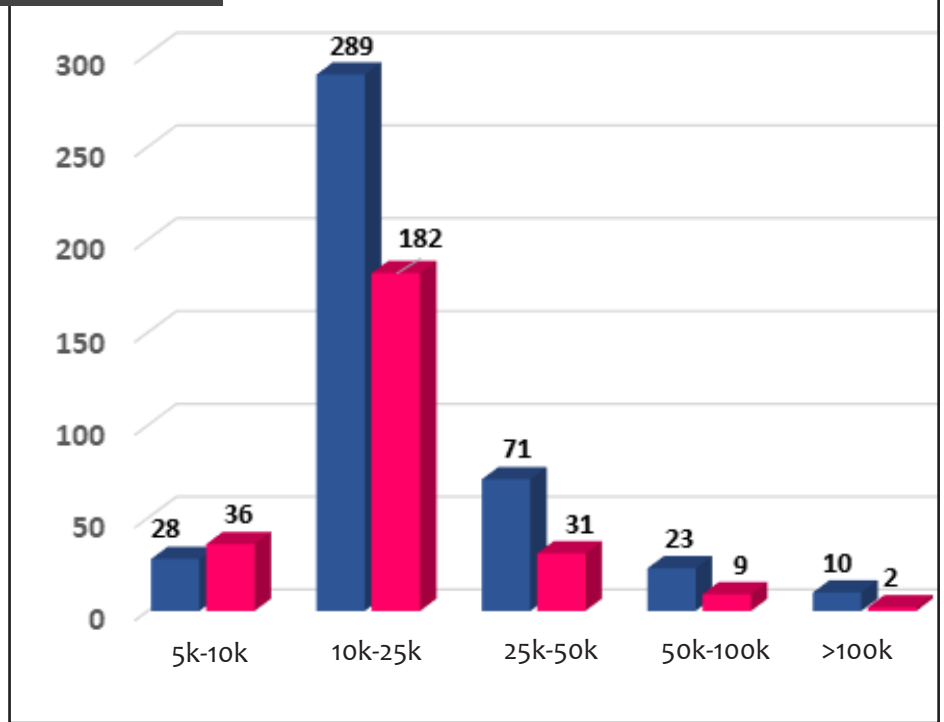
On Samarthanam's anniversary, outstanding employees were recognized for their exceptional performance, and those with a decade of service were honoured for their dedication. Samarthanam achieved a significant milestone by employing 27% of its workforce from the disabled community in the last financial year, further solidifying its commitment to inclusivity and diversity.

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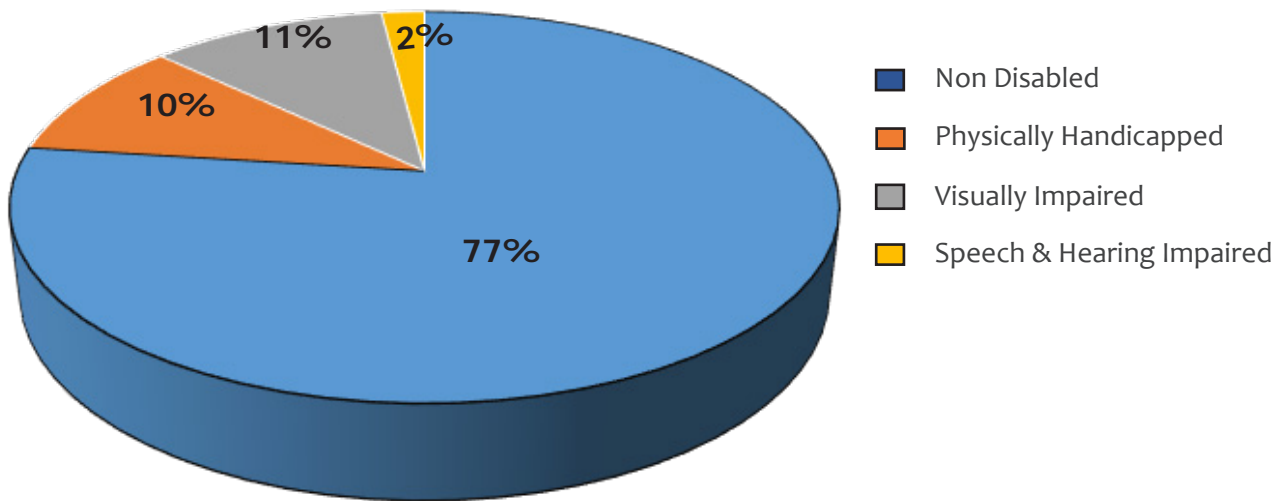


CATEGORIZATION OF STAFF BASED ON SALARY

- Males
- Females

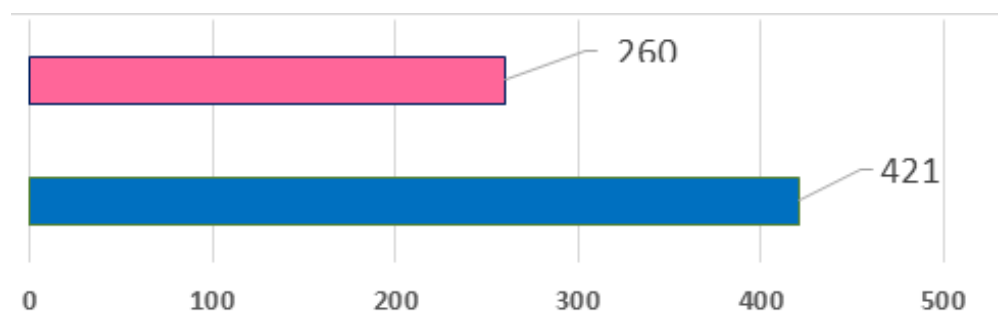


CATEGORIZATION OF STAFF BASED ON DISABILITY



CATEGORIZATION OF STAFF BASED ON GENDER

- Males 62%
- Females 38%



COMMUNICATIONS

Transforming lives and empowering individuals, Samarathanam Trust for the Disabled has seen a significant impact through the dedicated efforts of its media and communications team. Managing the organization's public image through media relations, press releases, and handling journalist inquiries, the team ensures that Samarathanam's message reaches a broad audience. By implementing strategic marketing initiatives, they promote Samarathanam's programmes, events, and initiatives across various channels, including social media, newsletters, and promotional materials. Their efforts in maintaining and enhancing the Samarathanam brand identity ensure consistency and effectiveness across all communications and marketing materials.

This year, the Communications Department has amplified Samarathanam's impact by refining publications, engaging with social media followers, recording Sunadha artists' performances, and driving social campaigns and funding initiatives. Their expertise in branding, digital marketing, PR, advertising, and broadcasting has bolstered the success of events such as the walkathon, local & international Blind Cricket Tournaments, assistive device conclave, anniversary celebrations, and overseas events.

Additionally, they handle crisis communication, engage stakeholders through regular updates and personalized communication, and lead advocacy efforts to raise awareness about the rights and needs of individuals with disabilities.

Samarathanam's beneficiaries' success stories shine as testaments to the organization's impactful support. These narratives are powerful messages of hope and inspiration, showcasing the resilience and achievements of those who have overcome significant challenges. Through the team's daily efforts in social media promotions, presentations, media reports, print media, and website management, a consistent and engaging presence is maintained. Social media promotions have peaked, reaching a multitude of people, with reels and other content garnering significant attention.

Samarathanam acknowledges its donors' generosity by sending thank you notes and sharing success stories of beneficiaries, ensuring that contributors see the tangible impact of their support. This comprehensive communication strategy has strengthened relationships with donors and supporters, enhancing their engagement and commitment.



FUNDRAISING

The journey of Samarthanam as an NGO has been profoundly shaped by its Fundraising division. This team not only brings in the revenue needed to support diverse programs but also raises awareness about the cause, promotes societal unity, and strengthens relationships with stakeholders. By effectively communicating the mission statement, the fundraising team has expanded Samarthanam’s reach, impact, and services.

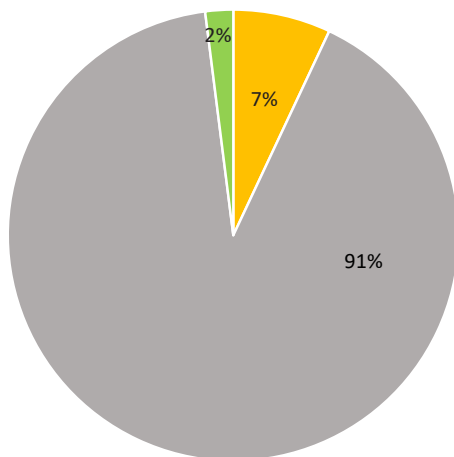
Samarthanam’s Fundraising Team is pivotal for the organization’s financial health and sustainability. This dedicated team develops and executes strategies to secure donations, grants, and sponsorships, providing the essential resources needed to support Samarthanam’s wide array of programs and projects. Their efforts ensure a steady stream of financial support, enabling the organization to fulfill its mission to empower disabled communities.

In the past year, the fundraising team has played a pivotal role in increasing the number of Skilling

Centres, Smart Classrooms, Tinker Labs, and Science Centres, offering better educational opportunities. They have organized impactful events like the annual Walkathon, men’s & Women’s blind cricket tournaments, coaching camps, national cricket matches, job fairs, and international engagements. These initiatives have involved large audiences and received substantial funding from corporate CSR, thanks to the fundraising team’s efforts in developing quality relationships with sponsors and partners who believe in the common goal.

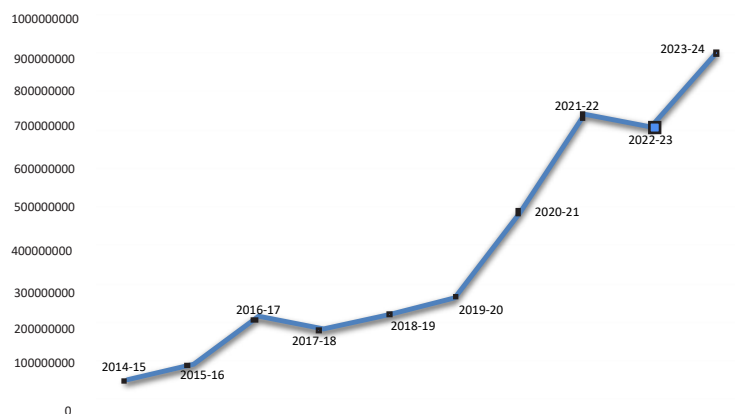
Samarthanam is now focusing on strengthening its operations by expanding into new cities like Gurgaon and Mumbai. This expansion aims to tap into new funding sources and broaden the supporter base, ensuring continued growth and success for Samarthanam’s mission. The team is deeply grateful to all supporters, including corporate entities, government bodies, individuals, and organizations, whose contributions have created a positive and lasting impact.

REVENUE SOURCES



- CSR
- Individual
- Government/Agencies

A DECADE OF CSR EVOLUTION



INFRASTRUCTURE

Samarthanam is dedicated to advocating for accessibility and creating barrier-free, user-friendly spaces. The organization believes that accessible infrastructure enhances the utilization of educational facilities, job opportunities, transportation, and other services, thereby improving opportunities for individuals with disabilities. All Samarthanam offices and facilities are designed to be fully barrier-free, featuring elevators, ramps, and accessible floors. New projects, including the Accessible Art Centre, facilities in Mysore, and Doddaballapur, are currently underway. In addition, ongoing maintenance and upgrades are being carried out across Samarthanam's skilling centres, hostels, schools, and offices in 15 cities.

Highlights:

Accessible Art Centre: The five-story centre in Bengaluru is **40%** complete. The construction encompasses civil, electrical, plumbing, HVAC, flooring, AV cabling, firefighting, acoustic, facade, fabrication, and painting work, with an anticipated operational date in 2025.

Wash Projects: Significant progress has been made across 59 locations:

- Completed: 45 schools in Bangalore, Pune, Tirunelveli, and Nandurbar & Jalgaon.
- Under Construction: 10 schools in Chennai.
- Ongoing: Projects in Virudhunagar, Tamil Nadu, and Raichur & Yadgir, Karnataka.

Heat Pump Installation: A 5000-litre heat pump has been installed on the HSR Phase 2 terrace, providing year-round hot water for the hostel and reducing power consumption compared to traditional geysers.

Doddaballapur Project: Ongoing development includes a 2880 sq. ft. day-care centre, a 10 kwp solar power system, and a 250-litre solar geyser.

Mysore Project: Compound wall construction is in progress for facility modifications.

Expansion Plans: Samarthanam is exploring and surveying new sites for additional accessible centres.



ACCOUNTS

The vital responsibility of revenues, expenses, budgeting, records, taxes, and other financials is led by the accounting team. Primarily for an organization with offices all over the country, numerous projects running simultaneously, and large teams working, the process of accounting followed a set of rules and measures which helped in staying accountable to the sponsors. The team worked on making the best use of the resources for a financially healthy organization and met the goals for the year. A detailed report is presented in the financials section of this report.

OVERSEAS

The Overseas Department at Samarthanam Trust functions as a formal repository of our endeavours, offering insights into our achievements, challenges, and future directions in advancing our mission on the global stage. Through initiatives promoting inclusivity and empowerment, such as the "Dark Room Ballet" for visually impaired dancers and advocating for blind athletes in cricket, we've made significant impacts on individuals' lives worldwide. Strengthened by collaborations and led by dedicated individuals like Mr. Ranganath Kempanahally and Mr. Varavani Dwarki, we're expanding our presence in the UK and the US, with plans to extend further across Europe, driven by our collective vision of a more inclusive world.

Samarthanam Trust Wins Prestigious Global Award

Samarthanam Trust received the RI CENTENNIAL AWARD, ranking among the top 100 organizations globally, and was awarded a \$10,000 cash prize for our impactful work empowering disabled individuals.

Diplomatic Engagements Highlight Health and Inclusivity

17th Walkathon Welcomes 2 Distinguished Guests: Dr. Hyung Min Kim, Deputy Consul General – Australian Consulate, and Mr. Chandru Iyer, Deputy High Commissioner – British Deputy High Commission, Bangalore graced our Annual Walkathon, themed "Health for All," attended by over 12,000 participants aiming to bridge health disparities and empower marginalized communities.

Roundtable on Women's Sports

We co-hosted a discussion on "Women's Sports Participation and Leadership" with the Australian Consulate-General, featuring Varsha Umapathi, Captain of the Indian Blind Cricket Women's Team.

Bilateral T20 Series

UN Resident Coordinator Mr. Shombi Sharp and Sri Lankan Defense Advisor Commodore Rohan Joseph attended the Bilateral T20 series, highlighting inclusivity in sports

Strengthening Sri Lankan Ties

The Sri Lankan High Commission hosted a high tea for the Sri Lankan Blind Cricket team, fostering collaboration and camaraderie among the participants.

\$10,000 Recognition





Partnerships and Collaborations

We partnered with Creating Hopes Canada on two major initiatives to provide 50 artificial limbs and skill training to over 200 underprivileged individuals.

International Support from Spain

Emma Torres from Ibiza visited Samarthanam, raising €15,000 and discussing initiatives for inclusivity and diversity with 25 beneficiaries.

Academic and Cultural Programs

University Collaborations with 2 Major Institutions: University of Washington students conducted research on NGO outreach in 10 rural Karnataka villages. French students from Kedge Business School volunteered with educational support initiatives, impacting 150 students.

Sunadha Dance Program: 8-Week Course

Sunadha dancers participated in "Dark Room Ballet" classes led by visually impaired instructor Ms. Krishna Washburn from the USA, involving 10 students.

Sports and Education Initiatives

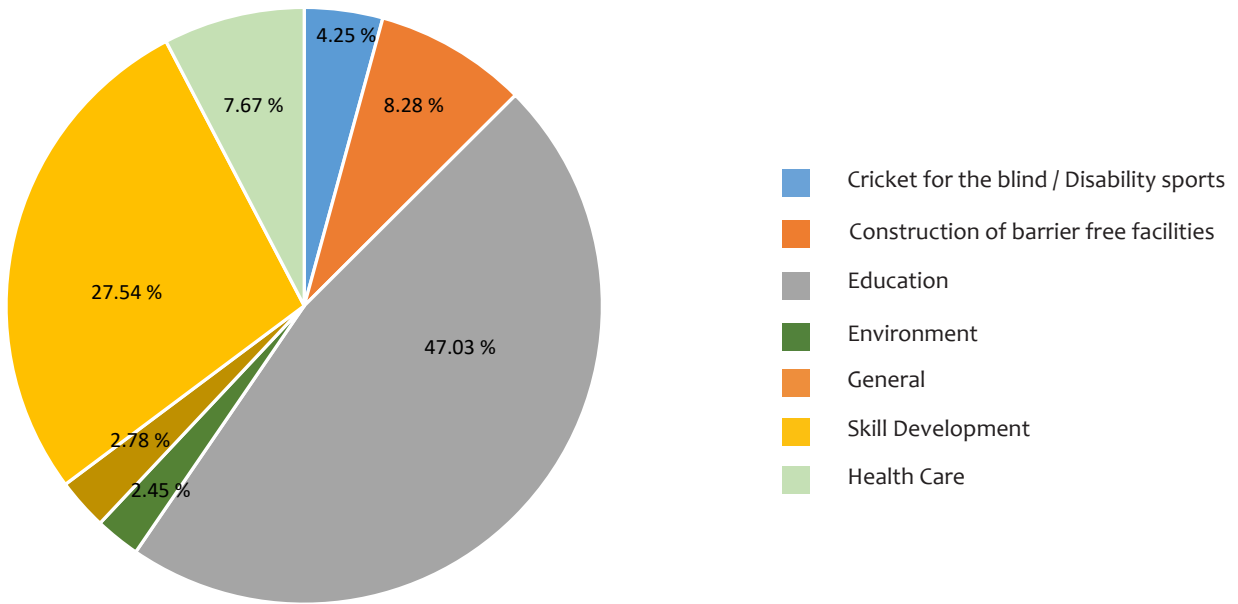
Blind Cricket Sponsorship : The Subu Kota Foundation sponsored the Indian Blind Cricket team's visit to the US, covering 5 matches and promoting inclusivity.

Internships for Students

Philanthropist Mr. Hariram supported internships for 4 BBA students from Samarthanam, enhancing their skills and employment prospects.



CSR SPLIT - PROJECT WISE



INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Samarthanam's IT department is crucial in managing and supporting the organization's technology infrastructure, ensuring seamless operations across all centres. This includes installing, maintaining, and upgrading systems, managing data storage, and providing technical support to address hardware, software, and connectivity issues. The department also prioritizes cybersecurity, access control, and regulatory compliance while overseeing system development, integration, and IT project management. Their work supports Samarthanam's schools, skilling centres, digital library, and other projects, ensuring uninterrupted program delivery.

Notable achievements this year include the integration of the Let'sTalkSign tool on Samarthanam's website for speech and hearing-impaired users and the setup of a centralized storage device at the headquarters to integrate data across multiple locations.

TRANSPORTATION

Samarthanam's various programmes, schools, the mid-day meal programme, tours, and projects focused on the and therapy of disabled individuals, rely heavily on regular transportation services. The fleet of accessible vehicles ensures smooth transportation for persons with disabilities, primarily school children. Meals for the mid-day program are transported efficiently and hygienically to city schools in customized vehicles, while dedicated vehicles serve the specific needs of children involved in educational and therapeutic projects.

In addition to these essential services, the transportation department supports the travel needs of cricket teams, campaigns, Sunadha artists, volunteers, and other organizational activities.

This year, Samarthanam added 1 Eicher bus each for Bangalore, Dharwad, and Belgaum Centres, 1 TATA YODHA for Vidyaprasad, 2 Tata Magic pick-up vans for Guntur, and 1 Electric Auto each for Dharwad and Kodikonda Centres to the existing fleet of its transport, to support its various initiatives.



OUR BENEFICIARIES

Manju

Assistive Device Beneficiary

Mr. Manju, a 37-year-old from Mardi, Ramnagar, has faced tremendous challenges due to a locomotive disability caused by polio at a young age. Despite his struggles, he remained determined to support his family and build a future. After completing his education and working for several years, he returned to Ramnagar to manage his family's small shop selling milk and newspapers. Following the tragic loss of his father and sister, Manju's ability to run the business was severely impacted due to his disability.

The turning point came when he sought help from the Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled. With the support of HMD Global, Manju received an electric tricycle, which proved crucial in reviving his business. He is deeply grateful for this assistance, which allowed him to overcome logistical challenges, restore his business, and provide for his family once more. Manju's resilience and the support from Samarthanam Trust and HMD Global have been pivotal in helping him regain his independence and stability."



*Thanks to Samarthanam
Trust and HMD Global,
I've regained my
independence and can
provide for my family. I
am truly grateful for their
support*

Manju

VOLUNTEERING

Volunteering has been instrumental in enriching the lives of beneficiaries, providing employment opportunities even during the pandemic, fostering independence, and self-sufficiency.

Key Social Outcomes:

Volunteering initiatives have led to increased empathy, changed perspectives, and motivation to contribute more to the community. It also connects beneficiaries with larger platforms to showcase their talents.

Noteworthy Volunteering Moments:

- Cook-meal activity with 554 volunteers in Bangalore
- Audiobook recording with 16,172 volunteers nationwide
- Tree plantation with 720 volunteers nationwide
- Braille it up with 304 volunteers nationwide
- Wall painting with 1,159 volunteers in Bangalore & Chennai
- LRC training with 1,780 volunteers across India
- Sign language workshop with 1,205 volunteers nationwide
- Friendly blind cricket match with 310 volunteers nationwide
- 237 beneficiaries received corporate exposure

Key Achievements:

Successfully coordinated logistics for large-scale events, such as Deloitte's Impact Day with 25,000 volunteers recording audiobooks for the visually impaired

VOLUNTEERS INVOLVED

36,576

CORPORATES INVOLVED

77

VOLUNTEERING ACTIVITIES

235

VOLUNTEERING HOURS

395,918

INTERNS

216



VOLUNTEERING IMPACT NUMBERS



CORPORATES INVOLVED IN VOLUNTEERING

- Adobe
- All state
- Althea
- Amazon
- ANZ
- Apollo International school
- AXA India
- Barclays
- Blood camp by Rotary
- Blood Donation drive
- BMC
- BNPP
- Bread Financial
- Brillio
- Bristlecone
- Byju's
- Cisco
- Citi Bank
- Cloud9
- Cloudthing
- Consilio
- DaMensch
- Dell
- Delta technology
- DHL/ Sattva
- DNA
- DXC
- E&Y
- Eli Lilly
- First Source
- Fiserv
- GKN Aerospace
- Goodera
- Google
- Herman Miller
- HBC
- IIT Delhi
- IIMB
- Intel
- Intertrust
- JC penny
- JLL
- JP Morgan chase
- Kotak life
- KPIT
- Lowe's
- Mavenir
- Microsoft
- Mitra Academy
- Morgan Stanley
- NASDAQ
- NatWest
- NatWest markets
- Navis Technology
- NIFT college
- NIMHANS
- Nike
- Northern trust
- Nutanix
- ogSolution
- Oracle
- Otis
- PayPal
- Persistent
- Polaris
- Prodigy game
- Purple Quarter
- Qualcomm
- Saviynt
- SEG automotives
- SK University
- Target
- Tata Communication
- Tata engage group
- TE Connectivity
- TransUnion
- Twitter
- UWM
- VMware
- Volvo
- ZS Associates India PVT Ltd
- Welingkar Institute

OUR VOLUNTEERS SAY

Naina Menon

BBA, PES University

My social internship at Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled has been an extremely rewarding experience. Over a period of 6 weeks, I have had the opportunity to participate and learn about various fields.

During my tenure at the trust, I was graciously involved in various departments led by the organisation, such as the Education Department, Health Department, Reporting and Documentation Department, Administration Department, Overseas Department, etc. I have assisted in helping out the beneficiaries, participated in organisation-led programmes and also taught a wonderful class of 4th graders.

I was also given the opportunity to volunteer at a job fair conducted in Quess Corp and supported by Samarthanam. These activities not only helped to enhance my project management and communication skills but also provided me with a deeper understanding of social situations.

Overall, my internship at Samarthanam has truly been an eye-opener and has helped me gain the experience and skills necessary for future managerial positions.



My internship at Samarthanam Trust was an inspiring experience that deepened my understanding of social impact and honed my project management skills

OUR SUPPORTERS

- Standard Chartered Bank
- Atos Syntel Prayas Foundation
- Morgan Stanley Advantage Services Private Limited
- BNP Paribas India
- Oracle Financial Services Software (OFSS)
- DXC Technology India Private Limited
- IndusInd Bank Limited
- Qualcomm India Private Limited
- Oracle India Private Limited
- Otis Elevator Company India Limited
- FIS Solutions India Private Limited
- Barclays Global Service Centre Private Limited
- Invitrogen Bioservices India Private Limited (ThermoFisher)
- Intel Technology India Private Limited
- General Insurance Corporation of India
- Herbalife International India Private Limited
- IQVIA RDS India Private Limited
- Unisys India Private Limited
- Tesco Bengaluru Private Limited
- Jones Lang Lasalle Property Consultants India Private Limited (JLL)
- Lowes Services India Private Limited
- Fidelity Information Services India Private Limited
- Schenker India Private Limited
- TE Connectivity Services India Private Limited
- Micro Focus Software Solutions India Private Limited
- Fedbank Financial Services Limited
- ABB India Foundation
- Signify Innovations India Limited
- Give Foundation (HDFC)
- Hyundai Motor India Foundation
- Blue Yonder India Private Limited
- FIS Global Business Solutions India Private Limited
- Avanse Financial Services Limited
- ANZ Support Services India Private Limited
- Barclays Bank PLC
- UK Online Giving Foundation (Adobe, Google, World Bank Group, Microsoft, Salesforce, PayPal, BlackRock, Cisco, Dell, Take Two Software)
- Future Generali India Insurance Company Limited
- Ametek Instruments India Private Limited
- LIC Housing Finance Limited
- Give Foundation (Thermo Fisher)
- SBI Foundation
- Sandisk India Device Design Centre Private Limited / Western Digital
- Ford Motor Private Limited
- Air Water India Private Limited
- Allstate Solutions Private Limited
- State Street Corporate Services Mumbai Private Limited (Give2Asia)
- J C Penney Services India Private Limited
- ZS Associates India Private Limited
- Flextronics Foundation
- United Way of Mumbai (TIAA)
- BMC Software India Private Limited
- United Spirits Limited (DIAGEO India)
- Acuity Knowledge Centre (India) Private Limited
- L & T Technology Services Limited
- On Semiconductor Technology India Private Limited
- State Street Corporate Services Mumbai Private Limited
- Coreel Technologies India Private Limited
- Online Giving Foundation
- Kluber Lubrication India Private Limited
- NetApp India Private Limited
- XIhealth Corporation India Private Limited
- United Way Of Mumbai (Mahakali Silk & Saree)
- Linde Foundation
- Otis Global Services Center Private Limited
- Flexability HR Solution Private Limited
- KPMG Global Services Private Limited
- Can Fin Homes Limited
- Natwest Digital Services India Private Limited
- HMD Mobile India Private Limited
- Charities Aid Foundation American (Target)
- Og Solutions Management India Private Limited
- State Street Syntel Services Employee Welfare Trust
- Computacenter India Private Limited
- Nextracker LLC
- Mediatek Bangalore Private Limited
- Osram Lighting Private Limited
- GKN Aerospace Engine Systems India Private Limited
- Bosch Limited
- Employtech Center India Private Limited
- RMSI Private Limited
- Keysight Technologies India Private Limited
- Nuviasemi India Private Limited
- Intertrustviteos Corporate and Fund Services Private Limited (ICFSPL Unspent)/ITG
- Kotak Mahindra Asset Management Company Limited
- BPL Medical Technologies Private Limited
- Alorica (India) Private Limited
- Moog Motion Controls Private Limited
- Dow Chemical International Private Limited
- Give Foundation (UIPATI)
- Quest India Private Limited
- Give India Foundation
- Streparava India private limited
- Xiaomi Technology India Private Limited
- QS Quacquarelli Symonds India Private Limited
- DB Engineering & Consulting GMBH
- Saviynt India Private Limited
- AstraZeneca India Private Limited
- Kintetsu World Express India Private Limited
- Deluxe Entertainment Distribution India Private Limited
- United Way of Mumbai (Disney)
- Komatsu India Private Limited
- Nasdaq Corporate Solutions Private Limited
- KPMG Global Services Management Private Limited
- Lake Chemicals Private Limited



- KPK Faserv India Private Limited
 - Charities Aid Foundation American
 - Nutanix Technologies India Private Limited
 - TPI Advisory Services India Private Limited
 - MIQ Digital India Private Limited
 - Charities Aid Foundation Canada
 - Page Industries Limited
 - ESI Software India Private Limited
 - BlackRock Services India Private Limited
 - Rehabilitation International Global
 - Pfizer Healthcare India Private Limited
 - Mffiflex Technologies Private Limited
 - BSI Group India Private Limited
 - Alstom Transport India Limited
 - Voya Global Services Private Limited
 - ZUORA INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED
 - Transparent Value Private Limited
 - Forester Research India Private Limited
 - Grexit technologies Private Limited
 - RiseSmart HR Services Private Limited
 - Hudson's Bay Services Private Limited
 - Quin Bay Technologies Private Limited
 - Everest Business Advisory India Private Limited
 - Covalense Digital Solutions Private Limited
 - TAAL Tech India Private Limited
 - Menzies Bobba Ground Handling Services Private Limited
 - Aspect Technology Center India Private Limited
 - Marketboats Consulting Private Limited
 - Marlabs Innovations Private Limited
 - Hinduja Global Solutions Limited
 - Tredence Analytics Solutions Private Limited
 - Rzpx Private Limited
 - TVM Signalling and Transportation Systems Private Limited
- Government Fund
- Zilla Panchayath Bangalore Urban
 - Government of Karnataka
 - Bangalore Urban Treasury
 - Commissioner for Public



FINANCIALS

RECEIPTS

Financial Year	2023-2024		2022-2023	
Particulars	Amount (Rs in lakhs)	Percentage	Amount (Rs in lakhs)	Percentage
Opening Balance	707.97	6.25	1,735.35	15.42
Earned/Self generated income	91.45	0.81	111.10	0.99
Donations from Indian Sources (General)	761.20	6.72	1,220.73	10.85
C.S.R & Specific Donations	6,427.57	56.72	5,413.24	48.11
Government Grants	228.37	2.02	344.07	3.06
Corpus fund	-	-	7.02	0.06
Donations from International Sources	2,655.75	23.44	1,663.28	14.78
Loans/payables	107.84	0.95	301.94	2.68
Deposits & Advances	235.16	2.08	446.36	3.97
Other Receipts	117.07	1.03	7.90	0.07
TOTAL	11,332.38	100.00	11,250.99	100.00

PAYMENTS

Financial Year	2023-2024		2022-2023	
Particulars	Amount (Rs in lakhs)	Percentage	Amount (Rs in lakhs)	Percentage
Capital items/assets	920.99	8.13	2,407.26	21.40
Programme Staff Salaries, benefits, Consultants Fee	1,799.23	15.88	1,539.88	13.69
Programme	6,219.60	54.88	5,767.02	51.26
Office Support/Admin	483.49	4.27	469.61	4.17
Others	5.25	0.05	0.33	0.00
Deposits & Advances	302.73	2.67	153.63	1.37
Loans/Payables	280.55	2.48	205.29	1.82
Closing Cash and Bank Balance	1,320.54	11.65	707.97	6.29
TOTAL	11,332.38	100	11,250.99	100.00

INCOME

Financial Year	2023-2024		2022-2023	
Particulars	Amount (Rs in lakhs)	Percentage	Amount (Rs in lakhs)	Percentage
Earned/Self generated income	103.15	1.01	111.67	1.19
Donations from Indian Sources (General)	761.20	7.48	1,220.80	12.98
C.S.R & Specific Donations	6,427.57	63.13	5,461.94	58.05
Government Grants	228.37	2.24	344.07	3.66
Donations from International Sources	2,655.75	26.08	1,663.28	17.68
Other Income	5.21	0.05	7.94	0.08
General fund account	-	-	598.84	6.36
TOTAL	10,181.25	100.00	9,408.54	100

EXPENDITURE

Financial Year	2023-2024		2022-2023	
Particulars	Amount (Rs in lakhs)	Percentage	Amount (Rs in lakhs)	Percentage
Programme Staff Salaries, benefits, Consultants Fees.	1,799.23	17.67	1,539.88	16.37
Programme	6,219.60	61.09	5,767.02	61.30
Office Support/Admin	483.49	4.75	469.61	4.99
Total Expenditure	8,502.32	83.51	7,776.51	82.65
Depreciation	233.78	2.30	222.71	2.37
Excess of Income over expenditure	1,445.13	14.19	1,409.31	14.98
TOTAL	10,181.23	100	9,408.53	100.00

ASSETS

Financial Year	2023-2024		2022-2023	
Particulars	Amount (Rs in lakhs)	Percentage	Amount (Rs in lakhs)	Percentage
Fixed Assets	6,009.69	75.48	5,430.48	81.38
Deposits & Advances	460.40	5.78	376.34	5.64
Receivables	171.45	2.15	158.36	2.37
Cash and Bank Balances	1,320.53	16.59	707.97	10.61
TOTAL	7,962.07	100	6,673.15	100.00

LIABILITIES

Financial Year	2023-2024		2022-2023	
Particulars	Amount (Rs in lakhs)	Percentage	Amount (Rs in lakhs)	Percentage
Capital Fund (unrestricted fund)	5,393.63	67.74	3,984.32	59.71
Corpus and endowment fund(s)	44.68	0.56	44.68	0.67
Building Fund	576.31	7.24	576.31	8.64
Payables	465.18	5.84	621.39	9.31
Reserve Fund	37.14	0.47	37.14	0.56
Excess of Income over expenditure	1,445.13	18.15	1,409.31	21.12
TOTAL	7,962.07	100.00	6,673.15	100.00

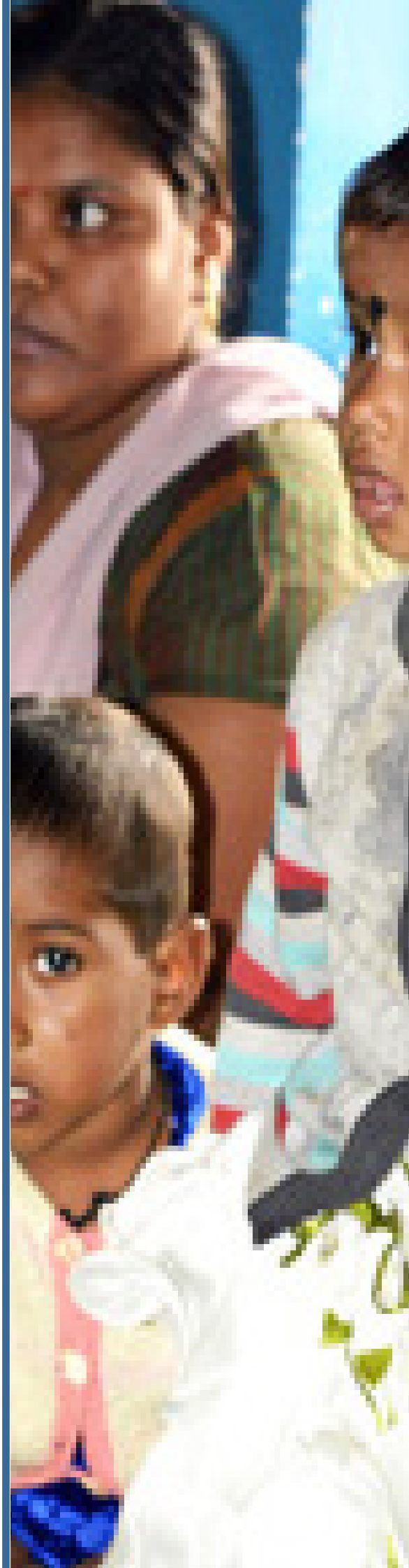


TOWARDS A BRIGHTER FUTURE

Goals for the next year

Samarthanam aims to empower 1 million people with disabilities by 2030.

- The Overseas Department will expand its international footprint through strategic partnerships and registrations, reflecting a commitment to global inclusivity and empowerment.
- The education team will further expand learning facilities nationwide, focusing on technology with Tinker labs, Smart classes, Mini Science Centres, and Digital education, emphasizing STEM for school children.
- New Skilling Centres will be launched in cities across India, with regular job fairs to help people with disabilities find suitable employment.
- The organization will advocate for inclusive workspaces, job opportunities, and accessibility in every sector.
- The Digital Library will expand to other cities, accelerating book recording with volunteer support.
- The blind cricket team will tour the USA to promote blind cricket and help form new teams.
- Parisara will significantly increase reach, waste segregation, black spots beautification, recycling, and public awareness, providing solutions for proper waste management, sensitizing handlers, preventing landfill waste, and boosting recycling efforts, including plantation drives.
- Sunadha artists will expand through new collaborations, training, community outreach, digital presence, innovative projects, and striving for greater recognition globally, performing in the Paralympics 2024 in Paris.
- The Accessible Art Centre will be inaugurated with a focus on nurturing young artists.
- Samarthanam will launch in Canada and Singapore, collaborating with an African NGO to improve the lives of specially-abled people, and discussing partnerships with Afghanistan and Iran to promote blind cricket.
- Swadhara will offer vocational courses to more women, helping them become independent.
- The Mid-Day Meal Program will aim to reduce malnutrition among children, providing meals to more schools.
- Volunteering goals for 2024-25 include increasing participation by 20%, enhancing training, implementing feedback, expanding opportunities, and strengthening partnerships.
- The Assistive Technology Accelerator (ATA) plans to expand its integration of smart classrooms, digital literacy, and accessible content across more schools, while developing new assistive technologies and specialized training programs to enhance education and employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities. Additionally, ATA aims to foster global collaborations, host bi-annual awareness events, and invest in R&D to continually improve assistive technology solutions.



OUR BENEFICIARIES

Gnanashekhara Reddy

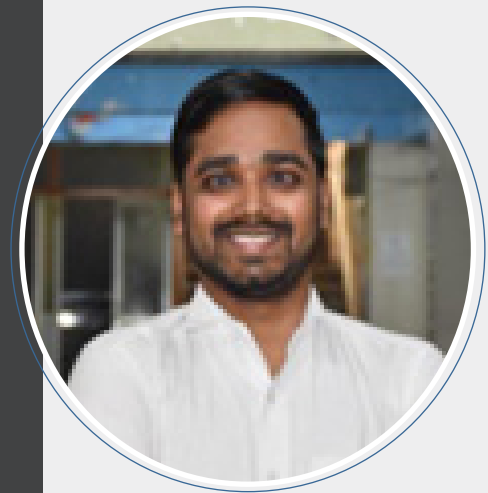
Livelihood Resource Centre

Mr. Gnanashekhara Reddy, a 26-year-old visually impaired individual from Andhra Pradesh, belongs to an economically weaker section of society. His mother, the sole breadwinner of the family, works as an agricultural laborer. Despite facing numerous hardships throughout his childhood, including the challenges posed by his visual impairment, Mr. Gnanashekhara demonstrated remarkable resilience in pursuing his education.

His journey through school and college was far from easy, but with the unwavering support of his mother, teachers, and friends, he successfully completed his degree. However, after completing his education, finding a stable job proved to be a significant challenge. His search for employment seemed uncertain until one of Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled's community mobilizers identified and enrolled him in a three-month training program.

During the program at Samarthanam, Mr. Gnanashekhara received training in basic computer skills (MS Word and Excel), spoken English, and areas such as BPO and retail. He also learned to use JAWS, a screen-reading software for visually impaired individuals, which significantly enhanced his employability. Upon successfully completing the training, the placement team at Samarthanam secured him a position at HDFC ERGO General Insurance as a Senior Executive, earning a monthly salary of INR 34,960.

Today, Mr. Gnanashekhara is thriving in his new role and is extremely grateful to Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled for their training and placement support. With their assistance, he has achieved his dream of a dignified, independent life.



*Thanks to Samarthanam,
I transformed my
uncertain future into a
stable career.*

Gnanashekhara

WALL OF FAME



Honorary Doctorate, from Sri Krishnadevaraya University, Hyderabad

2023



Partnered with Hyundai on the esteemed Samarth Initiative, empowering PwDs through innovative assistive aids.

2024



Ajay Kumar Reddy, former captain of the Indian Blind Cricket Team, was honoured with the prestigious Arjuna Award.

2024



Karnataka's Blind Cricket players, winners at the IBSA World Games, were honoured by Governor Thawar Chand Gehlot at Raj Bhavan.

2023

- Aryabhata International Award in recognition of the excellent contribution and services in the field of Visually Impaired 2009
- State Award in recognition of services rendered for persons with disability, 2007 and 2009
- National Award for Child Welfare by Ministry of Women & Child Development, Government of India and received from Smt. Pratibha Patil, Honourable President of India in 2010
- Vajrakumara Award for excellence in the field of providing a better lifestyle for people with different disabilities 2011
- Nominee for "Indian of the Year - Public Service" by CNN-IBN 2012
- Rotary Karnataka CSR Award for CSR Implementation Excellence in Skill Development and Livelihoods 2020
- NDTV Spirit of Sports Award for lifetime achievement for contribution in the field of sports against the odds 2012
- State Award for Exceptional work in the field of disability 2013
- PMI Award for Successful Project Management of World Cup for the Blind 2013
- Winner of 15th NCPEDP- Shell Helen Keller Award 2013
- National Award for Child Welfare in the institution category received from Dr. Pranab Mukherjee, Hon'ble President of India 2014
- Spirit of Humanity Award for excellence in the field of eye care by AmeriCares India 2015
- NASSCOM Social Innovation award for use of technology in skilling for persons with disability 2016
- National Award for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities received from Shri Ram Nath Kovind, Hon'ble President of India 2017
- AP State Award 2017 under the category of Best Institution working in the field of disabilities
- CNBC TV18 India Business Leader Award 2018
- CavinKare Ability Award for Eminence 2018
- Sri Sathya Sai Award for "Human Excellence in the category of 'SPORTS'" 2019
- Finalist for the Namma Bengaluru Award 2019 under the Best Citizen of the Year category
- Open-Republic TV Award 2019 under the Special Jury Mention- Category
- NAB Sarojini Trilok Nath Award 2019
- Mahantesh G.K conferred an Honorary Doctorate by the Brampton International University
- Shining Blue Star Award by Tata Steel Rural Development Society for social development
- Global Indian of the Year 2021 under Chanakya Award, by Public Relations Council of India
- Awarded at the 66th Kannada Rajyotsava award 2021 by the News Paper Association of Karnataka
- Received Sandesha Awards 2021 for Excellence in the field of Culture and Education
- Received GC Surana Transformation Leadership Award at GCS Conclave 2022
- Kuvempu University confers Honorary Doctorate on Dr. Mahantesh G. Kivadasannavar for his humanitarian contributions to Society through Sports during its 31st and 32nd convocation in Shivamogga.
- Dr. Mahantesh was conferred a prestigious Honorary Doctorate by Sri Krishnadevaraya University, Hyderabad in 2023.
- Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled was honoured with the esteemed Rehabilitation International Centennial Award in 2023.
- Ajay Kumar Reddy, captain of the Indian Blind Cricket Team, was awarded the prestigious Arjuna Award in 2024.

OUR ONLINE PRESENCE



40,156

Facebook Followers



4,431

LinkedIn Followers



6,589

YouTube Subscribers



11,699

Instagram Followers



1,812

Twitter Followers



71,000

Website New Visitors

Returning : 11000



GLOSSARY

Accessible / Accessibility

Accessibility is the design of products, devices, services, or environments for people with disabilities

ASHA

Accredited Social Health Activist

Assistive Technology

Technology used to assist a person with disability

Barrier-free

Design for people with disabilities, involving the provision of alternative means of access to various facilities

BBMP

Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike

CABI

Cricket Association for the Blind in India (CABI), the apex body governing cricket for the blind across India

COVID19

Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) is an infectious disease caused by a newly discovered coronavirus.

CRISIL

Credit Rating Information Services Of India Limited

CSR

Corporate Social Responsibility, a mandate by the Indian Government to corporates to spend a part of their income on social initiatives

DDU-GKY

Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana, an Indian Government youth employment scheme

Digital Library

An online database of digital objects including text, still images, audio, video, or other digital media formats

Dry Ration Kit

A kit containing groceries made to be distributed to the poor families affected by COVID

Early Intervention

Early intervention is a support and educational system for very young children with developmental delays or disabilities

ICCR

Indian Council for Cultural Relations

ID School

Intellectually Disabled School, a school for students with intellectual disabilities by Samarthanam

ITC

India Tobacco Company Limited

KPSC

Karnataka Public Service Commission

LRC/Skilling Programme

Livelihood Resource Center, a training centre by Samarthanam for the youth with disabilities to improve their skillset and broaden employment opportunities

MoEA

Ministry of External Affairs

MOU

Memorandum of understanding

PwD

Person with Disability/Persons with Disabilities

Parisara

A dry waste management programme by Samarthanam providing sustainable waste management services

PKs

Pourakarmikas, a person who cleans the city premises

PPE

Personal Protective Equipment designed to protect against the viruses/bacteria

Special Olympics Bharat

It is an officially recognised programme of Special Olympics International which operates in India

Suchitha

A food waste to organic waste converter set-up at Samarthanam premises

Sunadha

A group of artists with disabilities at Samarthanam, who excel in Indian classical and folk dance forms

Swadhara

A home by Samarthanam for women in distress and their children who are supported to reconcile

SWMP

Sewage Waste Management Programme is an environmental initiative by Samarthanam to promote source segregation in the city

STP

Sewage Treatment Plant set-up at Samarthanam

Vidyaprasad

A mid-day meal programme by Samarthanam where healthy nutritious food is served to students from Government schools in and around Bangalore

WoW

Well-being out of Waste, a recycling programme which ensures proper segregation and recycling of waste

WBC

World Blind Cricket Ltd

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