



Samarthanam was awarded the Special UN Consultative Status in 2015

We believe in building an inclusive society free from discrimination, where persons with disabilities become contributing members living with dignity and respect.

amarthanam Trust for the Disabled was established in the year 1997 by Founder Managing Trustee Mahantesh G Kivadasannavar along with his schoolmate and childhood friend, Late. Nagesh SP. The founders, being visually impaired and having witnessed various challenges, have together conceptualized Samarthanam, an organization which would cater to people with disabilities, including visually impaired and underserved. Education was conceived to be the basic right of every individual, irrespective of status and disability. And hence they initiated on the development of various programmes at primary, secondary and higher education levels and also various other initiatives solely dedicated for visually impaired and underserved. As the organization's objective and drive started gathering support, Samarthanam's areas of service also widened. The organization moved onto establishing Livelihood Resource Centres,



Rehabilitation Centres, Social Enterprises and a Sports Association for the visually impaired. Nearly two decades down the road, Samarthanam expanded and fortified to be recognized as an umbrella organization, offering services to hundreds of people with disabilities, underserved and women in distress.

Samarthanam promotes building of an inclusive society which provides equal opportunities, without discrimination, for the development of the visually impaired, disabled and economically underserved. The organization is affiliated to the World Blind Union. Acknowledging the efforts, National Award for Child Welfare (2010) by Ministry of Women & Child Development, Government of India and National Award for Child Welfare (2014) in the institution category were awarded.

Sports form an integral part of Samarthanam's initiatives as Mahantesh GK and Nagesh SP, the Founders of Samarthanam, are cricket enthusiasts and passionate players. They have strived for the development and promotion of cricket for visually impaired and hence 'Cricket Association for the Blind in India' (CABI) was registered in 2010. CABI and Indian Team's success portfolio include winning trophies from first and second T-20 World Cup (2012 and 2017), fourth and fifth ODI World Cup Championship (2014 and 2018), T-20 Asia Cup (2016), Bilateral Series (2018) and Triangular Series (2018).

As Samarthanam continues to grow, along with Mahantesh's entrepreneurial finesse, the support extended by Trustees Vasanti Savanur, Uday Kumar YB and Buse Gowda S are significant in taking the organization to new heights, escalating in area and energy.

Vision 2020

Samarthanam envisions to touch at least 1,00,000 lives by 2020, providing comprehensive solutions to the disabled and underserved communities. The vision holds high significance for Samarthanam and the team is geared to empower people in socio-economic-cultural fronts, leading to their holistic development.

In the words of the Founder,

"Looking at the success of Samarthanam in the fields of sports, education, livelihoods, income generation programme and so on, we feel we should not restrict ourselves to Karnataka alone. Persons with disabilities are there everywhere. Irrespective of caste, creed, region, religion, language etc, they are one big community, most marginalized and isolated, especially in the rural areas. Unfortunately there is not a single organization capable of being sector leader or custodian for them. The disabled should play an active role in the Society and should be the tax payers. Human values are equal to everyone but disabled need an extra support in their growth"

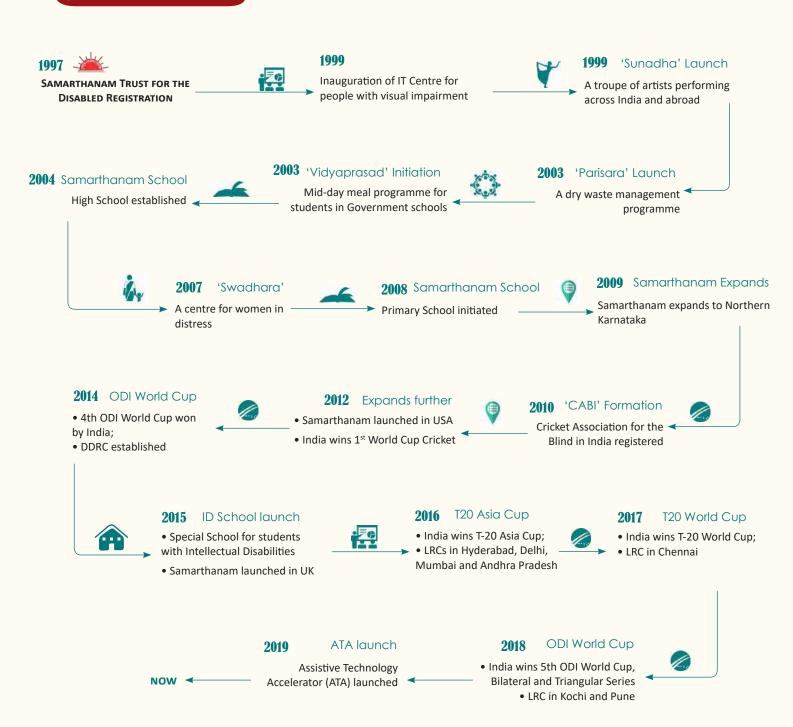
Vision

An inclusive society free from discrimination where persons with disabilities become contributing members, living with dignity and respect.

Mission

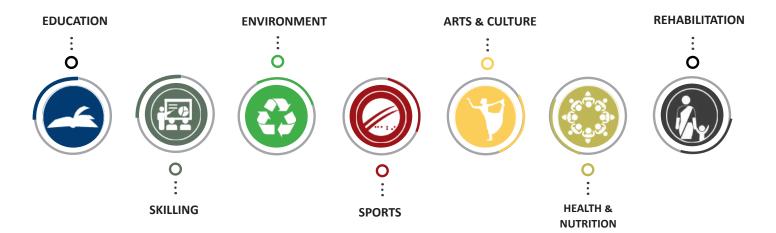
To empower visually impaired, disabled and underprivileged people through developmental initiatives focusing on educational, social, economic, cultural and technological aspects.

SAMARTHANAM JOURNEY



SAMARTHANAM INITIATIVES

Samarthanam's initiatives for fulfilling the vision of empowering people with disabilities, women in distress and underserved include:



EDUCATION

Education is the basic right of every child. And supporting the right is Samarthanam Education programme which was initiated to provide superior education facilities to children with disabilities and the underserved.

______Residential Primary & High Schools

Samarthanam runs Residential Primary (established in 2008) and High schools (2004), located in Bengaluru and are recognized by Karnataka State Board of Education. Students from these schools hail from various backgrounds, with and without disabilities. To ensure holistic development of the students, we facilitate free tuition & accommodation, study support through volunteers, training in extracurricular activities, accessible infrastructure, study material in digital format and so on.

Samarthanam High School in Hulimavu, a rural region in Bengaluru, provides quality education to children from migrant families working for daily wages, slum dwellers and economically impoverished families. The objective is to provide an improved education system to children from rural suburban societies of South Bengaluru. The students in Primary and High School avail free education, food, uniforms, accommodation, medical facility, study support, tuition and training.

All the residential schools at Samarthanam organize extra-curricular activities, regular study tours, corporate visits, performances on various platforms, interacting with leaders, influencers and policy makers to its students. Frequent health checks, pediatrician visits, access to high quality health care facilities, corrective surgeries and treatments are provided to ensure a healthy lifestyle for the children. Regular volunteer visits from various firms to conduct activity based classes in languages, Social, Science and Maths, help the students learn better and improve communication skills.

_____Special School for Children with Intellectual Disabilities

A special school for children with intellectual disabilities with state of the art infrastructure, teaching and learning aids, facility for physiotherapy and occupational therapy is set up by Samarthanam. Children with intellectual disabilities are trained in the basic daily activities and functional literacy making them independent. The school employs modern teaching learning aids, bright classrooms and equipment, qualified special educators, physiotherapist, speech therapist and care takers to ensure efficient learning in a secure and friendly atmosphere. The 1:7 teacher student ratio is to maintain individual care and attention. The school is partially supported by Government of Karnataka.

Higher Education

Samarthanam helps the youth with disabilities pursue higher education and aids in attaining the highest degree the individual seeks to accomplish. Practical support in terms of fee, digital audio books, scribes, tutors and hostel facilities are provided to enable the young men and women from Karnataka pursue higher education without

hurdles. Samarthanam provides practical support to many students in pursuing higher education each year paving way to successful careers.

Hostels & Other Facilities

The hostels by Samarthanam provide shelter and hygienic food to disabled and underprivileged students. Separate hostel facilities are provided for girls and boys with every basic amenity. The facilities are equipped with computers and accessible technology making the life of residents and commuters hassle free.

_____Digital Book Library

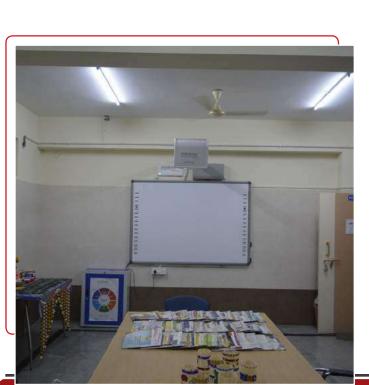
Digital Book Library, started in 2008, is aimed at making education accessible for the print-disabled including visually impaired, dyslexic children and those with verbal processing difficulties. The prime focus of Digital Book Library is on providing practical support to school and college students, making course material and books available in formats supported by screen reader software. Currently there are 4 Digital Book Libraries established across major cities of India.

The initiative, digital library, was the first of its kind to be set up and operational in India.

Barrier-free Residential School

Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled established a cutting edge disability-friendly free residential school in HSR Layout, Bnagalore. The school is constructed in an area of 48,000 Square feet in HSR Layout, Bengaluru and the land has been allotted by Bengaluru Development Authority (BDA). The school houses 700 students with and without disabilities and from economically deprived communities. The key features of the building include complete accessibility to address needs of all disabilities, ultramodern infrastructure with accessible assistive technology,

auditorium with meditation hall, yoga centre, gymnasium and therapy rooms.









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SKILLING

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Livelihood Resource Centre

Recognizing the need to facilitate the disabled with basic livelihood skills training and provide widened employment opportunities, 'Livelihood Resource Centre' (LRC) was conceptualized by Samarthanam in 1999. Samarthanam LRC provides technical and sector based skill training, like training in BPO and Call Centre operations, to youth with disabilities and from underserved backgrounds. Training categories include tele-calling, communication skills, accent training, customer service, soft skills, client relations and conflict management. The LRCs also provide industry specific market driven training in different sectors like Hospitality, Retail, Garments, IT & ITES, Entrepreneurship and Business Management Skills. The training curriculum has been developed in consultation with industry experts to meet the market demand. The training, food and accommodation is provided free of cost and post training, the candidates are provided with placement and post placement support.

The Resource Centres are equipped with accessible infrastructure to support persons with cross disabilities including ramps, wheelchairs, railings (for persons with physical disabilities), JAWS software, Braille and audio books (for persons with visual disabilities), signs and boards (for persons with hearing impairments).

Samarthanam established LRCs spread across Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Maharashtra, Tamilnadu, Kerala, Delhi and have trained around 12209 unskilled youth, with a placement record of above 71%. Given the high demand for such services and its potential to transform lives of youth with disabilities, Samarthanam is planning to upgrade and expand this model of skill training and placement to new geographies.

Samarthanam has a special cell dedicated for placements. The placement team maintains a record on the outgoing students from the various initiatives and skill development projects and provides suitable employment opportunities.

ENVIRONMENT

Parisara

Samarthanam's Social Enterprise initiative, started in 2003, "Parisara" is a dry and e-waste management programme collecting, segregating and recycling waste to significantly lessen the burden on landfills. Samarthanam Parisara emerged as a reliable waste management programme partnering with various corporate houses, residential societies and schools. With its modern technology, transport facility, equipment and service, the programme proved to be an efficient waste management model for sustainable development.



The income generated through this initiative is directed towards sustaining the various education programmes run by Samarthanam Trust.

» For details on partnering, contact Mr Girish MN at girish@samarthanam.org

Corporations reached 100

Focus on source segregation awareness Promote Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Increase in dry waste & e-waste recycling



"Well-being Out of Waste (WOW)" is a recycling programme, initiated in 2007, by the Paperboards and Specialty Papers Business of ITC. It is a corporate level programme where the focus is on ensuring proper segregation and recycling of waste to protect the environment, ensure a clean and hygienic neighbourhood and create sustainable livelihood for the participants involved in the waste management process. In association with Samarthanam Trust, ITC executes various programmes under WOW with the help of BBMP.

WOW was conceptualized to address the crucial issue of post-consumer waste management in line with the Government's `Swachh Bharat Abhiyan' programme. The programme aims to create awareness among general public about the "Reduce-Reuse-Recycle" approach. By inculcating the habit of recycling among school children, housewives, corporate employees, industries, business enterprises and general public, at least 15-25% of the garbage load can be lessened. The programme seeks to instill the habit of source segregation prior to collection of post-consumer waste.





SPORTS

Cricket Association for the Blind in India (CABI)

The Founders of Samarthanam are cricket enthusiasts who believe that every individual is a competent sports-person irrespective of status and disability. To put behind deprivation and denial from the minds of disabled, sports are largely encouraged at Samarthanam. On the same road, Cricket Association for the Blind in India (CABI), the cricketing arm of Samarthanam, took over the responsibility of organizing Cricket for the Blind in 2010 from Association for Cricket for the Blind in India (ACBI).

CABI
Cricket Association
for the Blind in India
Affiliated to World Blind Cricket Ltd. (WBC)

CABI is a registered Non-Profit Organization affiliated to the World Blind Cricket Limited (WBC). It governs the promotion and execution of District, State, Zonal and National level Cricket Tournaments for the blind. Over 50,000 blind cricketers in India follow the game and Blind Cricket is providing opportunities for the players across various platforms.

CABI was conferred the hosting rights of the first ever T–20 World Cup held in Bengaluru in 2012. The first and second T20 World Cups received outstanding reviews from the multitude along with national and international media coverage. India lifted the winning trophy in both the T20 World Cup Championships, post which the team received felicitations from Hon Prime Minister, Hon President and many other eminent Ministries of India. The other championships won by India include India-England Series in 2012, India-Pakistan Series in 2012, India-Australia Series in 2014, 4th and 5th ODI World Cup held in 2014 and 2018, T-20 Asia Cup in 2016, Bilateral Series in 2018 and Triangular Series in 2018. India is the only country to win all the International Championship formats. CABI continuously organizes events and tournaments to encourage visually impaired cricket players and provide them with opportunities showcasing talent and attain greater heights in cricket.

ARTS AND CULTURE

Sunadha

Samarthanam looks out for artistic talent among people with disabilities, imparts training to perfect their skills and provides a stage to showcase the talent. The project by name "Sunadha" involves a group of artists who perform on various State, National and International platforms. The troupe includes people with disabilities who excel in classical and folk dance forms, garnering applaud and appreciation. Samarthanam currently provides opportunities to around 100 artists with disabilities to train and perform at various events.

Since Sunadha inception in 1999, the troupe had delivered 3000 performances across three continents. They have received many awards for extraordinary performances, group and solo, delivered on National and International platforms. With the growing acclaim, the troupe gained many opportunities to travel to the USA, and delivered Indian classical and folk dance performances on ten different stages across New York, New Jersey, Connecticut and Massachusetts.





The artists receive invitations to perform on many prestigious platforms including the Hampi Utsav and the Vishwa Kannada Sammelana in Karnataka. The experiences gained through national and international visits increases awareness, builds confidence and amplifies opportunities, maneuvering their career in arts and culture.

The various dance forms which Sunadha artists embrace include Bharatanatyam, Kolaata Contemporary (folk), Deepanjali (Dance with Diyas), Vande Mataram, Shivam Shankaram Duet and Vaishnavo Janato.

» For more details on Sunadha event calendar and booking, contact Vasanti Savanur at vasanti@samarthanam.org



HEALTH AND NUTRITION

__"Vidyaprasad" - Mid-day Meal Program

Vidyaprasad is an initiative by Samarthanam, supported by Government of India and Government of Karnataka. The aim of the initiative is to provide healthy nutritious food to students from Government schools in and around Bengaluru. The objectives of the programme include eradication of malnutrition related disabilities and encourage students to pursue continuous education. The food is prepared in a centralized, automated kitchen and is supplied to all the public schools through customized vehicles. Over 2,50,000 meals are supplied every month to students in more than 50 Government schools in Bengaluru. Sponsorships are invited to sustain the programme and scale up to cover more number of schools.

REHABILITATION

Swadhara

Samarthanam provides shelter for women in distress under the project "Swadhara" established in 2007 with support from Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India. Swadhara provides food, shelter, vocational training, counselling and suitable placement opportunities for women and people with disabilities. Currently the project is providing assistance to women from different parts of Karnataka including widows, women with disabilities, economically backward and who witnessed abuse and trauma. Swadhara helps re-establishment of women in distress in the society.

Working Women's Hostel

Samarthanam established a working womens hostel in Prashant Nagar, Bengaluru to provide secure residential facility under vigilant supervision and hygienic nutritious food to working women with disabilities, employed with various organizations in Karnataka. The initiative is supported by Government of Karnataka.

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Samarthanam's motive, well structured and cohesive framework, projects and activities devised for child/women welfare, education, health, environment, sports, arts, culture have been well recognized and honoured across various platforms. The organization received many awards including;

- Open-Republic TV Award 2019 under the Special Jury Mention- Category
- NAB Sarojini Trilok Nath Award 2019
- CNBC TV18 India Business Leader Award 2018
- CavinKare Ability Award for Eminence 2018
- National Award for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities received from Shri Ram Nath Kovind, Honourable President of India 2017
- AP State Award 2017 under the category of Best Institution working in the field of disabilities
- NASSCOM Social Innovation award for use of technology in skilling for persons with disability 2016
- Spirit of Humanity Award for excellence in the field of eyecare by AmeriCares India 2015
- National Award for Child Welfare in the institution category received from Dr. Pranab Mukherjee, Honourable President of India 2014
- 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
- Nominee for "Indian of the Year Public Service" by CNN-IBN 2012
- Vajrakumara Award for excellence in the field of providing a better lifestyle for people with different disabilities 2011
- NDTV Spirit of Sports Award for lifetime achievement for contribution in the field of sports against the odds 2012
- 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
- 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

Samarthanam and Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)

Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) in India mandates corporates to spend a part of their income on social initiatives to bring about a positive change in the society and environment. As part of the CSR activity, few corporate firms join hands with NGOs to effort on the organization's initiatives. The partnerships established facilitate in bringing a combination of the corporate skills to the people and enhance the socio-economic development of India.

Consequently, various corporate firms, organizations and companies from diverse sectors associate with Samarthanam Trust on multiple avenues. Samarthanam residential schools receive patronage from various companies for an uninterrupted running of the school.

Many corporate firms extended a helping hand in the establishment of Livelihood Resource Centres (LRC) by Samarthanam. Corporate involvement at Samarthanam also finds its importance in hiring candidates from the LRCs. Trained candidates have been placed in companies from diverse verticals. Volunteers from corporates and the special placement cell by Samarthanam aid in finding suitable job opportunities through job fairs and workshops regularly conducted at various centres.

» To be a part of Samarthanam's CSR, contact Kumarswamy at kumar@samarthanam.org





SUPPORT Us

Samarthanam recognizes its fiduciary responsibility in utilizing the income generated through donations in the rightful direction. The organization is indebted to the unfaltering support received from various quarters, be it the Ministry, Corporate Entities, Private Organizations, Media Firms and Individuals. The funds received are well channelized and completely used for the welfare of disabled and underprivileged.

Samarthanam is also qualified to receive contributions through Give India, Give2Asia, United Way, Global Giving, Charity Aid Foundation, USA and American service to India, USA

Donation Category (per one unit and multiples thereof)	Rupee
Sponsoring Special Meals (to mark your special occasions)	6000
Mid-day Meal Programme for 12 students a year (Govt School)	14400
Education Support (Primary and High School) for one child per year	20000
Higher Education Support for one disabled student per year	25000
Residential Skill Training for livelihood for one person	15000
Art and Culture Training for one disabled student	15000
Provisions to run residential hostel facility for one month	150000
Full day meals for students of Primary School	17000

All Donations made to Samarthanam Trust are 50% tax exempted under Section 80G of Income Tax Act. Donations made in US are exempted under 501C3.

Donations can be made by visiting the website www.samarthanam.org or in the form of Cheque/Drafts, drawn in favor of Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled

» For further details on donations, write to us at info@samarthanam.org or Contact Kumaraswamy at +91-9449864775

⊗ Volunteer With Us

The activities and events organized by Samarthanam garner volunteers from various corporate and institutions. The support and encouragement received is significant in running the programmes and the effort is immensely appreciable. Samarthanam firmly believes in the philosophy of volunteering, which forms the operational core of the organization, making each volunteer a catalyst in altering the life of the disabled. Volunteering opportunities include;

- Tutoring students in Arts, Culture, Sports and Computer Training
- Soft skills and spoken English training
- Scribe support to visually impaired students
- Counselling
- Converting text books to accessible formats
- Participating in awareness campaigns
- Assistance with venues for conducting sports events
- Hosting cultural performances in India and abroad
- Job placement support
- Promotions and Fund raising
- Promotion agent
- Online support
- · Volunteering activity of your choice

Interested volunteers can visit the website (www.samarthanam.org) for further information and sign up.

» For more details on volunteering, contact Sadaf Shah at sadaf@samarthanam.org or Sign Up at www.samarthanam.org/volunteer-engagement-opportunities



stories of HOPE





Veerabhadra has the skills of acting and anchoring. Having been educated in a Blind School, Veerabhadra continued to discover his love for classical music, dance and singing. He has a gift of composing songs in Kannada and has appeared on the regional talent show on television. He is grateful for his family's support who treated him one among them.

Veerabhadra joined Sunadha in 2012 that allowed him to develop and fine tune his skills and also offered him an opportunity to identify himself as a disabled artist. Veerabhadra has gone across the seas to display his innate talent. He has also undergone a 3 month soft skill and basic computer training course to improve his chances of employability. He also wears the hat of a music teacher at Samarthanam where he helps out Primary School students learn music. For young people such as trying to get into the art sector, there's Sunadha.

At Sunadha, we go beyond intersecting identities of art and disability that focuses on the individual's progression from the visual arts to performance. Our pool of talented artists with their artistic capabilities stands to prove that there can be a shift that alters societal perceptions around disability. Such talented artists with disabilities challenge the expectations of what disabled people can achieve.

CHANDRIKA



"I see the world through music," says visually impaired Chandrika who never considered her disability a stumbling stone in her life. Chandrika had lost her vision at the age of ten. She hails from Koppal district of Karnataka. Her family's livelihood is based on his father's profession of tailoring clothes but unfortunately, he had to close his business leading to financial difficulties.

After completing class 12 at Government Pre University at Bhagyanagr College, Chandrika is currently pursuing Graduation at PPG College in Gadag. Owing to poor economic conditions in the family she could not receive any support towards her education.

Samarthanam, with great appreciation towards her academic performance, supported educational expenses, provided free accommodation, food, library, educational needs, and so on. She is currently pursuing Bachelor in Music at PPG College Gadag. Chandrika wishes to excel in the art of music and spread the knowledge to many people with disabilities by being a music teacher.



Samarthanam Reach



Statistics on Our Reach



EDUCATION

11737 kids educated since inception



12209 trained | 71% placed



SUNADHA

100 artists | 3000 performances | 3 continents



SPORTS

touched >25000 visually impaired cricketers



PARISARA

2.6 lakh tonnes dry waste processed



REHABILITATION

2951 women empowered since inception

AFFILIATIONS

- » Partner of Resource Alliance
- » Founder Member of Disability NGOs Alliance **AFFILIATED TO:**
- » State Government of Karnataka, GOI
- » World Blind Union
- » Boston University
- » University of Chicago
- » World Blind Cricket Council
- » CII

- » Empanelment with Department of empowerment of Persons with disabilities
- Ministry of Social Justice, GOI
- » United Way
- » CAF
- » Give India
- » Give2Asia
- » NASSCOM



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