Samarthanam-CABI team with Mr. L K Advani, Former Deputy Prime Minister of India

Special School for Students with Intellectual Disabilities

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Message from Founder Managing Trustee

Dear friends
This quarter has been immensely traumatic for me. I lost my dear friend, SP Nagesh, in April, who has been my pillar of strength for over three decades. My fellow Founder and Trustee of Samarthanam, not only left behind a huge personal loss but also an unbeatable professional gap. He was a friend, philosopher and a guide to each one of us. He supported Samarthanam with his excellent fundraising capabilities and ability to handle unparalleled risks. He always ended up being a winner and a true inspiration. Though we, at Samarthanam, felt rudderless for a while, now I truly believe that he is still with us and guiding us through. Combating the grief was difficult but his dream of taking the organization to zenith has given us the strength to battle distress and make his dream come true.

Following was another disappointment in the form of “findings for schooling facilities for children with disabilities.” The eighth ‘All-India School Education Survey’ (AISES) of NCERT reported that while there was 17.36% rise in enrolment of children with visual disabilities in schools between 2002 and 2009, the number of children with hearing, orthopedic and intellectual impairments dropped by 3.98%, 68.05% and 15.59% respectively.

A few more statistics include,

- Out of 12,99,902 schools in the country, only 2,74,445 (21.11%) adhere to inclusive education
- Out of 58,76,273 teachers, only 1.32% (80,942) have received any kind of training in inclusive education
- Out of the total schools in the country, only 10% have handrails, 4% have adapted labs, and 8% have adapted toilets

While the statistics continue to appall me, the big question of where will we be able to find employment for the young with disabilities rises with these figures. I believe the issue needs to be addressed at many levels and Samarthanam resolves to take up the initiative and try providing answers. The critical point here is changing the mindset of people. We, at Samarthanam, believe that we have taken the first step and with this message on stage, I request each one of you to make ‘disability’ a part of everything that you do. Say, employing people with disabilities, ensuring accessibility of products and services we use, making building and workstations accessible and supporting disability in every aspect like livelihood, women empowerment, sports and so on.

We are also glad to share that Samarthanam has joined hands with Microsoft and inaugurated two new training centers in Anantapur and Guntur (Andhra Pradesh) to impart training for the youth with disabilities. We appreciate Microsoft for their monetary support and look forward to an enduring relationship. We are indeed grateful for the immense support received from each one of you to help us grow, enhance our reach, and bolster our programmes and services. I am immensely thankful to my team at Samarthanam who effort with passion and commitment and serve that last mile. We are now a strong team of 500 of which 25% are people with disabilities and 35% are women, who are working in far off and tough geographies to serve the most underserved.

The achievement would not have been possible without your support. I have another ask to make here. Samarthanam will complete 20 years in 2017 and as we move towards that celebration I need your support in helping us consolidate. Help us improve our systems, our processes, and our communications to make us more effective, efficient and impactful in transforming the lives of people with disabilities. I request you to please reach out to me with your valuable thoughts and suggestions and we shall plan together to make it a possibility.

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Samarthanam members had conducted a memorial ceremony on 14 May 2016 for Mr. SP Nagesh, Founder Trustee, Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled.

Mr. Mahantesh G K, Founder Trustee Samarthanam, along with other friends and family, spoke on their respective association with SP Nagesh, his commitment towards taking Samarthanam to greater levels and his dedication towards popularizing Blind Cricket. Samarthanam and CABI will long remember his efforts put towards encouraging cricket for the visually impaired and the plethora of tournaments organized under his administration. In his remembrance, it was announced that Samarthanam Head Quarters in HSR, Bangalore will be renamed after him.

Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled

Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled is tirelessly working for empowerment of persons with disabilities and under served communities since 1997. Educate Enable Empower are the watch words of Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled. Samarthanam over the years started its footprints by providing free accommodation to visually impaired students pursuing higher education and cricket for the blind, moved on to education, employment, rehabilitation, waste management and sports and culture.

The Trust is affiliated to the World Blind Union, World Blind Cricket Council and Rehabilitation International.

MISSION

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

VISION

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

We, at Samarthanam Trust, highly believe in building an inclusive education system. Bringing together children from all our schools and those from diverse backgrounds helps us build a better platform for children with disabilities.

Primary School:

- Primary school results, which were declared on 11 April, were remarkable with 100% result achievement. Beginning a new batch, admissions started on 15 May and 54 new children have stepped in, out of which 17 students are with disabilities.
- A summer camp was organized by ANZ from 11 to 23 April for primary school children. ANZ as well initiated on taking them out to JP Park on 21 April.
- Children from primary school well participated in a drawing and painting competition which was held at Shankara Eye Hospital on 27 June 2016 on the occasion of Helen Keller's birthday.
- Karnataka Co-operation Milk Federation (KMF) and Samarthanam joined hands to celebrate “World Milk Day” at HSR primary school premises on 1 June 2016. Mr Nagaraj P, Chairman KMF and Mrs Vasanthi Savanur, Trustee at Samarthanam, were a part of this celebration.

High School:

At Samarthanam High School, results for VIII and IX standards were declared and it was a moment of pride to announce 93% and 95% achievement respectively. In the SSLC results announced on 16 May, we are glad to say that the average marks were 53.85%. Our school toppers made us proud by securing an average of 75%.

- Deepak. S.R 75 %
- Sharanappa. B 73 %
- Annapoorna 73 %
- Samarthanam celebrated Ambedkar Jayanthi (14 April) and Womens Day (18 May) with active participation from our students.
- As 'All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy,' entertainment should not go amiss. As part of which, on 14 April, students and staff have stepped out to watch the movie, The Jungle Book, at Gopalan Mall. 'BookMyShow' had organized tickets for the movie and we highly appreciate their kind gesture.
- Our students are not an exception when it comes to sports either. Those with orthopedics disabilities participated in the 'Inter School Athletics' meet held at Kittur Rani Chennamma stadium and bagged 5 prizes.
  - Mallikarjuna NE - Second prize in Running race
  - Anjani – First prize in Running race (100m)
  - Suhas H – First prize in Javelin
Suhas H – Second prize in Shot-put
Rakshith – First prize in Wheel chair race (100m)

We, at Samarthanam, believe that our children benefit in heaps and bounds because of the various opportunities provided to interact with volunteers, who as well spend their valuable time engaging and encouraging them. This quarter too we had several volunteers from various companies visit our school and interact with our children. We highly appreciate their input.

Volunteers from Vasavi Trust, Arakere, conducted a selection test for awarding scholarships to class X students on 17 June. Our high school students won eight scholarships of Rs. 1000/- each. Following day, on 18 June, volunteers from Veradale have conducted activities for our children and distributed geometry boxes, note books, pens and snacks. On 18 June, volunteers from GKN Aerospace have conducted a session on ‘Culture of India’ using visual aids. On 19 June, Vasavi Trust sponsored for the purchase of cupboards for Samarthanam High School. Also, our students and staff were invited to SanDisk campus at Bellandur, on 30 June, where employees engaged them in various activities and games.

We are thankful for all the donations received towards providing an improved education system for our school children.

Higher Education:

We are glad to share the PUC results of our second batch and it is noteworthy to highlight that regular students have achieved 95% results and correspondence students 5%.

Also, out of 20 students who appeared for the SSLC exam, 13 students have cleared the exam and it was a fabulous achievement given that most all our children are first generation learners and from troubled backgrounds. Congratulations to all the students and staff who worked hard to help us achieve these results. We have begun a new batch with 31 new entrees and we are very enthusiastic on beginning a fresh academic year.

Samarthanam School for children with Intellectual Disabilities:

A visit to Bal Bhavan Cubbon Park was organized for our students on 14 April, 2016. 70 members, including children and teachers from the school along with the volunteers from First Advantage, visited Bal Bhavan, where the children were delighted to experience the fun of trying various kinds of swings. The toy train was particularly popular among our children. The volunteers from First Advantage were incredible. They were amazing with taking care of our children, identifying & explaining various kinds of plants to them and also allowing them to climb trees. It was a memorable experience for our children and we look forward to more outings.

World Autism Day was celebrated with great fervor. Organized by 'I Support Foundation' in association with Maya Academy of Advanced Cinematics (MAAC), the children participated in a variety of programmes, street and board games, skating, boarding and playing out cartoon characters.

A Capacity Building Workshop was organized for teachers from the school from 20 to 22 April 2016. The teachers were given exposure to a variety of innovations for creating learning atmosphere for children with intellectual disabilities. In addition they were also taught the development of teaching – learning materials for use in different sessions. Some of our teachers also participated in the workshop on mental illness on 6 April 2016.
A summer camp was organized for the children of Primary School and School for Intellectually Disabled from 11 to 23 April. It was an enthusiastic experience for the children and an opportunity to learn a lot of life skills. As a part of the programme they were taken to JP Park at Mathikere.

On 9 June, Mr Shiv Kumar, Joint Director, Department of Education, had visited Primary School and School for children with Intellectual Disabilities.

Livelihood Resource Centre (LRC)

LRCs increase by two

Livelihood Resource Centres, which have taken shape for the sole purpose of imparting livelihood skills for the youth, have spread its realm with two new centres launched at Anantapur and Guntur, Andhra Pradesh. With these two new centres, a total of ten LRCs are efforting to provide the youth with all the necessary skills required to lead a livelihood. Our LRCs cater to youth with disabilities and youth from underprivileged backgrounds. The first batch will be starting in the first week of July 2016.

Samarthanam partners with GOI- DDU-GKY skill program

Samarthanam Trust is glad to have partnered with Government of India and other Government bodies to initiate on a skill building programme for the disabled, with Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY). DDU-GKY is the skilling and placement initiative of the Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD), Government of India. In the first phase of this programme, Samarthanam will be training 750 candidates on BPO (voice & non voice) services for three months.

We are proud to say that we are the first organization in the country to undertake skill building of candidates with disabilities under this scheme. Implementation of DDU-GKY involves State Governments, technical support agencies like the National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (NIRD and PR), and Project Implementing Agencies (PIAS). Samarthanam is one of the Project Implementing Agencies, selected for implementation of this initiative in Bangalore and Dharwad.

Samarthanam LRC training

Samarthanam LRC has successfully completed training supported by various corporate companies. A total of 173 candidates were trained across three districts of Karnataka (Bangalore, Mysore and Kolar) and it was supported by ITC. Also, a third batch of skilling program, supported by 3M, was completed. The second batch of skilling program, supported by Wellsfargo, in two LRC centers (HSR and Bidadi) was accomplished.

The first batch from skilling program, supported by HDFC Life, was completed as well. Graduation day ceremony was organized for them in HSR LRC center and was a huge success with the presence of senior management from HDFC Life and staff and senior management of Samarthanam.

We have also provided skills training for 80 trainees with support from ANZ through the existing centers in HSR and Bidadi and also through partners.
Job Fair for people with disabilities

Samarthanam Livelihood Resource Centre organized an exclusive job fair for people with disabilities on 23 April 2016. 14 companies have participated in the job fair hiring 55 candidates out of a total 240 who attended the fair. We are grateful to companies like Aditya Birla Minacs, CAKART.in, Concentrix, Control Solutions, D-Mart, ITC WOW, Pantaloons, Vasudev Adigas, Vindhya e-Infomedia etc. We would like to wish our selected candidates the best as they move out into the job world!

District Disabled Rehabilitation Centre (DDRC)

The Department of Differently abled and Senior Citizens, Government of Karnataka, in collaboration with Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled has been providing community based rehabilitation for people with disability in Ramanagara district since 2014.

During this quarter 380 disabled people were identified, of which 246 people were provided with Identity Cards in Collaboration with Department of Health, Karnataka. Trainings and awareness programs were conducted and trained 564 people including Government officials, parents of children with disabilities, NGOs and Rehabilitation centers from 23 villages of Kanakapura taluk on Government entitlement programs and schemes.

Samarthanam Jharkhand

SJKVY (Saksham Jharkhand Kaushal Vikas Yojana) was initiated by Samarthanam Jharkhand after the official approval of the agreement between Principal JSDM (Jharkhand Skill Development Mission) and Samarthanam Jharkhand. The first batch of 25 retail trainees completed a two month course at LRC East Singhbhum for becoming a cashier. The training at LRC Deoghar includes 23 candidates who are undergoing training on IT/ITES CRM Domestic Voice. The second batch of 50 trainees at both LRCs is ready for final approval from the district team of JSDM and will start training in the following quarter.

The major achievement recorded during the training was the partnership established with institutions like Shriman Group of Education and Marss Technologies.

Shriman Group of Education runs competitive coaching classes in the state of Jharkhand and Bihar. The chairperson Mr. Shriman Trigun opened new doors for persons with disabilities (PwD) by starting competitive classes free of cost to PWD trainees enrolled in LRC Samarthanam. Secondly 60% off on all
courses was provided to PWD trainees at Shriman Education Centre. The change was incorporated when seven of the trainees from LRC East Singhbhum appeared in the National Level exam by SBI bank in June. A visually impaired trainee Ms. Meena Kumari cleared her PT exam for bank PO. The LRC, along with the support from its volunteers, ensure the availability of scribe to all visually impaired candidates associated with Samarthanam Jharkhand.

Another partner Marss Technologies has rich experience in computer education and is supporting PWD trainees in Jharkhand. It is a new initiative from Samarthanam Jharkhand in order to make computer education easily available for PWD trainees especially the visually impaired. The LRC at East Singhbhum and Deoghar are managed by the IT trainers of Marss Technologies and initiatives are taken for spreading awareness across the state. The Residential blind school of Dumka district Administration of Jharkhand is supported by this initiative.

In the achievement list of Samarthanam Jharkhand, the initiative to promote blind cricket has found its place. The first ever bilateral series between West Bengal and Jharkhand was played in Dumka district of the state on 14 and 15 June. The CABI unit of Jharkhand “Cricket Association for the Blind in Jharkhand” conducted this tournament with the support of state and district social welfare departments.

Mr. Rahul Sinha and his team from District Administration and District Sports Association (DSA), Dr Louis Marandi, Minister of Social Welfare, Jharkhand, Mr Baleshwar Singh, Commissioner Santhal Pargana, Mrs Anita Singh and Mr Prabhat Kumar, Superintendent of Police, Dumka were among the spectators and were highly thanked for their presence and words of encouragement. Mr. Ajay Nath Jha (Deputy Director Public Relations cum DPRO, Dumka) and Mr Uma Shankar Choubey (Secretary District Sports Association) have guided both the teams who excelled in their performance.

**Punar Project**

An initiative whose prime focus was on empowering women from rural areas and difficult backgrounds to earn a decent livelihood right from their door step, had taken the name “Punar Project.” It was launched in the month of June 2014 on ‘World Environment Day’. There are currently 20 women from rural areas being benefitted from continued employment opportunity from their home. We thank companies like Thomson Reuters, Deloitte, Qualcomm, GT Nexus, Morgan Stanley, IBM and Enzen for allowing us to set up stalls and promote our products.

Community team work was organized with Goldman Sachs where participants were extremely interested and motivated and ended up enrolling in the program to support us.

We also thank our overseas supporters for helping us promote our products and sell them abroad. Regular orders received from overseas immensely aid in the economic empowerment of our women. We have recently added another product which is a very attractive handmade paper jewellery, highly interesting and very eco-friendly. We look forward to all our friends and supporters in helping us with its successful launch. Our products will be soon available online and we thank all the individuals, volunteers, companies and others for supporting us directly or indirectly in promoting our project and helping the rural women.
Well-being Out of Waste (WOW)

A journey from “Wealth Out of Waste” to “Well-being Out of Waste”

"Wealth Out of Waste (WOW)" is a recycling programme initiated in April 2007 by the Paperboards and Specialty Papers Business of ITC. It has evolved into a corporate level programme with scope enhanced to "Well-being Out of Waste" where the focus is on creating scalable solutions for spreading awareness about recycling, encouraging people to segregate and dispose waste responsibly and creating sustainable livelihoods for people working as rag pickers.

As part of ITC’s ongoing efforts towards maximizing value capture from post-consumer waste, a pilot project on recycled compact boards made out of packaging waste has led to the development of school furniture which has been deployed in schools supported by ITC. Applications for these boards within ITC facilities are also being explored. In addition, studies are being carried out to explore viability of converting ITC facilities to fuel.

- Samarthanam Parisara is a waste management programme initiated in 2003. ITC had signed the MOU with Samarthanam on 30 Oct 2015. The journey till date has been remarkable. We are a strong team of 160 people and counting, reaching out approximately 3 lakh houses within a span of 8 months.
- We cover 88 companies, 3 schools, 10 apartments, 100 residence and process 10,000 kg shredded papers, 4500 kg newspapers and 27,000 kg dry waste.
- More than 600 tons of waste has been utilized till date from households.
- Our welfare approach is to ensure Poura Karmikas (PKs) earn maximum by segregation.
- Samarthanam WOW is pleased to inform that we are covering 20 more wards within a span of 6 months reaching out to 6 lakh households.

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BBMP officials interacting with Poura Karmikas

WOW team on World Environment Day 2016

WOW team on the field
WOW team at HSR Layout:
We have expanded our propagation about WOW to schools and colleges by educating the housekeeping staff about segregation with the help of BBMP and HSR citizen forum at HSR Layout. This is to ensure that schools and colleges do not litter waste and that nothing goes into landfills.

ITC visit:
Visit of the dynamic Vice President, HR & CSR, PSPD Division, ITC, Mr. Sib Sankar Bandhopadhaya; Mr. GN Murthy, General Manager, PSPD and Mr. Afsar Ahmed Manager, PSPD Division, ITC

The team, lead by Mr. Sib Sankar Bandhopadhaya, showed ample enthusiasm. WOW members have aptly reciprocated with appropriate explanations to all their queries and questions. The brain storming discussions finally ended with a positive note. ITC renewed the MoU with Samarthanam for the year 2016-17.

Team WOW goes green: World Environment Day
The team at Samarthanam, believes in highlighting the importance of days dedicated to environmental protection and creating awareness on the same. On the World Environment Day, 5 and 6 June 2016, our team participated in an event organized by Karnataka State Pollution Control Board at Kanteerava Indoor Stadium, Bengaluru. The exhibition was inaugurated by Honorable Chief Minister of Karnataka, Siddaramaiah and other respected dignitaries. A stall was put up explaining the current waste crisis in Bengaluru and the current waste disposal problem in the city.

It is well know that Bengaluru generates 4.5 Metric Tons of waste every day. As part of an effort to curb the waste production, WOW project was presented to the general public and explained on its impact on reducing the burden imposed by waste on landfills by recycling. The movement was aimed at spreading the message of adopting green ways of life for a sustainable future by segregating the waste which helps to make Bengaluru a clean city.

The 'WOW' moment
ITC CSR initiative "WOW" was awarded the "Best PPP Model" in waste management by ASSOCHAM India during the 4th National Conference & Awards on Waste to Wealth | Solid Waste | Industrial Waste | e-Waste.

It was a proud moment for team WOW at ITC and most importantly the crew of WOW Samarthanam, who have done a glorious job in preparing the best PPP (Public Private Partnership) model for waste management. The award came as an element of encouragement to all the members of WOW who have been dedicatedly working on the project.

These awards provide a positive enthusiasm and drive to take our project WOW further to the next level. The awards are looked up with utmost respect and act as an encouragement to all the hard work incorporated by the team. Our project also has the vision of “Swachh Bharat Abhiyan- One Step towards Cleanliness”, looking forward to a cleaner and greener India.
Sports

Sports on the go!

In our Memories forever:

Samarthanam conveyed condolences on the sudden demise of Mr. S P Nagesh Founder Trustee Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled and Founder President CABI on 24 April 2016. SP Nagesh was a cricket enthusiast and had efforted hugely for the Blind Cricket.

On 14 May, CABI Governing Council meeting was held to elect the interim President. Mr. Mahantesh, who was earlier the General Secretary of CABI, was asked to take over the role as President, Mr. John David was proposed to be the General Secretary and Mr. Chandrashekar to be the Treasurer.

National Invitation Cricket Tournament:

Devnar Foundation for the Blind in Association with Cricket Association for the Blind in India (CABI) organized National Invitation Cricket Tournament from 4 to 8 May 2016. Odisha beat Gujarat in the finals to become champions for the first time in Nationals.

CABI trains Nepal Blind Cricketers:

CABI had stepped ahead to train the Nepal Blind Cricketers from 20 to 24 May 2016 upon the request by Cricket Association of the Blind Nepal (CABN). Mr. John David and Mr. Saju Kumar trained the team successfully.

BCCI nods to support Blind Cricket:

It was a moment to celebrate when the newly elected President Anurag Thakur, BCCI, announced in a press conference that BCCI would be supporting Cricket for the Blind for the next 5 years.

Indian Blind Cricket Team On-Screen:

The very famous Hotstar.com had shot a film on Indian Blind Cricket team at Film City Mumbai on 28 and 29 June 2016. The film was made to promote World Cup on their media platforms, spread awareness on Blind Cricket and hence raise sponsorship for the forthcoming World Cup. We are thankful to Hotstar for their time and effort.

T-20 World Cup 2017

The game is all set to go! CABI had finalized on the venue and schedule for the World Cup 2017 in the Annual General Meeting (AGM) held on 9 July 2016. The game is scheduled to begin on 28 January and go on till 13 February 2017 at multiple cities across India.

Providing an opportunity to everyone to be a part of World Cup for the Blind, we request you to come forward, lend a hand and make the event a huge success. The various opportunities include buying a cricket ball;

- With “Support 2nd T20 World Cup” engraved on it for Rs. 500
- With the digital signature of Rahul Dravid for Rs. 1000
- With the autograph of Rahul Dravid for Rs. 10,000

For sponsoring the event and details on other souvenirs, please contact:

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North Karnataka

District level MRW VRW workshop:
A district level one day consultative workshop for Multipurpose Rehabilitation Worker (MRW) and Village Rehabilitation Worker (VRW) in co-ordination with the District Disability Welfare office was organized on 6 May 2016 at Samarthanam Dharwad. 58 VRWs and 4 MRWs participated with the objective to seek the support of all MRWs and VRWs to source candidates for the program.

Career Guidance workshop at Haveri and Bagalkot:
The career guidance workshop for MRW, VRW and candidates with disabilities was held at Haveri and Bagalkot on 17 and 24 May 2016 with an objective to provide input on career guidance and help them plan their future. Another motive was to create awareness about DDU-GKY program.

Press meet at Bagalkot:
A press meet was organized on 19 May 2016 at Bagalkot to spread the word on Samarthanam’s activities and announce the partnership with DDU-GKY program. The meet witnessed 30 people from media who assured complete support by publishing the feature on their respective media platforms.

Cultural team’s participation in Lion’s Club event: The cultural team of Dharwad had lit the stage with various performances at the function organized by the Lion’s Club on 8 June 2016.

Samarthanam LRC Dharwad:
Samarthanam LRC Dharwad center completed all its mandatory requirements to initiate training under DDU-GKY program to PWDs in BPO trade. The Center has planned to initiate batches of 80 students which will be held in this financial year.

Higher education initiative in Ballari center:
In Ballari center, the higher education programme was launched with ten blind students who were highly enthusiastic on seeking higher education.

Job Fair at JSS College Dharwad:
The district administration, Karnataka Professional Training & Skill Development Corporation, JSS institute and Vaishudeep Foundation together hosted a two-day state-level mega job fair at JSS college campus on 25 and 26 June 2016. The focus was on students of North Karnataka providing them technical and non-technical job opportunities. Nearly 100 companies have taken part and out of 36 candidates from Samarthanam North Karnataka who attended, 9 have been selected and 27 shortlisted.

JSW Ballari and Hindalco Ltd. Belagavi visit:
A major breakthrough in CSR initiative at North Karnataka was meeting JSW Ballari and Hindalco Ltd Belagavi. This meeting is believed to churn out a long standing association with mutual support and learning.

Human Resource

A meditation session organized by ‘Art of Living’ for the staff at Samarthanam was rejuvenating. Performance appraisals for the year 2015-16 were completed as well. It is noteworthy to mention that as on June 2016 the total workforce is around 539 at Samarthanam, out of which 23% are disabled and 32% are women.
Volunteer Speak

“It gives us a great pleasure to associate with Samarthanam Trust. The two things that stand out in Samarthanam’s initiatives are their empathy and commitment towards the upliftment of the specially-abled. We salute their dedication to the cause, be it their IT & Rehabilitation for the visually impaired, skill development program for the youth, women empowerment, Indian blind cricket and education for the underprivileged children. We would like to wish you all the best in your future endeavors and keep up the good work.”

Mr. Abhishek Ranjan
Global CSR Head, Brillio

“World has never been a perfect place until we got to know Samarthanam. Thanks to the Management for giving us an opportunity to volunteer and helping us reinvent ourselves by being a part of the classroom teaching and other volunteering opportunities. We are sure education taught us the importance of life and career, but volunteering at Samarthanam has given a meaning to our education and life”.

Mr. Rakesh Kumar Singh
Volunteer

Inauguration of DAISY Centre, JP Nagar, supported by CRISIL Limited, a Global Analytical Company. Mr. Siddharth Iyer, Mr. Varun Yeggina and CRISIL team volunteered at the event.

Inauguration of new DAISY studio at VMware campus in Bengaluru.

Corporate companies like Brillio, Scope International, Sales force, Allstate Solutions Pvt Ltd, VM Ware, Enzen Global Solutions Pvt Ltd, Target International, PwC, Dell, Tata Global Beverages, TCS, Ian Martin, Vedantu, Morgan Stanley, McAfee, have volunteered at various sports, training and schooling events organized at Samarthanam.

APPEAL TO VOLUNTEERS

We earnestly request your assistance with the upcoming 2nd T20 World Cup Cricket Tournament for the Blind to be held in multiple cities across India from 28 January to 13 February 2017.

To volunteer, please contact:
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**Our Corporate Partners**

We are thankful for the support and encouragement received from the following corporate organizations. And look forward to a long term relationship.

- NASSCOM Foundation
- Mindteck (India) Limited
- Infineon Technologies Pvt Ltd
- Wadhwani Foundation
- GKN Sinter Metals Pvt Ltd
- Mahindra Life space Ltd
- CRISIL Ltd
- Adobe
- VM Ware

*Corporate Partners for quarter April to June 2016*

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**Samarthanam and Microsoft join hands for a noble cause**

Samarthanam has entered into an agreement with Microsoft India in order to empower the disabled. As per the Joint Venture, Samarthanam opened comprehensive training centers in Anantapur and Guntur (AP) to train 100 disabled and underprivileged beneficiaries. The inaugural batch went live in Guntur on the occasion of Helen Keller’s day on 27 June 2016. Chief Guest for the program was Mr. MSK Prasad (Selector B.C.C.I) and other attendees included Samarthanam AP Chapter team members and Leadership team from Samarthanam Head office Bangalore. Training facility in Anantapur will go live by first weekend of July.

As per our understanding with Microsoft India, we will be working on touching 1000 disabled lives through sport activities and also by encouraging the local school dropouts to join the schools under a reference and counseling program.

**Scope and Objectives of the project include**

- Awareness among the public and families of the disabled, corporate involvement and the opportunities for differently abled people present in the current ecosystem
- Referral School Model to enable differently abled and underprivileged people to get access to education
- Enhance learning and development of the differently abled and underprivileged kids with assistive technology
- Emotional support and counselling facility for differently abled and underprivileged kids and youth
- Set up residential skill based training program for differently abled and underprivileged youth to train them on skills with heavy market demand like IT/ITES/BPO, Retail, Hospitality, Banking and Insurance etc.
- Highlight the potential of the differently abled and underprivileged youth to the industries and also guide corporate and industries on building accessible and inclusive workplace environment.
**Founder’s Speech at PwC**

Founder Trustee of Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled, Mr Mahantesh GK, was part of the Town Hall session on Corporate Social Responsibility held on 13 and 14 July 2016 at PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC), Bangalore. The panel discussions organized were on the CR activities at PwC and to enhance the employee contribution. The panel included Partner & Director from the PwC US Global Corporate Responsibility (CR) Shannon L Schyuler and Jeffrey Senne and leaders from various associated NGOs. The meeting was aimed at mutually benefitting PwC and other participating NGOs, to create awareness and sensitize teams on Corporate Responsibility.

**Samarthanam expands its realm**

Samarthanam Trust is adding some more extra square units to its existing building in HSR Bangalore for the sole purpose of making more space for executing its diverse welfare activities and continue providing services to the disabled in all possible ways.

Roof casing of basement and ground floor of the new building has been completed. Basement would accommodate parking, an LRC Training Centre, Central Stores & Library. Ground floor would include Kitchen and Dining Hall. We appreciate the support received from all quarters towards making the expansion plan a possibility.

Mr. Karabasappa S Kumbara, a special teacher from Samarthanam Intellectual Disability School, was awarded “Karnataka Shikshana Ratna” by Bharat Ratna Sir M. Visvesvaraya engineering Prethistana Trust and Sri Karnataka Culture Development on 11 June 2016.

The award acknowledges his dedication towards teaching children with great affection and by creating a friendly environment for them.

Samarthanam-CABI team met Mr. L K Advani, Former Deputy Prime Minister of India as part of the promotion of T-20 World Cup for the Blind 2017.

During the meet, Samarthanam team briefed on the game, its importance and the opportunities that the game provides to people with disabilities. Mr. L K Advani extended his support and best wishes for the upcoming game.

**Samarthanam Kirana’s fifth anniversary**

“Kirana” is a Business Process Outsourcing (BPO) centre established by Samarthanam in 2011. As Kirana celebrates its fifth anniversary, we would like to thank all our clients, supporters and staff for the exceptional services provided. The support and guidance received thought-out the year helped us reach the milestone. We appreciate the time and effort contributed by everyone and making the initiative a success.
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