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Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled, founded in 1997, is an NGO working towards facilitating opportunities to enable persons with disabilities and the underserved to keep pace with the rest of the society by providing quality education, accommodation, nutritious food, vocational training and placement based rehabilitation. It was established by Founder Managing Trustee Mahantesh G Kivadasannavar along with his schoolmate and childhood friend, Late, Nagesh SP. The organization is affiliated to the World Blind Union and Rehabilitation International. 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.

Samarthanam envisions to touch 100,000 lives by the year 2020

**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.

**Statistics on Our Reach**

- **EDUCATION**
  - 11000 kids educated since inception

- **LIVELIHOOD RESOURCE CENTRE**
  - 8500 trained | 6400 placed

- **SUNADHA**
  - 100 artists | 3000 performances | 3 continents

- **KIRANA**
  - 150+ seater BPO | 76% employees with disabilities

- **SPORTS**
  - Touched >25000 visually impaired cricketers

- **PARISARA**
  - 4775 tonnes dry waste processed since inception

- **WOW**
  - 198000 households support WOW

- **REHABILITATION**
  - 2567 women empowered since inception
From the FOUNDER’s desk
Mahanatesh GK
Founder Managing Trustee

The year had begun with loads of energy and enthusiasm and sports spirit at its pinnacle. Samarthanam and Cricket Association for the Blind in India (CABI) have together hosted the 2nd T20 World Cup Cricket for the Blind and for the first time ever that I have witnessed a blind sport receiving such admiration and applause. The tournament was held across 12 cities of India in 48 matches on a gigantic scale with state of the art facilities provided to every participating team. All the ten participating countries displayed great sportsmanship and it was an absolute delight to witness their play. The grand finale was a big hit with an enormous crowd cheering the Indian team for every hit and miss. Indian blind cricket team, the defending champions, lifted the winning trophy for the second time and made the country proud. The following wave of appreciations was commendable. As the President of CABI and WBC I take great pride in the Indian team who has successfully showed to the entire world that hardwork pays. I wish to thank Hon Prime Minister, Hon President, Union Ministers, State Governments, sponsors, partners and supporters for their generosity through cash awards and commendation.

As the Indian blind cricket team was rejoicing their victory, Shekhar Naik, former captain of the Indian blind cricket team and who had led the Indian team to victory in many World Cup championships including the first T20 World Cup in 2012, received the prestigious Padmashree award for his contributions to Blind Cricket. Samarthanam had always strived for the betterment of blind cricket and as Shekhar, today, steps up to the level of National acclaim, it gives me utmost pleasure and a sense of achievement on behalf of entire blind cricket fraternity. Samarthanam is going to churn out many more world champions down the road and I hope to see many more players achieve success at all levels.

Though sports season kept everyone at Samarthanam on their heels, the regular activity at Samarthanam schools and other centres was not hampered. I appreciate the entire team of Samarthanam and CABI for their efficiency displayed throughout the quarter. Samarthanam has been the umbrella organization catering to many persons with disabilities with plethora of services. And this February the organization celebrated its 20th anniversary. It was a nostalgic moment thinking of the past 20 years and planning on the future of Samarthanam. The celebrations were exuberant and I am glad to have been a part of the merriment.

Consecutively, Samarthanam in association with Amway have opened new digital libraries in major cities like Hyderabad, Kochi and Gunur. I thank Amway for their generous support and making access to books completely barrier free to persons with disabilities. Samarthanam schools continue to provide education support to the many aspirants and with the new barrier-free residential school in the making, which is going to be up and running very soon, the facilities and ease of studying would be enhanced.

This quarter has been remarkable with significant improvements at Samarthanam. As we close the financial year I hope to continue on all the valuable connections with friends, donors and supporters made. I would like to request all the well wishers to continue supporting Samarthanam’s noble cause and walk along embarking a new journey.

With more skilling centres launched this quarter I see that Samarthanam is right on its way to achieve Vision 2020 and benefit 100,000 persons with disabilities very soon. My sincere gratitude goes out to each and every supporter without who Samarthanam would not have been an easy achievement. Thank you.

Mahanatesh GK
Founder Managing Trustee
Events at Samarthanam

2nd T20 World Cup Cricket for the Blind 2017

The first T20 World Cup was epic. Having to host an international tournament was ambitious but ambitions are the driving force to success. On the same road, the second T20 World Cup Cricket had gathered forces and organized the event. The tournament took place from 29th January to 12th February 2017. 48 matches were played including Semi Finals and Finals with participation from ten countries.

The 2nd T20 World Cup Cricket for the Blind took off with a glittering and glamorous ceremony at the KD Jadav Indoor Stadium, Indira Gandhi Sports Complex, New Delhi on 29th January 2017. The inauguration saw the grand ceremony presided by Hon. Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Shri Vijay Goel in the presence of Hon Minister of Social Justice Shri Thaawar Chand Gehlot. Guest of Honour included Shri Syed Sultan Shah, President of World Blind Cricket (WBC), Shri Raymond Moxly, Secretary General of WBC, Shri Ajai Kumar Mittal, Secretary of General World Blind Union, Shri Rajesh Tomar, Vice President of Asian Paralympic Committee, and Shri Adwait Hebbar, Head of Corporate Services, IndusInd Bank.

CABI conveys sincere gratitude to all the State Governments and officials, sponsors, partners for supporting the World Cup tournaments league matches held in the respective cities. We thank the Government of Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Kerala, Maharashtra, Orissa, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka. Without the support CABI would not have been able to execute the league matches efficiently.

A spirited performance by the entire team helped India beat Pakistan by nine wickets in the final of the T20 World Cup for Blind at the M Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bangalore and retain the title. Presentation ceremony included Vajubhai Rudabhai Vala, Hon. Governor of Karnataka, G Padmavati, Bengaluru Mayor, Mahantesh GK, President, World Blind Cricket Council & president CABI and E John David, Finance Director along with the officials of IndusInd Bank, State Bank of India, Tata Steel, BlueVoda and many others sponsors and supporters.
More than 30,000 people cheered every ball in the final, the Indian Blind Cricket team famously called as “the other men in blue” avenged their defeat against Pakistan in the league stage. The appreciation from different parts of the world immensely motivated the team and strengthened their resolve to attain greater levels in blind cricket.

**Felicitations for an astounding success**

Prime Minister meets T20 Blind Cricket World Cup Winning Team

Sports Minister Vijay Goel appreciates the team, announced a cash reward of Rs 5 lakh to each team member

The Mayor of Bengaluru felicitates Indian team

Directorate of Empowerment of Differently Abled applauds the win

Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports felicitates, awards Rs. 7 lakh each cash prize to Karnataka players along with Government job

Indian politician Yediyurappa congratulates

President Pranab Mukherjee conveys his appreciation
Samarthanam 20-20

Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled celebrated its 20th Anniversary on Mar18 at Samarthanam HSR Layout premises amid corporate delegates, donors, sponsors, well-wishers, media and supporters. The event witnessed large participation from Samarthanam team who put on stage magnificent performances which gathered much applause and appreciation from the audience.

As Samarthanam completes 20 years of uninterrupted service to the society, Mahantesh G Kivadasannavar, Founder Managing Trustee of Samarthanam expressed his delight and resolve in Samarthanam building an inclusive society providing equal opportunities without any discrimination and move ahead full force. Anupama Dutt, Business Program Manager, Microsoft was also part of the celebration who expressed her privilege in being a part of the event.

Mahantesh GK, and all the other trustees of Samarthanam were felicitated for their valuable service and commitment to excellence. Along with whom, other supporters and well-wishers also were honoured at the event. Late Nagesh SP, Co-Founder of Samarthanam, was fondly remembered for his exceptional services to Samarthanam and Cricket for the blind.

Mahantesh expressed immense gratitude to each and every person who has been, directly or indirectly, associated with Samarthanam and supported in its growth and development. At the event, Vasanti Savanur, Trustee of Samarthanam presented Samarthanam’s journey from past 20 years highlighting major achievements. Samarthanam has still a long way to go empowering more persons with disabilities and being the umbrella organization for the entire world. The event also included giving away of prizes to the winners of Samarthanam Sports Day held on March 7, 2017.
Digital Libraries launched in major cities

Samarthanam in association with Amway Opportunity Foundation launched Audio-Braille Libraries in Hyderabad, Guntur and Kochi on Jan 6, Feb 28 and Mar 16 respectively. The Hyderabad and Guntur Audio Braille Libraries have been set up at Samarthanam Skilling Centres and Kochi Braille Library was launched at partner NGO, Raksha Society. The Audio Braille Libraries established contain close to 300 braille books and 100 audio books to begin with. This set up would highly help visually impaired and young adults easily access plethora of books without any hassle. Similar Libraries at Chennai and Bangalore are in the making which would start mostly in April and May 2017.

Bangalore is coming up with a central recording lab, planned to be launched in April or May which is supported by CRISIL Foundation. In this connection, a visit to the Recording Studio at NAB, Mumbai was made to make sure that the best is at hand to cater e-books to all other branches.

Samarthanam Annual Sports Meet

Samarthanam celebrated the Annual Sports Day involving all the school children, teachers, staff and other members of the organization. Energy was at its peak and enthusiasm on the go as each and every person took a step ahead to be part of the Sports Day making the event vivacious. The staff from Primary School and Special School for Children with Intellectual Disabilities participated in the Annual Sports Meet conducted at HSR ground on Mar 7. Various games were organized for the kids and staff who energetically participated the entire day. On another day, higher education students actively participated in various games held at JP Nagar, and won many prizes.
Shekhar Naik receives Padmashree

Shekhar Naik, former-captain of the Indian Blind Cricket team, received the Padmashree Award from Hon President of India, Shri Pranab Mukherjee on 30 Mar for his valuable contributions to Indian blind cricket. The award ceremony was also broadcasted live on Doordarshan.

Shekhar Naik is one of the greatest blind cricketers in the world who had led the Indian team to victory in the 1st T20 World Cup for the Blind in 2012. Apart from which Shekhar also captained the team for victories in various other World Cup Tournaments too. He has come out of all odds and achieved great success on international stage. Shekhar Naik thanked the Indian Government for recognizing his hardwork and effort and said that he is extremely grateful and glad for receiving the prestigious Padmashree award. He also added that he is thankful to Samarthanam Trust, and Cricket Association for the Blind in India for providing him with this platform and making his dream, of becoming the captain of Indian Blind Cricket team, come true. Mahantesh GK, Founder Managing Trustee Samarthanam and President CABI immensely appreciated Shekhar Naik and thanked Indian Government for the honor.

Shekhar, in his career spanning 12 years, he has played more than 300 matches across all formats and has a staggering 32 centuries to his name from Nationals and Internationals played by him. A feat which seems impossible for the men bestowed with sight to achieve. After a lot of brilliant performances he was handled over the responsibility of being the captain of Indian blind cricket team in 2010 which he efficiently handled leading the Indian blind cricket team to victory in many tournaments.

Brillio supports North Karnataka

Brillio sponsored a voice recording lab at Samarthanam Dharwad centre. A voice recording lab enables hassle free recording for the making of audio books which can be used by persons with disabilities. The voice recording lab will be the first of its kind being set up in Samarthanam North Karnataka centres.

Brillio has been a great supporter all through and Samarthanam thanks Brillio for the support and generosity. The project is expected to be completed by mid June 2017. Post completion the lab is expected to be helpful in the making of audio books and enabling easier access to books for persons with disabilities.

We thank Yokogawa for their generous contribution which is two buses for Samarthanam School kids for their transportation.
SAMARTHANAM

Schools

Samarthanam Schools impart valuable education to kids from various backgrounds and children with disabilities, along with maneuvering their future in the right direction. The progress is appreciable and largely evident in the outcome as we see these kids excel in both academics and extracurricular activities.

News from Samarthanam World

Celebrations for the quarter

Samarthanam schools are highly proactive celebrating state and national festivals, emphasizing secularism and nationalism. The celebrations make the kids understand the importance of cultural diversity, patriotism and history. As part of which, kids from all the schools celebrated New Year, Louis Braille Day, Swami Vivekananda Birthday, Republic Day. A Farewell was also organized to send-off class 10 students along with Sharada Pooja. The celebrations are made enjoyable with huge participation from kids who perform various cultural programmes. Republic day event was specially graced by Shantha Reddy, Yoga Specialist, Dr Deepak Krishna Murthy, Surgeon from Sakra Hospital and Vasanti Savanur, Trustee of Samarthanam.

Health and fitness for everyone

As health tops the list of priorities, the teaching staff at schools brings in a plethora of health and fitness concerning activities every month. Be it vaccination or general check-up or meditation, these activities do not go amiss at Samarthanam.

Similarly, Yoga classes were organized as an ongoing regular weekly activity for 5 to 7 standard children. Pinkathon team including Milind Soman, actor and fitness promoter and team members met the participants. A vaccination camp was organized for Measles & Rubella by Dr. Latha and staff of Aerekere Govt Hospital for all the students. Kids from Special School for Children with Intellectual Disabilities participated in an Ecotherapy programme at Lalbagh. Two separate Dental Treatment camps were organized by JAS Dental and Govt Dental College and Research Institute who conducted free teeth checkup and teeth cleaning for High School and of ID school students respectively. Right to Live organized a health camp where screening for ENT, general, eye and dental problems was done.
Competitions on the go!
Samarthanam kids show high interest in taking part in competitions and bringing in prizes on a regular basis. The staff encourages their enthusiasm by making them sign up for various competitions in the city. Visually impaired students from High School participated in a Quiz Competition organized by Sri Swami Vivekananda Trust and won prizes. They also were a part of “Quizabled-2017” programme organized by Seva-In-Action and Sports Competitions held at Nakshatra, Bhumi’s National Talent Festival for children homes fetched many prizes. A sports meet conducted by Women and Child Welfare Department at Kanteerava Stadium saw participation by the female staff of Primary School and Special School for Children with Intellectual Disabilities where Geetha K, Manjulamma DM and Latha Ghorpade of ID school were qualified for the state level sports meet and later Geetha won first prize in throwing the ball game. Acharya I Care Institutions also conducted drawing competitions for the primary kids.

A Day Out
Primary school children of 1st to 4th Standard went on a joyful picnic to Lalbagh. And on another day, kids from Special School for Children with Intellectual Disabilities were taken out for an excursion to Nandi hills, Kavara and Kailasagiri. The day out proved to be refreshing and enjoyable to the kids.

Visits and interactions
Samarthanam kids are very interactive and outgoing. Thanks to the surplus interactions that come into the campus often. Braille orientation was organized for 3rd and 4th grade students of Amaatra Academy where the kids from Academy interacted with the students and witnessed the modalities of teaching. Also 200 children from MME School and 135 from Zee Mount Litera visited Primary School as well. At another level, much beloved cricket players from participating countries of the 2nd T20 World Cup Cricket for the Blind visited the schools. Mr Wong, Asia Pacific CSR Head, visited Samarthanam Primary and Special School for Children with Intellectual Disabilities.

Get busy with exams
Samarthanam Primary School kids got busy with the second unit tests from Jan 9 to 11. A parent-teacher meeting was held at Special School for Children with Intellectual Disabilities for the parents to track the progress made by their kids. The first and second preparatory examination were executed for 10th std students making them exam ready. And 8th and 9th std promotional exams were conducted as well. SSLC Annual Board exams are scheduled to be held at 2 centers including Loyola and Govt high school Gottigere.

Awards and Appreciation
“Basava Vibhushana” National Award at Basava Baagevad Bijapur was awarded to Geetha K and Karabasappa of Special School for Children with Intellectual Disabilities during State level Vachana Vaibhava organized by Basava Janma Bhumi Prathisthana.
Volunteering Activities at Samarthanam Schools

The kids at Samarthanam make the most of the volunteering activities as companies and organizations come forward to do their share to the society. Volunteers involve in many activities and celebrations making the school environment lively, and we are thankful for their contributions.

Quantum Leap, Brilio, Snapdeal, InMobi, Target, PwC, GKN Aerospace are firms who have organized various volunteering activities for Primary School kids including giving away books, celebrating festivals, dance, sports, health, fitness and other educational activities.

A Dance Specialist, Amisha Sethi, interacted with kids from Special School for Children with Intellectual Disabilities and assisted the kids with different dance forms.

Primary kids and kids from Special School for Children with Intellectual Disabilities attended a Yoga Programme organized by Senthil at Ashok Hotel.

Nakshatra Sports organized by Bhoomi and a drawing competition conducted by M Sathish Kumar, Director of talent and culture, Grand Mercury individually involved primary kids in competitions.

Rotaract club of PES University organized a kite flight.

Flipkart organised the making of greeting cards by the students of Samarthanam for circulating during the eve of “Holi” and also organized a photo session later.

Ms Nikhila, Manager of Give India communication visited and interacted with the primary school children and also kids from Special School for Children with Intellectual Disabilities.

The prestigious Channel TV9 visited Primary School and Special School for Children with Intellectual Disabilities for the video coverage including the schools, activities and involvement of children.

PWC senior leadership, US senior management and their clients, around 30 people, visited Primary School and Special School for Children with Intellectual Disabilities, interacted with the children and distributed gifts.

A picnic to Freedom Park was organized by First Advantage Pvt Ltd and a dream camp was organised by Make-a-Difference for ID schools and Primary school respectively.

A specialist from Manipal Hospital had a session with few parents of children with special needs.

Special School for Children with Intellectual Disabilities had their final Ecotherapy conducted by Bangalore University. And a Physiotherapy program held at Oxford College of Physiotherapy.
Higher Education

Pursuing interests
Residential students at J P Nagar Hostel were visited by an expert in various fields who had taught them various activities and motivated the students to pursue activities of their choice. Interesting activities like yoga, painting, music, dance, and handicrafts are being taught at the hostel for the disabled students who are into higher education program.

Republic Day Celebration
Visually Impaired Higher education students took part in the Republic day march past parade held on Jan 26 expressing their patriotism towards the country. The students bagged first prize in the parade.

Academic excellence
Nithin is a visually impaired student pursuing BA fifth semester who scored 73.62% being the top student from Yedkur College. Nithin is ambitious and aims to be a good athletic champion. The second top student is Basavaraju who is visually impaired and scored 71% in BA first year first semester from Surana College. The third top student is Mangala who is visually impaired and scored 68% in BA first year first semester from Surana College. Nethra is the visually impaired fourth top student who scored 61% in second year BA third semester from NMKRV college and Ravikumar (Visually Impaired) scored 61% in second year B.com. third semester from AVK college.

Pinkathon 2017
Samarthanam higher education girls participated in Pinkathon on Jan 29. Nethra won first prize, Mangala won second prize and Narasmmatha third prize in the walk organized by Pinkathon team.

North Karnataka

Dharwad
- The 2nd Hubballi Dharwad Walkathon “Samarth Nirman” focusing on the upcoming state of the art infrastructure disabled friendly building took place on Feb 18. The event witnessed participation of around 800 to 1000 people from various Schools, College, Companies, Govt Sector etc. The event also included the felicitation of Mahantesh GK, Founder Managing Trustee Samarthanam Trust, for becoming the President for WBC, Shekhar Naik, Padmashree awardee and ex- Captain of Indian Blind Cricket Team and Rafiq, National Level Wrestler.
- A State Level Blind Cricket Tournament was organized in Belgavi where 10 teams from across the Karnataka state participated. In the finale, Dipanjali Blind Cricket Team of Bangalore lifted the winning cup beating Samarthanam Trust, Belgavi team.
- Samarthanam North Karnataka took great delight in honouring Mahantesh G K for the native boy becoming President of WBC, Shekar Naik and 5 Players from Indian Blind Cricket Team for winning the
2nd T20 World cup for Blind which was hosted by CABI,
- A Job Fair was organized in Ballari LRC center and Gadag LRC center in months of January and March respectively.
- Media Sensitization Workshop was held at Gadag, focusing on mobilization of PWD candidates for Job Fair.
- Samarthanam appreciated the 20 candidates who graduated from DDU GKY Batch 4 at Dharwad center who received certificates from distinguished guests. DDU GKY 5th Batch was inaugurated at Dharwad center for the next set of students.
- Samarthanam 20th Anniversary was celebrated across all the 4 centers by organizing various activities in all centres.
- A surprise NiRD Inspection for DDU GKY Project took place and a positive feedback was received on the project.
- SDTT Evaluation of all Centers from external people Mr. Victor and Mr. Rajendra KR as SDTT is completing its 3 years project.
- A two day Visioning Exercise of North Karnataka at Regional Office Dharwad took place which involved the entire team put into effect the vision of Samarthanam.
- DDU GKY MPR report for January and February months was duly submitted.
- Samarthanam takes pride in the DDU GKY 4th Batch students who got placed at Silk Board, Dharwad and Reliance Market, Hubballi.
- Prerana students from NK centers completed their 2nd PUC exams and Samarthanam wishes them all the best.
- DDU GKY 4th Batch Interview session took place at Nabros Invent Hubballi.

**Jharkhand**

- In an initiative taken up by the Sports Ministry of State to bring all disabled cricketers under one single umbrella a meeting was held with Mr. Amar Bouri, Sports Minister to discuss on the formation of a cricketing body that included blind cricket, physically handicapped cricket (duce ball & tennis ball formats) and deaf cricket. It was represented by Mr. Vivek Kumar Singh, Mr. Mukesh Kanchan, Mr. Affab Alam and Mr. Sunil Kumar who respectively agreed on it. It was a great move with respect to Disability Sports in Jharkhand where each association will get financial support in organizing State Tournaments. The official meeting of the newly formed committee and the signing of MOU will be scheduled by the end of April 2017.

- Zila Khel Kood Sangh, Dumka district has agreed upon organizing international women blind cricket and a domestic bilateral series for the 2017 season in October’17 – November’17.

- Networking with Jharkhand based organizations has been done for mobilization of PwD candidates for training and placement opportunities. Three organizations, Chetna Vikas, Krishi Gram Vikas Kendra (KGVK) and Chhotanagpur Sanskritik Sangh (CSS) have been networked and the network partners identified a total of 98 PwDs across Dumka, Hazaribag and Ranchi districts of Jharkhand.
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Victorious India Blind Cricket Team!
A Moment of Honour
Skilling

**Skilling Centre - Bangalore**

Samarthanam LRC has made remarkable achievements in the first quarter of 2017 and it has successfully completed the training supported by different corporate and Government funded projects.

**DDU-GKY skilling program**

There is a clear lack of skilled labor in the economy. Though there are human resources available in plenty, not everyone possesses the skills that can be matched in the market. Providing vocational training will bridge the gap between skilled and unskilled labor and will help people with better employment opportunities, and to foster this thought Samarthanam LRC has initiated several skilling programs in different locations. The DDU-GKY skilling program supported by Ministry of Rural Development is one such initiative. The program is running successfully, and in the program the 4th batch is completed in both Bangalore and Dharwad locations and currently 5th and 6th batch is running in both the centres.

**ITC supports Samarthanam skilling program**

During this quarter with support from ITC, Samarthanam has successfully imparted market oriented employment linked skilling program for underprivileged youth and during the training the candidates are trained in ITES, beautician and tailoring courses across two centers in Bangalore.

**Women empowerment**

Women face persistent gap in access to resources, knowledge and services. To address this challenge Samarthanam LRC, with support from 3M, has initiated woman skilling program and under this Samarthanam has trained 250 candidates across 8 centers in Karnataka in partnership with different training institutions.

**HDFC life supported skilling program**

During this quarter Samarthanam LRC has completed 4th batch of HDFC life supported skilling program and in this program youths who do not have access to better resources training facility were trained in streams like ITES and banking and insurance across 2 centers in Karnataka.

**Employability skill training**

VM Ware supported the drive to bring about a change in the lives of persons with disability and with that support Samarthanam has trained persons with disability in employability skills. Samarthanam feels
privileged at the opportunity to continue the project for the upcoming financial year.

Mock Interviews
To make the trainees familiarize with an interview scenario, bring down the anxiety and build confidence, mock interviews were conducted by corporate and organizations like Quantum, Makemytrip, Wipro technologies, Accenture, Sales force, PWC. Real time campus interviews were conducted by different organizations like ACT, LOTUS multi specialty hospital, SELRW, Samarthanam BPO, BASE Educational Services Pvt Ltd etc.

Sports Day
Samarthanam LRC staffs and trainees actively took part in the annual sports program. Different indoor and outdoor games were organized for the trainees who energetically participated in the sports.

Capacity Building Workshop
To upgrade the skills of the trainers Samarthanam LRC trainers attended National Level capacity building workshop on employment and employability of persons with disabilities at Bangalore. Samarthanam is delighted to have several corporate and organizations that have supported us in continuing our mission to make the society a better place and played the role of a catalyst in the lives of many persons with disabilities and we wish this support will continue in the future.

Nipuna Guntur supported by Microsoft

Employment Opportunities by E-NET
E-NET Services Pvt Limited visited Samarthanam Skilling Centre at Guntur and conducted a recruitment drive for all the beneficiaries of Nipuna. Mr. Manoj, Recruiting Manager of E-NET visited Nipuna and conducted personal interviews with all the beneficiaries. Around 15 beneficiaries have attended the interview who, at the end, were confident enough to get employed in E-NET. E-NET is a technology driven company providing simple home based internet solutions. It provides next generation broadband services that enable fast, simple and reliable communications.

Reliance Recruitment Drive
Nipuna Samarthanam Skilling Centre at Guntur was visited by Mr. Ravi Prasad, Human Resource Manager of Reliance Mart who interacted with the students and staff. The visit took place under the guidance of Mr. Srinivas PVK. Mr. Ravi Prasad informed that he would assist with the placement process and had also provided a list of HR managers from various locations. He stated that he would definitely provide placement to maximum number of people at all Reliance outlets across Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. Reliance Group is India’s largest private sector enterprise, with businesses in the energy and materials value chain. The flagship company, Reliance Industries Limited, is a Fortune Global 500 company and is the largest private sector company in India.
Skilling Centre Ananthapur
Job Mela by TeamLease
A Job Mela activity program was flagged off by Samarthanam Trust, Skill development Ananthapur project lead Mr Mouneshappa at TTDC Ananthapur. The Job Mela was organized for disabled people of Ananthapur and conducted by TeamLease Services Ltd, Bangalore. It was led by Project lead Bhargav, Placement officer Shafi Ulla, Mobilizer M. Husain, Trainers Kiran Kumar and Fazulla Rehaman.
At the event, Mr Prathap, HR of TeamLease spoke on placements for disabled students. He said that persons with disabilities are incredible personalities who have achieved success despite their physical limitations. He told that these genuinely gutsy people are a great source of inspiration for everyone who worry due to the problems of life and have proven that nothing is impossible when you have the willpower. Mr Prathap guided all the participants on how to get good job opportunities in different organizations and inspired all the participants with his valuable messages.

Motivational Programme
As part of the sports event and blind cricket awareness activity, a cricket tournament was conducted by Samarthanam Bangalore and Ananthapur. Skill development AP Head PVK Srinivas and Samarthanam employees conducted the event at RDT BKS School, Ananthapur where many schools participated in the event and conveyed their support. The program was started with motivating words from all the guests on spreading the message on blind cricket and encouraging the disabled to choose athletics.

Skilling Centre- Delhi
Samarthanam Delhi Inauguration
Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled in partnership with Citibank foundation has setup the Livelihood Resource Centre (LRC) in East of Kailash, New Delhi. The centre was inaugurated on Dec 14 by Mahantesh GK, Samarthanam Founder Managing Trustee, and various dignitaries attended the function. The first batch of the Livelihood Resource Centre started with a batch of 25 young people with disabilities.

Meenakshi Lekhi’s words of encouragement
Hon’ble Member of Parliament, Smt Meenakshi Lekhi, graced us with a surprise visit to the Samarthanam Delhi office on Jan 14. Smt Lekhi reviewed the office premises and also had a chat with the Samarthanam Delhi Team. She has promised to provide the necessary support and wished for future endeavors.
Wheelchair programme
Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled and Nipman Foundation jointly organised a wheelchair distribution programme in Delhi office premises. 20 wheelchairs were distributed to people from underprivileged backgrounds.

Supporting Delhi University aspirants
Over 300 students with disabilities from Delhi University were screened for support for their higher education. 24 students have been shortlisted for financial support to cover the costs of college and hostel fees and cost of food.

Deloitte visits
Volunteers from Deloitte interacted with students and members of Samarthanam Delhi, engaging with them, to train them on soft skills and interview techniques. The volunteers in turn learnt about challenges of people with disabilities and counselled them on ways to overcome and address them as they move forward in life in their new roles as employees with companies.

Disability and Development Workshop
Samarthanam Delhi hosted members of the Indo-Afghan DPO Summit that was visiting India to learn about the disability rights movement in India and also the progress made thus far. A workshop on Disability and Development was organised for the members and participants from both countries who exchanged information and developments in their respective countries.

Punar Project

Training on a new product making
Punar team were part of a training program for preparation of new handicraft products conducted at Adobe. The team is constantly exposed to similar programs improving their skills for an enhanced output. A team of 12 women (Kanakapura Punar team) participated in the training program and making of new products was taught to them. Punar team was also permitted to set up a stall at Adobe where Punar products were sold along with the newly made products.

Women’s Day Stalls
On the occasion of Women’s Day, a celebration was organized at Ravindra Kalakshetra and Punar had participated in the event with a stall set up with Punar products.

Stalls at various events
Punar team were part of eco friendly day celebrations held at Oxford College where Punar’s participation was through a stall set up at the event. Similarly the team also put up a stall with Punar products in an event organized at National College.

Punar sincerely thanks all the supporters and volunteers for their support and interest in the project and helping us all the way through.
Environment

Parisara
More companies say yes to ‘reduce-reuse-recycle’
Parisara is actively increasing its work with many more companies added to its waste recycling list. SanDisk, Bharti AXA, Allstate Solutions, Lower, Empire Tech Park, Altisource, Praxair, Times, Visa, Capgemini, Cantal Hydraulics and Euromonitor are the companies added in the last quarter, who would seek the assistance of Parisara in recycling the dry waste.

TetraPak Programme on the go!
A Parisara initiative to encourage consumers to deposit the used TetraPak cartons at certain centres which Parisara team can collect and recycle is the Tetrapak programme. The program was initiated at Ramanagara District starting with 4 taluks. The team have covered 178 bars, 100 hotels, creating awareness on segregation of used Tetrapak and provide the same to Parisara vehicles alternate days. The team also has done an awareness program with all the corporators and environment engineers, health inspector, town municipal president and vice president. Going further Parisarawill be signing up with Manday District soon.

Parisara generated, in last 3 months, materials weighing 1, 80,043 kgs.

Well-being Out of Waste (WOW)

PK Orientation
A PK orientation and Jatha programme was executed in the wards of Puttenhalli and Mangammanapalya along with school children, and in Bilekahalli along with Corporator, RWA and WOW staff. The ward that has been inaugurated is Deepanjali Nagar in the February month along with Jatha and PK orientation with school children, PKs and WOW staff with Corporator and BBMP staff. The inauguration was in the hands of ex-mayor, present Corporator Mr Chandrashekar, School children and WOW team. The team also performed a skit on PK health hazards and hygiene in Deepanjali Nagar.

Propagation
WOW team has initiated many activities and subsequently started issuing bags across the wards of Vijayanagara and

In March, bags were issued in Vijayanagara, Deepanjali Nagar and KP Agrahara. The team has issued 5035 bags in Deepanjali Nagar in one fortnight. Total Dry waste collected is 336245 kgs from 12 wards in one fortnight.

**BBMP Challenges**

WOW team has attended all the meetings called by BBMP at Malleshwaram, South JC office, Basavanagudi EE office and Bommanahalli JC office. BBMP has come up with a new plan that the DWCC must collect the dry waste from the household directly with their own resources and BBMP will collect only wet waste from the households. The Government has proposed to pay the expenses of the resources including collection vehicle. The MOA is yet to be signed.

**Audit team**

A team of Managers from ITC-PSPD, DHQ visited Samarthanam and discussed the audit points raised by third party auditor along with internal auditor and core team of Samarthanam. New stake Holders

We have identified LVP vendor M/s KK plastics to take up part of the LVP load from the wards where there is more pressure to clear LVP in the DWCC. The LVP stock was more due to the closure of ACC cement for annual maintenance. WOW team has requested KK Plastics to take LVP from the wards regularly and it is in progress.

**Activity at Schools**

IEC and School team has covered six schools, in the month of Feb, across different zones to sensitize on the importance of WOW. The list includes Ravindrabharathi School, Lawrence School of H.S.R.Layout, Sri Raghavendra English Primary and High School, R.J.S English Primary & High School, M.E.S High School, Holy Saint English School in Koramangala.

In the month of March, IEC team has given an awareness session in Samarthanam schools for 180 students and 7 teachers. They also visited 7 other schools in BTM Layout seeking permission for conducting sessions on spreading awareness.

**Meetings**

WOW team attended the meeting in Basavanagudi for discussing on the segregation percentage in the wards as the team is actively working in Basavanagudi Constituency. WOW team’s work was highly appreciated in Pattabiraman Nagar,
Shakambari nagar, BTM constituency, Hanumanth nagar and Srinagar.

The Corporator of Pattabiram nagar has requested WOW team to retain members in the ward saying that only after Samarthanam started propagation and PK Orientation, also following up with the PKs for collection from households, the many black spots have reduced. Also the EE of Basavanagudi also praised WOW for the segregation percentage has increased to good level than compared to the previous efforts by BBMP. He also expressed discomfort on the WOW team withdrawing the PEIs in the ward. At BTM constituency the EE, Garbage Contractor, RWA, Minster’s daughter also have expressed their discomfort on WOW withdrawing their staff members.

Celebrated International Women’s Day
WOW team has celebrated International Women’s day in the hall at Deepanjali Nagar on Mar 8.

Annual Sports Day
The annual sports day was held on March 7 where WOW team has participated enthusiastically and won many prizes.

Adugodi Jatha
Adugodi Jatha called by Vijayavani was held on the March 25 and there were Minister Ramalinga Reddy, Mr Srinivas Reddy, Vijayavani reporters, Chandana TV reporters, Adugodi Corporator, Garbage contractor, Police officials, RWA from police quarters, NCC team from college, and Samarthanam team, WOW members, Basavaraj and eight members from BTM constituency who participated in the programme.

Sports

Cricket Association for the Blind in India
- Indian Blind Cricket Team were part of the Coaching Camp held in Indore and New Delhi from Jan 4 to Jan 18, Jan 20 and Jan 27 respectively.
- Cricket Association for the Blind in India achieved another milestone with the Indian Blind Cricket team’s victory in the 2nd T-20 World Cup Cricket 2017 held from 29th January to 12th February 2017 in 12 cities across India. 10 counties participated and 48 Matches were played including Semi Finals and Finals. Indian team won the 2nd T-20 World Cup in the Final match played at Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bangalore on Feb 12 beating arch rivals Pakistan by 9 Wickets. Post victory, Indian team were felicitated by many prominent people like Hon Prime Minister, Ministers from Central and State Governments and various Corporates and individuals. Indian players also received Cash Awards from Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment for Persons with Disabilities (Rs. 2,00,000 each), and Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports (Rs. 5,00,000 each- yet to receive), State Government of Karnataka awarded two Karnataka Players Rs. 7,00,000 each and also Government job, Odisha Government announced Rs. 5,00,000 each for the two Odisha players. Indian team also received one lakh each from former cricketer Navot Singh Sidhu at the Kapil Sharma Show and also a lakh each from RFPL. CABI expects other States contribution as well. Corporate also appreciated the team with few cash awards and more are expected soon.
Arts and Culture

Sunadha
Sunadha includes artists with disabilities who deliver remarkable stage shows and programmes which gather a lot of appreciation from the spectators. This quarter, the troupe has performed at various occasions and events including:

- Unique Human Rights Welfare Association Trust programme on Jan 8.
- Chief Minister programme at Vidhansoudha on Jan 14.
- RenukaYallamma Devi Sannidana program at Attibele on Feb 1.
- A programme at PWC on Feb 7.
- BNI Program on Feb 11.
- A programme at ITC Gordenia on Feb 27.
- Time Inc Program on March 1.
- National College program on March 4.
- World Women’s day program at RavindraKalakshetra on March 8.
- Leela Palace program on March 11.
- MahilaSamajaKasturi Nagar program on March 11.

Rehabilitation

Swadharma Gruha - a government supported home for women in distress

- SwadharmaGruha along with its residents welcomed New Year with a celebration on Jan 1 with the help from Human Resources team.
- The Republic Day celebration conducted by Primary and ID School also included Swadharma team.
- The team were part of a yoga camp organized by “Pathanjali Yoga Kendra” in the month of February.
- The festival of ‘Shivarathri’ was joyously celebrated on Feb 24 where the team religiously offered prayers.
- The staff members of Swadharma attended the sports meet conducted by Women and ChildWelfare Department and bagged many prizes.
- Swadharma team conveyed the message of women empowerment in a programme marking the International Women’s Day celebration held on Mar 8.
- The beneficiaries of Swadharma actively participated in Sports activities conducted for the Annual Day of Samarthanam.
- Samarthanam Annual Day Celebrations held on March 18 witnessed beautiful dance and drama programmes by Swadharma beneficiaries.
- The team attended a seminar conducted by Women and Child Welfare Department on ‘Law and Justice for Women and Child’ on March 12 and 19.
Volunteering at Samarthanam

An enormous support by volunteers for the 2nd T-20 World Cup Cricket for the Blind

A huge volunteering support by more than 3000 volunteers, throughout the entire tournament, from multiple sources including corporate, institutions, partner organizations as well as individuals was witnessed for the 2nd T-20 World Cup Cricket for the Blind. The companies who did volunteering in this quarter mainly include, Quantumleap, PWC, Snapdeal, Aditya Birla, Cognizant Technology Solutions, Morgan Stanley, Vodafone, CBRI, Wipro, Indusind, AT&T, Feeding India (outreach partner), Rotaract club, Mumbai. Special thanks to Aditya Birla and Cognizant Technology Solutions for supporting us at multiple locations across India like Delhi, Mumbai, Bangalore, Hyderabad, Kochi, Pune etc during the world cup.

Also an overwhelming response was received from Physiotherapist volunteers from ‘NEW RELEAF Physical therapy’ for their extensive volunteering support throughout the whole tournament.

Educational Institutions who have supported us include Lady Sri Ram college Delhi, Hindu college, Christ University, St Joseph College, Alliance University, Oxford college of Arts and Physiotherapy, IIIM Law College Bangalore, Bangalore Institute of Legal Studies, NMIMS-Bangalore, Greenwood High International School and National Public School.

Volunteer Talk

I am Anshul Bhatia pursuing my MBA from S.P. Jain Institute of Management and Research (SPJIMR), Mumbai. As a part of our Development of Corporate Citizenship (DOCC) program, I got an opportunity to intern with an NGO for five weeks. I was glad that I had chosen Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled, Bengaluru for this internship. This was my first stint at working with an NGO and it provided me with a great exposure of this sector. I had always imagined an NGO to be an unorganized and unstructured entity with some financial troubles and many operational inefficiencies. But this NGO was a pleasant surprise for me since I encountered a very professional and organized setup, wherein there were well set procedures and advanced technological environment. It was heartening to see the work that each one of the staff member and volunteer would put in for the beneficiaries. I was stationed at the corporate office and had a chance to visit the different verticals being run by the NGO. I was overwhelmed at the ability shown by the so called ‘disabled’ people – they could type as fast as any able individual, they could create art as effortlessly as anyone of us and they could definitely play cricket as well as our beloved cricketers (continuing the legacy of beating the Pakistan cricket team in all cricket World Cups). The way this organization has single-handedly brought Cricket for the Blind in the limelight is commendable and it can easily be traced to the passion and enthusiasm of all their staff members.

I was mostly in contact with the corporate office staff and it was a pleasure working with each one of them. Being a finance person, I was really impressed with their meticulous data processing and timely audits and reporting. Somewhere, we get lost in our daily rat race but working with this NGO brought about a sense of purpose, a sense of completeness in my work which cannot be adequately described in words. It was a humbling experience and I think it definitely added another important layer to my personality and thoughts. I thank all the NGO members for having made this a memorable life experience for me.

Anshul Bhatia
S.P. Jain Institute of Management and Research (SPJIMR), Mumbai.
Stories of Change

> RAMESH N

Ramesh is a bright student currently studying in tenth grade at Samarthanam High School. Son of Ningappa and Sakamma, Ramesh is visually impaired from birth. Being economically poor did not stop him from expressing keen interest in higher education. He joined Samarthanam High School, where the institution encouraged his interests, bore all the expenses including food and accommodation and supported him all through. Ramesh is also interested in dancing, drawing and Bharathnatyam. Ramesh actively participated in the Quiz Competition conducted at State Level on 13 Dec, 2015. In his ninth standard, he received first prize in a Quiz Competition organized by Sahodaya at St. Aloysius College, Mangalore. Ramesh shows interest in sports as well, where he bagged third prize in Long Jump in the Inter School Athletic Meet held at Kitturu Rani Channamma Stadium on 10 Mar, 2016.

> SUHAS M KYATANAVARA

Suhas is a bright student who aspires to become an engineer or scientist. He can read and write Kannada, English and Hindi and is currently studying in ninth grade at Samarthanam High School. Son of Mohan and Latha, he is economically poor and physically challenged by birth. Suhas is 14 years old and belongs to Ranebennur in Haveri District. He exhibits keen interest in academics and scored 80% in his eighth grade exam. Acknowledging his capability, Samarthanam supports Suhas in his pursuit and provides free food, accommodation, text books, note books and stationery. Suhas also displays interest in quiz and sports events. He bagged first prize in the Quiz Competition conducted by Youth For Seva on 19 Sept, 2015 and second prize in the Quiz held as part of Chiguru Program. He also received second prize in Shot put Competition at the Inter School Athletics Meet held at Kitturu Rani Channamma Stadium on 23 Jun, 2016.

> SHRUTI

Shruti is a bright girl born on October 22, 2003 who expresses great interest towards studying. She has unfortunately lost her parents and currently stays with her elder brother who works as an auto driver to run the house. Shruti has been brought to Samarthanam Primary School in the year 2014 by her uncle to pursue education. Because of their poor economic status Shruti was unable to study and concentrate on her aspirations. Shruti aspires to become a Maths teacher but was not able to take her dreams ahead considering the family’s financial status. She has been enrolled into Samarthanam Primary School where she is studying in Class 7 currently. Shruti shows huge interest in reading and writing and says that they are her hobbies. Though Shruti’s scholastic achievement is moderate her teachers say that Shruti has the potential to improve if provided with more coaching support. She is in the process of improving her academic performance and also is very active in playing sports. Her good behavior is well appreciated by everyone around and her teachers say that she is very respectful to her elders and interacts well with peers. Shruti is quite happy at Samarthanam School and now boldly says that she will work hard and pursue her ambitions.
In the Words of a “Donor”

We have been associated with Samarthanam from the past 4 years and every year we have seen how Samarthanam Trust for the disabled has contributed to the society in various means and have always gone an extra mile in supporting the differently abled. Their commitment towards the children is commendable. Mr Mahantesh, and all their employees like Mr Kumar, Mrs Lalitha and also the teachers at the Trust make a difference everyday to the children and work very diligently to broaden their scope of commitment.

We are proud to have partnered with Samarthanam for various activities and have successfully completed the GKN Wing project in 2015 which has brought significant impact in the lives of children with intellectual disabilities.

Also in 2016, GKN Aerospace India (GAI) in its efforts towards community development and supporting people with disabilities has partnered with Samarthanam Trust for the disabled by planning a 5 year intensive approach that would facilitate a fully sustainable GKN Livelihood Resource centre by 2020 which will provide support to 500 people with disabilities. The GKN Livelihood resource centre will be a space where disabled and underprivileged youth will be impacted through skilling. The young disabled people will be supported through placement after residential training in various skills like IT, retail, etc. The project is completed on time and ready for inauguration in April 2017.

Thanks to the entire team of Samarthanam for making a difference in people’s lives.

Prarthana U  
HR Head, GKN Aerospace India

Samarthanam expands its realm

Samarthanam’s cutting edge disability-friendly free residential school which is under construction in HSR Layout Bangalore (India) has completed its phase one building. The school is designed to house around 700 students with and without disabilities from economically deprived communities and enabled with completely accessible features being to address all needs of the persons with disabilities with ultramodern infrastructure. Corporate Yaskawa under the CSR program initiative has successfully completed setting up solar water heaters for Phase-1 Building benefitting all those who occupy the building. As per the current construction progress the basement has flooring, tiling, windows and grills, and painting completed. The other four floors have flooring and painting work under progress which would soon be completed. The school is getting ready to effectively serve Samarthanam’s inclusive education purpose.
Corporate Acknowledgment

The financial year has come to an end and it has been an amazing year. We are thankful for the support and encouragement received from the following corporate organizations. The tasks were mammoth and the support received was extraordinary. Thank you for walking along and supporting Samarthanam initiatives all thorough. Samarthanam looks forward to an enduring relationship.

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Samarthanam Human Resources

The Human Resources team of Samarthanam plays a crucial role in executing the many programmes and events at Samarthanam. Getting together all the necessary facilities for an uninterrupted event progress is accomplished by the human resources team at Samarthanam. Similarly this quarter the HR team has celebrated New Year involving all the employees for a simple get together and with motivation to progress towards a brighter New Year. The team has actively implemented Sports Day celebrations for employees, bringing out the active player in each member. The unit also executed Samarthanam 20th Anniversary Celebrations marking the importance of the event with outstanding cultural programmes.

The total headcount at Samarthanamas on March 2017 is 525 employees out of which around 17% are persons with disabilities.
The success story of an all-rounder
Padmashree Shekhar Naik

A 30 year old cricketer who believes that hardwork can take you to greater heights and who had a rough journey to reach the stage of success is Padmashree Shekhar Naik. He is a humble man and who always wishes to greet people with a large smile. The journey to this day filled with trophies, awards, fame and limeight was not an easy one.

Shekhar is born blind in the year 1986 in a village in the Shivamogga district of Karnataka. He hails from an economically weak and less privileged family. But his desire to be in sports was strong. Fate was smiling upon him in 1994 when he had to visit a local health camp after an accident, where he was told that his vision can be restored partially. He went for the surgery, gain partial vision and now can see up to a distance of 3 metres. Life was challenging and Shekhar accepted the challenges with a strong resolve to win.

It was in the year 1997 Shekhar his cricket career. It was the time when he was a student of Sri Sharada Devi School for the Blind in Shivamogga. His mother is his greatest support and inspiration who always supported him all thorough. He fondly remembers her saying that, do something extraordinary that the entire country will be proud of you. She encouraged him play and is the reason behind his success today.

Cricket Association for the Blind in India (CABI) identified this talented young lad play in a school tournament in the year 2000 where he scored 136 runs in 46 balls and eventually landed him the state team based on his performance. That century proved to be his life-turner. It dissolved the fear in him and made him confident. Two years later he was absorbed into Indian blind cricket team and played in the 2002 one-day world cup. Based on his great performance during the 2002 world cup, he was named the man of the match twice, playing against Sri Lanka and Australia.

Since then, the journey of Shekhar’s cricket went ahead full throttle. The much awaited opportunity walked in.

“ I want to tell all differently abled people who want to play sports that we should look at our disability like God's gift. We should use it well. Some of us think that we will not be able to do anything in life just because we are disabled. That’s not right. Everyone gets opportunities. I gained chances too and I was able to see a little success.”
in 2010, when he was made the captain of Indian team. He felt honored to be bestowed with an important responsibility and decided to do something extraordinary in cricket.

“The T20 world cup took place in 2012, in which 10 countries participated and the final match was between India and Pakistan. That was the most special match for us because we gained a world title that helped spread the word about visually impaired people playing cricket.”

Then came the 2014 one-day world cup. After a triumphant victory, the team got a chance to meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi. It was a moment of great honour.

“If you are seeing me today like this, in this position, it is only because of the support of this noble organisation that is helping many under the leadership of this legendary man Mr. Mahantesh G K called “Samarthanam”. Mr. Mahantesh and Mr. Nagesh have always supported me and encouraged my talent. Samrthanam has become my family. Today whatever I am is all because of Samarthanam.”

Today, as he received the Padmashree, he says, “I want to dedicate this victory to other cricketers, cricket lovers, and my visually impaired friends. I am happy that now many people will come to know that blind people are also playing cricket. They will come forward to support us and our matches will see a full stadium.”

Samarthanam and CABI is extremely proud of this young cricket champion and believes that he is a true inspiration. We wish him much success in all his endeavors.
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