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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.

Samarthanam Reach

Statistics on Our Reach

EDUCATION
11000 kids educated since inception

LIVELIHOOD RESOURCE CENTRE
9550 trained | 7100 placed

SUNADHA
100 artists | 3000 performances | 3 continents

SPORTS
touched >25000 visually impaired cricketers

PARISARA
2.4 lakh tonnes dry waste processed

WOW
300000 households covered

REHABILITATION
2567 women empowered since inception

Samarthanam Reach

spread across
>15 cities in India
» Bengaluru
» Belagavi
» Dharwad
» Bellary
» Gadag
» Jharkhand
» Anantapur
» Guntur
» Delhi
» Mumbai
» Hyderabad
» Chennai
» Kochi
» Pondicherry

environmental project in gurgaon
offices in usa and uk

Samarthanam was awarded
Special UN Consultative Status in 2015

EMPLOYEES 526
EMPLOYEES WITH DISABILITY 34%
WOMEN WORKFORCE 37%
100% corporate support under CSR
10,000+ Volunteer base
From the FOUNDER’s desk

Mahantesh G Kivadasannavar
Founder Managing Trustee

Do good. Be good. Make good. I believe in what I do for the society through Samarthanam and I am glad that I have the support of many people who believe in the noble cause. Since Samarthanam inception it has spread its wings into many verticals and skilling being one of them, I am glad to see that Samarthanam Livelihood Resource Centres, are succeeding at their objective. Last quarter many new centres have been established across India and looking at their progression I am positive that employability would witness a change soon in India. It would not have been possible without the support of many corporate companies and Government. I am extremely grateful to them.

Another primary initiative being education, the new barrier-free free residential school at Bangalore is going to offer complete education to children from various backgrounds. The school is going to be up and running by the end of year 2017 with its entire accessible and modern infrastructure.

This quarter, Samarthanam’s focus was largely on building relationships and establishing its vision among ministries, corporate and people. We took a step towards introducing Samarthanam and its initiatives for the welfare of people, and met a few ministers and executives who received our visit with great warmth and affection. It was a moment of honor when I met the newly elected President, Hon Ram Nath Kovind after his appointment. We were greatly pleased to meet the respectable President and extend our best wishes. Visiting the newly appointed Vice President, M Venkaiah Naidu, was another proud moment. We were overwhelmed at the welcome by Vice President and his family who showed great interest in blind cricket and initiatives of Samarthanam.

As I travelled to UK for a couple of days I was a part of the Board Meeting at UK where Samarthanam’s overseas expansion plans have been discussed with a positive outcome.

I received an opportunity to voice my thoughts and beliefs at TEDx IIM Bangalore. I feel honored to be up on the stage and talk on behalf of the disabled fraternity. Life of differently abled is a hard plight and full of adversities. The talk was based on the theme “Transformational Ideas” and the platform helped me share instances where people with disability excelled in their chosen fields when provided with an enabling environment.

As Samarthanam moves ahead with Vision 2020, to reach 100,000 persons with disabilities by 2020, I thank each and every person who supported Samarthanam all through. My gratitude goes to Ministries, corporate, organizations, people, sponsors, donors, followers, well wishers, volunteers and team Samarthanam without whom, the success today would not have been possible.

I hope to continue on all the valuable associations made and welcome new alliances in every aspect.

Thank you.

Mahantesh GK
Founder Managing Trustee
**SAMARTHANAM**

**News Corner**

**Mahantesh GK meets Hon President, Vice President of India**

It was a moment of honour when Mahantesh GK, President World Blind Cricket Limited, President CABI and Founder Managing Trustee of Samarthanam met the newly elected president of India, Hon. Ram Nath Kovind and presented a sapling. Mahantesh GK and Anurag, Member CABI were congratulated on the achievements of CABI and appreciated the initiatives of Samarthanam. Hon. Elected president of India also conveyed his best wishes for the organisation’s noble work and its future endeavours.

Mahantesh also met the newly elected Hon Vice President of India, M Venkaiah Naidu, and convey best wishes. The team was overwhelmed at the welcoming greet by Vice President who listened in detail on the significance of blind cricket, the way its played and its achievements. He was pleased to know about the initiatives of Samarthanam, the good work done to the society and extended his best wishes for the future.

**CITI supported Amita Capacity Building Workshop by Samarthanam**

Amita Capacity Building Workshop was a 3 day programme organized to understand the verticals of Samarthanam and have sessions on aspects like project management, livelihood, and proposal writing by resource persons. Sessions by different projects representatives of Samarthanam on its operation, milestones achieved and way forward were conducted.

As part of which Mahantesh GK, Founder managing Trustee, Samarthanam spoke on evolution of Samarthanam, sectors in which it is working and achievements. He also stated that the organization is looking forward to establish its presence in 20 states. Each centre should organize workshops and increase the reach. Venkatesh Prasad, Head of Operations at Samarthanam elucidated on the target and vision of Samarthanam and how to achieve it. He also mentioned ways to achieve vision 2020 and practices which would enable Samarthanam expand its base with effective implementation of projects and increased support.

Prateek Madhav detailed on improving various aspects such as policies, branding, social media, volunteering model, innovation, events and publicity. Various other verticals of Samarthanam like Digital Library, Sunada, Cricket, Parisara, Swadhara, Education, Skilling also were discussed and planned towards perfecting them at every level. Praveen VSO, M&E, project management had a session on project management and introduced log frame matrix. The Logical Framework Approach (LFA) is an analytical process and set of tools used to support project planning and management.
Samarthanam Swachchta Abhiyan
Samarthanam believes in the making of a cleaner and greener environment which will be the home for the next generation, where our tomorrow would live peacefully and the same reason why entire Samarthanam has nodded for Swachchata Abhiyan. It is a cleanliness drive initiated by Samarthanam to clean HSR premises. Organized in the footsteps of Prime Minister’s Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, the drive was to raise awareness among public on the significance of cleanliness and instill the idea of cleaner and greener surroundings beginning right from our doorsteps.

Padmashree Shekhar Naik after receiving a letter addressed to him from Prime Minister’s Office (PMO) to initiate Swachchta Abhiyan, made him lead the entire event focused on hygiene and environment.

A team of around 500 members, including Samarthanam and Cricket Association for the Blind in India (CABI) employees, well wishers and people with disabilities were part of the event who initiated the walk in high spirits. Senior members of the organization, Trustees of Samarthanam were present along with Mahantesh GK at the Jatha (procession). The complete programme was spearheaded by ITC WOW.

Followed by the rally, Samarthanam and ITC WOW staff involved in the cleaning of certain black spots in and around HSR Layout. Swachchta Abhiyan was promoted on social media along with a few local media who provided coverage for the entire event. The rally went live on social media platforms, Samarthanam Facebook and Twitter handles.
“Development4all” campaign

Australian high commission in association with Samarthanam Trust launched Development4All campaign, a disability-inclusive development campaign, which is part of the High Commission’s Direct Aid Programme. The objective was to support differently abled people by adopting a disability-inclusive approach in the society. It included a panel discussion moderated by Australia’s Deputy High Commissioner Chris Elstoft, on ways to include people with disabilities in India’s economic development. Prasanna Kumar Pincha, former Chief Commissioner for persons with disability under the social justice ministry, Vibha Sequeira, Managing Trustee - Wipro Cares, Mahantesh GK, Founder Managing Trustee - Samarthanam and Sonu Golkar, a member of the winning T20 Blind Cricket World Cup Team 2017 were part of the panel discussion.

Sehwag visits Samarthanam Skilling Centre

Virendra Sehwag, Indian cricketer, joined Samarthanam Trust team for the convocation of CITI Foundation Amita Skill development programme at Delhi. The first batch of participants at the Delhi centre had completed their training successfully. On the convocation day, Virender Sehwag joined for the ceremony to give away the certificates. His words of encouragement were motivating and the participants have been quite enthusiastic on his visit. Samarthanam is grateful for all the encouragement and support extended by Virendra Sehwag.

Mahantesh GK at TEDx IIM Bangalore

Mahantesh GK, Founder Managing Trustee of Samarthanam was on TEDx platform to express his views and beliefs. The talk organized at TEDx IIM Bangalore which provided him with the stage to talk on behalf of the disabled fraternity. The talk was hosted by IIM Bangalore with the theme “Transformational Ideas.” The platform helped Mahantesh share instances where people with disability have excelled in their chosen fields when provided with an enabling environment. With his inspirational words and ideas the talk proved to be a remarkable one, providing great encouragement to people with disabilities.
Celebrations at Samarthanam

Teacher’s Day and Late Nagesh SP Birthday celebrations

Samarthanam celebrated Teacher’s Day at Samarthanam HSR premises in Bangalore, along with the birthday of late Nagesh SP, Founder Trustee of Samarthanam. Samarthanam remembered the visionary, late Nagesh SP, who was a pillar of support to the organization. His birthday was celebrated by remembering his contributions for the progress of Samarthanam and cricket for the blind. He was the guiding light of Samarthanam with his remarkable fundraising approach and his persistent efforts towards taking cricket to greater levels.

Teacher’s Day is a significant occasion at Samarthanam as education is perceived to be highly important with teachers playing the key role in transforming the lives of children. Each centre of Samarthanam, schools and hostel celebrated Teachers Day and late Nagesh’s birthday at their respective premises in their own special way.

Expressing utmost patriotism, Samarthanam centres also celebrated Independence Day at each centre by hoisting the flag and welcoming guests. Performances by students in each centre added lots of enthusiasm to the event.
SAMARTHANAM Schools

Samarthanam Schools believe that school is the right place for every kid. The schools provide superior quality education with equal focus on co and extra curricular activities to children hailing from various backgrounds and children with disabilities. The right guidance along with the required support system for a brighter tomorrow is provided at Samarthanam for all its students.

NEWS FROM SAMARTHANAM WORLD

Celebrations for the quarter
Samarthanam schools cater equal importance to celebrating festivals, national holidays, events along with education. The teachers take special care in making the student’s understand on the significance of the day being celebrated which is in turn educational for them. Since education holds high significance at Samarthanam, Teachers Day celebration was perceived to be highly important, conveying the value of teachers in our lives and Teachers Day as an occasion.

Also Independence Day was celebrated in the presence of guests from Polaris, and Fidelity investment. The children from primary school put on stage wonderful performances gathering huge appreciation. Students also took part in the birthday celebration of late Nagesh SP, Founder Trustee of Samarthanam. Raksha bandhan was also celebrated along with Brahmakumari team under the guidance of Shilpi who is a donor cum volunteer.

Health and fitness for everyone
Students of Samarthanam High school took part in club formation and expanded their interests by being a part of Health, Science, Sports, Cultural and Eco clubs formed in the school. Oxford Dental College conducted regular dental camps for children and staff making them understand the importance of dental health care. The follow up check up was by Dr Shefali from Oxford Dental college along with an oral hygiene awareness programme. A therapy programme was organized for ID school children at Oxford College of Physiotherapy with multiple sessions in the quarter. Alongside, a yoga class organized rejuvenated the young minds. A specialist from Hatha Yoga Abhyasa and Prachara trust conducted the session. A physiotherapist from Manipal conducted oro motor exercises for ID school student’s. Speech therapist Sangeeta conducted a session on introduction to communication disorder, typical speech and Language development, according to grade and age causes, signs of communication disorders.
Visits and interactions
Samarthanam welcomed students from VIBGYOR School, Gnana Srishti School of Excellence, Sri Sri Vidya Mandira, Delhi Public School, Sri Chaitanya Techno School who visited primary school and interacted with them. Sri Chaitanya Techno school also conducted activities like planting saplings, painting and cleaning the campus.

Sports and Culture
Sports and cultural activities help students stay active and concentrate better. Various sports competitions like Cluster Level Athletics Sports, Taluk Level Athletics Sports, Cluster Level Prathibha Karanji competitions (every month) saw the participation of students who won various prizes in different sports competitions. Spoorthi- 2017 cultural activity organized regularly by Youth for Seva for differently abled students and other make them very active and energetic. Nakshatra 2017-18 National Inter-children’s Home Talent festival by Bhoomi NGO saw the participation of students who won many prizes in various activities.

Seminar and Workshop
Being a part of workshops help the school staff upgrade their knowledge and in turn aid in the better learning for students. Srinivasalu, school staff, attended a Smart Class work shop organized by Edu Solution, to have a detailed understanding on smart technology. Geetha.K. and Aruna.S.K., teachers from ID School, participated in a workshop organized by Dept for Empowerment of Differently abled and Senior citizens at Vikasa Soudha. Another workshop conducted by VMWare involved Geetha.K., Manjulamma.D.M. and Latha Ghorpade as trainers in the service learning event.

Awards
Bharatharathna Sir M. Vishweshwaraiyah Engineering Prathistana Trust in collaboration with Kannada and Culture Dept. Government of Karnataka honoured Rashtreeya Vibhushana National Award to Geetha.K. and Karabasappa, teachers from ID School on the evening of Engineers Day celebration at Ravindra Kalakshetra.
A day out
Children from Samarthanam school stepped out for a day along with staff to take part in Walk-a-thon held at Meenakshi Community Hall. In a separate visit, children were taken to Lalbagh for flower exhibition at Glass house arranged in union with the Independence Day celebration.

Vocational training
Students from ID school actively involve in the vocational training organized by the school. The vocational training unit encourages their talent in crafts through paper bag, greeting card making and other crafting activities from old newspapers. Recycling is largely encouraged as part of the vocational activity.

Uniforms, Bags and Books
A fresh start of school had begun with new uniforms for everyone. First Advantage Pvt Ltd distributed uniforms to School children. And Nagaveni DDWO Bangalore Urban, Balachandra Yadalam proprietor Ashwa TVS, Subha from Hitachi also distributed uniforms, tracksuits and school bags to the children.

Volunteering Activities at Samarthanam Schools
Volunteering is an essential element in Samarthanam schools and we are greatly pleased at the volunteer’s interest, enthusiasm and energy involved in teaching and engaging the student’s through various activities organized often.

• Volunteering activities greatly help students connect and learn better. CSR Activities by corporate companies helped students understand Barter System, evolution of money, world currency, tax and GST. Also volunteers taught English, Science and Social to students helping them understand the concepts in a simpler way.
• VMware volunteers painted two classrooms of high school.
• Target organized a work shop for teachers by name “Train the teacher” at Manyata Tech park
• 45 students and staff attended an Eye Camp at ESSILOR. It helped them understand the importance of eye care and take better precautions.
• Specialists from Citi Foundation conducted educational activities for the 6th and 7th standard students.
• 17 experts from ANZ conducted activities like book marker preparation, fun games and showed cartoon movies as a part of their volunteering activity.
Christ University students visit

- Rani K T of primary school participated in a story telling session organised by United way of Bangalore and amazed the audience with her presentation.
- A team of HP volunteers along with a dentist team from Oxford Dental College conducted free dental checkup for the students of primary school.
- A group of 15 volunteers from ANZ conducted quiz and drawing for children at primary school. They also played a few videos on environment pollution, making them understand its importance.
- Target organized a visit for primary school children to KMF.
- A visit to Vishweswaraih Museum was organized by HP for school children.
- Children from the schools participated in competitions organized on Hope Day by IBA Foundation by taking part in activities like drawing, dance and singing.
- Splash 2017 - a sit and draw competition for the specially abled children organized at Balabhavan Cubbon park by Secure Giving Events in aid of Concern India Foundation was enthusiastic and admiring.
- Senior officials from Fidelity Investment visited ID School.
- A group of 20 specialists from NIMHANS visited ID School to meet and interact with the children.
- Christ University students conducted various activities for ID school children including Sandwich making, music and dance, face painting, colouring/painting, passing the parcel, origami, imitate the picture and football.
- Senior officials from BMC Software, LG, HDFC visited the school and interacted with the children.
- Volunteers from Wells Fargo, Deloitte and Intel conducted educational and fun activities for students.
- Atos organized a function at ID school where senior officials from Atos were present and distributed T-shirts to the children.
- Vinita Bangard, Managing Director of Crossover Entertainment Ltd. Mumbai visited ID School and observed the activities.
- Volunteers from VMware conducted activities like puzzle solving, musical chair and indoor games with the school children.

HIGHER EDUCATION

- Higher Education Programme students took part in Independence Day march past parade and won a Special Prize for their performance. Dharwad Center PRERANA -Higher Education visually impaired students showcased their talent in the march past among more than 6000 spectators. The team received appreciation and a special prize, memento and certificates.
- A “Fun Day Carnival” sponsored by Standard Chartered Global Business Services Private Limited was greatly enjoyed by the students with fun and enthusiasm.
- Teachers Day marked the importance of teachers in the life of students. The day was celebrated with various programmes organized and participated showing great respect towards the teachers.
Skilling

In an effort towards inspiring the disabled community come forward and garner livelihood skills for the building of a better independent life, Samarthanam skilling centres offer training and allied services. This quarter Samarthanam continued to explore new opportunities and successfully initiated training programmes supported by many corporate throughout India.

Samarthanam’s drive to empower the disabled community has picked up the speed in this quarter, Samarthanam has initiated several new projects in skilling in different locations of India. Throughout the quarter several awareness camps and programs were organized to sensitize the people and disabled community about the need for the skill training and its benefits at different parts of India. Currently LRC is serving the disabled throughout India in 12 different centers with support of partners and Donor like Ministry of Rural Development, VMware, CITI Foundation, GKN, NDLM, NVIDIA, Bank Of America, OTIS, Micro Soft, Wells Fargo and more than 500 candidates with 70% of placement under different programs of Samarthanam LRC throughout India.

Major achievements for the quarter

- Samarthanam LRC has introduced external assessment called sector skill for person with disability for certifying the trained trainees
- Organized disability specific capacity building workshop for woman with visual impairment with the support of UDIS forum at Samarthanam Belagavi, Dharwad and Guntur LRC.
- It is very encouraging and proud for Samarthanam LRC to share that different celebrities, political leader, officials from corporate and organizations took active part in batch inaugural and graduation days and spent their valuable time with the beneficiaries.

Samarthanam LRC is expanding in great speed and the expansion has bought more responsibilities to every ones bucket and to get the best results it is very important to equip the LRC staff with updated skill sets and methodology, considering this need the LRC had organized capacity building workshop for the PAN INDIA staff, the Workshop included sessions and discussions on developing appropriate mechanisms to plan and carry out tasks in different locations and in collaboration with different partners, guiding staff on organizational, management and behavioral skills at different situations and locations so that they can produce an interesting combination of home grown activism and modern management technique that would help them to achieve better results. The capacity building workshop also included discussion on need to focus on assisting individual staff members to understand the importance of performing and completing their tasks within the given time.

The workshop witnessed guest sessions from the corporate as well as development field which added value.
SWACHCHTA HI SEVA
by samarthanam

Green Vision
Clear Mission
Taking SAMARTHANAM - CABI’s cause across the nation

Mahantesh GK, Founder Managing Trustee Samarthanam and President CABI, WBC meets eminent dignitaries
NIPUNA GUNTUR - supported by Microsoft

- Many companies visit Samarthanam Guntur to hold sessions on the job market, organize recruitment drives and also provide employment opportunities. This quarter Kanva Mart, Aegis Ltd., Apex Solutions Pvt. Ltd., Hinduja Global Solutions and Bhavya Solutions Pvt. Ltd visited the centre to interact with beneficiaries and provide jobs in respective sectors.
- An event “Blind Fold Walk”, conducted by Saksham to bring awareness on the importance of eye donation saw the participation of the beneficiaries from Guntur centre.
- A session on the importance of Human Resource in a company and skills required to enter into human resource domain was led by Sudheer Kumar, Vice President of ANZ Insurance, USA and CEO of Archimates Human Resource Consultants Pvt. Ltd. of India.

LRC ANANTHAPUR - supported by Microsoft

- Samarthanam Ananthapur organized many sessions to motivate the beneficiaries by inviting experts in the field. This quarter, HR Manager and HR Recruiter from Big Basket Organization, Dr MD. Babaiah, Professor from Sri Krishnadevaraya University and Bharath, Swatch Bharath and Digital India Ambassador visited the centre to encourage the beneficiaries with their inspiring talk.
- PVK Srinivas, Regional Incharge of AP and Telangana, Samarthanam, distributed free books to the beneficiaries such as Study material, and English Dictionaries.
- Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled in association with CABI (Cricket Association for the Blind in India) and CAB AP (Cricket Association for the Blind in Andhra Pradesh) conducted AP State Level Blind Cricket Tournament at RDT Stadium with the support of RDT, Saksham AP and Innerwheel Club.

LRC JHARKHAND

- A Seminar for awareness on New RPD (Rights for Person with Disability) Act 2016 was conducted with the support of Ranchi based organization NBJK (Nav Bharat Jagriti Kendra) in Ranchi.
- A partnership was made with Secretary of Disabled Sports and Jan Utthan Samiti, Mukesh Kanchan to organize a Disabled Cricket T20 Tournament among 4 teams, 1 team each from East, West, North and South Zone.
LRC MUMBAI

• Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled started its resource centre at Mumbai with a total of 25 day scholars attending on daily basis. Since the launch of Samarthanam Mumbai centre, the team has poured in complete efforts to spread the news with the help of widened media coverage. Articles and programmes in certain reputed papers/channels AAJ TAK, IBN Lokmat, Loksatta Daily Marathi, DainikVartahar, Mumbai Choupcher greatly aided in its promotion.

• Considering the importance of Inclusive education under Right to Education Act, Samarthanam was represented by Pankti and Rashmion at American Consulate General, Mumbai to attend Film Screening of “Lives worth Living.”

• Suhas Karnik, Centre Head of Mumbai attended a meeting at Reserve Bank of India along with a few visually impaired people to discuss the problems faced by totally blind persons in identifying the new currency notes. RBI officials agreed to increase the tactile part i.e. the grid lines and make them more prominent in higher denominations.

• Green Mumbai, Clean Mumbai Drive initiated by the students of Mumbai LRC enthusiastically participated in a clean-up drive at Dadar sea-shore in Mumbai. They volunteered for picking up the litter and thrash accumulated on the sea shore due to huge gathering on the occasion of Ganpati idol immersion.

• Mumbai LRC Students got an opportunity to witness and pose photograph in front of the forth coming FIFA under 17 World Cup. They were also able to meet few players of the Indian Blind Football Team. It was a rare occasion that the FIFA and the World Cup sponsor’s Coca-Cola organizes a special function for the visually impaired.

• A four day Entrepreneurship Development Workshop was conducted by senior trainer B.R. Venkatesh (Director of MBTLA Pvt. Ltd.) and Amit Mere (Assistant Director of MBTLA Pvt. Ltd.). The training took the students through various aspects of entrepreneurship and concepts like investment, market research and development, advertising, profit calculation, brand creation. Various team activities such as market research, presentations were conducted with live demonstrations.

• Leo’s Club volunteers organized a service activity with students along with 4 foreign volunteers from Netherlands, Denmark and Ireland who were on youth exchange program. They had arranged various activities to entertain our students.

• A specialized self defense workshop was conducted for the benefit of students where Chaitanya Kale (Experienced Martial Arts Trainer) designed special self defense techniques to match the needs of visually impaired as well as physically challenged students.
LRC DELHI

• Bank of America organized an exposure visit where the senior leadership from various departments interacted with the students.
• Bank of America organized a 3 days cultural carnival “Celebrating with Community” where the students performed with immense enthusiasm. The performances were very well received and largely appreciated.
• A health camp was organised by the Parisara Team in Gurugram for families of 200 waste collectors living in colony near the Parisara dry waste facility. The camp was supported by volunteers from the Bank of America who helped in the mobilisation and coordination of the camp.
• Samarthanam Trust in Delhi partnered closely with the Cheshire Home, Delhi for skilling and placements of participants to evaluate the partnership and to understand more about how they could extend and improve the existing multi-stakeholder programme supported by EU. Jose de Lucena, Senior Expert, Result Oriented Monitoring in Asia, Middle East and Pacifica Regions visited the Centre and interacted with the staff and participants.
• As 2017 has been declared by UN as the International Year of Sustainable Tourism, to lend our support to the cause of accessible travel for people with disabilities, Samarthanam Trust supported Planet Abled to organise an Accessible Travel Meet. People with different disabilities came together to share their travel stories and discussed on how mainstream travel and tourism services can be made inclusive.
• Volunteers from Bank of America, Barclays Bank and Accenture visited Samarthanam Delhi Centre to interact with students, helped us raise funds for some immediate requirements and learned more about the organization.

NORTH KARNATAKA

DHARWAD

• Dharwad centre welcomed students for its 7th batch with 23 students and 8th batch with 20 students. 7 candidates from the outgoing 6th batch got placed in different companies.
• A team from Dharwad Center comprising of the Manager and Placement officer attended the capacity building workshop conducted in Samarthanam Bengaluru Head Office by Citi Foundation for 3 days.
• World Photography Day was celebrated by conducting an event where around 60 photographers along with the President and Secretary of Photographers Association Dharwad participated. Through the program students received 70 blankets and sweets and assured support near future.
• A Medical Camp was organized for the students at Samarthanam Dharwad Center. Dental doctors from SDM organized the camp to spread awareness on oral hygiene.
• A Career Guidance Workshop and Mock-Interviews were organized for DDUGKY candidates with resource persons from Adiraj Builders and Ekdanshtra Solution Pvt Ltd. They spoke on the job opportunities in current market and the career development in BPO Sector and other sectors. Mock interview sessions were conducted by MBA candidates from IMSR College, and Dipson Service Pvt Ltd.
• An MLC from Karnataka, Srinivas Mane, spent his special day among Samarthanam Dharwad students. He celebrated his birthday at the centre and assured financial support from MLC fund towards Samarthanam State of Art Building at Sattur.

GADAG CENTRE
• A guest speaker session by Padiyappa, MBA topper from J.T. College, Gadag brought in great inspiration and motivational for the students. He, being a big entrepreneur in Gadag city, immensely encouraged students through his talk.

BELAGAVI CENTER
• 5 candidates received placement at Vega Helmet Company who visited the centre and selected from among the trainees.
• A grand performance at Shanivarkoot Ganesh Pandal by Prerana students was highly applauded and rewarded for the cultural activities.
• A guided meditation conducted by Swami Satwasthananda Swamiji refreshed the minds of the young students.

BALLARI CENTRE
• Samarthanam Ballari centre celebrated World Environment Day, Helen Keller day and World Population Day with a note on their significance.
• The President of Sai baba temple Ballari, Kumaraswamy, felicitated Mahantesh GK Founder Managing Trustee Samarthanam and staff at Sai Baba temple following a visit to the centre. Kumaraswamy has also donated every day lunch, drinking water, monthly twice vegetables and fruits to the centre.
• A State Level Blind Cricket Tournament was organized by Samarthanam Belagavi centre and the visually impaired participants were given participation certificate.
Environment

Parisara
Parisara is a waste management service provider set in Bangalore with focus on creating a waste free environment and constantly works on building sustainable technologies. Parisara also works on raising awareness on the importance of waste management. In the last 3 months, materials weighing 173812 kgs have been received by Parisara for processing.

This quarter, Samarthanam Parisara’s efforts to provide sustainable dry waste management services to various companies are being highly recognized and new companies that have joined hands include 2 units of Concentrix and Mahindra Comviva. HP offered collection from its Delhi and Hyderabad units. Parisara’s Forest Tree Development initiative Proposal has been sent to Gail and Bank of America.

Well-being Out of Waste (WOW)

National Recycling Day
National Recycling Day was organized by ITC - WOW (Wellbeing Out of Waste) in Kormangala and Audigodi, Police Quarters in Bangalore. The Theme was, “I Pledge to recycle everything that can be recycled.” In this connection, WOW Team initiated Jatha at Forum Mall, Kormangala. More than 300 participated the programme.

PK Orientation and Jatha
ITC-WOW team arranged PK Orientation programme at Gaali Anjaneya Temple and Jatha along with Ward Corporator, BBMP Officials, PK’s and around 100 School Children from two schools conveying the importance of segregation. Another PK Orientation and Jatha were held at Begur along with Ward Corporator, BBMP Officials, PK’s, Volunteers, Public and 200 School Children. Around 400 people participated in the Jatha which continued for around 3 km with placards and slogans stating the importance of segregation and hygiene. A PK Orientation Programme and Jatha at Lakkasandra, Belekalhalli, Mangammanpalya and one at Madiwala was held to explain the importance of segregation and hygiene. Two more sessions were at Shakambari Nagar and Hanumanth Nagar.

ITC visits
ITC management officials, GN Murthy (General Manager, ITC)
and Afsar Ahmed (Manager, ITC) visited Samarthanam and took feedback from WOW team along with Penchala Reddy, Manager ITC. They interacted with the core team and discussed about the collection and propagation progress. Another visit was by Vishesh Jain, Finance Manager, ITC who spent two days understanding the work, visiting centres and interacting with the team.

**PK Motivational Session**

PK Motivational Session was organized at BTM Layout where Khajewale Addewale, Programme Officer IEC addressed the gathering and motivated the PK’s. Sreenivas Reddy, EE, BBMP interacted with PK’s and instructed them to work accordingly as per the plan of WOW Team and make BTM Layout as a model ward.

**WOW spreads wings**

WOW Team extended its focus and has begun to concentrate on Schools, Colleges, Corporate Offices and Scrap Dealers. The team deployed 5 separate teams on pilot basis to visit scrap dealers and discuss on the collection and dispatch of paper waste for complete recycling in ITC mills. WOW Team educated around 1800 students in a month across various locations in the ward.

**“Composting Sante” Programme**

BBMP organized a programme “Composting Sante” regarding waste management and composting. BBMP arranged 20 stalls to demonstrate the different projects and different methods regarding the Waste Management. One stall was dedicated for WOW Team to demonstrate and educate the attendees. Around 500 participants visited ITC-WOW-Samarthanam Stall and appreciated the team for the good work.

**Felicitations**

Shivabasava, Ward Coordinator, BTM Layout, received Rajya Mattedhe Basavashanthi Prashasthi – 2017 award in Sri Basava Samskruthi Uthsava through Human Rights Welfare Association for her contribution to the environment. Srinivas Reddy, EE, BBMP appreciated and felicitated Vijayamma, Ward Coordinator, Adugodi for her contribution towards the welfare of the ward.
Sports

- CABI AGM was organised in Calicut where delegates from 15 States were present to discuss the future promotions, developments and strengthen the State cricket boards.

- CABI team met Ronnie Screwala, Founder & CEO of UTV, owner of U Mumba Kabaddi team, a philanthropist, Managing Trustee of the Swades Foundation. After a formal meeting, Screwala accepted to make a commercial movie on Blind Cricket.

- Cricket matches were played with corporate companies like Brillio, Dell, Wipro, VM Ware and Accenture to create awareness on blind cricket.

- Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda invited few Indian players to felicitate them and also had organized an exhibition match to create awareness.

- Blind cricketers actively took part in Andhra Pradesh State Cricket Tournament which was held in Ananthapur.

- CABI is drafting on launching Blind Cricket League (BCL) in IPL formal which will be introduced next year. The team is actively working on the franchise and other formalities.

- The General Manager of Game Development, BCCI, Ratnakar Shetty visited Samarthanam for a brief interaction with the management of Samarthanam and CABI.

- As per the annual calendar, Zonals and Nationals will be organized in October and November 2017 to select the Indian team which will be playing in the forthcoming ODI World Cup scheduled from 7th to 21st January 2018 in Dubai and Pakistan.
Arts & Culture

**Sunadha**
The artists at Sunadha have been excelling in their performances across the country and beyond. Sunadha troupe travelled across UK for a month performing on various stages and gathering appreciation.

Cultural team received best wishes from the Mayor of Durham County, United Kingdom after their first performance in Stanley, Durham.

Their vivid dance and music performances were highly regarded by the audience. The troupe received immense admiration and applause after each performance.

Rehabilitation

**Swadhara Gruha**
Swadhara Gruha is the home for women in distress supporting them in highs and lows. This quarter 8 women have entered the house for rehabilitation and counseling assistance. Swadhara organizes regular health checks and counseling sessions to its inmates and as part of which, diabetic health check has been organized. A counseling session by Banjara Academy counselor proved to be fruitful as well. Volunteers from Apoorva Heights Apartments have walked in to conduct a session on recycling of products with active participation from all the beneficiaries.

On the other hand, 9 residents of Swadhara have completed their training and rejoined with families to move on with a regular and happy living.

**WORKING WOMENS HOSTEL**
The working womens hostel in Prashant Nagar, Bengaluru provides secure residential facility under vigilant supervision to working women with disabilities, employed with various organizations in Karnataka. This quarter, a beneficiary from womens hostel received a job offer from Bulb Manufacturers in a profile which suits her educational qualifications. She is very glad to have received the job and looks forward to work hard and do her best. The hostel celebrated Ganesh Chaturthi and Independence Day with many enthusiastic activities. A yoga camp was also organized to practice healthy living.
Volunteering at Samarthanam

There were total of 40 volunteering activities conducted by corporate in this quarter. Corporate who volunteered are Epsilon, ANZ, Brilio, BMC, Citi, VMware, Youth for Seva, Wells Fargo, Manhattan, Target International, HPE, Polaris, Banjara Academy, Atkins, Intel, Akamai, Great West Global Solutions and Deloitte.

Total of 918 volunteers had participated in this quarter and contributed approximately 3,806 hours of service.

Teacher’s day celebration by Intel
Intel celebrated the Teacher’s day at primary school where a total of 120 volunteers participated in a whole day activity. A carnival atmosphere was created with the many fun games and entertaining programs conducted for the children. Later teachers were presented with gifts as a token of appreciation.

A meal by VMware and Akamai
VMware prepared a nutritious meal for our children where a total of 70 volunteers including their global leaders joined hands early in morning and did everything right from cleaning and chopping the vegetables till the serving. They also shared the table with our children giving a feel of family warmth and environment. The similar activity was done by Akamai at the primary school. A group of 25 volunteers participated in the activity and cooked, served and shared meals with our children.

Internship Programs
About 29 students completed their internship at Samarthanam in this quarter. Students from Christ University, Oxford College of Arts and Commerce, IIFM Law College, St. Aloysius College, IGNOU, St. Francis de Sales College and Banjara Academy were introduced and engaged in Samarthanam initiatives and programmes right from schools to LRCs.

Regular, Audio, Braille and Digital Libraries
Samarthanam student’s were invited to perform at the Engineers Day event organized by GKN at Hotel Lalit Ashok where the students lit the stage with their performances and received immense appreciation.
Samarthanam expands its realm

Samarthanam’s cutting edge disability-friendly free residential school at HSR Layout Bangalore (India) is just about to be completed for opening its gates to inclusive education by the end of 2017.

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Samarthanam Human Resources

The Human Resources team of Samarthanam plays a crucial role in executing 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 played a pivotal role in organizing Teachers Day celebrations at Samarthanam. The team has actively implemented Dry Waste Segregation process at HSR layout involving all the employees. The unit also executed Staff Capacity Building Workshop. For smooth functioning of the organization, an Anti Harassment Committee is being drafted and the first Board Member Meeting has been held for the same. A Dental Checkup Camp was held for employee well being and Onam festival was celebrated.
Stories of Change

AJAY YADAV

Ajay Yadav is a 13 year old individual from Bangalore who has great aspirations in life. Though he is hearing impaired his desire to study and achieve something big in life is not dwindling. Ajay hails from an economically poor background. He could not receive proper education and was not even able to continue studying because of the family’s financial status. His father being a daily wage laborer and mother a homemaker and with a meager annual income, Ajay’s ambition of regular schooling had gone astray till he joined Samarthanam School. Ajay came to Samarthanam with a hope to study further and today, he says that he is very grateful to the school for all that he is learning. He shows great interest in art and craft and wants to be a great painter when grown up. Samarthanam’s learning models have greatly helped him cope up and understand better. He also participates in various sports and drawing competitions winning many certificates. Ajay is glad to stay at Samarthanam hostel with all its comfortable facilities. He looks forward to achieving his dreams very soon.

ERAMMA

Eramma is a talented 13 year old girl who is the second among 4 sisters. Both her parents were daily wage workers with a very minimal annual income. Because of her poor economic status, after studying till 4th standard at her native village, she had faced difficulties in studying further. Unfortunately her separation had added to the difficulties faced by Eramma. She had always dreamed of becoming a sports star and the dream seems to be on the right track, today, after joining Samarthanam. Eramma says that the help received from teachers and volunteers at Samarthanam school enabled her easily pick speed and move on with her education. She is glad that she joined Samarthanam and is happy to stay at the hostel with all its comfortable facilities. Eramma is very active in sports such as shot-put and has won many certificates as well. She wants to continue playing sports and find a career in it. With all the support received from Samarthanam, Eramma is positive of fulfilling her ambitions.

SHRUTHI M

Shruthi M is from Chitradurga whose father is a daily wage worker and mother is a house maker. During the early childhood Shruthi suffered from severe health issues which led to the physical disability. Despite which she excelled in her studies. The financial status of the family and her disability were not barriers for Shruthi’s ambitions. She completed her matriculation and later Masters in Commerce from Mysore University. Shruthi wanted to improve her communication skills and so joined Samarthanam training program on Basic computers, English, Communication skills, banking and insurance subjects. With the help received from trainers, she greatly improved her soft skills and also confidence levels. Lately she even received a job offer from HSBC bank as Customer Service Executive. Shruthi is glad that she chose Samarthanam training programme and she is aiming to grow in the same organization to the higher post with her hard work.
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