Samarthanam welcomes Buse Gowda as Trustee

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Samarthanam signs MoU with Jharkhand Government

Samarthanam CABI initiates first women’s cricket for the blind!

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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 at a glance

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
8450 kids educated since inception

LIVELIHOOD RESOURCE CENTRE
7800 trained | 6580 placed

SUNADHA
100 artists | 3000 performances | 3 continents

KIRANA
150+ seater BPO | 76% employees with disabilities

SPORTS
touched >20000 visually impaired cricketers

PARISARA
27,000 kg dry waste processed since inception

WOW
16,71,480 kg dry waste collected

REHABILITATION
2567 women empowered since inception

10 LRCs in India
» Bangalore
» Belgaum
» Bidadi
» Dharwad
» Bellary
» Gadag
» Jharkhand (2)
» Anantapur
» Guntur

9 REGIONAL OFFICES
» Belgaum
» Bidadi
» Dharwad
» Bellary
» Gadag
» Jharkhand
» Delhi
» Anantapur
» Guntur
Dear friends,

As I strongly believe that education is the building block of advanced society & the success stories of the children from Samarthanam schools gives me a great pleasure and accomplishment. While the education sector of Samarthanam continues to churn out brilliants, for the same purpose, the new residential school, which is being constructed in HSR Layout, is progressing fast and very soon we would be able to have the barrier-free school up and running. At another level, I am extremely pleased with the performance of higher education students, particularly those who have secured admission in Post Graduation, advancing their career goals.

On the cultural front, Sunadha troupe is outperforming and excelling with each passing day and I am happy that the team’s reputation has reached many countries. My best wishes for their upcoming performances and hope to see their artistic talent flourish further.

As Bangalore is popularly known as the greener city, Samarthanam’s Parisara initiative puts in complete efforts into keeping up the name. The environment project is reaching upto 1.95 m households, spreading the message on waste segregation and this significant number is worth applauding. Samarthanam LRC model was devised to provide persons with disabilities with livelihood opportunities through sector based training and employment. As we move ahead, the association established with Jharkhand Government portrays to be a strategic movement towards spreading of the LRC model of training and eventually power India. We appreciate our supporters for all the encouragement and patronage as we move towards building a technology driven society.

Samarthanam was always a sports enthusiast and the upcoming sports events fill the air with energy and fervor. Walkathon 2016 and World Cup 2017 are two major events scheduled for the benefit of our Indian blind cricket team. To make these events successful and impart a change in the lives of these players, we would like to call all the corporate groups, like-minded individuals and sponsors, and each and every person to come forward and contribute in your own way.

I would like to welcome my dear friend, Buse Gowda into Samarthanam and I am glad to have him onboard as a Trustee of Samarthanam. Being an ardent supporter of Samarthanam since its inception and a personal advisor, I am certain that Buse Gowda will significantly contribute to the growth of Samarthanam.

Samarthanam is pacing in its own speed and it gives me a feeling on content when I see that many lives of people who are in need are transforming because of Samarthanam services. The progress would not have been possible without the support and hardwork poured in from every individual from each vertical associated with the organization directly or indirectly. I am glad to have a strong team of 506 employees who dedicate their good efforts in taking Samarthanam to the next level.

We also appreciate the support of our benefactors, corporate associates, Government bodies and personnel, well-wishers, partners and colleagues who play a momentous role in the growth story of Samarthanam. Please reach out to me with your thoughts and suggestions at mahantesh@samarthanam.org

Mahantesh GK
Founder Managing Trustee
Welcoming Buse Gowda as Trustee at Samarthanam

Samarthanam extends a warm welcome to Buse Gowda as a Trustee for the organization and assuring us his complete support for taking the organization’s objectives to fruition. Buse Gowda has always been a supporter of Samarthanam since its commencement. Gowda is a close friend of Mahantesh GK and late Nagesh SP, the Founders of Samarthanam, and supported the organization with his continuous involvement and encouragement for various activities. As a business professional and as an artist, we believe his knowledge and experiences will greatly help in taking the organization to a greater level.

Samarthanam’s cricket initiative was greatly encouraged by late SP Nagesh and we believe that Gowda will be an ideal choice to take over the responsibility in place of Nagesh, though his contribution can never be forgotten. We are all glad that Buse Gowda has accepted to be on board at Samarthanam and hope to go on with the journey together successfully.

Celebrations at Samarthanam Group

Independence Day was celebrated with lots of enthusiasm across all Samarthanam centers on 15th August 2016. Samarthanam Primary School celebrated Independence Day along with Samarthanam team and many VIPs from different corporate companies. The event included Invocation Song by school students, flag hoisting by Mahantesh GK and other dignitaries, significant speeches and cultural activities performed by primary and ID school kids. We would like to thank all the special guests Shreya Krishnan, Head Marketing – Communication & CSR from First Advantage Pvt. Ltd.; Abhishek Ranjan, Global Head – CSR from Brillio; Praveen Xavior from Brillio; Venkatadas Devi Shetty, Vice President from Praxair; Vinod Kumar, CSR Lead from L&T Infotech; Chirag Arora from VM Ware who were a part of the celebration along with Samarthanam Trustees and team Samarthanam.

Samarthanam congratulates the NCPEDP Mindtree Helen Keller Awards 2016 Winners

Samarthanam is delighted to learn that Pankajam Sridevi from ANZ who is a friend, supporter, mentor and guide to Samarthanam, has been recognized with the NCPEDP Mindtree Helen Keller Awards 2016 as Role Model Supporter of increased employment opportunities for Persons with Disabilities. Samarthanam also congratulates Deepa Narasimhan, a true role model and supporter, and we wish her many more successes ahead.

Winners in the organizational category include Accenture Services Private Limited, Aegis Limited, CISCO Limited, EMC Software and Services India and State Bank of India for their stellar work in promoting employment for persons with disabilities. Our heartiest congratulations to all the winners.
The celebrations at High School involved a grand procession in the presence of Guests including Vasanthi Savanur, Trustee, Samarthanam; and other dignitaries like Parthasarathi, Rajesh, Ujval Joshi, Harsha (KVK), Shambu and Santosh Shetti.

Visually impaired higher education students from JP Nagar took part in the Independence Day march-past parade held at Field Marshal Manekshaw Parade Grounds and won second prize. The students received much appreciation for their performance and standing ovation from the crowd. The award was handed over by Siddaramaiah, the Chief Minister of Karnataka.

At Dharwad Center the visually impaired higher education students participated in the march-past at District ground, Dharwad. In similar, the other North Karnataka Centers hoisted the flag with the local chief guests.

Remembering Late SP Nagesh
Co-Founder, late. SP Nagesh’s birthday was celebrated across all Samarthanam centers on 10th Sep 2016. At HSR premises, as part of the birthday celebrations, Nagesh and his immense contributions made for the development of the organization were affectionately remembered. At Dharwad center, the staff along with Uday Kumar visited Mamta Charitable Trust for distributing fruits to Intellectually Disabled Children. The birthday was also celebrated by the visually impaired students at Samarthanam Bellary Centre.

A tribute to our teachers
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. Samarthanam celebrated Teachers Day on 10th Sept 2016 at all the centres across India. At HSR premises in Bangalore, the celebration was marked with inspirational speeches delivered by Chief Guests Puttanna, MLC Teacher’s Constituency, Dr Manu Baligar, President, Kannada Sahitya Parishad and Samarthanam team.

On this occasion, MLC Puttanna assured financial support of Rs 10,00,000 for the upcoming Samarthanam Disabled Friendly School. The chief guests had highly commended the initiatives of Samarthanam and appreciated the good work that the organization is associated with. PwC and First Advantage were also part of the event. Sunadha cultural troupe of Samarthanam had lit the stage with their various song and dance performances.
Samarthanam signs MoU with Jharkhand Government

Samarthanam Trust has been effectively planning and upgrading the LRC Model of technical and sector based skill training with focus on meeting the high demands of services in the industry. In the same way, taking their efforts to the next level, Samarthanam signed an MoU with the Govt. of Jharkhand through Jharkhand Skill Development Mission Society to provide training to persons with disabilities.

Jharkhand Chief Minister Raghubar Das, Neera Yadav, Human Resource Development Minister, Ravi Ranjan, Director of Jharkhand Skill Development Mission Society were part of the MoU event held recently. Among the 176 applications, 42 were shortlisted and Samarthanam was one among them. Samarthanam will be providing its skilling and training support to 180 persons with disabilities during this financial year.

While addressing the gathering Chief Minister said that “We are glad to be associated with organisation like Samarthanam to train people with disability and bring them to the main stream of the society. Our prime focus through empowering these people will be to throw away the society’s negative feeling towards people with disability.” Ravi Ranjan, Director of Jharkhand Skill Development Mission Society handed over the agreement to Mahantesh, Founder Managing Trustee at the event.

Samarthanam Schools

An inclusive education system for children with disabilities and from economically backward sectors is what Samarthanam efforts at and the progress is largely evident in the advancement made by these kids who seek education at Samarthanam Schools.

School Kids Visit Samarthanam

The regular visits organized by various schools in Bangalore offer space for cultural exchange to the kids of Samarthanam Schools. These interactions make Samarthanam students intermingle with kids from various backgrounds which in turn helps them become more social.

- Around 70 children of LKG from Gnan Shrishti School of Excellence, HSR Layout visited Primary School and had a
exchange programme with our children.

- 30 Children from Delhi Public School, Bangalore East visited ID School and as part of their education programme on 29th Sept 2016.
- A group of around 85 Students from Lawrence School visited Primary School and interacted with the children.
- Students from Banjara Academy visited ID School on 2nd Sept 2016.
- Around 60 children from Delhi Public School visited the Primary School and distributed stationery.

**Teachers partake in seminars**

Imparting quality education to the students of all schools at Samarthanam forms the main objective of teachers at Samarthanam. To improve on the same, the staff often takes part in seminars and discussions which enable them upgrade their profile and educate better.

- A State Level Seminar on National Trust Schemes was organised by Seva in Action, SNAC Karnataka of National Trust in collaboration with NIMHANS for the representatives from Dept of Women & Child Development, Education, Zilla Panchayat and other organizations registered under National Trust at NIMHANS on 1st July 2016. Geetha K and Aruna SK from ID School attended the seminar.
- A seminar on “State Level Consultations on children in difficult circumstances” was organized at Christ University, Bengaluru. Geetha K from ID School was part of the seminar held on 18th July 2016.
- A workshop on “Understanding and managing the difficult behaviours in children with Autism” was organised on 27th July 2016 by the Academy for severe handicaps and Autism (ASHA) at Assessment and Traning Guidance Centre, Mahalakshmi Layout, Bangalore. Lakshmikanth from ID School was part of the workshop.
- Narayana Swamy and Mamtha, Special Educators, ID School along with two parents attended a Seminar on “Management of ADHD in the mentally children” at Manonandan, K R Road, Bangalore.
- Ravindra, teacher from Primary School deputed to attend the “Train the teacher programme” organised by community relations at Target, Manyata Tech Park on 6th Aug 2016.
- Karabasappa, special educator, ID School attended an interactive session on “Pre-Academics for Children with special needs” at ASHA, Assessment training and guidance centre (ATG), Mahalakshmi layout, Bangalore on 31st Aug 2016.
As the kids hailing from various sectors make the most of the services at Samarthanam, regular interaction with volunteers also finds significance in making them more confident and outgoing. Corporates bring in their expertise in tutoring, communication, crafts and blending with society through various activities organized at Samarthanam Schools.

- Vasavi Trust had visited Samarthanam High School on 2nd July 2016 to distribute note books to the students.
- Volunteers from Enzen Solutions arranged a Programme on “Recycling of Wastes” for the Primary School children on 14th July 2016 where the students were educated on the significance of the recycling concept.
- Team members of FAPL along with Samarthanam Trustees distributed school uniforms to ID School children on 18th July 2016.
- Around 80 volunteers from PWC conducted activities for children of Primary and ID School on 19th July 2016.
- Samarthanam is thankful to Damodaran from Infosys who supported the photo shoot of students for ID Cards and the activities of ID School on 22nd July 2016.
- Ten volunteers from TCS organised indoor activities for Primary School children and distributed blankets on 23rd July 2016.
- GKN Volunteers conducted CSR Activities on Women empowerment on 23rd July 2016.
- SPLASH 2016 conducted drawing competition for children with intellectual disabilities on 5th Aug 2016 at Cubbon Park. Eight children participated and received medals and gifts.
- I Support Foundation in collaboration with MAAC conducted “Open Street” programme for ID School Children on 6th Aug 2016. The Children enjoyed the activities like drawing, painting, snake and ladder, shuttle cock and so on.
- 30 volunteers from a CA firm visited Primary School interacted with 5th, 6th and 7th standard students and celebrated the birthday of kids born in August and distributed stationary.
- 10 Volunteers from “Ansaldo” conducted activities like Yoga, Quiz and Dumb Charades to the students of 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th Standard Primary School on 3rd Sept 2016.
- AGC Networks Limited, HSR Layout visited Primary School to interact with the children and distributed stationary as well.
- Volunteers from Accenture organized a Magic Show on 24th Sept 2016 for ID school kids who enjoyed the show with lots of fun.
Activities at Samarthanam Schools

**Club Formation Programme**
High School kids took part in the Club Formation programme on 4th July, where the students were categorized into various clubs including Eco club, Health club, Science club, Sports club and cultural club in the school.

**Talents Day**
The Talents Day which was organized on 11th July 2016 in High school involved students who showcased their talent through various skit, dance, group and solo songs performances and won 27 prizes.

**Programs conducted**
Bhoomi NGO conducted competitions via Nakshatra Programme on 24th July 2016. Students from primary and high schools participated in the competitions held at New Horizon Educational Institutions, Marathalli. Four children from Primary School won three prizes in the Junk Art (Sagar and Dilip Kumar from 3rd Std won 3rd prize; Vasantha Gopi from 7th Std won 3rd prize) & Poster painting (Shiva Reddy won 3rd prize) and high school kids bagged 3 prizes in Poster Making, Quiz and Face painting.

**Cluster Sports**
Primary School children participated in the cluster level sports meet held at Police Ground on 3rd and 4th Aug 2016 and won several prizes in games including Kabaddi, Running Race, Discus Throw, Relay and Long Jump. They were trained and escorted by Prakash, the PE teacher. Girls bagged first prize in Kabaddi, First prize in 600m running race and second in 400m running race by Bharathi (7th Standard), Third prize in 200 meters running race by Mary Agnes (7th Standard), First prize in Discus Throw by Bhagyavanthi (4th Standard), Second prize in 4 X 100 Relay by Bharathi, Mary Agnes, Umadevi, Sanjana, Boys received; Second prize in Discus Throw by Gopalakrishna (7th Standard), Third prize in Long Jump by Sudeep (6th Standard)

At another sports event, Primary School girls participated at the Taluk Level Kabadi and reached upto Semi Finals held at Loyola Grounds on 20th Aug 2016. Cluster Level Sports were organized on 3rd Aug 2016 at Loyola School Grounds and High School girls team bagged second prize in Kho Kho.

Primary School Children also participated in the Taluk Level Sports meet organised by the Education Department, Government of Karnataka. Bharathi, a student of 7th Standard bagged 3rd prize in 600 meter running race.

Prathibha Karanji organised cultural competitions at the Government School located in Agara on 26th Aug 2016 and around 20 primary kids participated in the competitions. Students from high schools who were part of the cluster level sports at Prathibha Karanji competition bagged prizes in Debate, Kannada and English speeches and Singing.
YFS Spoorthi – 2016
Youth For Seva (YFS) organised competitions for the students from primary, ID and high schools on 18th Sept 2016 who won the following prizes.

### Primary School
Second prize by Prabhat Kumar (Hearing Impaired) in Art & Craft, Second prize by Kiran Kumar (Hearing Impaired- 7th Std) in Yoga, Second prize by Sahana K (Hearing Impaired- 6th Std) in Drawing , Third prize by Ajay Yadav (Hearing Impaired- 5th Std) in Painting, Third prize by Vishwaraj (6th Std) in Yoga

### ID School
First prize by Hone Gowda (Formal unit I) in Yoga, Third prize by Nanjunda (Formal unit I) in Fancy dress, Third prize by Karthik. R (Formal unit I) in Art & Craft, Consolation prize for Shyam (Non formal unit I) in Drawing, Consolation prize for Babajan Umachagi (Non formal unit I) in Painting, Consolation prize for Nikhiltha NL (Non formal unit I) in Solo singing

### High School
First prize by Ramesha N (10th Std) in Quiz, First prize by Suhas M (9th Std – Orthopedically Handicapped) in Quiz, First prize by Avinash (10th Std - Orthopedically Handicapped) in Quiz , First prize by Anjani (8th Std - OPH) in Painting, First prize by Chethan EA (10th Std - Visually Impaired) in Pick & Speak , Second prize by Abishek (10th Std – Mentally Retarded) in Fancy Dress, Third prize by Ravi (10th Std – Hearing Impaired) in Clay Modeling

### Folk Day Celebrated
Indus Business Academy, Kanakapura Road celebrated “Folk Day” on 8th Sept 2016 where Primary school kids have performed a dance show on stage. A stall was organised to sell different varieties of paper bags prepared by ID School children gathered high appreciation from many visitors.

An Eco Therapy Programme was organised by Bangalore University on 20th Aug and 17th Sept 2016 and was attended by ID school kids.

12 ID School Children participated in a Film Shooting starred by Kannada film actor Shiva Raj Kumar at Vijayanagar on 29th Sept 2016.

A Cultural Programme was conducted by “JDA” on the eve of Volunteer Week - September 2016 during which primary school kids performed a Skit and a Dance show on 29th Sept 2016
Higher Education
Higher education at Samarthanam takes pride in the performance of three students Tasleema, Priyanka and Mallikarjun who have been supported by Samarthanam. They have successfully completed their Graduation and also secured admission into Post Graduation, taking a step ahead towards accomplishing their career goals.

The second PUC results received of students pursuing their higher education at Samarthanam showed excellent results by securing 95% (regular students). Out of 13 students who appeared, 10 have cleared the exam. Toppers are Basavaraj G (Visually challenged) (Regular) – 70.33%, Mangala N (Visually challenged) (Regular) – 68.5%, Renuka A (Visually challenged) (Regular)-63%

Titan visit
Samarthanam students with visual impairment, five of them, have received talking watches sponsored by the World of Titan located in Jayanagar on 1st August 2016.

New Joinees
The higher education students data shows that this year there are a total of 107 students, of which 33 (7 girls and 25 boys) have joined.

New admissions include
11 students joined 1st PUC regular (7 Visually Impaired and 4 Normal)
4 joined as day scholars and 3 for 1st PUC (Normal) 1 student for B.Com. (normal)
2 students joined Polytechnic (Normal)
16 VI students joined for correspondence course (7 for 2nd PUC and 9 for SSLC)

Movie Watching
On 22nd July 2016, 100 students from higher education watched Kabali movie in Manasa Theater. Appreciate the sponsor Book My Show who had arranged the tickets.

Volunteer Visit
Employees from Goldman Sachs had visited the JP Nagar premises and interacted with the college students on 28th July 2016. They celebrated birthday of all the July born students and sponsored food as well.

Samarthanam on screen
The prestigious media firm, DD Chandana Channel covered Samarthanam activities in their special programme- Youth for Seva 2016.
Students on the Ramp
An exclusive Ramp Show was organized by Juhar Parivar for the visually impaired girl students of Samarthanam. The performance delivered by Ramya, Sheela, Narasamma, Salma, Chandini and Priyanka was remarkable. The show served to be an ideal stage to showcase their abilities with attitude. The event was supervised by Vasanthi Savanur, Trustee, Samarthanam and awards and certificates were presented by the organizing team.

Delegates from Japan visit Samarthanam
A group of 8 delegates from Japan belonging to “Walkability” visited Samarthanam HSR premises on 26th Aug 2016. The visitors have highly appreciated the good efforts laid by Samarthanam towards the empowerment of people in need. They were curious to know more on the initiatives of Samarthanam and much-admired the overall approach.

North Kamataka

Reminiscing the Kargil Martyrs- Kargil Vijay Diwas Celebration
Samarthanam Dharwad center celebrated 17th Kargil Vijay Diwas to honor the brave martyrs of the 1999 Kargil war. On this occasion, homage was paid to the martyrs by lighting a candle. Also, Ballari Center organized a candle light walk with Yuva Brigade team. Around 30 disabled students participated in the walk along with more than 300 people who gathered for the event. The walk effectively created awareness in a meaningful manner.

Spreading awareness on environment protection- World Environment Day Celebrations
World Environment day was celebrated at Samarthanam Dharwad Centre on 14th August 2016. It was jointly organized by Dr. SR Ramangoudar, Education and Rural Development society, Dharwad and Bharatiya Manava Hakkugaala Samithi, Dharwad. The theme, slogans and logos selected efficiently helped in promoting the activity and raise awareness on the environment. A play on Environment protection was performed by Samarthanam and BSW students.

Prerana Inauguration
Samarthanam Ballari Centre celebrated the centre’s 2nd Anniversary and Prerana Inauguration program at Ballari center on 24th August 2016.
Someshkar Reddy, Ex-MLA, Ballari was the Chief Guest, who assured to allot land for the Ballari center. Gadag center was also part of the Prerana program.

**SPSRPU College Workshop**

Mobilization workshop for PU Students was organized on 17th September 2016 at SPSRPU College at Rampur. The objective of the program was to seek the support of students as volunteers to source candidates for the program. The event saw the participation of more than 200 college students.

**The first DDU GKY batch begins**

Samarthanam Dharwad LRC center has been approved to start the DDU GKY skilling program from 8th Aug 2016. The batch includes 60 students, 40 for Voice and 20 for Non-Voice.

**Lifeskills & Skilling Program**

**South Karnataka**

Samarthanam currently trains 100 PwD candidates under the DDU-GKY Program (Supported by Central & State Government) of which 60 candidates are pursuing training from Bangalore Center and 40 from Dharwad Center. The trainees are also encouraged with other activities including recreational tours, exposure visits and On-the-Job Training (OJT) for better understanding the industry. Samarthanam also provides the trainees with study material, uniform and bags.

- First and second batch of DDU-GKY (Bangalore) candidates went for a recreational tour to Chithradurga and OJT candidates to Hippocampus Infotech Pvt Ltd.
- As part of the training, trainees also avail the benefit of guest lectures and mock interviews from various companies such as Target Group, Parikrama Corporate Solutions and Hippocampus Infotech Pvt Ltd. IIM candidates supported our trainees by conducting the mock interviews.
- Samarthanam also arranges interviews in different companies such as HSBC, Orbital Shift Global, Vertex, Vindhya E Infomedia, Hippocampus Infotech Pvt Ltd, Jasons, Parikrama Corporate Solutions, Danamoja, Rakuten and so on.
- Samarthanam LRC signed an MOU with SSC NASSCOM to certify its trainees under DDU-GKY Program. Tying up with one of the leading certifying agencies in India is a major milestone for Samarthanam Skilling Program.
• Apart from DDU-GKY Skilling Program, VM Ware had come forward to support 100 PwD Candidates for our Skilling Program. One batch at Bangalore Center completed their training and the placement is under process.
• The second batch of HDFC Life supported Skilling Program at Bangalore and Belgaum Centers was successfully completed.
• Samarthanam organized a Workshop on “Human Rights & Disability - the need for Legal Aid” in association with Hellen Keller Integrated Educational Society and Eklavya at Shasakara Bhavan, Bangalore on 27th Aug 2016. The objective of the workshop was to discuss the existing scenario of the human rights in relation to persons with disabilities and the existing policies and opportunities provided by the Government and the corporates.
• A “Strategy Meeting - To explore steps for skill enhancement opportunities for Persons with Disability” was organized in association with ATPAR at Samarthanam HSR premises in Bangalore on 24th Sept 2016. Companies such as Brilio, TE Connectivity, Vasudev Adigas, Career Mark, Edge Verve, Unison Bio Media Pvt Ltd, Jasons Tech Pvt Ltd, Dell International Services, Morganall, T.E Connectivity, Vindhya Infotech participated in the meeting. Samarthanam would like to thank all the participants for involving in the event and sharing their expertise.

In a visit organized by Autumn IT Training Centre, Ashwini, the Training Manager had visited LRC Guntur on 23rd Aug 2016. As part of the visit she elaborated on the customary training required for fulfilling an effective BPO support role and advised the beneficiaries to develop skills pertaining to communication, soft skills and body language. She also detailed on the functioning of a BPO in general and the various roles involved in the implementation of a BPO project. The session proved to be constructive and educational to the trainees.

LRC Guntur had welcomed two professional from Glaxo, Venkatadas Devisetty and Anand kumar, who visited the centre on 28th July 2016. The visitors have expressed admiration towards the facilities provided to the beneficiaries and the skill level of the students. The training sessions for students on various skills like communication skills and computer skills were immensely commended.
Punar Project

**Organized Product Training Programme**
Adobe had sponsored a massive event involving Samarthanam Punar on 13th July 2016 where a stall was set up on Punar product making. A team of 25 women from Punar have come together for the event and about 40 volunteers from Adobe have coordinated for the same. The event was held at Adobe campus.

**Stepped into e-commerce space**
Punar has also stepped into e-commerce space this quarter. A few online enquiries and orders have started to flow in as the online partners have begun the advertising and selling of the products.

**Set up stalls in corporates**
Punar extends gratitude to all the corporate companies who have provided stall space for setting up of Punar stalls at their respective premises. Few companies include Flipkart, Adobe, GKN RMZ, Endurance International group, EY, Intel, Cox & Kings and few others. Also appreciate the hardwork of all the corporates, volunteers, clients and staff for their support and encouragement extended for making a successful financial quarter.

Environment

**Parisara**
**Training and sensitization to corporates**
Parisara has initiated training and sensitization on waste management to corporates to achieve segregated waste. Through this initiative the team will be providing training on end to end waste management system to the corporate.

**Waste Audit**
Parisara has initiated waste audits for corporates, and has provided recommendations to reduce waste at source. Parisara has successfully implemented audit for Capgemini, Wipro, Microland etc. An appreciable response has been recorded from the higher management team and further plans to implement the same for more Parisara clients are on.

**Aggregator Programme for Tetra Pak**
Tetra Pak has recently signed MoU with Samarthanam Parisara for Ramnagara district for imparting training and awareness to the people on segregation of Tetra Pak cartons. Parisara will essentially aggregate the cartons at Ramnagara district which will be sent for recycling.
Well-being Out of Waste (WOW)

The increasing population and fast growth does not only pose problem to allocation of resources and powers, but also severely challenges the natural environment of Bangalore city. With the growing rate of population, the waste production is also increasing day by day, which in turn is affecting the environment by improper disposal mechanisms. Bangalore city alone generates 5000 tonnes per day of solid waste, which is either being dumped onto open barren lands or gets burnt, due to lack of segregation.

With the vision of sending zero waste to landfills and protecting our natural resources, WOW has provided the citizens of Bangalore a sustainable waste management system. WOW aims to reach maximum number of people at Bangalore and educate them on source segregation, to ensure that maximum recyclables are retrieved and recycled, and zero waste goes to landfills. This initiative of ITC has strengthened the recycling sector and provided livelihood opportunities to the people working in the recycling sector. This initiative has impacted the lives of pourakarmikas and provided them dignity and respect in the society.

In the last few months, ITC WOW has successfully reached to 22 wards in Bangalore, propagating about source segregation and providing awareness to the people on the importance of waste management. The trends in the segregation have improved with increase rate in the collection.

The collection rates have increased over the last few months, reaching 22 wards, propagating One lakh ninety eight thousand two hundred and fifty four households. The total dry waste collection has reached to 2241.122 Tons, generating total revenue of Rupees 1, 06, 73,075 INR only.
Overview of the dry waste collected

Livelihood benefits to workers
Revenue of Rs 1, 06, 73,075 INR which is generated by the recyclables are distributed to 1066 Pourakarmikas as incentives which will not only encourage them to collect waste separately but will also mainstream them to the society. This programme has motivated them on the importance of segregation and waste management.

Environmental Benefit
A total Dry waste of 2241.122 Tons is deviated from the landfills for the last 8 months. It has not only boosted the recycling sector but also has reduced the carbon footprint and reduced Green house gas (GHG) emissions by not burning waste on open lands which produces hazardous smoke and leachates, thus contaminating the natural environment and affecting the livelihoods of the people living at nearby locations.

With the proper source segregation, ITC WOW has achieved deviating 2241.122 Tons of waste from landfills.

Improved Segregation Levels

Training to Pourakarmikas
Sensitization training is given to Pourakarmikas at BTM, SG Pallya, Kormangala, Adugodi and HSR. This will enable them to earn better and learn basic hygiene etiquettes which will keep them refrained from diseases.
Activities by WOW

WOW team preparing to rally for raising awareness on waste segregation

Orientation programme for pourakarmikas

Ramlinga Reddy, Transport Minister, with other BBMP officials and WOW team on ward visit at Ejipura

WOW team in an awareness rally for segregation of waste

Srinivas Reddy, Executive Engineer, South Zone with PKS

Pourakarmikas orientation programme by WOW team

National Recycling Day by WOW
Sports

Organized Workshop on empowering visually impaired women through cricket
First time ever, Samarthanam organizes Workshop on empowering visually impaired women through cricket, along with Cricket Association for the Blind in India (CABI). Vodafone and VSO had joined hands with CABI to conduct the workshop on 18th Sept 2016 at Samarthanam HSR premises. The workshop focus was on initiating blind cricket for women and forming visually impaired cricket team. The chief guest for the workshop was Shantha Rangaswamy, Chairperson of women’s selection committee, BCCI and former India Women’s cricket team captain. Shanta Rangaswamy highlighted the importance of sports for everyone and cricket for women in particular.

Organised CABI AGM
Cricket Association for the Blind in Madhya Pradesh (CABMP) an affiliate member of Cricket Association for the Blind in India (CABI) had successfully organised the 6th AGM of CABI on 9th July 2016 in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh. 15 states represented the AGM. Major agenda was the upcoming 2nd T20 World Cup Cricket scheduled from 28th January to 12th February 2017 in multi cities across India. The locations of the matches were listed to be Delhi, Faridabad, Indore, Mumbai, Ahmedabad, Baroda, Kochi, Bhubaneswar and Guntur. Match schedules have been prepared as well.

Bilateral Series held in Kerala
Cricket Association for the Blind in Kerala (CABK) organised Bilateral series played between Kerala and Bengal on 17th and 18th Sept 2016 and Kerala and Madhya Pradesh on 24th and 25th September 2016 held in Kochi.

Nagesh Memorial Tournament organised
Nagesh Memorial Tournament was organised by Bliss & Smiles in association with Samarthanam on 10th Sept to mark the 49th birthday of late Nagesh SP, Co-Founder Trustee, Samarthanam.

Rehabilitation

Swadhara
Swadhara, this quarter, had provided support to ten women in distress by providing them with accommodation, rehabilitation and medical support. As part of the rehabilitation program, eight women have completed the program and were reunited with their families. The other two women continue to receive the counseling and training services at Swadhara.

Swadhara had celebrated the birthday of Akhil Kumar who is the son of Swadhara beneficiary. It was a delightful day for Akhil who enjoyed the celebration, attended by Mahantesh, Founder Managing Trustee, Samarthanam along with team.
Arts & Culture

Sunadha

Sunadha troupe involving a group of artists who are trained to perform various classical and folk dance forms on various State, National and International platforms performed on stage at a Festival organized at Sri Devaraja Urs Medical College on 25th August 2016. The performances included classical dance forms such as Gananayaka and Guruashtakam. The artists of Sunadha enthralled the audience with their song and music performances in the festival. Sunadha is glad to have an opportunity to perform at Sri Devaraja Urs Medical College, a pioneer medical college situated in the Kolar District. It is one of the few Medical Colleges in India to have achieved Accreditation by National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC, INDIA) and certification by ISO 9001-2000.

Samarthanam Sunada troupe also had performed impressive programmes at various other places including Banshankari Zilla Panchayath, Ganapathi Seva Samith, Ganesha Program, Chiguru Programme, GKN, Ganesha Program at RT Nagar which are a few highlighted events. At these events, the dancers and orchestra of Sunadha where highly appreciated for their artistic talent and felicitated as well. Sunadha dancers will be travelling to the USA mid Oct 2016 to perform at places like New Jersey, Ohio, Arizona, California, etc as they have been invited for Diwali and Kannada Koota anniversary events.
Volunteering at Samarthanam

Birthday celebration at School
Samarthanam Trust in association with VFC (Volunteer for Cause) celebrated the birthday of Sinchana, a five year old bright girl student of Samarthanam Primary School on 20th Aug 2016. Sinchana has joined new in Samarthanam Primary School, Bangalore and is the daughter of an acid attack victim, Nagratna who is currently in hospital.

VFC and Samarthanam took up the responsibility and celebrated the birthday of Sinchana, who is pleased to be at Samarthanam Primary School. Sinchana very well interacted with other kids and students in the school as part of her birthday celebration. Cake and snacks were distributed to all the kids at Samarthanam.

Field trip organized for skilling students
An educational field trip was organized for a group of 65 LRC students and staff to the historic Chitradurga fort on 9th July 2016. The trip was sponsored by Deloitte and 45 volunteers have coordinated for making the trip educational and enthusiastic.

Cisco volunteers extends their service to Samarthanam
Samarthanam JP Nagar building was painted up by 43 volunteers from Cisco on 16th and 17th July 2016.

Volunteers Talk
“I would like to thank Samarthanam team for their hospitality and extensive support offered during the tenure of the project. It was a very good experience working with Samarthanam team. Also working for the disabled has enabled me to give back to the society in my own little way. I was pleased to learn Brand Building for the International Event and also had lots of learning during the entire course of the project. It helped me become more focused and analytical. Being a part of the project at Samarthanam, it helped me implement various branding and marketing strategies.”
- Ramakrishna A, Vodafone

“What Samarthanam is doing for Disabled community is truly unique and unprecedented. Not a single avenue is left untouched that aids the growth of the underprivileged people. I have been greatly fortunate to be associated with this organisation and that I could contribute my bit for the noble cause. Kudos to all the people working to bring this kind of change in the society. I would like to stay associated with Samarthanam forever.”
- Gazal Garg, Vodafone

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Samarthanam expands its realm!

Samarthanam is currently working on a cutting edge disability-friendly free residential school, being constructed in HSR Layout Bangalore (India). The school can house around 700 students with and without disabilities from economically deprived communities. With completely accessible key features being incorporated in the building to address all needs of the persons with disabilities with ultramodern infrastructure, the school is going to serve Samarthanam education purposes efficiently.

As per the current construction progress, centering and bar bending work for second floor slab is under progress and the slab is going to be concreted before October. Ceiling plastering of basement floor is completed and ground floor ceiling plastering is under progress. Column from first floor to second floor has been raised. Ramp and staircase has been raised up to first floor slab level. 70% block work is completed in ground floor.
Tasleema joined Samarthanam Trust in May 2014. Her desire was always to be an IAS officer but due to her economic conditions she could not pursue her education after PUC. Samarthanam encouraged Tasleema and supported her enroll into BA at APS College in Bangalore. Tasleema top scores every year and has secured 81% in her 5th semester. Currently she is pursuing Post Graduation (MA) in Economics in Bangalore. Though Tasleema hails from an economically poor background with a family of five it had never interfered with her dedication and interest. Tasleema’s mother works as a maid in Chitradurga, where she resides and as she was unable to bear the entire expenses of the family she could not accommodate higher education for Tasleema. After coming to Bangalore to continue her education, as she was unable to find proper study environment, upon a friend’s suggestion, Tasleema joined Samarthanam trust. Samarthanam Trust has been supporting Tasleema for the past 4 years with her education, events and other activities. Now Tasleema is content with better education and also actively participates in dancing competitions. She likes to read books and also is an NCC candidate. Tasleema is now able to focus and believes that she would be able to achieve her goals.

Priyanka hails from Belgaum who is currently pursuing her Post Graduation (MA) in Sociology at Bangalore University. Priyanka has always been excelling in her studies with top scores in BA. She secured 78.5% in her B.A. 5th semester pursued from Surana College in Bangalore. Priyanka is visually challenged and economically poor. Her father is a farmer and mother is a house wife. Due to economic conditions, she was unable to receive proper education. Upon an acquaintance’s suggestion Priyanka’s parents joined her at Samarthanam trust and since then Samarthanam has been helping her pursue higher education along with free accommodation, food, and other facilities. Vijaya from Samarthanam has been helping her by providing suitable volunteers to teach Priyanka and also with scribes for writing exams. Priyanka likes to listen to novels and books and wants to become a lecturer in Sociology. She also wishes to pursue Ph.D. in Sociology near future. Samarthanam Trust has helped Priyanka further her education and immensely supported in overcoming disability and integrating into the socio-economic structure of India.

Mallikarjun hails from Gulbarga and was born with low vision in 1992. He lost his vision completely in 2012 and that is when he joined Samarthanam Trust. After completing PUC via correspondence in 2013, he decided to pursue BA in Bharat Education Society (BES) in Bangalore. He graduated BA with 60% and joined MA at Bangalore University. He is also currently enrolled into basic computer training program offered by Samarthanam. Mallikarjun joined DDGKU course in Samarthanam. He has a goal of becoming a lecturer in the next five years and wishes to pursue Ph.D. near future. Mallikarjun’s interests include reading literature, storybooks and novels of Swami Vivekananda. He reads these books in order to keep his focus and self motivate. In addition, he also likes to play cricket every weekend or whenever time permits.
Snippets from Samarthanam

- Samarthanam attended the launch of an online e-library for persons with disabilities like visually impaired and print disabled inaugurated by the Union Minister for Electronics and Information Technology, Ravi Shankar Prasad, Union Minister for Social Justice & Empowerment, Thaawarchand Gehlot and three Central Ministers at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi on 24th Aug 2016. The event was witnessed by active members of the forum including Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled.

- Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), the national governing body for cricket in India, has formally acknowledged CABI and assured further support in its endeavors.

- Mahantesh GK, Founder Managing Trustee, Samarthanam was invited to chair the Panel Discussion on Tourism for All, promoting universal accessibility at the event ‘World Tourism Day 2016’ held at Pondicherry University.

- Mahantesh GK, Founder Managing Trustee, Samarthanam and Kumarswamy, Sr. Manager, Individual and Corporate Partnerships, Samarthanam have been a part of the Partner’s Meet on “Ability Based Livelihood Empowerment (ABLE)” organized by American India Foundation held at Jaipur. As part of the event, Mahantesh had talked on Samarthanam and its activities during the “Interactive Dialogue: Sharing of experiences by partners.”

Samarthanam Human Resources

Human resources team at Samarthanam supports all the 508 employees across all Samarthanam Centres and aids in effectively accessorizing the premises for an undisturbed working environment. The HR team is in the process of providing technology upgradation at all Samarthanam centres like installing CCTV surveillance systems and add-ons to the Bangalore office including biometric recording and Visitor Management System (VMS).

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