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Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled®



SAMARTHANAM TRUST FOR THE DISABLED

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Vision: “An inclusive society free from discrimination where persons with and without disabilities become contributing members, living with dignity and respect”

Mission: “Empowering persons with disabilities and most excluded sections of the society through development initiatives focusing on educational, social, economic, cultural and technological aspects”

Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled, established in 1997, has since been working to implement programs and projects in the field of disability and eradication of poverty. Over these past years it has grown exponentially, infrastructure and program wise, reaching out to more number of people in need and having a lasting impact on the society around it. Samarthanam's vision is to enable people in disability and distress to lead a dignified life and achieve this through empowering them in the socio economic front and technologically.

The six verticals that it functions in, in order to impact the society at large, are:

1. Education for Children and youth. This includes intellectually disabled school, an inclusive school for the normal and other disabled children and a Higher education program.
2. A livelihood Resource centre to fill the gap in skills among the youth aged between 18-25.
3. Sports centre to promote blind cricket and other sports among the disabled
4. Art and culture for the disabled especially visually impaired
5. Rehabilitation of women in distress and
6. Environment – with a mission to prevent conversion of Bangalore from garden city to a garbage city.

Samarthanam operates pan India, with its head office in Bangalore, Karnataka. In Karnataka, the operations are spread in 5 districts. Its offices are also registered in US and UK.

Samarthanam has received more than 20 awards in the areas of education, child welfare, environment, sports, women welfare and health and recognition such as **UN Consultative Status in 2015**. The latest in the row includes **Open-Republic TV Award 2019 under the Special Jury Mention- Category** and **NAB Sarojini Trilok Nath Award 2019**. It has been certified by CRISIL recently as an organization with **“Strong delivery capability and high financial proficiency”**.

Samarthanam's Education Vertical:

Samarthanam understands and appreciates the importance of education in an individual's life. It has varied initiatives under education which includes a primary and high school, and also a special school besides a Higher Education Program. The education vertical, so far has impacted around 13000 lives cumulatively and is striving to reach out to more with every passing year.

Background of the HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRAM:

Samarthanam Trust for the disabled provides residential facilities for differently-abled and underprivileged students pursuing higher education. It extends practical support to bright students with disabilities who are otherwise unable to pursue higher education on account of their physical or socio economic challenges. The pass outs from higher secondary school with physical or social challenges are identified and enrolled into mainstream colleges for courses of their choice while providing them with comfortable residential facilities. Their academic costs and study materials are taken care of by Samarthanam. For the students with visual impairments and other print-related disabilities, the educational materials are also made available in accessible formats like audio books, large print etc. Regular volunteers also extend reading and scribe services. As a result, some of our students have already passed out of premier institutions like IIMs and are now working in large corporate companies.

In 1997, Samarthanam officially started its operations in a small office with only 2 students at Jayanagar East End, Bangalore to support visually impaired students in terms of tuition fees & hostel. In 2011, Samarthanam expanded its operation in Belgavi, Bellary, Dharwad & Gadag districts of North Karnataka as well.

Currently, Samarthanam's Higher Education Program has its presence in 15 cities spread across 10 States of India Through the higher education program, so far we have impacted around 17,000+ youth cumulatively across India and we strive to reach out to more with every passing year.

At each of the above locations, for students with disabilities and underprivileged facilities like free boarding and lodging, note books, text books, stationary, audio books, Braille books, college admission and course fees, are provided. We also promote adult with disabilities to appear for competitive exams with adequate preparation. The vision of the organization is to see more and more persons with disabilities attain positions like civil servants, senior managers, bankers, engineers, software engineers, legal advisers, civil society leaders, top class corporate leaders at Indian and foreign companies.

Success Stories

Changing Lives:

Case Story #1



A smiling young man all of 21 walks into the gate of Samarthanam. At first, it seems like he has had a minor injury that requires a walking stick to aid his walking, but a deeper conversation reveals the raw struggles of his childhood, the shame and rejection and how he overcame them.

Mansoor hails from Kumta, Uttara Kannada. Born in a poor family, his father worked as a driver to make ends meet. A nerve weakness as a result of quadriplegic cerebral palsy in both of his legs at a tender age, limited his movement and made life extremely difficult. Having had two surgeries did not help much. All through his schooling, he recounts his hardest times as not having access to special toilet and having to face embarrassment because of the awkward situations he was in. His mother walked 3 kms every day to help him up and also clean up the place.

The struggles resulted in him being thrown out of the anganwadi (play school) as he was considered a “nuisance” to the other kids and had to move many schools missing classes and curriculum. Mansoor is a brilliant student, despite his struggles, he consistently topped in school and college. However the family’s financial struggles came to a point where they had to seek Samarthanam’s for help.

Samarthanam stepped in to fund his education covering the cost of an entire semester. What followed was a successful completion of an engineering degree in Computer Science and bagging a well-paid job at in a Software firm.

The story doesn't end there, he came back to Samarthanam and used his first salary as a gift to share his love with other disabled beneficiaries and supported two students with their fees. His sense of gratitude touched our hearts.

Case Story #2



Mr. Navnath Barbinde belongs to Charthana, which is situated in Jintoor Taluka of Parbhani district of Maharashtra. His father Mr. Belappa Barbinde passed away in July 2007, hence the entire family burden was on his mother's shoulder. His mother Ganga Barbinde struggles to support the family as she does not have a permanent job and works as a daily wage earner. Moreover, he has two elder brothers who are still studying.

He has successfully completed his class 12th STD in Saint Janardan Junior college, now he is studying in D-Pharmacy at Bharti Vidyapeeth in Pune. Navnath approached Samarthanam Trust in November 2018 for help and he completed the Livelihood Resource Center training at Samarthanam Trust in 2018-2019.

Navnath wanted to complete his graduation. As his father had passed away, his mother had severe financial crisis and could not support him to pursue higher education.

Understanding the condition of Navnath, Samarthanam Trust has taken care of his further education expenses. Also, Samarthanam provided facilities like free accommodation, food, library, educational needs, etc. which immensely helped him and others like him to overcome their different ability and integrate well into the socio-economic structure of India.

After joining Samarthanam, he is convinced that Samarthanam not only nurtures differently abled students, but also empowers them.

On a personal front, Navnath is a well disciplined, hardworking, industrious student with a pleasant personality. Navnath is passionate in writing poems, quotes, likes anchoring, participating in marathons, etc.

Given below are some of his achievements:

1. Best Essay Writer Award (2012) at Parbhani District
2. Best Author of Marathwada in 2013 at Devgiri college, Aurangabad
3. Certificate in Talent quiz competition in 2014 at Parbhani, District
4. Best poet of the Maharashtra in Disability (2018) organized by Local MLA Bacchu Kadu at Nashik
5. Poet of the year Award (2016) by Marathi Film Actor Makarand Anaspure at Nagpur District, Talent quiz competition in 2014 held at Parbhani

6. Participated in Marathon Competition by Harbal life Nutrition in 2018 at Pune Magarpatta city
7. 4th prize in National Skill competition (character designing) at world trade centre Mumbai by Jitendra Agarwal (**Media coverage 1 – Sakal & Lokmat newspaper, published on June 21st ; Media coverage 2 –Punyanagari newspaper**)

Navnath has expressed his whole hearted gratitude to Samarthanam for supporting his higher studies.

His dream is to be the world's best Author & Pharmacist and would like to distribute medicines free of cost to all the poor .



चाराठाणा : नवनाथ बारबिंडे यास डॉ. जितेंद्र अग्रवाल यांनी रोख पारितोषिकासह सन्मानपत्र देऊन मुंबईत एका कार्यक्रमात गौरविले.

नवनाथ बारबिंडे पारितोषिकासह सन्मानित

चाराठाणा : नॅशनल ऑलम्पिक असोसिएशन इंडियाच्या वतीने मुंबई येथे १५ जून रोजी जागतिक व्यापार केंद्रात पार पडलेल्या डिजिटल कॅरॅक्टर डिझाईनिंग स्पर्धेत विकलांग नवनाथ बारबिंडेने सहभाग नोंदवून प्राविण्य मिळविले आहे. त्याला रोख पारितोषिकासह सन्मानपत्राने गौरविण्यात आले. या वेळी निर्माता महेश भट, पूजा भट, डॉ. जितेंद्र अग्रवाल उपस्थित होते. सदर विद्यार्थी हा समर्थनम् ट्रस्टचा विद्यार्थी असून त्याचे सर्व स्तरांतून कौतुक होत आहे.



चारठाणा, ता. ४ : येथील दिव्यांग विद्यार्थी नवनाथ बारबिडे याने नाशिक येथे नुकतेच पार पडलेले अखिल भारतीय मराठी दिव्यांग साहित्य संमेलनात परभणीचे नेतृत्व करत चारूक्षेत्र भूमी ही कविता सादर करून रसिकांची मने जिंकत कवी हा बहुमान पटकाविला. नाशिककरांनी या सुंदर काव्य रचनेचे कौतुक करत मानचिन्ह प्रशस्ती पत्र देऊन सत्कार केला. या वेळी आमदार बच्चू कडू, कवयित्री इंद्रजित नंदन, नाशिकचे आमदार हेमंत टकले यांनी सत्कार करत नवनाथ बारबिडे यांचे कौतुक केले. सदर विद्यार्थी वर्गाचे सर्व स्तरतून कौतुक होत आहे.