



Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled®
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2011-12
annual report

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About us

Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled has been working since 1997 to empower the visually challenged, differently-abled and economically underprivileged people in India.

Samarthanam is working towards providing support to persons with disabilities to help them keep pace with the rest of the society by providing quality education, accommodation, nutritious food, vocational training and placement based rehabilitation.

Samarthanam promotes an inclusive society which provides equal opportunities—without any discrimination—for the development of the visually challenged, differently-abled and economically underprivileged.

The trust is affiliated to the World Blind Union and Rehabilitation International.

Mission

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

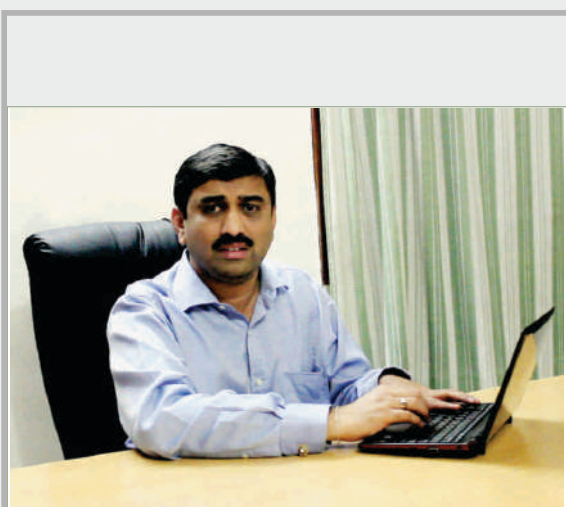
Vision

An inclusive society, free of discrimination against the differently-abled, where people with disabilities, especially the visually challenged, enjoy equal opportunities and an enhanced quality of life.

Objectives

- To promote primary and higher education among the visually challenged, differently-abled and economically underprivileged people
- To increase accessibility to education and employment opportunities by using assistive aids/ technology and providing comprehensive vocational training
- To reduce malnutrition related disability through nutritional supplements
- To foster artistic, cultural and recreational avenues for persons with disabilities
- To encourage sports and games for people with disabilities, especially the visually challenged.
- To promote eco-friendly living and introduce sustainable waste management practices as innovative vocational opportunities for the differently-abled
- To establish and maintain community based rehabilitation centres for special target groups like destitute women and neglected children
- To work at national and international levels to achieve the objectives of UN Convention on Rights of Persons with Disabilities.





*Mahantesh G Kivadasannavar
Founder & Managing Trustee*

It has been a very eventful year, and an extremely fulfilling one for all of us at Samarthanam.

With Samarthanam taking over Cricket Association for the Blind in India (CABI), we took on enormous responsibility. The World Blind Cricket Council granting the hosting rights of the T-20 Blind Cricket World Cup to India was highly rewarding. The World Cup is an event of unprecedented scale and impact for Samarthanam. With your assistance, we are positive of success in this ambitious endeavour. We have been working diligently towards this end. Success of the Indian Blind cricket team's tour of Pakistan and the Indo-Pak bilateral cricket series held at Chennai, and the continued support we receive from our partners fills us with optimism.

Buoyed by the overwhelming response to our projects in Hubli, Dharwad and Gadag, Samarthanam is now operating in Belgaum district of North Karnataka. Samarthanam also expanded operations to the U.S. this year.

We are delighted to have three of our visually impaired alumni take up courses in prestigious institutes like IIM Bangalore, IIM Calcutta and IIM Lucknow. This goes to show that given the opportunity, the differently-abled can be outstanding achievers in any field.

Samarthanam is deeply committed to helping people with disabilities gain skills to be able to participate fully in their communities. Following the success of our IT and BPO training centers, we have setup a BPO in Bidadi. We have had a great start and look forward to sustained business.

The NDTV Sports Award, Karmaveera Puraskar and N. Vajra Kumar Prashasti received this year are representative of the contribution of the entire Samarthanam family. Invitations to speak at the NASSCOM Diversity and Inclusivity Summit, at IIM Calcutta, at the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT), and at National Academy of Direct Taxes (NADT) were opportunities to address leaders and decision makers and catalyze a positive change.

We have received a sum of Rs. 1 crore from the Government of Karnataka towards construction of our barrier-free school. It has aided in accelerating construction and I am pleased to inform you that Phase-1 is on the verge of completion.

I would like to take the opportunity to express our heartfelt gratitude to our partners and supporters from Brocade, TE Connectivity, ING Vysya Bank, Target, Tata Consulting Engineers, Give India and Give2Asia. We are grateful to government institutions, corporate organizations and the media for their support. Our well-wishers in the U.S. - individuals as well as organizations - continue to support us in all our endeavours.

Everything we have achieved has been due to the dedication of our staff and unstinted support of volunteers. I must mention my fellow trustees S.P. Nagesh and Vasanti Savanur who share my dream and have been with me on this journey. With them on board, Samarthanam has managed to improve on past records and surpass expectations every year.

Today, Samarthanam runs the entire gamut of operations and supports the differently-abled right from primary education & nutrition, to higher education, specialised training in IT/BPO/vocational skills, counselling and job placements, while also providing training and opportunities in sports and Culture throughout. We immensely value your standing by us as we work on our dream. As we look forward to a new year, we renew our pledge to strive to provide a level-playing field and integrate the differently-abled into the mainstream.

Programme Report

EDUCATION

Primary school

At the Samarthanam residential primary school in HSR Layout, Bengaluru, 171 differently-abled and economically underprivileged children studying in classes 1 to 7 are provided free education, accommodation and food. Apart from academics, the students are provided training and opportunities in art, dance, music and sports.

Achievers: Several promising students give us

hope about the future – Mailary, a student of std. 6, whose parents are construction labourers, and Komala of std. 7 have excelled academically as well as in extra-curricular activities.

A health check for all children was carried out in collaboration with Sagar Apollo Hospitals.

30% of staff at Samarthanam's primary school is differently-abled

High school

At the Samarthanam High School in Hulimavu, Bangalore, 124 children study from std. 8 to 10. This year, 59% of the students who appeared for the Class 10 SSLC Board exams, passed – a record pass percentage for the school. The school topper this year scored 71%, and four students scored more than 65% in the 10th std. Board exams.

At Samarthanam, we believe in holistic development. Our children regularly participate

in extra-curricular activities. Several students won scholarships, awards and prizes in sports and cultural events.

Achievers: Akshay B. Mahajan scored 86% in the class 10 examinations, passing out with distinction.

Future Plans: The school seeks to cater to 150 children next year and to further improve the results in the Class 10 Board exams.

Higher Education

Samarthanam provided assistance to 78 young people to pursue higher academic and professional courses this year.

We continue to provide financial support, laptops, digital audio books, scribes and tutors to support students enrolled in several renowned institutions. Samarthanam also provides free hostel facilities – this enables young men and women from rural Karnataka to pursue their education.

Success Stories

Three of Samarthanam's visually challenged students are in IIM Bangalore, IIM Calcutta and IIM Lucknow.

Samarthanam's Ms. Rajani is India's first visually challenged Chartered Accountant.

Samarthanam makes books and study material accessible to the print disabled by converting them to a digital format. Recording of 91 books was completed this year with the help of 15 volunteers. 250 students benefitted from these DAISY recorded books.

In addition, 45 books were scanned and edited.



NUTRITION

Samarthanam provides nutritious midday meals to 52 government schools across Bengaluru city, under the Akshara Dasoha program supported by Govt. of Karnataka and Govt. of India. Centralized kitchens, mechanised cooking and an efficient distribution system ensure 250,000 hygienic meals are delivered every month by a team of 14 members.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY



IT Training

At Samarthanam's Techvision centers, 83 differently-abled youth, 47 of whom have visually impairment, received training in computers and soft skills this year. 40% of the trainees have been placed in reputed companies, 60% undergo more specialised training or higher education.

50% of staff at Techvision is differently-abled

Field visits were organized to various places, including a visit to Delhi for the Daisy & Tech Share programme.

Samarthanam Techvision also hosted the Daisy Forum meeting in May 2011, with several organizations getting together and working towards the objective of better print reading facilities.

Future Plans: Techvision intends to continue existing programmes and be ready for new opportunities, and also aims to improve the skills of students through more guest lectures, exposure visits and workshops.



BPO Training

At Shrishti, Samarthanam's BPO/Call center training unit, as many as 203 visually impaired and physically challenged youth received BPO training.

96% placement achieved

Shrishti trainees have been placed in reputed companies like Mphasis, Hinduja Global Solutions, JK Infotech, Aditya Birla group, ING Vysya Bank, Concentrix and Aegis BPO. Ken Zolot of MIT (US) paid a visit to the facility and was impressed with the training.

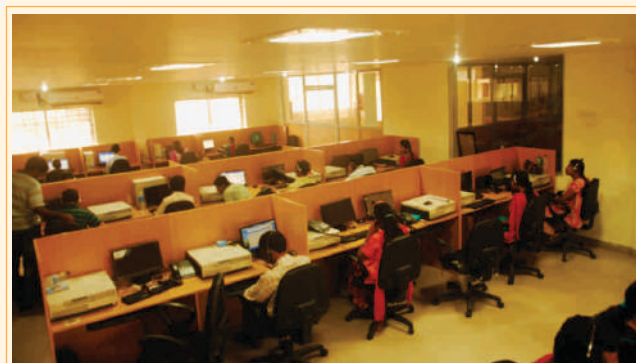
Shrishti is working towards taking in hearing and speech impaired candidates for the following batches by appointing specially trained instructors.

Achievers: Girish, a 24-year old student of Shrishti, currently an employee with ING Vysya Bank, is a national and international level athlete. He has represented India in many International sporting events. Girish had been to Kuwait in January 2012 to qualify for Para-Olympics, which will be held in London. He won a gold medal in high jump and is now getting trained for the Paralympics.

BPO/Call Center Unit



Kirana, Samarthanam's BPO centre at Bidadi was set up in June 2011 with partial funding from KBITS and the objective of empowering skilled rural youth with disabilities. The 100-seater BPO hosting disabled-friendly workstations, went live with state-of-the-art infrastructure, technology and resources on par with the best in the industry, and made an excellent start with work orders from financial Institutions and IT majors.

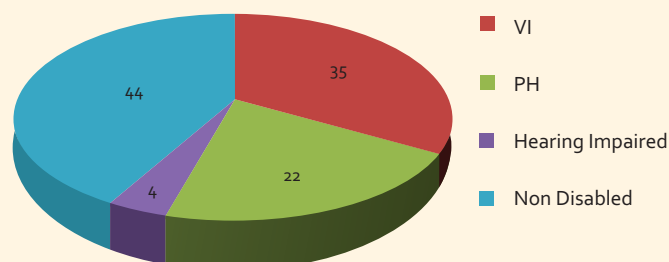


Kirana Rural BPO - Employees at work

Kirana Differently-abled Beneficiaries

Visually impaired	35
Physically challenged	22
Hearing impaired	4
Economically underprivileged	44

Beneficiaries Breakup for 2011-2012



Achievers: We are proud of the achievements of our friends at Kirana-

Mr. Mallikarjun Pati, an employee at Samarthanam's Kirana BPO, is a national swimmer and will be participating in the forthcoming Paralympics.

Ravi and Prakash were in the Indian Blind Cricket team.

Savithri performed in the U.S. in July 2011 as part of the dance troupe 'Sunadha'.

REHABILITATION



Women's Rehabilitation

84 abandoned and differently-abled women were with us this year at 'Swadhara', Samarthanam's home for women in distress. Samarthanam provides accommodation, food, counselling, vocational training, clinical and legal assistance, with aid from the Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India. During this period of financial and emotional

support, they are also sufficiently trained in IT, BPO, catering or tailoring. The women are assisted in finding employment, and enabled to live self-reliantly.

Achievers: These women, with their strength and positivity, motivate us with their achievements – whether it is the lady who Samarthanam assisted in her D.Ed course and who went on to work as a teacher in a government school, or the girl who scored 84% in her Pre-University Course in Commerce.



Vocational Training

Vividha, one of the rehabilitation wings of Samarthanam, is a self-sustained unit wherein the differently-abled and economically underprivileged are trained and employed to service outsourced job work orders. Training is provided in soldering, packing, reconditioning of printer cartridge and assembling. This year, a total of 40 beneficiaries - 50% of whom are physically challenged or visually impaired - were trained and

ENVIRONMENT



Parisara, Samarthanam's waste management wing, continues to collect and recycle dry waste from 15 apartment complexes, several residential units and 43 corporate locations, and also added 15 new companies this year.

The programme aids in empowering the differently-abled by providing employment opportunities. The income generated is used for Samarthanam's welfare activities.

- 5.16 lakh kgs recycled this year
- Revenue generated: Rs 52 lakhs

Several camps and awareness programs were conducted:

- ✓ Stalls at corporate locations - E&Y, IBM, Motorola, RMZ Infinity
- ✓ Educational institutions - Alliance University, Sri Vivekananda Pre-University College.
- ✓ Residential apartment complexes

Future Plans: Parisara targets an increased collection next year, and aims to extend services to more areas.

Printer Cartridge Recycling Unit

Samarthanam's Printer Cartridge Recycling Plant where refilling/remanufacturing is carried out; brings high quality compatible toner cartridges to the market place, compatible with all major products. Samarthanam Parisara is a registered re-processor/recycler of printer cartridges, authorized and licensed by Karnataka State Pollution Control Board.

SPORTS

Samarthanam has actively promoted sports for the visually impaired over the last decade, both as a rightful pursuit and as a platform for their physical and social development.

Sportspersons from Samarthanam have regularly participated in National and International athletic events, cricket and chess tournaments. This includes three Cricket World Cup tournaments and tours to Pakistan and England.

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Cricket Association for the Blind in India (CABI)

Cricket Association for the Blind in India (CABI) is an initiative of Samarthanam that runs cricket for the blind across the country.

In 2011, Samarthanam organized several sporting events:

The 18th National Blind Cricket tournament was held at Mysore. Called Dasara Cup, the tournament aided in selection of the Indian Blind Cricket team to tour Pakistan, and to spot talent for the T – 20 World Cup Cricket. MLA and Former Union Minister Mr. Srinivasa Prasad gave away the prizes along with other distinguished guests.

Indian Team's tour of Pakistan: The Indian Blind Cricket Team, in collaboration with Samarthanam, travelled to Pakistan and played the Pak-India series, at Lahore & Islamabad. The team was bid good luck by the MP and former minister Mr. Oscar Fernandes. The team also met Gautam Gambhir at a conditioning camp, interacted with the talented opener from the Indian squad, and picked up many tips.

A Corporate Cricket tournament was organized by Samarthanam to raise funds for the forthcoming T-20 Blind Cricket World Cup. Samarthanam Cricket Cup was organized by Samarthanam in association with TE-Connectivity, the title sponsor. Former member

of the Indian cricket team Syed Kirmani, Bangalore City Mayor Smt Sharadamma, Sandalwood actress Ragini Dwivedi, A. Gurudutt, Director - Finance, Levis Strauss & Co., presided over the curtain-raiser.

The **India-Pakistan bilateral Blind Cricket Series** at Chennai was organised by Samarthanam with support from the Tamil Nadu Cricket Association for the Blind. The tournament was inaugurated by former captain of the Indian cricket team & BCCI Selection Committee Chairman Shri. Krishnamachari Srikanth. International Fashion Designer and social activist Ms. Sanjana Jon and AK Tareen, presided over the function. The closing ceremony was presided over by Tamil movie star Vishal, T.A. Sekar former Indian test cricketer, Mr. Shivaprakash former Ranji Player who witnessed the final match and gave away trophies to the winning team and outstanding players.

The National Open Chess Tournament for the Blind **held at Kanteerava stadium, Bangalore, was hosted by Samarthanam**, in association with All India Chess Federation for the Blind. 100+ visually impaired chess players from across the country took part in this FIDE rating tournament. A mind game involving strategy and tactics, chess is easily adapted for visually impaired players. Blind Chess requires immense concentration and memory; the power and capacity of the human mind is astounding.

Samarthanam students won the first place in Republic Day state march-past parade and received the award from the Governor of Karnataka

CULTURE



Samarthanam encourages talent among differently-abled youth, nurturing their skills in art, music & dance and providing opportunities to perform on stage.

'Sunadha', Samarthanam's cultural troupe comprising visually impaired artistes, has given classical and folk dance performances across the country, and the U.S.

Some of the venues where Sunadha performed on stage this past year:

- ✓ The prestigious Chowdiah Memorial Hall in Bangalore
- ✓ The National Youth Festival, Mangalore
- ✓ On the occasion of Institute Day at Central Power Research Institute (CPRI)



- ✓ T.V. dance shows
- ✓ National Institute of Technology (NIT), Warangal, Andhra Pradesh
- ✓ Alliance Business University, Bangalore
- ✓ a high-level meeting of Infosys (a leading IT

Looking ahead to 2012-2013

- Sunadha is set to tour Southeast Asia in May 2012.
- Sunadha is scheduled to perform in the U.S. in October 2012, at venues in the Bay area, Phoenix and Atlanta.

· Sunadha toured the U.S. performing at venues across six states. The group of visually impaired artistes, on a two-month tour of the U.S., performed at educational and cultural centres, and temples, Carroll Center for the Blind, VSNA Convention 2011

S.No.	Organizers	City	State
1.	Carroll Center for the Blind	Boston	Massachusetts
2.	VSNA Convention 2011	Boston	Massachusetts
3.	Sri Lakshmi Temple	Boston	Massachusetts
4.	Vision Aid	Ashland	Massachusetts
5.	Temple University	Philadelphia	Pennsylvania
6.	Shri Shirdi Sai Baba Temple	Flushing, NY	New York
7.	Summer Festival/ Greeshma Mela	Chicago	Illinois
8.	The Chicago Light House	Chicago	Illinois
9.	Brahmotsavam at Balaji Temple	Aurora	Illinois
10.	ASHA Cleveland Chapter	Cleveland	Ohio
11.	Sri Venkateswara Temple	Pittsburgh	Pennsylvania
12.	ISKCON, Columbus	Columbus	Ohio
13.	Sri Sai Baba Temple Society of Ohio	Dublin	Ohio
14.	Columbus Performing Arts Center	Columbus	Ohio
15.	India House of Worship	Maryland	Maryland
16.	Chinmaya Mission	Maryland	Maryland
17.	Kaveri Kannada Sangha	Maryland	Maryland
18.	Murugan Temple	Lanham	Maryland
19.	Karnataka cultural org - Brindavana	New Jersey	New Jersey

We are thankful to all the sponsors, organizers and well-wishers for hosting the Sunadha team in US and for their support.

SUPPORTING UNITS

HR and Placement:

As the organization grows, the Human Resources unit plays an increasingly important role in strengthening organizational structure. This year many positive changes and employee friendly measures were taken in the HR functions of internal recruitment, payroll & benefits:

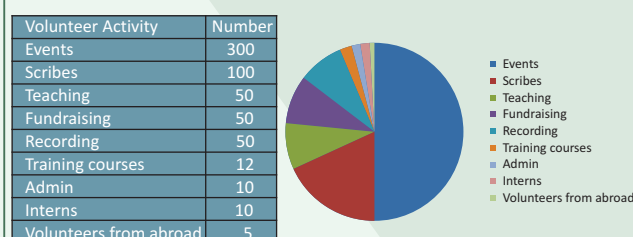
- ✓ Increase in number of differently-abled among the staff
- ✓ Coverage of more staff members under Accident Relief Care (ARC) scheme
- ✓ Increase in remuneration for employees
- ✓ To create employment opportunity for the differently-abled, Samarthanam setup 'Kirana', a rural BPO. About 100 candidates are now gainfully employed, 50% are persons with disabilities. The employees are covered under ESI scheme, provided statutory benefits like Provident fund and also with non-statutory benefits.

The placement cell works towards finding employment opportunities for the differently-abled.

This year, several PwDs were gainfully employed at ING Vysya Bank, Airtel Telecom office, Videocon, BESCOM offices and nationalized banks, carrying out functions like data entry, tele-marketing, call-centre work or as service personnel. They are also employed in the hospitality industry and in the garmenting division to carry out front office or help desk tasks, tailoring or packing.

Volunteering

Samarthanam greatly values the contribution of the 600+ volunteers who worked with us through the year teaching at our schools, as scribes, tech trainers, or assisted in fundraising and organization of events. Agencies like IVolunteer, AIESEC, FSL, ICDE and Youth for Seva help direct volunteers to Samarthanam, apart from passionate individuals who have established contact with us and gone on to develop a long-standing relationship with



PR, Communication & Branding :

In Samarthanam's numerous initiatives and events, the Communications and Branding team plays a vital role, with the following functions:

- **Marketing** - Brochures and other promotional material
- **Publicity** - Networking with media to ensure visibility and awareness.
- **Branding** - In line with the values and policies of the organization

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Notable milestones this year:

✓ Samhita', Samarthanam's quarterly newsletter was initiated in January 2011.

Five issues have been released so far. The newsletter has proved to be a good mechanism to reach out to donors and supporters and keep them updated about Samarthanam's work.

✓ A composite documentary about Samarthanam in English, made by Cinema Gayaka.

✓ Fleet of Samarthanam's vehicles were branded

Our major media partners this year have been:

Electronic Media: RED FM 98.3, Kasturi 24/7, Janashri Channel, Samaya TV, Suvarna TV, News-9, TV-9, Times Now, CNN IBN, BBC, E-TV, Udaya TV, Raj Music, DD Chandana.

Print Media: Times of India, Vijaya Karnataka, Deccan Herald, Deccan Chronicle, DNA, The Hindu, Indian Express, Economic Times, Hindustan Times, India Today, Bangalore Mirror, Malayala Manorama, Prajavani, Kannada Prabha, Andhra Prabha, Andhra Jyothi, Udayavani. "The Voice of FOD" - India's First Magazine on Disability, E-nadu, Dinakaran, Dinathanthi, CityPlus, Nimma Bengaluru, Prajamukhi, Hosa Digantha, City Plus, City Buzz, Bangalore Beat, Prajamukhi, Neramathu, Rajasthan Patrika, Dinathanthi, Dinamalar, Sanjeevani, e-sanje.

Online Media: Thisweekbangalore.com, Lookbangalore.com, Mangalore.com, Bangalorenewsnetwork.com, yahoo.com, Orissa.com and many more

Major newspapers of Pakistan, Delhi, Chennai and Mysore also covered events that took place in these places

Fundraising

The Fundraising team works diligently to translate dreams into reality. Corporate and individual contributions, institutional funds and grants help us achieve what we are. Samarthanam works with external agencies in its fundraising efforts and uses mechanisms like telemarketing, tele-calling. Some of Samarthanam's ventures are self-sustained or revenue-generating, while some like the IT Training and School Library Programme are in need of funds.

Events

Q2 2011:

Samarthanam's Rural BPO, Kirana, launched. The 100-seater disabled-friendly call centre venture was set up in Bidadi, Karnataka.

Samarthanam hosted DAISY conference. DAISY Forum of India is a network of not-for-profit organizations, who are involved in production of books and reading materials in accessible formats, for people who cannot read normal print. The 2-day conference was attended by 32 delegates from 8 states.

Samarthanam Founder Trustees Mr. G.K.Mahantesh and Mr. S.P. Nagesh visited Dubai to take part in the World Blind Cricket Council conference.

Q3 2011:

Samarthanam USA setup. Operations expanded to the US.

Q4 2011:

Samarthanam Founder Managing Trustee, Mr. G.K. Mahantesh, was invited to speak at IIM Calcutta, and delivered a talk on 'Innovation in Social Sector'.

He also spoke at the NASSCOM Diversity and Inclusivity Summit, and the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT).

31 Samarthanam trainees visited Microsoft India Global Technical Support Centre

The seventh edition of Samarthanam's Bailey Bengaluru Walk-a-thon was successfully organized to commemorate World Disabled Day. Approximately 8000 participants from different walks of life took part in the 3.5 km walk. The walkathon served as a fund raising event for the upcoming disabled friendly residential school.

The article, 'Giving Ability a Chance: Creating opportunities for Persons with Disability (PWD) for employment in BPO Industry - Mahantesh G. Kivadasannavar, Sudipto Sengupta and Sanjay Bhattacharya' appeared in the Indian Journal of Politics, 2011. Amongst the organised sector, IT-BPO presents a very promising proposition for employment for the PWDs more so because computer technology has significantly bridged the disability gap. The paper proposes that government sponsored vocational training for the differently-abled may target the IT-BPO sector. This potential is discussed in context of the Pilot project for Training and Placement of PWDs for Employment in the BPO Industry implemented by the Directorate of Disabled and Senior Citizens, Government of Karnataka in collaboration with Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled.

Samarthanam CABI to host World Cup Cricket in India!

The World Blind Cricket Council (WBCC) has conferred the hosting rights of the first-ever T – 20 World Cup to India.

The World Cup is scheduled to be held from 1st to 10th December 2012 in Bangalore.

All major test-playing nations - Australia, Bangladesh, England, India, New Zealand, Pakistan, South Africa, West Indies, Sri Lanka - and Nepal, will be part of the World Cup.

Cricket Association for the Blind in India (CABI), an initiative of Samarthanam that runs cricket for the blind across the country.

Barrier-Free school

- ✓ A 100% accessible residential school under construction in Bangalore
- ✓ Envisaged as a state-of-the-art facility that can cater to around 700 differently-abled & economically underprivileged students
- ✓ Built-up area of 55,000 sq ft at a cost of Rs. 8.25 Crores
- ✓ 30,000 sq. ft. of land granted by the Government of Karnataka, and Rs. 1 Crore for construction.

Highlights of Proposed School:

• Improved Accessibility :

- ✓ Lifts and ramps
- ✓ Carpeting and acoustic tiling
- ✓ Sign boards to aid the hearing impaired
- ✓ Lighting and paint schemes to help the visually impaired

✓ Information provided through Braille and in large print

- Lectures on audio tapes
- Assistive Technology - Interactive keyboards & whiteboards, Touch-screen computers
- Meditation hall, yoga centre, gymnasium and computer lab
- We are nearing completion of Phase 1, which is the entire hostel block. We would like to take the opportunity to express our heartfelt gratitude to Tata Consulting Engineers who planned and managed the construction of Phase 1.
- Construction is on in full swing - Phase 1 is expected to be completed in Q3 2012 and the school is expected to be functional by the end of the year 2013.



Shri G.K. Mahantesh, Founder Managing Trustee, Samarthanam, receiving the National Award from The President of India



L-R Shri. Sachin Pilot, G.K. Mahantesh & Ranbir Kapoor (NDTV Award)



Mr. G.K. Mahantesh receives the Karmaveera Puraskar



Awards & Recognition

• Samarthanam Founder Managing Trustee Mr. G.K. Mahantesh conferred with National Award for Child welfare. The award was presented to him by the Hon. President of India

• Samarthanam Founder Managing Trustee Mr. G.K. Mahantesh received the NDTV Sports Award

Mr. Mahantesh received the award at a glittering awards ceremony graced by the nation's leading sportspersons, politicians like Union Minister of HRD Kapil Sibal & Minister of State for Information and Technology Sachin Pilot, and movie stars. Olympic Medallist Leander Paes, Olympic boxer Vijender Singh, India's football captain Baichung Bhutia, Commonwealth Games Gold Medallist Gagan Narang and seven times World Billiards and Snooker Champion Pankaj Advani were among the awardees, along with Mr. Mahantesh. Mr. Mahantesh received the award in the 'Against the Odds - Lifetime Achievement' category.

Mr. Mahantesh's personal achievements as a cricketer, as well as his role in promoting blind cricket, blind chess and athletics were recognized as part of a short video clipping screened during the awards ceremony.

With the Blind Cricket World Cup just around the corner, we hope the recognition helps increase Samarthanam's reach.

• Samarthanam Founder Managing Trustee Mr. G.K. Mahantesh was honoured with the Karmaveera Puraskar .

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Mr. G.K. Mahantesh receives the Vajra Kumar Prashasti



Mr. G. K. Mahantesh addressing the gathering at IIM, Calcutta

Samarthanam Founder Managing Trustee Mr. G.K. Mahantesh honoured with the N. Vajra Kumar Prashasti .

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- He also spoke at the NASSCOM Diversity and Inclusivity Summit, and the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT).

Samarthanam in the Media



Our Collaborators

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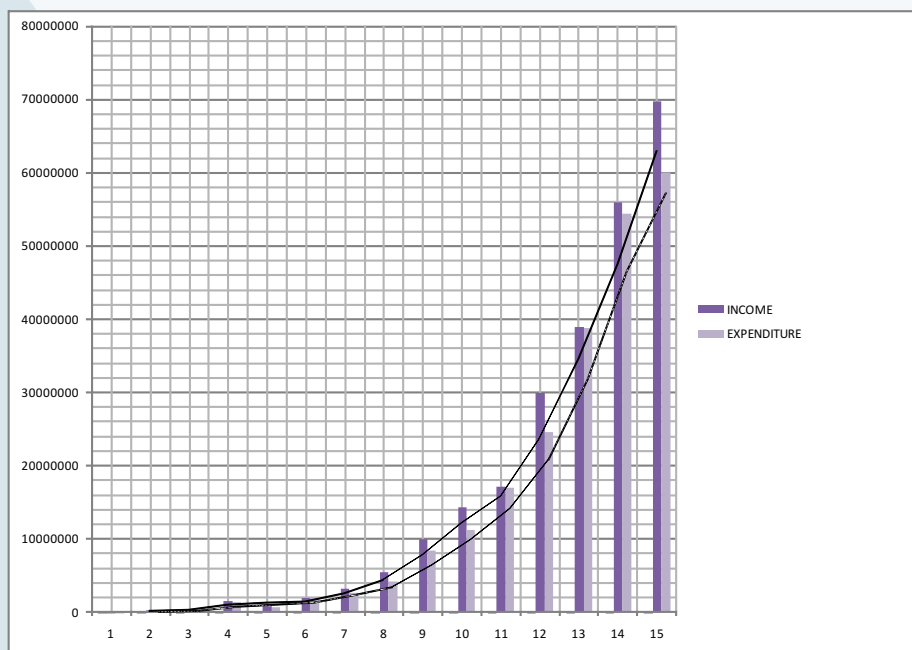
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Give to Asia

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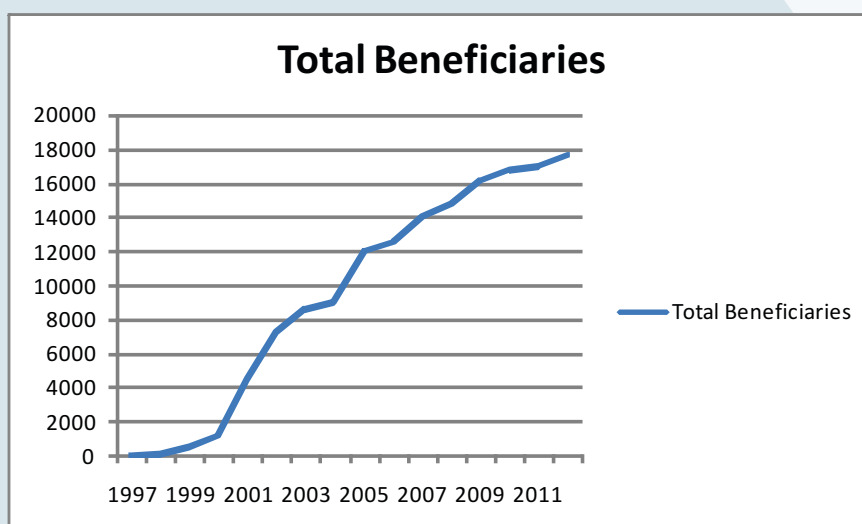
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Samarthanam's Growth Story



Year-on-year Growth

Year	Total Beneficiaries	Programmes launched
1997	3	Education & Sports
1998	103	Girls Hostel
1999	506	Computer Education
2000	1200	IED
2001	4500	
2002	7200	Jnanavikas
2003	8600	Vidyaprasad
2004	9000	High School
2005	12000	Parisara
2006	12600	
2007	14001	Swadhara
2008	14800	Primary School
2009	16200	Expansion to North Karnataka
2010	16800	Shrishti
2011	17003	CABI
2012	17650	



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Financials for the Year ended 31st March 2012

	Sources of Funds	Amount (Rs.)	
1	Capital Fund	21514100	43.27
2	Income and expenditure account surplus	6640505	13.35
3	Building Fund	15784438	31.74
4	Reserve Fund	1513759	3.04
5	Corpus Fund	100000	0.20
	Current Liabilities	4172936	8.39
	Total	49725738	100.00

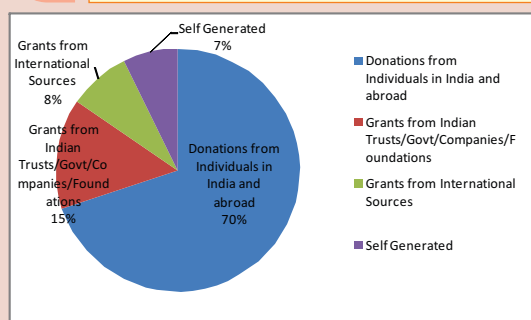
	Application of Funds	Amount (Rs.)	
1	Fixed Assets	38156919	76.73
2	Deposits & Advances	8962172	18.02
3	Receivables	471001	0.95
4	Cash & Bank Balances	2135646	4.29
	Total	49725738	100.00

	Receipts	Amount (Rs.)	%
1	Cash & Bank Balances	7698611	8.65
2	Donations (Within India)	46977306	52.78
3	Grants from Indian Sources (Trusts/Govt/Companies/foundations)	20303883	22.81
4	Grants from International Sources (Under FCRA)	5417262	6.09
5	Self Generated (Fees/subscriptions/ interest etc.,	4873914	5.48
6	Deposits & Advances	2311130	2.60
7	Loans & Advances	1428500	1.60
	Total	89010606	100.00

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	Payments	Amount (Rs.)	%
1	Office support expenses (rent/repairs /telephone/stationery, electricity, water etc)	5507333	6.19
2	Communication (Correspondence/Website etc.)	80000	0.09
3	Salaries and benefits	15748796	17.69
4	Staff Travel & Conveyance	1324703	1.49
5	Consultants 'fees (audit etc.)	733461	0.82
6	Other programme expenses (Food etc.)	19841054	22.29
7	Other non programme expenses	14446339	16.23
8	Capital Items purchased for the organization	22772569	25.58
9	Capital Items purchased for beneficiaries	166878	0.19
10	Deposits & Advances	3217800	3.62
11	Loans & Advance	3036027	3.41
12	Cash & Bank Balances	2135646	2.40
	Total	89010606	100.00

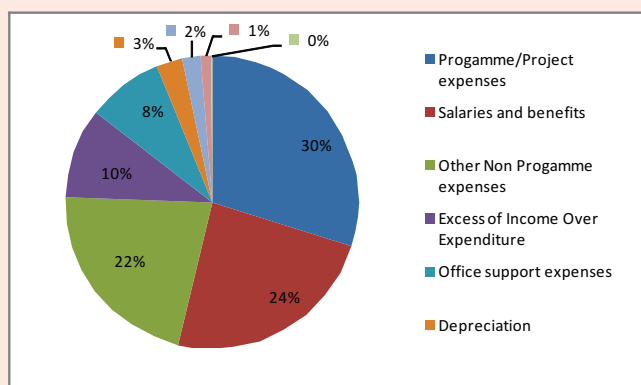
	Income	Amount (Rs.)	%
1	Donations from Individuals (Donations Within India and Outside)	46284032	69.82
2	Grants from Indian Sources (Trusts/Govt/Companies/foundations)	9711683	14.65
3	Grants from International Sources (Under FCRA)	5417262	8.17
4	Self Generated (Fees/subscriptions/interest etc.,	4873914	7.35
	Total	66286891	100.00



Breakup of Funding Sources

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	Expenditure	Amount (Rs.)	%
1	Office support expenses (rent/repairs/ telephone/stationery, electricity, water etc)	5546097	8.37
2	Communication (Correspondence/Website etc.,)	80000	0.12
3	Salaries and benefits	15748796	23.76
4	Staff Travel & Conveyance	1324703	2.00
5	Consultants fees (audit etc.,)	733461	1.11
6	Other programme expenses (Projects etc.,)	19841054	29.93
7	Other Non programme expenses	14446339	21.79
8	Depreciation	1,925,936	2.91
9	Excess of Income Over Expenditure	6,640,505	10.02
	Total	66286891	100.00



Distribution of Expenditure

Gross Remuneration and Reimbursement of Board Members

Name	Amount
Mahantesh G K	0
Nagesh S P	0
Vasanti Savanur	0
Total	0

Staff Details

Remuneration	Amount
Salary of the Head of the Organization	0
Highest paid Staff member	39220
Lowest Salary Paid	1625

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Board of Trustees

Name	Mahantesh G K	Nagesh S P	Vasanti Savanur
Age	41	44	58
Gender	Male	Male	Female
Position on Board	Founder Managing Trustee	Trustee	Trustee
Occupation	Managing Trustee of Samarthanam	Bank Employee	Retired Teacher
Area of Work	Top Management- Overall	Sports and General Management	Education and General Management
Meetings Attended	6	6	6

Staff Details

Gender	Full Time	Part Time	Paid Consultants
Male	99	NIL	5
Female	52	NIL	2
Total	151	NIL	7

Gross Salary Slab	Male	Female	Total
Less than 5000	48	22	70
5000 -10000	28	21	49
10001-25000	19	9	28
25001-35000	3	0	3
More than 35000	1	0	1
Total	99	52	151

Travel Expenditure	Amount
National Travel	226112
International Travel	599606
Total Cost	825718

Cost of International Travel

	Name	Designation	Purpose of Travel	Amount (Rs.)
Board Members	Mahantesh	Founder Managing Trustee	Education & Cultural Exchange Programme	75476
	Mahantesh G. K	Founder Managing Trustee	Sports Meeting at Dubai	24053
	Nagesh S. P	Trustee	Sports Meeting at Dubai	24053
	Vasanti Savanur	Trustee	Education & Cultural Exchange Programme	59503
Volunteers				
Staff	Savithramma	Artist	Education & Cultural Exchange Programme	59503
	Suma B. D	Artist	Education & Cultural Exchange Programme	59503
	Lingaraju	Artist	Education & Cultural Exchange Programme	59503
	Gangamma	Artist	Education & Cultural Exchange Programme	59503
	Geetha Kivadasannavar	Dance Teacher	Education & Cultural Exchange Programme	59503
	Ishwar	Child Artist	Education & Cultural Exchange Programme	59503
	Basavaraju	Artist	Education & Cultural Exchange Programme	59503
	TOTAL			599606

Cost of National Travel

	Name	Designation	Purpose of Travel	Amount
Board Members	Mahantesh G. K	Founder Managing Trustee	Sports & world cup meet, IT conference & Building Meet	119501
Volunteers	Raju, Kapil & Shahsi Abraham	Volunteers	Building meet & world cup & Enviornmeet seminar	35358
Staff	Kumarswamy, Josephine Prasannakumar, Naidu, Prashanth & Girish	Project co ordinators	Conference & Seminar	71253
	TOTAL			226112

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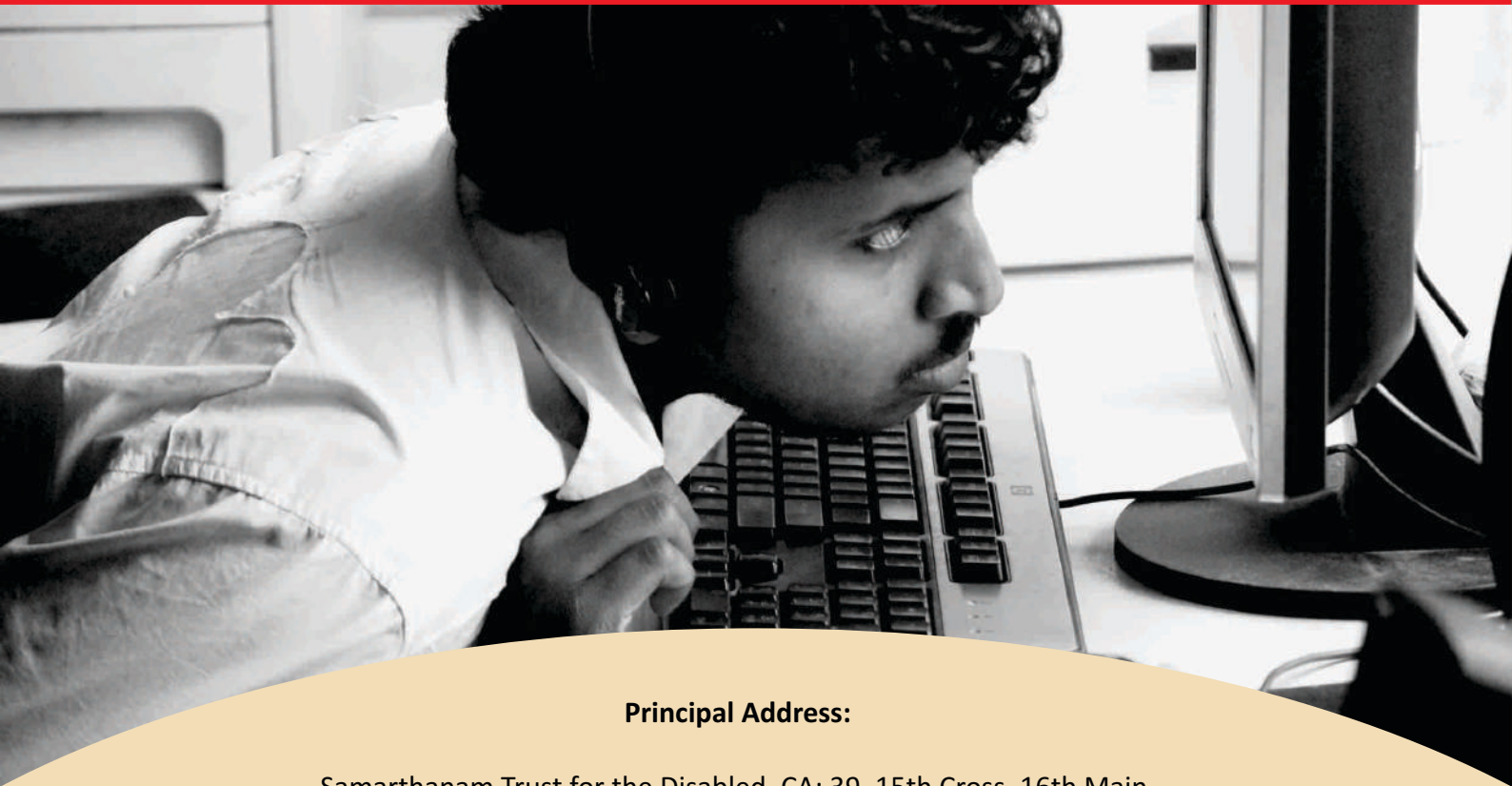
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