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7	Registered under Societies Registration Act 1860	Reg. No. 521/2002
8	Registered under Section 52 of the PWD Act (Persons with Disability)	Valid upto : 31.06.2020
9	Registered under National Trust Act	Valid upto : 15.01.2022
10	12 AA & 80 G	Registered under section 12 AA of the income tax Act & Exemption certificate granted under section 80 G of the income tax Act
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PRESIDENT'S NOTE

The Year 2017-2018 saw the implementation of the Rights to Persons with Disability act (RPWD act 2016). This is a reason to celebrate for us. Since our inception in 2003 we have worked tirelessly for (specially children) the forgotten and neglected among us who are persons with special needs. Since our humble beginning in Nallam Clinic we have opened 9 centres dotted all over the union territory of Pondicherry and our mobile unit reaches remote rural areas in our endeavour "to reach the unreached".

We are now also the nodal state agency, for the National Trust, through which we provide guidance and support to other organizations in Pondicherry to improve the quality of care given to the divyanjan.

Our unique initiatives include the braille library in our main centre which is a great resource for visually impaired college students of Pondicherry has widen our services to spread across disabilities. We have also started a campaign to make public places accessible. We are in talks with government agencies to make a portion of the beach front accessible. It should have ramps to allow wheel chair users to have independent mobility.

The tireless effort of parents of children with special needs has been a constant source of inspiration for us. The endurance and tenacity of our young team of professionals has helped us to surmount many obstacles in our way.

We have also partnered with National & International reputed organisation and we believe that "Together we can change the World".

Bindu Modi President

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

We at Satya always believed in building Partnerships with likeminded institutions and NGOs working for the underprivileged. Thanks to our partnerships this year saw our dream of AN INCLSUIVE SCHOOL come true. The motivation to start the Inclusive School came from Ms. Alice and Mr. Maran the founders of Vudhavi Karangal who sowed the seed to join hands for the common cause of working together for these children at risks.

The purpose to start this initiative was to offer an inclusive environment wherein the basic academic skills, social, personal, occupational and recreational skills for EXCLUDED Children whom the other schools whether it be government or private were reluctant to admit. AICE – Alternative Inclusive Center for Education would become the 'torchbearer' to admit street children, school drop outs, children in conflict with law, children of sex workers, slow learners and Children with special needs under one umbrella providing a great platform to cater to their needs.

The partnership has helped strengthen the knowledge base and also optimally share resources between the organizations and help us work towards a common goal. Our search for more partnerships and mutually beneficial collaborations would continue in the coming years too.

Chitra Shah Director









Mission

Vision :

Change the current fragmented rehabilitation system into a more integrated and holistic one dedicated at improving the lives of intellectually disabled children through individual specialized trainings thereby making social inclusion a reality.

Our Belief :

- In transparency
- * In professionalism and dedication
- ✤ In charity with dignity

Our Work :

- Involves any person with intellectual disabilities, irrespective of their degree of disability, socio- economic condition and age.
- * Towards eradicating the stigma associated with disabilities especially intellectual disabilities.
- * Empowering the children thereby making them confident and self-reliant.
- * Improve the quality of life through better health care and individualized rehabilitation programmes.



Treasurer and Director



Ir. Nallam Krishna Babu General Secretary



Mr. B.Narayanaswamy EC Member (Parent of PwD)



Mr. AroquiaRadje Ceaser EC Member (Parent of PwD)



Dr (Ms.) Nalini Ranganathan EC Member



Mr. Paul Sundar Singh Akkarai Foundation USA (Special Invitee)

HIGHLIGHT'S OF THE YEAR

A THREE WEEK MUSIC THERAPY SESSION



A three week music therapy session was conducted for Children on the Autism Spectrum Mr. Mathew our long term volunteer organized the workshop in association with Mr. Ramji,music teacher at Satya. In the workshop they played a traditional Australian instrument called a 'didgeridoo' and a traditional instrument from Tamil Nadu called 'parai'. These instruments were played for the children to identify different sounds and rhythms, the workshop helped to improve the children's listening skill and concentration power.



The first of a series of Personality development & communication training for Satya Staff was held. A one day training on Motivation was imparted by Ms.L.Lata, Corporate trainer. Time Management, Effective Communication and the Art of Effective listening were the topics covered.

TRAINING ON ALTERNATIVE AUGMENTATIVE COMMUNICATION (AAC) FOR STAFF



Mr. Pradeep from Enabling India part of IIT Chennai trained Special Educators & Therapist on various ACC technologies available. 40 staff of Satya participated in the programme. The purpose of the programme was to introduce Apps such as I-Crest, KAVI PTS, Aditi, I-Tag, V-Sim, I-Draw, V-Play, Tactograph for children with special needs at school and at their homes. These Apps were found user friendly, easy to teach and learn. Attention grasping of the special child was much faster and easier when we make use of these Apps in our teaching activities. Satya found the programme and the user friendly Apps for children with special needs most important and the teachers decided to move towards using technology as a major tool for training of CWSNs.



16 teachers of Kothari Vidya Mandir School took part in an orientation program on learning disability, discussion of problem faced by teachers with the students, Importance of Inclusive Education and SIMLAB training was given.

The objective of the training was to create awareness on Learning Disability and Inclusion. The resource team from Satya handled various sessions on Satya, its activities and initiatives taken for the inclusive community, awareness on the rights of disability , learning disabilities. The teachers had queries on handling children with different abilities, teaching strategies and rewarding children appropriately.

PLAY WAY METHOD OF TEACHING



Our Early Intervention Teachers taught play way method of teaching for the Early Intervention Parents. Since play way method is found to be very flexible one based on child's aptitude and interest. Learning activities through play way method gives children joy, contentment, inner and outer usage of body parts, and finally knowledge.



The AMBA programme of skill training intellectually challenged for data entry operations was imparted to CWSNs at the Villiyanur VRC. This specially designed programme aims to ensuring online data entry job work for them after successful competition of the training. Around 20 CWSNs have been identified and they will undergo training for the next 6-8 months based on their abilities.

We are in the process of setting up a model Rural BPO for intellectually abled adults in the next few months.

KAVI PTS TRAINING



KAVI PTS is a Picture to Speech - Technology based communication being introduced to both the verbal and non-verbal children by Ms. Arabi, Special Educator from Enable India, Chennai. This app is not only for communication but to elicit the spontaneous responses as an expressive language and foster the vocabulary. Also it is fun and enhances the interest of the child through effective technology. This app is now widely used both by parents and teachers at Satya.

BOCCE TRAINING FOR CHILDREN WITH CEREBRAL PALSY



Demonstration of Bocce for children with Cerebral Palsy was held at Satya. Mr. Rajiv & Mr.Amarnath from EKTA Foundation were the trainers. Around 25 children's from various centers of Satya Participated in this training. The idea is to train few of the students who could then qualify to be part of a team for participation in the World Bocce Championship which to be held in the year 2020.

WORKSHOP ON TEACHING METHODOLOGY FOR SLOW LEARNERS



A workshop on Teaching Methodology for slow learners was conducted for special educators. Mr. Perumal, was the resource person. He demonstrated some techniques to be followed specially while teaching languages. He highlighted the need for rewards and how simple encouraging words can help motivate the children and improve their learning skills. The teachers felt that as the training was more practical & hands, on involving examples from classroom experiences, they are now better prepared to handle slow learners in a mixed group. It was also proposed to organise a couple of follow up sessions in the next few months.



Practical based capacity building training for special educators, Therapist on Behavior Modification was conducted. The topics include, what is behavior modification, how to control behavior using ADL method, timeout, and reinforcement, ignore, overcorrection, fear. The Participant found it extremely useful as it was based on day to day happening and the experiences the teachers shared.

SENSITIZATION PROGRAM ON SENSORY INTEGRATION AND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY IN CLASSROOM AND HOME ENVIRONMENT FOR CWSNS



At Satya, Sensitization Program on Sensory Integration and Occupational Therapy in Classroom and Home Environment for CWSNs was conducted. Ms. Rajamani, Occupational Therapist was the resource person. The objective of the training programme was to impart knowledge on what are the sensory problems and how to find out them. Parents have been given inputs on how to handle a child with sensory issues in natural environment as carried over of classroom activities.

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One day Training Program was conducted on "EARLY COMMUNICATION SKILS" for Parents of the Early Intervention Centre. The Main objective of the program was to sensitize the parents on how we communicate in daily life and how this communication is an important aspect for the children with special needs. The resource person Ms. Rajamani, explained the two types of communication, verbal and non-verbal. Verbal Communication requires oral ability starts from birth, from crying to complete sentence formation in the ladder of Speech Development. Non-verbal communication includes signs, body movement, gestures, eye pointing, finger pointing and facial expression.

SPINAL CORD INJURY REHAB IN PUDUCHERRY - WAY AHEAD



Ms. Preethi Srinivasan, the co-founder of Soulfree was in Satya to meet staff, medical professionals and college students to discuss about Spinal Cord Injury. About 25 people participated in the meeting. Growing up as a national level swimmer and a state level cricket player, Preethi Srinivasan at the age of 19 had a freak accident in Pondicherry. She completely lost her identity in the span of a split second from being a bright young student and sportsperson to a person confined to a wheelchair for over 14 years now.

Today the Soul free provides the hope for the severely disabled like her. Soul free aims to motivate and inspire people to use her example as a means to build self-confidence and self-esteem. Wherever she goes she also automatically spreads awareness about spinal-cord injury and Soulfree's aim to revolutionize the way wheelchair-users are viewed in India.

The discussion was to share her vision of helping Spinal-cord injury Victims in Puducherry and Possible role of Satya in helping such victims for rehabilitation.



The primary school teachers training on disability identification and analysis was held, Mr. Sathish was the resource person. He handled the session on the disability identification process. It was quite interesting for the teachers to learn about the various techniques of identification. The teachers were also given awareness on the disability inclusion. 75% of the participants felt that they could now understand the importance of including the children with special needs, adopt the techniques taught in the session. The participants felt they would require similar training in the near future.

WORKSHOP ON ACCESSIBILITY-A CATALYST FOR INCLUSION



The Satya Special School in collaboration with the Department of Social work, Pondicherry University, with a support of The HANS foundation organized a One Day Workshop on Accessibility as a catalyst for Inclusion on 15th September 2017, at the Convention Center, Puducherry University taking into account the needs of disabled end users. One of the aims of the Workshop was to learn more about the evolving needs and expectations of disabled end-users and the barriers that need to be overcome in order to promote accessibility.



'National Meet for Parents of Persons with Multiple Disabilities' was organized in Chennai from 3rd to 5th August, 2017. Three mothers from Satya along with their Children participated in this event. The meet was planned to get parents across the states of India to gather in one place along with their children, learn, share, discuss for enhancing the quality of life and sustainable development. The event provided them with an opportunity to interact with the parents from across the country. It was also a platform for children to share their success, struggles and expectations from the revised Rights for Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016.

PARTNERING CORPORATES IN CSR



Ms. Mamtha Sharma CSR Consultant interacted with NGOs in Puducherry. She impressed upon the various aspects corporates look for while selecting projects & NGOs. She stressed on the importance of transparency and project based approach where the impact can be clearly assessed. The discussion which followed focused on the need to have clear financial and project management strategies and the need to build a long term partnership with corporates. NGOs present requested for more such meaningful sessions that would help in understanding the expectations of corporates and bridge the gap between them and NGOs.



One day training programme on improving "AGILITY" among children with Special needs was conducted for the technical staff by Ms. Bora Sai Lakshmi, Principal and Technical Head, Satya Special School. The theory class was followed by practical session explaining how important sports activities are in order to improve Strength, Endurance, Coordination, Balance, Flexibility as physical factors and attention, focusing, memory etc. as cognitive factors which improves Agility among the children with special needs. It was an interactive and experiential learning enjoyed by the participants.

ADAPTATION AND UTILIZATION OF ADL OBJECTS



Practical Training to the parents of early intervention children on "Adaptation and Utilization of Activities of Daily Living (ADL) objects" was conducted to enable the parents to make necessary adaptations in basic activities of daily living for their child.

Activities of Daily Living, also referred to as Self Care Skills, play a major role in a child's overall functional growth, confidence and independence. These essential skills include the child's ability to feed themselves using utensils appropriately and to perform toileting, bathing and grooming activities .



A one day training program was conducted for the parents of children with developmental disability, autism, cerebral palsy and intellectual disability. The programme aimed to focus on imparting Literacy skills to the children with different degrees of disability depending on their level of capacity and strengths.

ACCESSIBLE TECHNOLOGY NVDA TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR VISUALLY IMPAIRED



Satya Special School conducted A Workshop for Visually Impaired on JAWS & NVDA Software Technology for visually impaired students from various schools and Colleges. The objective was to enable visually impaired students on the use of latest technologies.



A one day training program for various stakeholders including Government Officials, Anganwadi Workers, Parents, Rehabilitation Professionals and Students on Various Issues concerning Disability - RPWD Act, National Trust Schemes and Self Advocacy was held in the Pondicherry University. The State Nodal Agency Satya Special School, Pondicherry organized this event in collaboration with HEPSN, Pondicherry University.



A Workshop on Accessible Books was conducted in Bangalore at Mitra Jyothi. It was hosted by Skoll Foundation, Accessible Books Consortium, and Daisy Consortium and Book share India. The purpose of the workshop was to enable children accessible for books online which saves their time, money and most importantly emerges their interest on books and related activities. Mr Vinod from Satya attended the training.



National conference on Autism was conducted by The National Trust at New Delhi. Mr. Sheriff, Project Coordinator participated in the workshop on behalf of Satya Special School. Following were the topics discussed during the conference :

- Early detection and intervention/inclusive education and college education of the autistic children and adults.
- Skilling and employment opportunities for autistic adults.
- Supported and independent living for autistic children and adults.

A CAMP TO HELP KIDS DESIGN THEIR OWN LIFE STYLE



Kuzhanthaigal Kodai Kondattam 2017 is the first inclusive camp for kids in "difficult circumstances". A one week camp was held at Pondicherry University. The theme of the camp was "Towards modernizing traditional values and practices". It included activities such as No oil No boil cookery classes, palm leaf art etc. Children from various NGOs participated in the camp. The objective of the camp was to enable children feel their own life and values of family. Games were conducted to make them know about our traditions. This increased their self-learning, social moving. It was wonderful to see children with special needs integrate with mainstream children and encourage peer to peer learning.



A 5 days Inclusive Summer Camp for children was conducted at Vikkaravandi. Children of Satya Special School participated in robotic, arts and crafts, dance and film making training.

SYMPOSIUM ON IMPLEMENTATION OF RPWD ACT 2016: ROLE OF STAKEHOLDER



HEPSN (Higher Education for Persons with Special Needs Center for Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy), Pondicherry University, NIEPMD-Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India conducted Symposium on Implementation of RPwD Act 2016: Role of Stakeholders. Ms.Chitra Shah, Director Satya Special School elaborated on the Role of NGOs in the implementation of RPwD Act 2016.



3rd International Conference on "Challenging Exclusion"-ICCE-2018 Jointly Organized by NIEPMD & SRM Institute of Science & Technology, Chennai. Our Students Played Parai Drums and got the best Performance award. It was indeed a wonderful experience for the children as they performed to a packed audience.

AICE A UNIQUE ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL



AICE-Alternative Inclusive Center For Education was inaugurated on 29.07.2017 by Mr. Mihir Vardhan, Secretary Welfare Government of Puducherry. Inclusion is the buzz word in the disability sector and the Government of India has rightly launched an INCLUSIVE INDIA campaign. In line with this and the ground reality, Satya has joined hands with Vudhavi Karangal in launching this inclusive center. This Center provides Alternative Education to the disadvantage children who have been isolated from Main stream Society. The main objective in addition to developing their academic and social skills is to help the children integrate into society and lead a meaningful life. Rtn. Claudia Gunasekar & Michel Berthet Enfants Des Pondicherry were the Guest of Honour.



Disability Awareness Program for Anganwadi Workers was conducted at Department of Women and Child Development, Saram, Puducherry. Mr. Baskaran, Satya Sensory Integration Therapist gave training on the following topics:

- Identification of Disability
- Screening
- Normal steps of child development
- Where and How to refer Places for Special children.

STREET THEATER WORKSHOP FOR FIELD ANIMATORS



A street theater workshop was conducted for the field animators. The purpose of the training was to train the animators to be able to communicate information on disability and inclusive education for Children with Special Needs through the performance of drama and folk songs. 10 field animators participated in the workshop. Ms. Elizabeth led the street theater workshop. The workshop focused on the issues of disabilities and the need for Inclusive education for the children with special needs. After the training, the team performed the drama and folk songs in the villages around Villianur Commune.



An interaction with Parents of Vocational Training Centre was held regarding job opportunities in housekeeping for children who have received skill development training. The objective of the meeting was to inform parents about various job opportunities in housekeeping, how and what does an employer expects from a candidate and what are all the guidelines to be followed to prepare the candidate for the specific job. Parents felt the interaction useful for them and the students who are ready to be employed.

CAPACITY BUILDING TRAINING FOR STAFF ON ENRICHING FAMILY LIFE



Our Satya Life Skill Trainer Ms. Vijaya Conducted training for our Staffs on enriching family life. She covered topics such as Understanding family life, Problems in family, How to interact with the family members, Building Leadership Qualities, Roles and responsibilities of the family members, Reinforcement and its impact, Coping with stress, Social support and spectrum of services for the family. She also did activity based training with the staffs. Around 55 staffs attended the programme. The objective of the programme was to sensitize staff regarding how to manage the family and work place in easy way. The training followed Group discussion, role play, activities, power point presentation methodology.



Functional Training Program for Parents of Children with Multiple Disability was conducted at Satya Multiple Disability Centre. Mr Sharma, Physiotherapist gave training for Parents on following areas : How to handle children, Transferring children, Mobility Training, Functional Activity, Do's & Dont's and Home Program.

DISABILITY AWARENESS PROGRAMMES / STIMULATION LABS / CHILD RIGHTS – BETIBACHAO



MEDICAL CAMPS









SCIENCE FORUM ACTIVITY







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NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON GROWING DIGITAL WORLD



On 23.1.2018 & 24.1.2018 National Conference on Growing Digital World, Multiphasic Insights and Responsibilities was held at Madras School of Social Work.Our Principal Ms. Bora Sai Lakshmi presented a paper titled Promoting Digital Media as an intervention Strategy for Toilet Training and The Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder and won the best scientific paper award and was awarded cash prize of Rs 1000.



A Conference on Role of Law Enforcement Authorities & Government in Upholding Justice was organized on 2nd & 3rd of March by the School of Law Pondicherry University, Ms. Chitra Shah Director Satya Special School, presented a Paper on "Access to Justice for women with disabilities".

NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON EARLY INTERVENTION TRENDS AND CHALLENGES



Ms. Bora Sai Lakshmi, Principal participated in the National Conference on Early Intervention Trends & Challenges held at IUCDS, Mahatma Gandhi University on 23rd and 24th March 2018. She has presented a Paper on Comprehensive Impact Assessment of Early Intervention Programme at Satya Special School.

AWARDS & ACHIEVMENTS

- 1. 2010 Ministry of Social Welfare and Empowerment, Government of India awarded Satya Special School the best NGO of the year for its project of empowering adults PWDs through Micro Enterprises.
- 2. 2014-15 Satya Special School was awarded STATE AWARD for BEST Institution working with PWDs.
- 3. Child Friendly School Award December 2015 under the Special School Category by TYCL & Mugil Social Welfare Organization
- 4. The Early Childhood Education Unique Learner Project from the University of Oregon College of Education, USA for Development of a Model of Excellence to serve CWSNs.
- 5. Best Special School by Pudu Yugam Channel, March 2018



TESTIMONIALS

Samiulhaq Sami, Kabul, Afghanistan

We found a very Inclusive great and very on need bases support this center offers. Keep it up. Satya Special School try to Visit Afghanistan(SSS).

Tatjana Smrekar, Toronto, Canada

Thank you for so generously giving me a tour of your wonderful facilities. The work you do is so amazing and it was a gift to see such a great work and compassion for these special children. Wishing you continued success.

Dr. Sathish Rayaan JIPMER, Puducherry

Such a thought provoking journey for 2 hours. Life is way beyond what we see and experience. We will return back" BE THE CHANGE".

Gaetan De Beaupuis Consultant-PADEM

Congratulations and encouragements to creative innovating for inclusive education and promoting diversity. All the best.

Marta Misurale-Italy

Congratulations huge and important job with special children and for the support to their families' Thank you! Happy Kids, Happy Families!.

Students and faculty of Psychology Department Justice Basheer Ahamed Sayed,College for Women (SIET) Thenyampet

An inspiring educative, experience. The work being done is remarkable .Thank you for having us. We are going back motivated. The students feel that it is an "Awakening Experience".

Kanthari Institute ,Trivandrum

Thank you for a wonderful inspiring day we appreciate the opportunity of getting to meet the founder and passionate employees of the organization. Special thanks for the gift of the flower it meant a lot to me one of our participants and this is a big inspiration for us all. Anil Prabhakar IIT Madras

Lovely Visit to the School and the vocational Center .We must find ways to collaborate and bring more technology into the school sector.



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