In Puducherry, attitudes towards disability is related to how parents and stakeholders perceive “karma”. Disability is perceived both as punishment for misdeeds in the past lives or the wrongdoings of their parents (a kind of “divine justice”), and socially it is attributed to the mother, leading to both the mother and child being perceived as inauspicious and shunned. Social fabric is such that the parents of children with special needs tend to feel the guilt and sometimes take on the blame for the impairment. Families, communities and sometimes even the medical professionals add to this guilt with their attitude, calling the child a ‘vegetable’, ‘useless’, or ‘a burden’, isolating the child, and often the family.
Way Forward

➢ A Model Rehab center for PWDs: Cradle to geriatric care including a short stay residential facility towards respite of the primary caregiver.
➢ Learning and Research Center for special needs

I shall create an eco system for your NGO to help expand the support system for them ~ Hon’ble. Dr. Kiran Bedi, Lieutenant Governor, Puducherry

I visited then for the first time in 2010 in a small building and today I am amazed to see the growth and reach that Satya has had. Amazed at the staffs dedication to the cause. ~ Rodney Maiden, University of IOWA, USA

Working with the Satya team has been an absolute delight. We are very proud to be associated with them and nominate the Satya Early intervention Center as the best center following the University of EUGEN early childhood care program outside the United States. ~ Dr.Judith Newman, Early Childhood Cares, College of Education, University of Oregon, USA

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I am grateful to Satya for all the opportunities and great encouragement I have got. Today I have travelled internationally. I would like to thank my teachers and others at Satya: Student

Before I brought my grand-child to Satya Special School, he couldn’t move and sat at home alone all day; he had gained a lot of weight. Now he plays and interacts with other children and has access to the therapies and exercises he needs to progress and improve his motor skills ~ Primary Care giver

I have woked in a number of organisations, but the freedom, support and encouragement we get especially from the parent, not just the management and colleague, help us raise the bar. ~ Staff

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