



# ANNUAL REPORT 2016-2017

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**SATYA SKILL DEVELOPMENT CENTRE**  
Edayanchavady Main Road,  
Kulapalayam, Auroville

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1	Full Legal Name	SATYA SPECIAL SCHOOL
2	Official Address	86, EswaranKoil Street (Nallam Clinic), Pondicherry
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7	Website	www.satyaspecialschool.org
8	Registered under Societies Registration Act 1980	Reg No 521/2002
9	Registered under Section 52 of the PWD Act (Persons with Disability)	27th June 2014 (Date of Registration)
10	Registered under National Trust Act	3505 Date of Registration - 6th Feb 2013
11	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
12	FCRA Registration No	285130094
13	Income - tax Pan	AAGAS1322
14	Bankers	Andhra Bank, Pondicherry (FCRA Designated A/C) HDFC Bank, Pondicherry



**SATYA VILLAGE REHABILITATION CENTRE**  
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Kulapalayam, Auroville



**SATYA VILLAGE REHABILITATION CENTRE**  
Yogalakshmi Nagar, Mutranpattu,  
Varur Taluk, Tamil Nadu



## 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.

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## President's Note

● The year 2016-2017 saw tremendous activity and leap in both quality and quantity of services in Satya. Networking and Partnership with internationally reputed organizations has ensured smooth exchange of best practices in the field of disability services.

● Partnership with likeminded organizations like Samarathanam Trust, Bangalore; Youth 4 jobs, Hyderabad and Amba, Bangalore helped us focus on increasing employability of PWDs.

● The NIOS curriculum is providing an opportunity for Slow learners, School Dropouts and Children with special needs achieved success in completing 10th standard Board exams. 8 children have completed their 10th standard and 2 their 12th standard.

● Due to various awareness programs and counselling provided to families, the acceptance of CWNS has increased thereby reducing abandonment and institutionalization of disabled children.

● To many well-wishers and friends of Satya - the donors, philanthropist, entrepreneurs, funding agencies, individuals who found it in their hearts to offer logistic, human or financial support to our various programmes - there by contributing to the process of improving the lives of the CWSNs, we extend our grateful thanks.

● Our parent's of CWSNs in many ways have been inspirational in beginning our programmes. Their support and their constant effort to change the existing ground realities has helped us in achieving our goals. Satya is also able to achieve its goals due to dedication of its young team of professionals. We hope they keep up the good work in the years ahead!

**Our journey towards an inclusive society continues!!!**

*Bindu Modi, President*



# Director's Note

## Satya - ORIGIN

- Satya Special School was founded in 2003 by a group of like minded individuals.
- Dr Nallam magnanimously provided the space free of cost in his clinic until 2006 and also supports the school till date.
- Fuelled by the desire to 'reach the unreachable', Satya was set up to serve as an integrated centre for disability rehabilitation in Pondicherry.
- Satya is working tirelessly towards making CWSNs as independent as possible and alleviating the social stigma that affects these individuals and their families.
- 75 % of Satya's beneficiaries are from the lower strata of society and all services are provided free of cost.

## Satya Today

- Currently, we cater to over 790 children with special needs through various services.
- We function in 4 urban, 3 rural centres and a new born highrisk clinic.
- Our Mobile therapy unit covers 44 rural villages of Pondicherry by providing home based services to over 120 disabled children.
- The vision of Satya is to Provide a holistic rehabilitation programme aimed at improving the lives of Intellectually disabled children through a child centric specialized training thereby making social inclusion a reality.
- The aim is to move from institutionalization of Children and empower families to care for their special needs child and to prevent abandonment of the children.
- The greater vision for Puducherry is to move from a Charity driven model to a professionally run social model where PWDs and parents become stakeholders and part of the management & day to day operations.
- Empowering the Mothers and training her to be the co-therapist for the programme has been the driving force of Satya's success.

## Uniqueness

- ◆ Satya's Early Intervention programme is the only specialised intervention service available for children below 6 years in and around Puducherry UT and has till date provided intervention to over 500 children with special needs in the last 6 years.
- ◆ The New born high risk clinic in association with JIPMER is the first of its kind in South India and has till date identified over 500 children born with a risk of a developmental delay. The focus of this programme is prevention at an early stage than after the delay has set in.
- ◆ Because of high qualified and professionally trained staff, Satya is able to focus on the ability of the child and hence build their skills, instead of focusing on their inability.
- ◆ Due to partnerships and networking with various national and international agencies including some Universities in America, the services provided are upto date and keeping with the technological developments across the world.
- ◆ Due to our extensive work in the rural areas through 3 Village rehabilitation Centers, we have ensured that the rural population also enjoys the same quality of intervention services like their urban counter parts.
- ◆ The mobile therapy unit reaches inaccessible villages and provides home based intervention for the unreachable population.
- ◆ The After School Remedial Centre provides the necessary remedial intervention to children with Learning Disabilities and slow learners from mainstream schools, this programme hopes to bridge the learning gap and ensure that these children don't drop out of school. First of its kind in Pondicherry, such services are a boon as otherwise families would have to move to bigger cities to access the same.

### **Skill development for PWDS has also been the priority with 3 major initiatives :**

- a. Satya Skill development center for training intellectually challenged in skills such as paper cup making, mat weaving, paper quilting etc. The PWDs form small cluster's called "NEIGHBOURHOOD INITIATIVES" headed by a Mother and 5 to 7 PWDs. The income generated is shared between the adult PWDs.
- b. Youth4jobs is a collaboration between an organization in Hyderabad which provides soft skill training to Hearing impaired and help them with job placements in corporates. In the last 1 year around 20 adults have got employment in various corporates in Puducherry.
- c. AMBA - is a BPO center for intellectually challenges adults. The Satya AMBA center in auroville has trained 70 urban & rural adults with intellectually disabilities on data entry. 20 of them now do online data entry job work for telecommunications companies where they are paid Rs 7 per form. (They digitalize cell phone application forms) .

### **Mainstreaming special needs children has become need of the hour.**

- a. We achieve this through greater awareness creation by organizing stimulation labs in various schools, colleges, village panchayats - in order to increase awareness and acceptance of PWDs.
- b. Satya is the only center to follow the open school curriculum to impart academic skills for special needs. As many as 10 children cleared their 10th standard last year and 2 Standard 12th. This year a fresh batch of 13 children are being trained to appear for their 10th standard board exams



## Future Projects

*We propose to work on the following projects in the next few years:*

★ *Rural BPO for intellectually disabled*  
- With assistance from AMBA ,Bangalore we will be launching a rural BPO aimed at sustainable livelihood opportunity for intellectually disabled.

★ *Respite care programme for special needs* – a short stay residential facility to help parents leave their children under our care for a few days.

★ *Human Resource Training: One year Diploma in Community & Inclusion* - in partnership with (TISS ) Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai & (BALM ) – Banyan Academy for Leadership in Mental Health, Chennai.

★ *Launching Accessible Puducherry*  
- making public places disabled friendly. The Campaign will start with making the Puducherry beach wheel chair accessible upto the water front.

★ *Rehabilitation Center for Women with Mental illness* - a day care facility for women with mental illness.

★ *Skill training programme for Acid attack victims*

★ *Group home for adults with intellectual disability* – A gated community for adult independent living.

★ *Awareness and rehabilitation services for spinal cord injury.*

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (EC) MEMBER 2017-2018



**Ms. Bindu Modi**  
President



**Ms. Sita Ram Kumar**  
Vice President



**Mr. Nallam Krishna Babu**  
General Secretary



**Ms. Chitra Shah**  
Treasurer and Director



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



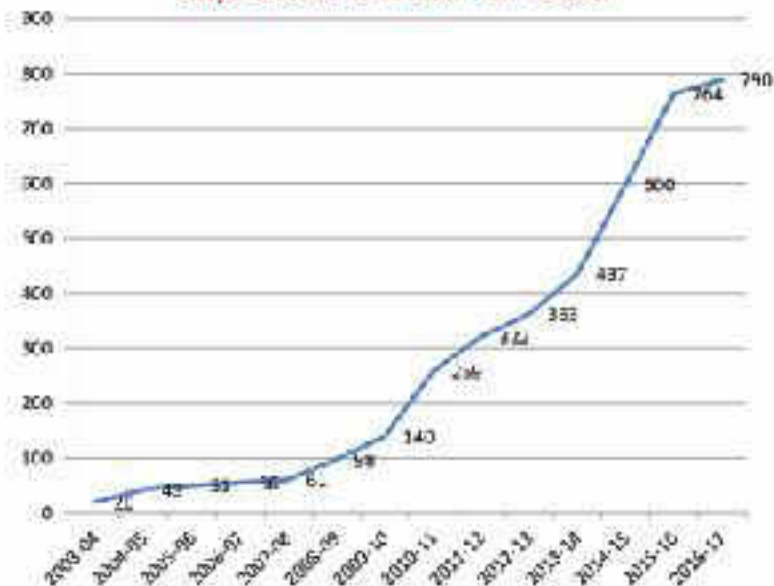
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EC Member



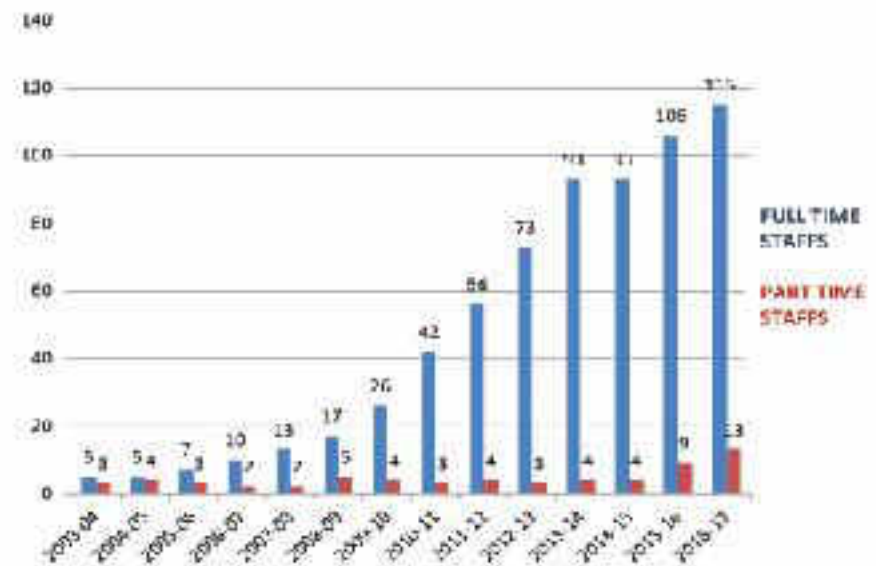
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EC Member  
( Parent of PwD )

# Statistics of Satya

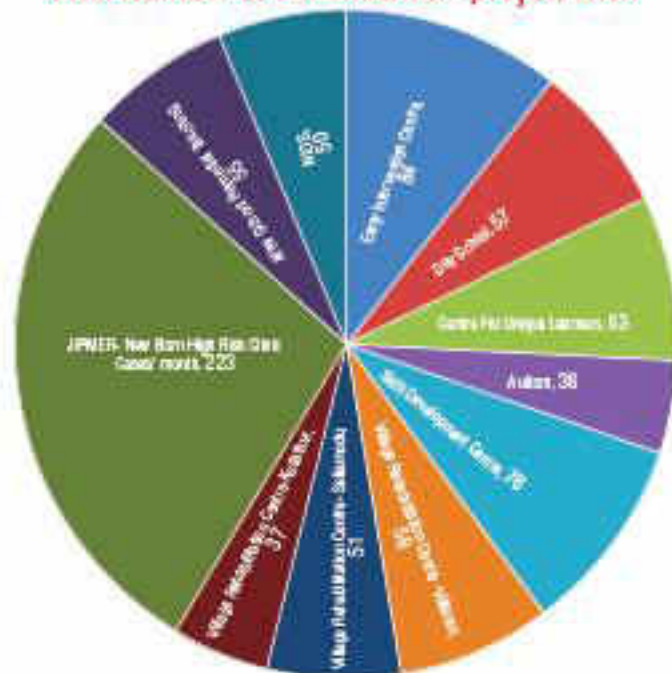
Satya's Student Growth Since 2003



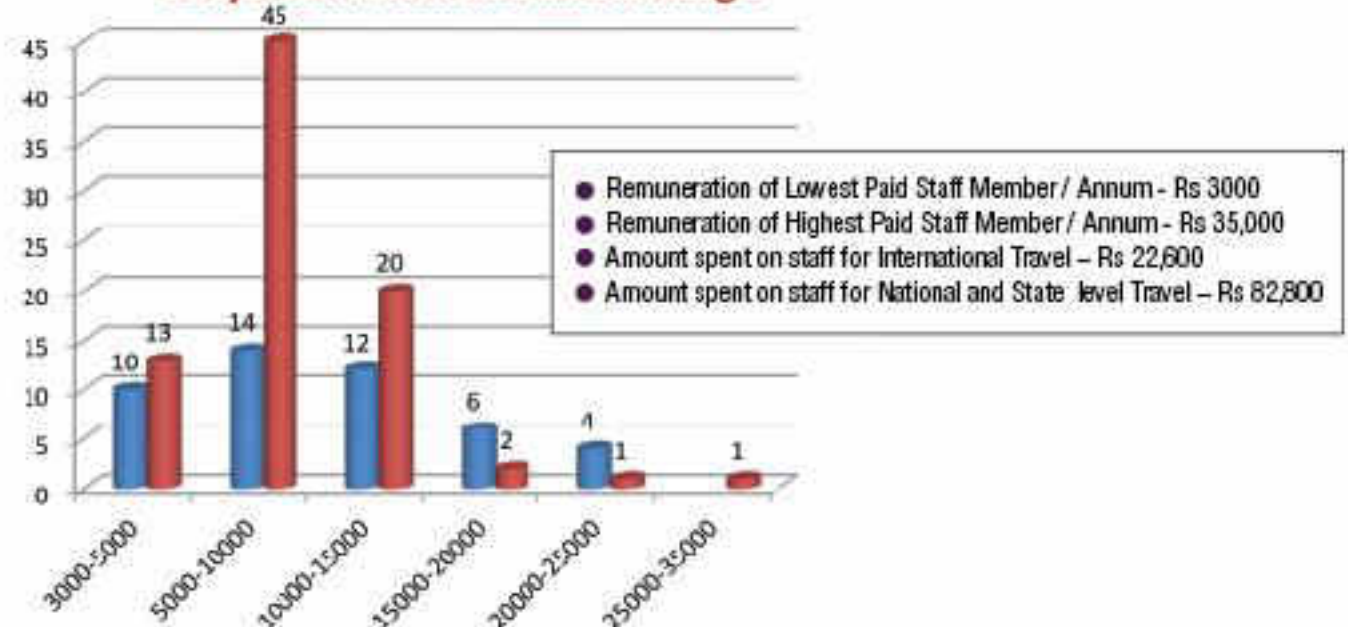
Satya's Total Number of Staff Since 2003



Total Number of beneficiaries - project wish



Satya Staff Remuneration Range





## Activities carried out at Skill Development Centre



Art and Craft



Bakery



House Keeping



Mat Weaving



Organic Farming



Paper Bags



Paper cup making



Paper Quilling



Skill Training –AMBA



Youth for Jobs



## Awards Received-2016-17



Ms. Chitra Shah, Director of Satya Special School was honoured with prestigious award as Women Achievers for her service towards CWSNs by Indian Women Network-Women of Puducherry.



Satya students- Mr. Anil, Mr. Sripathi and Ms. Bashiriya won prizes in the Chinmaya Thirumandiram Chanting Competition.





## Capacity Building Programme (CBP)

### CBP for Students



Puppet Show on Inclusion and Child Abuse



Group Therapy on Sensory Development in Early Childhood

## Highlights of the year 2016-17

Every year our aim is to provide a better environment for our children to live, laugh and learn life skills.. Few initiatives undertaken during the year 2016-17 are highlighted below:

### Foundation Day



Satya Special School celebrated 13 years of its establishment and honored all the individuals and organizations including well-wishers, donors and partners, who played a crucial role in Satya's impact on children with special needs. Having worked in the area of special needs, Satya recognized the achievements of those who stand as beacons of hope not just for our children but also the families. And honored them with "The Satya Award for Excellence" based on their achievements. Satya has been able to make remarkable strides in delivering quality rehabilitation services to over 700 children with special needs in both rural and urban areas due to the consistent support and encouragement of our well-wishers/donors and partner organizations.





Story Telling Workshop by Mr. Kumar Shaw with CWSNs



Group Painting Activity by Mr. Mathieu Charbonneau, France



Group Therapy for Proprioception Stimulation for Early Intervention Children and Parents

## Pinkathon

People behind Chennai Pinkathon are highly motivated individuals who believe strongly in the cause of the Pinkathon and encouraging women to run and be fit. A Team of 20 young girls from Satya Special School participated in PINKATHON - marathon for women. The objective was for them to connect with all levels of society & drive participation from every part of the city.



## LC Project -Housekeeping Training for CWSNs

The housekeeping training programme was supported and funded by LC Project, Nagapattinam with the objective of improving employability of Children with special needs. Students who successfully completed a certificate course in housekeeping were provided with internship training at Hotel Ashok.







**Bazaar: A Make Believe Market Place- Stimulation Activity for Functional Academic Children**



**Touch and Feel - A Tactile Day for Early Intervention Children**



**Story Telling- A Speech Development Tool for Functional Academic Children**



## **Workshop on Universal Design for Learning for Staffs**

One day workshop on Universal Design for Learning was organized by Social welfare board, Pondicherry at Satya Special School. The Resource person was Prof. Rama Cousik, Assistant Professor in Special Education, Indiana University,

Purdue University Fort Wayne (IPFW) USA. Staffs from various special schools of Pondicherry and Tamil Nadu participated in the program. The aim of the workshop was to sensitize the special educators towards teaching science to students with developmental disabilities in Self-contained class room.

## **Inauguration of Skill Development Center**

Youth4Jobs Foundation in association with Satya Special School has launched its Pondicherry Skill Development Centre for Persons with Disabilities. Chief Guest Mr. E. Vallavan, Labour Commissioner, Government of Puducherry inaugurated the center. The center aims to train 150 candidates in a year in short-term skill development programs leading to employment. Along with training the candidates, the center will also sensitize corporate leaders on 'Ability in Disability'. During 2016, 20 candidates have been placed in various corporates. As it has been the concern of both the organisation to facilitate the PwD youth to get jobs/be self-employed and to mentor social entrepreneurs to shift the PwD from unemployment to meaningful employment. Both, Satya Special School and Youth4Jobs are committed to the cause of Persons with disabilities and believe that there is a large scope for each one of them to work together in achieving this goal.







**WASH- Personal Hygiene Programme for Adolescent Children**



**Group Activity for Children on Innovative Methodologies**



**Mobility Training by Parkour Circle Team, UK**

## **Intervention with Dr. Srinivasa Murthy, Prof. of Psychology (Retd), NIMHANS**

An interaction session was conducted by Dr. Srinivasa Murthy, Director and Professor of Psychology, (Retd) NIMHANS. The objective of the session was to understand the importance of Documentation for the special children, how to provide home based care for different level children and also suggested to create parents support group, importance of appreciating each and every activities done by the special child e.g. eating lunch, their favorite things etc.



## **Awareness Program on Epilepsy for Parents of CWSNs**



Dr Nivedita, Mondol, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Neonatology, JIPMER presented an awareness program on epilepsy for parents of children's with special needs she discussed about different types of seizures like generalized seizures and partial seizures. The focus of the programme was to provide instructions to help mothers manage seizures and the immediate first aid procedures to be followed.





Music Therapy for Adults with Special Needs by  
Mr. Mathieu Charbounneau, France

### CBP for Parents



Training for Mothers on 'How to Feed'



Session on Child Abuse with Parents

## AMBA- a Training and Business Hub for Adults with Moderate disabilities



AMBA is a Training and Business Hub to train adults with moderate disabilities to use Information Technology, Peer Training & Peer Supervision. Through the partnership with AMBA, Bangalore, we have till date trained as many as 70 intellectually abled on online data entry operations both in urban and rural areas. We are hopeful that in the coming year this will give birth to Rural BPO providing data entry jobs for those trained under the programme.

## Inauguration of Audio Hybrid Library at Satya

Amway Opportunity Foundation in association with Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled have set up a Braille & Audio library located at the Main Center of Satya Special School, Puducherry. The Braille and Audio library was inaugurated by Ms. Meena Kumari, Director of Social Welfare Department, and Government of Puducherry. The objective of the project is to ensure easy access to braille books, encouraging braille reading and writing amongst the visually impaired students and helping them in building language proficiency. This library will cater to the visually impaired students in the age group of 6 to 23 years. The library, as of now, is stacked with over 600 books including academic books, fiction, self-help, general knowledge etc. Besides Braille books, the library also provides an MP3 player facilitating the usage of 250 audio books. Around 75-100 visually impaired utilize facilities every month.





## Accessible Puducherry - First Step towards Inclusion



ORO Motor Activity Training for EIC Parents  
Mr. Shiva, Occupational Therapist



Bonding Among Family Members-  
Group Activity for Parents



Group Activity on Sibling Interactions



Satya Special School and Department of Social Work of Pondicherry University with support from The Hans Foundation organized a 'Workshop on Accessibility'. The objective of the workshop was to create awareness on accessibility among various stakeholders, to discuss the current status on accessibility in Puducherry, to develop a road map towards an inclusive Puducherry.

## Pride of Satya - Children's Science Congress Competition

A team of Students of Satya Special School participated in the inter-school competition 'children's science congress event' at district level and got selected for state level. The event was conducted in Education Department, Puducherry. Mr. Sripathi, Mr. Anil, Ms. Preethi, and Ms. Krithigasri were selected for the state level competition. The winning project title was 'To Study the Electrical Conductivity (Ec) and Potential Hydrogen (pH) Level of water from three different areas which promotes growth of Plant'. Satya Special School is the only special school in Puducherry which got selected for Indian Science Congress Meet held at National Level, Tirupati.





### CBP for Staffs



Training for Coordination Skills



Session on Art Therapy - Colours & Moods by Ms. Elizabeth, Art Therapist, Australia.



Workshop on Syllable Knowledge and Phonetics



### Consultative Workshop on Employability for Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) With Stakeholders

In association with (Leonard Cheshire) LC Project Nagapatinam, a workshop was organised to summarize the key challenges and issues faced by the persons with disability in Indian labor markets, the objective of the workshop was to identify the strategic opportunities to improve the participation of persons with disability in Pondicherry labor market and recommend key interventions that could be pursued to achieve better employability for them in particular.

Mr. Vallavan, Commissioner of Department of Labor was the guest of honor. He shared his views and experience on the issues of employability

and persons with disability. Several Stakeholders, such as Mr. Kuppusamy- Deputy Functional Manager, District Industries Center, Government of Puducherry; Mr. Uma Shankar-Deputy Director of National Career Service Center for Differently Abled, Puducherry; Mrs. Shakuntala- Special Employment Officer; Mr. J. Krishnamurthy- chairman of JK Groups in Puducherry; Mr. Agilan- Director of Indian Bank- INDSETI; Mr. Arun- Coordinator of Youth4job in Puducherry; Mr. Balagangadharan from India Vetiver Network shared their views and initiatives for PWDs and their employability.

### Implementation of Beti Bachao Beti Padhao scheme for Government Schools/ health workers/ anganwadi workers

Satya special school as the implementing NGO for 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao' scheme organized various activities covering 20 government schools targeting 600 boys and 600 girls. The objective of the program was to discuss briefly to prevent gender biased sex selective elimination, to ensure survival and protection of the girl child, to ensure education of the girl child. Some of the topics covered were, the importance of life skill education and the kind of problem the adolescences face, how to improve skills and ensure girl child education, their health and a friendly environment.





## CBP for Stake Holders



Awareness/ Sensitization Programme for Anganwadi Teacher's



Holistic Village Development Meet – Muthurampattu VRC



Daan Utsav Initiative - An Inclusive Step towards Special Children Marathon in Association with Rotary Club of Pondicherry

## The India Winterim Program

As an ongoing program, this year 35 students of various discipline of IOWA University came for an intensive 2-3 week volunteer program. Satya was the host organization. In addition 5 other NGO's also partnered in the programme. The IOWA University students along with their faculty spent few days observing the work and carried out small projects during their stay. Their services and inputs were beneficial to all the NGOs. Also as part of the programme, six Dentistry students visited Satya. The importance of dental hygiene and care for children with special needs was the focus of the visit. The plan is to coordinate with local dental colleges to take this forward as a movement.



## Disability Exhibition at VRC Muttrampattu

"Disability Exhibition" was held at the Satya's VRC-Muttrampattu in association with our Partner CIAI to raise awareness on disability and various interventions carried out towards rehabilitation of the CWSNs. The event brought together various services offered to the CWSNs. The exhibition attracted more than 250 visitors in the course of the day.







**Daan Utsav Initiative - Joy with Elders , Old Age Home, Puducherry**



**Daan Utsav- Book Donation by Satya to Cancer Fighter Children at JIPMER RCC**



**National Conference on Rights of Person with Disability Act (RPWD Act) - A Two Days Program was conducted in Pondicherry University**

## Assistive Devices



In addition to providing the required Prosthetic & Orthotic aids for around 135 children, Satya's Prosthetic Unit also focused on modifications and innovations of aids to help children overcome their difficulties. One such innovation was to create 'Elastic cock-up splints' for wrist drop kids and 'Lumbar gait training belt' for early intervention students to feel sensation of walking.

Elastic cock-up splints helps to give muscle action and both groups of muscles attain their physical properties, such as regulation in blood flow, good nutrition, improve muscle tone and strengthen elasticity of the muscle. Elastic property of the splint is the special part of this, because it keeps the wrist on extension and flexor group gets stretched, according to the muscle grade of the individual it helps to re-educate the muscle as per impulse from the brain, the muscle power gradually improves.

## Music Therapy by Dr. Nigel Osborne for Children at Satya



As every year, U.K based Dr. Nigel Osborne; World renowned music therapist once again spent his valuable time with Satya Special School and imparted music therapy to our children. He was accompanied by Ms. Nikola, a Special Educator and Music therapy Teacher of children with special needs in United Kingdom. Dr. Nigel conducted group sessions for all the Centers of Satya including village rehabilitations centers and also he worked individually with children with Multiple and profound disabilities. His main basic theme to work on was "IMPROVISATION WITH MUSIC WITH VARIOUS CONCEPTS OF SPECIAL EDUCATION".



## Other Activities : Celebrations & Outing



Forest and Water Day Celebration



Nayagan Cultural Festival



Anjali Children Festival

## Training for Vocations - Lessons from India

As part of the 3rd biennial scientific Conference organized by the Srilanka Association for child development between 18th to 21st January 2017 in Colombo, Srilanka, Mrs. Chitra Shah, Director, Satya Special School was invited to speak on "From Vocational training to Employment" on a pre-conference workshop on 19th Jan 2017. Around 70 special educators, parents and adults with special needs participated in the workshop. Since Srilanka is in the infant stage as far as rehabilitation of CWSNs is concerned it was interesting for the participants to learn from the Indian experience and understand the mistakes made and positive impact achieved. Unique experiments like Neighborhood initiatives, Youth 4 Jobs and partnerships with various institutions working in the field of vocational training attracted the attention of the Mother's present. They were keen on understanding the role they could play in ensuring that their children lead a meaningful life.



## In-Service Training Programme for Special Educators at Colombo, Srilanka

Satya Special School Principal Ms. Bora Sai Lakshmi visited Sri Lanka as a resource person for in-service training program for special educators at National Centre for Children with Special Needs, Srilanka. The training which spread over a month covered the following:- inputs and techniques of how to handle different degree of severity of children with Cerebral palsy, comfortable seating, maintaining posture, feeding, teaching concepts on need based, preparation of effective teaching learning materials, movement therapy, yoga practice in the class room, behavioral management of the children with Attention Deficit Disorders.

As part of simulation exercises, group activity by the special educators on movement therapy, yoga was conducted. The program also included the discussion on structured class room arrangement and teaching and how a teacher could counsel parents of CWSNs.





Art Exhibition



Cultural Programme at MGMC



National Girl Child

## Workshop on Social Role Volarization



In partnership with The Hans Foundation, The National Trust, and Satya Special School, Keystone Institute India conducted an intensive one day workshop on "The Power of Roles: An Orientation on Social Role Volarization (SRV)". The principles of SRV explored the common life experiences of people living on the margins of society, abandoned and rejected. An eye opening impact was left on the practitioner of SRV Workshop; it highlights individual and communities perceptions, biases and perspectives.

## Session on Art Therapy for Staffs - Rhythm and Painting

As every year, Waldorf Education Training Programme organized a professional development programme for the staffs of Satya. Dr. Lakshmi Prasanna, from Waldorf School, Australia and her team Ms. Patricia and Sophia visited Satya and conducted one day workshop for the staff. Dr. Lakshmi Prasanna presented a lecture on behaviours and food habits for children with autism. She detailed the importance of different kind of food for Autism child, and also how to maintain their food habit in regular basis. Ms. Patricia taught movement therapy through rhythm and Ms. Sophia taught innovative painting to the staffs. It was great opportunity for the Staff of Satya to receive training from eminent international experts.







Satya Craft Exhibition at Beach



Independence Day



Universal Child Rights Day



Teacher's Day



Clown Show



Picnic

## Donor visit to VRC's



Mrs. Valeria, Ex-President, CIAI visited Satya Village Rehabilitation Centers- Seliamedu and Villianur to understand the work done for the children with special needs with an objective to know how the contribution for the project has made an impact in the lives of children. After the field visit, she was quite impressed by the tremendous work done by Satya and very much appreciated the effort taken by Satya team towards the rehabilitation of CWSNs. She further decided to mobilize sponsorships from Italy for the children who are in need of our service. She promised to raise the necessary funds to sponsor more children and also mobilizing funds for 20 wheel chairs for the children.



## Health camps



Dental Camp by  
Indira Gandhi Institute of Dental Sciences



Medical Camp at Satya Centre  
for Unique Learners



Eye Checkup



Rural Medical Camp

## SPORTS

Sports is an important aspect in helping improve skills of Children with Special Needs. In addition to regular coaching camps, children of Satya also participate in DISTRICT, STATE and NATIONAL level and won medals.



Event	Organised by	Sports	Winners
National Festival on Therapeutic Sports for Person with Disabilities (MD)-NFTS-2016	National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Multiple Disability (NIEPMD, Chennai (MD)-NFTS-2016	10 Meter Running	Ms. Akila (14 year), first place Ms. Parameshwari (18 year) second place

Event	Organised by	Sports	Winners
Unified Games, Punjab	Special Olympics Bharat	Table Tennis	Boys Singles - Mr. Vimalraj; Boys Doubles - Mr. Vimalraj and Mr. Udhaya Prakash; Girls Singles - Ms. Nishanthi (3rd place); Girls Doubles - Ms. Nishanthi and Partner Ms. Gowsalya (5th place).
		Badminton	Doubles Girls- Ms. Jagadeshwari and Ms. Karthiga (3rd place); Doubles Boys- Mr.Prakash and Mr. Manikandan (1st place).

Event/ Organised by	Type of Sports and Venue	Participants from Satya		Prize Won
Special Olympic Bharat Tamil Nadu Camp and Champion- ship, August	Basketball/ Chennai	Boys 8	Girls 8	4th place
	Athletics/ Andhra Pradesh	10	10	only participation
	Badminton/ Kerala	2	2	Boy's singles-3rd place/ Boy's doubles-3rd place
	Bocce/ Bihar	6	Nil	Higher ability -3rd place /Lower ability - 1st place
	Soft Ball/ Orissa	12	Nil	only participation
	Unified Cricket/ Kolkata	2	Nil	only participation



## Success Stories

### Natheeswari's Passion Became Her Livelihood - Paper Quilling



Natheeswari G, a 12 year old girl with Cerebral Palsy was brought to Satya Special School by her parents Mr. Gajendran and Mrs. Ananthi in the year 2010. During that time she was able to carry out all her routine activities but unable to do any academics as she had never been to school before. After Natheeswari joined Satya Special School, she learnt to read and write in Tamil with the support of "Center from Unique Learners" at Rainbow Nagar. She wanted to be an independent person; knowing her keen interest in craft she was shifted to Satya's Vocational Training Center at Auroville to train her in paper quilling. She was amazed seeing so many training activities for children's with special needs. Initially she found it difficult to concentrate and work with her hands but her determination and passion to learn paper quilling was obvious by the quality of the products she made.

Along with paper quilling she is happily engaged in other art activities like, jewelry making, framing, silk bangle, ear rings, tailoring, cup making, bakery activities etc. As one of the objective of the Skill Training Centre is to make the adult independent, Natheeswari is now using her training as a way of livelihood. the paper quilling elephants made by her are a favourite with visitors. she has truly turned her passion in to her livelihood.

### Housekeeping Training –A step towards employment

Sowmya S, a 23 year old with Mentally Retardation joined Satya Special School in 2013. Before she joined Satya she preferred to be alone most of the time. She did her schooling up to class nine; after which she remained at home, sometimes helping her mother in household activities. As soon as her parent came to know about Satya Special School they sought admission at the School. As she was an adult, it was decided to send her to Satya's VTC- a center for training special children to help her lead an independent livelihood by gaining an employment. Sowmya, was exposed to learn many activities at the center like, jewelry making, framing, silk bangle, ear rings, tailoring, cup making, bakery activities etc. She also participated in the Housekeeping training program which was organized at Swami Vivekananda Communities College for duration of three months. 12 students of Satya's Vocational Training Center (VTC) participated in the training including Sowmya. Among the 12 students, Sowmya's performance was the best. She completed the training program successfully and learned all activities like mopping, bed making, and dusting. She is now ready to take up any job related in Housekeeping.

Sowmya's mother who supported her at school also feels that she has improved a lot from earlier days, she was now able to support in household work without any hesitation and she feels happy to move around with children and relatives. Her mother feels that because of support from school and training her daughter is improving her skills and could earn her livelihood by herself.





## AMBA Training – Our little techy Sri Ram



Sri Ram, a 15 year old boy joined Satya Special School two years ago, with certain learning difficulties such as identifying the letters, reading and writing. After detailed assessments, a comprehensive development plan was chalked out for him. Today, Sri Ram is a confident teenager, grabbing all opportunities that are provided by the school. He has improved in all areas such as academics, play, speech, writing, dance and sports. He is preparing for NIOS Batch II government exam for tenth standard. By next year, he will write the 10th standard public exam with other mainstream 'abled' children. Sri Ram has also joined AMBA Training program (AMBA is a data entry skill development Program especially for Children with intellectual / developmental delays) which was started by Satya Special School two years ago.



He is very good at data entry and also works on basic Microsoft office independently. At AMBA lab he has been consistent in completing the task given to him and has also steadily increased his data entry speed. With continued involvement, it is only a matter of time that Sri Ram will become a confident and independent individual of our society.

## Discovering My Disability

Nineteen year old Ashok Kumar R grew up as a child without parents at SOS Children's Village, Puducherry since 2007. With the support of SOS, he joined Acharya Hr. Sec. School (Sampoorna), Puducherry in class II and did his class VI at the age of 14. Lack of academic performance, insisted the in charge of Home to consult a psychologist for an assessment for Ashok. He was taken to Ms. Bindu Modi, Clinical Psychologist and Psychotherapist. Based on her assessment it was found that he has Learning Disability issue due to which he was unable to cope up in academics and advised to join Satya special school.

He joined Satya Special School by 2014, and with special attention he was placed in class VIII at Satya's Centre for Unique Learners at Rainbow Nagar, Puducherry. This Centre initiated National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) syllabus which provides the flexibility for the children to write examinations based on their capability. It also provides number of vocational and community oriented courses which are easier for the children to grasp. The children are given option to choose their subject of interest and study. He attended week end class of NIOS at DIET and regular class at Satya Special School to improve his basic education. He completed his VIII STD exam in month of June 2015 and got promoted to Class X.

After successfully completing his Class X (NIOS syllabus) at Satya Special School, he joined Institute of Hotel Management and Science, Puducherry to pursue Diploma in Catering Technology.

Behind Ashok's success in Academic, is his hard work and determination to change people's perception about him. His journey to/at Satya proved that being disabled won't be a hurdle to become an able person in life.





Lt. General J.M. Mehta  
(Retd) AVSM, SMVSM  
CEO, The Hans Foundation

It has been on my wishlist to visit Satya Special School for last two years as I had heard so much about it. Let me admit that I was really overwhelmed by seeing the kind of service Satya is doing for the disabled and disadvantaged children of society. No doubt, it is one of the largest and well run organisations in the country. They are really doing yeoman services. I wish Satya God Speed! God Bless You."

Ms. Becca Simpson,  
VA, USA

"This is an amazing organization that really opened my eyes to some of the challenges those with disabilities face in different contexts and where gaps are. As someone is affected by disabilities in my family. Thank you."

Dr. Desingu. S, Principal,  
Co-operative College of  
Education, Puducherry.

"Thanking you very much. This Satya Special School is serving great service to the mentally retard children, in fact it is a holy service to the Nation. Our special thanks to the teachers who are working here."

Ms. Alysha Thang,  
Auckland, New Zealand

"Words cannot express how amazing my day at Satya has been. The lives you have reached the warmth of the staff and the real impact you are making is life changing. Cannot wait to see what lies ahead. Keep smiling, love and blessings always."

Mr. S. K. Ravichandran,  
Superior Block Resource Centre,  
All Regular School Teachers,

"Thanking you Satya Special School. All kinds of information and given types of training and handling the children, way of methods and visualizing for children given and I feel so very proud for these institution and also for your service to these children. God Grace."

## Testimonials

Ms. Anjela  
Deepam Children  
with Special Needs  
Auroville.

"very touching. You do an amazing and important work for so many special children! Such a beautiful amazing eye opening school. All the best with good luck my dear sweet hearts- Satya Team."

Mr. Alhaji Kargbo  
Volunteer, CIAI

"Satya Special School is one of my first special school have seen and the work they are doing in wonderful. I believe that with more help they can do more. It is a special place in my heart. I will never forget."

Ms. Betsey McCoy,  
PA, USA

"Can't say enough good things about Satya and the work they do."

Mr. Anoop.C.P,AsstProf  
and Head, Dpt. of Social Work,  
Kasturba College  
for Women, Villanur

"Satya Special School is a model institution in the area of rehabilitation. People need to learn from the initiatives undertaken by Satya in the area of disability welfare. As a social work professional I feel proud to be associated with Satya."

Ms. Solenn Guesnier,  
PADEM, France

"I was very impressed to see all the possibilities that you offer to differently able children. All the task, the therapies and the specialists. We are sure that our new collaboration between PDEM and Satya will be successful."