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#Development4All Disability-Inclusive Campaign

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FOREWORD

Samarthanam feels extremely privileged to work with the Australian High Commission as a part of their “Development4all” campaign. This program was launched last August where Samarthanam Sunadha, an initiative supporting the Artists with Disabilities showcased a wonderful performance highlighting their artistic talents in the presence of the many dignitaries, and the other NGOs present at the launch event. A Blind Cricket Match followed their performance where the Blind Indian Cricket Team played a friendly match against the Australian High Commission.



Samarthanam feels extremely honored to be associated with the Australian High Commission as we believe in inclusiveness with the ideology of ‘equal opportunities for all.’ As all of our initiatives are modeled to suit inclusiveness, right from Education, Skilling, Sports, Blind Cricket, Environment, Employment, etc. and not limiting the possibilities of probable interventions when the need arises. Whenever Samarthanam feels it is possible for us to involve and intervene, we never hesitate when we are certain that our intervention can make a difference to individuals, communities, organizations, states, and the country.

After a productive episode, quality steps were taken towards inclusion with the Australian High Commission hoping for many such interactions to sensitize the society towards inclusiveness and the persons with disabilities. Inclusiveness professes the concept of equality in terms of opportunities to grow where both can help one another to excel for a balanced sustainability. And as inclusiveness is the step taken towards preventing isolation and segregation ensuring that the persons with disabilities are not marginalized and neglected. Elevation of the persons with disabilities is vital for growth and development of a nation and the Australian High Commission has constantly supported us in this endeavor.

HE Ms Harinder Sidhu

Australia's High Commissioner to India

FOREWORD

Australia is committed in supporting people living with disabilities to achieve their full potential and participate as equal citizens in society. Australia's National Disability Strategy 2010-2020 of the Australian Government plays an important role in protecting, promoting and fulfilling the principles that underpin the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. The Strategy provides a framework to ensure efforts at the local, state and federal levels improve the lives of people living with disability, their families and carers.



To fulfil this commitment, I was proud to launch the Development4All campaign in India in August 2017. The campaign provided a platform to raise awareness and support targeted community-based projects. I am also pleased to see that the campaign provided an opportunity to build partnerships between institutions, organisations and governments promoting the rights of people living with disability in India and Australia. This report provides a snapshot of key activities delivered under the Development4All campaign.

I would like to thank the Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled in helping the Australian High Commission to deliver the campaign. In particular, the efforts of Mr Mahantesh GK and Ms Rati Misra helped the campaign to reach a wider audience and create impact. I would also like to acknowledge the valuable support and guidance of Dr Nathan Grills from the Nossal Institute for Global Health at the University of Melbourne and Dr Bruce Bonyhady, Executive Chair and Director of the Melbourne Disability Institute.

A key outcome has been the development of new partnerships between India and Australia in the fields of research, policy development and project implementation. Australia's priority for the inclusion of people living with disability aligns well with India's Accessible India campaign. I hope this campaign has served as a catalyst for further cooperation and initiatives within and between India and Australia. I encourage everyone to continue challenging prejudices, overcoming barriers and building a more respectful and inclusive society.

THE IMPORTANCE OF INCLUSION

The exclusion of people with disabilities is one of the largest challenges across the world. The World Bank estimates 15 per cent of the world's population experiencing some form of disability. One-fifth of the estimated global total, up to 190 million people, experience significant disabilities. Of these, 80 per cent people live in Africa, Latin America, and developing Asia including the Middle East with almost 70-100 million living in India.

Research shows that people with disabilities are likely to experience inequitable access to public services including education, health and employment. A World Bank (2007) report found that children with disability were five times more likely to be out of school, contributing to a higher illiteracy rate among the disabled community.

In 2017–18, the Australian High Commission launched the #Development4All campaign to promote disability inclusion. The campaign leveraged Australia's skills, expertise and tools to advocate inclusive policies and dialogue.

DISABILITY IN INDIA: A SNAPSHOT

India has improved the legal framework for people living with disabilities by ratifying and signing the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in 2007. In 2012, the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD) was established under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.

In December 2015, Prime Minister Modi launched the 'Accessible India' scheme to promote a barrier-free society. In December 2016, the Indian Parliament passed the long-awaited Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPWD) Act, replacing the previous 1995 Act. The legislation represented a paradigm shift of inclusive policy from a welfare to a rights-based approach. It expanded the definition of disability from seven to 21 categories, established federal and state Commissioners for disability, focused on improving accessibility and instituted stringent measures for compliance of rights of persons with disabilities. Though the measures give a sense of optimism, much needs to be done to ensure that provisions of the RPWD Act are translated into action. Disability is traditionally viewed in isolation of other social issues including gender, poverty and caste and neglected from being integrated across all development programs and schemes.

* <http://www.worldbank.org/en/topic/disability>



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The Australian High Commission launched the #Development4All Campaign to promote the full and equal participation of people with disabilities in society and showcase Australia as a partner of choice on disability inclusive cooperation. The campaign implemented Australia's Development for All 2015-2020 strategy.

The campaign comprised targeted projects, advocacy and public outreach. The High Commission has been supporting a number of projects on inclusive rights, opportunity and accessibility of underprivileged and marginalised communities. The campaign helped to consolidate and strongly advocate the outcomes of the projects targeting persons with disabilities and developed a framework for its dissemination and sustainable implementation.

Between 2016 and 2018, the Australian High Commission had supported 11 projects on disability-inclusive development. These include projects in partnership with:

- Landour Community Hospital
- Tamana
- Emmanuel Hospital Association
- Draktsho Vocational Training Centre for Special Children and Youth (Bhutan)
- Socio Legal Information Centre
- Sense International India
- HELP Foundation
- Udayan
- CBM India Trust
- India Vision Institute
- Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled

The High Commission also initiated a series of advocacy events and projects involving activists and key decision-makers on disability rights and empowerment.

The Launch

In partnership with Samarthanam, the Development4All campaign was launched by HE Ms Harinder Sidhu, Australia's High Commissioner to India on 23 August 2017. The event showcased the talent and potential of persons with disabilities, particularly in the field of performing arts and sports. Samarthanam works towards the empowerment of people with disabilities through multipronged interventions in livelihood, rehabilitation and recreation.

The event included a dance performance by Sunadha team, Samarthanam's performing arts troupe comprising artists with disabilities. Sunadha has given acclaimed performances at state, national and international-level platforms. The launch was attended by government, civil society leaders working in the disability space.

The launch program also included a panel discussion on creating inclusive spaces. The discussion focused on inclusion of people with disabilities in India's socio-economic development. It was moderated by Australia's Former Deputy High Commissioner Mr Chris Elstoft and included eminent panellists, Mr Prasanna Kumar Pincha, former Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Govt. of India; Mr Mahantesh GK, Founder of Samarthanam Trust and Cricket Association for the Blind in India; Ms Vibha Sequeira, Managing Trustee of Wipro Cares and Mr Sonu Golkar, member of the winning T20 Blind Cricket World Cup Team 2017.



(R to L) Mr Prasanna Kumar Pincha, former Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Ms Vibha Sequeira, Managing Trustee of Wipro Cares, Mr Chris Elstoft, Australia's Former Deputy High Commissioner, Mr Sonu Golkar, Indian Blind Cricket player, Mr Mahantesh GK, Founder of Samarathanam Trust and Cricket Association for the Blind in India

Samarathanam Sunadha dance troupe performance at the launch



Photo Exhibition

A photo exhibition displaying of inclusive development projects supported by the DAP was displayed throughout the year at High Commission events. (see annexure)

Curtis McGrath visits India

Under the campaign, the Australian High Commission arranged a visit by the Australian Paralympian Champion Curtis McGrath to New Delhi and Chennai in November 2018. Curtis McGrath is an Australian champion who took the sport competitively after losing both his legs in a mine blast while serving in the Australian Army in Afghanistan. A gold medallist in 2016 Rio Paralympics, McGrath has also won two gold medals at the 2016 ICF Paracanoe World Championship.

Curtis is an advocate of empowerment through sport. In Delhi he spoke with the students of the Sehwaq International School in Jhajjar and witnessed how the school had invested in the sports infrastructure. Curtis met with the senior officials from the Paralympic Committee of India, Sports Authority of India, Indian Kayaking and Canoeing Association and national level athletes to map out possible partnership opportunities in training between the two para sports bodies.

With the support from the Australian Consulate in Chennai, Curtis engaged with the Tamil Nadu Para Sports Association and the Wheelchair Basketball Federation of India. He marked the International Human Rights Day and International Day for Persons with Disabilities at the Stella Maris College.



Capacity Building Workshop

The Australian Consulate in Mumbai hosted a capacity-building workshop on disability inclusion led by DAP partner Ummeed Child Development Center. Ummeed is a not-for-profit organisation set up with the objective of helping children with developmental disabilities to lead normal lives and enter the mainstream. The workshop focused on early childhood development.



Workshop for DAP partners

DAP partners participated in a workshop on innovation in disability inclusion and research, in New Delhi in November 2017 for the DAP New Delhi partners. Mr Bruce Bonyhady, Former Chair of National Disability Insurance Agency, and Prof Nathan Grills, Associate Professor of Melbourne University, moderated the workshop. Australian expert Mr Martin Sam spoke on effective use of data on disability assessment. The participants were particularly interested in the importance of skilling and sports for the people living with disabilities, particularly those with intellectual disabilities.



Panel discussion on 'Creating enabling spaces for people with Disability'

A panel discussion on 'Creating Enabling Spaces for People with Disabilities' followed the workshop. At the start of the event, Mr Simon O'Connor, Second Secretary, Political, presented a snapshot of the disability inclusive development campaign. Mr Chris Elsoft, Former Deputy High Commissioner welcomed the audience. Prof Nathan Gills presented the findings of a study on data usage in measuring barriers and inclusion in India. The study was a collaborative effort between Nossal Institute, CBM South East Asia Regional Office, Public Health Foundation of India, University of Melbourne and Community Health Global Network. Ms Jubin Varghese from EHA spoke on how working with Disabled Peoples Organisations (DPOs) was an effective way in overcoming barriers and challenges to inclusion through community-based rehabilitation. Ms. Stephanie, TEAR briefly introduced the Photo Voiceaction research to evaluate barriers for those with mental illness.

Presentations were followed by a panel discussion on creating inclusive environments moderated by Dr. Bruce Bonyhady. Panellists included a senior official from Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Mr. Curtis McGrath, Gold-medal Paralympic champion, Ms. Aradhana Lal, Vice President, The Lemon Tree Hotel Company, and Professor Barbara McPake- Director of the Nossal Institute.



Mr. Curtis McGrath, Gold-medal Paralympic champion

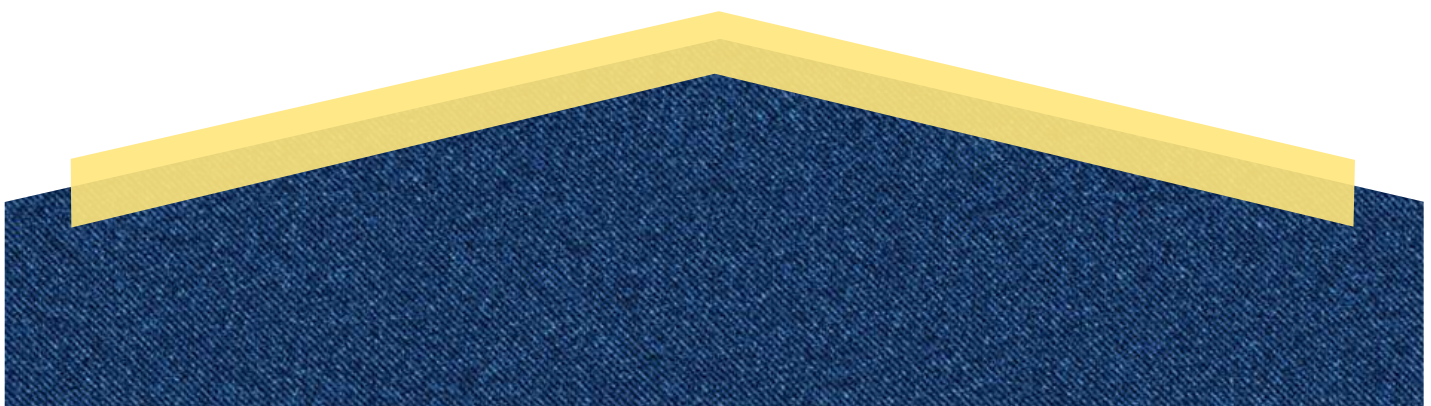


Ms. Aradhana Lal, Vice President, The Lemon Tree Hotel Company



Professor Barbara McPake, Director of the Nossal Institute

The audience included award-winning sportspersons Ms Deepa Malik, Mr Devendra Jhajharia, Mr Amit Saroha, members of the winning T-20 Cricket World Cup for the Blind, government departments and key international and national civil society organisations and think tanks.



Oz Haat Mela

Oz HaatMela, the much-awaited annual charity event at the Australian High Commission, featured its 17th edition on 2 December 2017. It displayed a wide range of hand-made and printed products and accessories made by NGOs and social enterprises from across India.

All proceeds from the sales go directly to the charities represented. This year's mela observed the International Day of People with Disability and hosted NGOs working on inclusive development. The Australian High Commission has been organising the charity mela since year 2000-01 under its #DirectAidProgram. This year, 50 NGOs participated and almost 3,500 visitors explored the stalls



'Raising The Bar' premier

The Australian High Commission arranged the premier screening in India of the 'Raising The Bar' documentary, produced by Mind Blowing Films and e.Motion21. The film traces the journey of three Australian and Indian children with Down Syndrome who met at a conference in Chennai on World Down Syndrome Day in 2015. It was screened in Delhi and Mumbai and was attended by the Deputy Chief Minister of Delhi, senior bureaucrats, civil society representatives and personalities from the entertainment industry.



Inclusive Cricket Match

In solidarity, the High Commission and Cricket Association for the Blind (CABI) in India hosted a blind cricket exhibition match between the Indian blind cricket team and the diplomatic community on the High Commission's lawns in April 2018.

The Indian Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment and Secretary of the DEPwD joined the match including a chance to bat and bowl!

CABI is the apex body conducting cricket for the blind in India. It mentored the India team to win trophies at the first T-20 World Cup (2012), fourth ODI World Cup Championship (2014), T-20 Asia Cup (2016), second T-20 World Cup (2017) and fifth ODI World Cup Championship (2018). CABI also supported the T20 world Cup tournament from 29 January to 12 February 2017 in India. The 48-match tournament promoted the importance of inclusive sport and showcased the potential of people with disabilities.



CONCLUSION

Australia's Direct Aid Program has supported initiatives for two decades to empower, inspire and develop communities across India. Through innovative, targeted and well planned projects, Australia hopes that together we can build a more sustainable future. Its strength lies in its dedicated and passionate partners.

The Development4All campaign has demonstrated how collaboration and cooperation, underpinned by a shared vision can have impact. It delivered a stronger platform to advocate human rights and development priorities. It provided a practical body of work, which demonstrated Australia's commitment to human rights during its term on the Human Rights Council. By leveraging resources under a strategic and well-branded campaign, the High Commission with the help of NGO partners have enhanced Australia's reputation and reinforced its credentials as a world leader in disability-inclusive approaches.

Australia and India are now exploring new areas of cooperation, research, policy and projects to empower people living with disabilities.



ANNEXURE



Australian Government



The Australian Government launched the #Development4All campaign in August 2017 to promote the full and equal participation of people with disability in society. The national campaign was launched by the Australian High Commissioner, HE Ms Harinder Sidhu, in the presence of representatives of civil society, business and the diplomatic community.

The campaign propagates objectives of Australia's National Disability Strategy 2010-2020. It recognises that by investing in people with disability, society can reach its full potential. The campaign comprises a series of events, including the inauguration of disability resource and skill development centres, financial and technical support to NGOs and advocacy and awareness activities across India. The journey so far has been enlightening and has encouraged cross learning and the exchange of ideas between Australia and India on inclusive-development.

This photo exhibition showcases projects and initiatives supported by the Australian Government across India. Through this exhibition, we are delighted to share how partnerships and action, however small, can lead to real change. We hope the exhibition and the #Development4All campaign will open new avenues of collaboration and innovation for a barrier free society.

ANNEXURE I

Development4All Disability Inclusive Campaign, New Delhi



Australian High Commissioner, HE Ms Harinder Sidhu, with Sunadha artists at the Development4All disability-inclusive campaign launch in Delhi in August 2017. Sunadha is a project supported by the Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled to provide opportunities to people with disabilities trained in classical and folk dance forms to perform at state, national and international events. The Australian High Commission partnered with Samarthanam Trust to launch the campaign. Sunadha's troupe performed at the event and the High Commissioner presented a high quality travel sound system to assist in rehearsals and performances around the world.

A panel discussion at the disability-inclusive campaign launch in New Delhi in August 2017. Discussions were led by the Deputy High Commissioner, Mr Chris Elstoft, and included Ms Vibha Sequeira, Managing Trustee of Wipro Cares; Mr Prasanna Kumar Pincha, Former Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities and Mr Sonu Golkar, T20 Blind Cricket team India. The panel discussed issues related to access, economic empowerment for persons with disabilities and their inclusion in national and state policies and schemes.



Landour Community Hospital, New Delhi



Children at the Samwedna early learning centre run by the Landour Community Hospital and supported by the Australian High Commission. Structured classes and activities are conducted for children grappling with autism spectrum disorder, learning disabilities and delayed speech. These interventions will improve their social skills while strengthening their bonds with other children and with their surroundings.

An inclusive playground set up by the Landour Community Hospital (LCH) in Dehradun. The project is supported by the Australian High Commission and is being mentored by Dr Nathan Grills, Associate Professor, University of Melbourne and Senior Adviser, LCH. These playgrounds are designed to be barrier-free and are based on the principles of universal design. An inclusive playground helps change a community's culture by providing a safe space for people to learn to accept and celebrate differences.



Sense International India, New Delhi

Children at the multisensory stimulation centre set up by Sense International India in Madhya Pradesh. This is the second early intervention centre supported by the Australian High Commission for children with deaf-blindness and multisensory impairments. The centre provides early and accurate diagnosis and builds on residual sensory capabilities through theme based group sessions, functional assessments and creates a better understanding of each child's ability so that the family can follow up.



Tamana, New Delhi



DAP supports skill enhancement through vocational training courses at Tamana's Nai Disha school for the differently-abled in Delhi. Students managing a herbal garden in the school (photo on the right). This exercise teaches basic organic gardening and students derive its health benefits as it is both relaxing and stimulating for young minds.

Nai Disha school also conducts classes on product sublimation printing through simplified designing techniques, design printing and its sublimation. A student proudly displays a finished product (photo on the left). A wide range of products are designed in this unit, including silk / chiffon block printed scarves, kurtas, skirts, coasters, screen printed hand towels, T- shirts and table cloths which are sold to help students attain economic independence.

Action Aid, Chennai



Action Aid is using the Australian Consulate Chennai's DAP funds to bring sustainable changes in the lives of women with disability (WwD). The purpose is to build, strengthen and empower them to realize their rights and entitlements. The project will build on work in four districts (Kancheepuram, Thiruvallur, Chennai & Cuddalore) in the state of Tamil Nadu, South India. To improve support systems, Action Aid will establish a Disability Resource Centre in Chennai and hold Entitlement Camps to promote socio economic empowerment.

This would result in smoother access to schemes and entitlements of WwD. District and State-level consultations to reframe schemes and programs would build greater appreciation for needs of WwDs in immediate social environment, service delivery systems and with opinion makers including media. Disabled People's Organisations and network of supporters would be strengthened through Leadership Building Training of WwDs.



Outcomes include greater awareness about rights, access to entitlements, emergence of Leadership of WwDs, creation of support systems, policy inputs from WwDs. 200 WwDs would be directly impacted along with their families and children who would be indirectly benefited. This work would impact on identity and status of WwDs and influence recognition of their distinct needs on bringing equity.



Mithra, Chennai

Mithra is a pioneer institution in the disability sector and one of the few institutions in Chennai offering residential care for children from disadvantaged backgrounds. Mithra has a Special School located in Anna Nagar East near Chinthamani and has focused on providing care, welfare and rehabilitation of children and young adults with special needs for forty years.

Mithra offers various services starting from early intervention, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, special schooling and vocational training. A special division to impart skills related to learn about daily living is also available.



Using the Australian Consulate's DAP funds, Mithra has installed 20KW solar panels in May 2017. Through this project, Mithra is benefitted by saving nearly Rs.15000 every month in its power bills which can be used for other operational needs. Solar panels also help Mithra achieve its goals in using green energy.

Mobility India, Bengaluru

Mobility India (MI) was established in Bengaluru in 1994 to meet these needs. MI has been a progressive force in the Disability, Development and Rehabilitation sector promoting inclusive development through rehabilitation services and assistive technology, therapeutic interventions, conducting education & training programs in the areas of prosthetics, orthotics, wheelchairs and rehabilitation therapy. The community based inclusive development projects encompasses healthcare, education, livelihood opportunities, social and empowerment for those with a disability, their family and other disadvantaged groups.

MI won the National Award for “Outstanding work in the Creation of Barrier Free Environment for Persons with Disabilities” from the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Department of Disability Affairs, Government of India, in 2014.

Through DAP funding from the Australian Consulate in Chennai, MI is able to ensure service users get the required therapeutic interventions on a continuous basis as per their need. Children with disabilities have achieved developmental milestones, are able to perform their daily living activities with minimal support from parents/caregivers which will have long term significance.



Wheelchair Basketball



An affiliate of the International Wheelchair Basketball Federation, the Wheelchair Basketball Federation of India (WBFI), is a registered society that works towards enabling large-scale participation and following for wheelchair basketball as a means to empower persons with disabilities. It also works towards forming strong state and national teams for the sport.

WBFI has pooled in players from 14 Indian states after organising workshops and reaching out to more than 600 people with disabilities. So far, the Federation has organised three men's and women's national Championships with 10 participating state teams, national coaching camps and courses for coaches, classifiers and referees. In Jan.'17, the WBFI sent an Indian under 23 Men's team to Thailand to participate in Asia Oceania Zone qualifiers for the World Championship for the first time in the history of India. In April 2017, again for the first time, WBFI sent 10 women players and two coaches to an International Training camp in Thailand. A second training camp was held by Australian Paralympian Bradley Ness who coached both teams ahead of the 4th Bali Cup International Tournament. In July 2017, at the 4th Bali Cup International Tournament in Indonesia, the women's and men's teams won bronze medals, the first international medals for the country in this sport. Both

training camps were supported by DAP from the Australian Consulate General in Chennai.

Malathi Raja, 33, said that participating in the International training Camp gave her a newfound confidence. "I speak for my team when I say that the training was a life-changing experience. This was an event of many firsts for me - taking a flight, training for basketball. Thanks to this experience, I have found the courage to challenge myself further and help others to do so. I have gained respect and recognition from my relatives and neighbours now. I never thought that I could achieve something like this. I would call this the turning point of my life."



Cheshire Homes India, Mumbai



A Gift of Complete Sensory Development Opportunity
Sensory inputs by way of touch, smell, taste, hearing and vision are vital to physical, emotional and psychological development of children, something we take for granted, and something that children with disabilities often miss out on due to their disability, further more due to difficult financial circumstances.

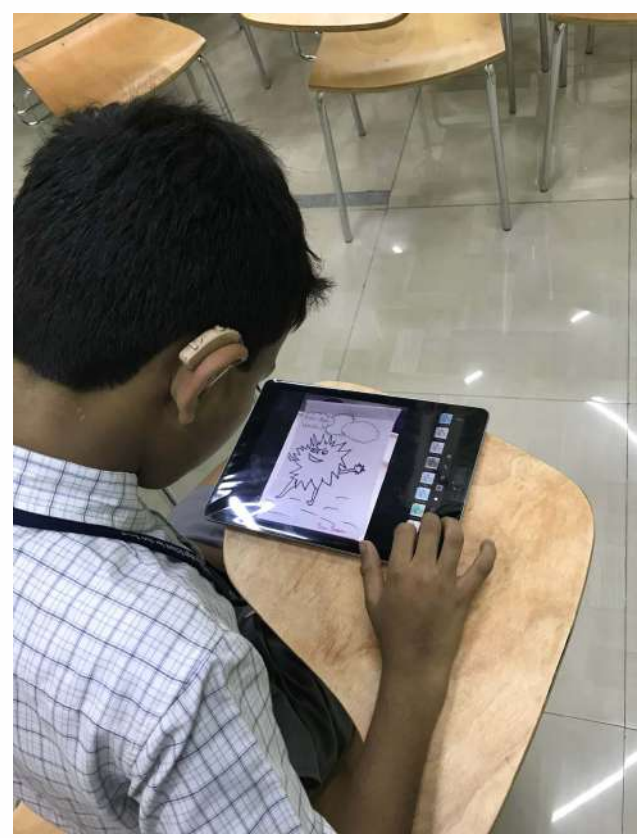
The sensory garden supported by the Australian Consulate, Mumbai through the Direct Aid Programme (DAP) has been an effort to fill this void for children with disability at Cheshire Home Mumbai.

The facility has given them an opportunity to learn more about and from their world; nature, sounds, earth (ground), sand, the grass, flora and fauna. A facility that is apparently a play area is much more than just a recreation. It has added to children's physical development through various play equipments, sound making toys and accessories, that encourage their mobility, use of hands and fingers (gross and fine motor skills), encourage use of vision (in low vision children), giving them all a real time experience both taste and touch of fruits, smell of the flowers, aromatic plants, etc.

Children now seem to be more eager to come to Cheshire Home for education and therapy, the sensory garden has been a huge incentive/motivating factor.



Ummeed Child Development Centre, Mumbai



Ummeed Child Development Center provides diagnostic and therapy services to children with developmental disabilities and their families. DAP funding helped Ummeed set up a networked, more connected environment for its professionals. This has led to growth in efficiency and better collaboration between professionals in addressing each child's needs. Ummeed had 3671 contact points with patients in the first half of 2017-18 compared with 3081 in the same period in 2016-17, an increase of 19%.

DAP has also funded the acquisition of iPads for use within therapy sessions. Now, professionals can engage children in more ways during sessions and also use the iPads for documentation.

Victoria Memorial School for the Blind, Mumbai



'Gratitude is an attitude that takes one to an altitude'. We at the Victoria Memorial School for the Blind are really grateful to you. The Australian Consulate has not only provided financial but also educational support to our institution and have been consistent in this regard. Our partnership with Australian Consulate has been fruitful and meaningful in numerous ways and have led to the social upliftment of our students. We are continually inspired by the dedication and generosity of donors like yourself who answer the call to give again and again. The support of well-wishers like you helps us to continue with our mission of empowering the Blind to be confident and productive adults.

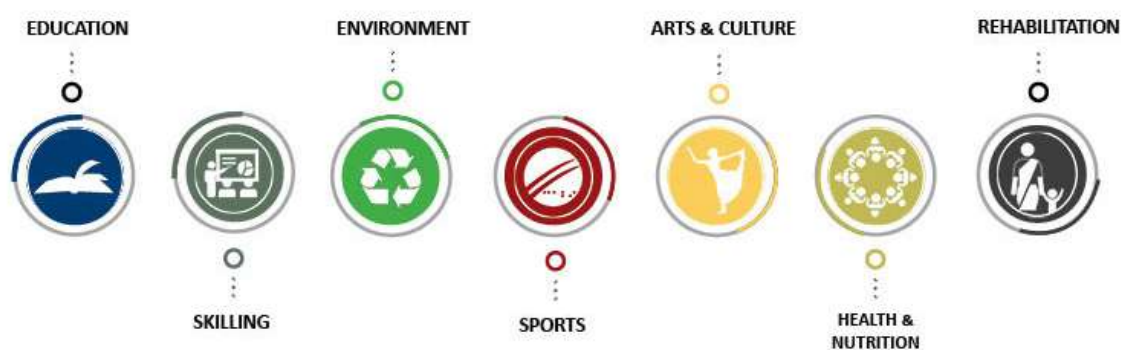
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ABOUT SAMARTHANAM

Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled was established in the year 1997 by Founder Managing Trustee Mahantesh G Kivadasannavar along with his schoolmate and childhood friend, Late. Nagesh SP. The founders, being visually impaired and having witnessed various challenges, have together conceptualized Samarthanam, an organization which would cater to people with disabilities, including visually impaired and underserved.

Samarthanam promotes building of an inclusive society which provides equal opportunities, without discrimination, for the development of the visually impaired, disabled and economically underserved. Samarthanam initiatives include Education, Skilling, Environment, Sports, Arts and Culture, Health and Nutrition and Rehabilitation.

SAMARTHANAM INITIATIVES



SAMARTHANAM INITIATIVES PORTRAYING INCLUSIVITY

- **Barrier-free Completely Accessible Residential School**
- **Skilling programmes**
- **Digital library**
- **Cricket for the Blind**
- **Sunada- Artists with disabilities**

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