



Dharithree Trust®

An Institution for people with special Needs

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Annual Report 2024 - 2025

It gives me immense pleasure to present before you the annual report for the year 2024 – 2025. Dharithree is an organisation working for special needs children since 2003. We at Dharithree consider children with multiple disabilities as a potential opportunity to seek better ways to rehabilitate them. Our efforts over decades in management of special children has been highly rewarding. Currently we run 3 (three) day care centres and 1 (one) residential home catering to around 200 children on our rolls. We have qualified staff needed for the overall development and rehabilitation of special needs children - special educators, therapist, psychologists and psychiatrist are engaged in the service of the children with neurodivergence.



Based on their capabilities the children were divided into pre-primary, primary, pre-vocational, vocational and educable groups. Each child was individually assessed and based on their skillsets the curriculum was fixed. We follow the curriculum prescribed by National Institute of Mental

Health (NIMH), Hyderabad. Our staff and technical team work in line with the guidelines set by the Rehabilitation Council of India in New Delhi. We are also registered with National Trust, Delhi and take timely guidance for the *Divyanjan* Programmes. Vocational activities and training are an integral part of the curriculum. They are trained in candle making, phenyl, soap oil, quelling ornaments, paper covers, *diyas*, vermi-compost, tree saplings, gardening, dairy, farming activity, oil extraction, etc .

Dharithree is established in Bangalore rural district in a place called Narasipura village in a serene rural background. 5.5 acres of land to rehabilitate our special needs children



The pictures above depict the activities conducted in our village-based centre. We also have a goshala (cow shed), vermicompost unit, cow dung-based activities, horticulture farm, flour mill, oil extraction activity, meditation hall (pyramid), full-fledged physiotherapy unit, dance and music therapy unit, speech therapy facility are the unique training areas which are attracting people from all over the world. Besides a team of rehabilitation workers visiting us from NIMHANS we had Dr. Venkata Giri, a speech pathologist from USA and experts from Mahaveer Jain Special Needs Centre, Kolkata to study our unique approaches. Many young college NSS Students conduct their annual one-week camp in our facility at Narasipura. All these things inspire us to take our organisation towards world class facility.

Calendar of Events:

Health Overview:

Suvidha Suraksha a training programme held in the month of August 2024 was organised by Spastic Society of Karnataka, Indiranagar in collaboration with Department of Empowerment of the Differently Abled, Government of Karnataka. We also had Enfold Proactive Health Trust which was attended by our teachers from all centres. The training programme covered topics on how to handle intellectual disabled children facing problems like sexual harassment, abuses and on how to avoid and protect themselves. The trainees were provided with kits with pictures which when shown to the children could express their feelings. It assists in improving the children's communication and social behaviour. The lessons learnt in this training programme has been implemented in our centres.

Dharithree Jeevana Yoga-a 5-day yoga Camp (25.12.2024 - 29.12.2024) was organised at Narasipura. Participants from various age groups (14 - 50 years) and vocations attended the camp. The topics covered in the camp included solutions for physical and mental stress related issues using yoga, pranayama, mudra, meditation, home remedies (preparation of various medicinal drinks). The participants were engaged the whole day in various activities. The camp was spearheaded by Mr. Srinivasa Murthy of Himachal Pradesh Yoga Bharathi who guided all the participants individually. They were also introduced to the concept of yoga as a therapy. Teachers from special schools also participated in this camp.



Jeevana Yoga Camp

Developmental Activities:

As part of the Corporate Social Responsibility Activity, M/s. M P P Technologies Pvt. Ltd and Rotary Bangalore Orchards Trust sponsored the construction of the multi-purpose playground at Narasipura. The playground was inaugurated on 16.06.2024 (Sunday) at 11.00 a.m by Mr. M D Shetty, Managing Director, M/s. M P P Technologies Pvt. Ltd; Presided by Rtn. Mr. K M Shailendra, President Rotary Bangalore Orchards, Chief Guest on the occasion was Rtn. Sri. Satyanarayan Murthi.



Playground inauguration

We are grateful to our partners in progress supporting us through Corporate Social Responsibility and visiting our facility on several occasion which includes Rockwell Collins India Pvt. Ltd. Triveni Turbines Ltd, Triveni Energy Solutions Ltd, Kisankraft Foundation, International Power Corporation, Om Sai Impex Pvt. Ltd, International Geetha Gurukul Foundation, SVG Control Systems Pvt. Ltd, Trellaborg India Pvt. Ltd, TTP Technologies Pvt. Ltd, Unisur Lifecare Pvt. Ltd, Valantic Consulting India Pvt. Ltd, Power Equip Marketing Pvt Ltd, etc who have assisted us in children welfare activities, human resources, sports equipment, etc.



Visit of Rockwell Collins India Pvt. Ltd 12.4.2024



Valantic Consulting India Pvt. Ltd



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Sports equipment sponsored by Trellaborg India

Dharithree, Narasipura has been the recipient of the multi-year grant from Azim Premji Philanthropic Initiative under their grants to not-for-profit organisations that work with the most vulnerable in the society. In this context they support Dharithree by subsidising our activities for providing care, education and therapy services to children at Dharithree Narasipura. This is our third year of the multi-year grant.

National festivals and Cultural programmes:



In an endeavour to spread the message of harmony and impart cultural and social values among children, national festivals such as Independence Day, Republic Day, World Disabled Day, Teacher's Day, Children's Day, International Yoga Day, Kannada Rajyotsava, World Environment Day were celebrated in all our centres. Karthika Deepotsava and Rathasapathmi and Tyagaraja Purandara Aradhana Mahotsava in which over 25 artists from Swara Kshema Foundation performed for over 3 hours. The occasion was graced by well known mridangist Vidwan Sri Anoor Ananthakrishna Sharma was celebrated on February 5, 2025.

Our children performed a dance drama titled *Punyakoti* at the BEL Corporate Office Auditorium on 22.10.2024 and at the Bharitiya Samskrithi Utsav - 7 organised by Shri Kottala Basaveshwara Bharitiya Shikshana Samiti, Sedam from 29.01.2025 – 06.02.2025.



June 21, 2024 the International Yoga Day celebrations

On 27. 10.2024 we celebrated the 70th birthday of Sri Srikanth Betageri – Secretary, Dharithree Trust. On the occasion family, relatives, friends and colleagues were part of the occasion.

Awards & Accolades:

On World Disabled Day 03.12.2024 **Ms. Manjula V** from Dharithree Ajitha Chethana, Peenya received the **State Award** from the Department of Women and Child Welfare and Empowerment of the Differently Abled, Government of Karnataka at the event held at Sri Kanteerva Indoor Stadium.



In an event organised by Rotary Udyog Bangalore **Ms. Vidyavathi Hegde** from Dharithree Ajitha Chethana, Peenya was felicitated and awarded the **National Builder Award** on 10.09.2024.

Sports & Co curricular Activities:



In an endeavour to encourage special children to participate in sports activities our children from Peenya and Narasipura participated in the various events conducted by Special Olympics Bharat Karnataka Chapter.

- BOCCE at Davanagere in July 2024.
- 24 children participated in the Zonal level sports meet held at Chandrashekar Azad Stadium in Malleswaram. The children from Peenya won 7 (seven) gold, 11 (eleven) silver and 9 (nine) bronze prizes).
- In November 2024 at the Zonal level sports event held at Sir M Vishweshwaraya Stadium our children participated and won 3 (three) first and 2 (second) prizes respectively.
- Children also participated in the sports events held on the occasion of World Disabled Day in the month of December and won prizes.



Ms. Swetha Hegde participated in the state level train the trainer camp held at Mysore in August 2024.

Teachers Training & Skill Enhancement

Teachers Day was celebrated on September 5, 2023. On this occasion various competitions were organised in which the teachers participated and won prizes.

Some of our teachers also participated in various trainings, seminars, workshops conducted Rehabilitation Council of India and other institutions and have used their learnings to adopt and inculcate these practices both, in offline and online mode. Ms. Sumangala successfully completed the 6 months CBRD - special education training programme.

In a new dimension added to our activity to train Learning Disabled children a one day workshop was organised in which over 50 teachers from 10 different schools participated.



Learning Disability Workshop

Other Snippets:



In the quiz competition *Quizabled*, organised by Seva-In-Action, on the occasion of International Day of Persons with Disabilities, our children from Peenya and Narasipura participated. Ms. Dhanalakshmi of Narasipura School reached the finals and was selected to represent the state at the national level

The Annual School day was celebrated at Dharithree Ajitha Chethana and Dharithree Narasipura in which the children participated with enthusiasm and vigour and exhibited their talents keeping the audience spell bound.



A Gow pooja function before the construction of the new Dharithree Ajitha Chethana Schools, Peenya was held on 22.11.2024 on Andrahalli Main Road, Peenya, Bengaluru invoking the blessings of kamadhenu. On the occasion a group of ladies recited Lalitha Sahasranama. The trustees, staff and children from the school participated in the event.



Dharithree Ajitha Chethana, Shivajinagar relocated to a new premises on Aasay Road, Frazer Town, Bengaluru on 07.02.2025. The programme was presided by Mrs & Mr. Manohar Chetlani of Have A Heart Foundation.



Our children participated in the Swarakshema Foundation Annual Day celebrations held at Gayana Samaja, Chamrajpet on December 12, 2024 and gave a performance titled “Dashaavatara Yoga” and kept the audience spell bound.

The children of all the 3 schools were taken on an excursion in different batches. The children enjoyed the outdoor visit.

Research and college students (interns) from various institutions have visited our three schools and collected data while taking guidance from our teachers.

Many of our donors celebrated birthdays and anniversaries of their near and dear ones with the special children sponsoring lunches and other items on the occasion.

We are grateful and appreciate the continuous support of our partners in this noble cause viz. Rotary Udyog, Peenya Industrial Association, Have A Heart Foundation, Agarwal Samaj, Dharithree Inc USA and Heart and Hand for the Handicap, USA to name a few. Our special thanks to Sri. Sanjay Garg, a philanthropist for supporting us in providing food to special children programme

An Appeal

In the process of expansion and providing a more conducive and disabled friendly environment to our Dharithree Ajitha Chethana School children at Peenya, we are pleased to inform you that we have acquired a land of around 7,000 sq ft near our present school building. In this regard we seek your support for constructing the New Building. For amounts received beyond Rs. 5 lakhs the names/logo of the sponsor will be displayed in the building.



In conclusion we would like to acknowledge the support of our donors, the Govt. of Karnataka and philanthropic organisations who have helped us march ahead, bringing in considerable change in the life of these children with special needs and their families. We request you to come forward and contribute.

Thank you!