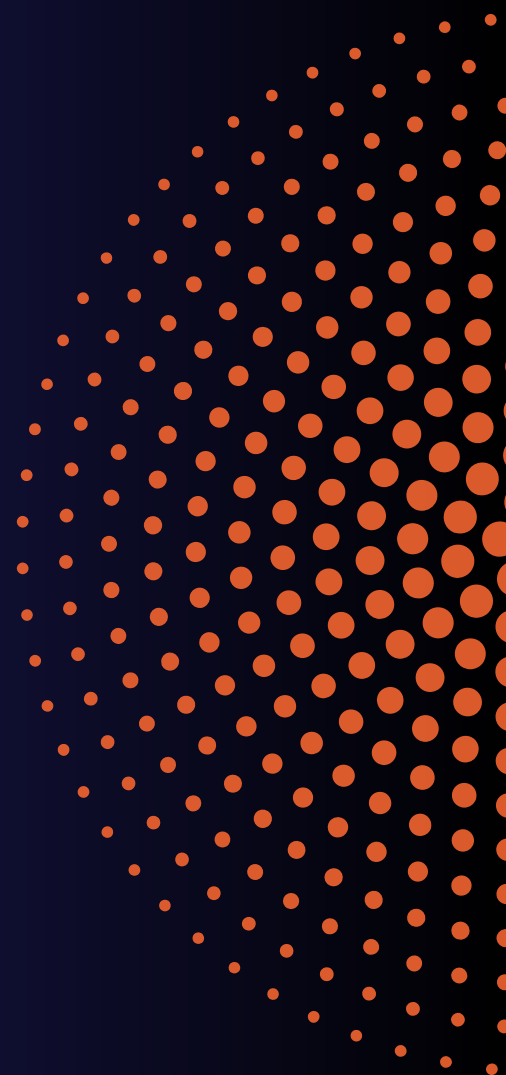




Annual Report

April 2023 - March 2024

Foreword

At SAMADHAN, every step we take is driven by our unwavering commitment to empowering individuals with intellectual disabilities. For over four decades, we have dedicated ourselves to building an inclusive society where every child, regardless of their circumstances, has the opportunity to thrive. Our mission is not just about providing education, therapy, and vocational training—it is about creating a world where individuals with disabilities are valued, respected, and given the support they need to reach their full potential.

The past year has been a testament to the resilience and dedication of our team, partners, and the incredible children and families we serve. Our work extends beyond direct interventions; it fosters awareness, challenges societal perceptions, and strengthens community bonds. Whether through meaningful internships, transformative student visits, or our vibrant celebrations of special days like Diwali, Independence Day, and World Autism Awareness Day, SAMADHAN continues to bring people together in a spirit of learning, support, and joy. The generous contributions of our well-wishers—ranging from individuals and volunteers to corporate partners—have played a crucial role in sustaining our mission.

We are honoured to be recognised for our work. However, this is only a reflection of what truly matters: the smiles of the children who find a sense of belonging at SAMADHAN, the confidence of parents who see a brighter future for their children, and the dedication of our team members who make it all possible.

Our journey would not be possible without the trust and support of our extended community. We deeply appreciate the individuals, donors, organisations, and volunteers who stand with us in this mission. Your contributions—whether through financial support, mentorship, or advocacy—help us make a tangible difference in the lives of 98 children across our centres.

As we look ahead, we remain steadfast in our vision: to expand access to quality services, build stronger community networks, and continue advocating for an inclusive society where individuals with intellectual disabilities are given the dignity, respect, and opportunities they deserve.

Together, we can create lasting change.

Sumathi Morgan
Executive Director
SAMADHAN



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About Us

SAMADHAN's mission is to empower individuals with intellectual disabilities to reach their full potential and live fulfilling lives within their communities. This involves providing comprehensive and individualized support services, including education, therapy, vocational training, and community integration programs. SAMADHAN is committed to fostering an inclusive society where individuals with disabilities are valued, respected, and have equal opportunities to participate and contribute.

SAMADHAN serves a total of 98 children across its two locations, with 82 children at the Dakshinpuri center and 16 children at the Dwarka center.

MISSION STATEMENT

To establish an infrastructure of accessible service for persons with intellectual disability living in low socio-economic areas and primarily for infants and pre-school children, using as far as possible human resources available within the target communities with active community participation leading towards an inclusive society.



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- **PRESIDENT:** Ratan Kumar Gurtoo
- **TREASURER:** George Koshi
- **MEMBERS:**
 - Janak Kumari Gandhi
 - Smita P Hopper
 - Uday Balasundaram
 - Prabodh Bhambal
- **FOUNDER-MEMBER:** Prameela Balasundaram
- **EX-OFFICIO MEMBER:** Sumathi Morgan

MEMBERSHIPS & AFFILIATIONS

- Registered under subsection (2) of Section 51 of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016
- Member of the National Trust, a statutory body of the Government of India
- Affiliate members of Inclusion International, a world body advocating for persons with intellectual disability
- A full member of the Asian Federation for the Intellectually Disabled (AFID)
- An institutional member of the Asian Resource Centre (ARC), located presently in Tokyo, Japan
- Member of the International Association for the Scientific Study of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IASSIDD)



AWARDS

- Award of Recognition as a leader in the Collective of Leaders for Persons with Disabilities - PVRNest and Ummeed - Ray of Hope, 2020
- The Most Promising Social Programme complementing the Sustainable Development Goals Award - Coffee Because, Delhi, 2018
- The Good Practice Award - Dubai International Awards for Best Practices to Improve the Living Environment (DIABP), 2005
- Innovation for successful interlinking of the three issues of disability, poverty and women's empowerment Award - World Bank, 2001
- Award of Recognition - Inclusion International (the world body advocating for persons with intellectual disabilities), Hague, 1998

LEGAL STATUS

- Registered Society: SAMADHAN is a registered society under the Societies Registration Act of 1981 with Registration No. 12183.
- Income Tax Exemptions: It is registered under section 80G of the Income Tax Act of 1961, meaning donations to SAMADHAN may be eligible for tax deductions in India.
- FCRA Registration: SAMADHAN is registered under the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act (FCRA) with the Ministry of Home Affairs, with Registration No. 231650031. This registration allows SAMADHAN to receive foreign contributions.

OUR SUPPORTERS

We are deeply grateful for the unwavering support of our generous donors, whose contributions enable us to continue our mission of empowering individuals with intellectual disabilities. The dedication and kindness make a profound impact on the lives of the children and families we serve.

This collective effort— including The National Trust, Heart and Hand For The Handicapped (USA), Glen Core, Friends of Samadhan, Dataflow, Japanese Volunteers Group, Gap International Staff, JCB Literature Foundation, Sumitomo Corporation India Private Limited, Art for Change, Danielle Harvey, Rati, Sudha Gurtoo, Neves Castantina, Benjamin Jeffrey, Lionel Suresh, Janak Kumari Gandhi, R. Krishna, Poonam Batra and parents —allows us to provide essential services, and bring hope to many. We express our deepest gratitude to everyone who has stood by us, making a meaningful difference. Your kindness and generosity continue to inspire us every day.

Events This Year

➤ SUGAMYA QUISSA PITARA

A Holistic Approach to Inclusive Education

The launch of "Sugamya Quissa Pitara" at SAMADHAN's Center for Human Resources marks a significant advancement in inclusive education. Developed in collaboration with "Access for All" and sponsored by the "JCB Literature Foundation," this innovative initiative provides a comprehensive approach, seamlessly integrating occupational therapy, speech therapy, counseling, and special education. "Sugamya Quissa Pitara" is a carefully designed solution addressing the diverse needs of children with disabilities, combining educational content with therapeutic interventions to foster both academic and personal growth. This multifaceted approach incorporates interactive activities for motor skill development, storytelling and speech exercises for language enhancement, therapeutic storytelling for emotional expression, and adaptable content for individualized learning. After six months, SAMADHAN, "Access for All," and the JCB Literature Foundation have witnessed significant positive changes in their Dakshinpuri and Dwarka branches. This "small package with a big impact" provides a wealth of resources supporting children with neurodiverse conditions in their learning, growth, and rehabilitation, promoting inclusion for children with special needs facing cognitive, social, psychological, and learning challenges. SAMADHAN, including staff, professionals, parents, and children, express heartfelt gratitude for this invaluable resource, which has already benefited 25 children across both branches in assessments for the 2023-24 year.



> A WALK TO REMEMBER

Our children and mothers recently shone on the ramp at the India International Centre, in an event organized by Impressario. This special opportunity allowed SAMADHAN to showcase the talents of its children, providing a platform where they could truly shine. For the mothers, it was a particularly joyous occasion, as it offered a chance for their children, who are often overlooked or even isolated in such events, to participate and be celebrated. Adding to the vibrant atmosphere, the children and mothers dressed up as people representing different regions of India, creating a colorful and culturally rich spectacle that highlighted both their individual talents and the diversity of the nation.



➤ GRATITUDE IN ACTION: A SUCCESSFUL FUNDRAISER AT GAP INTERNATIONAL

SAMADHAN was deeply grateful for the generous invitation to hold a sale at GAP International. The opportunity to raise funds through this event was invaluable, with the proceeds directly supporting the organisation's vital work.

As a token of appreciation, SAMADHAN extended heartfelt thanks to the employees of GAP International, recognising their crucial role in making the sale a success and contributing to SAMADHAN's mission.



> TRANSFORMING LIVES THROUGH THE DATAFLOW SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMME



The Dataflow sponsorship programme has brought remarkable progress and joy to children with intellectual disabilities at SAMADHAN. This initiative has not only impacted the children but has also uplifted their families, fostering hope and positivity in their lives.

The programme's impact extends beyond individual development, fostering a sense of community and support. SAMADHAN expresses heartfelt gratitude to the Dataflow team for their generous contributions, which continue to transform lives and bring smiles to the faces of children and their families.

Children like Yuvraj, diagnosed with Cerebral Palsy, have shown significant improvement in fine motor skills and communication abilities. Yagya, living with Global Developmental Delay and Autism Spectrum Disorder, has achieved noticeable progress in various areas. Aarish, diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder, has demonstrated improvements in listening, responding, and managing emotions. Bhavya, also diagnosed with Cerebral Palsy, has exhibited remarkable behavioural improvements and gained clarity in her speech. Similarly, Pratham, who has Cerebral Palsy, has made progress in communication, social interaction, and motor skills.

Donor Visits

➤ A HEARTFELT VISIT: AUSTRALIAN TOURISTS EXTEND THEIR SUPPORT

A group of Australian tourists, guided by Ms. Danielle and organised by Ms. Tammie, recently visited SAMADHAN, and their experience was deeply moving. The visitors were touched by the work being done at the organisation, and their empathy was evident in their actions.

One of the tourists was so inspired that they generously contributed to the makeover of the balcony, transforming it into a usable space for children's indoor activities. In addition to this generous donation, the group also brought a thoughtful gift of stationery supplies for the children, further demonstrating their care and support for our mission.

The visit left a lasting impression on both the visitors and the SAMADHAN community, highlighting the power of connection and the positive impact of such encounters.



➤ A LEGACY OF SUPPORT: JACKIE AND TONY NELSON REAFFIRM THEIR COMMITMENT

Jackie and Tony Nelson, long-term patrons of SAMADHAN, expressed their deep appreciation for the organisation's work during a recent visit to the Dwarka centre. They were delighted to witness the positive impact of our efforts and the progress being made by the team, finding their visit truly encouraging.

The Nelsons demonstrated their continued support in tangible ways, purchasing SAMADHAN spices and making a generous donation to fund a project coordinator for a year. They were particularly impressed with the new resource room at the Dwarka centre, recognising its value in enhancing the services provided to the community.

Their visit served as a reaffirmation of their commitment to our mission and a testament to the organisation's lasting positive impact.



➤ A GIFT OF MOBILITY: JAPANESE VOLUNTEERS SUPPORT

SAMADHAN was honoured to welcome a group of nine Japanese volunteers whose kindness and generosity left a lasting impact on our community. Understanding the transportation challenges faced by parents and children in Dakshinpuri, they stepped forward with a thoughtful and practical contribution—donating an e-rickshaw to ease daily commutes to and from our centre.

For many families, reaching SAMADHAN has often been a struggle due to limited transportation options. This new e-rickshaw will provide a safe and reliable means of travel, ensuring that children can access therapy, education, and other essential services without unnecessary obstacles.

Beyond their generous donation, the volunteers spent time interacting with our children and staff, learning about our work, and witnessing firsthand the dedication of our team. Their support serves as a beautiful reminder of how collective goodwill can create meaningful change.



Interns at SAMADHAN

➤ A TRANSFORMATIVE JOURNEY

Shubpreet and Muskan, psychology students, found their experiences deeply meaningful and transformative. They gained invaluable insights into intellectual disabilities, appreciating our multidisciplinary approach, which integrates therapies, special education, and psychology.

During their internship, they learned about adaptive teaching methods, behaviour modification techniques, and the importance of community-centric support. Many highlighted the positive and welcoming environment, observing innovative techniques across various departments, including speech therapy and occupational therapy. They actively participated in assessments, interacted with parents, and even led workshops, gaining a deeper understanding of individualised needs and the crucial role of family involvement.

The emphasis on holistic development and fostering a joyful learning environment—through activities like park outings and celebrations—left a lasting impression on the interns. Key takeaways included recognising diverse learning styles, the significance of creative therapies, the power of family and community support, and the value of inclusivity.

Overall, the internship provided them with valuable skills, enhanced empathy, and a profound appreciation for SAMADHAN's dedication to serving individuals with intellectual disabilities.



➤ EXPANDING HORIZONS: GARGI COLLEGE STUDENTS GAIN INSIGHT INTO INCLUSIVE EDUCATION

A visit to SAMADHAN proved to be a transformative experience for B.El.Ed. students from Gargi College, offering valuable insights into the education of children with special needs. The visit challenged preconceived notions and highlighted the complexities of teaching this population, emphasising the need for patience, understanding, and specialised techniques.



Students appreciated the practical experience gained through interactions with the children and staff, recognising the importance of inclusive education and the need for increased support and resources. While some participants acknowledged the challenges of teaching students with diverse learning styles and communication difficulties, they also learned valuable inclusive teaching techniques, such as using visual aids and providing individualised attention.

Overall, the visit had a profound emotional impact, inspiring empathy and a commitment to promoting awareness and support for individuals with special needs. It was a positive and impactful learning experience that broadened their perspective on inclusive education.

➤ BRIDGING KNOWLEDGE AND PRACTICE: JAMIA COLLEGE PT STUDENTS AT SAMADHAN

We had the privilege of hosting students from the Advanced Diploma in Child Guidance and Counselling programme, affiliated with Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University and registered with the Rehabilitation Council of India. These students brought fresh perspectives and enthusiasm during the visit, making it a mutually enriching experience.

During their time at SAMADHAN, the students gained invaluable hands-on experience, witnessing first-hand the challenges faced by children with intellectual disabilities and their families. They observed and participated in therapy sessions, special education programmes, and community-based initiatives, allowing them to deepen their understanding of holistic child development. This real-world exposure fostered greater empathy and equipped them with practical skills essential for their future roles as professionals.



Celebrating Together

➤ JOY, INCLUSION, AND FESTIVITY: SPECIAL CELEBRATIONS

At SAMADHAN, special days are more than just events on a calendar—they are vibrant, inclusive celebrations that bring the community together. From the patriotic fervour of Independence Day to the mindful practices of Yoga Day, each occasion is marked with engaging activities that involve children, staff, and parents alike. Observances like World Autism Awareness Day and World Down Syndrome Day provide valuable opportunities to foster awareness, appreciation, and support for children with special needs. Festive occasions such as Christmas are celebrated with equal enthusiasm, creating a joyful and welcoming atmosphere.

One of the most heartwarming celebrations was Diwali, made even more special by the generous contributions from the Friends of SAMADHAN staff. The children were overjoyed to receive gifts and sweets, adding to the festive spirit. The centre was beautifully adorned with fresh flowers and intricate rangoli, creating a traditional and cheerful ambiance. More than just a festival, Diwali at SAMADHAN was a celebration of togetherness, with dance, music, and shared moments of joy making it a memorable occasion for all. These celebrations go beyond festivities—they strengthen bonds, foster a supportive community, and create lasting memories for everyone involved.

Pictures of these special moments can be found in the gallery page.

Gallery









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