

**REPORT**

**ACADEMIC YEAR (2017 - 2018)**

**Bubbles Centre For Autism**

## EVENT CALENDAR - ACADEMIC YEAR 2017-2018

“ I am always moving forward and not looking back .....

But I tend to leave a trail of debt while moving ahead.”

The above words encapsulate the tremendous leap we had in the last year. The year witnessed an innovative and disruptive time at Bubbles. The focus had shifted from school learnings to creating valued lives for our learners.

This is also the year for coming of age. While the “after 18” thoughts were in the visions and missions for a while, this year Bubbles took a definite step towards this. Pragati was conceived and born and with that the plans for pre-voc and vocational training took strides.

It is a challenge to encapsulate the events of the last year, since they are varied and too many. However, I can't resist quoting Lao Tzu on what makes us great, “Being deeply loved gives you strength and loving deeply gives you courage”. This audacious journey would not have been possible but for the love bestowed by our “Bubbles Parivar”.

A sequence of events in the year gone by:

### ➤ April & May (summer break)

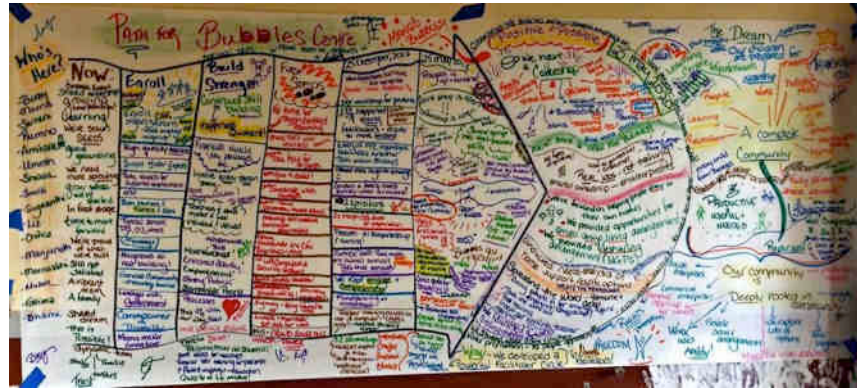
- The new academic year started with our Bubbles family enjoying their lunch on the occasion of the Baisakhi, Vishu, Bihu and Subho Nabo Barsho!
- The wonder camp was a parent initiative during 17<sup>th</sup> April to 5<sup>th</sup> May. All students had great fun with activities like, Clay modeling, Rituals, Zumba, Lemon race, sack race, volleyball, Watering plants and AIIMS media
- Ms Sarbani Mallik conducted a workshop in APPA Kolkata, West Bengal, on *facilitating language and communication skills to verbal and non verbal children in a school setting*. She spoke about the importance of communicatin skills for kids with Autism and also educated the audience at to how to achieve this in school and home atmosphere.
- Another landmark event for Bubbles' - empowering their teachers to conduct workshop in Kolkata - Ms Dhanu John and Mubin Taj (our senior staffs), conducted a 4 days training for the teachers and faculty in- Wonder House (A centre for children with Autism).



- Social Role Valorisation (SRV) workshop –

On May 23<sup>rd</sup>, Keystone institute, a major advocate of valued social roles for marginal segments of the society, hosted a workshop on ‘Valued Roles’ in collaboration with Bubbles Centre of Autism and Seva In Action.

- The SRV journey continues with workshop on Person Centered Methods for inclusive practice tools. “Trust the people, trust the process.” “Everyone has a place in the society” –



This was the lesson learnt in a vibrant two days of learning and discovery at Bubbles as parents, board members, and staff gathered to imagine the future. They explored several potent "mindset-shifting tools", and in the process, a powerful vision and action plan emerged. We discovered great passion, razor sharp vision, and were able to empower families to find what is practical and possible for their children.

- Workshop on Collaborative Theatre with students from Canadian International School (CIS). On 30<sup>th</sup> May and 2<sup>nd</sup> June, we embarked the beginning of a new friendship between the students of Bubbles Center of Autism and Canadian International School. Diana Thloor, directed the students on two sessions of collaborative theatre. The first day, was the ice breaker session where students were introduced and through various activities encouraged to bond with each other. The Second day saw more progress with theatre where the students of CIS performed a piece they had prepared and students of both schools shared their poems on friendship.



### ➤ June & July

- EID celebration on 30<sup>th</sup> June. Program began to the music of the Azaan. Students did Namaaz and recited Duaa. Corporator and Local Congress representatives made a visit. A Cultural programme followed by Junior and Senior Group students. Lunch for whole school prepared by parents of same faith. Eidis were also distributed to the students by these parents.



- Pragati Inauguration (2<sup>nd</sup> July) – Bubbles takes a leap and started its vocational training institute. Ventured into an area of specific skill training and creating work environment at Pragati for students with autism aged 17 and above. Pragati started with the printing unit funded by ICRA. The inauguration was memorable with a Discourse by – Ven. Aryavamse Bhante (Meditation and Mental Health) and Invocation song by Aditya Gaur & Team. Followed by Invocation Dance by Vocational trainees and Staff, a Fashion show, showcasing of skills from pre-voc Unit with a Speech by Chief guest from ICRA.



- Four new interns posted at Bubbles for this month. Three talented MSW interns from Rani Chennama Institute (Belgavi) – Uday, Razaq & Bhagwanta designed the poster for Prafull Café and one Psychology Intern from Ashoka University to work on a movie to be showcased on independence day.
- Monsoon camp was conceived and planned by Neelima Mukherjee who flew in from Pune to take charge. Salient features for Pre-voc students included the theme of café, Over-night stay on 21<sup>st</sup> July. A Mock Café was set up for specific learning goals of :
  - Functional Mathematics (Billing Counter)
  - I.T. (Printing out Recipes)
  - Housekeeping (Clear up of café tables)
  - Baking Unit (Sandwiches, Juice, Peanut Butter etc)
  - Printing (Praful Gallery, tissue holders etc)
  - Guest customer served at the café – Dr. Bibin Thomas on 20<sup>th</sup> July

- Parents were customers at the Café on the final day (22<sup>nd</sup> July)
- Highlights were live singing by Don & Iba and a dance session by Shafeeq and the students on the lawn

The junior group had fun with Sensory activities, Food making sessions, Art & Craft Activities & Movement Sessions

- Bubbles collaborate with NDTV on Behtar India Project - Developed as a path-breaking 360° campaign, Behtar India allows citizens, school children and corporates, to supplement each other's efforts to drive awareness and initiate tangible progressive actions towards building a better India. Aimed at creating a nationwide movement, the focus is on three main pillars of the campaign – Health, Hygiene, and Environment.

Bubbles collaborated in Cake Baking with Students from DPS and baked cakes in 3 different flavours; Banana, Carrot and Chocolate. The sale proceeds went to NDTV.



➤ **August**

- Independence Day Celebrations. Bubbles Celebrated Independence day with pomp and vigor. The programme comprised of Swacch Bharat Abhiyan + Dengue awareness campaign which took place during the morning, Film Screening and a cultural programme took place in the afternoon. The invitee lists included;
  - Government School (Bilishivale),
  - Corporator - Chief Guest: Mr. Hari Prasad (Corporator) hoisted the flag
  - Employees of 'Jio Digital Life'
  - DPS students presented a skit on dengue awareness
  - Cleaning Drive – DPS, Bubbles & Govt. School students worked together to clean the Bubbles vicinity.

Our heartfelt thanks to Mr. Murali CEO (South Zone) and his team, Reliance Jio for their support with sound to make “Swatch Bharat” program an inclusive event.

We are also thankful to Young India Foundation for donating kitchen utensils towards lunch and trainings for students.

In the second half, we had a very colourful Cultural Program. It included - yoga session by Dr. Mollika Ganguly & Dr. Monika Jha; Screening of short film- ‘A fight for Independence’ – by Nayantara Alva (undergrad student of Ashoka University); Our students performed a short movement play ‘Born Free’, which was directed by our very own Diana Thloor.

We were very fortunate to have Richard D. Thloor (International Salsa Champion) to perform for finale Dance performance. Jio sponsored the sound system, mementos and snacks



You can check up the event at our youtube videos <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GQkW8PABPk4>

- Bake sale:

DPS + Prastuti Students collaboratively sold the cakes they baked during the ‘Friends Bake Project’



- Prastuti team – Office Assistants Training: to be effective office assistants. Commenced on an experimental basis. Admin assistant defines the task-list for the job. Jobs currently being trained upon under supervision are - Taking circulars/notices and attendance in each class

- Workshop on Inclusive employment for people with severe disabilities – one day workshop organized by DNA on Mission 1000 to create opportunities, employment and touching lives.



- Prep My Skills – Life skills training (18<sup>th</sup> August) - Prep My Skills is an ED Tech company who created the program with primary Goal to ‘Helping Young Minds

become Socially Responsible Global Citizens'. Pilot Study taken with Prastuti and Pragati students.

- Dental screening and evaluation for children at Bubbles - The purpose of dental screening is to identify whether children can benefit from dental treatment, and to identify if there are any problems which may need a closer look by specialists. The focus of a school dental screening programme is not merely to identify children with oral health problems, but also to act as a vehicle to bring these children into contact with oral health . 2 doctors and 2 interns from Sree Rajiv Gandhi Dental College and Hospital came to Bubbles. All the children were checked for the dental well being. Children found with Dental issues received direction for the same.



- Capacity Building Workshop by Sarbani Mallick at DPS.
- On job training - Prastuti students started training to clean, peel, cut and pack vegetables, weighing and putting price tag.



- Workshop on Special Olympics - Attended by Sujatha & Menaka. Demands made by NGOS to Government for more funds towards training for special Olympics 2019 world summer games for Special children to participate
- Other highlights - Suja Rayaprol – new KPMARC trainee at Bubbles.

Visitors at Bubbles: Dr. Suresh (U.K.) – neurodevelopmental paediatrician & Dr. Sudhakar Shetty – Medical Director of ARAMCO Hospital - Saudi Arabia & Owner of Sujatha Hospital, Indiranagar.

➤ **September & October**

- On 3<sup>rd</sup> September, Sarbani conducted an insightful and interactive session focusing on “Transition, planning for adolescent with development disabilities” at Ishanya Centre for individuals with special needs. Thank you Swathi Vellal and Sharmila Jois for your warmth and hospitality.
- Teachers are the pillars on which all the programs rest. Hence the teachers’ day is always very special for Bubbles’ parents. This year on 5<sup>th</sup> September, teachers were treated in style at the Barbeque Nation by Shabeer Shah and his family.



- Ganesh Chaturthi: All the children made Eco Friendly Ganeshas in the Clay modelling and Art class. Entire school attended the Pooja and sang devotional songs ( Ganesh vandana). Adithya Gaur was our priest. Hema prepared Prasaad and all the children ate prasada with great joy. All played a game called “Avva-Appachi” .



- Onam was celebrated by the Malayali parents of Bubbles on 7<sup>th</sup> September. Pookalam were done by the students (targeted to improve eye hand coordination, fine motor skills, visual perception). Cultural programme by students and parents and Onam Sadhya sponsored by Malayali parents: Students participated in the community lunch





- Persons centered planning by Betsy Neuville for parents of Bubbles - Person centered planning were facilitated by Betsy Neuville of Keystone foundation to assist find a way of life for students of Bubbles. At the first stage 7 children between age group of 10 to 18 years was done over a week-long intense session. Sessions were attended by the Person, family, friends, care-givers, friends and community. It was an unique experience and opened up many unknown strengths and areas of interests for the individual. The person centered process helps to identify desired personal outcomes based on the individual's life goals, interests, strengths, abilities, desires, and preferences. These strategies encompass staffing support and service needs, or are met by natural or community supports that already exist in a person's life.



- Dussera Celebraion - Dussera marks the triumph of Lord Ram over Ravana, the victory of good over evil. It offers unique sensory experience for children with riots of colors, sounds and décor. Students from Prastuti and Pragati spared no efforts to decorate the venue. Huge colourful motifs were on display. Like all festival feasts, a great lunch was organised. This was sponsored by Suma Gowda, Art based trainee. Our sincere thanks to Suma for her love and support.

The cultural programme followed and was an amalgam of:

- Dhunuchi, dance - a flared shape and is held by a stem with a large cavity at the top, and is traditionally made of earthenware, which are lit with burning insence. Dance with it is a ritual and it was a frenzy to see the Pragati team performing this dance.
- Dandiya, a traditional folk dance of Gujrat and Rajasthan was performed by junior group
- There was surprise performance by Dhak, a traditional drum played during Durga Puja in Bengal



- Diwali celebration with Capital First family - The celebration of Diwali ,'The festival of lights' came alive at Bubbles. It brought cheers to one and all. This Diwali was made special with Capital First team joining children in decorating the entire school. Apul Nayyar, Executive Director – Capital First graced the event as the chief guest.. The festival brought out the essence of Diwali celebration of life and goodness. The excitement, fanfare and celebration permeated the air. Employees from Capital First partnered with the students in making decoration items, wall hanging, Thorans and Rangoli to help decorate the premises. Cultural Programme and performances capturing the spirit of Diwali in songs and movement by Junior & Prastuti & Pragati. Capital First has committed to provide support for 12 students/families in terms of funding for their children at Bubbles under Aspiring Lives initiative. A small skit from Aladdin was enacted as a pre-cursor of the next year's theatre where Capital First also committed to support Bubbles for the next year's theatre at Chowdiah Memorial Hall. Bubbles Parivaar is forever grateful to the Capital First team, though Ms. Rachana Iyer (Senior CSR manager) needs a special mention for her support to the cause.



- Exhibition stalls at ...' Birds on the Tree Café, Reliance JIO and SAP labs - Prashtuti and Pragati students had a chance to show-case their multiple exhibitions. The Items on Display were varied - Printed Dupattas, laundry bags, Jewellery, baked items and screen printed envelopes.



- Fuel a dream – DPS Bangalore North – Empower (Campaign by Teachers in association with Bubbles & Pragati). **The Delhi Public School (Bangalore North) teacher fraternity took a radical step towards 'Inclusion'** - 250 teachers participated in crowdfunding to help raise funds for hospitality training at Pragati. It started with encouraging students to make a difference. Later teachers themselves took up the crowdfunding route to help adults with autism. Ranganatha Thola, Founder, Fuel a dream said, “It isn’t everyday that teachers take up such a campaign and work towards it so aggressively.

Times of India covered the initiatives:

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/bengaluru/teachers-go-in-for-crowdfunding-route-rack-up-rs-24-5-lakh-for-autistic-kids-training/articleshow/61539380.cms>



- *Workshop ... Folk Fitness* - An energetic and holistic fitness routine inspired by the Indian Folk Dance Culture to dance off the calories effectively. Conducted by Ashwin Pandey
- Sarbani Mallick conducted a workshop for parents at Manovikas Kendra, Kolkata on Structured Teaching and skill building in the Home Setting using structured training for staffs.
- Sarbani Mallick, Founder and Managing Director of Bubbles is invited to be a member of the Advisory Board at Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Science and Technology, Trivandrum.
- We are privileged to have Dr. Sobha Srinath as our medical advisor – She does not need any introduction, especially with anyone associated with Intellectual Disability and Autism. Her approach to the condition is completely holistic and not just clinical. She had been Head of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Services, Department of Psychiatry National Institute of Mental Health & Neuro Sciences (NIMHANS), Bangalore. Hence it is a sheer providence for us to have her to advise on our plans for creating valuable space for individuals with Autism and help us to handle the critical issues associated with adolescence behavior and challenges towards independence.
- Sarbani Mallick and Bubbles Centre of Autism received the NGO Leadership award 2017. The award was presented in a glittering ceremony at Taj Vivanta, where many eminent persons were

present to encourage the awardees. The award is to recognize leaders, who are impactful and believe in MAD (Make A Difference). The award is given after a due diligence by a panel of juries consisting of senior leaders, researchers, academicians and some of the prominent dignitaries. The selection is completely transparent without nomination or funding.



### ➤ **November**

- The Halloween Party - Fascination for Halloween is a relatively recent phenomenon and Bubbles is one of the early adopter in the celebration. It is celebrated on 31<sup>st</sup> before the all Saints day. Keeping with the secular flavor of celebrating all the international festivals with as much fervor, We were all ready. This time it was the Parents Committee, who had been the host and organisers. Celebration included, exposure to sensory experiences, such as - Dancing in the dark, Pumpkin scooping, Decorating masks, Making and Decorating cup cakes.

The party continued with full spirits and was enjoyed by students, teachers and parents. Calling all Ghouls, Goblins, Pumpkins, Superheroes, Pirates and Princesses – all costumes and colors were represented in the costumes and make-up to make it a creative expression of life.



- Advanced Diploma Course in Graphic Design and Multimedia – A Pragati and The Hans Foundation initiative - Pragati continues to remain an anchor for all its vocational upskilling, re-skilling. After ICRA's funding the printing unit, which is on a growth path, Pragati received a benefactor in The Hans Foundation funded IT enabled services, which will cover two broad-based learning - AIMS ability enhancement multimedia program ([www.aimsmedia.net.in](http://www.aimsmedia.net.in)), Life-skills, values and attitudes by Prepmyskills(<https://prepmyskills.com>). Our main partner is AIMS Media, who had been involved with us for other training programs. AIMS partnered for Pragati to train adults with a focus to livelihood options. We had only 4 desktops co-existing in the same premises with the printing unit. With

Hans funding, a separate unit for IT enabled services was built to benefit more number of adults with disability towards a respectable livelihood option and we launched this program on 7<sup>th</sup> Nov with all stake-holders doing positive intent ritual.

This is a specially designed program for 450 hours, where persons with special need can learn Multimedia & Animation through a program designed by Doctors, Parents, Special Educators and Technical Experts keeping in mind all variations of disabilities. The program was kicked off on 7<sup>th</sup> November. We are so grateful to Hans Foundation for their support.



- **SAP labs CSR initiative gives the school a face-lift and cheers** - Corporate social responsibility should be about making a forum where employees feel good and enjoy the process. Employees feel more motivated, the community has benefited, and the company earns goodwill, then everyone is a winner. In the month of November, SAP Labs employees gave our school a facelift by painting the corridors with a vibrant coat of colours. Bubbles took the hues of blue with pictures and images surround the entire corridors. Students handprints on the pillars made way to a lovely collage.
- **Team Bubbles at the national conference** - A two-day national conference related to diverse issues of person with disability was jointly organised by the Confederation of Indian Industry ( CII), Rajasthan and Department of Social Justice & Empowerment; supported by Disha and Rehabilitation Council of India at Hotel Clarks Amer in Jaipur. At the conference, the issues related to needs of differently abled people were discussed through keynote addresses, panel discussions, paper presentations, poster presentations, group discussions and workshops. Bubbles and Pragati jointly had four presenters for paper & poster - Sarbani Mallick, Meena Jain , Smrithy Rajesh and Meenakshy Kavassery. The location also offered a chance for team Bubbles to visit Bagru and Sanganer to observe and understand the processes and possibilities in Block Printing, Screen Printing and making of Paper products



- **Friday Market at Bubbles – products made by Prastuti and pragati students.** Friday market became a weekly rituals at Bubbles to sell the products made in the vocational wings. The children at School hold market days and bread-sticks and cake sales help them learn valuable life skills and raise funds to cover part of the expenses towards raw materials. The Friday Market is also a

platform for developing the entrepreneurship skills of our students/ trainees. All parents are asked to not only support the market, but to help out by spreading the words.

- **Buddy program with Capital First -- trip to Nandi Hills with Pre-voc and vocational students.**

As part of buddy program Capital First employees were “Buddies” to our students for the day.

A day filled with games, new experiences and art.

Our students amazed us with transition, considerably reduced anxiety at the number of changes and their ability to adapt to new people and the new surroundings. Steps to strengthen community involvement and collaboration.



- **Arvind completed two weeks internship at Café coffee Day.** Arvind was selected as a part of DNA and Mission 1000 initiative to do a two weeks internship at Café coffee day in an attempt to check the employability of a PWD in a coffee shop and learn some of the skills associated with it. We are looking forward to more such internship opportunities for Arvind and his peers.
- **Dhwani foundation initiative to develop NGO leadership.** We have been selected as a beneficiary of the “Niranthara Program” their funding to develop the administration and operation of the NGOs. Under this scheme, Dhwani will invest in skill development of leadership and an operation manager in our organisation. We were lucky to have recruited Mr. Naveen as our OM in a very short time, who is undergoing the training with Dhwani. This engagement will be for two years.
  - **Participation in Kalangana – the Art festival.** Prastuti students participated in an art and Yoga competition on 21<sup>st</sup> November in front of a large audience. Prastuti group went to IRC in the morning. They did a group yoga in front of large crowd. They stood in the queue for a buffet lunch with 500 people and then waited for their turn which came after 50 performances. They showed great resilience and never broke into a behavior in spite of such harsh conditions.
- **Achievement by students and teachers of Bubbles –** We are so proud of each one of them.
  - Advait, 9 years old won the Gold Medal for skating at Special Olympics (Karnataka State Level)
  - Kudos to the parents who took the initiative to take their children to participate in the sports meet at Kanteerva Stadium. Proud of Yashas, Advait and Rachel and the

parents. Rachel and Advait were awarded the Gold Medal in Bowling and Skating respectively.

- Four teachers from Bubbles were awarded 'Extraordinary Teacher' Award – Meenakshy Kavassery (Program Coordinator – Head), Mubin Taj (ABT practitioner), Dhanu John (Senior Speech Therapist) and DonKuper (Physiotherapist).
- Ms.Sarbani Mallick is invited as one of the speakers in the Common Purpose Leadership Development

➤ **December and January 2018**

- Hundred hands exhibition – an overwhelming response. We received great appreciation for the quality of the products displayed by our students. We found many Art and Design experts are willing to collaborate with Pragati for Train the Trainer workshops. There were keen Interest from CSR heads for skill building and corporate orders. The exhibition also led to joining with Caravan Crafts – initiation into Embroidery



- **Bubbles participates in the Sports meet n 1<sup>st</sup> December – an initiative by Enable India.** Children braved the rains and the long bus ride. They tried new games, Adapted quickly to new situations and new physical environments. Had an opportunity to practice social skills and communication, outside the school environment.



- **Thandav by Smiley Foundation on 2nd December.** When the drums beat, our students and teachers' feet start tapping and spirits soar on World Disability day.



- **Buddy Program with Canadian International School and Prastuti team – 12<sup>th</sup> December.** It was a meaningful Integration of Shared experiences which led to sustained connections and changing mindsets. Activities included - Group activity with a buddy (creative arts), Drum Jam, Horse riding – shared new experiences. Stall exhibit at Canadian International School – our buddies were our ambassadors. Unprecedented excitement among customers including Mr. King, principal of CIS for products made by our students. Our marketing team ensured no one left empty handed.



- **Exhibition stalls at various outlet.** Bubbles exhibited its products in XLR8, DPS and show-cased our products. Mr. Haji Ibrahim – National Awardee for Block Printing graced our stall at DPS and also got support from the Spic Macay for the same. This contact and connection paved the way for future collaboration. One of the highlight in the DPS stall was garlanding of Aditya by Rajat Kapoor, the actor.



- **Christmas celebration at DPS.** Children participated in the morning assembly and partaken mid-morning snacks to bring in the Christmas cheers.





- **A day at Juss Truffs making chocolate** – Primary students had a great time to visit the chocolate factory in a bus. They smelt the coffee beans to their sensory delights and also tried their hands making chocolate.



- **Christmas at Bubbles** – Our festival celebration have now moved out of the boundary walls of our centre and have become an inclusive event. This year, we celebrated Christmas by giving, sharing, loving and joy – in the true spirit of Christmas. Our students went to orphanages and distributed gifts and snacks sponsored by Seema Dharma, Praveena, Shilpa and more than 100+ friends. They have been sponsoring for last ten years the financing, buying and wrapping gifts for the event. Pandith Janakathalli needs a special mention here for his love, support and commitments to our cause.



- **Advaith's felicitation program.** Advaith was the proud recipient of the silver medal in the special olympic screening at a function full of eminent people.



- **Workshops, awards and training towards empowerment.**
  - ✓ Seema Dharma also won the Social Impact Award at Intel.
  - ✓ Social Role valorization – 4 day training at Delhi from 4<sup>th</sup> dec to 8<sup>th</sup> dec where

- ✓ Meena Jain, Liz AlbUquerque, Rumno Mukherjee, Meenakshy Kavassery participated to understand how socially valued roles can be create for persons with disabilities.
- ✓ Workshop by Dr.Shoba Srinath and Case Consultation on *Mental Health issues in adolescents and its early intervention*.
- ✓ Workshop by Julie Anstey (Founder of the talking tree, UK) on 12<sup>th</sup> December on Language building in early years for primary unit and Pragmatic Language for students of Prastuti and Pragati .
- ✓ Workshop on Employment Opportunities and Livelihood on 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> December were attended by Sarbani mallick, Liz Albuquerque and Meenakshy Kavassery. Highlights of the workshop were to discuss Status of skill building and competency in NGOs, Connect with Corporates partners who are committed to Mission 1000, Discussion on possibilities and Best Practices of collaboration with NGOs.
- ✓ Two Day Residential workshop was attended by Sarbani Mallick under Niranthara Program was held on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> December. The topic was *self awareness for NGO leaders. Rama Krishna Surdeo, created hunger and thirst for knowledge in the participants*.
- ✓ On 27<sup>th</sup> Dec Mubin, Manjula & Lingaraju attended Block printing workshop conducted at DPS by Mr. Haji Ibrahim.



- **Proposal for collaboration with Caravan crafts** - Another new vista opened up for vocation of trainees with training in embroidery designing on fabrics by Graduates of National School of Design. Objectives were identifying students who have inherent aptitude and ability in embroidery and build skills for Self and Supported Employment opportunities.



- **Outreach activities.**
  - Sarbani Mallick consults staffs and parents at Delhi Public School north campus to advise on inclusive classrooms.
  - Sarbani Mallick , who is an invitee as Advisory Board Member at Cadrre centre for Autism, Trivandrum, visited the facilities and attended the board meeting.
- **Collaboration with IIHM (international institute of hotel management) on 6<sup>th</sup> January.** Objectives are - Curriculum building, Train the trainer program at IIHM (the follow up first session took place on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2018. Create an adapted curriculum for specific skill training, Consulting to upgrade infrastructure, On job training for Pragati trainees, Certification and video CV and open up avenues for employment.



- **22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> January SRV PATH follow-up.** Elizabeth Neuville from keystone india conducted a workshop with all stake-holders on “model coherency”.

### ***Looking forward ..***

Our purpose is to provide our children and young adults valuable lives and derive a sense of purpose to move them towards employment. We have taken the initial steps by creating Pre Voc Unit and a complete vocational skilling organisation, funded by grants and assistants from large companies and funding agencies, such as, ICRA, The Hans Foundation, Capital First, Dhvani Foundation, Delhi Public School management and teachers, Microsoft among others. This unit has sole focus on employability in areas like Printing, IT enabled services, Creative arts and Hospitality. The success will be defined by the collaboration among parents, community and other external stake-holders.

“I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples.”

– **Mother Teresa**