

DeSilva Handicap Trust  
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## **ABOUT US**

The DESILVA HANDICAP TRUST is a registered charity that was established over 9 Years ago by Mr.M.Shanmugam. It was set up to help tackle the problems of handicapped and mentally retarded children in and around the Kotagiri area. From its humble origins as a family institution, it has grown rapidly and now plans to take on a wide range of projects and activities around Kotagiri.

The Trust is committed to the welfare of the most physically and mentally challenged individuals/children in the community without distinction of cast, creed or colour. The emphasis is on assisting these children in desperate need of support and enabling them to be valued and contributing members of the community.

The Trust's logo symbolizes its vision for the future - a future in which every child can look forward to a new day, a day free from suffering, abuse and poverty. By showing how grass roots efforts can help communities, the Trust wants to empower families and children across the world, to give them new hope and help them rise out of poverty.

## TRUSTEE

**Mr.M.Shanmugam** is one of the most well-known and respected people around Sackatha and the Kotagiri area. His third son, Desilva was born with mental disabilities. Despite not having too many resources, Mr.Shanmugam tried to help his son by seeking out several treatment options for Desilva for about fifteen years, but Desilva passed away at the age of fifteen.

Having seen how difficult it was to care for and manage day-to-day functioning of his son, Mr.Shanmugam decided to visit other people in his community who had children like Desilva and see if he could help them. His was mostly a community of farmers and daily labourers. With no options for child care, parents with mentally challenged children were forced to leave these children home, sometimes having to tie their child with a rope for most of the day. It brought him to tears. He also realized that girls in similar situations as his son, DeSilva would have greater challenges – there would be no protection for them.

He decided then to dedicate his life to these children. He started the Desilva Handicap trust in a small room in his own house. The plan was to transport the children (getting a loan to buy a vehicle for this) to and from their houses and provide them food, clothing, education, physical therapy/training and training for self-employment – all free of cost.

The Trust, supported by donations from the Government, supplies walking sticks, wheel chairs and equipment for the blind. It provides financial help for students training for a B.Ed. in special education and also maintains a sports club.

Mr. Shanmugam's children, Mr.Jeeva kumar, and Mrs.Sona, trained in Special Education and Psychology with Special B.Ed., are also working for the Trust.

The Trust is run with help from donors – small and big, who can see the need for such an organization and the good it is doing in the community. Though the Trust has helped several, there are many more children in and around kotagiri they are not able to accommodate, because of constraints on space, and other resources. They need help!

If you are interested in helping the Trust with resources, funds or time, please contact the Desilva Handicap Trust at the address provided.

**"GOD WILL SERVE YOU**  
**WHEN YOU SERVE OTHERS!!!"**

## Desilva handicap trust (MR Spl school) Activities during 2019

1)The new building work have been completed during January 2019 and inagurated by Nilgiris district differently abled welfare office.

2)New projector, screen,desktop purchased to upgrade the teaching level.

3) Home based service for mentally retarded childrence.

4)25 MR DAP participated in various cultural programme held during world disabled day (Dec.03/2019).

5)15 MR DAP participated in various cultural programme by district sports authority Nilgiris district .

6)Eight MR DAP provided with various aids and appliances as per their needs.

7)UDID details for 25 DAP(MR) have been uploaded and uploaded and entrusted to district differently abled welfare office.





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Proc No.3067/RD II 4/2012

Red No: 199/2008

SI No:364/2013



## Desilva Handicap School & Centre for Mentally Retardad Children

YEAR : 2014-15

D.No.4/2013 B, Sathulu Village, Arakonam, Kanchi (C.A), The Nilgiris District.







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**DESILVA HANDICAP TRUST**  
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 AN INITIATIVE OF ROUND TABLE INDIA

  
 A Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment  
 Invites you to the inauguration of  
**DESILVA HANDICAP SCHOOL**  
 (A school for special children)

Date: 09-01-2017  
 Time: 10am

Venue: osakatha village aravenu  
 contact: 978755605

