

INTRODUCTION

We are pleased to present our annual report for the year 2017. At the outset, we thank the Almighty for guiding us all through this yet another year in our challenging journey.

Ecomwel Orthopaedic Centre expresses its appreciation and sincere thanks to everyone who has shown keen interest in our efforts and joined with us for the welfare of the rural differently abled.

Ecomwel Orthopaedic Centre, 33 years ago extended its helping hand to the rural differently abled for their welfare in a small way. Today it has become a pioneering institution in implementing various programmes for the differently abled, contacts of leprosy patients, rural poor and the underprivileged. Ecomwel orthopaedic centre feels happy and honored for serving thousands of differently abled in bringing them to the mainstream of society.

Ecomwel Orthopaedic Centre strives for the empowerment and overall development of the differently abled through education, training and employment. Ecomwel Orthopaedic Centre's intervention in this direction begins with awareness creation in rural areas, new born screening, early detection and early intervention to wide ranges of services like special school, inclusive education, special teachers education, vocational education and Community Based Rehabilitation.

We provide, comprehensive rehabilitation right from physical to economic rehabilitation and is implemented through institutional and Community Based approaches. Ecomwel Orthopaedic Centre is committed to Human Resource Development through training special educators, therapists, regular school teachers and headmasters, Government personnel, parents and volunteers.

The rights of the differently abled, causes and prevention of disability, concessions and benefits for the differently abled from the Government and other agencies are communicated to the rural public through puppets shows, street plays, skits and songs.

THE APPEAL

Please join your hands
with us for this noble cause.

Your whole-hearted
contributions will be utilized to
reach out to many more differently abled.

By

Children, Staff and Management.

Donations are eligible for Deduction from Income Tax Under Sec. 80 G of the Income Tax Act, 1961. Vide Letter C. No. 9755 (42) SLM / /2000 - 2001 / CIT / SLM of The Commissioner of Income tax, Salem dated 03.01.2013.

The core of whatever Ecomwel undertakes is to restore the dignity of differently abled . It is for this that Ecomwel leaves no stone unturned in fighting for the rights of the differently abled - the right to life, to information, to education, to health, to employment, to social security, to recreation and to full participation.

VISION

The holistic and ultimate aim of our organization is to provide opportunities for the empowerment and overall development of the differently abled and make them as self reliant and responsible citizens.

MISSION

1. To rehabilitate the rural persons with disability for their betterment.
2. To provide special education to the physically and mentally challenged.
3. To provide comprehensive medical care to the persons with disability and the rural public.
4. To provide orthopaedic appliances for the persons with disability and leprosy patients.
5. To impart vocational training programmes to the rural differently abled persons, children of leprosy patients, the rural poor and the underprivileged.

PROGRAMMES AND SERVICES

Following are the highlights of different services carried out by Ecomwel Orthopaedic Centre through its various programmes :

OUR SPECIAL AND SINCERE THANKS TO

- ◆ National Trust , New Delhi
- ◆ The State Commissionerate for the Differently abled, Chennai.
- ◆ The District Differently Abled Welfare Office, Salem.
- ◆ German Leprosy and TB Relief Association, Germany.
- ◆ Educational for All movement, Govt. of Tamilnadu.
- ◆ The Dist. Project Officer, Education for All, Salem.
- ◆ Sri Madha Trust , Chennai.
- ◆ Indian Development Foundation, Mumbai.
- ◆ The Oriental Insurance Company Ltd., New Delhi.
- ◆ All our benefactors and donors both abroad and in India.

CONCLUSION

Another year in the successful journey of Ecomwel Orthopaedic centre passed by though not without challenges. As **Pear S.B** would put, “ **To serve is beautiful ,but only if it is done with joy, a whole heart and a free mind**”. We would like to add one more factor to it - adequate funds.

Ecomwel Orthopaedic centre is striving in every possible way to become sustainable, corpus fund being one among them. We request all our benefactors, donor and well wishers to donate generously , towards this, the kind act of which would enable the services of Ecomwel Orthopaedic Centre to be etched in the history of disability rehabilitation.

We take this opportunity to express our gratitude to all our benefactors and well wishers and may the Almighty bless them all with sound health, wealth and happiness. Our sincere and heartfelt thanks to all our office bearers and governing board members for their unflinching support and encouragement. Finally our genuine and wholehearted thanks to all our staff members for their sincere and selfless dedication.



Report by,

M. JULIET, B. E., M.B.A.,
Secretary.

A. LAWRENCE, M.A.B.L., B.Ed.,
Director.

I. EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMES

1. St. Judes School for Mentally Challenged - Special Education and Rehabilitation Centre for the welfare of children with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities.
2. Annai illam - Residential hostel for the differently abled children to continue their education.
3. SAMARTH Scheme is to provide respite home and minimum quality care services throughout the life of the persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy , Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities.
4. GHARAUNDA Scheme is to provide assured home and minimum quality care services throughout the life of the persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy , Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities.
5. St. Judes Industrial School for rural differently abled, children of leprosy patients and rural underprivileged – recognized by the Govt. of Tamilnadu.
6. Mrs. Ann Fischer Memorial Training Institute for Special Education, a Teachers Training Institute specialized in Mental Retardation, recognized by Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI) – New Delhi

II. HEALTH CARE PROGRAMMES

1. Well-equipped physiotherapy unit for differently abled and general public for physiotherapy management.
2. Orthopaedic workshop to manufacture appliances for persons with disabilities and leprosy patients.
3. Sensory stimulation unit for early identification and early intervention of childhood disabilities.
4. New born screening.

III. VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMME

The differently abled children of our school, differently abled adults and the underprivileged are offered self employment training on making several handicraft items in our vocational training unit.

IV. COMMUNITY BASED REHABILITATION AND AWARENESS PROGRAMMES

1. Kasthurba Gandhi Balika Vidhyalaya - A residential school for girl children belonging to backward, most backward, scheduled caste and tribes under Sarva Siksha Abiyan.
2. Community Based Rehabilitation and Vocational training programmes for persons with special needs with assistance from GLRA, Germany.
3. Acting as Nodal agency and Local Level Committee member for Salem district under National Trust, New Delhi - Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.
4. Formation of welfare associations for the differently abled, organizing Parents Associations and Formation of Self Help Groups of the differently abled .
5. School visit to motivate the teachers and request them to pay additional care for differently abled children.
6. Field work programmes by CBR staff for offering counselling and guidance to the differently abled and their family members.
7. Formation of Self Help Groups of parents of differently abled children.
8. Networking, advocacy and awareness programmes on disability.
9. Educational sponsorship programmes to take care of the educational needs of children with disability.

- Best person of Honour award from Muthamizh Kalai Sanga Trust, Nammakal for the Director , Mr. A. Lawrence.
- Nightingale Award by Indian Blind Welfare Trust, Salem for the Director , Mr. A. Lawrence.
- Life Time Achievement Award from Vallalar Trust, Tharamangalam for the Director , Mr. A. Lawrence.
- Golden Queen Award from Chennai Media, Chennai for the Secretary, Mrs. M. Juliet.

SUSTAINABILITY OF THE ORGANIZATION

CORPUS FUND

For an organization to be successful in catering to its vision and mission, its activities have to be endured, in which sustainable funds play a pivotal role. In the initial stages , the activities of the organization were supported by funds from Germany. In due course, the funds tapered and almost have come to a naught now. We should also throw light on the financial support from the government to the institutions working for the differently abled. Since 90% of the welfare resources from the government are targeted on the individual differently abled, normally question raises on the sustainability of any organization working for these marginalized people.

In this context , Ecomwel Orthopaedic centre has setup a corpus fund in the name of the organization and it is planned to accumulate it over a period of 5 years. The interest generated from it will be utilized for sustaining the activities of the organization. The donors who are contributing towards this cause are bestowed with titles and their names are engraved on the plaque installed in the inter - religious prayer hall and prayers will be held for these donors and their families by the children three times a day.

- ◆ Permanent Account No (PAN) : AAATE1572D
- ◆ ISO 9001:2015 certification for Quality Service to the Differently abled.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND AWARDS AT A GLANCE

- State Award for its outstanding services for differently abled from the Govt. of Tamilnadu for the years 1993 and 2000.
- National Trust Award as Best Residential Care Centre for children with Mental Retardation and as Best Care Givers training Centre for the years 2003 and 2004 respectively.
- President's National Award as Best institution providing best education, rehabilitation and employment opportunities for the differently abled. This award was given to us by His Excellency Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, the then President of India on 3rd December 2005, at New Delhi on World Differently abled Day.
- Best Industrial training institute award by Tamilnadu Human Rights Association for the year 2006.
- National Trust award as for the best product (Handicraft Items from waste silk cocoons) developed for sheltered workshop for persons with mental retardation for the year 2008.
- Seva Rathna Award from Tamilnadu Cinema Kalai Mandaram , Chennai for the Director , Mr. A. Lawrence.
- Best Social Worker Award from Subam Trust , Salem for the Director, Mr. A. Lawrence.

V. TRAINING PROGRAMMES

1. "Sahyogi" Care Givers Training programme sponsored by National Trust, New Delhi – under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.
2. Continuing Rehabilitation Education programme for rehabilitation professionals on behalf of Rehabilitation Council of India, New Delhi.
3. Training to Special Educators, School Teachers, School Head Masters and Block Resource Teachers on disability.

ACTIVITIES IN DETAIL

I. EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMES

1. ST. JUDES SCHOOL FOR MENTALLY CHALLENGED

St. Judes School for Mentally Challenged is a residential special school for mentally challenged for the welfare of children with Mental Retardation, Cerebral Palsy, Autism and Multiple Disabilities. It is recognized by the Government of Tamilnadu under state commissionerate for the differently abled. 129 children are getting benefited from this programme.

Children with mental retardation are assessed on the current level of functioning in various skill areas such as self help skills, gross and fine motor skills, functional academics and related cognitive skills.

The children are then segregated into small groups according to what they already know and what they ought to know.

Individualized educational programmes and then planned for each child in small groups and implemented effectively. Various learning aids as appropriate to Indian context are used.

Parents are encouraged to participate in the educational and therapeutic programmes of the children. We are also implementing SAMARTH – Centre Based Services supported by National Trust, New Delhi and 30 students are benefiting under this scheme.

We are very happy that our school was awarded as best residential care centre by National Trust for its outstanding and benevolent services for the year 2003.



S.No	Class	Boys	Girls	Total
1.	Pre - Primary	12	9	21
2.	Primary - I A	8	4	12
3.	Primary - I B	11	5	16
4.	Primary - II	10	4	14
5.	Secondary	16	2	18
6.	Pre - Vocational	11	4	15
7.	Vocational I	14	2	16
8.	Vocational II	9	8	17
Total		91	38	129

- ◆ Registered under Income Tax Act 1961 under section 80 G for deduction of income tax (C. R. No. 9755 (42) / SLM / 2000 –2001).
- ◆ Registered under PWD Act 1995. Proceedings No. 3784/ ST2/2015 dated 26.10.2015 S.No. 176/2015
- ◆ Registered under National Trust Act. Registration No. TSTJ16512119320 dated 24.02.2016
- ◆ Registered under office of State the State Rehabilitation commissioner Registration No. K. Dis Proc. 3784 / ST2 / 2015 dated 26.10.2015 S.No. 176/2015
- ◆ Recognition by Rehabilitation Council of India, New Delhi No. 8-411/DSE (MR) 2005 – RCI : 6146 for running Diploma in special education.
- ◆ Recognition by the Govt. of Tamil Nadu – Directorate of Employment & Training No. 4332 / IS. 1/09 for conducting vocational training programmes for differently abled.
- ◆ Registered under Income Tax Department for TAN certificate No. “CHEE03263B” for TDS provision of the Income Tax Act. 1961.

ANNUAL DAY AND CHRISTMAS DAY CELEBRATIONS

Our Annual day and suppose christmas celebrations was held on 22.12.2017. Mr.D.Ram Kumar, Asst Professor of English , Kasthurba College, Pondicherry presided over the function. The Chief guest gave a very wonderful and inspiring speech and the beautiful part of it was he himself being a differently abled, a totally visually impaired person.

The Parish Priest of Tharamangalam, Rev. Fr. Maria Susai delivered the christmas speech and blessed the occasion. Various cultural programmes many of which were related to Christmas were performed by the children. The guests, staff, children and their parents completely were thrilled.



LEGAL STATUS

- ◆ Registered Society under Tamilnadu Societies Registration Act under section 10 of the Act 27 of 1975 (Reg. No : 175 / 1986).
- ◆ Registered under Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA No : 07600042) Date of Original Registration 4.8.1987.
- ◆ Registered under Income Tax Act 1961 U/S 12AA of Income Tax Act. (C.R. No. C. R. No. 9755 (42) / SLM / 2000 –2001).

2. SAMARTH SCHEME

Samarth Scheme aims at providing respite and residential care to PWDs who are orphans, abandoned, families in crisis and belonging to BPL and LIG families with at least one of the four disabilities Viz. Mental Retardation, Cerebral Palsy , Autism and Multiple disabilities covered Under National Trust Act.

Our organization has been sanctioned with one unit of SAMARTH (30 beneficiaries). Special Education ,Physiotherapy, Vocational training , good nutritious food , residential care and suitable leisure time activities are provided to these differently abled children under 18 years of age.



3.GHARAUNDA SCHEME

Gharaunda scheme aims at providing lifelong shelter and care for persons above 18 years of age persons with disabilities. Viz. Mental Retardation, Cerebral Palsy , Autism and Multiple disabilities. The Scheme encourages assisted living with independence and dignity. Our centre has been sanctioned with a unit of Gharaunda (20 beneficiaries). Special Education, Physiotherapy, Vocational training, good nutritious food , residential care and suitable leisure time activities are provided to these adult PWDs.

4. ANNAI ILLAM - HOSTEL FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITY

Annai Illam is a residential hostel attached to our school offering an opportunity to the children with disability to continue their education. Children with disability living in the villages are finding it very difficult to attend the school due to their mobility problems. Hence, our residential hostel helps them to continue their studies.

Regular medical attention, physiotherapy, private tuition, counselling and guidance services, daily prayer and good nutritious food etc. are being provided. Children with disability studying in other schools are also admitted in our hostel to continue their education. We have one welfare centre of the

S. No	Details of Inmates	Male	Female	Total
1.	St. Judes School for Mentally Challenged	50	25	75
2.	Others	-	10	10
Total		50	35	85

5. ST. JUDES INDUSTRIAL TRAINING SCHOOL

An Integrated Industrial Training School for the differently abled, the children of leprosy patients, rural poor and underprivileged is being run by us at Tharamangalam. It is recognized by the Government of Tamilnadu under the Directorate of Employment and Training. Persons with disability, children of leprosy patients, SC / ST students and rural underprivileged are given preference in admission.

The duration of the course is one year. Courses are offered on the following trades :

- a. Computer Software Programming and
- b. Offset Printing.

CONTINUING REHABILITATION EDUCATION PROGRAMME

The two batches of Continuing Rehabilitation Education program on Rights of Persons with Disability Act 2018 were conducted in our organization with financial assistance from National Institute of Empowerment for Persons with Multiple Disabilities (NIEPMD) , Chennai from 16.12.2017 to 17.12.2017. 30 Rehabilitation Professional got benefited from this program



CELEBRATION OF DIWALI AND PONGAL

There two important festivals Diwali and pongal were celebrated in our organization in a grand manner. crackers were safely used by children on the occasion of Diwali and sweets were distributed to them. On the occasion of pongal festival , sweet pongal was made as in villages, which was a feast to their eyes and taste buds.



CELEBRATION OF TEACHERS' DAY

The day was celebrated grandiosely and fun and frolic marked the occasion. V.Santhiya, a student of our school gave a wonderful speech on teachers' day and various cultural programmes were held. The teachers too performed cultural events which the children enjoyed to the core .



CELEBRATION OF CHILDREN'S DAY

The day was observed with participation from majority of children. They engaged in various festivities and cheered the audience. Sweets were distributed to the children. Also prizes were given away to the star performers of the cultural events. Grand food was offered to the children and staff.



S. No.	Name of the Trade	Number of students got benefited
1	Computer Software Programming	172
2	Offset Printing	183
Total		355

We have a placement cell to find employment opportunities for the students in their respective trade studies. Details of placement are as follows :

S.N.	NAME OF THE TRADE	Number of Students got benefitted
1	Computer Software Programming	119
2	Offset Printing	134
Total		253

6. MRS. ANN FISCHER MEMORIAL TRAINING INSTITUTE FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION

Our institution has been recognized by Rehabilitation Council of India under The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, New Delhi to offer a course D.Ed.SE - MR (Diploma in Education Special Education - Mental Retardation).

The duration of the course is two years and those who complete this course will be employed as special educators in both Government and Non-Governmental organizations.

After the completion of the course the special educators would be competent in screening, assessment, education and rehabilitation of the persons with Mental Retardation.

Details of students admitted this year are as follows:

S.No	Grade Level	Male	Female	Total
1.	First Year	1	4	5
2.	Second Year	0	8	8
Total		1	12	13

Details of Placement as follows:

NAME OF COURSE	Placed till now
D.Ed.SE (MR)	180

II. HEALTH CARE PROGRAMMES

1. PHYSIOTHERAPY UNIT

Well equipped physiotherapy unit is functioning in our school to cater to the needs of the differently abled. Differently abled children are admitted for physiotherapy management and for developmental therapy. This unit helps the differently abled children a lot, who are studying in our school and staying in our hostel. General cases are also attending our physiotherapy unit for various ailments. Details of cases attended during 2017 are as follows :

S. No	Category	No. of beneficiaries
1.	Cerebral Palsy	68
2.	Orthopaedic Impairment	15
3.	Neurological defects	19
4.	Cerebral Palsy with Mental Retardation	87
5.	Mental Retardation	69
6.	Post Polio	5
Total		263

IMPORTANT EVENTS OF THE YEAR 2017

CELEBRATION OF REPUBLIC DAY

Republic day was celebrated in our organization and all staff and children participated in the event with National fervour. The function started with the Director, Mr.A.Lawrence hoisting the National Flag. The Children took part in various cultural programmes. Everybody including parents who were present on that occasion thoroughly enjoyed the event.



CELEBRATION OF INDEPENDENCE DAY

The day started with the Secretary of our organization Mrs.M.Juliet hoisting the National Flag. Various competitions were held for the children and prizes were distributed. The Children participated in cultural events amazingly wonderfully and regaled those present on the occasion.



7. INTERNSHIP TRAINING

Social work students, Physiotherapists, Occupational Therapists, Speech Therapists and Teacher trainees come to Ecomwel Orthopaedic Centre for their internship training as part of their curriculum.



Ecomwel Orthopaedic Centre has MOU with ASA, Germany for providing internship training to the students from abroad. ASA is a network for learning in the field of development policy addressed to students and young professionals between 21 and 30 years.

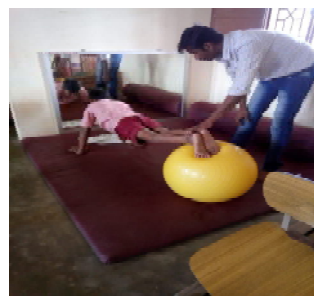
ASA offers scholarship for 3 month work and study stays in Africa, Asia, Latin America and South Eastern Europe. Until now 7 batches of trainees from Germany have been trained in Ecomwel Orthopaedic Centre and have successfully completed their internship.

8. WORKSHOPS / SEMINARS

Ecomwel Orthopaedic Centre conducts workshops and seminars on many disability related topics for persons in the rehabilitation field including special educators, therapists and medical professionals.

Also workshops and seminars are conducted for the students of nursing and teacher training institutions for dissemination of information on disability and rehabilitation.

S. No	Particulars	Details of treatment (No. of sittings)
1.	Muscle Test	165
3.	Exercise Therapy	986
4.	Developmental Therapy	569
5.	Caliper fitting	269
6.	Polio Assessment	265
7.	Advice / Referral	398
Total		2652



2. SENSORY STIMULATION UNIT

Sensory stimulation unit is very helpful for children with delayed development and children with Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and other developmental disorders under the age of two years. These children need proper sensory stimulation and sensory integration training. The development of the child can be improved by giving proper Visual, Auditory, Kinesthetic and Tactile stimulation.

It also helps to avoid further handicaps and other problems related to disability. This unit is equipped with material which helps to stimulate their Visual, Auditory, Kinesthetic and Tactile senses.

3. NEW BORN SCREENING

The first and foremost step in disability management is “Early detection” - screening of newborn babies. Screening helps us to differentiate the differently abled from the general population.

Ecomwel Orthopaedic Centre has a trained team to screen the new born babies for any signs of inherent or oncoming disability. Babies with high risk indicators are then given appropriate intervention and the parents are counseled accordingly.

4. EARLY DETECTION AND EARLY INTERVENTION

“Detection” or “Identification” is the process of confirming the diagnosis of a condition. Detection is the crucial aspect of rehabilitation process. Proper identification and diagnosis are the basis for “Intervention”.

Early detection leads to early intervention. Early intervention is the first intervention strategy in the process of rehabilitation. Early intervention helps in many ways but the main job of this is to reduce discrepancies between the normal development and the existing development of the children.

The major three purposes of Early intervention are :-

1. Preventive in nature.
2. Early intervention helps in treating or curing the condition.
3. It focuses on remediation.

A team of professionals of Ecomwel Orthopaedic Centre – Special Educators, Rehabilitation therapist and Pediatrician does this job by prescribing appropriate remedial plans for the children.

4. CONTINUING REHABILITATION EDUCATION

Continuing Rehabilitation Education aims at updating the knowledge and skills of professionals working in different areas of disability.

Ecomwel Orthopaedic Centre in collaboration with Rehabilitation Council of India conducts this 5 day training programme and is a precondition for revalidation of registration of professionals / personnel.

1. To upgrade the knowledge and skills of in service and practicing rehabilitation professionals & personnel already registered with RCI.
2. To update professional knowledge of Master trainers working in the field of Rehabilitation and special education.

5. EARLY DETECTION AND EARLY INTERVENTION

Early intervention refers to the introduction of planned programme, deliberately timed and arranged in order to alter the anticipated or projected course of development.

A team of professionals of Ecomwel Orthopaedic Centre – Special Educators, Rehabilitation therapist and Pediatrician does this job by prescribing appropriate remedial plans for the children. We provide training on early detection and early intervention to rehabilitation professionals, nursing trainees, village health nurses and Anganwadi workers.

6. TRAINING ON CROSS DISABILITY

Cross disability training is provided to the special educators belonging to 10 districts of Tamilnadu covering all types of disability under Sarva Siksha Abiyan - Inclusive Education for the Differently abled .

VI. TRAINING PROGRAMMES

1. TRAINING TO SCHOOL TEACHERS UNDER SARVA SIKSHA ABIYAN

We are providing training to Village Education Committee members, Block Resource Teachers and General teachers belonging to 16 blocks of Salem district under Sarva Siksha Abiyan - Inclusive Education for the Differently abled .

2. "SAHYOGI" – CARE GIVERS TRAINING PROGRAMME

"Sahyogi" Care Givers Training programme sponsored by National Trust, New Delhi – under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment is a scheme aiming to make life of persons with severe disabilities and the elderly meaningful and productive who are not able to enjoy "Right to Decent Life" due to non-availability of personal carers to take care of them thus reducing work pressure on family members.

The duration of the course is 5 months and those who complete the course will be employed as care givers for severely differently abled and senior citizens who are in need of care giving services. Two batches of trainees have undergone the training and have been successfully deployed.

3. TRAINING ON INCLUSION

With Inclusive Education for the Differently abled gaining momentum, training on inclusion to the regular school teachers becomes all the more important.

Ecomwel Orthopaedic Centre provides this training to regular school teachers under Government of India's Sarva Siksha Abiyan (Education for All).

III. VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMME

HANDICRAFT UNIT

The handicraft unit under our vocational training programme offers training on different trades. The ultimate aim of this programme is to provide self employment opportunities for the persons with disability thereby enabling their economic empowerment.

In this unit, persons with disability are given training to make handicraft items. More than 60 craft items are made from waste silk cocoons. We are also providing this training to other welfare organizations to setup vocational training centres for the differently abled.

The differently abled children of our school, differently abled adults and the underprivileged are offered self employment training on various trades like making,

01. Handicraft works from waste silk cocoons
02. Toys
03. Phenol
04. Candle
05. Incense
06. Wire bags
07. Paper covers
08. Greetings cards
09. Crystal garlands
10. Tailoring and
11. Sanitary Napkins



The vocational training students are also involved in educational activities, leisure activities and therapy for their mobility. Apart from the students of our school, 25 persons with disability are working in this unit and they are given the incentive of Rs. 15 to Rs. 30 every day.

IV.SANITARY NAPKIN MANUFACTURING UNIT

A Sanitary Napkin manufacturing unit producing cost – effective, completely fabricated from natural fibre has been established with the financial assistance from Colour the World Foundation, Switzerland. This unit serves also as a training unit for the rural differently abled and gives employment to 10 rural women among which some are differently abled.



5. LEGAL GUARDIANSHIP PROGRAMME

One of the important programmes of National Trust is providing legal guardianship to the adult mentally retarded persons. It is one of the unique programmes which gives hope to the parents that their children will be taken care after their death.

It gives opportunity for the parents to appoint a legal guardian to take care of the maintenance and property of the mentally retarded children. We have organized special camps and provided legal guardianship. Until now 1039 legal guardianship certificates have been issued.

6. HEALTH INSURANCE

NIRAMAYA is a health insurance scheme launched by National Trust for providing cashless hospitalization and reimbursement of OPD services to persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple disabilities.

For BPL families whose monthly income is Rs. 15000/- and less the National Trust itself pays the premium and for families whose monthly family income is above Rs. 15000/- Rs. 250/- has to be paid as premium

Ecomwel Orthopaedic Centre, as Local Level Committee member of Salem is entitled to issue income and disability certificates and responsible for forwarding the application in this area. Until now 844 applications have been dispatched enabling the beneficiaries to get insurance cover up to Rs. 1 lakh. 1425 cards have been issued to the beneficiaries till now.

S. No.	Nature of Programme	Achieved in one year
1.	Govt. recognized formal Vocational Training programme for the disabled students belonging to below poverty line (BPL).	89
2.	Non – formal vocational training for the disabled	25
3.	Scholarship from District Differently abled welfare office	98
4.	National ID cards / Welfare Cards	1254
5.	Guidance for loan and OAP from District Differently abled welfare office	2
6.	Guidance for Marriage fund from District Differently abled welfare office	2
7.	Free bus pass / train pass	425
8.	Guidance for education loan	0

3. FAMILY COUNSELING AND GUIDANCE SERVICES

Counseling and Guidance services are provided on the following categories:

- a. Rehabilitation of differently abled.
- b. Child Guidance.
- c. Rehabilitation of persons with intellectual disability.
- d. Family Counseling.

Social workers, special educators and a welfare officer are involved in this programme.

4. AWARENESS PROGRAMMES

Our centre conducts awareness programmes such as Puppet show, Villu Pattu and Street play on prevention and early identification of disabilities, importance of early intervention, rehabilitation programmes for persons with disabilities and different government schemes and concessions available for the differently abled. We have a trained team to conduct these programmes.

The main aim of this unit is to provide completely natural sanitary napkin without causing any side effects at cheaper prices to the rural women which in turn would pay way for their sound menstrual health. The other of course is providing training to differently abled to rural women and women Self Help Groups guaranteeing employment for some and turning some to be women entrepreneurs.

V. COMMUNITY BASED REHABILITATION PROGRAMMES AND JOINT VENTURE WITH STATE GOVERNMENT

1. KASTHURBA GANDHI BALIKA VIDHYALAYA (KGBV)

Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidhyalaya (KGBV) was launched by the government of India in August, 2004 for setting up residential schools at upper primary level for girls belonging predominantly to the SC, ST, OBC and minorities in areas identified as Educationally Backwards Blocks (EBBs) where, as per census rate of 2001, the rural female literacy is below the national average and gender gap is more than the national average.

The girl children who have been never enrolled in schools and have dropped out are identified and imparted education intensively for 3 years and made to write their 8th standard common examinations.

After passing 8th std. they are admitted in the Govt. run schools for pursuing their further education.

S. No	Name of the KGBV	No. of beneficiaries
1.	KGBV, Kadayampatti	100
Total		100

At present, 100 girl children are benefiting and they are given free education, food, uniform, educational material, computer and music training. The students are also trained in different vocational trades. Until now 1078 girl children have benefited.

The responsibility of running these schools are given to NGOs who are working in the field of education and girls' empowerment. Our institution is being given the charge of running the KGBV school in Kadayampatti block of Salem District.

Details of achievements as follows,

S. No	Name of the KGBV	No. of beneficiaries gone for Higher Studies
1.	KGBV, Kadayampatti	490



2. COMMUNITY BASED REHABILITATION OF THE DIFFERENTLY ABLED

Community Based Rehabilitation programme aims at empowering the persons with disabilities as an integral part of society with better quality of life through an integrated development programme and total integration of persons with disabilities to attain equal social status and skills through people organization.

Objectives of our CBR programme :

1. To sensitize the community through awareness creation process.
2. To organize persons with disabilities into people organization (formation of Self Help Groups, Community Level Committees, Parents Association and Federation for persons with disability) to ensure their participation for sustainable development.
3. To design and provide Community Based Rehabilitation services to the differently abled persons to ensure their medical, educational, vocational and other rehabilitation needs.
4. To promote advocacy and networking with resource organization and federations to protect the rights of the persons with disability.

Community Based Rehabilitation activities were carried out in 5 blocks of Salem district namely Tharamanagalam, Omalur, Kadayampatti, Nangavalli and Komganapuram. Now consolidation work is being carried out in Tharamanagalam block with financial assistance from GLRA India.

Following are the details of programmes carried out and the targets achieved by the organization :

**SPECIFIC DETAILED ANNUAL REPORT OF ACTIVITIES
OF SAMARTH CUM GHARAUNDA CENTRE PERFORMED
DURING THE YEAR 2017- 2018**

Samarth cum Gharaunda centre is functioning as an very important program of St. Judes School for Mentally challenged children in Ecomwel Orthopaedic centre - Special Education and Rehabilitation centre for the differently abled. Samarth cum Gharaunda centre under National Trust has different programmes for the welfare of Persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Intellectual disability and Multiple disability.

30 children and adult persons are getting benefitted from Samarth cum Gharaunda scheme and are given training on Special Education, Activities of daily living (ADL), physiotherapy, sports, recreation, training in handicrafts, kitchen garden, poultry and training in agriculture related activities.

The persons admitted and benefitting under this scheme are all under Below Poverty Line (BPL) category. Most of these children are from rural background and their parents are not educated. They are all daily laborers striving for their daily bread in rural unorganized sectors and they are not in a position to pay attention to the well being of their children. Hence our residential care under this Samarth cum Gharaunda scheme is really a boon and a blessing in their lives and it helps them a lot in lessening their burden both physically, mentally and financially.

We have qualified and dedicated special educators, physiotherapist and other staff members to take care of the beneficiaries.

List of beneficiaries of Samarth cum Gharaunda centre for the year 2017-2018

S. No	Name of the Beneficiary	Age	Gender	Disability Type	Father Name	Type of Beneficiary
1.	S.Meikamalesh	11	M	Cerebral Palay	Mr.Suresh	BPL
2.	R.Kaviya	7	F	Cerebral Palay	Mr.Ravi	BPL
3.	A.Tulasinathan	16	M	Cerebral Palay	Mr.Anbu	BPL
4.	R.Jeeva jayakanthan	14	M	Cerebral Palay	Mr.Ramakrishnan	BPL
5.	A.Vignesh	14	M	Mental Retardation	Mr.V.Annadurai	BPL
6.	M.Gokulakrishnan	9	M	Mental Retardation	Mr.Venkatasalam	BPL

7.	K.Balamurugan	11	M	Mental Retardation	Mrs.Lokeshwari	BPL
8.	R.Gokulakannan	14	M	Mental Retardation	Mr.P.Ramakrishnan	BPL
9.	M.Sabari nathan	9	M	Mental Retardation	Mr.Manikandan	BPL
10.	N.Mohan Varma	15	M	Mental Retardation	Mr.M.Nagarajan	BPL
11.	L.Selva Kumar	12	M	Mental Retardation	Mr.Lakshman	BPL
12.	M.Deepa	21	F	Mental Retardation	Mr.Mani	BPL
13.	P.Sudhakar	26	M	Cerebral Palay	Mr.Palanisami	BPL
14.	S.Shanmugaprabhu	22	M	Mental Retardation	Mr.Selvaraj	BPL
15.	R.Thambidurai	19	M	Mental Retardation	Mr.Ravikumar	BPL
16.	R.Thangadurai	20	M	Mental Retardation	Mr.Ravikumar	BPL
17.	V.Gayathiri	7	F	Mental Retardation	Mr.Venkatasalam	BPL
18.	R.Sandhiya	16	M	Mental Retardation	Mr.Rajendran	BPL
19.	V.Dhansekar	12	M	Mental Retardation	Mr.venkatasala,	BPL
20.	P.Gowsic	6	M	Mental Retardation	Mr.Palanivel	BPL
21.	P.Lingeswaran	12	M	Mental Retardation	Mr.Periyasamy	BPL
22.	R.Bharathi	10	F	Cerebral Palay	Mr.K.Rajendran	BPL
23.	R.Deepika	17	F	Mental Retardation	Mr.Ramachandran	BPL
24.	C.Eswari	10	F	Mental Retardation	Mr.Chinna goundar	BPL
25.	S.Pachiyammal	19	F	Cerebral Palay	Mr.Sekar	BPL
26.	S.Gopinath	26	M	Mental Retardation	Mr.Saravanan	BPL
27.	V.Nithya	12	F	Cerebral Palay	Mr.Vasu	BPL
28.	G.Aathithya	12	M	Mental Retardation	Mr.Gokula Krishnan	BPL
29.	A.Vijayaganapathy	12	M	Cerebral Palay	Mr.V.Arthanari	BPL
30.	P. Arun	5	M	Mental Retardation	Mr.Periyaannan	BPL

Front View Of Samarth Cum Gharaunda Centre



Side View Of Samarth Cum Gharaunda Centre



Sign Board of Samarth cum Gharundha centre



Photographs of medical camp for the beneficiaries of Samarth cum Gharunda conducted on 10.06.2017





**Visit to local temple festival by samarth cum gharaunda beneficiaries on
08.08.2017**





Celebration of Independence Day by the beneficiaries of Samarth cum Gharaunda centre on 15.08.2017





Celebration of Diwali by the beneficiaries of Samarth cum Gharaunda centre on 12.10.2017



Celebration of Children Day by the beneficiaries of Samarth cum Gharaunda centre on 14.11.2017



Celebration of annual Day by the beneficiaries of Samarth cum Gharaunda centre on 23.12.2017



**Celebration of Pongal Festival in Samarth Cum Gharaunda centre on
14.01.2018**



We are very grateful to National Trust, Govt. of India for their kind support and patronage in implementing Samarth cum Gharaunda programme for the welfare of persons with Intellectual disabilities, Autism, Cerebral palsy and Multiple disability for the year 2017 -2018. We extend our heartfelt thanks to National Trust on behalf of our beneficiaries, parents and staff.

Thanking you

With Regards,

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