

## PROJECT VITHAI

### CHETANA INITIATIVE

Chetana is an awareness program aimed at educating ICDS teachers about identifying developmental conditions in children and understanding available treatments. It emphasizes early intervention, provides practical knowledge through training, and connects educators with professionals to build a support network. The program fosters inclusive, informed communities to help children thrive.



Mobile pediatric therapy for special kids

Ages 0-6  
Physiotherapy & Speech Therapy

Bringing care to your doorstep

SCREENING  
21,868

CHETANA  
143

ASHA  
1539

SHIKSHA INCLUSION  
44

SERVICE USERS  
294

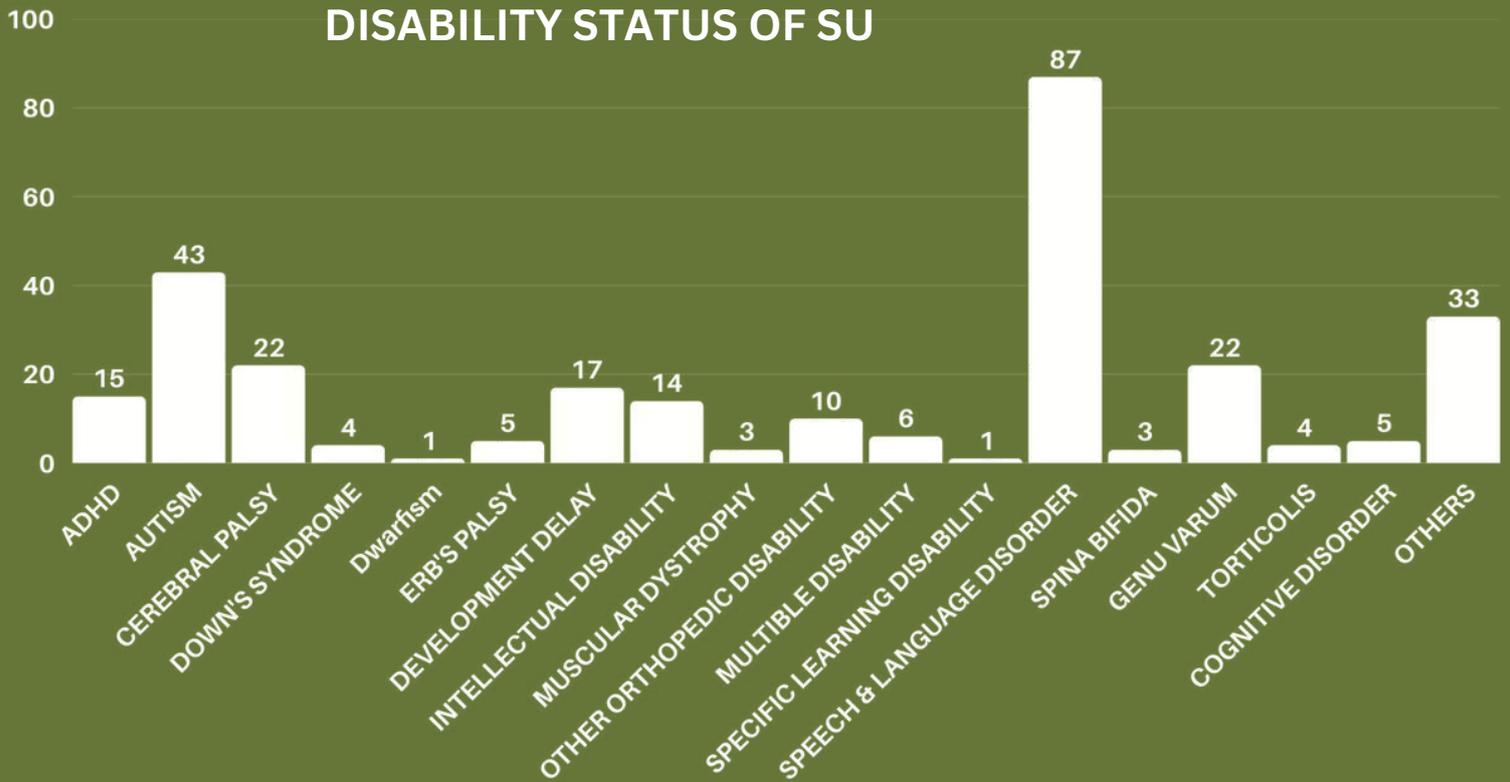


ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY  
35

MEDICAL INTERVENTION  
62



## DISABILITY STATUS OF SU



## THERAPHY

PHYSIO

70

SPEECH

119

OCCUPATIONAL

53

SPECIAL  
EDUCATION

24

LOW VISION  
THERAPHY

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Early intervention is vital for babies as it supports development during their most adaptable stage. Addressing challenges early can prevent long-term issues and promote healthy growth. This ensures better cognitive, social, and emotional outcomes for a strong foundation



## Overcoming Echolalia: Karpagaselvi's Inspiring Path to Communication and Growth

**KARPAGASELVI WAS FIRST ASSESSED ON OCTOBER 31, 2023**

With a Language Disorder that presented significant challenges, primarily due to echolalia. This condition caused her to repetitively echo words spoken by others, making it difficult for her to communicate her own thoughts and feelings. As a result, she often felt frustrated, unable to articulate her needs or engage in meaningful conversations. This limitation led to social isolation, as she struggled to connect with her peers and participate in group activities, affecting both her confidence and emotional well-being.



**STRUCTURED  
PROGRAM OF 50  
SPEECH THERAPY  
SESSIONS**

Understanding the critical need for intervention, a structured program of 50 speech therapy sessions was designed for her. These sessions focused on developing her expressive language skills, reducing the reliance on echolalia, and encouraging independent verbal communication. Therapists employed various techniques, such as

**MODELING APPROPRIATE RESPONSES, PRACTICING TURN-TAKING IN CONVERSATIONS, AND USING VISUAL AIDS TO SUPPORT COMPREHENSION**

Over time, she showed remarkable progress, gradually learning to articulate her thoughts and interact effectively with those around her. This transformation went beyond her speech. As her ability to communicate improved, she gained confidence in herself and began participating in social activities and took active steps toward academic involvement, previously hindered by her communication challenges



Today, she is a shining example of determination and resilience. Her journey highlights the importance of early intervention and the profound impact that consistent, tailored support can have on children with communication barriers, enabling them to thrive socially, emotionally, and academically.

## Educational and Special Needs Visits

Explored programs at Sathya Special School (Puducherry) highlighting impactful work for differently-abled children

Sathya Special School in Puducherry is dedicated to the holistic development of differently-abled children through impactful programs. They offer inclusive academic initiatives with government schools, a health program in collaboration with JIPMER Hospital, and an in-house orthotic unit for assistive devices. Their efforts empower children to overcome challenges, fostering confidence and independence while setting an inspiring example of inclusive education and care.



### ORTHOTIC UNIT

In addition to academics and health, the school operates its own orthotic unit, where assistive devices like splints and braces are custom-made to support children with mobility challenges. This empowers students to improve their physical abilities and participate actively in daily activities.



## NEONATAL & EARLY INTERVENTION CENTRE



Sathya Special School's dedication to providing a nurturing and empowering environment showcases how focused efforts can bring about transformative changes in the lives of differently-abled individuals. Their work not only uplifts children but also serves as an inspiring model for inclusive education and care.

## VISIT TO SRISTI VILLAGE FOUNDATION, DINDIVANAM

### EMPOWERING INDEPENDENCE: SRISHTI FOUNDATION'S VISION FOR DIFFERENTLY-ABLED INDIVIDUALS



The SRISTI Village Foundation in Dindivanam is dedicated to empowering differently-abled children and young adults by enhancing their skills and encouraging independence. The foundation runs programs aimed at livelihood training, encouraging activities like gardening, farming, and other sustainable practices. By providing a nurturing environment, SRISHTI helps individuals build confidence, develop practical skills, and integrate more seamlessly into their communities. Their work highlights the importance of holistic development and self-reliance for individuals with special needs.



## WHEELCHAIR DONATION

Distributed to Rithish (7 years old), sponsored by Ms. Kalpana Cherikuri, organized by Sumaithangi Trust, facilitated by Varshini Illam Trust at AIR Nagar.

## RESEARCH PAPER PRESENTATION



DEC 2024

## CHILDREN'S DAY CELEBRATION



- Event for SU (Service Users) of Kannagi Nagar and Perumbakkam held at Kannagi Nagar.
- Guests of Honour: Mr. Darwin Moses (CO, TNUHDB) and Ms. Uma (Supervisor, ICDS).
- Activities: Games, ramp walk, gift distribution, and food for participants.
- Participation: 40 SUs with their parents.

## COMMUNITY SUPPORT AND AWARENESS

- **Wheelchair Donation:** Distributed to Rithish (7 years old), sponsored by Ms. Kalpana Cherikuri, organized by Sumaithangi Trust, facilitated by Varshini Illam Trust at AIR Nagar.
- **Bus Awareness Programs:** Conducted at various locations, including Ottivakkam, Keerapakkam, Kumizhi, Asthinapuram, and Guduvancheri bus stand (with pamphlet distribution).
- **Visual Community Awareness:** Conducted at Mullikolathur village; 68 participants from the 100 Days Workers Program attended. Topics included child development and child care.
- **Meetings:** Participated in the All NGOs slum board meeting with 15 NGOs.
- **Permissions:** Met Mr. Thanigai Vel (Mullikolathur village president) for an awareness program



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## HEALTHCARE INITIATIVES

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- **Medical Camp:** Held at Irular Colony, Vayalur, Chengalpattu District, with Equitas Development Initiative Trust and Sri Sathya Medical College and Research Institute.
- **Specialties:** Pediatrics, Orthopedics, Dentistry, ENT, Dermatology, Ophthalmology, and General Medicine.
- **Attendance:** 88 participants (53 adults, 35 children).
- **Sub-Center Visits:** Health and therapy-focused visits to multiple centers (Desumugipettai, Kanakovil Pettai, Perambedu, Nerumbur, Pondur).
- **OAE Screening Poster:** Pasted posters at Injambakkam government hospital for awareness.
- **Quotation Consultation:** Discussed PT (Physiotherapy) equipment suggestions at IMS Madipakkam



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## SPECIAL NEEDS INITIATIVES

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**Measurement Camps:** Conducted for Service Users at Perumbakkam and Kannagi Nagar.



# CASE FOLLOW-UPS

Visit to Beach Station and the Collector's Office regarding SU child Dhakshitha's disability account





## ICDS SCREENING

INTEGRATED CHILD DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

ANGANWADI - 9  
CHILDREN  
SCREENED - 183  
RESULT:  
POSITIVE : 0  
HIGH RISK : 8  
NEGATIVE : 175

### Perumbakkam

ANGANWADI - 2  
CHILDREN SCREENED - 30  
RESULT:  
POSITIVE : 0  
HIGH RISK : 4  
NEGATIVE : 26

### Kannagi Nagar

### AIR NAGAR

ANGANWADI -13  
CHILDREN  
SCREENED - 153  
RESULT:  
POSITIVE: 8  
HIGH RISK: 10  
NEGATIVE: 135



### Thirukazhukundram

ANGANWADI - 5  
TOTAL CHILDREN  
SCREENED - 95  
RESULT:  
POSITIVE: 4  
HIGH RISK: 0  
NEGATIVE: 91



### Kattankulathur

ANGANWADI - 5  
CHILDREN  
SCREENED - 85  
RESULT:  
POSITIVE: 5  
HIGH RISK: 3  
NEGATIVE: 77

