



**SCHOOL FOR HOLISTIC DEVELOPMENT AND  
VOCATIONAL SKILLS FOR SPECIAL NEEDS  
(CHILDREN AND ADULTS)**

# **ANNUAL REPORT**

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Managing Trustee, Chiranthana
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# **FOREWORD FROM**

## **-RACHANA PRASAD**

### **FOUNDER – MANAGING TRUSTEE**



**Stay curious, keep learning  
and keep growing. And  
always strive to be more  
interested than interesting**

**-Jane Fonda**

Year 2022-23 was an action-packed year I must say. There was excitement, lots of new learnings, plenty of risks and yet, an undying passion to serve and contribute to special needs. Our vocational skills and employment unit (a dream come true project) had finally kicked off and we grew manifold as a team. Our education and rehabilitation work in Gubbi consolidated even more and parents started flocking our centre with their children in huge numbers. It is with a lot of pride I say that we have been able to effectively impact more than 400 students. Even our Sundays are packed with more than 30 children availing physiotherapy services in Gubbi.



While in Bengaluru our education was in news for NIOS pass outs, and our vocational skills took off to a flying start. Our Bengaluru centre saw some exciting work, with block printing and other art forms introduced. Students at our centre learnt stitching, small crochet and embroidery work, and by the end of August, almost all our students were able to independently block print. Seeing them come on holiday too to execute corporate orders was amazing. At this time, we realized the importance of having in-house tailors and to our luck, some of the mothers of our students at Gubbi were highly skilled tailors. Without any delay, we onboarded the parents of our children. With the help of well-wishers and donors, we help of well-wishers and donors, we were able to set up a full-fledged tailoring unit at Gubbi, providing employment to 15 mothers of our special needs children. This was a big leap for us, as this led us to set up our own brand 'Aase' (Special Minds Dream, Special Hands Create), a product line for Chiranthana.

Another milestone for us happened in November 2022, when we moved to bigger premises which have a full-fledged physiotherapy room, computer lab, yoga hall, hall for vocational skills and classrooms. We are very excited to be launching AASE retail shop too at this centre.



It is a big challenge to sustain in a social space, that too one of this nature. We are looking for opportunities to grow and scale this so our artists can continue earning and thriving.

2022-23, not everything was easy and peaceful. With growth also comes obstacles. We made plenty of mistakes, failed many times, were demotivated, some students and teachers left us, and some losses we incurred, but at the end of it all – we survived. We survived because we stayed curious, were and are willing to learn, looked at each day with new enthusiasm and spirit and most importantly – stayed most importantly – we stay interested!



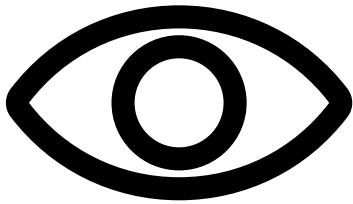
## **ABOUT CHIRANTHANA:**

Chiranthana is a not-for-profit organisation working with people with special needs. We work with people with Autism Spectrum Disorder, Cerebral Palsy, Down Syndrome and other learning disabilities.

We have already engaged a lot of people with disabilities in creating handicraft products. Chiranthana is working in the segment of intellectual disabilities. We are currently working with children and adolescents with special needs. Chiranthana is working with special needs people with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Downs Syndrome, Dyslexia, locomotor disabilities communication disorders



# VISION & MISSION



Chiranthana aspires to serve special needs persons through a holistic approach making them productive and self – sufficient citizens



We enable special needs persons through education, rehabilitation and employment by working with parents, organisations, teachers and the government.

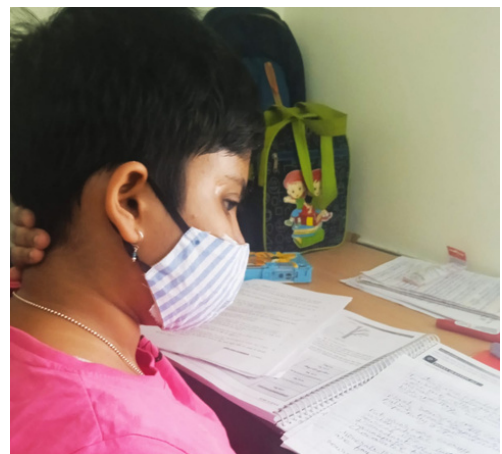
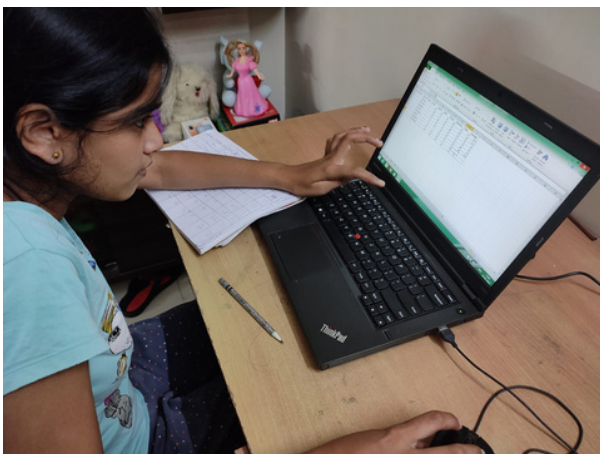




# OUR PROGRAMS

## EDUCATION

Chiranthana provides education facilities at the Elementary, Secondary, and Senior secondary levels for people with special needs, both in Bengaluru and Gubbi. We also operate from a “*Model Centre*” at the Block Resource Center in Gubbi along with school readiness centres at different clusters of Gubbi.





- Interactive classroom set-up is being used to learn new things.
- Students are learning functional skills are learnt through audio-visual inputs.
- Students have been taught computer skills and numeracy skills.
- Behavioural skills taught through social stories and audiovisual learning devices
- Socio-emotional skills & life skills are taught through various activities.
- Chiranthana's students, **Sanket, Nisarga, Prutha** passed their **NIOS exams** with flying colours in November 2022.





## REHABILITATION:

### Impact on 350 + students in Gubbi and Bangalore

Chiranthana Bangalore acts as the nodal centre for all branches and projects. We moved into new premises in the month of November. We were able to establish Class rooms, physiotherapy room, computer lab, class rooms, yoga and theatre room. The new facility is well equipped to teach and train people with intellectual disabilities.

Children at Chiranthana are provided individual attention and Individual education plans are designed to ensure better learning and also to help develop the inherent abilities of special needs children.





Chiranthana provides physiotherapy sessions to people with special needs both at the Bangalore centre as well as Gubbi. We have set up a physio station at both centres. Physiotherapy sessions are used as a tool of intervention to help improve the functional abilities of a child with special needs. These sessions are a part of the rehabilitation program run by Chiranthana.





## YOGA

Chiranthana conducts yoga classes for people with special needs. Children are learning surya namaskar and many other yogasanas. They are also being taught meditation, which is beneficial to their mental and physical well-being.





## EMPLOYMENT::

Chiranthana is working towards providing employment opportunities for people with special needs. Our Artisanship training for people with special needs is helping them lead independent lives as they are provided with employment at Chiranthana as per their skills and abilities.



**15+ mothers of  
special children  
have been  
empowered at the  
Vocational skills  
centre in Gubbi**





We were able to start the vocational skills centre at Gubbi and set up tailoring machines and train people on tailoring, macrame and hand block printing. At the vocational skills centre in Gubbi, we have employed mothers of special needs children resulting in better economic stability through income generation and the children are able to come to the school readiness center and learn various skills , this has resulted in a win win situation for all the stakeholders.



#### Growing with Chiranthana

I am Ravi and I joined Chiranthana in August 2022. My son is a special child and he could not read and write , but ever since he has joined Chiranthana , he has improved, he can read and write and communicate better. My wife and I joined the vocational skills center run by Chiranthana and our lives changed. I am grateful to Chiranthana for having provided the training for making macrame products and also for providing an opportunity to my wife and me to work at the vocational skills center and earn a living.



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#### Growing with Chiranthana

Hi, I am Mohankumari. Chiranthana happened to me at the right time. I was looking for a job where I could give back to society in my own little ways and that was when I joined Chiranthana's vocational skills unit at Gubbi. Today, I teach people with special needs and also do tailoring and macramé. This new found financial independence has given me a new lease of life.



Thanks to Chiranthana

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# FOOTPRINTS OF 2022-23

## EXHIBITION REPORT:

Ragi Kana
Suchitra Film Society
Swasthi Foundation
Robert Bosch – Bengaluru
Ribbon Communication
Element14
Ritz Carlton
Taj, M.G. Road
World Down Syndrome Day
ONGC Foundation



## **CORPORATE ORDERS:**

We have received tremendous support from our clients this year. We have effectively executed more than 5000 quantities of products towards corporate orders from various clients.

## **Client Testimonial**

As soon as the box of Diwali gifts was open, I could see the colour of the bag and opened to see what it was. The design on the bag was a pleasant surprise and I loved the finger details on it. I'm a huge fan of anything traditional and where the value is enhanced in such a meaningful way the quality of the bag is beyond par. The label was a very pleasant surprise and I loved the bag even more knowing that it is from the artists of chiranthana ❤️

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**-Lakshmi, Client**

## **RETAIL PRESENCE**

We have been successful in expanding our presence in the retail sector this year. We have displayed our products at Tara Design Boutique, Greenpath Organic Store, Kusuri Mane, Savayava Organic store, E-shop on website, and Whatsapp marketing



# INAUGURATION OF GUBBI BRANCH:

The vocational Skills unit at Gubbi was inaugurated on 7th August 2022 towards Assisted Employment initiative. We invited people from Municipal Corporation, Zilla Panchayath and Rotary Club to attend this programme with parents and children.

The intention was to mainly provide financial support to the parents of special needs people, by providing proper training and engaging them with work, like tailoring, embroidering, crochet and make macrame products.





# AASE– A DREAM COME TRUE



SPECIAL MINDS **DREAM**, SPECIAL HANDS **CREATE**

We came up with an ambitious initiative Aase, that engages people with special needs and their families to create sustainable art and handicrafts products.

This initiative is to create employment and support these individuals to enable them to integrate into our society. We help them attain skills like block printing, macrame, tailoring, embroidery, crochet among others.

Aase products are now available on our e-shop & in whats app marketing.



**TATA MAGIC EXPRESS:** We have added a TATA Magic Express vehicle to Chiranthana family with the intention of providing transportation facility to people with special needs. This vehicle was donated by Canara Bank to Chiranthana on the occasion of their Founder's day.





# UPSKILLING:



We conducted a hand block printing & macramé product training session at our unit in Gubbi Gubbi by expert trainer Thangamma.

## PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

5 of our employees participated in the workshop on Product Development, organised by **ONGC Foundation** in association with **IIT New Delhi** in Jan 2023.







## WORKSHOP ON CULTURE TRANSFORMATION

Chiranthana in association with Dr. Pratima Jagadeesh **Crecers Academy**, conducted this day long workshop for our employees as a part of Chiranthana's HR training on Culture Transformation in February 2023.

## Workshop for parents on Managing children with Special Needs

The workshop was conducted by Jayanthi an experienced counsellor. Jayanthi touched upon the challenges of raising a special needs child and also spoke about possible changes to make in order to overcome these challenges.



## CHIRANTHANA AT THE IIE WORKSHOP- GUWAHATI

2 of our employees travelled all the way from Gubbi to Guwahati to attend workshop organised by **ONGC** foundation for entrepreneurship development and training.





## NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF DESIGN AT CHIRANTHANA

Students pursuing Master's of Universal Design from the **National Institute of Design** visited our Bengaluru and Gubbi center. The workshop conducted for almost a month was headed by Tulip Sinha, Faculty at NID and mentored by Devika, an Expert in Design & an advisor to Chiranthana.

Our team had interactive sessions with them, on the working model of Chiranthana and also the challenges faced by Chiranthana in its mission to generate sustainable livelihood for people with special needs. The students deliberated upon the product design and various material and design interventions to enhance the existing products.

Some of the products that Chiranthana students created with the help of NID.





## E-SHOP

Chiranthana continuously strives to grow and empower people with special needs. We have already started our e-shop and we are selling our products online. It is a great platform for selling and showcasing our products. Through this e-shop, we are able to reach a wider audience. We are trying to reach corporates and individual customers for orders.



**Aase**  
SPECIAL MINDS DREAM, SPECIAL HANDS CREATE

**CRAFTED WITH LOVE & CARE BY SPECIAL HANDS**

Aase, a Chiranthana initiative, engages people with special needs/ disabilities to create wonderful handicraft products.

From stoles to sling bags to pouches, our range of products are made by loving, special hands of Aase team.

**Extend your support  
Order with us**

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An initiative by  
Chiranthana



## PTM AT CHIRANTHANA

Chiranthana conducts Parent Teacher Meetings every quarter to assess the performance of the students and to provide feedback to parents. The PTM was conducted on 11th of February and the parents expressed happiness at the progress of the students and they were appraised of the plan for the next month.



## OUR IMPACT

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1	Children are able to learn concepts faster due to audio -visual inputs	80+ students attending sessions with us
2	Behavioural issues are being addressed through social stories	3 parent training programs and 2 teacher training programs conducted
3	Increased hand eye co-ordination and motor abilities through physio-therapy sessions	100+ children have been impacted from this program
4	Increased confidence among children and parents	50 students availing physiotherapy in Gubbi
5	Qualitative niche services attracting more parents to our centre	Increase in number of visitors to our centre facilitating better visibility and reach
6	Considerable improvement in Socio-emotional skills	92 beneficiaries trained so far
7	Improved Quality of living	42 beneficiaries retained
8	Develop confidence	
9	Support to the family	Worked with 25 corporates so far
10	Improvement in fine motor abilities	15 women empowered at Gubbi
11	Considerable improvement in gross motor skills	On more than 25 networking sites related to art and livelihood
12	Community engagement fostering inclusion	Set up a retail unit in Chiranthana premises
13		Effective e shop and WA marketing
14		Tie ups and employing other stakeholders, like weavers, handloom etc



## FEW PRODUCTS DEVELOPED AT CHIRANTHANA



Laptop Bags with handblock prints



Utility pouches



Fabric Table Runners with Block printing



Laptop Bags with handblock prints



Macrame Water Bottle holder



Terracotta Plates



# AWARDS & ACCOLADES:

Our Founder Trustee Rachana Prasad has been awarded **"Social Leader of the year" 2022 by SABERA** (Social and Business Enterprise Responsible Awards), UNESCO House, New Delhi.



**Guest of honor at Srushti Montessori**

As a part of International Women's Day, Aarohana presented Bhagini-Sadhanega Sanmana award and felicitated our founder and Managing Trustee – Rachana R.



## Feeling proud!!

Our student Vishruth Manne participated in the National Institute of Fashion technology , Inclusive Spectrum Fashion Show held in Chennai.





## OUR COLLABORATIONS:

We have partnered with Vaani Deaf Foundation. More than 30 students with Hearing impairment are benefitting from this collaboration with Vaani. We are working with Vaani deaf as their implementation partner and Vaani is our Knowledge partner.



### WAY FORWARD

- Chiranthana is all set to inaugurate the retail unit of Aase.
- Chiranthana intends to consolidate its current set of education and rehabilitation programs in both its centers.
- Chiranthana intends to step up its sales initiative through a marketing and sales plan.
- The organisation also intends to empower more people by training them and providing opportunities for employment and also create self-sufficient communities.
- Rachana was a part of Kaushalya Karnataka, a stakeholder consultation program for preparing Karnataka skill policy 2023-2030 in the disability spectrum. Looking forward to more government initiatives towards skill development



# MOODS AND MEMORIES



**Our students as chief guest for the inauguration of Svasya organic store**



**Christmas celebrations at Chiranthana**



**Ugadi celebrations at Chiranthana**



**Independence day celebrations at Chiranthana**



**Annual excursion to Prani pet sanctuary**



**Sankranti celebrations at Chiranthana**



**Annual excursion to Mysore by our Gubbi team**



**E-shop inauguration**



# **CHIRANTHANA TEAM**

People behind the success: A competent team of teachers, executives, managerial staff, volunteers, advisory board and our Trustees. The team has contributed towards the three pillars of Chiranthana, Education, Rehabilitation and Employment.

## **OUR TEAM**

**Akhila Rahul**  
**Asha Jaju**  
**Nagabhushan Rao**  
**Shrungar**  
**Apoorva Segu**  
**Madhura Ardhini**  
**Shubha Gaikwad**  
**Geetha K S**  
**Milton LewisSrinivasa S**  
**Mamatha D**  
**Vijayalakshmi H**

## **Trustees:**

Rachana Prasad- Founder Managing  
Trustee  
Shantheri Mallaya  
Narayan Swamy

## **Treasurer:**

Raghavendra Rao.R

## **Advisory Team:**

Satish A  
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Varun Subramanya  
Pramod Sridharamurthy  
Vijay Ladha



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SUPPORT AND LOVE FOR CHIRANTHANA**