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UDIS Forum

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Message



The title of this annual report is **“Networking”** which is the fundamental objective of the UDIS Forum. The management of the UDIS Forum is happy that this concept of networking is being internalized by the organisations of Disabled People and Parents and they are also realizing the effect of synergy. We have been promoting local DPOs and parents organisations to flourish and also facilitate networking among them and the results are encouraging. They are emerging as the professional organisations which are capable of undertaking service oriented activities and the management of the Forum is glad that its objective of building the capacity of DPOs and parents organisations is yielding good results.

The management of the UDIS Forum is preparing a road map whereby the UDIS Network concept in the future should be managed solely by the DPOs and Parents’ organisations so that further synergy in working together can be focused. To begin with a state level conference of DPOs of all categories and Parents’ organisations was convened by the Forum in late 2011, which became an eye-opener for everyone. It was the first meeting of its kind and DPOs and Parents expressed the solidarity to work together to address issues dealing with education, employment and empowerment. There was also a fear among specific disability DPOs that emergence of such a unified force would undermine their own organisations and the Forum is allaying this fear through dialogue and demonstration. The UDIS Forum insists that such disability specific organisations and federations should exist and become stronger than before to raise disability specific issues and at the same time the Forum has been trying to bring a consortium of disability specific organisations and parents together, which will be a force to reckon with when it comes to addressing disability related rights and services. When such a consortium is brought out by the DPOs and Parents, the UDIS Forum will transfer its baton of administration to them and the Trustees are working towards achieving this goal.

This annual report also narrates the efficacy of the programmes undertaken with the support of CBM and Sightsavers. The Marga Schulze scholarship programme continues to assist visually impaired girls to pursue higher education. The Forum is trying to create awareness among schools in South India to promote higher education among such girls so that they can enter higher education institutions. The Youth awareness activities are spreading and we are proud that more than 25,000 volunteers from schools and colleges have been oriented to disability management. The networking with industries and Government bodies is getting strengthened and the activities conducted to this effect can be seen in this report. In summary, 2011 has been a year of connecting people and we look forward to the results emerging in the form of unified force of DPOs and Parents in the years to come.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M.N.G. Mani', with a horizontal line underneath.

Dr. M.N.G. Mani
Managing Trustee, UDIS Forum

State – Level Workshop on Promotion of Differently Abled People’s Organisations and Parents’ Associations



In an effort to promote Differently Abled People’s Organisations (DPOs) and Parents’ Associations (PAs) in Tamil Nadu, the UDIS Forum and SAARATHY PAMMAC jointly organized a state-level workshop at the Tamil Nadu Agricultural University campus in Coimbatore on 18-20 November 2011. A total of 137 participants representing 92 different organizations attended the same.

The Secretary of the Department for the Welfare of Differently Abled Persons, Government of Tamil Nadu, Mrs. Kannegi Packianathan IAS inaugurated the workshop. In her inaugural address, she briefed the participants about the various schemes already being provided and the upcoming schemes that are going to be implemented by the State Government

for persons with disabilities. In her special address, Mrs. Gunawathy Fernandez, Regional Director, CBM SARO(S), Bangalore, stressed upon the importance and impact of strengthening of the DPOs and PAs.

The workshop was aimed at promoting the network concept among the DPOs/PAs and the sessions were planned accordingly. The workshop was unique in nature because for the first time, it provided a common platform for the DPOs of different categories of disabilities and the PAs from all over Tamil Nadu and Puducherry, to discuss the various issues faced by them. At the end of their discussions they put forth their recommendations as well. The workshop instilled among the DPOs, the importance of remaining as a unified force to achieve common goals, for the benefit of persons with disabilities.

Mr. M. Manickam, Vice-chairman and Managing Director, Sakthi Sugars Limited, Coimbatore and Dr. P. Murugesu Boopathi, Vice Chancellor of Tamil Nadu Agricultural University graced the valedictory function.



■ Employment Guidance Programme

The Employment Guidance Programme (EGP) being supported by the CBM aims at assisting persons with disabilities in finding employment by identifying jobs in the private sector and also by providing guidance for self employment. Through EGP, a total of 748 PWDs have got employment since the year 2007. In 2011, a total of 169 persons have been assisted in finding employment, out of which 124 persons got job through the network partners of the UDIS Forum.



The disability-wise statistics of the employed persons

S. No.	Type of Disability	No. of PWDs (2011)	No. of PWDs since 2007
1	Visual Impairment	09	42
2	Hearing Impairment	30	170
3	Locomotor Disability	121	507
4	Mentally Retarded	09	29
	Total	169	748

UDIS Placed Employees' Meet – 2011

- A meeting of those who are facilitated with employment by UDIS Forum is conducted every year. It is a platform for the PWDs to share the experiences of their employment and also the challenges faced by them. For the year 2011, the meeting was conducted on 24th July at BMN Kalyana Mandapam, Coimbatore.
- A total of 297 persons including 231 employees, 5 trainees, 51 Parents, 10 DPO Network Partners from other districts and others attended the programme.
- Mr. B. Balaji, Home Guard Area Commander, Coimbatore District & Managing Director, AES Technologies Pvt. Ltd., Coimbatore was the Chief Guest of the meeting. He mentioned about the training and employment opportunities available in the private sector and the ways to avail them. He also explained about the abilities and employability of the persons with disabilities and their empowerment in the society. He motivated them to train themselves according to their job requirements.
- Mr. L. Sivasamy, Deputy Director, District Employment Office, Chennai felicitated the gathering.



Private Employment Campaign



- Rah Legal Knowledge Process (P) Ltd, Coimbatore conducted a job selection process for PWDs in the UDIS Forum office on 26th February 2011. Out of the 36 persons who attended, 5 were selected to work for that organisation.
 - A similar such programme was conducted to select PWDs for certain positions at M/s Sri Kumaran Thangamaligai, Coimbatore on 8th March 2011. They selected 3 out of the 32 persons who attended the interview.
- The UDIS Forum organised employment events in association with the District Employment Office, Coimbatore on the third Friday of every month during this year.

Feedback of Employees

C. Vinothkumar, Coimbatore



I had completed my diploma in automobile engineering more than five years ago. But I was unable to find a job due to my hearing problem. On the insistence of my family members, I joined a basic computer course that was offered by the Caliber Trust. That is when I came to know about the assistance provided by the UDIS Forum to PWDs in finding employment. Within a few days after registering with UDIS Forum, I got an opportunity to work in Maruti Service Station which is a unit of ABT Pvt Ltd. They have provided me with a good salary and other benefits. I will always be grateful to UDIS Forum and Caliber Trust for giving me this new lease of life. I will make the best use of this opportunity.

Viswanathan, Coimbatore



I have severe disability in my left leg due to polio and with great difficulty I completed my BA in Sociology. I attempted the Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission Exam six times, but could not get through. Through the Caliber Trust, I came to know about the UDIS Forum and registered with them immediately. I worked as Helpline staff in the UDIS Forum itself for a few months. I was motivated to apply for a Central government job opening at Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India. Fortunately, I was selected and posted as a sales executive with a very good salary package. Without the help of the UDIS Forum and the Caliber Trust, I would not have known about such opportunities. I thank them for all their assistance and support.

C. Raja, Hosur



I am a visually impaired person and come from an economically backward family. My parents worked as daily wage labourers and brought me up. I studied up to 10th standard in a blind school where I was also trained in caning of chairs. I approached The New Life Service Centre, Hosur to assist me in finding a job. They got me orders for caning of chairs from various small industries. The demand for such work gradually reduced and I let them know about my situation. They immediately found me another job in a company called Surya Plastics for a good salary. I thank The New Life Service Centre for assisting me and also the UDIS Forum which gives guidance to the NLSC.

■ Marga Schulze Scholarship Scheme

The UDIS Forum, through the Marga Schulze Scholarship Scheme has been facilitating scholarship to girls with visual impairment to assist them in pursuing higher education, since the year 2007. So far, 343 girls have been given the scholarship. The beneficiaries are selected through an interview process based on academic performance and plus curriculum skills. The certificate evaluation and interview to select the scholarship recipients for the year 2011 - 2012 was conducted in Government College of Education for Women, Coimbatore on 6th November. The interview mainly concentrated on four aspects, viz., Braille Reading & Writing skills, Orientation & Mobility, Communication Skills and Certificate Evaluation. The following 112 girls with visual impairment (including the renewal candidates) from the states of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu were awarded scholarships during the academic year under the scheme:-



S. No.	Name of the Student	Course	Institution	State
1	Nivethitha, R	I B.A. (English)	Avinashilingam University for Women, Coimbatore	Tamil Nadu
2	Bhuvanewari, D	I B.A. (English)	Avinashilingam University for Women, Coimbatore	Tamil Nadu
3	Monica, R	II B.A. (Tamil)	Avinashilingam University for Women, Coimbatore	Tamil Nadu
4	Kavitha, M	II B.A. (Tamil)	Avinashilingam University for Women, Coimbatore	Tamil Nadu
5	Sneha, N	III B.A. (English)	Avinashilingam University for Women, Coimbatore	Tamil Nadu
6	Vani, M	III B.A. (English)	Avinashilingam University for Women, Coimbatore	Tamil Nadu
7	Mahalakshmi, V	III B.A. (Tamil)	Avinashilingam University for Women, Coimbatore	Tamil Nadu
8	Fathima Sajidha, R	III B.A. (English)	Avinashilingam University for Women, Coimbatore	Tamil Nadu
9	Nivethitha, T	III B.A. (English)	Avinashilingam University for Women, Coimbatore	Tamil Nadu
10	Stella Mary, S	III B.A. (Music)	Avinashilingam University for Women, Coimbatore	Tamil Nadu
11	Hemavathi, S	III B.A. (Tamil)	Avinashilingam University for Women, Coimbatore	Tamil Nadu
12	Jeyalakshmi, S	III B.A. (Tamil)	Avinashilingam University for Women, Coimbatore	Tamil Nadu
13	Sangeetha, P.A	I B.A. (English)	Ethiraj College for Women, Chennai	Tamil Nadu
14	Ananda Bairavi, K.V	I B.A. (English)	Ethiraj College for Women, Chennai	Tamil Nadu
15	Nergees Begum, V.A	II B.A. (English)	Ethiraj College for Women, Chennai	Tamil Nadu
16	Mahalakshmi, G	I M.A. (Tamil)	Ethiraj College for Women, Chennai	Tamil Nadu
17	Hemalatha, V	I B.A. (English)	Stella Maris College, Chennai	Tamil Nadu
18	Vennila, D	I B.A. (Sociology)	Stella Maris College, Chennai	Tamil Nadu
19	Keerthika, M	I B.A. (English)	Rani Anna Government College for Women, Tirunelveli	Tamil Nadu
20	Jeya, N	I B.A. (English)	Rani Anna Government College for Women, Tirunelveli	Tamil Nadu
21	Anitha, C	I M.A. (Tamil)	Sri Sarada Niketan College of Science for Women, Karur	Tamil Nadu
22	Dhanalakshmi, R	I M.A. (Tamil)	Sri Sarada Niketan College of Science for Women, Karur	Tamil Nadu
23	Bavani, P	I M.A. (Tamil)	Sri Sarada Niketan College of Science for Women, Karur	Tamil Nadu
24	Tamil Selvi, M	B.Ed.	Government College of Education for Women, Coimbatore	Tamil Nadu
25	Sathya Siva, G	B.Ed.	Government College of Education for Women, Coimbatore	Tamil Nadu
26	Rizwana, A	B.Ed.	Government College of Education for Women, Coimbatore	Tamil Nadu
27	Bhuvanewari, M	B.Ed.	Government College of Education for Women, Coimbatore	Tamil Nadu

S. No.	Name of the Student	Course	Institution	State
28	Suthamani, M	B.Ed.	Government College of Education for Women, Vellore	Tamil Nadu
29	Kalaivani, A	I B.A. (English)	Quaid-E-Millath Govt. College for Women, Chennai	Tamil Nadu
30	Mariamammal, M	II B.A. (English)	Quaid-E-Millath Govt. College for Women, Chennai	Tamil Nadu
31	Suganya, P	III B.A. (English)	Quaid-E-Millath Govt. College for Women, Chennai	Tamil Nadu
32	Poongodi, R	III B.A. (English)	Quaid-E-Millath Govt. College for Women, Chennai	Tamil Nadu
33	Rebekka, M	III B.A. (English)	Quaid-E-Millath Govt. College for Women, Chennai	Tamil Nadu
34	Shyamala, K	III B.A. (English)	Quaid-E-Millath Govt. College for Women, Chennai	Tamil Nadu
35	Kannaki, R	III B.A. (English)	Quaid-E-Millath Govt. College for Women, Chennai	Tamil Nadu
36	Kalaierasi, R	III B.A. (Tamil)	Quaid-E-Millath Govt. College for Women, Chennai	Tamil Nadu
37	Durga Devi, S	I B.A. (English)	Queen Mary's College, Chennai	Tamil Nadu
38	Revathi, M	I B.A. (English)	Queen Mary's College, Chennai	Tamil Nadu
39	Devi, T	I B.A. (English)	Queen Mary's College, Chennai	Tamil Nadu
40	Jeyalakshmi, P	I B.A. (English)	Queen Mary's College, Chennai	Tamil Nadu
41	Anbarasi, S	II B.A. (English)	Queen Mary's College, Chennai	Tamil Nadu
42	Sathiya, S	II B.A. (History)	Queen Mary's College, Chennai	Tamil Nadu
43	Amala, G	II B.A. (History)	Queen Mary's College, Chennai	Tamil Nadu
44	Lakshmi Priya, K	II B.A. (English)	Queen Mary's College, Chennai	Tamil Nadu
45	Bhavani, A	III B.A. (History)	Queen Mary's College, Chennai	Tamil Nadu
46	Sumathi, P	III B.A. (History)	Queen Mary's College, Chennai	Tamil Nadu
47	Parveen Sha, M	I M.A. (Tamil)	Queen Mary's College, Chennai	Tamil Nadu
48	Amaravathi, K	I M.A. (History)	Queen Mary's College, Chennai	Tamil Nadu
49	Mohana Priya, M	II M.A. (History)	Queen Mary's College, Chennai	Tamil Nadu
50	Thamarai, K	II M.A. (Tamil)	Queen Mary's College, Chennai	Tamil Nadu
51	Sudha, M	II M.A. (Tamil)	Queen Mary's College, Chennai	Tamil Nadu
52	Sangeetha, V	II M.A. (Tamil)	Queen Mary's College, Chennai	Tamil Nadu
53	Chinnaponnu, R	II M.A. (Tamil)	Queen Mary's College, Chennai	Tamil Nadu
54	Saraswathi, E	I B.A. (English)	Presidency College, Chennai	Tamil Nadu
55	Ponnammal, S	I B.A. (Tamil)	Presidency College, Chennai	Tamil Nadu
56	Sivasenthamil Selvi, S	II B.A. (Tamil)	Presidency College, Chennai	Tamil Nadu
57	Murugammal, N	II B.A. (Tamil)	Presidency College, Chennai	Tamil Nadu
58	Pownu, M	II B.A. (History)	Presidency College, Chennai	Tamil Nadu
59	Priya, S	II B.A. (Tamil)	Presidency College, Chennai	Tamil Nadu
60	Anitha, K	III B.A. (English)	Presidency College, Chennai	Tamil Nadu
61	Nathiya, N	III B.A. (Tamil)	Presidency College, Chennai	Tamil Nadu
62	Kalaiyarasi, S	III B.A. (Tamil)	Presidency College, Chennai	Tamil Nadu
63	Rathika, R	B.Ed.	Christian College of Education, Marthandam	Tamil Nadu
64	Siva, P	B.Ed.	Christian College of Education, Marthandam	Tamil Nadu
65	Meenakshi, V	B.Ed.	Kapi Women's College of Education, Nagamalai, Madurai	Tamil Nadu
66	Angayarkanni, V	B.Ed.	Kapi Women's College of Education, Nagamalai, Madurai	Tamil Nadu
67	Jebam, T	B.Ed.	Sun College of Education, Erachakulam	Tamil Nadu
68	Jessie Jenet	B.Ed.	Sun College of Education, Erachakulam	Tamil Nadu
69	Vijaya, M	B.Ed.	St. Stephen's College of Education for Women, Madurai	Tamil Nadu
70	Kavitha, S	B.Ed.	St. Stephen's College of Education for Women, Madurai	Tamil Nadu
71	Suganya, R	II B.A. (English)	Shree Raghavendra Arts and Science College, Chidambaram	Tamil Nadu
72	Beno Zephine, N.L	I M.A. (English)	Loyola College, Chennai	Tamil Nadu
73	Kalaiyarasi, P	M.A. (Tamil)	University of Madras, Chennai	Tamil Nadu

S. No.	Name of the Student	Course	Institution	State
74	Vatsala, S	B.Ed.	Lady Willington Institute of Adv. Study in Education, Chennai	Tamil Nadu
75	Vimala, S	B.Ed.	Lady Willington Institute of Adv. Study in Education, Chennai	Tamil Nadu
76	Saranya, M	B.Ed.	Lady Willington Institute of Adv. Study in Education, Chennai	Tamil Nadu
77	Vithya, P	B.Ed.	Lady Willington Institute of Adv. Study in Education, Chennai	Tamil Nadu
78	Divya, R	B.Ed.	Kevi Women's College of Education, Salem	Tamil Nadu
79	Mubeena Thabassum, H	B.Ed.	Arcot Sri Mahalakshmi Women's College of Edn., Villapakkam	Tamil Nadu
80	Kavitha, P	B.Ed.	Alagappa University, Karaikudi	Tamil Nadu
81	Sumathi, G	B.Ed.	Vekkaliyaman College of Education, Trichy	Tamil Nadu
82	Annalakshmi, P	B.Ed.	RMP CSI PSK Rajaratnam Mem. College of Education, Thoothukudi	Tamil Nadu
83	Vijayalakshmi, P	III B.A. (English)	N.M.S.S.V.N. College, Madurai	Tamil Nadu
84	Lakshmi, M	II M.A. (History)	Sri Meenakshi Government College for Women, Madurai	Tamil Nadu
85	Mariamamal, T	III B.A. (English)	Kunthavai Naachiyar Govt. Arts College for Women, Thanjavur	Tamil Nadu
86	Vijayalakshmi, S	I B.A. (English)	Pachaiyappa's College for Women, Kanchipuram	Tamil Nadu
87	Suganya, P	I B.A. (Tamil)	Senthamil College, Madurai	Tamil Nadu
88	Karthiga, G	I B.A. (English)	Sarah Tucker College, Tirunelveli	Tamil Nadu
89	Thenmozhi, M	I M.A. (History)	Government College for Women, Pudukkotai	Tamil Nadu
90	Soudabi, P	I B.A. (History)	Sree Kerala Varma College, Thrissur	Kerala
91	Neethumol Thankachan	I B.A. (Malayalam)	Sree Kerala Varma College, Thrissur	Kerala
92	Minju Saju	I B.A. (Malayalam)	Sree Kerala Varma College, Thrissur	Kerala
93	Chinju V. Omanakuttan	I B.A. (English)	Sree Kerala Varma College, Thrissur	Kerala
94	Gandi Nagamani	I B.A. (MLHP)	O.U. College for Women, Hyderabad	Andhra Pradesh
95	Gorati Srilakshmi	I B.A. (MLHP)	O.U. College for Women, Hyderabad	Andhra Pradesh
96	Perumandla Shoba	I B.A. (HPP)	Vivekananda Government Degree College, Hyderabad	Andhra Pradesh
97	Donuru Manjula	I B.A. (HPP)	Vivekananda Government Degree College, Hyderabad	Andhra Pradesh
98	Srujala, G	I B.A. (HPP)	O.U. College for Women, Hyderabad	Andhra Pradesh
99	Jillala Jyothi	II B.A. (MLHP)	O.U. College for Women, Hyderabad	Andhra Pradesh
100	Peddina Kameswari	III B.A. (Telugu)	O.U. College for Women, Hyderabad	Andhra Pradesh
101	Marati Saritha	B.Ed.	Einstein College of Education, Hyderabad	Andhra Pradesh
102	Sathya, A	I PUC	Jyothi Composite PU College, Bangalore	Karnataka
103	Monisha Shau	II PUC	Jyothi Composite PU College, Bangalore	Karnataka
104	Summaiya Khan	I B.A. (HEP)	Mount Caramel College, Bangalore	Karnataka
105	Sunitha Dutto	I B.Com.	Jyothi Nivas College, Bangalore	Karnataka
106	Mary Agnes	I B.A. (HECOS)	Jyothi Nivas College, Bangalore	Karnataka
107	Latha, P. M	I B.A. (HEP)	St. Joseph's College, Bangalore	Karnataka
108	Eleeza Souza	III B.A. (HENGs)	Jyothi Nivas College, Bangalore	Karnataka
109	Pallavi, S.J	I M.A. (English)	Kuvempu University, Shimoga	Karnataka
110	Sarika Pandurang	I B.A.	K.S.K.W. Arts, Science and Commerce College, Nashik	Maharashtra
111	Priyanka Annasaheb	I B.A.	Ramnarayan Ruiya College, Mumbai	Maharashtra
112	Jyoti Balasaheb	I M.A. (Sociology)	B.P.H.E. Society's Ahmednagar College, Ahmednagar	Maharashtra

Instead of comparing our lot with that of those who are more fortunate than we are,
we should compare it with the lot of the great majority of our fellow men.

It then appears that we are among the privileged.

- Helen Keller

Distribution of Laptops to Visually Impaired Girls



Under the scholarship scheme, a computer evaluation test for the recipients of the scholarship is conducted and the deserving candidates are provided with a free laptop every year. So far, 28 students have received laptops.

For the year 2010-2011 the distribution of laptop to the candidates was held on January 11, 2011 at the Government College of Education, Coimbatore. A total of nine students were selected after the computer evaluation test which was conducted by Mr. Shivamohan, Programme Officer, CBM SARO(S), Bangalore.

Mrs. Pankajavalli, Regional Joint Director of Collegiate Education, Coimbatore was the chief guest for the day and presented the laptops to the candidates.

The beneficiaries of the laptop scheme are:

S.No.	Name	Course	Name of the Institution
1	Monisha Shau	I PUC	Jyothi Composite PU College, Bangalore
2	Shyamala, K	II B.A. (English)	Quaid-E-Millath Government College for Women, Chennai
3	Kannaki, R	II B.A. (English)	Quaid-E-Millath Government College for Women, Chennai
4	Rebekka, M	II B.A. (English)	Quaid-E-Millath Government College for Women, Chennai
5	Suganya, P	II B.A. (English)	Quaid-E-Millath Government College for Women, Chennai
6	Fathima Sajidha, R	II B.A. (English)	Avinashilingam University for Women, Coimbatore
7	Vani, M	II B.A. (English)	Avinashilingam University for Women, Coimbatore
8	Mahalakshmi, V	II B.A. (Tamil)	Avinashilingam University for Women, Coimbatore
9	Edigolla Swaroopa	I B.A. (MLHP)	O.U. College for Women, Hyderabad

Feedback of MASS Recipients

Nargees Begum, V. A



I am doing my II BA in English in Ethiraj College for Women, Chennai. The scholarship money is very useful for my education. After I completed my school education I had a lot of fear about my higher education and my future. That is when I heard about the Marga Schulze Scholarship Scheme and it motivated me to take up higher studies. I was very happy when I got selected for availing the scholarship. I am confident that I will study well and achieve great heights in my life. I thank the UDIS Forum and CBM for encouraging girl students like me to pursue higher education. The scholarship is like God's gift to me.

Lakshmi, M



I am doing my II MA in History in Sri Meenakshi Government College for Women, Madurai. I come from an economically backward family. My mother works at a mill and has supported both my sister and me so far. It was very difficult for her to support us after school.

Both me and my sister applied for this scholarship and were selected. My sister has completed B.Ed with the help of the scholarship and is now working as a teacher in Madurai. I am also planning to study further and become a teacher. I have become more confident about myself now and I owe it all to UDIS Forum for having given me the scholarship.

Monisha Shau



I am pursuing II PUC in Jyoti Composite P.U. College, Bangalore. I stay at the Jyoti Seva Home for the Blind. I came to know about the scholarship through some of my friends and immediately applied for it. I got selected for availing the scholarship and I also got a laptop after I passed a computer test conducted by the UDIS Forum. The scholarship has motivated me to a great extent and the laptop has made learning easy. I use the laptop for saving all my class notes and also use the internet widely for additional information. The laptop has been a boon since it has helped me perform better in my academics. I am grateful to the UDIS Forum and CBM for giving me this scholarship.

■ Youth Wing for Disability Services (YWDIS)

Training of Trainers Workshop for the MSW Faculty of the Southern States

The Department of Social Work, Bharathiar University, Coimbatore and the UDIS Forum jointly organized a “Two Days Training of Trainers Workshop for the MSW Faculty of the Southern States” on 15th and 16th July. A total of 65 faculty members from various colleges in South India



participated in the workshop. Dr. C. Swaminathan, Vice Chancellor, Bharathiar University and Sri T. K. Ponnusamy, Commissioner, Coimbatore Corporation graced the occasion with their presence. Renowned doctors, eminent academicians and professionals from the field of disability handled various sessions for the two days on different types of disability and the role of social workers in the welfare of persons with disabilities.

Inauguration of YWDIS Activities for the Year 2011 – 2012 and Swearing in Ceremony of New Office Bearers of YWDIS

The inauguration of YWDIS activities for the year 2011-2012 and the swearing in ceremony of new office bearers of YWDIS was held at CSI Bishop Appasamy College of Arts and Science, Coimbatore on 21st October. Mrs. Mrinalini R. David, Principal of the College administered the oath for the newly elected office bearers. Mrs. Susheila Williams Sargunar, Secretary of the College presided over the function. The newly elected office bearers and the executive members of YWDIS are as follows:-



Position	Name	Institute
President	Jemimah	CSI Bishop Appasamy College of Arts and Science
Secretary	Gobi, N	Bharathiar University
Treasurer	Bhuvaneshwari, B	NGM College of Arts and Science
Vice-Presidents	Aarathi, N	Hindustan College of Arts and Science
	Nasreen Mariyam, J	Dr. G.R. Damodaran College of Science
	Preethi, P	Avinashilingam University for Women
Joint Secretary	Anitha, S	PSG College of Arts and Science
Joint Treasurer	Ilamurugu, M	CMS College of Science and Commerce
	Sudharshana	Sri Krishna Arts and Science College

Position	Name	Institute
Documentation Officers	Ancy Abraham	Bharathiar University
	Narmadha, S	Bishop Ambrose College
	Sridhar, P	CMS College of Science and Commerce
Executive Members	Mercy, A	Hindustan College of Arts and Science
	Muthu Kumar, S	Bishop Ambrose College, Coimbatore
	Sasidharan, G.R	Sri Krishna Arts and Science College
	Silambarasan, D	NGM College
	Chithara, A	Hindustan College of Arts and Science
	Praveena, S	Avinashilingam University for Women
	Parvathy, P.S	Dr. G.R. Damodaran College of Science
	Bonny Serto	CSI Bishop Appasamy College of Arts and Science
	Sri Jai Karthick	PSG College of Arts and Science

District Level Oratorical Competition on Disability



A district level oratorical competition on disability was conducted for school students with an objective to create awareness on disability. It was held on 30th November 2011 at the Department of Social Work, CSI Bishop Appasamy College of Arts and Science, Coimbatore. The topic given to the students was: "How to increase the sensitivity of the society towards the empowerment of persons with disabilities?" A total of 120 students took part in the competition and the prize winners are as follows:

Medium	Position	Name of the Student	Institute
TAMIL	First	Priya Varsha Ravichandran	Vidya Vikasini Matric. Hr. Sec. School, Coimbatore
	Second	Shweta Srikanth	PSBB Millennium School, Coimbatore
		Anila, R	San Jose Matric Higher Secondary School, Mettupalayam
	Third	Shreyaa, L	B.V.M. Global School, Coimbatore
		Bhagya Sree Kamath, K.V	Christu Jyothi Matric Higher Secondary School, Erode
	Consolation	Aparna, C.S	San Jose Matric Higher Secondary School, Mettupalayam
		Sowntharya, N	Saru Matric Higher Secondary School, Sathyamangalam
ENGLISH	First	Dharani, K.R	Government Higher Secondary School, Bhujanganur
	Second	Nasrin, H	Islamiyah Matric Higher Secondary School, Coimbatore
		Mydilee, K.V	Vidya Vikasini Matric. Hr. Sec. School, Coimbatore
	Third	Aathirai, T	Hindusthan Matric. Hr. Sec. School, Coimbatore
		Keerthana Eswari, T	Shree Baldevdas Kikani Vidyamandir MHSS, Coimbatore
	Consolation	Akalya, P	National Model Matric. Hr. Sec. School, Coimbatore
Asvitha, V		Shree Baldevdas Kikani Vidyamandir MHSS, Coimbatore	

Two Day Training Workshop for Social Work Students on Disability Management

- The Department of Social Work, Bharathiar University, Coimbatore and the UDIS Forum jointly organized a “Two Days Training Workshop for Social Work Students” on 16th and 17th December in order to create awareness about Disability Management among students.
- Dr. M Jayakumar, Professor & Head, Department of Extension, Director (i/c) Academic Staff College & Special Officer, Bharathiar University inaugurated and Prof. A. Sethuramasubbiah, Head, Department of Social Work, Bharathiar University presided over the inaugural function. A total of 225 social work students from various colleges in and around Coimbatore participated in the workshop and benefited out of it.



Awareness Programme on Disability for School Students

- YWDIS volunteers conduct a series of awareness programmes on disability in various schools of Coimbatore District every year. In the last five years, more than 1,400 college students and 15,090 school students have been oriented on Disability Management.
- In the year 2011, a total of 250 college students and 4090 school students were oriented. The school students were oriented on the basics of disability such as causes, types, identifications, characteristics, prevention and educational methods. The school students were also provided with a handbook containing basic information on disability. The table shows the details of programmes conducted in 2011.

S. No.	School	No. of Students
1	Sri Ranganathar Matric. Hr. Sec. School, Kalappanaickenpalayam	150
2	Government Higher Secondary School, O'Valley, Gudalur	300
3	Government Higher Secondary School, Sathyamangalam	200
4	Government Middle School, Thondamuthur	100
5	Government Middle School, Kalveerampalayam	150
6	Avinashilingam Higher Secondary School, Coimbatore	300
7	Ragavendra School, Seeranaickenpalayam	75
8	Government Higher Secondary School, PN Pudur	250
9	Vasavi Vidyalaya Matric. Hr. Sec. School, Thelungupalayam	120
10	Government Middle School, Kongalnagaram	75
11	National Model Higher Secondary School, Peelamedu	170
12	Corporation High School, Ramalingam Colony	100
13	Government Higher Secondary School, Saravanampatti	190
14	Government Municipality Higher Secondary School, Pollachi	500
15	Government Hr. Sec. School, Ramanathapuram, Pollachi	500
16	Government Middle School, Madukkarai	60
17	Government Middle school, Kavundapalayam, Sathy	100
18	Government Middle school, Sugunapuram, Coimbatore	120
19	Government Middle School, Udumalpet	220
20	Government Higher Secondary School, Jamin Uthukuli	60
21	Government Higher Secondary School, Shakthy Nagar	350
Total		4090



UDIS Expansion Programme

The UDIS Forum - Sightsavers Network Programme was launched in the year 2010 and DPOs from five districts were selected as Network Partners in order to implement activities towards the empowerment of persons with disabilities in their respective districts. They are:

1. Malarvanam Charitable Trust, Thiruvallur Dt.
2. FEED Trust, Thangachimadam, Ramanathapuram Dt.
3. Vivegam Charitable Trust, Appakoodal, Erode Dt.

4. Namakkal District Differently Abled Welfare Association, Mohanur, Namakkal Dt., and
5. Madurai Phoenix Parents Association, Madurai Dt.

Similarly, under UDIS-CBM Network Programme, DPOs were identified in the following districts:-

1. The New Life Service Centre, Hosur, Krishnagiri Dt.
2. Annai Parvaiatror Nala Sangam, Sivagangai Dt.
3. Freedom Charitable Trust, Tirupur Dt.
4. Thamirabarani Parvaiatror Nala Sangam, Tirunelveli Dt.

The partners have conducted various activities towards the empowerment of PWDs in the year 2011 and they are listed below:

Employment Guidance Programmes

All the partners have assisted a total of 124 persons with disabilities in finding employment in all the nine districts where the network is in force. The consolidated report of the same is given below:

S. No.	District	Type of Disability				Total
		Locomotor Disability	Hearing Impairment	Visual Impairment	Mental Retardation	
1	Thiruvallur - MCT	22	2	0	1	25
2	Ramanathapuram - FEED	9	1	0	1	21
3	Erode - VCT	9	0	2	0	11
4	Namakkal - NDPHWA	15	3	0	0	18
5	Madurai - MPPA	7	1	0	5	13
6	Krishnagiri - NLSC	20	2	3	0	25
7	Sivagangai - APNS	1	1	1	0	03
8	Tirupur - FCT	0	0	2	0	02
9	Tirunelveli - TPNS + GU	6	0	0	0	06
TOTAL		99	10	08	07	124

- A “Skill and Employment Fair” was conducted by the State Government under the ‘Employable Skill Training for Unemployed Educated Youth’ scheme at Mohamed Sathak Polytechnic College, Keelakarai, Ramanathapuram District on 28th January. Representatives from FEED Trust attended the fair and identified 240 PWDs who require employment and collected their data for further assistance. They also collected the list of companies that attended the fair for further enquiries and placement services.



- Employment counseling for PWDs and their parents at Ramanathapuram was conducted on 5th November through FEED Trust, in association with Raja Dinakar R C School, Ramanathapuram. A total of 54 PWDs and their parents attended this programme.

- On 18th November, a programme on employment counseling and job campaign was conducted by the Vivegam Charitable Trust in Erode, in association with the District Employment Office, Erode. A total of 45 persons attended this programme. M/s. Discrew Data Entry Company, Aappakoodal has selected 13 PWDs to provide them with training on data entry for a period of one month which will commence from January 2012 onwards. After the training, qualified candidates will be provided with employment in the same organisation.



- Two self-help groups have been formed by Madurai Phoenix Parents Association in Madurai among the parents of children with mental retardation to promote self employment.

Youth Programmes

- An orientation workshop on Disability Management was jointly organised by The New Life Service Centre, a DPO in Hosur and the UDIS Forum at St. Joseph's College of Arts and Science, Hosur on 18th July. This workshop was conducted for NSS (National Service Scheme) volunteers and a total of 150 of them attended the same. The workshop provided a platform for introducing the concept of YWDIS in the colleges at Hosur.



- A workshop on Disability Management was jointly organised by FEED Trust, Government Arts College, Paramakudi and UDIS Forum as a part of the network expansion programme. The workshop was conducted on 19th August in Government Arts College, Paramakudi and around 170 students from various colleges in Ramanathapuram District attended. Encouraged by the interest shown by the students, a youth wing was formed in the district for which 11 students were selected as office bearers.



- An awareness programme on disability was conducted in Sri Amman Arts and Science College, Erode for the students of the Social Work department on 20th August. This programme was organised by the Vivegam Charitable Trust, Erode district and 25 students participated in it.



- A programme on Disability Management was jointly organised by Vivegam Charitable Trust, Erode and the UDIS Forum on 29th August at Ramakrishna Nallammal Polytechnic College, Dharapuram. Mr. Balasubramaniam, Principal of the college presided over the function which was attended by 150 students.



- A debate on "Youth Services to the PWDs" was organised on 4th September by Vivegam Charitable Trust, in association with Van Kuyil Forum, Erode for college students. A total of 35 students who had participated in the programme agreed to extend their services for the disabled.



- A district level oratorical competition was organised for school students on 25th November at Bhavani Rotary Hall. In this programme a total of 200 students from 20 different schools in and around Erode District participated. The World Disability day and prize distribution for the winners of the oratorical competition was held on 1st December at Sengunthar Community Hall, Bhavani in the midst of 150 students. The prizes were distributed by Mrs. Sachu Ramalingam, Programme Officer from Sightsavers, Mumbai.
- Awareness programmes on Disability Management were conducted in 3 schools in Ramanathapuram District by FEED Trust on 2nd and 7th December. A total of 275 students were oriented.
- Another awareness programme on Disability Management was conducted in Sakthi Polytechnic College, Aappakoodal, Erode District on 9th December in collaboration with Vivegam Charitable Trust. 150 students were oriented through this programme.

DPOs Identification and Promotion

- To identify the DPO Associates in Thiruvallur district, a DPOs meeting was conducted by Malarvanam Charitable Trust on 20th June. Representatives from 9 DPOs, 3 individual leaders, 7 PWDs, and 2 women social workers attended this programme. The network concept and the importance of participation and cooperation among DPOs were explained by the representatives of the UDIS Forum.
- A similar programme was conducted by the Vivegam Charitable Trust in Erode on 26th June. Representatives from 8 DPOs, 4 individual leaders, 12 PWDs and 2 women with disabilities attended this programme. The Erode Rotary Club President, Secretary and the Panchayat President were invited as guests for this programme.
- A DPOs meeting was conducted on 29th September in Madurai district to identify the potential associate DPOs/Parents Association. A total of 30 members representing one Parents Association and 4 DPOs attended this programme.
- A DPO meeting was conducted in the Namakkal district by the Namakkal District Differently Abled Welfare Association on 17th May to identify DPO associates in this district. A total of 27 representatives from various organisations attended the programme.



Evaluation of Sightsavers Network Activities



The Evaluation Team from Sightsavers, Mumbai consisting of Mr. Shrinivas Sawant, Area Director, Mr. Prabhat Sinha, Programme Manager and Ms. Shanti Ragavan, Enable India, Bangalore visited FEED Trust, Ramnathapuram on 15th December. They visited some of the persons with disabilities who have been assisted in finding employment by the network partner, following which they interacted with the Trustees and members of the FEED Trust.

The Evaluation Team then visited Vivegam Charitable Trust, Erode the next day and had a discussion with Trust members and staff. They then visited UDIS Forum and had a day long discussion with the Trustees and the staff.

Other Programmes

- The Madurai Phoenix Parents Association observed the World Disability Day on 17th December. Around 200 PWDs and their parents attended this programme. Mr. K.M. Kanagaraj, District Differently Abled Welfare Officer, Madurai was the chief guest.
- On 1st December, Mrs. Sachu Ramalingam, Programme Officer, Sightsavers visited the office of the Vivegam Charitable Trust at Appakoodal, Erode, where she inaugurated the Computer Training Unit in which 10 PWDs were enrolled to undergo the training.
- The NLSC, Hosur and UDIS Forum jointly organised World Disability Day and an awareness programme on disability on 10th December at Hosur, in which 150 members participated. A total of 77 persons with disabilities were provided with assistive devices and artificial limbs by the Krishnagiri District Disabled Rehabilitation Office and Anga Karunya Kendra, Bangalore. Best employers award were presented for 3 employers of Hosur. A debate programme was organised on the topic 'Who remains supportive for the improvement in the life of disabled - family or community'. Local Rotary and Lions leaders addressed the function.



■ Training and Employment Network with NGOs (TENNGO)

- Under UDIS-Grama Udhayam Extension Project, computer training is being provided for persons with disabilities in Tirunelveli District. The training of 1 batch of 8 students commenced in the month of March and was successfully completed in the month of August. The training for another batch of 7 persons with disabilities, commenced in the month of October.
- Out of the 7 PWDs trained in the first batch, 6 were assisted in securing employment.

■ Empowerment of Disabled Peoples' Organisation and Parents' Association

In Coimbatore, three DPOs/PAs are actively associated with the UDIS Forum and their activities during the year are enumerated below:

Activities of SAARATHY PAMMAC



- A vocational training centre for persons with mental retardation and their parents was established in the year 2010 by SAARATHY-PAMMAC with the support of CBM and the UDIS Forum. The centre is now functioning successfully and is involved in the manufacture of many products such as envelopes, paper covers, arecanut plates, paper plates and artificial flowers.

In the year 2011, there have been orders for more than one lakh covers, twenty thousand arecanut plates, around twenty three thousand artificial flowers and around nine hundred paper plates.

- The formal inauguration of the activity, "Artificial Flower Making", was held on 30th March at the Vocational Training Centre, Kanuvai. Ms. S. Nagarathna, Capacity Development Officer, CBM SARO(S) addressed the gathering and expressed her happiness over the growth of the centre. A total of 50 parents, persons with mental retardation and others attended the same.



- A meeting of the parents of persons with mental retardation was organised on 7th August. The main objective of the programme was to bring together the parents and discuss some of the issues concerning them and also to come up with new ideas for the development of the organisation. A total of 100 parents, persons with mental retardation and others attended this programme.



Training Programme and Workshop by ARVIC

- The Association for the Rights of the Visually Challenged (ARVIC) and the UDIS Forum jointly organized a 'Life Skills Training Programme for Women with Visual Impairment' on the 11th and 12th of December at Annamalai Hotel, Coimbatore.



The programme focused at creating awareness on women's health, various welfare schemes available for women with visual impairment and the rights of persons with disabilities. The programme was particularly organized for women with visual impairment who did not get education opportunities, those who discontinued from their studies at an early stage and for those who did not have much exposure to their rights.

A total of 28 women attended the programme and benefited out of it.

- A three days workshop on **'Personality Development and Capacity Building for girl students with visual impairment'** was jointly organised by the ARVIC and UDIS Forum from 26th to 28th December at CMS College of Science and Commerce, Coimbatore. A total of 54 students attended the workshop.



A wide range of topics such as leadership skills, welfare schemes, general health, importance of computers and Braille and personality development were covered by twelve resource persons who were women with visual impairment themselves. The students who attended vouchsafed that they gained a lot of information from the workshop.



Activities of CALIBER

- Industrial training was offered for persons with disabilities by Souriau Connection Technology and Connectors through the DPO CALIBER. A total of 15 persons attended the training. An assessment was made after the training following which 5 persons were provided employment in the organisation.



- A total of 25 PWDs were trained in multimedia and data processing by the DPO Caliber this year.

- Caliber has provided guidance to around 20 PWDs in availing financial assistance from another organisation, for self employment.
- A residential training centre has been set up by Caliber at Mangarai for providing skill training to persons with disabilities. The trained persons are also being assisted in finding suitable employment.



- An awareness programme on the rights of persons with disabilities based on the UNCRPD was organised on 26th June. A total of 66 persons with disabilities and 20 parents attended the programme. Each section of the UNCRPD was discussed and booklets containing all the information were given to everyone.

UDIS Helpline

The Disability Helpline was launched by UDIS Forum in the year 2010 with an aim to provide timely information and assistance to persons with disabilities in the following areas:

- Central and State Govt. Schemes for the PWDs
- Educational schemes for PWDs and Institutions offering admissions to PWDs
- Service Organizations offering assistance to PWDs
- Availability of Equipments/Assistive Devices for the PWDs
- Centres for Education and Rehabilitation of the PWDs
- Services for PWDs in General welfare schemes (In both Private and Public sector)
- Employment opportunities for the PWDs
- Information on Disabled People's Organizations (DPOs) and Parents Associations
- Developments in Disability at the National and International level
- Information gallery for the PWDs



In the year 2011, a total of 3078 calls were received in which around 1080 calls were regarding employment, 448 calls for self employment details, 898 calls regarding government jobs, 178 calls for details on training programmes available for PWDs and 474 calls for various other information.

Helpline Numbers: +91-422-2405551, +91-99 44 55 61 68 G Email: rights4pwd@gmail.com

MVT Project with support from Government



The Tamil Nadu government launched a scheme called “**Matruthiranalikalukku Vazhikattum Thittam**” (a scheme for the empowerment of PWDs) in the year 2011 for the benefit of the persons with disabilities in Tamil Nadu. The objective of the scheme is the empowerment of PWDs for which activities such as creating a database of PWDs, Community based

rehabilitation, implementation of various welfare schemes and bringing new schemes based on the needs of the PWDs have to be done.

The Coimbatore District Differently Aabled Welfare Office had selected and allocated work among six NGOs in Coimbatore. UDIS Forum is one among them, authorized to implement this project in the Pollachi and Valparai Taluks.

A total of 8 coordinators and 159 welfare workers were identified in Pollachi and Valparai Taluks to work for this project, following which they were given training in the month of June and the work under this project is being carried out.

World Disability Day 2011



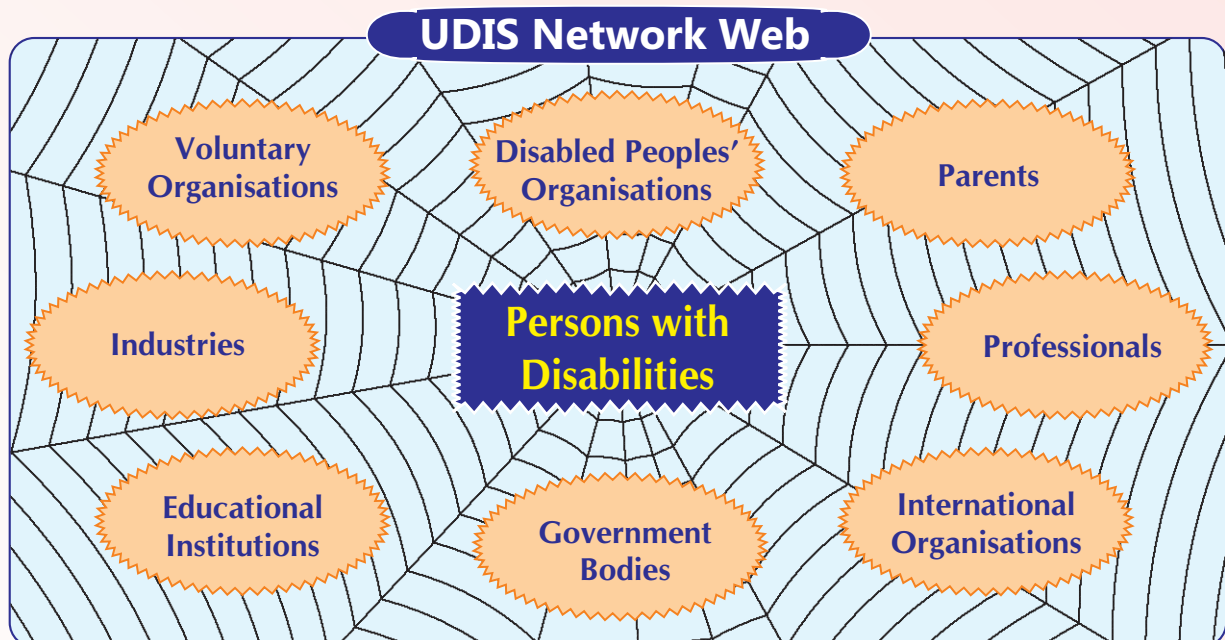
UDIS Forum observed the World Disability Day on 5th December 2011 at CSI Bishop Appasamy College of Arts and Science, Coimbatore. As a part of the programme, three employers from various sectors who have provided employment to persons with disabilities during 2010-2011 were given recognition awards, as a token of appreciation and gratitude on behalf of the UDIS Forum. The awardees were: Autoprint Machinery Manufacturers Pvt. Ltd., Sree Kumaran Thanga Maaligai and Nova Garments.



Prizes were distributed to all the students who won in the District Level Oratorical Competition on Disability conducted by YWDIS in the month of November, with an objective to create awareness on disability. The prizes for the students and the awards for the employers were given away by



the chief guest of the day Mr. L. Sivasamy, Deputy Director, Dept. of Employment, Chennai and Mrs. Mrinalini David, Principal, CSI Bishop Appasamy College of Arts and Science.



Our Gratitude

The UDIS Forum lauds the efforts of the following organisations / industries / institutions towards the empowerment of persons with disabilities:

- * CBM, South Asia Regional Office, Bangalore
 - * Sightsavers India, Mumbai
 - * The District Employment Office, Coimbatore
 - * The District Differently Abled Welfare Office, Coimbatore
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- + AES Technologies (I) Pvt. Ltd.
 - + Auto Print
 - + Associated Autotex Ancillaries (P) Ltd.,
 - + Best Engineers Pumps Pvt. Ltd.,
 - + Bhuvaneshwari Engineering
 - + BMN Kalayana Mandapam
 - + Ganga Medical Centre & Hospital Pvt. Ltd.,
 - + Indo Shell Private Limited
 - + KG Apparel Pvt. Ltd.,
 - + Kumpanar Pumpsets
 - + LGB Rollon Limited
 - + National Adventure and Leadership School (NALS)
 - + Nova Garments
 - + Optimum Training Centre
 - + Perot Systems
 - + Pricol Packaging Private Ltd.,
 - + Seven Hills Entrepreneurs
 - + Sri Krishna Sweets
 - + Sri Kumaran Thangamaligai
 - + Sri Renga Apparels (India) Pvt. Ltd.,
 - + Subha Plastics
 - + Venkateswara Suppliers Ltd.,
- (All from Coimbatore District)*
- + Alagappa University, Karaikudi
 - + Arcot Sri Mahalakshmi Women's College of Education, Villapakkam
 - + Avinashilingam University for Women, Coimbatore
 - + B.P.H.E. Society's Ahmednagar College, Ahmednagar
 - + Christian College of Education, Marthandam
 - + Einstein College of Education, Hyderabad
 - + Ethiraj College for Women, Chennai
 - + Government College for Women, Pudukkotai
 - + Government College of Education for Women, Coimbatore
 - + Government College of Education for Women, Vellore
 - + Jyothi Composite PU College, Bangalore
 - + Jyothi Nivas College, Bangalore
 - + K.S.K.W Arts, Science and Commerce College, Nashik
 - + Kapi Women's College of Education, Nagamalai
 - + Kevi Women's College of Education, Salem
 - + Kunthavai Naachiyar Govt. Arts College for Women, Tanjore
 - + Kuvempu University, Shimoga
 - + Lady Willington Institute of Advanced Study in Education, Chennai
 - + Loyola College, Chennai
 - + Mount Caramel College, Bangalore
 - + N.M.S.S.V.N. College, Madurai
 - + O.U. College for Women, Hyderabad
 - + Pachaiyappa's College for Women, Kanchipuram
 - + Presidency College, Chennai
 - + Quaid-E-Millath Govt. College for Women, Chennai
 - + Queen Mary's College, Chennai
 - + Ramnarayan Ruiya College, Mumbai.
 - + Rani Anna Government College for Women, Tirunelveli
 - + RMP CSI PSK Rajaratnam Memorial College of Education, Thoothukudi
 - + Sarah Tucker College, Tirunelveli
 - + Senthamil College, Madurai
 - + Shree Raghavendra Arts and Science College, Chidambaram
 - + Sree Kerala Varma College, Thrissur
 - + Sri Meenakshi Government College for Women, Madurai
 - + Sri Sarada Niketan College of Science for Women, Karur
 - + St. Joseph's College, Bangalore
 - + St. Stephen's College of Education for Women, Madurai
 - + Stella Maris College, Chennai
 - + Sun College of Education, Erachakulam, Kanyakumari Dt.
 - + University of Madras, Chennai
 - + Vekkaliyamma College of Education, Trichy
 - + Vivekananda Government Degree College, Hyderabad

Our Gratitude (Contd...)

- + Amrita University, Coimbatore
- + AJK College of Arts and Science, Coimbatore
- + Bharathiar University, Coimbatore
- + Bharathidasan University, Trichy
- + CMS College of Science and Commerce, Coimbatore
- + CSI Bishop Appasamy College of Arts and Science, Coimbatore
- + Dr. G.R. Damodaran College of Science, Coimbatore
- + Government Arts College, Paramakudi
- + Hindustan College of Arts and Science, Coimbatore
- + Karpagam University, Coimbatore
- + Nehru Arts and Science College, Coimbatore
- + NGM College, Pollachi
- + Periyar Maniammai University, Tanjore
- + PSG College of Arts and Science, Coimbatore
- + Ramakrishna Nallammal Polytechnic College, Dharapuram
- + RVS College of Arts and Science, Coimbatore
- + Sakthi Polytechnic College, Erode
- + SMS College of Arts and Science, Coimbatore
- + Sree Saraswathi Thyagaraja College, Pollachi
- + Sri Amman Arts and Science College, Erode
- + Sri Krishna Arts and Science College, Coimbatore
- + Sri Narayana Guru College, Coimbatore
- + Sri Ramakrishna Mission Vidyalaya College of Arts and Science, Coimbatore
- + St. Joseph's College of Arts and Science, Hosur
- + Syed Ammal Arts and Science College, Ramanathapuram
- + Syed Hameetha Arts and Science College, Ramanathapuram

- + Annai Parvaiatror Nala Sangam, Sivagangai District
- + Association for the Rights of the Visually Challenged, Coimbatore
- + CALIBER, Coimbatore
- + Cheran Region Christian Society for the Disabled, Coimbatore
- + Coimbatore Association of the Deaf, Coimbatore
- + Dr. P.G.V. Charitable Trust, Coimbatore
- + FEED Trust, Ramanathapuram District
- + Freedom Charitable Trust, Tirupur District
- + Goodwill Foundation of India, Chennai
- + Grama Udhayam, Tirunelveli District
- + Indian Association for the Blind, Madurai
- + Jyothi Seva Home for the Blind Children, Bangalore
- + Keelottivakkam Grama Sangam, Kancheepuram District
- + Lotus Blind Welfare Trust of India, Chennai
- + Madurai Phoenix Parents' Association, Madurai
- + Malarvanam Charitable Trust, Thiruvallur
- + Namakkal District Physically Handicapped Welfare Association, Mohanur, Namakkal Dt.
- + PARIVAAR-NFPA
- + SAARATHY-PAMMAC, Coimbatore
- + Tamil Nadu Association for the Blind, Chennai
- + Thamirabarani Parvaiatror Nala Sangam, Tirunelveli
- + The New Life Service Centre, Hosur, Krishnagiri District
- + Vivegam Charitable Trust, Aappakoodal, Erode District



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CBM has Member Associations raising funds and awareness of disability issues in 'industrialised' countries worldwide. In lower-income regions of the world, CBM strives to build the capacity of partner organisations. This is all done following proven core values and with more than 100 years of experience in the field of disability.



Sightsavers works to combat blindness in developing countries, restoring sight through specialist treatment and eye care. Also support people who are irreversibly blind by providing education, counselling and training. Help the people who need it most - those living in poverty in some of the world's poorest countries.

It is for us to pray not for tasks equal to our powers, but for powers equal to our tasks, to go forward with a great desire forever beating at the door of our hearts as we travel toward our distant goal.

- *Helen Keller*

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