**“Find a way or make a way”**

**SAMUGAM (Social Awareness for Mutual Upliftment through Guidance and Motivation)** is a registered NGO under Indian Trust Act, established in 1991. It is committed to the rehabilitation of leprosy patients, the education of the underprivileged children and the economic development of oppressed and marginalized communities.

**Vision:** Giving a ray of hope for the underprivileged by showing empathy and expressing solidarity towards their integrated development.

**Mission:** To provide:
- Medical, Physical, and Social rehabilitation of lepers and disabled.
- Economic development of the poor and the excluded.
- Education for the underprivileged children.
- Protection of children against child abuse and violence.
- Equal rights for the indigenous people.
- Advocacy and networking with government departments and agencies for and on behalf of the socially neglected people.

**SAMUGAM Initiatives:**
- Home for the medical rehabilitation of Leprosy patients. Equipping each family of below poverty line with two goats for income generation.
- Gypsy, Tribal and Dalit communities’ welfare and development.
- Home for the distressed and abandoned children.
- Education and nutrition support for gypsy and tribal children.
- Social Enterprise for economic development of deprived women.

**Rehabilitation of disabled and leprosy persons:**
In the year 1991, Mr. C. Jesudhsan Savio the founder of SAMUGAM established a small physiotherapy centre in Pullambadi of the Trichy district to provide physiotherapy treatment for the disabled. With the support of JAL ONG Spain he then established a home for leprosy patients to provide medical treatment. The lepers were identified and given medical treatment with the support of the charity organization conducts regular medical camps and follows up treatments. At present 36 Leprosy patients live in Pullambadi home.

**Home for the distressed and abandoned children:**
Due to poverty and other economic factors destitute women are facing huge struggles to safeguard their children. Children are not taken care of and their rights are denied. Hence SAMUGAM established JALY homes in Pullambadi, Trichy and in Puducherry to meet the needs of children from gypsy, street, and poor economic backgrounds by providing protection, education and shelter. Currently 250 children are benefitted. JALY home was recognized and given license by the Department of Social Welfare, Govt. of Puducherry in the year 2016.

**Gypsy Community welfare and development:**
In order to stop the gypsy families from begging and eating from the leftover food in the garbage dump yard, SAMUGAM initiated welfare and development programs in the year 2006. Regular motivation and guidance were provided with the support of the volunteers. Regular awareness on health and hygiene are conducted for the communities. Youths were provided opportunities to work in the fields of construction, transport, and electrical. Because of the initiatives, the surrounding is clean and there are remarkable behavioral changes in the communities. Youths were provided opportunities to work in the fields of construction, transport, and electrical. Because of the initiatives, the surrounding is clean and there are remarkable behavioral changes in the communities. In order to support women with livelihood options, SAMUGAM organized tailoring courses with free tailoring machines and free transportation for the duration of the course. With the help of the donors, SAMUGAM provided auto rickshaws for daily and emergency needs. A Multipurpose community hall
was constructed for the common benefit of the community members. SAMUGAM initiated income generation programs for promoting self-employment and small enterprise activities. Men and Women from BPL and gypsy families are provided with goats, and financial assistance to set up small enterprises for their economic development.

SAMUPLAN: SAMUPLAN was started with an objective to support the nutritional and educational needs of the gypsy and tribal children residing in Narikuravar colony, one of the isolated and untouched areas in Puducherry. A crèche was established in the community to engage children below 6 years old and were given nutritious meal and for the children above 6 years old, breakfast and transportation facility is provided to drop them at nearby schools. The main objective of this program is to achieve 100% literacy among children of the gypsy and tribal communities. At present there are 20 children and 69 children regular at crèche and schools respectively.

Social Enterprise for Economic Empowerment of women:
With an objective to provide long term sustainable livelihood for gypsy women, SAMUGAM initiated “Sewing the Seeds” program and established a centre with adequate infrastructure facilities like tailoring and screen printing machines to produce environmentally friendly products like bags, purses, pillow covers, beaded necklaces, and more. The women from the gypsy communities are engaged in the making of eco friendly products. The design and the impressions are made from recycled materials. The products are sold internationally and the income earned is used for the welfare and the development of gypsy and tribal communities.

Join us to support our initiative towards transforming indigenous communities

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