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Message from Managing Trustee

SAMUGAM continues to cater to the need of disadvantaged children, gypsy and tribal communities, and other vulnerable communities during disasters. During this year 2024-25 SAMUGAM was honored during the 8th Edition of Alert Being Awards, Chennai and Best social change maker award from CLB Trust Melmaruvathur) Aathiparasakthi Foundation. One of the female staff of SAMUGAM received best female social worker award by Puduvai Tamizh Sangam. Our children namely Sharmila completed her certificate course in ANM, another child namely Kushpoo was awarded Crown Young Indian Award and was facilitated in Women Day program organised by EATON.

During this year, several BPL and low income families were affected due to cyclone and flood in the month of December 2024. SAMUGAM with the support from donors was able to reach them and provide relief materials.

SAMUGAM after signing MoU with Kynarou France, established community toilets and water purification plant in Karumbusalaiyur village of Salem district of Tamil Nadu.

SAMUGAM express its gratitude to the District Child Protection Unit and District Collectorate, Ariyalur for the continuous support and cooperation rendered to the Mother Rita boys home in Pullambadi.

SAMUGAM is always grateful to all the individual Indian and International donors for their continuous unwavering support. SAMUGAM with the support of International and Indian donors was able to continue the project interventions and meet the needs of lepers, children, women and their families for more than 33 years. I thank the entire international fraternities who supported SAMUGAM generously. I always remain grateful for all the volunteers who helped SAMUGAM to reach international communities. I also extend my thanks for the cooperation and support of SAMUGAM board, and our auditing firm, for enabling us in ensuring transparency and accountability. Lastly, I recollect and thank the tireless efforts of staff members who helped me in their best possible ways.

Hence, with immense pleasure and deep gratitude I present the Annual report for the year 2024-2025 and thank everyone who has helped SAMUGAM to work better and create impact in the lives of the disadvantaged children and families.

J. Bruno
Managing Trustee - SAMUGAM Trust

1. Introduction:

SAMUGAM (Social Awareness for Mutual Upliftment through Guidance and Motivation) is a registered NGO under Indian Tru4st 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.

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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 Interventions: -

- ❖ 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.

SAMUGAM reach out:

Sl.No.	Program	Beneficiaries
1	JALY HOME for BOYS (Puducherry)	25
2	Mother Rita Boys Hostel (Pullambadi of Trichy District)	73
3	JALY HOME for GIRLS Puducherry	75
4	SAMUPLAN (Nutrition and education support for gypsy and tribal children)	15
5	SEWING The SEEDS	10
6	GYPSY and TRIBAL welfare development	80
7	LEPROSY REHABILITATION	25

2. Milestone

- 1991- SAMUGAM was registered under Indian Trust Act
- Physiotherapy centre for the disabled in Pullambadi
- Rehabilitation of leprosy persons in Pullamabadi
- Home for the leprosy persons in Pullambadi
- JALLY Home for boys in Pullambadi
- Economic assistance through Goat revolving programme in Pullambadi
- 2006- Gypsy community level intervention in Puducherry/ establishment of day centre for children
- 2008- Separate home for boys and girls established in a rental building
- 2013- JALY Home for girls functioning in own building
- 2014 – SAMUPLAN program launch
- 2015- Expansion of JALY Home for girls
- 2016- JALY Homes recognized and licensed by Govt. of Puducherry
- 2019- Receipt of Bal Kalyan Puraskar Award (National award for best institution for child welfare)
- 2019- establishment of Sewing the seed project unit in a separate own building annexed to JALLY Home for girls
- 2023- Construction of own building for the boys of JALLY Home.
- 2023- Signing of MoU with Kynaruo, France

3. Programme Intervention in detail:

3.1 Distribution of relief materials to Flood affected communities in Pondicherry and Tamil Nadu

During the month of December 2024, Pondicherry was affected due to cyclone followed by heavy rain and flood. SAMUGAM with the support of International and Indian Donors supported the flood affected families. Provisions for affected families, stationaries for school going children were given stationaries and school bag. More than 200 families hailing from Narikurava community, Differently abled, family belonging to below poverty line and low income groups were supported during the relief distribution.



3.2 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. Children living in thatched house in Narikuravar settlements are provided educational, shelter services with nutritious support.



3.3 Rehabilitation of persons affected by Leprosy:

Medical camp for lepers is being organized every year with the support of Rising Star Private Ltd., charity organization. Regular medical camps and follows up treatments are conducted in the Mother Rita Home, Pullambadi. SAMUGAM continues to render the medical and rehabilitation services to leprosy patients. During this year, International Researchers like Ms. Gordon Cole-Schmidt from United Kingdom and Ms. Miri from Germany participated in the medical camp.



Distribution of clothing materials to the persons affected by Leprosy during the medical camps organized in Mother Rita Home, Pullambadi.



Persons affected by Leprosy receiving Xmas gifts from Mr. Jan Colruyt.



3.4 Important events and activities:

In the month of April 2024, EATON company as a part of their Corporate Social Responsibility celebrated the joy of giving day in JALLY Home. Children were provided gifts by the employees of the company.



Children of Jally Home were taken to excursion with the support of volunteers Marc De Lauzanne and Anna family from France.



International Conference:

In the month of May 2024, Cork University organised Two days International conference ASEM lifelong learning in which SAMUGAM Trust NGO was invited. The Managing Trustee represented the SAMUGAM Trust in the conference.



In the month of June 2024, the Managing Trustee, was invited as a Delegate in Work Tamil Economic Future Conference in Davos Switzerland



Exhibition in JALLY Clothing Studio:

On June 2024, JALLY Clothing Studio organised a mega exhibition on fashion design. The products displayed during the exhibition were made by upcycling of used products.



SAMUGAM Trust Managing Trustee was felicitated with Best social change maker award from CLB Trust (Melmaruvathur) the Aathiparasakthi Foundation. SAMUGAM expresses its heartfelt gratitude to Tr Gayathri Srikanth for referring us.



Excursion to Crocodile Park:

JALLY home children had the great opportunity to visit the Crocodile park in ECR and explored the tourist place of Mahaballipuram with the support of International volunteers Marc De Lauzanne and Anna



Children of JALLY Home bidding farewell to International Volunteer



Drawing competition on account of Independence day celebration in Pondicherry Airport:

On Account of Independence day, drawing competition was organised in Pondicherry Airport by Indian Coastguard. Children of Jally home participated in Drawing competition and displayed their artistic skills



Children of JALLY Home reading the comic book “Adventures of Tin Tin ” in Tamil Language gifted by Ananda vzw Aalts Belgium



During the month of August 2024, International supporters and donors visited the project of SAMUGAM Trust and interacted with the beneficiaries.



On September 17, Ananda vzw celebrated its 30th anniversary by thanking the city council members of Aalst for their years of support. To honor this milestone, Ananda presented a symbolic gift: a handmade tote bag from JALLY Clothing Studio India, filled with information about the organization and its achievements.



Educational Tour by Children of JALLY home:

In the month of October 2024, Children of JALLY Home were taken on an educational tour to Kanniyakumari and Kerala.



State level Yoga competition:

During the month of December 2024, Puducherry government organised State level Yoga competition in which children of the JALLY home namely Andrews, Santhosh, Issravel participated in the event and performed yoga.



Medical camp for the children of JALLY Home:

General and Eye Medical camp conducted with the support of Agarwal Foundation for the children of the JALLY Home in the month of December 2024. During this camp,



Xmas celebration in JALLY Home:

On 24th December, Christmas Eve was celebrated in JALLY Home. Mr. Baskaran, Superintendent of Police was invited a Chief Guest. Children were provided foods prepared on spot. SAMUGAM remain grateful to Mr. Keerthy Inspector of Police and Das for all the support and coordination.

International Conference on Lifelong learning for a sustainable future:

On 6th January 2025, Adi Shankar Institute of Engineering and Technology organised international conference with a theme “Lifelong learning for a sustainable future” in which the Managing Trustee participated in the event.

On 9th and 10th January 2025, 14th Global Summit of Tamil Entrepreneurs and Professionals was organised in Chennai. The Managing Trustee participated in the event and briefed about the initiatives of SAMUGAM Trust.

Pongal celebration in JALLY Home

Rotary Club of Pondicherry, French City organised Pongal celebration in JALLY Home.



Meeting with Transgender and Narikuravar Community:

Researchers Gordon Cole-Schmidt from United Kingdom and Miri from Germany visited different Transgender communities in Pondicherry. During the meeting, the researchers interacted with Director, SAGODHARAN and Transgender community to understand their challenges faced by them at the community level. SAMUGAM Trust facilitated the meeting with the Transgenders.



3.5 Inauguration of Water Purification plant and Community Toilet under Suttham Project:

On 10th February 2025, SAMUGAM in partnership with Kynarou ong initiated Suttham(Sanitation) Project in Karumbusalaiyur village of Salem district of Tamilnadu. Community toilets and water purification plant was constructed for the community. During the inauguration program, Mr.George Director Kynarou, India was present.



4. Accomplishments:

During the month of February 2025, the 8th Edition of Alert Being Awards was organised to honour humanity and Good Samaritans. During this year edition, SAMUGAM Trust received the award from the hands of Thiru. Ma. Subramanian, Hon'ble Health Minister Tamil Nadu.



On account of Women's day celebrations, one of the dedicated staff of SAMUGAM received best social worker award from Thiru. Muthu, President of Pudukkottai Tamil Sangam. The event was organised by kalam Vithaigalin Virutcham Mr. Raja King and his team.



Sharmila, who was one of the resident of JALLY Home, has successfully completed her certificate course in ANM.

Kushpoo, one of the girl from Narikurva community who was provided care and support services in JALLY Home was honored with Crown Young Indian Award for her best achievement in continuing her higher education. SAMUGAM thanks Dr. Arunkumar Nagalingam and his family for supporting her education.



EATON company in Puducherry Honouring Kuspoo during women's day event



5. Acknowledgements:

International and Indian Donors and organisation:

- Scheut, Belgium
- SAMUGAM Belgium
- Associate Connect destiny, Spain
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- Kynarou, France
- Gayle Factor, Australia
- Andrews, France
- Jan, Belgium

Corporates/ Foundation

- Ram Silks, Pondicherry
- Dana Foundation, France
- EATON, Puducherry

Central and State Government

- Ministry of Women and child Development
- Department Women and child Development, Puducherry