Social Outreach Activity organized by The Department of MCA

Date: 3rdJune 2025

Venue: Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled

Brief Description of the Event

Introduction

The Department of MCA conducted a social outreach activity at Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled as part of its community engagement initiative. The purpose of this outreach was to foster a sense of empathy and social responsibility among students by actively engaging with differently-abled communities.

Engaging with individuals with disabilities not only helps in building an inclusive society but also broadens students' perspectives on the role of technology and compassion in overcoming barriers. It was an opportunity to experience firsthand the resilience and capabilities of those who face daily physical challenges.

Samarthanam Trust, located in HSR Layout, Bengaluru, is a reputed Trust that supports visually impaired, physically challenged, and socio-economically marginalized individuals. The trust runs inclusive Education programs and promotes independent living through skill development and technology access.

Objectives of the Visit

The outreach activity aimed to achieve the following goals

- Social Objectives: Foster inclusiveness, empathy, and respect for the differently-abled.
- Educational Objectives: Support learning activities through Storytelling, Basic Education, and Digital Exposure.
- Emotional Objectives: Encourage confidence and motivation among students at the trust through meaningful interactions.

Expected Outcomes:

- Strengthened students' understanding of social responsibility.
- Enhanced engagement and motivation for the children at the Trust.
- Identification of opportunities for future collaborations and continued moral support.

Details of the Institution Visited

- Name: Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled
- Location: CA: 39, 16th Main Road, 15th Cross Rd, Sector 4, HSR Layout, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560102
- Type of Disabilities Catered To: Visual impairment, physical disabilities, and speech/hearing challenges.
- Number of Beneficiaries: Approximately 80 students

Activities Conducted

The following activities were conducted during the outreach program

- Teaching Support: Volunteers conducted Storytelling sessions, taught basic concepts, and demonstrated simple Sign Language gestures to promote inclusive communication.
- Recreational Programs: Students organized Music, Dance, and interactive games tailored to the abilities of the participants.
- Interaction and Motivation: One-on-one and group interactions allowed MCA students to share inspiring stories and encourage the children to pursue their aspirations with confidence.

Student Participation

- Students were divided into different teams to efficiently manage and execute the program:
 - Teaching Team: Conducted learning sessions and Storytelling.
 - Games Team: Organized fun activities and performances.
- Coordination with the staff at Samarthanam was seamless, ensuring a smooth flow of the schedule and engagement with the students.

Outcomes and Impact

- Response from the Trust: The staff and students at Samarthanam expressed deep appreciation for the visit. The interactive and recreational sessions brought smiles and enthusiasm.
- Volunteer Reflections: Many students found the visit emotionally rewarding and expressed a renewed appreciation for life and inclusive values.
- Observed Impact: The children at the trust showed active participation and eagerness to learn and engage, especially during storytelling and game sessions.

Conclusion

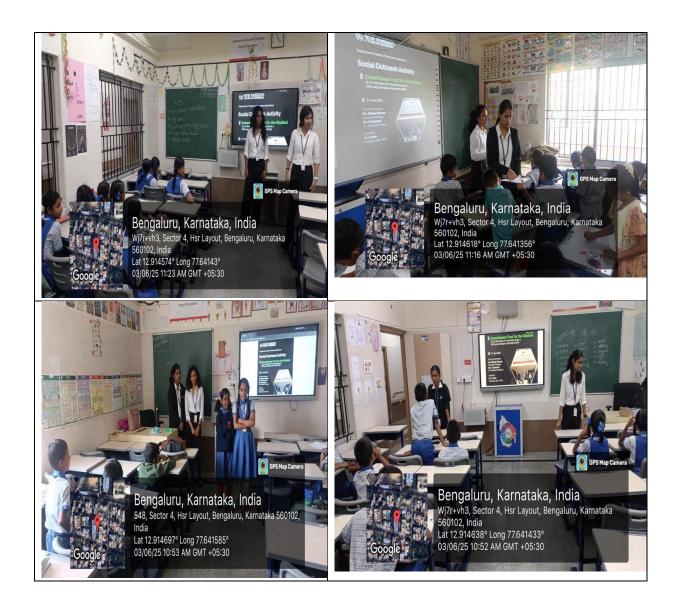
The outreach activity at Samarthanam Trust was a meaningful and impactful experience for both the volunteers and the beneficiaries. It helped the MCA students understand the importance of inclusivity, compassion, and the potential role of Technology in supporting differently abled individuals.

Personal Learning: Students reported improved interpersonal skills, emotional intelligence, and a sense of gratitude.

Future Commitment: The Department intends to continue such outreach efforts, including potential workshops on assistive technology and sustained volunteering partnerships with organizations like Samarthanam.

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