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Note from Executive desk

Namasthe,

It is truly a pleasure to bring this annual report of SAKSHAMA activities to you. As per the 2011 census, Karnataka has around 13,00,062 disabled population. The sector facing several burning challenges like, social, educational, livelihood, health, cultural, accessibility, sports and recreation. The conditions of persons with disabilities in Urban, semi-urban and rural areas are more complex in nature. Among this, rural and urban slums are more vulnerable. To mitigate the challenges, we are approaching the sector in three dimensions- Organizing the sector in CBR module, Constructive projects and Advocacy (legal and social).

In this year we have progressed as per our plans and strategy, and are also able to penetrate into neighboring districts and taluks with our limited resources. We also collaborated, coordinated and co-operated with other stakeholders, including NGOs, local authorities, and state government. Avenues of volunteer engagements and public participations were opened at different level.

Though the accomplishments of the year are inspiring, we are aware that our final destination is far ahead where we need to reach the remote hearts and corners of our society. With stronger determination and devotion, we are confident to bring inclusive Karnataka in envisioning **SAKSHAMA BHARATHA.**

About SAKSHAMA

SAKSHAMA is a national organization dedicated for all-round development of persons with disability (specially abled), emphasizing on women, children and severe disables. SAKSHAMA represents a national and universal cause of creating conducive educational, economic, social, cultural, spiritual environment and opportunities for persons with disability (specially abled) to realize their complete potential and contribute in national development, while leading a life of self-respect and dignity.

Disability sector was driven by unscientific notions of mere sympathy and charity, and also was deficient of quality infrastructure and state-of-the-art technology. Isolated and individual approaches have complicated issues of the sector rather than giving pragmatic and practical solutions. SAKSHAMA Karnataka south chapter started in June 2010 and striving for the cause of integration of the marginalized specially abled section of our society. SAKSHAMA aims to build an inclusive Karnataka by introducing the culture of collaboration, Cooperation and coordination in the disability sector, while ensuring involvement of the stakeholders, especially government agencies with strong advocacy for policy implementation.

Vision: Empowering persons with disability (specially abled) to become self-reliant citizens and enable them to become partners of national development.

Mission: Building inclusive society by ensuring public participation, engaging volunteers, NGOs and DPOs to realize the dream of All round development of persons with disability (specially abled).

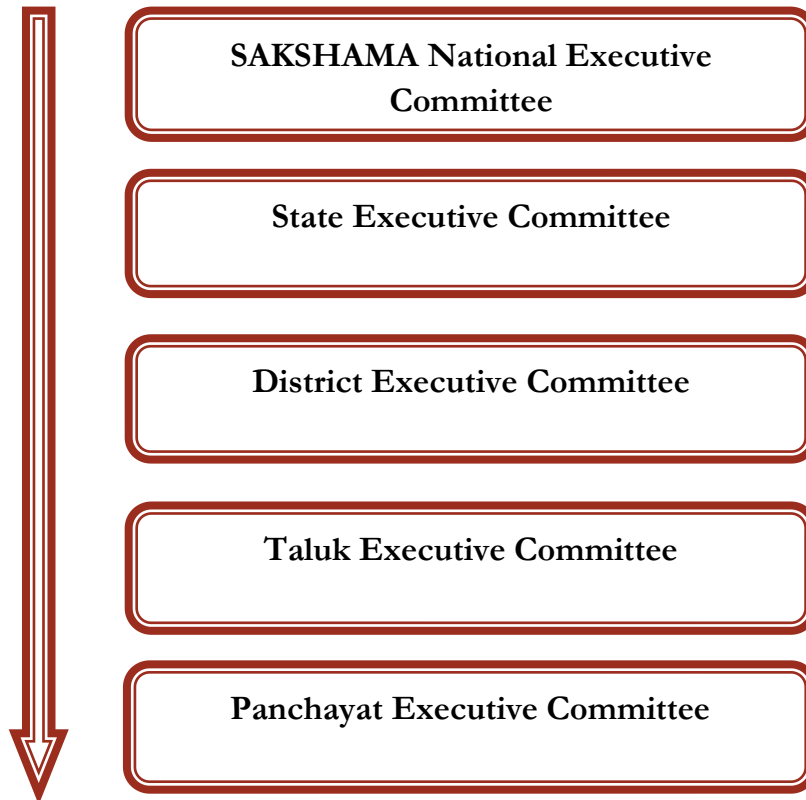
National Executive Committee

- ☆ Sri Damodar Ganesh Bapat
Chhattisgarh, Patron.
- ☆ Dr Milind Kasbekar
Maharashtra, President.
- ☆ Sri Kashinath Lakkaraju
Andhra, Vice President.
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Delhi, General Secretary.
- ☆ Sri Gangadharan
Kerala, Secretary.
- ☆ Dr Kamlesh Kumar
UP, Organizing Secretary.
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State Executive Committee

- ☆ Sri Sadashiva – Palaka
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SAKSHAMA Organization Structure



Volunteering Models

SAKSHAMA Karnataka has designed several volunteering models to enable and engage individuals in realizing SAKSHAMA’s dream of empowering persons with disabilities to become self-reliant and self-sustaining citizens to enable them to contribute in national development. Currently following models are in place.



- **Weekend volunteering:** Teaching, need base engagement, audio book creation etc.
- **One time volunteering:** Scribe, Reader, Escorting etc.
- **Event volunteering:** Volunteering during events, volunteering in collaborative organization.
- **Technical volunteering:** Web content preparation, Research and development, Multi-media module preparation, web campaign management, audio file segregation etc.
- **Backend volunteering:** Documentation support, Data management etc.
- **Professional volunteering:** Legal assistance, Medical services, Technical solutions, Fund management, Event management, Fundamental research etc.

Overview of year 2014-15

The year that went by saw a huge number of activities carried out throughout the year across different segments and places. Here is brief list of the activities that were carried out this year.

April 2014

- Membership drive – Around 250 members were registered throughout Karnataka south.
- Inclusive summer camp – *Samskara Prabhodana Shibira* held at Vijayapura, 44 students including 10 specially abled participated.

May 2014

- Sri. Santha Sooradasa Jayanthi celebrated in Bengaluru, Bengaluru rural and Chithradurga districts. 132 members participated in these events.
- Workshop on “Rights of Persons with Disability Bill 2014” held at Tumakuru. 47 delegates participated in the event.

June 2014

- School kit distribution programs organized in Chithradurga, Tumakuru and Bengaluru Rural districts. 650 kits were distributed.
- ABRAR device distribution - ABRAR distributed to 22 visually challenged beneficiaries.
- Audio book creation and compilation workshop held at Yadava Smruti, Bengaluru. 10 engineering volunteers participated.



ABRAR audio book creation and compilation technical workshop held at Yadava Smruti, Bengaluru.



- Celebrated World Environment Day
- Celebrated SAKSHAMA Sthapana Divas.
- Celebrated Helen Keller Day.



Joint celebration of World Environment day, SAKSHAMA sthapana divas and Helen Keller Jayanti at Yadava Smruti, Bengaluru.



- SAKSHAMA Vijayapura unit celebrated Vishwa Parisara Dina, SAKSHAMA Sthapana Divas and Helen Keller Jayanti on 27th June 2014.
 - School children, councilors and general public participated.
 - Tree planting by an intellectually challenged kid, special sessions by eminent scholars on environment were the uniqueness.



Celebration of World Environment day, SAKSHAMA Sthapana Divas and Helen Keller Jayanti at Vijayapura, Bengaluru Rural.



July 2014

- Rakshabhandana program celebrated at various parts of Karnataka, where thousands of members and well-wishers participated.



Rakshabhandan celebration at Sahana Charitable Trust, RPC Layout, Bengaluru.



- Book distribution to 200 specially abled students at Challakere on 26th July.



Book Distribution to 200 challenged students at Challakere on 26th July.



- Skill development center inaugurated at Challakere on 26th July - inaugurated by District Disable Welfare officer, Sri Thirumaliah.



Skill development center inauguration at Challakere.



Aug 2014

- SAKSHAMA Vijayapura unit celebrated Independence Day.

Independence Day celebration at Vijayapura, by SAKSHAMA Bengaluru Rural unit.



- Eye donation fortnight programs conducted at different parts of the State.
- Ganesha festival celebrated at Vijayapura with Bhagiratha Ganapathi concept who brought river Ganga from heaven.
- SAKSHAMA participated in Samartha Bharata; mega event of social volunteer engagement held on Aug 23-24, 2014.



SAKSHAMA represented in SAMARtha BHARATHA event.

September 2014

- Audio Book CD release by Sri. Chandrashekar Kakal, COO - L&T InfoTech.
- 1Step team at L&T InfoTech creating audio books for visually challenged students in collaboration with SAKSHAMA.
- Audio book CDs are formally released on 12th Sep, 2014, Friday at Executive Block, L&T InfoTech, Whitefield, Bengaluru.



Audio Book CD release by Sri Chandrashekar Kakal, COO - L&T InfoTech.



- SAKSHAMA conducted Blind fold walk program to create awareness on eye donation at L&T InfoTech, Whitefield office. 150 employees participated.



Blind fold walk program to create awareness on eye donation at L&T InfoTech, Whitefield office.



October 2014

- Online campaign and pamphlet campaign conducted to create awareness on safe and eco-friendly Diwali.

November 2014

- SAKSHAMA Karnataka South Chapter represented in National Convention held at Jabalpur on November 7 to 9th, where 1,000 delegates from across the country joined for the cause of SAKSHAMA Bharatha.

December 2014

- SAKSHAMA Karnataka North Chapter launched on December 7th at Dharavada.



SAKSHAMA Karnataka North Chapter inaugurated on December 7th at Dharavada.



- Celebrated World disabled day.
- Celebrated Sri Yadava Rao Joshi's birth centenary.
- Celebrated Sri Puttaraja Gawayi's birth centenary.
 - SAKSHAMA Karnataka organized Birth centenary celebrations of Gaana Yogi Sri. Pandith Puttaraja Gawayi and Sri. Yadava Rao Joshi along with World Disable's day on Dec 21st, 2014, 10.30AM at Sheshadripuram college auditorium, Bengaluru. Program was inaugurated by lighting lamp by Smt. N. Shanthakumari, Mayor, BBMP and Chief Guest. Pandith M. Venkatesh Kumar
 - On this occasion, SAKSHAMA honored international swimmer Sri. Sharath Gayakwad who excelled in spite of physical challenges. Musical drama and concert were performed by eminent artists in Post lunch session. This great event was witnessed by hundreds of participants from different districts of Karnataka including persons with disabilities.



Joint celebration of Birth centenary celebrations of Gaana yogi Sri. Pandith Puttaraja Gawayi and Sri. Yadava Rao Joshi along with World Disable's day by SAKSHAMA Karnataka at Sheshadripuram college auditorium, Bengaluru.



January 2015

- Louie Braille day.
- Braille book release.
- Bharat Maatha poojana and Swami Vivekananda Jayanti celebration.
- Launching of Braille book on Swami Vivekananda by SAKSHAMA Bengaluru unit on 24th Jan, 2015 at Karnataka Welfare Association for Blind (KWAB).



Launching of Braille book on Louis Braille day and Swami Vivekananda birth anniversary celebration event by SAKSHAMA Bengaluru unit on 24th Jan, 2015 at KWAB office, Bengaluru.



- Celebration of 152nd birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda and birth centenary of Pandit Puttaraja Gawayi by SAKSHAMA Bengaluru rural unit at Vijayapura, Bengaluru Rural Unit.



152nd Birth Anniversary of Swami Vivekananda and Birth centenary of Pandit Puttaraja Gawayi celebrations at Vijayapura, Bengaluru Rural Unit.



- 206th birth anniversary of Louie Braille and Bharat Maatha poojana celebrated by SAKSHAMA Chithradurga unit at Challakere.



Celebration of 206th birth anniversary of Louis Braille and Bharat Maatha poojan by Chithradurga SAKSHAMA unit at Challakere.



February 2015

- State orientation program: SAKSHAMA state level orientation workshop held on February 8th Sunday at Yadava Smruti, Bengaluru. More than 50 SAKSHAMA Karnataka members participated from different districts like, Mysuru, Mangaluru, Udupi, Chithradurga, Bengaluru Rural, Tumakuru, Chikkamagaluru.

SAKSHAMA state level orientation workshop held on February 8th Sunday at Yadava Smruti, Bengaluru.



- Kutumba Prabodhana and eye awareness program at Kumaraswamy layout on February 1st 2015.



SAKSHAMA Kutumba Prabodhan and eye awareness program at Kumaraswamy layout held on February 1st2015.



March 2015

- Yugadi celebration with special kids at Karnataka Welfare Association of the Blind (KWAB) Bengaluru.

Other activities

Education:

- Scribe facility for visually challenged students and examinees.
- Teaching assistance in special schools.
- Need based and financial support for special children.
- ABRAR distribution for 22 visually challenged students ranging from HSE to Graduation.

Health:

- 100 Eye donation awareness program - reached 3000 members.
- Eye screening programs at Belthangadi of Dakshina Kannada district.
- Medical counseling and support for needy people.

Economic empowerment:

- Career guidance program at Vijayapura and Challakere.
- Skill development center started at Challakere.

Social and spiritual development:

- Sri. Santha Sooradasa Bhajana programs.
- Bharath maatha puja at various locations.
- Vivekananda Jayanthi celebrations at various locations.
- Kutumba Probodhana programs.
- Swara Sakshama musical programs.

Advocacy program:

- Workshop on “Rights of Persons with Disability bill-2014” at Tumakuru.
- Helped Persons with Disability in getting funds and services from government agencies

- Efforts made to ensure expenditures of 3% budget reserved for the development of Persons with Disability at Tumakuru and Chithradurga districts.
- Advocated for the implementation of comprehensive scribe guidelines in higher secondary and university level.
- Email campaign to submit necessary amendments in “Rights of Persons with Disability Bill 2014”.

Special Events and Projects

- Audio book creation.
- Skill development centers.
- Birth centenary celebration of Sri. Pandith Puttaraja Gawayi, well-known social icon and musician of Karnataka.
- Braille book release on Swami Vivekananda.
- Months Music camp for specially abled kids at Vijayapura of Devanahalli in Bengaluru rural district.

SAKSHAMA Karnataka in Media

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ಸ್ವಾಭಿಮಾನದ ಬದುಕು ಕಟ್ಟಿದ ಗವಾಯಿ

■ ಪುಟ್ಟರಾಜ ಗವಾಯಿ, ಯಾದವ್‌ರಾವ್ ಜೋಶಿ ಜನ್ಮ ಶತಮಾನೋತ್ಸವ ಸ್ಮರಣೆ

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ಭೂಲೋಕಯು ಮುನೀಂದ್ರಿಯರು. ಭೂಲಿತ ಮತ್ತು ಸರ್ಕಾರಗಳ ಜೊತೆ ಚರ್ಚೆ ನಡೆಸಲು ಭಾರತ ಎಂದರು.

‘ಪುಟ್ಟರಾಜ ಗವಾಯಿ ಬದುಕು ಇತರರಿಗೆ ಸ್ಪೂರ್ತಿ’

ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು: ‘ಪಂಡಿತ್ ಪುಟ್ಟರಾಜ ಗವಾಯಿ ಅವರು ಒಳಗಿನ ದೃಷ್ಟಿಯಿಂದ ಬಲೇ ಸಾವಿರಾರು ಜನರಿಗೆ ಬೆಳಕನ್ನು ನೀಡಿದವರು. ಅವರ ಬದುಕು ಇತರರಿಗೆ ಸ್ಪೂರ್ತಿಯಾಗಿದೆ ಎಂದು ಮೇಯರ್ ಎನ್.ಶಾಂತಕುಮಾರಿ ಅವರು ಅಭಿಪ್ರಾಯಪಟ್ಟರು.

ಸಮದೃಷ್ಟಿ, ಕ್ರಮತಃ ವಿಶಾಸ ಮತ್ತು ಅನುಸಂಧಾನ ಮಂಡಲವು (ಸಕ್ರಮ) ನಗರದಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾನುವಾರ ಹಮ್ಮಿಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದ ಪಂಡಿತ್ ಪುಟ್ಟರಾಜ ಗವಾಯಿ ಮತ್ತು ಯಾದವ್ ರಾವ್ ಜೋಶಿ ಅವರ ಜನ್ಮ ಶತಮಾನೋತ್ಸವ ಹಾಗೂ ವಿಶ್ವ ಅಂಗವಿಕಲರ ದಿನಾಚರಣೆ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮವನ್ನು ಉದ್ಘಾಟಿಸಿ ಅವರು ಮಾತನಾಡಿದರು.

‘ಗವಾಯಿ ಅವರು ಕನ್ನಡ, ಸಂಸ್ಕೃತ ಮತ್ತು ಹಿಂದಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸುಮಾರು 80ಕ್ಕೂ ಹೆಚ್ಚು ಗ್ರಂಥಗಳನ್ನು ರಚಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಅಲ್ಲದೆ, ಸಂಗೀತ, ನಾಟಕ ಮತ್ತು ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರದಲ್ಲಿ ಅಪಾರ ಸೇವೆ ನೀಡುವ ಮೂಲಕ ನಿಸ್ವಾರ್ಥಕ್ಕೆ ಹೆಸರಾಗಿದ್ದಾರೆ’ ಎಂದು ಬಣ್ಣಿಸಿದರು.

ನಗರದಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾನುವಾರ ಪಂಡಿತ್ ಪುಟ್ಟರಾಜ ಗವಾಯಿ ಮತ್ತು ಯಾದವ್ ರಾವ್ ಜೋಶಿ ಅವರ ಜನ್ಮ ಶತಮಾನೋತ್ಸವ ಹಾಗೂ ವಿಶ್ವ ಅಂಗವಿಕಲರ ದಿನಾಚರಣೆ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮವನ್ನು ಮೇಯರ್ ಎನ್.ಶಾಂತಕುಮಾರಿ ಉದ್ಘಾಟಿಸಿದರು. ಒಂದೂವರೆ ಗಂಟೆಗಳ ಸಂಗೀತ ಗಾಯನ ಎಂ.ಬೆಂಕಟೇಶ್ ಕುಮಾರ್, ಸಂಸ್ಕೃತ ಭಾರತಿ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯ ಸಂಘಟನಾ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿ ಪ.ರಾ.ಕೃಷ್ಣಮೂರ್ತಿ ಚಿತ್ರವನ್ನಿಟ್ಟರು.

ಯಾದವ್ ರಾವ್ ಜೋಶಿ ಕುರಿತು ಮಾತನಾಡಿದ ಅವರು, ಜೋಶಿ ಅವರು 12ನೇ ವಯಸ್ಸಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಗೀತವನ್ನು ಕಲಿತು ಮಾರಿಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದರು. ಆದರೂ ಸಂಗೀತವನ್ನು ಮುಂದುವರಿಸಬೇಕೆಂದು ಸೇವೆಗಾಗಿ ತಮ್ಮ ಜೀವನವನ್ನೇ ಅರ್ಪಿಸಿ ಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದಾರೆ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದರು.

ಗವಾಯಿಗಳ 101ನೇ ಜನ್ಮದಿನಾಚರಣೆ

ವಿಕಲಚೇತನ



ಸಕ್ಕಮೆ ಸಿರುಗುಪ್ಪ ತಾಯಿರು ಘಟನೆ ಉದ್ಘಾಟನಾ ಸಮಾರಂಭ ಸ್ವಾಗತ - ಸುಸ್ವಾಗತ

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ಸಂಗೀತ, ಉಪನ್ಯಾಸ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮ ನಡೆಯಿತು. ರಾಜ್ಯ ಮಟ್ಟದ ದಕ್ಷಿಣ ವಿಭಾಗದ ಪ್ರಧಾನ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿ ರಾ.ವಿನೋದ ಪ್ರಕಾಶ್ ಮಾತನಾಡಿದರು. ಸಕ್ಕಮೆ ತಂದರಿಂದ ವಿಕಲಚೇತನ ಕಲಾವಿದರನ್ನು ಗುರುತಿಸಿ ಅವರಿಗೆ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮಗಳನ್ನು ಆಯೋಜನೆ ಮಾಡಿ ಗೌರವಧನ ಒದಗಿಸಲಾಗುತ್ತದೆ. ನೇತ್ರದಾನದ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಜಾಥಾ ಆಂದೋಲನಗಳ ಮೂಲಕ ಜಾಗೃತಿ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮ ನಡೆಸಲಾಗುತ್ತದೆ ಎಂದರು. ಸಿರುಗುಪ್ಪದ ಗುರುಬವ ಮಠದ ಬಸವಧೂಪಣಿ ಸ್ವಾಮೀಜಿ, ಅಖಿಲಭಾರತ ವೀರಶೈವ ಮಹಾಸಭಾದ ಪಾಲಗುಡು ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷ ಡಿ.ಆರ್.ಚನ್ನಪ್ಪನವನಗೌಡ, ನಾಗರಸಭೆ ಸದಸ್ಯ ವೆಂಕಟರಾಮರೆಡ್ಡಿ ಮಾತನಾಡಿದರು. ಅಂಧ ಕಲಾವಿದ ರಾಜಮಹಮ್ಮದ್ ಕೆರೆಟ್ಟ ಮತ್ತು ಸುಸ್ವಾಗತ ಕಲಾಕಂಡೆ ಪಾಗೂ ಚಿದಾನಂದ ಗವಾಯಿಗಳು ನಡವಿತ್ತೊಟ್ಟ ಸಂಗೀತ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮ ಮನಸೂರೆ ಗೊಂಡಿತು. ಇದೇ ವೇಳೆ ಬೆಳ್ಳಾ ಸಕ್ಕಮೆ ಸಂಯೋಜಕರಾಗಿ ಪಿ.ವಿ. ನಾಗರಾಜರನ್ನು ಆಯ್ಕೆ ಮಾಡಲಾಯಿತು.