

MONTHLY REPORT- MAY

ADVOCACY



Sarthak Educational Trust

Sarthak Advocacy Program - Awareness initiatives for persons with Disability

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Advocacy for Sarthak means to take action to create change. Advocacy has been described as "speaking truth to power". The perennial struggle of the rights of people with disability, including the right to have access to public resources, right to education, right to be employed, and other community support services necessary to support living an independent, unsegregated life is advocated through advocacy programs of Sarthak.

The primary focus of Sarthak's awareness & advocacy initiative is to create opportunities for a life of equality and dignity for Persons with Disability and their families through holistic approach by providing Medical Rehabilitation, Inclusive Education, Skill Development Training & Sustainable Employment and Advocacy to those in need.

Sarthak Educational Trust takes pride in mentioning that more than 2000+ corporate houses have been sensitized and converted into the prospective hiring partners of persons with disability.



May Advocacy Activity Overview-

Effort to make Inspiring success story reach every Person with disability through Social Media

Irfan's story- Disability is a matter of perception. If you can do just one thing well, you're needed by someone."

Irfan hails from well-off family of West Bengal. In spite of disability from birth, Irfan's parents inspired him to work hard over skills and think beyond all the limitations he has. As a bright student

and a self-motivated individual, it was not acceptable for Irfan to sit idle. He cracked IT & Completed his M.Tech in IIT Kharagpur & enrolled in the training program at Sarthak.

Continuous interaction during training helped trainers to understand his caliber & he was offered a job as the Campus Connect Coordinator. Irfan's life is an example of a person who knows how to fight, succeed and achieve in life. A true warrior is the one who reaches the destination. Irfan now tries to reach out to such PwDs so that Team Sarthak can get them placed after training them so that they can mint a good income per month.



Amit's story- With the high education costs, it becomes challenging for weaker sections of society to access quality education, employment opportunities at the same time. Belonging to an economically disadvantaged family, Amit comes from Kolkata. His father, the family's sole bread earner and so, it was difficult for the family to fulfill their daily requirements. But Amit's mother became his motivation and driving force to complete his degree and never compelled to drop his education in between.

After his studies he was in search of job but didn't find any. That was when, He got a call from Sarthak who counselled him and made him aware of Sarthak and its work. He visited Sarthak and registered himself. He started taking 3 months Skill Development Training in which he learnt soft skills, Basic English and also about IT sector. He was very attentive in the class and he shared that all his family members gave him compliments that is going good just with the help of Sarthak.After 3 Months training Amit got placed at Grasim Industries Ltd. as Engineer and he is earning 22,000/- per month.

He is very thankful to Sarthak for giving him training and providing him job opportunity for his survival and helping him to be independent & giving him a life turning point by offering good job.

Celebration of Important days with Experts and PwDs.





Mother's Day Special discussion with Early Intervention experts & mothers of Children with special needs.





Global Accessibility Awareness Day Panel discussion with experts on 19th May.

Sarthak Participated in TCSW 10K Race for PwDs

Sarthak Educational Trust officially partnered with **Procam International** as a **CwD** (*Champions with Disability*) **Facilitator** for the 10k race slated on **May 15, 2022** in **Bangalore**.

Sarthak outreached 50+ NGOs and 250+ PwDs to participate in the race. Also, various Sarthak corporate partners came forward to run as buddies with PwD candidates.





Allied Activities at Sarthak

Sarthak believes in the holistic development, therefore conducts allied activities namely guest lectures, alumni meet, exposure visits and parent interactions. Here are glimpses of the online allied activities.





Connect with Us

At Sarthak, we aim to bring about a revolution in terms of how the world looks at the concept of equality and inclusivity. We aim to aid those that have been deprived due to one or other disabilities and help them live a life of dignity and grace. To fulfill this aim, we need to meet special needs and requirements of people with special abilities. We need to design and work out special programs for like skill development and future employment of those who need it.

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