

SAMRIDHDHI TIMES

ANNUAL REPORT (2018-19)

BREAKING NEWS

Samridhdhi Breaks Barriers



At the behest of Samridhdhi, considering the substantial migrant population in the locality, the Education Department sanctions English medium sections for class I-VI at GHPS, Ramagondonahalli.

Department of Public Instructions, Sarva Sikshya Abhiyan, Whitefield Ready, Teach For India and Samridhdhi Trust, combined their efforts to create an English Medium section to each of grades- I, III, IV and VI in Government Higher primary school, Ramagondonahalli, Block South 4 starting from 2019-2020. This move, presumably has the potential to become an unprecedented game changer in the education scenario in the coming years.

Dr. Reju, the SSA Date Project Director, principally agreed to this move, as there are a large number of migrants from other states in Whitefield Area. Apart from above, SSA and DPI, specifically the Office of BEO, South 4 have been a strong support to the Bridge Projects of Samridhdhi.

SAMRIDHDHI JOINS HANDS

Throughout the year, Samridhdhi has paired up with various NGOs and governments and hosted various projects to help children. Every year, the **Department of Public Instructions** funds the out of school children through its program of 6NRST, as per guidelines of MHRD (Ministry of Human Resource Development). Some of the top ones are, **Bembala**- Creating awareness and taking action against violence towards women and children. **Chippersage**- Digital Financial Literacy Program called "Artha".



IMA- Reviving Traditional Games among children and staff team.

Involve- Senior kids are trained to teach junior kids.

NeedBase India- Shelter Homes.

OASIS- Life skill Camp, Santosh Charities.

Satvas- Dance Club.

Selco Foundations- Constructing portable rooms.

Soroptimist- Collection of grains by school children.

Thinktaclab- Science Club.

Walnut Solutions- Quiz Club.

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TOP STORIES

Samridhdhi students record 100% results in II PU

Our toppers:



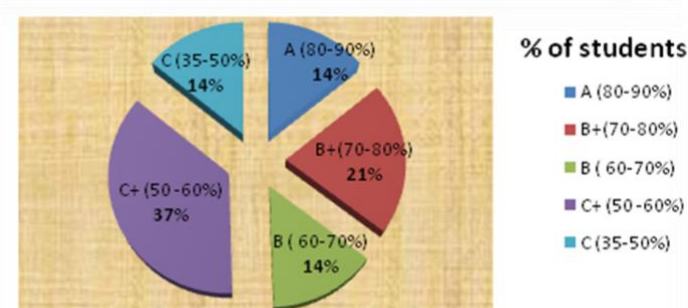
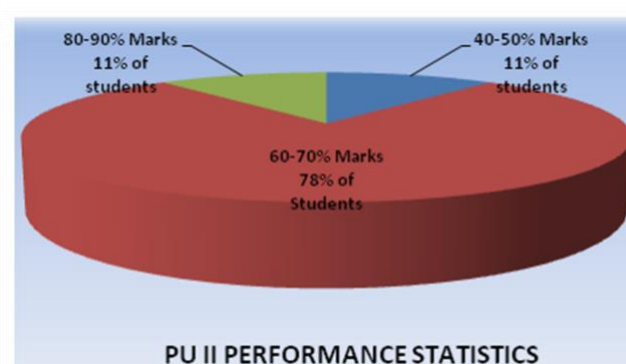
Rani Baug (89%) Madhu (70%) Pooja (88%) Mamtha R (87%) Nitesh (79%) Neha (76%) Payal (70%)

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Christ, BL CRS, Noida Brilliant, BL Brilliant, BL Brilliant, BL CRS, Noida Modern, BL

It is truly a glorious win for the students, their families, as well as Samridhdhi Trust itself. The students scored good results in the II PU board exams.

With Rani Baug as topper from Christ College evening batch, Bangalore, scoring an 89% and Pooja Guptha from Brilliant School, Bangalore scoring an 88% in the SSLC exams.



The other stars of Samridhdhi include Madhu Kumari from CRS Girl, Bangalore scoring a 70% in her II PU board exams, Mamtha R, from Brilliant School scoring an 87% in her SSLC exams and Neha

scoring a 76% in her SSLC exams, Payal Sardar from Modern School scoring 70% and Nitesh scoring 79%. We would sincerely like to congratulate these students on their hard-work over the years as well as the faculty of Samridhdhi for guiding these students to victory.

VIEW POINT

FROM THE PARENTS' EYES

Samridhdhi Parents express
their gratitude

Samridhdhi strives to provide the children with a wholesome education system. Parents have proved this notion by providing us with their testimonials about the satisfaction and the comfort Samridhdhi has brought to them.

“I never thought that moving to Bangalore would benefit my family in such a way”, says Geetanjali, a mother of two. Her two girls are regular students in Samridhdhi’s Nallurhalli Bridge project. One of them says that she has gotten a scholarship for her outstanding performance in her class. This has boosted her enthusiasm and she is very excited to carry on her education further into the mainstream schools after the completion of the Bridge Project. Her sister, just two years younger, is eager to follow her footsteps.

“The condition in my family was very bad when we initially reached here”, Geetanjali continues “my husband was involved in a very serious accident, which left me as the bread winner of the family. I was very close to giving up. Suicide was also an option that I was considering.” After narrating the tragic events that she went through, she opens up about the bright side. “Samridhdhi noticed that my children were not studying, and persuaded us to enroll them to their Bridge Project. Initially, I was against it. I needed few helping hands to keep the family going. But now, I couldn’t be happier. Samridhdhi has really helped us overcome dark times. My child is very safe in the hands of Samridhdhi, and I know that. Even if they’re coming back home in the late evening, they’re not coming back with an empty stomach. That in itself, is the biggest stress they could remove from my life.” Next, Shankar joins in. His eight-year old son is also a part of Samridhdhi’s Bridge project.

*Names have been changed for privacy reasons.



“The main reason that I relocated to Bangalore was because of the weather. Weather really helps the situation of farming, which many of us depend on. Good weather means more crops, and less damage to them. I come from West-Bengal. The weather there is not as good, it really takes a toll on my livelihood.

Samridhdhi has helped my family beyond measure. I cannot believe that my son speaks the way he does. He appears much more educated and confident than I have ever been. At his age I had never gotten the opportunity to study, let alone study in such good schools. Every time he doesn’t do his homework or is mischievous, I remind him how lucky he is. Samridhdhi has not only covered the education aspect, but the health aspect as well. I couldn’t have helped my son through the things Samridhdhi has helped him through. In fact, I go around my area, recommending Samridhdhi to people. Everyone who makes their children work, I urge them to get their children into education, especially with Samridhdhi, and see what a difference it will bring to their lives.”

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SAMRIDHDHI
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Donate to help the children

Samridhdhi has been thriving on constant financial support from corporates, funding partners and individual sponsors to offer quality education to the children. The students’ database has been growing substantially every year, creating imperative need for more sponsorships/funding.

We request the readers to donate generously to brighten the children’s futures. You may either opt to sponsor a child’s school fees which is Rs. 17500/annum or donate to your capacity towards the corpus.

Account Details for Fund Transfer
Samridhdhi Trust,
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Savings Account# 190001000001292
IFSC IOBA0001900.

Cheques can be given in favor of “Samridhdhi Trust” or contact 080 41201122 for details.

REALITY CHECK

Although Samridhdhi excels in most of its projects, they are not able to cope up with constant relocations and drop-out of its students despite tremendous efforts to retain them. For instance, Tulsi Das, an eighth-grader, who was studying under Samridhdhi, was irregular for the last six months of her time spent in Samridhdhi.

Counselling did not prove to be of much worth to this student and finally the education was disturbed due to the sudden relocation of their family. Channa Reddy studied under Samridhdhi for six years, after which he aspired to study business. He joined a business course, but was unable to cope and eventually discontinued. Then, he ventured into hotel management, which he discontinued in six months.



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He developed an interest in music and is pursuing the same alongside a degree in a local college. It has been a constant challenge for Samridhdhi to retain them in the line of education, considering their socio-economic conditions. Samridhdhi strives hard to keep them going by offering various perks and regular counselling.

Apart from this, Samridhdhi has been facing huge challenge in terms of retaining skilled manpower and recruitment of fresh talents. Going online with data management software could not be accomplished during the year.

To meet the challenges associated with the management of the growing database. JP Morgan has been developing the sales force data management system in phases, absolutely free of cost, with due consideration of our requirements. Similarly, PayPal has

come up with a user-friendly website using WordPress for Samridhdhi, free of cost. The significance of the website is that even a non-IT person can manage the content with ease. Samridhdhi takes this opportunity to thank JP Morgan and PayPal for their noble efforts.

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Sketching program in Nallurhalli Bridge Project



Mr. Salim Pasha, BEO, South 4 with Uttam Banerjee, CEO, Samridhdhi Trust

SAMRIDHDHI UP-FRONT

From the creators



Ms. Mom Banerjee, Founder.

Turtles Can Fly.

The curious anecdotes of children are the best realization of the beauty of life. Every year, Samridhdhi's Annual Day mesmerizes me and makes me fall in love with life all over again.

For children, their school gives them their first 'sense of belonging outside the umbrella of family', an identity of their own begins at school. Although we are not a school, we act as a bridge leading to one.

Unfortunately, there are many amongst the children who are still 'out of school', despite combined efforts of Government and hundreds of Non-Government initiatives for years. The curse is still looming large, but in spite of all the sweat you are willing to shed, you need resources.

Even a medium sized organization like Samridhdhi is reeling under its own creation and is in need of funds to sustain its operations in Noida and few locations of Bangalore.

The question we need to ask is, are we giving enough? In fact, are we asking enough?

Sometimes it feels like "water, water everywhere, but not a drop to drink!"



Ms. Seema Jha, Trustee.

Education is a shared commitment between dedicated teachers, motivated students and enthusiastic parents.

Today education is not only to pursue academic excellence but also to motivate and empower students to be lifelong learners, critical thinkers and productive members of an ever-changing global society.

Nine years back Samridhdhi trust pledged to give education to those kids who were not able to reach School.

In future the purpose of our lives would be to give birth to the best, which is within us.



Mr. Uttam Banerjee, CEO.

#GoodToMankind

Samridhdhi Trust is not an organization, it's an Institution for all of us.

Children, parents, staff and other partners grow in this Institution to fulfil their life dreams and we as Management, create a situation or a platform, to realize their Dreams & Soar.

Samridhdhi looks forward to a glorious future under the guidance of our founder, trustees and all well-wishers for the good of mankind.

Thank You.



Mr. Vikas Maniar, Trustee.

A significant number of children are not in schools despite their right to free and compulsory education. Even when they do join schools, they often drop out because of the lack of family support.

This is particularly the case in urban centers where a large number of poor people migrate in search of livelihoods. Samridhdhi Trust makes a significant contribution in ensuring that children from such immigrant families attend schools. The bridge schools programme of Samridhdhi Trust prepares children who have never been to school to start their schooling in age appropriate classes,

and the after-school programme ensures that they get all the support to continue their education. Today, there is an urgent need to scale up this operation to ensure that we reach out to all of these children.



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LEFT, RIGHT AND CENTER

Samridhdhi and Education

CRADLE TO EMPLOYMENT

Congrats! Barnita Mondol employed at Uniservice as BDM @ Rs.4,30284/per annum.



Montessori children in class

The Bridge Project-

To provide opportunity to out-of-school children till 14 years to get access to basic education in a multilingual and multilevel structure irrespective of age groups.

To help admit them in mainstream English medium private- schools or Government Kannada medium schools in age appropriate classes.

To monitor their studies through evening tuition and guiding them to higher studies and ultimately establish them in life in their chosen field.

On a macro note, the aim is to dent the vicious circle of poverty through education and employment.



Mainstreaming of out of school children in regular schools- After completing Bridge Schools, the Out of school children are facilitated to join Mainstream schools.



After School Programs for the mainstreamed children-

Children who get admitted to schools through lateral entry be able to cope up with the stress of structured syllabus and other expectation of school.

Holistic Development of the child and family.

Good Performance in School academic assessments and co-curricular activities.

Prevention of School Drop Outs.

HAPPY HOUR- SAMRIDHDHI EXHIBITS SPORTSMANSHIP

Face Off: BEETF Sports Day

One of the most anticipated events of the year is the BEETF sports day. The recent sports day included multiple sports games like 100 meters race, 200 meters race, long jump, etc. exclusively for boys and girls of different age groups. Activities for Montessori children were included as well, like potato race and water and cup race.



The total number of children who showed up to these events were 455, out of which 300 students belonged to Samridhdhi. The children of all the NGOs enjoyed an energetic day and won multiple prizes for their sportsmanship. NeedBase India stood second with 12 points whereas Samridhdhi Bridge Project Kasavanahalli and Gubbachi were the tied winners, with 13 points. The award for the Best March Past was awarded to Samridhdhi's Munnekolala Project and the Best

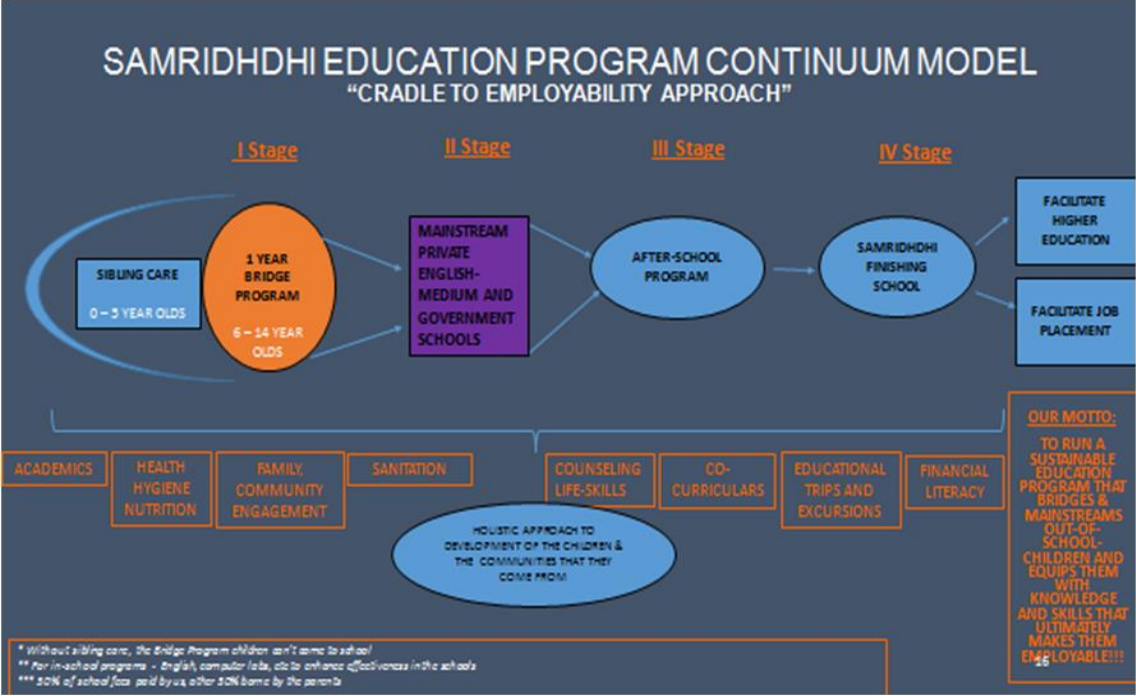
Presentation award was given to Samridhdhi's Nallurahalli Project. Best Discipline award was given to Vonisha Bridge Project and Best in Cleanliness and Fair Play award was presented to Samridhdhi's Dasarahalli Bridge Project. The Kabbadi and the Kho Kho championship awards were taken home by NeedBase India. Needless to say, the event was a grand success and the children returned home with happy faces.



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HAPPY HOUR:
FUN TIMES

All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy. Samridhdhi keeps the spirits of the children up by engaging them in various indoor-outdoor activities that challenges the child’s skills.

The children enjoyed their field trips to Bannerghatta Zoo, the museum in Bangalore and the NCR students went on a trip to Delhi.



Left: Field Trip to Museum
Right: NCR students Delhi trip.



Above: Bridge Students’ Trip to Bannerghatta Zoo



Left: Republic day celebration at NCR
Right: NCR annual day



Left: Children enjoying food at Euro School on Children’s Day
Right: Priyanka and Ritika from 6th and 4th standards getting certificates and medals for their dance performance.

X- FACTOR

Samridhdhi’s Got Talent!

Besides academics, Samridhdhi students have been consistently exhibiting their talents in various domains. At the Nallurhalli Bridge Project, we ask a group of students what they think their talents are. “I love painting” an eight year- old girl says, “I can paint all day long.” She proceeds to show us some of the sketches she has done at the back of her rough note book.

The colorful flowers and people on her notebook certainly reflect her personality. A boy of the same age tells that he loves to dance, and shows us a step or two. Soon, we are surrounded by students attempting to display their various talents at singing, dancing, drawing and writing. Samridhdhi’s definitely got that X-Factor!



Above: Sudhakar from Brilliant School, won gold medal in Karnataka Taekwondo championship



Above: Sohail from RGH. He got the golden ball at the national level. He is the best under-10 footballer across

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TRENDING AT SAMRIDHDHI

Samridhdhi Students Give Back



Above: Neha, an intern in Noida

Samridhdhi's proudest moment is when the students who have been nurtured by them, return to their roots to contribute. In the recent years, Samridhdhi students have been interning in various projects or helping in the office work.

Arnav, Vivek, Simran and Arthi worked in documentation required for auditing. Rajeshiya and Kumkum intern as teachers. Monisha is a PUC student who works as dance teacher in Samridhdhi's Bridge Projects. Besides these, the senior Samridhdhi students have also coordinated programs. Vinay, along with Manoj,

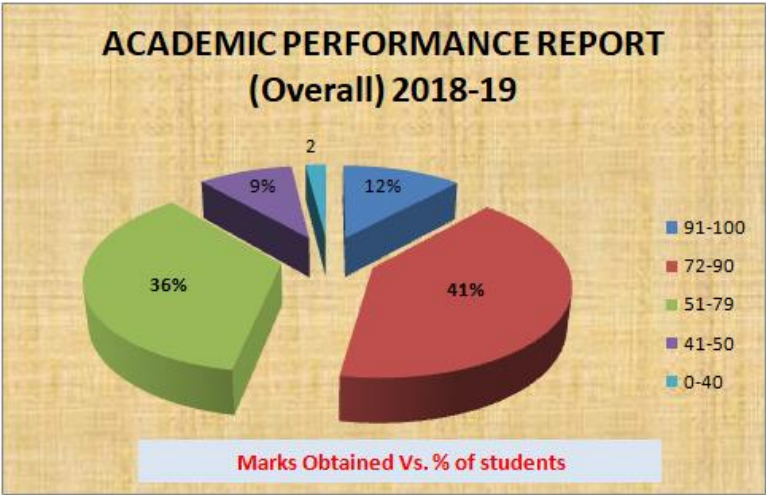


Above: Samridhdhi alumni now a dance teacher!

Nagarjun and Shiv coordinated the sports day events. Along with this, senior Samridhdhi students also help in conducting extra-curricular activities for the after-school program students.

For example, Vinay has taken on teaching Kho-Kho and Volleyball in Brilliant School and Prajval School while Rocky teaches arts and crafts in the same.

Samridhdhi Trust Rise



Samridhdhi has indeed come a long way, since it first began its course towards making a change. Similarly, the students have increasingly been getting better marks and making the organization proud. The maximum number of students fall in the 70%-90% range, which reflects the hard work put in by the team. The second highest percentage of students fall in the 50%-70% marks range.

Though only 12% of students have received marks in the 90%-100% range, it is still a tremendous achievement. We hope to see more students achieving such marks in the near future. These marks are all credited to the dedicated staff, as well as to the students who have passed with flying colors!

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Samridhdhi Trust Wallet

Samridhdhi Trust takes on children under their Bridge Educational wings absolutely free of cost. They pay 50% of the child’s school fees when they join a private mainstream school. This is achieved by means of scholarship from various corporate, individual sponsors and funding partners.

Samridhdhi aims to provide holistic development of every child learning under its wings. Samridhdhi is sharing their balance sheets and book of accounts for the assessment years 2018-19 with all their stakeholders to enable the readers to understand their work better.

SAMRIDHDHI TRUST							
Annexure forming Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2018							
SCHEDULE: FIXED ASSETS							
Particular	Gross Block				Rate	Depreciation for the Period	As on 31.3.2018
	Cost as on 1.4.2017	Additions/Deletions 1st April To 30th Sep 2017	Additions/Deletions 1st Oct To 31st March 2018	Cost as on 31.3.2018			
	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	%	Rs	Rs
Montessori Material	14,250	56,080	-	70,330	10%	7,033	63,297
Furniture	88,509	18,332	10,800	1,17,641	10%	11,224.00	1,06,417
Setting of Robotic & Science lab	73,438	-	-	73,438	15%	11,016.00	62,422
Computer & Accessories	39,483	1,02,000	-	1,41,483	40%	56,593.00	84,890
Utensils	46,108	-	-	46,108	10%	4,611.00	41,497
Printer	5,160	-	-	5,160	40%	2,064.00	3,096
Electronics	-	14,700	-	14,700	15%	2,205.00	12,495
UPS	-	51,000	-	51,000	15%	7,650.00	43,350
TOTAL	2,66,848	2,42,112	10,800	5,19,660	-	1,02,396	4,17,464

Date:22-12-2018
Place:Bangalore

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SAMRIDHDHI TRUST			
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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE (FCRA ACCOUNT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2018			
Particulars	Sch No	31-03-2018	31-03-2017
1.Income:			
FCRA Contribution Received		118,29,756	116,48,548
Interest Received from Bank		38,073	1,03,086
Interest On Income Tax Refund		-	-
Total A		118,67,829	117,52,634
2.Expenditure:			
Salaries		56,64,156	65,93,544
Food Expenses		11,26,456	13,87,983
Transportation		13,58,198	12,87,331
School Admission & Tuition Fees		9,80,247	9,41,580
Uniform Expenses		2,24,535	5,30,462
Students Welfare Expenses		1,93,505	4,01,738
Event expenses		3,94,902	3,85,449
Deloitte Impact Day Expenses		-	3,12,249
Rent		1,87,727	3,04,152
Forwarded Grant		-	2,41,375
Teacher Training Expenses		29,150	2,10,199
Printing & Stationery		36,842	1,34,652
Teaching & Learning Material		39,840	1,21,724
School Children Excursion		3,16,654	1,03,472
Depreciation		1,02,396	92,830
Repairs & Maintenance		12,736	78,279
Cleaning & Maintenance charges		36,163	67,869
Students Training Expenses		3,235	64,300
Donation Paid		-	61,830
Health Insurance		1,62,905	48,402
School Maintenance Expenses		11,205	46,344
Audit Fees		61,500	30,000
Meeting expenses		41,953	26,004
Telephone Internet Charges		5,338	16,705
Electricity charges		2,876	11,889
Accommodation Expenses		65,563	11,394
Medicine Expenses		8,894	7,685
Petty Expenses		-	4,800
Health Camp Expenses		8,537	4,450
Conveyance Expenses		-	2,790
postage and courier		-	505
Interest &Penalty on TDS		65	8
Travelling Expenses		16,086	-
Total B		110,06,684	135,32,074
Excess of Income over Expenditure		7,81,145	-
Excess of Expenditure over Income		-	-17,79,440

Date:22-12-2018
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BALANCE SHEET (FCRA ACCOUNT) AS AT 31ST MARCH 2018					
LIABILITIES	31-03-2018	31-03-2017	ASSETS	31-03-2018	31-03-2017
Capital Account			Fixed Assets:		
Corpus Fund-FCRA	1,87,247	19,66,687	Montessori Equipment	63,297	14,250
Add:Excess of Income over Expenditure	7,81,145	(17,79,440)	Computer & Accessories	84,890	39,483
	9,68,392	1,87,247	Furniture & Fixtures	1,06,417	88,509
			Rebotic and science lab	62,422	73,438
			Utensils	41,497	46,108
			UPS	43,350	-
			Electronics	12,495	-
			Printer	3,096	5,160
Current Liabilities			Current Assets		
Advance for Project expenses	7,80,910	17,51,978	Deposits	-	14,000
TDS	-	1,092	Loans & Advances	4,39,247	31,331
Provisions	3,94,250	30,000			
			Bank Accounts		
			ICICI FCRA Account	12,86,841	16,58,038
Total	21,43,552	19,70,317	Total	21,43,552	19,70,317

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS (FCRA ACCOUNT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2018			
RECEIPTS	AMOUNT	PAYMENTS	AMOUNT
Opening Balance	-	Expenses	25,232.00
Cash in Hand	-	Furniture	14,700.00
Bank Balance	16,58,038.00	Electronics	56,080.00
		Montessori Material	1,02,000.00
Incomes		Computer & Accessories	51,000.00
FCRA Contribution Received	100,77,778.00	UPS Battery	8,19,280.00
Interest Received from bank	38,073.00	Event expenses	11,08,961.00
Advance for Project Expenses	7,80,910.00	Food expenses	7,189.00
		Health camp	1,62,905.00
		Health Insurance	65.00
		Interest and penalty on tds	7,47,077.00
		Loans and advances	2,834.00
		Medical Expenses	41,953.00
		Meeting expenses	30,885.00
		Printing & Stationery	1,73,727.00
		Rent	16,887.00
		Repairs and maintenance	53,54,066.00
		Salaries	9,80,247.00
		School Admission & Tuition Fees	2,13,059.00
		School Children Excursion	7,443.00
		School Maintenance	65,563.00
		Accommodation Expenses	41,130.00
		Teaching and learning materials	24,095.00
		Training Expenses	13,08,553.00
		Transport Expenses	3,54,043.00
		Uniform expenses	16,086.00
		Travelling Expenses	11,402.00
		Students Welfare expense	31,496.00
		Cleaning & Maintenance charges	-
		Closing balance	-
		Cash in Hand	12,86,841.00
		Bank Balance	-
	125,54,799.00		125,54,799.00

Date:22-12-2018
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PRIME TIME DEBATE

Samridhdhi students fight it out!

As a classic example for Samridhdhi’s approach towards developing every child holistically, a debate event was organized to showcase and hone their communication skills. It took place on the 10th of May, 2019. Samridhdhi tied up with Bembala, a women’s organization in Bengaluru. Samridhdhi students created two groups and were given two topics to debate on. The first topic was, **Men and women are equal partners in a household.** The FOR team were swift to give their opinions on this topic.

They explained that, for a household to function and have a proper structure, men and women need to respect each other as equal partners. They pointed out that, women can do anything that the opposite gender can do, and vice versa. They added that, if men are physically capable, then women are mentally stronger. A controversial statement was also made regarding how women have a stronger capability of holding their patience, which the audience did not take to very kindly. They explained how mutual trust can save a household and stressed upon the quote, “behind every successful man is a woman.” The AGAINST team was quick to argue over these points.



Their debate started with the point that Abdul Kalam was a successful man without any woman supporting him. A debater expressed that men and women are not being seen as equals and that there are still many parts of the Indian society where it is still believed that women taking up jobs like men

will distract them from raising children and taking care of their families. They still think that this is the woman’s prime job. They also believe that taking up these jobs could interfere with a woman’s culture and traditions and could “westernize” her. The FOR team immediately asked the opposing team, “how are women losing their culture and tradition?”

To which the against team replied by saying that, many people viewed the way women wore western clothes, took up corporate jobs and spoke in a foreign tongue as loss of their culture. They also pointed out that, this outlook is outdated and should change. This ended the debate session for the first topic. The second topic was, **Our community gives equal opportunities to men and women.** The first to explain their points were the FOR team. They promptly pointed out that, women constantly stress out on the fact that they are not treated equally; but they don’t realize that they are not grabbing the prevailing opportunities. If they want something, they have to demand it. The AGAINST team immediately replied to this asking the opposing team, “how is this a free society if women have to demand for their basic rights?”

The FOR team replied to this by simply stating that, “people have to work for what they want in every case, be it man or woman.” The FOR team continued to mention that there are lots of female dominant fields and that no one is restricting women from doing anything. The AGAINST team then came forward to lay out their points. They stated that there is a huge wage gap between men and women in almost every field and that the society is accepting this as the norm. They also added, “many rules that women are urged to follow are not equal, for example, having to come home at a certain time, being expected to dress a certain way, and being expected to behave in a certain way. It is true that opportunities are meant to be grabbed but society should give both the genders equal freedom to grab them.” They concluded their arguments by saying that, until the wage gap problem is solved, India wouldn’t be viewed as a developing country. Thus, the event ended, leaving the audience with something to think about.

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IMPACT AHEAD

What does the future look like for Samridhdhi?

I have a strong feeling about the future. I see a few strategic shifts like Samridhdhi working with Government more closely in terms of mainstreaming the out of school children with stronger support within Government Schools with English medium sections to challenge the language barriers of migrant OOSC. I see Samridhdhi getting wings through its own senior students now called Samridhdhi Interns! They would pick up the relay button and pull Samridhdhi to newer heights, by knowledge recycling- for example, Samridhdhi students themselves

I see the senior children of Samridhdhi handling key functions of Samridhdhi trust after their graduation. I see more and more well- educated individuals committing themselves to offer their quality time as well as their expertise to help Samridhdhi in various domains.

-Srividhya Srinivasan

Identifying more out of school children, seniors teaching Juniors, running After School Clubs, special coaching during exams, and conducting Summer Camps. I see a clear steer with second rung of leadership taking over the reins. I see more collaboration and close quarter partnership. Basically, I see “Woh din door nehi., jab ek bhi OOSC nehi rahega” And Samridhdhi will be one of the stakeholders to the claim!!

-Mom Banerjee



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Testimonial from a Sponsor:

It is said, if you change one kid’s life, you have made a difference in the world. My family and I are convinced we did this with the help of Samridhdhi Trust. While living in India, we befriended a little girl who lived in the slums. We visited her each week, a couple of times bringing food, water, clothes, and school supplies. This went on for over a year. She became part of our family.

When we found out we were moving to the states, we were introduced to Samridhdhi Trust to help us get this girl a private education. Samridhdhi Trust explained to the family that a higher education would be beneficial to her future. Now two years later, this little girl has moved up two grades, and speaks and writes in English. She wrote us a Holiday card which was in English, thanking us for the opportunity we have given her.

Her tent is now the largest in the slum, and other kids and parents now want to get a higher education. Samridhdhi Trust puts the money that is donated straight to the tuition. My family and I do a lot of nice things as we travel the world, but by far, this has not only been the one that touched our hearts the most, but impacted more people than we will ever know. We proudly write this review knowing we changed a girl’s life for the better.

-Ms. Michelle, Savannah, Courtney, Cassidy Taylor and Mr. Shaun.

Editorial



Srividhya Srinivasan

We often hear that while giving charity, we should do so in such a way that our left hand does not know what our right hand has given. So, does that mean we are only supposed to do charity in secret? May hold good, for an individual. But in today’s world, a charity organization that thrives on donations,

which comes with huge expectations, I feel it is essential to publish the happenings (good or bad) and achievements mainly to establish the trust. Sharing them all in one forum is highly impactful than in bits and pieces. I expect this report to mirror each and every endeavor of Samridhdhi and showcase all their achievements. Eagerly looking forward to seeing the 18-19 annual report as colorful and enchanting as Samridhdhi!

Samridhdhi Trust has really opened my eyes to quite a few aspects that were not very visible to me before. I was unaware of the struggles and the hardships that these little ones had to face and are still facing in their daily lives. Interacting with them has really brought about a sense of empathy in me. I realized that these children were not much different than me. Though less privileged, they still have dreams and aspirations that I am sure they will achieve one day. Therefore, when I took over the job of writing

Samridhdhi’s annual report, I knew it would be a difficult task. I was ready to work hard to bring light upon how Samridhdhi has helped these children. I believe that education can change lives and open doors to many opportunities for everyone. I feel honored to have worked with such great minds who are working towards providing education to any out of school child they find. I hope that this report is successful in displaying the amazing things that Samridhdhi has achieved. Hence, presenting to you, SAMRIDHDHI TIMES!



Medha Goswami, Student, Christ University.

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