

SAMARTHANAM, BANGALORE



OUR WORK

Wipro Cares is supporting Samarthanam in constructing a disabled-friendly residential school at a government-allotted civic amenity site in HSR Layout, Bangalore.



IMPACT

- Inclusive education for about 600-700 underprivileged children hailing from rural Karnataka and nearby areas, many of whom will be children with special needs
- Provision for accommodation, food, vocational training courses and placement-based rehabilitation in addition to schooling facilities
- A five-storey school building which will be 100% accessible for people with disabilities, and will serve as a replicable model for disabled-friendly schools everywhere

DETAILS

Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled was established in 1997. Since then, it has been working for underprivileged persons with disability through programs for education, nutrition, livelihood, social entrepreneurship, community based rehabilitation, sports and culture.

Samarthanam has now embarked on a project to construct a disabled-friendly inclusive school, hostel and auditorium for underprivileged children with and without disability. The first phase, viz. the Hostel Block, was inaugurated in April 2015.

We have given a grant to Samarthanam to support them in constructing one floor of the School Block. The project is expected to be completed by 2017. Meanwhile, the primary school functions from a makeshift shelter on the same site. The classes for high school students are conducted in a couple of rented buildings elsewhere in the city.