



# Annual Report 2024- 25

## Saptrishi Foundation, Pune



# Preface

## Who are we

### About

Saptrishi Foundation was conceptualized after a life-changing experience of rehabilitating an orphan child with Intellectual Disability. Navigating endless paperwork, government offices, and formalities revealed a critical gap—a lack of a unified support system for Persons with Disabilities (PwDs). Drawing from expertise in both social work and the insurance sector, we set out to create solutions that simplify and support the lives of PwDs.

Saptrishi Foundation is a registered, non-profit organization set up to serve the underprivileged sections and last miles of the society. It strives to work with civil society, government, philanthropic institutions, and corporates to create an impact at a large scale.

Registered under Societies registration and Bombay Public Trust act in 2017, the organization is working towards the inclusion and rehabilitation of people living with disabilities, health and education, street children, women empowerment, and watershed development. The main aim is to empower People with Disabilities across several aspects of their life and support them to live a dignified life. In addition to this, organization is also engaged in performing dignified rituals for unknown or unclaimed human dead bodies which always face negligence.

The COVID-19 pandemic underscored the urgency of our mission. We envisioned a digital platform ensuring uninterrupted access to disability-related services—just a click away. This led to the creation of a mobile application offering hand-holding support for AADHAR enrollment, UDID cards, and government schemes, alongside organizing free treatment camps and delivering services to the grassroots.

Today, we remain committed to accessibility, inclusion, and empowerment—ensuring no one is left behind.



## **Vision**

To create a fearless, equitable and just society where poor and marginalized sections live dignified life and transform people into good citizens.

## **Mission**

To reach out to unreached, underprivileged sections of society and bring them into the mainstream by designing equitable, innovative solutions and setting up example of giving back to nature and society.

## **Testimonials**

While working in this field and helping the PwDs to find a way out of their troubles, Saptrishi Foundation has received plenty of feedback in form of appreciation and confidence expressed by the parents and the beneficiaries. A few examples are worth mentioning here. Representative quotes of some beneficiaries-

## **Feedback of the beneficiaries:**

### **A woman with a special child-**

“I came to know about Saptrishi Foundation and I came to know that they help special children. They help for getting the pension, obtaining UDID card and obtaining benefit of Niramaya Health Insurance Scheme. Then Saptrishi Foundation helped me a lot. As one of my son is young, I could not often go to offices or take him there with me.”

### **A senior citizen, PwD**

“My certificate has been issued with their cooperation. They also took efforts on my behalf to obtain financial assistance from the Municipal Corporation. Saptrishi Foundation has helped a lot for obtaining disability certificate and I have obtained this certificate with their support. Saptrishi Foundation has helped for the differently-abled (Divyang) certificate.”

## **Feedback shared by parents after camps and workshops**

Saptrishi Foundation organizes various health checkup camps and workshops for the beneficiaries. During such a workshop related to sexuality of special persons, many parents expressed their thoughts after the workshop. They stated that they had never thought this way that sexuality is there as long as one is alive and that everyone has it. They stated that they had never thought it from this perspective. They expressed their happiness after knowing ways and options to deal with this issue and means of appropriating it. This workshop was conducted by a well-known speaker on this subject Dr. Sachin Nagarkar.

Parents also thank Saptrishi Foundation after attending health camps. They also share their satisfaction of seamless conduction of checkup, guidance by the doctor, provision of medicines and other support.

## **What we do**

### **Empowering Divyangjan's**

At Saptrishi Foundation, we are dedicated to creating a comprehensive support system for the Divyang community. Our integrated one-stop solution addresses the unique needs of Divyangjan's through the seven key focus areas. The one-stop solution initiated by Saptrishi has 7 components mainly i) Support to obtain benefits of the Government schemes and linking up with the Government, ii) Establishing Divyang Community systems, iii) Camps, workshops, lectures, and activities, iv) Research and advocacy, v) Building networks, vi) Development and maintenance of the technology platform and vii) Support center for availing benefits of the social insurance schemes. Out of these seven components, (i), (iii), (v) are fully operational and remaining are partly operational and they are under process.

### **Our commitment:**

By addressing the diverse needs of Divyangjan's through these 7 focus areas, we aim to create a more inclusive and supportive environment. Our commitment is to empower Divyangjan's, promote their well-being, and advocate for their rights. Over the years, Saptrishi has contributed significantly towards providing legal benefits to the PwDs. Now around a thousand beneficiaries have been on boarded to the one-stop solution, the innovative solution founded by Saptrishi.

In coming months, we want to consolidate these components and also wish to activate remaining components in a phased manner. In some components, we have already in some active role. We want to strengthen and consolidate it.



## **Impact of our work**

Since around 8-9 years, we have been working in Pimpri Chinchwad area of Pune and our work has supported thousands of PwDs and families. Since activation of our portal and one- stop solution in October 2023, it has benefited more than thousand families and they have easily obtained benefits of various disability services. A few examples of this impact can be elaborated as below:

## **Satisfaction expressed by the Beneficiaries**

It is a nice App prepared by Saptrishi Foundation, We get all updates regarding Niramaya Health Insurance Scheme and other services and information in this app. It saves our time and money. Every year since 2016 till 2024, we have received reimbursement of OPD expenses incurred for my Son – Abhijit. With Saptrishi Foundation’s assistance, we are able to get some reimbursement for our medicine costs. It makes a big difference. We are really thankful to Saptrishi Foundation.

–Ranjana Sutar



My son is having 90% Intellectual disability. It is very hard to move from one place to another. Due to this, we have faced many difficulties in work related to Documents such as UDID card. It was possible due to Saptrishi Foundation that YCM Hospital team had come for home visit for UDID related work. Saptrishi Foundation had taken continuous follow up with the Hospital from the visit for physical examination till UDID card was generated and given to us. Also, I received medical expenses reimbursement and financial aid from the Government with the help and guidance of Saptrishi Foundation. My Sincere thanks to Manoj sir and his team.

–Dr. Uday Joshi

## **Our initiatives**

Our initiatives are aligned with our focus areas. They mainly include the following:

- Awareness programs for parents of children with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
- Capacity building and training workshops on hygiene, safety, sexuality awareness, and emotional development.
- Facilitating access to government schemes and financial assistance for persons with disabilities.
- Collaborating with trusts, schools, and special educators to build inclusive support networks.

## Activities done in FY 2024- 25

In 2023, Saptrishi's one- stop solution app and the portal was started on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2023. In the following months, hundreds of beneficiaries were on-boarded on the app and they were helped in taking benefits of the Government schemes. Along with the work through this app and the portal, Saptrishi conducts plenty of other activities such as health camps, workshop for parents and PwDs, special events for parents such as a picnic of special mothers, film screening for the PwDs etc. Major highlights of our activities in this financial year 2024- 25 are as follows.

### Special movie show for PwDs: Movie Chalen Hum

Saptrishi Foundation regularly conducts various activities for the parents and PwDs. As a part of this initiative, a special movie show of the movie "Srikanth" was organized for the PwDs and their parents. This movie presents the inspiring journey of the visually impaired person- Srikanth Bolla. Around 40 persons took inspiration from this success story.



## **Homeopathy camps with Predictive Homeopathy**

Saptrishi Foundation and Predictive Homeopathy, Pune jointly conducts health check up camps for people with disabilities. These camps were conducted in Pimpri- Chinchwad region. Every year such camps take place at least thrice a year. Hundreds of persons take benefit from the camps. Such 12<sup>th</sup> camp was conducted on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at Pimpri. Three more such camps were also organized later on. These camps were organized as a tribute to inspiring memory of late Dr. Prafulla Vijaykar sir and also as a tribute to Samuel Hahnemann, the founder of homeopathy. For successful conduct of this camp, Director of Predictive Homeopathy Dr. Amrish Vijaykar and Pune branch head Dr. Rajat Malokar took efforts.

In these camps, the expert doctors provide guidance for various problems faced by the differently abled persons. Information related to the software developed for the differently abled persons under the "integrated one stop solution" is given in this camp. Under this project, various governmental and private facilities have been made available to the differently abled persons through the mobile app. It has been received approval from Copyright Department of Government of India and it has also been registered under the patent act. Under this project, all benefits of Governmental schemes have been made available to Divyang persons on one click. It has been provided to be a one click source for all stakeholders in this field.

## **Distribution of blankets to needy persons in the Winter**

Every year, Saptrishi Foundation distributes blankets and other protective gear to needy persons sleeping on roads. As part of this initiative, this help was given to around 25 needy persons on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024. Saptrishi Foundation is grateful for all supporters of this activity.

## **Saptrishi Foundation participated in Purple Jallosch Festival at PCMC**

A festival of PwDs- Purple Jallosch was organized by Divyang Bhavan Foundation, Pimpri-Chinchwad Municipal Corporation at Auto Cluster on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2025. This festival exhibited various stalls of organizations and companies working in this sector. It also

highlighted the art and performances of the PwDs. In this festival, Saptrishi Foundation's integrated one- stop solution was presented. Saptrishi Foundation's stall was visited by the Commissioner of Pimpri- Chinchwad Municipal Corporation Shri. Shekhar Singh, the Managerial Director of Divyang Bhavan Foundation (retired IAS) Shri. Omprakash Deshmukh and parents.



## Activities done in FY 2025- 26

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### Lectures and workshops for parents of PwDs

Saptrishi Foundation regularly conducts workshops for the parents and PwDs. This year, first such workshop was conducted on 12<sup>th</sup> April in collaboration with Sobati Divyang Group, Nirvan Divyang organization and Abhisar Foundation. It was organized at Divyang Bhavan Foundation, Morwadi of Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation. It was organized in the context of the World Autism awareness day. It was organized for the special children having Autism spectrum disorder and their parents. Ms. Sunita Lele from Pune is a Counsellor and Remedial Educator. She works with children and adults with Autism, Down Syndrome, Cerebral Palsy and other intellectual and developmental disabilities. Ms. Sunita Lele guided the parents in this workshop. It was attended by several parents and special persons.

Another such workshop was conducted on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2025. It was a legal guardianship workshop for parents of specially abled children. It was organized by Saptrishi Foundation in collaboration with Sobati Divyang Group, Nirvan Divyang organization and Abhisar Foundation.





## **Body and Sexual Awareness Program for Super Moms Of Girls with Special Needs**

A Special awareness workshop for mothers of girls with Autism, intellectual Disability, Cerebral Palsy and Specific learning disabilities successfully conducted on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2025. The workshop covered topics such as body changes during puberty, personal hygiene and safety, good and bad touch, emotional boundaries, and building confidence. It was organized in collaboration with Divyang Bhavan Foundation, Pimpri- Chinchwad.

## **Sexuality awareness workshop for parents of differently abled**

Dr. Sachin Nagarkar conducted a session for parents of the differently abled persons. This program was organized on 28<sup>th</sup> September by Saptrishi Foundation in collaboration with Sobati Divyang Group, Nirvan Divyang organization and Abhisar Foundation and it took place in Divyang Bhavan, Pimpri.

Dr. Sachin Nagarkar guided the participants through discussion, dialogue and brainstorming. He told that sexuality is natural and innate. Intellectually disabled or differently abled persons also have sexual emotions and sexuality. Appropriate expressions and release of this sexuality is necessary. When this does not happen, such children and adults become angry or more upset. It is the stress caused by blocking of natural needs and emotions. It was attended by around 100 participants.



## **Saptrishi Foundation participated in International Purple Festival, Goa**

The International Purple Fest Goa 2025 is a landmark global event promoting inclusion and accessibility. Scheduled from October 9th to 12th, 2025, it is hosted by the Department for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities and the Office of the State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Government of Goa, in collaboration with the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India, and United Nations India. The Fest centers on cultivating Inclusive Thinking as the foundation for Universal Design.

The Founder Secretary of Saptrishi Foundation, Manojkumar Borse participated in this festival with Baburao Ahire and Haridas Shinde and represented Saptrishi Foundation. They also got opportunity to interact with senior dignitaries and senior Government officials. He mainly interacted with Subhash Phal Dessai, the Minister for Social Welfare, Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, and River Navigation in the Government of Goa, Mr. Omprakash Deshmukh, Managing Director of PCMC Divyang Bhavan Foundation, Mr. Guruprasad Pawaskar, Commissioner, Disability Department, State Government of Goa, Taha Haziq, Secretary of the State Commission of Persons with Disabilities and the State Election Icon for persons with disabilities in Goa, Mr. Vineet Singhal, Director of UDID Project, Government of India and dignitaries.

Mr. Manojkumar presented his work and shared the concept of the integrated one- stop solution project of Saptrishi Foundation. He highlighted its uniqueness and how it can positively impact the differently abled people. He thanked all dignitaries and the Government for their support.

## **Workshop in collaboration with Family Trust Workshop**

Saptrishi Foundation organized a workshop with Family Trust for parents of the PwDs. Through this workshop, insights were shared with the parents. Expert from the Trust guided the parents related to various issues such as well-being of the PwDs, counseling to their parents and overall physical as well as mental health.

## Sitare Zameen Par- Movie show

A special event was organized for the PwDs and their parents. Around 40 persons watched the iconic “Sitare Zameen Par” movie in a theatre in Chinchwad. Most of the parents of the PwDs and special children are always under stress. But here they got an opportunity to release their stress and recognize their own struggles. They also get inspiration from this movie. They felt satisfaction after watching this movie.



## Participation at World Cerebral Palsy Day Celebration in Sancheti Hospital

Founder Secretary of Saptrishi Foundation, Manoj Borse participated at the World Cerebral Palsy Day celebration event taken place in Sancheti Hospital on 6<sup>th</sup> October. This day was celebrated at Sancheti Hospital with CP warriors, their families and team of experts working in this field. This year’s theme was #UniqueandUnited.

Mrs. Sangita Davkhar, Asst. Commissioner (Disability), Pune was the chief guest. This event was attended by the Chairman Dr. Parag Sancheti and other doctors.



In this event, Shri. Manojkumar Borse represented vision of Saptrishi Foundation before the audience. He shared vision behind the “one stop solution” for the differently abled persons and highlighted its importance. It is the first of its kind of initiative in all India. With this app, the differently abled persons will access all relevant services at one click. Other dignitaries appreciated this initiative of Saptrishi Foundation and wished it success.