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Dear All,

With the immense support of all our well-wishers, we could make magical changes in the lives of more than 300 children with special needs, through the programs at Different Art Centre. However, the number of special ones in critical need are many times higher than that we can support at our existing centre. Every day, we are getting 100s of calls from their parents, hoping for a light in their Childrens' life.

While announcing this new centre at Kasaragod, the only thought was to spread this light of hope into more lives. At the same time, being confident about the scope of this endeavour in making their lives better, we realize that the responsibility is huge. All that we have is the boundless love from our children at DAC and the hope of support from good souls like you, who have been the backbone in all the new steps that we have taken for the well-being of these children.

Gopinath Muthukad


DAC
@ KASARAGOD



Carrying the
magical lamp of love from
TRIVANDRUM TO KASARAGOD.

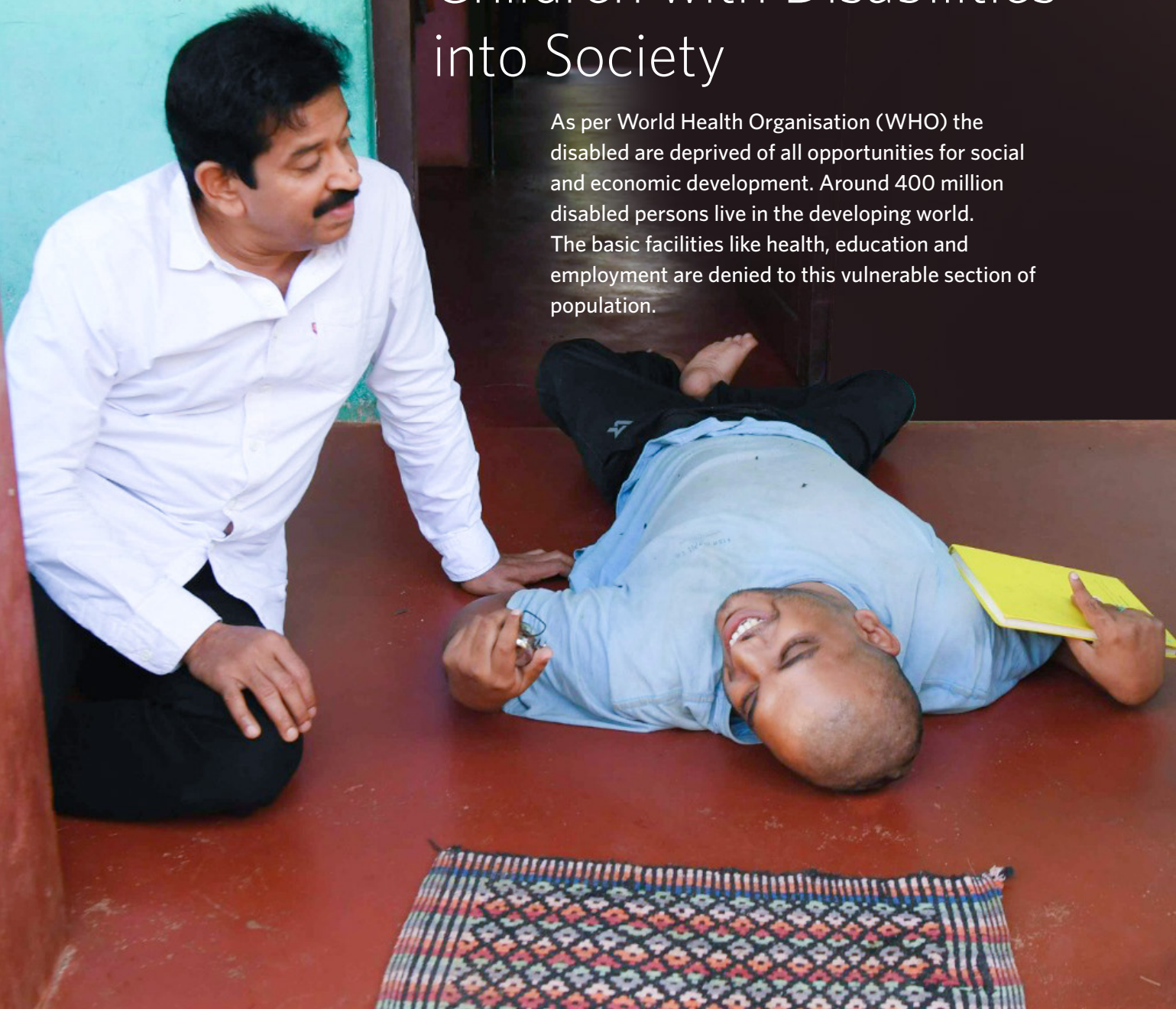

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Need for Integrating Children with Disabilities into Society

As per World Health Organisation (WHO) the disabled are deprived of all opportunities for social and economic development. Around 400 million disabled persons live in the developing world. The basic facilities like health, education and employment are denied to this vulnerable section of population.



Prevalence of Mental and Physical Health Disorders at Kasaragod



There are several studies which have established linkages between aerial spraying of endosulfan and the growing health disorders in Kasaragod district.

Over the years, other studies confirmed these findings, and the health hazards associated with endosulfan are now widely known and accepted.





What study reports says???

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A report by Government of Kerala (2011) pointed out that children were the worst affected by Endosulfan, leading to congenital anomalies, intellectual disability, cerebral palsy, epilepsy and multiple deformities.

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Though there are debates on the validity of different studies on the effects of Endosulfan, the November 2010 health department survey is considered as the most comprehensive which identified 2,836 affected persons in 11 panchayats.



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Further, the lack of health infrastructure, accessibility issues and the lack of capacity of the system to address the needs of affected persons have aggravated the situation there (Irshad and Joseph, 2015).

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Such an alarming rise in the prevalence of intellectual disability in Kasaragod resulted in public outrage throughout Kerala state.



What is International Institute for People with Disabilities

- IIPD is a division of Different Art Centre, an innovative model for art-based rehabilitation of Children with Special Needs.
- This model is conceptualized and successfully run by Kerala Sree Gopinath Muthukad, the renowned magician, Executive Director of DAC and the Academy of Magical Sciences, UNICEF Celebrity Supporter, Brand Ambassador of Child Friendly Kerala Initiative.

Vision:

World class facilities for training and empowerment of adolescents with special needs and thereby enable them to lead an independent life.

Mission:

- To function as a comprehensive centre which comprises of innovative programs and endeavors, collectively aims at total development of children with special needs.
- The training in Magic and other art forms will be the key program. Along with that, various innovative interventions and services will be implemented by jointly working with national and international experts.
- The society will be participated in the process of empowerment, there by effective social inclusion of PwDs.
- To act as an international model of art-based rehabilitation of children with special needs.





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Training in Magic by Applying Unique Psychological and Physiological Features of Magic

The whole basis of the magic is psychology The performer improves his manual dexterity, also called as fine motor skills, while tries to learn magic tricks. The art of sleight of hand is the foundation of many aspects of magic.



Performing magic in front of the audience including their parents, teachers and friends results in increased self-concept and self-confidence of these children with disabilities.





Training in Different Art Forms and Permanent Performance Platforms



Music



Dance



Instrumental Music



Drawing and Painting



Advanced medical facilities exclusively for People with Disabilities

Persons with disabilities have the same health needs as every other member of the population, including immunization, screening, sexual and reproductive health, and all other aspects of regular healthcare. They may also have additional or more complex health needs, because of impairment and the consequences of impairment.



Clinic based Therapy Services including advanced Virtual Reality and Occupational Therapies

The Departments planned under therapy centre;

- Department of Psychology.
- Department of Physiotherapy.
- Department of Audiology and Speech Language Pathology.
- Department of Occupational Therapy.
- Department of Special Education.
- Dentistry.
- Units for Sensory Integration and Virtual Reality.



Animal Assisted Therapy (AAT)

to improve the social, emotional, or cognitive functioning of the children with special needs. Studies have documented some positive effects of this therapy on subjective self-rating scales and on objective physiological measures such as blood pressure and hormone levels.



Emerging Therapy Services like
Animal Assisted Therapies,
Pisci Culture Therapy,
Horticulture Therapy etc.



Academic Centre Conducting Rehabilitation Courses Certified by Rehabilitation Council of India

The centre will offer courses like;

- Special Education Courses.
- Certified Courses for Caregivers.
- Research facilities.



Centre for Genetic Diagnosis



- For Genetic evaluation and appropriate descriptive diagnoses.
- To Guide families for evidence-based treatments and supports, comprehensive care for individuals with neurodevelopmental disorders includes a search for an underlying etiologic diagnosis.



Different Sports Centre to train paralympic sports

To promote accessible sports to Persons with Disabilities and nurture individuals and teams for national and international competitions including Paralympics.

Vocational Skill Training Centre for PwDs

Targeted on development of essential skills enhancing their employability,
supporting their personal development, and performances.



Farmhouse managed by PwDs





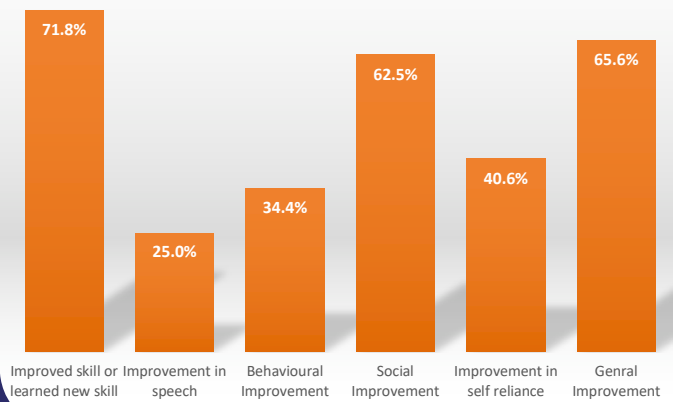
Unique model of Empowerment through Community Participation





Impact of the Program

Study Results by Child Development Agency , Govt. of Kerala



About our Founder

We would not have done this without the great inspiration from a leader like Gopinath Muthukad.

Positions held

Executive Director, The Academy of Magical Sciences

Founder, Magic Planet & the Different Art Centre

Celebrity UNICEF advocate

Ambassador for Kerala State Commission for Protection of Child Rights

He is a recipient of the below coveted awards

Kerala Sangeetha Nataka Academi Award 1995

Kerala Sangeetha Nataka Academi Fellowship 2017

First ever Kerala Sree Award 2022

Recognition beyond borders

Gopinath Muthukad set several firsts and won national and global recognitions including the coveted Merlin Award for Magicians. Because of his credibility and ability to communicate critical messages on child rights to masses, he was conferred the status of Celebrity UNICEF Supporter to join the efforts of the UN agency in improving condition of children in the state of Kerala. The philanthropic tasks he undertook made him amongst the finalists for Leader of the 21st Century by San Francisco University in 2019.

A motivational speaker, he is a widely accepted personality among children and the elderly. A good orator and author of several books, he has not failed to influence his audience through his magical outlook. Supporting the cause of national integration, he travelled across the length and breadth of India, performing magic.

Certificate of Excellence from Kerala State Commission for Protection of Child Rights

Special recognition for the outstanding contribution towards facilitating children with mental and intellectual challenges to integrate into social main stream and become contributing members of society.



All that we have
now is this
20-acre land and
the boundless
hope from these
special ones



Please join us for
making their lives
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