



ANANDAM

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

ANANDA MARGAZHI 2024

Anandam was drenched in music dance all of margazhi ! The elders and students of the special school enjoyed every program!

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CHARITY DINNER FOR STUDENTS

Raindropss Foundation organised an inclusive charity dinner for the underprivileged students of Anandam Special school

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SANT ESHWAR AWARD RECEIVED!

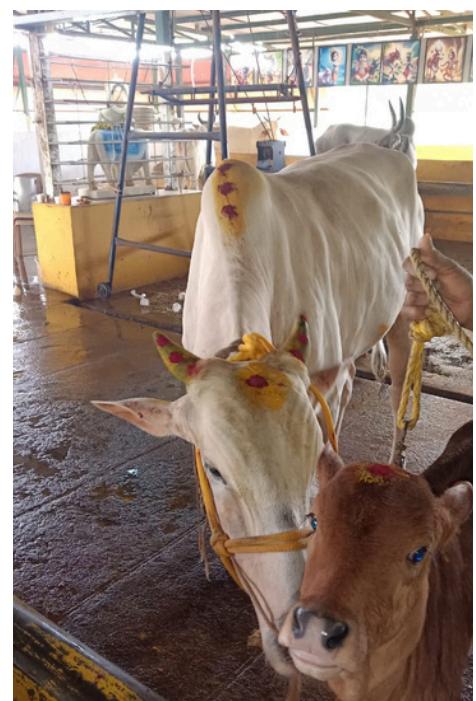
We dedicate this award received by our Founder of Anandam, to the almighty and all our valuable donors.



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EDITOR'S NOTE

Happy
New Year 2025



Dear Friends,

As we joyfully step into 2025, our hearts are brimming with gratitude and excitement. The year gone by has been nothing short of extraordinary, thanks to the steadfast support of our donors, well-wishers, and the ever-expanding Anandam family. Together, we have achieved remarkable milestones that have transformed countless lives and filled our journey with purpose and meaning.

With immense gratitude to the Almighty, I am humbled to have received the prestigious Sant Eshwar Award in Delhi. This honor belongs to every one of you who has stood by us, inspiring and encouraging our work. It is a testament to the collective spirit of compassion that defines Anandam. This past year has been a beacon of progress and joy. With your unwavering support, we made significant strides in constructing the Comfort Care Centre, which will soon provide a loving home and enhanced healthcare for 40 more elders in need. Our bakery unit for vocational training of special students and the tailoring unit empowering women in neighboring villages are vibrant examples of Anandam's mission in action.

Each festival brought us together in jubilant celebration, while our events and activities created treasured memories for our elders and students alike. The talents of our special school students shone brighter than ever, earning accolades in competitions and captivating us during their Sports Day, where a newly inaugurated band added a special note of pride and cheer.

Our Goshala flourishes with love, and the arrival of new calves continues to fill us with joy. At Melkondaiyur, our medical camps celebrated their first anniversary, extending essential healthcare to neighboring communities. Educational tuitions for underprivileged children in the village are already planting seeds of a brighter future.

As we eagerly await CMDA approval for the Palliative Care Centre at Anandam, we are filled with hope and anticipation. Each of these initiatives reflects the power of your trust and generosity, translating into meaningful change and spreading the light of compassion far and wide.

As we welcome this New Year, we carry with us renewed enthusiasm to serve, empower, and uplift. On behalf of the entire Anandam family, I extend my heartfelt wishes to you and your loved ones for a New Year filled with happiness, peace, and prosperity. May the blessings of our elders continue to guide and protect you always.

With profound gratitude,
Bhageerathy Ramamoorthy

ANANDAM - A FREE HOME FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

ANANDAM MARGAZHI UTSAVAM 2024

The Anandam Margazhi Sangeetotsavam 2024 is a joyous and enriching celebration that resonates deeply with the residents of Anandam. Running from December 14th to January 4th, the festival features a remarkable lineup of Carnatic vocalists, Bharatanatyam dancers, and instrumentalists, who fill the air with divine melodies and rhythmic beauty. The senior citizens at Anandam eagerly attend each kutcheri, their faces lighting up with happiness as they immerse themselves in the soulful music and mesmerizing performances.

Students of the special school and their parents are also attending these concerts. It proves to be rejuvenating and therapeutic for the children to immerse themselves in art, while the parents feel relaxed and uplifted after the shows.

This annual tradition not only brings the spirit of Margazhi alive but also enriches the lives of the elders, offering them a deep sense of connection, cultural fulfillment, and emotional well-being. As the festival continues, it leaves both the performers and the audience inspired and united in their shared love for art and tradition.





DIWALI CELEBRATIONS!

Anandam celebrated Diwali with joy and togetherness, as elders received new clothes and sweets, filling their hearts with happiness. With the generous support of our donors and well-wishers, we also extended the festive spirit to around 1,000 underprivileged individuals in nearby villages, old age homes, and orphanages, spreading light and happiness far and wide.

PASSING ON BLESSINGS & KNOWLEDGE ON THE AUSPICIOUS VIJAYADASAMI DAY

The young students of Anandam begin their Vijayadasami with blessings from the elders at the Home



TURNING YOUNGER AT HEART!

We love celebrating the birthdays of our elders. On the last day of October, November and December, all the elders who had their birthdays during these months were celebrated! This is Anandam's unique way of honouring elders and giving them an experience of celebrating their birthday in a way they have never done before. The elders are always overjoyed and happy!



KINDNESS IN EVERY STORM

In the aftermath of Cyclone Fengal, Anandam Old Age Home extended a warm embrace to the villagers of Melkondaiyur and surrounding areas. With blankets, sweaters, clothes, and food, we aimed to bring comfort and hope to those affected by the storm.

Acts of compassion remind us that even in the darkest times, humanity shines the brightest. Together, we stand resilient.



TRANSGENDERS PROVISION

Compassion knows no boundaries, and at Anandam, we believe in supporting every soul in need. Every month, we extend a helping hand to the transgender community, providing provisions with love and respect.

A NIGHT OF GIVING AND GRATITUDE

Raindropss Foundation hosted a heartwarming Inclusive Dinner for 40-50 underprivileged children at a prestigious hotel, creating an unforgettable evening filled with joy and compassion. As part of the annual "Vaaname Ellai" initiative, the foundation also organized flight trip to Salem, where the onward travel expense was sponsored by Anandam offering these children their first air travel experience. This impactful program, supported by a generous donor, continues to inspire hope and confidence in young hearts. We thank our donor for their unwavering support in making such initiatives possible.



EXTENDING THE GIFT OF LEARNING!

Anandam Education Centre is now offering evening tuition services to 20-25 underprivileged students from Melkondaiyur and nearby villages. With a space usually reserved for monthly medical camps, the centre is transforming it into a hub of knowledge every evening. Along with academic guidance, the children are also provided with snacks and refreshments, ensuring a nurturing environment for growth and learning.



CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS OF STUDENTS & TEACHERS OF ANANDAM



WE THANK THE SPONSORS FOR THE IMMENSE SUPPORT THAT THEY EXTEND AT EVERY STAGE!

GURU KRUPA
Foundation Inc

We are delighted to announce that the Guru Krupa Foundation (GKF), a foundation based out of New York, has renewed its support for another year. For the past four years, Anandam Trust has been the recipient of GKF's generous support.

GKF has been a steadfast supporter of our cause by covering the operational expenses of our after-school tuition program, benefiting approximately 270 to 300 children every day. Their support has played a pivotal role in empowering first-generation learners and providing them with the resources they need to succeed. As a result of these efforts, children have made great strides at their respective schools and colleges.

The collaboration between Anandam Trust and GKF exemplifies a shared commitment in providing quality education and support to underprivileged children. Together, we will make a tangible difference to the lives of children as we work tirelessly to craft a better future for all.

ONE YEAR OF FREE MEDICAL CAMPS IN MELKONDAYUR VILLAGE

As part of its outreach programme, Anandam Medical Care Centre proudly celebrates one year of conducting free medical camps at Melkondaiyur Village. Our dedicated team of doctors has been diagnosing the sick and needy with care and providing free treatments and essential medicines to help them recover and lead healthier lives. As news about these camps has spread to neighbouring villages, we have extended our services to reach even more underprivileged individuals. We now offer free medical checkups and medicines to those in need from these areas, ensuring that no one is left without access to basic healthcare.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our team of doctors for their unwavering dedication and compassion in serving the community. Together, we continue to bring hope and healing to countless lives



ANANDAM'S MEDICAL SERVICES

We are happy to share that over 1000 people seeking medical services have been helped over the last 3 months where they have received dental, scan, physiotherapy, ENT, Echocardiogram, eye checkups, etc from in and around Anandam and surrounding neighbouring villages. We could not have achieved this without the valuable support from the doctors and all of the supporting paramedical staff.



STATE LEVEL CULTURALS

The students of Anandam Special School showcased their talent in state-level cultural program and proudly secured the first prize.

Anandam's School band were all prepped and prim to welcome the chief guests with their wonderful performance at the Cultural Inaugurations. They have honed their skills and were a prime highlight at the event.



INTERNATIONAL DISABILITY DAY

Anandam School for Special Children celebrated the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, honoring the resilience and potential of every child. The event highlighted inclusivity and empowerment, reaffirming our commitment to fostering an environment where abilities shine beyond barriers.



SKATING CHAMPIONSHIP

Our students shone brightly at the Special Olympics Tamil Nadu this year! In the Chennai North District event held on 19.10.2024, they secured 2nd place in skating under the 16+ age category. They also proudly represented at the State Level Skating event on 15.12.2024, showcasing incredible talent and determination. We are proud of their achievements and dedication!



STATE LEVEL ATHLETICS

Our talented student S Tamil Selvan, made us proud by: Winning 2nd place in Skating (16+ category) at the Special Olympics Tamil Nadu - Chennai North District on 19th Oct 2024. Securing 1st place in the 100-meter event and earning the Champion title. Representing Tamil Nadu at the State Level 100-meter event in Karaikudi on 19th Dec 2024.





WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

The Mothers of the Special school children and women from nearby villages are being taught several life skills that are helping them generate an alternate income stream. They are taught Embroidery, tailoring and computer classes. This initiative has helped several women to have a skill to earn a living and to empower the women in the neighbouring villages.





A BUNDLE OF JOY AT ANANDAM GOSHALA!

We're thrilled to welcome the newest members to our Goshala family! Say hello to Kamala's calf Andal, baby girl of Nandhini, baby boy of Jayalakshmi; baby girl of Deepa and more ! These adorable calves have brought an extra dose of love and cheer to our space, and we couldn't be happier to have them as part of our family!

ANANDAM THANK ALL OUR DONORS, FOR THEIR
CONTINUED SUPPORT TOWARDS THE
MAINTENANCE OF ANANDAM HARI GOSHALA

ANANDAM COMFORT CARE CENTRE

We have a Medical Block at Anandam that can presently accommodate 15 people (male and female) who require constant, 24x7 care and assistance from attenders, along with medical attention. With the average age of our elders now exceeding 75 years, we recognize the growing need for more accommodations to care for residents who fall ill.

To address this, we are building a Comfort Care Centre on the first floor of Anandam, spanning 4,500 sq. ft., which will house 10 beds for men, 10 beds for women, five beds for 2 isolation wards each, 10 beds for the critically ill. This project is progressing in full swing and is expected to be ready by March 2025.

In addition, we are constructing a bakery unit for vocational training for students and a tailoring unit on the second floor to empower women, particularly the parents of students from our special school.

All of these initiatives have been made possible through the generous support of our donors. Together, we are creating a haven of care, opportunity, and empowerment for our community.





A Free Home For Senior Citizens



Experience True Happiness at Anandam

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