



Dear Friends,

Where does true inclusion begin?

Not in policies or plans or even programs but in the way we choose to see one another.

At Sristi, we meet people not for what they lack but for who they are. Every day, I witness small, quiet acts of changes ***“a child taking their first steps, a young man with disability exploring places beyond his village on his own, a mother who finally feels hope”***. These aren't miracles, they are the result of persistence, care and your belief in what's possible.

But inclusion doesn't stop with care. It must lead to opportunity. To dignity. To belonging.

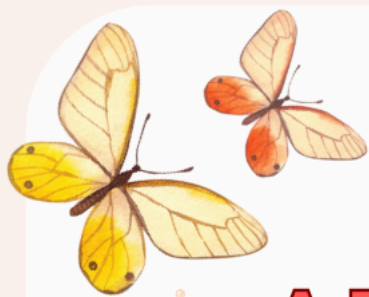
That's why we continue to challenge stigma, create safe spaces and build community-led solutions that last. And it's why we are now working to build a permanent Early Intervention Centre, so that no child is left behind simply because their family can't afford support.

I invite you to stand with us in this next chapter. Let us continue building a world where every child with a disability is seen, heard and empowered to grow.

Enjoy reading our Quarter II Newsletter, “The Creations”,

Thank you for being part of our mission.

**With gratitude
Karthikeyan Ganesan
Founder, Sristi Foundation**



Q 2 HIGHLIGHTS

A RECAP OF APRIL - JUNE MOMENTS

SRISTI LIVING WITH DIGNITY PROJECT: A NEW CHAPTER BEGINS



With immense joy, we announced the launch of our newest initiative, the **Sristi Living with Dignity Project** supported by the generous **Eaton India Foundation**. This project is a bold step forward in our commitment to inclusion.

From opening a community home for men with intellectual disabilities to initiating employer awareness campaigns and Tamil-language learning materials, this project aims to reshape narratives, empower caregivers and create

sustainable livelihood opportunities.

We are also proud to roll out job placement services, home-based care programs and the **Sristi Fellowship** inviting passionate individuals to walk this journey with us.

A heartfelt thank you to **Eaton India Foundation** and **Bobby, CSR Manager** for their unwavering belief in our vision.

MOMENTS THAT MATTERED

THE JOY OF GIVING – BLOOD DONATION CAMP



In partnership with Mailam PHC, we hosted a spirited **blood donation camp**. The turnout from our staff and local community was a reflection of compassion in action.

Every drop donated brought us closer to saving a life. We extend heartfelt thanks to the **Mailam PHC Doctors** and **Nurses** for their dedicated service.

STRENGTHENING FROM WITHIN – STAFF CAPACITY BUILDING



At Sristi, we are committed to investing in the continuous learning of our team. Our staff completed a **five-day training program** covering early intervention, communication, sensory integration and child protection.

The sessions further strengthened our commitment to serving children and families with greater impact.





We sincerely thank **Mr. Perumal (Psychologist)**, **Mr. Naren** and **Ms. Vijaya (Special Educators)**, **Ms. Esther (Occupational Therapist)** and **Ms. Vidya (Education Consultant)** for their invaluable contributions.

EXPLORING THE WORLD – ANNUAL EXPOSURE VISIT TO KODAIKANAL



For many of our boys, this was their first time seeing life beyond their village. Their excitement was contagious from the cool mountain air to the magical Pine Forest and bustling local markets. They laughed, danced, explored and collected seeds for their farms back home. This was not just a trip, it was a celebration of life, freedom and possibility. A reminder to us all, **"Everyone belongs. Everywhere"**.

VOICES OF THE EARTH AND MIND

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY



We came together to honor the Earth that sustains us planting trees, pledging to reduce plastic use, and renewing our bond with nature. Our children and youth led the way, joyfully planting trees and learning about their role as caretakers of the planet.

At Sristi, environmental protection is woven into our everyday choices. From sustainable farming to eco-friendly practices across our campus, we are committed to building a greener, healthier future.

WORLD AUTISM DAY



At Sristi, we marked **Autism Day 2025** with real action. Following the theme **"Advancing Neurodiversity and the SDGs,"** our Early Intervention Centre helps children with autism grow, learn and feel accepted.

They are not just cared for they are seen, heard and supported. With families and the community, we are building a place where every child belongs.





INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY 2025



On **International Yoga Day 2025**, our amazing youth practiced with joy, strength and calm proving every day that Yoga is for ALL.

A heartfelt thanks to **Vismaya**, MSW intern from Central University of Karnataka for beautifully leading the session and making it inclusive & fun! This year's theme "**Yoga for One Earth, One Health**" reminds us how well-being connects us all: body, mind and planet.

LEARNING, SHARING AND GROWING TOGETHER

We were excited to welcome a host of visitors who spent time learning about our work, sharing their expertise and building connections. We are deeply grateful to each one of you for your time, energy and interest in Sristi's mission.



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Vice Chancellor, Pondicherry University
& Dr. Lakshmi Pathi, President, Indian Red Cross Society



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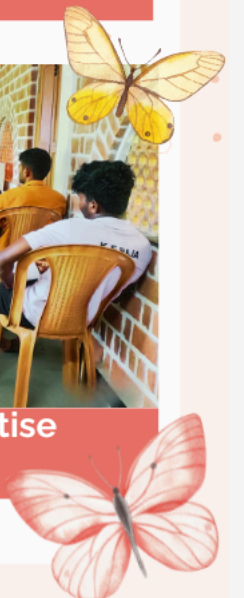
Dr. Binu Chellathurai, New Delhi



KANINI Team, Chennai



Lucky, Uganda expertise
in Agroforestry





NURTURING THE NEXT GENERATION: INTERNS AND VOLUNTEERS

We had the pleasure of hosting passionate MSW students who contributed meaningfully to our work:

- From Alagappa University, two MSW students completed a one-month internship, organizing community awareness events and supporting case and group work for our Sristi Mobile Therapy Project.
- From the Central University of Karnataka, five MSW students interned across five of our core projects, bringing in fresh energy and insights.



To all our volunteers and interns, thank you for standing with us.

TRANSFORMATION STORY

WHEN SILENCE TURNED TO "AMMA"

When **Kavin** first came to us at age two, he was silent born with profound deafness, clinging to his mother, unable to connect. His parents feared they had never heard his voice.

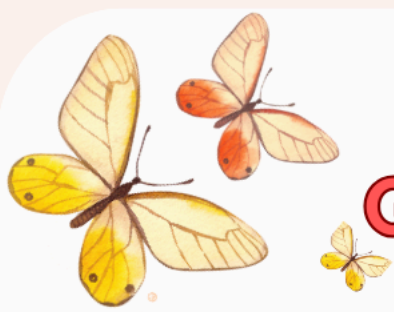
With steady support from our early intervention team, Kavin learned to lip-read, express through gestures and slowly, he began to engage.

Then came the moment we all waited for, he said **"Amma."**

Now four, Kavin communicates with confidence, explores with joy and reminds us that every child can grow with the right support.

"When I heard him say 'Amma' for the first time, I couldn't stop crying. It was the happiest moment of my life." — Kavin's Mother





GRATITUDE TO OUR HEROES



This quarter, your support helped us stay true to what matters most dignity, inclusion and care for every child and young person with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Thank you for walking with us, believing in their abilities and helping build a community where everyone belongs.

CALL TO ACTION: HELP US BUILD THE EARLY INTERVENTION CENTRE



In Villupuram, hundreds of children with disabilities still wait for early intervention services that could change the course of their lives. Today, Sristi runs the **only free early intervention centre** in the region but our rented facility limits how many children we can reach.

We dream of a fully equipped center with space, tools and trained professionals where every child, regardless of income gets the care they deserve. With your support, we can build this space.

Let's give every child the right start. Let's build the Sristi Early Intervention Centre TOGETHER.

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We Appreciate Your Kindness.

“It takes a certain kind of person to make a difference in the world who choose to help others”

Thank You for being one of them!



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