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Dear Friend,

Welcome to the **July–September** edition of "***The Creations***.

Thirteen years into our journey, there are moments that make us pause and reflect on how far we have come and how much more is possible. Receiving the Tamil Nadu State Award for Best Institution this Independence Day was one such moment. It was deeply moving to see our work recognized but what made this honor truly special was thinking of the children, families and dedicated team who have shaped Sristi into what it is today.

Yet, recognition is not the destination. It reminds us of the responsibility we carry towards the people who place their trust in us.

One such responsibility is the Women's Home. For parents who worry about their daughters' future when they are no longer around, this initiative represents something profoundly important:
the assurance that their daughters can have a home, support and a life beyond their parents' lifetime. With construction underway, a long-held vision is beginning to take shape.

As you explore this edition of ***The Creations***, I invite you to celebrate our milestones, meet the people behind our progress and stand with us as we turn more of our commitments into reality. There is still much to do and we are glad to have you alongside us.

With gratitude
Karthikeyan Ganesan
Founder, Sristi Foundation

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13 Years of Breaking Barriers, Building Futures



TAMIL NADU CHIEF MINISTER AWARD

An Independence Day we will always remember!

On India's 80th Independence Day, Sristi Foundation received the **State Award for Best Institution** for its dedicated service to persons with disabilities, presented by the **Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Thiru C. Joseph Vijay.**

For us, this is more than an award. It celebrates the courage of our children, the strength of their families and the commitment of everyone who believes in inclusion. This honour belongs to our entire Sristi family!

AMAZING INDIAN AWARD 2026

From Rural Villages to National Recognition!

Sristi's work was recognised as an **Amazing Indian Award 2026 by Times Now** in the category of **Disability – Rights, Accessibility & Inclusion.**



The rigorous selection process and the esteemed jury which included former **Chief Justice of India Justice Dhananjaya Y Chandrachud** made this recognition especially meaningful.

Receiving national recognition from **Union Minister Shri Kiren Rijiju** was another proud moment. This honour strengthens our resolve to create a place where people with disabilities can learn, work and live with dignity.

SOCIAL VENTURE PITCH

₹15 Lakhs to take our Mission Forward!



Sristi Foundation won the **Silver Award at SVP Fast Pitch 2026** receiving **₹15 lakhs.**

This achievement reflects the power of a shared vision and the encouragement of people who believe in our work.

Thank you to the SVP community, our friends and supporters for helping us create more possibilities!

FROM THE GROUND TO POLICY | A NEW RESPONSIBILITY

Taking the Voices of Persons with Disabilities to the Policy Table



On 29 September 2026, Tamil Nadu constituted the **State-Level Coordination Committee (SLCC)** of the National Trust. Sristi Foundation Director **Mr. Karthikeyan Ganesan** was appointed **Convener**, with Sristi serving as the State Nodal Agency Centre (SNAC).

The meeting was chaired by **Mrs. S. Madhumathi, IAS, Secretary to Government** with guidance from **Mrs. M. Lakshmi, IAS**, **State Commissioner for the Welfare of Differently Abled Persons.**

We look forward to turning these discussions into meaningful action and creating a more inclusive future for persons with disabilities and their families.

CHIEF MINISTER'S TROPHY: FROM DISTRICT TO STATE LEVEL!

8 Medals. Countless Reasons to Celebrate!



Our athletes made Sristi proud at the **District-Level Chief Minister's Trophy, winning 4 Gold, 3 Silver and 1 Bronze medal.**

Behind every medal are hours of effort, determination and courage. Now, our champions are heading to the state-level competition. We are cheering for you all the way!

DISABILITY & MASCULINITY: Nothing About Us Without Us.



At Sristi, we believe persons with disabilities must have opportunities to share their experiences and shape conversations that affect their lives. Reflecting this belief, we were proud to have **Anandraj, a Sristi staff member with a disability and Praveen, a student with a disability, join Karthik** at a co-design workshop on **Disability and Masculinity** organised by the **Pataang team in Gurgaon.**

The workshop explored gender, relationships, love, violence, communication and personal choices through open discussions, role plays and lived experiences.

For us, this was more than a learning opportunity. It was about ensuring that persons with disabilities are not merely participants in discussions but active contributors whose voices help shape more inclusive programmes, policies and communities.

SRISTI EARLY INTERVENTION CENTRE | THREE YEARS OF GROWTH

Celebrating Every Child, Every Milestone!



Three years ago, we began with a commitment to support children with autism and their families. Today, every milestone reflects how far we have come in helping children learn, grow and discover their abilities.

Our **Annual Day 2026** celebrated this journey and the parents who walk alongside us. A proud step forward: **we have secured one acre of land towards our dream of a permanent Early Intervention Centre and School for children with autism.**

Three years of nurturing abilities, empowering families and building a brighter future for children with disabilities in Villupuram District.

EVERY CHILD DESERVES JOY. EVERY MOTHER DESERVES A BREAK.

A Day of Smiles, Music and Togetherness.

For children with profound disabilities in remote villages, outings are rare. For their mothers, a break from daily caregiving can mean the world.

Sristi brought them together for a memorable visit to Auroville's Svaram Musical Garden and the beach, followed by a delicious lunch. The smiles said it all. Every child deserves joyful experiences, and every mother deserves time to enjoy life, too.



CHANGEMAKERS: A Visit that Brought Our Journey Full Circle



We were delighted to welcome **Sangeeta J.K. (Judith Keller), founder of KIRAN Society, Varanasi** to Sristi Village.

Her work inspired our vision of a rural community where people with intellectual disabilities can live, learn, work and belong. Having her visit Sristi was deeply meaningful—a reminder of how one person's dedication can inspire generations of changemakers.

THE LOGICAL INDIAN FEATURES SRISTI FOUNDATION

Our Story Deserves to Travel Further!



The Logical Indian has featured Sristi Foundation's journey and our mission to build inclusive communities for people with intellectual disabilities.

Read and share our story: **https://thelogicalindian.com/sristi-tamil-nadu.../.** Your support helps our message reach more families, volunteers and partners.

GRATITUDE TO OUR HEROES

Every Milestone Has a Story. Every Story Has You

This quarter gave us many reasons to celebrate but what matters most is the people who make Sristi's work possible. Every step towards greater independence, every opportunity created and every barrier challenged is part of a much bigger story—**one that you help write.**



As we look ahead, we carry with us the encouragement of our supporters, the determination of our team and the aspirations of the people we serve.

Thank you for believing in the work, standing behind the mission and helping us turn new possibilities into meaningful change.

THE SRISTI WOMEN'S HOME: A PROMISE THAT CANNOT WAIT



Imagine spending your life worrying about who will care for your daughter after you are gone and never finding an answer. For many parents of women with intellectual and developmental disabilities, this is a fear they live with every day.

Meet Yasmeena, **a Bengali woman found abandoned in Tamil Nadu.** She now lives at Sristi while we continue searching for her family.

Her story reminds us why every woman deserves a safe place to call home.

For years, when parents asked us, **"What will happen to my daughter after I am gone?"** we had no answer. Today, we are building one.



The **Sristi Women's Home** is taking shape. We are deeply grateful to everyone who has supported us so far in bringing this dream to life. Your contributions are helping turn a long-held hope into a home.

Will you help us take the next step? Every **₹2,500** helps build one square foot of the Women's Home. Together, we can create a safe and lasting future for these women.

Donate today. Help build her home.

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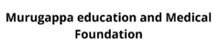





























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Thank You for being one of them!



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