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Swayam Siddha Industrial Co-Operative Society for Handicapped Ltd

CHEMBUR CENTRE INAUGURATION ON AKSHAYA TRITIYA



We are thrilled to share the joyous news that Swayam Siddha Society for Handicapped has inaugurated its newly built centre in Chembur, near Chembur Station. This new facility will serve as a vibrant workspace for our differently-abled members, where they will continue to create beautiful handmade décor products.

On the auspicious day of Akshaya Tritiya, our leadership team—Mr. L. Junagare, Mr. Bharat Rane, and Ms. Jagruti Shah—performed a small Ganesh and Lakshmi Pooja to seek blessings.

The centre was beautifully decorated with our own festive decor products. Many wellwishers came to support us on this special occasion. We are extremely grateful to each and every one who supported this mammoth endeavour.

NEWSLETTER HIGHLIGHTS

- Inauguration Function on Akshaya Tritiya
- Participation in Maharashtra Boccia Event
- Craftizen Train the Trainer Program at Pune

EDITOR SPEAKS

The biggest event for Swayam Siddha in decades transpired this month—the inauguration of our Chembur Centre. This milestone event was attended by our donors, well-wishers, and champions of disability rights. The inauguration also received extensive media coverage, highlighting the significance of this achievement. The realization of this dream was made possible by timely CSR funds, enabling us to construct a simple yet beautiful and functional workspace for our members.

As the month concluded, Swayam Siddha was partnered with Craftizen's "Train the Trainer" program, which aims to enhance the skills of our trainers and, consequently, our members.

Read more about these highlights in the following pages.

We are grateful for the unwavering support and look forward to continuing this journey together.



Akhila Ramganesh

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We were honored to have Mr. Ashish Agarwal, who came with his family as our Guest of Honour. Mr. Agarwal has been a steadfast supporter and generous donor to our organization. The event was further enriched by the presence of renowned **environmentalists Mr. Sunil Agarwal and Ms. Shruti Agarwal**, among other distinguished guests.

The program schedule for the day was Puja followed by Aarti where everyone participated in welcome Ganesh ji & Lakshmi ji into our centre. This was followed by a sumptuous lunch to all visitors after which the guests were honoured each for attending the function as well as supporting us through our journey.





CHEMBUR CENTRE INAUGURATION ON AKSHAYA TRITIYA



New Chembur centre decorated with Swayam Siddha Thorans & wall hangings for the event

This monumental occasion is a true symbol of victory through hard work, perseverance, and sustained efforts. The new centre has a significant history. Twenty-five years ago, our founding Chairman, Ms. Kalpana Joshi, acquired three shops from MHADA in the 1990s. Our centre operated there for eight years until a redevelopment contract led to its demolition. Despite owning prime property in Chembur, we had to operate from rented premises for many years. Now, with the support of our well-wishers and donors, we have finally built our own humble structure.

This centre is a testament to the capabilities and independence of physically and mentally challenged individuals, demonstrating their valuable contribution to the nation's economy and growth. Here, they will work proudly as a family, fostering a spirit of love, community, and brotherhood.

We are deeply grateful to all our supporters who have made this dream a reality. As we embark on this new chapter, we invite you to join us in celebrating this milestone and continuing to support our mission.

Our Welcome Nisha ji gifted our members with a beautifully wrapped hygiene kit



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PARTICIPATION IN MAHARASHTRA PARA BOCCIA COMPETITION



We are delighted to announce that two members from Swayam Siddha participated in the **Maharashtra Boccia Meet** held in Ghatkopar, Mumbai, on May 12, 2024. For those unfamiliar with Boccia, it is a precision ball sport similar to bocce, designed specifically for athletes with severe physical disabilities. Played individually, in pairs, or in teams of three, the objective is to throw leather balls as close as possible to a white target ball, or "jack." It is one of the sports considered in Para Olympics.

Our members performed exceptionally well in this challenging and strategic sport. We are particularly proud of Ms. Mansi Bharat Rane, who was felicitated for her outstanding performance. Her dedication and skill were evident throughout the competition, and she truly represented Swayam Siddha with grace and excellence.

Congratulations to all participants, and a special commendation to Mansi for her remarkable achievement. Let's continue to support and encourage our athletes to reach new heights.



SWAYAM SIDDHA CHOSEN FOR CRAFTIZEN TRAIN-THE-TRAIN PROGRAM



We are extremely happy to announce that Swayam Siddha has been selected as one of the partners for the train-the-trainer initiative by **Craftizen** for their **Green Skilling Program**. This remarkable initiative focuses on developing skills to create marketable products from discarded materials, such as **temple flowers, paper waste, and fabric leftovers**. It's being conducted in various locations across India, including Chennai and Pune.

Ms. Jagruti Shah and Ms. Chitrakala Shetty, attended the enlightening 3-day skilling program in Pune. They learned to craft beautiful products from recycled flowers, paper, wax, and even engaged in diya painting. The sessions were incredibly insightful, with trainers patiently explaining the techniques, clearing doubts, and sharing best practices.

Seeing the final products, such as **Holi colours** and **candles**, was truly inspiring. We are excited to apply these newly acquired skills and train our members, enabling us to develop new ecologically sustainable product lines that will significantly benefit our community.

We are profoundly grateful to the Craftizen Group for this opportunity. This all-cost borne initiative feels like a dream come true, empowering us to enhance our impact and continue our mission of betterment for our beneficiaries.



FIRST BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS AT THE NEW SWAYAM SIDDHA CENTRE



We had the first-ever birthday celebrations at our new Swayam Siddha Centre for **Mangesh** and **Sumit**. The festivities included a joyous cake-cutting ceremony followed by delicious treats. The birthday boys were thrilled to have ice cream, which was perfect for the warm month of May. Celebrating with our members as a family, we find happiness in their happiness. Here's to many more joyous occasions at our new centre!

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