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NEWSLETTER



Not Disabled But Differently Abled

Swayam Siddha Industrial Co-operative Society for Handicapped Ltd.

Editor Speaks

The soaring temperatures of the May did not hamper our spirits which continued to soar as well with the temperatures.

This month saw us developing new product samples as a preparation of soon to arrive festive seasons; some heartfelt and joyous celebrations; an evening with talented blind musicians; fresh flow of ideas and energy with the onboarding of our summer interns.

A high energy and fun filled birthday celebration by a well wisher brought a welcome change from the routine.

We draw our strength from our well-wishers – individuals, corporates, and institutions. We are deeply thankful to them for their sensitivity and generosity. Thank you for being with us throughout our journey and we hope you will continue to stand beside us in our future endeavors.

Akhila Ramganes

It was a sultry morning, but nobody in the centre was under the weather. The spirits were running high and the party fever was on.

With colourful balloons all over, our centre looked at its festive best! A very talented event planner by profession, for Nisha Mehak, today's event held a very close personal touch. She was doing the event in remembrance of her late mother on her birthday. Joining her in the celebrations were her family members.

She started the party with absolutely simple & high-on- fun games, giving every member a chance to participate and enjoy. Pass the parcel & roll the dice were everybody's favourites setting everyone into peals of laughter.

One of our members, Padma had her birthday on the same day. She was the starlet of the day – she cut the cake and a delightful feast followed. Everybody ate their full and relished the food.

Nisha & her family members also donated a month's grocery to our society. We will always remember them for their time, efforts & generosity.

10th May was a truly memorable day for everyone.



An Evening with UDAN & Rotary



Swayam Siddha believes that supporting one another is the best way to grow together. With this mindset, we wholeheartedly supported the fund-raising event of **Rotary Club** in Vishnudas Bhawe Auditorium, Vashi. We booked 20 seats for our members for a concert by **UDAN Foundation**, an orchestra group for and by **blind** people.

Little did we know that this endeavour will turn out to be a mega-recreational event for our members!! The incredibly talented hosts, musicians and performers entertained our members from start to finish. It was difficult for anyone in the audience to maintain a straight demeanour. Enthralled by the music, the audience including our members had to sway, nod, tap and immerse themselves completely.



The talented group outperformed each song over the other. They covered all genres/ timelines of bollywood with ease from evergreen melodies of Mannadey/ Mukesh/ Rafi to tapping numbers of Kishore Kumar to the newbie melodies of Arijit Singh. The hosts too kept us entertained with their deeply meaningful sher-o-shayari.

The highlight of the show was Malkamb by blind boys and girls. Everyone was enchanted by their show of talent. The dance performances that followed later too were mesmerising.

Our members all had an incredible time. What a night it was! - truly etched in all our hearts.



Birthday Celebrations

It was 11th May and the birthday of one of our oldest and very special member - Mangesh ji!! He had been waiting for his birthday ever since the month of May began. He was so happy on the day of his birthday and to share his happiness, as we always do, we celebrated his birthday with much fanfare. He was asked to cut a birthday cake, after which everyone fed him a piece each. The cake cutting was followed by a round of snacks for everyone.

The broad smile on his face says it all - these little things in life is what makes it a beautiful journey, together.



Candle orders that brought us laurels & adulation



Every month, we take orders for customised products. This month of May was special as we got 2 customised orders for candles - one for a bridesmaid hamper, another was as a return gift for a farewell. Both these orders were very beautifully executed with a very appealing labeling and packaging.

Apart from these, there was another order where we were also asked to make tea-light candles in various fragrances.

Our products were very well appreciated by our clients. Their feedback has made us brimming with confidence and has upped our zeal to make more beautiful products.

We are very grateful for every single order we get.



Our products reach African shore

Swayam Siddha products have great patronage in the US and UK. When in India, our well-wishers from there always shop our products, to gift their Indian friends in their countries of residence.

For the first time, our products are being shipped to an African country, Nigeria which has a huge Indian diaspora.

We are sure our beautiful products will be loved by our Indian community there and will take the centre-stage in their festive decor.



Interns aboard



To bring fresh ideas and new energy into our functioning, we onboarded 4 summer interns. All 4 of them are super talented and are brimming with ideas and are eager to contribute to social cause.

All four of them visited our chembur centre and immediately got friendly with all our members. They helped them with product making and also gave a lot of inputs about how to make them better.

Understanding their interests and forte, tasks were assigned to each of them, which they have started working upon quite zealously. We are sure they will complete their tasks with flying colours.

We are sure that they cherish their time with us as much as we do. We are sure that this short stint of internship must have been a life-long learning experience for them. We hope that our relationship will continue forever and we contribute to each other's learning and growth in future too.



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