

KAMAYANI SOCIETY, PUNE, INDIA.

Annual Report Highlights for 2014,

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I am very happy to welcome you all for this AGM. I am thankful to all my colleagues, staff parents and well wishers of Kamayani which has helped us all to continue our mission to serve the persons of various disabilities so far.

KAMAYANI INSTITUTES established in 1964 in Pune, India, has just completed its 50 Years of work for persons with disabilities in India. Kamayani is one of the top NGOs in India, working for all round welfare of persons with mental disabilities. **Our Mission is to “Contribute to the welfare of Mentally Challenged Persons by creation of activities for Early Intervention, Special Education, Vocational Training, Research and Rehabilitation of Disabled Persons.”** We also conduct public education campaigns in such areas. KAMAYANI has been approved by SIRO (Scientific & Industrial Research Organization of Government of India) and RCI (Rehabilitation Council of India). Kamayani has currently three branches enrolling 500 special students in and around Pune, which is a vibrant Industrial Center of India. We run schools for special children, vocational training workshops, sports training, cultural training, farm training, Child Guidance Clinics, Day Care Centers for elderly, Research Center and a College to train teachers in special education. More information is available at [www.kamayanischool.org](http://www.kamayanischool.org). Kamayani gets salary grants from Social Welfare Department of the State Government of Maharashtra for some of its 100 staff members However, for most of other activities and expansion projects, Kamayani depends upon public donations and grants. Kamayani has CSR activities with many Industrial Houses.

I would like to present to you the highlights of our special projects done in this financial year ending on March 31st 2015. Kamayani School for Special Children was started in December 1964 by Mrs. Sindhutai Joshi in her residence in Pune with the help of and her close friends Mrs. Kusumtai Nagarkar and Mrs. Leelatai Bhagvat. We are proud to have celebrated 50th Golden Anniversary in this year.

Many special events and gatherings were arranged in 2014. We had very generous grants from various industries and from public and private individual donors.

**BNY MELLON has been our # 1 public donor since the year 2009.** BNYM has given very generous annual philanthropic grants over the past 5 years which have helped greatly to extend our Vocational Training Facilities at all our branches. More importantly BNYM has been providing to our students increasingly novel training activities through their Community Partnership Programs over the past 4 years. The exchanges between our students and BNYM Volunteers in areas of Sports, Painting, Crafts, Catering, Music, Debating Skills, Dance, Exercise, and Gym have been very inspiring for all our students and staff.

**During year of 2014,** 9 Community Partnership Programs were conducted by BNYM volunteers, donating about 1000 partnership hours. This benefitted about 1700 disabled persons directly and many time more persons indirectly. I am sure these community partnership exchanges have proved equally inspiring for BNYM volunteers to mix, understand and help this Special Segment of the society. BNYM grants have greatly helped us to improve our facilities and security for our school bus transports for students. Because of generous grants from BNY Mellon, Kamayani was able to purchase much needed 2 new school buses.

We do have CSR cooperation by many other Indian Industrial Houses in some areas. We will work to expand our participations in CSR activities with our industrial well wishers. Special CSR events with SAS were conducted in 2014. In our Annual Job Fairs for the disabled, various leading Industrial Houses including Tata Motors, Tech Mahindra, Infosys, Vodafone etc participated. More than 600 persons were registered by us and interviewed by different HR teams. 140 out of 600 registered candidate were offered On-The Spot suitable jobs by these industrial houses.

Our sport ground is being used for various activities for training of our students. National Interschool Annual Crickets tournaments were conducted in January 2015 for which 12 teams from various parts of Maharashtra and Gujarat participated. Special training activities like Gym, Skating, Karate, Athletics, Sports are routinely conducted on our Sports Ground.