



SPASTN's work empowers people with disabilities to determine their own aspirational pathway and contribute to the economic, social and cultural advancement of their community, as equals in society.

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New Born Screening & Early Intervention



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School to Work



*Celebrating Diversity...
& Enriching Lives...
...With Dignity!*



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The year 1981 was proclaimed as the International Year of Disabled Persons by the United Nations General Assembly. It called for action towards equalization of opportunities, rehabilitation and prevention of disabilities.

Inspired by these thoughts, Mrs. Shanthi Sadiq Ali, wife of the then-Governor of Tamil Nadu, along with some friends and philanthropists, started The Spastics Society of Tamilnadu [SPASTN] to address the needs of children with **cerebral palsy and multiple disabilities**.

Soon after, the first school was started in a room loaned by the C.P. Ramaswamy Iyer Foundation in central Chennai. It had 10 students and 2 teachers, with special classes for children with cerebral palsy.

Today, over **30 years** since it was founded, SPASTN serves about 1300 persons with disabilities every month. Its 3 special schools in South (Taramani), Central (Ayanavaram)

and North (Royapuram) Chennai provide extensive **rehabilitation programs**, including neuro-developmental therapy, hydrotherapy, speech & language therapy and sensory integration. SPASTN also runs a Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) program in Thiruvallur District.

SPASTN is the State Nodal Agency Centre of The National Trust, Government of India.

Adopting an innovative approach of being both **cost and reach effective**, SPASTN builds the capacities and skills of government officials from the departments of Health, Education, Welfare, Public Transport, Judiciary, Rural Development, the Police and NGO personnel, through sensitization, training and awareness campaigns within and across countries. This has resulted in strong linkages with the State & Central Government departments, University hospitals, educational institutions and NGOs, within India and the world over - Sri Lanka, Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Nepal, Kenya, Canada, United Kingdom & Australia, to name a few.

SPASTN advocates the **rights** of persons with disabilities, so that they can seamlessly and effortlessly gain access to life, to information, to education, to employment, to social security and to full participation.



At the core of everything that SPASTN undertakes, is the passionate belief in the dignity of human life, all human life.

Prevention Over the last 2 decades, thanks to SPASTN's **newborn-screening facility**, over 1,25,000 infants, who are at risk, were identified. This service is available free of cost at various government hospitals in Chennai/Thiruvallur. These children stand a better chance of limiting the impact of disability in their lives because of early intervention.

Inclusion As an early mover to embrace and promote the **Right to Education** for all, SPASTN sensitized and built capacities in the education system, of families and communities to create an enabling environment for enrollment and retention of students with disability in regular schools. SPASTN has placed over 15000 children in regular schools till date. A number of students are pursuing tertiary programs in city colleges in varied fields like Culinary Art, Visual Communication, Psychology, Business Administration and entering the world of work.

Rehabilitation Through its **dedicated team** of special educators, therapists, visual and performance art teachers, SPASTN provides multidisciplinary holistic intervention programs. By developing individualized educational plans, this manages physical impairment while optimizing learning and mobility. SPASTN's placement efforts via community-based vocational training has placed over a hundred students in open employment.

The two interlinked hands which form the logo signifies the linkage between persons with disabilities, their families and organizations (government, corporate and NGOs), working together. Networking and multi-sectorial linkages form the axis around which SPASTN revolves.



The world today adapts and accepts the person for what he or she is. SPASTN's children have transformed from being beneficiaries of charity to acquiring knowledge and skills so that they can participate in the community without barriers.



SPASTN
celebrates
the human spirit
of co-operation
and the will to
succeed
in the face of
adversity.



- **Best Institution - 1995**
Government of Tamil Nadu
- **Best Institution for HRD in Disability - 2000**
UN-ESCAP Award
- **Best Institution - 2001**
Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment
- **Excellence in the field of Cerebral Palsy - 2001-02**
Rehabilitation Council of India
- **Outstanding work in Creating Barrier Free Environment - 2002**
Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment
- **Best Information Centre & State Nodal Agency Centre - 2003, 2004, 2005**
The National Trust, Government of India
- **Best Institution for Implementing Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan - 2005**
Inclusive Education Program, Government of Tamil Nadu
- **Best Creative Disabled Child - 2005 & 2006**
Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- **Best Individual Category - SPANDAN National Award - 2012**
The National Trust, Government of India

A dozen ways to make a difference

Envision how your support enables children to lead a life of independence... See them smile as they live a life without barriers.



Program Fees per Child
₹6,000/-
per year

Public Education and
Awareness Program
₹1,500/- per month

Visual and Performance
Art session
₹500/- per week

Adopt an Employee
₹1,08,000/-
per year

Assistive Devices for Students
(based on the need)
₹500/- ₹6,000/-

Skill Development Training
Program fees of Staff
₹1,00,000/-

Tribute Gift

Honor the memory of friends or loved ones by contributing on their birthday or anniversary once a year.

Volunteer at SPASTN

Give us an hour of your time, once a week, or more, and see the difference it can make - no matter what your skills are!

Pay-roll

Deductions Giving through your work place - you and your colleagues can create a meaningful, lasting change as a team.

Internship & Placements

Help our students become contributing members of society. Provide them with equal opportunities and create accessible environments.

Donation in kind

We could always use A4 paper, furniture, equipment or any other suitable resource.

Training Sessions

Facilitate face-to-face training to increase the knowledge & skills of both staff and students and contribute to their personal and professional skills development.

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Type of Account	Savings				
Name of the Bank	STATE BANK OF INDIA				
Branch	SME BRANCH, ADYAR, CHENNAI 600 020				
State	Tamilnadu	District	Chennai	Pin Code	600020
Branch Code Number	1 3 3 6 1				
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