



**Suryoday Trust**  
Empowering and Educating Children with Special needs

# NEWSLETTER

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## Message from the Founder

In 2010, we embarked on an exciting journey, with new ideas and aspirations, to make a positive impact on the lives of children with Intellectual Disabilities. We began with two students and now have 70 students with special needs studying at our school. Our goal is to help students explore the world in meaningful ways, while teaching them values and qualities that will help them to lead productive independent lives. We strongly believe our students too have significant capabilities and should be encouraged.

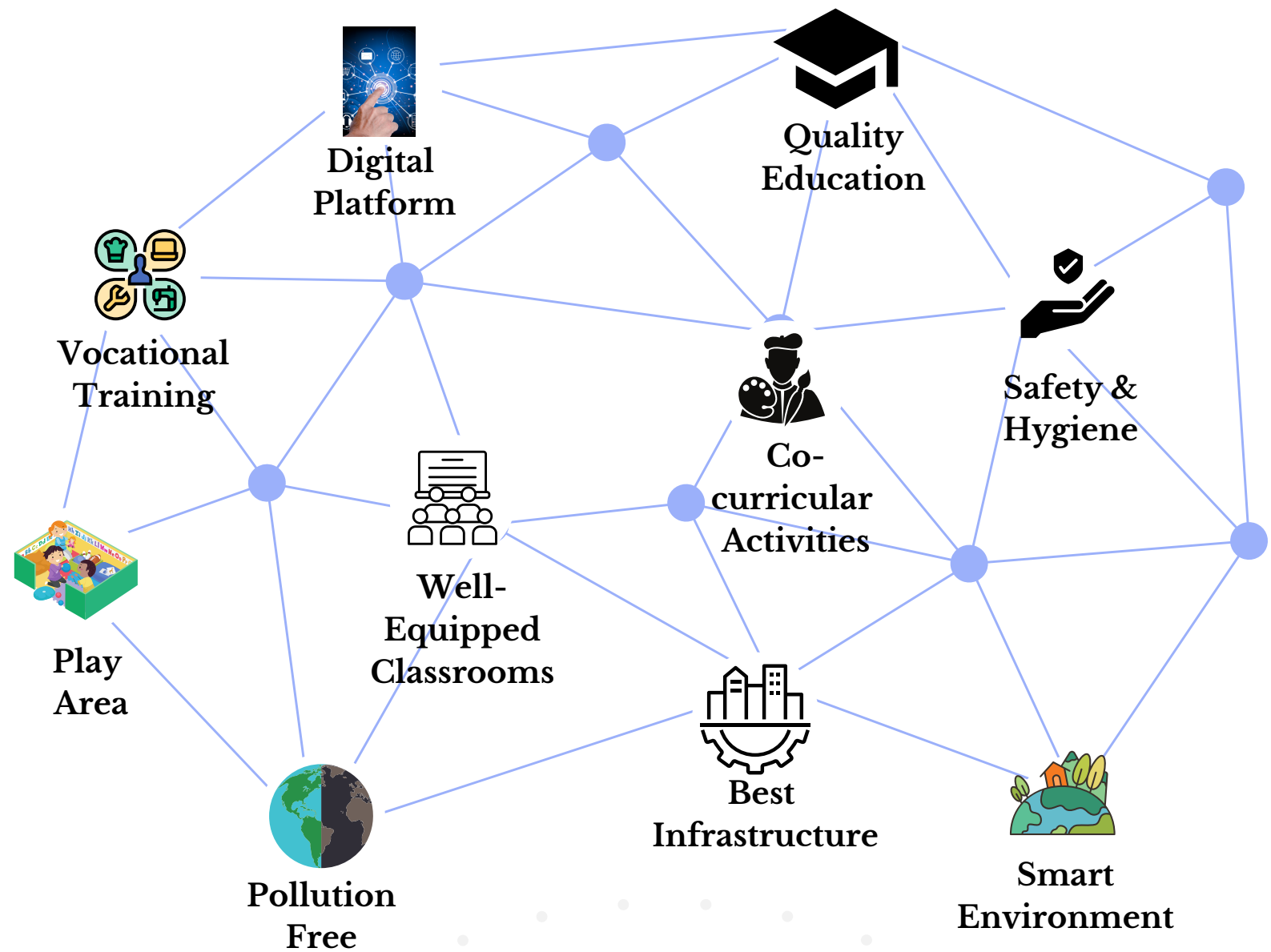
We continuously try to set new benchmarks in the development of our students through the use of new innovative digital technologies and most relevant teaching methodologies. Our new school building that will be ready by the end of this year, will showcase our vision through the incorporation of smart classrooms, creativity centres, therapy rooms and vocational training rooms. Our school also will be a symbol of environmental sustainability with the use of rain harvesting and solar power generation. This newsletter has more information about the proposed facilities in our new building and I would encourage you to read through the same.

This could not be possible without the support of our donors and well wishers. We are incredibly grateful for the generous support and we are looking forward for your continued support in the coming years.

Please continue to support our mission and help us in making a difference to the lives of our special children.

Best Regards,  
Sundar Iyer  
Founder, Suryoday Trust

# Smart School Infrastructure





# Smart Classrooms



## Third Floor (4 classrooms)

VTC-Baking, Stitching and Art  
Dream Team  
The Explorers  
Whacky Wizards

## Second Floor (4 classrooms)

Toy/Reading/Therapy Room  
Master Mind  
Sunshine  
Creative Explorers



Admin Area

## Ground Floor

Safari Adventures (OT)  
Little Stars  
Rainbow  
Lucky Charms

## First Floor (4 classrooms)

# Quality Education



Based on recommended curriculum and teaching methodologies, our school has developed a vast database of tasks that each student has to learn to achieve the desired learning outcomes for preparation, execution, and tracking of customized development plans, we have deployed an effective, in-house developed digital tool (Lakshya: IEP) that enables all stakeholders (students, teachers, principal, trustees and parents) to play an active role in the development of each of our children.



## Co-curricular Activities

Apart from school activities we also focus on various co-curricular activities like Music, Dance, Computers, indoor and outdoor sports. In the new school building we will also have a library room for our students.

## Well Equipped Digitalized Classroom

Each of our classrooms will be 300 Sq.ft designed with good light and ventilation. Each class will have a Interactive Digital White board where the teachers can teach the students in an interactive way. Our students are very much interested in using the digital boards and most of them are very familiar with it.

## Vocational Training Centre

The entire Vocational Training and Skill Development Centre is on the third floor of the building where we will be having a bakery unit, stitching unit and a computer unit. The idea is to empower our children through income-generating activities and help them become self-sufficient.

Baking  
Unit

Computer  
Unit

Stitching  
Unit

Retail  
E-commerce  
Course

# Toy Room



In the new school building we will have a toy cum library room. Where the students can spend time playing and reading books with their classmates.

# Medical Room

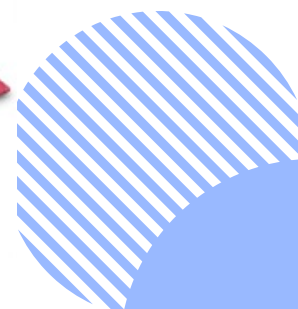
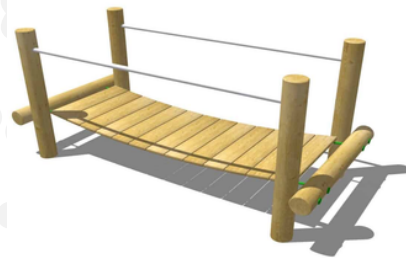
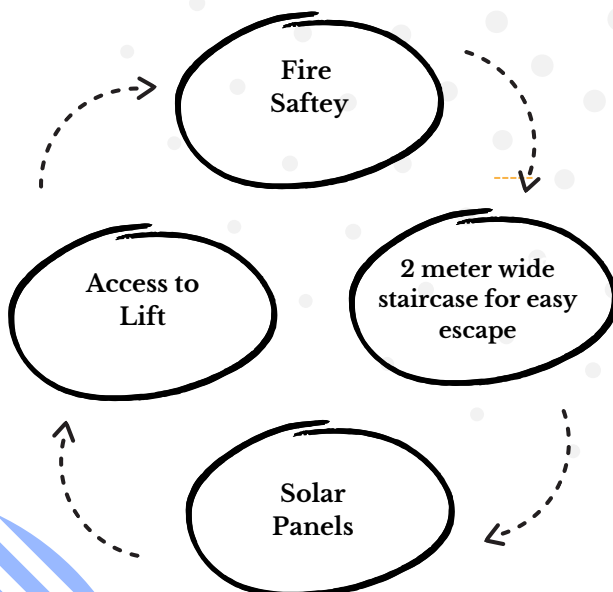
It will be a well-equipped space to take care of any medical emergency arising within the school. Medical consumables, basic medicines and first aid box are always adequately available.

# OT Room & Smart Environment

On the first floor of the building we have the Occupational Therapy Room (OT Room). The occupational therapist will assess children and recommend various activities for improvement. Last quarter we procured new items for the OT room such as rope bridge, ball pool, sensory mat, peg boards, lock chairs and over head pulley.



Smart Environment





# Status of Building Construction



- New school building structure of ground floor + 3 floors is now ready.
- Internal plaster and gypsum work is nearly complete. In addition we have bought all the tiles required to complete the full work.
- Firefighting equipment installation work has commenced and expected to get completed by mid Sep 2023.
- Lifts will be delivered in Sep 2023 for installation.
- We are expecting the new school building to be ready by end of Oct 2023, after which the class fit-out work will commence. We expect the building to be ready for occupation by Jan 2024.







*"Because a little  
Monaco does not  
hurt anyone".*

Training our students from a tender age is extremely important. Simple activities such as memory (identify and remember the ingredients), perception (differentiating between the ingredients) and fine motor skills

# BACK TO SCHOOL





# Events for the quarter

Babasaheb Ambedkar Jayanti celebration and Yoga day celebration at school.



# Promotional Activities

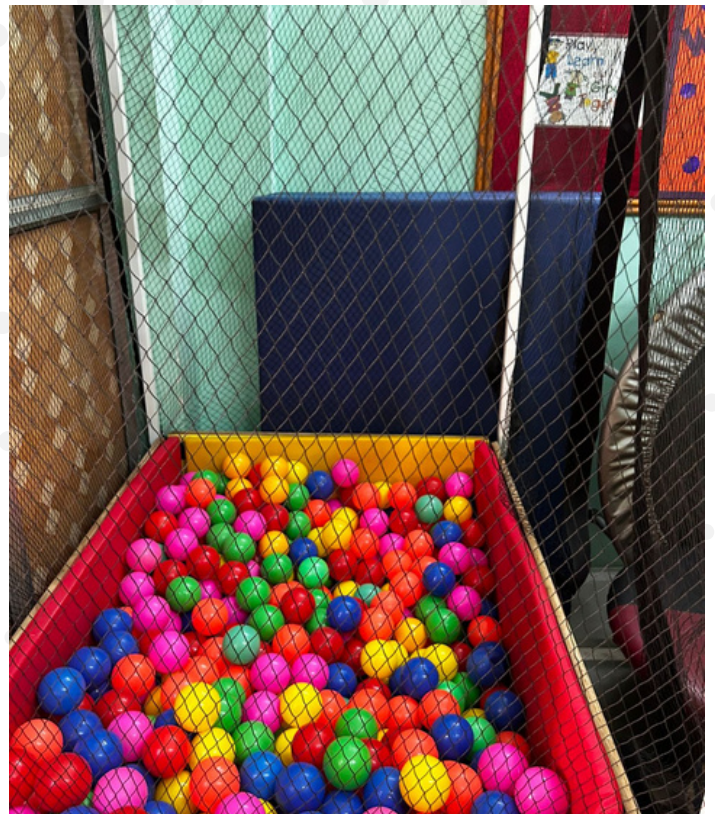
During the month of April, we had a promotional event at St. Anthony's English High School in Nalasopara East. Ms. Preeti Nirmal, our VTC coordinator, briefed the parents about the school and the new Vocational Training and Skill Development Centre. We also had an NGO booth where we were able to sell a lot of goods.





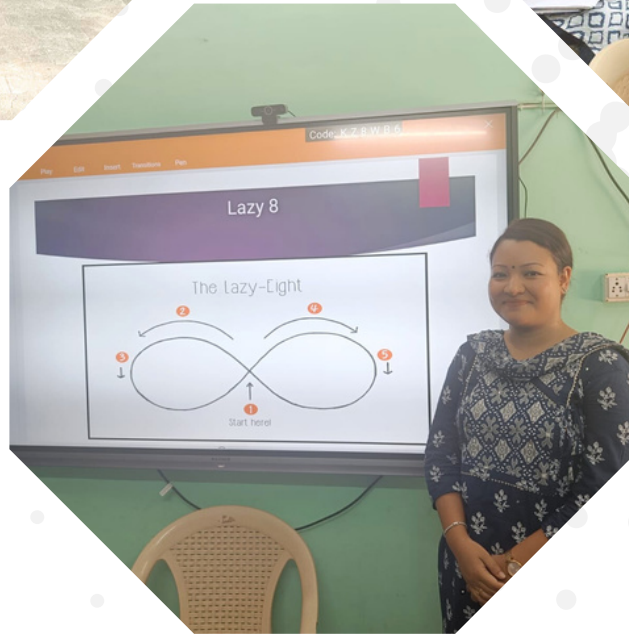
# Inauguration of Vocational Training Centre

We inaugurated the new Vocational Training Center. The inauguration function was attended by the Trustees, Principal and other teaching and non-teaching staff.





# Staff Development



This quarter, we went to Water Kingdom for an employee engagement. It was good bonding time for the team which saw most of our teaching and non-teaching staff participate.

**Brain Gym Workshop:** Ms. Anusuya Pradhan, Principal of Suryoday School conducted the brain gym activities. The employees got to know about brain gym and the exercises related to it. All the employees had to do the activities as well as the exercises.



# Employee Volunteering Program

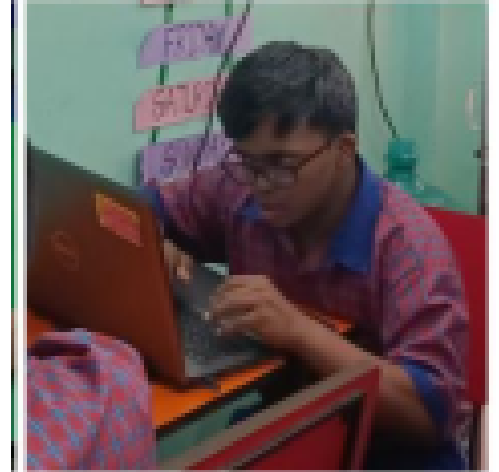
For Employee Volunteering Programmes, we have partnered with ICICI Securities. The volunteers come every month for three days to participate in various volunteering activities.



# Stories from the Ground

Ved has Down Syndrome. When Ved joined Suryoday school he would avoid eye-contact and had very little interest in talking or reading. Be it maths – writing till 200 in figures or words, addition, subtraction, multiplication, division; be it language – reading two to three-letter words, usage of nouns, articles, genders, opposites, rhyming words, filling in the blanks, reading and writing small simple sentences – Ved has aced it all. However Ved has shown significant improvement since joining our school.

Ved is developing new skills. He has begun to use the computer, primarily MS Word. He can now type his full name and copy write an entire passage.



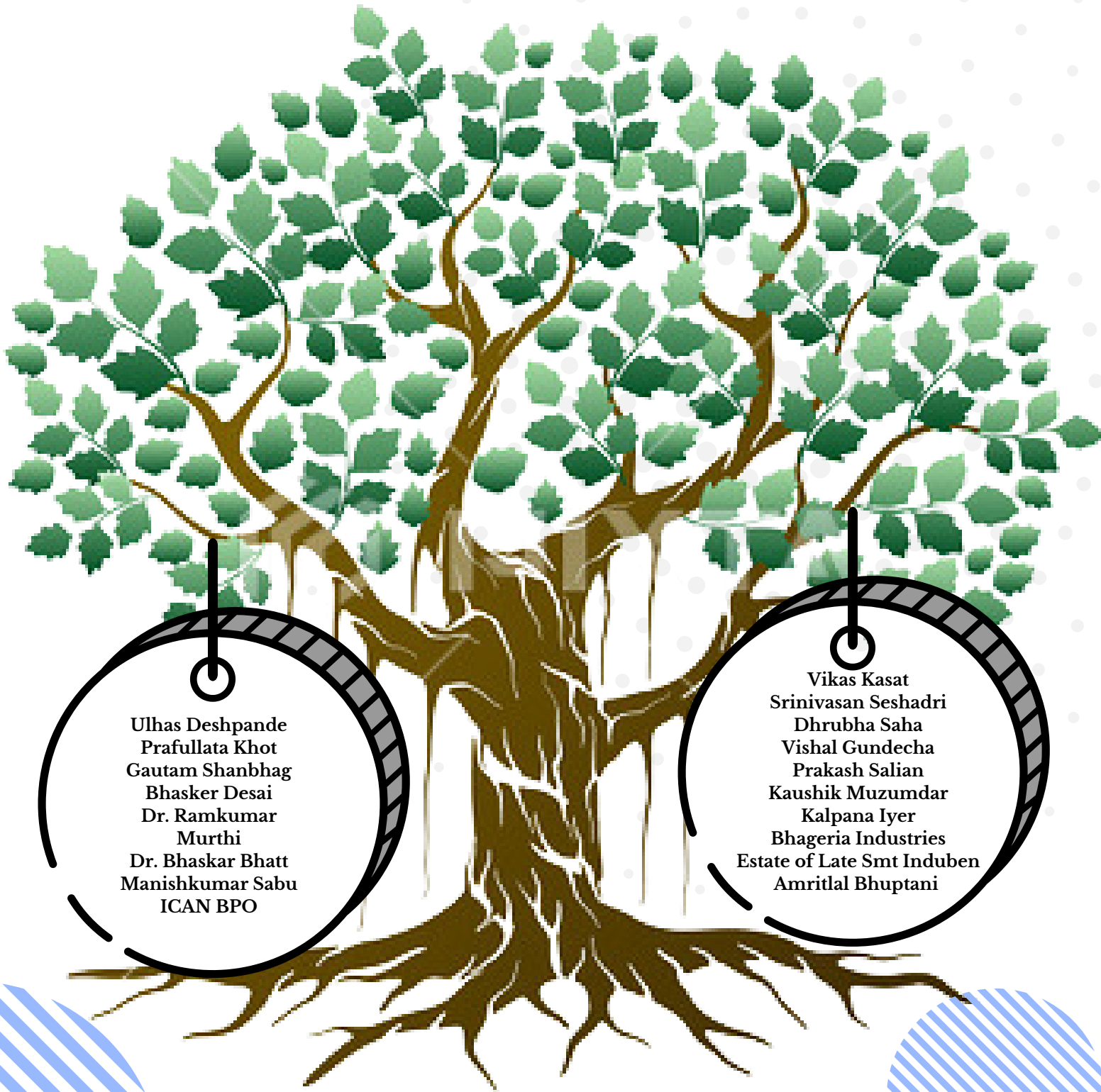
Shubham suffers from mild intellectual disability. He previously attended a regular Marathi medium school before enrolling in Suryoday School in 2019. He has been in the school for the past four years and was enrolled in the pre-vocational class, where he developed his mathematics, sequencing, and perception skills.

With the introduction of Sol's Arc course, we brought him back to train and improve his skills so that he could be placed in a better job.





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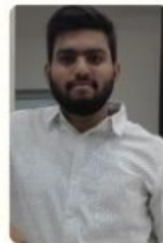
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