

DATE :- 8th February, 2020

VENUE :- CHETANA INSTITUTE

NO. OF VOLUNTEERS PARTICIPATED :- 35

TIME :- 12:00PM - 2:00PM

DURATION :-2 HOURS

Chetna Institute is a school accommodating specially-abled children. It has a strength of about 120 students, whom it strives hard to provide a fairly standard education and all round development. This was the second time Saarthi visited this institute. After alighting from the bus in front of the school, the seniors instructed us on how to perform the tasks and activities assigned to us most efficiently and how to interact with the children. Meanwhile the Permission letter was submitted to the Principal. The process took some time while the volunteers prepared themselves for the activities. We moved into the specific classrooms assigned to us where the children and some of the faculty members. It took some time for the children and the volunteers to feel comfortable in each others' presence. After some initial handshakes and brief intros with the children, the volunteers filed up into various pre-planned groups and started assembling the material for the various activities planned earlier to be performed. 15 minutes into the interaction, the various groups started the preparation for their specific tasks. Every group started to interact with groups of children to play with them and made them join the tasks. None of us realized how those hours passed by. Our visit came to an end with faces and satisfied smiles all around. Toffees were distributed among all the children. Throughout, the school staff were also very supportive and got involved with us. These teachers were the ones that had been for the children throughout the period of their struggle. Initially we had not expected our visit to turn out to be so beautiful, but now, the immense happiness and satisfaction to us was bliss on seeing the overjoyed teachers and cheerful students all around us. We finally left the school on a happy note with a promise to return to spread more smiles and contentment.

