

## **Visually ~~Impaired~~**

*A symbiotic partnership can overcome any disability!*



## Founder's Desk

**Vision** : Creation of a suitable environment for nurturing the abilities and talents of the Visually Impaired by means of which they would be able to live their lives with a sense of dignity and self-worth as productive members of the society.

**Mission** : To light up the path of the Visually Impaired by enabling the fulfilment of their true potential.

**Motto** : Let's Share the light

### Guiding Values

- Inclusivity and Equality
- Empowerment through Special Education
- Self-Reliance and Independence
- Integrity and Transparency
- Community and Collaboration
- Advocacy and Awareness

### Nethrodaya – 23 Years of Dedicated Service

It gives me immense joy to share that Nethrodaya has completed 23 years of committed service to the differently abled community. Establishing Nethrodaya as a self-help institution has been a great privilege, and I am grateful for the positive impact it has created in countless lives.

Over the years, Nethrodaya has empowered thousands of persons with disabilities through initiatives such as:

- A free residential higher secondary special school
- A free hostel for college students with disabilities
- A shelter for homeless differently abled individuals
- Livelihood programs for blind families
- A medical helpline and free ration centre for visually impaired families

This year, our outreach has grown significantly, thanks to the continued support of our donors, volunteers, and well-wishers. Our dedicated staff and volunteers remain the backbone of our success.



As we look ahead, Nethrodaya reaffirms its mission to serve, empower, and uplift those in need. Together, let us continue building an inclusive and compassionate society.

### Nethrodaya's Family is Growing!

At Nethrodaya, every new member brings fresh energy, ideas, and compassion to our mission of empowering persons with visual and other disabilities. Over the years, our family has grown — not just in numbers, but in strength, inclusivity, and shared purpose.

From our dedicated staff and volunteers to our students, residents, and well-wishers, each person adds a unique voice to the Nethrodaya community. Together, we are building a more inclusive world — one that celebrates ability, encourages independence, and spreads hope.

As our family continues to grow, we reaffirm our commitment to provide equal opportunities, accessible education, and a safe, nurturing environment for all.

*Because at Nethrodaya, everyone belongs — and every life matters.*



We are grateful to Honourable President of India Smt. Droupadi Murmu for appreciating Nethrodaya's service to the differently abled at the "At Home Reception" at Rashtrapati Bhavan on 26th Jan 2025

# Recognition of Nethrodaya's Service

A historic day for Nethrodaya! We're deeply grateful to Honourable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for considering our appeal to empower persons with disabilities. His humility and appreciation for our efforts have touched our hearts.



26<sup>th</sup> January 2025

The Hon'ble Prime Minister of India  
Shri Narendra Modi  
New Delhi

**Subject: A Heartfelt Appeal for the Welfare of Citizens with Disabilities**

Respected Sir,

We, at Nethrodaya, a Social Service Institution, approved by the Rehabilitation Council of India and recognized by the Government of Tamil Nadu, are humbled to introduce ourselves as a dedicated organization in the field of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities. Our tireless efforts have been recognized nationally, and we are proud to have been conferred with the **Prestigious National Award by the Hon'ble President of India**.

As we write to you today, our hearts swell with gratitude and admiration for the transformative initiatives you have undertaken to empower the nation. Your visionary leadership has ushered in a new era of growth, inclusivity, and social justice. Your unwavering commitment to the welfare of the marginalized differently abled, has touched the hearts of millions.

The **Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016**, is a shining testament to your government's dedication to promoting equality and dignity for all. The **Accessible India Campaign**, The **Suganya Bharat Abhiyan**, and the initiatives to make public spaces and transportation accessible to the differently abled, are all laudable steps towards creating an inclusive society.

In light of your government's remarkable efforts, we humbly appeal to you to consider two pressing needs for the welfare of Citizens with Disabilities:

- **Age Relaxation under Aarogya Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-JMAAY)**: We seek your kind attention to extend the health coverage to Citizens with Disabilities on par with the senior citizens, with age relaxation, considering their unique medical conditions and reduced life expectancy. This initiative will be a beacon of hope for the differently abled and their families, who often struggle to access quality healthcare.

- **GST Exemption on Assistive Devices**: We urge you to exempt assistive devices from the 5% GST, as it was done for over 106 other essential commodities. This exemption will enable PwDs to avail these essential devices at an affordable price, promoting independence and dignity for the differently abled. We believe that assistive devices, which are crucial for the daily living of PwDs, deserve the same consideration as other exempted commodities.

Your leadership has inspired a nation to strive for greatness. We believe that your intervention in this matter will make a profound difference in the lives of Citizens with Disabilities. We appeal to your compassionate heart to consider our request and take concrete steps to address these pressing needs.

Looking forward to the above consideration

For Nethrodaya

*C. Govindarishnan*

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Nethrodaya extends its heartfelt gratitude to the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K. Stalin for graciously considering our appeal to enhance the Differently-Abled Pension from Rs. 1,500 to Rs. 2,000. This enhancement, which aligns with the Maintenance Allowance already provided to intellectually disabled beneficiaries, marks a significant step towards empowering the differently-abled community



Sharing the dias with high profile dignitaries along with the former Chief Justice of Supreme Court Of India Mr. D.Y. Chandrachud appreciated Nethrodaya's dedicated service to the Differently Abled Community.



Hon'ble Chief Justice of India (CJI) B. R. Gavai acknowledged and appreciated Nethrodaya's significant contributions towards empowering the differently-abled.



## Nethrodaya Award of Excellence & Events

### Mr. Jairam Balasubramanian:



Mr. Jairam Balasubramanian, a visually impaired and qualified Chartered Accountant, serves as General Manager in the Department of Supervision at the Reserve Bank of India. Nethrodaya proudly presented him with the Beacon of Banking Excellence Award in recognition of his outstanding dedication and exemplary service to the banking sector.

### Mr. P. Kumaravel and Mrs. P. Suganya:



Mr. P. Kumaravel, a visually impaired person who completed his M.Ed. in Special Education from

Alagappa University, is employed as a Customer Service Executive at IDBI Bank Limited, Pudukottai. He also serves as the head of the first Tamil e-magazine.

His wife, Mrs. P. Suganya, who is also a visually impaired, works as a Post Graduate Assistant in English at the Government Model Higher Secondary School, Chennai.

Nethrodaya proudly honoured this remarkable couple with the Award of Excellence as the “Made for Each Other Couple”, celebrating their inspiring bond, dedication, and mutual support — a true example for others to follow.

### Mr. G. Padmanaban:



Mr. G. Padmanabhan, who is visually impaired, has dedicated his life to serving the visually impaired community. He is employed in the Railways, and even during holidays and after working hours, he continues his tireless service to the noble cause.

Nethrodaya proudly honoured him with the Award of Excellence as a Trendsetter in Social Work in recognition of his outstanding dedication and contributions.

## Nethrodaya's 22nd Anniversary Celebrations – 22nd December 2024

Nethrodaya's Anniversary Celebration was a historic event, marking two decades of tireless efforts to empower the differently-abled community. The occasion was graced by Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Tmt. Kanimozhi, who remarked, “Nethrodaya's state-of-the-art facility for the differently-abled is a real boon, especially for those hailing from remote villages of Tamil Nadu. The 22 years of dedicated service rendered by Nethrodaya is highly commendable. I wish them all success in their future endeavours.”

Adding charm to the celebration were Mr. Dinesh, Director – Kovai Pazhamudir Nilayam, and renowned playback singers MLR Karthikeyan and Rita, who captivated the audience with a delightful musical fest.



## State Level Achievers Meet Celebration – 2025-2026 – 28th July 2025.

Visually impaired students across Tamil Nadu continue to demonstrate that true determination knows no bounds. Competing alongside their non-disabled peers in board examinations, they follow the same syllabus and face identical academic rigour — without any special privileges. Yet, time and again, they excel, often outperforming many of their counterparts. Sadly, these remarkable achievements often go unnoticed.

Nethrodaya takes immense pride in honouring hundreds of visually impaired students from various districts of remote villages of Tamil Nadu. An exclusive Achievers' Meet Celebration was organized to recognise students who have defied all odds in their

academic journey. Among the achievers were state toppers with distinction, including Swamynathan from Theni District, who scored an exceptional 588 out of 600 in the XII Standard board examinations, and Sri Lakshmi from Chennai District, who secured 481 out of 500.

The event was graced by Thiru. Ma. Subramanian, Hon'ble Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Government of Tamil Nadu, Tmt. S. Madumathi, IAS, Secretary to Government, Welfare of Differently Abled Persons Department, and renowned playback singers Tmt. Ramya NSK and Thiru. Senthil Dass, whose presence added inspiration and joy to the occasion.



Lakshmi PH - XTH TOPPER



Swamynattan S S - XIITH TOPPER

## South Zone Rating Chess Championship for the Visually Impaired – 19th September 2025 to 21st September 2025.

Nethrodaya proudly hosted the South Indian Chess Championship for the Visually Impaired, affiliated with the All India Chess Federation for the Blind (AICFB). This prestigious three-day event commenced on 19th September 2025, and witnessed the participation of 150 visually impaired chess players from all South Indian states — Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, and Puducherry.

The Inauguration Ceremony was graced by Hon'ble Thiru. P.B. Balaji, Justice of Madras High Court, and Hon'ble Thiru. R. Subramanian, Former Justice of Madras High Court, as the Chief Guests. Also present were Dr. C.K. Gariyali, IAS, Former Principal Secretary, Government of Tamil Nadu, and Thiru. Sukumar K, CEO of Spazeo Merchandise Private Limited.

The Valedictory Event on Sunday, 21st September 2025 was presided over by Mr. Narasinghen Hambyraj, Hon'ble Junior Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade, Mauritius, along with Thiru. Stephen S.C. Hsu, Director General, Taipei Economic and Cultural Center, Chennai; Mr. Kamran Khan, Head India, Department of State Development, Government of South Australia. The event was made even more memorable by the captivating performance of renowned playback singer Yogisekar.

Venkat Reddy from Andhra Pradesh emerged as the champion of the AICFB South Zone Chess Championship for the Visually Impaired 2025 organised by Nethrodaya and was awarded a prestigious trophy along with a cash award.



# Nethrodaya Free Residential Higher Secondary Special School for Blind and Disabled (Boys and Girls). Recognised by Government of Tamil Nadu.

It is a unique and the only Educational Institution in Tamil Nadu which is being run by a Visually Impaired person benefiting hundreds of visually impaired and differently-abled economically backward students hailing from remote villages of Tamil Nadu.

Nethrodaya practices inclusiveness with an integrated methodology. Here the visually impaired students and the orthopaedic students co-exist to learn and leverage upon each other's strengths, by overcoming their disabilities. Implemented successfully, this practice provides an opportunity for the orthopaedic students to read and write for the visually impaired and to share and exchange their books of knowledge.



Free Residential Higher Secondary Special School in 2020.

**Samanasa Mary**  
Samanasa Mary, a visually impaired girl from Villupuram District, of TN, was admitted to our

She recently appeared for her Board Exams, in which her academic performance was highly commendable. Samanasa Mary firmly believes that disability is not a hindrance to achieving success.



**Hari Prasad**  
Hari Prasad, a boy with blindness and a Specific Learning Disability, was admitted to our Free Residential Higher Secondary Special School in 2014 and has successfully completed his Class X Board Exams. He expresses his heartfelt gratitude to his teachers and classmates for their unwavering support and encouragement.



## Facilities Offered at Nethrodaya

### Computer Lab

Nethrodaya's state-of-the-art computer lab, the first of its kind in Tamil Nadu, is equipped with screen readers, braille printers, and free internet access. It provides training for visually impaired students in Microsoft Office, internet usage, and email communication, empowering them to compete equally with sighted peers. Many trained students have developed strong digital skills and gone on to secure rewarding careers in the IT sector, reflecting the impact of this initiative.



### Yoga Classes

Nethrodaya offers structured yoga classes designed to support the overall well-being of its differently abled students. The classes are conducted by a qualified yoga instructor.



The classes aim to improve mental clarity, concentration, and emotional balance while also enhancing physical strength, flexibility, and posture and promote a sense of calm and self-confidence.

### Fitness Centre

At Nethrodaya, we understand that physical fitness is essential for overall well-being, particularly for differently-abled individuals. Our fitness centre is fully equipped with modern, high-tech equipments designed to meet the needs of all differently abled beneficiaries.

These sessions are carefully guided by qualified instructor while maximizing health benefits, helping students build endurance, muscle strength, and flexibility.



## Reading Centre



At Nethrodaya, we believe that the warmth and guidance of a human voice cannot be replaced by machines. Our Reading Centre is supported by dedicated volunteers who read textbooks aloud, record study materials, and act as

scribes for visually impaired students during exams.

These volunteers do more than just read—they become mentors, guides, and a vital connection to the outside world. Their support helps students grasp complex concepts, stay on track academically, and encourage them to be self-reliant.

## Digital Audio and Braille Library



Nethrodaya's Library serves as a premier resource for visually impaired students, offering an extensive collection of audio and Braille materials. The library includes school and college textbooks, exam guides, and competitive study material, ensuring that

students have access to a wide range of learning resources. This enables the visually impaired learners to achieve their educational goals on par with their peers

## User Friendly Park

Our inclusive park provides differently-abled students with a safe and welcoming space to enjoy outdoor activities that promote fun, social interaction, and overall well-being. The park is thoughtfully designed to encourage participation, build community spirit.

## Nethrodaya's Vision to Victory!

Yogaraj, a visually impaired student, is now a proud government employee in the Health Department. With six years of dedicated support from Nethrodaya, he has shown that true ability knows no limits. His achievement stands as a testament to perseverance and is a source of great pride for all of us.



Beyond recreational benefits, spending time outdoors allows students to get fresh air and natural sunlight, which supports physical health and provides essential vitamin D.



## Vocational Training to Homeless Visually Impaired

Nethrodaya extends shelter to individuals abandoned by their loved ones and helps rebuild their lives through compassionate care and vocational training.



## Nethrodaya - Centre of Excellence and Empowerment: Free Coaching, Training and Accommodation for Boys and Girls

Nethrodaya's Training empowers underprivileged, visually impaired, and physically challenged students with expert coaching for competitive exams. Our qualified tutors offer specialized guidance, including tailored classes for Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission exams, to help students achieve success.



## Free Hostel for Disabled Students

Free boarding and lodging facilities are provided to college-going students with disabilities who hail from remote villages of Tamil Nadu. This initiative has paved the way for these students to pursue higher education without any financial burden, enabling them to focus on their academic and personal growth.



## Outreach Activities

### Monthly Grocery Scheme

Poverty and hunger remain major challenges for many visually impaired families across Tamil Nadu. To address this pressing need, Nethrodaya launched the Free Monthly Grocery Scheme, providing essential groceries free of cost to underprivileged visually impaired families. For over three years, hundreds of families have benefited from this initiative, which ensures regular meals, reduces financial hardship, and helps restore dignity and stability to their lives.



One such beneficiary is Nagaraj, a poor visually impaired person from Thiruvallur District, Tamil Nadu, who lost his wife and is raising three children alone. Battling poverty, he struggled to provide even three meals a day, and his children were on the brink of starvation. Nethrodaya's timely intervention through monthly grocery support has ensured that his children never go hungry again.

### Self-Employment Scheme for Poor Visually Impaired Families

Launched 23 years ago, this pioneering initiative aims to provide sustainable livelihood opportunities for families of the visually impaired by offering them seed capital in the form of marketable products. These products are sold across the Suburban Train Network, enabling beneficiaries to earn a steady monthly income and lead a life of dignity and self-reliance.

The scheme was conceived with the noble objective of preventing the visually impaired from resorting to begging by empowering them through meaningful employment. Over the

years, this impactful program has transformed the lives of around 3,500 visually impaired individuals, helping them achieve financial independence and social inclusion.

One such beneficiary, Aruna, a visually impaired woman from Tenkasi District, struggled to support her elderly mother and 8-year-old son due to financial hardships. With the support of Nethrodaya under this scheme, her family's situation has been transformed, enabling them to achieve a sustainable source of income and a better quality of life.

### Cow Project:

The Cow Project Scheme of Nethrodaya, also known as the Individual Cattle Rearing Unit for Poor, Uneducated Visually Impaired Families, supports them by providing a cow and a female calf. Nethrodaya connects them with local milk vendors for their stable income.

Initiated 20 years ago, the scheme has transformed the lives of around 500 visually impaired families who belong to remote villages of Tamil Nadu, enabling them to achieve financial independence.



Nethrodaya donated a cow and a female calf to Chandru, a visually impaired person from a remote village in Nagai District, Tamil Nadu. This life-changing support has provided a sustainable livelihood, enabling him to support his wife and educate his 13 year old son and 8 year old daughter and lead a dignified life.



### **Educational assistance to the children of Visually Impaired Parents**

The sighted children of visually impaired parents deserve access to quality education that empowers them to build a bright future and care for their parents in their later years.

Recognizing this vital need, Nethrodaya launched a Special Educational Support Scheme 21 years ago to provide financial assistance for the education of these children.

One such inspiring story comes from Vellore District, Tamil Nadu, where Mr. Rajesh and Mrs. Manimegalai, both visually impaired, struggled to enroll their sighted child in a nearby school due to financial constraints. Nethrodaya stepped in to

meet this pressing need by covering the child's school fees in full. Thanks to this support, the child is now happily enrolled in LKG, beginning a journey towards a brighter future.

This noble initiative is generously supported by the Shree Sarita Jain Foundation. Over the years, thousands of sighted children have benefited from this scheme, which has eased the financial burden of education on their visually impaired parents.

Through this impactful scheme, Nethrodaya continues to emphasize an important truth — visually impaired parents can give birth to sighted children, and with the right support, these families can thrive and succeed together.



### **Medicine for the Blind**

This unique initiative launched in 2024, "Medicine for the Blind," supports economically disadvantaged visually impaired individuals who cannot afford medication for chronic health conditions. Through this scheme, essential medicines are provided free of cost and delivered directly to beneficiaries' homes across Tamil Nadu, ensuring consistent and timely access to healthcare. This initiative reflects Nethrodaya's commitment to promoting inclusive healthcare and dignity for persons with visual disabilities.

### **Death with Dignity**

The Death with Dignity scheme was initiated by Nethrodaya 7 years ago to ensure that visually impaired individuals receive a respectful and dignified final farewell.

Recognizing that many families faced financial difficulties or lacked support to perform last rites, this initiative provided assistance for cremation or burial ceremonies, allowing families to honor their visually impaired loved ones with the respect they deserve.

Nethrodaya performed the final rites for Manjula, a poor visually impaired woman from Villipuram, with the dignity and respect she deserved. We continue to support her family, providing monthly groceries to ensure three meals a day for Manjula's two daughters and her visually impaired husband.



# Advocacy



## Disability ID Cards accepted for Free Bus Travel by the Transport Department

The Hon'ble Minister for Transport accepted Nethrodaya's request to allow Visually Impaired Persons to travel in city buses by producing their Disability ID Card issued by Government of Tamil Nadu thereby removing the need for obtaining special passes while travelling in city buses.

This aligns with the 2025-2026 Policy Note of the WDAP Department, led by the Hon'ble Chief

Minister, which clearly states that Visually Impaired Persons can travel in city buses without any conditions.

## Distribution of Motorised Sewing Machine to Visually Impaired Women

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has accepted Nethrodaya's representation to include Visually Impaired Women under the Distribution of Motorised Sewing Machine Scheme. This progressive decision will provide sustainable livelihood opportunities to thousands of visually impaired women across the State, empowering them to achieve economic independence and social inclusion.

## Disgraceful Tamil translation of "Disability" in the degree certificate issued by the University of Madras.

The University of Madras had issued degree certificates for the Master of Social Work in Disability and Empowerment (2021-2023 batch) at the Madras School of Social Work, using the Tamil term "Iyalaamai" to denote disability. This term, which implies inability rather than disability, was viewed as derogatory and contrary to the spirit of the RPWD Act, 2016.

Following Nethrodaya's representation, the Hon'ble Minister for Higher Education directed the University to replace "Iyalaamai" with "Maatruthiren", thereby upholding the dignity of persons with disabilities and preserving the respectful usage of Tamil language.



11<sup>th</sup> July 2025  
 To  
 The Honourable Chief Minister/Minister for welfare of Differently Abled  
 Chennai - 600009

Dear Sir,  
**Sub: Request for inclusion of Visually Impaired Women in the Motorised Sewing Machine Scheme**  
 Nethrodaya is a Social Service Institution, approved by the Rehabilitation Council of India and recognized by the govt. of Tamil Nadu. As a recognition of our dedicated service in the field of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, we have been conferred with the prestigious National Award by the Hon'ble President of India. Government of Tamil Nadu has also been awarded as "The Best Institution" by the Government of Tamil Nadu for offering quality services to Differently Abled students completely free of cost.

We wish to bring to your attention the evolution of Visually Impaired and Low Vision women from the Motorised Sewing Machine Scheme, despite their successful completion of training at Nethrodaya. As a recognition of our dedicated service in the field of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, we have been conferred with the prestigious National Award by the Hon'ble President of India. Government of Tamil Nadu has also been awarded as "The Best Institution" by the Government of Tamil Nadu for offering quality services to Differently Abled students completely free of cost.

As per the Performance Budget for 2025-2026, a total of Rs. 2.81 crore has been allocated to the Motorised Sewing Machine Scheme. While this inclusion would promote self-reliance and ensure equitable support to all sections of the differently abled community, we respectfully request that necessary amendments be made under further details.

We strongly urge the department to extend eligibility for this scheme to include Visually Impaired and Low Vision women. Their inclusion would promote self-reliance and ensure equitable support to all sections of the differently abled community. We respectfully request that necessary amendments be made under further details.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

For Nethrodaya  
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04<sup>th</sup> March 2025  
 To,  
 The Hon'ble Minister for Higher Education  
 Govt. of Tamil Nadu

**Sub: Requesting your intervention to rectify the disgraceful Tamil translation of "Disability" in the degree certificate issued by the University of Madras - Reg**

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We would like to bring to your kind attention that the University of Madras has issued degree certificates for the "Master Of Social Work in Disability and Empowerment" a Post Graduate Degree for the students of 2021-2023 batch in its affliated college Madras School of Social Work.

We are deeply disheartened to note that the terminology "Iyalaamai" has been used for the term "Disability" in the Tamil Translation of the Degree Program.

We wish to place on record that our former Chief Minister Dr. Karunanidhi introduced the term "Maatruthiranaalagar" (Differently Abled) and established an exclusive department in the departments and Universities in Tamil Nadu for referring to persons with Disabilities.

Despite these facts the University of Madras has wilfully degraded the Differently Abled Community by using the term "Iyalaamai" in its prestigious degree certificate, wherein the said Tamil term actually highlights inability rather indicating disability.

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07<sup>th</sup> October 2025  
 To  
 The Hon'ble Minister for Transport and Electricity  
 Govt. of Tamil Nadu

**Sub: Request for inclusion of Visually Impaired persons in Travel Passes in all government buses showing the UDID Cards.**

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The Hon'ble Minister for Transport and Electricity, Government of Tamil Nadu, has issued a policy note for the year 2025-2026 regarding the provision of free travel passes to Differently Abled persons in all government buses. We are pleased to note that the policy note has been issued. We are grateful to you for your intervention in this regard.

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## Unique Donors and Volunteers

### A Life Dedicated to Service – Alagammal's Inspiring Journey



Alagammal, a devoted volunteer, has dedicated her life to the service of others. Despite her daily family commitments, her consistent visits to Nethrodaya to serve the differently abled community are truly commendable.

For many years, Alagammal has been a pillar of support for visually impaired children—reading books aloud, recording lessons, and serving as a scribe during examinations. Her selfless dedication and compassion have touched countless lives and stand as a shining example of true volunteerism, inspiring many to follow in her footsteps.

### Ponnusamy – A True Example of Dedicated Service



Mr. Ponnusamy, a retired police officer, regularly visits Nethrodaya to train and guide differently abled children. Despite facing his own medical challenges, his “never-say-die” attitude and unwavering commitment to educating and empowering these children stand as a true example of selfless volunteerism.

His dedication reminds us that genuine service knows no age or limitation—it is driven by determination and the desire to uplift others.

### A Noble Gesture of Generosity

Ms. Vindhiya, daughter of Hon'ble former Justice Mr. P. N. Prakash of the Madras High Court, made a remarkable gesture on the occasion of her marriage by request-

ing all invitees to donate cash gifts to Nethrodaya instead of presenting them to the family.

This thoughtful act of kindness and social responsibility is truly worthy of appreciation.

We at Nethrodaya wholeheartedly thank this noble couple and wish them happiness and success in all their future endeavours.



### A Philanthropist with a Heart for Service



Mr. Rajarathinam, who heads a leading automobile industry, generously shares a significant portion of his profits by regularly donating to service institutions in memory of his only daughter, Ms. Sujatha.

His continued contributions have benefited countless persons with disabilities, enabling them to lead dignified and independent lives in society.

Nethrodaya gratefully acknowledges his unwavering and unconditional support for all our initiatives.



### Sponsorship Opportunities

At Nethrodaya, we believe that every differently-abled person deserves love, dignity, and the opportunity to reach their fullest potential. Running a home for differently-abled persons is a mission of compassion — one that thrives on the generosity and kindness of people like you.

Your support sustains our daily efforts to provide quality special education, essential care, and emotional encouragement to our residents. However, maintaining these vital programs requires reliable and ongoing support to ensure that every individual continues to receive the care and attention they deserve.

By choosing to sponsor one of Nethrodaya's programs, you are not just contributing funds — you are transforming lives, nurturing dreams, and creating a brighter, more inclusive future for these extraordinary individuals.

Together, we can turn compassion into opportunity.

### Sponsor a Day's Meal :

Breakfast : Rs. 3,000  
Lunch : Rs. 4,500  
Dinner : Rs. 3,500  
Veg Meals : Rs. 11,000

Evening Snacks : Rs. 1,000  
Vegetables : Rs. 500  
Milk : Rs. 600  
Monthly Outing : Rs. 5,000

### FOR A CHILD /MONTH :

Living Expenses : Rs. 2,000  
Special Education Training : Rs. 1,000

Donate a Cow to a Poor Visually Impaired Family in a Village (to Support Their Livelihood): ₹40,000/-

Donate towards Seed Capital for Self-Employment of Poor Visually Impaired Small-Scale Vendors per Person: Rs. 5,000/-

Appeal for support towards performing final rites of Poor Visually Impaired Deceased: Rs. 10,000

Donate Audio recorder for educational purposes for the visually impaired students.

Donate provision items such as sugar, rice, oil, pulses etc.

Donate Sanitary Essentials.

Donate Laptop for College going visually impaired Students.

### Appeal for Volunteers:

To read text book.  
To Write Assignment  
To record Study Materials  
Be a Scribe for their Exams  
Volunteering for Events

### Nethrodaya's Corpus Fund:

To strengthen our financial resilience in times of crisis, we have established a permanent/capital fund called the Corpus Fund. It is different from every other type of donation or sponsorship as its sole purpose will come into play only in times of emergency. A corpus fund money cannot be utilised directly, rather the interest earned on it allows an organization to run its most essential program without

any interruption. By donating to this endowment, you ensure that our organisation can sustain in critical hours of need. In essence, our disabled children will have quality care on a regular basis..

### How to Donate:

Cheque or Demand Draft to be Drawn in F/O Nethrodaya

Or online through QR Code or UPI ID (Emboss QR Code and UPI ID)

All Donations are Exempt Under Sec. 80G of IT Act. Registered U/S 12A Appn # 2(213)/02-03



Merchant Name: NETHRODAYA  
VPA ID: nethrodaya@icici

Steps to Pay  
Open UPI app > Select 'Scan to Pay'  
> Scan QR Code > Enter amount



### Credentials

Name of The Organisation : Nethrodaya  
Year of Establishment : 2002  
Place : Chennai  
Permanent Account No. : AAATN4396E

### Registration Details

Registered as : Public Charitable Trust  
Registered on : 11<sup>th</sup> June 2002  
Trust Registration No. : 430/2002/4  
Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act Regn No : 473/2022  
12A Certificate Unique Registration No.: AAATN4396EE20216  
80G Certificate Unique Registration No.: AAATN4396EF20214  
Darpan ID : TN/ 2018/ 0218171  
CSR Registration No. : CSR00017927  
FCRA Registration No. : 075901108 dated 13.09.2006

### Recognition Details

Nethrodaya Higher Secondary Special School (VI & LD).  
Recognised by Govt. Of Tamil Nadu: 001500/Adm.7/2025



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