



# **Deepti Rehabilitation Centre**

Deepti Centre for Children with Cerebral Palsy (Now known as Deepti Rehabilitation Centre) was founded on 19th August 2009 to care and support children with special needs and their families in Kerala. The motivation for Deepti Centre is the experience of Dr. Mathew C.Vargheese and Dr. Susan Mathew having a child with Cerebral Palsy. Deepti Rehabilitation Centre provides physiotherapy, speech therapy and occupational therapy for children

## **Deepti Special School**

Deepti Special School was officially inaugurated on 10th August 2010. Deepti Special School is a major step in addressing the educational needs of these children. Now 157 children with various challenges such as Cerebral Palsy, Autism, ADHD, Downs Syndrome, and Mental Retardation are enrolled at Deepti.

Motto: Enabling the Present

Enlightening the Future

#### **Aim and Objectives**

Deepti Special School aims the holistic education of children who are differently-abled and facing various Challenges. The School works towards academic excellence, development of skills and talents and character formation in fear of God and service of humanity so as to mould intellectually trained , physically strengthened, socially committed and spiritually enlightened children.

#### Mathru Deepti (Mothers at Deepti)

Mathrudeepti is a fellowship of mothers at Deepti who come together, share their experience, hope, improvement of their children in order to encourage and strengthen each other in their challenges and struggles. They receive counselling and support from Deepti. Vocational training such as Tailoring, Fabric Painting and Printing, Detergent Making, Jewellery making, Paper Bag and Card Making etc are given to the parents.

## **Support Deepti**

Your help is needed for some one who is special. Donate to Deepti. Please make a transfer (in Rupees only) to **Deepti Educational & Charitable Foundation (Reg No.27/2012)** 

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# "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased"

The words of the angelic choir during the first Christmas was reverberated through the lips of Deepti Carol Singers, as they visited homes singing songs celebrating the advent of the saviour of the world. This is the first time Deepti organized a Christmas





Carol, comprised of children, staff and parents. People waited in the night, with love and special delicacies to share with them. The monitory gifts received during the carol rounds will be used to help our parents who are financially struggling.

# Deepti in the public domain again

Prakasham Parathunna Amma (Mother who spreads light) was the caption of the



feature about the story of Deepti Special School, published in the leading women's magazine -*Vanitha* December issue 2016. The story of Deepti was penned by Ms. Sreerekha, news reporter of Vanitha, after her visit to





Deepti School along with the photographer Mr. Sreekanth and interviewing the founders. We received feed -

back of many readers, saying this was a truly inspirational and heart touching story. We had increased number of visitors to Deepti after they read the feature.

Earlier, the story of Deepti was published by DC Book's **Future Women** Magazine (Sept 2015) with the title **Susan's Children** and *Mathrubhumi* News Paper in Daily in (March 22, 2014) *Ezhupathonnu Makkalude Amma* (Mother of 71 children).

# Dr. Susan Mathew in the National Executive Committee of PARIVAAR



Dr. Susan Mathew, the Co-founder and Head of the Institution of Deepti Special School, has been nominated to the National Executive Committee of Parivaar, which is a National Federation of over 230 Parents Associations and NGO's in 30 States of India working for people with intellectual disability, Autism, Cerebral Palsy and Multiple Disabilities. She attended

the Parivaar Executive Committee meeting held in Jalandhar, Punjab from Nov 10-12, 2016. It is a great opportunity to net work with other organizations that are working in the area of disabilities .

# Deepti won the first prize for March past

Deepti won the trophy (first prize) for march past during the Special Olympics Pathanamthitta District sports meet conducted in Adoor, on 5th November 2016, where children from 13 special schools in the district participated. Children at Deepti participated in different items and bagged medals. Later in the State level special sport meet conducted in Kollam, five of our children received medals in the items they participated. Deepti salutes our sports stars and their trainers.







Receiving Trophy for the best team in the march past From Mr. Harishankar IPS, Pathanamthitta



Deepti sports team with certificates and medals

### **CRE Seminar and Workshop for Special Educators**

Deepti Special School hosted CRE Seminars and Workshop for special educators and therapists on October 25-27, 2016 at Marthoma Youth Centre, Adoor. The seminar on "The Role of Play in Children with Disabilities" was held with the approval of Rehabilitation council of India. 50 participants including special educators from different special schools from all over Kerala and two therapists from CMC Vellore, attended the seminars. Caroline Essame from Create Catt, Singapore and Carrie Molloy, UK were the chief resource persons for the seminar. Mr. Reddy Venketesh from Singapore volunteered in the seminar leading the play sessions. Certificates were distributed to the participants during the valedictory function.



Participants in the CRE Seminar and Workshops with resource persons

# Deepti Students and Staff at SAFI Conference, Bangalore



Deepti is always doing the best effort to help the students to integrate with the society. Deepti sent 5 students and two staff to attend the meeting of SAFI (**Self Advocates Forum of India**), which took place in Indian Social Institute Bangalore, on December 8-12, 2016. In addition to attending the meetings and workshops, it gave them opportunities to interact with world outside. It was their first train journey which they enjoyed very well. They visited places of interest like Lal Bagh.



### Deepti Family Tour to Silver Storm Theme Park

December 10 Saturday was memorable day for the entire Deepti Family. The much awaited family tour, in which children, siblings and their parent as well as staff joined a one day tour to Silver Storm Park, Trichur.



### **Mathru Deepti Pickle Contest**

Mothers of Deepti had a pickle contest, in which Ms. Rigi Thulaseedharan won the first prize. Members of Rotary Club Adoor were present as the judges. Having gained encouragement and confidence, mothers are now planning



to venture in to small scale pickle making and marketing.

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Children, Parents and Staff at
Deepti wish
Merry Christmas and Sappy
New Year

to all our the Friends and Partners of Deepti

# Your Support and Help Needed to

- purchase land for Deepti
- develop suitable infrastructure
- develop Sensory Gym for Autistic Children