



## Deepthi News Letter July 2017

### Deepthi Rehabilitation Centre

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

### Deepthi Special School

Deepthi Special School was officially inaugurated on 10th August 2010. Deepthi Special School is a major step in addressing the educational needs of these children. Now 172 children with various challenges such as Cerebral Palsy, Autism, ADHD, Downs Syndrome, and Mental Retardation are enrolled at Deepthi.

**Motto:** *Enabling the Present  
Enlightening the Future*

### Aim and Objectives

Deepthi 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 Deepthi (Mothers at Deepthi)

Mathrudeepthi is a fellowship of mothers at Deepthi 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 Deepthi. 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 Deepthi

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

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### New School Year- New Beginning

Deepthi Special School reopened on June 1. Monsoon had already arrived to welcome children back to school after their midsummer holidays. Reopening was celebrated as welcome festival. This year the total number of children at the school increased to 172.



Welcome Speech:  
Dr. Susan



Children and parents

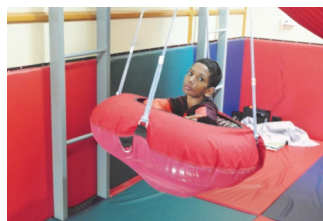
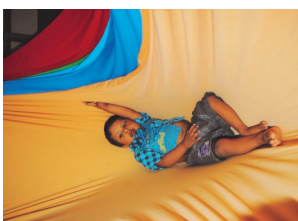


It's cool back to  
Deepthi school

### Sensory Gym Opened



Deepthi has crossed another milestone. The long awaited Sensory gym has become a reality. Sensory gym helps children with challenges in sensory integration, especially children who are Autistic and Hyper active. It contains, exercise balls, special swings, lycra sheet hammock, steps, crawling tunnels, bean bags, trampoline and different sensory surfaces. As a safety feature, foam padding is given to floor and walls, so that children can have real fun time, enjoy themselves to jump, hop, roll or crawl.



### New Play Equipments for children



Children find outdoor play more enjoyable than ever, with new additions of play equipments like swings and slides. Deepthi is keen to provide the best facilities for the holistic growth and development of children with challenges.





## Breakfast for Deepti Children

A new scheme under local governing council (panchayat) started providing breakfast for primary children at Deepti. A women collective named *kudumbasree* will prepare breakfast and the food will be served by Deepti staff. This service was inaugurated by Rev. Samuelkutty, the General Secretary of Faith Theological Seminary on 11 July 2017. Deepti expresses sincere thanks to Local governing



Council and *kudumbasree* for arranging breakfast for our children on daily basis. For the last one year Deepti has been providing noon meals for chil-

## Deepti Family Get-together

Deepti celebrated family get-together on May 7, 2017 at Marthoma Youth Centre, Adoor. Counseling for parents was conducted in the morning. There was a presentation about how to recycle waste materials into useful products. In the after



noon parents, children with challenges and their siblings engaged in different activities, like singing, dancing and story telling. There was a magic show by Mr. Denny John.

## Text Books Distributed

The State Education Department has prepared text books for children with special needs. Children at Deepti are beneficiaries of this scheme. This is the first time Education Department has come up with a curriculum and unified syllabus for differently abled children. The text books were distributed to the children at Deepti by Rev. Dr. T.G. Koshy, the Patron of Deepti and President of Faith Theological Seminary on 12 July 2017. Mrs. Aleyamma Koshy, Dr. Annie George and Rev. James T.G were present in the meeting.



## Plant a Tree: World Environment Day Celebrated

Deepti celebrated World Environment Day on June 5. Children and staff joined together to plant saplings in front of the school. Deepti offers basic lessons to children about how to care for nature. On 28 April, Deepti parents, children and staff visited *Krishi Vignan Kendra* (Centre for Agriculture) Farm at Pathanamthitta and gathered information about the new trends in agriculture and farming.



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*A Big Thank You,  
for all your love,  
prayer and support :*

**Children, Parents and  
Staff at Deepti**

## Your Support and Help Needed

- ♦ To purchase school bus
- ♦ To purchase land for Deepti
- ♦ To develop suitable infrastructure