

## Aashwasan **Foundation**



Aashwasan WALKS for **'AUTISM AWARENESS'** 

April is marked as the Autism Awareness Month all over the world. Having immensely contributed in the area of Autism in the last 14 years, Aashwasan Foundation organized a WALKATHON for AUTISM AWARENESS in the Kalyan nagar - Kammanahalli area on Sunday, 28th April, 2019. The theme of the event was celebrating "Life beyond Autism" and true to its name, the event also featured a talent show by children with Autism. People of all ages took part and enjoyed the walk alongside families of children with Autism.

The event began early at 7 in the morning with an inspiring opening speech by the Chief Guest, Dr. Sathyapal, President, National Road Safety Organization. A warm up session of "Zumba" by the vibrant Ishwarya Venkatesh set the tone for the rest of the morning's events as everyone geared up for the Walkathon.

Flagged off by Dr. Sathyapal and Mr. Anthony from Civil Defence Division, the walkers took off from Aashwasan office to cover a 3 km stretch with a finish line back at the Aashwasan office.

It was heart-warming to see the uniquely abled children participate in the Walkathon. Bensahayan Nithin, a 9 year old boy with 'Autism' not only participated but completed the 3 km Walkathon without taking a

break.

The talent show began with Adithya Venkatesh, a musical genius whose 'Autism' did not stop him from reaching the stars with his music. Adithya played beautiful Bollywood songs on his keyboard.

A 10-year-old singing prodigy, Rishabh, stood up for the cause of Autism and sang a Beatles number on his guitar. A 7-year-old child with Autism, Shagnik Seth's stunningly meticulous paintings of trains were exhibited at the talent show.

A presentation ceremony ensued, all the participants of the talent show were gifted with a memento from Aashwasan and every walker was awarded a participation certificate.







