

The Academy of Magical Sciences was established in 1996 under the Cultural and Charitable Institutions Act 1955 (Reg. No: 92/1996) for the uplifting and promotion of the art of magic.

As an organization working for the underprivileged sections of our society, in 2017 the Academy in association with Kerala Social Security Mission (KSSM) under Social Justice Department, Government of Kerala, has joined hands to provide free training camp based on scientific concepts for 23 differently abled children of our society through 'Anuyatra' campaign. They were successfully trained and later on these children were given a permanent platform "MPOWER" at Magic Planet, an initiative of Magic Academy to perform their learned talents in front of hundreds of visitors. The centre was realized with the support of Kerala Social Justice Department and UNICEF. The centre was inaugurated by Chief Minister of Kerala on 1st November 2017. Powered by the positive motivation and appreciation of audience reaching from various parts of the world, children have changed a lot now; they interact and communicate with everyone. Since then, they are employed by the Magic Planet and have changed not only their own life but the life of the entire family thus changing the community's attitude towards these kinds of children.

These 23 children underwent physical, psychological and psychosocial assessment by the expert team from Child Development Centre, Medical College, Thiruvananthapuram. The Assessment Report of CDC provided a huge boost for the entire members associated with MPOWER team. The major finding of the report says the training has impacted the overall attitude of children. The encouragement received from the trainers, their peers and public has given utmost confidence to do many things in life. It has been noted that the training program radically changed the personality of the children. They became more independent and their self-esteem improved a lot. Many parents expressed that even though they still have anxiety about future of their children, now they have a hope that these children also can do something in life and earn a living of their own. Overall the MPOWER programme has helped these children and their parents in improving the mental health status and social development.

Amazed by the assessment results, Magic Academy has put forward its next initiative- building and development of a Different Art Centre (DAC) in association with Kerala Social Security Mission, Govt. of Kerala to spread this light to more differently abled children. The centre is designed to provide 7 stages for differently abled children who are talented and skilled in various forms of art like singing, dancing, painting and playing various musical instruments blended with magic at the end of their training at the DAC. The society has witnessed the changes in 23 children since they have started their life in Magic Planet. We expect the same or even better improvement and changes in the selected children and their families on completion of their free training and the performance in DAC thus make unprecedented changes not only in their family and themselves but also to the entire society in which they live in.

- The selected children will be given a stipend/ Scholarship of INR 5000 per month

- The selected students can perform in DAC as long as they wish
- The psychosocial assessment of the students will be carried out by Child Development Centre (CDC) before their training and after their training for 1 year in DAC.