

Dear friends,

I am very happy to announce that we are moving well ahead! The first documentary about kanthari which will premiere in 2 weeks has been selected to three international film festivals already!

The network of kanthari alumni is also taking shape! Last week 25 kanthari graduates endorsed the constitution under the temporary name 'kanthari global network'.

In this edition of kanthari plus newsletter you will find news from spicy grass root social innovators from Asia and Africa.

We hope you enjoy your read. In case you are inspired by any project and would like to get involved click on the link next to the text.

Thank you for being part of a community for grass root social change.



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"KANTHARI: change from within" selected out of hundreds of films from around the world for the Official Selection of Chicago International Social Change Film Festival! The world premiere of the film will happen on 22nd October during the All About Freedom Festival in the European Solidarity Centre in Gdansk Poland. Special guests will include: Sabriye Tenberken & Paul Kronenberg ([kanthari](#) founders), Monicah Kaguithia ([Masaai](#) women rights advocate) and Marijn Poels ([film](#) director). During the premiere a special meeting with Polish Solidarity Movement Leader Nobel Peace Laureate Lech Walesa is planned! More on the film's [Official Website](#) and [FB page](#).

'kanthari global network' initiated

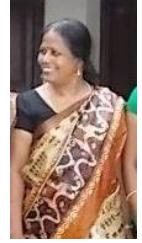
Since April, 6 graduates of kanthari from 4 continents: *Samuel (Uganda), Anja (Brazil), Yoshimi (Thailand), Jessica (Germany), Tijana (Serbia) and David (India)* – have continuously met on Skype and created a draft constitution and extensively consulted it with kanthari alumni during 5 Online Meet Ups. Also a website wireframe for the future network of kanthari changemakers has been created and 5 peer support sessions conducted. The group plans to continue its work until the website is created and first general assembly of the network takes place. We are now looking for a relevant teleconferencing system and website developers to make our dream come true. More on working group's [Official Website](#).



Jyotshna helps Jyotshna!



Jyotshna N. (23) – beneficiary of “Transforming of Life of Tribal Women” project run by Janamangal in Orissa, India founded by Jyotshnarani Das – was physically abused by family members. She left her husband’s house with her daughter and son. But the traditional society harassed her for doing that. At last she decided to commit suicide but was saved by Janamangal’s councilor. She was trained in mushroom cultivation by Janamangal and is now living happily with her husband. Learn more or get involved [here](#).



Senseless violence against persons with albinism continues

Albinos living in Kenya have been evacuated from areas bordering Tanzania for fear they will be targeted by witch doctors as the country approaches elections next month. 2010 #kanthari Judith Muloyo reports that Enock Jamenya a person with albinism aged 56 from Vihigya, where Judith lives, was attacked last week by three men who cut his neck, ear and fingers and was buried last Saturday. Judith is co-founder of Siogope Resource Centre through which she and other persons with albinism support each other and raise awareness about albinism related matters. More [here](#).



Sristi Farm Academy



Sristi Village realized that they had the chance to transform lives! G Karthikeyan (2012 kanthari), founder, says: “We launched the farm academy to share our agricultural knowledge and enable more people to build up their own life independently. Sristi Farm Academy is a farm and agro based entrepreneurial residential training academy for intellectually disabled and marginalized people. Every 3 years, a new batch of 20 trainees will join our Sristi Village and experience our self-sustained, organic lifestyle while learning valuable skills from our experts. To initiate our farm academy we constructed a low cost and eco-friendly training and gathering at Sristi village”. Find out more and get involved [here](#).

Pynhoi and Community Based Rehabilitation

Pynhoi Tang, 2009 kanthari, is a native of Jantia Hills, Meghalaya, North Eastern India. With Bethany Society she currently implements a holistic rehabilitation programme for persons with disability in West Jaintia Hills district where she grew up as a child with visual impairment. Recently she was able to help an infant Hamduhjingkyrmen suffering from obstructive Hydrocephalus, one of hundreds of children who have been reached through the Community Based Rehabilitation Programme she is carrying out. More [here](#).



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