

“AAKANKSHA”

Lions School for Mentally Handicapped Raipur (C.G.)

Annual report 2010-2011

“Aakanksha”, Run by Lions Club Sewa Samiti (Regn. No. 905 dt. 17/12/1991) started on 2nd October 1994, as a special school for mentally challenged. Presently there are 19 Special Educators catering to **190** Special children (including **82** children at Special School, **55** students in its rural centres, Dharsiva block, **17** in Sense International India- project for the Deafblind, Abhanpur, **18** students in its residential setup, “Samarth”, **18** in our OPD) covering all types of disabilities which include Cerebral Palsy, Autism, Deafblindness, Multiple disabilities etc .

Objectives :

1. Children with special needs and persons with mental retardation are enhanced to self dependence through the application of special education and behavior modification principles.
2. Aakanksha provide need based intervention and training to the person with disabilities by reaching to the unreached.
3. The main objective of training and development of human resource is to prepare the special trainee teachers to train the persons with mental retardation, in individual and group settings.

The activities of the school in brief includes :-

(I) Human Resource Development through our training programmes:

1. D.ED.SE(MR), recognized by Rehabilitation Council of India and affiliated to Manipal University, Karnataka. **44** students are enrolled for the year 2009-2010. Starting from the year 2001, the number of passed out students are **93** (till 2008-09).
2. FC-SEDE, affiliated to Rehabilitation Council of India. Till date **167** professionals from **5** batches have been trained (including batch 09-10)
3. SAHYOGI Caregivers Training and Development Scheme funded by National Trust, New Delhi Till date **53** Caregivers have been trained.
4. Continuing Rehabilitation Education (CRE)
5. Parental Training and guidance.
6. Courses for other professionals (Viz. Normal school teachers, Mobile Resource Advisors of Rajiv Gandhi Shiksha Mission, Anganwadi workers, professionals from other institutes etc.)

(II) Special School / Day Care Centre

Presently **82** children are availing the following services:

1. Special Education
2. Therapeutic services (Speech therapy, occupational therapy, physiotherapy, sensory Stimulation for multiple handicapped)

3. Psychological services (IQ assessment, Behaviour Modification, Remedial teaching for slow learners etc.)
4. Pre-vocational and vocational training
5. OPD services (For the said period, 71 children are registered out of which **18** are taking regular services.

(III) Home Based Intervention Services for persons with Deafblindness, a project funded by SENSE International India, Ahmedabad.

17 children and adults are being given home base intervention services in this project.

(IV) 'SAMARTH' Centre based Residential Services scheme (CBS) partially funded by National Trust, New Delhi 18 inmates are benefitted in this scheme

(V) State Nodal Agency Centre (SNAC) in Chhattisgarh for National Trust.

(VI) Centre Based Rural Intervention Programme in Dharsiwa Block.

51 children in and around Urla, Beergaon and **4** children in Heerapur, Dharsiwa block are availing the services.

The month wise activities of the school for the said period include:

APRIL 2010

Aakanksha started separate department of OPD for providing exclusive services to children under 6 years of age and also for those children who can't attend the special school for the full stipulated time for any reason whatsoever
69 cases were registered(for the period 1.4.2010-10.2.2010).

JULY 2010

19th July to 23rd July 2010.-Mentor Visit

Mrs Krupa Velani, Coordinator from Blind People Association, Ahmedabad visited beneficiaries from Home Based Intervention programme of deafblindness project in Aakanksha, Raipur and guided the project staff accordingly.



SEPTEMBER 2010

27-28th September 2010

Two days orientation programme for two special educators from "Koshish special school", Mahasamund, at "Aakanksha" and the following topics were covered:

- Introduction of home based intervention programme.
- Identification of deafblindness.
- Case study.
- Assessment of hearing and vision.
- Causes of deafblindness.
- Individual education plan.
- Mode of communication with deafblindness.
- Parents counseling.

NOVEMBER 2010

12 -14th Nov.2010- Training on deafblindness for SSA personnels,Raipur (CG)

Organized by Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, Raipur C.G. with the help of Aakanksha and with financial support by Sense International (India)

Venue - Pujari Park, Manas Bhawan Raipur(CG)

Resource persons –

- Mr. Deepak Krishna Sharma, from Sense International (India).
- Mrs Brij Barthwal from Shaksham Daksh, Noida.
- Mrs. Bipasha Sen Gupta from Shaksham Daksh, Noida.

Key Participants –

- Assistance Project Coordinator, from Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan.
- Mobile Resource Advisor.
- Normal Teacher from each blocks of Chhattisgarh.

Number of Participants – 200

22nd Nov 2010-Visit by Dr. Abdul Kalam



Honorable Ex president Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam visited the school to inaugurate a one day National Seminar on “Innovative sustainable models of care & Rehabilitation to reach the unreached Mentally Challenged”.

Working models of “Community Based Rehabilitation” and “Inclusive Education” were discussed by Dr,Indumati Roy and Dr.Anupriya Chadda respectively.

40 participants from 5 states of Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra,Chattisgarh, Andhrapradesh, participated in the workshop.

Dignitaries who graced the occasion were:

Honorable Chief Minister, Dr. Raman Singh; Minister, Public Department & School Education, Shri Brijmohan Agarwal, Minister, Social Welfare, Sushri Lata Usendi, Mayor, Raipur, Dr. Kiranmayi Nayak...

Distinguished speakers & panelists were:-

1. Dr. Indumati Rao
2. Dr. Anupriya Chhada
3. Mrs. Kakoli Roy
4. Mr. Sumit Roy
5. Mr. Akhil Paul

25th Nov 2011-Badte Kadam

Aakanksha participated in an awareness programme "Badte Kadam" organized by SNAP, Sneh Sampada in Raipur, where information on role of National Trust & its functions was given.



DECEMBER-2010

18th Dec 2010

Lioness District Governor, Smt. Sangeeta Agarwal visited the school.

23rd December

A brief meeting of parents of children with cerebral palsy was conducted by a representative from Novartis company & study material regarding cerebral palsy and epilepsy were distributed to the parents.

27th Dec 2010

Donation of Electrotherapy Equipments

Electrotherapy equipments were donated to our physiotherapy unit by Amway Opportunity Foundation.

29th December 2010- Stake Holder Meeting

Mr. Bankeylal Prajapati (Information Officer) from Shikshit Yuva Sewa Samiti (Regional Learning Centre on deafblindness for East Zone) Basti conducted a one day Stake Holder Meeting at Raipur, Chhattisgarh in



coordination with Aakanksha Lions School for Mentally Handicapped, Raipur, Chhattisgarh for parents of children with deafblindness and special educators.

Number of Participants: 30

Mr. Bankey Lal Prajapati focused on the objective of holding the meeting, briefed on the network of Regional Learning Centre and emphasized on the rights and opportunities for deafblinds

January 2011

19th Jan 2011- Visit by Dr. Kiran Bedi



First Lady IPS officer, Dr. Kiran Bedi visited the school and interacted with various beneficiaries availing services in our special school, Home based programme in Abhanpur, hostilities under Samarth and also addressed the gathering comprising of parents, trainees of DSE(MR) & invited guests.

21-25 January 2011

Exhibition of paintings made by children with special needs of Aakanksha were exhibition at Mahant Ghasidas Museum which was inaugurated by DIG Shri Vishva Ranjan.

This created an awareness among the mass regarding the abilities of these special children.

FEBRUARY 2011

4th Feb. 2011 - Meeting of Registered NGOs of National Trust at SNAC.

This was attended by 15 participants. Schemes of National Trust were discussed in details & formalities regarding "Niramaya" & Legal Guardianship were explained to them.

5th Feb 2011 – Participation in Awareness rally for census

Aakanksha, along with children and parents participated in "Awareness Rally" held for creating awareness to give information under column 9 of the format so that rules laws/ facilities could be formulated and derived on the basis of available data on the number and types of disability.

MARCH 2011

5th March 2011-Inauguration of "Samarth", Residential Facility for children with special needs in our new premises



of Aakanksha by Dr. Poonam Natarajan, Chairperson, National Trust.



5th March 2011-State Consultation of Working Draft of New Law "Rights of persons with Disabilities Act 2011" State Nodal Agency Centre(SNAC),C.G, Aakanksha, along with Social Welfare Department conducted a one day workshop on the above subject.

141 participants including 43 NGOs, 28Government Agencies,10 dignitaries and 19 organizing committee

members participated in the workshop.

The workshop was graced by the Chairperson, National Trust, Dr. Poonam Natarajan. Various issues regarding certification, reservations, laws, rights, definitions etc. were suggested by the Director, Human Rights Commission, Dr. P.P. Soti and other participants.

25th to 29th March – CRE on Inclusive Education

Form 25th March to 29th March 2011 "Aakanksha" in collaboration with RCI, New Delhi organized CRE (Containing Rehabilitation Education) programme for special educators on "Inclusive Education" where **26** participants all over **Chhattisgarh and Maharashtra** participated. Resource persons for this programme were Dr. Jawahar Suri Shetty, Psychologist, Mrs. Darshika Suri, Special Educator in Inclusive setup, Mrs. Sweta Tiwari, Special educator-Autism, Dr. Deepa Das, HOD, Psychology Department SCERT.