

“AAKANKSHA”
Lions School for Mentally Handicapped Raipur (C.G.)

Annual report 2012-2013

“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 **20** Special Educators catering to **334** Special children (including **77** children at Special School, **18** in its vocational unit, **60** students in its rural centres, **110** pwsn in its Home Based Services, Dharsiva block, 14 in Sense International India- project for the Deafblind, Abhanpur, **12** students in its residential setup, “Samarth” and **43** in our OPD) covering all types of disabilities which include Cerebral Palsy, Autism, Deafblindness, Multiple disabilities etc .

Objectives:

1. To enhance self dependence through application of special education and behavior modification principles.
2. To provide need based intervention and training to the persons with disabilities by reaching to the unreached.
3. Training and development of human resource so as to prepare special trainee teachers to train the persons with mental retardation, in individual and group settings.

The activities of the school in brief include :-

- i. Special School / Day Care Centre
- ii. Human Resource Development through our training programmes:
- iii. Home Based Intervention Services for persons with Deafblindness
- iv. ‘SAMARTH’ Centre based Residential Services scheme (CBS)
- v. State Nodal Agency Centre (SNAC) in Chhattisgarh for National Trust
- vi. Centre Based Rural Intervention Programme in Dharsiwa Block.
- vii. OPD Services

(I) Special School / Day Care Centre

Presently **77** 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- Children are being trained in making of Diyas and paper bags in this section.

II. Human Resource Development

Aakanksha, through its Human Resource Development Programmes is giving various trainings to develop professionals to work with children/ persons with special needs. The same is given as under:

1.D.ED.SE(MR), recognized by Rehabilitation Council of India and affiliated to IGNOU, New Delhi. **18** and **25** students are enrolled for the session 2011-2013 and 2012-14 respectively. Starting from the year 2001, the number of passed out students are **135** (till 2011-12).

2.FC-SEDE, affiliated to Rehabilitation Council of India. Till date **410** professionals from **11** batches have been trained till December 2012.

3. SAHYOGI Caregivers Training and Development Scheme funded by National Trust, New Delhi . **77** Caregivers have been trained till 1 March 2013 from **4** batches.

4. Continuing Rehabilitation Education (CRE)

5. Courses for other professionals (Viz. Normal school teachers, Mobile Resource Advisors of Rajiv Gandhi Shiksha Mission, Anganwadi workers, professionals from other institutes etc.)

6. Parental Training and guidance

(III) Home Based Intervention Services for persons with Deafblindness, (Technical support provided by SENSE International India, Ahmedabad).

In the above mentioned outreach programme for rural children, a total of **14** beneficiaries in Raipur are being given home base intervention services in this project.

(IV) ‘SAMARTH’ Centre based Residential Services scheme (CBS)

13 inmates are benefitted in this scheme which is partially funded by National Trust, New Delhi

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

Under this programme “SAHYOGI Caregivers Training” is undertaken which is funded by National Trust, New Delhi

Till date 77 Caregivers have been trained till March 2013.

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

60 children in Dharsiwa block through 3 centres in Urla, Bhanpuri and Dharsiwa are being given need based services. Presently this project is being funded by **Paul Hamlyn Foundation** (since October 2011)

S. No	Name of Centre	No. Of Beneficiaries		Total
		0 – 6 yrs	6 – above	
1	Urla	6	21	27
2	Dharsiwa	5	10	15
3	Bhanpuri	2	16	18
	Total	13	47	60

(VII) OPD services

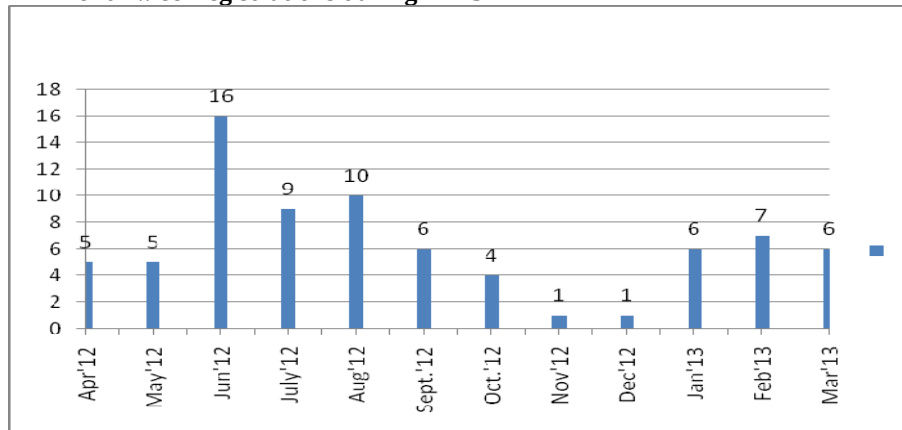
Aakanksha started giving short time regular services through OPD for all those children who were not yet ready to be enrolled in a school-normal or special.

Objective of starting OPD services was to

- To cater to those children who are denied admission to special schools owing to not fulfilling the criteria of being either toilet trained or disturbing others due to their hyperactivity or having severe behavior problems which might affect other children or any other reason
- To provide need based Early Intervention Services to children who are yet to achieve their developmental milestones.
- To provide remedial teaching to children with Specific Learning Disability and /or children with Border Line Intelligence

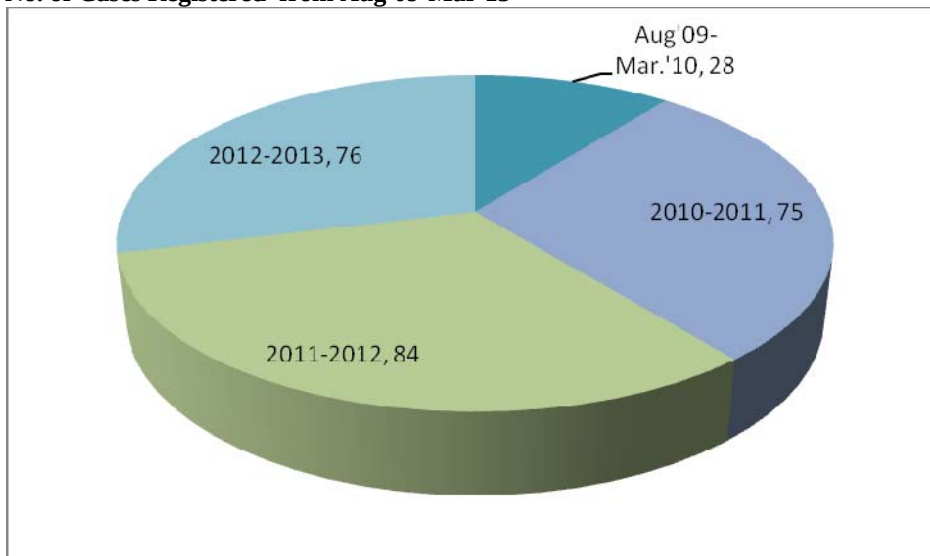
- To provide need Based Therapeutic Services (speech therapy, physiotherapy, etc.) for normal as well as Children with Special Needs
- Empowering parents in management techniques to facilitate methodical upbringing of their children and decrease the burden of their caretaking

Month wise Registrations during 12-13



Total=76;

- **No. of Cases Registered from Aug'09-Mar'13**



- Total=263

Presently 43 children are availing regular services in OPD

The month wise activities of the school for the said period are as given below:

June 2012

On 17th June we performed “Bhoomi Poojan” for extending the building in order to provide services to more beneficiaries.



July 2012

This year also our school re- opened on 1st July after summer vacation.



On 31st July we celebrated green day in our school. The student came in fancy dress. The theme was green. Same saplings were planted.

August 2012

On 1st August we celebrated as Raksha Bandhan. The students made Rakhi and tied on the wrist of each other.



On 9th August was celebrated as Jasnastmi. The student came in the attire of Radha and Krishna. “Dahi loot” was celebrated.



On 15 August 65th Independence Day was celebrated in our school. Mr. Siddarth Agrawal, Director, Hira Group of Industries hoisted the flag and he also presided over the function as chief guest, in which cultural programmes



were presented by the children. One **Tata Magic** van for transporting the children was **donated** by the Hira group of the Industries. Mrs. Siddarth handed over the keys to our chairman, Mr. K.K. Nayak.

On 18th August, Saturday the students of our school participated in cultural programme organized by Prayas – a school for the speech and hearing impaired – at Shahid Smarak Bhawan.

On 30th August Mr. J.P. Singh, Member Secretary visited Aakanksha and saw the whole set up.



September 2012

On 3rd September a state level cultural programme was organized by “Prerna”- a school for the visually impaired. Our students won 1st and 2nd prize in the Dance competition and rest of the participants got the participation certificate.



On 5th September “Teacher’s Day” was celebrated in which the students of Diploma in Special Education in M.R, felicitated the teachers and snacks were distributed. The JCI Raipur Vama Capital also felicitated the teachers of Aakanksha.

On 15th September J.C.I organized a cultural programme at Lion Den, Jalvihar colony in which our students were also invited to perform.

October 2012

On 13th October, a meeting was conducted by Aakanksha LSMH, Raipur (SNAC) and “Sneh Sampada”, Bhilai (SNAP). This meeting was attended by CEO of Aakanksha, Mr. Mohit Sahu, SNAC Coordinator Mr. Atul Trivedi and SNAP Bhilai Coordinator Mrs. Pushpa Sirke.

November 2012

Badhte Kadam Mela

National Trust organized Badhte Kadam Melas which was conducted by Aakanksha LSMH from 3rd November to 10th November. This Mela programmes was conducted in 8 blocks covering three districts and activities like drama, dance was presented to create awareness about disability to general public.

Flag off was done on 3rd Nov. 2012 at Aakanksha LSMH, Raipur in presence of the children of school and staff members. For this awareness programme “Badhte Kadam Mela” in Chhattisgarh, we had engaged a Folk Drama group ‘Sur Sangam Manas Parivar and Natya Kala Manch’ which performs the local performing art-Nachagammat’. . We had decided to engage this group because this is a very popular art and it is very close to the local culture. Hence looking to the popularity of this art, we decided to engage this group. This got a good response.



The melas were held at the following places:

ABHANPUR	-	3.11.2012
SIMGA	-	4.11.2012
PALARI	-	5.11.2012
MANDIRHASOUD-	-	6.11.2012
RAJIM	-	7.11.2012
AARANG	-	8.11.2012
KURUDH	-	9.11.2012
CHARUADA (DHARSIVA)	-	10.11.2012



December 2012

On 6th December, 5 students of our school participated in the painting competition held during “Swadish Mela”.

On 8th December, “World Mental Retardation Day” was celebrated at Aakanksha during which various competitions for the students were organized. All students participated in the competition.

The children from all the rural centres together celebrated World Mental Retardation Day on 8th December’2012, in which various competitions were

organized at Nagarpalika ground, Beergaon. The competitions conducted included Rangoli, Drawing, Running Race, Musical Chair, Dance and recitation. The authorities witnessed the three hour long programme enthusiastically and distributed the prizes to the winners at the end of the programme.

On this day, the Local Level NGOs Meeting was conducted at Aakanksha LSMH. This Meeting was attended by 8 people and was presided by Mr. Rajesh Tiwari, Dy. Director, Samaj Kalyan Vibhag, Raipur.

On 27th December Ryan International School celebrated Christmas and New Year Function in their school for which they had invited some students from Aakanksha to participate in the Dance competition and gifts were distributed. There was a very good interaction between the children of two different kinds of schools.

On 27th December, ex-member of Indian Cricket team. Mr. V.V.S. Laxman visited Aakanksha and spent some time with the students of Aakanksha and their parents.



January 2013



On 26th January, Republic Day was celebrated. Chief Guest was Dr. P.S. Patel, Senior Lion member hoisted the National Flag. Special children and Diploma students presented cultural programme which was praised by all, including Lion Members who were present in large number.

In Dharsiwa rural centre, children celebrated Republic day by witnessing the cultural programme presented by the Government school. In this programme two children from the centre also gave performance which was appreciated by the audience. The other two centres celebrated the event locally.

Children's Day

Since children's Day coincided with Diwali Holidays, children from the rural centres celebrated "Children's Day" on 18th January'13 by taking the children for an outing to Nandan Van, a local Zoo. They enjoyed seeing all those animals, birds and snakes which they could see only in charts or picture books in the centre. They also played games and enjoyed the slides in the park. Children were thrilled, as most of them rarely got an opportunity to go out for recreation and enjoy. It was a joy to see them so happy. Children recall the animals seen there and try to explain through gestures whenever they see them on flash cards during their speech therapy sessions. It was a wonderful experience for the team as a whole, because managing the children in an unknown outside environment is altogether different from managing them in the known environment of the centre.

On 27th January 18th Annual Day Function was celebrated on a very large scale and students of other special schools were also invited to participated in the cultural programme. Students from Pragya, Prerna, Kopalwani, and Aakanksha participated. The function was presided over by the Honorable Governor of State



of C.G. Mr. Shekhar Dutt. The First lady Dr. Susmita Dutt was also present as the special Guest along with Mrs. And Mr. Bajrang Agrawal, Managing Director of Hira Group. On this occasions the parents of the students, all Lion and

Lioness members were also present. The products made by our students of vocational unit were also displayed and kept on sale. The first lady purchased some products and placed order for some greeting cards.

February 2013

On 14th February hundred students and some staff members from Krishna Public School visited Aakanksha and interacted with the students of Aakanksha. It was a memorable day for them.

In Urla centre, Parents Day was celebrated on 14th February'13. Mr. Yogendra Verma, funded the event in which parents were felicitated by the children by

giving them coconut and sweets. Parents were happy to receive the same from their special child. They were made to realize that they are “SPECIAL” because of their special child and that God has gifted them the special child because they have the extra patience and ability to take care of a special child.

Two awareness programmes were conducted in the month of February'13 at villages Mohdi(15th) and Sarora(16th). A stage artist group was apprised of the conditions leading to disabilities, their identifying features, behavior problems exhibited, meaningless treatments offered by the saints, quacks etc. and the services offered by Aakanksha, in Dharsiwa block. The director then wrote a script incorporating all these concepts and presented a wonderful street play in local dialect (Chhattisgarhi). Weekly market day was chosen in both the villages because many people from



nearby five to seven villages also come for purchasing on these days. Many charts on various disabilities, interventions, avenues for these children etc. were displayed at various places of these villages. It was interesting to note that many villagers inquired about the services, addresses of the centres saying that they know of some special children in their own villages. We registered a total of 1 admission in centres and 13 in home based services.

This programme has been uploaded on Youtube and can be viewed through this link –

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AdwM0iPC3cQ>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mlo6zvagdKc>

On 15th February Basant Panchamai was celebrated in our school. They Staff members and all the students attended the pooja ceremony. “Prasad” was distributed.

March 2013

19 beneficiaries(12 from centres + 7 taking Home Based Services) were benefitted in terms of obtaining Orthotic Aids, mobility Aids and Hearing Aids by Sarva

Siksha Abiyan (S.S.A). Children also participated in block level sports and cultural events organized by the Sarva Siksha Abiyan held on 30/11/12, in Charoda Village of Dharsiwa Block, where, out of 14 children who participated; 8 children won 17 prizes in various events. These children then competed in District level competition held on 9th March'13 at Abhanpur and bagged seven prizes.

On 16th March, the CMD of Central Bank of India Mr. M.V. Mohan Tansaly and Mrs. Nandni Tansaly, Head of the CSR wing "Cent Sewa Sanakriti" visited



Aakanksha along with the Zonal manager, the regional manager and others staff members. They donated Rs.5 lakhs Fifty one thousand occasion. They also inaugurated the 8 Desktops and one laptop along with Dr's speech machine, firefighting equipments which was purchased out

of this amount.

On 22nd March Amway Opportunity Foundation organized drawing and painting competition for the students of Aakanksha along with the students of other normal schools. Members of Amway Network were also present and witnessed the function. They gave certificates and prizes to the participants.

Community Participation

On 15th October one of the employees of News channel Zee 24 Ghante C.G. celebrated his son's birthday with the children of Aakanksha and snacks were distributed by him.

On 18th October 2012, members, Console India, Youth Federation celebrated the birth day of one of their members at Aakanksha. Cake was cut and painting competition was organized. They also played some games with the children.

On 11th December and 20th December 2012, Ladies Jain Sangathana and Samaj Savika Sangathan respectively distributed snacks and gifts to the children of Aakanksha.



On 20th December 2012, members of Lioness Club Raipur visited Aakanksha and spent some time the children and saw their cultural presentation. They also donated yearly fees of one child.