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Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see.
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INTRODUCTION

"Aakanksha", Run by Lions Club Raipur Sewa Samiti (Registration. No. 905 Dated. 17/12/1991) started on 2nd October 1994, as a special school for the mentally challenged. Presently there are 71 personnel including Special Educators and supporting staff catering to 276 Special children (including 83 children at Special School, 76 students in its Rural Intervention Services, Dharsiwa block, 106 in our OPD, 13 children with deaf-blindness in SENSE Project) covering all types of disabilities which include Cerebral Palsy, Autism, Deaf-blindness, Multiple disabilities etc.

All the centre based services in Raipur are functional in a Barrier Free Building. The ground floor comprises of a well equipped Physiotherapy unit, Speech Therapy unit, Remedial Unit, Multisensory Stimulation Room, Occupational Therapy Unit, Seminar hall, three class rooms for Diploma in Special Education in Mental Retardation - D.S.E (MR)- I year, II year, and D.S.E (V.I), second year classroom for Bachelors in Education-B.Ed. Special (Mental Retardation) and the administrative section. The first floor comprises of Special School, Prevocational Training Centre, II year classroom for Bachelors in Education-B.Ed(M.R) and hostel for the trainee teachers with a mess attached to it.

OBJECTIVES

- To enhance self dependence of children through application of special education and behavior modification principles.
- To provide need based intervention and training to the persons with disabilities by reaching to the unreached.
- To train and develop human resources to prepare special teachers to train persons with special needs in individual and group settings.

Vision

Serving humanity is one of the better versions of social work. It is difficult to serve the people with special needs and even more so to serve mentally challenged people. We chose the most challenging and most neglected option due to various reasons:

- Lack of adequate facility in Raipur, Chhattisgarh, to serve all the mentally challenged
- By serving the mentally challenged people we empower and strengthen the families of these special children to cope up with their difficulties in bringing up these children
- Providing respite to parents and siblings and thereby helping them to constructively contribute elsewhere
- Skill development in children and persons with special needs

The vision of Aakanksha is kaleidoscopic, providing need based intervention and training to the persons with disabilities by Reaching to the Unreached.

MISSION

Our mission is to create core competence in children with special needs residing in urban and rural areas through application of special education, advanced therapies, superior and barrier free infrastructural facilities, provide vocational training for creating better opportunities for employment and develop human resource, so that person with disability can cope up with the challenges of society they live in and lead a respectable life.

LEGAL STATUS

REGISTRATIONS, AFFILIATION AND RECOGNITION:

- Aakanksha is registered under Societies Registration Act (Regn.No.905 dated 7/12/1981)
- Registered under Persons With Disabilities Act 1995 (Regn. No.1745 dated 02/07/2013)
- Registered under FCRA (**No. 327520041**)
- Registered under 80-G of I.T Act, 1961 (Vide order CIT/ RPY/ TECH/80-G /31/2007-2008 Approval)

- Extended in Perpetuity vide C.B.D.T. Circular No. 7 of 2010 Date 27/10/2010.)
- Registered under 12-A of I.T Act
- ISO 9001: 2008 Reg. No. : 12.7039N Date : 01/02/2015
- The institute is recognized by Rehabilitation Council of India.
- It is affiliated to Pandit Ravi Shankar Shukla University, Raipur
- Affiliated to National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Visual Disabilities

Services Offered

The activities of the school became multifarious as time passed. Presently we have included different wings which fulfill almost all the needs for running a centre which can cater to a large number of disabilities. Various services/ activities of the institute includes

- Special school /day care centre
- Centre based rural intervention program in Dharsiwa block
- Human resource development
- Therapeutic service
- Regional learning centre – east for deafblindness
- Vocational training

SPECIAL SCHOOL/ DAY CARE CENTRE

Presently 83 children are availing the following services:

- Special Education.
- Therapeutic Services (Speech therapy, Occupational therapy, Physiotherapy, Sensory Stimulation for Multiple Handicapped.
- Psychological Services (I.Q. Assessment, Behavior Modification, Remedial Teaching for Slow Learners etc.
- Pre-Vocational and Vocational Training –children are being trained in making Diya and Paper Bags in this section.

During the period April 2016 to March 17 various celebrations were held in the school premises . Children participated in various competitions held elsewhere and students from various institutes visited the school

4th to 10th April, 2016

FLUTE CONCERT TO STUDY THE IMPACT OF FLUTE ON CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

With the objective of studying the impact of flute recital on children with special needs, a week long programme was organized at Aakanksha for one week. The impact was observed on children with Autism, hyperactivity and Down syndrome. It was observed that children with Autism enjoyed music the most as compared to Down syndrome and hyperactive children. When the flute was being played, repetitive behaviours exhibited were also less than their usual frequency. Most of the hyperactive children showed decrease in their hyperactivity and aggressiveness. This was played by Master Dhawal from the organization called “Anam Prem” from Mumbai.



ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE SESSION: 1/7/2016

Children were welcomed by all the teachers and HODs present at ‘AAKANKSHA’



25/07/16

MUSIC & DANCE PROGRAMME, was organized by Zila Sahkari Bank at Aakanksha. They distributed lunch boxes and water bottles among all students. Children and teachers alike celebrated the event with full enthusiasm.



05/08/16- GREEN-DAY'

Drawing competition and plantation was held on 'GREEN-DAY' In School's campus where in children under proper supervision of teachers actively participated. Snacks and chocolates were also distributed and a Health checkup was also organized.



15/08/16 - INDEPENDENCE DAY

INDEPENDENCE DAY celebration was celebrated in presence of Lion and Lioness members, HODs, teachers, students and all trainees of B.Ed. and D. Ed. Sweets and Biscuits were distributed among the students. Mr SIDDHARTH AGRAWAL, President, HIRA GROUP was the Chief Guest. Cultural performance by the school students (PT EXERCISE) and D.ED students singing patriotic songs also took place.



17/08/16 - RAKSHA BANDHAN

RAKSHA BANDHAN Festival celebrated by PRAJAPATI BRAMHAKUMARI in the School Campus. They tied RAKHIS to children, teachers and all the staff members.



28/08/16

Drawing Competition was held in the School Campus by Mrs. Jaya Bhagwanani where Children participated under supervision of teachers. Snacks and chocolates were also distributed



19/08/16 - ENVIRONMENT DAY

Children celebrated environment day & plantation was done in presence of our chief guest MAYOR OF RAIPUR MR. PRAMOD DUBEY and all staff.



24/08/16 - JANMASTAMI

Celebrated JANMASTAMI festival. Many students participated in the 'Matki tod' and fancy dress competition held at Aakanksha. The birth of lord Krishna was depicted through a 'Jhanki'. Children also presented a cultural program.



21/09/16 & 28/09/16

30 students from St. Paul College D.ED & B.ED along with two teachers gave performances on acting, song, dance, and art & craft work collaborating with our children.



22/09/16

School visit by 12 visitors and 6 researchers from J. Yoganandan Chhattisgarh College, Bayron bazaar.

23/09/16

All children and school staff were present welcoming the members of 'HIRA GROUP'. Then their group members also spend some time along with special children & distributed pizza among them.

27/09/16

Global volunteers' 7 members visited our school and spent time with children. They distributed music instruments like damru, manjeera and stationary item to children.

1/10/16 to 2/10/16

Participated In Vocational exhibition conducted by Ambuja city centre mall..

24/10/16

Participated in Vocational products exhibition cum sale conducted by Gurukul Girls College. Their staff and students appreciated the products made by these special children..

25/10/16

Vocational exhibition conducted by degree Girls College, Kalibadi Raipur. Their staff and students purchased our material in presence of 4 school staff.

26/10/16

Musical program was organized on the occasion of Diwali celebration in the presence of chief guest Mr. Vijay Goyal (“WOW” women group). They spent a lot of time in purchasing vocational materials and joyfully celebrated Diwali with crackers in the garden.

25/11/16- National Milk Day

National Milk Day was celebrated by “AMUL” at Aalanksha. Branch Manager, for this area for Amul T.K.Roy and six members of his team witnessed the cultural programme presented by children. They then distributed amul products – milk shakes, chocolates, protein powder and water bottles to them

27/11/16- EK SHAM DIVYANG KE NAAM

Lions Club Raipur Greater organized a programme” Ek Sham Divyang Ke Naam” at Vrindavan Hallin which school children gave three performances.

30/03/17- Indigo Airlines Visit

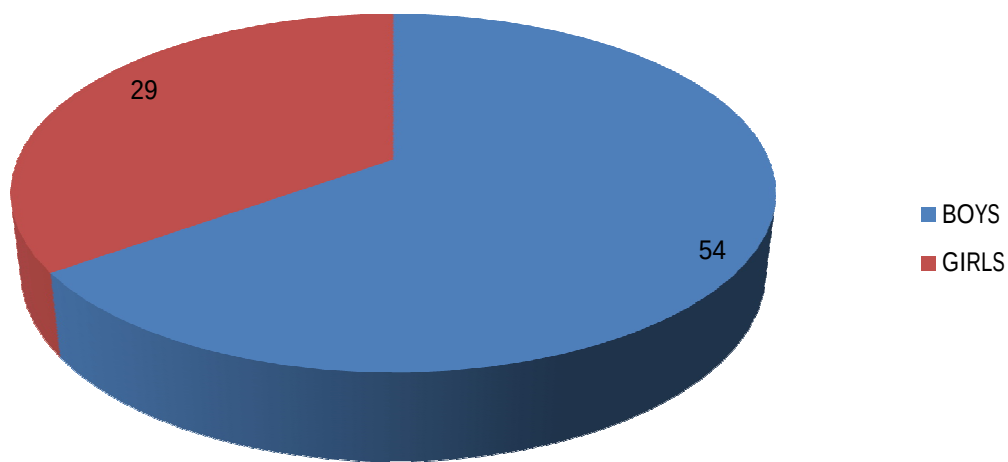
Cultural programme was presented on this occasion which was appreciated by 15 member team from Indigo Airlines. They also organized a drawing completion on this day and gave prizes to the winners.

SCHOOL AT A GLANCE- QUANTITATIVE REPORT

Gender Wise Data

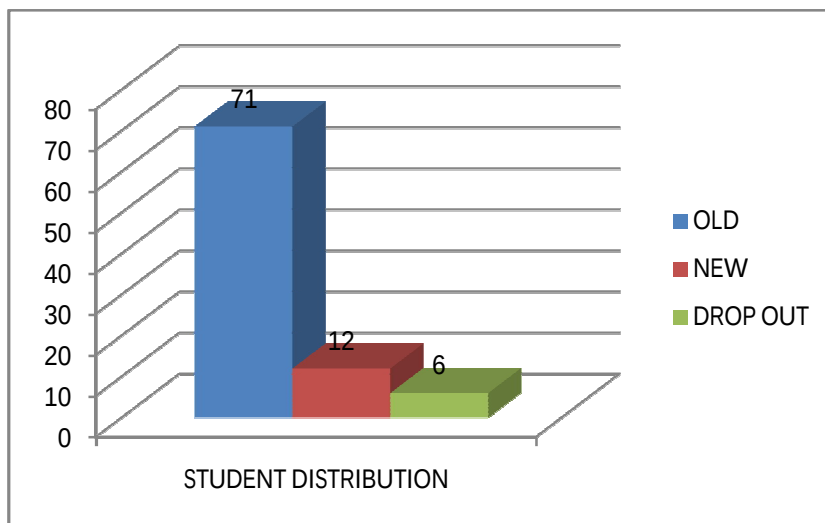
Gender Distribution		
BOYS	54	65%
GIRLS	29	35%
TOTAL	83	100%

GENDER DISTRIBUTION



DISTRIBUTION OF STUDENTS BASED ON THEIR ASSOCIATION

STUDENT DISTRIBUTION	
OLD	71
NEW	12
DROP OUT	6

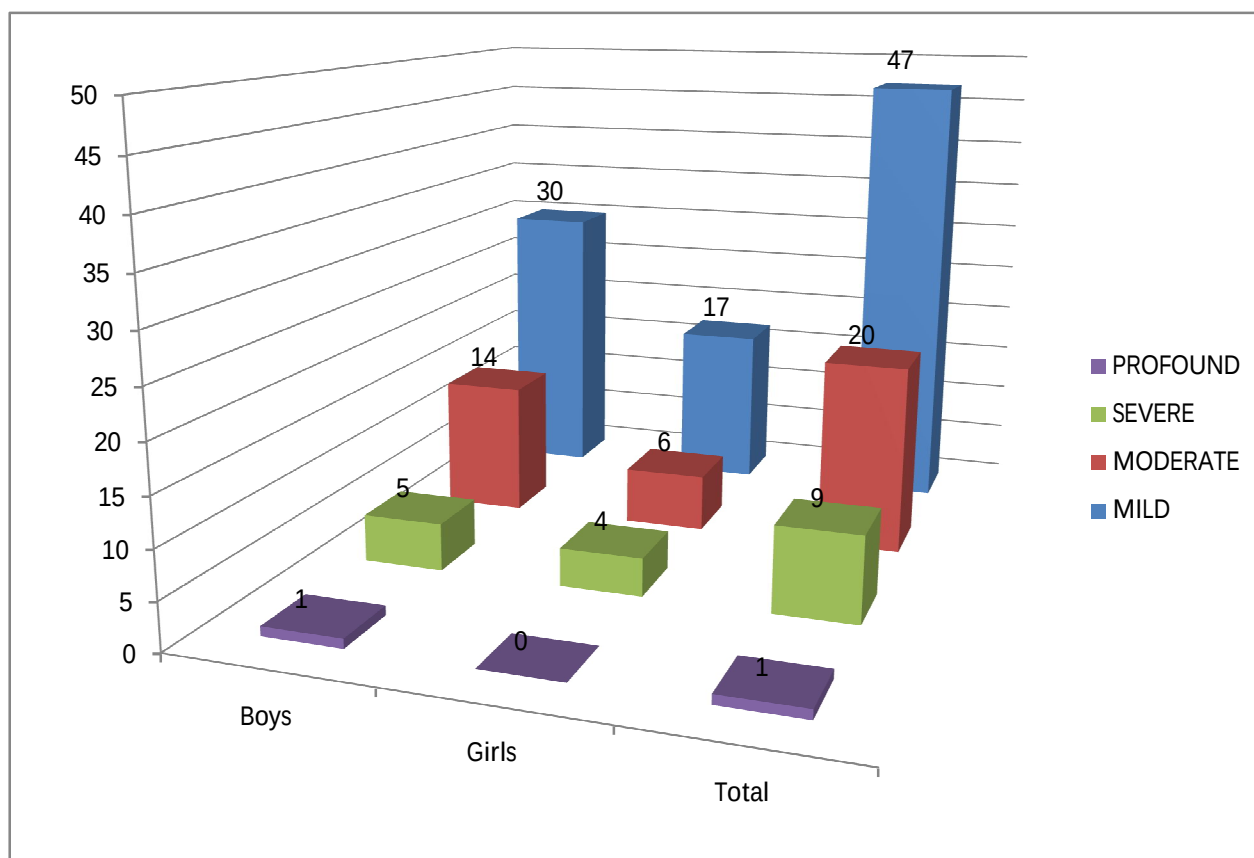


Drop Out Students

1. Dinesh Thakur
2. Sarthak Shukla
3. Bhagya Chabra
4. Jyoti Advani
5. Aaradhya
6. Deepanshu

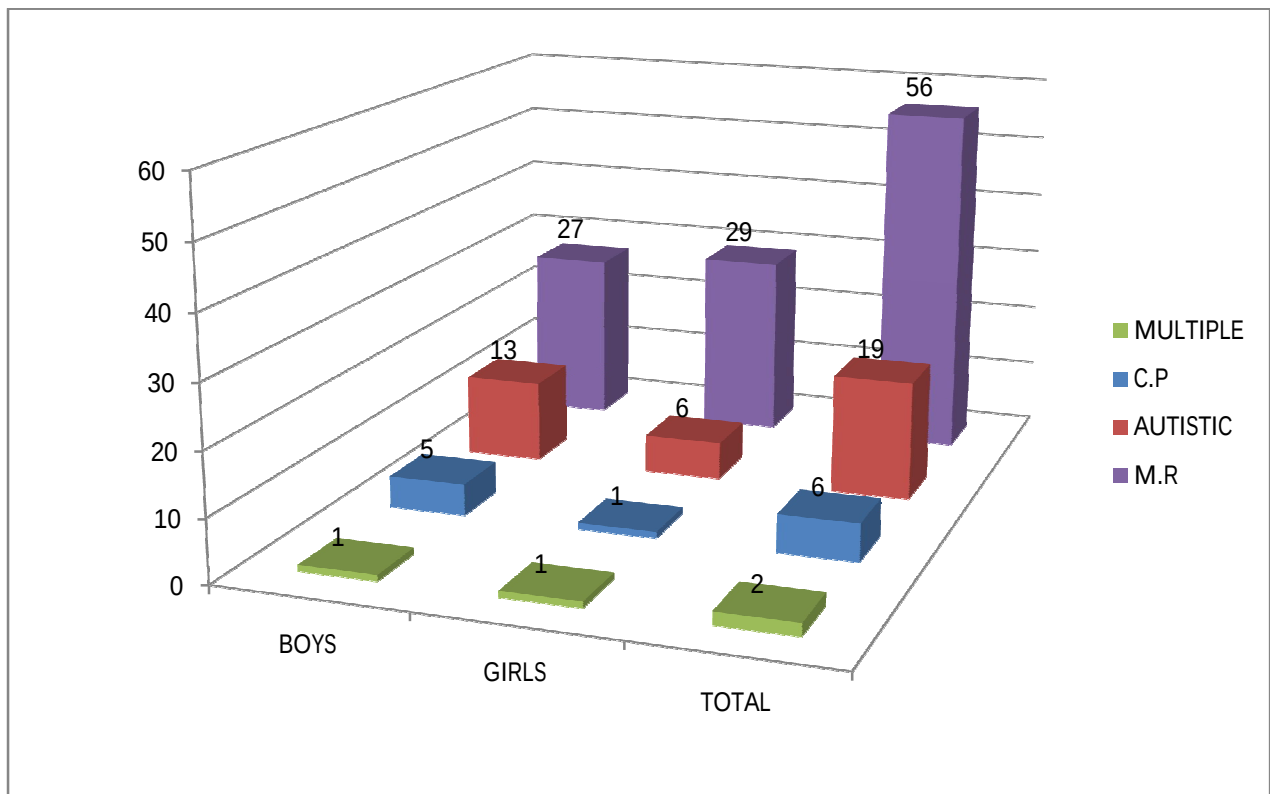
DISTRIBUTION BASED ON DISABILITY LEVEL

DISTRIBUTION BASED ON LEVEL OF DISABILITY			
	Boys	Girls	Total
MILD	30	17	47
MODERATE	14	6	20
SEVERE	5	4	9
PROFOUND	1	0	1



CATEGORICAL DISTRIBUTION OF STUDENTS

DISTRIBUTION BASED ON CATEGORY			
	BOYS	GIRLS	TOTAL
C.P	5	1	6
AUTISTIC	13	6	19
MULTIPLE	1	1	2
M.R	27	29	56



CENTRE BASED RURAL INTERVENTION PROGRAM IN DHARSIWA BLOCK

This project is funded by Paul Hamlyn project from October 2011- September 2017. Aakanksha continued giving regular need based services through its Beergaon and Dharsiwa centers. The number of beneficiaries who could avail these services was 76 in number.

The other activities carried out during this period are described below in their chronological order:

1.HEALTH CHECK UP CAMP

On 7th October 2016, 12 special children along with their parents attended a health check up camp at village Tarpongi. This was conducted by Rajiv Gandhi Shiksha Mission, Dharsiwa block.

2.SPORTS COMPETITION

On 19th and 20th November 2016, District Level Sports competition was conducted in which eleven students participated in various events. This event was conducted by Samaj Kalyan Vibhag at “Shaskeey Drusti Ewam Shrwana Badhitarth Vidyalay –Government School for Visual and Hearing Impaired, Mathpura. Three children Deepak Nishad(1st- 50mtr. Run), Omkar Chandrakar(2nd-50mtr run) and Durga Nishad (1st –Jalebi run) bagged prizes in various events.

3.WORLD MENTAL RETARDATION DAY

On the occasion of World MR Day, a cultural programme was organized at Mangalam Bhawan



Ground on 17th December 2016. In this programme, group dances were presented by children from the centres. Principals from various nearby schools were present on the occasion as special guests.. Mr. Yugesh Pandey, Project Supervisor, all staff from the parent organization and some trainee students from D.Ed courses also attended the function. Apart from presenting eleven group dances on various Hindi and Chhattisgarhi songs, they also enacted skits on national issues like “Swachh Bharat”, “Save Water” and “Use of Showchalay-toilet”. A child with visual impairment presented a patriotic song. In addition to these programmes, to mark the occasion, inter centre sports competition was also held at Budhwari Bazar ground, Beergaon on 15th December 2016 where children participated in various competitions like “Jalebi Daud”, Musical Chair, and Running Race etc.

4.REPUBLIC DAY

Children from Bhanpuri Centre participated in the Republic Day Function held at Government Primary School, Dharsiwa where three children presented two dance performances on Hindi and Chhattisgarhi songs. Other three children also participated in fancy dress competition. The participants were given prizes by the school authorities for motivation.

Children from Beergaon centre participated in Republic Day function near Urla centre along with all children from Aanganwadi in Urla area. Mrs Ritu Verma, Mandal Adhyaksh, Beergaon participated in the flag hoisting function.

5.STAFF TRAINING

On 6th February, 2017, one day refresher training was held on the topic “Task analysis and skill selection” where in all the staff members were present. Topics discussed were:

- Individual differences for the same task while doing task analysis.
- Containing the task analysis to steps involving the task directly and include the prerequisites in the “Current level of the child for that particular task”
- Placement of the child in the NIMH check list in exceptional cases.
- Difference between “skill” and “activity”
- Short term goal –extent and limitations

6.COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

Various people from the community visited the centre, interacted with the special children and contributed various items from time to time. The same is listed below

SL. NO	DATE	NAME OF PERSON	OCCUPATION/POSITION IN THE COMMUNITY	DONATION	EVENT / PURPOSE / CENTRE
1	08-10-16	Yousuf Khan	Civil Construction work, Mumbai	Fruits, Chocholates, Snacks	School visit- Dharsiwa, Beergaon
2	01-12-16	Yousuf Khan	Civil Construction work, Mumbai	Chocholates, fruits, milk	School Visit- Dharsiwa, Beergaon
3	14-12-16	Mukesh Yadu	Social Worker	Chocholates, sweets and fruits	To Celebrate Mayor's Birthday, Beergaon
4	14-12-16	Yousuf Khan	Civil Construction work, Mumbai	various puzzles, games, sports equipments- skipping rope, badminton, Ludo, Snakes & ladders, weight cuffs, musical drum, shoe stands, mats, wall clock, charts.	To celebrate his grand son's birthday, Dharsiwa centre visit
5	10-	Mrs.Ambik	Mayor, Nagar Palik Nigam,		School Visit-

	01-17	a Yadu	Beergaon		Beergaon
6	17-01-17	Mohan Banjare, Rakesh Patel, Reakesh Yadav, Rupesh Verma	Social Workers	Chocholates, Cakes and stationary	To Celebrate Vidhayak's Birthday(Shri. Satya Narayan Sharma)- Beergaon centre
7	27-01-17	Mrs. Sunita Verma, Mrs. Dropati Verma, Mr. Balmukun D Rajput, Mr.Khoril	BJP Mahila Morcha Team, Beergaon	Carpets, Fruits, Stationary and regular supply of packaged drinking water	School Visit- Beergaon
8	08-02-17	Mr. Al Dewangan, Mr. Navin Jain & Mr.Devji Patel	MLA, Dharsiva Block	Distributed Fruits	To celebrate his birthday, Dharsiwa centre visit

NEED BASED SERVICES

Disability Certification of twenty children from both the centers was taken up and they were taken to District Hospital. Eight of them were issued the certificates and the certification for the rest of them is in process.

THERAPY CENTRE

Though Aakanksha was giving therapeutic services since last 15 years, it started giving structured individual departmentalized services in the new set up since 9th August 2009 Aakanksha started providing short time need based regular therapeutic services for all those children who were not yet ready to be enrolled in a school-normal or special and also for those children attending normal school and having specific problems which can't be addressed to, in a normal school.

SERVICES PROVIDED IN THERAPY CENTRE

In therapy centre we provide services in two shifts; from 9.00 to 4.00 p.m. and 5.00 to 8.00 p.m. The therapeutics in the centre is not restricted only to “At Risk”, developmentally delayed and children with special needs but is open to normal population also. The facilities include:

- Physiotherapy Unit
- Speech therapy Unit
- Occupational Therapy Unit
- Remedial Teaching Unit

PHYSIOTHERAPY UNIT

This unit has a full-fledged spacious set up along with electro therapy equipments which can cater to the needs of all beneficiaries irrespective of their ages and problems.



SPEECH THERAPY UNIT

The speech therapy unit has “Dr. Speech” software which enables to enhance the abilities of special as well as normal children. This has been donated by Central Bank of India.



OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY UNIT

This unit started functioning in May 2015 with the financial support from Amway Opportunity Foundation” which has selected Aakanksha as their “Sunrise Partners” for supporting Health

and Educational needs of special children of our school.



This unit works for people with functional disability. Occupational Therapy Intervention is desired to facilitate performance of the beneficiary in his day to day activities, work and his social environment. This therapy aims to direct one's participation in a selected goal to

- Restore, reinforce and enhance performance,
- Facilitate Learning of those skills and functions essential for adaptation and productivity,
- Diminish or correct pathology
- Promote and maintain health

REMEDIAL TEACHING UNIT

This unit provides School Readiness Programme. In this unit, we provide services to

- To those children who are denied admission to special schools owing to not fulfilling the criteria of not being toilet trained, disturbing others due to their hyperactivity having severe behavior problems which might affect other children or any other reason
- To children with Specific Learning Disability and /or children with Border Line Intelligence



For the period ended March'17, children/ adults **availing regular services in OPD** is

S.No	OPD UNIT	Cases
1	REMEDIAL TEACHING UNIT	22
2	SPEECH THERAPY	23
3	PHYSIOTHERAPY	19
4	OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY	16
	TOTAL	80

REGIONAL LEARNING CENTRE ON DEAFBLINDNESS- EAST

PROJECT - **WORKING FOR CHILDREN WITH DEAFBLINDNESS AND MULTI SENSORY IMPAIRMENT.**

This project have been funded by Paul Hamlyn Foundation and Supported by Sense International India, who is esteem organization in the field of Deafblindness

Deafblindness is a unique disability that combines varying degree of both hearing and visual impairment. It hampers communication, mobility, socialization and other important areas of development. They are thus denied even the basic human rights like education, medical care, amongst other needs that are taken for granted by most of us

We are providing services to children with Deafblindness and Multisensory Impairment in centre based as well as home based set up to focus on their individual needs and parents priorities so that they can be independent in their daily activities. Apart from this we also conduct training for parent, NGOs professionals and various sensitization activities.

Numerical Summary

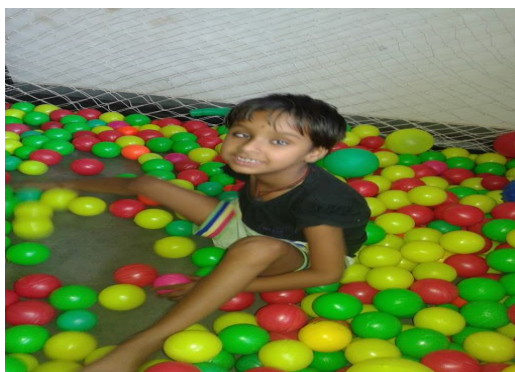
S.No.	EVENT/ACTIVITY	NUMBERS
1.	Overall No. of boys who availed centre/home based services	16
2.	Overall No. of girls who availed centre/home based services	18
3.	Total children with Deafblindness who availed centre/Home based services	34

4.	Total No. of training for parent conducted	3
5.	Total No. of children whose clinical vision and hearing assessment was conducted	19
6.	State level training on Deafblindness	35
7.	State level meeting of Network	25
8.	Regional Training on Deafblindness	31
9.	Regional Meeting of Networks	45

CLINICAL ASSESSMENT OF VISION AND HEARING

19 children underwent clinical assessment for vision and hearing to know the residual vision in individuals.

CENTRE BASED SERVICES: We run a resource centre where we do functional hearing and vision assessment. Based on the assessment we do IEP planning, Parent counseling, teaching Braille and sign language, sensory integration activities, ADLs training, Physiotherapy and Speech therapy etc. Students are taught in small groups, in resource room to reduce distractions, with more individual attention



HOME BASED SERVICE:

We delivered home based services to 26 children with deafblindness in the areas of Raipur and Abhanpur Blocks in Raipur District. Our experiences shows that when a child with deafblindness learns successfully in the presence of his/her family members, the family members are much more likely to have positive and supportive attitudes about their child's potential and it improves the family's ability to care for their child. In addition, home-based care often includes picnics and outings, parents' meetings, and festivals, which bring neighbors and community together with Deaf blind children and their families.





INSTALLATION OF OTO ACOUSTIC EMISSION (OAE):

We have Installed Oto Acoustic Emission(OAE) Equipment at District Hospital, Raipur to screen and identify children with deafblindness. Using this equipment all news born baby and high risk children would be screen.

REGIONAL TRAINING ON DEAFBLINDNESS:

Five days regional Training on Deafblindness was organized at Aakanksha Lions school for mentally Handicapped, this programme was supported by Sense International India. In this training 31 participants were there from Chhattisgarh, West Bengal, Oddisa, Bihar and Jharkhand.



REGIONAL MEETING OF NETWORKS (ABHIPRERNA PRAYAAS AND UDAAN):

Two days regional meeting of Networks(Abhiprerna, Pryaas and Udaan) was organized at Aakanksha Lions school for mentally Handicapped, this programme was supported by Sense International India. In this training 45 participants were there from Chhattisgarh, West Bengal, Oddisa, Bihar and Jharkhand.



