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DAKSHINYA

Institutes for the Intellectually Disabled



Online Interactive Session with beneficiary by our Special Educator

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1. ABOUT THE ORGANISATION AND INSTITUTION

Personal experience faced by Dr. T.V. Rao, a father of two daughters with Intellectual Disability-has transformed his challenges into strength, and thus emerged into a light of hope for several families having children with special needs. "Sri Dakshinya Bhava Samithi" started in 1995, registered on 7th July 1995 (Regd.No.339/95) in Guntur A.P. Initially the services were started with 7 children and 2 teachers in a small rented accommodation. Dakshinya has grown exponentially and now it has completed Twenty Six "serviceful" years towards Intellectual Disabled children of this state.

VISION

The Quality of Life (QOL) of every child with mental Intellectual disability is EQUAL to other Citizen in the Community. Not just to live but to live independently to the maximum extent possible in the given environment by transforming their "dis-ability into working ability.

Dakshinya is focusing in special education and therapies for students with Intellectual Disabilities like ID, CP, Autism and MD. Dakshinya also provides Pre – Vocational, vocational and computer training.

SCHOOLING IN LOCKDOWN (2020-21)

Even in this pandemic situation of corona from March 2020 onwards there was lockdowns imposed and later came back to normal/Regular functioning for 3months and again went in to restricted mode of leading our lives.

Even in such challenging situation "Dakshinya Institute's" have come up with an innovative concept of conducting live classes through whatsapp application (as this is a well used platform in every house hold and does not require any additional equipment other than a Smartphone).

Our administration and staff came up with a scheduled way to take this ONLINE CLASSES, through a time slot to each and every student individually and also made their parents & siblings part of this online training sessions.

SPECIAL EDUCATION TRAINING, PHYSIOTHERAPY, SPEECHTHERAPY, YOGA AND DANCE SESSIONS are being carried out through individual video calls and group video calls.

2. RUNNING PROJECT

1. DAKSHINYA SPECIAL SCHOOL FOR ID (DSS ID):

Dakshinya's Special School for ID is exclusively for the children of age group (6 to 18 years) with Mental Retardation, Cerebral Palsy, Autism and Multiple Disabilities. This project is supported by the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, New Delhi. The present strength of the Special School is 10.1001/journal.org/ benefciaires. They are from different parts of the state like Krishna, Prakasam, Khammam, and West Godavari apart from Guntur District.

Programmes conducted during the year 2020-2021			
S.No.	Programme description	No. of programmes	Beneficiaries
			reached
1	Parents Meets	4	227
3	Parent Training programme virtual	3	150
4	Festival celebrations in the School	11 programmes	
5	Awareness Programmes virtual	4	175

ACADEMIC UPDATES:

Special Education:

We group the students as groups wise in classes based on their strengths and learning abilities. This kind of grouping patterns bringing about homogeneity in teaching and makes it easier to plan the curriculum and set the time lines for improvement and review, as the students have similar learning abilities. We have 8 sections i.e. Two pre – primary section, One primary sections, Three sections in secondary, Two sections in pre – vocational.

Individualized Educational Plan (IEP):

To create homogeneity in teaching and to understand each student's unique quality. So, that we design the IEP for each student. It involves the special educators, therapists like speech therapy, physiotherapy, parents and their home environment all of which contribute to their learning.

Photo View of Class Rooms:



Pre – primary Primary Pre - vocational

Therapies:



Physiotherapy Speech therapy



Yoga Dance

3. Activities of the SPECIAL SCHOOL FOR THE INTELLECTUALLY DISABLED:

During the year 2020 - 2021, Dakshinya has offered professional services for all the 104 Beneficiaries under this project. The process is going on with zero rejection by extending services for all the beneficiaries irrespective of caste, gender and level of retardation.

"Dakshinya" is organizing various Training Programs, Awareness, and Parents meetings, Celebration of National Events & Festivals etc. for the benefit of different people like Persons with Intellectual Disabilities parents, family members and other stake holders.

- In this pandemic situation of corona 1st wave and 2nd wave, from 23rd March 2020 Lockdown due to COVID-19 virus, we have been following the online classes system in our School for these intellectually disabled children.
- In this we have providing all services to the beneficiaries like special education, speech therapy, physiotherapy, as per the class wise sessions with the support of their parents by involving them in online classes and motivated them for the betterment of their child to reach their academic goals.
- In unlock system i.e. partial timings the special educators and therapists were followed the sessions as per the time table shifting system.
- The school premises was been fully sanitized for every-day and maintaining hygienic habits in the premises.
- The staff and the beneficiaries were following the SMS procedure i.e. S- Sanitization, M - Mask & S - Social distance to protect ourselves from this corona virus.

- Based on these online classes we have been maintaining the IEP (Individualized Education Programme) for each beneficiary to reach the goals of current academic year.
- The Parents Meet and the Awareness programme were also covered in this online system only.
- Finally our institute has been covering each beneficiary through online class system for the academic year 2020-21.

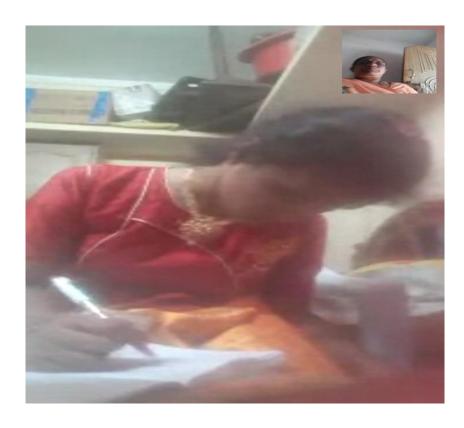
The brief view of the online classes procedure:

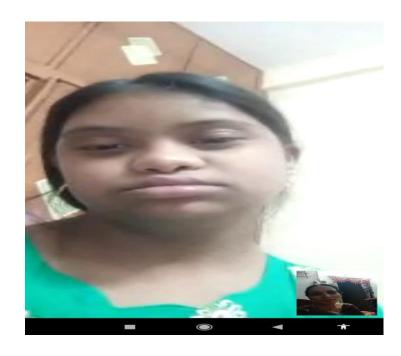
- ➤ The Class teacher has been taking the goals for each beneficiary in the IEP Format.
- According to this the sessions of Special Education, Speech therapy, Physiotherapy, yoga and dance are taken and proper record is maintained to each beneficiary in the online classes.
- ➤ The principal and the project supervisor will be supervising these online sessions and also cross verifying with the parents.
- And a screenshot of each session carried out by the special educator and other professionals are being shared every day in our internal staff group.
- And on weekly basis the principal and the project supervisor are holding meetings with the staff members.

Screenshots of Online Interactive Sessions of beneficiaries with the professionals:









Some such important programs organized during the year 2020-2021 are...

- ♣ In this pandemic situation, Dakshinya has participated in Zoom meetings thoroughly organized by The National Trust to share the better views for the betterment of the beneficiaries' activities.
- ♣ In this year in the unlock time the Director, SSA has visited our institute to know about the customized equipment and barrier free school premises followed by our institute for the improvement of the beneficiaries and applying these in the state govt. sector SSA i.e. Sarva Siksha Abhiyan.
- We and other NGOs from Andhra Pradesh have met the Director, Disabled Welfare, Vijayawada to mention the troubles & suggestions in the ongoing projects under DDRS.
- ♣ The team of 3 members from the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment has been visited our institute as per the inspection basis on 23rd March 2021 to verified the execution and fileling process of <u>Dakshinya Special School</u> <u>for Intellectually Disabled and Dakshinya Early Intervension Center</u> the <u>two Ongoing project</u> under DDRS.

Parents Meets







Activities of Special Education & Physical Exercises for Divyangjan at Dakshinya Institutes, Guntur, A.P.,





Sports Events:

All the students learn in the school is reinforced when they participate in various cultural and sport events.



Participation our Special Children in Sports activity Conducted by Rotary Club and won the prizes.

Prize winners with our Founder Dr. T.V. Rao on the eve of World Disabled Day Celebrations 2019-20 (State Level Competitions)

Cultural Events on the eve of Annual Day Celebrations:







Celebrations of Festivals and National events for the year 2019-2020:

The most fun way to learn is through the joy of celebrations. We celebrate all occasions – Independence Day. Children's Day, Teacher's Day, Vinayakachavithi, Christmas, Pongal, Holi, Rakhi. We tell the important of events before the event in a class room, role plays and programmes in relation to the festival and use this opportunity to make the implementation of our curriculum fun and enjoyable.



Greeting Wishes by Dakshinya Divyangjan's, on the eve of Birthday Celebration Smt. Mekathoti Sucharitha, Hon'ble Minister of A.P.,





SANKRANTHI SAMBARALU – 2020 at Dakshinya Campus



On April 2nd, 2019 – World Autism Awareness Day at Dakshinya Campus





Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya Birth Anniversary Celebrations at Dakshinya Campus





Teacher's Day Celebration

Diwali Celebration



Making of colourful Diwali Lamps by our Divyangjan



73rd Independence Day Celebrations – 2019 at Dakshinya Institutes





Participation of Dakshinya Member at UVARD General Body Meeting, Hyderabad.



Participation of Dakshinya Divyangjan at AMBA Training Programme held at Bangalore.



Participation of Dakshinya Member at 19th Annual General Meeting, The National Trust, New Delhi

National Conference Programme for Professionals recognized by RCI:

We have organized continuing rehabilitation education workshop to the special educator therapist for up gradation of their knowledge and better practice for special children. These workshops are very useful to the special educator and other professionals.





On the eve of National Conference – 2019 at Dakshinya Campus, Lightning of the Lamp by Sri. Kanna Lakshmi Narayan, President of A.P., Bharatiya Janatha Party, & Dr. T.V. Rao, Founder & Chairman of Dakshinya Institutes with other Dignitaries.



NATIONAL CONFERENCE – 2019 on 28TH & 29TH December, 2019 at Dakshinya Institutions, Guntur, A.P.,

<u>Distribution of Vegetables to the Below Poverty Level (BPL) people in the crucial situation of COVID – 19 by Dakshinya Institutes, Guntur, A.P.,</u>





- 4. As a token of appreciation, **Dakshinya** has received 28 <u>Awards and Laurels</u> so far:
- 1. "N.S. HEMA AWARD 2019" Finalist for the untiring 25 years service in the Disability Sector.
- 2. "FACE BHARAT RATAN AWARD 2020" in the Category of Social Field.
- 3. "ROYAL EXCELLANCY AWARD 2018" in Service Category on 18.03.2018 presented to Dr. T.V. Rao, Founder & Chairman of Dakshinya on the hands of Sri. Manga Babu, IRS & Sri. Satyanandam, IRS, on the eve of Royal Club 1st Anniversary at Vijayawada.
- "ASHOKA AWARD 2017", in Social Commitment Category presented to Dr. T.V. Rao, Founder & Chairman of Dakshinya. On the eve of 17TH BIHAR AWARDS CEREMONY CERTIFICATE, presented by Samarpan & Bihar Disabled Sports Academy at Patna on 28th August 2017.
- 5. <u>"SOCIAL ACHIEVERS AWARD 2017"</u> "The Award of Souls to creating the better world" on 14th June, 2017 at New Delhi from the hands of the Sri. Rajendra Agarwal, M.P., Union Minister.
- 6. "KAPU PURASKARAM & Felicitation 2017", at Hyderabad on 29.03.2017 by All India Telaga Kapu Balija Sangham.
- 7. <u>"UGADI PURASKARAM & Felicitation 2017"</u>, by Sri Narasaraopet Kala Vedika (Regd. No. 157/2006), at Bhuvanachandra Town Hall, Prakash Nagar, Narasaraopet on 26.03.2017 (Sunday) at 6 pm on the eve of Hemalambi Nama Samvathsra Ugadi Utsav Invitation to Dr. T. V. RAO, Founder & Chairman, for 22 yrs of social service through Dakshinya Institutes for the Mentally Handicapped, Guntur.
- 8. <u>"STATE AWARD 2016"</u>, Best NGO by Social Welfare Dept., on the hands of Smt. Peetala Sujatha, Minister for Social Welfare on 3rd December 2016 at Loyola Auditorium, Vijayawada.
- 9. <u>"NOBEL AWARD 2016"</u>, National (Best Service Individual) by R V DEVRAJ SEVA PRATHISTANA (R) Sahaya Hastha on 26th November at Kuvempu Kala Kshethra behind KIMES Hospital, KR Road, V V Puram, Bangalore 04.
- 10. "CHANAKYA Award 2015 (Best NGO Category)" by BIHAR Award Ceremony Patna, Bihar.

5. Recognitions:

★ FCRA RENEWAL: 2016 to 2021

♣ DAKSHINYA had selected as a State Nodal Agency Centre in A.P., (SNAC) under the National Trust (MSJE) 2017 to 2020.

6. <u>DISTINGUISHED VISITORS</u>

Dakshinya has the pleasure of having distinguished delegates, people's representatives and representatives of renowned Organizations as visitors who came to see the facilities, services and to bless the special children. Some of the dignitaries who visited the institute, appreciated the efforts and blessed the children for the last two years are:

6.1. Government Officials & Others:

- 1. Sri. Navnit Kumar Programme Officer, The National Trust, New Delhi
- **2.** Sri. D. Raghu Ramaiah Asst. Director, Welfare of Differently Abled & Sr. Citizen Dept., Guntur Dist.
- 3. Dr. N.V. Nagamani Dist. IED Coordinator, SSA, Guntur
- **4.** Sri. V. Satyanarayana Rtd. Tahsildar, Baptla
- 5. Sri. D. Venakateswarlu Rtd. Tahsildar, Guntur
- 6. Sri. L. Ajay Prasad Dy. Superintendant of Police, AP Police Dept.,
- 7. Superintendant District Jails, Guntur
- 8. Sri. G.C. Raja Ratnam Deputy Transport Commissioner, Guntur.
- 9. Sri. G. Venkata Ramana Asst. Director,

Differently Abled, TG & Sr. Citizens Dept., Guntur

- **10.** Sri. P. Ravi Kumar Sr. AO / AG (Audit), Hyd.
- 11. Sri. G.Krishna Mohn ITO

6.2. Persons from other Institutions:

- 1. Sri. Mohd. Naseem Manager, Finance The Hans Foundation, New Delhi
- 2. Sri. C.M. Reddy M/S. Sitaram Jindal Foundation
- 3. Ms. Uma Palleboina -Lecturer- NRi College of Nursing
- 4. Ms. K. Mounika Lecturer NRI College of Nursing
- 5. Ms. Chandni & Shabina The Hans Foundation, New Delhi
- 6. Sri. Sashi Preetam Music Director & Film Maker, Hyderabad
- **7.** Sister Care College of Nursing, Guntur
- **8.** Mr. Babu The Association of people with disability, Bangalore

6.3. Representatives from Abroad:

- 1. Sri. Rainer Busch NewCo Tobacco Services Pte. Ltd., Singapore
- 2. Ms. Teresa Busch D/o. Rainer Busch
- 3. Sri. Laxman Muriel Belgium
- 4. Mr. Pavan Lanka- USA

6.4 Medical Professionals:-

- 1. Dr. M. Sridhar MDS (Professor) Sibar Dental College, Guntur
- 2. Dr. Sai Krishna MDS (Sr. Lecturer) Sibar Dental College, Guntur
- 3. Dr. K. Krishna Prasad Krishna Children's Hospital, Kothapet, Guntur
- 4. Dr. G. Dhanunjaya Rao, Guntur
- 5. Dr. Chandra Sekhar Reddy, Guntur
- 6. Dr. M.N. Sudheer Kumar, Guntur
- 7. Dr. Srinivas Clinical Psychologist, Guntur

7. IMPACT OF SERVICES IN THE COMMUNITY

In the last 25 years, 1,43,665 children/ parents/ family members/ community members etc., have got benefited and receive services from our various projects. At present about 523 children are being benefitted from training and rehabilitative services under various projects of Dakshinya.

8. FUTURE VISION

8.1 Centers for Human Resource Development:

Based on the recent reports, with the efforts of Government and NGOs, we could reach only 5% of the disabled individuals leaving a mammoth task of 95% of unreached. To achieve this, the first effort should be to train more and more professionals in the field of special education. As it is the need of the hour, Dakshinya has already initiated the process of getting the sanction for the establishment of courses in the special education.

8.2 Other Projects in the pipe line:

The "Sheltered Workshop" initiated in a small scale needs to be enhanced into a full fledged Centre with the aim of providing employment to all the trainees of Dakshinya and others who need employment for creating healthy environment so that a better quality of life can be achieved.

▶ Based on the availability of Professionals & number of Institutes to train the professionals on one side and demand for the professionals Vs the targeted PWDs, Dakshinya is planning to establish HRD Institutes. B. Ed and D. Ed courses are two such Projects, which are under process.

The management expresses its deep gratitude and expects to receive continued support & cooperation from all the sectors including **Government**, **Corporate**, **Charitable Trusts and Philanthropists**, who have supported, inspired, encouraged, guided and fortified our efforts in providing the services for persons with Mental Retardation and enabling us to **reach the dreams of Dakshinya**. Dakshinya expresses its sincere thanks to the people's representatives, Government officials, non officials, friends and Media persons for their cooperation extended to Dakshinya.

With all these activities, projects, achievements etc. Dakshinya's sole aim is to make the mentally challenged independent, in their community, for better sustainability and quality of life.