# **MANOVIKAS**

Reg.No.Q.184/96 Sasthamcotta -Kollam – Kerala Annual Report 2021-22

This was our 28<sup>th</sup> year of Service to the Intellectually Disabled in the rural villages at Kollam, Kerala. Every new academic year inspires us to explore newer heights and for a brighter future of our Developmentally Disabled Children, who strive hard to make possible, which seems impossible for the world. But during this pandemic period of COVID -19 our children are so much isolated. They strived very much in their homes to meet their friends outside. Most of them were getting ready in the morning and awaiting for their school bus. But they got that chance only in December 2021.

During this pandemic period, we were permitted to start regular classes only in December and it was on partial basis. But our teachers were in regular contact with the children and parents on WhatsApp. They also visited their homes frequently in small groups.

We had our first online staff meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> of April, and it was continued every month. The teachers of our institution had our second dose COVID vaccine during April and also encouraged our children's families to take the first dose of COVID vaccine for our children above 18 years.

During the home visits we supplied teaching aids, text books, note books and snacks to the children. From the I<sup>st</sup> of May we started online class for our children. Our School Opening (Pravesanothsavam) was celebrated on the I<sup>st</sup> of June via online. Shri. D. Jacob Chairman, Manovikas inaugurated the programme. 100 children attended the programme. 21 children staged various programmes online.

As a part of "World Environmental Day" 83 of our children planted different type of plants in their houses and the photos were shared in the school group.

The TLM kits developed by NIEPED and supplied by National Trust for 23 LIG children of our DISHA center was distributed on the I<sup>st</sup> of July. Dr. G. Sumithran, Governor Elect of Rotary District 3211 was the Chief Guest.

All our 22 special educators attended a three day online Teachers Training Programme "Ganini Prabha" organized by SCERT Govt. of Kerala from 13 to 15<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

The Founder and Chairman of Manovikas Shri. D. Jacob had constructed 1000 Sq.feet administrative complex and 4 differently abled friendly bath rooms for the school. The building was inaugurated by his younger brother Jimmy D and another brothers daughter Anasuya Jose, both developmentally disabled, in the presents of his family members and Manovikas staff members.

State Social Justice Department, National Trust SNAC and LLCs jointly started a new project "SAHAJEEVANAM" to help the disabled families of Kerala during this pandemic period. All our staff members joined this State Govt. venture as volunteers. As the LLC of Kollam we started an office Sahajeevanam Help Desk at Manovikas School.

74<sup>th</sup> Independenceday of India was celebrated in the school. Due to COVID pandemic children cannot reach the school. But our teachers assembled and hoisted the National flag. An online entertainment programme was arranged for the children and 52 children joined it.

This year our National Festival "ONAM" was celebrated at Manovikas via online. Our children actively participated in different arts competitions. It was all viewed by the teachers at Manovikas and parents in their homes.

On teachers day, Sep 5<sup>th</sup>our senior teachers Sushamadevi and Girijakumari S.M were hournered by the principal Ampili K.L.

We have a 13 years, child in our school for the last eight years. His family was migrated from west Bengal. They were not having a house and was living in a hut of a Brick Company. We thought of purchasing a permanent residence for them. It became a success with the help of our parents, teachers, and management.

We cleaned the school premises on  $2^{nd}$  October. Our staff members attended 2 days online training programme on  $6^{th}$  and  $7^{th}$  October conducted by State Govt. All our teachers attended the programme.

5 of our children participated in the online competition conducted in connection with the World Postal Day Celebrations.

Amal.B, a secondary student of our school attended the Special Olympics selection camp at Ernakulam on 27<sup>th</sup> October.

SCERT conducted on evaluation programme for intellectually challenged children (EPICC). Manovikas was asked to assess 20 children from our school, were assessed the children using SCERT check list. The report was submitted to SCERT in time.

After the pandemic COVID period schools in Kerala reopened on 1<sup>st</sup>November 2021. Special Schools were exempted from it. But all our staff members restarted their normal works from 1<sup>st</sup> November. We started all the therapy units in the school.

On Nov 14<sup>th</sup> Children's day was celebrated by our children via online. Almost all of them dressed neatly and photos were upload in the school group.

Another short flood affected the state from 15th November, we extended our helping hand to 10 of our families whose houses were flood affected the flood has only four days duration.

A joined inspection of Social Justice, Health and Education Department, were conducted at Manovikas on the 12<sup>th</sup> of November in connection with our DDRS Grant in Aid.

In connection with the world Disabled Day Celebration Social Justice Department conducted online competitions for disabled people. 30 children from our school participated in the competitions. On Dec.3<sup>rd</sup>, the world Disabled Day, Kunnathoor, Thaluk Legal Service Authority conducted One Day Seminar for the parents of developmentally disabled at Manovikas.

From Dec.8<sup>th</sup> onwards regular classes started in our School. Before that we conducted offline parents meeting on class basis. Almost all our parents attended the meetings.

During the month of February we conducted 4 parents awareness/programmes for the parents of the developmentally disabled of Sasthamcotta block, Karunagappally Muncipality, Oachira Block and Vettikkavala Block, Jointly with State Institute for Mentally Challenged Thiruvananthapuram. Total 210 parents attended these four training programmes.

Due to COVID, again we were forced to close the school is February first week. But from 14th February onwards we could again start the school. We applied for 108 TLM Kits of NIEPED from MSJE.

Inspection under the State Government Package Scheme was conducted on the 7<sup>th</sup> of the February by the Department of Education Govt. of Kerala in the school.

"World Down Syndrom Day" State Level Celebration were organized at Sasthamcotta by State Social Justice Department and National Trust SNAC. Manovikas was entrusted to organize this state Level Programme. It was a different experience in organising the programme in the mids of this Pandemic season in a rural Village. The programme was a different experience to the Villagers and media gave wide publication Smt. Afsana Parveen IAS, District Collector Kollam was the Chief Guest.

We started the construction of a five classroom building in April 2021. Under the MPLADS of Shri. Adv. K. Somaprasad MP, Total area of the building is 1425 sq.ft.

In February 2022 again we started the construction of 8 more classrooms in the first floor of the new buildings which was almost completed and will be inaugurated before the commencement of next school year. Total area 2665 sq.ft. A total newbuildings constructed this year is 5330sq.ft. In addition to this we had constructed a 1300sq. feet sheeted open area which can be used as mini auditorium, play hall etc.

DISHA Early Identification and school Readiness Programme of National Trust was started in our school during the year 2016. The only National Trust Project in Kerala. The project is specially designed to identify the Developmentally Disabled children and give them special training to go to normal schools before the age of 10.During this COVID pandemic period we could not send these children who attained 10 years to normal schools. But during the last 6 years we could transfer 7 of our children to mainstream schools.

Now we have 23 children in the scheme of which 16 are from BPL families. Up to October 2021 we could give them only online classes and our staff members visited the children

frequently. Now we have a well functioning local project committee Since January 2022. National Trust in funding for the project.

Manovikas School for Mentally Handicapped Sasthamcotta, Kollam was appointed as the Naional Trust - SNAC-Kerala in 2017. Even though its tenure ended in June 2020, due to the COVID 19 pandemic situation, tenure was extended to December 2020. As per the decision of the National Trust, Manovikas was again appointed as the SNAC Kerala for 3 years with effect from I<sup>st</sup> January 2021to 31<sup>st</sup> Dec. 2023.

As SNAC of Kerala, we could conduct one offline LLC Review Meeting and 10 Virtual LLC Review Meetings during the year. We visited all the LLCs, District collectors during the year. All the districts in Kerala have well functioning Local Level Committees. We keep in constant contact with them and give all the advices. Total Legal Guardianship issued in Kerala during this year is 3298.

In addition to SNAC Kerala, Manovikas is also serving as LLC of 3 districts in Kerala. Kollam, Thiruvananthapuram and Alappuzha. We are very much cooperative with these 3 District Administrations. Total Legal Guardianship issued during the year 2021-2022 in these 3 districts is 968. A great achievement for Manovikas.

#### Niramaya Insurance

The scheme is to provide affordable Health Insurance to persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities. The enrolled beneficiaries get a health insurance cover upto Rs.1 Lakh, by paying a nominal enrolment/renewal fee. In Kerala, The State Government is paying the enrolment/renewal fee. Hence it is totally FREE for the beneficiaries in Kerala State.

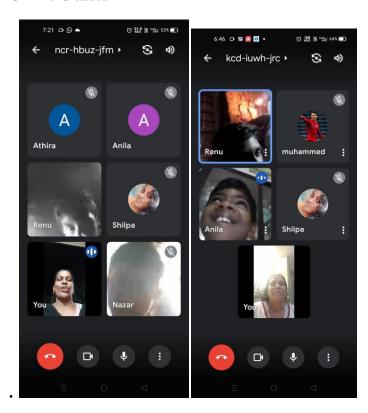
Total Niramaya Insurance issued in India during the year is 174979 of which 48373 are enrolled by Manovikas and total in Kerala are 69000.

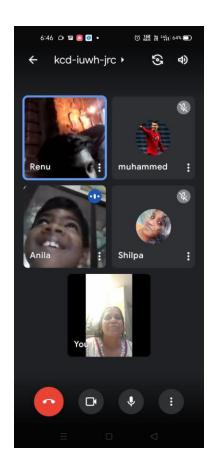
During this financial year Manovikas doesn't received any financial assistance under DDRS. Grand in Aid is pending since 2019-20 second half.

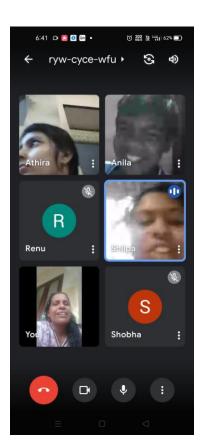
During this pandemic Period all the four Director Board meetings were held in virtual mode. We are marching forward after this pandemic situation for a tomorrow, a better tomorrow for all developmentally different children in the rural areas of South Kerala.

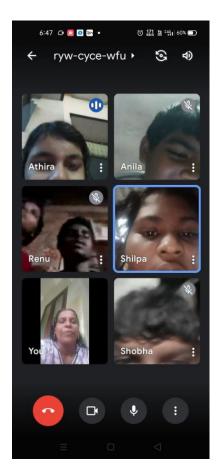
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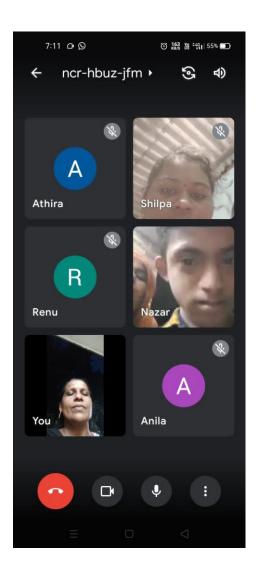
### **Online Classes**

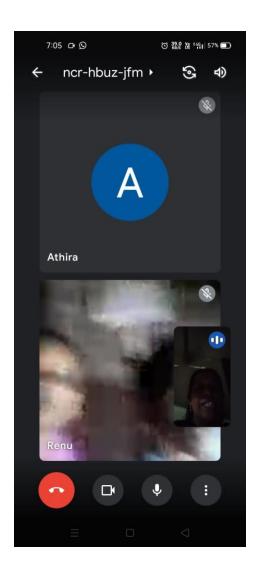




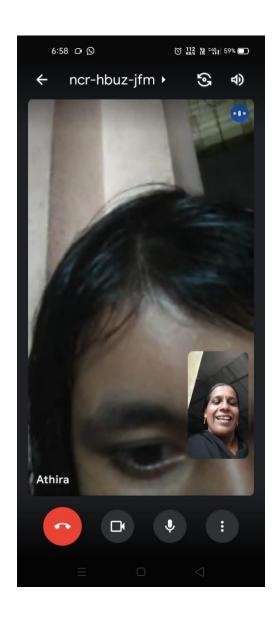












### Students List 2021-2022

Total Number of Students:134

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## Disability Wise Details

SINO	Disability	Number of student
1	Mental Retardation	98
2	Cerebral Palsy	19
3	Autism	6
4	Multiple Disability	11

**TOTAL** :134

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