

# ANNUAL REPORT

## 2020-21



**Working  
towards  
Sustainable Development**



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## **MISSION**

**Community Empowerment for Sustainable  
Development and Protection of Rights**

## **VISION**

**A Society where basic needs of every individual like  
food, shelter, health, education, entertainment etc. are met,  
where justice, equality, entertainment are meet,  
where justice, equality, liberty and society assured,  
where cooperative culture is a way of life.**

## **GOAL**

**To Develop the Traditional Skills of Knowledge to the  
People of Odisha for their Sustainable Livelihood,  
Promotion and Rehabilitation of PWDs**

## **TARGET POPULATION**

**Disadvantages Community like  
Persons with Disabilities (PWDs),  
Women, Rural & Urban Poor.**



## From the Desk of our Secretary



It has given me the immense pleasure to present Annual Report for the 2020-21. The year 2020-21 witnessed visible changes in the Society due to COVID-19 Pandemic. This year begins and ends with the pandemic situation across the country. This year Lockdown, Shutdown & fear of Corona virus stands against the progress of work of every individual. In spite of the above barrier we marched forward for the welfare of Persons with Disability, Women, Rural & Urban Poor in the remote area.

For the welfare of Persons with Disabilities we are running Dr. Harekrushna Mahatab Institute for the Mentally Handicapped at Shastrinagar, Balangir since 1995. Samarth-cum-Gharaunda Centre for Adult Mentally Retarded, Cerebral Palsy, Autism & Multiple Disabilities, at the District Head Quarter, Balangir. Special School for Cerebral Palsy for Special education at District Head Quarter, Balangir. Therapeutic Clinic for Mentally Retarded & Cerebral Palsy at Ravinagar, Balangir. Out of this we are running Community Based Rehabilitation Service at Gudvella block of Balangir District & Karlamunda Block of Kalahandi District from our own resource.

This year we have received funds from Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disability (DEPWD) Government of India, THE NATIONAL TRUST, Social Security & Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (SSEPD) Government of Odisha. We have mobilize the fund successfully for the implementation of the scheme.

This year staff of ASHRA has taken great initiative for working in COVID-19 pandemic situation. The staff of our organization has gotten much more experience during the critical situation like home visit, Online Class, Distribution of Ration Kit Mask Sanitizer & Hand Wash, Door to door family sensitization. Especially they have covered home visit & Distribution of Ration Kit all the parents home.

With presenting the Annual Report 2020-21, invite you to go through the above report. But before end, I must thanks to all the resource providers who provide a little donation for distribute Mask & Sanitizer, Staff who provide their service in the field level in such a critical situation, Governing Body members, Well Wishers as well as the communities who allow our staffs for in their community during COVID-19 pandemic.

**Ranjit Prasad Mohanty**

Secretary

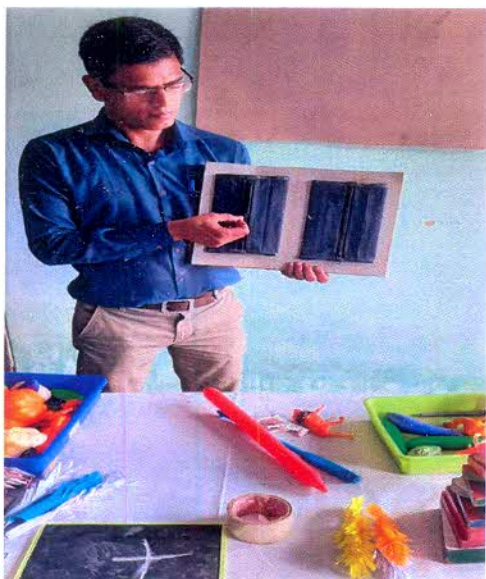
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## Dr. Harekrushna Mahatab Institute for Mentally Handicapped

Children with Mental Retardation need to be imparted education like other children in our society. Going to school is an essential for them to learn not only academic skill but also discipline, social skill and practical skill for community living though they are slow in learning and other activities. Research has shown that by applying proper kind of educational method it is possible to Impart them basic skill of reading, writing and arithmetic to many children with Intellectual Disabilities.

ASHRA has taken great initiative to running Special School namely Dr. H.K. Mahatab Institute for Mentally Handicapped at the district head quarter, Balangir since August 1995 with proper education, training & rehabilitation to Children with Intellectual Disabilities. This year we have admitted 10 numbers children with Intellectual Disabilities in our school and 07 numbers of students have successfully completed the academic and left the intuition. Now the institution enrolls 71 numbers of students.



Due to infection of Corona Virus we faced more difficulties to go ahead. As per the order of the Collector, the school has been closed from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020. The SSEPD Department sanctioned hostel maintenance for 06 months and as per order of Deputy Secretary to Government we have disbursed the amount in the parent bank account for six months.

As all the students were residing in their home, it was more difficult to provide education. As per instruction of SSEPD

Department we planned for online class. During the home visit our staff collect the whatsapp number of students and online class started. Due to most tribal area maximum village are deprived from mobile network. Hence to reach the service in the unreached we planned for Home Based Class during COVID-19 Pandemic situation. So many thanks to our staffs who provide service Online as well as Home Based education to the children with Intellectual Disabilities during COVID-19 pandemic situation.





## Samarth cum Gharaunda Centre

Under the sponsorship of the NATIONAL TRUST, For the Welfare of Persons with Autism, Cerebral palsy, Mental Retardation & Multiple Disabilities we are running Samarth cum Gharaunda Centre at the district head quarter, Balangir with taking 30 number of Intellectual Disabilities & Cerebral Palsy Beneficiaries. As a residential Centre for adult abandoned persons 30 numbers of beneficiaries were residing in our centre where vocational training provided to the beneficiaries for their self employment with trained experience professionals.

This year we received the order of District Administration to close the



institution. As lockdown started it was difficult to depart the beneficiaries. So we applied for Pass. 14 beneficiaries departed to their home and handed over the parents. Due to old age & unwillingness of parent and the siblings refused to receive the beneficiaries. Rest 16 number of beneficiaries are residing in our centre since the lockdown started. Our centre proving all types of facilities to 30 beneficiaries during COVID-19 Pandemic situation.



We are maintaining the centre as per the guideline provide by THE NATIONAL TRUST & District Administration from time to time as follows :-

1. We have maintained the institution with proper sanitize and public are not allowed

inside the centre & we have

made provision for staffs that they will stay inside the Centre as per roster.

2. We have distributed Ration Kit, Mask, Sanitizer, Hand wash & General Medicine in the door step of 14 beneficiaries those who are residing in their home in each month.





3. For distribution of such materials we have formed a team comprising Physiotherapist, Occupational Therapist, Special Educator, Caregiver and attendant. They have distributed the kit & counsel the parent how to safe from Corona Virus.

4. Social Distance is bare necessary to prevent Corona Virus. Hence we are maintaining Social Distance inside the centre.



5. We have distributed Mobile Phones from the fund provided by the National Trust.

For providing Online class, we have collected the whatsapp number of Parents and online class started with the beneficiaries and the parents. Really the staff has done a good job for the welfare of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities & Cerebral Palsy in such a critical situation. But those who are residing inside

the centre we provide them Special Education, Yoga, Gardening, Vocational Training during this period.





## Special School for Cerebral Palsy

Under the sponsorship of Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disability we are managing Special School for Cerebral Palsy at the district head quarter, Balangir since 2006-07. The institution provides Special Education and Special Care to Cerebral Palsy Children with the help of trained experience professionals and dedicated Care Takers.

During beginning of the year we received order from the District Administration to close the institution. Hence we informed all the parents

to receive their child as on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020. We started our mission to depart the student from 24<sup>th</sup> March 2020 and the Special School closed since that day.



During the home visit of staff, they have collected the whatsapp number of parents and online class, Home Based Class started which is continuing. We have distributed Ration Kit, Mask, Sanitizer, Hand wash & General Medicine to Cerebral Palsy

Children in each month. We have also formed Committee including Physiotherapist, Special Educator & Attendant for smooth distribution of such kit & Counseling the parents how to safe their child & family from the pandemic. As a result all staffs are completely acquainted with the parent & family of Cerebral Palsy children. As mostly sensitive disability physiotherapy is bare necessary for all





## Therapeutic Centre

Under the Sponsorship of Social Security & Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (SSEPD) Department we are managing Therapeutic Centre namely ASHRA Therapy Clinic at Ravinagar, Balangir since 2018 with taking 30 numbers of beneficiaries where therapeutic service provided to the inmates. We have appointed 06 number of staff i.e. Physiotherapist, Occupational Therapist, Special Educator, Attendant & Accountant.



As per order of SSEPD Department our centre has

been closed as on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020. We depart the child to their home. The SSEPD Department provide Maintenance cost for 03 months. We have distributed the amount in the bank account of parents. But just after three months the department has opened therapeutic centre.



It was more difficult to work in such critical situation. Our therapeutic Staff goes to door step of inmates for therapeutic service in the restriction period. Maximum villagers were not allowed our staff inside the village. As therapeutic service is close contact with the inmates we provide all types of preventive measures. Now Home Based Service is continuing by our organization.





## Community Based Rehabilitation Service

Community Based Rehabilitation is an effort to enhance the quality of life for the Persons with Disabilities and their family. Meet their basic needs and ensure inclusion and participation. While initially a strategy to increase access to rehabilitation service in resource constraint setting. Now Community Based Rehabilitation is a multi-sector approach working to improve the equalization working to improve the equalization of opportunities and social inclusion of Persons with Disabilities while combating the perpetual cycle of poverty and disability. As there are a large number of Special school exist in Balangir district and all are situated in the town only where the rural disabled are deprived from



the privilege as they are living in the villages and another thing is that it is purely impossible to enroll all the disabled into Special School. Hence ASHRA has been running Community Based Rehabilitation Service in Gudvella Block of Blangir District. The Community Based Rehabilitation Worker has trained for seven months survey and training at SANCHAR, Kolkata. The worker goes to door step of the PWDs with teaching & learning materials for education of the Disabled. We have enroll 356 persons with disabilities.

