

# **MAHAISHWAR**

**(PARENT TRAINING CENTRE FOR  
PERSON'S WITH DISABILITY)**

**ANNUAL REPORT**

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# MahaIshwar - A Parent Initiative

## Introduction:

MahaIshwar based in Mayiladuthurai is a parent initiative in the disability Sector. MahaIshwar give rehabilitation services for persons with neurological impairments like cerebral palsy, mental retardation, Autism, Learning disabilities and multiple disabilities. The centre was founded on September 9<sup>th</sup> 2003 by Mrs. Kungumaeswari. It began with 2 students and today has a strength of 50 students.

## Genesis:

Ms. Kunguma Eswari is the mother of two children with neurological impairments. Initially she was of a loss as to how to manage the needs of the children. From June 1987, she began to access the services of Vidya Sagar, Chennai (Formerly Spastics of India). She attended the Out Station program run for families outside Chennai. Here learnt the basic skills needed to manage disability.

Motivated by the difference technical guidance made to quality of her life and her children, she soon decided to create services in her home town of Mayiladuthurai for such families who could not access any service. Her interest led her to train further under the Community Based Rehabilitation Project of Vidya Sagar as field worker. She underwent training as a resource



person from the year 1995. She has completed the Bridge Course for field workers which is a 40 day training program in 2003. She did a 6 month placement at Vidya Sagar in the year 2002-03 wherein she was placed in all departments at the institution.

In the year 2003-04 she launched a project "MahaIshwar" in her hometown of Mayiladuthurai in memory of her daughter Mahalakshmi and Ishwar son of Poonam Natarajan, founder of Vidya Sagar, (Mahalakshmi and Ishwar passed away in the Period 1999-2002 away on account of complications arising out of severe disabilities).

#### **Services relating to disabilities:**

MahaIshwar give early intervention training for children upto age 6. Government early intervention program has been runup by MahaIshwar from 2015. 3 Special educators are working on this program and yearly 30 Children are benefitted by this program. Vocational training for persons with disabilities has also been done very well in MahaIshwar. Parent training is another main service given by MahaIshwar.

#### **Perspective:**

Disability movement is a young movement to other development issues. The last 40 Years have seen a tremendous shift in the manner in which disability is viewed. From the medical and charity based approach, to day the disability sector is talking about human rights and development approach. The focus of the disability movement is to ensure equal opportunities and



participation in mainstream life. The underlying philosophy guiding disability work in INCLUSION in all spheres of life-education, employment, leisure etc.,

The work of MahaIshwar is also geared towards ensuring that is students are provided all opportunities of inclusive education and mainstream life. Since MahaIshwar also believes that disability is a development issue, it is committed to working with all stakeholders in the process of development including the government, the private educational and employment institutions and the community at large. MahaIshwar will be an active advocate of the rights of the disabled person as provided under the law.

#### **Activities of MahaIshwar:**

1. Early intervention programs for babies upto the age of six years in all areas of development. It is crucial that every disabled child gets the best opportunity to explore and train to cope with its disability. on this early and crucial phase of development.
2. Training Parents in the management of children and young adults with neurological impairments including cerebral palsy, Mental retardation, Autism, Learning disabilities and multiple disabilities.



3. Support services to children attending mainstream schools intems of Physiotherapy, Speech & Communication therapy and educational guidance.
4. Prevocational and vocational training programs for young adults. The focus would be open placement or setting up of group enterprise which would help these young adults to pool in efforts and earn a living.
5. Niramaya health insurance scheme (National Trust Scheme) has been provided to morethan 50 pwds every year. This insurance is more useful for each PWD who have several health issues.

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For MAHA ISHWAR

*T. Kumar Sanni*  
Principal & Chair Person

## **MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL**

I submit with pleasure the year 2020 -2021 activities report of Mahalshwar. In this year we do our respectful services for 60 children with disabilities.

Due to Covid in this year we do our training programs by online classes and then by home visits. In this pandemic situation respective donors and sponsors give their continous support for medical expenses of the children with disabilities. This year we all have a different experience due to pandemic situation I appreciate each and every staff of Mahaishwar for working in this difficult time I look toward with eagerness to the coming year with a hope of reach to more families.

We are the NGO member of Local Level Committee, Nagapattinam we apply for Guardianship certificates for PWDs in this year. We apply for Niramaya insurance scheme of National Trust for 60 PWDs

**With best wishes,  
T.Kungumaeswari,  
Principal, & Chair Person,  
Mahalshwar.**



## **ADVISORY REFERRAL SERVICES**

Parents and students of Mahaishwar have accessed the out station assessment and program planning, program offered. Main stream school teachers have been trained by us to work with disabled kids studying in main stream schools.

These visits are made to supplement to services offered at Mahalshwar. A part from planning comprehensive intervention programs in areas of physiotherapy, communication and education, difficult medical reviews in case of vision problems and epilepsy are addressed during these visits.

## **ACTIVITY REPORT-PROGRAMS OFFERED**

1. Early intervention program.
2. Pre vocational stream.
3. Advisory services.

## **EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM**

In this year we do this program by online classes and by home visits. This is geared towards improving the management and handling skills of parents with young children with neurological impairments in the age group from birth to 6 years. This year, the program focused on training the parents in the area of physiotherapy, communication skills, vision training, sensory integration, occupational therapy, activities of daily living and games. Inputs in readiness for education have also been provided.

Class and by home visits number of 30.



## **PRE VOCATIONAL STREAM:**

A combination of functional education, maintenance therapy, job skills and concepts of time and money are the important features of this stream. This year the products paper machete baskets, food mat and note pad were made in the group through shared responsibilities. Skills of hand function, shared responsibilities and time management were the focus. This group is focusing on building foundation for adult life and skills required there in. In this year we do this program by online classes and by home visits.

Number of student in this group : 20

## **ADVISORY SERVICES**

There are a set of parents who are unable to access series regularly. Hence they visit Mahalshwar (once a month, sometimes once in six months) and get support services. Sometimes it is a onetime assessment with referral services.

Number of student in this group : 10



# TEAM AT MAHAISHWAR

1.	Mrs. T.kungumaeswari	Founder, Prinipal
2.	Mrs. R. Krishnaveni	Physiotherapist
3.	Mrs. R. Anuradha	Assistant Teaching Staff
4.	Mrs. G. Rositamary	Special Educator
5.	Ms. V. Vijayalakshmi	Special Educator
6.	Mrs. V. Uma	Supporting Staff
7.	Mrs. R. Chitra	Supporting Staff

**Total Number of families accessing services at  
Mahalshwar during the year - 60**

For MAHA ISHWAR  
*T. K. S. S.*  
Principal & Chair Person





Physiotherapy session for a child with multiple disabilities.



## STUDENT LIST OF MAHA ISHWAR

Sl.No.	Name	Age	Gender	Disability Type	Percentage	National Identity Card No.	UDID Card No.
1.	R.Logesh	6	Male	Autism	-	-	-
2.	K.Saisivanya	3	Female	MD	100%	32066	TN1731920160030902
3.	V.Arun	6	Male	MR	75%	29184	Applied
4.	V.Nanthan	4	Male	Down Syndrome	70%	32462	TN1730920160023271
5.	Akchaya Kamachi	5	Female	Development Delay	-	-	-
6.	A.Sivamoorthi	6	Male	MD	100%	30319	Applied
7.	Mohamed Habeel	6	Male	MD	80%	5990	TN1940320130025982
8.	S.Kanishka	6	Female	MD	90%	29885	Applied
9.	S.Sudharshan	5	Male	MD	70%	30514	Applied
10.	I.Azra Farveen	4	Female	MD	90%	30559	Applied
11.	A.Abishek	6	Male	MD	80%	30530	Applied
12.	S.Kumaraguru	6	Male	MD	80%	30528	Applied
13.	P.Natchathra	5	Female	Learning Disability	-	-	-



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14.	M.Manesh	6	Male	MR	60%	31705	Applied
15.	A.Ashwanth	2	Male	Development Delay	-	-	-
16.	A.Monishwaran	3	Male	MR	100%	26241	Applied
17.	Logesh	6	Male	MR	80%	32355	Applied
18.	E.Sitheeshwaran	2	Male	Development Delay	-	-	-
19.	M.Sornalakshmi	1	Female	Development Delay	-	-	-
20.	M.Samsul Hudha	1	Female	Development Delay	-	-	-
21.	N.Naseef Mohamed	1	Male	Development Delay	-	-	-
22.	P.Mohamed Arfan	2	Male	Development Delay	-	-	-
23.	K.Anika	6	Female	MR	80%	30531	Applied
24.	S.Naveen Kumar	8	Male	MR	75%	31226	Applied
25.	B.Kaviya	8	Female	Autism	-	-	-
26.	R.Naveen	10	Male	MR	75%	28854	Applied
27.	A.Naveen	8	Male	CP	75%	29884	Applied
28.	Pandalu Harish	12	Male	Down Syndrome	80%	27530	Applied



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29.	S.Aravindh	11	Male	MR	75%	25214	Applied
30.	S.Selvakumar	14	Male	MR	90%	22797	Applied
31.	S.Praveen	15	Male	MR	75%	28211	Applied
32.	G.Viyasar Sarvangine	13	Female	MR	75%	25223	Applied
33.	Munishwaran	3	Male	Development Delay	-	-	-
34.	M.Sakthisri	9	Female	MR	75%	28192	Applied
35.	F.Farika Thasmeen	8	Female	MD	75%	29776	Applied
36.	D.Dharanichandran	16	Male	MR	90%	27470	TN1730920040047633
37.	M.Mohamed Irfan	12	Male	MR (Autism)	80%	26750	Applied
38.	S.Ritheesh	8	Male	MR (Autism)	80%	30707	TN1730920120084400
39.	S.Vinayagam	14	Male	MD	75%	24329	Applied
40.	A.Adhiraj	15	Male	MR	75%	23801	TN1730920050073802
41.	N.Jayashree	10	Female	MR	60%	29596	Applied
42.	V.Bhavadarani	9	Female	MR	50%	29790	TN1730920110002822
43.	T.Kalaiselvan	13	Male	MR	75%	25249	TN1730920070037765



