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ASHA KA JHARNA

*Institute for Special Education & Rehabilitation*



**Vision: A Society with Just & Equal Opportunities for All**

**Mission:** To serve less privileged community such as children with special needs, women in distress, destitute, old persons etc. with the aim to make them achieve rightful place in their settings with the active participation of all stake holders.

**Belief:** Every child has the inherent right to life, survival and development, including the right to the highest attainable standard of health to facilities for the treatment of illness, the right to education and the right to benefit from social security. Every child has a right to a standard of living adequate for the child's physical, mental, spiritual, moral and social development.

'Asha Ka Jharna' as a voluntary non-profit organization has been working for the cause of disability since 1997. Our Three special schools for intellectually disabled (including cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, autism and other developmental disabilities) as well as hearing and speech impaired children have been providing services spanning two districts; three towns and surrounding villages in the semi-arid rural areas of north-western Rajasthan (INDIA). Special education, therapeutic, vocational, guidance and counseling to more than 200 special children and their families are provided on a regular basis. Training, capacity building in the field of rehabilitation and outreach services is also being undertaken.

Apart from special school set up, we also provide OPD services for physio & speech therapy; referral; need based home therapeutics & special education facilities etc. We are Collaborating Partner Organization for CHILDLINE 1098 Nationwide Toll Free Helpline for children in distress providing round the clock emergency outreach services (A Project by Ministry of Women & Child Development) at SIKAR.

♦ Asha Ka Jharna is the recipient of "BEST NATIONAL ORGANIZATION AWARD 2014" by The National Trust (Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India) as well as "BEST STATE NGO AWARD 2009" by Rajasthan Government.

**SERVICES & FACILITIES**

- ✓ Survey & Identification
- ✓ Special Education
  1. For Intellectually Disabled Children
  2. For Children with Hearing Impairment

A typical class of intellectually disabled children has eight to eleven learners with one special educator imparting unique structured training. Special educators, after detailed assessment, devise an Individualized Education & Training Program (IETP) unique for every child. Child specific goals are then set in the spheres of cognitive, self-help, adaptive daily living, physical, communication and social skills followed by pre vocational



training leading to community integration. Class for hearing & speech impaired children consists of fourteen to eighteen multi grade students which are taught normal school curriculum designed by 'National Institute of open Schooling' (National School Education Board). Art, dance, drama, role play, indoor & outdoor games, excursions, adventure expeditions, medical checkups, special Olympics, Abytampics, celebration of various festivals and exposure to diverse social activities are the integral part of children teaching modules.

- ✓ Physiotherapy
- ✓ Speech Therapy & Audiometric services
- ✓ Counseling & Guidance
- ✓ Training for Parents/ Siblings
- ✓ Training for Govt. School Teachers Under SSA Inclusive Education Plan
- ✓ Advocacy, Opinion Building among Govt. Bodies, Mass Media & General Population
- ✓ Awareness Among Local Community
- ✓ Community Rehabilitation
- ✓ Computer Education
- ✓ Govt. Social Benefits Schemes facilitation services
- ✓ Income generation programmes
- ✓ Integration in Normal Schools
- ✓ Medical Checkup By Various Medical Professionals
- ✓ Networking, Capacity Building & Resource Sharing among Fellow NGOs
- ✓ Orientation Sessions for Normal School Teachers
- ✓ Providing Aids/Appliances Through Various Camps
- ✓ Providing High Quality BTE Hearing Aids Through Starkey Foundation
- ✓ Referral Services
- ✓ Social Services to Local Community
- ✓ Vocational Guidance, Training & Job Placement

**OUR CREDENTIALS:**

- Registered under Society Registration Act 1860
- Registered and Recognized with Department of Social Justice & Empowerment Govt. of Rajasthan under Persons with Disabilities Act, 1995
- Registered and Verified Voluntary Organization with NGO Darpan (NITI AAYOG) Govt. of India
- Registered under Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act 1976 with 'Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India'





- Accredited with 'National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) for 'Open Basic Education' OBE level A, B and C (up to 8th class)
- Registered with The National Trust
- Registered under Income Tax Act 1961 U/S 12A
- Registered under Income Tax Act 1961 Exemption U/S 80 G

AKJ and its Secretary has been nominated for the following committees

- ❖ Rajasthan's First Certified & Trained Access Auditor for Built Environment By Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt of India
- ❖ Past Member of 'Rajasthan State Commission for Protection of Child Rights' nominated by State Govt.
- ❖ Technical Adviser of PARIVAAR 'National Confederation of > 240 Parent Associations of Persons with Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities'
- ❖ Member of Rajasthan State Level Coordination Committee constituted by 'The National Trust'.
- ❖ Member of Jhunjhunu District local level committee constituted by 'National Trust for the welfare of persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities, New Delhi'.
- ❖ Member of District Resource Groups (DRG) constituted by Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, Distt. Jhunjhunu and Distt. Sikar.
- ❖ Member of Jhunjhunu & Sikar District level Disability Steering Committees.
- ❖ Strong networking across the state with other NGO'S & like-minded developmental institutes.

### **OUR IMPACT & ACHIEVEMENTS SO FAR (Till September 2017) & Continuing.....**

What AKJ has been attempting all these 20 years is based on a well thought of established sub-system concerning child at local center and consisting of her immediate family; next immediate associates; influential components and finally ideological & belief level interventions. Our Rehabilitation Strategy **CREAM (Catch Them Young; Rights Based; Engage; Advocate & Maximize Potential)** is concentrated around this sub system addressing each component consciously. Objective is to strive for a better future, just & equitable space and dignified life to the special needs children. With our team's consistent endurance, we have been able to make a measurable impact on more than one hundred thousand lives all these years.

- Regular ongoing special education, training and therapeutics services to around 200 special need children and their families every year since 1997.
- Accessibility and Inclusion made possible to more than 1000 beneficiaries through disability certificates, assistive devices, aids & appliances, polo corrective surgeries.
- Free distribution of high quality behind the ear hearing aids to 625 children across the surrounding region.
- Community counselling services to more than 5000 persons.
- Massive school/college awareness programmes on disability in the Shekhawati area. 40000 school students and teachers covered.
- Formal Training courses in association with Indra Gandhi National Open



University New Delhi delivered to 360 Govt teachers and 80 parents.

- District Games for Disabled' Conducted at Sikar under the scheme of Ministry of Sports & Youth Affairs (232 Special Needs Athletes participated)
- District Games for Disabled' Conducted at Jhunjhunu under the scheme of Deptt. of Social Justice, Govt of Raj (260 Special Athletes participated)
- Regional Parents Meet' by NIMH & PARIVAAR organized at Jhunjhunu. (112 Parents from Rajasthan and Gujarat participated)
- Regional Parents Meets' Facilitated by us completely at Jaipur, Ajmer, Udaipur & Sawai Madhopur as well as National Parents Meet & Self Advocate National Convention at Udaipur (More than 1000 Parents & 300 Self Advocates Across the country benefitted)
- Community sensitization events at different places (> 10000 targeted)
- Special needs children taken to Special Olympics, Ahyampics, excursions, adventure expeditions, fairs etc. to various places all over India. (>300 trips)
- 249 Nos. of special needs children passed School Board levels A, B and C (equivalent to class 8<sup>th</sup>) from National Institute of Open Schooling so far.
- Our children have participated and won laurels in Special Olympics & Ahyampics National Level Events.
- CHILDLINE SIKAR during initial two years of operations received around 3600 calls on toll free No. 1098 and provided range of emergency services (shelter, medical, protection, counselling, social security etc.) to more than 700 children in need of care and protection.

#### Future Plans :

We envisage Asha Ka Jhama to grow and ensure economic independence of special children. We have come a long way and children are now socially, physically and cognitively independent, our main challenge now is to ensure economic rehabilitation for them. Towards this end, our future plans consist of :



- ♦ To start income-generation activities and sheltered workshops.
- ♦ To serve more needed persons through CBR (Community Based Rehabilitation).
- ♦ To have own space for expanding services.
- ♦ To start rehabilitation training courses to address dire shortage of professional.

**Ways to support our cause of educating and training special needs children :**

Sponsoring a child Education*	₹ 30,000/- Per Year Per Child
Sponsor a Day (On any Special Day/ Event / Festival / Celebration / Occasion in your Family)	₹ 20,000/- Per School Per Day
Sponsoring Transportation Cost	₹ 10,000/- Per Year Per Child
Sponsoring Nutritional Cost	₹ 5,000/- Per Month Per School
Sponsoring Uniform	₹ 2,000/- Per Year Per Session
General Donation	As per your wish
Buying Greeting Cards / Products Designed by Children.	
In Kind Donation of computers, teaching & learning aids, sensory stimulation toys, sports equipment, colour (crayons, water, pencil), animation CDs, therapy supplies etc.	

*\*Includes transportation from home to school, daily nutrition, stationery, two pair of school uniform, sweater, special education, training, therapy and other inputs.*

Donations can be made in favour of ASHA KA JHARNA by cheques / wire transfer / net banking / credit and debit cards / RTGS as per your convenient mode. For our banking details, please contact us.

You could also spend your time and skills with our children and staff. We would love to host you and gain insights useful for our cause. You could bring expertise in therapeutics, special education, training innovative ways, documentation, reporting, marketing, fund raising and enhancing our visibility, web & social media optimization, making a group of Asha Ka Jharna supporters, any hobbies or all such activities which would bring value addition to our services.

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