

# **ASHA KA JHARNA PROFILE**

**'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.

Special Needs Children Being Benefited As on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019

<b>Unit</b>	<b>Intellectually Disabled</b>	<b>Hearing Impaired</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Nawalgarh</b>	43	36	<b>79</b>
<b>Jhunjhunu</b>	31	34	<b>65</b>
<b>Sikar</b>	38	27	<b>65</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>209</b>

Apart from special school set up, we also provide OPD services for physio & speech therapy; referral; need based home therapeutics & special education facilities etc. **AKJ is also a collaborative partner managing CHILDLINE (1098) - Nationwide Toll Free Helpline for children in distress providing round the clock emergency outreach services at our Sikar center.**

## **OUR USP:**

- ❖ **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. We also got National “Nina Sibal Award 2018” for Best Organization in Disability Sector.**
- ❖ Providing comprehensive services to disadvantaged community at rural and semi - urban locations at three different places covering two districts. Activities have been appreciated & recorded by the visitors from the diverse background (Foreign Tourists, Govt. officials, prominent citizens from society & people's representatives).

## **Services & Facilities**

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

***Ultimate aim of Asha Ka Jharna is to make their lives more meaningful and dignified by attaining their rightful place in the society.***

## **OUR IMPACT & ACHIEVEMENTS SO FAR**

- **Regular ongoing special education, training and therapeutics services to around 200 special need children and their families every year since 1997 thus more than 4000 special children have been served by us.**
- **Accessibility and Inclusion made possible to more than 1000 beneficiaries through disability certificates, assistive devices, aids & appliances, polio 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 Indira 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 Advocates National Convention at Udaipur (More than 1000 Parents & 300 Self Advocates Across the country benefitted)**
- **Community sensitization events at different places (> 20000 targeted)**
- **Special needs children taken to Special Olympics, Abylampics, excursions, adventure expeditions, fairs etc. to various places all over India. Around 1000 children have explored Darjeeling, Dalhousie, Bhubaneshwar, Chandigarh , Amritsar, Delhi, Jaipur and many towns across the country.**
- **297 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 & Abylampics National Level Events.**

## **CHILDLINE SIKAR ACHIEVEMENTS :**

**From inception since July 2015 till February 2019, we have served 1316 children & their families in need of care and protection vide a whole range of intervention services:**

Child Labour Rescued	260
Medical Assistance Provided	166
Linked to Sponsorship/Palanhar Scheme	103
Protection from Physical / Sexual / Mental Abuse	156
Children Provided Shelter	84
Begging Street Children Rescued	129
Missing / Abandoned Children	69
Stopped Child Marriages	55
Emotional Support & Guidance	29
Linked to Govt Schemes & Counselling / Information	246
Non Classified Assistance Provided	19

**During this period around 6427 calls were received on our Helpline No 1098**

### **INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT**

- 1. Three school buildings at Nawalgarh, Jhunjhunu and Sikar (Rented Premises) comprising seven classes each. There are two hundred and nine children [Intellectually Disabled (112) and hearing impaired (97)] getting special education / training & allied services at all the schools.*
- 2. Human resources: Thirty five trained & experienced personnel's with professional qualifications. Besides, nine professionals are working in CHILDLINE project.*
- 3. Well-equipped Physiotherapy and Speech Therapy Departments at all our three schools consisting of basic therapeutic equipment's.*
- 4. Library with more than two thousand books on disability, special education, leisure reading for children and staff, govt. schemes etc. We have subscription of around ten regular newsletters/periodicals on these issues.*
- 5. Well-equipped Computer rooms at all units with total fifteen computers, printers, scanners, UPS systems with educational CD'S.*

6. Audio-Visual facilities comprising of three colour T.V., CD and DVD music players, Cameras etc.

**Various Registrations/Recognitions for Asha Ka Jharna**

- **Registered under Society Registration Act 1860 No. 33579 Dated 27.08.1998**
- **Registered and Recognized with Department of Social Justice & Empowerment Govt. of Rajasthan under Persons with Disabilities Act. 1995 & Revised Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act 2016 since 27.11.2002**
- **Registered and Verified Voluntary Organization with NGO Darpan (NITI AAYOG) Govt. of India vide Unique Id. RJ/2009/0000175 since 2009**
- **Registered under Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act 1976 with 'Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India' vide Regd. No. 125620007 Dated 08.04.2003 valid Up to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021**
- **Accredited with 'National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) for 'Open Basic Education' OBE level A, B and C (up to 8th class)**
- **Registered with 'National Trust for the Welfare of persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities, Delhi' Valid Up to 3rd July 2022**
- **Registered under Income Tax Act 1961 U/S 12A No. A-1127/98/564 with effect from 27.08.1998**
- **Registered under Income Tax Act 1961 Exemption U/S 80G No. A-1127/98/934 with effect from 05.04.1999 renewed for perpetual period**

**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. Engaged as official access consultant to PWD Jaipur for making buildings barrier free.**
- ❖ **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.*
- ❖ *Member of District level TV Channels Monitoring Committee chaired by District Collector, Jhunjhunu.*
- ❖ *Active Networking with other NGO'S and charitable organizations like Lions Club, Rotary Club, Bharat Vikas Parishad, Inner wheel Club, other likeminded organizations, regular schools etc.*

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

**Mission:** To serve less privileged community such as children with special needs & those in need of care & protection with the aim to make them achieve rightful place in their settings with the active participation of all stake holders

**Belief & Values:** 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.

**Guiding principles are Enlightenment, Education, Employment and Empowerment leading to Inclusion & Accessibility.**