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AMBIKA SISHU KENDRA



Institute for Cerebral Palsy, Mentally Retarded,
Autistic and Multiple Disabled Children

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**“Ask not what the Country has done for you!
Ask what you have done for the Country!”**

- ‘Abraham Lincoln’

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- 2. The National Trust**
- 3. Indian Institute of Cerebral Palsy – Kolkata**
- 4. ARUNIM**

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- 2. Sri Dilip Kumar H Shah**
- 3. Sri Abhay Kumar C Shah**
- 4. Sri Jayant Kumar C Shah**
- 5. Sri Nitin Kumar K Shah**
- 6. Sri Nalin Kumar K Shah**
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- 1. Dr. C. Nagesh - Pediatrician**
- 2. Dr. W. Seetharam - Neuro Surgeon**
- 3. Dr. P. Manju Sri - Homeo Doctor**
- 4. Dr. N. Bhargavi - Homeo Doctor**
- 5. Dr. Anil Kumar - Ophthalmologist**

We are very grateful to our donors -

“The simplest acts of kindness are by far more powerful
than a thousand heads bowing in prayer.”

— ‘Mahatma Gandhi’

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- Mr. N. Raghurami Reddy
- Dr. S. Lokesh
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- Mr. B. Peddaiah
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- Ms. P. Roopa Tejaswi
- Mr. V. Ananthaiah
- Baby Aangi Shah
- Ms. K. Rajitha
- Baby Vidhusha Varma
- Mrs Kirtida Hemant Shah
- Mrs. Salamma
- Mrs. B.Jayamma
- Mr. A. Abhishek
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- Mr. M. Ramesh
- Mr. P. Charles
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- Mr. Suni Abraham
- Mrs. B.Kavitha
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- Mr. Freni Sheddi, Chennai
- Dr. Ramesh M Shah,Khirkiya
- Mr. L. Mahesh Kumar Reddy
- Mr. Ashok J Shah, Navi Mumbai
- Mr.Himmath Shah, Navi Mumbai
- Mr. Suresh M.Makadia
- Mr. Sunita K Kamdar
- Mrs. Jayanthi & Mr. Yugandhar

Trusts, Charities & Organisations:

D.L. Sachdev Charitable Trust, Knl.
Lilavati & Maneklal Shah Charitable Trust
ICAI Members & SICASA Members, Knl.
Satya Sai Samiti, Knl.
S.P.P. Poly Pack Pvt.Ltd, Hyd.
Mehta Foundation, Salem.

Schools & Colleges:

Rayalaseema College of Nursing, Knl.
Sharada Mandir (E.M) School, Knl.
St. Joseph's Degree College, Knl.
Ravindra (E.M) School, Knl.
Montessori High School, Knl.
Make Them Smile Group, Knl.

Vision

A society in which all the challenged individuals are an integral part.

Mission

Ambika Sishu Kendra drafts a goal based programme towards self-help & employability for persons with disability to achieve satisfactory Personal Life & Economic Empowerment.

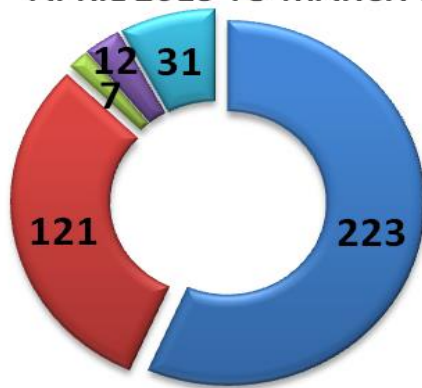
Shah Hemchand Devchand, the epitome of philanthropy and social responsibility founded the Hemchand Devchand Charities Trust in 1968 and established HDCT Hospital, an Out Patient and Maternity Hospital in November, 1971, providing free medical services to all. After his demise in 1983, the management of the Trust activities was taken over by his like- minded sons, Sri Chandrakant H Shah, Sri Kantilal H Shah and Sri Dilipkumar H Shah as the Managing Trustees.

Ambika Sishu Kendra made a humble beginning in September, 1995. It is a Special School for the children diagnosed with Cerebral Palsy, Autism, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities. Functioning in a barrier – free environment since August, 2009, the Centre has encouraged and taken up research and rehabilitation in order to achieve independent and interdependent living of the Special Children under its care. Therapeutic and academic services available are **free** for all. The Centre is run in four floors, with the plinth area of 5,600 sq. ft. in each floor. It is a unique school for the children with Special Needs in the entire Rayalaseema Region.

Ambika Sishu Kendra visualizes a society in which all the challenged individuals are an integral part. It drafts a goal- based programme towards self- help and employability for persons with disability to achieve satisfactory personal life and economic empowerment. Our Centre has so far served **5436** beneficiaries belonging to Kurnool district and the neighbouring districts. Presently there are **152** students in the Centre for Special Education, with an average of **30** cases attending the Out Patient Department every day.

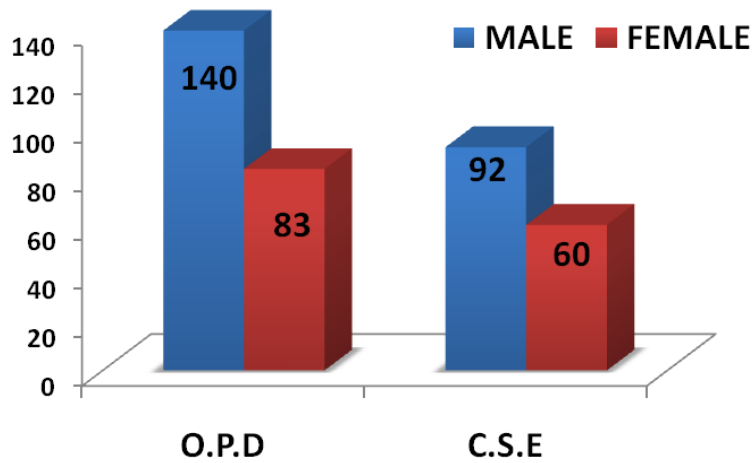
At Out Patient Department, the child is properly diagnosed and assessed for a specific period before being admitted in to the Centre for Special Education. In some cases more than the therapy for the child, counselling is required for the parents for accepting and handling the Special Child. The statistical data furnished below details about the various services available at our Centre.

**DETAILS OF BENEFICIARIES
APRIL 2015 TO MARCH 2016**

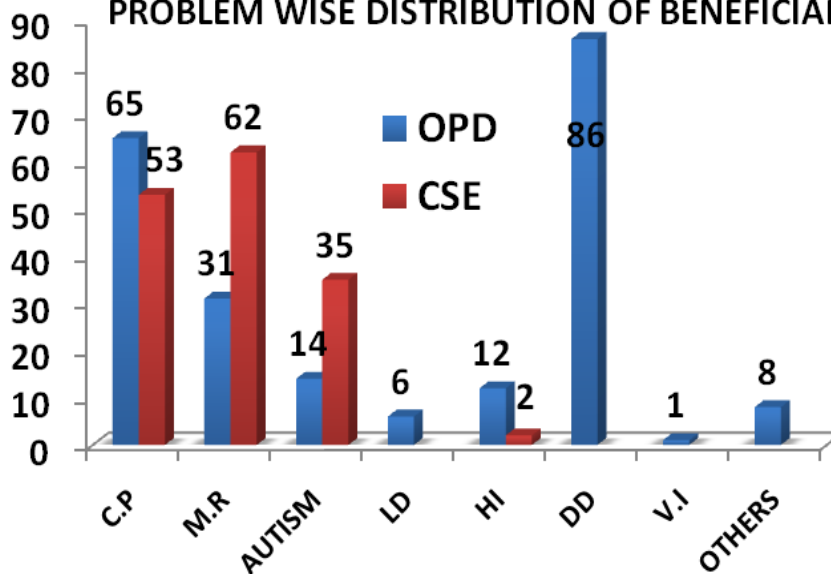


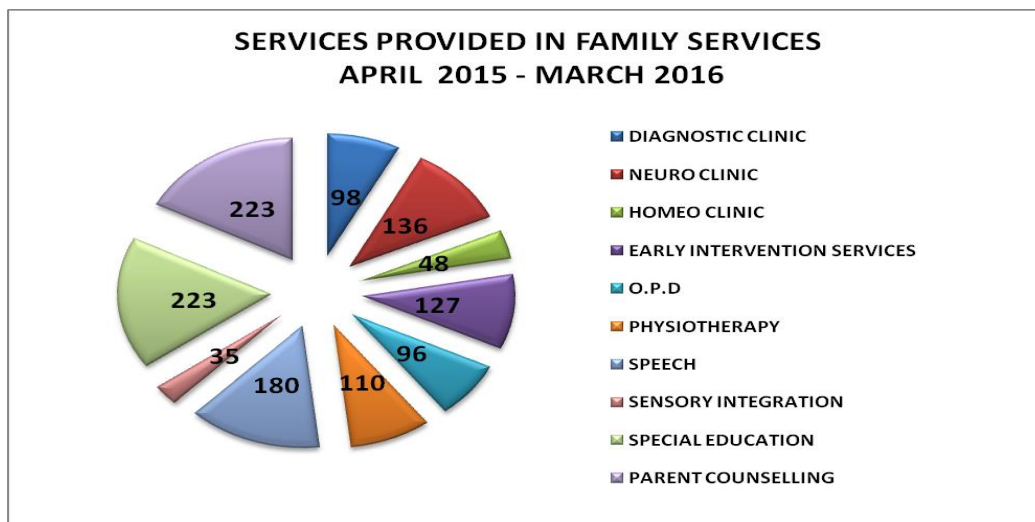
- Family Services
- Centre for Special Education
- Resource Unit
- Extension Unit
- Vocational Training Unit

**SEX WISE DISTRIBUTION OF BENEFICIARIES
APRIL 2015 TO MARCH 2016**



PROBLEM WISE DISTRIBUTION OF BENEFICIARIES





The above statistical details clearly emphasise the need for Early Intervention and Parent Counselling. The team at Ambika Sishu Kendra empathises with the parents of the Special Children and trains to work with them in the rehabilitation of the Special Child.



Early Intervention

Our main goal being the independent living for our children, they are thoroughly assessed and put in respective units of training based on their abilities and needs. The Open Learning Unit trains in academics, aiming to send them to open schooling in course of time. Various facilities and services are provided for realizing the dream of interdependence among our children. The following information highlights the provisions at our Centre.

A Safe Environment:

The Children at Ambika Sishu Kendra are housed in a very protective environment. Safety being the top most priority, we are on constant vigil. Our safety measures include-

1. Barrier-free environment.
2. Security watch round the clock throughout the year.
3. Visitors' Register to know about the people coming to our Centre.
4. CC TV surveillance to check any form of abuse.



Signing the Visitors' Register



Security Watch



CC TV Surveillance



Elevator



Ramp

Health Care Services:

The staff at Ambika Sishu Kendra work hand in hand with the parents in maintaining the health of the children. Free service is offered twice a week by Dr. Nagesh, Paediatrician, every Wednesday by the homeo doctors Mrs. Bhargavi and Mrs. Manjushree and once in a month by the reputed neuro-surgeon Dr. Seetharam. We also counsel the parents about nutrition, diet, hygiene and sanitation.



Diagnostic Clinic



Homeo Clinic



Neuro Clinic

Self- Help for Independent Living :

The main focus at Ambika Sishu Kendra is to train the children in daily living skills so that they can lead independent lives to the satisfaction and relief of their parents and the care-givers.

Our children are trained in eating, drinking, dressing, toileting etc., so that as they grow up they can lead decent lives. Physiotherapists and the teachers work in co-ordination, train the parents and suggest suitable adaptations at home through home visits. Along with regular physiotherapy, mobility training is also given to achieve independent mobility in course of time in a barrier -free environment.



Brushing



Eating



Drinking

Education:

Literacy is encouraged in the early stages through sight reading and matching by giving verbal prompt and physical prompt if necessary. Based on the ability of the child, he/she is taught the alphabet, functional words, simple mathematics along with environmental awareness. Presently 4 children are enrolled in III class under Open Basic Education.



Sight Reading



One to One Class



Group Class

Computer Education:

We have introduced our children to the world of computers. They listen to stories and rhymes, revise the topics introduced to them in the class and the abled ones learn typing and the functions of different keys in the key board. For the children with difficulty in hand function, there are various adaptations also to facilitate their learning. We are happy that our adult children gave a power point presentation on 15th August 2015.



Using the Big Red Switch



Computer Lab



Typing with the Head Pointer

Speech & Communication:

Speech is a powerful and popular medium of expression. With most of our children being non-speaking and having many speech related problems, therapeutic programme is designed and executed to improve the vegetative functions and to enrich them with functional vocabulary. We are happy that around 60 children have crossed word level and they are communicating using complete sentences and narrating stories too. We also use the adaptive voice output devices such as Kathamala, Communication Board and Picture Books.



Kathamala



Picture Book



Gestural Communication

Physio Therapy, Sensory Therapy and Mobility:

Mobility and self-help being the major challenges for our children diagnosed with Cerebral Palsy and Physical Impairment, detailed assessment is done to devise the therapy for the child at school and necessary adaptations are suggested at home. Our children are trained in wheel –chair mobility in a barrier – free environment. Sensory training helps in reducing sensory issues.



Physio Therapy



Sensory Therapy



Mobility Training



Economic Empowerment:

Ambika Sishu Kendra aims at training the children towards economic empowerment. They are trained in pre-vocational skills and later in different vocations based on their abilities and needs. Activities like packing, weighing and sealing help not only in revising the academics but also help in improving concentration and working in groups. Preparation of paper bags, phenyl and files promote hand function. Apart from these, they are also trained in domestic chores so that they can be helpful at home and shall involve in useful work in their leisure time. Presently 13 children receive monthly stipend and many more are being trained.



Packing



Weighing



Sealing



File Making



Phenyl & Liquid Making



Paper Bags



Preparing Rakhis



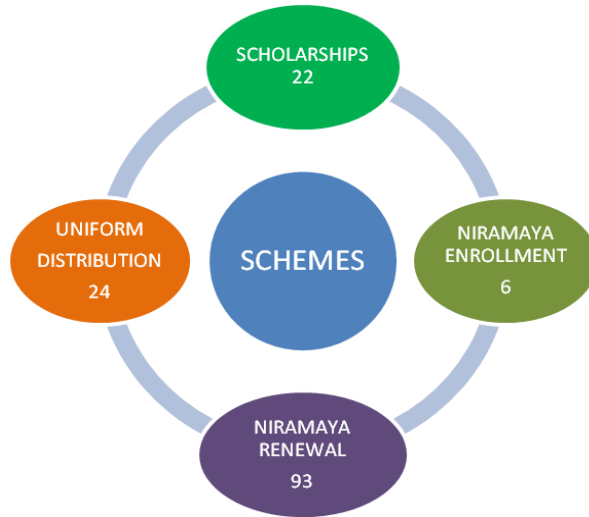
Mala Making



Diya Painting

Net working:

Our networking with different government and voluntary organizations like the National Trust and Indian Institute of Cerebral Palsy is very beneficial to us. We help the children in getting Niramaya Health Insurance, Medical Certificates, Legal Guardianship, Advocacy of their rights to name a few.



Activities and Events:

The life of the children at Ambika Sishu Kendra revolves round many activities and many events are conducted for the entertainment and enlightenment of the children and the community, the prominent being the Independence Day, Teacher’s day, Children’s Day, World Disabled Day and New Year Day. Annual Picnic, visits to the public places, participating in exhibitions etc., are other note worthy events.



New Year Celebrations



Independence Day



Children’s Day



World Disabled Day



Games at the Exhibition



Picnic at Rock Gardens



Participation in Games and Sports



Visitors:

Our institute is the centre of attraction not only to the elite sections of the community but also to the students of different schools and colleges. Many a visitor draws inspiration from our work and vows to contribute their mite for the Special Children.



Rotarians' Visit



MBA Students with our Kids



Visit by Chartered Accountants



Workshop by Mr. Biswas

Quotes from Visitors:

- ❖ This quality work involves a lot of dignity. Kudos to the Team! – **Sudhir Patel**
- ❖ This is the best service I have seen in my life. – **District Governor, Rotary Club**
- ❖ Excellent work is being done. Please keep it up! – **Vipin P Mehta**
- ❖ God's work is done on the Earth by the respectable Trustees, their family and the dedicated staff. – **M. Viswanathan**
- ❖ Hats off! I am speechless and spell bound. No words! Great work and service for the handicapped. – **Aparna B. Bhayani**
- ❖ Service to humanity is one of the greatest services one can give. – **Mukesh Parekh and Family**
- ❖ Seeing this kind of institution for the first time, I am really amazed by the efforts of the staff and the Management. Keep it up! – **Sachin C Shah**
- ❖ Excellent Programme! Very rewarding. Great efforts from the staff. Kids are happy! – **Chandrika Kamdar (U.S.A)**
- ❖ Cannot express the feeling in words. Great humanitarian work is done by the Team. – **Shree Shanti Selection**
- ❖ It was so nice to see the institute working for the children and in general a great help for the society at large. – **Suresh M. Makadia**

Staff Details:

Bindu N Shah

(Hon. Director)

Sudha D Shah

(Hon. Supervisor)

D. Krishna Veni

(Admin. Officer)

E.V.K. Bhagya Lakshmi

(Sr. Coordinator)

Physio Therapists:

A. Raghava Raju

K. Pushpa Latha

K.Yella Nagaiah

G.Zaheeruddin

J.Swapna

G.Aliveeli

Speech Therapist:

N. Surendra Babu

Vocational Trainers:

R. Lavanya

M. Parvathi

Art & Craft:

K. Lakshmi

Auxiliary Staff:

Soma Bera

B. Kavitha

C. Valli Kumari

D. Vijaya Lakshmi

K. Manjula

S. Sudha Rani

J. Madhavi Latha

S. Farhana Parveen

P. Madhavi

M. Sunitha

G. Parvathi

K. Sri Vallika

M. Sukanya

Subhashini

S. Suseela

G.Lalithamma

A.Venkateswari

K.Bhagya Lakshmi

K.Venkata Subbamma

B.Sujatha

M.Janaradanamma

S.Parijathamma

S.Suneetha

P.Soujanya

G.Shyamamma

V.Prathyusha

M.Madhavi

Special Educators &

Teachers:

T. Venkataravanamma

K. Nirmala

V. Mary Saroja

G. Aruna

K. Sumitra

T. Aruna Kumari

G. Ramatholsamma

T. Nagamani

P. Rahamath Khatoon

G. Leelavathi

Shaik Imtiyaz Begum

Computer Education:

K. Chandra Sekhar

Catering:

K. Lavanya

G. Lalithamma

Receptionist:

B. Radha

Office Assistants:

P.Nazima Khatoon

K. Hari Krishna

B.Kiran

Attenders:

T. Lakshmi

N. Adilakshmi

B. Yashodamma

Ayyamma

K. Malleswari

C. Mounika

B. Sunitha

B.Lakshmi

B.Maheswari

M.Seshamma

Shaik Khairunnisa

Watch Man

D.Naga Bhushanam

Our Team



Staff Left:

We thank the following members of the staff who resigned from their posts during the year for their contribution.

Mr. A.Raghava Raju

Mrs. B.Kavitha

Mrs. D. Vijaya Lakshmi

Mrs. K.Sreevallika

Ms. K.Lavanya

Mrs. G.Parvathi

Mrs.S.Sudha Rani

Mrs. B.Sunitha

Sad Demise:

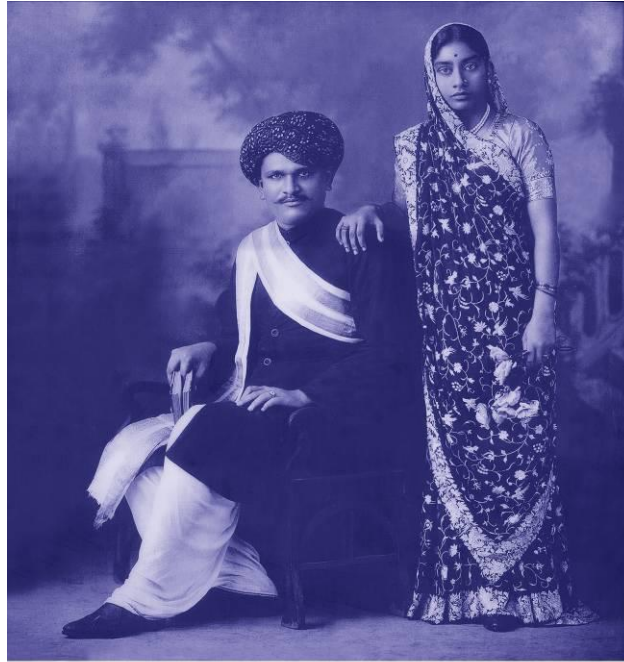
We regret to inform that Master Bharath from Out Patient Department passed away. We join their parents in their sorrow and pray that their souls may rest in peace.

Conclusion:

With a lot of research and study going on presently in the Special Field, we at Ambika Sishu Kendra are leaving no stone unturned in developing and implementing student-centred teaching methods, in training and counseling the parents and in involving the society at large in our activities. Ours is an endless journey covering untrodden paths, coming across unforeseen obstacles, rejoicing at unbelievable successes and moving ahead hand in hand towards the horizon.

With the passing away of Sri Chandrakant H Shah in April, 2015, the charitable work is taken up with renewed dedication by the two sons Sri Kantilal H Shah and Sri Dilipkumar H Shah and five grand sons of Sri Shah Hemchand Devchand, Mr. Abhay, Mr. Jayant, Mr. Nitin, Mr. Nalin and Mr. Neelesh. Divine Providence, cheering parents and supporting Management buck up the Team of Ambika Sishu Kendra to strive for higher goals for the children under its care.

OUR GUARDIAN ANGELS



Sri. Shah Hemchand Devchand (1901 - 1983)
Smt. Manibai Hemchand (1907 - 1994)



CHANDRAKANT HEMCHAND SHAH
1933 - 2015

**“The Life Of A Man Consists
Not In Seeing Visions
And In Dreaming Dreams,
But In Active Charity and In Willing Service.”**