

# AMBIKA SISHU KENDRA

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— ‘Declaration of American War of Independence’

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**“There is no exercise better for the heart than reaching down and lifting PEOPLE UP.”  
— ‘John Holmes’**

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## Vision

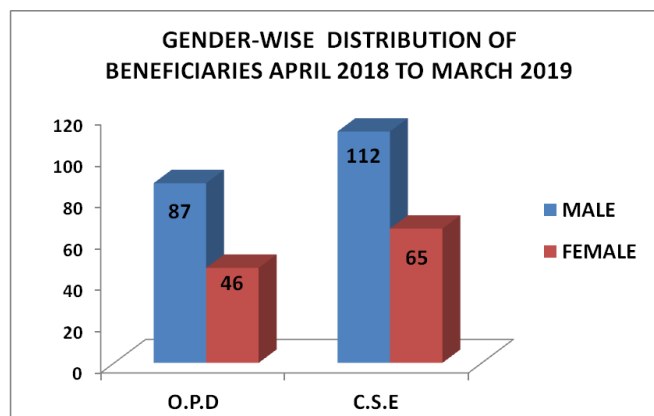
A society in which all the challenged individuals are an integral part.

## Mission

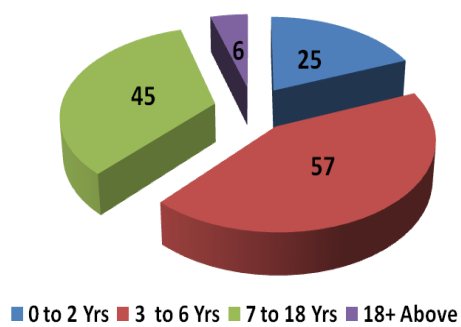
Ambika Sishu Kendra drafts a goal based programme towards self-help and employability for persons with disability to achieve Satisfactory Personal Life and Economic Empowerment.

The idyllic environment at Ambika Sishu Kendra metamorphoses a special child from a dependent individual to an independent and interdependent personality, ready to strive for economic empowerment with the empathetic training and support from the training centre and the community acceptance at large. Ambika Sishu Kendra, a Special School, an ingenious off-shoot of Hemchand Devchand Charities Trust, founded in September, 1995 with 7 students, heralded a new chapter in the service sector in Rayalaseema region of Andhra Pradesh. As years rolled by, the growing strength and the expansion of services and training activities required a more spacious and more accommodative premises. Ambika Sishu Kendra shifted to a three-storied barrier-free premises with a plinth area of 5600 sq. ft in each floor in August 2009. Academic and therapeutic services are provided **free** for all the persons diagnosed with Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation, Autism and other Multiple Disabilities.

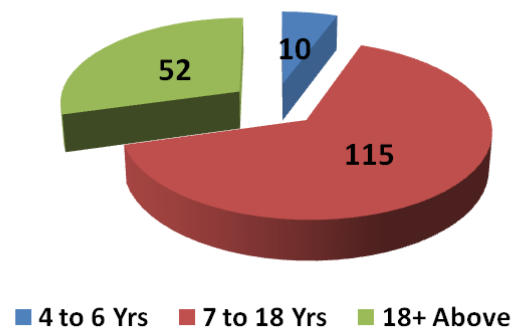
Governments both at the Central and State levels are announcing different plans, programmes, benefits and incentives for promoting better standards of living for the differently -abled individuals but the efforts will be more fruitful and everlasting if the training process starts at the grass root level involving the parents, the committed stake holders of the special children. The dedicated staff at Ambika Sishu Kendra work in tandem with the parents and the society with the sole aim of empowering the special children under their care, socially and economically. Our services have reached **5,905** beneficiaries in Kurnool and the neighbouring districts so far, with **200** students in the Centre for Special Education and around **30** students attending the Out Patient Department daily. Ambika Sishu Kendra is making a phenomenal contribution in the training and rehabilitation of the Special Children.



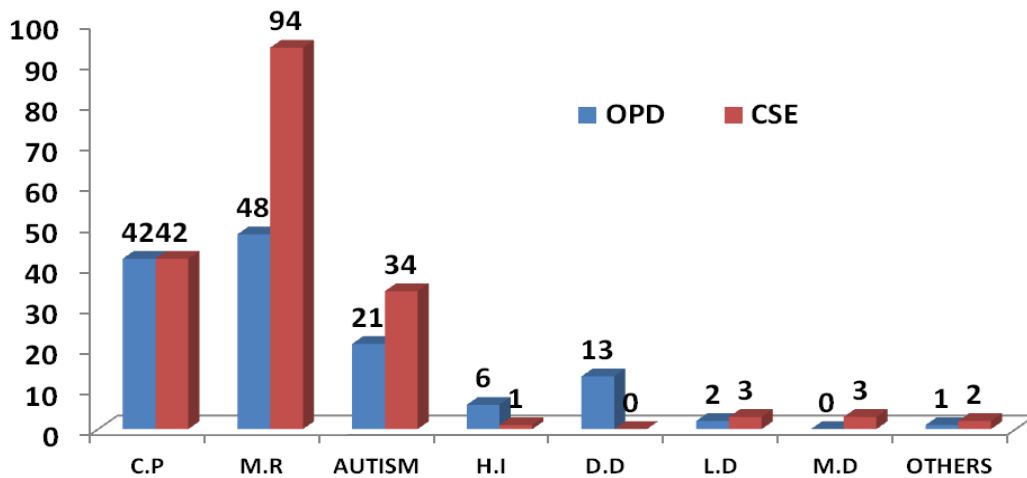
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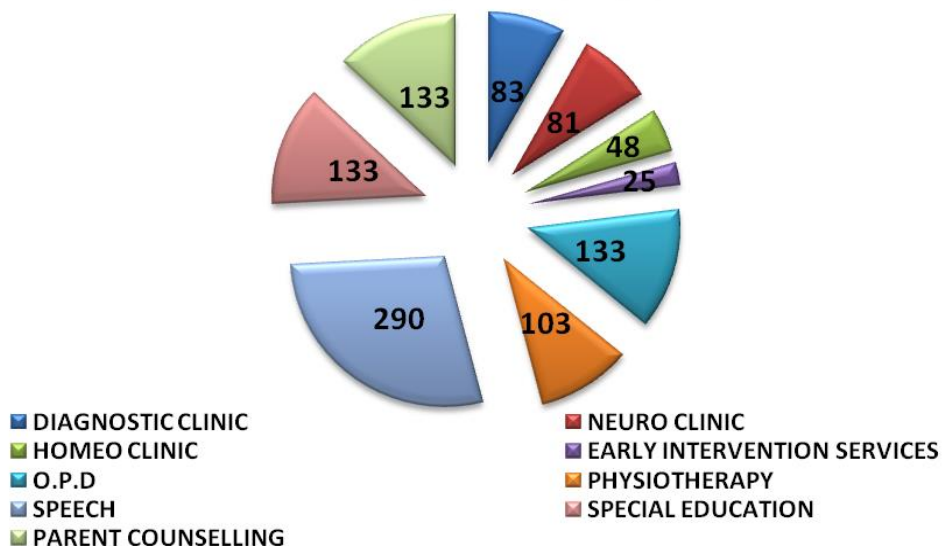


**PROBLEM-WISE DISTRIBUTION OF BENEFICIARIES  
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Here is a glimpse of various services and facilities available at Ambika Sishu Kendra, along with the academic and training activities.

**SERVICES PROVIDED  
APRIL 2018 - MARCH 2019**



## Highlights

We are pleased to present below the highlights for the year 2018-2019.

### Training Programmes and Workshops conducted at Ambika Sishu Kendra

Date	Topic	Conducted by	Attended by
19.01.2019	Behaviour Modification and related issues.	Dr. Swaroopa	63 Parents of Ambika Sishu Kendra
22.09.19 & 29.09.19	Assessments, Goal Planning, IEP & Documentation	Mrs.Bindu N Shah Ms. E.V.K.Bhagya Lakshmi	Staff of Ambika Sishu Kendra
22-1-19	Workshop on screening and assessment of children with low vision & deafblindness.	Mr.Saravanan from SPASTN	Staff of Ambika Sishu Kendra

### Training Programmes, Workshops, Seminars and Meetings attended by the staff of A.S.K.

Date	Topic	Conducted by	Attended by
06.11.2018	Sports Meet and Meeting on Youth for Jobs Foundation	Assistant Director, Disabled welfare.	Ms. E.V.K.Bhagya Lakshmi Mr.K.Chandra Sekhar
13.11.2018	Meeting on sports for World Disabled Day	Assistant Director, Disabled welfare.	Mr.N. Surendra Babu Mrs. D. Krishna Veni
19.02.2019	Meeting for NGOs on Duties of NGOs and facilities for differently-abled during Assembly and Parliament Elections	Joint Collector and Asssistant Director.	Ms. E.V. K. Bhagya Lakshmi Mr. K. Chandra Sekhar
21.03.2019	The Awareness Activities on Down's Syndrome Day	Rastriya Bala Swasthya Karyakramam (RBSK)	Mrs.T.Venkata Ravanamma
30.03.2019	Schemes Management System (SMS) of the 10 schemes and guidelines for Local Level Committees under the National Trust (ROs State Level Meeting)	Dakshinya Institute of Mental Retardation, Guntur in Collaboration with National Trust, New Delhi.	Mr. K. Chandra Sekhar

### Orientation Visits to Ambika Sishu Kendra

Date	Attended by	Number
06.04.2018	3 <sup>rd</sup> B.Sc. Nursing and 4 <sup>th</sup> year Nursing and 2 <sup>nd</sup> year students of Govt. College of Nursing, Kurnool.	35 students
13.04.2018	B.Ed. students from Govt. College of Education, Kurnool.	65 students
24.08.2018	4 <sup>th</sup> year B.Sc. Nursing Students of Rayalaseema Christian College of Nursing, Kurnool.	34 students
28.09.2018	1 <sup>st</sup> year students of K.S.R. College of D.Ed., Kurnool.	54 students
02.11.2018	St. Joseph's D.Ed. and B.Ed. College students, Kurnool	64 students
22.11.2018	1 <sup>st</sup> year students of Sri Shankara's D.Ed College, Kurnool.	31 students
23.11.2018	1 <sup>st</sup> year students of Sree Sai Prathibha College of Education, Kurnool.	51 students
30.11.2018	2 <sup>nd</sup> year G.N.M students of Bhargavi School of Nursing, Kurnool.	20 students
07.12.2018	1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> year Bi. P. C students of Premier Jr. College, Kurnool.	48 students
08.02.2019	1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> year D.Ed. students of Sri Rayalaseema Christian College of D.Ed. Kurnool.	36 students
26.02.19 to 06.03.19	3 <sup>rd</sup> year B.Sc. Nursing students and 2 <sup>nd</sup> year G.N.M students of Rayalaseema Christian College of Nursing, Kurnool.	39 students
15.03.2019	2018-20 batch D.Ed. students of Geetanjali D.Ed. College, Kurnool.	23 students
22.03.2019	4 <sup>th</sup> year B.Sc. Nursing students of Aayushman Nursing College, Kurnool.	55 students



### Visit to BPA & PNR Society:



With the increase in the number of adult boys and girls in the Centre, our Management is seriously thinking about introducing more training programmes in the Vocational Unit so that the students shall master any suitable skill based on their physical and mental levels and can be economically independent and empowered. Our managing trustee, Sri Kantilal H Shah and our director Smt. Bindu N Shah, visited Blind Peoples' Association, Ahmedabad and PNR Society, Bhavnagar in the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of October, 2018, for the first hand information on how and what services and training programmes are available for the adult boys and girls so that the same can be introduced at our Centre. They have discussed the building expansion plans also with them. Their zeal and enthusiasm to empower the differently-abled persons is commendable.

### Awareness Programmes

#### Project on Inclusive Education:



Inclusive Education is a very big challenge in special education. Ambika Sishu Kendra wants to realise the dream of inclusive education for the special children under its care. We are very thankful to the Principal, Chinmaya Mission High school, who endorsed our request to admit two students, Master Ranjith into LKG and Master Vidhath into 1<sup>st</sup> class and assured us of all support and co-operation in making the project a success. Our rehabilitation team including Ms. E.V. K. Bhagya Lakshmi, Mrs. Krishna Veni, Mr. Zaheeruddin and Mrs. Poornima are working on this project under the guidance of Dr. Chhetri, Ex. Deputy Director, IICP and Mrs. Andrea Curran, Head Teacher, Uphill Primary School, South West of England.

#### World Disabled Day:



On the occasion of International Awareness Week, we set up a stall at Jyoti Departmental Store and displayed the products prepared by the students of the Vocational Unit and Vardhini Divyangula Upadhi Kendram, run by the Parents' Association. There was a very good response from the society and the stall created a lot of awareness on the abilities of the differently-abled among the general public.



### **World Cerebral Palsy Day:**



We celebrate important days and events in our school inviting the students from local schools and colleges in order to promote awareness about the disabilities and also to develop empathetic concern and social responsibility towards the special children.



World Cerebral Palsy Awareness Programme was conducted at Ambika Sishu Kendra involving 50 students from Sister Stanislas Memorial English School, a local school on 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2018. The events included PPT presentation on Cerebral Palsy, display and demonstration of various adaptive devices used by the persons diagnosed with Cerebral Palsy not only for independent living but also to help in their studies and in conclusion a quiz competition for the students. We have succeeded in promoting the concept of inclusion through this programme.

### **Community Awareness Through Picnic:**

Our visit to 7 Rivers Resort also aimed at public awareness and training to our students in socially acceptable behaviour. It was a gala time for the children and support from the people at the Resort was appreciable.



### **Down's Syndrome Day:**

On the occasion of World Down's Syndrome Day, our students diagnosed with Down's Syndrome have participated in the awareness programme organized by the District Early Intervention Centre attached to Govt. General Hospital, Kurnool. Our Special Educator, Mrs. T. Venkataravanamma enlightened the gathering on symptoms, causes and characteristics of persons diagnosed with Down's Syndrome. She also stressed on the need for special education for these children.



### **Economic Empowerment and Entrepreneurship:**

Not only the students at the Vocational Unit but also their parents are empowered and encouraged towards Entrepreneurship. The parents make money through the sale of paper bags to the local shops. The Atta Unit run by the Parents' Association is also making good money and supporting the parents.

## Screening and Camps

### Services of Clinical Psychologist:

It is important to note that if we cater only to the general upkeep of the special children, we



have fought only half the battle. They are diagnosed with many behavioural tantrums, psychiatric upheavals and social drawbacks, which need redressal on a war footing, as only then we can succeed in teaching and training towards leading a happy and socially acceptable life. Efforts are made in this direction by utilizing the services of Ms. B. Swaroopa Rani, a clinical psychologist, who conducted counselling sessions on behaviour modification for the parents and also screened the children with respect to the behavioural issues, suggesting remedial strategies. Her counselling sessions have been a

great relief to the parents, as they have realized the need and ways of behaviour modification. She has also trained the teachers in assessment and goal planning.

### Diagnosis by Paediatric Neurologist:



Dr. D. Sireesha, Paediatric Neurologist, needs a special mention as she has graciously volunteered to offer her services for the students. With her rich experience in London, her diagnosis and treatment are very refined and her follow-up of the cases is extra-ordinary. Our children are very lucky as their neurological problems are very well monitored and treated. She conducts the screening and diagnosis on a regular basis.

### Orthotic Camp:



The children diagnosed with Cerebral Palsy require different kinds of orthotic aids for sustainable improvement in their hand function and mobility for better standards of living. We conducted an orthotic camp in collaboration with SPASTN, Chennai. Mr. Thangarasu, an orthotist from Spastic Society of Tamilnadu (SPASTN) conducted the orthotic camp from 21<sup>st</sup> January 2019 to 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2019, took the measurements for the various orthotic aids for **105** students and prepared them. We thank Mrs. Jayasree, director,

SPASTN for all her support in making the camp a success.

### Project on Deafblindness:



Our new venture is on deafblindness. We have already attended two workshops on deafblindness organised by SPASTN. Mr. Saravanan from SPASTN, screened 7 students of our centre, visited Amma Andula Patasala (School for the Blind) and explained the resource teachers there about how to handle and train the students diagnosed with deafblindness. He has also conducted a workshop for the in-service teachers of Ambika Sishu Kendra.

## Visitors and Visitors' Remarks

### Gujarati Jain Parivar Delegates' Visit:

Dakshin Bharat Kutchi Gujarati Jain Parivar conducted the Annual General Body Meeting at Kurnool on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2018. It was attended by 44 delegates from different parts of South India such as Bangalore, Chennai, Calicut, Coimbatore, Kochi, Baroda, Bhuj, Hyderabad and Adoni. The delegates paid a visit to Ambika Sishu Kendra on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2018 and rained heaps of praises on the the staff and the parents for the marathon efforts in training the differently- abled children.



WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

DISTRICT NYAYA SEVA SADAN



PIRAMAL SWASTHYA DAY

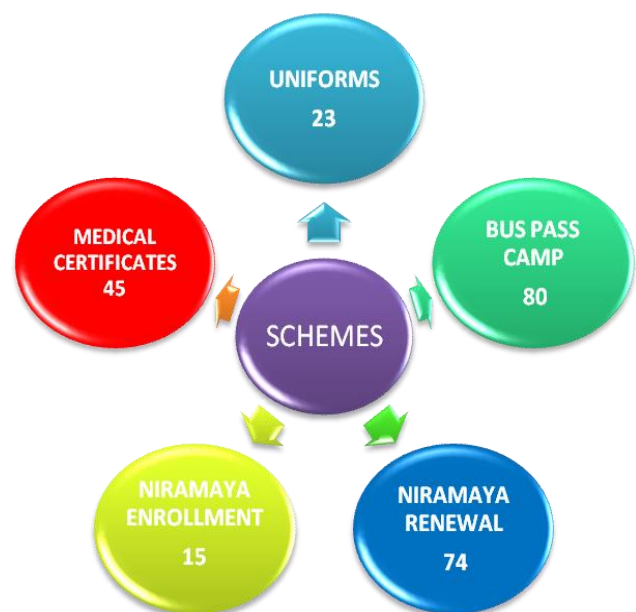
VISIT BY COLLEGE STUDENTS

## From Visitors' Book

1. Amazing and unbelievable social work! God bless all the children and their patrons.  
- Mrs. Kalpana Verma, Kolkata
2. Awesome school with great facilities and faculty! - Mr. Sanjay Doshi, Chennai.
3. Superb job by Shah family! God is great. The results are visible.  
- Mrs. Rita & Mr. Kiran Shah
4. The project of helping such human beings to become self-reliant is very much appreciated.  
- Mr. Ramesh Manilal Shah, Hyderabad.
5. A wonderful journey to an unknown world and a beautiful experience indeed!  
- Mrs. Virti Mehul Shah, Mumbai
6. I salute the Management. I shall contribute any time for this noble cause.  
- Mr. Jayesh R D Shah, Vodadara
7. The visit to this school is an eye-opener. Keep up the good work!  
- Mr. Samir Ramesh Vora, Hyderabad.
8. Lovely and welcoming faces! Very much impressed. - Ms. M. Deekshitha
9. We wish God gives us intuition to emulate the work done at Ambika Sishu Kendra. The parents of the children are really blessed to have such a philanthropic institution.  
- Sri Hemant Sanghvi, President,  
Sri Kutchi Gurjar Jain Samaj, Cochin.
10. To run an institution like Ambika Sishu Kendra is very very difficult. The abundant patience and love showered on the children is commendable and praise-worthy.  
- Sri Mukesh Babulal Zaveri, President, Sri Visha Oswal Jain Gurjar Gnati, Bhuj
11. Great job by the staff of Ambika Sishu Kendra! Hats off to the Management of Ambika Sishu Kendra !  
- Dr. S. Ekramullah, Kurnool.

## Schemes:

Our students are benefited through the government schemes and services for the Special Children. Niramaya Health Insurance, Medical Certificates, Legal Guardianship and Advocacy of their rights are some of the facilities made available to our students through Net-working. We take up uniform distribution and bus pass camps also for the benefit of our students.



## Donations Face-lifting Our Services

### Motorized Wheel Chairs:



Our efforts to promote and achieve independent mobility are appreciated and supported by many like minded donors and well –wishers. Mobility training is an important component of physio therapy, where in students with satisfactory hand functions are trained to operate their wheel chairs. We are very thankful to Sri Mukesh Bhansali from Kolkata, for his generous donation of 4 battery operated motorized wheel chairs. Our children have learnt to operate them and they are effortlessly moving about in the premises independently.

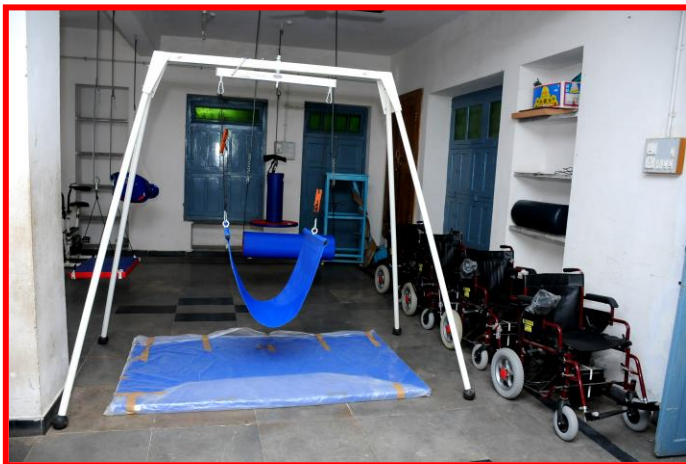
### Smart Teaching through LCD Projector:



Our dream of introducing smart teaching to our students and also the desire to make training programmes and orientation classes more interesting and effective through PPT presentation have borne fruit with the donation of LCD projector by the affectionate parents of Mr. V. Ravi Teja and by Mr. B. Srinivasa Reddy. Our staff members are being trained in the PPT preparation and presentation. Thank you Ravi Teja and Sri Srinivasa Reddy for bringing a giant leap to our teaching methods and training programmes.

### Sensory Equipment:

Our Sensory Unit is enriched with the addition of Hammock, Bolster Swing, Disk Swing, Prone/Crawling Swing and Toddler Swing donated by Sri B. Srinivasa Reddy



## Success Stories

### T. Rohita ( Out-Patient Department)



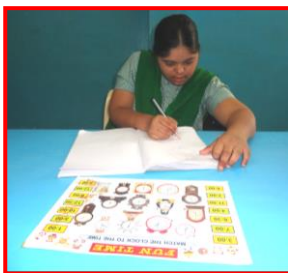
T. Rohitha, aged 7 years and diagnosed with ‘Autism Spectrum Disorder’ has been attending Out Patient Department since January, 2018. She has improved in cognitive skills, language and communication and self-help too. Her attention span and sitting have bettered and with the positive involvement of her mother in her training, her behavioural problems have reduced. Her social skills like wishing the people appropriately also have come to the fore.

### S. Taufiq Ur Rahman (Primary Unit)



Toufiq Ur Rahaman, aged 13 years, diagnosed with Intellectual Disability, has been attending Ambika Sishu Kendra since 2016. He had many behavioral problems, poor attention span, lack of clarity in speech and added to all these he was non- co-operative. With the constant training at Ambika Sishu Kendra, he is now settled in the class, follows two stage un-related commands, matches and identifies colours and shapes and sight reads his name and family members’ names. He has improved in self-help skills like buttoning, bottom washing etc. Dedicated efforts of the staff and parents’ involvement work wonders with a special child. Toufiq is no exception.

### Kiranmai ( Functional Academics Unit)



Ms. Kiranmai, aged 20 years and diagnosed with Down’s Syndrome and associated ‘Intellectual Disability’ is a talented dancer and has acquired functional academics and work habits. She is also trained in home management skills. With all these skills, Kiranmai is a versatile individual. We hope that she leads a happy and independent life.

### Harshavardhan Reddy ( Open Learning Unit)



Master Harshavardhan Reddy, aged 7 years and diagnosed with ‘Specific Learning Disability’, has shown a lot of improvement in academic areas as well as in self-help skills. He has learnt numbers up to 10, English alphabet and has improved in language and communication. He interacts with his classmates and participates actively in group games. We are glad to know that his parents have put him in normal stream. Hope he will do well in studies.

### **J. Sai Sharath (Pre- Vocational Unit)**



Master J.Sai Sharath, aged 15 years and diagnosed with low vision, hearing impairment and epilepsy, attends school regularly. He has improved in academics and self-help skills. His attention span has also improved. He is very communicative and helpful. He participates in all pre-vocational activities.

### **S.A. Riyaz (Vocational Unit)**



S.A.Riyaz,aged 24 years and diagnosed with ‘Intellectual Disability’, has been attending Ambika Sishu Kendra since 2013. Regular attendance to school helped him in overcoming his behavioural problems like shouting, pulling, throwing objects etc., and now he follows simple commands without disturbing others. He is independent in eating and drinking and does simple tasks with help. He greets people on his own. Presently he is in the Vocational Unit. His modified behavior is a matter of satisfaction to us.

### **Intiyaz (Computer Unit)**

Intiyaz aged 10 years and diagnosed with ‘Intellectual Disability’ has good cognition. He attends computer class for rhymes. Attending computer class for one year, he is able to recognize family members’ photos in the communication board, operates the mouse for ‘Care N Cure’ software activities and entertains himself watching T.V advertisements and videos on vehicles, fruits, vegetables etc., A once passive child is now docile, active and involved. It gives immense happiness and satisfaction to notice the improvement in a special child and also to be the cause for it.



### **Ravi Teja (Computer Unit with Adaptations)**



music at all.

Ravi Teja, aged 24 years and diagnosed with ‘Cerebral Palsy’, was averse to attending computer class but he has an ear for Telugu film songs. Taking this cue, we started the class first playing songs to him and then slowly acclimatized him to the class using adaptive devices like adaptive mouse and adaptive switch. Committed efforts have yielded good results to us to the extent that Ravi Teja is now taking the class for nearly 20 minutes, typing with the help of adaptive keyboard and more than all these with no back ground



### **Harsha Vardhan (Early Intervention Unit)**



Master Harshavardhan was one year old when he came to Ambika Sishu Kendra last year. He was diagnosed with ‘Developmental Delay’. He was just able to control his head and roll over. Regular physio therapy for one year improved his tone strength, balance and co-ordination greatly and the result is that he is able to crawl and walk independently. We are glad that he is independent in mobility to the extreme happiness of his parents.

### **Mohana (Physiotherapy Unit)**



Miss Mohana, aged 15 years and diagnosed with ‘Cerebral Palsy’, had severe spasticity and involuntary movements in both the lower limbs due to which she was unable to stand and balance her gait. She underwent surgery for hamstring and adductors’ lengthening. With continuous and regular post-operative physio therapy, she is now walking on her own with anterior rollator, maintaining erect posture with proper balance and gait.

### **K. Vivek (Speech Therapy Unit)**



Master K. Vivek, diagnosed with ‘Down’s Syndrome’ and associated ‘Intellectual Disability’ was 8 years old when he joined the Out Patient Department in March, 2016. Mother tongue being Kannada, he was not able to speak Telugu and understand our words. He was just able to recognise some common objects by looking at them and ask for anything by pointing or using one word. Imitation skills were totally absent. Consistent efforts and structured programming by the speech therapist and regular follow-up at home for 3 years yielded good results. Now Vivek follows 2 stage related commands in Telugu, comprehends functional vocabulary, action verbs and questions with wh. words. His expressive vocabulary includes 50-60 simple nouns, phrases, questions and takes part in conversation. We hope that he will be more eloquent as time rolls by.

### **Sethuram Gandharva (Augmentative & Alternative Communication)**



B. Sethuram Gandharva, aged 20 years and diagnosed with ‘Cerebral Palsy’ has good cognition and communicates through gestures and facial expressions. Using communication board, he communicates in sentences. Presently he is enrolled in 5<sup>th</sup> Class under Open Basic Education. He makes use of Kathamala, a voice output device and communication board to take the exam with the help of scribe. We wish that A.A.C helps him in excelling in academics.

# Media Coverage

## శమంత ఆత్మస్థైర్యం గనముద్రమంత మనోదైర్యం

• చివర శిశువారో అందరూ నిలువ్వక అందరూ-శిశు శిరస్థం  
 • మామూలీ ప్రకటనలో ఉండే విధంగా అన్నిరకాల చికిత్సలు  
 • సాంకేతిక విద్య నిలబడే విధంగా ప్రకటనలు  
 • కర్మలకు శ్రద్ధగా అభిమానం తగినంతలు  
 • కర్మలకు శ్రద్ధగా మామూలీ విలేజ్ లోని గురుకులు  
 • నేడు ప్రపంచ అభిమాన (మధ్య మాండలికం - మూగదూర్) చికిత్స

### విద్యార్థులకు మనోదైర్యం!

విద్యార్థులకు మనోదైర్యం పెంచేందుకు విద్యార్థులకు మనోదైర్యం పెంచేందుకు విద్యార్థులకు మనోదైర్యం పెంచేందుకు...

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## విద్యార్థులకు మనోదైర్యం పెంచేందుకు

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D. Krishna Veni (Admin. Officer)  
E.V. K. Bhagya Lakshmi  
(Academic & Training Co-ordinator)  
Sudha D Shah (Supervisor)  
Poornima N Shah (Co-ordinator)  
Hemangi A Shah (Volunteer)  
Hema A Shah (Volunteer)

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**Watch Man**  
D. Naga Bhushanam

**Staff Left:**

We thank the following staff members, who are no more working with us, for their significant contribution during their tenure at our Centre.

T. Nagamani	C. Parvathi	K. Malleswari
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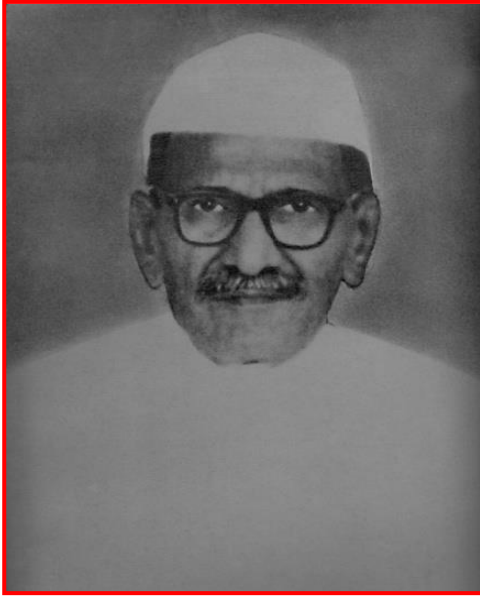
**Sad Demise:**

Our special children are very fragile in their health and are highly susceptible to chronic infections. Hence, in spite of timely medical care and regular follow up, we are forced to bid final farewell to them. We regret that Master Jaya Bhavesh and Baby Pranitha are no longer with us. May they enjoy eternal bliss in Heaven!

**Conclusion:**

Special persons as the name stands, are special true to the word, having special needs, special teaching and training methods, special infrastructure, ambience and what not. Of course, they need a special school like 'Ambika Sishu Kendra'. For the past 24 years, Ambika Sishu Kendra has been constantly working on innovative techniques of teaching and training and introduction of adaptive devices for better quality of life along with garnering the support and involvement of parents through effective and periodic counselling and training. To meet the growing needs of the beneficiaries, to take up more and varied vocational activities towards economic empowerment and to start training programmes, the Management has taken up the construction of another building, which will be operational from next year. The Almighty God has been very munificent in his blessings to the noble work at Ambika Sishu Kendra and the benignity extended by the empathetic well-wishers and supporters is the fuel recharging the work-force of Ambika Sishu Kendra. Lo! Ambika Sishu Kendra is marching on making great strides.

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