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I. Genesis of Ambika Sishu Kendra

Ambika Sishu Kendra (ASK) is a Disability Rehabilitation Institute, established on 26th September, 1995 by Hemchand Devchand Charities Trust in Kurnool - AP. ASK provides quality referral and disability rehabilitation services for PwDs diagnosed with Cerebral Palsy, Intellectual Disability, Autism and Multiple Disabilities` in Kurnool district, neighbouring districts and States like Telangana, Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu. Ambika Sishu Kendra houses an infrastructure that is disabled–friendly in nature with consultation and interventional services with a single-window model for lifespan needs of PwDs and their families.

➤ **Disability Rehabilitation Services at ASK include:**

1. Out-Patient Department (OPD)
2. Centre for Special Education (CSE)
3. Family Services
4. Multi-Disciplinary Services
5. Human Resource Development Programmes

ASK strives to create awareness on rights and entitlements among the PwDs and their families. Achieving self-reliance towards employability helps them mainstream with the rest of the society, which is the guiding principle for total rehabilitation.

This Academic Year’s highlight is initiating Human Resource Development (HRD) through Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI) certified course ‘Diploma in Early Childhood Special Education (ID). Our future plan is to register with many more RCI-recognized training courses in Special Education domain to meet the scarcity of special educators and functionaries working for Training and Rehabilitation of CWSN in and around Kurnool Region.

The most notable addition to the existing infrastructure is the construction of a massive 4-storied well-equipped building to launch RCI certified HRD Courses in the field of Disability Rehabilitation and Vocational Skill Development Training Programmes for adult PwDs.



II. Vision, Mission & Core Values

Vision

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

Mission

To enable persons with Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation, Autism and Multiple Disabilities realise their rights and potential & become contributing members of the society.

Core Values

- Disciplined Approach
- Transparency
- Accountability
- Commitment
- Team Work

III.Registration Details

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| 1. H.D.C.Trust Registration | 78/68 dated 09.05.1968 |
| 2. Order under Section 12A(a) of Income Tax Act, 1961 | 212(54) / 68 dated 14.11.1973 |
| 3. Registration Number under PwD/RPwD Act 2016 | No. A/24/(R) /2023 |
| 4. Registration with the National Trust | AAMB16511388911 |
| 5. Rehabilitation Council of India | AP047 |
| 6. Registration with the LLC under the National Trust | AAMB16511388911 |
| 7. Registration with NITI Ayog | AP/2019/0242445 |
| 8. Unified District Information System for Education (UDISE) | School Code: 28210791425 |
| 9. Affiliated to Indian Institute of Cerebral Palsy, Kolkata | Since 1995 |

IV. ASK Family

IV.I. Board of Trustees

- 1) Mr.Dilip Kumar H Shah
- 2) Mr.Abhay Kumar C Shah
- 3) Mr.Jayant Kumar C Shah
- 4) Mr. Nitin Kumar K Shah
- 5) Mr.Nalin Kumar K Shah
- 6) Mr.Neelesh D Shah

IV.II. Advisory Committee

The following are the enlightened members of the Advisory Committee, whose technical expertise and empathetic guidance are our strength.

| S.No. | Name | Designation |
|-------|--------------------------|---|
| 1 | Smt. V.R.P. Sheilaja Rao | Chairperson, Consultant, Special Educator and Honorary Course Co-ordinator, Ambika Sishu Kendra |
| 2 | Mr. M. Thomas Kishore | Professor of Clinical Psychology, NIMHANS, Bengaluru |
| 3 | Mrs. Bindu N. Shah | Honorary Director, Ambika Sishu Kendra |
| 4 | Dr. C. A. Nagesh | Paediatrician, Kurnool |
| 5 | Mr. Shaik Malik Basha | Advocate, Kurnool |
| 6 | Mr. D. Jacaraiah | Senior Parent |
| 7 | Dr. Narendra Kumar | Administrative Officer, CRC, Bhopal |
| 8 | Mrs. V. Suguna Devi | PwD Member |

IV.III. Medical Team



Dr. W. Seetha Ram
Neuro Surgeon



Dr. C.A.Nagesh
Paediatrician



Dr. Anil Kumar
Ophthalmologist



Dr. S. Sunil Kumar
Orthopaedic Surgeon



Dr. Manju Sri
Homeo Doctor



Dr. D. Sirisha
Paediatric Neurologist



Dr. Bhargavi
Homeo Doctor

IV.IV. ASK Team

Bindu N Shah
Honorary Director

Administrative Officer

D. Krishna Veni

Head Co-ordinator

E. V. K. Bhagya
Lakshmi

**Honorary
Co-ordinators**

Poornima N. Shah
Hemangi A. Shah

**Honorary Special
Education Consultant
& Course Co-
ordinator(DECSE)**

V. R. P. Sheilaja Rao

Centre for Special
Education

K. Nirmala Bai

V. Mary Saroja

G. Aruna

P. Nazima Khatoon

P. Rahamath Khatoon

K. Venkata Subbamma

A. Jyothi

K. Sumitra

T. Aruna

N. Sukanya

Subhashini

K. Ramatholsamma

Moonmoon Maity

A. Krishna Bai

S. Suseela

D. Devabhusanam

K. Chandra Sekhar

J. Sreearuna

Family Services

T. Venkataravanamma

A. Jayavani

M. Sunitha

Skill Development

Ch. Siva Malleswara
Rao

K. R. Lavanya

V. Padmavathi

G. Venkateswaramma

B. Radha

M. Nirmala Bai

K. Manjula

S. Sujatha

K. Susirekha

P. Ramadevi

Auxiliary Staff

B. Madhavi

K. Bhagya Lakshmi

S. Farhana Parveen

G. Shyamamma

Chilaka Subhashini

N. Ravali

G. Sandesha

M. Subhasree

Music Therapy

SirajAhamad

Service Staff

T. Vijaya Lakshmi

M. Adi Lakshmi

C.
ChinnaMoulamma

B. Maheswari

B. Lakshmi

B. Kiran

M. Ayyamma

D. Nagabhushanam

M. Seshamma

S. Khairunnisa

Shantha Kumari

B. Yashodamma

J. Parvathi

B. Lakshmi

B. Eswaramma

B. Janaki

**Physiotherapy
Services**

G. Zaheeruddin

S. Ikramullah

SyedaFirdouse
Begum

G. Surekha Bai

K. Jeevana Jyothi

C. Mamatha

B. Nagamani

DECSE Core Faculty

Mrs. Sumona

G. Leelavathi

DECSE Guest Faculty

Dr. A. Nagesh

Dr. Anil Kumar

Dr. P. Deepa

Mrs. Sadalakshmi (Nursing)

Dr. D. Sirisha

Mrs. S. RojaBangi

**Information &
Communication**

Training Unit

M. Ramadevi

S. Intiyaz Begum

Speech Therapy Services

N. Surendra Babu

B. Radha Lakshmi

S. Suneetha

D. Md. Hussainamma

Counsellor

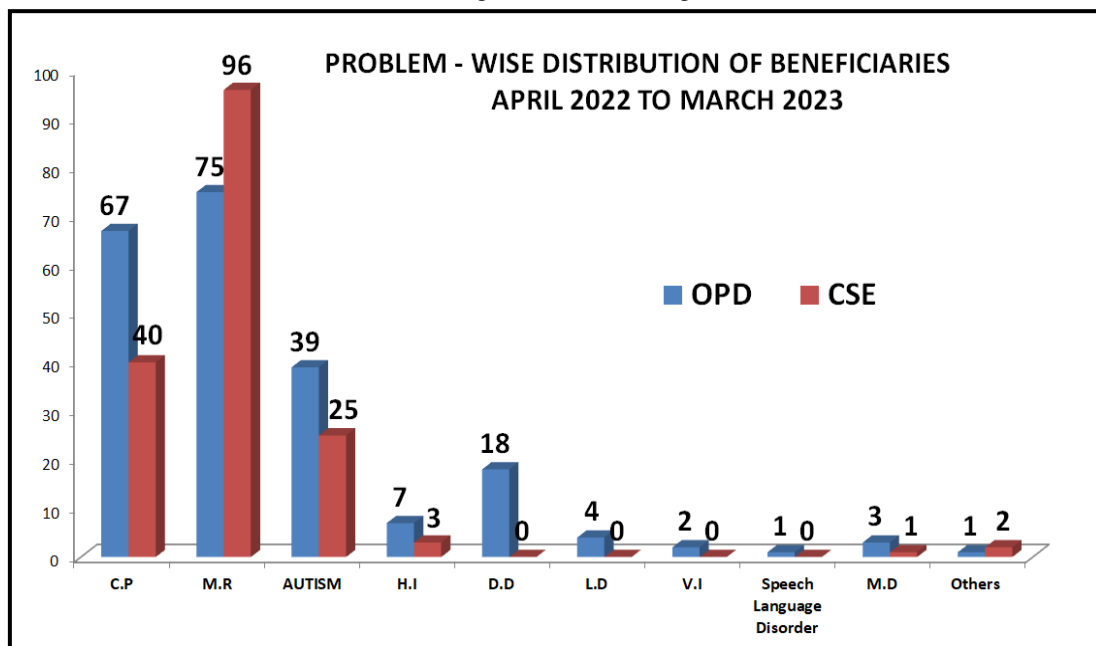
V. Suguna Devi

VI.V. RCI Course Coordinator

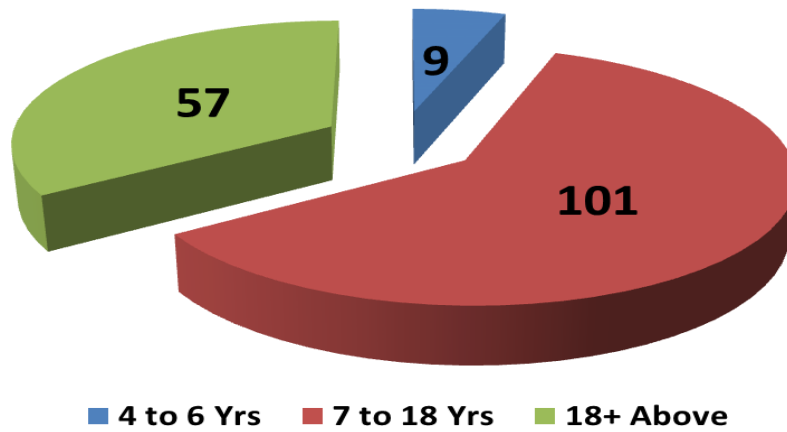
Smt. Sheilaja Rao, a beacon of light, with her vast knowledge and rich experience in the special field, has enriched Ambika Sishu Kendra with the much needed expertise and edge to take the giant leap of progress in the service of divyangjans. She is very passionate about educating special children and in realising their Right to Inclusion in the society. Early Childhood Special Education package named AARAMBH prepared by her for a UNICEF funded project 2000-2002 is a feather in her cap.



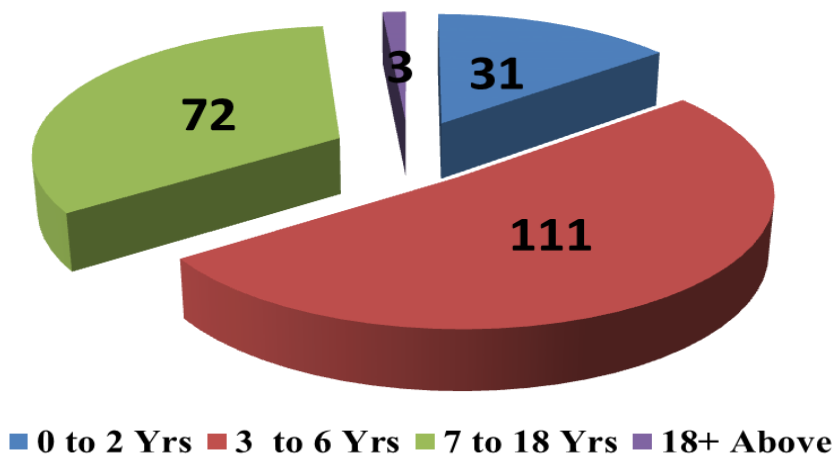
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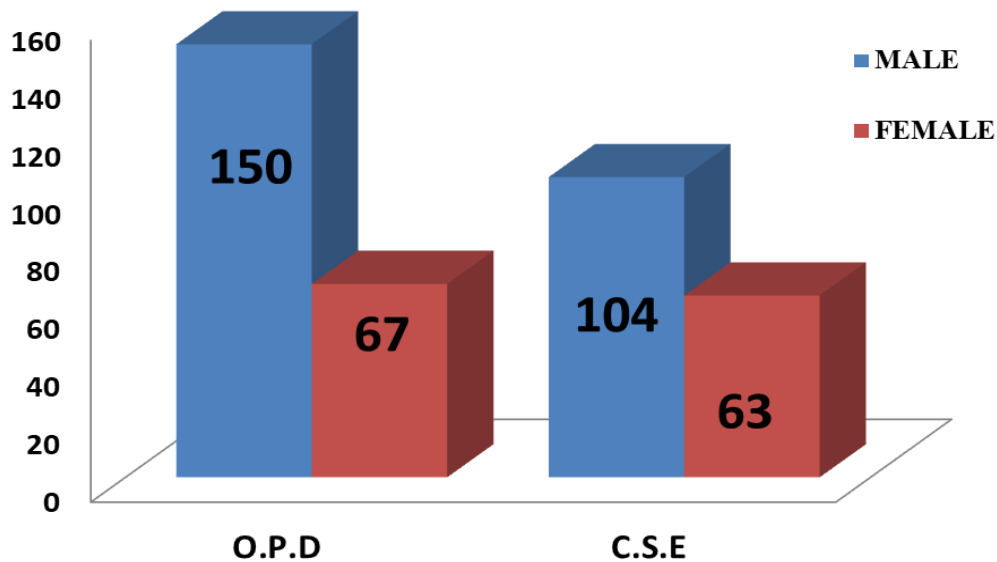
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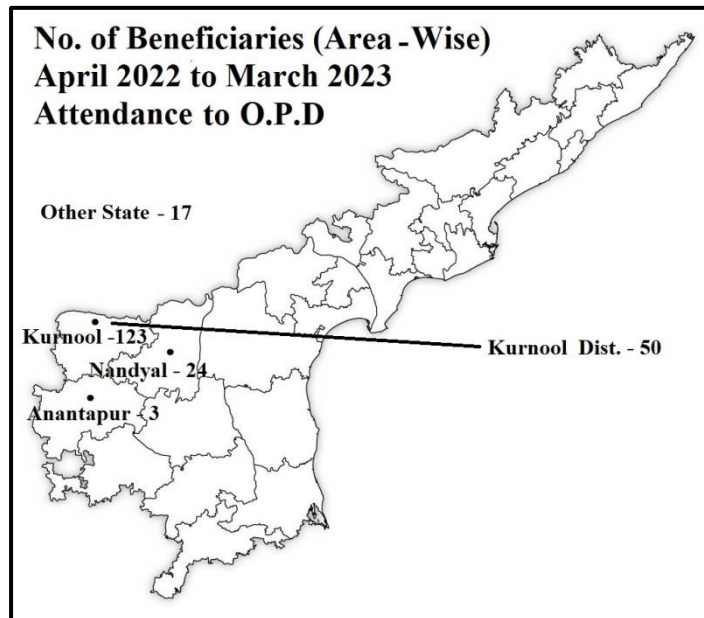


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APRIL 2022 TO MARCH 2023**



**GENDER - WISE CSE & OPD BENEFICIARIES
APRIL 2022 TO MARCH 2023**





VI. Services at Ambika Sishu Kendra

Ambika Sishu Kendra provides standard rehabilitation services and care for PwDs from their early stage till they are empowered and equipped with skills to be placed with their full potential and right attitude in the community. ASK provides various services in a systematic way for the wholesome training and all-round growth and development meeting the child's physical, physiological, academic, social and emotional needs. Individualized Education Program, multi – disciplinary assessment, intervention and evaluation go a long way in moulding every PwD.

VI.I. Out-Patient Department (OPD)

Every child with special needs is first registered at the OPD, where the detailed report of the child is entered in the case history and the child attends the OPD with the parent or a care-taker at the given timings. The child receives special education, physiotherapy, speech therapy and attends group class in the Computer Lab. The parent is also counselled and trained to accept and mould the child as is being done at our institute. On an average, 20-30 cases attend the Out-Patient Department every day. The children are admitted into the Centre for Special



Education after thorough assessment and school readiness. The child is sent to the respective training unit in the Centre for Special Education based on his/her ability and need. Every child is screened by multi-disciplinary team for diagnosing cause of disability and ascertaining severity level so that appropriate academic and therapy services can be provided for their training and, if possible, for successful inclusion into regular schools.



Success Story:

P. Harshith is 14 years old and attends OPD regularly. He reads and writes names of family members, house address, Telugu words without mantras, tables in Maths, identifies time, calendar and money up-to value of Rs.100/- and writes simple sentences in English. Regular Physiotherapy has improved eye – hand coordination, fine motor activities, pincer grasp, tripod finger grasp and use of hands for self–help needs and for carrying weights. He operates the computer

mouse for typing his name, family members' names and days of the week from the calendar. He transacts using money, differentiates between living and non-living things in his environment. We are happy that he has progressed on all counts.

VI.II. Centre for Special Education (CSE)

This centre receives referrals from OPD for those PwDs, who are willing to avail of school model service on daily basis. Admissions are done throughout the year based on the vacancies. PwDs across severity levels and age range from birth to 18 years are eligible for admission into CSE. After basic screening and training at the Out-Patient Department, the students are then admitted in the Centre for Special Education. They are placed in the respective Units based on their need and ability. The special school curriculum includes Pre-Primary, Primary, Secondary, Pre-Vocational, Vocational and Domestic Units.

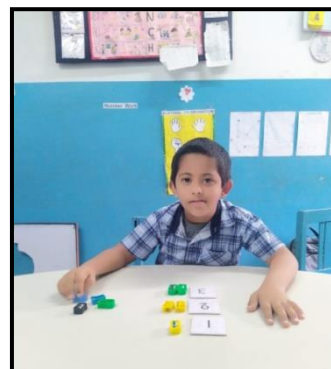
VI.II.i. Pre- Primary Unit & Primary Unit – I & II

The young children in the age group of 3-6 are placed in Pre-Primary Unit, where the emphasis is on daily living skills so that they can be trained towards independent living with minimum dependence on the parents or the care-givers. The children aged between 7 and 11 years are placed in Primary Unit, where the main focus is on achieving self-reliance in personal, social and co-curricular skills in addition to basic academic concepts such as sight-reading, cognitive concepts, numeracy skills, gross and fine motor activities and training in communication and speech.



Pre- Primary Unit Success Story:

Master Nihal, active in comprehension, enjoys attending school. He expresses his daily needs in phrases. He writes numbers '1 to 5' and English alphabet 'A to D' independently. He identifies familiar vegetables, fruits, animals & vehicles. With good support from his family members, he has become partially dependent in the self-help skills and improved a lot in academics and speech. He is interested in games and dancing. He identifies objects by using mouse independently. He is a delightful child.



Primary Unit Success Story:

Bhavya Sree joined ASK - OPD in 2018, when she was 10 months old. Presently she is attending Primary class. She comprehends, names common objects and body parts, and expresses her needs through phrases. With regular physiotherapy, she walks using a walker. Identifying objects displayed on computer or in flash cards in a two-choice situation, she operates the mouse, with verbal instructions. She has also partially improved in self-help skills. She likes fine motor activities and socializes with classmates during play and



always greets familiar persons with gestures. Nowadays, her parents are also encouraging her to indulge in day-to-day activities to improve her skills at home.

VI.II.ii. Secondary Unit

The dream of inclusion and open-schooling are realised through the Secondary Unit consisting of educable children, within the age group of 11-14, who are taught with special teaching methods and individualized training programmes. Customised Teaching-Learning Material helps in simplifying learning process and enhancing academic competency.



Success Story:

S. Gayathri, 14 year old adolescent, is independent in self-help skills. She follows commands and has improved in writing skills. She can read time and can transact using money up to Rs. 10. She actively participates in all home - based chores on daily basis. She has a lovely smile and enjoys participating in games and cultural activities. She comprehends and expresses by using names of familiar fruits, vegetables, animals, and makes sentences with 2 to 3 words. Regular physiotherapy has greatly improved her posture. She has successfully followed the home-based program. Keep it up Gayathri!



VI.II.iii. APOSS(Andhra Pradesh Open School Society)

Four students appeared for Intermediate through APOSS and cleared the exam in flying colours. Our Hearty Congratulations to our dear students!



VI.II.iv. Pre-Vocational Unit



The children in the age group of 14-18 are trained in functional skills in order to prepare them for vocational training when they cross 18 years of age. Functional academics taught here include reading, writing, maths, time and money concepts, which help them to learn the vocation as per their abilities. The emphasis is laid on developing life skills relevant for work placement, such as punctuality, behaviour at workplace, peer-relationship, communication

skills and obedience to authority. The Pre-Vocational skills are very much required for the Skill Training Unit that we are planning to set up for the economic empowerment of adult students.

Success Story:

R. Chandana, aged 17 years, is in Pre-Vocational class. She is good at functional academics and work - habits. She reads railway timings, writes five-line compositions, understands and gives change up to Rs. 50/-using coins and notes in different denominations. She enjoys stringing flower garlands and arranging things properly. With physiotherapy her hand function has improved and she is able to kneel-down for Activities of Daily Living without support for more than 5 minutes. Congrats!



VI.II.v. Vocational Unit

Training the PwDs to be actively and productively engaged in a vocation to become economically empowered is the goal of the institute and dream of the parents. The adult students placed in this Unit are trained in Functional Academics and Vocational skills. We have designed different activities like preparation of Phenyl, Liquid Soap, Note Books, Files, Paper Bags, Art and Craft Items, Food Items like Masala Borugulu, Masala Powders etc., apart from training them in the Catering Unit. Our students are trained in diya-painting, Rakhi-making, preparing gift articles along with stitching. They stitch pillow covers, petticoats, bags etc. under supervision. We strongly wish that after completing the apprenticeship in the Vocational Unit, the adult student shall find placement in the community or shall set up own enterprise. The parents and the family members are counselled and encouraged to take up independent enterprises for their adult children trained in different vocations. We shall achieve our goals with the best wishes of our well-wishers.



Success Story:



C. Ramcharan, 21 years old, attending Vocational Unit, has greatly improved in vocational and shopping skills. He arranges papers and dries them after screen printing. He expresses concepts like ‘yesterday, today and tomorrow’ and comprehends simple stories. He communicates very clearly. He is a well-behaved boy. He likes to dance and even trains other children in dance. He has good leadership qualities and his strengths are dancing, good cognitive and communication skills.

VI.II.vi. Information and Communication Training (ICT)



Our students are exposed to learning using computers. They revise the academic concepts through user-friendly computer software and also learn the functions of basic keys and programming too. Our aim is to train our trainable students as promising job-seekers in the IT Sector as Data Entry Operators, doing job work etc. We have different adaptations suited to the physical requirements of the students such as ‘Big Red Switch, Adaptive Mouse, Klevy Key Board, Head Pointer, Keys U See etc. All these adaptations are very helpful to train our students in Computer skills.

Success Story:

B. Abdul Basith, 10 years old, is in Primary Unit –I. He has good cognition skills and attends computer class regularly. He was unable to move the mouse but within 3 months of practice, he is able to move the mouse and has shown a lot of improvement. He identifies familiar objects, type’s alphabet and numbers, copies and pastes alphabet and types a few words in word document. We wish that he improves further.



VI.II.vii. Music as Therapy

Our children are not an exception for behavioural tantrums and emotional disturbances. Music therapy acts as an incentive for acceptable behaviour and also brings out hidden talents. They are trained in tabla, kanjira and the key board. They are performing in our school functions and also in outdoor events.



Success Story:

Sambu Kavyasree, started with 7 basic notes of music, can now play a few songs. With the help of physiotherapy, her shoulder movement and range have improved. She is able to play the key board with ease.



VI.III. Family Services

Ambika Sishu Kendra is dedicated to the training and rehabilitation of persons diagnosed with Cerebral Palsy, Intellectual Disability, Autism and Multiple Disabilities. Various Services are provided under Family Services for achieving Independent Living for our children with special needs. Family participation is enhanced through careful analysis of family needs and resources. Individualised Family Support Plans (IFSP) are developed to ensure revision and practise of concepts at home. Family service aims at sharing rehabilitation responsibility between home and school. Children learn to observe and imitate adults hence families are guided to practise intervention at home and innovate family-friendly training activities by involving every family member. During vacation home based programs are drawn for effective practise of skills at home.



VI.IV. Multi-Disciplinary Services

VI.IV.i. Medical Unit

Diagnostic, Neuro, Paediatric Neuro, Ophthalmology, Orthopaedics and Homeopathy clinic are operational for our students because of the humanitarian services of Paediatrician Dr. C. A. Nagesh, Paediatric Neurologist, Dr. D. Sirisha and Homeo doctors Dr. Manju Sri and Dr. Bhargavi. We are very grateful to them.

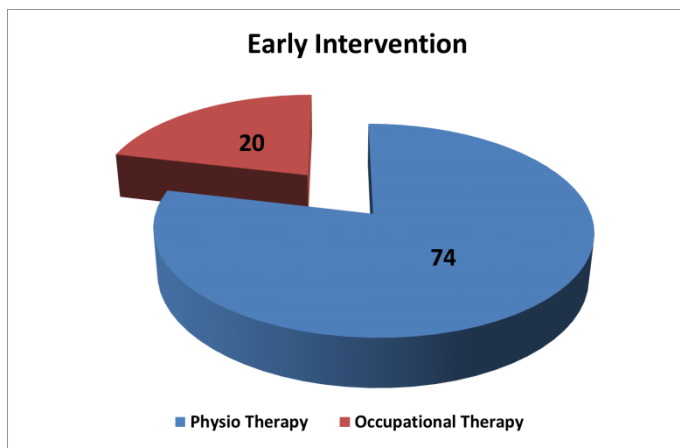


VI.IV.ii. Early Intervention and Occupational Therapy (OT) Unit

Birth to 6 years is treated as a priority period to prevent any form of developmental delay. It includes providing conducive environment and stimulation program, which is age appropriate to minimize the gap between chronological age and developmental age. At ASK cases are referred from local hospitals and pediatric clinics of children as early as 6 months of age. This unit is supported by pediatricians, special educators, physiotherapists, occupational therapist and speech therapists so that the child's global developmental is supported for timely entry into pre-school.



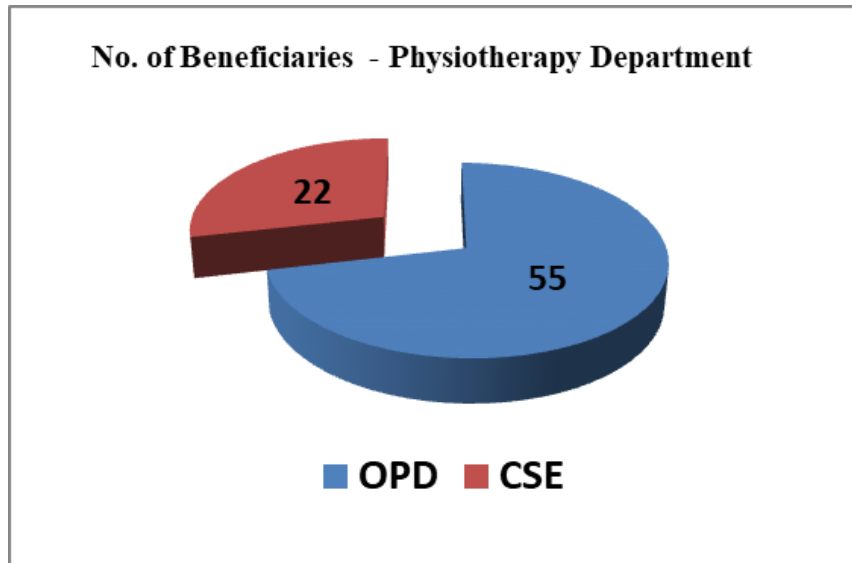
Family plays an important role in treating developmental delay hence this unit partners with families for necessary support to stimulate developmental needs to children below 6 years. Empowering and training the parent to play more proactive role in child's programme & in handling societal pressures while training the child is essential for overall growth. We also provide referral services by directing the parents to the respective doctors and therapy services.



VI.IV.iii. Physiotherapy (PT) Unit

A team of physiotherapists provide therapeutic services to persons diagnosed with Cerebral Palsy, congenital abnormalities, abnormal motor patterns and movement disorders. The individual strengths and impairments are identified and addressed in relation to functional abilities and limitations. Assessment of motor functions, hands-on sessions for training parents, suggesting adaptive devices for better functioning, training the children in ADLs and various sports events, gait training and providing referral services for surgical intervention are the major activities at the Physiotherapy Department.





Success Story:

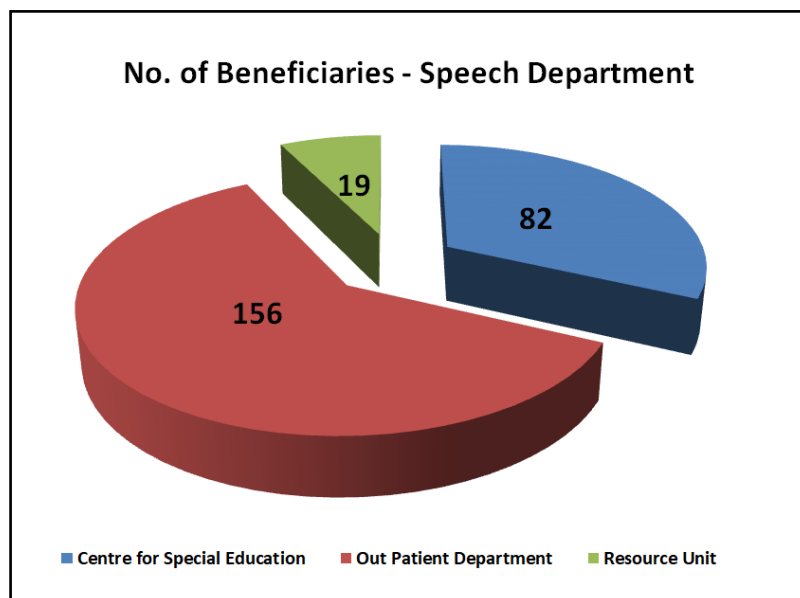
J. Jithendra is 14 years old. He was diagnosed with severe head injury (axonal injury), was in coma for 45 days and was bedridden for 3 months. When he was admitted in ASK in June 2022, he was unable to sit, stand or walk. Currently with the physiotherapy support, he is able to sit and stand for 2-3 minutes independently. He can walk with the walker independently with a little hand support. He is very co-operative during the physiotherapy sessions and follows-up every treatment session. With improved hand function, he is now able to operate and shutdown the system with assistance, types 15 to 20 words in MS Word and does activities with verbal prompts. Bravo Jithendra!



VI.IV.iv. Speech, Language, Communication & Assistive Technology

Regular training sessions are conducted by the therapist on various therapeutic measures and awareness is generated among the parents about different types of low cost and high-tech communication devices. The communication disorders include disorder of voice, fluency and articulation issues, delayed speech and language development. Oro-motor therapy helps in improving feeding and arresting drooling. Group and individual sessions are conducted as per the needs of the children. Stories, objects, picture cards and Alternative and Augmentative Communication devices are used during therapy. Ambika Sishu Kendra has a range of assistive devices to suit the child’s needs. Assessment, Evaluation, Recommendations & Training in the use of Assistive Tools and Technological Devices for students with disabilities are the special features of the Speech Department.





Success Story:

Baby Yasha Sree was 5 ½ years, when she joined Ambika Sishu Kendra in November 2021. She was not able to speak age appropriately and had no sitting. She was using gestures to express her needs but within 2 years of regular speech therapy, she has shown a lot of improvement. She understands two stage related commands, body parts and common objects in pictures. With an expressive vocabulary of 10 to 12 simple nouns, she uses agent + action for her needs. We are very hopeful that she shall improve faster with consistent therapy.



VI.IV.v. Family Counselling & Behaviour Modification (BM)

Families are accessed for their needs and resources, following which intervention programme are drawn by selecting tests and activities to ascertain how family can directly impact a young child with positive thinking and pro-active rehabilitation programme. Efforts are made to make family realise their own potential and become aware of behaviour modification techniques to be used at home by all family members. Behaviour is analysed with precedent and antecedent causes so that the behaviour can be moulded as desired. This method helps in the management of a special child so that inclusion in the society becomes a reality.

VI.V. Human Resource Development Programmes

VI.V.i. Introduction of RCI recognized Course DECSE - (ID)

Ambika Sishu Kendra embarked on RCI recognised 1-Year Diploma Course in Early Childhood Special Education ‘D.E.C.S.E. (ID)’ for 2022-23 with the ambition of generating the cadre of Special Educators to meet the shortage and to take up the challenge of training CWSN below 6 years of age in Rayalaseema region. The course commenced on October 19th, 2022 with 15 trainees.

The course offers tremendous job opportunities in Government and Semi-Government Organizations, Non- Governmental Organizations, Self-Employment Model and International Funding Agencies.

VI.V.ii. Training Programmes

We conduct various programmes at our Centre for the benefit of the staff and the parents. We also attend workshops organised in other service centres and update ourselves. Experts in the respective fields are invited to conduct training programmes for the benefit of the staff. Our training programmes cover different areas like Sensory Integration, Behaviour Modification, Education of the Developmentally Young, Early Intervention and Early Identification to name a few.

❖ Faculty Development Programmes:

| S. No. | Date | Training Programme | Attended by |
|--------|--------------------------------|--|--|
| 1 | 21.04.2022 | A 3-day training programme on basic fire prevention, first aid and fire fighting | Mr. Deva Bhushanam, Mr. Ch. Siva Malleswara Rao and Mr. B. Kiran Singh |
| 2 | 22-09-22 | National Trust AGM Meeting 2021-22. | Ms. E.V.K. Bhagya Lakshmi, Mrs. Poornima N Shah |
| 3 | 27-09-22 | National Trust Meeting on National Trust Act-1999 conducted by SNAC – Kakinada, Vijayawada. | Mr. K. Chandrasekhar |
| 4 | 01-12-2022 To 25-12-2022 | Basic Computer Training as per e – Saadhya, CDAC tool requirement by Mrs. Hemangi A. Shah | 10 Class Teachers 15 DECSE (ID) students |
| 5. | 02-03-2023 | Training on Niramaya Enrollment, Renewal and UDID card conducted by National Trust. RCI – Special Campaign 2.0 Sanitation Needs for PwDs. | Mr. K. Chandrasekhar Mrs. V. Suguna Devi |



❖ **Webinars Attended by Faculty:**

| S. No. | Date | Training Programme | Attended by |
|---------------|-------------------------------|---|---|
| 1 | 02.04.2022 | National Trust's Virtual Meeting on World Autism Awareness Day. | Ms. E.V.K. Bhagya Lakshmi, |
| 2 | 13.04.2022 | National Trust's Virtual Meeting of Niramaya Health Schemes and Guardianship | Ms. E.V.K Bhagya Lakshmi, Mrs. V. Suguna Devi |
| 3 | 26.06.2022 | Webinar on National Education Policy | Ms. E.V.K Bhagya Lakshmi |
| 4 | 25.06.2022 & 26.06.2022 | On-Line workshop on Functional Academics & Individual Training Programme organized by NIEPID, Kolkata | Ms. E.V.K Bhagya Lakshmi Mrs. G. Leelavathi, Mrs. V. Mary Saroja |
| 5 | 16.08.2022 | Student Attendance Application | Mrs. V. Suguna Devi |
| 6 | 30.08.2022 | Online Individualized Training Programme Part A & B with Smt. Sheilaja Rao | Mrs. K. Nirmala Bai Mrs. G. Aruna Mrs. V. Mary. Saroja |
| 7 | 20-09-2022 & 21-09-2022 | Online work shop on "Counselling" organized by NIEPID, Secunderabad | Ms. E.V.K Bhagya Lakshmi, Mrs. G. Leelavathi, |
| 8 | 29-09-22 | Webinar on National Trust -Niramaya monthly fund request with Niramaya Enrollment. | Mrs. V. Suguna Devi Ms N. Ravali |
| 9 | 23.12.2022 | Virtual workshop on Skill Development conducted by National Trust. | Ms. E.V.K Bhagya Lakshmi, Mrs. G. Aruna |
| 10 | 05-01-2023 | Virtual meeting on Employment/Self Employment conducted by National Trust. | Mr. K. Chandrasekhar Mrs. V. Suguna |
| 11 | 03-02-2023 | Virtual Meeting on UDISE regarding problems faced in mapping process by MEO Office,Kurnool | Mrs. V. Suguna |
| 12 | 21-03-2023 | Webinar on World Down Syndrome Day, RCI | Smt. Sheilaja Rao, DECSE (ID) trainees, Mrs. V. Suguna, and Mrs. G. Aruna |



❖ **Internships & Orientation Programmes:**

| S. No. | Date | Name of the Institution | No. Attended |
|--------|--------------------------|---|----------------------|
| 1 | 01.04.2022 to 30.04.2022 | Internship Program - BPT students from L.V.T.G. College of Physiotherapy | 5 students |
| 2 | 01.06.2022 To 30.06.2022 | Internship Program - BPT students from L.V.T.G. College of Physiotherapy | 6 students |
| 3 | 14.06.2022 | Field work, Student of M. Sc. Psychology, Jain University - Mrs. B. Lalitha | 1 Student |
| 4 | 21.06.2022 | Govt. Multi-Purpose Health Workers (M.P.H.W) from District Medical and Health office. - Curriculum Experience Training, | 20 students |
| 5 | 22.06.22 to 24.06.2022 | Students of Govt. College of Nursing, 3rd year B. Sc. (N) and 2nd year P.B. B.Sc. (N) - Clinical Experience Training in 3 Batches | 97 students, 9 staff |
| 8 | 25.07.2022 | Students of Vasavi Mahila Kalasala visited for project work on special needs children. | 5 students |
| 9 | 27.07.2022 | Students from G. Pulla Reddy Engineering College, Kurnool visited for project work. | 3 students, 6 staff |
| 10 | 29.07.2022 | Students of B. Ed 1 st year, St. Joseph's B. Ed. College for Orientation Programme | 32 students, 3 staff |
| 11 | 16.08.2022 | Internship Program - Students of M.Sc, Govt. College of Nursing for 10 days. | 3 students |
| 12 | 05.09.2022 | Students of 4 th year BPT, LVTG College for project work. | 2 students |
| 13 | 12-09-22 | T. Ruthamma of 2 nd year M.Sc.(N) Govt. College of Nursing - for project work | 1 student |
| 14 | 23-09-22 | Students of 3 rd year B.Sc. (N), LVTG College of Nursing visited for Orientation. | 34 students, 2 staff |
| 15 | 21.10.2022 | Students of 4 th year B.Sc. (N), LVTG College of Nursing visited for Orientation. | 33 students, 2 staff |
| 16 | 17-02-2023 | Students of I year M.Sc. (N), Govt. College of Nursing for Orientation. | 17 students, 2 staff |
| 17 | 01-03-2023 to 31-03-2023 | Internship Program - Students of BPT (Physiotherapy), LVTG College of Physiotherapy. | 6 students |



❖ *Training Programmes for Parents:*

| <i>S.No.</i> | <i>Date</i> | <i>Training Program</i> |
|--------------|-------------|--|
| 1 | 25-07-2022 | Webinar on ‘ADL Skills Training for the Children with Disabilities’ for OPD and Pre –Primary |
| 2 | 22-08-2022 | Home Inclusion Program for Pre-primary & Primary Class |
| 3 | 23-08-2022 | Daily routine of children |
| 4 | 24-08-2022 | How to manage and talk to children after activities |
| 5 | 26-09-2022 | Behaviour management and differences reinforcement |
| 6 | 21-10-2022 | Diet for Autism children |
| 7 | 09-12-2022 | Alternative Medicine (Acupressure) |
| 8 | 16-02-2023 | Picture Exchange Communication System |
| 9 | 23-02-2023 | National Trust Acts & Schemes |
| 10 | 02-03-2023 | Definition of Disabilities under National Act 1999, ASD, CP &ID |



VII. Awareness Programmes and Highlights

Promoting Community Awareness and Social Responsibility are the complementary responsibilities of a special school. Ambika Sishu Kendra feels it as its onus to create awareness about the disabilities and to generate public involvement especially of the youth in all the activities related to the special children because promotion of awareness shall facilitate bringing more number of Divyangjans under the umbrella of Govt. Schemes and also result in training, rehabilitation and placements thereby bringing relief to the parents.

1. **Autism Awareness Month** was celebrated with PwASD being taken to Utsav, Jyoti Mall on 6th April for an outing.



2. To create awareness on **World Autism Awareness Day**, among the main stream school teachers, we invited Pre- Primary teachers from Sister Stanislas Memorial School, St. Joseph's English School, Athena School, Hello Kids Play School, Montessori School, Indus Montessori School and Monte International School to the awareness programme. Dr. Thomas Kishore, Professor of Clinical Psychology, NIMHANS, Bangalore, was the main speaker on Autism Spectrum Disorder. Ms. E.V.K Bhagya Lakshmi spoke on teaching strategies for persons with ASD. Mrs. P Vijaya, Asst. Director, Welfare of Disabled, Transgenders and Senior Citizen, Kurnool District and Sri. Moulali, Mandal Education Officer graced the programme.



3. Aids & Appliances Camp was conducted by Mrs. P. Vijaya, Assistant Director, Welfare of Disabled, Transgenders and Senior Citizen, Kurnool on 24th May. Mr. Rana Prathap & Deva Bhushanam attended.

4. On 17th June, Joint inspection was conducted by District Educational Officer, Mr. V. Ranga Reddy and Mrs. P. Vijaya, Assistant Director, Welfare of Disabled, Transgenders and Senior Citizen, Kurnool to issue No objection Certificate to start RCI certified D.Ed. Special Education IDD course.



5. On 3rd and 4th September, Joint Inspection was conducted by Mrs. R.D. Kalusha, Vijay Human Services, Chennai and Mr. G. Sudhakar, NIEPID, Secunderabad for the course 'Diploma in Early Childhood Special Education (ID)'.



6. On 29th September, DECSE (ID) Course Admission Committee was set-up with Mr. Raja Sekhar, Mr. Muneer Ahmed, Mr. Rayapu Reddy, Smt. V. R. P. Sheilaja Rao and Mrs. Bindu N Shah. Eight candidates were admitted. The course commenced on 7th November and a total of 15 candidates were admitted.



7. On 6th October, on the occasion of **World Cerebral Palsy Day**, a video showcasing success stories of 5 students Mr. Hussain, Mr. Lathif, Mr. Sai Pritham, Ms. Shahanaaz and Ms. Tejeshwari was made by DECSE – ID trainees and released.



8. On 3rd November, Rotary Club Team consisting of District Governor of Rotary Club, Rtn. PHF V. Satish Babu, Mrs. Bhanumathi, Assistant Governor, Rtn. PHF S. Maddileti Swamy and others visited Ambika Sishu Kendra. District Governor of Rotary Club inaugurated the DECSE (ID) class room, donated LCD projector and distributed Practical kit bags for DECSE trainees. Course Co-ordinator Smt. V.R.P. Sheilaja Rao made a PPT presentation and introduced 'e-Saadhya' CDAC software and Hydrotherapy Project for future collaborations with the Rotary Team.



9. International Day of the Disabled – On 2nd December, the DECSE - (ID) trainees visited 3 main stream schools namely Chinmaya Mission Vidyalaya, Shri Sharada Mandir, English Medium High School and Montessori English Medium High School, Kurnool, where they conducted games for the students to create awareness about different kinds of disabilities.



10. The International Day of the Disabled was celebrated on 3rd Dec, at ‘Sunayana Auditorium’ with Dr. Sanjeev Kumar, M.P as the Chief Guest. Mrs. P. Vijaya, Assistant Director, Welfare of Disabled, Transgenders and Senior Citizen, Kurnool District, presented the report. Smt. V. R. P. Sheilaja Rao spoke on behalf of Ambika Sishu Kendra and our former student Ms. Shahanaaz was felicitated.



11. In continuation with the **International Day of the Disabled**, ASK invited students of 3 Inclusive schools Chinmaya Mission Vidyalaya (EM) School, Shri Sharada Mandir, English Medium High School, & Montessori English Medium High School, Kurnool to the institute. Institute visit was organized by DECSE -ID trainees and interested students participated in essay writing and drawing competition. TV 1 news channel gave coverage to the programme.



12. On 10th January 2023, Ms. E.V.K. Bhagya Lakshmi attended an awareness programme for the Senior Citizens at District Nyaya Seva Sadan, District court, Kurnool to render necessary assistance with regard to their entitlement for various welfare schemes. Tripod sticks and hand sticks were distributed the senior citizens. All the NGOs attended.

13. Our institute Ambika Sishu Kendra is the registered NGO member of the Local Level Committee and in this capacity looks in to all the legal guardianship applications. Our representative Ms. E.V.K. Bhagya Lakshmi attends all the meetings of the Local Level Committee held in the office of Asst. Director, Welfare of Disabled, Transgenders and Senior Citizen, Kurnool District.



14. As a part of **RCI – Campaign 2.0 – Sanitation needs for PwDs**, on 10th January, we conducted an awareness program on **Importance of Maintaining Hygiene and Cleanliness in Daily Activities**. The speakers were from Ward Sachivalayam - Mrs. ShaisthaFathima, Medical Officer, Mr. Ravi Kiran, Admin Secretary - 49 Ward, Mrs. M. Lakshmi – Ward Health Secretary and Mrs. S. Lalitha Bai, Ward Sanitation Secretary.



15. A **Dental Screening Camp** was conducted on 23rd January, at ASK by G. Pulla Reddy Dental College and Hospital, G.P.R Nagar Kurnool. Dr. Ms. Chaitanya, MDS, Dr. Ms. Sheba, BDS, and a team of interns attended the camp. Dr. Ms. Chaitanya gave a presentation on Dental Care and Hygiene. Dr. Ms. Sheba and interns conducted screening for children and parents also attended the camp.



16. A 3 member team from ‘e – Saadhya’ (CDAC) - Mrs. Janaki, Mrs. Karthika & Mr. Ayush came to ASK on 14th Feb for field trip.



17. Mrs. D. Krishnaveni & Mr. Rishab N Shah attended the “**39th District conference**” of Rotary Club at Nellore on 25th & 26th February and gave a presentation on the future Projects of ASK.



18. As a part of **RCI Campaign 2.0 - Sanitation needs for PwDs**, on International Women's Day, 8th March awareness program on **Menstrual Hygiene/Management for Girl child with Disability** was organized with Dr. Ms. Vijaya Lakshmi, MBBS, DGO. Mrs. P. Jyothi Venkata Ramana & Mr. P. Venkata Ramana, Regional Manager – Andhra Pragathi Grameena Bank were the special invitees. Ms. Vijaya Lakshmi spoke about the menstrual problems and possible treatments. Mr. & Mrs. P. Venkata Ramana shared their experiences with their son, who is also a special child. Andhra Pragathi Grameena Bank team donated sanitary napkins and other sanitary items.



19. On 8th March, **Pathanjali Yoga Centre** conducted a programme on **International Women's day** and Ambika Sishu Kendra had put up a stall. 5 wheelchairs were distributed to the OPD students of Ambika Sishu Kendra - C. Madhurekha, P. RuhinaFarheen, P. Hussainvali, V. Tharun, and B. Mahaboob Basha.



20. As a part of **RCI – Campaign 2.0 – Sanitation needs for PwDs**, Panel Discussions on **World Down Syndrome Day** were conducted with the theme **“With Us Not For Us”** on 21st March. As directed by RCI, the school building was illuminated with blue and yellow lights. Students performed cultural programmes. Presentations were given by a panel of experts including Dr. G. Anil Kumar Ophthalmologist, Dr. D. Sirisha, Paediatric Neurologist and Smt. V. R. P. Sheilaja Rao, Honorary Consultant & Special Educator. Post the presentation a panel discussion was organised with all the 3 speakers.



21. Under ADIP scheme, TLM Kits Distribution Camp was conducted on 24th & 25th March at Ambika Sishu Kendra in Collaboration with NIEPID (National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities (Divyangjan)), Government of India. Mr. G. Sudhakar, Faculty from NIEPID Secunderabad had come for the distribution. A total of 87 kits were given.



VIII. Celebrations



International Yoga Day



Independence Day Celebrations



Dusshera Festival at ASK



Diwali Celebrated at ASK



Teacher's Day



Children's Day



New Year Day



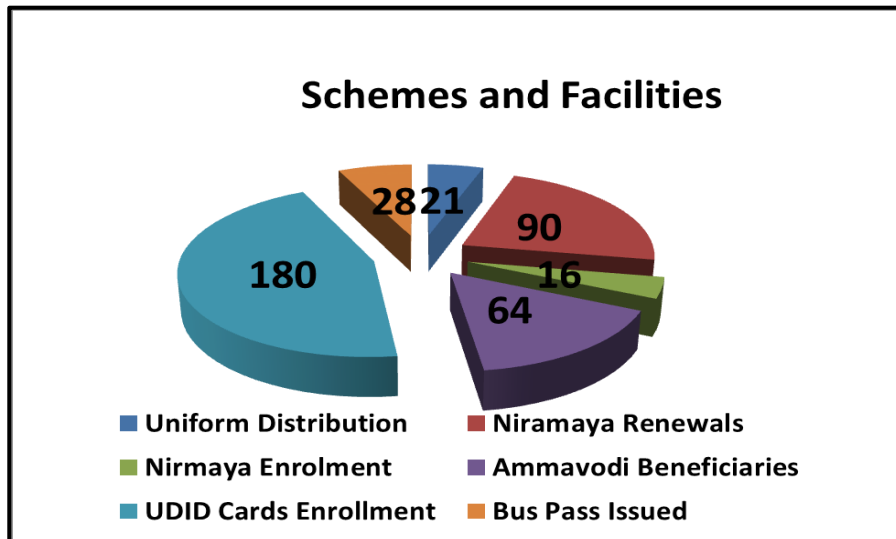
Makara Sankranti



Ugadi – Telugu New Year

IX. Schemes and Facilities

We take up Niramaya Enrollment and renewals to facilitate our students to claim medical reimbursements for hospitalization, surgeries etc. Our students registered in the Primary classes as per State Government norms receive ‘Ammavodi’ amount also in their mothers’ bank accounts. The students belonging to the economically weaker sections receive uniforms from one of our patrons, Mr. A. Krishna Rao every year. The beneficiaries are selected based on the need and regularity to school. Issue of bus pass enables them with concessional travel with escort.



X. Felicitation

- ❖ Mrs. V. Mary Saroja, who worked with us for more than 2 decades retired from service. She was felicitated by the Trust members on 26th September, 2022.



- ❖ On the occasion of the Golden Jubilee Celebrations of Arya Vysya Officials and Professionals' Association, (AVOPA), Kurnool, 6 teachers and 3 service staff Mrs. V. Mary Saroja, Mrs. T. Aruna, Mrs. T. Ravanamma, Mrs. K. Nirmala, Mrs. K. Sumitra, Mr. N. Surendra Babu, Mrs. T. Lakshamma, Mrs. N. Adi Lakshmi and Mrs. B. Lakshmi were felicitated on 23rd October 2022.



XI. Visitors' Remarks

- ❖ Simply amazed with the performances of these children. They were deep into the characters. Kudos to the teacher for the efforts taken and wish Ambika Sishu Kendra success in all the endeavours and may they keep on bringing a change in the lives of these children!
-Mr. Ashok J Shah – Navi Mumbai
- ❖ Adequate equipment, resources and dedicated staff and their services are highly appreciable. All the very best. Very Good Team Work and conducive environment. Keep it up with same motto forever.
- Mr. Gajam Sudhakar, DSE, NIEPID, Secunderabad.
- ❖ Conducted Joint Inspection and found Satisfactory.
-Mr.V. Ranga Reddy, District Education Officer
- ❖ It is just amazing!'No Words'!
-Mr. V. Sateesh Babu, Dist. Governor – Rotary Club
- ❖ I am extremely happy to see the good service being rendered to these unfortunate children.
- Smt. Y. Showrilu Reddy
- ❖ Enabling the Mankind in a very profound manner! A salute to the staff, children & co-staff for being a tremendous help to mankind. I wish you more success. Thank you, God bless you!
- Mr. Uttam M Shah, Bengaluru
- ❖ It's very easy to donate money, but the time & effort you people are giving is marvellous. Lots of good wishes! Hats off to you people for rendering such a good service!
- Mr. Sandeep Shah, Bengaluru
- ❖ This is a fantastic institution providing world class diagnosis & custom design & treatment which is a boon to the society. Very heart touched with the passion& care provided to children to prepare them to live better life in our society. You guys are 'Dhoot of God' giving glimpses of heaven to the needy children & their families.
-Mr. Ketan Shah, Chetan Family, Chennai
- ❖ What a noble cause you are all doing! This is an eye opener for a normal person to understand and we are so proud of all the efforts & services you are giving. I salute one and all of you. Thank you all from the bottom of my heart.
- Mrs. Kalpana A Shah, USA
- ❖ A wonderful experience meeting special education school and these lovely children. A warm welcome by all at ASK. The training given to children at different levels, age group is commendable. On the whole an amazing experience spending full day here. Wishing ASK best wishes for all their future endeavours!
- Ch. Janaki, C-DAC, Bangalore
- ❖ One cannot spell success without YOU!
- Mr. Rajiv Shah, Kolhapur

XII. Donors and Sponsors

“I have found that among its other benefits, giving liberates the soul of the giver.”

- ‘Maya Angelou’

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XIII. Fond Memoir of Honourable Sri Kantilal H Shah

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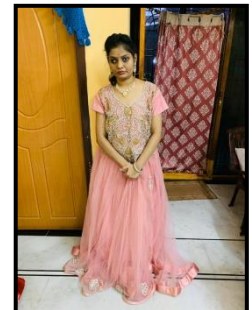
Late Sri Kantilal H Shah, S/o Late Sri Shah Hemchand Devchand, a Philanthropic Visionary, was born on 28th February 1938, in Chennai and moved with his family to Kurnool in 1943. He graduated from Loyola College, Chennai.

Social service and philanthropy being in his genes, he undertook many charitable activities with his elder brother Sri Chandrakanth Shah and joint family members under the aegis of Hemchand Devchand Charities Trust, established in 1968. H.D.C.T hospital in 1971 and Ambika Sishu Kendra for Children with Special Needs in 1995 are the most notable contributions of the Trust. His penchant for starting RCI registered Diploma Courses has come true with Diploma in Early Childhood Special Education (ID) commencing from November, 2022. His dream project ‘Skill Training Unit’ for the economic empowerment of the adult students is in the offing.

Sir was honoured with many awards like ‘**Shri Kutch Shakti Award**’, ‘**Akhil Bharat Award**’ and many more. He left a great legacy for younger generation to emulate. Following the path laid out by Sir is the right tribute to his departed soul. We love you, Sir.

XIV. Sad Demise

We always remember our tiny tots, who have brought us light and joy. Our students 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 Tanish Jain, Ms. P. Srihitha, Master M. V. Suresh and Ms. Pooja are no longer with us. May they enjoy eternal bliss in Heaven!



XV. Staff Left

Staff turnover is inevitable for any organisation. Mrs. V. Mary Saroja, Ms. Syeda Firdouse Begum, Ms. Shaik Yaseen, Mr. Syed Ikramullah, Mrs. T. Vijaya Lakshmi, Mrs. B. Naga Mani, Mrs. Ayyamma and Mrs. J. Parvathi served the Institute to the best of their abilities. Ambika Sishu Kendra remembers them for their services.

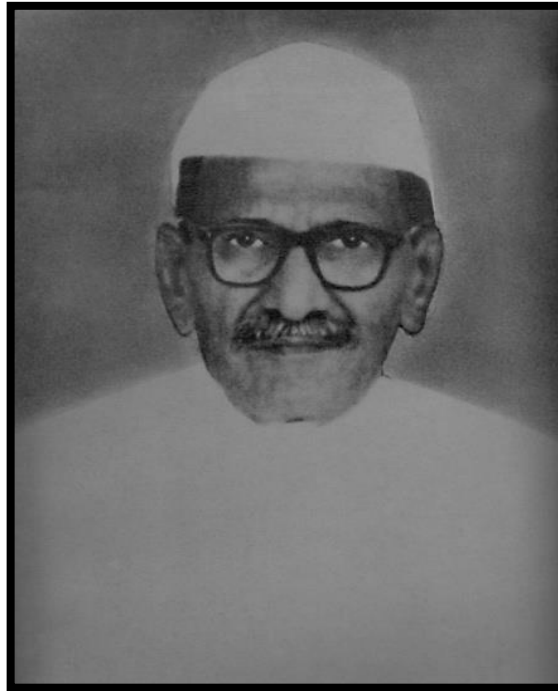
XVI. Conclusion

Ambika Sishu Kendra is an appropriate destination for PwDs of all age groups and severity levels of disabilities namely ID, CP ASD, MD and their parents. It is a ready reckoner for Philanthropists and Volunteers intending to work for PwDs. The RCI qualified personnel and professionals in the field of Disability Rehabilitation can associate with Ambika Sishu Kendra programmes to evolve their careers through empowering PwDs and their families.

The service orientation adopted by HDCT and ASK Management is a key factor in enhancing scope for inclusion for PwDs and their families alike to illuminate their lives, by joining hands with ASK in Kurnool. May the '**Service to the Divyangjans**' go on with renewed zeal and dedication by all coming forward to associate with the Mission and the Vision of HDCT and ASK!



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