

Sandhya Sanwardhan Sanstha

A Research Institute For The Development
and Rehabilitation of Mentally Handicapped

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Name of the Organization- Sandhya Sanwardhan Sanstha

Need and objective of the organization: The prevalence rate of mental disability is between 2.5 to 3.5 percent of general population. Even with the conservative estimate there are more than 25 to 30 million mentally challenged in India. There are only about 2000 special schools through out the country. Thus there is the paucity of service providers for mentally challenged.

The main objective of Sandhya Sanwardhan Sanstha is to improve quality of life of mentally challenged children through special education, vocational training and rehabilitation services irrespective of their cast, creed, religion and life style preferences.

3] Affiliations: NIL

4] Community development activity: We undertake public awareness meeting on large scale in rural and urban areas. The purpose of these meetings is to make the general public aware about the problem of mentally challenged and their families. It further helps in prevention and better management of mentally challenged.

5] Brief description of project: Sandhya Sanwardhan Sanstha came in to existence in the year 1993 as a purely charitable, non-profit and non aided trust. It started its work with 2 mentally challenged children and one special educator in small rented premises in Dharampeth and Madhav Nagar area. And currently we have 84 mentally challenged children of all categories like border line, mild, moderate, severe and profound as days scholars and the paid staff strength is 40. Apart from this we volunteers also who provide free of cost services. The initial budget in 1993 was Rs.5000/- per month which is now more than Rs.2.5 lacks. The only funding source is donations from philanthropic people.

6] Other pertinent information: As said earlier the work was started in the rented premises and the administrative office was in the same premises. Now we have our own one acre campus at the satellite city of Butibori which is 25 km. from Nagpur. Currently the built up area is about 6000 sq.ft. with lot of greenery and a beautiful garden for children to play. We have a license from Social Welfare Dept. of Government of Maharashtra to run this service project. We are duly registered with Charity Commissioner of Nagpur. Donations to us are exempt from income tax under the clause of 80G. We are registered under FCRA and thus can receive donations from any part of the world and in any currency.

7] List and locations of schools operated: We have only one special school which is located at P-14, MIDC, Butibori, Nagpur and the registered office and administrative office is at Sawarkar Nagar Bus Stop, Near Orange City Hospital, Khamla Road, Nagpur-440015.

8] Existing drinking water, electricity and health: We have good water source from MIDC, there is power supply and for medical emergencies we have a regular hospital only next door.

9] Details of children enrolled: We give admission to all mentally challenged children and of all categories like border line, mild, moderate, severe and profound. From the age of 4 years to 18 years they are in schooling and above 18 years of age they are admitted for vocational training and then they go for rehabilitation.

10] Average distance children travel to school: The average distance travelled is about 25 to 28 Km. This is for students from Nagpur city, but children from villages surrounding Butibori they might be travelling say 3 to 4 Km. But in any case most of the students are picked up from their door step.

11] Details of the community: The prevalence of mental disability occurs in cross section of the society irrespective of cast, creed, and religion and socio economic status of the family. But for the sake of statistics it can be said that more than 45% come from poor economic back ground.

12] Details of the support from the government: Right from its inception i.e. since 1993 we have been running this project without government support.

13] Details of the staff employed:

A] Principal	1	- M.Sc., PG Dipl.[Rehab psychology]
B] Special Educators	9	- DSE [MR]
C] Vocational Trainer	1	- DVR [MR]
D] Social Workers	1	- MSW
E] Developmental Therapist	1	- BPT
F] Music Teacher	1	
G] Asst. Teacher	9	[of different qualifications]
H] Stores In charge	1	Graduate
I] Computer Operator	1	Trained
J] Accountant	1	M.Com.
K] Clerk	2	Graduates
L] Care taker	8	
M] Drivers	3	
N] Cook	1	
O] Peon	1	
P] For garden	2	

14] Existing Infrastructure: We have our own one acre campus and the built up area is about 6000 sq.ft. This includes 6 pagoda type temporary class rooms. They are overdue for replacement

with regular construction. This construction activity is currently going on. There is a kitchen and a dining hall. We have two computers but old one needs replacements.

15] Expansion plan for the future: We urgently need to have regular class rooms for 6 pagoda type temporary class rooms and public utility block. This proposed construction is about 2700 sq.ft. and it includes a elevator also. The budget for this is about Rs. 22 lacks. This work is in progress, we have received funds of rupees five lacks for this and the remaining amount is solicited. We have a long waiting list for admission in our schooling section. There are 56 students on wait list. They can only be admitted if we complete this construction and we need to have one more bus[cost is Rs.10 lacks] to ferry these additional students. We off course will need additional special educators also.

16] No of other schools in the area: In the area of 25 km there are only two more special schools.

17] Differences in the programmes provided by us and others: Sandhya Sanwardhan Sanstha is the only organization which tries to answer multi- dimensional problem of mental disability by providing multi faceted services. We along with special education provide services of physiotherapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, music therapy, clinical psychology, hydro therapy, clay and play therapy and sand therapy etc. Apart from this we undertake parent training, parent counseling, sibling training and sibling counseling also. Further we do not charge anything for providing these services. We undertake rehabilitation of mentally challenged with a different concept. The objective of our organization is very specific and that is improving the quality of life of mentally challenged by all means.

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18] Objective of the project short term [1-2 years] and long term [3- 5 years]: The objective is to create a infrastructure in terms of manpower and physical infrastructure to improve the quality of life of mentally challenged without the possibility of exploitation.

19] Name, experience and education of project director: Dr.RM Uttarwar is the chairman and has done PhD in chemistry; he is HOD in Hislop College. He is the parent of a mentally challenged child and is the founder chairman and genuinely committed to the cause of mentally challenged. Navin Deshpande is B.Sc., LLB had his own offset printing business till 2008. He has since then taken the retirement and is fully devoted to this noble cause. He is also the founder secretary and is shouldering the responsibility since 1993 without break. In fact the same team of SSS is running this project since its inception. It is the selfless commitment of this team that the organization has come to the present status.

20] Details of planned operation of the project: The project operation is based on sound planning with regard to individualized curriculum of each mentally challenged student. This curriculum is monitored meticulously on fortnightly, monthly, quarterly and half yearly basis. The funds received are utilized very judiciously and only for the constitutional objective of the

organization. No trustee member receives any payment from the trust. The working philosophy of SSS is SHIV BHAVE JIVA SEVA. {शिव भावे जीव सेवा}

21] Brief description of type of education provided: This is called as special education. It is a individualized curriculum. Each student has a different syllabus and it is based on the need of each child and his commitment level and I.Q. Curriculum planning involves a sp.educator, mother of the child and the cl.psychologist. This is based on recommendations of National Institute for Mentally Handicapped, Secunderabad, which is a central government body.

22] Source of Motivation: It is a humble effort to communicate with All Mighty God through service to godlike mentally challenged soul. In fact you do not need any motivation to serve the noble cause like mental disability.

23] Funds required and duration:

A] For school bus: Rs.10.00 lacks {one time}

B] For ongoing construction activity: Rs. 17.00 lacks {one time}

{The total estimate for the construction 2700 sq.ft. is Rs.22.00 lacks. Out of this we have already raised Rs.5.00 lacks locally.}

C] Recurring expenses: For salary: Rs.6.00 lacks per year for 5 years.

23] Funds requested from Asha: Rs.10.00 lacks for bus.

For recurrent expenses: Rs. 6.00 lacks {for 5 years}

24] Other sources of funds: We have been trying with other prospective donors also for this requirement.

25] How we plan to sustain: We have been running this project since last seventeen years without government aid and the only funding source is donations from philanthropic people and organizations. We have developed the donor base which helps us sustaining through all these years as far as recurrent expenses are concerned.

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