

# **ASHA KA JHARNA PROFILE**

**'Asha Ka Jharna'** as a voluntary non-profit organization has been working for the cause of disability and child rights **since 1998**. Our Three special schools for intellectually disabled (including cerebral palsy, Down syndrome and other developmental disabilities) as well as hearing and speech impaired children have been providing services spanning two districts and surrounding villages in the semi-arid rural areas of north-western Rajasthan (INDIA). Special education, therapeutic, vocational, guidance and counseling to more than 200 special children and their families are provided on a regular basis. Training, capacity building in the field of rehabilitation and outreach services is also being undertaken.

Special Needs Children Being Benefited as on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022

<b>Unit</b>	<b>Intellectually Disabled</b>	<b>Hearing Impaired</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Nawalgarh</b>	41	28	<b>69</b>
<b>Jhunjhunu</b>	33	34	<b>67</b>
<b>Sikar</b>	32	33	<b>65</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>201</b>

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

## **AKJ ACCOLADES:**

- ❖ **Asha Ka Jharna is the recipient of “BEST NATIONAL ORGANIZATION AWARD 2014” by The National Trust (Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India) as well as “BEST STATE NGO AWARD 2009” by Rajasthan Government. We also got National “Nina Sibal Award 2018” for Best Organization in Disability Sector. ‘Dainik Bhaskar’ Media Group awarded us during March 2019.**

## **Services & Facilities**

- ✓ *Survey & Identification*
- ✓ *Special Education*
  - *For Children with Intellectual Disability*
  - *For Children with Hearing Impairment*
- ✓ *Physiotherapy*
- ✓ *Speech Therapy & Audiometric services*
- ✓ *Counseling & Guidance*
- ✓ *Training for Parents/ Siblings*
- ✓ *Training for Govt. School Teachers Under SSA Inclusive Education Stream*
- ✓ *Advocacy, Opinion Building among Govt. Bodies, Mass Media & General Population*
- ✓ *Awareness Among Local Community*
- ✓ *Community Rehabilitation*
- ✓ *Computer Assistive Learning*
- ✓ *Govt. Social Benefits Schemes facilitation services*
- ✓ *Inclusion in Regular Schools & Remedial Teaching*
- ✓ *Medical Checkup by Various Medical Professionals*
- ✓ *Networking, Capacity Building & Resource Sharing among Fellow NGOs*
- ✓ *Orientation Sessions for Regular School Teachers*
- ✓ *Providing Aids/ Appliances Through Various Camps*
- ✓ *Providing High Quality BTE Hearing Aids Through Starkey Foundation*
- ✓ *Referral Services*
- ✓ *Social Services to Local Community*
- ✓ *Emergency Outreach Services for Children in Need of Care & Protection through CHILDLINE 1098 (National Toll-Free Number)*
- ✓ *Child Rights & Child Protection*
- ✓ *Vocational Guidance, Training & Job Placement*

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

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

- **Regular ongoing special education, training and therapeutics services to around 200 special need children and their families every year since 1997. More than 5000 children with disabilities have been regularly served by us.**
- **Accessibility and Inclusion made possible to more than 1000 beneficiaries through disability certificates, assistive devices, aids & appliances, polio corrective surgeries.**
- **Free distribution of high quality behind the ear hearing aids to 669 children across the surrounding region.**
- **Community counselling services to more than 5000 persons.**
- **Massive school/college awareness programmes on disability in the Shekhawati area. 50000 school students and teachers covered.**
- **Formal Training courses in association with Indira Gandhi National Open University New Delhi delivered to 360 Govt teachers and 80 parents.**
- **'District Games for Disabled' Conducted at Sikar under the scheme of Ministry of Sports & Youth Affairs (232 Special Needs Athletes participated)**
- **'District Games for Disabled' Conducted at Jhunjhunu under the scheme of Deptt. of Social Justice, Govt of Raj (400 Special Athletes participated)**
- **'Regional Parents Meet' by NIMH & PARIVAAR organized at Jhunjhunu. (112 Parents from Rajasthan and Gujarat participated)**
- **'Regional Parents Meets' Facilitated by us completely at Jaipur , Ajmer , Udaipur & Sawai Madhopur as well as National Parents Meet & Self Advocates National Convention at Udaipur (More than 1000 Parents & 300 Self Advocates Across the country benefitted)**
- **Community sensitization events at different places (> 50000 targeted)**
- **Special needs children taken to Special Olympics, Abylampics, excursions, adventure expeditions, fairs etc. to various places all over India. Around 1000 children have explored Darjeeling, Dalhousie, Bhubaneshwar, Chandigarh, Amritsar, Delhi, Jaipur and many towns across the country.**
- **306 Nos. of special needs children passed School Board levels A, B and C (equivalent to class 8<sup>th</sup>) from National Institute of Open Schooling so far.**
- **More than one hundred young adults with hearing impairment have pursued higher education up to graduation studying in inclusive setup facilitated by us.**
- **More than one hundred youth with disabilities placed successfully in gainful employment through our handholding, mentoring and livelihood support.**
- **Our children have participated and won laurels in Special Olympics & Abylampics National Level Events.**

## **CHILDLINE SIKAR ACHIEVEMENTS :**

From inception since July 2015 till January 2022, we have served 2803 children & their families in need of care and protection vide a whole range of intervention services:

<b>Child Labour Rescued</b>	<b>385</b>
<b>Medical Assistance Provided</b>	<b>202</b>
<b>Linked to Sponsorship/Palanhar Scheme</b>	<b>185</b>
<b>Protection from Physical / Sexual / Mental Abuse</b>	<b>412</b>
<b>Children Provided Shelter</b>	<b>106</b>
<b>Begging Street Children Rescued</b>	<b>371</b>
<b>Missing / Abandoned Children</b>	<b>194</b>
<b>Stopped Child Marriages</b>	<b>117</b>
<b>Emotional Support &amp; Guidance</b>	<b>59</b>
<b>Linked to Govt Schemes &amp; Counselling / Information</b>	<b>717</b>
<b>Non Classified Assistance Provided</b>	<b>55</b>

During this period 10815 calls were received on our Helpline No 1098

### **INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT**

- 1. Three school buildings at Nawalgarh, Jhunjhunu and Sikar (Rented Premises) comprising seven classes each. There are two hundred and one children [Intellectually Disabled (106) and hearing impaired (95)] getting special education / training & allied services at all the schools.*
- 2. Human resources: Thirty Seven trained & experienced personnel's with professional qualifications. Besides, nine professionals are working in CHILDLINE project.*
- 3. Well-equipped Physiotherapy and Speech Therapy Departments at all our three schools consisting of basic therapeutic equipment's.*
- 4. Library with more than two thousand books on disability, special education, leisure reading for children and staff, govt. schemes etc. We have subscription of around ten regular newsletters/periodicals on these issues.*
- 5. Well-equipped Computer rooms at all units with total fifteen computers, printers, scanners, UPS systems with educational CD'S.*
- 6. Audio-Visual facilities comprising of three colour T.V., CD and DVD music players, Cameras etc.*

**Various Registrations/Recognitions for Asha Ka Jharna (Valid As On Date)**

- **Registered under Society Registration Act 1860 No. 33579 Dated 27.08.1998**
- **Registered and Recognized with Department of Social Justice & Empowerment Govt. of Rajasthan under Persons with Disabilities Act. 1995 & Revised Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act 2016 since 27.11.2002**
- **Registered and Verified Voluntary Organization with NGO Darpan (NITI AAYOG) Govt. of India vide Unique Id. RJ/2009/0000175 since 2009**
- **Vetted & Verified By Guide Star India , Give Foundation , Global Giving International & Benevity Employee Giving**
- **Registered under Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act 1976 with 'Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India' vide Regd. No. 125620007 Dated 08.04.2003 valid Up to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2027**
- **Accredited with 'National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) for 'Open Basic Education' OBE level A, B and C (up to 8th class)**
- **Registered with 'National Trust for the Welfare of persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities, Delhi' Valid Up to 03072022**
- **Registered under Income Tax Act 1961 U/S 12AB No. AAATA3825HE20214 Valid Up to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026**
- **Registered under Income Tax Act 1961 Exemption U/S 80G No. AAATA3825HF20214 Valid Up to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026**
- **Registered with Ministry of Corporate Affairs for undertaking CSR activities vide Regd. No. CSR00000984 Dated 07.04.2021**

**AKJ and its Secretary has been nominated for the following committees**

- ❖ **Rajasthan's First Certified & Trained Access Auditor for Built Environment By Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt of India. Engaged as official access consultant to PWD Jaipur for making buildings barrier free**
- ❖ **EC Member at National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities (NIEPID), Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt of India**
- ❖ **Past Member of 'Rajasthan State Commission for Protection of Child Rights' nominated by State Govt.**
- ❖ **Zonal Vice President of PARIVAAR 'National Confederation of > 300 Parent Associations of Persons with Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities'.**
- ❖ **Member of Rajasthan State Level Coordination Committee constituted by 'The National Trust'.**

- ❖ *Member of Jhunjhunu District local level committee constituted by 'National Trust for the welfare of persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities, New Delhi'.*
- ❖ *Member of Jhunjhunu District monitoring committee constituted under RPD Act*
- ❖ *Member of District Resource Groups (DRG) constituted by Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, Distt. Jhunjhunu and Distt. Sikar.*
- ❖ *Member of Jhunjhunu District 'Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyan Samiti'*
- ❖ *Regularly Providing Sign Language Interpretation, Support Person & Braille Expert Services to Local Police, Judiciary and District Administration.*
- ❖ *Active Networking with other NGO'S and charitable organizations like Lions Club, Rotary Club, Bharat Vikas Parishad, Inner wheel Club, other likeminded organizations, regular schools etc.*

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

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

**Belief & Values:** Every child has the inherent right to life, survival and development, including the right to the highest attainable standard of health to facilities for the treatment of illness, the right to education and the right to benefit from social security. Every child has a right to a standard of living adequate for the child's physical, mental, spiritual, moral and social development.

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

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Special School 2 : Khemi Shakti Temple JHUNJHUNU - 333001 Phone 91-1592-237537

Special School 3 & CHILDLINE National Children Help Line No. 1098 (24 x 7) : Bhagat Singh Colony Nawalgarh Road SIKAR - 332001 Phone. 91-1572-256537 Rajasthan (INDIA)

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# ASHA KA JHARNA

## Three Quarters Activity Report (April 2021 to December 2021)

This quarterly activity report for the period October to December 2021 of **Asha Ka Jharna (AKJ)** special schools is aimed to depict, describe and list various activities undertaken with children, staff and community members during this period. The report also illustrates the various events organized by the organization, visits of prominent personalities, awards, honors and accreditations received etc.

- On the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti, our children at Sikar school, did Shramdaan in the school premises and locality, spreading the message of cleanliness. Along with this, the sanitation workers were also felicitated by them reinforcing empathy and inclusion in community.



- District Level Games for Children with Disabilities were organized by Asha Ka Jharna on 7<sup>th</sup> October at Jhunjhunu. More than one hundred children with intellectual disabilities and hearing impairment from our Nawalgarh and Jhunjhunu schools enthusiastically participated in 15 sporting events including fifty & one-hundred-

meter race, softball throw, shot put, standing jump, long jump etc. Chief guest of the program was Mr. Rajiv Kulhar of Social Justice & Empowerment Department Jhunjhunu who provided information about Government schemes. Wheel chairs were distributed to two persons with locomotor disability.



- Dance Movement Therapy workshop by dance movement practitioner Ms Nisha Purohit was initiated from 19<sup>th</sup> October. She visited regularly to our Sikar school and trained the children along with educators. Through video sessions, learnings were reinforced and practice done. There was marked improvement in body reflexes and hand eye coordination after this workshop.
- As part of convergence and outreach, we provided services of our special educator to district court as sign language interpreter.

- AKJ chief executive Sudeep Goyal attended Executive Committee meet of National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities (NIEPID) on 22<sup>nd</sup> October at Secunderabad (Telangana). We visited the premier institute facilities and learnt about best rehabilitation practices being followed. Meeting with Joint Secretary (Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities), Director and other functionaries was very productive with many issues of organizational development, policy matters and strategic decisions discussed and constructive brainstorming done. Teaching and Learning Material Kits were distributed to persons with intellectual disabilities.



- Eight of our Children with hearing impairment took mid term examinations along with their regular counterparts at a mainstream senior secondary school as part of our Inclusive /remedial teaching program. All of them are pursuing Grades IX and X and have been progressing well. **It was heartening to know that few of them scored more marks than their non disabled friends.**



- Activities in pictures:



- As part of sensitization of allied stakeholders, we oriented 40 nursing trainees from MTCC Jhunjhunu about disability – early detection and intervention. On 13<sup>th</sup> November, they spent half day with our educators in the school and learnt the nuances. Most of them were only aware about physical disability and did not know about other forms of impairment one may have.
- Special Olympics Rajasthan State Selection Camp was organized at Jaipur on 14<sup>th</sup> November in which two athletes with intellectual disabilities from our Sikar school participated and assessed for Basketball and Volleyball National Games.



- On Children Day 14<sup>th</sup> November, Children Fair at Vatsalya Seva Samiti Raiwasa was attended by our children of Asha Ka Jharna special school Sikar who enjoyed a lot having field day. A variety of swings, clowns, puppet dance and snacks counter followed by a delicious lunch was served to them along with colourful cultural performances.
- Media as opinion maker is a crucial stakeholder and we always use this platform to raise issues concerning our sector. On 18<sup>th</sup> November, during a select invited gathering of prominent citizen, we highlighted the lack of livelihood options, non-conformity of inclusion in Govt schools and poor state of accessibility for persons with disabilities before Sh. Gulab Kothari, managing editor of Rajasthan Patrika (prominent regional daily). He assured to take up coverage of these vital issues.
- A webinar on less touched subject 'Sexuality & Special Needs: Let's Talk' organized by NIEPID was attended by our educators and interactions made.
- As capacity building of other special schools, our chief functionary took opening session on a CRE program titled 'Effective Classroom Communication' organized by Tapovan Institute Ganganagar. More than one hundred special educators across the country participated in this webinar.

- On the occasion of International Day for Persons with Disabilities , Asha Ka Jharna in partnership with The Hans Foundation celebrated Inclusive Children Festival on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021 at S K School Ground Sikar (Rajasthan). We invited 250 children from 16 normal (government & private schools) as well as shelter homes for orphan children and one school exclusively for slum children. They along with 150 of our special needs children from three units participated in day long events. Day started with District Collector Sh. Avichal Chaturvedi and Deputy Director of Social Justice Empowerment Sh.O. P. Rahad along with special children letting balloons off to sky. Play cards depicting equal rights, equal opportunity, making all building barrier free under Accessible India Campaign were flashed. Following this, more than 16 sporting competitions were organized including fifty & one hundred meters race, sack race, spoon race, jalebi jump, musical chair race, three legged race, long jump, painting in which children participated enthusiastically. In all sports, both disabled and non-disabled children were there attempting inclusion. Special children also proved their talent by winning many prizes. Highlight of the day was the catwalk on the ramp and cultural tableaux of different states of India which stole the show. Children also enjoyed many amusement activities including puppet dance, bouncy swing, balloon bursting. Juice biscuits and chocolates were distributed by Digambar Jain Social Group. In the price distribution ceremony, Assistant Director Child Empowerment Ms. Priyanka Paree, Child Welfare Committee President Dr Madhu Arya, Member Ms. Reena Trihan , Vaish Samaj Trustee Sh. Suresh Aggarwal , Former CWC member Sh. Kamal Kant Sharma, Counselor Ms. Pramila Singh encouraged the children by handing over prizes and pledging to support equal rights of persons with disabilities. Trainee students of Shekhawati Special Education Training College volunteered in the event and Nursing students of Shekhawati Nursing Institute provided medical services with First Aid Box. All the children were provided with participation award and certificate. Day ended with sweet memories and fostering of new friendship with children vowing to take along their special buddy to the path of development. Feedback we received from non-disabled children validated our intended objectives of inclusion , sensitization of young citizens & showcasing talent of children with disabilities.







# विश्व विकलांग दिवस पर उसके स्कूल के खेल मैदान पर हुआ आयोजन, रैंप पर कैटवॉक किया सामान्य को पछाड़ कर विशेष बच्चों ने जीते मेडल, बोरी दौड़ में पहले, दूसरे और तीसरे स्थान पर दिव्यांग खिलाड़ियों का कब्जा

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आशा का झरना और द हंस फाउंडेशन नई दिल्ली की ओर से विश्व विकलांग दिवस पर शुक्रवार को उसके स्कूल के खेल मैदान पर विशेष व सामान्य बच्चों के बीच समावेशित बाल उत्सव का आयोजन किया गया। इसमें 16 से अधिक प्रतियोगिताएं हुईं।

आशा का झरना के निदेशक सुदीप गोयल ने बताया कि लड़कों को हूई बोरी दौड़ में सामान्य बच्चों को पीछे छोड़कर पहले, दूसरे और तीसरे नंबर पर दिव्यांग बच्चे इमरान, साहिल व जायद विजेता रहे। उत्सव का उद्घाटन कलेक्टर अविचल चतुर्वेदी व सामाजिक न्याय अधिकारिता विभाग के उपनिदेशक ओमप्रकाश राहड़ तथा विशेष बालक लक्ष्य, तनीषा, सानिया, तौफिक व ऊषा द्वारा गुब्बारे उड़कर किया गया। कार्यक्रम में आशा का झरना विशेष स्कूल सीकर व नवलगढ़, वर्धमान विद्या विहार, आदर्श बियानी स्कूल, कन्या पाठशाला बजाज रोड, ज्ञान भारती पब्लिक सैकेंडरी स्कूल, एडुबरेन ग्लोबल एकेडमी, ग्रीन वैली स्कूल, वात्सल्य धाम, परमार्थ सेवा समिति,



विश्व विकलांग दिवस पर दौड़ में भाग लेते विशेष और सामान्य बच्चे।

एसके स्कूल, श्री करणी विद्यालय, कस्तूरबा सेवा संस्थान, मारू गल्लस स्कूल, दशरथ मनोविक्रम संस्थान तथा स्वामी विवेकानंद पुनर्वास संस्थान नौमकाथाना के बच्चे शामिल हुए। विजेताओं को बाल अधिकारिता विभाग की सहायक निदेशक प्रियंका पारीक, बाल कल्याण समिति अध्यक्ष डॉ. मधु आर्य, सदस्य रीना त्रिहन, वैश्य समाज ट्रस्टी सुरेश अग्रवाल, कमल शर्मा, काउंसिलर प्रमिला सिंह ने पुरस्कार दिए। अल्पहार की व्यवस्था दिगंबर जैन सोशल ग्रुप की ओर से की गई।

## ओलिंपिक में जाएंगे विजेता

आशा का झरना के निदेशक सुदीप गोयल के अनुसार प्रतियोगिता में विजेता रहे विशेष बच्चों को स्पेशल ओलिंपिक में भिजवाया जाएगा। इधर, प्रतियोगिता के दौरान मानसिक विमर्दित बच्चों ने रैंप पर कैटवॉक किया। इसके अलावा बच्चों ने भारत के विभिन्न प्रदेशों की सांस्कृतिक झांकी निकालकर दर्शकों को मंत्रमुग्ध कर दिया। कठपुतली नृत्य, बाउंसी झुला व गुब्बारा फोड़ने में भी बच्चों ने स्टीक निशाने लगाए।

## प्रतियोगिता में इन्होंने पाया पहला स्थान

लड़कियों की बोरी दौड़ में श्री करणी प्राथमिक स्कूल की आशा प्रथम रही, जबकि लड़कों में आशा का झरना सीकर का इमरान पहले नंबर पर रहा। म्यूजिकल चेयर में आशा का झरना नवलगढ़ का इरफान, साफ्ट बॉल में परमार्थ का सचिन, जलेबी दौड़ में आदर्श बियानी स्कूल की तनिया, पेंटिंग में आशा का झरना की सादिया, लॉग जंप में कस्तूरबा संस्थान का संदीप, लड़कियों की 50 मीटर दौड़ में आदर्श विद्या मंदिर की शिवानी सैनी, लड़कों में वात्सल्य सेवा समिति का सुरेंद्र, जबकि लड़कों की 100 मीटर दौड़ में वात्सल्य धाम रेवासा का लक्ष्मण, लड़कियों में आदर्श बियानी की हंशा सोलंकी, इधर, लड़कियों की तीन टांग दौड़ में बजाज रोड की प्रवीण व आशा का झरना नवलगढ़ की सादिया पहले नंबर पर रही, जबकि लड़कों में एसके स्कूल का सैफ अली व चम्मच दौड़ में ज्ञान भारती के देवेश ने पहले नंबर पर कब्जा जमाया।

- State consultation to make Rajasthan Disability Inclusive was held by Department of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt of Rajasthan at Jaipur on 3<sup>rd</sup> December to commemorate International Day for Persons with Disabilities. We were among top five NGOs only invited by department to share views and present suggestions. We submitted following memorandum:

*On the occasion of International Day for Persons with Disabilities, we heartily welcome your initiative to brainstorm among stakeholders to make our state disability inclusive. We have shared our presentation during state consultation separately and are willing to hand hold the state offering following solutions to issues raised:*

- To address lack of credible actionable disability Data in State, we suggest Government to develop a Mobile App on the lines of MP linkage of which can be provided by us.*
- Universal accessibility of built environment, transport & ICT is to be ensured by June 2022 as per RPwD Act timeline. We in the capacity of certified access auditor can support in this. SIPDA Funds may be explored for retrofitting*
- There is no standardized curriculum and assessment tools for children with intellectual disabilities at State/NGO run schools. Performance indicators may be developed in our state like being done in Maharashtra under Project Disha. We are ready to become a knowledge partner and rolling out same here in collaboration with Jai Vakeel School Mumbai. (A brief concept note is enclosed herewith)*
- To tackle low UDID coverage, mission mode approach may be adopted taking front line professionals like RCI Training Centers Trainees / ASHA / AW / ANM on board. NGO like*

ours may be given access to UDID dashboard in each district to track the progress in coordination with DLOs.

- e) *Convergence with Schemes of Other Bodies may be sought. We may explore the funding of insurance premium under National Trust Niramaya scheme for persons with intellectual & developmental disabilities.*
- f) *Establishment of Composite Rehabilitation Centre at Jaipur as one stop solution for assessment, distribution of aids & appliances, therapeutic intervention and rehabilitation of persons with disabilities must be expedited by the state as funding for this would be provided by Central Ministry. We may push the cause to higher authorities.*

- Sixteen of our children with intellectual & hearing disabilities performed before audience assembled to witness 4<sup>th</sup> foundation day of AURA. At auditorium of science park at Jaipur on 7<sup>th</sup> December. our children presented a collage of diverse and rich cultural legacy of our country. Dressed in traditional attire of Assam, Gujarat, Punjab and Rajasthan, they displayed skills in folk dance with brilliant footwork, expressions and body movement.



- As per our planned objectives, we have been redesigning and redeveloping student curriculum based upon ICF and SRV framework. Intensive brainstorming and conceptual study with Ms Arpita Yadav, Lead Content Developer followed by validation of draft resource material by our educators is underway.

❖ During the reported period, on line webinars and learning cohorts were regularly attended by us actively. Few of these included:

- ✓ AKJ Long Term Strategic Roadmap & Social Media Engagement policy documents discussed and finalized (drafted by Pro Bono volunteers of Toolbox India Foundation) on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021
- ✓ PARIVAAR EGM on 2<sup>nd</sup> October
- ✓ Impact Assessment for CSR By BOSCH-VYK on 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> October
- ✓ Intervention for Street Children By UNICEF on 5<sup>th</sup> October
- ✓ Panel discussion on Inclusive education E- learning curriculum delivery by Anugraham
- ✓ Activating Special Olympics Bharat Rajasthan Chapter on 23<sup>rd</sup> November
- ✓ Global standard for CSO accountability Webinar By VANI on 24<sup>th</sup> November
- ✓ CBM – PARIVAAR Livelihood Project Review Meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> November

## **Case Study:**

The Case study is based on the observation from the Dance Movement Therapy Workshop conducted during the months of October & November 2021 through a series of weekly onsite visits by professional trainer & dance movement practitioner Ms Nisha Purohit of AURA Foundation Jaipur at Asha Ka Jharna Special School Sikar. She imparted the training to both children with disabilities as well as educators.

Dance Movement Therapy is based on systematic application of movement, music and dance principles combining movement- oriented sequence of dance patterns and free flowing techniques allowing every child with disability to understand his/her body better and work on the body muscles that require strengthening. It improves attention and concentration of learners and gives them the liberty to be expressive of their emotions using movements. It also helps in enhancing social interactions, develops vocabulary skills using the imitation of the repetitive movements. Group bonding, improved body image, stimulation of verbal communication skills and strengthening of fine motor skills are other takeaways.

This was an event-based workshop in which we could observe the basic changes in the children from start to the end. This report is not based on any medical [supervision](#). It is based on emotional content, rhythm, form and space relations.

Initially, the children were finding difficulties to form a tempo at times rhythm but the most important thing which was observed was the emotional connection with the therapist wherein the emotional response helped us to improvise the difficulties they were facing in developing the tempo, hold and seek comfort zone in the given space.

Slowly and gradually with challenges of hearing the beats they did very well, followed the hand movements and after a certain period of time the body knew when to move which means they start memorizing it. Simultaneously the body and mind were getting aligned.

Finally on 7<sup>th</sup> December, before the august gathering at Science Park Auditorium, Jaipur sixteen of AKJ children performed a medley of different Indian cultural legacy by enacting fusion dance of five states dressed in traditional attire. Audience applauded and appreciated that performance. This study shows that if this would be continued it would help them on the wholistic personality development. It was a great experience with these wonderful kids, I thank the whole team and Sudeep sir for your patience, believe and cooperation. Looking forward to have such wonderful experience again.

Thanking you,  
**Nisha Purohit,**

**Founder: Aura Foundation.**



❖ During the reported period our CHILDLINE SIKAR did multiple activities both direct intervention and training of stakeholders as well as community sensitization and outreach. On 10<sup>th</sup> November, child beggar/labour free Sikar campaign by launched by district administration and CHILDLINE Sikar. We initiated signature drive and got local traders to pledge not engaging child labours in their enterprises. On 18<sup>th</sup> November, we in collaboration with directorate child rights Sikar organized a district level workshop on child protection with all stakeholders. We presented district statistics, action plan and vision before National Commission on Protection of Child Rights convened high level meeting. Our team rescued twenty four children begging on the streets of prominent religious place Sh. Khatu Shyam Ji during December itself. We also conducted a special drive there in sensitizing local community, police personnel's and others not to encourage child begging and labour. From inception since July 2015 till December 2021, CHILDLINE SIKAR Team has served 2707 children & their families in need of care and protection vide a whole range of intervention services.

# ASHA KA JHARNA

## Half Yearly Activity Report (April 2021 to September 2021)

This 2021 – 22 half yearly activity report for the period April to September 2021 of **Asha Ka Jharna (AKJ)** special schools is aimed to depict, describe and list various activities undertaken with children, staff and community members during this period. The report also illustrates the various events organized by the organization, visits of prominent personalities, awards, honors and accreditations received etc.

❖ **Compliances Achieved:**

Asha Ka Jharna got registered with Ministry of Corporate Affairs to implement CSR projects in collaboration with eligible corporates under Section 135 of Companies Act 2020. We also got our Income Tax 12AB and 80G registrations revalidated for five years till March 2026. Our FCRA designated account at State Bank of India New Delhi Main Branch got approved and operational. FCRA renewal application was also filed by us and is under process with MHA.

❖ Ministry of Social Justice streamlined and made accessible issuance of disability certificates on UDID portal PAN India thereby bypassing multiple visits to hospital and wait for doctors at camps. In Rajasthan alone, two Lacs UDID cards are yet to be issued as per latest dashboard. We took up this issue with media and secretary, social justice, Govt of Rajasthan. Block level camps are now being organized to clear the backlog.

❖ We successfully completed a certificate course after rigorous 4 months of training and learnings attained through covering following modules: NGO Formation, Governance & Legal Compliances ; Program & Project Development & Management ; Resource Mobilisation & Fund Raising ; CSR Law & NGO Partnership ; Writing Project Proposal ; Budgeting , Financial Management & Book Keeping ; Office Mgmt , Documentation & Reporting ; Stakeholder Engagement, Digital Presence & Communication



- ❖ Our sustained advocacy yielded positive result. Order for priority COVID vaccination of persons with disabilities and through special camps got issued at Rajasthan. We had urged and continuously followed up with state government authorities (senior beurocrates & state disability commissioner) for this legitimate right.



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समस्त जिले।

विषय :- 18 वर्ष से अधिक आयु के दिव्यांग व्यक्तियों का कोविड 19 वैक्सीनेशन बाबत।  
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उपरोक्त विषयान्तर्गत सन्दर्भित पत्र के क्रम में लेख है कि जिले में 18 वर्ष से अधिक आयु के दिव्यांग व्यक्तियों का कोविड वैक्सीनेशन करने हेतु विभिन्न गैर सरकारी/निजी संस्थाओं के माध्यम से प्रार्थना पत्र प्राप्त हो रहे हैं।

इस संबंध में आपको निर्देशित किया जाता है कि गैर सरकारी/निजी संस्थाओं द्वारा आपसे सम्पर्क करने पर दिव्यांग व्यक्तियों के लिये (100 से अधिक दिव्यांग व्यक्ति होने पर) कार्यस्थल पर कोविड वैक्सीनेशन केन्द्र आयोजित करवायें तथा 100 से कम संख्या होने पर नजदीकी कोविड वैक्सीनेशन केन्द्र पर दिव्यांग व्यक्तियों के कोविड वैक्सीनेशन हेतु आने पर विशेष प्राथमिकता प्रदान करने हेतु आवश्यक दिशा निर्देश जारी कर उनका कोविड वैक्सीनेशन करवाया जाना सुनिश्चित करें।

(डॉ. लक्ष्मण सिंह ओला)  
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चिकित्सा एवं स्वास्थ्य सेवायें  
राजस्थान, जयपुर

प्रतिलिपि निम्न को सूचनार्थ एवं आवश्यक कार्यवाही हेतु प्रेषित है:-

1. निजी सचिव, शासन सचिव, चिकित्सा एवं स्वास्थ्य विभाग, राजस्थान जयपुर।
2. निजी सहायक, मिशन निदेशक एनएचएम, चिकित्सा एवं स्वास्थ्य सेवायें, राजस्थान जयपुर।
3. निजी सहायक, निदेशक (आर.सी.एच.), चिकित्सा एवं स्वास्थ्य सेवायें, राजस्थान, जयपुर।
4. परियोजना निदेशक (टीकाकरण), चिकित्सा एवं स्वास्थ्य सेवायें, राजस्थान, जयपुर।
5. संयुक्त निदेशक चिकित्सा एवं स्वास्थ्य सेवायें, जयपुर जोन।
6. प्रभारी सर्वर रूम।

(डॉ. रघुराज सिंह)  
परियोजना निदेशक (इम्यू)  
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- ❖ Special Covid Vaccination Camp for Persons with Disabilities was organized at Asha Ka Jharna Special School Sikar in coordination with Health department. 146 persons were vaccinated first dose of Covishield thus providing them protection cover against the deadly virus. N 95 mask and Hand Sanitizer were provided to each of beneficiaries to reinforce practice of safe behaviour. Snacks and beverages were also arranged by us.



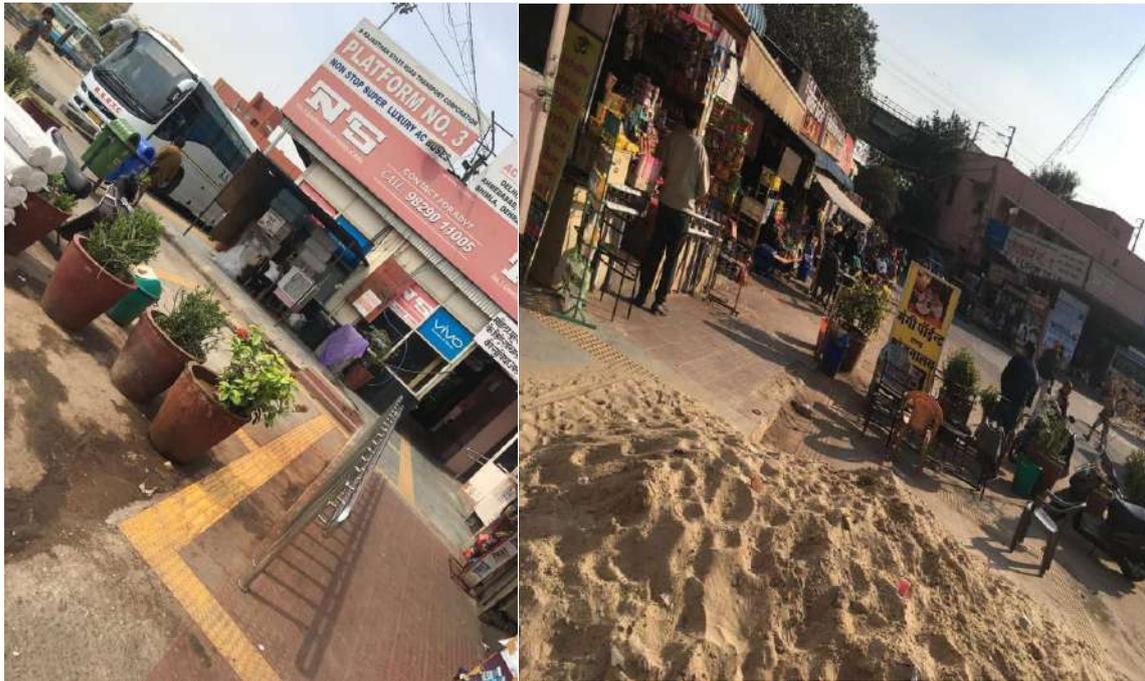
❖ Another successful advocacy drive:

Pic 1: Handrails installation at Interstate Bus Terminal Jaipur under Accessible India Campaign

Pic 2: Vandalism by Canteen contractor in connivance with authorities

**We made a complaint to state disability commissioner and followed up rigorously. By continuously chasing the roadways authorities.**

Pic 3: Reinstalled Handrails



- ❖ We delivered two virtual sessions on Govt schemes and concessions for persons with disabilities for ICPS functionaries at Jammu and Kashmir. In depth provisions of RPD Act and various central schemes were explained to participants.



**Arnimaal**  
Institute for Rehabilitation

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Date 3/5/21

Subject: Letter of Appreciation

Dear Sudeep Goyal ji,

Thank you very much for delivering such an informative and detailed lecture on "Information on Schemes and Certifications for the Disabled in India", on the Webinars organised by Jammu and Kashmir Integrated Child Protection Services in collaboration with Arnimaal Institute for Rehabilitation for the capacity building of their functionaries, held on the 24<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> of April 2021.

It was a wonderful presentation which provided a lot of inputs and knowledge to the functionaries of JK ICPS. All of us benefitted from your talk.

Thank you and looking forward for your cooperation in the future as well.

Kalpana Tikku,

For Arnimaal Institute for Rehabilitation  
*Kalpana Tikku*

Founder and Chairperson (Arnimaal Institute for Rehabilitation)  
Authorised Signatory

- ❖ AKJ chief executive Sudeep Goyal attended Executive Committee meet of National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities (NIEPID) on 11<sup>th</sup> June. Agenda comprised many issues of organizational development, policy matters and strategic decisions on which productive and constructive brainstorming was done.
- ❖ Summer Buzz (Two weeks online workshop on Self – defense, musical instruments, theatre, martial arts and African mask making) organized by Shaurya Foundation Trust, New Delhi was attended by two of our educators. Learnings were shared with other team members to plan more creative classroom sessions with children. Similarly , five days Contemporary Dance & Craft Workshop organized by Aura Academy Jaipur was attended by our special educator and six of our children where they learnt craft activities and practiced movement.
- Thirty-Four Children orphaned during the Corona epidemic were assisted by us with financial support from DIFK Germany under Project SAMBAL. 15 families were provided ration material, school fees, financial assistance for daughters, sewing machine for livelihood and material for small business. In a brief event held on 5<sup>th</sup> July, Sikar District Collector Avichal Chaturvedi, Assistant Director, Social Empowerment Department Omprakash Rahad, AD Child Empowerment Priyanka Pareek, CHILDLINE Sikar Coordinator Rahul Danodia and AKJ Coordinator Tarun Dubey distributed aid checks, sewing machines and ration materials to the families. District Collector also instructed the department to link the eligible families with the social security schemes. Our team identified the orphan children, did pre and post field verifications and hand held the families throughout the intervention.



- District steering committee on accessible elections chaired by District Collector Jhunjhunu was attended by our chief functionary Sudeep Goyal as expert speaker on 14<sup>th</sup> July. He provided many insights and model best practices to government officials to include all persons with disabilities into electoral process. He offered technical knowhow in making barrier free polling booths in the district. We also enrolled more than one hundred new eligible voters into the system as well as provided list of two hundred prospective voters with disabilities.
- Under CBM – PARIVAAR Livelihood project for persons with intellectual disabilities being steer headed by us, Validation and cross verification of baseline skill assessment forms from Nim Ka Thana block (Rajasthan) done by our senior special educator Mr Ashish Sharma. He interviewed PwIDDs and their families to build upon future course of action here under Livelihood Project. On 21<sup>st</sup> July, a brainstorming session by Muskan New Delhi was conducted to design multiple models of livelihood for the chosen self-advocates as per their choice, skill set, capacity & capability, opportunities available in the local demography. Further on 11<sup>th</sup> August, an exciting session on livelihood options for PwIDDs was attended by us where Mr Suresh Dhondge from PARIVAAR touched upon various dimensions of approaching local establishments for securing open employment, moral boost up & handholding, financial linkage, monitoring & impact, local self-help group connect, awareness creation and sensitizing PRIs, livelihood basket assessment, capacity of PwIDD as well as his family, potential of environment, community and Govt. It was a though provoking session aimed at out of box thinking while planning for PwID livelihood.
- On 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> July, Executive meetings of PARIVAAR NCPO were called to discuss its constitution amendment. In the capacity of draft committee core member, our chief functionary explained to members all proposed amendments and rational behind these.
- On 28<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> July, two days training sessions on Universal Design of Learning (UDL) were attended by four of our special educators. This CRE was conducted by National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities (NIEPID) where subject experts explained in details about three UDL principles **engagement** (Look for ways to motivate learners and sustain their interest), **representation** (Offer information in more than one format) **and action & expression** (Give learners more than one way to interact with the material and to show what they know). Multiple means and ways to implement these principles through instructional methods and tools are used by educators in a classroom full of students with diverse needs so as to ensure that ALL students have an equal opportunity to learn. By facilitating the design and implementation of a flexible, responsive curriculum, UDL offers options for how information is presented, how students respond or demonstrate their knowledge and skills, and how students are engaged in learning. UDL framework helps teachers design learning experiences that accommodate the varying level of skills and abilities among students and reduce the need for special adaptations for students with disabilities. UDL implementation provides the opportunity for all students to access, participate in, and progress in the curriculum by reducing barriers to instruction.

Key learnings of this training were subsequently shared by all four of them to AKJ team mates in a formal debriefing session.

- As part of convergence with Govt schemes, we provided services of our team member to state government from 17<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> July to help beneficiaries fill applications for social security schemes. More than one hundred children including those with disabilities benefitted from this outreach service.
- On 03<sup>rd</sup> August, AKJ team volunteered during the identification and certification camp for persons with disabilities held at Panchayat Samiti, Nawalgarh organized by Medical & Health Department. Our special educators assisted in filling of application & registration forms of the Persons with Disabilities and provided guidance to them. More than 200 families were served in the camp.
- We are pleased to inform that our inclusive education program for higher classes kicked off at Nawalgarh as expected. Seven of our alumni (children with hearing impairment who cleared Grade VIII from AKJ during recent two years and were sitting idle at home) were admitted into regular stream school 'Rajasthan Public Senior Secondary School' Grade IX & X by us.

Their classes are being conducted regularly since August both at AKJ and that school. At AKJ also, as subjects to be taught are of higher order, we have engaged two special educators in rotation (Hindi, English & Social Studies - One and Mathematics, Science & Sanskrit - Another). At regular school, our educator assists regular teacher in inclusive class room translating curriculum transaction in sign language to our students. Both school children have embraced inclusiveness really well and started making friends. Another positive highlight is that out of seven students, six are girls.

Going further, we have also zeroed in one Government school at Sikar district where few children with disabilities are enrolled but not getting any inputs. We have offered our handholding to their principal and will soon take things forward by way of remedial inclusive teaching.





- We never miss to seize inclusive opportunity which alter the mindsets of community towards disability. Birthday celebration of Master Priyansh saw him and his family getting jelled with our children effortlessly and enjoying the party on 15<sup>th</sup> August following Independence Day festivities. Team Haritima gifted us potted indoor plants while we presented a beautiful craft piece created by our children.

- A webinar on challenges and way forward in effective implementation of Open Basic Education stream of National Institute of Open Schooling was attended by us on 17<sup>th</sup> August where we presented difficulties in learner enrolment due to less digital literacy and apathy of families. Erratic academic calendar and late results also demotivated the parents to opt for this otherwise good program for learners from disadvantaged strata including children with disabilities.

- Two days accessibility workshop with representatives from Disabled persons organizations and PWD Engineers, Architects & Town Planners across six districts of Rajasthan aiming barrier free enabling built environment was organized by Samarthyam under UNESCAP program on 31<sup>st</sup> August & 01 September where AKJ chief functionary Sudeep Goyal in the capacity of certified access auditor shared his experience in making 80 buildings at Jaipur accessible for persons with reduced abilities. He guided the participants in identification of barriers and ways to remove these in a mock drill.



- Some glimpses of inclusion through festival celebrations:



**दिव्यांग बच्चों को रक्षा सूत्र बांधा, समाज की मुख्यधारा में जोड़ने का लिया संकल्प**



सीकर | आशा का झरना विशेष स्कूल के मासिक विमर्दित एवं मूक बधिर बच्चों के लिए ब्रह्म कुमारी संस्थान में एक विशेष कार्यक्रम आयोजित किया गया। इसमें दिव्यांग बच्चों को रक्षा सूत्र बांधकर उन्हें समाज की मुख्यधारा में जोड़ने का संकल्प लिया गया।



1. Ganesh Chaturthi with Alliance Club
  2. Raksha Bandhan with Bramham Kumaris (Om Shanti)
  3. Janmashtami within local community
- Second COVID Vaccination Camp for Persons with Disabilities was organized by us at our Sikar school on 18th September where 97 persons were given Covishield shots. Hand sanitizer and N 95 masks were provided to all. During the first camp in June, 146 persons with disabilities were vaccinated.



- Project Deep Rashmi ! 51000 Designer Diyas (Deepawali Deepak) will be marketed this festival season with the facilitation of women and child development department Jhunjhunu. Special Child Akshay and Adnan, Additional District Collector JP Gaur, SDM Shailesh Khairwa released designer lamps on 22<sup>nd</sup> September. Assistant Director, WE Viplav Neola, Sudeep Goyal, Coordinator Vinod Saini, Rajesh Kumar and Public Relations Officer Himanshu Singh were present on this occasion. Sale proceeds will be utilized on education, training and welfare of children with disabilities at Asha Ka Jharna.





- Training and Learning Material Kits worth three lacs rupees were distributed free of cost to twenty of our children with intellectual disabilities from low-income families under ADIP scheme by NIEPID (Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt of India) on 23rd September. TLM kits help children with intellectual disabilities develop skills in the domains of self-help; pre academic concepts; basic socio communication; prevocational & vocational; functional reading; functional writing; functional arithmetic and multiple such learning areas. Use of TLMs would enable educators and parents to involve and engage children with intellectual disabilities effectively in classroom and home settings in meaningful manner. Different types of TLMs kits have been scientifically and systematically developed by experts after careful consideration of child age-appropriate individual needs and abilities. At a event held at AKJ Jhunjhunu, NIEPID northern regional center senior social worker Ms Shabari Ghosh trained & oriented parents and educators about use of different components in the kits. Deputy Director Women & Child Development and Assistant Director Social Justice & Empowerment graced the occasion and appreciated our efforts to organize this first camp at Rajasthan. We would also strive to get these kits accessible to other children and families in the state through our advocacy.





- We have also been using Snake & Ladder game developed by RMKM , Ajmer with community here to sensitize them about disability issues.



- On the occasion of World Tourism Day on 27<sup>th</sup> September, our Sikar school children visited Govt Museum. They were entertained by Puppeteers and Tour Guides. Additional District Collector Dhara Singh Meena appreciated our inclusive approach.



- ❖ During the reported period, on line webinars and learning cohorts were regularly attended by us actively. Few of these included:
  - ✓ Role of Civil Society in COVID Preparedness By Niti Aayog on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2021
  - ✓ Webinar on 12AB / 80G & CSR 1 By FMSF on 8<sup>th</sup> April
  - ✓ National Conference on Disability Inclusive Disaster Management on 20<sup>th</sup> April
  - ✓ Monitoring & Evaluation Symposium By HCL on 20<sup>th</sup> April
  - ✓ Webinar on Partnership By GOODERA on 22<sup>th</sup> April
  - ✓ Vaccination Drive Webinar By Niti Aayog on 26<sup>th</sup> April
  - ✓ Impact of Key Regulatory Amendments By KPMG on 28<sup>th</sup> April
  - ✓ Boosting Transparency & Accountability By Ashoka University on 28<sup>th</sup> April
  - ✓ Getting CSR Funds & Donor Ready By CSR Hub on 4<sup>th</sup> May
  - ✓ Workshop on Communication Tools By Impact Yog on 8<sup>th</sup> May
  - ✓ Rights of Child By Manovikas on 8<sup>th</sup> May
  - ✓ Inclusive Education in the light of NEP on 16<sup>th</sup> June
  - ✓ Organizing Virtual Classrooms By NIEPID on 17<sup>th</sup> June
  - ✓ Intervention by families with children in lockdown on 30<sup>th</sup> June
  - ✓ Regional Consultation on COVID 3<sup>rd</sup> Wave preparedness and way forward By CHILDLINE India Foundation on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2021
  - ✓ IEP Development Tools By Manovikas on 3<sup>rd</sup> July
  - ✓ Integration of Sustainable Development Goals in Gram Panchayat Development Plan By NIRD on 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> July
  - ✓ Dance Movement Therapy By AURA Foundation on 17<sup>th</sup> July
  - ✓ Speech Development in children with down syndrome By Manovikas on 17<sup>th</sup> July
  - ✓ UDID Card – Procedure and way forward By Shaurya Foundation on 17<sup>th</sup> July
  - ✓ How to write success story By Impact Yog on 27<sup>th</sup> July
  - ✓ National convention on digital best practices By National Trust on 07<sup>th</sup> August
  - ✓ Working wonders with PDF By NASSCOM on 26<sup>th</sup> August
  - ✓ Inclusive Education By Anugraham on 29<sup>th</sup> August
  - ✓ Webinar on Sexuality & Developmental Disabilities on 19<sup>th</sup> September
  - ✓ CSR Landscape -Opportunities & Challenges By BoschVYK on 27<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> September
  - ✓ National Trust Annual General Meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> September
  - ✓ Revival of Special Olympics Rajasthan on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2021

# **ASHA KA JHARNA PROFILE**

**'Asha Ka Jharna'** as a voluntary non-profit organization has been working for the cause of disability and child rights **since 1998**. Our Three special schools for intellectually disabled (including cerebral palsy, Down syndrome and other developmental disabilities) as well as hearing and speech impaired children have been providing services spanning two districts and surrounding villages in the semi-arid rural areas of north-western Rajasthan (INDIA). Special education, therapeutic, vocational, guidance and counseling to more than 200 special children and their families are provided on a regular basis. Training, capacity building in the field of rehabilitation and outreach services is also being undertaken.

Special Needs Children Being Benefited as on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022

<b>Unit</b>	<b>Intellectually Disabled</b>	<b>Hearing Impaired</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Nawalgarh</b>	41	28	<b>69</b>
<b>Jhunjhunu</b>	33	34	<b>67</b>
<b>Sikar</b>	32	33	<b>65</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>201</b>

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

## **AKJ ACCOLADES:**

- ❖ **Asha Ka Jharna is the recipient of "BEST NATIONAL ORGANIZATION AWARD 2014" by The National Trust (Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India) as well as "BEST STATE NGO AWARD 2009" by Rajasthan Government. We also got National "Nina Sibal Award 2018" for Best Organization in Disability Sector. 'Dainik Bhaskar' Media Group awarded us during March 2019.**

## **Services & Facilities**

- ✓ *Survey & Identification*
- ✓ *Special Education*
  - *For Children with Intellectual Disability*
  - *For Children with Hearing Impairment*
- ✓ *Physiotherapy*
- ✓ *Speech Therapy & Audiometric services*
- ✓ *Counseling & Guidance*
- ✓ *Training for Parents/ Siblings*
- ✓ *Training for Govt. School Teachers Under SSA Inclusive Education Stream*
- ✓ *Advocacy, Opinion Building among Govt. Bodies, Mass Media & General Population*
- ✓ *Awareness Among Local Community*
- ✓ *Community Rehabilitation*
- ✓ *Computer Assistive Learning*
- ✓ *Govt. Social Benefits Schemes facilitation services*
- ✓ *Inclusion in Regular Schools & Remedial Teaching*
- ✓ *Medical Checkup by Various Medical Professionals*
- ✓ *Networking, Capacity Building & Resource Sharing among Fellow NGOs*
- ✓ *Orientation Sessions for Regular School Teachers*
- ✓ *Providing Aids/ Appliances Through Various Camps*
- ✓ *Providing High Quality BTE Hearing Aids Through Starkey Foundation*
- ✓ *Referral Services*
- ✓ *Social Services to Local Community*
- ✓ *Emergency Outreach Services for Children in Need of Care & Protection through CHILDLINE 1098 (National Toll-Free Number)*
- ✓ *Child Rights & Child Protection*
- ✓ *Vocational Guidance, Training & Job Placement*

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

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

- *Regular ongoing special education, training and therapeutics services to around 200 special need children and their families every year since 1997. More than 5000 children with disabilities have been regularly served by us.*
- *Accessibility and Inclusion made possible to more than 1000 beneficiaries through disability certificates, assistive devices, aids & appliances, polio corrective surgeries.*
- *Free distribution of high quality behind the ear hearing aids to 669 children across the surrounding region.*
- *Community counselling services to more than 5000 persons.*
- *Massive school/college awareness programmes on disability in the Shekhawati area. 50000 school students and teachers covered.*
- *Formal Training courses in association with Indira Gandhi National Open University New Delhi delivered to 360 Govt teachers and 80 parents.*
- *'District Games for Disabled' Conducted at Sikar under the scheme of Ministry of Sports & Youth Affairs (232 Special Needs Athletes participated)*
- *'District Games for Disabled' Conducted at Jhunjhunu under the scheme of Deptt. of Social Justice, Govt of Raj (400 Special Athletes participated)*
- *'Regional Parents Meet' by NIMH & PARIVAAR organized at Jhunjhunu. (112 Parents from Rajasthan and Gujarat participated)*
- *'Regional Parents Meets' Facilitated by us completely at Jaipur , Ajmer , Udaipur & Sawai Madhopur as well as National Parents Meet & Self Advocates National Convention at Udaipur (More than 1000 Parents & 300 Self Advocates Across the country benefitted)*
- *Community sensitization events at different places (> 50000 targeted)*
- *Special needs children taken to Special Olympics, Abylampics, excursions, adventure expeditions, fairs etc. to various places all over India. Around 1000 children have explored Darjeeling, Dalhousie, Bhubaneshwar, Chandigarh, Amritsar, Delhi, Jaipur and many towns across the country.*
- *306 Nos. of special needs children passed School Board levels A, B and C (equivalent to class 8<sup>th</sup>) from National Institute of Open Schooling so far.*
- *More than one hundred young adults with hearing impairment have pursued higher education up to graduation studying in inclusive setup facilitated by us.*
- *More than one hundred youth with disabilities placed successfully in gainful employment through our handholding, mentoring and livelihood support.*
- *Our children have participated and won laurels in Special Olympics & Abylampics National Level Events.*

## **CHILDLINE SIKAR ACHIEVEMENTS :**

From inception since July 2015 till December 2021, we have served 2707 children & their families in need of care and protection vide a whole range of intervention services:

<b>Child Labour Rescued</b>	<b>378</b>
<b>Medical Assistance Provided</b>	<b>201</b>
<b>Linked to Sponsorship/Palanhar Scheme</b>	<b>183</b>
<b>Protection from Physical / Sexual / Mental Abuse</b>	<b>401</b>
<b>Children Provided Shelter</b>	<b>105</b>
<b>Begging Street Children Rescued</b>	<b>368</b>
<b>Missing / Abandoned Children</b>	<b>193</b>
<b>Stopped Child Marriages</b>	<b>117</b>
<b>Emotional Support &amp; Guidance</b>	<b>58</b>
<b>Linked to Govt Schemes &amp; Counselling / Information</b>	<b>649</b>
<b>Non Classified Assistance Provided</b>	<b>54</b>

During this period 10570 calls were received on our Helpline No 1098

### **INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT**

- 1. Three school buildings at Nawalgarh, Jhunjhunu and Sikar (Rented Premises) comprising seven classes each. There are two hundred and one children [Intellectually Disabled (106) and hearing impaired (95)] getting special education / training & allied services at all the schools.*
- 2. Human resources: Thirty Seven trained & experienced personnel's with professional qualifications. Besides, nine professionals are working in CHILDLINE project.*
- 3. Well-equipped Physiotherapy and Speech Therapy Departments at all our three schools consisting of basic therapeutic equipment's.*
- 4. Library with more than two thousand books on disability, special education, leisure reading for children and staff, govt. schemes etc. We have subscription of around ten regular newsletters/periodicals on these issues.*
- 5. Well-equipped Computer rooms at all units with total fifteen computers, printers, scanners, UPS systems with educational CD'S.*
- 6. Audio-Visual facilities comprising of three colour T.V., CD and DVD music players, Cameras etc.*

**Various Registrations/Recognitions for Asha Ka Jharna (Valid As On Date)**

- **Registered under Society Registration Act 1860 No. 33579 Dated 27.08.1998**
- **Registered and Recognized with Department of Social Justice & Empowerment Govt. of Rajasthan under Persons with Disabilities Act. 1995 & Revised Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act 2016 since 27.11.2002**
- **Registered and Verified Voluntary Organization with NGO Darpan (NITI AAYOG) Govt. of India vide Unique Id. RJ/2009/0000175 since 2009**
- **Vetted & Verified By Guide Star India , Give Foundation , Global Giving International & Benevity Employee Giving**
- **Registered under Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act 1976 with 'Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India' vide Regd. No. 125620007 Dated 08.04.2003 valid Up to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2027**
- **Accredited with 'National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) for 'Open Basic Education' OBE level A, B and C (up to 8th class)**
- **Registered with 'National Trust for the Welfare of persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities, Delhi' Valid Up to 03072022**
- **Registered under Income Tax Act 1961 U/S 12AB No. AAATA3825HE20214 Valid Up to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026**
- **Registered under Income Tax Act 1961 Exemption U/S 80G No. AAATA3825HF20214 Valid Up to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026**
- **Registered with Ministry of Corporate Affairs for undertaking CSR activities vide Regd. No. CSR00000984 Dated 07.04.2021**

**AKJ and its Secretary has been nominated for the following committees**

- ❖ **Rajasthan's First Certified & Trained Access Auditor for Built Environment By Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt of India. Engaged as official access consultant to PWD Jaipur for making buildings barrier free**
- ❖ **EC Member at National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities (NIEPID), Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt of India**
- ❖ **Past Member of 'Rajasthan State Commission for Protection of Child Rights' nominated by State Govt.**
- ❖ **Zonal Vice President of PARIVAAR 'National Confederation of > 300 Parent Associations of Persons with Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities'.**
- ❖ **Member of Rajasthan State Level Coordination Committee constituted by 'The National Trust'.**
- ❖ **Member of Jhunjhunu District local level committee constituted by 'National Trust for the welfare of persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities, New Delhi'.**
- ❖ **Member of Jhunjhunu District monitoring committee constituted under RPD Act**

- ❖ *Member of District Resource Groups (DRG) constituted by Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, Distt. Jhunjhunu and Distt. Sikar.*
- ❖ *Member of Jhunjhunu District 'Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyan Samiti'*
- ❖ *Regularly Providing Sign Language Interpretation, Support Person & Braille Expert Services to Local Police, Judiciary and District Administration.*
- ❖ *Active Networking with other NGO'S and charitable organizations like Lions Club, Rotary Club, Bharat Vikas Parishad, Inner wheel Club, other likeminded organizations, regular schools etc.*

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

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

**Belief & Values:** Every child has the inherent right to life, survival and development, including the right to the highest attainable standard of health to facilities for the treatment of illness, the right to education and the right to benefit from social security. Every child has a right to a standard of living adequate for the child's physical, mental, spiritual, moral and social development.

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

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Special School 2 : Khemi Shakti Temple JHUNJHUNU - 333001 Phone 91-1592-237537

Special School 3 & CHILDLINE National Children Help Line No. 1098 (24 x 7) : Bhagat Singh Colony  
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