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VIDYA SAGAR
(formerly 'The Spastics Society of India, Chennai')

OUR MOTTO
POSITIVE AND PROACTIVE
OUR MISSION

We focus on

Persons with cerebral palsy, no matter how profoundly affected, and other disabilities, where facilities are inaccessible.

Their families and the communities they live in.

Demystification, Independence and social inclusion.

We believe

In the right to equality of opportunity.

In the right to make informed choices and so meet one's individual needs.

That disability is a development and a human rights issue.

We value

Differences

Collective initiative

The spirit and positive attitude we bring to our work each day.

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CHAIRPERSON'S MESSAGE

*"Set thy heart upon thy work, but never on its reward.
Work not for a reward but never cease to do thy work"*

- Bhagavad Gita 2-47

For 24 years Vidya Sagar has worked with persons with disabilities towards their education, employment, empowerment and inclusion with the belief that persons with disabilities have the same rights as others and need equal opportunities -that environments can and must adapt to include diversity.

As a stone when thrown into still waters creates ripples in ever widening circles, so our work over the years in carrying receptive communities has created ripples and impacted people and policies.

Today more of our children are part of friendly inclusive neighborhoods, schools, colleges, work places and offices where they have opportunities to learn, work and participate equally. In turn our youngsters have done their organisations proud.

This alas is but a drop in the ocean

Our concern and work continues for the many persons with disabilities who still do not have such opportunities.

In October 2007 India signed and ratified the UNCRPD (United Nations Convention for the Rights of Persons with Disability) the main principles of which include:

- accessibility which is in keeping with our vision
- respect for inherent dignity, individual autonomy including the freedom to make one's own choices and independence of persons
- non discrimination
- full and effective participation and inclusion in society
- respect for differences and acceptance of persons with disabilities as part of human diversity and humanity
- equality of opportunity
- equality between men and women
- respect for the evolving capacities of children with disabilities and respect for the right of children with disabilities to preserve their identities.

The UNCRPD has adopted the human rights perspective which is how it should be. In policy we have moved far from looking at disability from a medical perspective. However our practices must follow. Towards this Vidya Sagar continues to work with zeal, networking with many 'to ensure and promote the full realisation of all human rights and fundamental freedom for persons with disabilities without discrimination of any kind on the basis of disability'.

Vidya Sagar is 23 going on 24 - planning for celebrations in the coming year, calling out to the many who have joined hands with us along the way to celebrate with us! For there is much to celebrate even as there is much to do together



Usha Ramakrishnan

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Last year has been another eventful year! This statement is getting repetitive, but every time I sit down to review the activities, this is exactly what I feel

The most momentous event was the long awaited visit to our centre by Dr. A.P. J. Kalam. The ex-president spent time with the children and parents and addressed the students. It was a cherished moment. Something we will all remember.

It has also been a year of reorganisation and expansion.

Our Inclusive education department was reviewed and reorganised. At present we have 103 students in private and in partially aided schools, 1364 in Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan schools and 14 in colleges.

When we reviewed this programme we recognised the need to give regular, sustainable teaching and therapy support for their education and rehabilitation. We have now divided this department into two units, one that looks at private schools and the other that looks at SSA and colleges. We also increased the number of staff in this department, thus enabling us to give regular peripatetic teaching and therapy support to all schools.

Along with this we started evening sessions in the area of Augmentative and Alternative Communication and rehabilitation intervention for students with cerebral palsy and low vision. These classes will not only support our students in mainstream schools but also students who are not part of Vidya Sagar.

The inclusion week was also started. This was done to spread awareness about Inclusive education and access. A whole week is marked out on the calendar when all the staff and students are in the community holding workshops, street plays, meeting with groups of students, parents, teachers, heads of institutions etc. This week culminated with street plays on awareness which were held at T. Nagar and Mandaveli bus depots. Children's articles were published in The Hindu. Articles on inclusion were published in 'Voice Your Views'. It was decided that "Inclusion Week" would be a regular annual feature of Vidya Sagar.

Adults with disability continue to be a challenge. We are constantly exploring areas which can lead to economic independence. A new product that was developed was the "Magic Meal". It's a health drink made up of 7 cereals. This project is supported by ABN Amro Bank and we plan to launch it very soon.

We are also looking at Art work as either a profession or a leisure time activity. To do this we moved away from 'children's art' as taught by our teachers. Instead we have been lucky to have a young artist Mr. Jacob Jebaraj from the Cholamandal Artists Village to work with the adults with disability. The idea for this came about when Mr. Seshasayee, Managing Director, Ashok Leyland commissioned us to do the paintings for the walls of their new building.

Today, our students' art adorn the Ashok Leyland building and we have got commissioned to do up the Royal Bank of Scotland building.

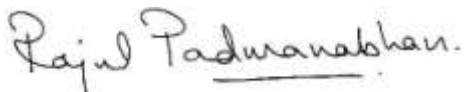
We plan to start an Art studio in our premises which will be open to adults with disability from all over the city. On 1st March 2009, Vidya Sagar launched the alumni club. This club was the need and call of all our college students wanting to come together periodically and do things together, “And then take on the Inclusive World”.

Ummul Khair one of our ex-students who lives in Vidya Sagar, got a scholarship from US consulate to go to America for a month under the Student Leadership programme. This was her first trip abroad and she loved every moment.

Rajiv Rajan the head of our Disability Legislation Unit also got a fellowship to go to USA to meet with disability activists. He came back enriched and with a feeling of “we are doing a lot in India, but we need to do more”.

‘Tejas’ the disability women’s group worked on a research study “Status of Employment of Disabled Women, Tamil Nadu”. The findings were very interesting. The study was launched on 8th March 2009. We hope to circulate their study to other disability groups.

These activities are just a fleeting glimpse of some of our work in Vidya Sagar. If I had to document it all, it would take reams. There is never a dull moment in Vidya Sagar. It continues to be a buzzing organisation with all its programmes moving forward with innovative ideas for new projects while at the same time fine tuning the areas we are known for - rehabilitation, training and advocacy.

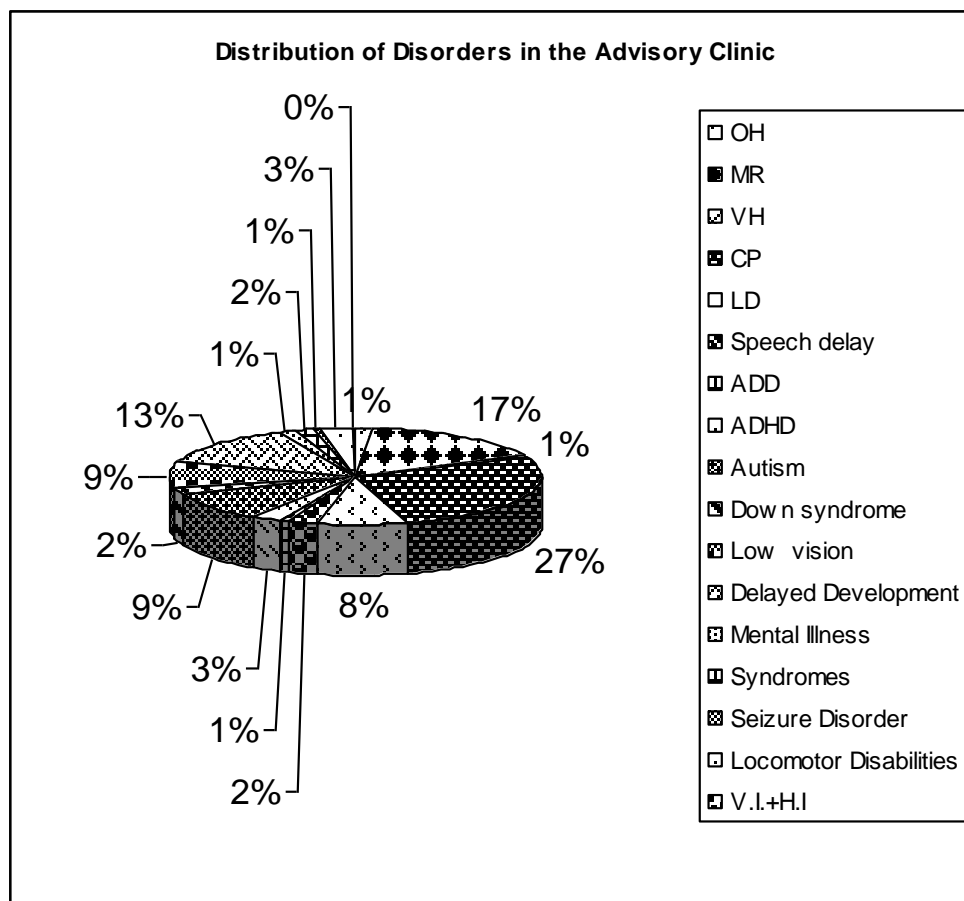


Rajul Padmanabhan

FAMILY BASED REHABILITATION

Lakshmi Gopalakrishnan - Coordinator

The Family Based Rehabilitation Project includes the Advisory and Referral Clinic, Out Station Programme, Early Intervention, Home Management and Transition Class.



Advisory and Referral Clinic This project looks at assessment, programme planning, referrals, follow up services, providing aids and adaptations, sponsorships for specific needs – for children and adults of any age, any disability from any economic background.

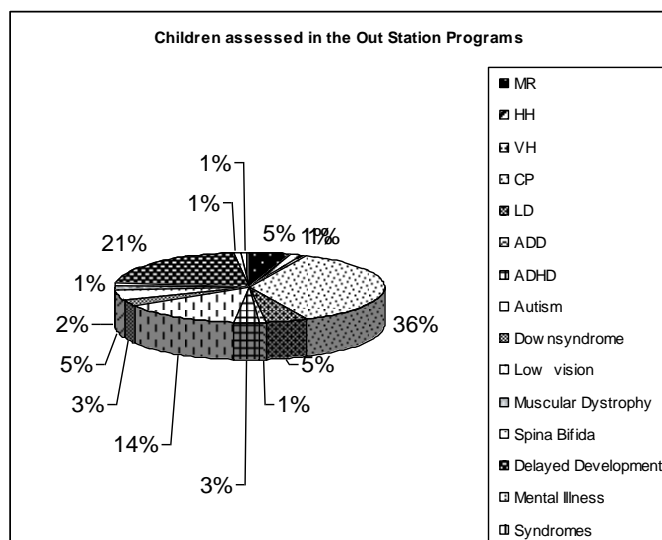
During the year 2008-2009, the Advisory Clinic attended to 882 appointments, 369 of which were new. Seventy one of these children were already attending school and came to us for special inputs. Four young people came to us after finishing schooling, for advice and help with higher education.

We referred 24 students to mainstream schools all over the city with the support of the Inclusion Department.

We have provided services for children and adults with Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation, Learning Disability, Autism, Muscular Dystrophy, Myasthenia Gravis, Downs Syndrome, Mental Illness, Brittle Bones disease, Orthopedic Disabilities, Attention Deficit Disorders, Hyperactivity, Sensory Disorders, Spina Bifida, Syndromes, Seizure Disorders and many others. The above services were provided by a group of staff who were present on different days at the Advisory Clinic. This included 3 Trans-disciplinary workers, 3 Special Educators (one who was a trained speech and communication therapist and 2 who were experienced with Adult programmes) and one physiotherapist.

Out Station Programme

Hundred children and adults were assessed, given programmes, and follow up services were provided. This happened over the year during the months of April, September and January. Families from a number of districts in Tamil Nadu attended the programme as well as families from Andhra Pradesh, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Kuwait, Jharkhand, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal and Sri Lanka. The services were provided by staff members from all projects of Vidya Sagar, the network of doctors who support us, the carpenter and the orthotist



Monisha from Thirutanni having a speech assessment



Students from Early Intervention in the Christmas play

Early Intervention

The Early Intervention programme had two batches of young children. The morning batch had 23 children in the age group of 3 yrs to 5 yrs. Six of these children attended everyday and the others attended 3 or 4 days a week

The afternoon group had 19 infants below the age of 2 ½ yrs. Tejas and Mythili had gastrostomy performed. This has definitely had a positive change in their overall health. Bhuvanesh had surgery in both his eyes. The surgeries were funded by CCFC.

Rishi underwent a cardiac surgery in September. This was also funded by CCFC. Unfortunately, there was a valve leak soon after that and Rishi had to undergo a second open heart surgery. The parents of children in his class contacted a number of people and raised money for Rishi's surgery. A big 'Thank you' to CCFC as well as all the people who contributed for Rishi!

Many children in the Early Intervention Unit have vision issues and health concerns, especially seizures. A number of them have specific individual sessions at the Vision

Clinic. Seizure medication is sponsored by CCFC for some of the children.

Twelve of the children had a diet review by the visiting dietician at Vidya Sagar. IIT Chennai created a vehicle-the 'I-Tag', with built-in sensors, which was used by 2 of the children from Early Intervention – Palani and Dhananjay.

We had 3 guest students over the year from Andaman's, Jharkhand and Kerala

Many of the mothers participated enthusiastically in a workshop on Cerebral Palsy. Small workshops were conducted in class for parents on Fridays. The topics for these were epilepsy, education (readiness), hand activities and ADL's (Activities of Daily Living).

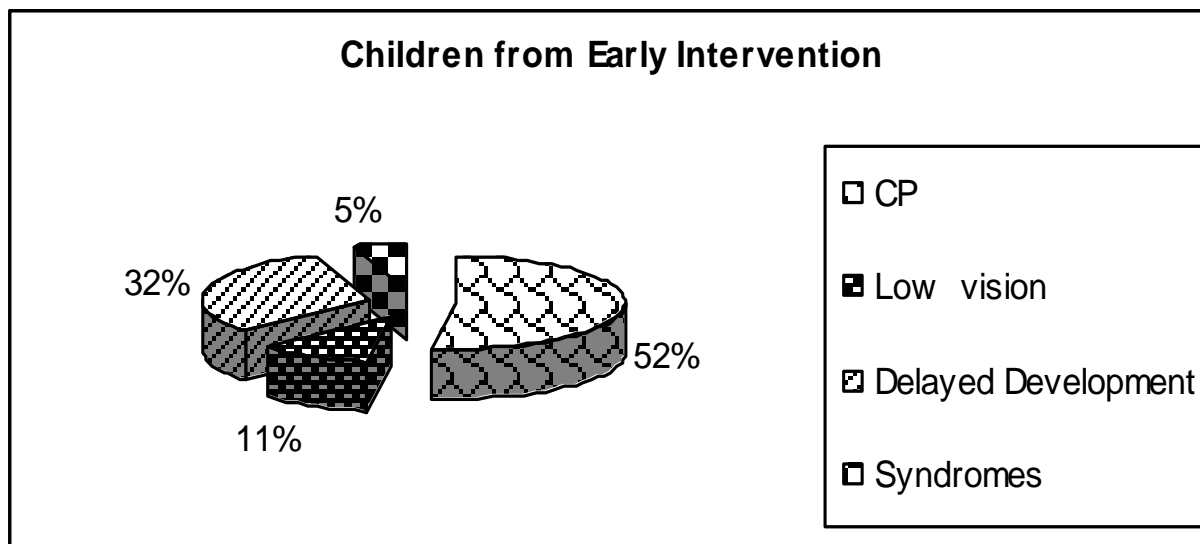
Shanmukh and Akshay moved to mainstream schools in October 2008. Diya and Rawlin moved to school in April 2009; five children are moving into the Day Centre from June 2009, and two will move into Corporation Schools.

Communication charts with tangible symbols/pictures were made for all the students.

The children participated in Sports Day and put up a Nativity Scene during Vikasa.

A playroom was set up with bright colored textured walls and new toys.

Since many children underwent surgeries and had health problems, the attendance was unexpectedly low for a few months.



Home Management Parent Training Programme



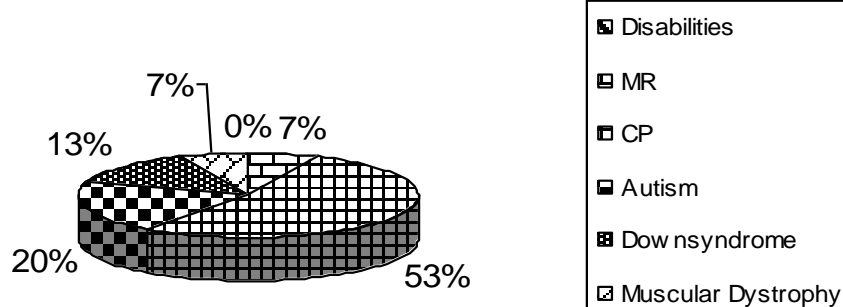
Training session in progress for parents

The Home Management Parent Training programme focuses on demystifying disability, empowering and training parent /family/caregiver to effectively manage the needs of their young child with special needs. In the year 2008-2009, 19 students attended the programme, most of who came in once a week and some 2 days a week.

The ages of the students in this project ranged from 3 yrs to 22 yrs. We had a guest student from Arcot, who came in for a short training programme.

Twelve year old Abhilash moved into a mainstream school and came for reviews with us.

Distribution of disorders among children assessed at the home management



Akash had a lot of health issues and had to be hospitalized twice. His learning has improved and he is now attending once a week sessions.

Home visits were done for all the students and appropriate home furniture and adaptations were provided.

G.R Aravind, Fazilath and Subham Mistry will move into the Day Centre from June 2009.

Rithikraj will move into a mainstream school and review with us regularly. School furniture was provided for him.

Twenty year old Ramakrishnan and 22 year old Srinivasan were attending once a week and doing academics. Srinivasan will register for B.Com in the Open University from June. Ramakrishnan will continue academics with us, and we hope will attend Employment Education Centre 4 days a week.

Three-year-old Hemanth will move in to the early Intervention programme from June.

Divya and Karthik were very irregular because of their mothers' poor health.

Parents participated in the Workshop on Cerebral Palsy.

Transition Class



Session in progress at the transition class

The focus of the transition class was to bridge a gap and prepare the students for mainstream school. There were students between the age group of 7 years to 9 years. Eight students attended the Transition class last term. Students showed good improvement in their ability to sit in a class, turn taking in a group, peer interaction and participation in class. Their communication systems were streamlined and 6 of them started using the picture communication chart.

Keerthana attended the transition class for three months, and then joined a mainstream school.

The other students – Ashwath, Daniel, Kaushik Ganesh, Keerthika, Nivetha, Sukanya - will move into the Day Centre from June.

Sai Chaitanya from Nizamabad was a guest student for a week.

DAY CENTRE

Sudha Ramoorthy-Coordinator

Day Centre is a research and demonstration Centre which works 5 days a week like a regular school. During the week the students have physiotherapy sessions, occupational therapy sessions and communication sessions depending on their needs in addition to education, art and library sessions.

This year the Day Centre strength was 159, out of these 16 students fall under the Autism Spectrum Disorder, 54 students have Cerebral Palsy, 6 have Learning Disability, 7 Cerebral Palsy with Low Vision, 31 students have Mental Retardation, 18 students have Cerebral Palsy with Multiple Disability, 21 students have Cerebral Palsy with Mental Retardation, 3 students have Cerebral Palsy with Learning Disability, 2 students have Attention Deficit Hyper Disorder and 1 student has Muscular Dystrophy.

All the 159 students were assessed at the beginning of the year and a detailed education, therapy, communication and leisure programme was made, in consultation with students and parents. This was reviewed every term (the year is divided into 3 terms) and new goals were set based on the progress made by each student.



Students preparing for XII NIOS Exams

The first batch of 4 students enrolled with the National Institute of Open Schooling in Standard XII, graduated this year.

An in-house career guidance consultation was conducted for these students and their parents to decide on their future career goals.

Eight students appeared for X standard (National Institute of Open Schooling) examination and 11 students appeared for the XII standard (National Institute of Open Schooling) examination.

First Time Ever:

S.Karthikayan, a young boy with cerebral palsy uses a wheel chair for mobility and a communication chart, which he accesses through eye pointing. He was the first ever in India to use a computer, loaded with an on screen keyboard, which works on a scan mode and which is accessed through a non-contact switch. Vidya Sagar got a government order for him to use this to give his National Institute Open School (NIOS) examinations.

In partnership with Scholastic Publications, as part of making books accessible to non readers, 5 books were converted into pictures and these books were read out to the students on World Reading Day. Twenty five students enrolled with Book share, an online auditory books initiative to make books available to the visually impaired.

Communication:



Alternative communication in the class room

One hundred and thirty two students accessed the communication department for training. Fifty students were given custom designed communication charts, which they were trained to use at home and school. Six students were given ADITI a non contact switch to access the computer for students

with profound physical disability. Five students were given a portable High-Tech communication system- ASUS a notebook computer loaded with communication software.

Therapy:

The therapy department assessed 60 students. This was followed by detailed programme planning and execution of these therapy programmes. Two students underwent surgery and their follow up therapy programme was carried out at Vidya Sagar. Twelve students were given financial support for orthotic aids.

The students participated in the Theatre and Drama Festival conducted by the KFI (the School Krishnamurti Foundation India.) The students of class XI and XII wrote the script directed and acted in the play which they presented at the festival.

Students participated in a Cultural Competition organized by Andhra Cultural Association on the Occasion of Children's Day. Shankaran, a 16 year old, won the first prize for playing the Mridangam.

Eight students participated in the painting competition organized by Victoria Technical Institute. One of them brought home the III prize.

Vidya Sagar participates in the Chennai Bird Race. Four students participated in the Bird Race an annual event to spread awareness about the birds in the city and to encourage bird watching. This event was conducted by Madras Naturalists Society.

The teachers from the Day Centre support the

other projects of Vidya Sagar on a regular basis. The Inclusion project; the teacher training course and the advisory and referral clinic are some examples.

As mentioned earlier, the Day Centre also works as a research and demonstration unit. Students from various physiotherapy, occupational therapy and social work colleges do their internship with us. Students from VIA University College, Denmark and Notre Dame University, USA also come for their field work to the Day Centre.

This exposure is good for all concerned. We get glimpses of different cultures and they take back Indian practices.

Twelve Speech Pathology students from Sri Ramachandran Medical College and Research

Institute interned at the Day Centre at Vidya Sagar. This is the only internship programme that exposes and gives these students an opportunity to learn about Augmentative and Alternative Communication aids and users, they learnt to assess a student, design an AAC aid and implement the AAC and their programme plan.

Thirty students' received financial support for medication from Vidya Sagar. Ten students consulted the visiting dietician and a nutrition programme was made out for them following which financial support for nutritional supplement was given to those who needed it. Apart from this, 47 students were supported with nutrition supplements by Vidya Sagar. Sixty student's transport was supported financially by Vidya Sagar.



Students making Leaf cups at the Work Skills Unit



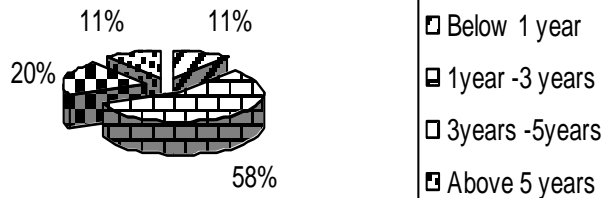
Students packaging 'Magic Meal', a product of the Work Skills Unit.

VISION CENTRE

Vimala Srinivasan – Coordinator

In June 08, the Vision Centre began its plans of expansion as scheduled. The early intervention

Percentage of ages of follow up children at the Vision Centre



programme for children with multiple disabilities with visual impairment and for children with only visual impairment is unique. Increasing number of children with multiple disabilities wanting to access this service had necessitated this expansion. We have commenced giving technical support to Narayana Netralaya, Bangalore and National Association for the Blind, Chennai, by training their staff to start early intervention for children with multiple disabilities with visual issues.

A five day Continuous Rehabilitation Education course for children with Cerebral Palsy and Visual Impairment was conducted in June 08. January 09 was an eventful month.

The principal, Elite School of Optometry of Shankar Netralaya, Dr. Krishna Kumar, approached Vidya Sagar to get their optometrists trained in assessment and intervention for children with Multiple Disability with Visual Impairment. An optometrist doing her M.Phil will be working with six of our children as her thesis work, to be completed by December 09. On March 6th evening services of the Vision Clinic was inaugurated by Dr. S. Meenakshi, Pediatric Ophthalmologist and Dr. V. Viswanathan, Pediatric Neurologist. This will enable children in inclusive schools to access our services. The Evening Clinic will function 2 days a week - Mondays and Wednesdays- from 4 pm - 6 pm at Vidya Sagar.



A session in progress at the vision centre

The following table shows the details of children seen over the year-

| Month | below 1 | 1 to 3 | 3 to 5 | above 5 | new cases assessed at the vision centre | follow up | male | female |
|--------------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| June | 4 | 16 | 1 | 4 | 12 | 13 | 12 | 13 |
| July | 16 | 68 | 23 | 6 | 15 | 98 | 70 | 43 |
| august | 15 | 49 | 14 | 6 | 17 | 67 | 53 | 31 |
| September | 12 | 26 | 17 | 3 | 10 | 48 | 35 | 23 |
| October | 10 | 15 | 8 | 4 | 4 | 33 | 28 | 9 |
| November | 10 | 27 | 12 | 8 | 3 | 54 | 39 | 18 |
| December | 3 | 24 | 6 | 5 | 3 | 35 | 25 | 13 |
| January | 1 | 34 | 11 | 5 | 7 | 44 | 38 | 13 |
| feb | 0 | 52 | 21 | 12 | 9 | 76 | 63 | 22 |
| march | 2 | 48 | 14 | 16 | 11 | 69 | 52 | 28 |
| April | 1 | 15 | 7 | 3 | 2 | 24 | 16 | 10 |
| Total | 74 | 374 | 134 | 72 | 93 | 561 | 431 | 223 |
| | | | | | 14% | 86% | 66% | 34% |

INCLUSION

Dr Srimathi – Coordinator

The inclusion programme this year has continued to work on enrolment of children, providing support services to students, teachers and parents, and capacity building. Currently, about 100 children are enrolled in 30 mainstream schools in the city. Fourteen workshops were conducted during the year for teachers, students, parents and volunteers. Some of the topics included:

- * Parenting
- * Study skills
- * Reading
- * Perspective to disability
- * Inclusive education
- * Positive peer Interaction
- * Learning disability
- * AAC
- * Child abuse

Apart from this, a workshop was conducted for parents of non-disabled children to create better understanding about inclusion. In the area of capacity building, volunteers from city colleges were recruited for scribing, tutoring, and recording for school students. A programme to mark the first anniversary of 'IScribe' was held at Vidya Sagar. Different speakers spoke about the evolution of IScribe, disability and inclusion, and the role of scribes in providing support services to students with disabilities. This was followed, later in the year, by a lecture-demonstration on disability and a discussion on the process of scribing. Inclusion week was celebrated between November 17th-25th. Awareness programmes on the use of public transport by disabled people and the role of other commuters were held at the T.Nagar and Mandavelli bus terminus. Articles and drawings on the topic of Inclusion done by students with and without disabilities in mainstream schools were published in The Hindu. Furthermore, readers' views on Inclusion were published in the "Voice your View" column of The Hindu.



A workshop in progress



Venkatesh answers his exams through a scribe

HIGHER EDUCATION

Dipti Bhatia - Coordinator

Eight students are pursuing their degrees in 4 different colleges in the city. Two of them are doing their Post Graduation in Literature. Ummul, one of the students who completed her graduation in sociology, joined Law College. Four students have completed their higher secondary course from Lady Andal and joined different colleges to do their graduation.

EMPLOYMENT EDUCATION CENTRE

Vijayashree Ramesh- Coordinator



Students working on the paper bag

Employment Education Centre (EEC), a project of Vidya Sagar, functions inside the Thakkar Bapa Vidyalaya campus in T.Nagar.

This project focuses on vocational skills training, formation of independent units, social skills, independent living, on-the-job training, open placement, follow up services and solving of any issues related to adults. At present 41 adults are in the unit. Out of this 19 of the adults are in the independent units and 22 of the adults are in the training site.



Rajkumar making paper cups

Adults in the independent unit earn, on an average, Rs. 800/- per month. This unit is run by adults with different kinds of disabilities like Cerebral Palsy (CP), Mental Retardation (MR), CP with MR, Autism and Learning Difficulties. Age range of adults attending this programme is 18-30 years. At present EEC focuses on production of leaf cups, paper cups, paper plates, paper bags, weaving products, laminated book marks, dinner mats, wooden trays, greeting cards and papier-mâché bowls.

EEC has permanent orders for products like paper bags, paper cups and leaf cups from different companies.

A parent of one of the students was able to obtain a sub-order from the company 'Delphi-TVS' for assembling rings on a tag, which would be used in pump sets. This order was successfully met and we hope to obtain similar orders in the future on a permanent basis.

Two of our students, Swaminathan and Santosh, were part of an Art Training Workshop conducted by Mr. Jacob Jebraj, an artist from Chennai. The paintings occupy a pride of place in Ashok Leyland.

The illustrations in the Vidya Sagar calendar for 2009 were also designed by Swaminathan in his own unique style.

Other Activities of the staff from EEC

- Ms. Vijayashree from EEC and Ms. Suguna from Day Centre attended Master Training Programme on the Care Giver's Course.
- One staff member from EEC presented a paper on 'Job accommodation and Enhancement of job opportunities' in the International Rehab Conference 2008, organized by Holy Cross College in Trichy.
- Staff members attended a work shop on topics like Alternate Medicines for Autism, Adapted materials in SSA schools, Census to be done in SSA schools.
- Parents attended a workshop on 'Entrepreneurship skills', which was conducted by Mr. Santhanam, Director, Vocational Rehabilitation Centre.
- Students and staff members from EEC participated in four different product sales that took place in the city. This participation enabled us to create awareness in the community and the students earned a good income.

Staff members from EEC also assess adults who come into the Advisory and Referral Clinic, once a week. Over the year, 46 adults were assessed here and suitable follow up programme was given. The adults made up 13 % of the total population assessed at the Advisory clinic. 35% of these were in search of jobs in the open market. The others were looking for advice on higher studies and Vocational Training. Some others were adults with profound disabilities and those looking for advice on marital issues.

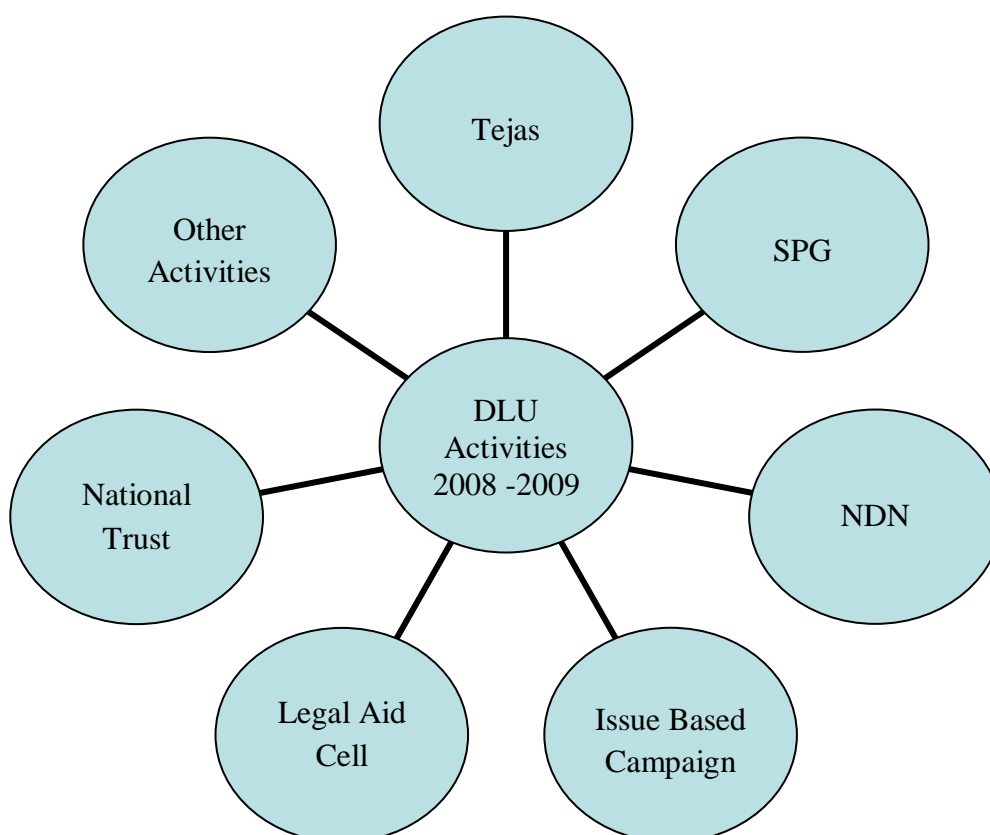
In the forthcoming year the Employment Education Centre proposes to send a few of the adults into the community for Technical Education training, and to set up Independent Units in the community.



EEC students at the unveiling of the paintings

DISABILITY LEGISLATION UNIT, SOUTH

Rajiv Rajan – Coordinator



Tejas:

Tejas is a Self advocacy group of Disabled Women. During the year 2008 -2009 Tejas worked towards publishing a Research on the “Status of Employment of Disabled Women in Tamil Nadu”. This Research was published on the International Women’s Day.

The research revealed:

1. 47% of the disabled women report employment, while in the non-disabled group 58.2% is employed
2. Only 16.7% of the severely disabled women are employed.
3. None of the profound physically and mentally disabled women are employed.
4. Less than 10% of Disabled Women reach Higher Education.
5. None of the severely disabled women reach Higher Education.

Legal Aid Cell:

Legal Aid Cell is funded by ABILIS. The following are the activities carried out by the Cell:

1. Legal Counselling Camp in Tuticorin
2. Two Lawyers Meeting
3. Six Legal cases.

National Disability Network:

Vidya Sagar is the State Coordinator for the National Disability Network. The major activities involve Dissemination of Information, National Level Campaigns and trainings.

We disseminate information to all our district partners/ CBOs (Community Based Organisations) and DPOs (Disabled People’s Organisation) information related to the policy level changes happening at the State and Central Government level, sectors campaign on selected issues as and when they come up and GOs if any are announced. This is an ongoing activity. The activity also involves collection of news articles from different news magazines.

During the last year we have taken up campaigns against IMH against the Human Rights Violations in the institute along with the Banyan and the Disability Rights alliance. Barrier Free elections along with the NDN

(National Disability Network) partners across the country and the DRA (Disability Rights Alliance) in Tamil Nadu and Inclusion of the agenda from the disability sector in the election manifesto.

We are part of the National committee members and were part of the National Committee Meetings organised by NCPEDP (National Centre for Promotion of Employment of Disabled People). The discussions were on web access and barrier free elections.

Other Activities:

1. Vazhndhu Kattuvom: It’s a World Bank project implemented by the Government of Tamil Nadu. Members of our team were part of their resource team and trained field coordinators on Disability and Law. 4 such trainings happened during the report period.
2. Participation in different meetings: Scarf – “Consultation on including Mental Health in the National Trust act, NLSIU (National Law School University) Bangalore – Consultation on Human Rights and Disability, HRLN Bombay – “Consultation on Barrier Free Elections”.
3. CCFC:
 - Two trainings for members of Community Based Organisations on advocacy and Laws related to Disability.
 - Two Staff Trainings on UNCRPD (United Nation Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disability) and Schemes,
 - Finalised the compilation of GOs.
 - Orientations: TTC students of Vidya Sagar & Volunteers.

For The National Trust:

Participated in one Zonal Technical Resource Training meeting at Bhopal. This meeting is organized to upgrade the skills of ZTRT members.

Participated in the consultation on Legal Capacity and guardianship organized by the National Trust.

We were part of the resource team for the Training of Local Level Committee members in Coimbatore.

COMMUNITY BASED REHABILITATION

Jayanthi Narayanan-Coordinator

Our Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) project works on the model of partnering developing organisations in the community. This partnership is usually for a period of 2-3 years. The focus of this partnership is on transferring technical skills in the area of therapy, education and advocacy. CBR currently works with 20 projects.

- Adarsh, Cochin
- APD, Bangalore
- ASS (Amar Seva Sangam), Tenkasi
- C.S.I, Kodaikanal
- Resource Centre, Kanyakumri
- Chaitanya, Palakkad
- Jyothis, Kottayam
- Teddy Trust, Madurai
- IRCDS (Integrated Rural Community Development Society) Tiruvallur
- Akshara Vidyashram, Cuddalore
- TRED (Trust for Rural Education and Development), Talawadi
- MahaIshwar, Mayiladuthurai
- TCT (Tirumalai Charity Trust), Vellore
- Amrith, Coimbatore
- PAD (People for Action Development), Tuticorin
- READ (Rural Education and Action Development), Perambalur
- Bhavishyadeepam, Perangalathur
- J.K Mass Foundation, Madurai
- Sangath -Goa
- Chingari Trust, Bhopal



Our staff participating in awareness rally



CBR training programme in Vidya Sagar

Activities:

- 40 visits were made during the year 2008-2009 to the different projects
- Two assessment camps were conducted in Cuddalore for 50 students. The students were assessed by the staff of Vidya Sagar and they were given programmes.
- An assessment camp was held in Thirumangalam at Teddy Hospital for 80 people for Home Based Approach.
- Two training programmes were conducted for our CBR partners on various topics.

COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT

Nazir – Coordinator

Our community Mental Health programme works in four districts in Tamil Nadu. They are

1. Trust for Rural Education and Development Talavadi, Erode District
2. Integrated Rural Community Development Society Tiruvallur, Tiruvallur District
3. Thirumalai Charity Trust Ranipet, Vellore District
4. Amar Seva Sangam Tenkasi, Tirunelveli District

Our main focus is on rendering medical, social and economic services to people with mental illness and their families where no other services are provided. We also focus on the advocacy of their rights.

Statistics:

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|-------------------------------------------------------|----|
| Total number of people identified with Mental illness | 96 |
| Total number of people with mental illness treated | 40 |
| Total number of people with mental illness stabilized | 20 |

During the year we have managed to put into place a lot of services and schemes for people with mental illness in TRED.

- We have started conducting camps in TRED, every third week of the month at the Government Hospital.
- The camp has enabled us to start the Care Givers Meeting
- Recently a team from NIMHANS came to assess people with Mental Illness at Talavadi .
- There are at least 40 people with mental illness who have obtained an I.D. card. Every Monday I.D. cards are being issued for people with mental illness.
- The care givers and the field workers of Talavadi have taken up the responsibility to take people with mental illness to Sathya Mangalam to meet the Psychiatrist every Friday and new cases get registered at Sathya Mangalam.

HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

Radha Ramesh-Coordinator

The Human Resource Department conducts training programmes for parents, professionals, volunteers, teachers and caretakers. It allows creativity, freedom to think, innovates challenging areas to work and provides a suitable work culture for all. There is acquisition of knowledge and skills with a positive attitude.

The course aims at higher and advanced professional education for its participants.

Long term Courses

There were two long term courses which were recognized by the Madras University and the Rehabilitation Council of India, this year –

- Post Graduate Diploma In Special Education for persons with Multiple Disability (Physical and Neurological)
- Diploma in Special Education (Autism Spectrum Disorder).



A trainee in a practical teaching session

The PG diploma course in Special Education was conducted this year after a two year gap. We had 14 students who joined the course. Two of these students dropped out due to personal reasons.

Various facets were covered like theory, practicals, field visits, practical teaching and session spotters.

The students participated in all the activities that took place at Vidya Sagar during the year.

We were unable to run the Diploma in Autism Spectrum Disorder this year since the course recognition was delayed by the RCI, thus not allowing us enough time to run the course this year.

Internship training-

We also had 170 students from 25 Colleges and institutions, who came as internees to our organisation. Listed below are the names of the colleges and institutions from where we had our internees, including a student from Turkey.

Academy for Teachers' Excellence

- Ethiraj College
- Mar Gregoria college (Department of social work)
- Stella Maris
- Union Christian College (Kerala)
- D.G. Vaishnav College (Department of social work)
- Women's Christian College
- Symbiosis Institute of Media and Communication
- MOP Vaishnav College
- Fashion Designing College (Coimbatore)
- Periyar Mariammai College of Technology
- Mohammad Sathak Teachers
- Training College
- JBAS College for Women
- Anna University (Department of Architecture)
- MES College of Engineering
- Asian College of Journalism
- National Institute of Fashion Technology
- Nanda College of Physiotherapy
- National Association for the Blind
- Mehatva Voluntary Trust (Kalpakkam)
- Samvaad Institute of Speech and Hearing
- Narayana Nethralaya Hospital
- Sama Foundation
- Life Help Centre

CHRISTIAN CHILDREN'S FUND OF CANADA

Sumithra Nath - Coordinator

Christian Children's Fund of Canada' is a Canadian-based, registered charity and child-centered international development organisation.

CCFC supports children, families and communities of all faiths in developing countries.

Together with six partners in 6 different programmes throughout India, CCFC India has transformed impoverished neighborhoods into fully functioning sustainable ones.

Vidya Sagar and CCFC have shared a long and successful relationship for the last 6 years. Around 200 children in Vidya Sagar are beneficiaries of CCFC sponsorships during the year 2008-2009.

CCFC has vigorously supported Vidya Sagar

in achieving the common objectives of better education, health and nutrition for the children, organisational strengthening, and building community awareness through training programmes and workshops.

The sponsored children receive direct support by way of financial assistance for orthotic aids and appliances, medicines and medical assistance, transport, nutritional supplements, and special furniture.

Leisure activities for the students of Vidya Sagar through clubs, excursions, educational tours, and outings are being continued with CCFC support.

Students of Vidya Sagar enjoyed the Carnival, the School Annual Day, the Christmas Party and the Sports Day. These events, supported by CCFC, created an opportunity for

interaction between siblings of disabled children.

35 children were given nutritional supplements on the advice of professionals.

26 children continued to get their regular monthly supply of medicines as prescribed by the doctor.

23 students received medical assistance on an emergency basis, for treatment and hospitalizations. Among these, special mention is to be made about Faraz Ahmed and Nikkin Rajendran who were provided medical assistance after obtaining special permission from the CCFC liaison office.

11 children were supported for health check ups & clinical tests.

4 children - Mohammed Usman Basheer, Rishikesh Kalaivanan, Bhuvanesh Manoharan and Sai Vignesh- received Extra Medical Assistance from CCFC for surgeries, treatment and hospitalisation expenses.

The CCFC Liaison Office promptly responded to an appeal for medical assistance for Nagaraj Sekar who had to undergo an orthopedic surgery and granted permission for utilization of funds to meet the expenses.

Pamphlets on 'Autism' were conceived and designed by a team of skilled special educators trained in the 'Trans-Disciplinary Approach' to disabilities. Printing of these pamphlets was undertaken with CCFC funding.

Workshops and training programmes conducted in the year 2008-09 with CCFC support

- Workshops for 150 teachers in primary, secondary, higher secondary schools in the mainstream, on strategies to facilitate 'Inclusive Education'.
- Training modules were put together for training programmes in 'Concept of Inclusion', 'Disability Etiquettes', 'Paradigm shift in Disability', information on 'Disabilities and Intervention Strategies', and 'Behaviour modification'.
- Workshops for Government officials and the management of private schools

facilitated the implementation of various programmes for the Disabled

- Consultations and meetings with managements of schools on issues such as Access and Infrastructure, Modification of Curriculum and teacher training.
- Creating awareness on 'Alternative and Augmentative Communication' in the mainstream schools.
- Five Workshops for Peers of the included children and three awareness programmes for parents of the other children in the mainstream schools.



Staff Street theater workshop



Workshop on Rural perspective to disability

The training programmes in mainstream schools helped some of the teachers to meet the individual needs of curriculum planning, communication charts and evaluation sheets.

Support services for the included students continue to be given in Communication, Physiotherapy and Academics, as well as in counseling and emotional development. Financial support was extended for fees, books, transport and uniforms.

Special mention should be made about the CCFC sponsors' continued support over the last three years which have made possible the continued education of three of our students in mainstream schools.

In-house training programmes for Vidya Sagar staff have been conducted under the sponsorship of CCFC, which include-

A 'Theatre' workshop on Street Theatre conducted for the staff. The workshop was conducted by the renowned Street Theatre personality in Tamil Nadu, Mr. Suresh Dharma. The workshop helped the staff in preparing for the Drama festival-'Vikasa'-which was planned to follow this genre

A workshop was conducted for the staff of Vidya Sagar on "A Rural Perspective to Disability and Advocacy in the context of Community Based Rehabilitation."

Two training programmes were held for 6 Community Based Organisations. The CBO training was conducted and organized by the Disability and Law Unit of Vidya Sagar. The participant CBOs were from Tuticorin, Kanyakumari, Vellore, Kancheepuram and Chennai. The main objective of the CBO training was to raise awareness on in specific areas such as 'Perspectives to Disability', 'Women with Disabilities', 'Advocacy', and 'Access', on the applications of various laws, rules and regulations; and the various schemes initiated by the state government towards the development of disabled people, and about "The Persons with Disabilities Act 1995", The 'National Trust Act 1999', and The United Nations Charter on the Rights of People with Disabilities. As a result of these training programmes and support services, the CBOs have started reporting and are actively involving themselves in the local level campaigns to create community level support. The CBOs have also been involved in the DLU campaigns for the greater participation of the Disabled in the General Elections held in India.

Information materials on 'Disability' issues and the translated materials on current disability issues were disseminated by the DLU to all the 'National Disability Network Partners' and 39 'Community Based Organisations' with CCFC funding.

All the above capacity building programmes for the staff, parents, mainstream school teachers and students, and the members of community based organisations (CBOs), help in creating allies for the disabled and for strengthening the disability movement.

We had a number of friendly facilitation visits by the staff from the Country Office and one official visit from Canada. These visits have shown that there is great interest in knowing about Vidya Sagar and our programmes.

Our Director, Rajul Padmanabhan, visited the CCFC office in Canada, and made a presentation of our programmes and activities. This face to face meeting has resulted in a greater understanding and cooperation between Vidya Sagar and CCFC.

Similarly, the conference of "CCFC Partners" from all over the world held in Chennai was a good occasion to meet many of the CCFC partners working in different parts of the world, as well as the senior management staff of the CCFC Canada Office.

The 'Project Operating Plan' for the next three years (2009-2012) has been formulated this year, with focus on future plans for the organisation, and with our 'vision' and 'mission' in mind.

CCFC continues to partner Vidya Sagar in all its endeavors and is instrumental in making a big difference to the lives of many children.

Vidya Sagar thanks CCFC for their committed support and we look forward to many years of fruitful partnership and friendship

SARVA SIKSHA ABHIYAN

Dipti Bhatia-Coordinator

The Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan programme continued to benefit children with disabilities and to be a part of the education system. Vidya Sagar worked in six blocks George Town, Periyamedu, Egmore, T.Nagar, Mylapore and Adyar. The work was efficiently carried out by the special educators and the therapists. Vidya Sagar worked with the special educators in planning and coordinating all the following programmes - Evaluation of students, Survey and Identification, Assessment, Enrolment of students, Interventions and Capacity Building.



Group learning with ABL method

The total numbers of students enrolled in schools were 1378 and total number of students in Early Intervention was 154. The home based training programme has continued with 130 students.

Vidya Sagar started the day care centres in all the six blocks. The special educators focused on preparing the students to move into

mainstream schools in the next academic year. The resource room continued to function in the six blocks.

Capacity Building

Master trainers' training programmes:

The training programmes this year were very meaningful and useful. Representatives from Vidya Sagar participated in the State Resource group meetings for the preparation of modules for the Teachers' Training Programme. Vidya Sagar also represented in the master trainers' training programme and presented the module on visual impairment along with Ramakrishna mission.

Workshop for making 'Teaching Learning Materials'

One of the consequences of the training programme was organisation of workshops for making Teaching Learning Materials accessible for all disabilities in all subjects. These workshops were held at the district level. In Chennai, Vidya Sagar, along with the master trainers, facilitated the workshop. The participants in the three-day workshop were the block resource teachers, special educators, therapists and subject teachers. The activity based learning materials were adapted to suit all children. The materials made in Chennai District were showcased in Delhi.



Awareness programme for SSA

Training programme at the block level

As planned earlier training programme for block resource teachers was conducted by the NGO's and the master trainers. It focused on the various disabilities, their implications in the school settings and strategies for inclusive education.

Training programme for teachers

The master trainers and the block resource teachers in turn conducted the same training programme for the teachers. The teachers felt that the training programmes were useful and they got a lot of information about the children.

Accessible Books

Learning materials play a vital role in every student's life. Initiative taken by SSA and Vidya Sagar aimed at making learning materials accessible to all.

In Tamil Nadu, SSA has pioneered graded reading books. These have been authored and

illustrated by teachers from various districts. These books are relevant to local culture and have a simple, child-friendly language. While these books are already attractive to all children, the idea was to make them appealing and accessible to children with disability as well. This concept will also enhance learning through multi sensorial experiences for all children. The chosen seven books had kits which contained objects and toys mentioned in the books.

These books were then taken to Delhi for approval and to create more such books in the next academic year.

Conclusion

The year 2008 –2009 had both successes and challenges. While a number of children were enrolled, there are many more children who need to reach the schools. It is heartening to see the teachers motivated to include children with disabilities. Student to student support is increasing every year. We hope that the programme will benefit many more children in the years to come.



Peer learning in corporation school

EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS

27.6.08

Eleven senior students participated in a play at The School-KFI. The topic of the play was “Who is responsible?” It touched upon various crucial topics essential for the well being of society like ‘Noise pollution’, ‘Environmental degradation’ and ‘Traffic chaos’.

2.07.08

Ashok Leyland approached Vidya Sagar to procure paintings made by our students, which would be used to decorate their new premises. Vidya Sagar took the help of Jacob Jebraj, an artist from Cholamandalam Art Village, to guide a group of our students in making the paintings.

The end result was a set of around seventy beautiful paintings on the theme ‘Movement of Lines and Colors’. An exhibition of the paintings was held on 2.7.09. Mr Seshasayee, Managing Director, Ashok Leyland, unveiled the paintings. There was also a live demonstration by our young artists.



Mr Seshasayee, MD, Ashok Leyland, inaugurating the Art Exhibition



Some of the students who created the paintings

40 paintings now adorn the walls of the brand new 10 storied corporate office of Ashok Leyland in Guindy, Chennai.

The students who created the works of art were – D.Santosh, Swaminathan, Madhavan, LakshmiPrabha, Jayachandran, Tejaswi and Rakesh.

16.7.08

The 16th batch of the Teachers’ Training Course was inaugurated (PG Diploma in Special Education by the Madras University - recognised by the Rehabilitation Council of India).

17.07.08

The new home science project ‘Magic Meal’, a Multi cereal mix (sponsored by ABN Amro Bank), was inaugurated by Mr Rob De Ridder, Global Head of GTS Services, RBS and Mr. Sainath Radhakrishnan, ABN Amro Central Enterprise Services.

25.07.08

One of the most cherished moments of Vidya Sagar over the year was the long awaited visit to our centre by Dr A.P.J Abdul Kalam. The ex-President spent more than an hour meeting the children and the parents, addressing the students and interacting with the alumni.



Dr Abdul Kalam interacting with the students

26.07.08

‘I am a Special Girl’, a book written by Mr. Amitava Banerjee, father of our student, Oishi, was released by Ms Siva Sankari, the noted

Tamil author. Members of the Book Club, parents from Vidya Sagar and other friends participated actively from the audience.

2.08.08 - 7.08.08

Rajul Padmanabhan, Executive board member ISAAC and Kalpana Rao attended a conference at the International Society for Augmentative and Alternative Communication at Montreal. Kalpana Rao presented a paper - 'Do You See What I See?' This was a paper on communication difficulties of children with Cerebral Palsy and low vision.



Rajul Padmanabhan at the conference at Montreal

13.08.08

"Inner wheel" club funded a set of new toys for our Toy library.

17.08.08

Indian Medical Association Mayiladuthurai branch held a meeting in Mayiladuthurai. Sumithra Nath addressed the doctors on the importance of intervention and the services offered by MahaIshwar, our CBR partner in Mayiladuthurai.



Sumithra Nath addressing the doctors in Mayiladuthurai

29.08.08

Ummul Khair, an epitome of Vidya Sagar's history of first traveling to the United States on a leadership scholarship. She visited many states as part of the program.



Ummul with the other participants of the program

6.09.08

A Parent's Meeting was held for parents from all projects of Vidya Sagar. The agenda included discussions on different happenings at Vidya Sagar and the Nirmaya Medical Insurance Scheme.

7.09.08

Our older students participated in a Marathon organized by Tamil Mayyam, the theme for which was "Against Social Evils"

12.09.08

The Annual Meeting of the National Trust was held at New Delhi .It was attended by Dipti Bhatia, Deputy Director. The new schemes were elaborately explained.

10.10.08

World Mental Health day Celebrations – The theme for the event was 'Positive Mental Health'. Mr.Ravi Samuel, Psychologist and counselor, addressed the students and stressed the importance of Positive Mental Health.



Dr Ravi Samuel addressing the students

18.10.08

As part of World Mental Health Day events Dr Anbudurai, Psychiatrist, addressed the staff on issues regarding Mental Health.



Dr Anbudurai conducting a workshop on Mental Health

1.11.08

A Theatre workshop on 'Street Theatre' was conducted for the staff, by the renowned theatre personality, Mr. Suresh Dharma. The staff explored different forms of drama, elements of street theatre, simple choreography, mime and music. This was a prelude to the annual drama festival, Vikasa.



The staff participating in a workshop on Street theatre

14.11.08

The annual Carnival was held on Children's Day. This was attended by the students of Vidya Sagar, their siblings and other children from neighborhood schools.

3.12.08

We participated in a rally on "Employment and Higher Education for Disabled people", by putting up an Exhibition and creating awareness through Street Theatre.

23.12.08

'Vikasa', the annual drama presentation saw more than 200 students of different age groups and different abilities, enacting the traditional and informal 'Street Play' style. The students were trained by Mr Suresh Dharma, a noted street theatre artist and trainer. Mr Umapathy Damodharan, Director, Cognizant Technologies, presided over the function. This was followed by the Christmas party with all the students enjoying a good snack from Hot Breads. Yuvan Shankar Raja sang for our students.



Students participating in Vikasa 2008

24.12.08 - 31.12.08

Anjali', the drama and art workshop at Orissa, Bhuvaneshwar, was attended by seven students accompanied by 4 staff members. Our students Hari, Nagamanjari, Parthasarathy, Muthusankari, Arun Prabhu, Shankaran, and Kedar enthusiastically participated in all the activities and won the hearts of everyone who attended the workshop. This also gave them the opportunity to visit the Sun Temple and other places of interest in Orissa.



Participants of Anjali visiting the Sun Temple in Konarak

7.01.09

At the ATP Chennai Open a cheque for Rs.5 lakhs was donated to Vidya Sagar by Vijay Amritraj at the centre court Nungambakkam stadium. At the same event our Global Ambassador Vishwanathan Anand was also honored by the Tamilnadu Tennis Association.

Our sincere gratitude to Tamilnadu Tennis

Association, Mr. M P Shankar, Mr Hiten Joshi and Col Marimuthu of TNTA for their support.



Dipti Bhatia receiving the cheque from Vijay Amritraj

24.01.09

The annual Sports Day was held at the Thakkar Bapa premises. The event was graced by Mr.Sthanunathan, Secretary Thakkar Bapa, and Mr Vijay Adiraj, noted television personality. Mrs Rachna Adhiraj also participated in the function.

26.01.09

Republic Day was celebrated with Flag hoisting followed by a cultural programme by the students.

7.02.09-8.02.09

‘Sadya’, the annual inter corporate adventure challenge was held at Adventure Zone, Madhuranthakam. Eight Corporates participated and the rolling trophy was presented to M/s Datamark Prodapt. The chief guest, singer Chinmayee gave away the trophy.

13.02.09

Volunteers Day was celebrated with a lunch for all our volunteers who supported us over the year. Volunteers from all the projects of Vidya Sagar, as well as those who had scribed for our students attended.

1.03.09

The Graduation ceremony for the XII std students who had appeared for the NIOS exams was held. All four students passed the exams with flying colors.



The four students with all the teachers who taught them over the years

1.03.09

The ex students of Vidya Sagar inaugurated their Alumni Club. More than 40 students registered as members and planned to have regular meetings in the future.



Alumni of Vidya Sagar at the inauguration

5.03.09

As an addition to the services offered by our vision centre, Evening Services for vision was started to meet the needs of students attending mainstream schools. The project was inaugurated by Dr. Meenakshi, Pediatric Ophthalmologist, Sankar Nethralaya. The chief guest was Dr. V.Viswanathan, Pediatric Neurologist. The function was attended by doctors from Sankar Nethralaya, members of National association for the Blind, parents and friends.



Vimala Srinivasan addressing the gathering on the inauguration of the Vision Clinic

8.03.09

Meenakshi and Nandini conducted a research and released a paper – ‘Status of employment of Disabled Women in Tamil Nadu’. Amudai Shanthi founder Thyagam Women’s Trust was the Chief Guest.

15.03.09

The annual Project Day was held. The topic for this year was ‘Media’. As a part of the project day, students visited All India Radio, Radio Mirchi, Recording studios, Sky Media solution, Jaya TV, Nakkeeran’s office and interviewed investigative journalist Mr Nakkeeran Gopal.

The chief guest for the project day was Ms Anjali Sachdeva from Samarthya, New Delhi.

15.03.09-16.03.09

Indian Engineers Academy, in collaboration with ISAAC India Chapter, held a workshop in Bombay. Rajul Padmanabhan and Kalpana Rao presented papers.

25.03.09

The AGM of the junior Abilympics for the Western region was held at Shirdi. This was attended by our representative Ms. Theresiamma.

FINANCIAL RESOURCES

Radha Muralidharan – Coordinator

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FORM NO. 10-B

AUDITORS' REPORT UNDER SECTION 12A(b) OF THE INCOME-TAX ACT, 1961.

We have examined the Balance Sheet of VIDYASAGAR, 1, Ranjith Road, Kotturpuram, Chennai 600 085, as on 31st March 2009 and the Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended on that date, which are in agreement with the books of accounts maintained by the said Institution.

We have obtained all the information and explanations, which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purpose of the Audit. In our opinion, proper books of accounts have been kept by the above named Institution.

In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the information given to us, the said accounts give a true and fair view:

- (i) in the case of the Balance Sheet of the State of affairs of the above named Institution as at 31st March 2009.
- (ii) in the case of Income and Expenditure Account, the excess of Expenditure over Income of its accounting year ended 31.03.2009.

The prescribed particulars are annexed hereto.

For **SANKARAN & KRISHNAN**
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

PLACE: CHENNAI
DATE : 12.08.09



(Signature)
(M. BALACHANDRAN)
PARTNER

MNO 16271

VIDYA SAGAR
No1. Ranjit Road, Kotturpuram, Chennai-600 085.

BALANCE SHEET AS ON 31ST MARCH 2009

| LIABILITIES | Rs. P. | ASSETS | Rs. P. |
|-------------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|
| Corpus Fund (Schedule A) | 13,101,215.64 | Fixed Assets (Schedule E) | 22,568,016.44 |
| Depreciation Reserve Fund (Schedule B) | 14,334,121.20 | Investments (Schedule F) | 2,241,363.00 |
| Donation Fund (Corpus) | 1,075,166.00 | Receivables (Schedule G) | 2,148,704.20 |
| Grant in Aid (Schedule C) | | Grant in aid Abilis | 25,021.50 |
| 1. Grant in aid CCFC - Subsidy | 29,556.07 | | |
| 2. Grant in aid CCFC - DFC | 39,655.00 | Current Assets | |
| 3. Grant in aid Medical Assistance | 4,366.69 | Cash in hand | 5,091.50 |
| 4. Grant in aid Home Science project | 62,181.90 | General | 4128.00 |
| 5. Grant in aid Mental Health Project | 138,135.62 | CCFC | 963.50 |
| 6. Grant in aid Handicap International | 13,592.99 | | |
| 7. National Award | 30,709.00 | Cash at Bank | 3,205,353.42 |
| 8. Grant in aid SRTC | 162,000.00 | (Schedule H) | |
| 9. Sri Sarvatma Natarajan Trust | 65,959.95 | | |
| 10. Training Programme | 122,900.00 | | |
| 11. VKP Project | 29,104.00 | | |
| Liabilities & Provisions (Schedule D) | 984,886.00 | | |
| TOTAL | 30,193,550.06 | | 30,193,550.06 |

Rajul Padmanabhan
RAJUL PADMANABHAN
DIRECTOR



Sankaran & Krishnan
FOR SANKARAN & KRISHNAN
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SCHEDULE 'C' OF GRANT IN AID AS ON 31ST MARCH 2009

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|------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Grant in aid - CCFC (subsidy) | |
| Opening Balance | 35580.32 |
| Grant in aid received | 1,113,588.00 |
| Add: Interest | 9,053.00 |
| | <u>1,158,221.32</u> |
| Less Grant in aid Expenditure | 1,128,665.25 * |
| Balance | <u>29,556.07</u> |

***Grant in aid Expenditure**

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|----------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Bank Charges | 11,042.00 |
| Conveyance & Travelling | 1,340.00 |
| Capacity Building (Education) | 16,559.00 |
| Capacity Building (Institutional & Organisational) | 13,245.75 |
| CAF | 992.50 |
| Clubs & Class Picnics | 7,213.00 |
| CAF Travel | 730.00 |
| Capital Goods (Computer & Printer) | 34,250.00 |
| Educational Tours | 1,000.00 |
| Health-Infrastructure Deve (Medical Expenses) | 222,147.00 |
| Health & Nutrition | 33,373.00 |
| Infrastructure Deve (Aids & Appliances) | 44,056.50 |
| Maintenance of Assets | 1,800.00 |
| Office Related Supplies | 4,088.25 |
| Postage | 170.00 |
| Salaries (Administration) | 36,000.00 |
| Salaries (Programme Staff) | 291,530.00 |
| Telephone Charges | 10,128.25 |
| Transportation | 399,000.00 |
| | <u>1,128,665.25</u> |

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| 2. Grant in aid - CCFC (DFC) | |
| Opening Balance | 43,059.00 |
| Grant in aid Received | 313,370.00 |
| | <u>356,429.00</u> |
| Less Grant in aid Expenditure | 316,774.00 |
| Balance | <u>39,655.00</u> |

Rajul Padmanabhan For SANKARAN & KRISHNAN
Chartered Accountants
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Partner



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| 3. Grant in aid CCFC Special Grant - 1 | 17,236.00 |
| Less: Grant in aid Expenditure | 17,236.00 |
| Balance | - |

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| Grant in aid CCFC Special Grant - 2 (Mid term evaluation) | |
| Opening Balance | 402,201.00 |
| Less: Grant in aid Expenditure | 402,201.00 |
| Balance | - |

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| Grant in aid CCFC Special Grant - 3 (Medical Assistance) | |
| Grant in aid Received | 301,712.00 |
| Less: Grant in aid Expenditure | 297,345.31 |
| Balance | 4,366.69 |

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| 4. Grant in aid Abilis - DLU | |
| Opening Balance | 88,316.00 |
| Less: Grant in aid Expenditure | 113,337.50 * |
| Balance | (25,021.50) |

***Grant in aid Expenditure**

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| Monthly Lawyers Meeting | 9,366.00 |
| Salaries | 72,000.00 |
| Legal Counselling Camp | 20,216.00 |
| Audit Fees | 5,618.00 |
| Telephone charges | 2,078.00 |
| State Law workshop | 467.00 |
| PIL | 3,592.50 |
| | 113,337.50 |

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| 5. Grant in aid Mental Health Project | |
| Opening Balance | 262,509.09 |
| Less: Grant in aid Expenditure | 124,373.47 * |
| Balance | 138,135.62 |

***Grant in aid Expenditure**

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|-----------------------------------------|------------|
| Coordinators Salary | 12,000.00 |
| Access to Psychiatric Treatment (Camps) | 63,910.00 |
| Access to Medication | 42,463.47 |
| Printing & Stationery | 2,400.00 |
| Telephone Charges | 3,600.00 |
| | 124,373.47 |



BY SANKARAN & KRISHNAN
Chartered Accountants
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6. Grant in aid - Tsunami Project (Handicap International)

| | |
|--------------------------------|------------------|
| Opening Balance | 113,426.99 |
| Less: Grant in aid Expenditure | 99,834.00 * |
| Balance | <u>13,592.99</u> |

*** Grant in aid Expenditure**

| | |
|----------------------------------|------------------|
| Administration Cost | 4,189.00 |
| Refresher / Advanced Trg | 30,774.00 |
| Refresher / Training of Teachers | 16,804.00 |
| Training of Teachers | 18,484.00 |
| Travel Cost | 29,583.00 |
| | <u>99,834.00</u> |

7. Grant in aid SRTC Work Shop - 1

| | |
|--------------------------------|------------------|
| Opening Balance | 62,304.00 |
| Less: Grant in aid Expenditure | 20,857.00 * |
| Balance (Returned to SRTC) | <u>41,447.00</u> |

*** Grant in aid Expenditure**

| | |
|-------------------------|------------------|
| Honorarium | 13,400.00 |
| Staff Welfare | 3,813.00 |
| Conveyance & Travelling | 1,580.00 |
| Rent | 1,788.00 |
| Misc.Expenses | 276.00 |
| | <u>20,857.00</u> |

Grant in aid SRTC Work Shop - 2

| | |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Grant in aid Received | 162,000.00 |
| Balance | <u>162,000.00</u> |

8. Grant in aid Home Science Project

| | |
|--------------------------------|------------------|
| Grant in aid Received | 460,091.00 |
| Less: Grant in aid Expenditure | 397,909.10 * |
| Balance | <u>62,181.90</u> |

*** Grant in aid Expenditure**

| | |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| Pulverizer | 25,313.00 |
| Roasting and Conveyor Sealer | 75,920.00 |
| Wheel Chairs | 244,500.00 |
| Raw Materials | 22,028.00 |
| Infrastructure | 29,402.10 |
| Bank Charges | 746.00 |
| | <u>397,909.10</u> |

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Partner

9. Grant in aid-Vazhandhu Kattuvom Project

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|--------------------------------|------------------|
| Grant in aid Received | 60,000.00 |
| Less: Grant in aid Expenditure | 30,896.00 * |
| Balance | <u>29,104.00</u> |

*** Grant in aid Expenditure**

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|-------------------------|------------------|
| Conveyance & Travelling | 3,597.00 |
| Courier | 98.00 |
| Printing & Stationery | 1,299.00 |
| Salaries | 25,408.00 |
| Staff Welfare | 494.00 |
| | <u>30,896.00</u> |

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INCOME & EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2009

| DESCRIPTION | 2009 | 2008 | DESCRIPTION | 2009 | 2008 |
|------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Expenditure | TOTAL | TOTAL | Income | TOTAL | TOTAL |
| Affiliation Charges | 530,000.00 | - | Assesment Fund | 73,745.00 | 62,024.00 |
| Aids & Appliances | 68,399.00 | 141,126.25 | Calendars | 112,238.00 | 56,280.00 |
| AMC | 49,144.00 | 125,267.00 | Donation Fund | 3,771,852.00 | 3,750,374.00 |
| Audit Fees | - | 5,618.00 | Donation Fund (Foreign) | 693,878.00 | 1,034,199.00 |
| Bank charges | 15,656.44 | 13,607.96 | Donation Fund Sadya | 2,884,783.00 | - |
| Books & Periodicals | 5,995.00 | 6,780.00 | Fund Raising | 488,156.75 | 32,950.00 |
| Consultation charges | 264,600.00 | 239,300.00 | Fund Raising - Sadya 2006-2007 | - | 93,981.00 |
| Conveyance & Travelling | 436,813.50 | 513,270.20 | Fund Raising - Sadya 2007-2008 | - | 2,434,898.50 |
| Depreciation | 1,345,346.68 | 1,093,870.30 | Greeting Cards | 185,646.00 | 267,546.00 |
| Electricity | 315,774.00 | 290,451.00 | Grant in aid State Commissioner | 100,000.00 | 50,000.00 |
| Event Expenses | 141,107.25 | 80,192.50 | Grant in aid MSJE 2006 - 2007 | - | 2,003,157.00 |
| Fund raising expenses | 232,472.75 | - | Grant in aid MSJE 2007 - 2008 | 740,766.00 | 876,824.00 |
| Gratuity | 54,020.00 | - | Grant in aid MSJE 2008 - 2009 | 1,625,697.25 | - |
| Honorarium | 61,225.00 | 26,323.00 | Interest | 154,995.00 | 197,104.00 |
| Internet charges | 32,301.98 | 34,788.95 | Internship Fees | 8,600.00 | 22,000.00 |
| Library Books | 16,453.00 | 314.00 | Mobility Fund | 351,970.00 | 280,150.00 |
| Maintenance Building | 189,000.00 | 173,711.00 | Miscellaneous Income | 66,257.14 | 41,741.00 |
| Maintenance & Repairs | 427,066.00 | 139,177.25 | Rent Received | 146,705.00 | 114,350.00 |
| Miscellaneous Expenses | 42,550.00 | 20,294.40 | Sponsorship (Donation) | - | 132,276.00 |
| Municipal Tax | 2,078.00 | 1,150.00 | Tuition Fund | 698,155.00 | 491,500.00 |
| PF Administrative Expenses | 45,150.00 | 54,807.00 | Vocational Training Income | 77,669.00 | 71,957.00 |
| Provident Fund | 362,277.00 | 396,022.00 | Deficit | 1,923,969.33 | - |
| Postage | 17,990.00 | 44,968.00 | | | |
| Printing & Stationery | 159,966.77 | 192,114.45 | | | |
| Raw Material | 32,551.00 | 46,730.00 | | | |
| Rent | 130,490.00 | 57,150.00 | | | |
| Recognition Fees | - | 25,853.00 | | | |
| Salaries Arrears (2006-2007) | - | 4,421.00 | | | |
| Salaries | 6,907,636.00 | 5,305,824.00 | | | |
| Security Charges | 142,116.00 | 149,623.00 | | | |
| Seminars & Workshop | 116,143.75 | 83,538.30 | | | |
| Staff Welfare | 209,795.50 | 144,672.00 | | | |
| Student Stipend | 45,000.00 | 62,400.00 | | | |
| Students Welfare | 118,036.35 | 94,170.20 | | | |
| Students Conveyance | 983,201.00 | 893,636.30 | | | |
| Students Medicals | 157,515.85 | 147,658.00 | | | |
| Subscription & Membership | 19,834.00 | 4,500.00 | | | |
| Teaching Aids | 166,920.65 | 186,014.00 | | | |
| Teaching Aids Arrears | 21,706.00 | 34,800.00 | | | |
| Telephone Charges | 136,254.00 | 125,527.60 | | | |
| Vocational Training Expenses | - | 61,311.50 | | | |
| Vehicle Expenses | - | 117,843.00 | | | |
| Water Tax | 102,496.00 | 101,856.00 | | | |
| Surplus | - | 772,630.34 | | | |
| | 14,105,082.47 | 12,013,311.50 | | 14,105,082.47 | 12,013,311.50 |

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OUR TEAM AT VIDYA SAGAR

The Governing Body

| | | |
|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Mrs. Usha Ramakrishnan <i>Chairperson</i> | Mr.G.Narayanan <i>Secretary</i> | Mr.Shankaran Nair <i>Treasurer</i> |
| Mrs. Poonam Natarajan <i>Member</i> | Mrs. Revathy Suresh <i>Member</i> | Ms. Malini Chib Alur <i>Member</i> |
| Mr.N.Gopinath <i>Member</i> | Mrs. Rajul Padmanabhan <i>Member</i> | Ms.Rasheeda Bhagat <i>Member</i> |

Senior Management Team

| | | |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Rajul Padmanabhan <i>Director</i> | Dipti Bhatia <i>Deputy Director, Coordinator SSA</i> | Sudha Ramamoorthy <i>Deputy Director, Principal, Day Centre</i> |
| Radha Ramesh <i>Coordinator Human Resources Development</i> | Lakshmi Gopalakrishnan <i>Coordinator Family Based Rehabilitation.</i> | Vimala Srinivasan <i>Coordinator Vision Centre</i> |
| Jayanthi Narayanan <i>Coordinator Community Based Rehabilitation</i> | Vijayshree Ramesh <i>Coordinator Employment Education Centre</i> | Radha Muralidharan <i>Coordinator Accounts</i> |
| Rajiv Rajan <i>Coordinator Disability Legislation Unit</i> | | Nazir Jahangir <i>Coordinator Mental Health</i> |

Special Educators

| | | | |
|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Anuradha Sankaran | Pushpalatha Paramesh | Chandra.P | Chitra Ravichandran |
| Chitralekha | Dhanalakshmi | Jayalakshmi.S. | Minothi Sen |
| Jeeva M. | Julie P. | | Kaveri.V. |
| Uma.K.S. | Lakshmi Prabakaran | Lalitha Hariharan | Victoria H. |
| Radha Basu | Rinku Bandhopadhyay | Shashikala .R. | Shefali |
| Shirin Mammen | Sowpna | Sujatha Sriram | Theresiamma Francis |

Physiotherapy Department

| | | |
|----------------|------------|---------------|
| Gajendra Kumar | Hemalatha | Regina |
| Suguna.V. | Simy T.A. | Hari Krishnan |
| Lakshmi.S. | Nirmala | Sumithra.K. |
| Nazir | Shanthi.R. | |

Occupational Therapist

| | |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| * Sorna.R Geraldine A.M. | Social worker Meenakshi Kulkarni |
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Teachers

| | | |
|-------------|------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Jayanthi .V | Kalpana Rao | Music Teacher Roopa Saldana |
| Meena.D. | Shalima | |
| Priya | Vimala Atharaman | |

Disability Legislation Unit

| | | |
|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| Rajeev Rajan <i>Coordinator</i> | Dhanasekar.A. <i>Associate Coordinator</i> | Meenakshi B. <i>Assistant Coordinator</i> |
| Smitha.S.S. <i>Assistant Coordinator</i> | | R. Shanthi <i>Secretary</i> |

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|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| Ekta – A Self Advocacy Group for people with Neurological Impairment and Multiple Disability | | | | | |
| Dhanasekar .A President | | Rajiv Rajan General Secretary | | Vinu P. Jacob Treasurer | |
| | | | | | |
| Tejas – Self Advocacy Group of Disabled Women | | | | | |
| Meenakshi.B. Convenor | | | S.S.Smitha Co. Convenor | | |
| | | | | | |
| Accounts Department | | Resource Library | | Toy Library | |
| Chitra Krishnan Accountant | | Rajalakshmi Ramnath Librarian | | Shashikala.R. | |
| Dhanasekar.R. Accounts Assistant | | Kanthimathi Librarian | | Vidya Krishnan | |
| | | | | | |
| CBR-Mental Health Program | | Consultants | | Counsellor | |
| Jayanthi Narayana Coordinator CBR Nazir Jahangir Coordinator Mental Health | | Dr. Namitha Jacob Dr. Srimathi Bobby Zachariah Prema Gnanaolivu Sadiya Saleh Sumithra Prasad | | Theresiamma Francis Devi Shah | |
| | | | | | |
| Resources | | Placement and Marketing | | CCFC Project | |
| Rohini Ramesh Coordinator | | Jayanthi Natarajan Coordinator | | Sumitra Nath Program Coordinator | |
| | | | | | |
| Administration | | | | | |
| Balaji.R. Systems Incharge | Josephine Directors Secretary | Revathy Assistant –Day Center | Shanthi Srinivasan Secretary | | |
| Ramanathan Maintenance Supervisor | Prabhakaran Receptionist | Ramadevi Assistant- FBR | Sunara K.P. Assistant | | |
| Deepa Office Assistant CCFC | Simona Jonathan Assistant Coordinator (CBR) | Shivaram Assistant | Vaideki Assistant- Adult Leisure Program | | |
| Janakiraman Display Unit | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| NIPM- UTHANDI | | SWAYAM -Andaman and Nicobar Islands | | | |
| Krishna Kumar | | Prabhakaran K. | | | |
| Murthuza | | Jameela | | | |
| | | | | | |
| Transport Department | Carpentry Department | Office Assistants | | Wheelchair Maintenance | |
| Nagaraj | * Palani.K. Murali | Nirmal Kumar Kesavan | | Mustafa | |
| | | | | | |
| Support Staff | | | | | |
| Alamelu | Rajeswari | Kuppulakshmi | | Sugunavathy | Lakshmi.A |
| Indirani | Mariammal | Vasanthi | Saraswathy | Logeswari | Selvi |
| Radha | Anjalai | Devaki | Kasturi | Shanthi.S | Banumathy |
| Jaya | Kokila.E | Rajeswari.T | Rani | Deepa | Girija.V |
| Gnamam | K Lakshmi | Roopavathi | Mumtaj | Gnanasoundari | |
| * Discontinued during the year | | | | | |





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