

EDUCATION CONCERN
(Society for Development of Persons with Special Needs)

Annual Report Year 2022-23

Education Concern has completed Ten Years of its services to Persons with Special Needs. Though these ten years remained full of challenges but even after that the Society succeeded in starting a Special School PHOOLWARI in 2013 and is providing good quality services to persons with special needs.

During the year 2022-23 the Society managed to start a new project of college of Special Education to run two year regular Diploma in Education. Special Education (Intellectual and Development Disabilities) a teacher training course, after getting approval from the Rehabilitation Council of India, Ministry of Social justice and Empowerment Govt. of India.

The Society also continued providing Special Education and related therapeutic services to 64 students with Special Needs through Phoolwari. Detailed reports are given as under :-

A) College of Special Education:-

Thananciaty succeeded in starting Diploma in Education, Special Education (Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities) a two year full time course with 35 seats after getting approval and affiliation from Rehabilitation Council of India, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Govt. of India in August 2022. The Diploma course was started on 15th November, 2022 after appointing required staff for this project. Theory and Practical classes were conducted as per syllabus approved by the Rehabilitation Council of India.

B) Phoolwari:-

During the year 2022-23, 64 students remained on roll for services of Special Education and therapeutics. These services were provided by a team of 16 staff out of which there were 10 Educators and therapists. The details of the services are given hereunder:-

1. Special Education Services: Persons affected with Intellectual Disability, Hearing Impairment, Autism, Slow Learning, Learning Disability, Cerebral Palsy and Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder are provided need based special education services by professionally trained and competent team of special educators at Phoolwari. As per laid down procedure all students are assessed with the help of scientifically tested assessment tools and followed by imparting in the selected goals. While doing so every efforts are made to transfer the skills and involve the parents as well as family members. During the year 2022-23, 64 students have been provided these services and good results have been reported.

2. Speech and Language Therapy: As majority of students delayed/defective speech and parents of persons with Special Needs have utmost concern about delayed/defective speech. So Education Concern, sensing the feelings of parents of these students as well as understanding the importance of speech

and language as effective tool of communication, speech therapy have been provided to all the 64 students during the year 2022-23. All these students have shown improvement. Also realizing the importance of involving parents into training, regular involvement of parents have been sought and encouraged after sharing videos of therapy sessions with parents.

3. Physiotherapy : Students having muscular issues have also been given equal attention and 05 such students have been provided physiotherapy during the year 2022-23. These students have shown satisfactory results. Each students- has been given the needed therapeutic treatment and attention.

4. Training in Arts & Crafts: All the students on roll have been provided training in various activities related to arts & crafts which further provides a change to the students. In addition such activities help students to improve their eye-hand co-ordination and muscular dexterities, during the year under report 2022-23.

5. Training in Sports/Play Activities: All Children love sports/ play activities. Students at Phoolwari are provided facilities of play/sports activities. Such activities have helped our students to alleviate their mood swings, and provides extra energy to focus upon functional academics and other activities. During the year 2022-23 all students have provided some training in sports/ play activities. They have also been provided training in informal play activities.

6. Training in Music and Dance: Since activities related music/dance helps in improving co-ordination, consumption of extra energies and providing relaxation as well as increasing happiness, so all the students have been encouraged to participate in such activities during the year 2022-23. It has been found that all the students have shown improvement.

7. Celebration of Important Days: During the year 2022-23 important days and festivals have been celebrated in Phoolwari where in students and staff members have planned and celebrated with full enthusiasm.

8. Celebrations of Birthdays: To give a feeling of joyness to students, their birthday have been celebrated in Phoolwari. All the students enjoy cutting of cake and distribution of sweets among other students and members of staff.