

## **Update from Asha Deepa School for the Blind**

### **June, 2011**

The school has re-opened in the month of June after summer break. By mid of June, most of the regular children were back to school without a visit or



reminder. However, as usual, we made at least one visit to them during summer vacation so as to keep their parents informed that they have to resend their child to school in the month of June. The current strength of the school is 40 with 10 children on & off. The regular activities of Asha Deepa are on its way including braille learning, vocational activities & life skills.

## **July, 2011**

While continuing our regular activities, we are able to bring in four new kids from the villages of Bidar district in the current year.

### **Sonia Gandhi**

We all know that Sonia Gandhi is most powerful women in Indian politics! Our little girl's parents are the pet of Mrs. Sonia Gandhi for which they have named their little girl's name as Sonia Gandhi. Unfortunately, she cannot see the world as Sonia Gandhi. She is about five year old and brought into Asha Deepa. She was excited to touch a braille slate for the first time.



### **Archana**

Archana is from a tiny village, called Holsamudra in Bhalki Tq of Bidar District. She was first identified during summer filed visit by our community organizer in the current year. She was brought to school after many visits as their parent made few visits to school to see how we function, and how their child can learn braille. After couple off visits, they got convinced & sent Archana to Asha Deepa



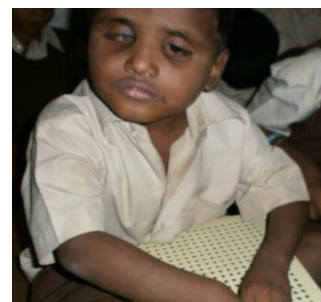
### **Ashok**

Ashok comes from village called kaouta of Aurad Taluka, Bidar district. He too is a blind by birth. Though we were trying to bring him from last couple of months, we only succeeded in the month of June. His parents still do not want to keep him in the school as they are most affectionate. We have counseled them with the help of villagers. Now they are In comfort zone. The frequency of visit to school has come down drastically.



### **Ganesh**

Ganesh comes from a tiny village called niduvancha, from Bidar taluka. We did not face much of the problem while bringing him to school as his parents were very cooperative. After we explained them, they understood how important it is for Ganesh to be educated. He started learning braille letters and he is very bright boy.



## August, 2011

65 the Independence Day was celebrated on 15th August. Mr. Ajay Srivastava, commanding officer, Air Force, Bidar was the chief guest of the occasion.



Children of Asha Deepa have performed plays & acts on the occasion. A group Dance was performed by Asha Deepa Kids.

## Participated in CSR-CSO Bridge Summit, 2011

We have been invited by Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) to participated CSR-CSO Bridge 2011 held on 29<sup>th</sup> August, 2011 at New Delhi. Asha Deepa was showcased in a '**SKarma Recommends**' a project catalog circulated among corporate houses. Out of 300 projects, twenty projects have been shortlisted across the country and Asha Deepa is one among them. As a shortlisted project, we are also invited to set up a stall at free of cost at the event.



## **About CSR-CSO Bridge-2011**

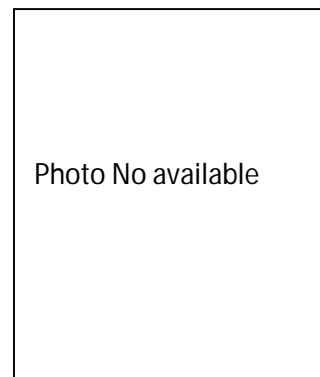
The **CSR-CSO Bridge 2011** has been designed as a unique platform to channelise the capacities of changemakers: individuals and organizations to catalyze social change, giving impetus to developing India. It is our belief that this endeavour will have a game-changing impact nationwide on the way the stakeholders work together towards the common goal of creating large partnerships in future.

## **Eye Restoration for two kids**

Dr. Chelvi Tyagi from UK has come forward to help operate two blind children of Ahsa Deepa which we thought of doing very long back. She is able to connect ophthalmologist & hospital in Hyderabad who intern have agreed to operate free of cost. We are working with the parents & hospital authority to fix up the appointment for the operation. The children who are undergoing operation can be seen in the below pictures



Parvathi



Sony