

Jeevan Prakash Education Society

Annual Report 2008-09



**TOUCHING PEOPLE,
CHANGING LIVES.....**

Asha Deepa School for the Blind

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“Every Dream is a Promise”

Dear Friends of Asha Deepa,

We at Asha Deepa are living in exciting times. We are now reaching out to more than 50 children with blindness to help them lead a life of dignity and opportunity. Each visually challenged child we empower, through rehabilitation & education, vocational training & other life skills, brings us one step closer to our goal.

This year we took two new initiatives that enabled visually challenged children to learn income generating skills which help them to be self sustainable in the future- Louie Braille Music Band & Chalk Workshop.

Once again, our special thanks to Asha for Education, our long term funding partner, and its volunteers for their continued support.

We also extend our warm thanks to Ashraya-USA, Hamara-Bandhan and many more individual for their generous support.

I invite friends, donors and well-wishers to visit Asha Deepa School for the Blind and see how the marriage of dedication & professionalism opened new vistas in rehabilitation.

Yours Sincerely,



Sanju Kumar

Place: Bidar
Date: 1st April, 2009



Background

Jeevan Prakash Education Society (JPES) is a secular, non-govt voluntary organization working for visually challenged & other children in Bidar & surrounding district of Karnataka State, India. JPES believes that social problems are not isolated and cannot be addressed in isolation, separately. Each one is interwoven with another. For e.g., Disability issue is inter linked with poverty, lower socio-economic status, malnutrition during pregnancy etc. So each area of development needs intervention in the other areas also. However JPES at present through ADSFB is working with the issues of Disability; Rehabilitation, Vocation Skill Development & Education.

Mission: To provide appropriate education, rehabilitation, intervention, training and advocacy which will lead to awareness, empowerment & employment of people with disabilities with the help & support of trained staff & caregivers and to take measures of prevention, cure and mitigation of disabling conditions with the cooperation of families, communities and beneficiaries.

Vision: that all persons form all kinds of disabilities will get access to individual need based services as a matter of right, will have a good quality of a life and will be an indivisible of their communities and the nation.

Values:

We believe that all people with disabilities have right to –

- ✚ Education & Rehabilitation
- ✚ Equal Opportunity
- ✚ Employment
- ✚ Inclusion and
- ✚ The same quality of life as their non-disabled counterparts

Rehabilitation & Education

To achieve its one of objectives, JPES started Asha Deepa School for the Blind (ADSFB), a residential school for the Visually Challenged Children. ADSFB holds regular community based rehabilitation program in the rural areas. As a part of this program, a counselor and social worker represented by ADSFB identifies children with visually challenged. At the first instance, they will be subjected to the medical check up to know the possibility of the treatment to restore the vision. In case of curable blindness, they will be referred for further treatment. Non curable blind children will be retained in the school to provide various skills along with education.



ADSFB started with 3 visually challenged children in two room rented building in the year 2003 and today there are 50 visually challenged children in the age group of 5-15 years in the school. These children are generally from illiterate, poor families born in villages. These children are taught in Braille by using touch & feel method. The children at residential school are also provided with food, clothing & health care. ADSFB not only provides education but also other life skills such as washing, grooming, cleaning etc. Apart from this, the children trained in Music, Drama, Singing & other recreational activities. The Institute has taken long strides in ensuring total rehabilitation of its special children.



The school activists work closely with the parents of children & form a Parents Committees-



- ✚ To have interaction among the parents.
- ✚ To facilitate parent-children meet to understand their children's problem/difficulties if any, and bring it to the school authorities notice.
- ✚ To understand and measure their children's progress in the residential School.

Computer Training Centre for the visually challenged

Computer Training Centre was started in January 2008 to provide computer skills to the Visually Challenged Children & adults so that they become a part of information revolution. Under this project students are trained to use the computers as any other normal person does. A JAW, screen-reading software is used to teach the visually impaired people to work on the computers. Students can work on MS office and Internet without any problem.

Training is offered free of cost. Students can also use computers as a tool to download all their reading materials. Apart from this, we also train the students so as to pursue a career in the field of Computer technology.

Computer applications and operation has become possible for them with the software **Job Access with Speech (JAWS)**. This software allows the content on the screen to be read out to our visually disabled students and thereby allows them to "read" the screen.



Vocational Training for the visually challenged

In addition to the regular school activities, JPES through Asha Deepa School for the Blind would like to put together an academic and vocational curriculum replete with self-help skills that are aimed at rehabilitated children from rural and semi-urban areas and making them independent, self-sufficient individuals. In the current year a chalk making unit is established with the help of Hamara-Bandhan e.V Germany to provide vocation skills to help the children to become independent, self-sufficient individuals in the future. In the first phase, five children selected for this training and we plan to increase this by ten in the next phase.



The children learn chalk making skill as a part of their extra curriculum activities. The training includes that raw material required, its composition, production/manufacturing flow/process, quality control, etc. This is an integral part of the regular activities being undertaken at ADSFB. On an alternative day, they will be taught in the class room about production/manufacturing flow/process of chalks and in the practical, they produce chalk.



Louie Braille Music Band

Louie Braille Music Band (LBMB) was established in the year with the funding support of Ashraya, USA. The main objective of the band is to establish a professional musical band consisting of visually challenged adults and training visually challenged both Asha Deepa Children & other youths in music skills so as to increase self employment opportunity.

Asha Deepa has training facility & already integrated musical training program in its day to day curriculum activities. Visually challenge children & adults undergo a rigorous training over a period of time. The visually challenged children or adults trained at Asha Deepa Music School are provided special skills such as soft skill, body language & technique on stage performance so as to enable them to join **Louie Braille Musical Band**. There is a professional music trainer who will teach classical music to these visually challenged children. The visually challenged children that undergo training will join the band and will be part of band.

Residential Bridge Courses, Asha Kiran Centre

Sarva Shikshan Abhiyan (SSA) is Government of India's flagship programme for achievement of Universalization of Elementary Education (UEE) in a time bound manner, as mandated by 86th amendment to the Constitution of India making free and compulsory Education to the Children of 6-14 years age group, a Fundamental Right. SSA is being implemented in partnership with State Governments to cover the entire country and address the needs of 192 million children in 1.1 million habitations.



The local government has recognized JPES as one of their potential partner in Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan Project being implemented in Bidar District. As a result of this, a project “**Asha Kirana- Residential Bridge Course**” was awarded. The



project was started in Malakapur of Bidar taluka of Karnataka State. There were 25 children (18 female & 7 male) residing at Asha Kirana Centre studying in mainstream govt primary school at Malkapur. All 25 children at Asha Kiran Centre were given living necessities such as Blanket, Carpet and Metal box (Suitcase) and daily necessities such as tooth paste, bath soap and other items to make their stay comfortable at the centre.

Skill Development, Sports and other curriculum activity

Every day after the school hours a special class was conducted to teach music, drama & other skill development activities. The main purpose of this was to bring learning interest among the children. This has tremendously helped to identify the inherited potentiality.

Project out Come:

- 100% attendance recorded.
- Increased % of Enrollment.
- Child labor drastically reduced
- Sensitive parents sent their girl child to school.
- Awareness among the community about the importance of Education.



Other Activities:

Song & Drama-An Awareness Program

Louie Braille Folk & Traditional Musical Troupe (LBFTMT) was established in the year 2008. The troop is headed by Mr. Dilip Kumar. The ministry of Song & Drama, Govt. of India has invited this troop to implement its awareness program in the rural villages of Bidar Distract. The main objective of this program is to create awareness among the rural population on social evils, women empowerment, health & sanitation, environment, child labor and child marriage. Special emphasis was given to RTI (Right to Information Act) on Nation Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA).

Mobility Training Program

Mobility Training Program at Asha Deepa School for the Blind is a continuous process. Newly Rehabilitated children will be given training on mobility-how to use cane, how to walk around using cane etc.

Events

Every year at Asha Deepa School for the Blind, Independence Day, Republic Day & Disable Day was celebrated during the year. Various activities such as sports, music contest, and quiz contest were conducted for the children.



Republic Day Celebration



AFFWA Member visited school



Visitor honor school kid on her performance



AFFWA sponsored special meal on republic day



Braille Kit distribution to ADSFB kids



Chalk Workshop



Children of Asha Kirana Centre



Kids Participating in District level Light vocal competition

Partners

In our day to day work, although we witness some of the world's most difficult situations, we also stand testimony to moments of truth, songs of triumph and voices of hope. It is these voices we invite you to lend your own voice to. It is these dreams of a more empowered tomorrow we invite you to be a part of. Even as we ring out this request, we thank all our supporters who have given us the courage to dream and helped us realize them in the recent past.

Asha for Education, USA



Ashraya, USA



Hamara-Bandhan, Germany



Want to Host, Hyderabad

Want to Host is web designing & hosting firm run by Mr. Giridhar Kolanupaka, Asha volunteer and is based in Hyderabad. Mr. Giridhar Kolanupaka helped us to design our website www.ashadeepaschoolfortheblind.org and hosted free of cost.

We thank all individuals who have contributed to Asha Deepa.

Financial Statements for the year 2008-09**M.H. CHARI & Co.**
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Date :

JEEVAN PRAKASH EDUCATION SOCIETY, BIDAR.**AUDIT - REPORT**

We have audited the attached Balance Sheet of "JEEVAN PRAKASH EDUCATION SOCIETY, BIDAR" as on 31st March 2009 and the Income and Expenditure Accounts of Society A/c, FCRA A/c, Blind School A/c and Asha Kiran School A/c for the year ended on that date, annexed there to. The Financial Statements are the responsibility of the Management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these Financial Statements based on our Audit.

We conduct our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in India. These Standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain the reasonable assurance about whether the Financial statements are free of material Misstatement. An Audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the Financial Statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall Financial Statements presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

We have obtained all the information and explanations, which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purpose of our Audit.

In our opinion, proper Books of Accounts as required by Law have been kept by the Society, so far as it appears from our examination of those books.

The Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account dealt with by this report are in agreement with the Books of Accounts.

In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanation given to us the accounts read with the schedules and notes thereto give to us true and fair view.

- a) In the case of Income and Expenditure Account of the SURPLUS / DEFICIT for the year ended on that date.
- b) In the case of Balance Sheet, of the state of affairs of the Society as at 31st March 2009.

Place : Gulbarga.

Date : 9 JUL 2009



For M. H. Chari & Co.
Chartered Accountants,
(M. H. Chari)
Proprietor.

Balance Sheet**JEEVAN PRAKASH EDUCATION SOCIETY, BIDAR****BALANCE SHEET AS ON 31-03-2009**

LIABILITIES	AMOUNT	: ASSETS	AMOUNT
Capital Fund :-		: Equipments :-	
LBS 67050-70		As per LBS	9,100-00
Add: Surplus		: Furniture & Fixtures :-	
Du. the Yr.		As per LBS 22800-00	
Society <u>203058-13</u>		: Add: Addtn. Du.	
270108-83		the year <u>2000-00</u>	24,800-00
FCRA A/c. <u>507847-11</u>		: Musical Instruments :-	
777955-94		As per LBS	8,000-00
Less: Defi		: Computer & Periphreals	
cit Du.		(LBS)	43,000-00
the Yr.		: Kitchen Utensils (LBS)	5,000-00
Ashadeep		: Gas connection Deposit	
School <u>299183-00</u>		with extra cyclinder	
478772-94		(LBS)	4,500-00
Less: Deficit		: Gas Stove (LBS)	1,500-00
Ashakiran		: Rent Advance :-	
School. <u>82500-00</u>	3,96,272-94	As per LBS	8,000-00
		: Security Deposit.	12,500-00
Hand Loan :-		:	
LBS 50000-00		: Cash in Hand	
Less: Re-Paid		Society A/c 1950-00	
Du. the Yr. <u>50000-00</u>		: FCRA A/c 104500-00	
NIL		: Blind School A/c 80456-00	
Add: During		: Asha Kiran Sch	
the Year. <u>12500-00</u>	12,500-00	ool A/c <u>NIL</u>	1,86,906-00
		: Cash at Bank L-	
		Syndicate Bank, Bidar	
		A/c. No. 07012200046792	1,193-03
		Syndicate Bank, Bidar	
		(FCRA) A/c. No. 070122	
		10006560	1,04,273-91
Total.	4,08,772-94 :	Total.	4,08,772-94

PLACE : GULBARGA.

DATE : 9 JUL 2009

FOR M. H. CHARI & COMPANY,
Chartered Accountants,(M. H. CHARI)
Proprietor.

Receipts & Payments and Income & Expenditure

JEEVAN PRAKASH EDUCATION SOCIETY, BIDAR			
SOCIETY ACCOUNT			
RECEIPT AND PAYMENT ACCOUNT FOR THE PERIOD FROM 1-4-2008 To 31-3-2009			
RECEIPTS	AMOUNT	: PAYMENTS	AMOUNT
To <u>Opening Balance :-</u>		: By School Account	68,000-00
Cash in Hand	1,950-00	: " Bank commission & Charges.	300-00
<u>Cash at Bank :-</u>		: " Furniture & Fixtures	2,000-00
Syndicate Bank, Bidar		: " Hand Loan	50,000-00
A/c.No.07012200046		: " Asha Kiran School	82,500-00
792	634-90	: " Security Deposit.	12,500-00
" Donations	2,03,300-00	: " <u>CLOSING BALANCE :-</u>	
" Bank Interest	58-13	Cash in Hand	1,950-00
" Hand Loan	12,500-00	: <u>Cash at Bank :-</u>	
		Syndicate Bank Bidar	
		A/c.No.07012200046792	1,193-03
Total.	2,18,443-03	Total.	2,18,443-03

PLACE : GULBARGA.

9 JUL 2009

DATE : _____

FOR M. H. CHARI & COMPANY,
Chartered Accountants,(M. H. CHARI)
Proprietor.

Income & Expenditure-Residential School for the Blind

JEEVAN PRAKASH EDUCATION SOCIETY, BIDAR

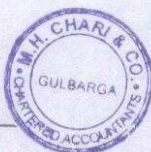
ASHA DEEPA SCHOOL FOR BLIND A/C

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED ON 31-03-2009

EXPENDITURE	AMOUNT	:	INCOME	AMOUNT
To Foodgrains & Vegetables	1,30,925-00	:	By Excess of Expenditure over	
" Travelling Expenses.	7,614-00	:	Income.	2,99,183-00
" Staff Salary	66,400-00	:		
" School Building Rent.	54,000-00	:		
" School Uniform Expenses.	4,000-00	:		
" Electricity Bill	3,000-00	:		
" Health Care Expenses.	2,000-00	:		
" Water Expenses.	800-00	:		
" Telephone & Internet Exp.	3,180-00	:		
" General Cleaning & Maintenance	3,270-00	:		
" Staff Training Expenses	5,000-00	:		
" Education Materials & Toyes.	10,905-00	:		
" Miscellaneous Expenses.	3,089-00	:		
" Audit Fees	5,000-00	:		
Total.	2,99,183-00	:	Total.	2,99,183-00

PLACE : GULBARGA.

DATE : 9 JUL 2009

FOR M. H. CHARI & COMPANY,
Chartered Accountants,(M. H. CHARI)
Proprietor.

FCRA Account
Receipts & Payments and Income & Expenditure

JEEVAN PRAKASH EDUCATION SOCIETY, B I D A R
F.C.R.A. (Account)

RECEIPT AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE PERIOD FROM 1-4-08 To 31-3-09

RECEIPTS	AMOUNT	:	PAYMENTS	AMOUNT
To Opening Balance :-		:	By School Account	3,00,000-00
Cash in Hand	500-00	:	" Honorarium	33,000-00
Cash at Bank :-		:	" Bank Commission	411-61
Syndicate Bank Bidar FCRA A/c No.07012210006560	426-80	:		
" Donations	5,41,139-20	:	" Closing Balance :-	
" Bank Interest.	119-52	:	Cash in Hand	1,04,500-00
			Cash at Bank :-	
			Syndicate Bank, Bidar A/c.No. 07012210006560	1,04,273-91
Total.	5,42,185-52	:	Total.	5,42,185-52

PLACE : GULBARGA.

DATE : 9 JUL 2009



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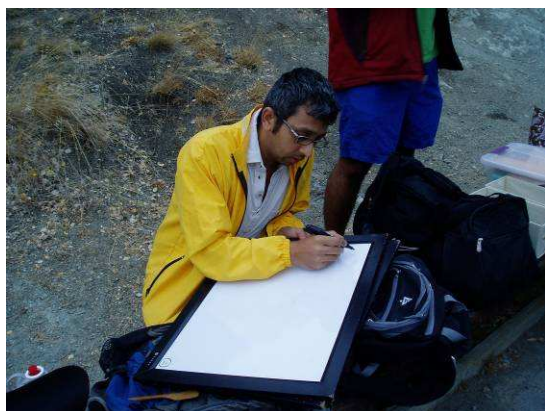
Strengthening Base for the Future

We nurture a dream to have a service to provide in every aspect so that no visually challenged children/person is being isolated from the mainstream society. By 2011, we intend to reach 100 visually challenged children. We know our dreams are boldly optimistic. But we are committed to develop more effectiveness and transparency as we work to turn this into a reality.

Thematic Approach in the next 3 years:

- ❖ Awareness and advocacy for inclusion of blindness support for service delivery
- ❖ Organizational sustainability
- ❖ Partnership similar intuition in delivering quality services
- ❖ Supporting elderly visually challenged people
- ❖ Continue to be transparent organization working with and for visually challenged people

Further, JPES intends to construct a school campus with residential facilities for boys & girls separately. We welcome individual, institutional funding agencies and other partners to join hands with us to achieve its long term objective of having its own premises.



Mr. Vinod writing a Story Board, Asha-Silicon Valley, USA



All set to Run Half Marathon- Team Asha-SV



Sanju with 'Team Asha'-San Francisco