

Visit Report of Akshar Centre for Hearing Impaired Children - Vadodara

Name of the Organisation: Akshar Trust,
Akshar Centre for Hearing Impaired Children

Address: Near Nandanvan Farm
Sherkhi Gam
Ta. & Dist.: Vadodara



Outcomes of Visit at Akshar Centre for Hearing Impaired Children, Vadodara on 29th September, 2016

About Akshar Trust:

- 1) The trust has been working as a charitable trust for hearing impaired children for **28 years**.
- 2) The District Administration has given Akshar Trust a 10,000 sq mt plot at Sherkhi village. The trust has later on set building as per their requirement.
- 3) Akshar Centre is the only school for the hearing impaired in Gujarat which is **Adapting Textbooks**. Akshar Trust is running school for Deaf children at free of cost.
- 4) There is no other school for the hearing impaired in **Gujarat which offers Hindi**.
- 5) The students can get admission though out the year and no age limit is set up for admission. Children with problems additional to deafness are also admitted.
- 6) The transportation facilities also offered by centre.
- 7) Akshar is the only 1 of 2 Centers, for the deaf in Gujarat, which is preparing students for Std. 12 Gujarat State board exams.
- 8) Akshar Trust is also associated in Teacher Training Programme D.Ed.SE (HI) and Teacher Training B.Ed. (SEDE).
- 9) Along with education, the centre provides facilities like Special Training in Art and Karate, Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Psychological tests etc.
- 10) Centre is equipped with Library, Science Lab and the Computer Lab within the campus.
- 11) The experts from outside is regularly invited by Trust to guide and innovative idea generation for students and teachers.
- 12) Workshop and awareness generations programs are routine part of activities of Akshar Trust.
- 13) The centre has received 3 school buses though donation for transportation of students.
- 14) Followings are the list of Awards received by Akshar Trust:
 - ❖ Akshar Trust was given Accredited Status by the Rehabilitation Council for 'Very Good Performance' in 2009.
 - ❖ Akshar Trust has received an 'Award for Excellence 2011 for Social Welfare by Individual, NGO or Institution' from the Federation of Gujarat Industries on September 10, 2012.

- ❖ Akshar Trust has also been provisionally empanelled with the National CSR Hub of the Tata Institute of Social Sciences.
- ❖ Akshar Trust has just been given the True Impact Awards of Jury Recognition, 2016 in the NGO Category by the District CSR Cell of Vadodara under the Chairperson of Mrs. Avantika Singh, IAS, District Collector, Vadodara.
- ❖ Akshar Trust has been accredited by Credibility Alliance in February, 2016.



About Beneficiaries:

- 1) The Trust is running their academic schedule at Sherghi Village. At present there are total 132 **students** are there.
- 2) The beneficiaries are generally hearing impaired children. The students cannot hear and speak.
- 3) Students at centre are come from all socio-economic backgrounds.
- 4) The centre offers free hearing aids and ancillaries for underprivileged students.

About Trustees:

- 1) Mr. Karan Grover, Chairman
- 2) Ms. Nisha Grover, Hony. Principal & Managing Trustee
- 3) Mr. Jal R. Patel, Trustee
- 4) Mr. Hasmukhbhai Shah, Trustee
- 5) Mr. Rajesh Parikh, Trustee
- 6) Ms. Ishita Verma, Trustee
- 7) Ms. Shruti Shroff, Trustee

Ms. Nisha Grover, Principal Akshar Centre for Hearing Impaired Children, A special educator, believes that Children with Disability deserve the same opportunities for education that most children take for granted. She has been involved in teaching children with deafness for the past 42years and founded the Akshar Centre in Baroda in 1988.

Nisha Grover has been President of the National Convention Educators of the Deaf-India, for 2 terms, 2010-16. This is a body which dates back to 1935 & works to upgrade the skills of educators. It has about 11 Chapters in various States & a peer- reviewed Journal. It holds annual conferences, both national & international.

Team Akshar Centre for Hearing Impaired Children- Vadodara



About Staff:

The list of teachers at Akshar Centre for Hearing Impaired Children, are as follows:

Sr. No.	Name of Teacher	Qualifications	Work Experience with Akshar Trust
1	Ms. Nisha Grover, Principal	B.A. History (Hons) - 1972 Calcutta University Certified-Teacher of the Deaf Education Audiology & Research Centre, Mumbai – 1974 HI RCI-AO1563	28 Years
2	Ms. Shweta Khare, Special Educator	SSC - 1978 DSE (HI) - 2002 (Rehabilitation Council of India) CRR No. BC/8884	26 Years
3	Ms. Varsha Patel Special Educator	HSC (Commerce) - 1993 DSE (HI) - 2001 (Rehabilitation Council of India) CRR No. - B06826 B.A (6th Sem.) - (Gujarat University) (Pursuing)	13 Years
4	Ms. Panna Shah Special Educator	HSC (Commerce) - 1982 DSE (HI) - 2003 (Rehabilitation Council of India)	13 Years
5	Ms. Bhavna Jagtap Special Educator	M.A. (Hindi) - 2003 (M. S. University) Montessori & Child Development Course - 2006 - (SEDE), CRR No. - A38889 Foundation Course - 2007 (Madhya Pradesh Bhoj Open University, Bhopal) Special B.Ed. (HI) - 2013 (BAOU)	10 Years
6	Ms.Chhaya Gandhi Special Educator	B.Com. - 1990 (South Gujarat University) DSE (HI) - 2008 (Rehabilitation Council of India) CRR No. - B19950 B.Ed. (SEDE - HI) (BAOU) – 2015	8 Years
7	Ms. Geeta Parmar Special Educator	HSC (Commerce) - DSE (HI) - 2001 (Rehabilitation Council of India) CRR No. B05528	16 Years
8	Ms. Vrushali G Mahajan Special Educator	HSC (Commerce) - 2001 DSE (HI) - 2002 (Rehabilitation Council of India) CRR No. - BC/8885 B.A (5th Sem.) (Gujarat University) (Appeared) - 2016	20 Years

9	Mr. Premal Desai Special Educator	B.Com. (Gujarat University) - 2004 DSE (HI) - 2006 (RCI), CRR No. - A22410 B.Ed. (HI) - (University of Mumbai) - 2008 M.Ed. (HI)- (University of Mumbai) - 2010 Ph. D. (Spl. Edu.) (University of Mumbai) - (Appeared) - 2014 M.A. (Sociology) (Babasaheb Ambedakar University, Ahm)-2016	4.5 Years
10	Mr. Om Parkash Special Educator	B.A.D.Ed. Sp. Edu. (HI)	1.5 Years
11	Mr. Gurbhajan Singh Special Educator	B.A.D.Ed. Sp. Edu. (HI)	1.5 Years

Other than these there are 21 more teachers in different streams of centre. In Teachers Training Programme there are additional 5 teachers are providing services.

Students in Classroom



Science Equipments



Library



School Campus

