



Sanskardham Vidyalaya for the Hearing Impaired

*Our Distant Dream of having a
Larger Space for Our All Round
Activities, is soon going to be a reality.*



Rotary Club of Mumbai Queen's Necklace joins SVHI
to construct a Spacious School Building for a Better Tomorrow.



WE ARE NOT ASKING FOR THE MOON

*We are not asking for the moon or the sky
Just a place of our own with all
Educational, rehabilitation and recreation facilities,
Far superior to the present, under one roof & for many more like us.
Is this too much to ask for? We do not think so.
Nor does the Rotary Club.
So together we plan to cross this major milestone soon.
And we have traversed many since our journey began a decade ago.*

OUR MILESTONES

Our voyage began in 1995 when few of our parents and teachers joined hands to establish Sanskardham Vidyalaya for the Hearing Impaired (SVHI) under the dynamic leadership of our principal Lata Nayak. Since then they have surmounted several barriers and broken brick walls to help us lead a normal life.

Lack of funds was one major stumbling block since we had no monetary assistance from the state government. Only last year the government's grant-in-aid was finally awarded to our school.

But that did not deter our Parents and Teachers Association (PTA) which runs the school. They knew the show must go on. So they sought the help of corporates, NGOs, friends who provided all the possible support. Some times aid came from unknown quarters too!

And with determination and dedication PTA managed to make ours a success story with a difference.

TELLING TALES

Thanks to them - over 70 special children like us have learnt to overcome our disabilities and face the world with confidence. Some of us, with multiple disabilities, were considered hopeless and discarded by other schools.

But at SVHI no one is hopeless and nothing is impossible. So here we are leading a near normal life and looking forward to the future with hope and joy. We are one too many. But here are three telling tales.



Abhinand Guthi

Then - hearing impaired and unable to stand or walk due to poor muscle coordination and slight brain damage.

Now - Learnt to coordinate movements. Also good at studies particularly in languages.



Heena Kausar

Then - Silent, withdrawn avoided people, disliked light and colours.

Now - Captain of the school, fights with people for her rights! Winner of many prizes in cultural and sports competitions, she will appear for SSC in 2006.



Suhita Bhatt

Then - Immobile due to part paralysis, she could neither hear, speak nor walk properly.

Now - walks, runs and participates in sports. Equally good at studies, though given a chance she would rather play than study.



WE NO DOUBT STAND APART

Besides individual success stories we also stand apart amid our clan because ours is the only school in Mumbai that:

- › caters to hearing impaired children with other handicaps like spasticity, vision, mentally challenged, speech defects and learning disability (around 50% of students at SVHI are multiple handicapped)
- › concentrates on all round development of children
- › has special scheme for providing hearing aids for children
- › has pre-vocational centre where students earn while learning
- › has audiology centre manned by a hearing impaired person
- › has introduced wooden/rope malkham to children



OUR STANDARDS ARE HIGH

Our educational standards are high. So are our academic inputs. And the results speak for themselves :

- › 18 students have been integrated into normal schools
- › 12 have passed SSC in flying colours
- › 4 have gone to US for higher education
- › 10 are successfully employed in India



ENHANCED EXPERIENCE

Our school's focus is not just on academic achievements but also on total personality development . Our inherent talents in arts, crafts, music and dance, sports are identified and developed. Naturally we excel in these fields too.

- › Two of our students are permanent members of Shiamak Davar's dance troupe.
- › We have won myriad awards at various cultural/sports competitions competing even with normal children.
- › We have been winners at Go-karting and Rock climbing competition organised by Hiranandani Group for last five consecutive years.



CONTRIBUTING FACTORS

We have following basic amenities that have no doubt contributed to our success. However, these facilities now need upgradation to keep up with the changing times.

- › Computer centre
- › Audiology centre
- › Pre-vocational training centre
- › Library with CDs & books
- › Gymnasium
- › Music room
- › Counselling centre for children and parents



Of course it was no cake walk for our principal, teachers and parents. Nor was it for us. The manifold triumphs have come after days and nights of trials and tribulations.

Now we are looking ahead to developing a comprehensive centre in association with *Rotary Club of Mumbai Queen's Necklace*. This centre will be much more spacious, will add more facilities for the children & will accommodate many more such children.

Rotary Club of Mumbai Queen's Necklace is a very active social service organisation which has been involved in several community service projects for the last 20 years. They have volunteered to construct a school building for *Sanskardham Vidyalaya* with facilities that will go a long way in helping them to lead a normal life.

Kelavani Mandal, Goregaon who provided the space for our existing school has kindly agreed to offer us a vacant plot in the same premises for building this new institution which will house the school and also all other additional amenities and facilities enumerated below :

ITEM DESCRIPTION	CURRENT STATUS	FUTURE PLANS
No. of Students	60	175
Staff Strength	10	15
Area Available	2500 sq. ft.	App. 7000 sq.ft.
Classrooms	3 Class rooms divided into 6 partitions + 2 Classes in the passage	15 independent Class rooms with more space in each.
Other Facilities	Small library, Audiology room Gymnasium, small kitchen, small computer room (10 nos) Table Space area for staff.	Full fledge Library, Audiology room with better set up, improved Gymnasium facilities, Computer Room for 30 nos, Proper Staff facilities.
Major Activities	Education upto 10th computer tr. Gymnastic Activities including Malkham,music tr. Vocational tr at restricted levels, Telescope, Trampoline, Balance beam, karate etc.	All current activities with better facilities & newer equipment enhancing the overall quality for the students. A Vocational training college after the 10th.
Vocational Training Center	No separate room	Vocational Tr. Center
Speech Room	One	Three
Sports Room/ Creativity Room	None	Area planned
Conference Room / Teachers Training Center	None	Area planned
Running Expenses	Rs. 1 Lac / month	Rs. 2 Lacs / month

JOIN US IN OUR MISSION

We are aware we have taken on a mammoth task. But we also know we are not alone. There are many wonderful people like you who would like to help us.

So join us in our mission and make it a success. The available options for you to help us are listed below :

FACILITIES	COST IN RS. (LACS)
15 Class Rooms	2 lacs each
A Library	2 lacs
An Audiology Room	5 lacs
A Gymnasium	3 lacs
A Computer Room	3 lacs
Reception cum Staff Room	2.5 lacs
Vocational Training Center	6 lacs
3 Speech Rooms	2 lacs each
Creativity Room	4 lacs
Conference cum Teacher Training Room	3 lacs
Canteen cum Kitchen	4 lacs
Sick Room with 2 beds	1.5 lacs
Elevator	2 lacs
Vehicle for 15 children	8 lacs

The project cost is estimated to be around Rs. 80 Lacs.

All cheques to be made in favour of "Rotary Club of Bombay Queen's Necklace Charitable Trust". All donations are subject to Income Tax exemption under section 80G of the Income Tax Act 1961. Foreign contributions are also welcome.

REMEMBERING THOSE WHO CARED

At this juncture when we are on the threshold of yet another turning point in our history, we would also like to thank all those who supported us thus far:

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- ▶ Ms. Hema Patel, UK
- ▶ Sankalp, USA
- ▶ MJ Laboratories
- ▶ Innerwheel Club of Bombay Midwest.



If you wish to touch our lives then get in touch with us.

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