ANNUAL REPORT 2016-17

YEARS OF CHANGING LIVES
Deafblindness is a unique, dual disability that currently affects an estimated 500,000 children and adults in India. A deafblind person faces challenges of both blindness as well as hearing loss in varying degrees.

20 years back, Sense India began its journey at the dining table of our Founder and Director Akhil Paul in Ahmedabad. With the support of Richard Hawkes, then International Officer of Sense (UK), services began.

We started working with 23 children with deafblindness through three partner organisations with funds provided by Sense UK.

“When we started, deafblindness was not a known disability. Over the years, we were able to generate awareness and momentum to a level that today, we are able to influence our neighbouring countries like Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Nepal to have nationwide programmes.”

--- Akhil Paul, Director, Sense India
Scan the QR code on the picture below to hear Akhil Paul
Our programmes now provide direct quality services through a network of 59 partner NGOs throughout India assisting 14,000+ children with deafblindness; and in collaboration with government’s Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (Education for All) programme a further 63,500+ children are being included into regular local schools.

Our programmes are now supported financially by a compassionate network of well-wishers and supporters of almost 14,000 individuals and 700+ small, medium and large Trusts, Foundations and Companies predominantly from India; and we are delighted to be part of Sense International family.

Finally after 20 years of advocacy, deafblindness is recognised and included in the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 by the Government of India; and Sense India now has consultative status with the United Nations.

“20 years ago, there was hardly anything for deafblind people in India. Today there are services everywhere, more than 70,000 deafblind people in India are now receiving services. It is really one of the biggest success stories in the whole of International Development.”

--- Richard Hawkes, CEO, British Asian Trust

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Today we have a diversified programme – which includes Research, Advocacy and Networks.

- **3,084** babies screened
- **472** children receiving individualised care and education at home
- **414** children receiving customised education at our centres
- **430** young adults being trained in over 20 different vocational skills
- **64** adults now earning members of families
Today we have a diversified programme – which includes Research, Advocacy and Networks.

- **3,815** government teachers trained in communicating with deafblind children
- **99** monitoring, evaluation, onsite and mentoring visits done
- **1,852** members connected through our national networks for deafblind adults, teachers and parents

Received our first research grant for ‘Classroom and social inclusion for children with deafblindness under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan’

Launched India’s first portable video sign language guide to make learning sign language easier

Akshu loves rhythms. Whenever his special educator claps her hands or taps her feet, Akshu’s face breaks into a big smile and he starts imitating her. His love for playing drums and tambourines has helped his educator break communication barriers. Today, Akshu has learnt to sit, stand and walk with support.
Public Engagement

This year, we unveiled two of India’s first ever interactive tactile art experiences specifically designed to raise public awareness about deafblindness.

**SensX**, a space that simulates an experience of deafblindness to help generate awareness and sensitivity - it’s a kind of a maze in the dark.

**Art makes Sense**, first art show that brought together 63 of India’s celebrated artists to create tactile artworks in their signature style using textures and art installations that can be seen as well as touched.

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**Individuals:**
- Amith Dholakia
- Anupam G Gupta
- Austin Clement Pereira
- Bandana Joseph
- Bharati Samir Shah
- Champaklal Zaveri
- Devraj Sirohi
- Eileen Rodrigues
- Gaurav Jain
- Harold A Gomez
- Harsh Vardhan Thakur
- Hitesh Patel
- K Shiva Rao
- Madhavi Vadera
- Marzban Noshirwan Parekh
- Murlidharan Nair
- Nandini Rawal
- Niru Prasad
- Perviz Bommy Lashkari
- Priya Vasudevan
- Rajiv Sakhardande
- Roopak V Vaidya
- Roopang Shah
- Sam Baman Balsara
- Sreenath K V
- Sunil K Gandhi
- Sunil Sheth
- Ton Visser
- Tushar Arvind Mavani
- Vishwa Weir
- Late Vinaykant C Shah
- Vasant Deokule

**Institutional:**
- ABIL Infra Projects Ltd.
- Alkyl Amines Chemicals Ltd.
- Australian High Commission
- Azim Premji Philanthropic Initiatives
- Boeing International Corp India Pvt. Ltd.
- CDG Technical Services India Pvt. Ltd.
- Citrin Cooperman India LLP
- CLSA
- Disha Microfin Pvt. Ltd.
- European Union
- Federal Republic Of Germany
- GRUH Finance Ltd.
- Gujarat Tea Processors And Packers Ltd.
- Havmor Restaurants Pvt. Ltd.
- Jay Chemical Industries Ltd.
- Kuehne + Nagel Pvt. Ltd.
- Meghraj Charitable Foundation (UK)
- Nitin Charitable Trust
- Ozone Properties Pvt. Ltd.
- Paul Hamlyn Foundation
- Rangoonwala Foundation (India) Trust
- Rotary Club Of Bombay Pier
- Scottish Government
- Sense International
- Sonata Software Ltd.
- Bombay Community Public Trust
- British Asian Trust
- Hans Foundation
- V CARE Foundation (Vatika Group)
- Velankani Information Systems Ltd.
- Mid Valley Health Care Services Pvt. Ltd.
- Seneca Media

Note: Random names of donors who have contributed Rs 10,000 or above.
Receipts and Payments

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*Detailed audited accounts available on request*

Credibility Alliance Disclosure Norms

Credibility Alliance is an independent organisation established by the NGO sector to promote good governance and the public accountability of NGOs. Sense India is a fully accredited member. Registration No. CA/79/2011 valid till 15.12.2021. For more information refer to: www.credibilityalliance.org

Identity

Legal Information: Sense International (India) is registered as a Public Charitable Trust under Bombay Public Trusts Act, 1950 Registration No. E/11279 dated 29 March 1997, with Public Trusts Registration Office, Ahmedabad, Gujarat. For general use we use the name 'Sense India'. Sense International (India) is registered u/ s 12AA and u/ s 80G of the Income Tax Act, 1961.

Auditors: External - CA Kalpen Shah, K Prachandancha & Associates, 1 Harhar Park Society, Nr Old High Court Underbridge, Navvargum, Ahmedabad 380 001 and Internal Auditor - CA Jarmut, KCI & Associates, 476 Bameleon, Satellite Road, Ahmedabad 380 015

Bankers: Bank of India, Panchvati Branch; ICICI Bank, Drive-In Branch; HDFC Bank, Vejalpur and Panchvati Branch; Central Bank of India, Ahmedabad Stock Exchange Branch, Axis Bank, Ashram Road Branch, Ahmedabad

Contact Details: Visitors are welcome to the address given on the back page of this report; and on our website www.senseindia.org.in

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Accountability and Transparency

No remuneration, sitting fees or any other form of compensation has been paid since the inception of the organisation, to any board member. Traveling and other expenses to attend board meetings have been: Rs 1,17,059/-.

Travel Costs

National travel for staff to visit programmes and projects throughout India: Rs 12,67,565/-

International Travel for staff sponsored through Sense International and other sources: Rs 1,20,325/-


None of the board members are related to any other. A Board Rotation Policy exists and is practiced.

The Board met three times in the Financial Year 2016-17 on 17 May, 2016, 12 November, 2016 and 20 February, 2017. Minutes of Board meetings were documented and circulated.

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Money In 2016-17

- 35% Individuals
- 58% Companies and Trusts & Foundations
- 4% Statutory

Money Out 2016-17

- 60% Programme and Advocacy
- 25% Public Engagement
- 12% Management and Core Services
- 3% Future Programme

All donations enjoy 50% exemption from Income Tax u/s 80G of the Income Tax Act, 1961

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Note:
- We at Sense India print our annual report in black and white. This helps us to partially understand and present our work from the perspective of people with deafblindness.
- Donors who contribute above Rs 3,000/- receive a printed Annual Report. This year we are sending out 5,600+ printed Annual Reports. For donors who contribute below Rs 3,000/-, we distribute a post card Annual Report. This year we are sending out 8,000 post card Annual Reports.