

500,000 people in India are unable to both see as well as hear.

Deafblindness is a unique disability that combines both hearing and visual impairment, making mobility, learning, communication and understanding extremely difficult.

Sense International India, also known as Sense India, supports and advocates for better care, education and livelihood opportunities for children and adults with deafblindness across India.

We now have special consultative status with United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).

Discovering Sense is a phone call away!

Deafblind Toll Free Helpline No. 1800 233 7913



Purab proves his worth!

“Why do you even bring him from such a far distance?” asked the bus driver who used to drive Purab and his mother every day. In that very moment, Purab’s mother took a decision, she wanted everyone around Purab to realise his mettle and she left no stone unturned to achieve this.

Due to a bout of Kabuki syndrome, microcephaly and rubella, Purab was affected by deafblindness along with intellectual disability since birth. Initially he would not sit at one place for a long time, shouted to express his needs and was not able to stand without support. Things changed after his mother enrolled him in Sense India supported centre based programme for children with deafblindness. His special educator, Shimpi Mishra, worked extensively with him and within a few months Purab began following simple instructions through sign language. He soon started interacting with his teachers and parents and expressed his needs by vocalization and pointing towards objects.

His progress makes his mother proud. She fondly says, “Today, even that bus driver acknowledges how far my son has come in his journey towards independence. After coming to the centre regularly, he can walk by holding someone’s hand, eat solid food and express his needs. I am extremely delighted.”

We work with 78,000+ deafblind people like Purab through 59 partner NGOs across 22 States in India.

Visit www.senseindia.org.in to read more about what we do.

Between April and September 2018

2,134 deafblind children received support through our partner NGOs.

2,673 babies were screened for hearing and visual impairment at hospitals.

462 children have been identified, through early intervention programmes in hospitals.

577 Professionals Trained in Deafblindness

We organised four regional and 13 state level trainings to train SSA teachers, special educators, government officials, community workers, medical and paramedical professionals from West Bengal, Bihar, Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Goa, Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh on issues surrounding deafblindness. The trainings focused on early screening, modes of communication, sign language, functional and clinical assessments, Individual Education Plan (IEP), curriculum adaptation, teaching methodologies, interventional strategies, community resource mobilisation and participation, literacy and benefits under the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act 2016.

Exploring New Horizons of 'Research' in the field of Deafblindness

31 special educators from 21 states attended our first national level training on 'Research Planning and Practices in the field of deafblindness' in Ahmedabad. The training focussed on the different aspects of research as a subject to understand the importance of qualitative research to help plan and execute research work in the field of deafblindness at their respective regions.

Working towards making Elections Accessible for Deafblind Voters

We are constantly advocating for an inclusive environment for persons with deafblindness and as a result of our advocacy, the Election Commission of India (ECI) issued a notification to all State Commissions to visit nearby deafblind centres on the occasion of Helen Keller Day on 27th June to understand the needs of deafblind voters. The ECI also invited our representatives to be on the panel of National Consultation on Accessible Elections and as 'Resource Partner' and incorporated our recommendations in the consultation publication. Deputy Election Commissioner, Mr Umesh Sinha along with Director, Ms Padma Angmo interacted with our Sr. Advocacy Officer, Mr Zamir Dhale and appreciated his observations and recommendations.

595 New Champions for Deafblindness

300+ cyclists along with 10 tricycle riders pedalled for an inclusive society for people with deafblindness on 24th June 2018. While 40 Basaweshvarnagar Senior citizen members and 245 employees from leading corporate like HP, Adobe, KHS Machinery, Citrin and Cooperman, Courtyard by Marriot and BLP joined hands to talk about deafblindness and help create tactile materials to teach children and adults with deafblindness at our project centres.



We are very proud to be associated with Sense India right from the beginning to change the lives of persons with deafblindness and their families. We thank Sense India for all the support and guidance and we look forward to strengthen our relationship for a long stretch. "

--- Dr. S. Prabakar Immanuel
Head, Holy Cross Service Society

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