For admission, kindly fill the application form and <u>submit by April 24, 2015.</u>

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SANKET

ICT Training

for persons with autism and associated disabilities

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Technology has changed the way we learn, work and live. Advances in technology have affected our lives in the way we could never imagine. It has helped the people with disability achieve accessibility to environment, social interaction, information sharing, and suitable employment. Programs in Information and Communication Technology (ICT) have trained people with visual, hearing and physical impairments for successful induction in the IT industry.

It appears that people with autism and associated disabilities have been left out of the ICT movement. The fact is that while the people in this group face problems in understanding verbal communication and social interaction, they have a good ability to learn when information is presented in a visual mode. It is this specific visual strength that may be tapped to enable them to become self-dependent and a contributor to the nation's economy.

SOPAN has been working for autism for over a decade. Our services range from providing diagnosis, early intervention, special education, allied therapies to vocational training and parent training and support. The last decade has seen SOPAN grow into an organization that is nationally recognized for quality and range of its services.

Electronic media is primarily visual in nature. Information is transacted visually, and with little or no face to face interaction with people. As ICT jobs require visual thinking, specific training in this area may lead to suitable employment in future.

Sanket is SOPAN's initiative to provide computer and iPad training to persons with autism and associated disabilities residing in Mumbai.

Its rationale is imbedded in the felt need expressed by a large number of parents and families who would want such training for their disabled young adult. Sanket is the first training program in ICT for persons with autism and associated disabilities in Maharashtra. The Sanket training would be similar to that of Prayas, Bangalore.

About Sanket

Objectives

- To provide job based and market driven vocational training to people with autism and associated disabilities
- To create an ICT training model that may be replicated elsewhere in the country for persons with autism and associated disabilities

Curricular content: The training will focus on

- Development of core skills - (i) self-management (ii) social interaction and relationship (iii) self-regulation and monitoring(iv) self-advocacy
- Job specific skills – (i) computer operation and applications (ii) ipad usage

Duration: 3 academic years commencing from June 2015.

Enrolment: Persons with autism and associated disabilities above 18 years

Eligibility: Persons with autism and associated disabilities with average or borderline intellectual functioning are eligible for the program. Preference will be given to those who have

- Familiarity with computers
- Functional skills in reading, writing & math
- Independence in self-care
- Ability to work in a group
- Ability to complete a given task