



SOPAN's
Suvidya College of Special Education
University of Mumbai

Annual Report
2023 – 2024

Mission

“To prepare knowledgeable and effective teachers for education and training of children with autism and associated disabilities.”

About the College

Suvidya College of Special Education was established in 2015 by Society of Parents of Children with Autistic Disorders (SOPAN) with the purpose of training teachers as human resources in the field of disability rehabilitation.

The college is affiliated to University of Mumbai and recognized by the Rehabilitation Council of India.

Suvidya College is NAAC Accredited.

The overarching goal is to provide knowledge, enhance attitude, behaviour and skills through teacher education in both pre-service and in-service programs to educate children with autism and associated disorders.

Programmes at Suvidya College:

- B.Ed. Special Education (Autism Special Education)
- Short Term Courses
- Continued Rehabilitation Education (CRE) programs approved by Rehabilitation Council of India
- National and International Conferences, Seminars and Workshops on best practices in the field of disability

Activities at Suvidya College

The objectives of the B.Ed. programme are to develop competencies to primarily teach children with autism in special as well as inclusive schools. Students are also given opportunities to develop competencies to teach children with cross disabilities.

The programme also includes courses which enhance knowledge and skills related to professional development. The academic activities are aligned to further contribute towards the overall personality development of the students.

Visits and Classroom Observations:

It is necessary to understand the environment in which children learn to be able to teach. The syllabus for practicum includes visits and observations of children with special needs including autism. In semester 1, the B.Ed. students understand the physical environment as they learn accessibility in their theory for other disabilities.

Students of Batch IX visited the following schools and institutions during this semester (October 2023 to March 2024).

- Kamala Mehta School for Blind
- Helen Keller Institution for Deaf and Deaf Blindness.
- NMMC - ETC
- Sunshine school
- Nasree Shruti School for the Deaf
- B.Y.L Nair Hospital
- SOPAN's Samarpan Special School

In semester 2, they learn classroom management of children with autism. They are placed in the SOPAN special schools where they play the role of assistant teachers and understand the teacher – student roles and relationships. Students of Batch IX completed their observations in March and April, 2024.

Batch VIII completed their observation of support services at Muskan Foundation at the Bandra and Goregaon centres on January 18, 2024.

Practice of Teaching at Special and Inclusive Schools:

Semester III focuses on the core disability, autism spectrum disorders. The students of batch VIII planned and conducted lessons based on teaching strategies taught. Five lessons were conducted based on Discrete Trial Training at Samarpan Special School between, November 28 to December 01, 2023. Further, they also completed lessons based on TEACCH systems at Samarpan Special School, Saksham Sheltered Workshop and Natwar Nagar Mahanagarपालिका विशेश शाला (Divyang) during the semester.

Semester IV, being for cross disability, students of batch VIII conducted lessons at various schools both inclusive (at the resource centres) and special schools with children with Learning Disability and Intellectual Disability. They completed five group teaching lessons at CASE SRCC from March 18 – 22, 2024 and five lessons at GAET Counselling Centre from April 22 – 25, 2024.

Case Studies and Internships:

As part of the semester 3 theory paper on ASD: Teaching Approaches and Strategies, students of Batch VIII completed their case study on early intervention at Spandan Early Intervention Centre from October 09 – 16, 2023. They conducted assessments, intervention based on DIR Floortime Strategy and compiled a report along with the IFSP for the child.

Students also conducted a case study for older children with autism at Samarpan Special School, Shanay Autism Centre, New Panvel between December 18, 2023 and January 11, 2024. They prepared an assessment kit and conducted a psycho-educational assessment based on the EACA. They then completed intervention based on the findings during assessment and submitted the report along with the IEP.

Students are placed at two schools for internship, one is Autism specific and the other either at an inclusive school or at a special school for any other disability. Batch VIII completed their internship in inclusive special needs classrooms at CASE SRCC and at SOPAN's Samarpan Special School for autism in February and March 2024.

Development of Material:

Batch VIII, developed three social stories and four TEACCH systems during semester III which they demonstrated the use and wrote a lesson plan. These were observed and marked by the faculty and a viva was taken for the same.

They also adapted two lesson units of different levels of school subjects and submitted to the faculty.

Students of Batch VIII, during semester IV, developed informal tests for children with learning disability which they used at CASE SRCC for their case study assessment in March 2024. They also developed interactive power point presentations for teaching Home Science, NIOS for two chapters each. They taught the children of NIOS using these in May 2024.

Enhancing Theoretical Learning:

Practical training sessions by Ms Reshma Gaikwad on Discrete Trial Training in October 2023 with semester III students of Batch VIII.

Demonstrations and guided practice is given for DIR Floortime, TEACCH and use of Visual Strategies in the classroom.

Systematic Observation and functional assessment of behaviour which is taught in the Applied Behaviour Analysis course in semester III is also guided and practiced in classrooms.

Community Outreach:

- SOPAN being an NGO conducts awareness programmes during the month of April for autism. Students at Suvidya College actively plan and create posters, enact street plays or puppet shows during exhibitions held on October 30 & 31, 2023 in Goregaon and Andheri.
- B.Ed. students of Batches VIII and IX went on a community tour to Valsad and Pardi in the state of Gujarat on March 27 & 28, 2024. They worked with children with special needs in their classrooms on lessons like sequencing a story, mathematics and visual perception activities. They also prepared and played

games like obstacle walk, made handicraft articles and presented a puppet show with songs and music.

Gender Sensitivity:

- An online session on 'Gender Sensitivity' was held on May 05, 2024 with Dr Tanuja Prem, Psychologist and Special Educator and founder of Education Matters.

Workshops and Webinars:

- a) Two day workshop on Art Forms of India was held on June 06 & 13, 2023 where the students learned to draw and paint art forms like Gondh, Warli and Madhubani. The sessions were conducted by Ms. Prameela Menon, a Fine Artist and Teacher.
- b) A talk by Ex- RCI Chairperson, Prof. Sudesh Mukhopadhyay was conducted at the college for B.Ed. students and faculty on June 19, 2023, titled, 'NEP & NCF: Relevance of Education of Children with Special Needs' it was an IQAC initiative.
- c) Two day workshop on 'Using Multi-sensory Resources in the Classroom' was held on July 15 and August 20, 2023. The resource person was Ms. Darshana Patwa, a Special Educator and an, Arts based Therapy Practitioner.
- d) A Skill – Building Workshop was held at Shanay Autism Centre on August 20, 2023 where the resource person was Ms. Anjali Venkat.
- e) Group discussion on Mental Health was facilitated by Mrs Sadri on World Mental Health Day, October 10, 2023.
- f) The IQAC organized a webinar on, 'Importance of AI and AI Tools' with Ms Rakhee Chhabria as a resource person and 'Creating an Effective Personal Brand' with Ms Nisha Gupta as a resource person in January 2024.
- g) Skill Development for Persons with Special Needs, a career fair was organized at CASE SRCC. B.Ed. students volunteered on March 21, 2024.
- h) A phonics workshop was conducted by Mrs Imam for the students on April 30, 2024.
- i) A three part series of webinars were conducted in Augmenting Learning for the students and alumni on Literacy Skills: Reading, Executive Functioning: Early

Experiences and Development and Autism and Technology between March and April 2024.

Scholarships:

Four students received scholarships in 2023 – 24 in the Rajashi Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj Shikshan Shulk Shishyavrutti Scheme.

1. Vandana Lalji Yadav
2. Jyoti Ramshre Maurya
3. Vidhi Vinod Gada

Alumni Contributions:

- Mrs Reshma Gaikwad conducted lectures in autism for the B.Ed. students and guides and supervises practicum with children with autism at Samarpan Special School where she is a coordinator.
- Mrs Tanuja Prem conducted a two-day workshop on Drama in Education for both the batches. Further she also conducted the 'Gender Sensitivity' Workshop for batches VIII and IX.
- The alumni group also contributes with offering information on placement options.

The Short Term Certificate Courses meant for parents and professionals are aimed to enhance their capacities as stakeholders in the field of Rehabilitation. Suvidya College plans these programmes every year where in-house faculty and experts in the field come together as resource persons and share their knowledge and experiences.

- ❖ Short Term Certificate Course in Specific Learning Disability in the online mode was held from April to June 2024. There were 18 participants.
- ❖ Short Term Certificate Course in Autism Spectrum Disorders in the online mode was from July to September 2023. We have 12 participants.

SOCIETY OF PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH AUTISTIC DISORDERS
PROJECT SUVIDYA COLLEGE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st March 2024

F.Y 2022-23 (Rs.)	FUNDS & LIABILITIES	2023-24 (Rs.)	F.Y 2022-23 (Rs.)	PROPERTY & ASSETS	2023-24 (Rs.)
	Corpus Fund			Fixed Assets	
-	Trust Fund	-		Computer & Accessories	31,329
-	Balance as per last Balance Sheet	-	40,964		
-	Add-during the year	-		Current Assets	
	Development fund		32,738	Prepaid Expenses	46,042
	Opening balance	61,440		Fees Receivable	
61,440	Add:- Current year	79,100	28,02,745	Term Deposits	10,03,273
61,440	Closing balance	1,40,540	25,744	Advance with Authorities	10,284
	Loans (Liabilities)		4,50,699	Bank balance of A/c no-8511656143	1,24,492
70,37,890	Sopan	73,32,291	3,950	Cash in hand	305
2,72,800	Samarpan	2,72,800			
	Outstanding Expenses			Income & Expenditure A/c	
-	Creditors	680		Balance as per last Balance Sheet	40,15,290
-	Provisions	10,000	33,45,138	Add/Less:(Deficit)/ Surplus	25,25,297
			6,70,152	Closing Balance	65,40,586
			40,15,290		
73,72,130		77,56,311	73,72,130		77,56,311

As per our Report Attached
For AFS and Company
Chartered Accountants

The above balance sheet to the best of our belief
contains a true account of the funds and liabilities
and of the property and assets of the society.

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Anwar Shaikh
Mumbai, Dated : 21st September 2024

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SOCIETY OF PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH AUTISTIC DISORDERS
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INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 2024

F.Y 2022-23 (Rs.)	EXPENDITURE	2023-24 (Rs.)	F.Y 2022-23 (Rs.)	INCOME	2023-24 (Rs.)
	To			By	
22,06,133	Employee Benefit Expenses	23,11,113	6,69,200	Trainig Prog Income	36,000
	NAAC Application	3,54,000	16,200	Training Prog CRE	44,000
	NAAC Inspection exp	97,691	3,52,500	Training Prog Income-ASD	1,65,000
500	Training Expenses	-	6,03,492	Fees received	7,28,801
9,305	Training Prog Exp-(ASD)	79,750	40,063	Scholarship Received	
2,400	Training Prog Exp CRE	42,144	49,129	Interest on Saving A/c	23,171
8,700	Remuneration paid	50,650	1,23,597.00	Interest on Term Deposits	29,921.00
53,000	Affiliation Fees paid	2,26,500	38,575.00	Other Income	914.00
	Rent paid	1,43,268			
71,324	Repairs & Maintenance	48,570			
36,344	Examination exp	34,130			
29,500	Registration Expenses	-			
40,159	Printing & Stationery	62,876			
5,700	Books & Periodicals	3,980			
24,565	Scholarship Paid	15,498			
20,000	ARA Fees	20,000			
10,000	Audit Fees	10,000			
22,828	Conveyance	31,688			
164	Bank Charges	719			
1,246	Postage & Courier	428			
6,370	Meeting Expenses	4,000			
14,073	Depreciation	9,635			
0	Web Maintenance exp	3,750			
597	Sundry Exp	2,714			
			6,70,152	To Deficit carried over to Balance Sheet	25,25,297
25,62,907		35,53,104	25,62,907		35,53,104

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Mumbai, Dated : 21st September 2024

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**SOCIETY OF PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH AUTISTIC DISORDERS
PROJECT SUVIDYA COLLEGE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION**

**Receipts and Payments
1-Apr-2023 to 31-Mar-2024**

Receipts	Rs		Payments	Rs	
Opening Balance		4,54,649	Expenses		33,81,446
Bank Accounts	4,50,699		ARA fees	20,000	
Cash-in-hand	3,950		Bank Charges	420	
			Books	3,980	
Investments		19,65,117	Bus Exp	1,500	
Term Deposits	19,65,117		Competition Expenses	1,000	
			Conveyance	28,638	
Incomes		10,86,475	Courier Charges	428	
Admission Form, Prospectus, Books	4,800		Exam Fees Exp	34,130	
Fees Received	7,28,801		Labour Charges	950	
Bank Interest	23,171		Meeting Exp	4,000	
Book Publishing	3,300		Miscellaneous expense	898	
Misc Income	1,153		Printing and Stationery	62,876	
Development Fund	79,000		Repairs and Maintainance	48,570	
Webinar Charges	1,250		Rent Paid	1,43,266	
Training Program	2,45,000		Scholarship Paid	15,498	
			Training Program Exp	1,21,894	
			Naac Application	3,54,000	
			Naac Inspection exp	97,691	
			Affiliation Fees paid	2,26,500	
			Employee Benefit Expenses	22,15,207	
			Closing Balance		1,24,795
			Bank Accounts	1,24,492	
			Cash-in-hand	303	
Total		35,06,241			35,06,241

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