

BALAVIDYALAYA INSTITUTE FOR TEACHER TRAINING

THE SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2017-18

It gives us great pleasure in submitting the seventeenth Annual Report of Balavidyalaya Institute for Teacher Training – Chennai.

Balavidyalaya Institute for Teacher Training celebrated its 16th Annual Day on the 25th of February 2017 in Anna Auditorium – Association of Surgeons of India along with the Schools 48th Annual Day. Mr.S.Murugaia IAS the State Commissioner for the Differently abled Government of India was the Chief Guest and Dr.Meena Thiagarajan MBBS, MRCP DCH Consultant Paediatrician Apollo Children’s Hospital was the Guest of honor.



DIPLOMA IN EARLY CHILDHOOD SPECIAL EDUCATION HEARING IMPAIRED

Since the year 2001 the Institute has been conducting the one year Diploma in Early Childhood Special Education Hearing Impairment. This Diploma is recognised by the Rehabilitation Council of India and

the State Government of Tamilnadu. The main goals of the Institute are (i) to train graduates in Early Intervention techniques and (ii) be instrumental in starting Early Intervention Centres in other places, especially in rural areas, so that deaf infants and young children get an opportunity to acquire early verbal language skills and get integrated into mainstream society.

The Institute has made the manuals for the course and syllabus curriculum and has shared them with RCI and other Institutions conducting the course across the country as per the guidelines of RCI.

The course gives 60 % emphasis on practical and 40 % on theory. As part of the practical the candidates observe the twelve levels in the DHVANI Methodology and submit observations. They have a practice teaching session under supervision. They make the necessary DHVANI Teaching Learning Materials and fill up the DHVANI Assessment cards of the children.

DECSEHI CANDIDATES 2016 - 17

The year 2016 - 17 we had 9 candidates in the training programme. 3 have been sponsored by Shankar Foundation - Vizag, 2 - are Private candidates, 1 from Hyderabad and 1 from Chennai who is also the mother of one of our alumni. 100% results was achieved with 2 Distinctions and 3 first class.

DECSEHI CANDIDATES 2017 - 18

The year 2017 - 18 we have 5 candidates in the training programme. They are all private candidates from different parts of Chennai.

EXAMINATIONS

The Institute conducts two sets of Practical and Theory examinations during the year. The first sets of examinations were conducted from the 29th of August to the 2nd of September 2017. The second set of Examinations will be held in the last week of March 2018

EXTENSION OF RECOGNITION OF THE COURSE DECSE (HI) BY RCI.

In May an Inspection was conducted by Mr. Rajesh Sharma and Dr. Preeti Nayar as visiting experts deputed by RCI for extension of recognition of the course Diploma in Early Childhood Special Education Hearing Impairment. The recognition has been extended up to 2022.



SHORT TERM COURSE

The Institute conducts a short term course for candidates who already hold a degree or any other Diploma in hearing impairment. The candidate visits Balavidyalaya once a term for a month thrice in a year. This year Ms. Nutan Avinash Shegaonkar a staff of “Pranav Early Intervention



Center” Nagpur sponsored by Chitnavis Trust undertook the course.

INSPECTION TEAM

Mrs Saraswathi Narayanaswamy and Dr Subbulakshmi visited All India Institute for Speech and Hearing Mysore and Hellen Keller Institute for the Deaf and Blind Mysore as part of an Inspection team for extension of Recognition of the Courses DECSE(HI) and DSE(VI) deputed by Rehabilitation Council of India.

Dr. Subbulakshmi the training coordinator and Mrs Geetha staff of the Institute visited Silver Beach Singaram Pillai Vidyalaya in December. They watched the center, and provided the staff with the necessary tips on improving their teaching strategies.

TERM ENDS

The Institute closed for the first term holidays on the 15th of September 2017 and reopened on the 3rd of October 2017. The last day for the second term was the 23rd of December 2017 and the Institute reopened on the 2nd of January 2018.

VISIT TO AMALIYA EARLY LEARNING CENTRE

Dr. Meera Suresh visited Amaliya Early Learning Center Colombo Srilanka on an invitation from them. She presided over their 2nd Annual Day celebrations. She spent her time watching the Center at



work. Meetings were held with the Management, Staff and Parents. Exchange of ideas and suggestions for improvement were made. We are happy to state the Center is following the DHVANI Methodology and the children are progressing very well using the Oral mode of communication.

CRE PROGRAMME

A CRE Programme was conducted for the staff of Balavidyalaya on “Facilitating Emergent Literacy Skills - Stimulation for Early Literacy Skills”. As part of this CRE Programme a workshop on “Extra Assistance provided to develop Literacy Skills in Children with mild reading disabilities” was conducted. Mrs. Harini Mohan from Madras Dyslexic Association attended as a Guest Lecturer. She also gave input on “How to identify a child with dyslexia”



REFRESHER COURSE

Now many children are getting Cochlear Implants in the country. Basically DHVANI Methodology helps children acquire skills in 'Listening' 'language' and 'speech'. However a few modifications were required in the Methodology as well as the Assessment while helping children with cochlear Implant. Balavidyalaya has been admitting children with Cochlear Implants during the past few years and have altered and perfected the Methodology to suit the needs and potentials of children with implants. Records are also being maintained to study the learning patterns of children with implants as against the children using hearing aids.

A weeklong Refresher Course "DHVANI Methodology using some facets of Auditory Verbal Therapy while handling children using Cochlear Implants" was conducted from the 5th to 9th of February 2018 for all the teachers of SRAVANAM the Early Intervention Center in Trupathi run by Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams. - All the teachers of SRAVANAM Tirupati are alumni of our Institute.



ORIENTATION PROGRAMME

An orientation programme funded by the State Government of Tamilnadu was held from the 12th to the 16th February 2018 for the teachers working in the Early Intervention Centers in the Districts of Tamilnadu. This programme was on



“Facilitating Literacy Skills in children from Birth to six years using DHVANI Methodology “.

MATH WORKSHOP

Mrs. Harini Mohan and Mrs. Priya from Madras Dyslexic Association conducted a day long Maths Workshop. They gave inputs on how different number concepts can be developed in children. The Early Intervention Teachers from the District EICs, the trainees of Balavidyalaya Diploma in Early



Childhood Special Education Hearing Impairment and the Staff of Balavidyalaya attended the workshop.

VISITORS:

Mr. G.V.Sethuraman and Mr. G.V. Krishnan from Meenakshi Venkatraman Foundation Secundrabad visited the institute and watched the training programme and the Model school. They are planning to send candidates for training in DECSEHI. They have started a school in Secunderabad with one of the teachers trained by us.

Mr. B. Prasannatha Rao and Ms. Amritha Shrivastava of Coromandel International Hyderabad visited the Institute and the Model school. Coromandel International is planning to send candidates for training in DECSE(HI) during the year 2018-19 and in turn start an Early Intervention Centre in Kakinada.

Mr. Ramakrishnan and Mrs. Anita Prasad from Suniye School for the Deaf New Delhi spent three days with us . They are planning to send candidates for training in DECSEHI.



It has been a hectic year. We thank God for giving us strength in our effort. We pray for His blessings in our endeavour to reach across whole of India and the neighbouring countries to ensure young hearing impaired children are not left behind without Early Intervention services.

Let us help children with hearing impairment
LISTEN FROM INFANCY AND TALK FOR A LIFETIME.

DO YOU KNOW?

- Children start hearing when they are in their mother's womb, from the 27th week of pregnancy.
- All children with hearing impairment are left with some 'Residual Hearing' at birth.
- Residual Hearing atrophies very fast.
- When not intervened the child becomes more and more deaf as he grows older
- When not intervened the children born with moderate to severe hearing loss end up profoundly deaf at the age of 5 years
- When not intervened the children born with profound hearing loss end up totally deaf at the age of 5 years
- Deafness can be diagnosed when the infant is 2 days old.
- When not intervened deaf children become dumb as well.