

# PEOPLE WITH HEARING IMPAIRED NETWORK (PHIN)



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### Director's Report

Dear Donors & Well-Wishers,

It is my Immense pleasure to share the progress of People with Hearing Impaired Network (PHIN). 2018-2019 is much significant

year for us as organization rolled out a number of projects providing access to quality of education, health care, lively hood to People with Hearing Impaired (Deaf community)

I am pleased and honoured to express my special thanks to all friends, individuals, Corporate, Philanthropists, Educationists, for the time and efforts they have given in running PHIN-the School for the Deaf successfully. People with Hearing Impaired Network is being established with a strong commitment and passion to serve the Hearing Impaired Community in the fields of Education, employment and Health in the Year 2007. Since then we faced many hardships in educating people and Making PHIN -School as a model residential institute.

As a woman with hearing impairment I personally experienced the difficulties and stigma in the Community towards the Disabled people and always working restless in delivering the Quality education to them in all possible ways. It is a Known fact that thousands of hearing impaired children have no access to education just because lack of awareness among the parents, School teachers on Sign language.

It's my pleasure to share with you that probably PHIN is the only organization which organized a large number of Training programmes, Legal Camps, Marriage Alliances, Women empowerment programmes, Advocacy & Networking for the Hearing impaired community empowerment.

It is the Reality that there are more than 12 Lack people are persons with Hearing Impairment in the state of Telangana where only Six Schools are available to deliver Education to them which is absurd and there is no higher Education facilities by the Government. The strong desire to provide quality education to the Hearing impaired Community made me to establish the Residential School for the Deaf-PHIN in Hyderabad of Telangana State which is now giving shelter and Education to more than 116 Children.

My sincere thanks to all supports, Volunteers, Donors, PHIN general Body members for making a great dream real. All your Spirit has led and inspired our deliberations for the last 12 months. Personally I admire the devotion and the Commitment of Volunteers in donating Countless hours for the well-being of the Hearing impaired Community.

The outstanding and remarkable achievement is increasing in children strength 116 (Students). My sincere thanks and deepest gratitude to **(Telangana State Government, and SOCIAL JUSTICE EMPOWERMENT Govt of India, Global Data Pvt LTd,Marwadi Yuva Munch Association , ADP Pvt. Ltd , Nagarjuna Fertilizer Foundation, Marigold Hotel, Vivekananda Kendra, Swetcha**

**Welfare Association, Amma Akshay Pathra Foundation, Starkey Foundation, Dr. RAO's ENT International Hospital , Telangana Tourism Govt of TS. , Letz Change Foundation, LIC Hyderabad etc... )** Who adopted & sponsored the child education and supported the Deaf Orphan/Semi Orphan Children. Special thanks to individual supporters who helped us to make our vision become successful and giving free special education to the Very poor children with hearing disability.

We have also conducted health camps for the most marginalized children and their families and also provided hearing aids and our team continuously conducting the health camps and linked with various service providers.

This year we focused on increasing the number of children also in delivering the quality education. Our initiatives are successful and we could able to built strong set of teaching faculty with an innovative teaching. PHIN is now pioneer organization in creating awareness among the hearing impaired persons on their entitlements. As of now PHIN providing education till 7<sup>th</sup> grade and planning till grade 12<sup>th</sup> in the years to come with the support of well-wishers and donors.

During this year we have organised various programmes like children day celebration, Yoga Day, World Environment Day, Independence Day, Republic Day, Sports Day, etc... Along with this to build the capacity of the staff trainings have been organized.

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### **PHIN at a Glance:**

PHIN is an organization which has been working for the development of Hearing Impaired persons in the field of Education, health, human rights and Job oriented training programs. Apart from this we have been giving training to the parents on sign language.

It's great privilege that our service is recognized by the Government of India and awarded with National Award-Helen Keller in 2007 and role model National award in the year 2013. PHIN also given awards by the Government of Andrapradesh & Telangana and received many more corporate wards.

Due to the negligence of the previous governments the hearing impaired persons were neglected, no involvement in any sort of activities and discriminated. On identifying the issues Mrs. Mrs.

Vujjini Janaki started PHIN organization in the year of 2007 and helping the hearing impaired persons in their overall development by conducting different types of activities given.

### PHIN activities

- 1) Exploring the Right to Education from village level to state level to the hearing impaired people and enrolled deaf children in the regular school who are not getting education and drop out because of financial problems.
- 2) Conducting Training programmes for deaf people to understand and develop themselves in every aspect.
- 3) Conducting free marriages for hearing impaired people and also has been running free marriage Bureau.
- 4) Helping the deaf people for judicial affairs in the Courts and Sending Sign Language Interpreter to the Police Stations to solve the issues.
- 5) Providing job opportunities for the hearing impaired people in Government and private organizations with the collaboration of the State and Central governments with PSU's.
- 6) PHIN has been providing free education to around 93 hearing impaired children including some orphans, abandoned children and Juvenile children.



### About PHIN – Residential School for Hearing Impaired

#### Reasons for Establishment of PHIN residential school

There are nearly 6 Lakh hearing impaired people in 31 districts

of Telangana state. But there are only 3 government schools for this people in all over Telangana state. They are located at Karimnagar, Miriyalaguda and Hyderabad. These are not sufficient for the population of deaf children. Due to lack of comfortable atmosphere in the schools for deaf we started PHIN hearing impaired Residential school in a rented house at Sripuram colony, Malakpet in the year 2014. Sri G.Devi Prasad, TNGO Central Union President had attended as a chief guest for the Helen Keller's Birth anniversary which was conducted by us on June 27, in the year 2014. He observed our service activities towards for the deaf people and recommended our plea to the Telangana state honourable Chief minister Sri. Kalvakuntla Chandra shekar rao. ON observing our genuine plea our honourable CM pleased and ordered the concerned officials to provide a free residential quarter to run our office and school. As a result we have been provided quarter numbers Ms71 & 72. There are only two schools for hearing impaired girls with hostel facility in all over Telangana state. Parents could not pay high Fees for private schools so that they could not give better education for their hearing impaired children. To this type of people we have started a Residential school and providing free education.

Mrs. V. Janaki has been assisting the service to people with disability since 1997. Indian Government had recognized her assistance and had given Helen Keller award in 2007. Since then, we have taken Helen Keller as our role model and conducting Helen Keller's birthday celebrations at our PHIN School. And also V.Janki had been awarded with Role model award by the Indian government for the service from 2007 to 2013. We have got many awards from the state government and other NGO's but still we are not happy because there is no comfortable atmosphere for hearing impaired people in the fields of Education, health and Job oriented organizations. We would be happy when this people get equal rights on a par with normal people in every field and everywhere in Telangana state.

In our PHIN hearing impaired Residential school we have been providing free education to poor, orphan and street children. And also we have been organizing so many social service activities and helping deaf people in their education and health and other programs like freely arranging marriages and all important International Day's.







### Activities at a Glance 2018-19:

During this year PHIN organized various programmes to educate the Hearing impaired children and their parents and become successful in this. We have mainly focused on increasing the number of children and also effective teaching. To ensure the good quality of teaching staff capacity building raining shave been organized.

### Skill Development programmes:



PHIN focused much on enhancing the skill of the children in all aspects which leads to the comprehensive growth of the children. The talented children have been identified and given training on Drawing along with the regular classes. We

conducted in house competitions and also encouraged them to participate outside. Along with drawing we organized co curricular activities like sports, art & Craft.

### Speech therapy:

Along with the sign language training PHIN also organized speech therapy classes to the children so that they can habituate to renounce the words and understand the lip moment.



Nearly 100 children in the school directly benefited due to this. Along with the regular



classes we are allocating few classes for speech therapy.

### Yoga for Health:



We have mandated Yoga classes for the children to improve their health and keep them fit in every aspect. It consists of Meditation, breathing, and physical exercise.

### Community Outreach

#### 1) Capacity building to the volunteers on rights and entitlements and HIV prevention.

PHIN apart from running school for the Hearing impaired children various training programmes organised to build the capacity of the volunteers. This year nearly 90 active volunteers given exclusive training on the Rights and entitlements of the Speech & Hearing impaired persons. During this training Director Mrs Janaki and Mr. Balakrishna Reddy interacted with the volunteers and given orientation on RTE, RTI, UNCRPD, PWDs Act. One special session conducted on prevention of HIV at the end each volunteer is given responsibility to train others on the same subject in their areas too..Thanking HRLN for rendering support in providing the training.

#### 2) Environmental and sanitation awareness program.

An awareness programme is organized on Environment and sanitation to the Hearing impaired. Nearly 80 active community leaders



to the Hearing impaired. Nearly 80 active community leaders participated in the programme. On this occasions the participants oriented on the causes for pollution like water, Air, Soil etc... The participants taken oath to control the pollution by planting the trees. It is also decided to participate in government campaigns actively. Sri Deviprasad Garu..Chairman Telangana Beverages Corporation and the Circle inspector of Malkpet, Hyderabad participated as chief guests for this programme.

### 3) Medical camps and AIDs & appliances distribution:

We have organized a Medical Camp in collaboration with Safe Hospital, Dental association, to the school children with the support of the local doctors. During this health camp PHIN students and also other needy people have actively participated. In collaboration with the donors and the Government of



Telangana the needy children were provided Appliance.. An orientation is given on usage of the appliances. As a result of this initiative more than 200 children are using hearing aids very effectively.

### 4) Rallies' with volunteers and PWD's:

PHIN organized rallies on various occasions with a demand to implement the existing acts effectively and rehabilitate the Children with Hearing impairment. All together nearly 500 HI and well wishers participated in these rallies. Representations served to various government officials to resolve the issues immediately. We raised the voice on domestic violence and rights violation of the girl children. These rallies have lot of impact at all levels. Honourable MLC Telangana Sri. KasiReddy Narayana Reddy garu & Sri.Deviprasad Garu, Sri. Karam Ravinder Reddy garu participated and expressed their solidarity to the rallies and congratulated PHIN team for organizing such wonderful events.



### 5) Rehabilitation



and counselling  
to the girls  
children:

To make the girl children strong in every aspect PHIN organized special counselling sessions with the support of the Donors and professional counsellors. On these occasions PHIN founder V. Janaki and Mr. Balakrishna Reddy



interacted with the children and given counselling to them not to lose hope and improve their education. 114 children receiving free education with residential facility and improving their learning skill. Apart from regular work PHIN also giving career guideline to the needy students about their future education and also employment. We are always constantly in negotiation with various government and non Government Organizations to provide employment to the hearing impaired.

#### 6) Teachers Day celebrations:



Teacher's day celebrations organized in PHIN School very grandly. The children showed their respect towards their teachers by presenting the flowers. On this occasion

Director. Mrs Janaki, founder member sri. Balakrishna Reddy principal & teachers have participated actively. The best performers were given prizes on this occasion.

### 7) Children day Celebration:

A grand celebration organized in Ravindrabharathi by PHIN on the occasions of Children day. The main object of the programme is to improve the confidence among the children & their parents. Nearly



400 children with speech and hearing impairment and their parents, well wishers have participated in the programme.

Sri Nandini Sidda Reddy garu- Tealugu Sahithya Academy, Sri. Vasudeva Reddy garu Vikalangula

corporation chairman, Cine artist Mr. Srikanth & Dr. Rao –ENT International hospital have attended as the guests of the programme. Children performed cultural activities on this occasion. Wonderful messages given by the guests of the Day.

### 8) IEC Material Distribution:

With the support of the Donors and well wishers cooperates PHIN distributed nearly 100000 phomplets & Posters on the rights and entitlements of the speech & Hearing impaired children. A Year calendar prepared with sign language symbols where it gave lot of knowledge on sign language to the disabled community and others also. This initiative played a vital role in educating the children and their parents. More over his is the first kind of initiative in the State of Telangana.



### 9) Marriage Alliances:

PHIN identified there is a dire need of intervention in

building the alliances as there is no such plot form in the state. PHIN organized monthly marriage alliances programme after collecting the data. We have organized 12 programmes where nearly 60 speech and



hearing impaired marriages have been performed. Along with this legal counselling is being conducted to the needy. Domestic violence issues taken to the notice of Human Rights commission and filed cases where ever necessary & monitoring the cases.

#### 10) Celebration of Annual day –PHIN & General Body Meeting:

PHIN annual day celebration organized in a grand manner, on this occasions well wishers, volunteers, parents participated. PHIN president Mrs. Janaki presented the annual report and vision of PHIN. The participants praised the efforts of PHIN in educating the children and also parents. At the end general body meeting also conducted where new resolutions have been passed to strengthen PHIN.



#### 11) Vocational Training programme for the women:



A skill development programme organized at PHIN School with a vision to train the women and provide employment. The training programme contoured for 45 days daily 4 hours in Embroiling, Tailoring, and communication skills, Personality development. PHIN resource persons trained the participants very effectively and after the completion of the training certificates were provided. In collaboration with local business firms more than half women provided jobs.

#### 12) Training program on Right to education act UNCRPD and PWD's act.

An exclusive training programme organized on Right to education & UNCRPD/PWDs act. The main object of the training programme is to educate the active volunteers on the existing laws, and Act.. Nearly 80 active persons with hearing impaired have attended the training. The participants given training on the provisions of the New Law. A complete session was allocated to discuss the Articles of UNCRPD.. PHIN Teaching staff and core team interacted with the participants and shared their knowledge.

#### 13) Celebration of Important days:

To motivate the spirit of the hearing impaired community especially

children PHIN celebrated every important day in the school like Republic day, Independence day, HIV day, Helen Keller birth day, International Deaf day , World Disabled Day..Teachers day etc.. All these initiatives improving the self confidence of the children and become aware of the importance of the day. On these occasions well wishers, voluntters & staff actively involved.

## Media Coverage –PHIN



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