

BALAVIDYALAYA INSTITUTE FOR TEACHER TRAINING

Twenty Second Annual Report of Balavidyalaya Institute for Teacher Training

Balavidyalaya Institute for Teacher Training offers a one-year Diploma in Early Childhood Special Education Hearing Impairment (DECSEHI). The Diploma is recognised by the Rehabilitation Council of India New Delhi & The Government of Tamilnadu.

The goal of the training programme is to

- (i) Train graduates in Early Intervention techniques
- (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 Diploma has five theory papers. 60 % emphasis is given on the practical part of the course with 40 % emphasis on theory. The candidates are given exposure on DHVANI Methodology formulated and followed by Balavidyalaya. At the end of the course the candidates are able to handle and teach infants and children who are deaf below 6 years old, and guide their parents to handle the children.

The twenty first Annual Day of the Institute was held virtually along with the 52nd Annual Day of the school on the 5th of March 2022. Mr. YD Srinath, District Differently Abled Welfare Officer (DDAWO), State Government of Tamil Nadu, was the Chief Guest. Dr ValliAnnamalaithe Honorary Principal welcomed the gathering and Dr S.Subbulakshmi the Course Coordinator read the Institute's Annual Report.

2021-22

The pandemic had put the whole world in shambles. Everything was delayed. The course for the year 2020-21 started only in February 2022.

We had five student teachers who enrolled in the course. One from Darjeeling sponsored by Salvation Army school for the Deaf, one from Kerala and 3 for the early intervention centers in Trichy, Nilgris, and Virudhunagar. The whole course for the year was off line in person.



We closed for the 1st term on the 23rd September 2022 and reopened on 10th October 2022.

The course was completed in December 2022 and the Institute closed on the 23rd of December 2022.

Results awaited

These 5 candidates completed the course and wrote their examinations conducted by Ali Yavar Jung National Institute for Speech and Hearing Disabilities - Divyangana (AYJNISHD) – Mumbai in December 2022. We are awaiting the results for this batch which should reach us any moment.

2022-23

The course for the year 2022 started on the 5th of November 2022. We have 5 teacher trainees 1 is from Chittoor Andhra Pradesh, 4 are from the Early Intervention Centers of the Districts of Tamilnadu which are funded by the State Government. They include 2 from Ranipet, 1 from Pudukottai and 1 from Toothukudi.

We closed for the December holidays on the 23rd of December 2022 and opened on the 2nd of January 2023.

This batch overlapped with the earlier batch of candidates of 2021-22

Change in Administration

We welcome Mrs. V.G. Tharena who is now being promoted as the Course Coordinator. She was earlier a special educator of Balavidyalaya The school for young deaf children. We would like to extend our best wishes to her for a good tenure as the Course Coordinator.

Seminars & Conferences

In April 2022 Mrs.V.G.Tharena the course coordinator attended the 4th Graduation Day of MGR Institute of Teacher Training.

The regular annual orientation refresher programme that is conducted for all the special educators of the early intervention centers in Tamilnadu was held from the 12th to the 16th of September 2022. This year the topic was on 'The role of functions in developing auditory, language, speech, reading and writing skills in infants & young deaf children birth to six years old'. The orientation programme had 46 participants and was funded by the Government of Tamilnadu.



The programme was accorded CRE status by the Rehabilitation Council of India.

In September 24th and 25th 2022 Dr Meera Suresh the Honorary Vice Principal attended the International Conference on 'Teaching & Rehabilitation Strategies for teaching the deaf' held by Anushruti Academy of the Deaf at IIT Roorkee. She presented a paper on 'Cost Effectiveness of DHVANI – An existing model under Indian Conditions'. She also chaired one of the sessions during the conference.

On 23rd January 2023 Mrs Tharena along with the trainees of the Diploma in Early Childhood Special Education Hearing Impairment from the 2022-23 batch attended the seminar on 'Health Services for persons who are differently abled' held by Dr M.G.R School for the deaf during their Founders Day Celebrations.

On the 13th of February 2023 Dr Suresh attended a virtual meeting with RCI. This meeting was regarding the format of the assessment forms used by the inspection committee when they go for inspection.

Approval

This year the approval for conducting the Diploma in Early Childhood Special Education Hearing Impairment Course was expiring. Two experts were deputed by RCI to inspect our Institution and give their approval for extending their approval. We got our approval extended for the next five years 2022-23 to 2026-27. We thank RCI for their approval.

Supply of DHVANI Kit

The goal of the Institute is to convince Trusts and other organisations to start new early intervention centers. The trainees from the 2021-22 batch had two candidates – one sponsored by the Patiala School for the Deaf & Blind Patiala and one by the Rotary Sanskardam Academy for children with special needs. The candidates finished the course and have joined the respective sponsored institutes. Since they have been trained in DHVANI Methodology they were given the option of procuring DHVANI Kit from us so that they can utilize it in their center to help the children develop language, speech and academic skills.

Both the Patiala school for the deaf& blind and Rotary Sanskardam Academy have procured the Kit from us. We extend our warm wishes to both the candidates and the school and hope they are able to develop oral and academic skills in the children of their respective schools.

We hope you enjoyed reading this annual report.

REHABILITATION COUNCIL OF INDIA
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CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL

The Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI) hereby records its approval to the Institute to conduct the training programme as per following details:

Name & Address of the Institute	Name of the Training Programme and its duration	Academic Sessions	Maximum intake (Maximum) per batch/session
Gala Vidyalaya Institute for Teachers Training, 18, 1st Cross Street, Saketti Nagar, District - Chennai, Tamilnadu - 680000 (Institute Code - TH017)	Diploma in Early Childhood Special Education D.E.C.S.E.(H) Duration: One Year	2022-23 2023-24 2024-25 2025-26 2026-27	30 (Thirty)

2. The approval to conduct the training programme is given subject to the condition that the RCI's prescribed standard syllabus & nomenclature in the above mentioned programme to be followed and the requisite infrastructural facilities such as clinical facilities (special school, laboratory, library, computer transaction etc.) are available and maintained throughout the conduct of training programme at the institute in accordance with the norms prescribed by RCI from time to time.

3. The Council reserves the right to depute a team of visiting experts to assess the availability of the training facilities and to monitor the examination (licensure/practical) at any time as per section 20(1) of RCI Act 1992.

4. The examination for the course shall be conducted in accordance with the norms prescribed by the National Board of Examination in Rehabilitation (NBRE), New Delhi from time to time.

5. Any admission taken beyond the validity of this approval shall not be considered for registration in Central Rehabilitation Register (CRR) of RCI under any circumstances.

6. The approval can be withdrawn at any time, if the institute is found violating RCI's norms for any other reasons in public interest.

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Member Secretary

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