





FERRANDO REHABILITATION SOCIETY FOR DISABLED ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT 2023 - 2024



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Introduction:

Ferrando Rehabilitation Society for Disabled was established in the year 2003 to empower Persons with disabilities by providing a range of supportive services designed to improve their quality of life and ensure opportunities for them. Based in Agartala, Tripura. This Organization is committed to early detection and intervention, special and inclusive education, vocational training, residential services, outreach programs, awareness

and sensitization programs, distribution of aids and appliances etc. We offer these services to enhance mobility, communication, and overall functionality. Our operation spans across all eight districts of Tripura - West Tripura, North Tripura, South Tripura, Dhalai, Unakoti, Khowai, Sepahijala and Gomati – ensuring that we address the unique needs of the disabled community in each district, providing access to rehabilitation, training and

essential services. In addition to direct services, Ferrando Rehabilitation Society for Disabled also strives to raise awareness about disability-related issues by collaborating with government bodies, local organizations, and other stakeholders of the society.

Our mission is to foster a society where every individual, regardless of socio-economic background, culture, demographic differences, or religious beliefs, comes together

in unity to promote the welfare of persons with disabilities. We believe in creating an inclusive environment where people from all walks of life join hands in the shared goal of improving the lives of those with disabilities. The Organization's core mission is rooted in raising awareness and ensuring early identification and intervention for children with delayed developments. Through continuous outreach and education program, we encourage early detection in new borns enabling families to access the most appropriate and effective supportive services. We continually strive to ensure that the needs and aspirations of people with disabilities are integrated into the fabric of boarder societal progress. We remain steadfast in our dedication to advocating for the rights of persons with disabilities and promoting a culture of empathy, understanding and support.

Ferrando Rehabilitation

Society for Disabled during the last 20 years has reached significant milestones in its journey of empowering Persons with disabilities. It is a success made possible by the tremendous support it has received over the years. This accomplishment is not just a reflection of the dedication within the Organization itself, but also a result of the unwavering commitment of various organizations and the selfless generosity of individuals who continuously extended their hands to those in need. The Organization's achievements from providing specialized therapies, academic curricula to offering vocational training, have truly transformed the lives of its beneficiaries. These successes, however, would not have been attainable without the consistent support and guidance from numerous benevolent benefactors. Their valuable services have played a pivotal role in ensuring that the activities remain robust,

comprehensive, and effective in addressing the unique needs of Persons with disabilities.

The Organization is trying its level best to bring all the available facilities and persons with expertise in various fields of disabilities under one roof so that it could extend best service to the people concerned. While we are pleased to announce that Ferrando Rehabilitation Society for Disabled is now capable of assisting a reasonable number of persons with disabilities, we are keenly aware that there are many more individuals who are in need of support and care. Our current achievements, though significant, only mark the initial steps toward realizing our vision of creating an inclusive and accessible environment for all. The road ahead remains long. Nevertheless we are determined to expand our reach, enhance our services, and increase our capacity to cater to the needs of even more Persons with disabilities.

VISION

“To rehabilitate, educate and empower persons with disabilities for an independent living in and inclusive society.”

MISSION

“Ferrando Rehabilitation Society for the Disabled is a community based development organization committed to improve the quality of life for persons with disabilities through quality rehabilitation services, inclusive education; community based inclusive development and livelihood initiatives.”



OBJECTIVES OF THE SOCIETY

- To establish, maintain, manage and run educational institutions, technical and vocational training cum production centers, centers and facilities for promotion of studies and research in Hearing impairment specially and other disabilities as the need arises.
- To create awareness among the public about the disabled people, their needs and rights, and to encourage and create interest among the people to work for the promotion of their rights.
- To take any rehabilitation measures to improve the living of the people with disabilities and to establish medical, educational, vocational and co-operatives whatsoever and in any manner be deemed expedient.
- To educate, train and assist financially or otherwise engage in education and training of students, teachers, staff, social workers and CBR workers and other in art, culture, religion, spiritual educational, economic and other fields to assist the disabled in self-employment schemes.
- To impart training and or facilities for training to members of this society or any other persons, organizations approved by the society on any subject whether religious, educational, social, vocational, scientific, economical etc., in nature either gratuitously or otherwise.





President's Message

Dear Friends,

Two decades ago, a small seed was sown – an idea born from hope and a deep desire to serve children and adult with disabilities, a group often marginalized by the society. Though there was no grand infrastructure, no extensive resources, we did have a vision – a vision to provide care, love and opportunity for those who needed it most. The tiny seed has grown into a well-established Organization- Ferrando Rehabilitation Society for Disabled. What once started as a dream is now a fully functioning space with efficient trained and skilled staff members; each equipped with specialized knowledge to cater to a diverse range of disabilities. This journey has been one of transformation – both for the people we serve and for us as an Organization.

The road to where we stand today was not an easy one. Braving countless obstacles through hard work, perseverance and unwavering commitment the humble initiative has blossomed into a well-established Institution today. However, this growth was not achieved in isolation. It is only with the continuous and generous support from various donors and organizations.

I would like to convey my heartfelt gratitude to all our well-wishers, both individuals and organizations, who have come forward to help Ferrando Rehabilitation Society for Disabled in various ways. Their benevolence has always been a booster to us to do our best. Our Executive Members & Advisors have been playing vital role through their valuable guidance and suggestions to take up and solve the challenges we faced; and for this generous assistance they deserve our heartiest gratitude from our end.

I extend my heartfelt thanks to all our Staff members. Your dedication, commitment and tireless efforts are the backbone of everything this Organization achieved. Without your hard work and passion none of our goals would have been accomplished.

To wrap up, I offer my sincerest thanks to all our stakeholders for your continued trust and support. Your collaboration has been integral to the success of our organization and we look forward to working closely with you in the future to further enhance the lives of those in need of services. Your ongoing partnership and cooperation are always welcome and together we can continue to create a positive and lasting impact.

Sr. Cecilia Z Gualnam

President, FRSD

SERVICES PROVIDED BY FERRANDO REHABILITATION SOCIETY FOR DISABLED DURING 2023-2024

FERRANDO REHABILITATION CENTRE

Ferrando Rehabilitation Centre has the latest disabled-friendly building with various accessibilities features. At our Centre we strive to provide the most reliable and quality rehabilitation services to people with disabilities.

The Centre is equipped with the latest and most advanced equipment for early identification and intervention of various disabilities. The core aim of this Center is early identification of various disabilities to help them get maximum supportive services. The Centre has various departments such as Vision, Speech therapy and Audiology, Physiotherapy, Orthotic and Prosthetic Unit,

Activities during FY 2023-2024

- No. Refraction = 1191, no of patients diagnosed with Cataract =120, syringing done = 12, foreign bodies removed = 58, low vision assessment done = 59, Total no. of screening = 1623.



VISION UNIT Aims and Objectives

To identify and detect low vision and blindness

To provide comprehensive eye care facilities by promoting outreach activities and increase public awareness

To combat cataract blindness

Services available

School eye health services

Dispensing of spectacles and low vision aids

Cataract blindness control program

Tinting spectacle lenses

Correcting refractive errors with the help of autorefractome

Out- reach program

School eye health program



Screening program



AUDIOLOGY & SPEECH THERAPY UNIT

- The Unit has state-of-the-art labs, a pre-requisite for quality services. It has a sound treated room for audiometry evaluation, Auditory Evoked Potential and Oto Acoustic Emission tests.

Aims and Objectives

Early identification and intervention

Diagnosis and Hearing aid fitment

To reduce hearing Impairment

To offer basic human right of hearing



Services available

- Audiometric testing
- Auditory Evoked Potential (BERA)
- OAE
- Dispensing of hearing aids
- Speech therapy and Orientation
- Counseling and guidance
- Awareness & Outreach program



- During 2023-2024 we have 46 new children enrolled at the Early Intervention center for Speech Therapy and 150 previously enrolled were followed up with over 1913 sessions. 1930 children and adults were screened for hearing loss.

Hearing testing using audiometer, BERA and OAE



PHYSIOTHERAPY UNIT

- Physical therapy is concerned with identifying and maximising quality of life and movement potential within the spheres of promotion, prevention, treatment/intervention, habilitation and rehabilitation.



Aims and Objectives



Services available

- Manual therapy
- Jogger
- Quadriceps seat
- Continuous passive monitor
- Ultra sonic therapy
- Shoulder wheel
- Therapy ball
- Shoulder wheel
- Shortwave diathermy

No. of patients treated
243 cases and
2450 sessions

ORTHOTIC AND PROSTHETIC UNIT

- The Orthopedic Workshop is equipped with advanced machines and equipment necessary for making aids and appliances which includes Dry heat oven, Vacuum Moulding, Machine Moulding Jig, Drilling, Portable router, Hand Drilling machine, Grinder machine, Jig cutter, Dry heat gun etc. We have Certified Orthopedic Technologist and Prosthetist who manages the Workshop.



ORTHOPEDIC WORKSHOP

Aims and Objectives

- To provide appropriate aids and appliances to persons with disability
- Create awareness among public on disability and instruct the need for early intervention
- To promote awareness of the need for and benefits of mobility appliances for disabled people
- To correct, prevent or reduce a deformity/contracture
- To accommodate deformity and prevent further deformity
- To increase independence

Services available

Assessment of patients in OPD

Family counseling with patients and parents to provide home adaptations.

Provide orthosis, prosthesis, appliances and other rehabilitation devices (wheel chair, walker, tricycle, special chair, special stand and other mobility aids)

Outreach camps in remote areas to identify the disabled person



- A total of 129 orthosis (AF,KO, KAFO, HKAFO, SMO, standing frame, special chair, sandal modification, cock up splint, spinal brace, wheelchair, soft collar, arch support walker etc.) and 23 prosthesis (BK, AK) were manufactured and customized in FRC workshop.



28 children with Global development delayed

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35 children with foot deformity

32 children with knee ankle foot deformity

2 children with hip knee Ankle foot deformity

2 children with upper limbs deformity

4 children with spinal deformity

10 persons with lower limbs amputees



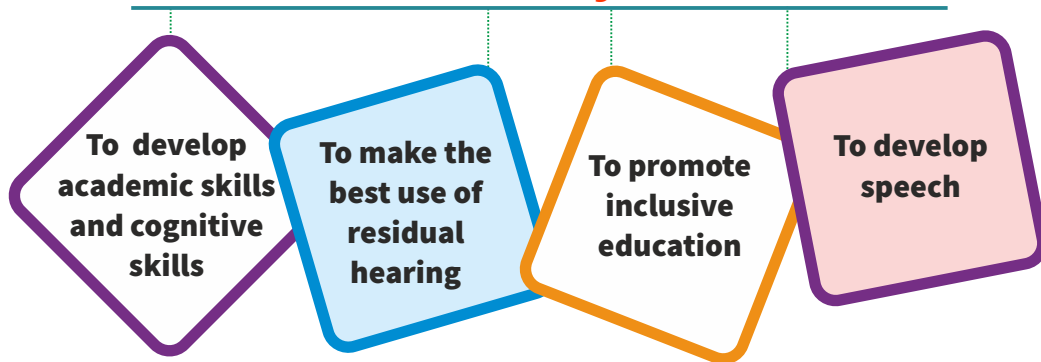
EDUCATION

FERRANDO SCHOOL FOR SPEECH AND HEARING

From the year 2006, Ferrando Rehabilitation Centre has been running Special School for children with hearing impairment. The process of transition of Special School to Resources Centre for Inclusive School was introduced in January 2016. The key factor for the transition of Ferrando School for Speech and Hearing into Resource Centre for inclusive setup was the result of the partnership with the Regional Action for Inclusive Education–North East (RAISE-NE), project. Admission in the School is open throughout the year and regular curriculum of NCERT has been adopted since the January 2017.

The early intervention unit has been offering various therapeutical managements to children with disabilities from the very beginning. There are ample examples of mainstreaming (admission in regular school) of children with disability who have left the early intervention unit after expected correction in their condition.

Aims and Objectives



Services Available

Speech and Auditory Training

Indian Sign language

Class room Learning

Curricular and co-curricular activities are organized to develop cognitive skills, increase listening and speaking skills.

Basic Computer skills

Parents counseling and guidance.

There are 98 students from class Nursery to Class-VIII during the academic year 2023 to 2024.



HOSTEL FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED CHILDREN

- The Centre provides Hostel facilities for children with hearing impairment who hailed from far-flung villages of Tripura. There are 53 children with hearing impairment in the hostel during the academic year 2023 to 2024.



Aims and Objectives

- To provide accommodation for the poor and marginalized children with hearing Impairment who have no means of attending the school due to distance and lack of financial constraint.
- To eradicate illiteracy and poverty among persons with disabilities
- To give right to education.
- To provide basic comfort and facility as their basic rights.
- To facilitate the desire for education, providing them a platform to build their life, bringing awareness among the people how important it is to educate the children with disabilities especially girl child.
- To instil in the minds of these children love for God, nature and humanity.

Services available

Hostel for Hearing Impaired girls and boys in the campus.

Special Coaching



SAKSHAM TRIPURA PROJECT

- With greater vision to enhance the quality and accessibility of education to Children with Special Needs (CWSN), the Department of School Education has launched a Project, 'Saksham Tripura'. The project has been launched in close collaboration with four partners including Ferrando Rehabilitation Society for Disabled, Nandan Nagar.
- The main objectives of the project are to prepare Individualized Educational Programme (IEP) for all CWSN, development of training modules, class based curriculum content and appropriate TLM (Teaching Learning Material), setting up of 1 model school in each Block HQ and imparting Training, Sensitization, awareness among all stakeholders i.e. Teachers, Parents, officials, community, students etc.
- In accordance with the MoU, Ferrando Rehabilitation Centre, the partner organization has provided 10 Special Educators, 1 Mentors.
- The project is implemented in 40 selected schools across AMC, Agartala, Gomati District and Sepaijijala District of Tripura. Each special educator is assigned with responsibility of four SSA schools.



VOCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Livelihood training and vocational activities

- The vocational unit of Ferrando Rehabilitation Centre has been regularly providing various vocational trainings on skill development of Persons with Disabilities.
- The Centre organized skill development and capacity building training for PwDs on Candle Making, scented Candles, decorated candles, etc. in association with social Welfare and Social Education Department.
- Doll /soft toy making, Various Methods of plant propagation, Bamboo Pickle making.

Candle Making



Doll making



Pickle making



Aims and Objectives

1. To minimize unemployment problems among with Disabilities
2. Foster entrepreneurship and self-employment opportunities

COMMUNITY BASED REHABILITATION AND OUT-REACH SERVICES

Ferrando Rehabilitation Centre organizes camps at various villages and schools to provide services like screening of eyes and ears and also creating awareness among different stakeholders, etc. The outreach Program also focuses to facilitate the creation of responsive community and development of inclusive services, which fulfill the rights of persons with disabilities.

Aims and Objectives

- To generate awareness about the cause of disability of prevention and reduction of disabilities
- To control and cure disability by medical and surgical intervention
- To ensure social security of the PwDs with the help of GOs &NGOs
- To transfer the skills of rehabilitation to the community
- To enhance ability and skill to the disabled through various home adaptations.
- To upheld the right of disabled

Activities

- Organize community meeting and outreach programs, medical camps, screening and diagnostic camp.
- In the year 2023-24 there were beneficiaries at 2450

OTHER IMPORTANT ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT DURING THE YEAR 2023-24

World Disable Day Celebration

- Every year Ferrando Rehabilitation Centre celebrates the World disabled Day on 3rd December. Similarly in December 4, 2023 Ferrando observed World Disabled Day at Ferrando School for Speech and Hearing cum Annual day Celebration. The programme started with lighting of the lamp followed by cultural programs. The Chief Guest Smt. Smithamol Director Social welfare and social education, Government of Tripura gave a motivational speech on that event.
- Earth Day is an annual event on April 22 to demonstrate support for environmental protection. Ferrando observed Earth Day on April 22, 2023, with a range of activities like drawing competition on protection of our earth etc.



- **On 5 June, 2023 World Environment Day was celebrated by planting trees in the campus.**



International Yoga Day-2023



Independence Day Celebration - 2023



Swacha Bharat Abhiyan

- The students of Ferrando observed “Swacha Bharat Abhiyan” by organizing cleanliness drive in the campus and outside - the main road.



On 5th September, 2023 Teachers Day was celebrated by the students of Ferrando School to honour the teachers with various cultural items and dramas.



The centre observed the 23 September, 2023, International sign language day.



Diwali 2023 Celebration at FRC



On 14 November 2023 - Children's Day celebration at Ferrando School for Speech and Hearing



2nd December, 2023 World Disabled Day cum Annual Day Celebrations at Ferrando School for Speech and Hearing



Chief Guest Smt. Smita Mol, IAS Director of Social Welfare and Social Education Department, Government of Tripura



Ferrando School students participating at World Disabled Day Celebration organised by Social Welfare Department at Arundhatinagar English Medium School, AD Nagar, Agartala, Tripura



Advance Christmas Celebration on 20th December, 2023- Ferrando Rehabilitation Centre



The 67th Republic Day -2024 Celebration at Ferrando Rehabilitation Centre on 26th January, 2024



Distribution of School Uniform by ONGC Mahila, Tripura Asset



Visit to students homes during Winter Holiday



The newly Refurbished Resource Centre cum speech Therapy room at Ferrando Rehabilitation Centre, Nandannagar, Agartala



Holi festival celebrated at Ferrando Rehabilitation Centre on 13th March, 2024



Inclusive activity: Interaction with Auxilium Girl's School, Agartala



Picnic at Bamboo Park, a unique blend of nature, culture and sustainability at RK Nagar, Agartala



Developing Teaching learning Materials for the students



Empowering teachers with Sign language class



Seminar on child and adult at risk safe guarding policy

Camps organised for Parents of children with disabilities enrolled under various Government schemes.



Seminars attended by the staff

1. Children's Parliament, Guwahati 25th – 27th July, 2023
2. CBID Partners' Meet (Learning and Sharing 23 to 24th Aug, 2023) USI, residency, New Delhi.
3. 28th September to 2nd October, 2023 Confluence of hearing and speech impaired children in Guwahati.
4. State level meeting with all superintendents of ST Boarding House Run by Government and Non-Government Organizations under the chairmanship of Tribal Welfare Department, Government of Tripura, Dec-11, 2023
5. Annual governing body meeting of state child protection society Tripura, December 16, 2023, Secretariat, Agartala
6. Regional collaborative Organizations meet-2023 cum capacity building on Gender, child rights and networking December 17-19, 2023, Seva Kendra, Kolkatta
7. On 21st March, 2024 State Level CRE program on “ Accessibility, Digital Technology, and Auditory Verbal Therapy for Rehabilitation Professionals at SCERT Chaltlang, Mizoram
8. 12th March, 2024 ADIP Scheme on Cochlear Implant, Indian Institutes of Entrepreneurship, Guwahati.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the Passionate Governing Board Members, altruistic Collaborators, self-less well-wishers, enthusiastic colleagues, Supportive families, tenacious children and adult with disabilities and other stakeholders who propel the organization towards new heights.