

SCHOOL FOR DEAF-MUTES SOCIETY

Late Shri Pranshankar Lallubhai Desai founded this institution in 1908 to educate his son, Late Shri Indurav Desai, who was a Person with Hearing Impairment. His second son, Late Shri Pandurav Desai, who was a lawyer professionally, was a constant support in the progress of this institute. The institute was initially managed by Shri Pranshakar himself, but a committee was later formed under the presidency of Sir Chinubhai Beronut. Eventually, this small group developed into a residential school of importance.

The school initially catered to the educational needs of Students with Hearing Impairment only. The School for the Blind was started in the year 1945, and was inaugurated by the then Chief Minister, Morarjibhai Desai in 1952. Eventually, Teacher Training Colleges were started for educating and training teachers as Special Educators along with setting up of vocational training centres for Persons with Disabilities as well. In the past 43 years, 1974 to 2017, a total number of 28,095 students have received education from our institute.

Today, our institute has a strength of more than 600 students, hailing from different parts of the state, and education, boarding and lodging facilities are provided free of cost.

One of our key abilities is to identify and channelize the strengths and potentials of our students and provide them the much needed exposure and opportunities for inclusion. Education and boarding facilities are made available, free of cost and emphasis is laid on early identification of disability and training of caregivers.

Our various initiatives are as follows.

- School for the Deaf
- School for the Blind
- Kalpana Balmandir
- Computer Centers for the Blind & Deaf
- Training College for the Teachers of the Deaf
- Training College for the Teachers of the Blind
- Physiotherapy College for Persons with Visual Impairment

PHYSIOTHERAPY COLLEGE FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED

The Physiotherapy College for the Visually Impaired in Ahmedabad University is one of the two Colleges in India conducting a programme in Physiotherapy for visually challenged students. The College was established in August 2005 to function independently in the premises of the School for Deaf-Mutes Society. The programme offers a Diploma in Physiotherapy, which is of three years duration with six months compulsory internship.

The College has grown in many ways since its inception and has enhanced its pedagogy to impart the same education to special needs students, that regular students acquire. The classes are conducted by recording and replaying live lectures, one-to-one practical demonstrations with accurate and high-quality anatomical models and are topped off with an online exam format.

Over the years, it has become well known for its unique teaching methods, contemporary syllabus and excellent management of students' placements after graduation.

Our Mission

- To impart quality education to the visually impaired
- To emphasize on application and innovation that caters to the emerging societal needs through the all-round development of the students
- To enable students to be globally competitive and socially responsible citizens with intrinsic values

Diploma in Physiotherapy for the Visually Impaired

A 3 years and 6 months programme with a compulsory Internship

- Through this programme, the students' successfully acquire the skills and capability to treat patients
- The students develop the ability to practice Physiotherapy by themselves doing home visits or in a clinic setup
- Provide avenues to gain future knowledge for students after graduating to keep themselves professionally updated
- This programme not only helps to shape visually impaired students career but also helps in transforming them as individuals
- There is confidence building that adds value to their personality, behaviour, communication skills and overall conduct
- Team working skills are learnt to help students collaborate between patients and doctors. They understand how to play an active role of being a therapist in a rehabilitation team
- After their graduation, students may open their own clients, work in private or NGO based clinics, do home visits or work as consultants in hospitals.

Our alumni, including our female alumni, are gainfully employed, either in service or private practice

The Physiotherapy College for the Visually Impaired has a success rate of 100% employment after completion of this course.

Eligibility

Any student who has passed HSC examination from any stream with English as a subject and civil surgeon certificate of visual impairment (40%>) with age not exceeding 35 years.