



Smt. Ambubai Residential School for Blind Girls (SARSBG)
under the aegis of
The Hyderabad Karnataka Disabled Welfare Society (HKDWS),
Kalaburagi





Vision

A life of self-respect and dignity for the disabled

Mission

To empower visually impaired girls from the underprivileged communities by providing free education



HKDWS has been working for 30+ years to help the visually disabled

About us:

HKDWS, an NGO formed in 1990 based at Gulbarga (Kalaburagi), working across 6 districts of Karnataka

Our primary Objectives:

- Enhancing access to resources
- Organizing medical and awareness camps
- Liaising with government and other stakeholders
- Vocational training



About our founder: Mr. Dattu Agarwal



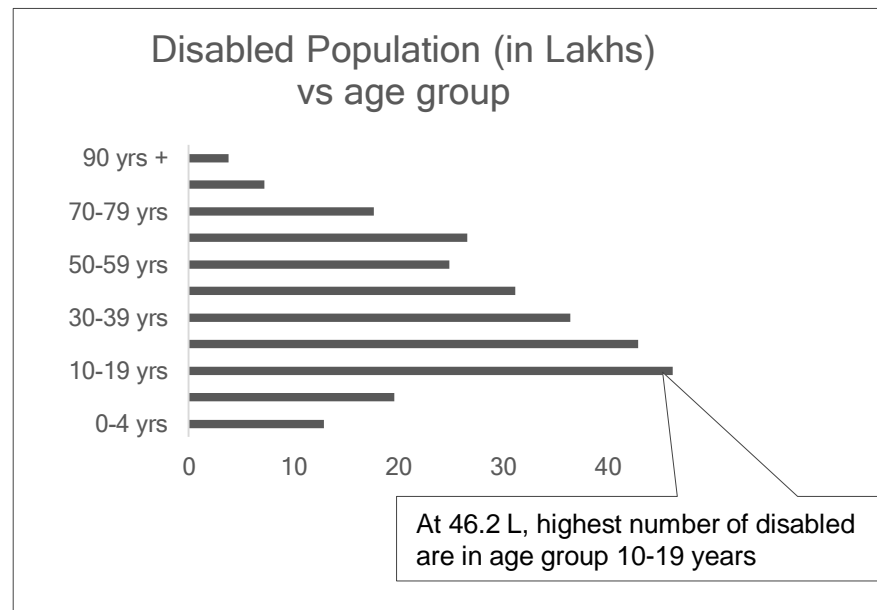
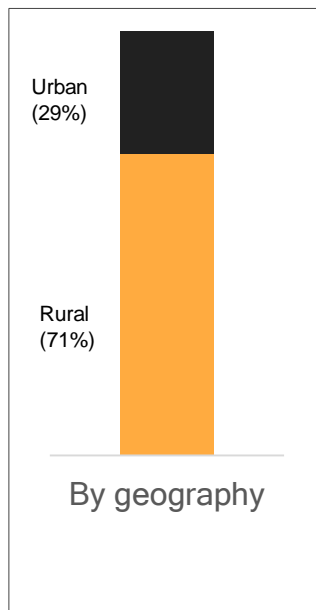
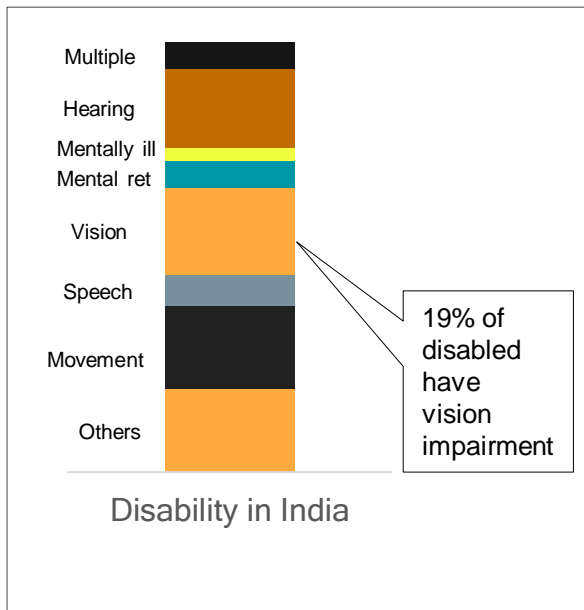
- ✓ Renowned social worker and teacher
- ✓ Disabled himself, 30+ years of experience in leading HKDWS's efforts
- ✓ Recipient of multiple awards and recognitions

HKDWS is recognized by both public and private organizations for providing education & livelihood opportunities to visually impaired girls in Karnataka.



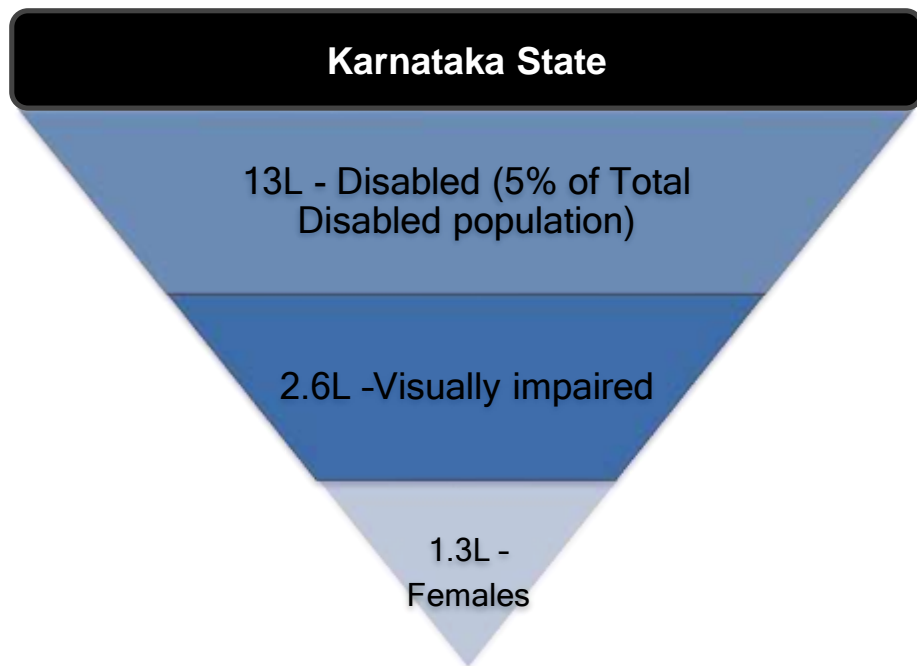
5.4 M Indians are visually impaired, with 3.86 M in rural areas with minimal care

- 2.2% of Indian population is disabled, with nearly one in five disabled citizens suffering from disability related to vision
- 71% of India's disabled population is in the rural areas and has a low literacy rate (49%)
- Highest number of disabled Indians are in the age group of 10-19 years





HKDWS's goal is to help as many of the 1.3L visually impaired girls in Karnataka as possible



- Karnataka-Hyderabad region (Gulbarga, Bidar, Raichur, Koppal, Bellary, and Yadgir) has an estimated 5,300 visually impaired girls in age group of 05-19 years
- The State Government has multiple programs to improve rehabilitation, education, employment, and other facilities
- HKDWS is supplementing state's efforts by leading the effort in education
- HKDWS aims to provide safe, secured, and conducive environment to learn and achieve means to earn a livelihood



With minimal support, HKDWS has changed the lives of **500+** disabled people in the last 30 years

Smt. Ambubai Residential School for Blind Girls (SARSBG) was started by Prof. Dattu Agarwal and Smt. Shobharani Agarwal, in June 2007 at Gulbarga, Karnataka



Key Highlights:

- The residential school provides free education, training, and hostel facilities
- Currently 100 girls (up from 4 in 2007) are enrolled in the school
- We have 7 teaching staff, 2 non teaching, and 5 auxiliary staff in our facility
- Monthly expenditure for the facility is ~INR 10,00,000

The school offers a safe and conducive environment for holistic development

Free boarding and lodging facilities



Teaching through Braille system by the trained teachers



Sports, Cultural, and Physical training



The School focuses on education and extra-curricular activities to ensure a fun learning experience for the students

Vocational training – Weaving, Candle making, cane chair making etc.



Free food, medical check up & facilities



Recreation facilities including radio, TV, and musical inst.



Our approach has resulted in nurturing confident and capable women ready to contribute to the society

Kumari Deepa Nayak

Born with visual disability from a Tribal community in Karnataka, Deepa has studied in the school since 1st grade and passed with flying colors **scoring 92.35%** in Secondary Education Examination of 2017. She has secured accolades at district and State level **Singing** competition, and aspires to do a post-graduation in Music. Her videos are available on YouTube



Kumari Ambika:

Ambika with partial visual disability was born in an underprivileged blacksmith family. In her journey from 1st Std, she excelled in many spaces like **reading, writing and using Braille** along with music, yoga and computer. Having secured **91.2%** in Secondary Education Exam, Ambika is presently pursuing further studies at Mathoshree Godutai Degree College, Kalburagi

Kumari Shruthi:

Shruthi enrolled into the school in 2008 when her teachers at Govt Primary school identified that she had a visual impairment. All thru her schooling, she was a bright student with excellent **leadership skills** and flair for English language and sports. She passed her secondary education exam with 87% marks and is continuing further education at People's park Pre-University, Mysore. Her **ambition** is to become an **English Professor**



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 92.35% ದೀಪಾ	 68.32% ಗೌರಮ್ಮ	 80% ಪಂಚಲೀಲಾ	 78.72% ಅನೂರಾಧ
 79.84% ವೈಶಾಲಿ	 69.12% ನಿರಂಜನ	 91.2% ಅಂದಿಶಾ	 86.24% ಅಶ್ವಿನ್ಯ





These efforts have been recognized in the local media over the years

Helping hand



Mariusz Eckstein and Mrs Annette Nidergesse of German NGO 'Hamar's Bandhan' are seen with blind children after presenting them with Braille kits at the Ambubai Residential School for Blind Girls in Gulbarga on Monday.

Free computers given to educational institutions

U.S. A.M.S. Ambuja Foundation Chief Trustee Sushil Mehra has extended an opportunity of availing the benefit of using the computer to all the students of the school. He said that the computer is a very useful tool for the students and it will help them to learn more effectively. He also said that the computer is a very useful tool for the students and it will help them to learn more effectively.



Karnataka State Human Rights Commission member K.H. Raddi inaugurating the State-level conference of the differently abled organized at Gulbarga on Monday.

DECCAN HERALD Tuesday, March 3, 2009

Provide opportunities to disabled, says Raddi

DH News Service

BELGAUM: Karnataka Human Rights Commission (HRC) member K.H. Raddi has called for more opportunities for the differently abled in Gulbarga. He said that the government should take steps to provide them with the necessary facilities and support. He also said that the government should take steps to provide them with the necessary facilities and support.

Panel recommends support to blind school

GULBARGA: The Karnataka Legislature Committee on Women & Children Welfare has recommended to the State government to extend necessary help and support to the Smt Ambubai Residential School for Blind Girls functioning in Gulbarga from the last few years.

The Committee in its 27th report presented to the legislature has expressed its good opinion about the functioning of the school which has been active on achieving educational empowerment of blind girls of the region. The School is being run by the Hyderabad-Karnataka Disabled Welfare Society headed by Shobharani Agrawal wife of the well known activist for protection of rights of differently abled persons in the H-K region.

The Legislature Committee headed by MLA Shakuntala Shetty had visited the School and had witnessed the educational activities and other facilities given at the residential school which is said to be the only of its kind institution in the entire H-K region. Impressed over the functioning of the School the Committee in its report has recommended to the government to extend all necessary help and assistance to the institution.

The recommendations of the Committee are: Increasing the monthly food allowance for a student from ₹ 600 to ₹ 1,500; immediate extension of government grants to the School which had been given permission to meet the expenses on its own for the eighth standard; In the interests of the blind girls of the region the intake of the School should be increased from the existing 50 to 75.

The Committee has made a general recommendation to the government to extend necessary help to rope in more number of blind girls in the H-K region and to run the school more effectively.

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We need to expand our facilities and include computer education in our curriculum to help more children

Construction of new school complex

Problems:

- Existing school complex is sufficient for only 50 girls
- With a massive disabled population in the area, we are currently unable to enroll more students

Need: With this new complex, we will be able to help **150+** girls with their pre, primary, and secondary schooling



Plan:

- Planned Buildup area: ~10,000 Sq. Ft (2 floors)
- Includes classrooms, dormitories, dining hall, playground, staff quarters
- Development time- 2 years

Estimated cost: INR 1.75 Cr

New computer training centre

Need:

- Computer education is gradually becoming the standard in the current education system
- As an enabler it can open new doors for our students



Plan:

- Construction of new computer training center enabled with special software like JAWS, a screen reader developed for the visually impaired

25 computer

Estimated cost: INR 15 Lakhs



With our new facilities we aim to reach 1000+ students in next 10 years

Construction expenses

Details (one time)	Cost (in INR)
Building construction	1.5 Cr
Computer Training Centre	15 L
Tables, Chairs, Boards and teaching aids	5 L
Braille Library	5 L
Kitchen equipment	10 L
Hostel and Medical Centre equipment	15 L
Parking and Playground Area Development	13 L

Operational expenses

Operational Needs (monthly)	Cost (in INR)
Power, Gas, Water	50,000
Staff salary and administrative expenses	4,00,000
Food expenses	3,00,000
Books, Uniforms and education kit	10,000
Medical check-up and sanitary facilities	10,000
Sports and Events	15,000

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Donation and contact details



FOR INDIAN DONORS:

Account Number: 01920021000018695

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Name of account holder: Hyderabad Karnataka Disabled Welfare Society

Name of bank: Punjab National Bank, Super Market, Kalaburagi

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Name of the Bank – STATE BANK OF INDIA SB

Account Number – 32621145401

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About us: HKDWS is a non-governmental, voluntary organization formed in 1990 based at Gulbarga (Kalaburagi), working for visually challenged & other disabled children in surrounding districts of Karnataka

Our objectives-

Enhancing access to resources:

- Enable access to govt. schemes to blind children.
- Establish Braille press, library and cassette library for the blind

Organizing medical and awareness camps:

- Organize medical Camps, Eye-Donation camps, and treatment camps
- Organize awareness camps, seminars and workshops for disabled

Liaising with government and other stakeholders:

- Conduct special surveys and research for the disabled

Vocational trainings:

- Conduct trainings in cottage industries and develop skills to create self-employment / job opportunities

About our founder: Mr Dattu Agarwal



- ✓ Blind from childhood, he is a renowned social worker and teacher who has dedicated himself for the welfare of the all categories of disabled for the last 3 decades
- ✓ Recipient of multiple awards and recognitions from various govts and NGOs for his work in the field of teaching

HKDWS has a successful track record of over 30 years of helping the disabled and the needy and has been recognized by both public and private organizations for its work