



# DEVNAR FOUNDATION FOR THE BLIND

*We deliver God's Love*

*Blind Need Opportunity Not Sympathy*

*Educate. Enable. Empower*

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Only 15% of the visually challenged are enrolled in the schools

Lack of awareness

Poverty

Negligence

Lack of facilities

Lack of trained teachers

Lack of teaching material

**Motivation**

**College life**

**Father's desire**

**Tears in parents eyes**





We did not see any visible option, “Boldly gone where none has been there”.

Has it been there before, No we were not afraid, strong will power. We wanted to serve where there is a need.

We had the lateral thinking to start the school for the visually challenged.

Education – Education – Education can alone change them.

Swami Vivekananda / Nelson Mandela.....



# SPARK

One day in my clinic a four year- old visually challenged child, along with his parents, was sitting in my room where we were discussing about the treatment of the child. In the meantime, a sighted 6-year-old boy entered and offered a chocolate to this visually challenged boy, probably it was his birthday. The visually challenged boy did not take the chocolate. The sighted boy looked at me and asked why the boy was not taking the chocolate? "Today is my birthday!" he cried.

I took the chocolate from the boy and I put it in the hands of the visually challenged boy. Looking at the whole event the parents had tears in their eyes.

This made me think long and deep about the problem. The tearful eyes of the parents hovered in front of mine. I discussed this and other similar incidents with my wife Jyothi and we concentrated on finding a solution for the future so that we could wipe the tears of the parents.



# VISION

Breaking the barriers of isolation,  
competing with the normal in education,  
employment and integration into the  
society with self esteem.



# *Thamasoma Jyothirgamaya*

## MISSION

Education of the visually challenged to integrate them into society with self esteem.

This is done by enrolling them into education, motivating the parents by creating awareness in the Society and encouraging people's participation.





# FOUNDING



Foundation stone laid by Shri. Balakrishna, CGM, SBI  
on 12.03.1992.



**Till the end of 1999**

**Insufficient Braille books**

**Inadequate teaching aids**

**Nil sports**

**Isolated**

**Attenders**

**Telephone operators**

**Teachers**



# REMOVAL OF MENTAL BLOCKAGE AND RESULT ACHIEVED

- Could notice that being visually challenged they thought they can go only for Arts or commerce group and not Science or Engineering field.
- Motivation by making children participating with various Science congress competitions like National children science congress (NCSC) and Inspire Award, Jawaharlal Nehru Science Fair etc.,
- Result achieved :
  - a. Children received Various National and International Awards.
  - b. One student by name Shoeb took MPC group-joined IIT, Kurnool and got selected in campus interview with M/s. Virtusa IT company.
  - c. 2<sup>nd</sup> student by name Bhanu wrote JEE Advanced and got selected in IIT Hyderabad and now undergoing 3<sup>rd</sup> year IT Engineering.
  - d. One student in 10<sup>th</sup> standard is interested to take up B.Sc., Computer science or Engineering.

DFFB strongly believes in education  
of the visually impaired with English medium  
Integral part of the society  
Beside their poverty alleviation  
Enhance their social security and self-esteem





English Medium School for the Blind

Started with Four children in 1992.

Now we have 640+ children in 33 years of existence

Classes from LKG to Graduation.

Today it stands as the biggest Educational

Institution for the Visually Challenged in the

World with Quality Education admitting the

children from all over the Country.

# ADMISSIONS

Free admissions throughout the year, open to children from all social status and religions. If vision can be restored, the child is operated on or given glasses and sent to a normal school.

Devnar's open-door policy ensures that no child is denied education due to financial or social constraints.







Devnar Provides Free Food, Education, Accommodation and Uniform to all the children irrespective of caste, religion, place and financial status.

Devnar teaches discipline and universal brotherhood.

# RETENTION

No dropouts due to the love, affection, and quality education provided by the school. The school's reputation has grown, leading to an increase in student strength

The nurturing environment at Devnar ensures that students feel valued and supported, leading to zero dropouts.





## 2D MODELS OF PHYSICAL SCIENCE – 10<sup>TH</sup> CLASS





# 2D MODELS OF BIOLOGY -10<sup>TH</sup> CLASS





# 2D/3D MODELS FOR LOWER CLASS





**Early 2000 Devnar introduced first time in the country**

**Computers**

**Software**

**Braille book libraries**

**Talking book libraries**

**Digital library**

**Internet**

**P.P. Presentation**



# FACILITIES

## Science Labs

300+ tactile models for biology, physics, chemistry, and geography. Students score 95% in science and 100% in mathematics. These models help students understand complex concepts through touch, making learning more accessible.

## Computer Labs

4 modern labs with 20 different software programs for the blind, including JAWS, Kurzweil, and screen magnification software. Students are trained in computer skills from class 6, gaining confidence and independence in using technology.









Annie Studio – smart class with self learning devices

The Annie device is a self learning Braille tool designed specifically for visually challenged.

It is an innovative electronic and Wi-Fi enable device that has completely transform the braille earning journey by allowing children to play and learn brail by themselves.

It provides audio feedback to guide users through lessons and correct mistakes it's supports multiple languages like Telugu , English and Hindi and offers content in various formats including contracted and uncontracted Braille. Annie Studio was featured in the first season of Shark Tank India.





## Digital Library

First in the country to start a digital library for visually challenged students.

The library offers a vast collection of audio books, lectures, and entertainment programs.

The collection is accessible for outsiders also

## Braille Press

20 Braille printers, recognized as the best in the country. Printed books include Bhagavad Gita, Ramayana, and other religious texts.

The Braille press ensures that students have access to a wide range of educational and literary materials.

We regularly print dummy ballot papers in Braille and stickers for the Parliament and Assmebly election to help the visually challenged to vote independently since 2004.



## Audio Studio

For recording lectures, talks, and entertainment programs.

The studio enhances the learning experience by providing audio resources tailored to the needs of visually challenged students.





## DORMITORY



# SUSTAINABILITY

Continue providing free education, food, and lodging while expanding facilities and programs.  
Devnar is committed to sustaining its mission and expanding its impact.





# Student joined in IIT, Hyderabad

**SRIBHASKAR BHAVAN-KUKATPALLY**

**(NEXA CAMPUS)**

**JEE – ADV – 2023 RESULT**



**20**

ALL INDIA  
OBC-PWD RANK

**PONGURU BHANU**  
HT.NO: 236129017



***Congratulations***



# Devnar felicitates students joined in IIM





The whole circuit is in a small box









At Nation level Grades they started giving Grades.  
Our children project got A+ as one among the top







SIKSHA 'O' ANUSANDHAN  
(DEEMED TO BE UNIVERSITY)  
with the  
National Council of Educational Research and Technology  
present

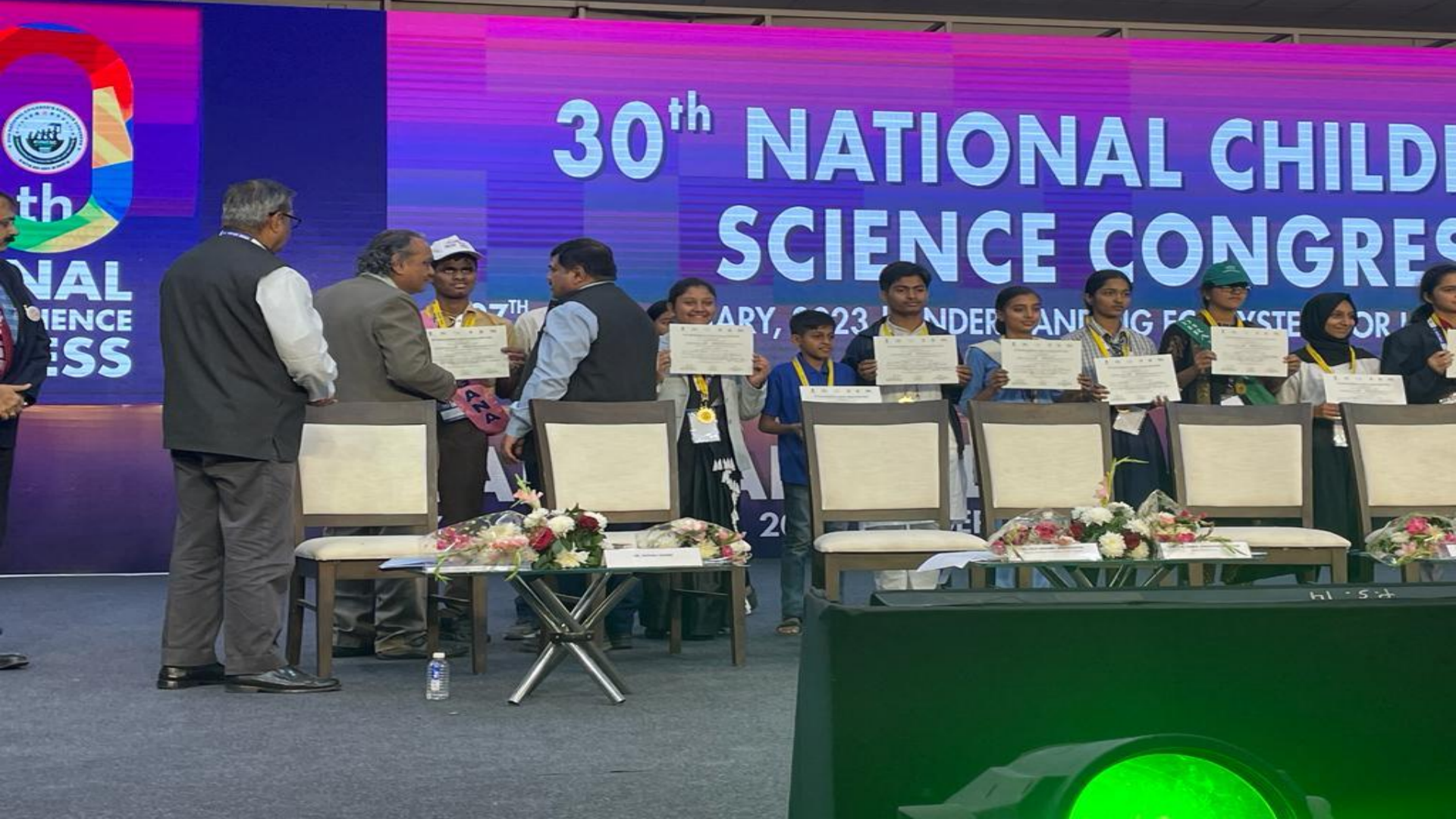
26th NATIONAL SCIENCE CONGRESS  
27 - 31 DECEMBER  
CAMPUS - 2, SIKSHA 'O' ANUSANDHAN

**HIGHLIGHTS**

29 States
7 Union Territories
10 Asian Countries
5 Gulf Countries
800 Child Scientists
400 Teachers, Evaluators & Administrators
80 Exhibitors
7 Activity Corner



13 top projects were selected at National level.  
Our school project is one among them.





30 projects were selected by Society for Science USA from all over the world. Our school project is one among them. Each child received US 250 dollar.





COMPUTER LAB – Learning typing and speed in 5<sup>th</sup> class by making use of Anupama software. By the time they reach 10<sup>th</sup> std, they know word document, Excel, Power point presentation and email writing



# ANNIE – Braille device

- It is a Braille fast self learning Braille Literacy Device. Children learn as well as enjoy the fun while operating on it.
- The tactile hardware module with human voice guiding the students through lessons.
- Constant need for supervision is not needed
- It evaluates the answers and gives correct answers feed back.
- It was arranged by MICRON, an MNC organization



# ANNIE LAB





Students undergoing Teachers Training from various countries visited our school to understand the various teaching methodologies for VI





# Devnar school children in Jobs

- Some are in Multi national companies like Super Gas, Deloitte, Virtusa IT companies.
- Various Banking sectors
- One student as Legal advisor in ONGC,
- After writing UPSC examination, some are placed in Group4, Group 2 in Central Govt.
- Teachers job in State Government.
- After studying LAW degree, one student joined in Earnst & Young in their legal department and one student working in the office of High court Judge of AP
- Some joined in State government jobs.

**State and Central Govt. Officials**

**Lawyers**

**Lecturers**

**Software professionals**

**Journalists**

**IAS**

**Chartered Accountants**

**Bank officials**



## Awareness camps:

- Awareness camps are conducted in rural and urban slums.
- Cataract cases are selected for operation and free intra ocular lens operations are done.
- Blind children are selected for admission in school



## Mobile School

Mobile van moves with driver and Braille teacher to the villages

Helps in the enrolment of the VC children  
Creates awareness





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# DINING HALL – TTD MODEL







## DINING HALL





## Our real accomplishment

Inspired people into our concept

Share a feeling and attitude

Identify with the organization And

Execute

We tell them we love

Because we do

Provided jobs for many

Three World class computer labs with software.



# ALUMNI SUCCESS STORIES



Devnar alumni have achieved remarkable success, from  
MIT graduates to multinational professionals.



## DR. MD. ZUBEER AHMED

who holds an M.A., M.Phil, and Ph.D in International Relations from Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, has been an Associate Professor in the Department of Political Science at Janki Devi Memorial College, University of Delhi, for the past 13 years. His story reflects resilience and the transformative power of education and support.

## SRIKANTH BOLLA

First visually challenged student to graduate from MIT, now CEO of Bolla Group of Companies. Srikanth's journey from Devnar to MIT is a testament to the transformative power of education.





## OTHER ALUMNI

Over 60 Devnar alumni are employed in nationalized banks as senior managers, deputy managers, and assistant managers, showcasing their leadership and skills in the banking sector.

Three alumni have passed the CA examination, with two working in banks and one in private practice, highlighting their success in the field of finance.

Twelve alumni are employed in multinational companies, with two securing positions through campus placements, proving that visual impairment is no barrier to global success.

One alumnus serves as an Executive Legal Advisor at ONGC, while another is a Legal Advisor to Coal India, demonstrating excellence in the legal profession.

Six alumni are thriving as software professionals, showcasing their technical expertise in the tech industry.

One alumnus is an Associate Professor at Delhi University, holding a Ph.D. in International Relations and contributing to academia and research.





## Awareness

Media

Child to child

Parent Counseling

## Enrolment

Admissions throughout the year

## Retention

Adequate teaching material

Computer education from 6<sup>th</sup> standard

World class software

Trained staff

Voluntary teachers

Quality education

Treatment as normal children

Success stories by Alumini

Parent counseling



KINDNESS IS A LANGUAGE

WE ALL UNDERSTAND

EVEN THE BLIND CAN SEE AND DEAF CAN HEAR

- Mother Theresa



A beautiful message from a dear friend who couldn't wait to visit the institution and meet the children

Hello Dr. Goud.

It was wonderful to chat with you and visit the school on Saturday. I'm sorry I didn't give you a prior notice but I was excited and came to the school directly from the Airport.

Thanks,  
Bryce,  
Microsoft, USA





















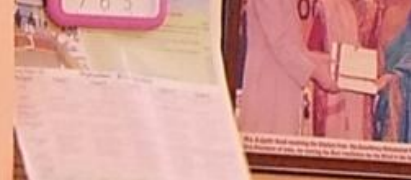




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SPECIAL NEEDS EDUCATION COORDINATOR  
A. Jyothi Goud  
Correspondent  
er School for the Blind

























# DEVNAR SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND













































# COMPUTER LABS







































## SCIENCE LAB 3D Models







## AUDIO STUDIO













# DEVNAR FOUNDATION FOR THE BLIND 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Day Celebrations

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They alone live who live for others,  
the rest are more dead than alive.



DEVNAR FOUNDATION FOR THE BLIND  
23<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Celebrations

DEVNAR SCHOOL  
FOR THE BLIND

SARASWATHI  
HOSPITAL





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THE BLIND NEED OPPORTUNITY  
NOT SYMPATHY

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CHIEF GUEST  
**Shri CHANDRASAGAR**  
Hon'ble Governor of Maharashtra

HONORARY GUESTS  
**Shri. BANDAR** **TAT**  
Hon'ble Minister of Maharashtra & Em  
Govt of Maharashtra  
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VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTER FOR THE BLIND  
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THE HYDERABAD CRICKET ASSOCIATION				
TOTAL				
BATSMAN	WKTS	BATSMAN		
LAST MAN	OVERS	1st INNS		





























































Talent wins the game but the team work  
and intelligence will win Championship.



## Take home Messages

- Blind Need Opportunity – Not Sympathy.
- Rights Based approach rather than charity.
- Support for dignified living.
- Look at the abilities rather than disabilities.



"A SOLITARY FANTASY CAN TOTALLY  
TRANSFORM A MILLION REALITIES."

MAYA ANGELOU



**Devnar Foundation for the Blind**  
Estd. 1992



**SARASWATHI  
NILAYAM**

Devnar Educational Institute for the blind • Estd. 1992

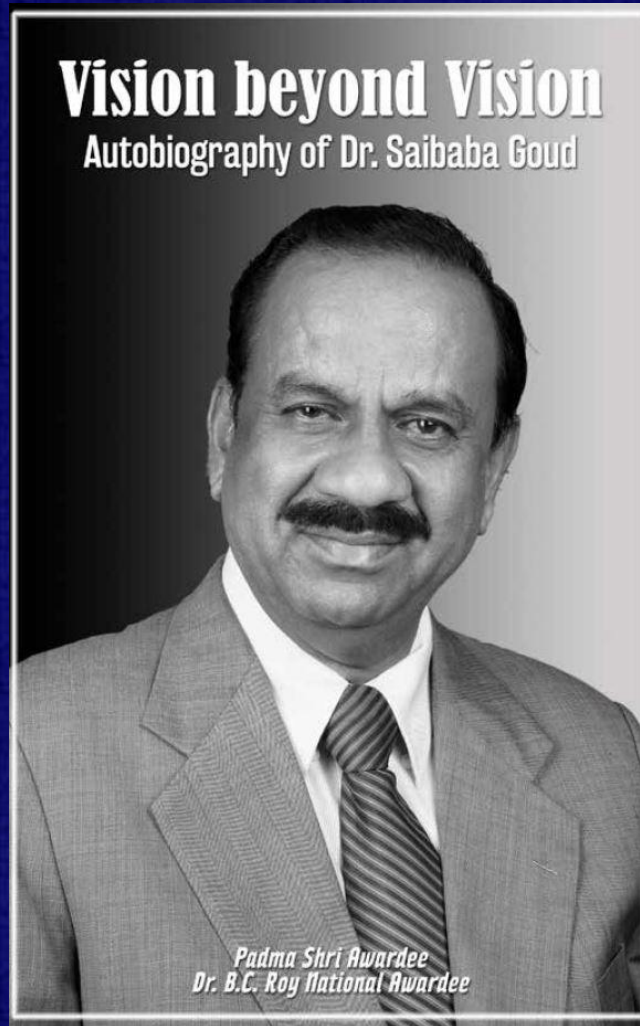
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# Vision beyond Vision: Autobiography of Dr. Saibaba Goud



Available @ Amazon.in



A young boy with dark hair, wearing a light brown school uniform, is the central focus. He is holding a red rose in a clear glass vase decorated with white floral patterns. He is looking down at the rose with a gentle expression. In the background, several other children in similar school uniforms are visible, some sitting and some standing, creating a sense of a group setting. The lighting is soft, and the overall tone is warm and appreciative.

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