

Aanchal Special School

**Aanchal Special School,
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Aanchal Special School was established in the year 1988 for the welfare of the intellectually challenged by the New Delhi Municipal Council. It is governed by the Director (Education) NDMC. Aanchal has a unique 'accessible' disabled – friendly infrastructure, located in an impressive 2 acre campus in Chanakyapuri, New Delhi. The school has been set up with an aim to provide composite care through a day school and vocational training for persons with intellectual disability. The school is well equipped to support the spirit of Persons with disabilities (Equal Opportunity, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act 1995 and UN Convention on Rights for Persons with Disabilities. Sincere efforts are taken to ensure that the intellectually challenged persons who seek support from the school have the opportunity to grow into empowered, confident and contributing members of the society.

Day boarding facilities was started at Aanchal School on 16.10.14. Inauguration of the Day Boarding was done by the N.D.M.C Chairperson Shri Jalaj Shrivastava. The school has started providing meals to the students daily comprising of Breakfast, lunch and milk/fruit in the evening. The school has a well equipped music room and a number of musical instruments have been purchased. The school has an open gym also.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES: Aanchal Special School aims to provide a range of services to all children and adults with intellectual disability to:

- Ensure all round development of children and youth through appropriate programs suited to each person's needs and abilities.
- Impart vocational training for future employment/sustenance.
- Help parents through counseling and training to foster mutual support.
- Undertake and encourage research training and information dissemination that will sensitize both families of persons with disability and the general community.
- Create public awareness about intellectual disability.

- Rehabilitate and eventually integrate the students as far as possible in the mainstream of society.

STAFF: The school has qualified and well experienced staff including Principal, Social Worker, Special Educators, Occupational Therapist, Speech and Hearing Assistant, Vocational Instructors, Music Teacher and a doctor.

SERVICES OF AANCHAL:

1. **Guidance and referral unit:** Assessment, counseling, guidance and referral services are provided to parents/family having children with disability. Parents are counseled through inputs of disability related information about their child.
2. **Early Intervention Services:** This service is provided to very young children with developmental delay who are below the age of six years. Parents are counseled to accept their child. They are also guided as to how to train their child at home. The aim is to facilitate school readiness in the child.
3. **Special Education:** (Age group 6 to 17+ years). The day school in Aanchal attempts to create a rich learning environment for students. Functional academics are taught to children using innovative teaching strategies and multi sensory teaching learning material. Importance is given to co-curricular activities for the all round development of the children. The students are involved in a number of co- curricular activities such as art, music, dance, drama, yoga and sports.
4. **Vocational Training:** (age group 18 years and above) Vocational training is provided according to the potential and interest of the student. The work skills of each student is developed through training units such as
 - ❖ Paper Craft
 - ❖ Woodwork
 - ❖ Spiral Binding
 - ❖ Tailoring

Diya and Candle making is also offered as a hobby course.

ADMISSION PROCEDURE: The parent/guardian may apply for admission in the prescribed form. The functional and social ability of the child is initially assessed by the members of the multi disciplinary team.

Placement in the different classes is on combined criterion of the chronological and mental age of the children.

Admission is open to all categories of mentally challenged persons ranging from the severely retarded (IQ 35-40) to mildly retarded (IQ 50-70) of both the sex (male and female) irrespective of religion, caste and socio-economic status and linguistic groups.

Admission depends on the availability of vacancy in a particular class. The admission of the child is recommended by the professional team keeping in view the capability to benefit from education and training facilities available.

The mentally challenged person must be between the ages of 6 to 17+ years in case of school and between 18 -22 years in case of vocational section.

He /She should be a resident of the Union Territory of Delhi, preferably NDMC area and its neighborhood.

Initial assessments are done with active participation of the parents before he/she is placed in the appropriate class.

School Hours: 8.30A.M. to 4.30 P.M.

School Holidays: Saturdays and Sundays of every month and other holidays as specified by NDMC are holidays.

Vacations: Summer, autumn and Winter break

Fees- Nominal Charges as per the graded scale based on the family income are charged on a monthly basis:

PARENTS INCOME	THERAPY CHARGES PER MONTH	TRANSPORT CHARGES PER MONTH
Upto Rs 2000	Free	55
Rs 2001-3000	50	85
Rs 3001 and above	75	90

Other charges:

Stationary charges: Rs 10/- per month

Admission fees: Rs 50/- and Security Deposit: Rs 200/- is refundable at the time of withdrawal. Fees shall be payable at the Aanchal Office by 10th of every month. A late fee fine of Rs 1/- per day shall be charged towards late payment. Both the parents of the child are required to submit salary certificates from their employers or income

tax certificate in case of self employed individuals every year in the month of January and at the time of admission.

Therapy, Bus and Stationary fees are not charged for the months with no school working days. Full charges apply for the month in which the school is open for more than 15 days.

Transportation: Three DTC buses have been hired on contract by the school plying in south and west Delhi to ferry the children.

PARENTAL COOPERATION: Parents are important members of the team. The school makes full efforts to involve them in all its programs to empower them. Parents Teacher meetings are held from time to time. Parent training workshops are also held to provide them with valuable information and to guide them. They are encouraged to form their own neighborhood support groups.