

UDAAN began its journey as a special needs unit at Jan Seva in August 2013 with a mission of providing services to the differently abled children from the community in the age group of 2 to 8 years. Since then, it has flourished, reached new heights and has successfully completed 10 years of distinguished service, providing special education, medical help, various therapies, besides providing and guiding them with necessary mobility appliances and prosthetics. Started in a humble way with a few students, it has till now catered to the needs of **109** children. **36** new students have been admitted this year including **8** children from SICW. Since its inception, a total of **65** students were guided and admitted to various mainstream and special schools till the end of March 2023.

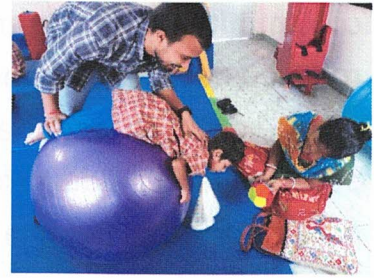
Presently there are **32** children with 4 special educators responsible for their assessments and interventions. Their day begins at 9am and ends at 1pm where they get to attend special education classes, games and sports activities, dance and music sessions, and the various therapy sessions. In between the various activities they get to have a nutritious and wholesome breakfast and



lunch too. All these services are provided free of cost to the children of Udaan.

Udaan has an occupational therapy unit providing valuable services to children with ASD and ADHD and other sensory issues. Therapy sessions are conducted twice a week in presence of the respective parents, where they are guided and advised by the therapist about how and what can be done at home. Presently **25** children are being attended by the therapist, most of them having difficulties in concentrating, communicating and other behavioural and sensory issues which impact greatly on their learning and rehabilitation. Various devices and equipments are used to attend issues with motor movements, attention, eye-hand co-ordination, hypo and hyper sensitivity, vestibular disorders, etc.





Udaan also conducts physiotherapy sessions twice a week and speech therapy sessions one a week for the children. About **10** children receive physiotherapy sessions and more than **20** children receive speech therapy. A weekly doctor consultation clinic also runs for the students of Jan seva which provides regular



medical checkup and various medicines. The doctor also gives a detailed plan regarding the line of intervention and related therapies essential for the child.

Regular Parent-Teacher interactive sessions are conducted on issues related to progress of the children, therapy sessions, maintaining discipline and hygiene, regular attendance, etc.

Various social festivals and events are held at Jan Seva throughout the year including an annual sports event where children from both ECCEC as well as Udaan participate which especially benefit Udaan children as these promote socialization and more importantly **inclusion**.



Workshops and training sessions too are conducted at Udaan for upgradation of the special educators and care-givers with a view to provide better and updated services to the children.