



**Dempo Charities Trust's
Dhempe College of Arts and Science
Miramar, Panaji, Goa**

**WANGDA REPORT
2011-2020**

THE WANGDA PROJECT 2011-2020

This is a joint initiative of Disha School for Special Children and Dhempe College of Arts and Science. Disha charitable trust is a voluntary organisation based in Panaji which caters to the needs of children with disabilities. It aims at teaching life skills to these children so that they are capable of learning, earning and living a normal life.

The word “wangda” in Konkani means together. This project was started in 2011-2012 by Dr. Wendy Manuel, associate professor Dhempe College and Ms. Sandhya Kalokhe, manager Disha School for Special Children.

AIM: Working together with special children to integrate them with society, i.e. our college students, in studies, songs, dance and various activities, in a true spirit of social inclusion.

FIELD TRIPS

Every year since 2011 a group of around 20 SYBA psychology students visit this school. The purpose of this trip is to make our students aware about the disabilities that exist in our society and how we can help such people not only financially but also by interacting with them and helping them overcome their disability. Disha teachers show the various sections of the school. The students are put in groups according to the severity of the disability. Each group is headed by a teacher and has interesting activities going on. The teachers introduce the students to us and give details about the activities. Some students are learning to groom themselves while some learn about basic market skills. Disabilities like autism or Down’s syndrome are present among other problems. Our students also visit the vocational centre. It has children who are above 15 years. Here they are taught to make rakhis, candles, diyas , paper bags , clay items and many other useful products. This knowledge will help them be independent and earn on their own. They sell these products and earn for themselves. The teachers there too are very understanding and teach the children with a lot of patience and dedication.

Overall the trip is very useful to psychology students who learn a lot. These kids do not want our sympathy but they do want us to spend some time with them, talk to them and understand them. Most of our students look forward to visiting Disha and love to spend time with the kids. Some of the students who come on the field trip get an opportunity to intern at Disha. Four volunteers are accepted in the main school and four at the vocational centre, some years when the volunteers are extremely enthusiastic a few more may be accepted.

INTERNING AT DISHA SCHOOL

The internship programme “Wangda” started in the year 2011-2012 and has been successfully running since then, details follow.

| Academic Year | No of student volunteers |
|---------------|--------------------------|
| 2011-2012 | 07 |
| 2012-2013 | 13 |
| 2013-2014 | 07 |
| 2014-2015 | 08 |
| 2015-2016 | 07 |
| 2016-2017 | 08 |
| 2017-2018 | 12 |
| 2018-2019 | 16 |
| 2019-2020 | 14 |

Students who intern at Disha get a certificate from Disha at the end of the year indicating the number of hours they have worked. This record is kept by the teacher in charge at Disha School. The highest number of hours recorded is 128 hours 50 minutes by Ms. Sebiola Fernandes. Dhempe students are assigned to help with classes, music, dance sessions making vocational products etc. Some of the activities that our students have participated in are:

Badhate Kadam: This is an all India disability awareness programme by the National Trust. This included a rally, as well as a programme of music and dance at Azad Maidan. Some dances were performed by our students arm in arm with Disha students in a true spirit of integration. The Badhate Kadam campaign reached out to thousands, sensitizing and creating integration as well as creating awareness about the needs and schemes for persons with disabilities through rallies, melas, handouts and booklets at Margao, Vasco, Ponda, Bicholim and Panaji.

All Goa Drawing Competition; Disha organizes an all Goa Drawing Competition every year for special children for which we volunteer to help.

Exhibition cum sale of Vocational Products: Every year Disha students set up a stall at Dhempe to showcase what they have made. Products made in the sheltered workshop such as rakhis, cards, bags, fashion jewellery are in great demand in our college. It is not merely the sales which exceed 10,000 rupees each year that is important, it is the acceptance and camaraderie that is even more important

Annual Sports Meet of Disha School: This is held at SAG grounds for which we volunteer

Annual Day of Disha School: This is conducted in April every year. Our internship students receive their certificates mentioning the number of hour of service during this event.

PROGRAMME OUTCOMES

This project has been mutually beneficial to the students of both Disha School and Dhempe College. This includes,

- Creating inclusion and opportunities for special children to interact with other students and also motivating them to create vocational products.
- Providing a platform for the students of Dhempe College to receive training under special educators and also gain first-hand experience of working with special children.

REPORT FROM 2015 TO 2020

2015-2016

Field trip to Disha School and Disha Vocational Centre on 26/07/15, eighteen SYBA students participated. Ms Charmaine Sequeira distributed chocolates to the students.

Arrangement for Disha to set up a stall to sell vocational products in our college 13th and 14th August 2015, total sales were Rs. 13,454/-

Internship programme: 20/07/15 to 31/03/16, seven volunteers, five were given certificates.

2016-2017

An educational visit to, Disha School and Vocational Centre on 13/7/16, twenty six SYBA students participated

Arrangement for Disha to set up a stall to sell vocational products in our college on 4th and 5th August 2016, total sales were Rs.11, 800/-

Internship programme: 20/07/2016 to 31/03/2017, 8 volunteers, all 8 were given certificates.

2017-2018

Field trip to Disha School and Disha Vocational Centre on 21/07/17, twenty five SYBA students participated

Arrangement for Disha to set up a stall to sell vocational products in our college on 25th and 26th July 2017, total sales were Rs. 10,090/-

Internship programme: 31/07/2017 to 03/03/2018, 12 volunteers, all 12 were given certificates.

2018-2019

Field trip to Disha School and Disha Vocational Centre on 24/07/18. There were 30 SYBA students who participated.

Disha School set up their exhibition and stall on 8th and 9th August 2018, total sales were Rs. 13,000/-

21/12/18 Disha Christmas tableau and party by Dhempe Students

Internship programme: 01/08/2018 to 05/04/2019, sixteen volunteers, all 16 were given certificates.

2019-2020

Field trip to Disha School and Disha Vocational Centre on 05/07/19. There were 30 SYBA students who participated.

Disha School set up their exhibition and stall on 23rd and 24th July 2019, total sales were Rs. 17,201/-

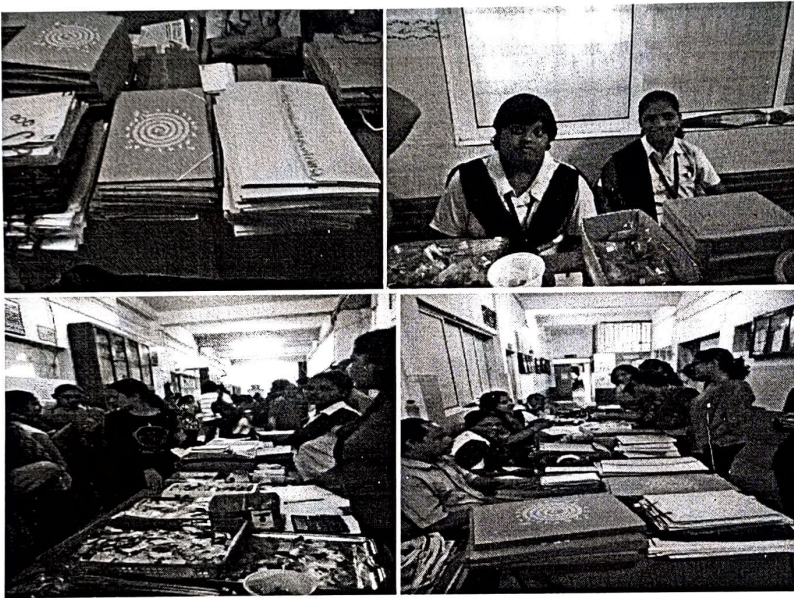
As a part of the Silver Jubilee Celebration, on 30th November 2019, Dhempe students performed a street play at Kadamba Bus Stand, highlighting issues faced by the families having disabled children and on inclusion through right to education.

Internship programme: 05/08/2019 to March 2020, fourteen volunteers, 13 qualify for certificates however certificates will be issued at a later date due to lock down.

Exhibition cum Sale by Disha Vocational Trust

The Exhibition of Disha Vocational Charity Trust was held in Dhempe College of Arts and Science on 4th and 5th August 2016. Products like candles, notepad, files, rakhis, bookmarks, earrings, bracelets, colored paper bags etc were exhibited. All these products were prepared by the students of Disha Vocational Trust.

4 students from Disha and 2 staff members were assisted by 4 Psychology students interning at Disha. The exhibition generated a lot of interest among Dhempe College staff and students. The total sales were approximately Rs. 11,800/-.



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