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Panel 3.4: New Approaches to Education

Novel Method of Training Hearing Impaired Children by Involving the Parents

A novel method of training the parents along with the hearing impaired children improves their speech skills faster, where the children are able to join mainstream schools after 3-4 years of training as opposed to conventional methods which take 8 -10 years. This approach has been developed by Kasturba Gandhi Oral School for the Hearing Impaired (KOSHI).

The school follows Oralism, a method of teaching that uses lip reading and speech through mimicking the mouth shapes and breathing patterns of speech. The school has classes from Pre-KG to the Third standard. Once a strong foundation in speech skills has been established the children are integrated into mainstream schools.

The journey started with 4 students and now more than 110 students have benefited from this school. We at KOSHI not only focus on the child's education in class, but also strive to create the right learning environment at home by training the parents and involving them in their child's progress right from the first day of school.