

P R E F A C E

A nation cannot claim to be free from the problems of physical and mental retardation . Despite low percentage of incidence , in an overpopulated developing country like India , the problem of retardation is quite serious . Rehabilitation of a person with handicap is as much a social and psychological need as it is an economic necessity . The study of Institutions for Disabled Persons is a neglected subject . Institutions for disabled persons provide prevention , respite , care , protection , education , training , rehabilitation or any other service for persons with disabilities . Wai Akshar Institute has been playing an important role since 1982 in the field of education , training and rehabilitation of disabled persons in Maharashtra State . My personal contact with the disabled persons initiated me for doing an indepth study of the working of Wai Akshar Institute , Wai the District Satara and assess its performance .

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