# **Project Lakshya: Empowering Children with Learning Needs**

#### Overview

Lakshya is a project dedicated to helping students struggling with learning difficulties. Since its inception in the academic year 2016-17, Lakshya has provided specialized training based on child developmental psychology to support children's cognitive skills, academic performance, and overall development. Our goal is to equip these children with the necessary tools and knowledge to overcome learning barriers and compete effectively with their peers.

# **Our Approach**

Lakshya's approach is rooted in understanding the unique needs of children who face learning challenges. We focus on identifying and addressing these needs through individualized remedial teaching, guided by professionals with expertise in child development. Our training programs are designed to cater to the specific needs of each student, ensuring that they receive the support and guidance necessary to thrive in their academic and cognitive pursuits.

### **Key Objectives**

- **Identification of Learning Needs**: Teachers are trained to screen and identify students with learning difficulties using a comprehensive screening test. This ensures that no child who requires help is overlooked.
- Improvement in Academic Performance: We work closely with students to boost their academic abilities, helping them to meet educational expectations and perform at their best.
- **Cognitive Skill Development**: Beyond academics, we focus on the development of cognitive skills, enabling children to think critically and problem-solve more effectively.
- **Empowerment Through Awareness**: By organizing Training of Trainers (TOT) sessions, we raise awareness about learning difficulties among teachers and parents, providing them with the knowledge to support struggling students.

# Resultant of the project

Since the launch of Project Lakshya, we have successfully completed three iterations of the project, benefitting approximately 162 students. With an average of 54 students participating per year, the project has made a significant impact, especially among children from low socioeconomic backgrounds. The students were identified at primary level of their education in grade 3rd or 4th by applying CBT (Curriculum Based Test) then the identified students were given minimum three months remedial teaching. Normally whatever is taught to the students is retained when it is repeated for another three months. As a result of this, students become able to read and write and solve the mathematical calculations, in which they find difficulties. Total 162 students were benefitted under this project out of 210 students who had undergone screening test. These students have shown noticeable improvement in their academic performance, cognitive abilities, and confidence as well.

# **Future Aspirations**

Looking ahead, we hope to expand the reach of Lakshya and extend our support to more children in need. We are committed to continuing our efforts in improving the quality of education for underprivileged students and helping them overcome learning challenges. With every iteration of the project, we aim to increase awareness and provide more children with the opportunity to succeed academically and beyond.

# Join Us in Making a Difference

We strongly believe that every child has the potential to excel. By providing targeted support and training under project Lakshya, we can give children a chance to overcome their learning difficulties and achieve their goals. Together, we can make a lasting impact on the lives of children, empowering them to succeed and contribute positively to the society.

