

NGO Profile

Rajasthan Mahila Kalyan Mandal Sanstha, Chachiyawas, Ajmer

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Rajasthan Mahila Kalyan Mandal Sanstha (RMKM) is a voluntary organization inspired by community development strategies of Mahatma Gandhi which strives to improve the lives of rural people and disabled.

It all began in July 1975, when a flash flood hit the holy city of Ajmer in Rajasthan. About 250 families, many of whom were pilgrims to the famous Durgah, at Ajmer were trapped in low-lying and dangerous areas. To provide relief to the distressed families, Mr. Sagar Mal Kaushik, a railway employee came forward and assisted these families by mobilizing the relief materials (food grains, clothes etc) from his neighbors. The journey of development begun by Mr. S. M. Kaushik and group continued its forward course in the new garb i.e. being in the form of RMKM, a registered voluntary and non-profit organization. As the name of the organization indicates, it emphasize its empathy with the most vulnerable social segment namely women. The organization per se began its development effort in 1987.

RMKM works with rural communities and disabled to empower them within the society. The organization focuses on people living below poverty line, intellectually challenged and the women. RMKM seeks to empower these groups by making appropriate intervention strategies.

RMKM operates for the rural population and disabled to make them self-reliant so as to promote independence and sustainability. We give special focus to involvement of women to create gender equity in the society.

RMKM takes a holistic approach to development. Following are the areas in which intervention is being done:

- Education and Inclusion: Rehabilitation of persons with disabilities, specifically intellectually challenged in an inclusive environment. Currently we are serving around 640 CWSNs through our intervention programs.

Our organization Rajasthan Mahila Kalyan Mandal, Ajmer is pioneer in the field of special education in Ajmer district. Presently we are having following initiatives run by RMKM :

- **MinuManovikasMandir, Inclusive School, Chachiyawas, Ajmer-** An inclusive school for normal children and Children With Special Needs working on the education and therapeutical rehabilitation.
- **Sanjay Inclusive School, Beawar, Ajmer-** An inclusive school at beawar working on the similar concept of Minu School.
- **Minu Residential and Respite Care Centre, Chachiyawas, Ajmer-** It is a hostel facility for the children and adults with special needs who are not having access to the rehabilitation facilities in their home town.
- **“DAKSH” Vocational Training Centre, Chachiyawas, Ajmer-** It is a vocational rehabilitation center cum shelter workshop for Adults with Disability to make them vocationally and economically independent.
- **Ummeed Day Care Centre, Pushkar, Ajmer –** It is a day care center for children with special needs of Pushkar and nearby villages for the educational and therapeutic rehabilitation.
- **“MINU” Early Intervention Centre, Panchsheel, Ajmer-** It is a center for the toddlers of the age group of 0 to 6 years who are having disability. It

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also works to identify the high risk infants who are suspected to be at risk of disability.

- **Community Based Rehabilitation Programme (CBR) Ajmer** – It is a home based, one to one program for the children who are not able to reach to the center for the services.

Most of the children are from the deprived communities and are not having access to the educational, recreational and therapeutical rehabilitation facilities. Our aim is to make intellectually challenged children self-reliant and live a dignified life. Our organization is register under National Trust Act. 1999 Govt. of India specially made for the welfare of Mentally Retardation, Cerebral Palsy, Autism & Multiple Disabled Children.

Organization's main aim is to minimize the impact of disability through early identification of disabled and high risk children to provide appropriate therapies to minimize the delays and maximize their chances of reaching normal mile stone in development.

We are also running 24x7 Child help line where children in distress and missing children are helped within 60 minutes of receiving information.

1. **Health:** Prevention and education of HIV/AIDS among female sex workers (FSWs) out migrants and injecting drug users (IDUs). Around 600 IDUs and 600 FSWs are covered under our health program. Early intervention services to intellectually challenged children, improving access and involvement in government health services.
2. **Livelihood Promotion and Micro Credit:** Increased economic activities and a general increase of wealth among marginalized groups through micro credit initiatives and goat rearing. Around 2000 women are benefited through around 200 SHGs.
3. **Human Resource Development:** Foundation course for in-service teachers, two year diploma course D.ED in Mental Retardation, two years course B.Ed in Special Education (Mental Retardation and Inclusive Education), training to voluntary organization in the field of disability and inclusion.

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