

# DIVYA Treatment Centre

*For Children with Cerebral Palsy*



**4000 CHILDREN**

have Cerebral Palsy  
in the state of  
Maharashtra

Yet there is

**ONLY 1 SCHOOL**



Catering for

just

**40 OF THESE**

**CHILDREN**



**HOW CAN YOU HELP?**

*For Cerebral Palsy*

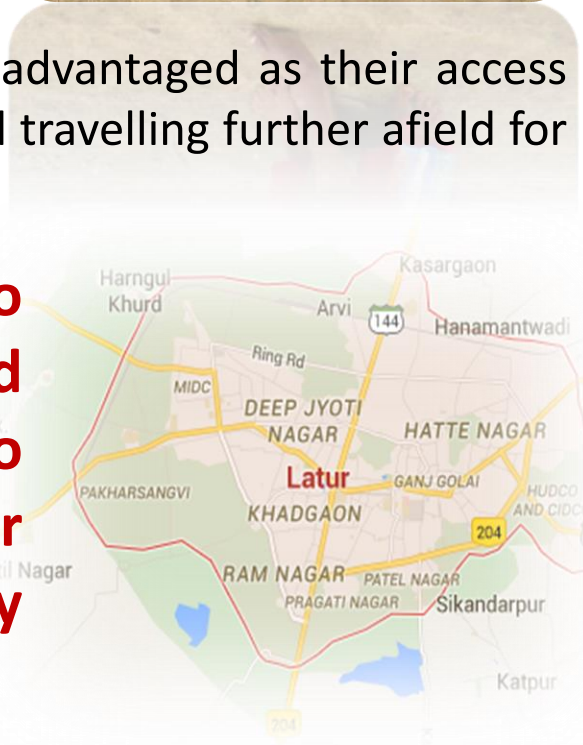
## Cerebral Palsy in Latur

Cerebral Palsy (CP) is a condition, which develops due to injury to the developing brain. This leads to problems of movement and posture, along with problems of speech, hearing, vision, epilepsy and mental retardation.

In Maharashtra, a state consisting of 9 districts with the population of 20 million, Present surveys show the incidence of CP is 300-400 in a district and 2.5 in 1000 births.

Poorer families are particularly disadvantaged as their access to medical attention is minimal and travelling further afield for medical facilities is not an option.

**Sewa UK has committed to the development of a brand new treatment centre, to provide holistic care for children with Cerebral Palsy in Latur, India**



## History of Sanvedana

This ambitious project will be delivered in partnership with the India based organisation **Sanvedana**

Sanvedana have been operating a centre for children with cerebral palsy in Latur since 2006. The inspiration came from a parent who was driven to do something to address the lack of provision for the large percentage of children afflicted with cerebral palsy in the local area. Suresh Patil's (founder of Sanvedana) son was born with multiple physical disorders, instead of grieving over the issue, Mr and Mrs Patil took a very pragmatic outlook and began to seek ways in which their son could "stand" on his own feet

The result was the birth of a unique rehabilitation centre, **'SANVEDANA' FOR CHILDREN WITH CEREBRAL PALSY**



## CURRENT PREMISES

- ❑ Only accommodates 42 children
- ❑ With awareness increasing year on year, school cannot meet the local demand
- ❑ Teaching/training conditions are very difficult
- ❑ Existing space is limited to only 1 classroom for ALL ACTIVITIES, including movement therapy, speech therapy and education
- ❑ Equipment needs updating in line with technological advancements



**With the new premises:  
*Sanvedana NO LONGER has  
to say NO to another child  
due to the lack of resource***

## New Treatment Centre

The vast majority of parents in Latur do not have access to the information, expertise or equipment to give their child the best chance of a fulfilling day to day life. Our project will give children with cerebral palsy access to the best possible start, socially, medically, emotionally and academically.

- Will be managed by the Sanvedana team, who are supported by a number of eminent medical professionals and have developed the skills, expertise and relationships necessary to develop and expand, to the benefit of users, their families and their communities more broadly
- Will accommodate 100 children
- The centre will also offer transport to those children who do not have the suitable means to travel.



*Sewa International India has already acquired a acre of land for the new site, next to the existing building*

## Medical/Educational

**The new facility will provide space and specialist equipment for:**

- Physiotherapy
- Speech therapy
- Massage therapy
- Aculaser and magnetic therapy
- Conventional classroom space
- A comprehensive team of staff and support workers



Training will include activities of daily living(ADL), special and pre-vocational education to make them self dependent. And ABLE to lead a joyful life, to contribute for their families and society.

*For Cerebral Palsy*

## Community Hub

In addition to the support given to children, the new facility will enable us to provide even more support and counselling to families who feel isolated and are prone to stress due to lack of awareness and the stigma of Cerebral Palsy in the surrounding communities.

The new facility will function as a community hub, providing a space for socialising, discussion, education and companionship VIA:

❑ **PARENTS TRAINING CENTRE:** to train parents about early intervention therapy, which parents can continue the same at home. Parents will be able to understand further about their children's' condition and how best to support them. The new facility will be a base from which to train parents of children with cerebral palsy from some of the more remote parts of the district, thus providing them with some basic skills in looking after the many demands of a child affected with cerebral palsy. We will provide parents an intensive, week-long training course on managing their child's condition, which will lay the groundwork for positive practises long term.



❑ A much needed **'RESPITE CENTRE'** to give relief for burdened parents

❑ **EDUCATION TRAINING CENTRE** for special educators and care takers

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*“India is not to be found in its few cities  
but in the 700,000 villages” Gandhi*

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