



CHANGING LIVES THROUGH HEARING AND SPEECH

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Hearing is an essential connection to the world, enabling communication, learning, and the joy of life. Unfortunately, 4 to 6 children out of every 1,000 normal live births, in India, are born with a congenital hearing loss. Left untreated, this impairment can have profound effects, not just on the individual but also on their families and the larger community.

Every Deaf Child Will Speak

We are thrilled to share an inspiring update about one of our key initiatives, Cochlea Pune for Hearing and Speech, a growing charitable trust dedicated to supporting children born with hearing disabilities. With your unwavering support, we continue to provide life-changing interventions that are empowering children and their families.



Through early detection and intervention, Cochlea Pune has become a beacon of hope for children from the ages of 0 to 6 years. Over the years, we have grown from a single classroom to a network that reaches beyond Pune, providing support even in rural areas and other regions like Goa. Today, we are proud to be helping over 125 children develop essential hearing and speaking skills.

THE SWARANAAD PRE-SCHOOL: A SPECIAL PLACE FOR SPECIAL CHILDREN

Our Swaranaad Pre-School is at the heart of our efforts. This specialised pre-school provides children with the skills to communicate, understand, and confidently join mainstream education. Last year alone, we welcomed 22 new children to the pre-school, which continues to grow in enrolment. Through dedicated programs focusing on language, mathematics, and general knowledge, these children are gaining the confidence they need for the future.



Our Swaranaad Pre-School remains at the core of our mission. It provides children with a nurturing environment to learn essential skills in language, mathematics, and general knowledge. Through personalised programs, the children gain the confidence to join mainstream schools. The project provides essential post operation care, providing the children and parents essential education, which without, the cochlear implant is worthless.



A PERSONAL STORY: ASAWARI'S JOURNEY

Take the case of Asawari Kulkarni, a young girl suffering from progressive hearing loss. For her, hearing aids no longer provide any benefit. Without a cochlear implant, Asawari's career and life opportunities would have been severely limited.

Thankfully, with support from Sewa UK, she is now on a path to a brighter future, and is now working as a Graduate Trainee Data Analyst for a German company.



Asawari's story is just one example of the many lives **transformed** by your generosity. [Click here to learn more about the impactful work done by Swaranaad Rehabilitation Center to support children with hearing loss.](#)

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Donate to the Cochlear Implants for Children Appeal: With a contribution, you can help cover the costs of surgeries, hospitalisations, and post-surgical rehabilitation, which amounts to **£5000 per child**.

Facts to Remember:

- 100,000 children are born with hearing impairment every year in India
- Deaf children are not born mute; they have the potential to speak with the right support.

We are deeply grateful for your ongoing support of Cochlea Pune and Sewa UK. Your contributions are making a significant impact, creating a ripple effect of change in the lives of these children and their families. Thank you for being part of our mission to bring the gift of hearing to every child.

COCHLEAR IMPLANTS: CHANGING LIVES FOREVER

Cochlear implants have revolutionised how we address profound sensorineural hearing loss. Unlike hearing aids, which merely amplify sounds, cochlear implants bypass damaged parts of the ear to directly stimulate the auditory nerve, providing a sense of hearing to those who are profoundly deaf.



Sewa UK has been a key partner in our mission to provide access to these life-changing devices. By working closely with Cochlea Pune, Sewa UK has committed to contributing £5,000 per child, helping us bridge the financial gap for families in need. Your donations play a pivotal role in making these surgeries possible, enabling children from low-income families to hear and speak, just like their peers.



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