# JSPL Foundation's 'Asha - the Hope' rehabilitation centre for children with special needs inaugurated

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JSPL Foundation has launched a flagship initiative 'Asha the Hope' Centre at Angul, Odisha in a bid to address the need of the Divyang, the specially abled children.

The Centre was inaugurated on Saturday by a former chairperson of National Bal Bhavan and Chairperson of JSPL Foundation Shallu Jindal, Collector & District Magistrate, Angul Manoj Kumar Mohanty, and Superintendent of Police, Angul Jagmohan Meena,.

Asha the Hope' Centre would work for rehabilitation and empowerment of children with special needs and differently abled persons.

The Centre will provide early intervention services such as Physiotherapy, Occupational therapy, Sensory Integration Therapy, special education for children with intellectually challenged and hearing impaired, Audiometry & Speech therapy.

It will also support in providing artificial limbs, assistive & adaptive devices and mobility aids to the specially abled children and persons.

Besides, the Centre will organize skill development training, vocation training programmes, music and dance classes, sports activities and community based rehabilitation support.

Mohanty, appreciated JSPL Foundation's commitment for empowering the Specially Abled Persons.

"The specialized services provided by the centre would definitely help in making lives of specially abled children and persons better", he said.

Meena said that such an initiative of JSPL Foundation is one such step which can shape up life of the Child for a better tomorrow.

On the occasion, Shallu Jindal said, "Asha the Hope is the reflection of JSPL Foundation's commitments for inclusive development encompassing each needy person in the Community. Our Asha the Hope Centre at Raigarh has rehabilitated and mainstreamed more than 4500 specially abled Children in last 10 years. Now we have started similar initiatives in Jharkhand and Angul in Odisha. We believe that in collaboration with the District Administration and the Government we shall succeed to translate the aspiration of the Parents of these Divyang Children in to Reality and mainstream these Children to take life in full steam".

The center is equipped with one physiotherapists, one occupational therapist, one speech therapist, two special educators therapist and other support staffs to provide the services.

It has also necessary equipment, which are relevant for providing the services. Children / people from economically weaker families will be given free services at the centre.

JSPL Foundation is running similar 'Asha – the Hope' centres at Raigarh in Chhattisgarh since 2009 and Patratu in Jharkhand.

The centre addresses needs of the differently abled, irrespective of caste, creed, gender or socio-economic variance.

Till date JSPL Foundation's 'Asha the Hope' Centres at Raigarh and Patratu have supported more than 4500 children / persons for rehabilitation and joining the social mainstream.

JSPL's Chief Operating Officer Pankaj Gautam, EVP & Group Head (CSR & Sustainability) Prashant Kumar Hota, Vice President (CSR & R) SK Sharma, VP & Head (HR&ES) Alok Malhotra, General Manager (CSR) Puspa Satapathy and other official of JSPL were present on the occasion.