

MUSKAN FOUNDATION FOR PEOPLE WITH MULTIPLE DISABILITIES



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Our Vision

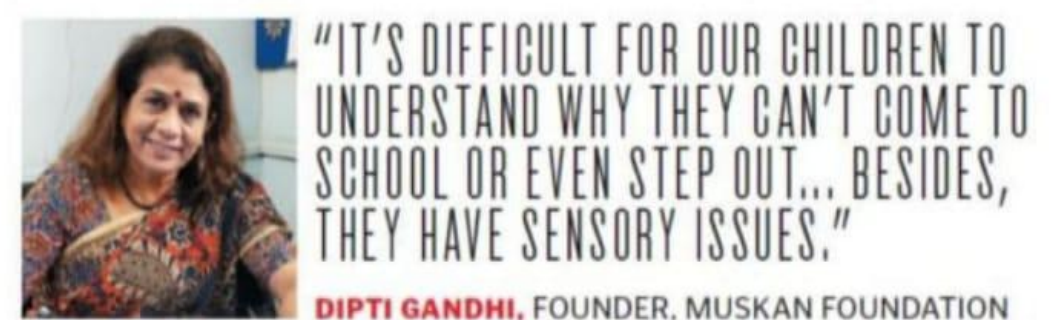
Children with MDVI participate and are recognized in their families and communities, and realize their own unique abilities in life.

Our Mission

Muskan maximizes the potential of MDVI children, by providing customized, low cost therapies and special education under one roof; and by empowering parents with the knowledge, skills and confidence to support their child's unique needs and development.

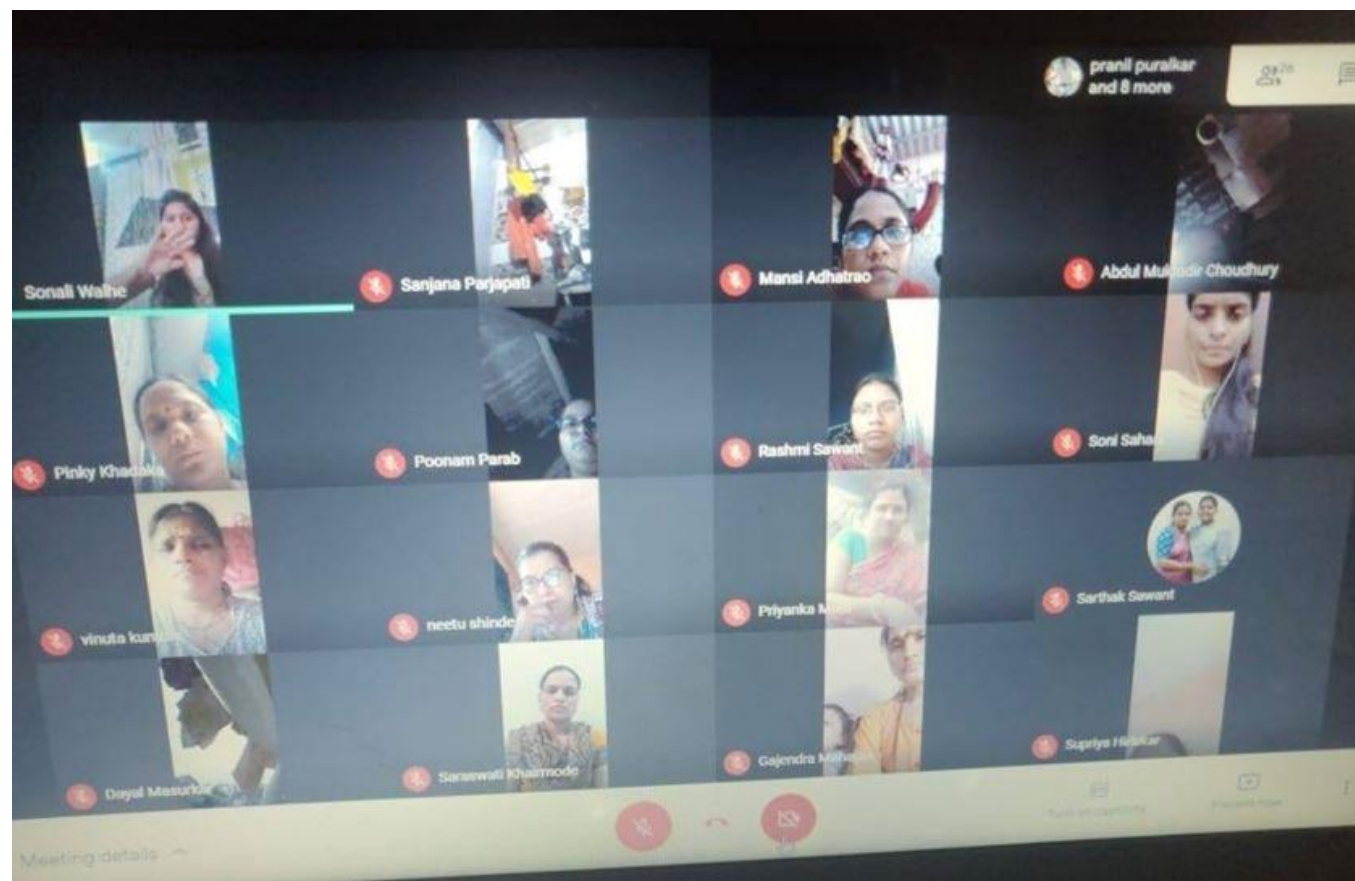
NEWS & UPDATE

In order to continue the child's development, Programs & Services of Muskan have been shifted online since the lockdown. Assessing the "New Normal" where technology is bridging the gap of Education **Forbes India** interviewed our Founder-Director Mrs. Dipti Gandhi to evaluate the impact of this "New Normal" on Children with Multiple Disabilities. As rightly pointed out by our Founder-Director Mrs Dipti Gandhi, *"It's difficult for our children to understand why they can't come to school or even step out...Besides, they have sensory issues"*.



DIPTI GANDHI, FOUNDER, MUSKAN FOUNDATION

Dipti Gandhi, a low-vision consultant and founder of Muskan Foundation, which offers education and therapy programmes to children with multiple disabilities, says, "It's difficult for our children to understand why they can't come to school or even step out. Besides, they have sensory issues—kids with low vision don't even want to wear spectacles, forget masks. Kids with autism follow the expressions of people around them; if everyone wears masks, the children can't process emotions. Hearing-challenged kids understand people by reading lips, which can't be done through face covers. Because of all these, the current world seems far less intelligible for special kids than for regular ones."



Muskan Foundation conducted an online informative session on 'Precautions to be taken during Covid-19'. Our Occupational Therapist conducted centre wise session where both teachers and parents were present. The session intended to inform our parents on topics like how to correctly wear a mask, the right way to hand wash, importance of social distancing, and focus on improving one's immunity.

On 25th July, Pediatric Development Center conducted a 'Lockdown Series with Experts' wherein our Founder-Director Mrs Dipti Gandhi, a nationally renowned Low Vision Consultant was called to give her expert view. The topic of the webinar was 'Role of Vision Therapy to enhance Residual Vision' wherein our Founder-Director Mrs Dipti Gandhi gave a talk on how a brain processes visual information and the role of visual rehabilitation in the field of Vision Therapy.



Muskan strives for excellence and hence even during this pandemic, we scheduled an Online 5 days In-House Training programme for our Special Educators & Therapist which was conducted by Ms. Manju Singhania (Founder Director Joy of learning, Master trainer for Language and Teacher Talk). The training programme focused on important topics like behaviour difficulties in children with autism, fundamentals of communication, how to create effective social stories & it's benefits, Sensory Processing Difficulties & how to plan a sensory diet.

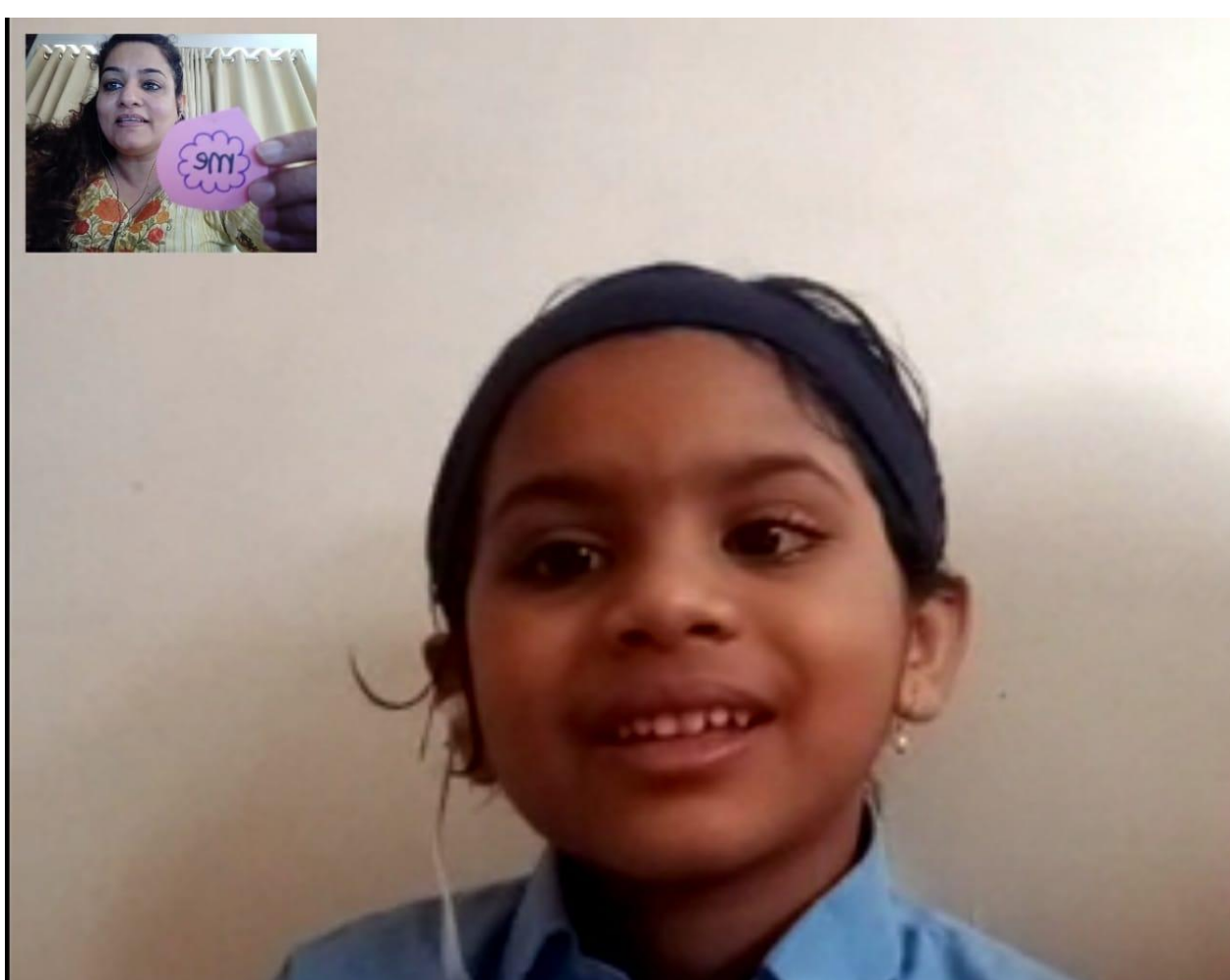
A Snapshot of our Programs & Services being continued online



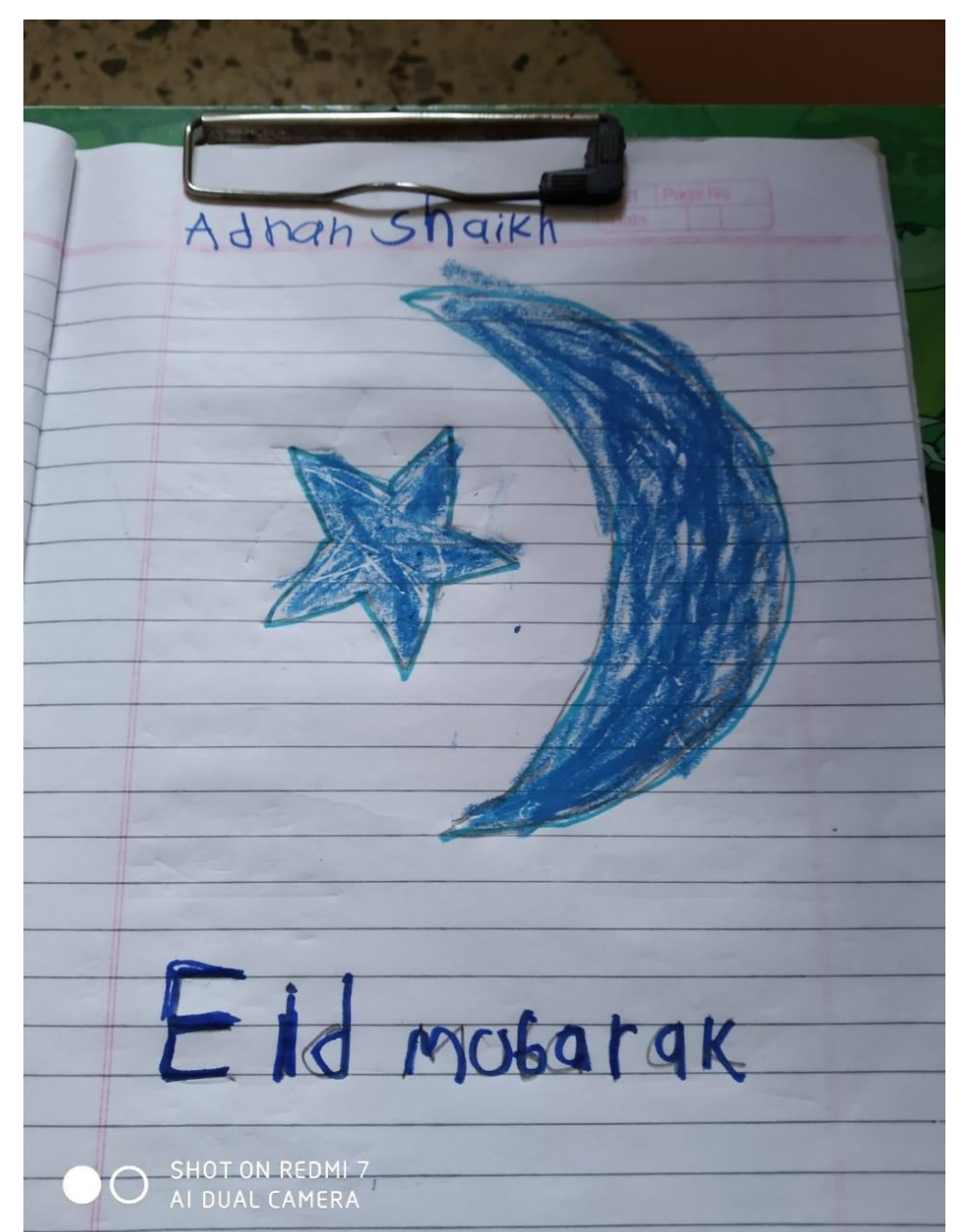
**Our Special Educator
teaching Yoga**



**Our Special Educator
conducting sensory activity**



**A Special Education class
being in session**



**On the Occasion of Eid, our
Student Adnan Shaikh drew
a card wishing every one Eid
Mubarak!**

HELP US CHANGE A STORY

- 92% of our parents come from marginalized populations for e.g.: vegetable vendors, housemaids, auto-rickshaw drivers.
- They don't have any income during this unprecedented situation. In spite of this, they have to pay for expensive anticonvulsant medications, doctor's visits and manage their rations.
- We are doing our **BEST** by modifying our programs and extending our services but we need **YOUR HELP** to continue our support to help these families lessen their financial burden.
- You can help by Sponsoring the livelihood of below poverty line family at just Rs. 1000 per family. We provide a livelihood to 100 below poverty line families every month.
- You can support Special Education Program of 100 children with multiple disabilities by Sponsoring a Child's Monthly Education Program at Rs 5000 or Monthly Therapy Sponsorship at Rs 4500.
- You can also Sponsor Counselling session at Rs. 500 per session as these sessions provides emotional guidance to 116 parents in these difficult times.
- CLICK ON: <https://rzp.io/l/Vr7KhNQ>
- Help us to spread Muskan on our children's face. Donate Now.



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