## V-EXCEL EDUCATION - EDUCATION & VOCATION FOR SPECIAL CHILDREN - SITE VISIT APR 2023

Highlights of the Virtual Visit Attended on 10th Apr 2023 by Ajita Panshikar, Shashi, Neha, Lakshmi from V-Excel, Sridhar, Geetha, Jamuna, Madan Appiah, Nandita, Pavan and Haritha from Asha Seattle Chapter.

- Neha has explained the therapy the children are receiving.
- Lekshmi explained early intervention unit and remedial unit of V-excel.
- Ajita explained about difficulty in getting therapists.
- Lekshmi also explained about the screening camps.
- They also showed a video tour of the facility. The call lasted for more than 1 ½ hours.

Ms. Shashi walked through campus. She showed the class rooms where kids were doing their activities. We interacted with the staff and kids. Staff explained the efforts they are putting in and the challenges they are facing. We saw the dining hall where special food is prepared for the kids. Therapist explained about the play therapy for the mentally challenged kids. Teachers explained the daily routines in the school. They also explained how they communicate their expectations to the kids parents during vacation. In the classroom, we saw the activity charts. The classrooms are well organized and maintained.

We can feel their dedication and love towards the kids. Unless the person have a passion towards mentally challenged kids in handling them teaching them it will be difficult. We can see their hard effort in kids activities. Teachers and therapists making sure that kids should feel that Its not a school. Its like second home for them. We could watch kids circle time. Class rooms are very neat and clean. Many kids were very difficult to handle. Teachers and helpers are handling the kids so patiently with smile. Because of the nature of the kids they are taking extra more precaution about their safety. Volunteers help in that school is phenomenal. We interacted with them. We saw the different therapy rooms and got to know them in detail. It was amazing. Sashi was proudly showcased kids talents. We talked with student's parent come volunteer. They are trying very hard make sure that these differently wired kids also can fit into the society and lead their life independently. From kindergarten to pre vocational to vocational graduation is a herculean task for the teachers. We could feel that v Excel wants each kid to be graduated and lead a simple happy independent life

Some of the photos are

















