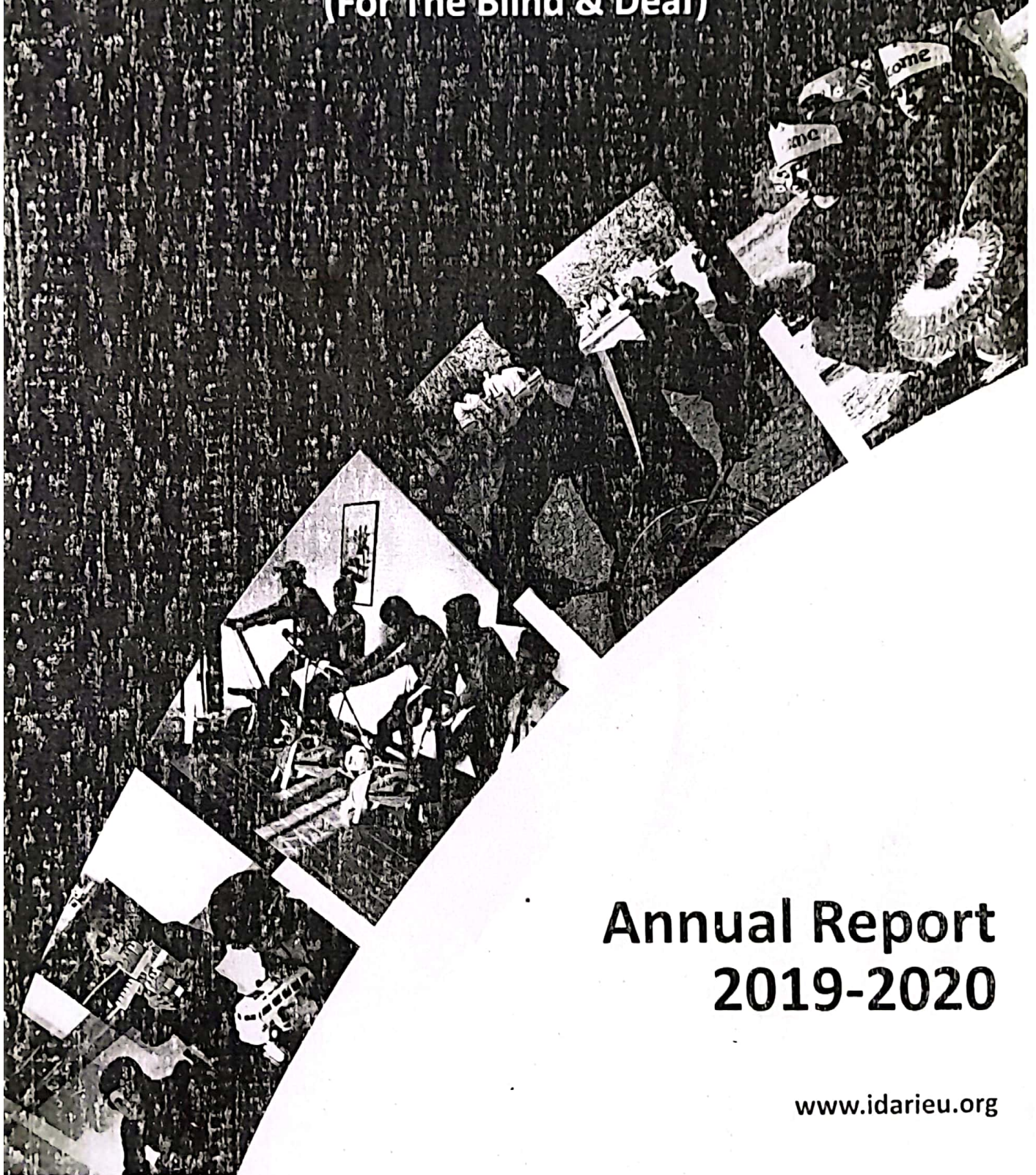




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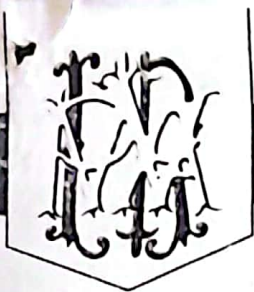
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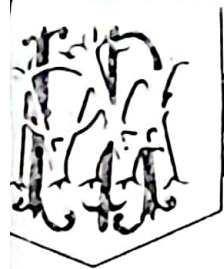
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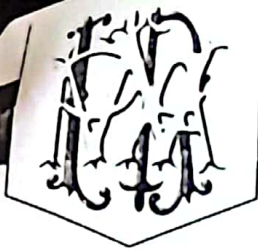
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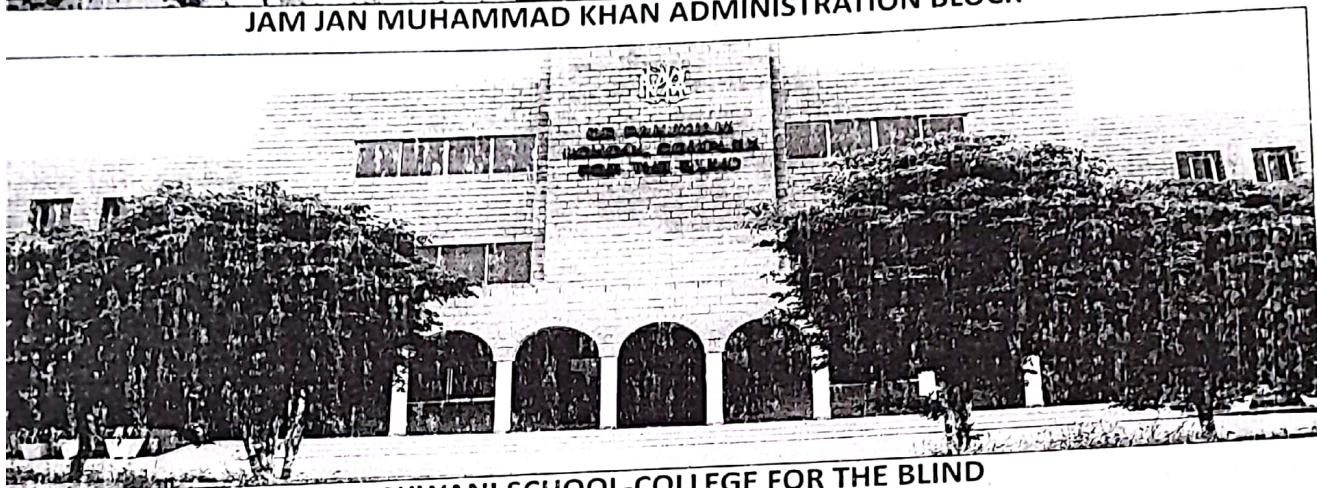


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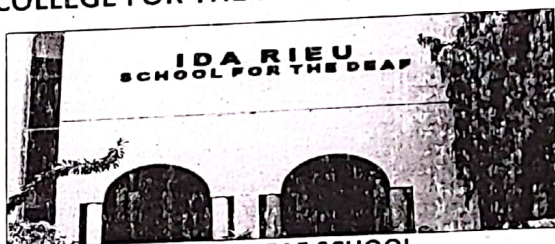
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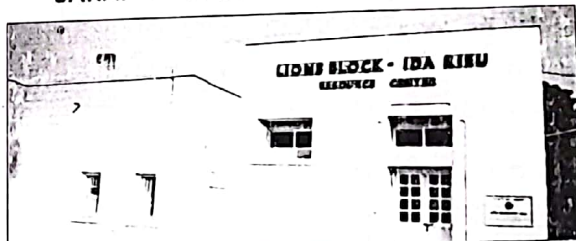
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MILESTONES (2019 - 2020)

Position in the Board of Intermediate Education

On 1st Nov 2019 Iqra Farooq, a Hearing impaired student, brought honors to IRWA by obtaining 3rd Position in the Board of Intermediate Education. She received a shield of appreciation with a cash award of Rs 10,000/- from the Board and a cash prize of Rs20, 000/- from Saraf Jafri Endowment Fund of IRWA. Her enthusiasm and zeal towards studies made the Institution extremely proud.



RENOVATION OF THE PANJWANI BLOCK

Dr. Panjwani School Complex for the Blind at Ida Rieu was inaugurated in the year 2000 by the President of Pakistan. In the Summer of 2019, this large building complex was totally refurbished under the personal supervision and courtesy of Madam Nadira Panjwar. Refurbishments included repair and restoration works, provision of new facilities, reconfiguration of many spaces, plantation and landscaping works and aesthetic enrichment of the complex. This exercise took six months and has given the building a totally fresh and immaculate look. The layout, facilities and teaching material in the Montessori section have been enhanced in a number of ways presenting a much brighter outlook. The little ones in this section remain engaged in learning and fun activities throughout the day. Principal and her support staff have been stationed in this block to ensure closer supervision of teachers and students in the academic zone of the IRWA campus.

The Low Vision facility has been expanded. Valuable low vision aids and equipments like image magnifiers, TV screens, spot light lamps, large print books and customized work stations have been provided here for the ready use of low sighted children. Music is a source of great joy and pleasure for our students and their music room has been refitted with new furniture, music instruments and accompaniments. Attractive collage prints of leading musicians of the world adorn the walls of the music hall fascinating all visitors who always stop by to appreciate and encourage the musical skills of our students. Two designated classrooms have been :



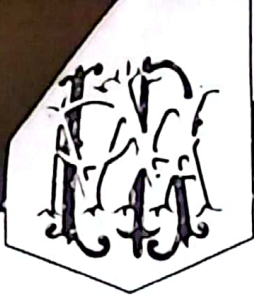
up for Braille training, housing 24 brand new Brailers. Students have daily practice sessions. A reading room has been set up with a sizeable collection of large print books and Braille books for developing their reading habits. The school Lecture Hall has been air-conditioned and fitted with audio visual equipment including a high resolution projector. This has made the lecture sessions very comfortable for all participants. Soon after the make over of the lecture hall a series of workshops and seminars of international standard were conducted in this large facility. Regular training sessions for faculty members and students are also carried out in this space. The school Gymnasium has been advanced with all the required paraphernalia and various models of exercising machines and treadmills. Students participate in their gym activities enthusiastically and are gradually showing better physical deportment.



There are two large and well equipped Computer labs in the Panjwani Complex. One is for the Blind section and the other for the Deaf section. Both labs have been reset with better furniture and seating arrangements. Special software is used for the computer training of the Blind students. A new science lab has been set up to acquaint students of both sections with principles and concepts of modern science. Models, charts, apparatus, scientific devices, and all relevant material have been provided for science tutorials. A secure examination cell has been set up to ensure safe keeping of Exam related documents and papers. A dedicated clinic has been set up for providing psychological counselling to students, their parents and teachers in total privacy and comfort. Faculty members have been provided with a new rest and relaxation zone on the second floor where they can have a short break, interact and enjoy refreshments. The school kitchen has also been redone and tidied up. In September 2019 on conclusion of the renovations, a short video was filmed on location and uploaded on the IRWA website for public viewing. Madam Nadira Panjwani personally oversaw the entire ambit of the works carried out thereby ensuring an island of excellence for our visually impaired students in this school complex.

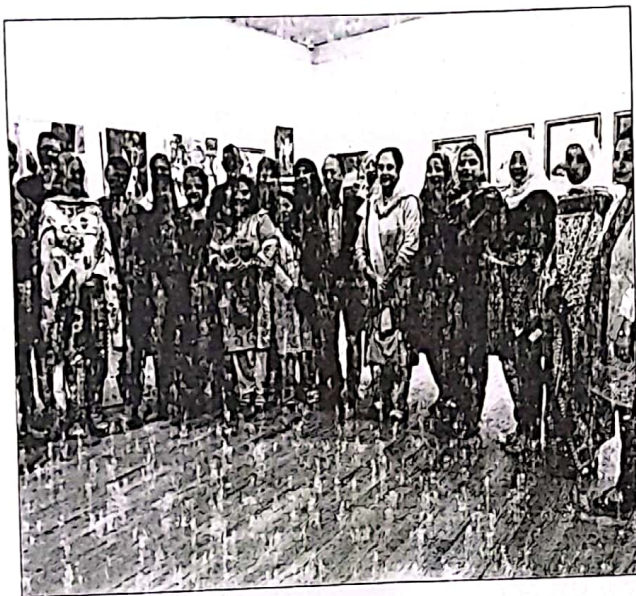
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Art Exhibition 2020

Art Exhibition 2020 was organized by IRWA to showcase the paintings made by our Deaf students at Alliance Française de Karachi, Art Gallery. The skills and the hard work of our students and their teachers were tastefully displayed. The event was a resounding success visited by a large number of people and covered by all the major media outlets. This fostered the confidence and the team spirit of our students who had enthusiastically participated in staging this show. A large number of artworks were sold and going forward this Art Exhibition will be an annual feature of the IRWA calendar.





Training Session on Augmentative and Alternative Communication

Ms. Shelina Mitha, Speech and Language Therapist from UK; visited IRWA and conducted an enlightening interactive training session on Augmentative and Alternative Communication. She shared all the latest developments and trends in her field with the audience. This event was open to the public and conducted on a totally gratis basis. A large number of subject specialists from Karachi attended this training and were awarded certificates at the end of the session.



Performance on Metro TV

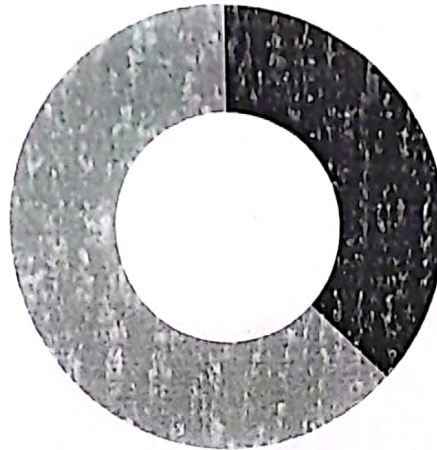
Deaf and blind students enthusiastically participated in a Metro TV program titled "Muskurati Subah" which displays various skills and talents among the youth. Our students loved being on a live TV show and presented their skills with great flair for the audience..



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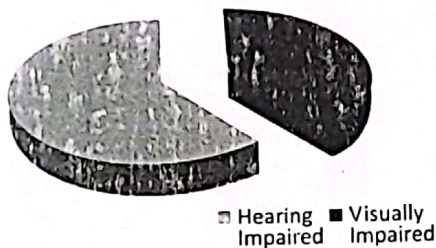
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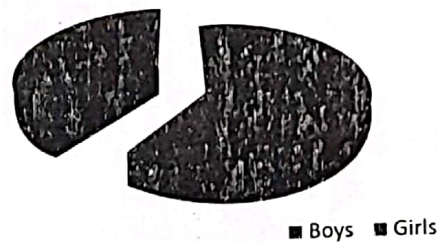


New Admissions
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Strength in Karachi



Strength in Rashidabad



Hostel Facility For Visually Impaired

Karachi Hostel



Rashidabad Hostel





Happenings at IRWA

- Sarah Jafri Endowment Fund sponsors free uniforms for our children. These are stitched in house at our vocational training center, providing on-campus job training to our students.



- Student's expressed solidarity with Muslims of Indian Occupied Kashmir in a ceremony at Mazar-e-Quaid



- Independence Day Celebration's at IRWA included flag hoisting ceremony; patriotic speeches and popular national songs.



- The international Deaf week was observed in September. The occasion was marked by Deaf specific learning and entertainment activities. These included workshops, grand mela, and tableau performances highlighting the presence of deaf people in society.



- Iqbal Day events focused on sharing and spreading the wisdom and message of Allama Iqbal among our students..



- International White Cane Day activities were sponsored by the Lion's Club. Blind Students marched to Mazar-e-Quaid along with Deaf scouts and the School Band to pay tribute to the Founder of Pakistan.



- Eid Milad-un-Nabi is a much awaited event at IRWA and students eagerly participate in the celebrations by rendering naats, speeches and milad hymns paying tribute to the revered memory of our Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H).

Awards and Achievements

Muhammad Bakhtiyar of class VII secured 2nd position while Abdul Samad of IX grade stood 3rd in Naat and Qiraat Competition organized by Social Welfare Training Institute Our student scored 3rd position in Braille Writing Competition organized by Blind Resource Foundation, at Sheikh Zaid Islamic Center Karachi University.

Our Deaf section students participated and secured victories at Global Dignity Day (sporting event) organized by Beacon House School System.

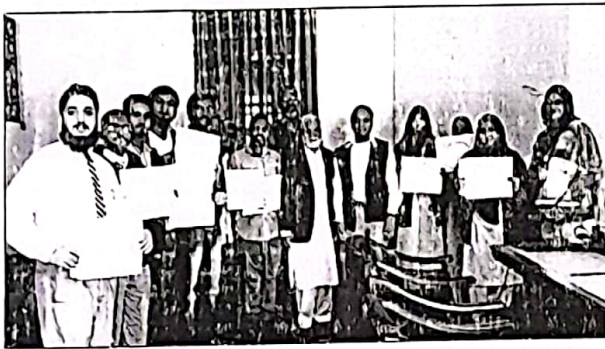
IRWA participated and displayed artistic skills like singing and painting at Rangoon-Wala Hall, Karachi.

Ba-himmat awards distribution ceremony was arranged by Jasarat News. Our Principal along with Blind & Deaf staff members received awards for their best mobility, courage, and performance.

Brilliant painters of Deaf section Rafiq and Irfan won the "Toyota Dream Car" Contest, carrying on IRWA's tradition of winning this contest every year. The students were acclaimed with certificates and gift hampers from Toyota Car manufacturers.

Scouts from the Deaf section of IRWA secured 2nd Position at Golden Jubilee Celebrations in Khairpur. The event was organized by the Sindh Boys Scout Association. All participants were awarded shields and certificates.

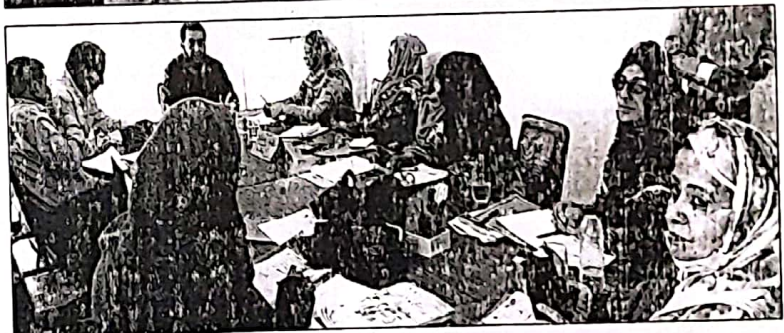
A Special Cricket Match for the Deaf was organized by the Quaid-e-Azam Rangers School and our students lifted the trophy.

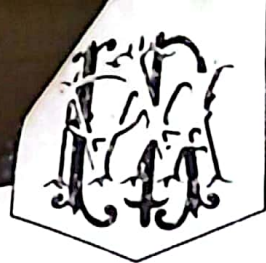




We are committed to the empowerment of people with special needs

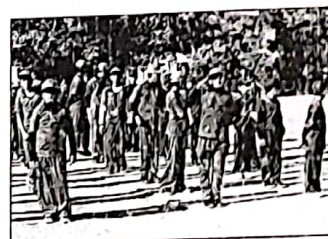
- World Disability Day was celebrated at the Chief Minister House in Karachi. Our Principal represented IRWA..
- The First Lady Ms. Samina Alvi, called representatives of all special educators, to discuss the problems faced by the challenged people. We were represented by Principal IRWA.
- Department of Differently Abled Persons, Government of Sindh is in the process of coordinating the usage of sign language by different Deaf Institutions under the supervision of Mr. Ameen Memon, Our teachers regularly attend these meetings to mark IRWA's full support for this objective.
- We collaborate with the DEAF REACH actively and our teachers participate in their seminars on "Sign Language" .



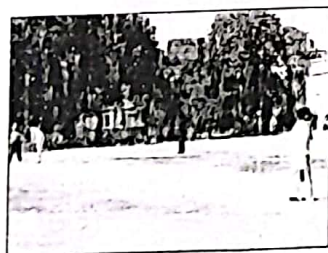
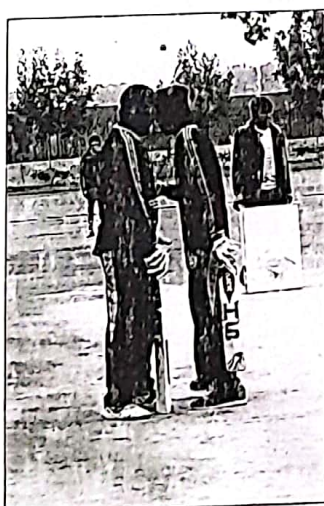


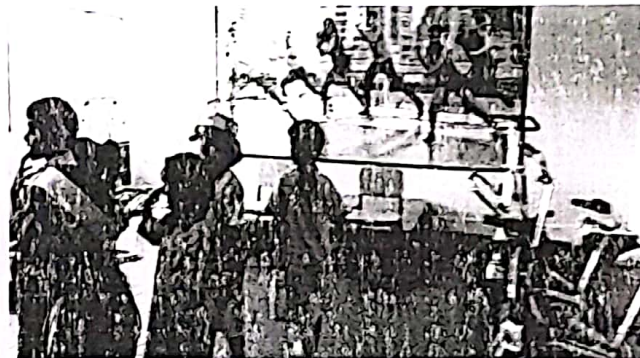
Annual Sports Day

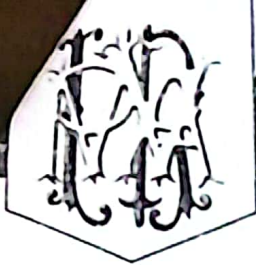
Dr. Panjwani Annual Sports Day was held in January 2020. The signature feature of this event is always the traditional flag hoisting ceremony accompanied by a super energetic band performance of our Blind students. Children participated in a wide range of sports activities under the supervision of their teachers. The competitions were engrossing, full of fun and well contested. The Managing Committee of IRWA welcomed the Chief Guest, Secretary Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities Government of Sindh Mr. Pervaiz Seihaar. Medals and prizes were distributed by the Chief Guest who appreciated the organizers of the event and warmly greeted and interacted with the students and the champions of the contests.

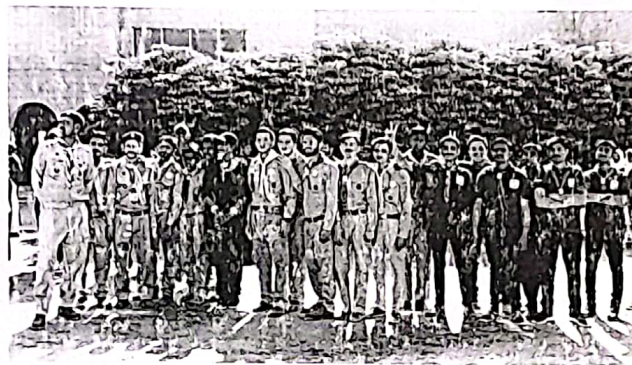
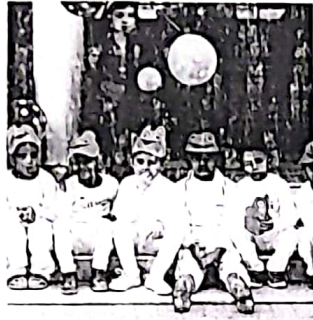


The blind cricket team of Ida Rieu is the best in the country







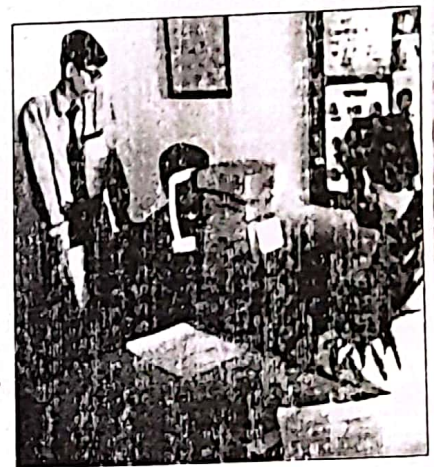




Health & Fitness

IRWA is committed to the physical and mental fitness of its students. Every year students undergo an eye and hearing checkup, the results of checkups are shared with the parents and they are facilitated for further assessment.

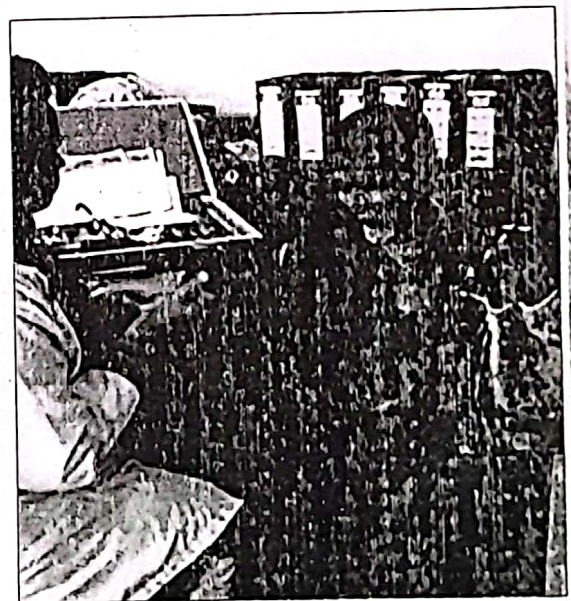
A well-maintained Clinic with the cooperation of the Inner Wheel is fully functional in the Panjwani Block. A lady doctor is there to provide first aid and Ultrasound services to the students and the teachers. The services of Inner Wheel Clinic are sincerely appreciated. Students presenting any major problem are referred to the Zainab Panjwani Memorial Hospital where totally free of cost treatment is provided to them.



Psychological Counseling

Dr. Madiha Latif, a Senior Psychologist at the Institute of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Dow University of Health Sciences and visiting Psychologist at the Zainab Panjwani Memorial Hospital provides guidance and counselling to the students, their parents and the faculty members regularly on a gratis basis. Her counselling helps significantly in dealing with the emotional and psychological challenges of our special children.

Monthly eye checkups of students of both the Blind and Deaf Sections are carried out by LRBT and Kharun Nisa Hospital. IRWA also collaborates with other institutes and hospitals from time to time to provide eye checkups for our students.

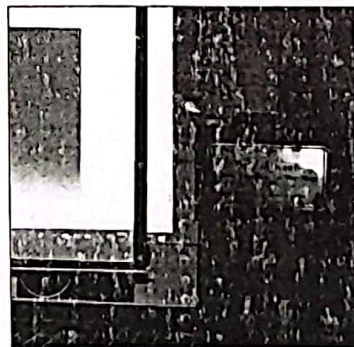




Faculty Development Initiatives

Constant practice, patience, and updating are required to teach visually and hearing-impaired children. Therefore IRWA makes it a point to offer training and workshops to its faculty members for upgrading their professional competence.

- A workshop on Speech Therapy was conducted by experienced speech therapist and sign language trainer Ms. Saba and Mr. Aqeel Ur Rehman.
- A workshop was conducted by Ms. Safeera to create awareness among Blind students to apply for scholarships through the "Yes" Program.
- Mr. Akram from Danish kadah conducted a workshop on "Creating awareness for the needs of people with hearing impairments".
- Ms. Waliha, a psychologist from Aga Khan University, gave a talk on the Psychological needs of the hearing impaired.
- Ms. Lina Hashmi and Mrs. Sara Akhtar, Specialist teachers for the Blind in the UK shared Braille Typing techniques with the teachers of our Blind Section who were taught several applicable Braille typing methods and techniques in two days.
- Department of Audiology at IRWA organized a workshop for understanding "Hearing Problems". Mr. Jeremy and his team conducted this workshop providing essential awareness to motivate and help teachers of the Deaf Section to improve conversation skills with Deaf students.





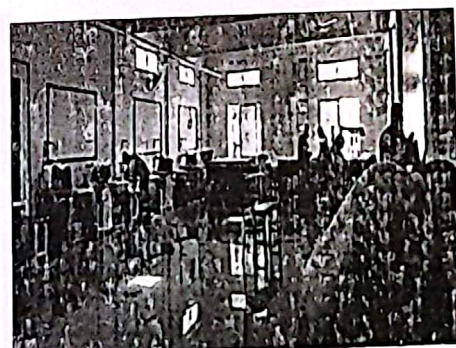
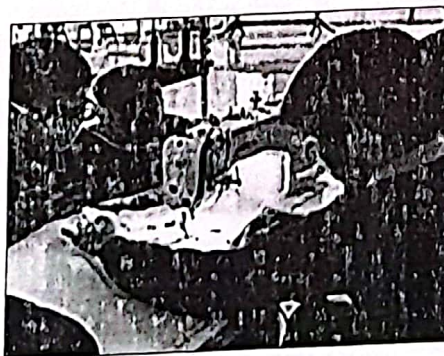
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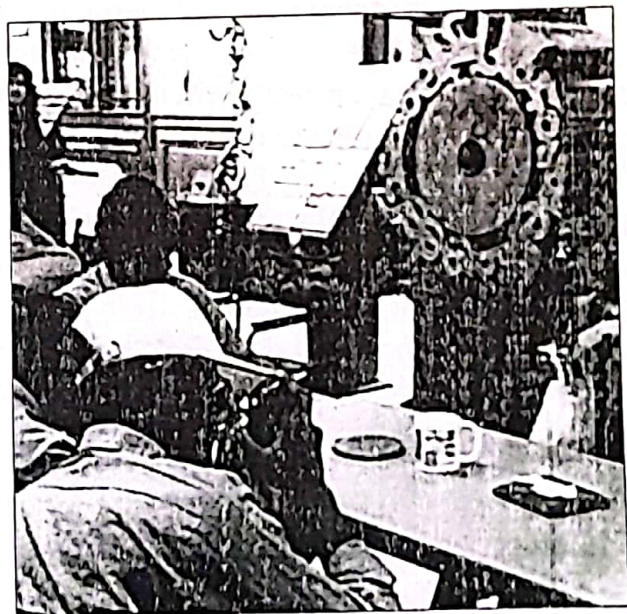
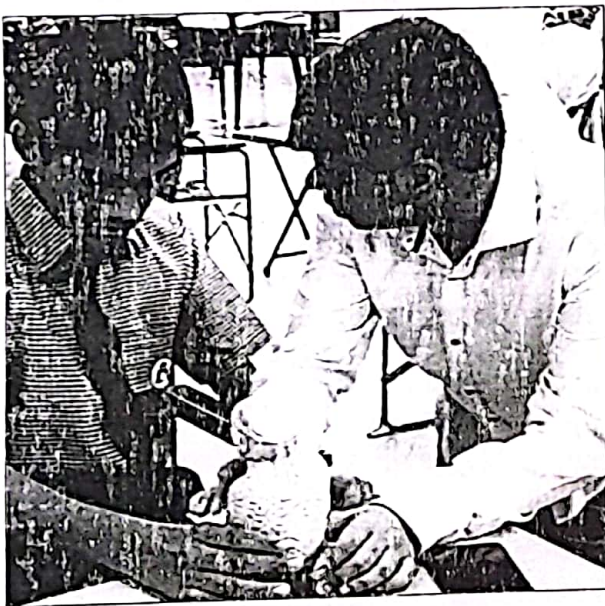


Our students have a natural aptitude for drama, singing, and story writing. With the support of Director and Curator of the State Bank Dr. Asma Ibrahim, we are introducing our Blind students to photography.

Ms. Unaiza Siddique of Kahani Ghar trained our Blind and Deaf students for a brilliant play staged at IRWA titled "Colors".

Culinary skills and Beauty management are two most popular fields for our female students and we are in the process of designing certified courses approved by the Sindh Technical Board for them in these areas.

Photography workshop for Blind students At State Bank Museum Karachi



STAR STUDENTS OF IRWA



Iqra Farooq

Iqra Farooq of the Keshani College for the Deaf, is undoubtedly a shining Star of IRWA. She passed her Matriculation with an A Grade securing 3rd position in the Board of Intermediate Education in 2019. Her enthusiasm and zeal for her education is a matter of pride for us. She received a cash award from the Sarah Jafri Endowment Fund. Currently, she is doing her graduation at IRWA. Iqra is also an excellent artist and has won a cash prize of Rs.50,000 in the Toyota Dream Car Contest. Her paintings were much appreciated at our Art Exhibition of 2020, held at Alliance De Francie.



Shifaat

Shifaat is a brilliant student of IRWA Dr. Panjwani School & College for the Blind. He has passed his Matriculation in A Grade and is currently doing his FA in the same college. In addition to academic excellence, he is active in extracurricular activities, organizing and hosting shows on various national occasions including a chat show on Radio Pakistan. Shifaat is also keen on photography and computer science.

STAR FACULTY OF IRWA

• Ms. Rubina Waseem

Ms. Rubina is a popular senior faculty member of Deaf College since 2003. Cooking is her forte and she has good command in all areas of Home Economics. She is proficient in Sign language and is one of our master trainers for new teachers.

• Ms. Rabia Habib

Ms. Rabia is a devoted and soft natured Montessori teacher of the Blind Section who is much loved by her students due to her warm and caring nature. She has been with IRWA since 2015 and has evolved into a competent Montessori manager leading this department of the Blind Section. In her mobility training sessions she performs various activities with the Blind children aimed at encouraging them to explore their surroundings and to move about with greater confidence. This goes a long way towards equipping them for being self reliant in later stages of their lives. Rabia also teaches Braille to newly recruited teachers.





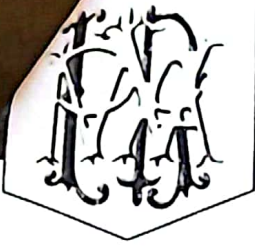
Developments at our Rashidabad Campus

The Rashidabad Campus of IRWA is growing slowly but steadily. Currently 41 students with visual impairment are enrolled there. Many of them reside at the school hostel and more admissions are expected from adjoining areas like Tando Jam in the forthcoming academic term. Providing pick and drop services for the students and their teachers is a major challenge that has to be addressed.

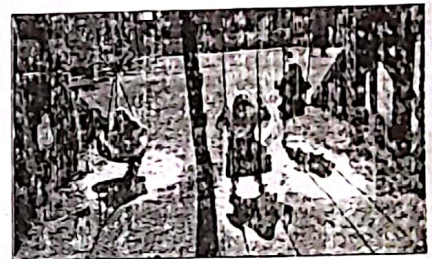
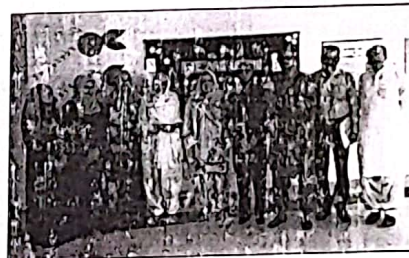
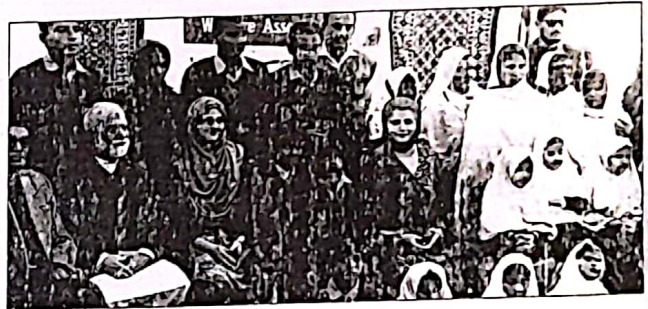
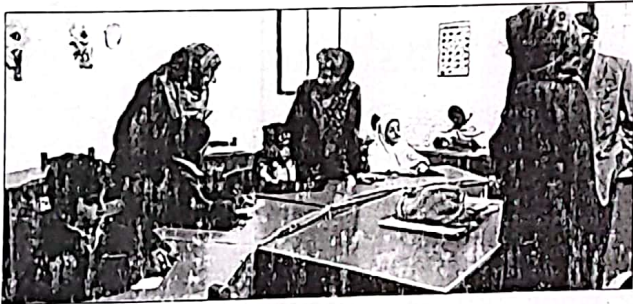


Key Events and Activities at Rashidabad

- Lina Hashmia Specialist Teacher for the Blind visited Rashidabad. She met the students and their teachers and provided them with useful tips and recommendations on enhancing their teaching strategies.
- Result Day: Mid Term Examinations were held in November 2019. A simple ceremony was conducted with parents and students in attendance where their performance was celebrated and the way forward was discussed with them.
- Eid Milad un Nabi (P.B.U.H) was celebrated in November 2019.
- Sports Gala at Rashidabad was a two day event. Students and teachers participated in different indoor and outdoor games like T-10 Cricket Match, Tug of War, Musical Chairs and Q & A Quiz competition, etc. All were rewarded with a one-dish party.
- Our students were invited to participate in a Cultural Festival next door at the Deaf Reach School Rashidabad. The two schools collaborate in various events on a regular basis.
- Members of IRWA MC visited the Rashidabad campus in January 2020. They were given a detailed briefing on the progress of the branch. Administrative and academic issues were discussed and the students enthralled their visitors by an excellent musical performance. Prizes, gifts and uniforms were distributed among the students and staff of the school.



- Air force Music Band was invited to our Rashidabad Campus in January 2020. The band performed various national songs with "Shehnai" and drum combination. Students hugely enjoyed this musical treat .
- Rashidabad Campus Administrator attended Autism Awareness Seminar at Government Secondary School Tando Allah Yar by the Autism Spectrum Disorders Welfare Trust (ASDW) Karachi. Chief Guest of the event was Mr. Parvaiz Ahmed Seihaar - Secretary, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities Government of Sindh.
- IRWA students participated and performed in the "Hum Teray Sipahi Hay" march-past on the occasion of the inauguration ceremony of Topian Public School. Air Chief Marshal Mujahid Anwar Khan was the Chief Guest.





Our Esteemed Visitors

- Syed Qasim Naveed Qamar, Special Assistant to Chief Minister for Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, visited IRWA and expressed interest in collaboration in projects of mutual concern.
- Mr. Michael Holgate, Director British Council Karachi, took a tour of Ida Rieu and showed keen interest in story telling sessions for students and training opportunities for staff members.
- The Program Head of Pakistan Poverty Alleviation Fund; Ms. Simi Kamal and her colleague Mr. Tahir Malik visited IRWA and discussed PPAF Programs with the management. Proposals were discussed as to how IRWA could assist in educating handicapped children of Rural Sindh making them capable of earning a living through vocational training.
- Mr. Zahid Asghar; Chief Executive of COMCON and special assistant to First Lady, Mrs. Samina Alvi visited IRWA. He saw all sections of IRWA with deep interest and appreciation.
- A Team from TPL visited IRWA. They were amazed to see the talents of our students and the devotion of their teachers. They were given a detailed briefing about the school activities. Students from Beacon House School System, Montessori (PECHS Campus) visited us. On this occasion they staged a joint drama and sing-along performance with our Deaf students. The children thoroughly enjoyed this gig.





Comments From Our Visitor's Book

It was an honour to visit this school and I am excited by the project that we will be doing with visually impaired students with clay. Seeing their perception will be a unique experience. Thank you for giving me this chance.

Sophie Anne Francais
Art Teacher
France Date: 20-08-2019

Such an eye-opening and informative experience this was. The TPL team was moved to the core, seeing how the IDA RIEU management is taking care of this marginalized community, from their uniform to the availability of books. Lots of prayers and best wishes for this school to succeed.

TPL Team
Date: 31-08- 2019

I was inspired to see the campus and look forward to helping in whatever way possible. Keep thriving and all the best.

Mahreen Adil
Global Schools' Advocate (SDSN Youth- UN)
Date: 01- 10-2019

It was a truly humbling and awe-inspiring experience visiting this school. The Administration, management, and teachers are doing a commendable job. May Allah give you all the strength to continue with your efforts and bless the students. Hope that we can do our little bit towards helping you in your endeavors.

United Energy Pakistan Limited
Date: 19-11-2019



It was an absolute pleasure to visit the school today. I'm feeling extremely inspired by the vision of the school to bring education and opportunity to everyone. I'm looking forward to doing more work together between IDA RIEU and British Council. Thank you for having me!

Michael Houlgate
Director, Sindh and Balochistan, Pakistan British Council
Date: 19-11-2019

Very happy to be here today, IDA RIEU is a historic institute in Karachi. We hope to build a partnership with innovative ideas for the future. DEPD will strive to learn from and work with IDA RIEU.

Mr. Syed Qasim Naveed Qamar
Special Assistant to CM SINDH for the DEPD
Date: 19 -12-2019

What a wonderful place this is and to think it has been over a hundred years! The team here is doing a wonderful job and the facilities are up to date and comprehensive. From Quran in Braille to the books being produced; from the Music & Art & Sports. I love it all!! I will do whatever possible to support this institution.

Ms. Simi Kamal
Head Pakistan Poverty Alleviation Fund Islamabad
Date: 30-01-2020



LOUIS BRAILLE



Louis Braille was born in 1809 in France. At the age of three he lost his eyesight due to accidental trauma. When he was 15, he invented a universal system of reading and writing. It is to be used by blinds. He published his first Braille book in 1829.

Braille is read by passing one's fingertips over characters made up of an arrangement of six to six embossed points. The relative positions of these points represent different alphanumeric characters. Braille can be written with a Braille writer similar to a type writer or by using a pointed stylus to punch dots through paper using an instrument called a Braille slate which has rows of small cells in it as a guide.

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 q	 r	 s	 t	 u	 v	 w	 x
 y	 z						

The Braille Alphabet

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3 ○ ○ 6

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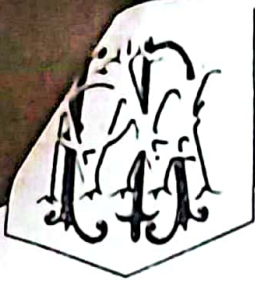
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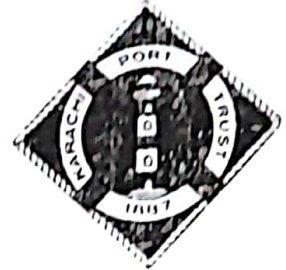
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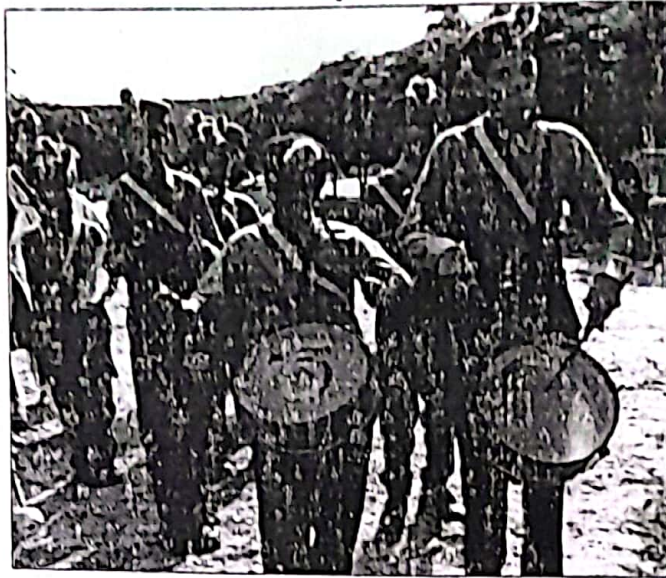
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