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Jyoti Kiran School- An Inclusive School

REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATIONS

Republic Day was celebrated on 26th January 2017 at SPARC-India's Madiyon premises. **Mr. Sarvendra Vikram Bahadur Singh** (Director, State Council of Educational Research and Training, Uttar Pradesh), **Justice S. C. Verma** (Purva Lok Aayukt, Uttar Pradesh), **Mr. P. C. Saxena** (Ex President, SPARC-India) and **Dr. Amitabh Mehrotra** (Founder Director and Chairperson, SPARC-India) were



present on this occasion. Mr. Singh and Justice Verma hoisted the National Flag which was followed by National Anthem. Dr. Mehrotra welcomed the guest and gave



an encouraging speech to commemorate the event. On this occasion children sang a patriotic song (*Hind Desh Ke Niwasi*) which was followed by a speech by Ariba and jokes by Izhaar. A fancy dress show was held in which children were dressed as Rani Lakshmi Bai, Chandra Shekhar Azad, Bhagat Singh, Subhash Chandra Bose and Indira Gandhi. A group dance was held which was followed by sweets

distribution.

EXPERIENCE SHARING SESSION

An *experience sharing activity* was held on 28th January 2017 for the students of Jyoti Kiran School. Teachers asked the students to share their day to day experiences. Many students talked about their experiences at home and in the community at this event. One of the students, Ariba from Block C, told about how she is being subjected to as a laughing stalk among her cousins.

MOVIE SHOW

On 4th February 2017 students of Jyoti Kiran School were shown '*Jungle Book*' movie. The children sat in the hall and the movie was shown to the children on a big screen. Children were very excited to watch the movie and enjoyed watching it with their peers.



PARENTS SUPPORT GROUP (PSG) MEETING

A *Parent Support Group (PSG) meeting* was held on 11th February 2017 at Jyoti Kiran School. Half yearly report cards were shown to the parents. Information was given to parents in regards to the dress change.

PERFORMANCE AT KGMU

SPARC-India and students and staff of Jyoti Kiran School were *invited to the Convention Centre of King George Medical University* on 26th February 2017. **Dr. Amitabh Mehrotra** (Founder Director and Chairperson, SPARC-India) along with teachers & students of Jyoti Kiran School and members of SPARC-India participated in the event. Students of Jyoti Kiran School gave a mesmerizing performance on this occasion. KGMU Doctor's association provided *assets worth Rs 2 Lacs* to SPARC-India, which included a colour printer, 5 C.P. chairs, 5 foot-driven sewing machines and a water purifier. The sewing machines were distributed among the successful trainees of the vocational unit.



VISIT BY TATA CONSULTANCY SERVICES TEAM

Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) conducted indoor and outdoor activities for students of SPARC-India's Jyoti Kiran School at the school premises on 28th February 2017. They played games like cricket and ball throw with the children. Some of them performed clay modeling activities with them. Children enjoyed the games and activities. In the end the team distributed refreshments among the children.



HOLI CELEBRATION

Holi celebration was held on 11th March 2017 at Jyoti Kiran School. Students actively participated and thoroughly enjoyed the Holi celebrations. They played colour with each other. Later on **Dr. Amitabh Mehrotra** (Founder Director and Chairperson, SPARC-India) and staff also joined them.



VISIT BY ICICI OFFICIALS

ICICI official Mr. Chandrakant and *Mr. Joekhim* visited SPARC-India for future collaboration. They initially had a meeting with **Dr. Amitabh Mehrotra** (Founder Director and Chairperson, SPARC-India). They then visited the premises and later had a meeting with the staff of SPARC-India as well as Jyoti Kiran School. They discussed about the issues faced by Children with Disabilities (CwDs) and Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) in day to day life. They offered financial support to SPARC-India in future.



Vocational Unit

DONATION BY VIJAYA BANK

On 30th March 2017 *Vijaya Bank* donated 20 sewing machines to the vocational unit trainees. The chief guest of the occasion was **Dr. Kishore Sansi** (MD, CEO, Vijaya Bank) and **Mr. Nilabh Chandra Roy** (Regional Head, Vijaya Bank). The program was held at SPARC-India's Madiaon premises. Students from Jyoti



Kiran School gave a song performance on the song 'Itni Shakti Hume De Na Data'. The sewing



machines were distributed to the trainees who were either challenged or belonged to the marginalized sections of the society. Dr Sansi was very impressed by the work being done by SPARC-India and he congratulated the staff for the same. After the distribution of the sewing machines Dr. Mehrotra thanked the guests present at the event.

Uttar Pradesh Viklang Manch (UPVM)

PRESS CONFERENCE

A *press conference* was organized by Poorest Areas Civil Society (PACS) at Press Club on 10th January 2017 to inform the press about the upcoming marathon in Lucknow on 11th January 2017. **Dr. Amitabh Mehrotra** (Founder Director and Chairperson, SPARC-India), **Mr. Suraj Yadav** (Secretary, Uttar Pradesh Viklang Manch), members of UPVM and PACS along with 35-40 members of different Civil Society Organization (CSO) partners from Lucknow and press members were present on the occasion.



MARATHON

A *marathon* was organized by Poorest Areas Civil Society (PACS) on 11th January 2017 from Lohiya park Gomtinagar to 1090 crossing, Gomtinagar, Lucknow. The slogan of the marathon was '*Marathon Daudega UP- Behtar Shiksha ke liye.*' The Chief Guest of the event was Honorable **Ms. Juhi Singh** (Chairman, State Commission for Protection of Child Rights, Uttar Pradesh). **Mr. Ritwik Patra** (UNICEF), **Dr. Amitabh Mehrotra** (Founder Director and Chairperson, SPARC-India), **Mr. Suraj Yadav** (Secretary, Uttar Pradesh Viklang Manch), members of different Civil Society Organization (CSO) partners from Lucknow, members of PACS and about 250 persons with disabilities (PwDs) were present in the event.



ALL INDIA RADIO (AIR) PROGRAM

On 31st January 2017, All India Radio, Lucknow invited **Mr. Suraj Yadav** (Secretary, Uttar Pradesh Viklang Manch) and **Dr. Pramod Kumar Singh** (Associate Professor, Dr. Shakuntala Misra National Rehabilitation University, Lucknow) to give a *15 minutes speech* on *how community could help in changing the position and opinion of persons with disabilities and help them in becoming self reliant.* Mr. Yadav in his speech talked about how Uttar Pradesh Viklang

Manch (UPVM) is striving so that each and every person with disability (PwD) could enjoy a respectable position in the society. To attain this, livelihood is a very important factor and hence UPVM is trying to ensure that basic entitlements could reach them. He said that UPVM believes that if a PwD is productive and has an income and a proper life, he would have respect, worth and dignity, like any other non-challenged person.



STATE LEVEL MEETING

A two day *state level meeting* of lawyers and activists of Human Right Law Network, Delhi was held on 4th and 5th February 2017 at Sahbhagi Shikshan Kendra Chhathameel, Lucknow. The lawyers in the event talked about how the under privileged could legally raise their voice against injustice and atrocities. They tried to provide legal solutions to various concerns raised by the members of the CSOs. **Mr. Suraj Yadav** (Secretary, Uttar Pradesh Viklang Manch), members of CSOs working in different fields in different districts of Uttar Pradesh along with lawyers were present in the meeting.



SCHOOL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING IN DAULATGANJ WARD

SPARC-India and Uttar Pradesh Viklang Manch (UPVM) in collaboration with *Behtar Shiksha Haq Abhiyan* (BSHA), Uttar Pradesh organized a *meeting* with School Management Committee on 6th February 2017 at Prathmik Vidyalaya, Daulatganj Ward, Lucknow. The main aim of the meeting was *to discuss ways to strengthen School Management Committee (SMC)*. **Mrs. Sheeba Bano** (President, School Management Committee), **Mr. Suraj Yadav** (Secretary, Uttar Pradesh Viklang Manch), members of SPARC-India, members of BSHA, school staff, seven SMC members and parents were present in the meeting. The SMC President talked about the rent issue of the school, lack of toilet facility, classroom discipline etc. SPARC-India and UPVM members motivated members of SMC to work for the welfare of the school. SPARC-India and UPVM members met with the school children and conducted a fun activity to



know more about them. Children actively participated in the activity and enjoyed the whole interaction.

SCHOOL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING IN KADAM RASUL WARD

SPARC-India and Uttar Pradesh Viklang Manch (UPVM) in collaboration with *Behtar Shiksha Haq Abhiyan* (BSHA), Uttar Pradesh organized a *meeting* with School Management Committee on 8th February 2017 at Prathmik Vidyalaya, Iradatnagar, Kadam Rasul Ward, Lucknow. The main aim of the meeting was *to discuss ways to strengthen School Management Committee (SMC)*. **Mrs. Saira Bano** (President, School Management Committee), **Mr. Suraj Yadav** (Secretary, Uttar Pradesh Viklang Manch),



members of SPARC-India, members of BSHA, school staff, nine SMC members and parents were present in the meeting. The SMC President talked about the issues like absence of roof top on the school, unhygienic school surrounding, classroom discipline etc. SPARC-India and UPVM members suggested that SMC members should visit school on the regular basis without prior information. They also motivated members of School Management Committee to work for

the welfare of school. SPARC-India and UPVM members met with the school children and conducted a fun activity to know more about them. Children actively participated in the activity and enjoyed the whole interaction.

STRENGTHENING AND CAPACITY BUILDING MEETING

A *strengthening and capacity building meeting* was held on 26th February 2017 at Khairabad, Sitapur. The main aim of the meeting was *strengthening and capacity building of members and DPO leaders*. **Mr. Suraj Yadav** (Secretary, Uttar Pradesh Viklang Manch) was invited as a trainer at this meeting. **Sister Concilia** (Director, Jeevan Jyoti Organization), staff of Jeevan Jyoti and about 30 members of DPOs were present at the meeting.



STAKE HOLDER MEETING

A *stakeholder meeting* was organized by World Vision India on 3rd March 2017 at Hotel Dayal Paradise, Gomti Nagar, Lucknow. The main aim of the meeting was to *strengthen DPOs of Uttar Pradesh and develop linkages of DPOs of World Vision with Uttar Pradesh Viklang Manch*. **Mr. Akhilendra Kumar** (Joint Director, Disability Development Department, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh), officials from different Government Departments, Heads and members of CSOs from different Districts working on disability, **Mr. Suraj Yadav** (Secretary, Uttar Pradesh Viklang Manch) and members of UPVM were present in the meeting. About 40 participants were present on the occasion.



REVIEW MEETING

A *review meeting* was organized by *Behtar Shiksha Haq Abhiyan* (BSHA) on 7th March 2017 at Sapna Clarks Inn Hotel, Lucknow. The main aim of the meeting was to *discuss strengthening of School Management Committees (SMCs), School Development Plan and Social Audit*. The meeting was attended by **Father Matthew** (Director, Purvanchal Gramin Seva Samiti, Gorakhpur), **Mr. Sandeep Khare** (Secretary, Vigyan Foundation), **Mr. Suraj Yadav** (Secretary, Uttar Pradesh Viklang Manch), members of SPARC-India, members of BSHA and about 25 participants from CSO Partners of UPVM from different Districts of Uttar Pradesh.



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make the examination process better, ensure discipline during exam in the classroom, regularity of students during the exams, time discipline etc. SMC members conducted meeting with student's parents & school staff and made them understand the importance of examination process for school students. SPARC-India and UPVM members met with the school children and conducted a fun activity to know more about them. Children actively participated in the activity and enjoyed the whole interaction.



MEETING AT GAZIPUR

A *meeting of the network* was organized by Uttar Pradesh Viklang Manch (UPVM) on 21st March 2017 at Yaduwanshi Sikshan Sansthan, Gazipur. The prime objective of the meeting was to *empower persons with disabilities*. **Mr. Parasnath Yadav** (Secretary, Yaduwanshi Sikshan Sansthan), **Mr. Suraj Yadav** (Secretary, Uttar Pradesh Viklang Manch), **Mr. Viru Yadav** (President, District Chapter, of UPVM, Gazipur) and **Mr. Dharamraj** (Secretary, District Chapter of UPVM, Gazipur) were present in the meeting. About 40-50 PwDs attended the meeting. The program was inaugurated by Mr. Parasnath Yadav and Mr. Suraj Yadav with an introductory speech. Mr. Viru Yadav and Mr. Dharamraj briefly discussed the works and activities for PwDs conducted by them in 2016. They also discussed the obstacles faced by them like PwDs not able to attend the meetings of National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation (NHFD) at Panchayat level, non issuance of the disability certificates to mentally challenged, persons with multiple disabilities, autism etc.

WORKSHOP OF DPOs

SPARC-India organized a one day *workshop* on 30th March 2017 at Parijaat Shaadi Grah, Sector 11 Indiranagar, Lucknow. The main aim of the workshop was *strengthening of Disable People Organisations (DPOs)*. **Mr. Suraj Yadav** (Secretary, Uttar Pradesh Viklang Manch), **Mr. Somesh D. Bajpai** (Program Manager, SPARC-India), members of SPARC-India and members of various DPOs were present on this occasion. About 30 PwDs from Maal, Bakshi Ka Talab (BKT) and Chinhat Block participated in the workshop. Issues like education, health, unavailability of required equipment for PwDs, pension in rural areas, challenges faced by school management committee in district level etc in the current scenario were discussed in the workshop. It was reiterated that every issue discussed could be resolved with the help of proper awareness of the rights provided by the Government of Uttar Pradesh.

SENSITIZATION WORKSHOP

A *sensitization workshop* was organized by SPARC-India's Jyoti Kiran School in collaboration with Uttar Pradesh Viklang Manch (UPVM) on 31st March 2017 at Paramount School, Lucknow. The main aim of the workshop was *to create sensitization and awareness towards children with disabilities (CwDs)*. **Mr. Suraj Yadav** (Secretary, Uttar Pradesh Viklang Manch) & **Mrs. Shayama Devi** (field worker, UPVM), **Mrs. Anjana Srivastava** (Principal,



Paramount School), members of SPARC-India, teachers of Paramount



School, school staff and about 20 students of the school participated in the workshop. Mr. Yadav sensitized the participants towards children with disabilities (CwDs) and created awareness towards the different rights of CwDs under Right to Education (RTE) Act 2009 and motivated the school authorities to ensure that the RTE Act is properly implemented. How a school could create an inclusive

environment for the proper inclusion of CwDs was also discussed in the workshop.

Community Based Rehabilitation Program (Jan Vikas Samiti)

1. BAL SAMUH MEETINGS

BAL SAMUH MEETING AT FAIZULLAHGANJ WARD

A *Bal Samuh meeting* was held on 05th January 2017 in Naubasta slum of Faizullahganj Ward, Lucknow. The main objective of the meeting was to *provide information about Disability Pension*. The meeting was attended by **Mr. Manoj Singh** (Physiotherapist, SPARC-India), **Mrs. Shyama Devi** (Field Worker, SPARC-India), **Ms. Shaheen** (Field Worker, SPARC-India), 14 children including children with disabilities (CwDs) and non-challenged children and their parents / guardians. The children included 5 boys and 9 girls. People were informed about the process to avail Disability Pension. They were asked to open bank account and apply for Income Certificate, Birth Certificate and Aadhar Card. Mr. Singh talked about different therapies that could be practically conducted with children and persons with disabilities at home.

BAL SAMUH MEETING AT FAIZULLAHGANJ WARD

A *Bal Samuh meeting* was held on 07th January 2017 at the Anganwadi Kendra in Faizullahganj Ward, Lucknow. The main objective of the meeting was to *spread awareness about education of children with disabilities (CwDs)*. The meeting was attended by **Ms. Shaheen** (Field Worker, SPARC-India), **Mrs. Shyama Devi** (Field Worker, SPARC-India), 13 children including CwDs and non-challenged children and their parents / guardians. The children included 7 boys and 6 girls. Children were told about the importance of education. They were also informed that once the children attain 18 years of age they could apply for disability pension.

BAL SAMUH MEETING AT BHARAT NAGAR

A *Bal Samuh meeting* was held on 13th January 2017 in Bharat Nagar, Lucknow. The main objective of the meeting was to *provide information about the process to obtain Birth Certificate, Disability Certificate and Income Certificate*. The meeting was attended by **Ms. Shaheen** (Field Worker, SPARC-India), **Mrs. Shyama Devi** (Field Worker, SPARC-India), 12 children including children with disabilities (CwDs) and non-challenged children and their parents / guardians. The children included 5 boys and 7 girls. They were told about the process and places at which they could apply for these certificates.

BAL SAMUH MEETING AT AYODHYA DAS WARD

A *Bal Samuh meeting* was held on 16th January 2017 in Makkaganj slum of Ayodhya Das Ward, Lucknow. The main objective of the meeting was to *provide information about the process to obtain Income Certificate and Birth Certificate*. The meeting was attended by **Mrs. Shyama Devi** (Field Worker, SPARC-India), **Ms. Shaheen** (Field Worker, SPARC-India), 9 children including children with disabilities (CwDs) and non-challenged children and their parents / guardians. The children included 4 boys and 5 girls. In the meeting they were informed about the process to apply for Income Certificate and Birth Certificate. They were also told about the Disha and Vikas Schemes of National Trust and were encouraged to join the scheme through SPARC-India's Jyoti Kiran School.

BAL SAMUH MEETING AT MADIAON WARD

A *Bal Samuh meeting* was held on 20th January 2017 in Semra slum of Madiaon Ward, Lucknow. The main objective of the meeting was to *provide information about the process to avail Birth Certificate and Income Certificate*. The meeting was attended by **Mrs. Shyama Devi**

(Field Worker, SPARC-India), **Ms. Shaheen** (Field Worker, SPARC-India), 11 children including children with disabilities (CwDs) and non-challenged children and their parents / guardians. The children included 3 boys and 8 girls. They were informed about the different ways by which they could apply for the Birth Certificate and Income Certificate. They were also informed about the documents that were needed along with the application form.

BAL SAMUH MEETING AT KHADRA

A **Bal Samuh meeting** was held on 21st January 2017 at the Anganwadi Kendra in Khadra, Lucknow. The main objective of the meeting was to *provide information about education and Disability Pension*. The meeting was attended by **Ms. Shaheen** (Field Worker, SPARC-India), **Mrs. Shyama Devi** (Field Worker, SPARC-India), 21 children including children with disabilities (CwDs) and non-challenged children and their parents / guardians. The children included 9 boys and 12 girls. Children were told about the importance of education in a person's life. For availing Disability Pension it was informed that the applicants could take their documents to the Lokvani Kendra where the officials would help them in applying it online.

BAL SAMUH MEETING AT KADAM RASUL WARD

A **Bal Samuh meeting** was held on 11th February 2017 in Kadam Rasul Ward, Lucknow. The main objective of the meeting was to *create awareness about the voting rights*. The meeting was attended by **Ms. Shaheen** (Field Worker, SPARC-India), **Mrs. Shyama Devi** (Field Worker, SPARC-India) and 7 girls with disabilities. Children were informed about the coming elections. They were told about the importance of voting. They were asked to urge their parents to vote in the coming elections.

BAL SAMUH MEETING AT FAIZULLAHGANJ WARD

A **Bal Samuh meeting** was held on 12th February 2017 in Naubasta slum of Faizullahganj Ward, Lucknow. The main objective of the meeting was to *provide information about the process to avail Disability Pension*. The meeting was attended by **Mrs. Shyama Devi** (Field Worker, SPARC-India), **Ms. Shaheen** (Field Worker, SPARC-India), 15 children including children with disabilities (CwDs) and non-challenged children and their parents / guardians. The children included 7 boys and 8 girls. The field workers asked the parents and children to open their account in bank and apply for Birth Certificate, Income Certificate and Aadhar Card which would be needed for applying for the Disability Pension.

BAL SAMUH MEETING AT AYODHYA DAS WARD

A *Bal Samuh meeting* was held on 28th February 2017 in Madehganj slum of Ayodhya Das Ward, Lucknow. The main objective of the meeting was to *provide information about the process to avail Disability Pension*. The meeting was attended by **Mrs. Shyama Devi** (Field Worker, SPARC-India), **Ms. Shaheen** (Field Worker, SPARC-India), 12 children including children with disabilities (CwDs) and non-challenged children and their parents / guardians. The children included 5 boys and 7 girls. The field workers asked the parents and children to open their account in bank and apply for Birth Certificate, Income Certificate and Aadhar Card which would be needed for applying for the Disability Pension.

2. DISABLE PEOPLE ORGANIZATION (DPO) MEETINGS

DPO MEETING AT KADAM RASUL WARD

A *DPO meeting* was held on 06th January 2017 in Kadam Rasul Ward, Lucknow. The main objective of the meeting was to *provide information to the DPO members about the process to apply for Disability Pension*. The meeting was attended by **Ms. Shaheen** (Field Worker, SPARC-India), **Mrs. Shyama Devi** (Field Worker, SPARC-India), 15 persons with disabilities (PwDs) and members from the community. PwDs included 6 men & 9 women. Information was provided that the applicants could take their documents to the Lokvani Kendra where the officials would help them in applying it online.

DPO MEETING AT FAIZULLAHGANJ WARD

A *DPO meeting* was held on 17th January 2017 in Yashnagar of Faizullahganj Ward, Lucknow. The main objective of the meeting was to *provide information to the DPO members about the process to apply for loan*. The meeting was attended by **Ms. Shaheen** (Field Worker, SPARC-India), **Mrs. Shyama Devi** (Field Worker, SPARC-India), 17 persons with disabilities (PwDs) and members from the community. PwDs included 6 men & 11 women. They were informed that they could apply for loan at the Aryavart Gramin Bank through National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation (NHFDC).

DPO MEETING AT KADAM RASUL WARD

A *DPO meeting* was held on 23rd January 2017 in Iradat nagar of Kadam Rasul Ward, Lucknow. The main objective of the meeting was to *provide information to the DPO members about the process to obtain loan*. The meeting was attended by **Ms. Shaheen** (Field Worker, SPARC-India), **Mrs. Shyama Devi** (Field Worker, SPARC-India), 7 persons with disabilities (PwDs)

and members from the community. PwDs included 3 men & 4 women. They were informed that the government provides loan to PwDs to start a shop and were also told about the process to avail it.

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DPO MEETING AT KADAM RASUL WARD

A *DPO meeting* was held on 20th February 2017 in Iradat nagar of Kadam Rasul Ward, Lucknow. The main objective of the meeting was to *provide information to the DPO members about the process to obtain loan*. The meeting was attended by **Ms. Shaheen** (Field Worker, SPARC-India), **Mrs. Shyama Devi** (Field Worker, SPARC-India), 7 persons with disabilities (PwDs) and members from the community. PwDs included 3 men & 4 women. They were informed that the government provides loan to PwDs to start a shop and were also told about the process to avail it.

DPO MEETING AT BHARAT NAGAR

A *DPO meeting* was held on 27th February 2017 in Bharat Nagar, Lucknow. The main objective of the meeting was to *follow up on the information given in the previous meeting*. The meeting was attended by **Ms. Shaheen** (Field Worker, SPARC-India), **Mrs. Shyama Devi** (Field Worker, SPARC-India), 9 persons with disabilities (PwDs) and members from the community. PwDs included 5 men & 4 women. They were again provided information about the process to avail Disability Certificate and Disability Pension.

QUARTERLY DPO MEETING AT MADIAON WARD

A *quarterly DPO meeting* was held on 02nd March 2017 in Madaion Ward, Lucknow. The main objective of the quarterly meeting was to *provide information to the DPO members about the*

process to avail loan. The meeting was attended by **Mr. Manoj Singh** (Physiotherapist, SPARC-India), **Mr. Suraj Yadav** (Secretary, Uttar Pradesh Viklang Manch), **Mrs. Shyama Devi** (Field Worker, SPARC-India), **Ms. Shaheen** (Field Worker, SPARC-India), 22 persons with disabilities (PwDs) and members from the community. PwDs included 6 men & 16 women. Mr. Singh talked about different therapies that could be practically conducted with PwDs at home. Mr. Yadav talked about the loan that could be availed by PwDs.

QUATERLY DPO MEETING AT KADAM RASUL WARD

A *quarterly DPO meeting* was held on 04th March 2017 in Kadam Rasul Ward, Lucknow. The main objective of the quarterly meeting was to *provide information to the DPO members about the process to obtain loan and Disability Pension.* The meeting was attended by **Mr. Suraj Yadav** (Secretary, Uttar Pradesh Viklang Manch), **Mr. Manoj Singh** (Physiotherapist, SPARC-India), **Ms. Shaheen** (Field Worker, SPARC-India), **Mrs. Shyama Devi** (Field Worker, SPARC-India), 25 persons with disabilities (PwDs) and members from the community. PwDs included 8 men & 17 women. Mr. Singh talked about different therapies that could be practically conducted with PwDs at home. Mr. Yadav talked about the loan that could be availed by PwDs. Information about the process to avail Disability Pension was given to them.

QUARTERLY DPO MEETING AT MADIAON WARD

A *quarterly DPO meeting* was held on 06th March 2017 in Semra slum of Madiaon Ward, Lucknow. The main objective of the quarterly meeting was to *provide information to the DPO members about loan and Disability Pension.* The meeting was attended by **Mr. Manoj Singh** (Physiotherapist, SPARC-India), **Mrs. Shyama Devi** (Field Worker, SPARC-India), **Ms. Shaheen** (Field Worker, SPARC-India), 21 persons with disabilities (PwDs) and members from the community. PwDs included 8 men & 13 women. They were informed about the process to avail loan and Disability Pension. They were informed about the documents that were needed for Disability Pension which included Income Certificate, Aadhar Card, Disability Certificate and photocopy of bank passbook. Information was provided that the applicants could take their documents to the Lokvani Kendra where the officials would help them in applying it online. Mr. Singh talked about different therapies that could be practically conducted with PwDs at home.

QUATERLY DPO MEETING AT FAIZULLAHGANJ WARD

A *quarterly DPO meeting* was held on 08th March 2017 in Yashnagar of Faizullahganj Ward, Lucknow. The main objective of the quarterly meeting was to *provide information to the DPO members about the process to obtain loan and the importance of education.* The meeting was

attended by **Mr. Somesh D. Bajpai** (Program Manager, SPARC-India), **Ms. Shaheen** (Field Worker, SPARC-India), **Mrs. Shyama Devi** (Field Worker, SPARC-India), 27 persons with disabilities (PwDs) and members from the community. PwDs included 7 men & 20 women. People were made aware of the importance of education in a person's life. They were told that they could avail loan from the Aryavrat Gramin Bank.