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Jyoti Kiran School- An Inclusive School

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Mr. Ravi Das Mehrotra (MLA), visited SPARC-India's Jyoti Kiran School on 20th July 2016. Students of Jyoti Kiran School welcomed him and performed culture activities on this occasion. Mr. Mehrotra encouraged students for actively participating in activities and appreciated parents for sending their children to school. He also discussed problems faced by parents and promised to take care of their problems.



MANGO PARTY CELEBRATION

SPARC-India's Jyoti Kiran School celebrated *Mango Party* in school on 21st July 2016. For the event all children and teachers



were dressed in yellow color. Children decorated and made mango on thermocol. Some children who do not have gripping issues washed the mangoes and distributed them to other children. A question & answer session, was held with students which included



informative questions about mango fruit. Students enjoyed and had great fun on this day.

PARENTS SUPPORT GROUP (PSG) MEETING

A *Parents Support Group (PSG) meeting* was organized on 23rd July 2016 at Jyoti Kiran School. The topic of discussion was maintaining discipline in school. Parents of many students actively participated in the event and gave their valuable input.



GREEN DAY CELEBRATION

On 30th July 2016, *Green Day* was celebrated in Jyoti Kiran School. All the students and staff were dressed in green on this day. Objects and vegetables that are green in colour were shown to children on this occasion. A question and answer session, was held in which students were asked to talk about other articles that are green in colour which they observe in their day to day life.

PARENTS SUPPORT GROUP (PSG) MEETING

A *Parents Support Group (PSG) meeting* was organized on 13th August 2016. Parents actively participated in the meeting. The topic of discussion was short attendance of the students in the school and teachers informed parents about the dress change.

TRAINING WORKSHOP

A 3 day training workshop on situational analysis of mainstreaming of children with special needs was held from 29th to 31st August 2016 at Hotel Best Western Levana, Lucknow. The workshop was organized by Assistant Director, Basic Education, Lucknow Division in collaboration with Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) and was sponsored by UNICEF. The main objective of the workshop was to identify children with special needs (CWSN) through school to community approach, to increase



enrolment & stop drop out of special children, to integrate these children in mainstream by providing equal opportunities under the right to education act and to identify gaps and chalk out a better implementation plan vs. mainstreaming of CWSN. Mr. Mahendra Singh Rana (Assistant Director, Directorate Basic Shiksha, Lucknow Division, UP Government), Mr. R. N. Singh (Consultant, Sarv Shiksha Abhiyaan, UP Government), Mr. Somesh Bajpai (Program

Manager, SPARC-India) along with teachers / Itinerant Teachers / Special educators from different districts, Chairperson / members of School Management Committees (SMCs) and District Coordinators of SSA working for inclusive education participated in the workshop. The participants came from 30 districts of Uttar Pradesh. Mr. Rana said that there is need to link CWSN with normal children so that they could understand each other. Mr. Singh reiterated that awareness and sensitization is very important for inclusive



education. Mr. Bajpai said that it is important that the normal child should know and understand CWSN from their early childhood. He also facilitated the event.

SPECIAL CLASS ON RAILWAY STATION

On 3rd September 2016, students of Jyoti Kiran School were given *information on railway station*. They were told about the people who help in running trains. A model railway station was set up in the school and children enacted different roles. They were also made aware of things

that could be observed at a railway station. They were told about the conveniences and inconveniences people might face at a railway station. They were also asked to be careful of pickpockets who often roam on stations.

PARENTS SUPPORT GROUP (PSG) MEETING

A *Parent Support Group (PSG) meeting* was organized on 10th September 2016 at Jyoti Kiran School. The topic of discussion was government schemes and how we could benefit from those schemes.

SPECIAL CLASS ON PERSONAL HYGIENE AND HEALTH

On 17 September 2016, teachers conducted a special class where students of Jyoti Kiran School were *informed about personal hygiene and health*. They also discussed how our health could be affected if we consume outside food. They were told not to consume food which has been open for a long time. They were motivated to consume food from stalls or restaurants where food was covered. They were also told about healthy habits like washing hands with soap and water before eating and after using washrooms. Teachers also talked about different ways in which we could improve our health.

Uttar Pradesh Viklang Manch (UPVM)

MEETING WITH CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

Uttar Pradesh Viklang Manch (UPVM) held a *meeting* on 19th September 2016, with **Mr. T. Venkatesh** (IAS, Chief Electoral Officer of Uttar Pradesh) at Yojana Bhawan, Lucknow. The main aim of the meeting was *to ensure accessible & inclusive electoral process in Uttar Pradesh.* **Mr. Anil Garg** (IAS, Additional Chief Electoral Officer, Uttar Pradesh) and **Mrs. Amrita Soni** (Additional Chief Electoral Officer, Uttar Pradesh) were





present along with the Chief electoral officer. **Dr. Amitabh Mehrotra** (Founder Director and Chairperson, SPARC-India), **Mr. Suraj Yadav** (Secretary, Uttar Pradesh Viklang Manch), members of SPARC-India, **Ms. Mridu Ram Goyal** (Director, HANDICARE), **Mr. Vimlendra Tomar** (President, Uttar Pradesh Badhir Federation) and other nonprofit organizations like National Association for the Blind, National Federation for the Blind, Viklang Saathi Trust, I support Foundation, CHETNA Sansthan, Deaf Empowerment & Academic Foundation were present at the meeting to share their concerns before the members. Mr. T. Venkatesh and Mr. Anil Garg answered the questions raised by the participants on this occasion.

Community Based Rehabilitation Program (Jan Vikas Samiti)

1. BAL SAMUH MEETINGS

BAL SAMUH MEETING AT FAIZULLAHGANJ WARD

A **Bal Samuh meeting** was held on 2^{nd} July 2016 at the Anganwadi Kendra in Faizullahganj Ward, Lucknow. The main objective of the meeting was to *provide information about vaccination to the parents of Children with disabilities (CwDs) and pregnant women*. The meeting was attended by **Ms. Shaheen** (Field Worker, SPARC-India), **Mrs. Shyama Devi** (Field Worker, SPARC-India), 7 children including CwDs and non-challenged children and their parents / guardians. The children included 5 boys and 2 girls. The parents of CwDs were informed about the different vaccinations. Pregnant ladies from the community were also present at the meeting. They were also told about the places from where they could get their children vaccinated.

BAL SAMUH MEETING AT MADIAON WARD

A *Bal Samuh meeting* was held on 13th July 2016 in Semra slum of Madiaon Ward, Lucknow. The main objective of the meeting was to *spread awareness about inclusive society*. The meeting was attended by **Mrs. Shyama Devi** (Field Worker, SPARC-India), **Ms. Shaheen** (Field Worker, SPARC-India), 10 children including children with disabilities (CwDs) and non-challenged children and their parents / guardians. The children included 4 boys and 6 girls. They were told about the importance of inclusive society and how the challenged and the non-challenged people could contribute to an inclusive society.

BAL SAMUH MEETING AT KHADRA

A *Bal Samuh meeting* was held on 15th July 2016 at the Anganwadi Kendra in Khadra, Lucknow. The main objective of the meeting was to *spread awareness in children about the importance of education*. The meeting was attended by **Ms. Shaheen** (Field Worker, SPARC-India), **Mrs. Shyama Devi** (Field Worker, SPARC-India), 19 children including children with disabilities (CwDs) and non-challenged children and their parents / guardians. The children

included 10 boys and 9 girls. Children were asked to go to school daily and were made aware of the fact that the government under RTE Act 2009 provides free education to children between 6 to 14 years of age.

BAL SAMUH MEETING AT KADAM RASUL WARD

A *Bal Samuh meeting* was held on 19th August 2016 in Kadam Rasul Ward, Lucknow. The main objective of the meeting was to *set up a new children's group (Bal Samuh)*. The meeting was attended by **Ms. Shaheen** (Field Worker, SPARC-India), **Mrs. Shyama Devi** (Field Worker, SPARC-India), 17 children including children with disabilities (CwDs) and non-challenged children and their parents / guardians. The children included 9 boys and 8 girls. Children were told about the importance of Bal Samuh. They were requested to join the Bal Samuh and were asked to participate in its meetings on a regular basis.

BAL SAMUH MEETING AT BHARAT NAGAR

A *Bal Samuh meeting* was held on 20th August 2016 in Bharat Nagar, Lucknow. The main objective of the meeting was to *spread awareness about* how to *get rail pass for children and persons with disabilities (PwDs)*. The meeting was attended by **Ms. Shaheen** (Field Worker, SPARC-India), **Mrs. Shyama Devi** (Field Worker, SPARC-India), 13 children including children with disabilities (CwDs) and non-challenged children and their parents / guardians. The children included 7 boys and 6 girls. They were informed that they could apply for the rail pass at the Limb Centre, Daliganj, Lucknow.

BAL SAMUH MEETING AT FAIZULLAHGANJ WARD

A *Bal Samuh meeting* was held on 22nd August 2016 at the Anganwadi Kendra in Faizullahganj Ward, Lucknow. The main objective of the meeting was to *provide information about Sarva Siksha Abhiyaan (SSA) to children and their parents*. The meeting was attended by **Ms. Shaheen** (Field Worker, SPARC-India), **Mrs. Shyama Devi** (Field Worker, SPARC-India), 13 children including children with disabilities (CwDs) and non-challenged children and their parents / guardians. The children included 7 boys and 6 girls. Children were informed that government under RTE Act 2009 provides free education to children between 6 to 14 years of age and they were asked to go to school daily.

BAL SAMUH MEETING AT MADIAON WARD

A **Bal Samuh meeting** was held on 30th August 2016 in Semra slum of Madiaon Ward, Lucknow. The main objective of the meeting was to *spread awareness about health and hygiene in the children*. 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 8 boys and 7 girls. Children were told that in order to be healthy they should eat seasonal fruits and green vegetables and play regularly. They were also told that they should wash their hands properly with soap and water after going to washroom for maintaining good hygiene.

BAL SAMUH MEETING AT KHADRA

A **Bal Samuh meeting** was held on 31st August 2016 at the Anganwadi Kendra in Khadra, Lucknow. The main objective of the meeting was to *spread awareness in children about the importance of unity*. The meeting was attended by **Ms. Shaheen** (Field Worker, SPARC-India), **Mrs. Shyama Devi** (Field Worker, SPARC-India), 23 children including children with disabilities (CwDs) and non-challenged children and their parents / guardians. The children included 11 boys and 12 girls. Children were asked to live in harmony and to help each other in times of need. They were told about the importance of inclusive society.

BAL SAMUH MEETING AT FAIZULLAHGANJ WARD

A *Bal Samuh meeting* was held on 01st September 2016 in Gayatrinagar slum of Faizullahganj Ward, Lucknow. The main objective of the meeting was to *spread awareness about inclusive society*. 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 children were told about the importance of inclusive society and how challenged and non-challenged people could contribute to a healthy inclusive society. They were told that they should help each other in times of need.

BAL SAMUH MEETING AT BHARAT NAGAR

A *Bal Samuh meeting* was held on 03rd September 2016 in Bharat Nagar, Lucknow. The main objective of the meeting was to *provide information about Self Help Groups (SHGs)*. The meeting was attended by **Ms. Shaheen** (Field Worker, SPARC-India), **Mrs. Shyama Devi** (Field Worker, SPARC-India), 15 children including children with disabilities (CwDs) and non-challenged children and their parents/guardians. The children included 5 boys and 10 girls. They were told about the importance of SHGs and how they could empower themselves through it.

BAL SAMUH MEETING AT FAIZULLAHGANJ WARD

A **Bal Samuh meeting** was held on 8th September 2016 at the Anganwadi Kendra in Faizullahganj Ward, Lucknow. The main objective of the meeting was to *provide information about Self Help Groups (SHGs)*. 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 13 boys and 8 girls. Few women from the community were present in the meeting. They were told about the importance of SHGs. They were also told how they could empower themselves and save through SHGs.

BAL SAMUH MEETING AT AYODHYA DAS WARD

A *Bal Samuh meeting* was held on 09th September 2016 in Madehganj slum of Ayodhya Das Ward, Lucknow. The main objective of the meeting was to *spread awareness about inclusive society*. The meeting was attended by **Mrs. Shyama Devi** (Field Worker, SPARC-India), **Ms. Shaheen** (Field Worker, SPARC-India), 10 children including children with disabilities (CwDs) and non-challenged children and their parents / guardians. The children included 8 boys and 2 girls. The children were told about the importance of inclusive society and how challenged and non-challenged people could contribute to a healthy inclusive society.

BAL SAMUH MEETING AT KADAM RASUL WARD

A *Bal Samuh meeting* was held on 24th September 2016 in Kadam Rasul Ward, Lucknow. The main objective of the meeting was to *provide information about the process to avail equipments for children and persons with disabilities (PwDs)*. The meeting was attended by **Ms. Shaheen** (Field Worker, SPARC-India), **Mrs. Shyama Devi** (Field Worker, SPARC-India), 15 children including children with disabilities (CwDs) and non-challenged children and their parents / guardians. The children included 5 boys and 10 girls. They were informed that they could avail the equipments from Dr. Shakuntala Misra National Rehabilitation University, Lucknow.

BAL SAMUH MEETING AT KHADRA

A *Bal Samuh meeting* was held on 26th September 2016 at the Anganwadi Kendra in Khadra, Lucknow. The main objective of the meeting was to *teach children various educational games*. The meeting was attended by **Ms. Shaheen** (Field Worker, SPARC-India), **Mrs. Shyama Devi** (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. Children were taught how to study through games.

BAL SAMUH MEETING AT MADIAON WARD

A **Bal Samuh meeting** was held on 27th September 2016 in Semra slum of Madiaon Ward, Lucknow. The main objective of the meeting was to *spread awareness about healthy food*. 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 6 boys and 5 girls. They were informed about the importance of nutritional food. They were told that one should not eat oily and fried foods and should prefer eating food of three colours i.e. green, white and red that are home made.

2. DISABLE PEOPLE ORGANIZATION (DPO) MEETINGS

DPO MEETING AT KADAM RASUL WARD

A **DPO meeting** was held on 11th July 2016 in Kadam Rasul Ward, Lucknow. The main objective of the meeting was to *provide information to the DPO members about the process to obtain Disability Certificate*. The meeting was attended by **Ms. Shaheen** (Field Worker, SPARC-India), **Mrs. Shyama Devi** (Field Worker, SPARC-India), 10 persons with disabilities (PwDs) and members from the community. PwDs included 6 men & 4 women. They were informed that Disability Certificate and Disability Pension could be applied online.

DPO MEETING AT MADIAON WARD

A **DPO meeting** was held on 13th July 2016 in Semra slum of Madiaon Ward, Lucknow. The main objective of the meeting was to *follow up on the information provided in the previous meeting held on 10th June 2016*. The meeting was attended by **Mrs. Shyama Devi** (Field Worker, SPARC-India), **Ms. Shaheen** (Field Worker, SPARC-India), 9 persons with disabilities (PwDs) and members from the community. PwDs included 2 men & 7 women. It was observed that only one person had applied for the Disability Pension and the rest informed that they would apply for Disability Pension soon.

DPO MEETING AT KADAM RASUL WARD

A *DPO meeting* was held on 01st August 2016 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), 13 persons with disabilities (PwDs) and members from the community. PwDs included 3 men & 10 women. They were told that government provides loan to PwDs to establish a shop.

DPO MEETING AT KADAM RASUL WARD

A **DPO meeting** was held on 19th August 2016 in Kadam Rasul Ward, Lucknow. The main objective of the meeting was to *spread awareness about the importance of education for children with disabilities (CwDs)*. 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. They were told that it was very important that CwDs gain education. The field workers encouraged the parents to enroll and send their children to school regularly.

DPO MEETING AT MADIAON WARD

A **DPO meeting** was held on 30th August 2016 in Semra slum of Madiaon Ward, Lucknow. The main objective of the meeting was to *have a discussion on Self Help Groups (SHGs)*. The meeting was attended by **Mrs. Shyama Devi** (Field Worker, SPARC-India), **Ms. Shaheen** (Field Worker, SPARC-India), 9 persons with disabilities (PwDs) and members from the community. PwDs included 3 men & 6 women. People were informed about the importance of SHGs. They were told how they could empower themselves and help each other through SHGs.

DPO MEETING AT KADAM RASUL WARD

A **DPO meeting** was held on 06th September 2016 in Iradat nagar of Kadam Rasul Ward, Lucknow. The main objective of the meeting was to *provide information about Self Help Groups* (*SHGs*). The meeting was attended by **Ms. Shaheen** (Field Worker, SPARC-India), **Mrs. Shyama Devi** (Field Worker, SPARC-India), 14 persons with disabilities (PwDs) and members from the community. PwDs included 5 men & 9 women. They were told about the importance of SHGs and how they could empower themselves and help each other through it.

DPO MEETING AT KADAM RASUL WARD

A **DPO meeting** was held on 07th September 2016 near Mumtaz Degree College in Iradat nagar of Kadam Rasul Ward, Lucknow. The main objective of the meeting was to *provide information about setting up of a new DPO*. 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 told about the importance of DPO and how they could empower themselves through it. They were also informed about the process to avail Disability Certificate.

DPO MEETING AT AYODHYA DAS WARD

A **DPO meeting** was held on 09th September 2016 in Alinagar slum of Ayodhya Das Ward, Lucknow. The main objective of the meeting was to *provide information to the DPO members about the process to avail equipments and assistive devices*. The meeting was attended by **Mrs. Shyama Devi** (Field Worker, SPARC-India), 10 persons with disabilities (PwDs) and members from the community. PwDs included 6 men & 4 women. Information was provided that the applicants could take their documents (like Disability Certificate, Aadhar card and Income Certificate) to the Lokvani Kendra where the officials would help them in applying it online.

DPO MEETING AT KADAM RASUL WARD

A **DPO meeting** was held on 09th September 2016 in Kadam Rasul Ward, Lucknow. The main objective of the meeting was to *follow up on the issues discussed in the previous meeting*. The meeting was attended by **Ms. Shaheen** (Field Worker, SPARC-India), 17 persons with disabilities (PwDs) and members from the community. PwDs included 7 men & 10 women. In the meeting the field workers tried to find the number of people who had received their Disability Certificate and who had applied for the Disability Pension.

QUATERLY DPO MEETING AT KADAM RASUL WARD

A *quarterly DPO meeting* was held on 10th September 2016 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 different entitlements*. 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 10 men & 17 women. Mr. Bajpai informed in details about the process to obtain loan, equipments and assistive devices. They were also informed about the process and the documents needed to apply for Disability Pension.

QUARTERLY DPO MEETING AT MADIAON WARD

A *quarterly DPO meeting* was held on 27th September 2016 in Semra slum of Madiaon Ward, Lucknow. The main objective of the quarterly meeting was to *follow up on the issues discussed in the previous meetings and discuss about the education of children with disabilities (CwDs).* The meeting was attended by **Mr. Somesh D. Bajpai** (Program Manager, SPARC-India), **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 2 men & 20 women. Mr. Bajpai encouraged people to enroll and send their children to school. He told them about the benefits of loan through which they could start up their business. He also informed them about the importance of education and encouraged them to provide education to their children and told them that in spite of having disability if a child gets educated it will increase his / her mental ability and he / she would become self dependent in future.