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From Director's Desk

Mr. Amitabh Mehrotra, Founder Chairperson & Director, SPARC India was awarded Adapt Achievement Award 2014 for Excellence in Activism by the Able Disabled All People Together (ADAPT), Mumbai formerly known as Spastic Society of India



On behalf of our organization and this addition of our news letter I would like to appeal the readers please support us in connecting more people through volunteering and visiting our organization to understand issue of disability or to join our hands in deferent campaigns.

SPARC India (School for Potential Advancement and Restoration of Confidence) is working for the rehabilitation and rights of persons with disabilities since 1996. It is a voluntary organization which is successfully working for persons with disabilities (PWDs) through its Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) Programs in the urban slums and rural areas of Lucknow and Barabanki District (U.P India). SPARC India also established its Jyoti Kiran School for cerebral Palsied (CP) children in the year 2003. SPARC-India has been putting in concerted efforts in the Disability Movement in the State of Uttar Pradesh since the time when this movement was in its infancy stage in our country. The organizational objectives are conceived with the firm notion of taking a lead role in its work in the field of disability.

Jyoti Kiran” An Inclusive School”

WORLD CEREBRAL PALSY DAY

Objective- “To Spread more awareness and responsiveness in the society towards the Children/Persons with Cerebral Palsy and media liaisoning to provide ample opportunities for the livelihood of Persons with Cerebral Palsy.”

Process- 1st Oct’ 14 is the **World Cerebral Palsy Day**, on the eve for the same SPARC India organized a **Press Conference** on 30th Sep’ 14 at Press Club, Near Tulsi Theatre, Hazratganj, Lucknow. Dr. Hansa Suryavanshi Director, CHETNA, Mr. Amitabh Mehrotra Director SPARC India, Mr. Naval Pant, PYSSUM Day Care and Mr. Siddharth, CHETNA were the main speakers on this occasion.

18th ANNUAL DAY FUNCTION

Purpose- Celebration of 18th Annual Function of Jyoti Kiran School and World Disability Day Week .

Process- SPARC India celebrated **18th Annual Function of Jyoti Kiran School and World Disability Day Week was celebrated** on 13th Dec’ 14 at Rai Umanath Bali Auditorium, Kaiserbagh Lucknow with zeal and enthusiasm. On this occasion Cultural programs were performed by challenged and non-challenged children from our Jyoti Kiran School and children from community who are challenged and non-challenged. The Chief Guest on the occasion was Hon. Shri Raj Shekhar, District Magistrate, Lucknow and Guests of Honor were Mr. Jayant Krishna, Chief Adviser and Regional Chief, Tata Consultancy Services, Lucknow, Mrs. Sunita Aron, Senior Resident Editor, Hindustan Times, Lucknow and Mr. P. D. Saraswat, Deputy General Manager, Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI), Lucknow. Mention the promises/assurances like donation of Land and One month Salary

MARATHON OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Purpose- To bring Awareness among people.

Process- SPARC India organized a **Marathon of Persons with Disabilities** on 18th Dec’ 14 in collaboration with Uttar Pradesh Vikalang Manch with representation of more than 800 Persons with Disabilities from 13 districts of Uttar Pradesh. The march started from Ram Manohar Lohia Park, Gomti Nagar at 11:15 a.m with flag off by partner representatives from NTPC, Uninor, Mr. Sudhir Halwasia and representatives of HT (our media partner for this event). Honorable Mr. Ambika Chaudhary Cabinet Minister, Department of Development of Persons with Disabilities and Welfare of Other Backward Classes, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh, graced the occasion as Chief Guest and addressed the heterogeneous group of persons with disabled who came across from different districts of Uttar Pradesh. Persons with Disabilities took part and from which loco motor disability, cerebral palsy, hearing impaired, visually impaired, mentally challenged and persons effected from leprosy also took part. The group majorly came from Lucknow, Barabanki, Sitapur and Hardoi. Other district representatives also came in small numbers. As UPVM partners NAB, NFB and TLM also participated in the event.

Livelihood Resource Center (LRC) & Vocational Center

Market Survey: Collaboration with Jaipuria Institute of Management (JIM), 15 students volunteered in collecting 20 corporate data as sample over the views, acceptance, non-acceptance & accommodating needs of persons with disability (PWDs).

Orientation Workshop of Jaipuria Students:

Team of SPARC India went to JIM to sensitize students over disability's issues after that session they took orientation workshop over questionnaires of Market Survey from JIM. Dr. Sumi Khare was there and from SPARC India Ms. Shraddha, Mr. Ashish & Ms. Aditi was there for whole orientation exercise.

Aspiration Survey: Market surveys with potential employers and aspirations surveys with PWDs willing to participate in the training program were carried out. These surveys included field visits to both villages to hunt for participants for the program as well as corporate visits to HR personnel of different domains so as to analyze the market need.



Corporate, Liasoning over Training & Placement of PwDs under LRC Project:

Corporate organizations in different domains were to be tapped for generating livelihood options for the trainees of the program. This was achieved through corporate visits, interviews with HR Personnel and pitch presentations. Talking for candidates' placement & special classes between training programme over practical problems, positive points & motivation. Shoppers Stop, Aegis Call Center, KFC, McDonald, Pizza Hut, Pantaloon, Tata Docomo, TCS were visited for liasoning and placement of pwds.

Stitching/sewing Center

To promote entrepreneurship of women with disabilities and keeping their mobility in mind vocational section introduced many short skill programmes like-

- Jewellery Making
- Toy Making
- Bag & Folders Making
- Craft Work

Computer Center

15 girls are enrolled and pursuing their diploma in computer application from Computer Training section. In this group some challenged and some girls belong to marginalized section.

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Developing Accessible Tools on Situation Analysis and Capacity Assessment

Objective: To evolve a toolkit with an inclusive pedagogical approach so that persons with Multiple Disabilities analyze the causes of their exclusion and self assess the capacity of their representative organizations to devise an effective plan for promoting inclusion and mainstreaming disability.



Process: The 18 months journey has been full of activities and efforts made by the 8 partners DPOs, their supporting NGOs and a pool of Organizational Development (OD) experts who played a seminal role in guiding and advising this process of conducting OD and institutional building processes with the DPOs. An Inception Workshop was held in February 2013 to chalk out the process to be followed and articulate the roles, responsibilities and expectation with all the stakeholders. This was followed by a Training

of Trainers the application and use of select OD tools and scope for making them accessible in which 2 representatives from each organisation including persons with disabilities participated.

Sponsorship Program

The program has been implemented for providing support in education and therapeutic intervention for CWDs. These children are affected from Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation, Hemi paresis, PPRP (Post Polio Residual Paralysis), Physical Disability and visual impairment etc. **The two main facilities provided by SPARC-India to them are Education & Therapy.** All in all 53 children have been provided skills for ADLs and educational support to develop their ability to reverse the disability. Teaching and learning materials were provided to each CWD.

Therapy: Facility which is provided under this program is Home based Therapy/treatment. The children who are not able to come, therapists of SPARC-India facilitate these physiotherapy sessions by visiting their homes and also help them in getting aids & appliances viz; caliper, crutches, wheel chair, walker etc according to their needs.

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Before

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Rights and Entitlements Program in Lucknow

The project aims to provide PWDs access to rights and entitlements under health, educational and a sustained livelihood opportunity. *The purpose of the project is to ensure discrimination free access to government services and the right to live with dignity by mainstreaming the PWDs. The project is covering 785 slums and 110 wards of Lucknow city in Uttar Pradesh.*

Sharing best practices and learning at state and regional consultations to influence policies and schemes to be inclusive towards PWDs.

Following are the activities that have been done in the 3 months of the reporting period:

THREE DAYS TRAINING OF TRAINERS

Objective- Strengthening UPVM

Process- Three days Training of Trainers (ToT) was conducted from 28th to 30th Oct' 14 for strengthening the Uttar Pradesh Viklang Manch (UPVM) by SPARC India under the PACS program. In this workshop, persons with disabilities participated from 12 districts of Uttar Pradesh. District representatives shared their strength, Vision and mission and what they are expecting from Uttar Pradesh Vikalang Manch.

DISTRICT LEVEL INTERFACE WORKSHOP

District Level Interface Workshop with Government officials and PWDs was held on 10th Dec' 14 which was attended by Mrs Meenu Tiwari, District Coordinator, SSA, Ms Priti Chandra, Regional Officer, Employment exchange, Lucknow and Ms. Ranjana Srivastava, Incharge, Bachpan Day Care Center, Lucknow.

WORLD DISABILITY DAY

Objective:

Process- SPARC-India under the PACS program celebrated the **World Disability Day on 13th Dec'14** which was attended by Chief Guest, Hon. **Shri Raj Shekhar**, DM Lucknow, and many other dignitaries. At the behest, cultural program performed by challenged children consisted of various prayers, inspirational songs and a glimpse of the work of SPARC India.

STATE LEVEL MEETING OF UP VIKLANG MANCH

A State level meeting of UP Viklang Manch was held on 16th Dec' 14 which was conducted by Uttar Pradesh Viklang Manch with the support of SPARC India & PACS. 50 representatives of 30 different districts' Viklang Manch & other CSOs of Uttar Pradesh participated in this meeting for sharing the structure and work of Disabled People Organization (DPO).

SPARC- India had organized a **training for sensitizing the Health service provider** at Pariwar Sewa Sansthan, Shivpuri, Latouce Road, Lucknow on **23-Dec.-2014** from 12.00PM to 05.00 PM. Dr. Rekha Tiwari, Dr. Asha Rai, Gynaecologist, Ms. Jyoti Gupta, Educationist & Trainer, Parivar Sewa Sansthan were resource persons of this training.

INTERFACE WORKSHOP WITH STATE LEVEL GOVT. OFFICIALS

Interface workshop with State Level Govt. Officials and Stake Holders with UPVM DPO Leaders was held on 20th Dec' 14 in which Mr. Akhilendra Kumar, Deputy Commissioner of Disability Development Department, Uttar Pradesh attended the workshop.



Vocational Training & Placement Center

Stitching/sewing Center

29 disabled women and girls from most marginalized section of the community are learning stitching and tailoring skills in our stitching section

