

# SPARC-INDIA

## NEWS LETTER APRIL-JUNE'14

### From Director's Desk

Dear Readers

I am feeling very happy and privileged to share that we have recently started our Livelihood Resource Center (LRC) at Dr. Shakuntala Mishra University to involve Persons With Disability (PWDs) for their capacity development and mainstreaming them in the society through Livelihood. The state govt. has seriously considered our program and we are grateful Viklang Vikas Vibhag to provide the premises of Dr. Shakuntala Mishra University. The idea behind introducing this Livelihood program was to cash this opportunity and sensitize corporate's, PWDs, institutions and government to understand the potential of PWDs and accommodate them at their institutions. We have started our BPO trade training for 3 month, residential training, after the completion of the training the trainees will be accommodated in corporate (BPO's) through our placement efforts.



So, here I would like to request you if you can support PWDs to connect with this training program from their mainstreaming in the society.

We wish to involve more and more candidate with our training program and wish to contribute in our nation building through ensuring participation of PWDs as whole.

Keep supporting SPARC India by your valuable inputs, visiting our organization and sensitizing mass about PWDs.

**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 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 School “An Inclusive School”

### Parents Support Group (PSG) Meeting

In the reporting period The Parents Support Group Meeting was conducted on the topic “**Discussion on the Academic Problems of Children with Parents**” on 12<sup>th</sup> April’14. The session was taken up by the special educator of SPARC-India Mrs. Anju Tiwari and she focused on the problems which is facing by the teachers & Institution also she described all the points respectively;

- **Parent’s cooperation is not satisfactory**

Generally, we found that most of the parents are not cooperating us and not taking much interest in school’s activities and not coming school regularly for follow-up of their children.

- **Children are not coming school regularly**

Short attendance of children also affects their performance, parents should have to pay much attention on the attendance of their children and send them school on the regular basis.

- **Illiteracy of Parents**

In some cases we majorly faced that illiteracy of parents also affect child’s education, so in that case parents should have to come and asked to the teachers about the techniques to how to teach them.

- **Lack of Concentration**

Some children easily lose their concentration so that all teachers made plan according to them and their interests also suggests that you can use beads, thread, blocks etc at home to make their concentration strong.

### Regular Activities of the School

#### Physiotherapy

- **Counseling**
- **Saturday Activities**
- **PSG Meetings**
- **Home Visits**
- **Case Conference**
- **Clinic Day**

### One Day Sibling’s Workshop

The One Day Sibling Workshop had conducted at Sahbhagi Shikshan Kendra (SSK) on the topic “**Fostering Positive Sibling’s Relationship**” on 26<sup>th</sup> April’14. Ms. Chhaya Gupta, Counselor at SWASTI has taken up the session and conducted lots of activities with children and their siblings.



### **Create Inclusive Environment in local schools**

SPARC-India had organized a sensitization program at a Local school named “Bal Nikunj Inter College” on 28<sup>th</sup> April’14. To conduct the activity Program coordinator, Special Educator, Physiotherapist, Community Organizer of SPARC-India went to the venue. The program was started by the coordinator she introduced our topic to all the girls and said we are here to make you all understand about the problems, difficulties and situations of challenged children.

Special Educator and Physiotherapist focused on the process of child assessment when we enrolled him/her in our school they described the teaching method and display the Teaching Learning Material (TLM) to all the children. Through Community Organizer

the team tried to focus on the rights of CWDs and how much education is important for them. All the children were taken interest in all the activities.



### **Seminar on Inclusive Education**

A seminar on Inclusive Education was conducted at Dr. Shakuntala Mishra University on 24<sup>th</sup> June’14. Mr. Mehrotra was invited as a resource person and he presented a presentation on the topic “**Inclusive Education-Status & Future Recommendations**” wherein he shared his views regarding Inclusive Education, Reasons for inclusions, Aims of the Inclusive Education of the Disabled at Secondary Stage (IEDSS), State level Status of Inclusive Education in Primary & Upper Primary School, Problems at the Secondary level Education and also gave some recommendations.



### **Training on Indian Sign Language**

A five days training on sign language was conducted in the organization on 23<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> June’14 by Ms. Jyotsana Pandey for all staff. She described the signs of all alphabets from A to Z also focused on the simple words and simple sentences like- I, Me, My, Good, Bad, teacher, children, I am bad, Signing is good etc, also described to how to greet others through signs like; Good Morning, Good Evening etc. She also used some signs which are indicating relationships like- Father, Mother, Daughter, Son, Husband, Wife etc Overall the training was interesting and all the team members learnt a lot and it they all said that this training is very much useful for us to understand those children who are not able to speak.

## Livelihood Resource Center (LRC) & Vocational Center

### IT Skill Training Programme

IT based training program conducted by Dr. Shalini Chandra in LRC center. A program which is covers all computer fundamental components and basic plinth for disabled aspirants.

### Human Self-realization Workshop:

Mrs Tulika Das, Director, Sanchar, Kolkata, social activist, conducted a session on human self realization in LRC center. She initiated real based job struggle after improving their shortcomings.



### BPO Training:

In this training program all aspirants knew how they would be better in phonic communication with customers as well as making new customer satisfied with correct information.

### Life Skill Workshop:

As we grow in life day by day on the other hand we forgot our true life skills to live correct way of life. That's way life skills programme ensure all techniques to live-up good whole life.



### Stitching/sewing Center

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



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

## 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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Arun (name changed)



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## Rights and Entitlements Program in Lucknow

The project aims to provide person with disability (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:

- Ward-wise quarterly meetings for disabled people organization (DPO)-110 no. meetings
- Zone wise quarterly guardians meetings in the state- 1 no.
- State level workshop of DPOs leaders (Two Days)- 1 no.
- District level awareness camps for PWDs/Nukkad Natak- 1 no.
- Training of Trainers (ToT) Workshop for UP Viklang Manch- 1 no.
- Involvement of local leaders & representatives in DPO led initiatives.-70 no.
- Participation in Half-yearly meetings of health & education committees- 30 no.
- Zone wise training for leadership and capacity building of DPO leaders- 1 no.
- Sensitization training of Health Service providers- 3 no.
- Open meetings in the community (with more participation of PWDs)-4 no.
- Organizing peaceful means of social assertion- 1 no.
- Regular experience sharing with help of Half Yearly meetings of DPO & other CBOs- 1 no.

### **Zone wise Quarterly guardians meetings in the state**

A zone wise quarterly guardians meeting was conducted at Hardoi district. Members of Hardoi Viklang Manch shared their experiences regarding to work and discussed future strategies for strengthening of Uttar Pradesh.



### **State level workshop of DPOs leaders (Two Days)**

State level workshop of DPOs leaders was conducted in Lucknow district. Above 60 disabled persons from 18 districts participated in this meeting. District representatives shared their strength, Vision and mission and what they are expecting from Uttar Pradesh Viklang Manch. District representatives gave their commitment to raise the issue of disability and form an alliance with all their energy to make

an impact and an inclusion of Persons with Disabilities.

### **District level awareness camps for PWDs/ Nukkad Natak**

6 Nukkad Nataks were conducted at different wards in Lucknow district for spreading the awareness of rights and entitlements of persons with disabilities (PWDs).



### **Ward-wise quarterly meetings for Disabled People Organization (DPO)**

110 meetings have been held so far by the DPOs that have been formed recently and the DPOs formed earlier they had new schemes and regulations passed by the government as their discussion topics. Problems regarding CMO certificate, rail/bus pass, personal issues, pension related issue & livelihood were the key topics of the discussion.



### **TOT Workshop for Uttar Pradesh Viklang Manch (UPVM)**

Three days Training of Trainers (TOT) was conducted in Lucknow for the strengthening the UPVM. In this workshop above 40 participants of different districts of UP were participated as a members of UPVM and build their skills on the issues of advocacy, leadership, right based approach, laws and legal instruments and documentation.

### Sensitization training of Health Service providers

Three trainings were conducted at district level. Through this training, health functionaries like Anganwadi Workers (AWW), Anganwadi Helper (AWH), ANM and community members were sensitized about the ante-natal care (ANC), vaccination of new born child, family planning, birth-certificate and different Govt. health schemes.



### Involvement of local leaders & representatives in DPO led initiatives

Discussions and meetings have been conducted so far where the participation of the local leader in the DPOs initiative had been explained i.e. how they could help the disabled people in getting them their entitlements or help an individual in opening his/her own business so that they can involve other disabled people in the venture and with the help of local leaders they could have a strong voice in striving to live a dignified life in the society.

### Organizing peaceful means of social assertion

On the occasion of **Helen Keller Birth Day, Uttar Pradesh Viklang Manch, Uttar Pradesh** has conducted a rally of persons with disabilities (Pwds) with the inspiration of SPARC-India. 5 members of delegation which includes members of other networks as representative of Uttar Pradesh Viklang Manch met **Honorable Minister - Mr. Ambika Chaudhari ji, Cabinet Minister, Uttar Pradesh Government** and shared a Demand Note of 16 points for the better implementation of existing policy and schemes. About 200 PWDs, representatives of other network partners and their well wishers participated in the rally. Members of National Association of the Blind (NAB), The Leprosy Mission Trust India, Hardoi Viklang Manch, Sitapur Viklang Manch and Barabanki Viklang Manch also presented in this rally.



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