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JYOTI KIRAN SCHOOL (JKS)

Jyoti Kiran School intervention continued in collaboration with the State Bank of India Foundation. It includes education, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, and speech therapy sessions.



Beads activity



Puzzle Fixing



Academic Session



Money Concept



Diya Painting



Physiotherapy Sessions



Speech Therapy Sessions



Art / Craft Activity



Colouring Activity

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The main aim was to ensure that children with special needs receive the rightful access to education and raise awareness among parents and community members about the importance of enrolling these children in schools and the benefits of education. The sensitizations were conducted to inform the community about various government schemes and programs available for Children/Persons with Disabilities, emphasizing their rights to education and support.

Additionally, the initiative included providing hands-on assistance to families in preparing necessary documents for school admissions, such as disability certificates, UDIDs, identity proofs, etc. Community Mobilizer actively guided parents through the application processes and connected them with relevant authorities. This collective effort aimed to empower families, promote inclusivity, and to ensure that no child is left behind in his educational journey.



SATURDAY ACTIVITY

Every Saturday, some other activity is organized so that the children can experience peer learning, participation, and group work. Students participated in indoor and outdoor games as the main objective of the activity was to strengthen muscles, enhance students' creativity, and provide fine motor and sensory skills





through Carrom, Ludo, Snakes, Ladders, and throwing balls into baskets, etc. Additionally, we periodically include quiz activities to encourage learning in a fun and interactive manner, ensuring that Saturdays are not only enjoyable but also enriching for all our students.

PARENTS' SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

The *Parents Support Group* (PSG) meeting was held on **14th October 2025, 22nd November 2025 & 13th December 2025** at Jyoti Kiran School. The main aims of the meeting were:



- Counselling of parents/guardians.
- Physical and speech therapy-related interventions.
- Issues related to school uniform, hygiene, and children's health.
- Child safety during Diwali, especially regarding firecrackers.
- Exhibition of Diwali-themed decorative items prepared by children.
- Introduction to basic financial concepts ("money concept")
- Matters related to vocational education.
- Clarification regarding homework and examinations.
- Importance of timely communication with class teachers.
- Appropriate clothing as per weather conditions.
- Stationery requirements during examinations.
- Overall educational and developmental progress of children, etc.

Counseling of the parents/guardians was conducted in all the meetings emphasizing that a child's progress depends on both teachers and parents, the JKS staff discussed home-based strategies to support children's overall development. Parents were also encouraged to ensure their wards' regular attendance at school.

CASE CONFERENCE

We conducted the *Case Conference*, which typically involves a collaborative discussion between the special educators, therapist, and coordinator to address the student's academic program, behavior, and other specific challenges.



CLINIC DAY

Following the case conference, *Clinic Day* was organized for individual students. On clinic day, teachers, parents, therapists, and coordinators discuss the student's behavior, learning difficulties, challenges in activities, or any other issue faced by the child.





HOME VISIT

After the case conference and clinic days, *Home Visits* was conducted. The purpose of visiting the homes of children with disabilities of Jyoti Kiran School is to gain information about the students who have taken admission to the school, to know about them and their family's behavior towards them, their home environment, as well as their daily activities of life and their interests.



Home Visits provide teachers an opportunity to connect with parents and discuss the child's progress. It serves as a means to strengthen the relationship between the school, students, and their families while addressing various aspects of the child's well-being and education.

WORLD CEREBRAL PALSY DAY CELEBRATION

On **6th October 2025**, SPARC-India, in collaboration with the SBI Foundation, celebrated *World Cerebral Palsy Day* at the Ek Prayas Centre, Lucknow. The program was graced by **Mrs. Rita** (Psychologist) as the Chief Guest, along with **Mr. Someshwar Dutta Bajpai** (Program Manager, SPARC-India) and **Mr. Santosh Tiwari** (Inclusive Education Program Coordinator, SPARC-India). Staff members and parents of the children actively participated in the event.



The program began with a warm welcome of the guests, followed by a counselling session conducted by Mrs. Rita, focusing on positive parenting, emotional support, and strategies to enhance children's overall development.

Children from the center presented poems, dances, and plays, beautifully showcasing their talents and creativity, which were warmly appreciated by the audience. Refreshments were served thereafter.

The event concluded with encouraging remarks from the guests, motivating parents and staff to continue their dedicated efforts. The celebration was inspiring and reaffirmed SPARC-India's commitment to promoting an inclusive society.

DIWALI EXHIBITION

On **7th, 16th, and 17th October 2025**, SPARC-India, in collaboration with the SBI Foundation, organized *Diwali Exhibitions* at **Radiance Fringes n Curls, Gomati Nagar, Shalimar Titanium, Gomati Nagar, and Bank of Baroda, Near Satyalok Colony, Madiyaon, Sitapur Road, Lucknow**. The exhibitions aimed to promote creativity, vocational skills, and self-reliance among children with disabilities.





The initiative provided children with an opportunity to showcase their handmade decorative items while gaining basic entrepreneurial exposure, such as product display, interaction with visitors, and understanding the value of their work. The exhibitions received an encouraging response, with many items appreciated and purchased by visitors.

The proceeds from the sales were utilized to support the children's welfare and educational needs. The Diwali exhibitions successfully blended festivity with inclusion and skill development, highlighting the importance of equal vocational opportunities for children with disabilities.

SPARC-India remains committed to continuing such initiatives to promote empowerment, inclusion, and self-dependence.

CHILDREN'S DAY CELEBRATION

On **14th November 2025**, SPARC-India, in collaboration with the SBI Foundation, celebrated *Children's Day* at the Ek Prayas Centre, Lucknow. The program was graced by **Mrs. Annapurna Mukherjee** (Founder Director, Bandhu, Purulia, West Bengal), **Mr. Sunil Kumar** (Program Coordinator, JKS), and **Mrs. Kiran Rastogi** (Head Teacher, JKS), along with the school staff.



The children enthusiastically participated in the celebration, presenting poetry recitations, storytelling, skits, short plays, and energetic dance performances. Interactive games and fun-learning activities added to the joyful atmosphere. Prizes were awarded to children for their outstanding performances, boosting their confidence and motivation.

Teachers and staff also actively took part in fun-filled games, fostering a spirit of unity and celebration. Refreshments were served to all participants, ensuring a warm and inclusive experience.

The Children's Day celebration concluded on a joyful note and was a great success, promoting happiness, confidence, and togetherness among children, staff, and dignitaries.

CAREGIVER MEETING

On **22nd November 2025**, SPARC-India Jyoti Kiran School (JKS), in collaboration with the SBI Foundation, organized a **Caregiver Meeting** to strengthen the emotional and practical bond between caregivers and their children. The session was facilitated by the SPARC-India team and focused on promoting informed and nurturing caregiving practices.



Key discussion points included:

- Importance of emotional support, love, and encouragement
- Children's education and overall development
- Health, nutrition, and safety of children



- Effective communication and interaction with children etc.

Caregivers were guided on creating a positive and secure environment that builds self-esteem and trust. Emphasis was also placed on regular medical care, inclusive education, future vocational opportunities, proper nutrition, and child safety at home and school.

The meeting concluded with an interactive discussion where caregivers shared their experiences and concerns. A total of 19 parents participated in the session.

TRAINING ON SUBJECTIVE PEDAGOGY

On **29th November 2025**, SPARC-India, in collaboration with the SBI Foundation, organized a *Training on Subjective Pedagogy* at Jyoti Kiran School, Lucknow, to enhance the teaching skills of educators working with children with special needs. The session was conducted by **Ms. Neeti Kaushik**, Assistant Professor, Composite Regional Centre (CRC), Lucknow, whose expertise made the training highly informative and practical.



The training was attended by 20 participants, including teachers and staff members. The program began with a welcome address by **Mr. Sunil Kumar** (Coordinator, SPARC-India), who also shared an overview of Jyoti Kiran School and the Ek Prayas Centre, highlighting their commitment to inclusive education and holistic child development.

The session focused on “**Learning Implications of Different Categories of Disabilities and Inclusive Pedagogies.**” Ms. Kaushik explained the concept of Subjective Pedagogy and its role in addressing individual learning needs. She discussed learning challenges and classroom strategies related to various disabilities, including physical, visual, hearing, learning disabilities, and autism spectrum disorder (ASD).

Emphasis was placed on Inclusive Pedagogy and Universal Design for Learning (UDL), highlighting flexible teaching approaches through multiple means of representation, expression, and engagement. Practical strategies such as task analysis, reinforcement techniques, fair evaluation methods, use of resource rooms, and understanding deaf-blindness were also discussed. The session further covered the preparation and use of simple and cost-effective Teaching-Learning Materials (TLMs).

The training concluded successfully with lunch for all participants, enriching educators’ understanding and capacity to deliver inclusive and effective education.

DISABILITY’S DAY CELEBRATION

On **5th December 2025**, SPARC-India, in collaboration with the SBI Foundation, celebrated the International Day of Persons with Disabilities at Jyoti Kiran School, Lucknow with great enthusiasm. The program was graced by **Prof. (Dr.) Himanshu Shekhar Jha**,





State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Uttar Pradesh, as the Chief Guest, along with **Dr. Amitabh Mehrotra** (Founder Director, SPARC-India), **Mr. Someshwar Dutta Bajpai** (Program Manager), **Mr. Shailendra Kumar** (Finance Manager), **Mr. Sunil Kumar** (Program Coordinator, JKS), **Mrs. Kiran Rastogi** (Head Teacher, JKS), and the school staff.

The Chief Guest was warmly welcomed by the students and interacted with staff and caregivers, appreciating their dedication and efforts in supporting children with disabilities. He highlighted various government initiatives for persons with disabilities and their caregivers and emphasized the importance of collective efforts to promote inclusion. He also commended SPARC-India's impactful work in disability empowerment and assured continued support.

The celebration included student performances such as an environment-themed play, a solo dance, and a ramp walk, showcasing the children's confidence and creativity. The program concluded with refreshments for the children and a vote of thanks, making the event meaningful and memorable.

CHRISTMAS DAY CELEBRATION

On **24th December 2025**, SPARC-India Jyoti Kiran School, in collaboration with the SBI Foundation, celebrated *Christmas Day* with great joy and enthusiasm. The program was graced by **Mr. Shailendra Kumar** (Head-Finance), **Mr. Sunil Kumar** (Program Coordinator, JKS), **Mr. Santosh Tiwari** (Program Coordinator, IE Program), **Ms. Astha Mehrotra**, **Mrs. Kiran Rastogi** (Head Teacher, JKS), and the school staff.



The celebration began with warm Christmas greetings, followed by a cake-cutting ceremony in which all the children happily participated. Refreshments were then distributed to the students. Dance activities added to the festive spirit, with children enthusiastically participating and enjoying the joyful atmosphere.

The event provided students with an opportunity to celebrate togetherness and share happiness. The program was conducted smoothly under the guidance of the school staff, making the Christmas celebration memorable for all.

INCLUSIVE EDUCATION PROGRAM

SPARC-India, in collaboration with SBI Foundation, continued the Inclusive Education (IE) in 20 Direct Government Primary Schools and 20 Indirect Schools in Lucknow from July 2024 for children with disabilities.

SMC TRAINING

Training was conducted for SMC members on Inclusive Education. The primary objective of the



training was to inform SMC members about the significance of education, the role of SMCs, the rules and responsibilities associated with SMCs, the importance of Inclusive Education, and how they can contribute to the school's development.



All SMC members showed interest in discharging their responsibilities on time and contributing to the betterment of the school. They also assured that they would be more punctual in ensuring their child's studies and regularity and would also attend the school's meetings (SMC, PSG, etc.) regularly.

S. No.	Activity Name	Place	Date
1	SMC Training	UPS Unai	9 th Oct 2025
2	SMC Training	PS Sonava	6 th Nov 2025

MEETING WITH PARENTS OF CwDs AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY

A meeting with parents/guardians of CwDs and members of the community on Inclusive Education was conducted to create awareness for Inclusive Education among the parents of CwDs and members of the community. The main aim of the meeting was to make them aware of prenatal, natal, and post-natal precautions, how to apply for all types of pensions, the importance of education for all, etc.



S. No.	Activity Name	Place	Date
1	Meeting with parents/guardians of CwDs and the community	AWC Arjunpur	15 th Oct 2025
2	Meeting with parents/guardians of CwDs and the community	AWC Nayapurva, Faizullaganj	19 th Nov 2025
3	Meeting with parents/guardians of CwDs and the community	AWC Bhauli, BKT	13 th Dec 2025

TRAINING ON THE RIGHT TO EDUCATION ACT 2009 & INCLUSIVE EDUCATION

Training on the Right to Education (RTE) Act 2009 and Inclusive Education was conducted to create awareness for the RTE Act 2009 and Inclusive Education among the parents & caretakers of CwDs. The main aim of the meeting was to make the participants aware of the RTE Act 2009 and the provisions mentioned in the Act, including Inclusive Education. The training was attended by parents and guardians of both challenged and non-challenged children.



All the participants showed their interest that they would focus more on their ward's education.



S. No.	Activity Name	Place	Date
1	Training on RTE Act 2009 and Inclusive Education	AWC Rampur Behara, BKT	13 th Oct 2025
2	Training on RTE Act 2009 and Inclusive Education	Community, Mallahan Khera, BKT	8 th Nov 2025

DISABILITY AWARENESS AND SENSITIZATION CAMPAIGN

Disability Awareness and Sensitization Campaigns were conducted to create awareness of disability and sensitization among the members of the community. The participants were sensitized on how, by being careful during pregnancy, disability can be avoided, awareness of disability and its prevalence, various myths regarding disability, the importance of school education for CwDs, the importance of disability certificates, various govt. schemes and entitlements for children/persons with disabilities, ADL of CwDs, behavior issues of children with disabilities, etc.



The meetings were attended by parents and guardians of both challenged and non-challenged children. All the participants showed their interest in understanding the disability as well as other related information and asked questions regarding their concerns.

S. No.	Activity Name	Place	Date
1	Disability Awareness and Sensitization	AWC, Bhaismau, BKT	14 th Oct 2025
2	Disability Awareness and Sensitization	AWC, Kathwara, BKT	25 th Nov 2025
3	Disability Awareness and Sensitization	PS Malhaur, Chinhat	16 th Dec 2025

TRAINING ON ACTIVITIES OF DAILY LIVING

Training on Activities of Daily Living (ADL) for the parents and caregivers of children with disabilities was conducted to create awareness among parents and caregivers of CwDs. The main aim of the meeting was to make them aware of what precautions to take during pregnancy and how to help the child practice ADL so that they can slowly become independent. Parents and caregivers of CwDs asked questions relating to the issues faced by their children in conducting daily activities.



S. No.	Activity Name	Place	Date
1	Training on Activities of Daily Living	PS Bhithauli Khurd, Chinhat	6 th Dec 2025

QUANTITATIVE ACHIEVEMENTS

- **3357** Stakeholders sensitized on disability rights
- **3** Meetings with parents of CwDs and members of the community
- **2** Trainings of SMC members on Inclusive Education
- **2** Trainings on the Right to Education Act 2009 and Inclusive Education
- **3** Disability awareness and sensitization campaigns
- **1** Training on Activities of Daily Living
- **2** C/PwDs for disability certificate, **7** C/PwDs for UDID, **1** C/PwDs for Aadhar card, **5** CwDs for birth Certificates, **9** CwDs for Assistive devices, **4** PwDs for Niramaya Health Schemes, **2** PwD for Pension (Disability, Old, Widow, etc.).
- Intervention with **105** CwDs was conducted, which included assessment, education, training on activities of daily living, right-based needs (linking with govt. schemes), including training of family members, siblings, etc.

EK PRAYAS CENTRE

Ek Prayas Centre focuses on the early identification and intervention to support the physical and mental development of children aged 1 to 14 years with neurological disorders. The center provides timely treatment and comprehensive support for conditions such as Cerebral Palsy, Intellectual Disability, Down Syndrome, and Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).



Colouring Activity



Clay activity



Academic Sessions



Matching Concept



Physiotherapy Sessions



Speech Therapy Sessions



Game



Dance

SENSITIZATION AWARENESS SESSION FOR PARENTS (COMMUNITY)

Meetings were conducted with parents and guardians of Children with Disabilities (CwDs), as well



as community members, to raise awareness about the importance of early intervention services. The discussions focused on understanding various types of disabilities, addressing common myths and misconceptions, highlighting preventive measures from the prenatal to postnatal stages, explaining available government schemes, outlining the process of disability certification, and emphasizing the importance of inclusive education. The Sensitization and Awareness Program aimed to enhance community understanding of disability rights, available services, and social inclusion, thereby fostering a positive, informed, and supportive attitude toward persons with disabilities.



S. No.	Activity Name	Place	Date
1.	Sensitization Awareness Session for Parents	Duggor	13 th October 2025
2.	Sensitization Awareness Session for Parents	Jwargaon	16 th October 2025
3.	Sensitization Awareness Session for Parents	Nandana	16 th October 2025
4.	Sensitization Awareness Session for Parents	Shivari	25 th October 2025
5.	Sensitization Awareness Session for Parents	Sonawa	27 th October 2025
6.	Sensitization Awareness Session for Parents	Birampur	10 th November 2025
7.	Sensitization Awareness Session for Parents	PS Duggor	10 th November 2025
8.	Sensitization Awareness Session for Parents	Karaundi	20 th November 2025
9.	Sensitization Awareness Session for Parents	Bhavonipur	21 st November 2025
10.	Sensitization Awareness Session for Parents	Bheekhapurwa	27 th November 2025
11.	Sensitization Awareness Session for Parents	Mampur	20 th December 2025
12.	Sensitization Awareness Session for Parents	Akohari	20 th December 2025
13.	Sensitization Awareness Session for Parents	Sonawa-2	24 th December 2025
14.	Sensitization Awareness Session for Parents	Durjanpur	24 th December 2025
15.	Sensitization Awareness Session for Parents	Shivkar	30 th December 2025
16.	Sensitization Awareness Session for Parents	Dudhara	30 th December 2025
17.	Sensitization Awareness Session for Parents	Unai	30 th December 2025

NEUROLOGICAL HEALTH CAMP

On 12th October 2025, SPARC India's Ek Prayas Centre, in collaboration with IDFC FIRST Bank, organized a *Neurological Health Camp* conducted by **Dr. Nishant Gopal**, Pediatric Neurologist, Apollo Medics Hospital, Lucknow. A total of twenty-nine students were assessed through comprehensive neurological evaluations, including medical history review, clinical examination of motor and sensory systems, and developmental and behavioral screening. Dr. Gopal identified several concerns among the students, such as developmental delays, learning or attention difficulties, and, in one or more cases, a history of seizures. Where required, appropriate medications were prescribed, and supportive therapies such as speech and occupational therapy were recommended. Follow-up and regular monitoring were also advised.





PARENT SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS

A total of 6 *Parent Support Group* (PSG) meetings were organized at Ek Prayas Centre between October 2025 and December 2025. These meetings were an essential part of engaging with parents and guardians of children with special needs, ensuring their active participation in the developmental process of their children.



- Counselling of parents/guardians
- Discussion on the cleanliness and hygiene of the children
- Children's health-related (timely medical treatment)
- Commercialization and socialization
- Health Camp-related discussion
- Documents for the sponsorship form
- Physical and Speech therapeutic interventions
- School uniform and dress code, etc.

The primary goal of these meetings was to counsel and empower parents to take an active role in their child's development journey. By addressing concerns, providing support, and building trust, the center has been able to improve parental engagement, enrollment rates, and regularity in attendance and fee submission, thereby enhancing the effectiveness of its programs for children with special needs.

HOME VISITS

Home visits were conducted for children who were not attending the center regularly. During these visits, parents were counselled to emphasize the importance of consistent attendance. Additionally, comprehensive information was collected regarding the child's home environment, behavioral patterns, and the family's financial circumstances to better understand and address any underlying challenges.



CASE CONFERENCE

After the home visit, a case conference was held for the child, where the physiotherapist, speech therapist, special educator, field officer, and center head discussed the child and provided their suggestions.



CLINIC DAY

Following the case conference, a Clinic Day is organized for individual students. On Clinic Day, teachers, parents, therapists, and coordinators discuss the student's behavior, learning difficulties, challenges in daily activities, and any other issues faced by the child.





SATURDAY ACTIVITY

Saturdays at the center are dedicated to group-based enrichment activities, during which all children participated collectively in sessions such as art, craft, and various indoor and outdoor games. These sessions are designed not only to nurture creativity but also to support physical and cognitive development. Creative activities like drawing and crafting stimulate imagination and enhance artistic expression, while indoor and outdoor games foster essential skills such as teamwork, stamina, and fine and gross motor coordination. Furthermore, participation in these activities helps build self-confidence, improve coordination, and develop a sense of balance, all of which are integral to the holistic development of each child.



FIELD VISIT

The primary objective of conducting field visits is to identify children with special needs within the community and ensure they receive appropriate support, care, and access to essential services. A key component of this outreach involves facilitating the online registration of children who have not yet obtained a Unique Disability ID (UDID) card. Securing this official identification enables them to access various government schemes and welfare initiatives. Overall, this process plays a vital role in safeguarding the rights of these children and integrating them into relevant support systems.



CEREBRAL PALSY DAY

On 6th October 2025, SPARC-India's Ek Prayas Centre, observed *World Cerebral Palsy Day* through an awareness program involving students and parents. The event focused on CP awareness, parental support, government schemes, counseling, and inclusive education, with cultural and sports activities adding enthusiasm.



DIWALI

On 17th October 2025, SPARC India's Ek Prayas Centre celebrated *Diwali* with joy, as children decorated lamps, made rangoli, and shared sweets, promoting creativity, culture, and togetherness.



CHILDREN'S DAY

On 14th November 2025, SPARC-India's Ek Prayas Centre celebrated *Children's Day*, featuring cultural performances, games, nutritious meals, and prize distribution, making it a joyful and meaningful celebration of children's rights and well-being.





CAPACITY BUILDING TRAINING FOR STAFF

SPARC India organized *Capacity Building sessions* on 4th November 2025 and 29th November 2025. These sessions covered important topics such as Subjective Pedagogy and Green Building and Green Village, with the objective of strengthening the participants' knowledge, skills, and awareness.



WORLD DISABILITY DAY

On 5th December 2025, SPARC India's Ek Prayas Centre celebrated *World Disability Day* with great enthusiasm. The event was graced by the Chief Guest, **Dr. Himanshu Shekhar Jha**, Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Government of Uttar Pradesh, along with esteemed Guests of Honor—**Mr. C. V. Singh**, Vice President, SPARC India; **Group Captain Ajay Singh**, Indian Air Force; and **Mrs. Kalpana Singh**, Chairperson, AFWA, Memoura Air Force Station, Lucknow. The cultural program featured vibrant performances including dance, poems, and slogans, filling the celebration with color and energy. Inspiring addresses were delivered by the dignitaries, as well as by **Dr. Amitabh Mehrotra**, Founder Director, SPARC India, and **Mr. Someshwar Dutta Bajpai**, Program Manager, highlighting SPARC India's commitment to inclusion and empowerment. The event beautifully reflected unity, encouragement, and the true spirit of World Disability Day.



CHRISTMAS

On 24th December 2025, the *Christmas* festival was celebrated at the center with great joy and enthusiasm. The Christmas tree was decorated with stars and balloons by the children and teachers. The children, dressed as Santa Claus, cut the cake and presented delightful performances including poems, songs, and dances, which were enjoyed by everyone. The child dressed as Santa Claus distributed chocolates and gifts to all the children, bringing immense happiness to them. On this occasion, the teachers also explained the importance of mutual love, kindness, and harmony to the children.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM

SPARC-India, supported by India Pesticides Limited (IPL), conducted various activities for Children with Disability and their parents/guardians in the community.

COUNSELLING

The Community Mobilizer conducted regular outreach and *counselling sessions* with parents and



Guardians of children with disabilities, using both individual and group approaches to increase awareness, explain rights and entitlements, and strengthen parental involvement in their children's education and development.

In addition, the mobilizer provided hands-on support to families in obtaining essential documents and services, including disability certificates, UDID cards, identity proofs, assistive aids, and disability pensions. This included assistance with documentation, application submission, and follow-up with concerned departments.



Through continuous guidance and coordination with government authorities, the initiative improved access to social protection schemes and promoted inclusive practices in the community, ensuring that children with disabilities receive their rightful opportunities in education and overall development.

HOME-BASED THERAPY (COMMUNITY AND JYOTI KIRAN SCHOOL)

Under the Inclusive Education Program, *home-based therapy sessions* were provided to children with disabilities both in the community and at Jyoti Kiran School. These sessions focused on improving motor, cognitive, and communication skills to support overall development and school readiness. Therapists created individualized plans based on each child's needs and regularly monitored progress through follow-up visits.



Parents and caregivers were guided on continuing therapeutic exercises at home, ensuring sustained impact and active family involvement.

These interventions have strengthened inclusive education outcomes, enhanced children's functional abilities, and empowered families. Donor support has been vital in delivering these essential services and promoting the inclusion of children with disabilities in the community.

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The program began with a welcome of the guests, followed by an informative counselling session for parents conducted by Mrs. Rita, focusing on positive parenting, emotional support, and strategies to enhance children's overall development. Children of the center presented poems,



dances, and short plays, showcasing their creativity and abilities, which were warmly appreciated by the audience. Refreshments were served to the children.

The celebration concluded with encouraging remarks from the guests, motivating parents and staff to continue their dedicated efforts. The event was inspiring and educational, reinforcing SPARC-India's commitment to inclusion and empowerment of children with special needs.

IN-HOUSE CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITY (SATURDAY ACTIVITY)

Jyoti Kiran School organized various Saturday activities for students. On 11th October 2025, the program featured Diya painting, baati making, and art sessions, coordinated by the Xiaomi Fan Club, Lucknow. Children enthusiastically participated in drawing and coloring Diwali-themed diyas, showcasing their creativity with guidance and encouragement from teachers and therapists.



The event also included dance and rhyme performances, adding energy and joy to the celebration. Refreshments and gifts were distributed to all students, bringing smiles and excitement. The collaborative efforts of the Xiaomi Fan Club and SPARC-India made the event lively and memorable. Overall, the activity was a meaningful blend of creativity and fun, supporting the development of confidence, teamwork, and artistic skills among the children.

NEUROLOGICAL HEALTH CAMP

On 12th October 2025, SPARC-India, in collaboration with India Pesticides Limited, organized a *Neurological Health Camp* at the Ek Prayas Centre. The camp was conducted by **Dr. Nishant Gopal**, Pediatric Neurologist, Apollo Medics Hospital, Lucknow.



A total of 29 students from Jyoti Kiran School and the Ek Prayas Centre underwent comprehensive neurological evaluations, including medical history review, examination of motor and sensory systems, and developmental and behavioral screening. Dr. Gopal identified concerns such as developmental delays, learning or attention difficulties, and a history of seizures in some students. Where required, appropriate medicines were provided, and supportive therapies such as speech and occupational therapy were recommended. Follow-up and regular monitoring were also advised.

DISABILITY AWARENESS AND SENSITIZATION MEETING

On 18th October 2025, SPARC-India, in collaboration with India Pesticides Limited, conducted a *Disability Awareness and Sensitization Meeting* at its Madiyaon office, Lucknow. During the session, participants were sensitized and informed about various government schemes, effective ways to motivate parents and guardians, approaches to contribute to the welfare of Children with Disabilities (CwDs), and the importance of liaising with relevant government departments. A total of 21 participants attended the meeting. The session encouraged open interaction and discussion,





enabling participants to share experiences and clarify doubts related to disability inclusion and support services. Overall, the meeting enhanced participants' understanding of disability rights and reinforced the need for collective efforts toward inclusive community development.

DIWALI CELEBRATION

On 18th October 2025, SPARC-India, organized a special Pooja on the occasion of *Dhanteras and Diwali* at its Madiyaon office, Lucknow. **Dr. Amitabh Mehrotra**, Founder Director of SPARC-India, and **Ms. Mridula Mehrotra**, Board Member of SPARC-India along with all staff members, participated in the Pooja. Sweets and gifts were distributed to everyone at the conclusion of the ceremony.



The celebration fostered a sense of togetherness and cultural harmony among staff members. The event also reflected the organization's commitment to nurturing a positive and inclusive work environment.

DENTAL HEALTH CHECK-UP CAMP

On 8th November 2025, SPARC-India organized a *Dental Health Check-Up Camp* at Jyoti Kiran School, Lucknow. The camp was conducted by a team of doctors from **King George's Medical University (KGMU), Lucknow**, including **Dr. Vikram Khanna**, **Dr. Abhilash Gupta**, and **Dr. Praveen**, with support from the SPARC-India team. Staff members and parents actively participated in the camp.



The program included registration followed by detailed dental examinations of the children. Doctors assessed oral health conditions and guided dental hygiene, proper brushing techniques, balanced nutrition, and the importance of regular dental check-ups. Children requiring further care were referred to KGMU for diagnosis and treatment.

A total of 50 children were registered and examined during the camp. The initiative was highly beneficial in identifying dental health concerns and enhancing awareness about oral hygiene, contributing positively to the overall well-being of the students.

MEETING WITH PARENTS OF CwDs AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY

A meeting with parents/guardians of CwDs and members of the community on *Inclusive Education* was conducted to create awareness for Inclusive Education among the parents of CwDs and members of the community. The main aim of the meeting was to make them aware of prenatal, natal, and post-natal precautions, how to apply for all types of pensions, the importance of education for all, etc.



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1	Meeting with parents/guardians of CwDs and the community	AWC Bhauli	13 th Dec 2025
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TRAINING ON THE RIGHT TO EDUCATION ACT 2009 & INCLUSIVE EDUCATION

Training on the Right to Education (RTE) Act 2009 and Inclusive Education was conducted to create awareness for the RTE Act 2009 and Inclusive Education among the parents & caretakers of CwDs. The main aim of the meeting was to make the participants aware of the RTE Act 2009 and the provisions mentioned in the Act, including Inclusive Education. The training was attended by parents and guardians of both challenged and non-challenged children.



All the participants showed an interest in focusing more on their ward's education.

S. No.	Activity Name	Place	Date
1	Training on RTE Act 2009 and Inclusive Education	PS Bhithauli Khurd, Chinhat	6 th Dec 2025

DISABILITY AWARENESS AND SENSITIZATION CAMPAIGN

Disability Awareness and Sensitization Campaigns were conducted to create awareness of disability and sensitization among the members of the community. The participants were sensitized on how, by being careful during pregnancy, disability can be avoided, awareness of disability and its prevalence, various myths regarding disability, the importance of school education for CwDs, the importance of disability certificates, various govt. schemes and entitlements for children/persons with disabilities, ADL of CwDs, behavior issues of children with disabilities, etc.



The meetings were attended by parents and guardians of both challenged and non-challenged children. All the participants showed their interest in understanding the disability as well as other related information, and asked questions regarding their concerns.

S. No.	Activity Name	Place	Date
1	Disability Awareness and Sensitization	UPS Unai, BKT	9 th Oct 2025
2	Disability Awareness and Sensitization	AWC Rampur Behra, BKT	13 th Oct 2025
3	Disability Awareness and Sensitization	AWC Bhedhapur, BKT	14 th Oct 2025
4	Disability Awareness and Sensitization	AWC Arjunpur, BKT	18 th Oct 2025
5	Disability Awareness and Sensitization	PS Sonava-2, BKT	6 th Nov 2025
6	Disability Awareness and Sensitization	Mallahan Khera Community, BKT	8 th Nov 2025
7	Disability Awareness and Sensitization	AWC Nayapurva, Chinhat	19 th Nov 2025
8	Disability Awareness and Sensitization	AWC Kathwara, BKT	25 th Nov 2025
9	Disability Awareness and Sensitization	PS Mallhaur, BKT	16 th Dec 2025



PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Amitabh Mehrotra (Founder Director, SPARC-India) participated in various webinars and meetings that were organized by various organizations.

MEETING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPOWERMENT OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

A review meeting under the chairpersonship of the **Deputy Director General (DDG), Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD), Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India**, was held virtually via Webex on **31st October 2025** from 3:00 PM onwards. The meeting focused on reviewing the preparedness for the Divya Kala Mela – Lucknow, scheduled from 15 to 23 November 2025 at Lucknow University. Discussions covered key aspects such as cultural programs, exhibitions, sales stalls, food zones, awareness activities, and outreach initiatives. The roles of participating organizations, including National Institutes, CRCs, ALIMCO, CDS, SCPD, and other stakeholders, were reviewed. Emphasis was placed on coordination with the District Administration, State Government, and local NGOs to ensure smooth implementation.



Dr. Amitabh Mehrotra, Founder Director, SPARC-India, along with his team, participated in the meeting and assured the Chairperson that SPARC-India would set up a stall at the Divya Kala Mela to showcase its field-based work and initiatives for the empowerment and inclusion of persons with disabilities.

MEETING WITH DIRECTOR, RML

Dr. Amitabh Mehrotra, Founder Director, SPARC-India, met **Prof. (Dr.) C.M. Singh**, Director, Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Institute of Medical Sciences (RMLIMS), Lucknow, to discuss ongoing interventions at the Ek Prayas Centre and explore opportunities for collaboration and support.



During the meeting, Dr. Mehrotra shared an overview of SPARC-India's work in early intervention, rehabilitation, and inclusion of persons with disabilities, highlighting the positive impact of the Ek Prayas Centre through a multidisciplinary approach. Prof. (Dr.) C.M. Singh appreciated SPARC-India's efforts and assured his support for strengthening initiatives aimed at inclusive healthcare and rehabilitation.

The meeting concluded on a positive note, with a mutual commitment to explore future collaboration between RMLIMS and SPARC-India to advance inclusive healthcare and early intervention programs in Uttar Pradesh.



MEETING WITH PROF. SONIA NITYANAND

On 16th October 2025, **Dr. Amitabh Mehrotra**, Founder Director, SPARC-India, met with **Prof. (Dr.) Sonia Nityanand**, Vice Chancellor, King George's Medical University (KGMU), Lucknow.

The meeting focused on exploring potential areas of collaboration to strengthen health-related interventions for children with disabilities. Prof. Nityanand expressed her willingness to extend support through relevant departments of KGMU, particularly the



Departments of Pediatrics and Preventive & Social Medicine, for conducting medical and developmental assessments of students associated with SPARC-India. She further assured that a follow-up meeting with concerned faculty members would be convened after Diwali to discuss and formalize the collaboration.

MEETING WITH DR. RAJESH TANDON & SHRI ASHOK BHAI JI

On 3rd November 2025, **Dr. Amitabh Mehrotra**, Founder Director, SPARC-India, met with **Dr. Rajesh Tandon**, his mentor and guide. Dr. Tandon is an internationally renowned leader and practitioner in participatory research and development.

He is the Founder of **Participatory Research in Asia (PRIA)**, established in 1982, and serves as the Co-Chair of the UNESCO Chair in Community-Based Research and Social Responsibility in Higher Education. Dr. Tandon holds a degree in Electronics Engineering from IIT Kanpur, an MBA from IIM Calcutta, and a Ph.D. in Management from Case Western Reserve University, USA. He left his teaching position at IIM Calcutta to dedicate his career to the development sector, promoting inclusion, participation, and social transformation.



Dr. Rajesh Tandon also serves as a National Advisory Member of SPARC-India.

DIVYA KALA MELA 2025

The **Divya Kala Mela 2025**, a national-level event organized by the NDFDC, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD), MSJE, Government of India, was held at the University of Lucknow from 15 to 23 November 2025. The Mela aimed to promote inclusion and empower entrepreneurs, artists, and children with disabilities by providing a platform to showcase their skills, talents, and livelihood initiatives.



SPARC-India actively participated by setting up a stall displaying its programs, services, and products created by children with disabilities. The stall attracted considerable attention from visitors and stakeholders, enhancing awareness of SPARC-India's work. **Dr. Amitabh Mehrotra**,



Founder Director, SPARC-India, attended the inaugural ceremony on 16th November 2025, strengthening engagement with government officials and dignitaries.

The Mela concluded with a vibrant cultural program on 23 November 2025, in which students from Jyoti Kiran School participated enthusiastically. Their performances were widely appreciated and highlighted SPARC-India's commitment to nurturing creativity, confidence, and self-expression among children with disabilities.

JAGRUTI MELA – AN INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY EVENT FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Persons with disabilities and their families in rural areas often face significant barriers in accessing information and services related to education, healthcare, assistive technology, government schemes, skilling, and employment. To address these challenges, Jayati Bharatam and EnAble India organized the **Jagruti Mela** on **22nd November 2025** at **Shri Balaji Lawns, Jankipuram, Lucknow**.



SPARC-India participated by setting up an informational stall on disability and inclusion, displaying brochures, annual reports, and awareness materials to engage visitors.

The Jagruti Mela served as an inclusive platform, bringing together government departments, educational institutions, NGOs, medical professionals, companies, persons with disabilities, families, and peer groups. Participants accessed a wide range of services, including early intervention, inclusive education, social welfare schemes, healthcare, assistive solutions, digital literacy, legal support, self-employment, and wage-employment opportunities. The event also showcased achievers with disabilities and livelihood products through GarvSe Bazaar.

Designed with accessibility and inclusion at its core, the Jagruti Mela empowered persons with disabilities by enabling access to information, fostering meaningful connections, and promoting pathways toward a more inclusive future.

VISITED AT SMBC

On **18th December 2025**, **Dr. Amitabh Mehrotra**, Founder-Director of SPARC-India, visited **Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation (SMBC)** in Mumbai, where he met with **Mr. Arun Nayer** to discuss the work and impact of SPARC-India.



Dr. Mehrotra shared an overview of SPARC-India's mission and key initiatives focused on the rehabilitation, education, inclusion, and empowerment of children and persons with disabilities. He highlighted core programs, including Inclusive Education, Early Identification and Early Intervention, and SPARC-India's institutional models.



The discussion explored potential areas of support and collaboration, including partnerships in disability inclusion initiatives, capacity building, and long-term collaborative planning. The meeting concluded on a positive note, with both parties expressing mutual interest in exploring future collaboration aligned with shared values of social responsibility and inclusive growth.

VISIT OF SPJIMR

On **18th December 2025**, **Dr. Amitabh Mehrotra**, Founder Director of SPARC-India, visited the **S.P. Jain Institute of Management and Research (SPJIMR)**, Mumbai, where he met with the Director, DOCC, to discuss the mission, work, and impact of SPARC-India.

Dr. Mehrotra shared insights into SPARC-India's commitment to serving children and persons with disabilities and its approach to building inclusive and sustainable development models. The interaction helped familiarize SPJIMR with SPARC-India's vision and explored possibilities for future dialogue.



The meeting marked an important step toward strengthening institutional understanding and potential collaboration.

MEETING WITH PROF. BADRI NARAIN TEWARI

On **18th December 2025**, **Dr. Amitabh Mehrotra**, Founder Director of SPARC-India, met **Prof. Badri Narain Tewari**, Vice-Chancellor of the Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Mumbai, to discuss SPARC-India's work and potential collaboration.

Dr. Mehrotra shared an overview of SPARC-India's initiatives in disability, rehabilitation, education, and social inclusion, and expressed interest in exploring academic and field-based collaborations. He sought the Vice-Chancellor's guidance and support to strengthen inclusive development and capacity-building efforts.



Prof. Tewari appreciated the organization's work and shared positive impressions of its impact. He expressed willingness to visit SPARC-India during a future visit to Prayagraj and indicated that he would discuss possible collaboration with the relevant departments at TISS.

The meeting concluded positively, with mutual interest in continued engagement and future collaboration.

MEETING WITH HONORABLE SHRI SANJAY SETH JI

A meeting was held with **Hon'ble Shri Sanjay Seth Ji**, Member of Parliament from Uttar Pradesh, on **31st December 2025** at Shalimar Titanium, Vibhuti Khand, Gomati Nagar, Lucknow. **Shri Uma Shankar Singh** (President), **Mr. C. V. Singh** (Vice President), and **Dr. Amitabh Mehrotra** (Founder Director) represented SPARC-India.



During the meeting, Dr. Mehrotra introduced the office bearers and presented an overview of SPARC-India's work in disability rehabilitation, inclusive education, assistive services, and social inclusion. He also shared details of ongoing initiatives, future vision, and the impact of Jyoti Kiran School.

Dr. Mehrotra highlighted the organization's requirement for land to establish its own office and model center and sought support to strengthen SPARC-India and Jyoti Kiran School to expand services for persons with disabilities.



Hon'ble Shri Sanjay Seth Ji assured his full support to SPARC-India and Jyoti Kiran School, expressing willingness to assist in facilitating land for the organization. He appreciated SPARC-India's efforts in promoting inclusive development.

The meeting concluded with expressions of gratitude to the Hon'ble MP for his encouragement and assurance, and to the board members for their continued cooperation and commitment.