

**QUARTERLY PROJECT REPORT**  
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## **Jyoti Kiran School- An Inclusive School**

### **GANDHI JAYANTI CELEBRATION**

On 1<sup>st</sup> October 2016, ie a day before Gandhi Jayanti, students were *informed about why we celebrate 2<sup>nd</sup> October as Gandhi Jayanti*. On this occasion different events from the life of Mahatma Gandhi were narrated to the children. They were told why we all call him ‘Bapu’.

### **SPECIAL OLYMPICS**

Students of Jyoti Kiran School participated in a three day ‘*Sports Meet for Special Children*’ from 15<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at Mini Stadium, Gomti Nagar, Lucknow. Children of JKS participated in the event along with special children from other special schools of Lucknow. They took part in different track events. Students received various prizes in running, ball throw and walking competitions. The prizes and certificates were sent to the school, which were later distributed by **Dr. Amitabh Mehrotra** (Founder Director and Chairperson SPARC-India).



### **DEEPAWALI CELEBRATIONS AT IFCCO**

On 24<sup>th</sup> October 2016 five students of Jyoti Kiran School went to IFCCO House for *Deepawali Celebrations*, where SPARC-India had also put a craft stall. All the contents in the stall were prepared by the vocational unit of SPARC-India.

### **VISIT AT TATA CONSULTANCY SERVICES (CHILDREN’S DAY CELEBRATION)**

Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) invited student of Jyoti Kiran School for a movie show to celebrate ‘*Children’s Day*’ on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2016. They also conducted a quiz competition in which the students enthusiastically participated. The children were served with refreshments at the end of the program.



### **WORLD DISABILITY DAY CELEBRATIONS**

On the occasion of *World Disability Day* i.e on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2016, students of Jyoti Kiran School participated in a State Program conducted by Disability Department of Uttar Pradesh at Indira Gandhi Prathisthan, Gominagar, Lucknow. On this occasion children gave a dance performance which mesmerized the audience.

## **Vocational Unit**

### **EXHIBITION CUM SALE HELD AT SHALIMAR GRAND**

A two day *exhibition cum sale* of the products prepared by the trainees and staff of the vocational unit was held on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at Shalimar Grand, Gokhale Marg, Lucknow. The items included Ganesh Lakshmi Idols, masks of Ganesh Lakshmi, decorative items, *Puja ki thali*, gift items etc.



## **EXHIBITION CUM SALE HELD AT ELDECO ELEGANCE**

An *exhibition cum sale* of the products prepared by the trainees and staff of the vocational unit was held on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2016 at Eldeco Elegance, Gomtinagar, Lucknow. The items included Ganesh Lakshmi Idols, masks of Ganesh Lakshmi, decorative items, *Puja ki thali*, artificial jewelry, handmade purse, gift items etc.

## **EXHIBITION CUM SALE HELD AT AEGIS LIMITED**

A two day *exhibition cum sale* of the products prepared by the trainees and staff of the vocational unit was held on 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at Aegis Limited, Hazaratganj, Lucknow. The items included Ganesh Lakshmi Idols, masks of Ganesh Lakshmi, decorative items, *Puja ki thali*, artificial jewelry, handmade purse, gift items etc.

## **STARTING OF THE NEW BATCH**

The 6 month *batch of the vocational unit started* in November at SPARC-India's Madiaon campus. 35 women from the marginalized sections of the society enrolled in this batch. The course included stitching, tailoring and embroidery. The trainees attended 2 hour training session each day during the program. Some of the items taught included Baby frock, Apron, Petticoat- 6 kali, Gents and Ladies pajama, Skirt, Top, Salwaar-kurta, Gents Shirt, Pillow cover, Jewelry bag, Hand bag, Blouse, Cushions cover, Embroidery, Crochet, quilting etc.

## **ITEMS SENT TO VARDAN NURSING HOME**

In December 2016, items prepared by the trainees and staff of the vocational unit were sent to Vardan Nursing Home, Lajpat Nagar, Lucknow. 70 new born baby cot sets were sent to them. These items were winter clothing to be used by the new born babies of Vardan Nursing Home.

## **GIFT ITEMS SENT TO PAPPU STORE**

*Gift items* prepared by the trainees and staff of the vocational unit were sent to Pappu Stores, Mahanagar, Lucknow for sale. These items included Ganesh Lakshmi Idols, masks of Ganesh Lakshmi, decorative items, *Puja ki thali*, artificial jewelry, handmade purse etc.

## **GIFT ITEMS SENT TO RIWAZ COLLECTION**

*Gift items* prepared by the trainees and staff of the vocational unit were sent to Riwarz Collection, Sitapur for sale. These items included Ganesh Lakshmi Idols, masks of Ganesh Lakshmi, decorative items, *Puja ki thali*, artificial jewelry, baskets, handmade purse etc.

## Uttar Pradesh Viklang Manch (UPVM)

### WORLD DEAF DAY CELEBRATIONS AT SAINT FRANCIS COLLEGE

*World Deaf Day celebrations* were organized by Association of the Deaf, Lucknow on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2016 at Saint Francis College, Hazratganj, Lucknow. The Chief Guest on this occasion was Honorable **Mrs. Aparna Yadav** (Social worker) and **Mrs. Anita Bhatnagar Jain** (IAS, Principal Secretary, Sports Directorate, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh). **Mr. Suraj Yadav** (Secretary, Uttar Pradesh Viklang Manch), **Ms. Geetanjali Nair** (Secretary, Deaf Empowerment and Academic



Foundation) and **Mr. Vimalendra Tomar** (President, Uttar Pradesh Badhir Federation) were also present at the event. Various sporting events were held on the occasion. Deaf children from various districts of Uttar Pradesh participated in the event. Prizes were distributed to the children who were victorious in the sporting events. Cultural program by deaf students was also held at the event.

### PEACE RALLY

A *peace rally and awareness campaign* was organized by Uttar Pradesh Viklang Manch (UPVM) on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2016, which started from Convention Centre, Daliganj and ended at Shaheed Smarak, Kaiserbagh, Lucknow. The Chief Guest **Ms. Anupama Maurya** (Deputy Director, Disability Development Department, Government of Uttar Pradesh) flagged off the march. The main aim of the march was *to urge representation and to ensure accessible & inclusive electoral process in UP*. **Mr. Suraj Yadav** (Secretary, Uttar Pradesh Viklang Manch), members of SPARC-India and about 80 PwDs and parents of children with disabilities (CwDs) were present on this occasion.



## STATE LEVEL CONSULTATION MEET

A *State Level Consultation Meet* was organized by World Vision India on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at Hotel Silvete, Kaiserbagh, Lucknow. The Chief Guests on this occasion were **Mr. T. D. Dhariyal** (Deputy Chief Commissioner of Persons with Disabilities, Govt of India) and **Mr. Akhilendra Kumar** (Joint Director, Disability Development Department, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh). Heads of different CSO partners of Uttar Pradesh and **Mr. Suraj Yadav**



(Secretary, Uttar Pradesh Viklang Manch) along with other members of UPVM participated in the event. The agenda of the meet was to discuss the *implementation of National Policy for Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) and State Rehabilitation Policy 2014 for PwDs along with other issues that PwDs face in their day to day life*. About 40 participants were present in the meet.

## CANDLE MARCH ON WORLD DISABILITY DAY

A *candle march* was organized by Uttar Pradesh Viklang Manch (UPVM) on World Disability Day (3<sup>rd</sup> December 2016) at 6 PM from Buddha Park, Daliganj to Shaheed Smark, Kaiserbagh, Lucknow. The Chief Guest on the occasion was **Dr. Amit Kumar Rai** (District Handicapped Development Officer, Lucknow). The main aim of the march was *to pressurize the government to ensure that the Rights to Persons with Disabilities Bill, was passed by the Rajya Sabha in the coming session*. **Mr. Suraj Yadav**



(Secretary, Uttar Pradesh Viklang Manch) along with 120 PwDs were present in the march.

## **Community Based Rehabilitation Program (Jan Vikas Samiti)**

### **1. BAL SAMUH MEETINGS**

#### **BAL SAMUH MEETING AT FAIZULLAHGANJ WARD**

A *Bal Samuh meeting* was held on 03<sup>rd</sup> October 2016 in Naubasta slum of Faizullahganj Ward, Lucknow. The main objective of the meeting was to *spread awareness about health among children with disabilities (CwDs)*. The meeting was attended by **Mrs. Shyama Devi** (Field Worker, SPARC-India), **Ms. Shaheen** (Field Worker, SPARC-India), 16 children including CwDs and non-challenged children and their parents / guardians. The children included 7 boys and 9 girls. They were encouraged to keep themselves and their surroundings clean. They were asked to remove stagnant water in their surroundings to prevent breeding of mosquitoes. They were also told about the different ways by which they could protect themselves from malaria, dengue etc.

#### **BAL SAMUH MEETING AT BHARAT NAGAR**

A *Bal Samuh meeting* was held on 07<sup>th</sup> October 2016 in Bharat Nagar, Lucknow. The main objective of the meeting was to *create awareness about health and related issues*. The meeting was attended by **Ms. Shaheen** (Field Worker, SPARC-India), **Mrs. Shyama Devi** (Field Worker, SPARC-India), 25 children including children with disabilities (CwDs) and non-challenged children and their parents / guardians. The children included 10 boys and 15 girls. The children were told about the different ways by which they could maintain personal hygiene like taking a bath daily, cutting their nails at regular intervals, eating clean food and avoid eating uncovered food.

#### **BAL SAMUH MEETING AT KHADRA**

A *Bal Samuh meeting* was held on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at the Anganwadi Kendra in Khadra, Lucknow. The main objective of the meeting was to *make children aware of cleanliness and personal hygiene*. The meeting was attended by **Ms. Shaheen** (Field Worker, SPARC-India), **Mrs. Shyama Devi** (Field Worker, SPARC-India), 25 children including children with disabilities (CwDs) and non-challenged children and their parents / guardians. The children included 10 boys and 15 girls. Children were told about the different ways by which they could lead a hygienic life. They were also asked to keep their surroundings clean.

### **BAL SAMUH MEETING AT AYODHYA DAS WARD**

A *Bal Samuh meeting* was held on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2016 in Makkaganj II slum of Ayodhya Das Ward, Lucknow. The main objective of the meeting was to *spread awareness about education and health in the children*. The meeting was attended by **Mrs. Shyama Devi** (Field Worker, SPARC-India), **Ms. Shaheen** (Field Worker, SPARC-India), 12 children including children with disabilities (CwDs) and non-challenged children and their parents / guardians. The children included 9 boys and 3 girls. The children were asked to go to school daily and become self dependent. They were also asked to take care of their health by keeping themselves and their surroundings clean.

### **BAL SAMUH MEETING AT KADAM RASUL WARD**

A *Bal Samuh meeting* was held on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2016 in Kadam Rasul Ward, Lucknow. The main objective of the meeting was to *spread awareness about education in children*. 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 8 boys and 11 girls. The children were asked to attend school daily. They were told about the importance of education in a person's life.

### **BAL SAMUH MEETING AT FAIZULLAHGANJ WARD**

A *Bal Samuh meeting* was held on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at the Anganwadi Kendra in Faizullahganj Ward, Lucknow. The main objective of the meeting was to *create awareness about education in children*. The meeting was attended by **Ms. Shaheen** (Field Worker, SPARC-India), **Mrs. Shyama Devi** (Field Worker, SPARC-India), 25 children including children with disabilities (CwDs) and non-challenged children and their parents / guardians. The children included 11 boys and 14 girls. The children were told about the importance of education in a person's life.

### **BAL SAMUH MEETING AT MADIAON WARD**

A *Bal Samuh meeting* was held on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2016 in Semra slum of Madiaon Ward, Lucknow. The main objective of the meeting was to *spread awareness about education and good health*. 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 5 boys



and 5 girls. Children were told to go to their school daily and complete their homework and class work on time. They were asked to protect themselves from mosquitoes by spraying mosquito spray in the surroundings and home and wearing clothes that cover full body.

#### **BAL SAMUH MEETING AT AYODHYA DAS WARD**

A *Bal Samuh meeting* was held on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2016 in Madehganj slum of Ayodhya Das Ward, Lucknow. The main objective of the meeting was to *spread awareness about education and good health*. The meeting was attended by **Mrs. Shyama Devi** (Field Worker, SPARC-India), **Ms. Shaheen** (Field Worker, SPARC-India), 7 children including children with disabilities (CwDs) and non-challenged children and their parents / guardians. The children included 4 boys and 3 girls. The children were asked to go to school daily and become self dependent. They were also asked to take care of their health by keeping themselves and their surroundings clean. They were asked to protect themselves from mosquitoes by spraying mosquito spray in the surroundings and home and wearing clothes that cover full body.

#### **BAL SAMUH MEETING AT FAIZULLAHGANJ WARD**

A *Bal Samuh meeting* was held on 03<sup>rd</sup> November 2016 in Gayatrinagar slum of Faizullahganj 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 **Mrs. Shyama Devi** (Field Worker, SPARC-India), **Ms. Shaheen** (Field Worker, SPARC-India), 7 children including children with disabilities (CwDs) and non-challenged children and their parents / guardians. The children included 5 boys and 2 girls. Some of the children talked about dengue fever. Importance of education and cleanliness was discussed in the meeting.

#### **BAL SAMUH MEETING AT KHADRA**

A *Bal Samuh meeting* was held on 07<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at the Anganwadi Kendra in Khadra, Lucknow. The main objective of the meeting was to *inform parents of children about loan facilities provided by government*. 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 9 boys and 4 girls. The parents were informed that the government provides loan to persons with disability to help in establishing a shop.

#### **BAL SAMUH MEETING AT AYODHYA DAS WARD**

A ***Bal Samuh meeting*** was held on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2016 in Madehganj slum of Ayodhya Das Ward, Lucknow. The main objective of the meeting was to *spread awareness about education and good health*. The meeting was attended by **Mrs. Shyama Devi** (Field Worker, SPARC-India), **Ms. Shaheen** (Field Worker, SPARC-India), 9 children including children with disabilities (CwDs) and non-challenged children and their parents / guardians. The children included 6 boys and 3 girls. The children were asked to go to school daily and become self dependent. They were encouraged to get educated to have a bright future. Health and education both are important for a person to have a good life. They were also asked to take care of their health by keeping themselves and their surroundings clean.

### **BAL SAMUH MEETING AT BHARAT NAGAR**

A ***Bal Samuh meeting*** was held on 08<sup>th</sup> November 2016 in Bharat Nagar, Lucknow. The main objective of the meeting was to *spread awareness about education of children with disabilities (CwDs)*. The meeting was attended by **Ms. Shaheen** (Field Worker, SPARC-India), **Mrs. Shyama Devi** (Field Worker, SPARC-India), 13 children including CwDs and non-challenged children and their parents / guardians. The children included 5 boys and 8 girls. Importance of education was discussed in the meeting. Parents of CwDs were encouraged to enroll and send their children to schools regularly.

### **BAL SAMUH MEETING AT KADAM RASUL WARD**

A ***Bal Samuh meeting*** was held on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2016 in Kadam Rasul Ward, Lucknow. The main objective of the meeting was to *provide information about the admission procedure in schools for children with disabilities (CwDs)*. The meeting was attended by **Ms. Shaheen** (Field Worker, SPARC-India), **Mrs. Shyama Devi** (Field Worker, SPARC-India), 16 children including CwDs and non-challenged children and their parents / guardians. The children included 6 boys and 10 girls. They were told about SPARC-India's Jyoti Kiran School where along with education they could also avail other facilities for overall development of their child.

### **BAL SAMUH MEETING AT FAIZULLAHGANJ WARD**

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

included 5 boys and 10 girls. Importance of education was discussed in the meeting. Parents of CwDs were encouraged to enroll and send their children to schools regularly.

### **BAL SAMUH MEETING AT KHADRA**

A *Bal Samuh meeting* was held on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at the Anganwadi Kendra in Khadra, Lucknow. The main objective of the meeting was to *spread awareness about education of children with disabilities (CwDs)*. The meeting was attended by **Ms. Shaheen** (Field Worker, SPARC-India), **Mrs. Shyama Devi** (Field Worker, SPARC-India), 27 children including CwDs and non-challenged children and their parents / guardians. The children included 9 boys and 18 girls. Importance of education was discussed in the meeting. Parents of CwDs were encouraged to enroll and send their children to schools regularly.

### **QUARTERLY BAL SAMUH MEETING AT BHARAT NAGAR**

A *quarterly meeting of Bal Samuh* was held on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2016 in Bharat Nagar, Lucknow. The main objective of the quarterly meeting was to *provide information about loan and Disability Pension*. The meeting was attended by **Ms. Shaheen** (Field Worker, SPARC-India), **Mrs. Shyama Devi** (Field Worker, SPARC-India), 11 children including children with disabilities (CwDs) and non-challenged children and their parents / guardians. The children included 2 boys and 9 girls. They were also given information about the process and places where they could apply for loan. They were informed about the documents that were needed for Disability Pension which included Income Certificate, Aadhar Card, Disability Certificate, and photocopy of bank passbook. Information was provided that the applicants could take their documents to the Lokvani Kendra where the officials would help them in applying it online.

### **BAL SAMUH MEETING AT MADIAON WARD**

A *Bal Samuh meeting* was held on 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2016 in Semra slum of Madiaon Ward, Lucknow. The main objective of the meeting was to *provide information about the Birth Certificate and Disability Pension*. The meeting was attended by **Mrs. Shyama Devi** (Field Worker, SPARC-India), **Ms. Shaheen** (Field Worker, SPARC-India), 14 children including children with disabilities (CwDs) and non-challenged children and their parents / guardians. The children included 8 boys and 6 girls. They were informed about the process by which they could apply for the Birth Certificate and Disability Pension. Information was provided that the applicants could take their documents to the Lokvani Kendra where the officials would help them in applying it online.

## **2. DISABLE PEOPLE ORGANIZATION (DPO) MEETINGS**

### **DPO MEETING AT KADAM RASUL WARD**

A *DPO meeting* was held on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2016 in Kadam Rasul Ward, Lucknow. The main objective of the meeting was to *spread awareness about cleanliness and health*. 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 9 men & 6 women. In the meeting the field workers discussed about the different ways by which they could keep themselves and their surroundings clean.

### **DPO MEETING AT KADAM RASUL WARD**

A *DPO meeting* was held on 21<sup>st</sup> October 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), 15 persons with disabilities (PwDs) and members from the community. PwDs included 3 men & 12 women. They were informed that the government gives loan to PwDs to start a shop. They were also informed about the process to avail it.

### **DPO MEETING AT MADIAON WARD**

A *DPO meeting* was held on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2016 in Semra slum of Madiaon Ward, Lucknow. The main objective of the meeting was to *provide information about the incentive award on marriages of persons with disabilities (PwDs)*. The meeting was attended by **Mrs. Shyama Devi** (Field Worker, SPARC-India), **Ms. Shaheen** (Field Worker, SPARC-India), 14 persons with disabilities (PwDs) and members from the community. PwDs included 4 men & 10 women. They were informed that the amount of incentive award was Rs. 14,000/- in the case of female partner or both the spouse being disabled. But if only male partner is disabled then the amount was Rs. 11,000/-. PAN Card is a must for it as it is a prerequisite that both the spouse should not be paying any income tax.

### **DPO MEETING AT AYODHYA DAS WARD**

A *DPO meeting* was held on 27<sup>th</sup> October 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 loan.* The meeting was attended by **Mrs. Shyama Devi** (Field Worker, SPARC-India), **Ms. Shaheen** (Field Worker, SPARC-India), 8 persons with disabilities (PwDs) and members from the community. PwDs included 4 men & 4 women. They were informed about the documents needed to avail loan which included Income certificate, Aadhar card, photocopy of bank passbook, Disability Certificate, photocopy of ration card etc.

#### **DPO MEETING AT KADAM RASUL WARD**

A **DPO meeting** was held on 04<sup>th</sup> November 2016 in Kadam Rasul Ward, Lucknow. The main objective of the meeting was to *follow up on the information given in the previous meeting and to spread awareness about health and hygiene.* The meeting was attended by **Ms. Shaheen** (Field Worker, SPARC-India), **Mrs. Shyama Devi** (Field Worker, SPARC-India), 16 persons with disabilities (PwDs) and members from the community. PwDs included 5 men & 11 women. In the meeting the field workers discussed about the ways by which they could keep themselves and their surroundings clean.

#### **DPO MEETING AT AYODHYA DAS WARD**

A **DPO meeting** was held on 12<sup>th</sup> November 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), **Ms. Shaheen** (Field Worker, SPARC-India), 7 persons with disabilities (PwDs) and members from the community. PwDs included 6 men & 1 woman. Forms were filled in the meeting to avail tricycles which were to be distributed on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at Sanket Vidyalaya, Lucknow. It was finalized that Akeel, Sudhir Saini and Mangal Rawat would be going to receive the tricycle.

#### **DPO MEETING AT KADAM RASUL WARD**

A **DPO meeting** was held on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2016 in Iradat nagar of Kadam Rasul Ward, Lucknow. The main objective of the meeting was to *follow up on the information given in the previous meeting.* The meeting was attended by **Ms. Shaheen** (Field Worker, SPARC-India), **Mrs. Shyama Devi** (Field Worker, SPARC-India), 11 persons with disabilities (PwDs) and members from the community. PwDs included 2 men & 9 women. In the meeting, the field workers tried to find out if people had utilized the information given in the previous meeting.

#### **DPO MEETING AT KADAM RASUL WARD**

A **DPO meeting** was held on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2016 in Kadam Rasul Ward, Lucknow. The main objective of the meeting was to *provide information about the rally to be held on World Disability day*. The meeting was attended by **Ms. Shaheen** (Field Worker, SPARC-India), **Mrs. Shyama Devi** (Field Worker, SPARC-India), 16 persons with disabilities (PwDs) and members from the community. PwDs included 7 men & 9 women. The participants were informed that a rally would be held on World Disability Day (3<sup>rd</sup> December 2017) at 6 PM from Buddha Park, Daliganj to Shaheed Smark, Kaiserbagh, Lucknow. They were told that the main aim of the rally was to pressurize the government to ensure that the Rights to Persons with Disabilities Bill, was passed by the Rajya Sabha in the coming session.

#### **QUARTERLY DPO MEETING AT BHARAT NAGAR**

A **quarterly DPO meeting** was held on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2016 in Bharat Nagar, Lucknow. The main objective of the quarterly meeting was to *follow up on the issues discussed in the previous meetings*. 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), 21 persons with disabilities (PwDs) and members from the community. PwDs included 8 men & 13 women. People individually discussed about the issues faced by them in their day to day life.

#### **QUATERLY DPO MEETING AT FAIZULLAHGANJ WARD**

A **quarterly DPO meeting** was held on 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2016 in Yashnagar of Faizullahganj Ward, Lucknow. The main objective of the quarterly meeting was to *provide information to the DPO members about the process to obtain loan and importance of education*. The meeting was attended by **Mr. Somesh D. Bajpai** (Program Manager, SPARC-India), **Ms. Shaheen** (Field Worker, SPARC-India), **Mrs. Shyama Devi** (Field Worker, SPARC-India), 20 persons with disabilities (PwDs) and members from the community. PwDs included 6 men & 14 women. People were made aware of the importance of education in a person's life. They were told about the process by which they could avail loan.

#### **DPO MEETING AT MADIAON WARD**

A **DPO meeting** was held on 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2016 in Semra slum of Madiaon Ward, Lucknow. The main objective of the meeting was to *provide information to the DPO members about the process to obtain loan for self employment*. The meeting was attended by **Mrs. Shyama Devi** (Field Worker, SPARC-India), **Ms. Shaheen** (Field Worker, SPARC-India), 11 persons with disabilities (PwDs) and members from the community. PwDs included 3 men & 8 women. They

were informed that for a loan of Rs. 10,000/-, Rs. 2,500/- was given as grant-in-aid and Rs. 7,500/- as a loan on 4% simple interest to run a business using a Khokha, Gumati or Thela or for running a shop taken on rent for a period of minimum 5 years.

#### **QUARTERLY DPO MEETING AT KADAM RASUL WARD**

A *quarterly DPO meeting* was held on 28<sup>th</sup> December 2016 in Kadam Rasul Ward, Lucknow. The main objective of the quarterly meeting was to *provide information about loan for equipments or assistive devices*. The meeting was attended by **Mr. Somesh D. Bajpai** (Program Manager, SPARC-India), **Mr. Suraj Yadav** (Secretary, Uttar Pradesh Viklang Manch), **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 9 men & 18 women. Mr. Bajpai discussed in detail about the process to avail loan and equipments. Mr. Yadav talked about the loan provided by National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation (NHFDC) to PwDs.