

Quarterly Report April - June 2015

Jyoti Kiran School- An Inclusive School

VALEDICTORY FUNCTION OF SUMMER CAMP

A four week *summer camp* for students of Jyoti Kiran School was organised at the School campus. Summer camp included singing and dancing activities along with a theatre workshop. The valedictory ceremony of the camp was held on 6th June 2015 at Rai Uma Nath Bali Auditorium. Hon. **Raj Shekhar**, District Magistrate, Lucknow was the chief guest on this occasion. Other dignitaries present on this occasion were **Anand M. Makwana**, Zonal Deputy General Manager, GAIL, **Nishant Sinha**, Vice-



President AEGIS Ltd. and **Amitabh Mehrotra**, Founder Chairperson and Director of SPARC India. The guests inaugurated the ceremony by lighting the lamp which was followed by a prayer song. The students of Jyoti Kiran School performed a skit 'Save the girl' on women empowerment. The next play 'Badalpur Gaon' emphasised on the importance of environment conservation. At the end of the play, children distributed saplings to the guests. Performances given by children with cerebral palsy and other disabilities enthralled the audience extensively. Mukesh Verma, founder of Satyapath Rang mandal had given theatre training to the children during the summer camp. Chief guest District Magistrate Raj Shekhar said that the children with disability are equally skilled and only need love and assistance from the society so they could live a normal life. Amitabh Mehrotra emphasised that children are skilled and only need a chance. He said that the society needs to welcome them with open heart and help them in overcoming their own disability and excel in life.



Poorest Area Civil Society (PACS)

REFRESHER OF IDENTIFIED UPVM LEADERS FOR TWO DAYS

A two day *refresher meet of UPVM leaders* was held on 23rd and 24th June 2015 at 11/22 Parijat Guest House, Insaaf Nagar, Indira Nagar Lucknow. The objective of the meet was a refresher of identified UPVM leaders. Participants at the meet included **Mr Amitabh Mehrotra** (founder Chairperson and Director of SPARC India), **Mr. Suraj Yadav** (Secretary, Uttar Pradesh Viklang Manch), other UPVM leaders and members from SPARC India. The meet was initiated by Mr. Suraj Yadav who started the discussion by asking the participants about the trainings imparted to them in the last year and how much were they able to initialize and implement it and take benefit out of it. Mr. Amitabh Mehrotra, acknowledged the problems faced by persons with disabilities, and stated that

“We have to be too confident to show that we are more sincere and smart than normal person”. The issues identified by the participants were that people do not get attached to UPVM, commuting in all 17 blocks was quite difficult, difficulty was being faced in identifying issues as well and schemes that were not accessible easily.

ORGANISING PEACEFUL MEANS OF SOCIAL ASSERTION

A *peaceful means of social assertion* was organised on 24th June 2015 from Daliganj Bridge to Shahid Smarak, Kaiserbagh, Lucknow *in lieu of Helen Keller's birthday on 27th June*. **Mr. Akhilesh Bajpai**, District Handicapped Development Welfare Officer and **Mr. Amitabh Mehrotra** founder chairperson and Director SPARC India flagged the procession to proceed. Approximately 300 Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) from 20 districts were present in the procession. The participants carried lit candles, Banners and Placards in their hands. After reaching at Shahid Smarak all the participants eased themselves on the stairs and were given refreshment. Mr. Suraj (Secretary UPVM) addressed the participants and Media. He discussed the few points in detail. He discussed the inspirational life of Helen Keller. All participants and media were briefed about the “Charter of Demand”. It was decided that the other day on 25th of June at 12:00, am few participants including Mr. Suraj Yadav will go to Honbl'e Shri Ambika Choudhary (Minister of Handicapped Development Welfare Department) and get the Charter of Demand Signed.

REFRESHER ON THEMATIC ISSUES OF DPO LEADERS COVERING ALL FOUR REGIONS OF LUCKNOW

A *refresher meets on thematic issues of DPO leaders' covering all four regions of Lucknow* was held on 25th June 2015 at 11/22 Parijat Guest House, Insaaf Nagar, Indira Nagar Lucknow. The main objective of the meet was a refresher on thematic issues of DPO leaders covering all four regions of Lucknow. The participants included DPO leaders and members of SPARC India. The ‘Charter of Demand’ was read in front of the participants and discussion was initiated. Issues faced by persons with disabilities in regards to employment, education, health and nutrition were discussed.

Sponsorship Program (SLF)

HEALTH MEETING AT ANGANWADI CENTRE

A *health related meeting* was held on 16th May 2015 at the Anganwadi centre of Mrs. Manoj Mishra. Health worker Mrs **Meena Singh**, community workers from SPARC India, members and pregnant ladies of the community were present on this occasion. Mrs. Meena Singh emphasised on proper immunization and eating habits for pregnant women as it plays a vital role in preventing disabilities in the children.

DPO MEETINGS AT PRIMARY SCHOOLS

To help ensure the empowerment of the DPO members the community workers visited the primary schools in the area on 19th June 2015. In the meeting they emphasised on the equal rights of children with disability to study with the normal children. They sensitized the school authorities towards various concerns pertaining to children with disabilities as the primary schools are opened by the government for all children.