

**ASHA KA JHARNA ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT
(APRIL 2011 TO MARCH 2012)**

**Quarterly Activity Report
January 2012 to March 2012**

- 1. New Year Celebrations:** Beginning of new calendar year 2012 was done on an auspicious note when local college students distributed kites and sweets among our children in the presence of Deputy Superintendent of Police, Nawalgarh who also spent quality time with special kids. Visitors were sensitized about 'Discover Ability'.
- 2. Pravasi Bhartiya Diwas:** 'Pravasi Bhartiya Diwas' is the annual mega event to assemble Non Resident Indians across the world organized by Central Government. This year PBD was held at Jaipur from 07th to 09th January. We took this opportunity to showcase our services in this region to Indian Diaspora. Through an exhibition stall, we interacted with visitors; displayed greeting cards designed by our children; disseminated information to a wide audience of 1500 + which were over whelmed and appreciative of AKJ work.
- 3. Kite Festival:** This year a novel concept of kite festival was introduced at Nawalgarh by Lions Club. During the week-long event, all citizens from the community participated in the kite flying competitions held as per different groupings. One day was reserved for our special children who flew the kites of different shades and sizes to demonstrate their ability and walked away with many prizes.
- 4. District Level Games for Special Athletes and Community Coach Training:**

Synopsis of Community Coach Training & District Level Games For PWD'S Held At SIKAR (Raj.) From 10th January To 13th January 2012

To conduct the district level games for special needs children and adults under the scheme of Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Govt. of India, Asha Ka Jharna was selected as the host nodal NGO. Soon after, a local

level committee at Sikar was constituted in which following members were inducted :-

1. Mr. Sudeep Goyal, Nodal NGO Representative and Convenor
2. Mr. Jagdish Chandra Khandelwal, District Education Officer & DPC Sarv Shiksha Abhiyan Sikar
3. Mr. Chain Singh Shekhawat, Distt. Sports Officer Sikar
4. Mr. Mukesh Narain Mathur, Deputy Director , Deptt of Social Justice & Empowerment Sikar
5. Ms. Sannu Modi, Eminent Social Worker
6. Mr. Rakesh Gupta, Parent of a special child
7. Mr. Murari Soni, Special Athlete
8. Ms. Uma Rastogi, Teacher Coordinator

Various meetings were held at Asha Ka Jharna and SSA offices. Schools at all eight blocks were visited by us and teachers were sensitized. Athlete registration forms were sent fifteen days in advance and media coverage was done to mobilize maximum PWD's.

Options for various venues were explored and visited upon. S K School Ground No 2, Behind Police Lines was finalized keeping in mind its easy accessibility. For team events District Stadium was chosen. Permissions were taken from the local administration and officials to use these facilities which were duly cleaned and watered before the due date.

Community Coach Training Program: On 10th and 11th January, Community Coaches Orientation and Training Sessions were organized at S K Ground with both theory and practical concepts being cleared by the resource persons. Total of 67 special educators, normal teachers, sports persons, volunteers and parents participated. Divisioning of prior registered athletes was also done to put them at par according to their ability.

National and Master Trainers for this two day training programme were Mr Ramji Lal Bairwa, Mo. Vakil, Mr Raj Kumar, Mr Vineet sharma, Mr Prabhakar sharma and Mo. Wazid Khan.

Games conducted: On 12th and 13th January 2012 games were held at S K Ground (**Track & Field Athletics Events and Bocce Team Events**) as well as District Stadia Sikar (**Badminton and Kho Kho Team Events**).

Highlight of these games was that **first time in Rajasthan Kho Kho was played.**

In totality **70 sports events were held** and medals distributed accordingly.

Total of 232 special needs athletes participated in these games (as per disability breakup 106 Intellectually Challenged, 87 hearing & Speech Impaired and 39 Loco motor Disabled). Athletes from Asha Ka Jharna Special School, Kasturba Seva Sansthan, Anjuman Madrasa, Hardayal Govt School Sikar, Sikar Deaf Sports Association, Various Govt schools situated at eight blocks Piprali, Nim Ka Thana, Khandela, Sri Madho Pur, Dhod, Laxmangarh, Fatehpur and Dataram Garh and general PWD's showed their abilities to the best of their potential in front of dignitaries and public.

Healthy Smile Programme: Another highlight of the Sikar district games was the 'Healthy Smile Programme ' in which dental check up and general hygiene of all the athletes was done by Dr Ishan Kalawatia from Jhalawar Medical College and Dr Amit Sharma MDS .Proper advice was given to parents.

Opening Ceremony of District Sports Meet witnessed by :-

Chief Guest - Smt. Rita Singh, Zila Pramukh, Zila Parishad , Sikar
Guest of Honour - Sh. Ashok Pareek A.D.P.C. SSA Sikar
Guest of Honour - Sh Shrawan Kumar APC (IED Incharge) Sikar
Guest of Honour - Kumari Upasana Special Athlete
Guest of Honour - Sh. Rajendra Khetan Prominent Businessman
Guest of Honour - Sh. U K Pandey Area Director SOB Rajasthan

Medal and Closing Ceremony was attended by :-

Chief Guest - Sh. P C Meena Superintendent Govt ITI Sikar
Guest of Honour - Sh. Sudhir Garg President Bharat Vikas Parishad Sikar
Guest of Honour - Sh. Vimal Sarada President Maheshwari Yuva Manch Sikar
Guest of Honour - Kumari Ria Garg Special Athlete
Guest of Honour - Smt Monalisa Mehta ,Disability Expert and Resource Person Jaipur

Guest of Honour - Smt Sannu Modi Agarwal Mahila Mandal
Sikar

During closing ceremony at Jumble March Past whole ground was excited to walk along with special athletes and presented a unique view of integration of community.

- 5. Resource Mapping:** For any intervention strategy, it is vital to do proper survey and figure out the ground realities at the disability level. We did a survey on behalf of 'PARIVAAR' enumerating all demographics for PWIDS. Their vital statistics and facilities being availed at present were recorded by our staff in all three schools as well as Ganganagar and Makrana Blocks.
- 6. Continuous Rehabilitation Extension :** We always send our staff on various professional enrichment programs and refresher courses to update their skills. A CRE on 'Enhancing the Role of Special Educator in Early Childhood Special Education' at Prayas Jaipur was attended by our special educator where he interacted and gained insight with rehab professionals.
- 7. Republic Day Celebrations:** National Festival was observed with usual vigor and enthusiasm. Various cultural programmes were performed by specially abled children in the presence of parents and local community. Their demonstrated skills enthralled and moved everyone. Gifts and sweets were distributed in the end.
- 8. Excursion at Jaipur:** A group of 40 special children went to Jaipur on a excursion trip where they were taken to an amusement studio with 3D effects, video and computer games. They had an eventful day with delicious snacks and food followed by woolen sweater distributed by local Lions Club members. Children also visited temple and park.
- 9. Shekhawati Utsav 2012:** During the annual gala fest, our children participate and shine each year. This time also, eight of AKJ children took part in Rajasthani solo and group dance as well as Mehendi decoration. They were awarded special prizes.

- 10. State Games for Disabled:** Thirty of AKJ children who stood first during the district games participated in the Rajasthan State Games organized by Special Olympics Bharat at Chirawa on 17 -18 February. Total of 220 athletes across the state took part in various sports events. Our Kho-Kho team of hearing impaired children was the winner and chosen for National Games. Three of our mentally challenged children were also selected in athletics.
- 11. Uniform Distribution:** During February, AKJ Sikar and Nawalgarh children were taken to Mukundgarh and Dundlod twice for interaction with the local community. They offered prayers at temple, had Prasad and were distributed one set of school uniform by Sh. Goenka ji , prominent industrialist at Chennai.
- 12. Regional Parents Meet: PARIVAAR** is a National Confederation of Parent's Organizations for persons with Intellectual and developmental disabilities. Founded in 1995, Parivaar has a membership of over 220 parents' Associations and NGOs working in this area spread over 30 states of India. Parivaar has a long term partnership program with NIMH and has been holding the National parents meet every year. Regional Parents Meets are held to bring parents together in a state/region to understand the current status of services, programs and schemes available to persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities (PwIDDs) and other initiatives that Parivaar has been taking to strengthen the hands of parents. Each year ten RPM's are conducted throughout the country region wise.

Synopsis of 8th Regional Parents Meet Held At JHUNJHUNU (Rajasthan) From 3rd March To 4th March 2012

To conduct the RPM , Asha Ka Jharna was selected as the host nodal NGO by NIMH and PARIVAAR. As this was the first such event in Rajasthan, we worked really hard to make it successful. Various meetings were held three months prior to the event .Media coverage was done to mobilize maximum parents. Options for various venues were explored and visited upon. Khemi Shakti Trust Jhunjhunu management was contacted and persuaded to provide accommodation for parents and resource persons free of cost.

Making Wider Participation: To make this pioneer meet in the state a successful venture, wide publicity was given through print media and other sources. Letters were sent to all the organisations working for special needs persons in Rajasthan and Gujarat. Personal phone calls were made to all chief functionaries of special schools. Invitation cards were sent to more than hundred Govt. offices, social clubs, associations and prominent citizens by which they were also briefed about this event. Contacts were made with eminent professionals working in the rehabilitation field. Due to our good networking we were able to have with us veteran personality like Prof (Dr) Sushil Kumar Goel from NCERT Bhopal , Mrs. Seema Bhattacharya , Mr Ravi Hooja from Jaipur.

Total of 112 parents (From all places of Rajasthan and Gujarat states) , three office bearers cum resource persons from NIMH and PARIVAAR, four external resource persons, our technical advisor, twelve staff members, thirty two special children, seven journalists/press photographers, about forty local citizens along with distinguished guests participated during the two days meet and gained perspective.

RPM PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

8th REGIONAL PARENTS' MEET

2011 – 2012

Theme: Journey from Welfare to Rights!

Transition from a Medico social model to Rights based model

3rd – 4th March, 2012 JHUNJHUNU (RAJ.)

DAY ONE : 3rd March, 2012			
9.30-10.30 AM	Registration		
10.30 to 11.30	Inauguration		
11.30-12 NOON	Tea/ Networking Break		
Time	Technical Session	Presenter	Chairperson
12.00 – 12.30	Support for	Dr. (Mrs.)	Prof. S. K. Goel

	Transition from School to Employment	Usha Grover NIMH Delhi	
12.30 – 12.40	DISCUSSION		
12.40 - 1.20	Disability Legislations and Process of changes	Mr. Ravi Hooja, Disability activist, Jaipur	Col V K Gautam
1.20 – 1.30 P.M.	DISCUSSION		
1.30 - 2.15	LUNCH		
2.15 - 3.00	The importance of Early Intervention for PwIDDs	Ms. Seema Bhattacharyya, Rehabilitation Psychologist, Jaipur	Dr Usha Grover
3.00 – 3.15	DISCUSSION		
3.15 - 4.00	Improving Quality of Life of PwIDDs through formation of SHGs.	Mr. Vijay Kant COM, Parivaar	Mr Sudeep Goyal
4.00 – 4.15	DISCUSSION		
4.15 p.m	Tea Break		
4.45 – 5.45 p.m.	Cultural Programme		
DAY TWO : 4th March, 2012			
9.30 - 10.15	Role of Self Advocates in realising their Rights	Mr. Vijay Kant COM, Parivaar	Mr Ravi Hooja
10.15 – 10.30	DISCUSSION		
10.30 - 11.15	Role of Parent as Co - Educator	Prof. S. K. Goel HOD (Rtd.) , NCERT,BHOPAL	Mr Vijay Kant
11.15 – 11.30	DISCUSSION		
11.30- 11.45	Tea Break		
11.45 -12.30	Advocacy role of	Lt. Col. Dr. V	Mrs Monalisa

	families in protecting the Rights of PwIDDs	K Gautam, Gen. Secretary, Parivaar Indore	Mehta
12.30 – 1.15	Accept and Move On – Story of a parent with autistic child By Arpita , Jaipur		
1.15-2.00 pm	Lunch Break		
2.00 - 3.15	Issues Relating to State and Region & Specific ACTION PLAN	Panel Discussions Mr. Sudeep Goyal Mr. Vijay Kant Lt. Col. Dr. V K Gautam Local Reps.	Chaired By Mr Manphool Singh , Deputy Director Deptt of Social Justice & Empowerment
3.15 - 3.45	Valedictory		
3.45 – 4.00	Tea Break		

Total of nine technical sessions were done during two days meet besides inaugural and valedictory sessions as per the above mentioned schedule. Lots of brainstorming was done to reflect on diverse issues concerning the rights of PwIDDs. Common theme among all discussions was to strengthen the parents movement as well actualization of rights by persons with special needs as per UNCRPD.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE TECHNICAL SESSIONS: During the inaugural session **Mr. J P Chandelia** (IAS) stressed upon the joint role of parents, institutions and Govt. to realize full potential of challenged persons. He further elaborated upon the various schemes available at the department level. Mr Kishori Tibrewal assured his trust support in all activities for the wellbeing of PwIDDs. Mr Sudeep Goyal welcomed all parents whereas Mr Vijay Kant and Col Gautam explained the concept of RPM and topics to be covered.

Dr. Usha Grover in her first session set the tone of the meet and underlined the importance of vocational training. She told that after passing out from

special schools usually child does not have the further avenues and we should explore products and services appropriate to local geographical situation in which our children can be engaged to get gainful employment.

Mrs Seema Bhattacharya (Rehabilitation Psychologist) urged the parents to have positive attitude while dealing with their wards. We should take them along into the community and make them participate into all activities. She talked about role of parents in their journey towards independence and developmental milestones. Behaviour modification and counseling was also touched upon by her.

Mr Vijay Kant in one session shared the examples of good work being done by the Self Help Groups formed in Kerala, Tamilnadu and Karnataka. PARIVAAR structure and its activities were elaborated. Delegates also learnt about ‘Disabled Persons Group’ formed at the Gram Panchayat (Local Body) level and activities envisaged through these.

During his second session he explained the self-advocacy – its definition, role and dynamics. Mr Vijay Kant gave many instances in which PwIDDs took upon themselves to discuss and decide themselves the best course of action in the situations directly concerning them. Being the primary stakeholder a special need person is best one to champion his cause and his self-esteem boosts when he is heard by the society.

Mr Ravi Hooja dealt with “The Rights of Persons with Disability Bill 2011” based on the ‘United Nation’s Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities’ at length and the justification in various amendments. Various terms such as Least Restrictive Environment For Appropriate Education ; self-determination and assisted decision making ; Social & Medical Models of Disability ; Universal Legal capacity with support; No forced interventions ; Twin – Track approach to Inclusive Education were explained in free flowing manner.

Prof (Dr.) S K Goel in his presentation dealt with many issues governing the growth of a special child. He said that parent is the first and only educator. There has to be harmony between institutional care and home based training. Dr Goel also developed the framework to educate these children in the rural areas given the short supply of appropriate services

there. His presentation was based on the practical aspects of special education and role of parent.

Ms Arpita Yadav in her emotional thought provoking presentation shared the parent's perspective. She took the audience on a journey with a parent of autistic child. Feelings, experiences and evolving into a mature rational parent were beautifully covered. She ended up with the administration of a pledge to all parents present in the hall that "WE WILL ACCEPT AND MOVE ON".

Lt. Col. V K Gautam in his lucid session touched upon all the topics and took audience questions. He elaborated the concept and importance of 'NOTHING ABOUT US WITHOUT US'. He urged all parents to be united and take advocacy further to realize the aspirations and potential. Through a icebreaking exercise he also motivated parents to come out and share their thoughts.

During the open house and valedictory session forum was thrown open for Q & A. Wide range of questions like genetic profiling, resources available in Rajasthan, autism spectrum disorder, shortage of special educators with institutions due to Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan and ways to overcome this, NIMH short term courses for parents, formation of a parent association etc. were answered by the dais. **Mr Manphool Singh** extended his deptt support to all parents. Parents from Jhunjhunu vowed to register their association in the near future. **Mr. Sudeep Goyal** thanked all for their participation and offered to conduct next NPM by **Asha Ka Jharna**.

Opening Ceremony of Regional Parents Meet Witnessed by :-

Chief Guest - Sh. J. P Chandelia , IAS Rajasthan Finance
Commission Jaipur

Presided By - Dr Usha Grover Incharge , NIMH RC Delhi

Guest of Honour - Sh. Vijay Kant COM , PARIVAAR , Bangalore

Guest of Honour - Col. V K Gautam Secretary, PARIVAAR ,
Indore

Guest of Honour - Sh. Kishori Tibra Trustee , Khemi Shakti Trust

Guest of Honour - Sh. Rajesh Agarwal Head , NGO Jhunjhunu

Closing Ceremony was Attended by :-

Chief Guest - Sh Manphool Singh Deptt of SJ & Empowerment
,Jhunjhunu
Presided By - Dr .S.K. Goel HOD (Retd.) NCERT Bhopal
Guest of Honour - Arpita Yadav Parent & Founder , Approach for
Autism, Jaipur
Guest of Honour - Col. V K Gautam Secretary, PARIVAAR , Indore
Organizer NGO - Sudeep Goyal Secretary , Asha Ka Jharna

During opening and closing ceremony whole meeting hall was excited to shake legs with special needs children as they presented before the audience excellent dance moves on the themes of Holi , Garba , Dandia , Rajasthani folk dance , religious and patriotic songs. Children and guest played with Gulal colours. Both these functions were widely appreciated by the delegates, guests and media who showered blessings on the kids.

13. Foundation Course on Disability: During the reported period, another batch of 40 Govt. Teachers from three districts took part in two face-to-face programmes of 21 days as part of their IGNOU course module at our Nawalgarh study centre. Expert resource persons from cross – section of professionals coupled with our special educators took theory and practical components. Teachers were given hands – on training at lesson planning, class room management, making & using appropriate teaching aids, assessment and counseling of special children in inclusive school setup.

14. Festivals : Traditional New Year Makar Sakranti , Festival of colour HOLI , Birthday of Lord Shiva Maha Shivratri all were celebrated with customary zeal and full tradition. Communal Harmony was taught by way of integrating all sections of children.

Quarterly Activity Report
October 2011 to December 2011

15. School Activities: After the board exam results, children were settled in their new classes and all routine activities were done as per schedule and as per respective 'Individualised Education & Training Programme' devised after reassessment. Nutrition supplements, stationery, transport facility, uniform and sweaters (along with blankets to most needy families) provided to all the children.

16. Right to Education Workshop: As the new RTE act has far reaching provisions for children in the age group of 6 – 14 years, a sensitization workshop was organized by Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan at Jaipur. Various provisions of training of teachers, class room management, lesson planning and assistive tools etc. were elaborated by the resource persons. We apprised them of the IGNOU foundation course for mainstream teachers being run at our centre since last four years through which around five hundred teachers have been enabled to deliver the services effectively to special needs children.

17. IGNOU Coordinator Meeting: During the coordinator meeting of all study centres of Rajasthan, we briefed PRO vice chancellor of Indira Gandhi National Open University about our activities and suggested some changes in the modules of foundation course in light of our experience. More such short term training programmes in the rehabilitation field were asked for to create an informed pool.

18. FCED Contact Programme: Another batch of 40 govt. teachers got their training during the reported period. With the help of in house trainers and

some external resource professionals, we have strived hard to inculcate the feeling of empathy among these teachers who always go back with a sense of belongingness and desire to work more closely with special children. During their stay this time, festivals of Deepawali and Christmas were celebrated with the active participation of teachers. Many of them described it as their best ever Deepawali. We also made them promise to integrate the children in their schools during all the opportunities possible besides making practical use of classroom teaching what they have learnt here at AKJ.

19. Special Olympics Meeting: A meeting was called at Area Director office , Pilani where representatives from ten districts of Rajasthan assembled to finalise the modalities of conducting district games for special persons under the banner of Special Olympics and Department of Sports and Youth Affairs. This is a flagship scheme in which persons with disabilities participate in the two days games competition where various sport events are played. AKJ has been entrusted the responsibility of conducting Sikar district level games for which preparations are in full swing.

20. Capacity Building Workshop: One resource person from ‘Sense International/BPA’ visited us and shared perspective on educating deaf blind children. This being a novel approach, our staff gained valuable lessons from her.

21. BTE Distribution Camp: Our intensive campaigning and efforts of last one year paid dividends when 220 children and elderly persons with speech and hearing impairment coming from far away places across six districts of Rajasthan got high quality behind the ear hearing aids free of cost. At a glittering function held at Jaipur, officials from ‘Starkey Hearing

Foundation' USA distributed these aids along with ear moulds and batteries. Children were very enthusiastic to wear these aids which transmitted them good distortion free sound. With this second camp in three years, four hundred aids worth more than one Crore rupees had been gifted to needy children in our region through Asha Ka Jharna.

22. Resource Sharing and Hand Holding: We consulted with a philanthropist at Jaipur regarding opening up a new facility for special children in his area. Detailed guidelines were given to him with respect of selection of site; making of classrooms and other facilities; conducting surveys for identification; assessment tools; selection of right educators; academic and training modules and so on. Till date we have helped four organizations to be built up from greenfield at Jaisalmer, Sujangarh, Sikar and Bikaner.

23. Exposure Visit: 50 special children along with their teachers studying at govt. schools in Pali District came to AKJ as a part of their exposure visit. We interacted with them; made them play, perform, draw and have fun. We also briefed accompanying teachers to be more receptive to their needs while working with them in a inclusive setup.

24. Woolen Cloths Distribution: Woolen sweaters and socks were distributed to sixty of our children at a nearby Ashram. Children also went on a excursion trip with delicious food served to them.

25. World Day for Disabled: 3rd December as 'International Day for Disabled' is observed worldwide. We use this occasion to show case the abilities of differently abled children. This year our children were sent to Jhunjhunu district level games organized by Chirawa special school. They participated there in various sports events and bagged more than 20 medals. At Sikar a programme organized by SSA, children took part in an awareness rally,

performed cultural programmes, participated in sporting events. Audience including district collector and other admin officials along with general public were enthralled by their spirit and appreciated profusely.

26. National Trust Review Meeting: Annual review meeting of Rajasthan organizations registered with National Trust, Delhi was attended by us at UMANG SNAC Centre, Jaipur. Nearly 30 NGO's participated and shared their annual activity report. NT new initiatives were also discussed. We made a presentation and invited all for the forthcoming 'Regional Parents Meet' hosted by AKJ.

27. Functions and Celebrations: During the reporting period, Navratras, Dusserha, Diwali, Eid and Christmas were celebrated with usual fun and fair. Children were briefed about their importance and a message of harmony and solidarity was conveyed to them.

Quarterly Activity Report July 2011 to September 2011

28. Capacity Building: To augment the skills of other organizations in this field, we shared a manual on learning disability with 'Govt. School for Hearing Impaired' at Jaipur.

29. Outreach and Awareness: To showcase their abilities and to generate empathy, we took our children to foundation day function of 'Bharat Vikas Parishad' where they performed and were applauded by the dignitaries of town. Similarly visitors from Surat, Mumbai and Indore interacted with the children and spent quality time here.

30. Resource Sharing: AKJ sent its special educator as a resource person for two days to Churu where a group of 40 Aanganwadi workers were sensitized and briefed upon various aspects of disability with special focus on early identification and intervention in 0 – 6 year age group children.

31. Functions and Celebrations: During the reported period , various functions such as Raksha Bandhan, Janmashtami, Idul-fitar, Navratra and local fair of Baba Ramdev along with National Independence Day were celebrated with full zeal. Feeling of bonding was strengthened among children, parents, staff and community.

32. Dental and Health Checkup: As a practice, we conduct two dental and health checkup in a year to assess the general wellbeing of our children. This was done on August 24th by a group of dentist and physician from Jangid Hospital, Nawalgarh. Dental, Oral hygiene, ENT and general body checkup was done and accordingly advice given to parents.

33. Ear Mould Measurement Camp: As a last assessment camp before this year, distribution of BTE hearing aids, 85 children and elderly persons were screened for hearing loss and their ear canal measurement was taken for proper fitting earmould. This time, due to our wide media publicity, children from as far as 300 km. across Rajasthan came and were benefitted.

Quarterly Activity Report **April 2011 to June 2011**

34. Networking and Resource Sharing: we always believe in capacity building and networking of likeminded individuals and organizations to create and enrich a better resource pool for special needs population. In this regard, we extended our help to one upcoming special school at Bikaner by guiding them with various tools and policies. We also got arranged free BTE hearing aid identification camp there.

35. Finalization of State Policy for Disabled: Consultations and deliberations of all stakeholders to develop a forward looking pragmatic Rajasthan state disabled policy have been going on for quite some time. We have always participated in this crucial exercise and put through our thoughts on it. On 03rd May, one advanced meeting was attended by us at Jaipur in which final draft was read out and after discussions was forwarded to state Govt. for adoption and enactment of the policy.

36. FCED Review Meeting: On 10th May, a high powered review meeting of 'Foundation Course on Disability' was called at education department headquarter. Stock taking of previous batches; procedural hurdles at district level; revised schedules; current year targets and action plan were discussed thoroughly and it was agreed upon to take this ambitious national programme further with full zeal. We highlighted the importance of feedback from the successful trainee teachers and were given the responsibility of developing the module for same.

37. National Coach Training Camp: Under the banner of ‘Special Olympics, Bharat’ and ‘Deptt. of Sports, Govt. of India’, one week advanced master training camp for preparing national coaches was held at Gwalior in which four of our sports teachers and special educators participated. They learnt the basics of conducting state and national games for special children. Theory and practical concepts were explained and demonstrated by the sports professors and detailed drill of organizing different game events was undertaken. Asha Ka Jharna has been entrusted the responsibility of conducting Sikar District Level Games during current academic year.

38. Outreach Services at Disability Camp: During a one day disability aids and appliances distribution camp held at Nawalgarh by Lions Club, we provided the services of our audiometer along with audiologist who screened the prospective hearing impaired persons. Body level hearing aids were provided to them through central govt. scheme. Besides more than one hundred tricycles, wheel chairs and calipers were distributed to physically challenged persons.

39. Accessibility Workshop: We participated in a daylong workshop themed on accessibility software’s available for special needs persons. New IT tools and programmes were show cased among delegates. This workshop was sponsored by ‘Barrier Free Technologies’.

40. Annual Exams under NIOS: National Institute of Open Schooling, Noida (National School Examination Board) conducted annual exams of three levels equivalent to class 3rd, 5th and 8th for our enrolled children. Total of 19

children appeared for these exams which will enable them for recognized certification.

41. Out Reach, Awareness and Training Activities: During the children summer vacation, we sent our staff members to nearby community areas within 25 Km. radius. Aim was to identify and counsel the parents of untapped special needs children. Their needs and specific requirements were assessed. Steps were taken to address the findings.

During the same period, staff took the annual stock taking exercise of their class rooms. New teaching and learning material were developed, updating of records was done, rooms were redecorated and some brief training sessions were organized.