

ASHA KA JHARNA

Quarterly Activity Report (April 2018 to June 2018)

This quarterly activity report for the period April 2017 to June 2018 of **Asha Ka Jharna (AKJ)** special schools is aimed to depict, describe and list various activities undertaken with children, staff and community members during this period. The report also illustrates the various events organized by the organization, visits of prominent personalities, awards, honors and accreditations received etc.

- We were given '**Transparency Badge**' by Guide Star India in recognition of adherence to public disclosures, compliance management and legal governance to statutory regulations.
- Our Chief Functionary Mr Sudeep Goyal was invited by Election Commission of Rajasthan for State Level Workshop on Accessible Elections held at Jaipur on 16th April. Inputs were gathered from the stakeholders including persons with disabilities, professionals working in disability sector, district electoral officers etc. and presented to Election Commission of India by Ms Smitha Sadasivan , Consultant, Accessible Elections , Election Commission of India.
- On 30th April, uniform were distributed to 60 of our school children by one of our well-wisher at a function held at Govt Hospital Nawalgarh. Speakers including local MLA Sh. Raj Kumar Sharma praised high of our services since last twenty years.
- Board examinations results of 8th class which were conducted by Rajasthan School Education Board were declared in May. All ten AKJ children (students with hearing impairment) passed these exams confidently and were declared eligible to be promoted to next class.
- On 17th – 18th May, "Social Role Valorization" Overview Batch 2 - 'Power of Roles' theme based Workshop was held at Jaipur thereby proving that strong momentum has built here at Rajasthan. A lively group of more than 40 professionals and mothers learnt about various aspects of wounding, devaluation and valued roles. SRV grads Arpita Yadav, Sudeep Goyal, Geeta Mondol and Bharti Shekhawat provided leadership, along with national content expert Betsy Neuville from Key Stone India Institute. We talked about building on the learning, next steps, forging alliances, and joining the growing community of change agents in India.

- On 21st May, as last leg of Deen Dayal Upadhyay Vishesh Yogya Jan Campaign Drive, an aids & appliances distribution camp was held at Sikar where hundreds of persons with disabilities were provided motorized tricycles, wheel chairs, calipers, Jaipur foot, white cane etc. Concession certificates were made by the doctors and UDID registration completed. Similar camp was organized at Jhunjhunu on 21st June. Our team members actively participated in both of these camps by assisting PWDs in filling the forms, guiding them about schemes and general logistic support for which we were felicitated by district administration.
- On 23rd May, Local Level Committee Jhunjhunu meeting was called upon under the chairmanship of Distt. Collector. We as convener had processed applications for legal guardian ship of PWIDDs. These were placed before LLC and approved. UDID project was also discussed with our emphasis on fast tracking the smart card issuance.
- On 25th May, Networking Meet was held by our funding & strategic partner 'The Hans Foundation' at New Delhi where we exchanged the best practices among us thereby leveraging our strengths. Wide spectrum of organizations workings in a Metropolitan to a rural setting were touched upon. Key learnings from this meet are being implemented by AKJ straight away.
- Five Days Continuous Rehabilitation Extension/Enrichment (CRE) workshop at Asha Ka Jharna Special School Nawalgarh (Rajasthan) was organized from 1st to 5th June. Resource Faculties Sh Dattatreya Rai & Sh Pushvinder Singh from 'National Institute of Empowerment of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities', Govt of India and 45 Special Educator Participants from Rajasthan, Haryana, Gujarat & Delhi took part in this CRE. Lectures, Case Study, Small Group Work, Presentations by Group Leaders followed by Q & A, Doubt Clearing Sessions were scheduled in 5 Days.

Topics Covered : Introduction to Human Behaviour ; Characteristics ; Deviation in PWIDDs ; Intro to Problem Behaviours ; Types & Whys of Problem ; Techniques of Recording ; Types of Behavioural Recording and Recording Maintenance ; Functions of Behaviour ; Techniques of Behaviour Management ; Implementation of Behaviour Techniques - With Case Studies & Discussions ; Description, Illustration of Behaviour Management Plan (BMP) Format ; Demo of Recording Techniques in BMP format & Procedure of filling BMP format . Plenty case illustrations & ways of filling up of BMP format were discussed along with case workups in groups. The participants took active interest in the program and contributed in discussions during the sessions. Feedback form was distributed to them at the end of training program. It was learnt that they thoroughly appreciated the program and many new concepts related to Behaviour Modification Techniques were learnt by them for the first time.

This CRE was first in our state conducted at RCI Non Training Centre and was facilitated by Dr Mousumi Bhowmik , course coordinator NIEPID Regional Centre Noida along with Dr Himanshu Das , Director NIEPID Secunderabad. AKJ all teaching staff members participated in this training workshop.

- Our chief functionary Mr Sudeep Goyal delivered a talk on All India Radio Jaipur broadcasting all over Rajasthan under the show "Sugamya Gulabi Nagri". He explained nuances of Accessible India Campaign in general and particularly about retrofitting works being carried out under his supervision throughout 90 Govt Buildings at Jaipur to remove the barriers and making these Universally Accessible for Persons with reduced mobility.
- Another Milestone for Asha Ka Jharna ! DEd (Special Education) in MR & HI Diploma Courses have been approved by RCI to our collaborative partner training institution at Sikar. Trainee students will learn theory there and will do practicums class room at our special school. We will ensure that a competent and compassionate batch of special educators be churned out for providing quality education to special needs children.
- On 27th June, SLCC (State Level Coordination Committee) of National Trust was held under the chairmanship of special Secretary, Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt of Rajasthan at Jaipur. We as one of the member participated extensively and put forward many suggestions including finalizing state rules under New RPD Act , medical insurance premium financing for PWIDDs in the state , monitoring mechanism of MR homes , adopting some welfare schemes as CSR by corporates etc.
- During children summer break, our team again hit the streets braving scorching sun & heat for annual updation survey. New beneficiaries were identified and parents counselled upon to link them to appropriate services (education, social security, employment, medical). Those fit for our school, after the initial screening at home, were called to school for detailed assessment followed by admission from next session to be started in July.