

## ASHA KA JHARNA

### Quarterly Activity Report (July 2018 to September 2018)

This quarterly activity report for the period July 2018 to September 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.

- ✓ During July, new admissions were formalized with logistics finalized. This year 28 new admissions have taken place at three of our schools. Similarly NIOS Board Exam 2019 data was uploaded. Total of 39 children would be taking NIOS end term exams (Level A 15; Level B 16 and Level C 08). Rest of the children would clear interim classes through home exams.
- ✓ New designed IEP formats were filled by our team members. Being quite child - centric and exhaustive, it took almost two months to complete these for all children. Now educators have become more confident in planning and means to achieve goals selected for their class students.
- ✓ Recently, we undertook a quick random survey to know about present status of children who ever attended our schools at Nawalgarh & Sikar. Our findings are as below:
  - a) 21 children have been integrated into mainstream education. They are studying upto class 12 at regular schools and Govt School for hearing impaired at Jaipur.
  - b) 09 youth are enrolled for higher studies. They are doing graduation at different colleges at Jaipur and Delhi.
  - c) 14 of passed out youth are gainfully employed doing petty jobs and earning average salary of Rs. 6000/- PM.

- d) 04 of them are preparing for competitive exams.
- e) Total of 76 children have so far cleared OBE Level 3 (Equivalent to 8th Standard) of NIOS Examination from AKJ.
- f) More than 100 young adults (both ID and HI) having basic education of grade 5 and above are not gain fully employed and sitting idle at home due to lack of income generating avenues. They can be provided employable skills and absorbed into economy.

There are practically no income generation activities at our project locations. Business & office establishments as well as service sector jobs exist at Jaipur which is the nearest town but parents (being accustomed to residing in rural settings) have apprehensions & reservations in sending their wards to metro city. We would provide that needed exposure to hesitant families and youth by counseling, mentorship, arranging jobs and facilitating their stay at Jaipur. In this regard a series of meetings were held during July with Youth 4 Job and Aahan Foundation Jaipur. Y4J agreed to impart soft skills, English, personality development and computers to our youth with HI. After getting the training, Youth4Jobs will explore and place the youth on the service sector jobs in hospitality, F & B, BPO and retail. We would strive to ensure job placement for 10 to 15 youth in coming year thus leading them to Independent Living. 9 HI youth were interviewed during this period and screening & counselling of parents has been ongoing.

- ✓ Periodic parents' meeting was held at Nawalgarh on 27<sup>th</sup> July in which many issues were discussed. Inputs for new IEP were taken; children progress & milestones shared; home management techniques were explained and logistics issues were addressed. From this session, we have also introduced student diary and ID card for all children to facilitate better interaction. Another initiative taken is keeping an incidence register at school to record minor issues like child bringing money or mobile from home, freak injury during games, altercation between students or behavior mood swings and associated issues including seizures in children with intellectual disabilities.

- ✓ We are pleased to share that on 2nd August 2018 Asha Ka Jharna was conferred 16th Nina Sibal Memorial Award for Best Organization Working in Disability Sector. Mr. Sudeep Goyal as Chief Functionary received this award at the hands of Dr Karan Singh, MP and Sh Kapil Sibal, Noted lawyer & Ex Union Minister at a glittering function held at Delhi. 90 years old organization AIWEFA has been bestowing this prestigious award since last 16 years to an organization executing exemplary services and innovative work for persons with disabilities. Our chief functionary presented a snapshot of our activities of last 20 years before the august audience which was widely acclaimed and deeply appreciated. Speakers spoke high of us and a citation, trophy along with award cheque of Rs 7 Lacs was handed over to Asha Ka Jharna.
- ✓ On 14<sup>th</sup> August, uniform were distributed to 60 of our Sikar School children by Sh Shradhha Jan Kalyan Trust Sikar branch at a function.
- ✓ On 20<sup>th</sup> August, our Chief Functionary Mr Sudeep Goyal was invited by Shri Keshvanand Institute of Technology & Management Jaipur for their annual prestigious workshop on 'Leadership Enhancement Skills'. It was a wonderful opportunity for us to apprise younger generation about the work AKJ has been doing for the society. During two hours long session , we sensitized the students and staff members about nuances of disability , special education and rehabilitation strategies and leadership mantras with key takeaways behind our organization journey so far. Techno & Management students were made motivated enough to explore social sector as a smart career option.
- ✓ In response to recent cases of sexual abuse of children staying in shelter homes in country, an intensive scrutiny and validation exercise was done by Govt. of Rajasthan across the state. Though ours being day schools are out of purview still we voluntarily invited the authorities to our premises. A series of surprise visits by SDM; Child Welfare Committee Chairperson;

District Child Protection Officer and Child Welfare Officer from Police Station were conducted at AKJ three schools. Physical verification of our policy documents, student files and protocols followed by in person interaction with children converted initially suspicious authorities into delighted ones.

- ✓ During the reported period all festivals like Raksha Bandhan, Eid-ul-Joha, Sh Krishna Janamashtami and National Festival Independence Day were celebrated with full gusto. Role play activities and cultural programs followed by sweets distribution completed the festivities. Children learnt social skills like taking turns, displaying leadership, team building, controlling emotions and time management in implicit manner by participating in these events.
- ✓ A group of 70 comprising 55 of our children were taken on an excursion trip to Jaipur on 3rd September. This outing provided them a bird view of outer world with exposure to different stimulations. Jaipur scenic places like Albert Hall Museum, Jal Dhara and Birla Temple were visited along with a ride on Jaipur Metro. Children and staff thoroughly enjoyed this day trip.
- ✓ On Teachers Day 5<sup>th</sup> September, it was turn of AKJ team to shine. In the glittering function at Jhunjhunu organized by Dainik Bhaskar Media House, our three special educators were felicitated before august gathering of citizens for their contribution in teaching children with disabilities with dedication and passion. That was scheduled to be a mega event for regular school teachers only but we persisted with organizers to include our educators which they did graciously. In the award ceremony, maximum applaud was for us only when Newspaper editor heaped praise on us citing our functioning and dedication to cause.
- ✓ Premier BITS Pilani organized the seventh edition of Junoon - a unique sporting extravaganza for the special abled youth of the country. Junoon promotes equality as it encourages participation from all the sections of

society and gives an excellent platform for the special abled people to showcase their talent to the more privileged section of the society. Junoon, a two day event, every year is organized by NSS BITS Pilani in collaboration with the Sports Council, at BITS, Pilani, Pilani Campus. The seventh edition, "Junoon 2018" saw a participation of over 150 children from 7 NGOs all fighting for sporting glory. There were numerous sporting events like Cricket, Softball, Basketball, Badminton and various others. A cultural evening called "Junoon Nite" was also organized with various NGOs showcasing their cultures and ability in the form of dance or small acts. Junoon 2018 on 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> September saw spectacular performance by Asha Ka Jharna Children. Excursion cum Sports Activities made kids happy. With 4 Gold, 8 Silver & 9 Bronze Medals, our team stole the show.

- ✓ Apex body of 260 parents associations of persons with intellectual & developmental disabilities PARIVAAR held it's biannually Executive Council Meeting at NIEPID Secunderanbad (Telangana) on 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> September. In the capacity of Technical Adviser PARIVAAR, our chief functionary Mr Sudeep Goyal participated in this national gathering. Meet was preceded with strategy sessions on Best models of Residential care; Self Advocacy and Fiduciary management for PWIDDs. During these sessions intense brain storming was witnessed among 35 delegates. EC meet saw serious deliberations on affairs of The National Trust, Implementation Status of RPD Act, Internal matters of confederation, induction of new parent associations and future course of action by PARIVAAR in National Disability Arena.
- ✓ Local Level Committee Jhunjhunu meeting was called upon under the chairmanship of Distt. Collector. We as convener had processed and approved applications for legal guardian ship of PWIDDs. Two legal guardians were appointed for care & maintenance of two adult girls with autism and ID.