

Vibha – Half Yearly Report 2007

It is indeed an achievement for us that on 17th September 2007 ,Prayas was nominated the State Nodal Agency Centre for the National Trust. We will now get enough opportunity to spread awareness about disabilities and being in the trust itself, directly discuss with the higher authorities the short coming in the Act.

National Trust, mainly deals with the “guardianship” of children with autism, cerebral palsy, multiple disabilities and mental retardation. This Trust which has one hundred crore corpus, claims to be an Act for the benefit of children of these four categories, is a pro-rich Act

Being a nodal member under this act, we will get opportunity to interact with the leading people from other states and may be we can all together start the thought process and try to bring in changes.

On 14 & 15 September a meeting of the Heads of newly appointed SNAC /SNAP stakeholders was held at New Delhi to discuss the Act and its Policies. People from all the states attended this meeting. Jatinder (Executive Director,Prayas) questioned that, what is the provision for the children from poor families after the death of their parents and why would one be attracted to the National Trust guardianship scheme when there was no provision for the follow up of the scheme. As to the guardianship of the child from poor families are concerned the chair person’s answer was Institutions. And for the follow ups the answer was that under the National Trust, no one will monitor any scheme, SNAC / SNAP.

Under the Samarth Scheme of National Trust, a 10 year financial support is given to the organization to run a residential home for 35 children. This is tapering program, earlier in its pilot program, the government had given one time payment of Rs. 15,00,000/- to the organizations.Many organisations popped up like mushrooms and closed after one year leaving the children on streets again.It was a flop scheme and closedafter a year.Samarth ,is a residential scheme for 35 children out of which only 9 would be from BPL,the rest are all paid seats .There are only two organizations in Rajasthan running the Samarth scheme ..

We are of the view that this scheme deprives the right of a child to live with his family and community. Maximum number of children in these Homes, have parents. We feel that the child has the right to live with his family, the government should have a scheme where foster parenting is encouraged.

PRAYAS is advocating with the government that every disabled child from a poor family should get pension and a disabled parentless child should get social security and free health care.

Prayas, member of State Resource Committee on Education:

Jatinder Arora has been nominated **member of the State Resource Committee on Education**, she will be helping in developing and monitoring the syllabus for the disable children under SSA.

Right to Development

Prayas is covering 450 children through its four centres and is focusing on the overall development of every child. Besides education, we also have dance, music drawing, debates, sports and competitions for children. We are glad that our children are expressive, outspoken and love their school Attendance in the schools is 90%. People now approach us for the admission of their children in schools but because of paucity of space we can not do so, this time we had around 50 children in waiting list for admissions.

Our Vibha project area, Amagargh, is the biggest slum area in Jaipur. A large number of children are not going to school, we are planning to run two shifts [n this school by next year. During Rajesh's inspection visit to Prayas, we had informed him that in the next financial year, we would be requesting for the rent for schools earlier we were getting it from GFC, we would also need money for expansion.

At present, we have 107 children at Amagargh centre

Nursery	30	17(B)13(G)	
Prep	15	2(B)7(G)	6 slow learners(2G 4B)
ClassI	21	7(B)9(G)	3(B)2(G)
ClassII	11	6(B)3(G)	2B)
ClassIII	7	2(B)5(G)	
ClassIV	5	2(B)2(G)	1B
ClassV	6	2(B)4(G)	
Special Class	12	11(B)1(G)	

Last year fourteen children appeared for NIOS examination, eight for A level and 6 for B level .This year, 26 children will appear for NIOS exmnation, 11”A”level, 9 B level, 6 C level

A level is equivalent to Class3,” B”I equivalent to Class Five and “C” to Class 8.

Children are doing good in studies. Some children are very good in drawing and painting. Three children went to Delhi to participate in a Cultural show organized at Delhi Haat

We are having problems in getting a English teacher for the school. Children had their Quarterly exams from 20th to 30th September. They are having their Half Yearly exams from 10th to 20th December

We feel proud that Shahid, Ashraf, Rubina, Firdaus and Zeenat, who are first generation learners, havemade their parents also literate. The children go back home and educate their parents. Ikram and Armeena are promising children, they joined the school last year and are now in Grade I, the children seek reasons behind everything.

Sultana,Mohsin and Bilal have now been shifted to Regular class from the Special Class.

Women Empowerment

Prayas has been giving vocational training to Women in Amagargh Basti since last two and half years. We are running a six month Certificate course where women are also trained to read and write. Most of these women are now working with export factories or are getting orders at home. Sakeena is happy and sounds confident, she earns upto Rs.3000/ a month and has also opened an account in bank.



Health Clinic

Since last two years, Prayas has been running a health clinic at Amagargh for the better health care of women and children in this area. There is no government or private health clinic in this area. Few quacks were there but have now left after Prayas's entry in this area. The clinic opens on alternate days for two hours. Till date around 50000 have got the treatment.

Right to Survival

To prevent disabilities and to make people aware, Prayas identifies pregnant women and makes it sure that they are vaccinated and the new born babies are also vaccinated and their births are registered



And 23 pregnant women have been identified. During the last six months, 64 new births were registered. Birth Certificates of 116 children from Amagargh have been made during the last six months.

Community Work the teachers visit the community twice a week and meet the parents, organize meetings with the community and discuss different issues like health, education, cleanliness, sanitation, family planning etc.

- After several meetings with the Nagar Nigam along with the community leaders, a dustbin was placed at Amagargh.
- After many counseling sessions, 20 children from Vedpuri were admitted in Vedpuri Anganwadi
- Our Clinic Doctor, told the community about first aid and health care on 4th November. Fifty six people attended this meeting
- A new Anganwadi centre was opened at Parvat colony in November.

Advocacy

- A Disability Camp was organized on 28th October 07 with the help of the Jaipur Collector at Shahpura. 161 Disability certificates, bus passes, railway passes were made. Thirty three patwaris from the nearby villages were present to simplify the pension process.
- On 19th and 20th November, Jatinder went to Goa to attend a National meeting on Amendments in the Persons with Disability Act. This was the final meeting, prior to this three meetings were held in different parts of the country. Prayas attended the meeting in Delhi also. The amendments are being made as per the UN Convention. Prayas had given the suggestions in May 2005 when the Union Cabinet Minister came to Jaipur to inaugurate our First

Disability Camp. We are happy that all our recommendations have been accepted

- On 29th November. Prayas was the felicitator in a Disability Camp organized by the Jaipur Collectorate at Chaugan stadium .3136 people were registered,665 disability certificates were issued,178 bus passes,225 railway passes, were made .200 IQ tests were done by Peayas team .50 volunteers from Prayas helped people fill the forms and assisted the authorities.
- On 11th December, Prayas gave training to 150 Anganwadi workers at Shahpura on early identification of disabled children It was a very successful training.
- Prayas would be organizing Training for ANMs and TBAs at Udaipur on 21st and 22nd December.

Regards,

Jatinder Arora

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