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Upcoming Events

JOY OF GIVING WEEK- OCT 02-08
AIRTEL DELHI HALF MARATHON-OCT 20
NATIONAL ABILITYMPICS 2019 AND
NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON DISABILITY-
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East Zone Regional Abilympics



The 19th edition Regional Abilympics in East Zone brought around 200+ People with Disabilities (PwDs) from different eastern states of India.

The East Zone Inaugural Ceremony was graced by **Mr. Debabrata Chattaraj, State Commissioner of Disability, Govt. of West Bengal, Nirmalya Khan, Vice President, Capgemini, Lov Verma, Former Secretary, DePwD, Dr. Jitender Aggarwal, Founder & CEO, Sarthak & Secretary General- NAAI, Dr. Sudhir Gupta, Vice President, NAAI and Siddhartha Rastogi, MD, Ambit Capital,**

Chief Guest of the function, **Mr. Debabrata Chattaraj, State Commissioner of Disability, Govt. of West Bengal** shared "*Inclusion of PwDs should happen at each stage. Corporate sectors inclusion in education sector be it admission of the students from schooling to post graduate to Corporate sector coming forward and giving them jobs will help in giving the Divyanjan in our State the right livelihood to PwDs. Insurance companies should give schemes to them. CSR funds should be used to address their essentials and help establish their identities. All we have to do is come out of the notion of physical & mental deformities declared by Government under the PwD act and accept these Differently-abled by mainstreaming them. The Regional abilympics taking place will glorify the state and spread the success stories of the participants globally*".

East Zone Regional Abilympics



The Kolkata Abilympics was spread across 4 zones and 10 vocational segments, including **ICT (Character Designing, Desktop Publishing, and E Sports), Crafts (Floral Arrangement), Food (Cooking and Bakery), Services (Jewellery, Tailoring/Dress Making, and Beauty therapy), and Architecture designing through CAD.**

A Regional Conference on '**Corporate Progression Toward Inclusion and Diversity**' was also held and saw participation of several Government officials, NGOs, Corporates and their CSR heads, discussing prospects and scope of empowering and providing sustainable livelihood to PWDs in order to help them lead a dignified life.

One of the major attractions of the event was the job fairs wherein over 25 companies namely **Capgemini, Genpact, IHG, Big Basket, Reliance, Flipkart, Lemon tree, Hindustan Unilever, Hyatt Hotel**, conducted hiring drive for PwDs from Kolkata and shortlisted 120+ divyangjans.

Also, during East Zone Regional Abilympics 2019, Team Sarthak and NAAI proudly felicitated **TCS and Vishal Mega Mart** under the category of "**Emerging Employers**" for empowering the lives of Persons with Disability.

Centers in Progress

Independence Day celebration at Sarthak centers



Team Sarthak celebrated **73rd Independence day** with much fervor across centers to commemorate the nation's independence of August 15, 1947. Various activities like **talent hunt, painting competition, tree plantation** and much more organized to celebrate the occasion.

Convocation Ceremony at Sarthak Jaipur Center

Glimpses of convocation ceremony of Jaipur center graced by **Shri Vikram Joshi, CEO, Rangrotri** and **Smt Ranoo Srivastava, State Advisory Board Member, Sarthak.**



Centers in Progress

Exposure Visit- Vishakapatnam Center



Sarthak **Vishakapatnam Team** organized allied activity- **“Exposure Visit”** to South India Shopping Mall to provide an orientation of the **retail sector** to its trainees.

Placement in Swiggy!

7 students from Sarthak Kaushal Vikas Kendra Lucknow placed in Swiggy under various profiles.

Kudos to team & trainees



Stakeholders' Outreach

Felicitating Ms Rosemary Higgins



Dr. Jitender Aggarwal felicitating Ms. Rosemary Higgins, Embassy of The United States of America.

Disability Sensitisation Workshop at Optum Group

Glimpses of Disability sensitization workshop conducted with **Optum Group of Companies**.



Stories of Change and Empowerment



At the age of two, Kavya fell from the 3rd floor of her balcony while playing. Numb and frozen parents, not knowing what to do, rushed to the hospital for treatment.

Unconsciousness Kavya and intense behavior of doctors worried Kavya's parents a lot.

After 12 days of discharge, Kavya was diagnosed with multiple fractures in legs and skull followed by clotting in the brain resulting in severe effects on the left side of her body.

Doctors suggested occupational therapy for restoring her previous functional level and body movements.

To make this possible, Kavya's parents visited Sarthak Antakshep Kendra with high hopes to bring back her daughter into life.

That was then, this is now.

In the last two years, following intensive early intervention services provided by Sarthak center, including occupational therapies, Kavya has made remarkable progress.

At present Kavya can walk, run, and speak; and also started her preschool. Kavya's Parents are thankful to Sarthak Staff for bringing her daughter's childhood back.

Messages by Changemakers

"We are honoured to partner with Sarthak who has been doing phenomenal work on promotion of employment and addressing the training needs of PwDs. Sarthak has been a great facilitator for organizations like us who are committed to the cause of employment of these people with boundless passion and unique abilities. Diversity and Inclusion in our organization goes much beyond a CSR activity and forms part of our DNA reflected in our organization culture and value system."

~SM Gupta, GPO, Aegis

"When I think about Sarthak I am reminded about Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore's poem(s) Where the Mind is without fear and Ekla Chalo Re. One speaks about shedding diffidence and the other advises one to walk alone. This in essence is what Sarthak stands for - in a world characterised by fierce competition by all types of people (mostly able bodied) this organisation has boldly embarked on creating a vision for meaningful life for the differently abled. The core team at Sarthak especially Dr. Jitender Agarwal, Dr. Sudhir Gupta, Preeti and many others are differently wired - the commitment and most sincere desire, relentless efforts to better the lives of the differently abled and most importantly the ability to persuade tightly run corporates to consider and recruit the divyangs. In a word the ability to create a vision and realise the same - requires a big heart and great execution. Sarthak team you are a role model - my salute to you and my promise to you as an advisory board member I will do my utmost to bring new ideas and also enhance the capabilities of our team."

~NV Chandramouli, Management Consultant

Lets Learn more about Disability

Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD) has launched Accessible India Campaign (Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan) as a nation-wide Campaign for achieving universal accessibility for Persons with Disabilities (PwDs).

It has the following three important components :

Part A: Built Environment Accessibility

Objective 1 :Enhancing the proportion of accessible government buildings

Part B: Transportation System Accessibility

Objective 2 : Enhancing proportion of accessible airports

Objective 3 : Enhancing the proportion of accessible railway stations

Objective 4 : Enhancing the proportion of accessible Public Transport

Part C: Information and Communication Eco-System Accessibility

Objective 5 : Enhancing proportion of accessible and usable public documents and websites that meet internationally recognized accessibility standards

Objective 6: Enhancing the pool of sign language interpreters

Objective 7: Enhancing the proportion of daily captioning and sign-language interpretation of public television news programmes

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