



Rays of Hope

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Manthan: The Review Workshop

KIRAN Society provides holistic development of children with disabilities through the comprehensive system. Many teams of professional workers to keep this comprehensive system intact. KIRAN strives to improve its function and services to serve children with disabilities, better than the yesterdays.

Manthan: The quarterly review workshop is an important tool which helps KIRAN to steer towards a better tomorrow.

In the workshop, all the functions of KIRAN had presented their self-assessment of their position against their goals. In this workshop discussion on achievements, possible future improvements and discussion on short term goals had also happened.



Samabhav Film Festival

On Sunday 19th January 2020, Kiran Society staff and volunteers has attended the Samabhav Film Festival, a touring film festival hosted by Men Against Violence and Abuse (M.A.V.A), which on this day took place at Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapith, Varanasi. The five films featured that day, centred around the theme of the mistreatment of women and gender inequality in India and South East Asia. This film festival was an opportunity for our staff and volunteer to engage and reflect on the issues of women faces in South East Asian society.

KIRAN staff and volunteers had also participated in training on prevention of abuse and safeguarding in the September 2019. This film festival and discussion was the road ahead of training. It has strengthened their understanding of issues of women and their safety.

Writing Skill Workshop

It is very important and crucial to present the work of social organizations. Writing skills plays an important role while creating awareness through social media or print media. Charkha works towards the social and economic inclusion of rural marginalized communities in India through the creative use of media. A three days' workshop from 26 February to 28 February on writing skills was organized in Dehradun by Charkha team. SOIR-IM project team participated in this workshop, the workshop was aimed at building capacities among the participants to write for the media on development issues, with a focus on highlighting voices of marginalized communities.



Neuro - Pediatric Assessment Camp

The community based rehabilitation programme of KIRAN has organized a three days Neuro -Pediatric health checkup camp in three blocks of Mirzapur and Varanasi Districts on 12th, 14th & 15th February 2020 respectively. The neurological development assessment of the children was carried out by Dr.Christa Einspieler, children who had been already marked suspected during general movement assessment. 39 such children have been and further follow-up programs were scheduled with community health worker. Many children were found out delayed in their development due poor nutrition and care. Their mother was counselled and needed medicines were given at that time and an early intervention programs was designed to improve the development of individual child.

Dr.Christa Einspieler is a professor of Physiology Research Unit iDN – interdisciplinary Developmental Neuroscience Dept. in Phoniatrics Medical University of Graz, Austria.



Conference of Orthotics & Prosthetics By Orthotics & Prosthetics Association of India

In continuation of the capacity building initiative, two staff members of the KIRAN Orthotic workshop have participated in 25th biennial conference, organized by Orthotics & Prosthetics Association of India (OPAI) 2020 in Bhubaneswar, Odisha for three days, 7th to 9th February 2020. This conference was aimed to bring orthotics and prosthetics professionals at a common platform and to discuss about recent trends and innovations in field of Orthosis and Prosthesis, to give exposure of varieties of products and to establish networking with other professionals. These three days were full of scientific paper presentation and exhibition events. This conference has enriched the knowledge and understanding of team in the area of new emerging technologies to improve the care taking of children with disabilities.

Diploma in Special Education (Cerebral Palsy)

Scholarship Programme

KIRAN has its own financial support system for the deserving and needy students of the diploma in special education course run by KIRAN. To formulate the scholarship programme for 2020 the members of constituted committee visited the homes of applicants. The purpose of these visits is to do the socio-economic analysis of the applicants.

Evaluation of diploma students

Second evaluation of the students of diploma in special education was carried out from 17th February to 22nd February 2020. The evaluation was conducted as per the norm of National Board of Examination in Rehabilitation. 48 students have appeared in this evaluation.

A Walk into the Hope

Nidhi is cheerful energetic 15-year-old girl from Ballia, UP. Her left foot has not developed properly since birth. Thus, she was not able to walk on her own up to the age of 10 years. This disability has limited her community participation. Recently, she was referred from one of outreach local implementing partner Purvanchal Gramin Chetna Samiti to Medical -rehabilitation camp. There on she came under the tender care of KIRAN society. After her assessment she was prescribed a prosthesis. She was provided with the prosthesis as well as she was trained to walk with it.

After a follow-up assessment, the team found that her limbs are in much better position. In the follow-up assessment a new hop was observed. A hope to improve her mobility further. She was given an improved prosthesis which helps her to stand with a more erect posture and good balance.

The Orthotics and Prosthesis team at KIRAN Society works tirelessly to improve mobility of children and persons with disabilities. Smiles on the faces of these children infuse great motivation among team.

“Never have I experienced better care, felt better understood, been treated with more enthusiasm and goodwill. Thanks to Kiran Society”



The New Pedagogy - Cognitive and social development of children with and without disabilities

Education is not the only fuel to ignite the fire of curiosity in the children. It is necessary for their cognitive development that they must have exposure to nature as well as to technology. Cognitive skills, as well as social skills; both are pivotal in the development of child's personality. KIRAN Society considers this with genuine concern and provides children with the opportunity to participate in various activities which enable them to develop a positive attitude and confident personality.

In the month of February, various such activities were organized. Bal Sabha is an event where children with disabilities and without disabilities come together and celebrate childhood through various games and activities. on 8th February 2020, a Bal Sabha was organized where children had given a cultural presentation with dance, songs, plays, poem recitation and bhajan singing. A small quiz competition was also organized where children were asked the question related to general knowledge, science, social science and current affairs.

A small trip of children with disabilities was organized on 20th February where they had visited the places of worship of different religion. They were explained about the religion and its importance to have peace and harmony among people. Children have visited the Temple, Church, Gurudwara and Mosque.

KIRAN organize such activities every month so that children have plenary growth.



From Darkness to Light

My name is Gulista Banu. I have completed my Bachelor in arts with the support of KIRAN-Society. Presently I am a teacher in Madrasa (A school for Islamic education). I am very happy to be a teacher at this school. Very happy to pass on the values I have inherited from KIRAN.

I was born into a poor family. My polio had added tons to the desolation of my parents. They were helpless to me crawling because of polio. They tried to get me the best of the treatment with the little money they had. Their search for resolution took them to KIRAN.

KIRAN is located in a village, away from the city. When we were travelling to KIRAN we did not think that that we are travelling towards a blessing. In KIRAN we not only got the treatment but also something immortal, Hope. KIRAN has given my parents the hope that my future will not be as dark as my present was.

My post-polio rehabilitation was started with the assessment; With sincere and diligent efforts of KIRAN now I can walk with the help of callipers.

I had also got the opportunity to start my education in the barrier-free KIRAN school. After my primary education, I went to another school for higher education then graduation. All these while KIRAN has supported me in education with a scholarship so that I can pay my tuition fee.

I am very grateful to my parents also who had not stopped trying. They have supported me throughout my treatment and studies.



Visitants

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On the 16th Mr. Florin Muller, Head of Economics & Commercial Section from Embassy of Switzerland to India had visited KIRAN Society. He was facilitated by team to know about KIRAN and its impact on the life of children and person with disabilities.



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35 students of Masters in Home Science Students from Basmatti Devi Sankatha Prasad Mahavidyalay, Bhera, Khochwa, Varanasi came for an Exposure Visit to Kiran Society. The students and teachers vowed to support KIRAN through KIRAN's "Gullak", a piggy bank/money jar initiative.



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On the 15th of February, 30 students of M.A. in Psychology, along with teachers from Agrasen Women's PG College visited KIRAN. They were orientated on disabilities. They are also going to support KIRAN through Gullak initiative.



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Mr. Martin Merz from Switzerland had visited KIRAN for two weeks. Martin was a volunteer in KIRAN in 2018-19. he had supported KIRAN school in developing English language syllabus. His current visit was a follow-up to that. He has compiled a glossary for the school which will be published in March.

Jugalbandi

Enhancing services through collaboration

Mr. Andreas Reinhard from Switzerland

Progress is the key towards sustainability. KIRAN Society collaborate with different organizations and experts in order to improve the services to serve children with disabilities with more efficiency. Mr. Andreas Reinhard, a Switzerland based P&O expert has provided technical support from 23rd February to 27th February 2020. In this week physiotherapists and technical supporters have worked together and had a good clinical discussion in order to optimize the functioning ability of five selected children who are suffering from cerebral palsy. These five children have received new orthosis and have shown improvement in their functional abilities. This collaboration was facilitated by KIRAN's constant supporter and prosthetic and orthotic enthusiast Mr. Hampi Stastny. He has consistently supported KIRAN Society by providing technical exposure. Prosthetic and orthotic services of KIRAN has improved due to his engagement.



Dr. Christa Einspieler from Austria

In channel of capacity building programs, a one-day hands on workshop was organized in KIRAN Society on 10th February 2020 in collaboration with Ram Krishna Mission, Home of service Hospital, Varanasi. The workshop was conducted by Dr. Christa Einspieler from Graz University, Austria and facilitated by Dr. Moreno Toldo, medical director at KIRAN Society. The objective of this workshop was to enhance the understandings of early brain development in context of intellectual and motor impairment in infants. More than forty professionals from different background such as Physiotherapists, Occupational therapists, psychologists, speech therapists, special educators and community health workers participated in this workshop. This workshop will enable these professional to identify problems in neurologically diverse infants and it will also help them to form strategies in their early intervention program.



Fr Subhash from Varanasi

In August 2019, KIRAN has entered the transition phase of leadership. To assess the strength weakness opportunity and threats of these transition period a workshop was organized on 11th Feb 2020. KIRAN collaborated with Fr Subhash to facilitate this workshop. Workshop had also intended to orient the team on the challenges of transition period.

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