



Ray of Hope



Dear friends,
since this is our first Newsletter in the year 2022, I felt like looking back to the beginning of 2022, when many people on our planet were just hoping that the frightening «Corona-time» was over...
And there it was, on my mobile, a nicely fitting message:

**The bad news is time flies.
The good news is you're the pilot.**

- MICHAEL ALTHSULER

Well, maybe we still have to learn how to be the pilot of our life! I think that in many ways our KIRAN children give us a lesson, like for example Vishal whose story you can read in this Newsletter.... "When difficulties come, never give up!" might be the learning.

One very nice event at the beginning of this year was the visit of Johny Bhai: he is the one who started KIRAN with me in 1990. And since then, although living in Switzerland, he always stayed in touch with us and remains faithful support.

May we all have the tenacity, the never-dying hope and joy of our children, come what may!

Foundation Day Celebration at KIRAN

27th January

Foundation Day and our beloved Sister's birthday were celebrated at KIRAN Society on 27th January with enthusiasm, fun, and frolic. In the wake of the COVID-19 protocol, we celebrated the big day as a fundraising event with our staff. The staff set up a variety of eatable stalls and sold different edible products to raise funds for KIRAN. Our staff gave mind-blowing entertaining acts and musical performances. Our founder Ms. Sangeetha J K, with Deputy Executive Director Dr. Kuldeep Singh and others, attended the fundraising event and the celebrations.



Awareness Session on Personal Health and Hygiene

Conducted awareness meetings among pregnant women and adolescent girls regarding personal health and hygiene in the Kashi Vidyapeeth block of Varanasi. 122 women and girls actively took part in the meeting.



Four years of nurturing the seeds

KIRAN celebrated the extraordinary journey of extraordinary change.

With our early intervention programme we have made difference in the lives of 1711 children across 54 villages in eastern Uttar Pradesh.



Picture : Capacitated Government frontline workers (Asha, ANM, and Anganwadi workers) on early identification and intervention for children in Varanasi and Mirzapur districts.

Pediatric- Neuro Rehabilitation Camp

The Pediatric-Neuro Rehabilitation CAMP was held at 2 blocks in Mirzapur and 1 block in Varanasi with the support of Dr. Moreno, Dr. Christa , and Dr. Ruchi for the neurological development assessment of the children.

47 children who had already been marked as suspected during general movement assessment attended the Pediatric-Neuro Rehabilitation Medical camps. Mothers of suspected children were counselled and supported with nutritional food and medicines.



Distributed 159
Nutrition kits in the
selected villages of
Mirzapur and Varanasi
from November 2021
onwards



Home Visit of Physically challenged children



The Parent & Child Care Unit (PCCU) visited 8 children in their homes between January and March. This home visit was done by a physiotherapist & special educator. The house visit aims to look at environmental elements as well as community views regarding children and their families. Also, to examine and supervise the usage of KIRAN-provided aids and equipment, as well as to inspect and monitor teaching-learning materials and teaching methodologies used by parents at home.

Parents are the best Care Giver

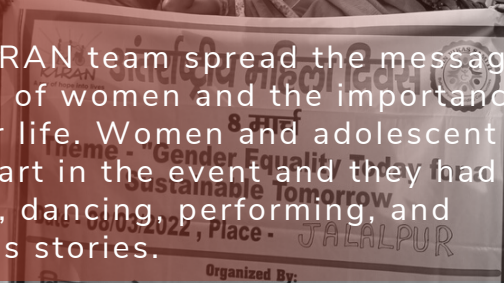
Parents carries ocean of love for their children. KIRAN believes children with special needs are best in the hand of parents therefore we help parents in learning the art and science of care giving to children with special needs. From February to March we help 12 parents through our parents training programme.



Celebration of Womanhood

On the occasion of International Women's Day, 363 rural women and adolescent girls in the villages of Jalalpur, Taman Patti, and Kashi Vidya Peeth celebrated womanhood under the theme "Gender equality today for a sustainable tomorrow."

In the event, the KIRAN team spread the message regarding the rights of women and the importance of education in their life. Women and adolescent girls actively took part in the event and they had a good time singing, dancing, performing, and sharing their success stories.



Wheelchair artists of the KIRAN Society performed in a district-level Divyang voter's awareness programme organised at the Nivedita School on February 26, 2022.

In the program, the District Magistrate of Varanasi, Mr. Kaushal Raj Sharma, recited a voting pledge to the differently abled people associated with the program.

Making Time for Reflective Practice

Final year D.Ed in Special Education(Cerebral Palsy) students of Human Resource Training Center(HRTC) took classes in our inclusive school from March 21st to March 29th, 2022, in LKG to 8th standard for a full day basis.

This innovative teaching practice, which included some physical activities like aerobics and games, was supervised and guided by the D.Ed faculty team and ended with an interactive feedback session with the children and teachers of the Inclusive school to improve the quality of teaching.



Hi, My name is Vishal, I live in Varanasi. Since childhood I am affected with a condition called Cerebral Palsy. This makes my difficult as it significantly reduce my movement and cognitive abilities. I became orphan and all I could see is an uncertain future.

KIRAN came as ray of hope in my life. Here I received Education, therapy and will to become independent.

Now I work as a sales person in a super market earning my bread and butter also supporting my siblings.

Yes! You Can Change Life.



Aids & Appliances:	Rs. 5,000-10,000/- approx
Educational support:	Rs. 1,500/- approx per child/month
Hearing Aids:	Rs. 15,000/- approx per child
Medicine support:	Rs. 2,500/- approx for a month
Support in the meal:	Rs. 1,500/- approx per child/month

Any amount will be highly appreciated for the well being of our children.



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