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# KIRAN SOCIETY

## A Beacon of Hope

KIRAN Society continues to be a driving force in Uttar Pradesh, dedicated to [mission statement]. Our July 2024 update highlights our progress towards creating a more inclusive and equitable society.

### Key Achievements in July

- Expanded Outreach: Our team successfully reached out to [number] new families in need, providing essential support and resources.
- Educational Initiatives: We organized [number] workshops/training sessions on [topic] for students with disabilities, equipping them with essential skills.
- Healthcare Services: Our medical team conducted [number] free health check-ups, providing critical care to [number] beneficiaries.
- Community Engagement: We collaborated with [partners] to organize a [event name] aimed at raising awareness about [issue].
- Infrastructure Development: We made significant progress in [project name], which will [benefit].

# Popular View

**KIRAN Society** envisions a world where individuals with disabilities are empowered to reach their full potential. We strive to create an inclusive society that provides equal opportunities for all. Our vision is to:

- Expand our reach to serve a larger population.
- Develop innovative programs to address emerging challenges.
- Strengthen partnerships with government and private organizations.
- Build a sustainable financial model to ensure long-term impact.
- Advocate for the rights and inclusion of individuals with disabilities.

We are committed to working tirelessly to make this vision a reality. Your support is instrumental in our journey towards creating a more inclusive and compassionate world.



## Brief Introduction to the Department:

The education department works in two units that includes KIRAN inclusive school and Special Unit. The inclusive school includes students with and without mild disabilities and from marginalized groups. They follow the syllabus prescribed by the Uttar Pradesh government. The special unit is dedicated to children with moderate to severe disabilities. They design the syllabus as per the need and cognitive level of the students.

## Academic achievement of students:

### Successful completion of UNIT TEST I

In the second week of July, the students appeared for the first formal test of this academic year. The unit test I was successfully conducted.



## Other Key Activities in Department

- Teachers' training program at UMANG institute, Jaipur

A team of 10 educators from the education department went for a teachers' training program at UMANG institute, Jaipur. The purpose of this training was to learn some new strategies from UMANG institute and implement it in KIRAN for better service to children with disabilities.



- Celebration of 'Munshi Premchand Jayanti'

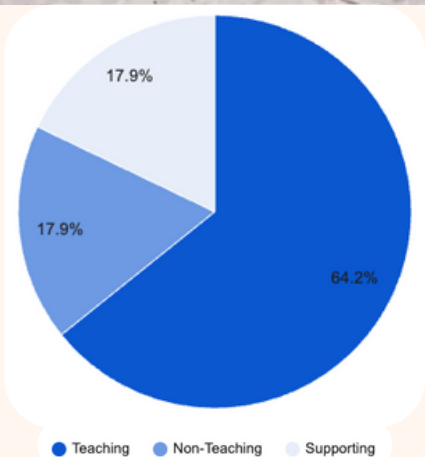
Munshi Premchand is a renowned writer of Hindi literature who was born in Varanasi. His birthday, 31 July is celebrated among students to commemorate his contribution to Hindi literature. Students of KIRAN from class 3rd to senior secondary observed 'Munshi Premchand Jayanti' and participated in story-telling and speech presentation activity at KIRAN School. Some senior students also presented central ideas of several stories of Munshi Premchand on this occasion.



## Infrastructure development:

### Construction of KG Block

The construction of KG block started a few months before and is almost 90% completed by the end of July, 2024. Some electrification work is going on and will be soon completed and will be ready for use.



## Staff Distribution in Education Department

At present there are 28 staffs in the education department that includes 18 teaching, 5 non-teaching and 5 supporting (helpers) staffs.

## Student Enrollment

The total number of students is 276. Of these, 204 are enrolled in inclusive school and 72 are enrolled in special unit.

Category	Number
Total Students	276
Inclusive School	204
Special Unit	72

Category	Number of Students
With Disabilities	132
Without Disabilities	144
<b>Total</b>	<b>276</b>

## Student Disabilities

- Children with Disabilities: 132
- Children without Disabilities: 144

## Gender Distribution of Students

Among the total 276 students, 140 are male and 136 are female children.

Gender	Number of Students
Male	140
Female	136
<b>Total</b>	<b>276</b>



## Nurturing Health, Building Hope.

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On August 3, 2024, a crucial AAA (Asha, Anganwadi, and ANM) meeting was convened at the Adalpuria Anganwadi center in Shikhar block. The gathering brought together 25 frontline health workers to focus on strategies for early identification and intervention of critical child health issues.

A cornerstone of this initiative is the monthly submission of newborn lists by Asha workers to the G.A.N.E.S.H. team. For infants exhibiting specific red flags such as low birth weight, birth asphyxia, birth defects, underweight, or developmental delays, detailed video documentation is created.

The meeting served as a platform for sharing experiences, challenges, and best practices. This collaborative approach, under the G.A.N.E.S.H. project, is instrumental in improving child health outcomes.



### Physio-Occupational Therapy Unit

#### Special Activity Report: Half-Yearly Assessment

Objective: To assess clients' baseline functioning levels and set achievable goals.

#### Methodology:

- Conducted comprehensive assessments using standardized and non-standardized scales such as:
  - Gross Motor Function Measure
  - WEE-Functional Independence Measure (WFIM)
  - Home Grown Neuro-Developmental Assessment Scale
  - Berg Balance Scale
  - Hand Function Evaluation
  - Hand Writing Assessment

#### Outcome:

- Successfully assessed 65 children with the support of a four-member therapy team throughout July.



**Patient Care:** A total of 205 patients were treated in July, including 50 new cases.

#### New Initiatives:

- Launched outreach rehabilitation camps across Varanasi district in collaboration with CMO and RBSK (Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram) team..
- Partnered with Kachhawan Christian Hospital, Mirzapur, for outreach rehabilitation camps.

#### Collaborations:

- Secured permission from Varanasi and Mirzapur CMOs to conduct a research project on early identification and intervention.



## Outreach Unit Achievements: July 2024

The Outreach Unit conducted a series of rehabilitation camps across Varanasi, Mirzapur, Chandauli, and Mau districts in July. In collaboration with partner organizations, six camps were organized, screening a total of 160 children. Parents of these children were provided appointment dates for further evaluation at Kiran Society.

A significant outcome includes the institutional-based rehabilitation of 85 children, with 12 new admissions and 73 follow-up cases.

## Success Story

### Baby Khatija's Journey to Recovery

Baby Khatija, a 2.6-year-old daughter of weaver Mehtab Hussain and Khatija, joined Kiran Society at the age of one month.

Diagnosed with inward-turned toes, she underwent a series of five plaster casts at 12-day intervals. Subsequently, a B/L CTEV splint was provided, with regular follow-ups and exercises prescribed.



### Successful Intervention and Ongoing Support

Thanks to the consistent care and support from Kiran Society, Baby Khatija has made remarkable progress. Her toes have straightened, and she now walks with a calliper.

The family is overjoyed with the transformation and continues to be associated with Kiran Society.



## Empowering Parents Through Training

- A five-day residential parents training program was conducted, engaging 10 parents and 5 children with intellectual disabilities. The program focused on disability awareness, rehabilitation strategies, and practical skill development.
- Key components included:
- Comprehensive understanding of intellectual disability.
- Hands-on demonstrations of activities of daily living, functional skills, and cognitive training.
- Speech and language intervention techniques.

# Summer Vacation

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## Philipp Hautle: A Pillar of Support for KIRAN

This year it has been the 7th time in the span of 30 years that Philipp Hautle came from Switzerland to visit the KIRAN family. He is for us like the big brother, because it was he who in 1990 responded immediately to Sangeeta's call for support to start the KIRAN adventure. Since then, with his big and joyful heart, he won over countless hearts to join and become KIRAN friends and supporters.





## Success Story (July 2024)

### Rajan Yadav: A Triumph of Human Spirit

Born into humble circumstances in a Varanasi village, Rajan Yadav's life was marked by adversity. Despite a physical disability, his unwavering determination and the support of his family propelled him forward.

His journey through KIRAN School was a testament to his resilience, as he overcame prejudice and academic challenges. A subsequent scholarship to Banaras Hindu University opened doors to a world of possibilities. Rajan's academic excellence and unwavering pursuit of his dream to work in the railway sector culminated in his appointment as a railway officer, a remarkable achievement that inspired countless individuals.

Rajan's story is a powerful narrative of hope, demonstrating that with courage, perseverance, and a supportive environment, individuals with disabilities can not only overcome challenges but also achieve extraordinary heights.

## ADVOCACY EFFORTS



### Youth Meeting on Contribution and Cybercrime Awareness

The department organized a youth meeting focused on "Contribution and Cybercrime Awareness." A total of 113 young individuals participated, with 83 attending in person and 30 joining online.

Distinguished guests including Vyomesh Chitravansh (Cybercrime Advocate), Suryansh (Environment Savior), Sr. Sangeeta JK, Nidhi Biswas, Rajendra Rai, and HP Giri shared valuable insights with the young participants. They emphasized the importance of community contribution and provided guidance on safeguarding against cybercrime. Additionally, practical advice on online donation procedures was shared.



## Community Outreach and Social Integration

Identifying and Supporting Individuals with Disabilities

- **Community Mapping:** Actively identifying individuals with disabilities within the community through SHG meetings and outreach programs.
- **Benefit Enrollment:** Facilitating the enrollment of eligible individuals into health and pension schemes by collecting necessary documents.
- **Government Partnerships:** Collaborating with government departments to organize medical camps and provide access to essential services.
- **UDID and Pension Applications:** Successfully submitted 12 UDID and 5 pension applications for Persons with Disabilities (PWDs).
- **Assistive Technology Support:** Facilitating the registration of needy individuals for aids and appliances.



## Higher Studies and Scholarships

- **Admissions:** Applications are underway for five young individuals to pursue higher studies at DSMNRU Lucknow and other universities.
- **Scholarships:** Four promising candidates have been selected for the ROCHE scholarship program.
- **Financial Support:** Twenty-eight former students, both with and without disabilities, from disadvantaged backgrounds have received moral and financial assistance.



## मतदाता जागरूकता रैली को दिखाई हरी झंडी

वाराणसी (एसएनबी)। लोकसभा सामान्य निर्वाचन 2024 के संबंध में निर्वाचन अधिकारी/जिलाधिकारी के निर्देशानुसार वाराणसी के समस्त स्वैच्छिक संस्थाओं को मतदाता को जागरूक करने का आदेश प्राप्त हुआ है। इसी कड़ी में किरण सोसाइटी एवं जिला दिव्यांग गजान सशक्ति करण विभाग वाराणसी संयुक्त रूप से महामना की



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## Community Engagement and Awareness

Media Coverage

- **Awareness Rally:** The department organized an election awareness rally involving 35 youth (with and without disabilities) and 15 women from marginalized communities, which commenced at BHU's main gate and concluded at Assi Ghat, Varanasi.



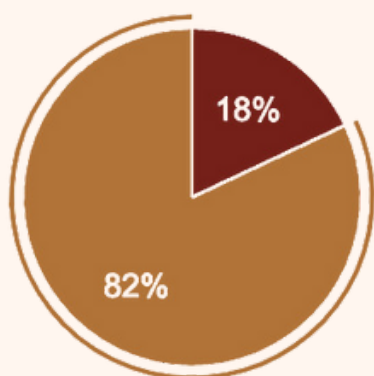
*Investing in Teachers, Investing in the Nation.*

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## The Education Challenge in India

India faces a significant challenge in education, despite having the world's largest child population of approximately 400 million. While primary school enrollment is high, a steep decline occurs at the secondary level, with only 40% of adolescents continuing their education. This issue is primarily attributed to the quality of teaching and learning experiences.

To address this, effective teacher training is crucial. By empowering teachers to create engaging and meaningful learning environments, we can improve student retention and overall educational outcomes.



- Male Students
- Female Students

Total students: 45

Male: 8  
Female: 37

## HRTC's Role in Teacher Development

The Human Resource Training Centre (HRTC) is dedicated to enhancing teacher effectiveness. With a focus on female candidates, particularly those from rural areas and with disabilities, HRTC aims to create a positive impact on education.

In July 2024, HRTC successfully completed the admission process for 45 students, including data uploads to the rehabilitation board. The incoming class comprises 8 males and 37 females, with a significant representation of students from reserved and economically deprived backgrounds. Eight students will reside in the hostel.

These efforts demonstrate HRTC's commitment to developing skilled and compassionate educators who can drive positive change in India's education landscape.



### Success Story of Amit Vishwakarma

Hard Work and Quality Output Is the Success Mantra

“It was not at all easy for me” – Amit Vishwakarma starts his story with this statement. Hailing from a disadvantaged family, Rajan struggled to find employment after graduation. Inspired by a friend, he pursued a diploma in special education at **KIRAN Society**. Balancing studies with a long commute, Rajan excelled academically and secured a job in the field. His dedication led to further career advancements, culminating in a leadership role and a substantial income. Today, he supports his family and is a role model for aspiring professionals.

### Staff Development Workshop

A two-day Achievement Motivation Training workshop was conducted by Mr. Melvin Pangya on July 19th and 20th at the HRTC auditorium. The workshop focused on fostering ethical values, effective conflict management, and timely communication within the organization.



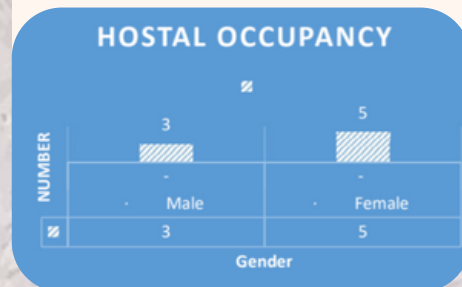
### New Batch Orientation and Commencement of Classes

Regular classes for both existing and new students commenced on July 25th. The incoming batch received comprehensive orientation covering disability awareness, group dynamics, administrative procedures, and curriculum overview. Demonstrating enthusiasm and commitment, students expressed their aspiration to become skilled special educators.



### Student Accommodation

Recognizing the need for a conducive learning environment, the organization provides hostel facilities on campus. Students from outside the district or state can opt for dormitory-style accommodations (for girls) or shared rooms (for boys). Currently, the hostel houses eight students, including five female and three male residents.



### Farewell and Gratitude

A heartfelt farewell party was organized by junior students on July 2nd to honor their seniors. The event was marked by emotional camaraderie as both batches exchanged sentiments. Seniors expressed their commitment to supporting juniors in academics and placements, while juniors pledged to serve as role models for incoming students.

*Your Path to Self-Reliance Starts Here.*

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## OUR MISSION

The Livelihood Program at KIRAN Society is dedicated to reducing poverty and inequality by creating employment opportunities for individuals with and without disabilities. Our two-pronged approach encompasses vocational skill training and production units.

### Skill Development for Self-Reliance

Our vocational training programs cater to individuals from marginalized communities, equipping them with skills in carpentry, horticulture, bakery, home science, tailoring, and other trades. This empowers them to lead independent and dignified lives.

### Production Units: From Skill to Enterprise

To provide sustainable employment, we have established four production units: wood workshop, art & design, café, and food preservation. These units offer meaningful work opportunities for individuals with disabilities.

### Program Snapshot

- Total Staff: 18 (15 Production, 3 Training)
- Total Trainees: 30 (22 with disabilities, 8 without)
- Gender Distribution: Male - 12, Female - 18

### Key Achievements

- **Infrastructure Enhancement:** The Kiran Darshan shop's exterior renovation is nearing completion, increasing visibility and accessibility.
- **Skill Upgradation:** A team of four staff members attended a block printing training workshop in Barddhaman, Jaipur, to enhance production capabilities.
- **New Training Initiative:** A 150-day computer training certificate course commenced in August, benefiting trainees.

*Through these initiatives, we strive to create a sustainable ecosystem that empowers individuals and contributes to the community's growth.*



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