



**Annual Report
2016-17**



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About us

Founded in 2001, Swabhiman is a registered nonprofit, a cross-disability organization, advocating for and serving persons with disabilities in Odisha, India and South Asia. It advocates for the human rights-based approach to disability, implying that all persons with disabilities need to participate in all spheres of society on an equal basis with their non-disabled peers. Swabhiman has been in the forefront of several policy changes that have positively impacted the lives of persons with disabilities. It specifically focuses on supporting education, strengthening youth for availing employment opportunities, increasing public awareness on the issue of disability, working towards accessible cities and conducting research for enabling advocacy. At the international level, it works with DPI (Disabled People's International), at the national level with NDN (National Disability Network), and at a local level with its network (Odisha State Disability Network) of district chapters to create a strong and impressive network of civil right advocates promoting and protecting rights of persons with disabilities at all levels.

Vision

People with disabilities are EQUAL PARTNERS IN ALL RESPECTS AND ALL FIELDS

Mission

To strengthen the disability movement through research, training, advocacy and public education for full and equal participation of people with disabilities in the country's main stream.

Believes

- In the right to equality of opportunity.
- In the right to living with dignity.
- In the right to information.
- That disability is a human rights issue.

Values

- Differences in people.
- Positive thinking.
- Walking together.

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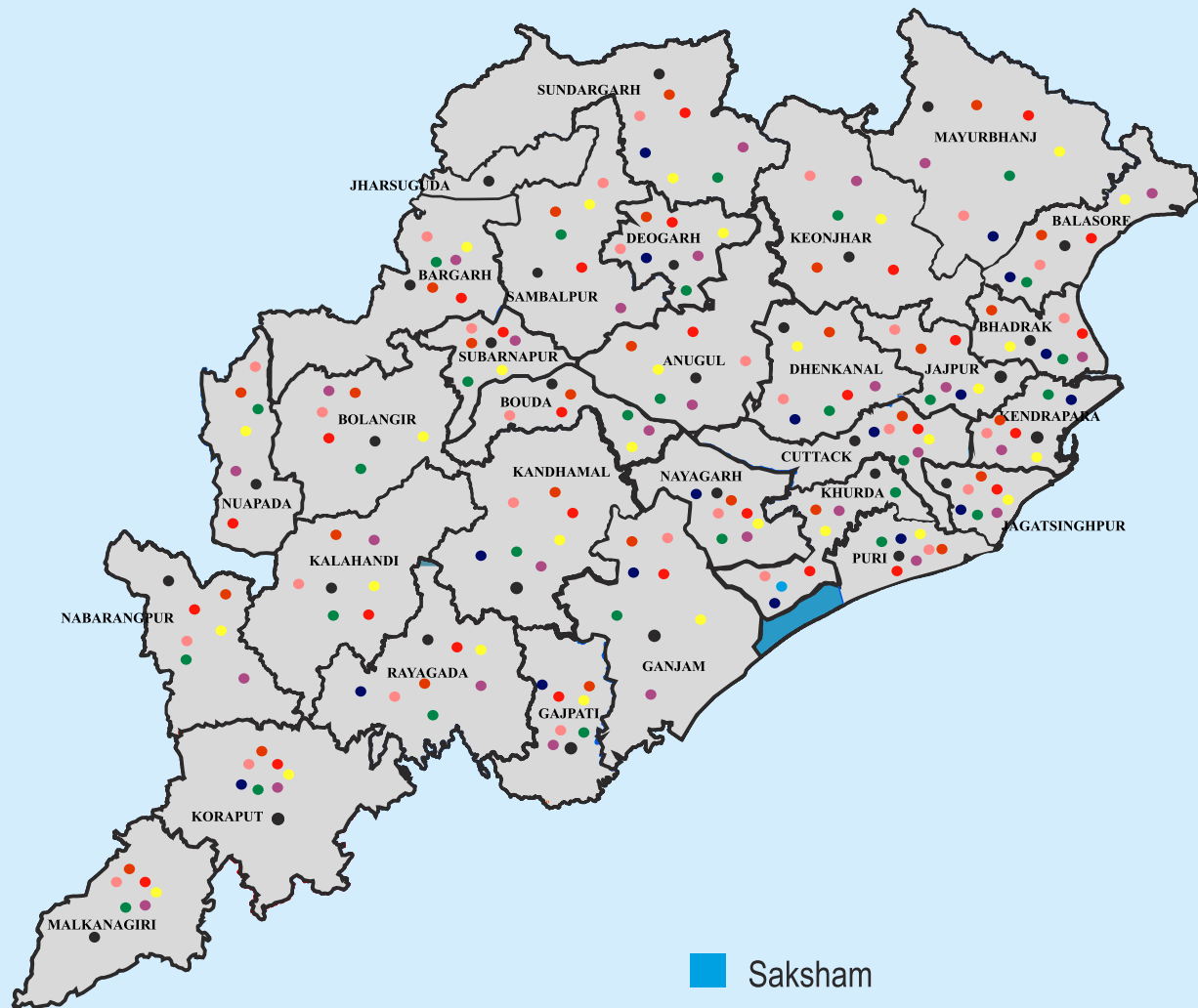
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Swabhiman's presence in Odisha



- Saksham
- Anjali Participants
- Anjali Scholarships
- Audio Book
- Braille Book
- OSDN Network
- Prerana Awardees
- Swabalamban
- YLTEP

Message From Chief Executive

Ten years ago, the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. One of the most widely ratified international human rights instruments, with 169 Parties, the Convention has spurred significant progress in commitment and action for equality, inclusion and empowerment around the world, with disability being increasingly incorporated into the global human rights and development agendas. This year, United Nations member states have embarked on implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, our blueprint for peace, prosperity, dignity and opportunity for all on a healthy planet. With its 17 interdependent Sustainable Development Goals, the 2030 Agenda is based on a pledge to leave no one behind. Achieving this requires the full inclusion and effective participation of persons with disabilities in society and development. In a rare show of unity at the end of a stormy Parliament session, on December 16, the ayes in the Lok Sabha had it – the lower house followed the upper house in passing the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Bill, 2016. Close to a decade after it ratified the United Nations Convention for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (2007), which requires signatories to guarantee equality and all human rights to the disabled, India is finally got a law to replace the toothless Persons with Disabilities Act 1995. Swabhiman was directly involved in first suggesting a new law through NDN, to the drafting, discussions and finally lobbying with parliamentarians individually for passage of the law successfully. Much remains to be accomplished before people with disabilities can realize their full potential as equal and valued members of society. We must eliminate the stereotypes and discrimination that perpetuate their exclusion and build an accessible, enabling and inclusive environment for all. For the 2030 Agenda to succeed, we must include individuals with disabilities in implementation and monitoring and use the Convention as a guide. Swabhiman's year round advocacy and awareness programs were geared towards this objective. This year Swabhiman initiated three new programs - Prerana Awards, Saksham and YLTEP (Youth Leadership Training and Empowerment Program). Prerana inspires high scorers in matriculation. Saksham aims at round-the-year holistic support to children with disabilities living in Bhubaneswar slums to ensure that they complete their education (high school), while cultivating a hobby that would have a possibility of evolving into a professional activity; and to the school dropouts reluctant to return to school, it will provide a skill and help get a job or self-employed. YLTEP aims at empowering and transforming youth with disabilities to explore their full potential and utilize their talent and energy for creating a better society in the right perspective. Our generation is the first which could actually eradicate extreme poverty, and the last to be able to prevent catastrophic climate change. We hope through Prerana and YLTEP, we will be able to motivate our youth to get educated, employed and become active citizen.



Dr. Sruti Mohapatra
Chief Executive
Swabhiman



Governing and General Body Members

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Mrs. Nivedita Scudder	President
Mr. Manoranjan Saran	Vice President
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Mrs. Subhagini Sahu	Member
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Mrs. Gourimani Biswal	Member

Advocacy

As part of its advocacy activities several communications were sent to several departments regarding various issues.

Date	To Whom Issued	Subject
03/05/2016	Mr.Niten Chandra, Principal Secretary. Dept.of Social Security and empowerment of persons with disabilities	Appeal of a father of a person with disability.
01/06/2016	Principal Secretary Department of Excise GoO	Managing Director OSBC Clarification of physically and mentally retarded abused.
14/06/2016	Mrs. Ranjana Chopra, Comm. cut Secretary School and Mass Education	Advocacy letter to build all accessible toilets and drinking water points.
14/06/2016	Comm. Cum Secretary Dept. SSEPD Chief Architect, Public Works Department Joint Secretary, In-Charge, Accessible india Campaign, New Delhi	Advocacy letter for accessible school buildings
14/06/2016	GVV Sharma, Principal Secretary, Higher Education, GoO	Advocacy letter for appointment of special trainers and special courses at graduation level
14/06/2016	Prakash Chandra Sarangi, VC Ravenshaw University, Joint Secretary, In-Charge, Accessible india Campaign	Advocacy letter for build accessible sports complex for persons with disabilities
14/06/2016	Ms. Arti Ahuja, Principal Secretary, Dept. of Health & Family Welfare, Chief Architect, Public Works Dept.	letter to make accessible Anganwadi Centres
14/06/2016	Sri Gagan ku. Dhal, Principal Secretary, Dept. of Tourism, Comm. cum Secretary Dept. SSEPD	Advocacy letter to make proposed ecotourism sites accessible & disabled friendly
20/06/2016	Dr. Krishnan Kumar, Commissioner, BMC, Mr. Ananta Narayan Jena, Mayor, BMC	Advocacy for accessible World Trade Centre Project.
20/06/2016	GVV Sharma, Principal Secretary, Higher Education GoO, Comm. cum Secretary Dept. SSEPD	Advocacy letter to setup help desk for Persons with disabilities during admission session
23/06/2016	Mrs. Ranjana Chopra, Comm. cut Secretary School and Mass Education	Advocacy letter to appoint special teachers to ensure inclusive education.

23/06/2016	Sri Gagan ku. Dhal, Principal Secretary, Dept. of Tourism, GoO, Comm. cum Secretary Dept. SSEPD	Advocacy letter to make proposed tourism sites accessible
30/06/2016	Mr. Niten Chandra, Principal Secretary, Dept. SSEPD	Provision for Hearing aid to 41 children with disabilities identified by saksham project of swabhiman
24/07/2016	Sri Mathi Vathanan, Comm. Cum Secretary, Housing and Urban Development dept. Mr. Niten Chandra, Principal Secretary, Dept. SSEPD	Advocacy letter for accessible houses, blocks under PMAY
24/07/2016	Mrs. Ranjana Chopra, Comm. cum Secretary School and Mass Education, Chief Architect, Public Works Department	Advocacy letter for accessible training institute and special trainers for PwDs.
04/08/2016	Sri Mathi Vathanan, Comm. Cum Secretary, Housing and Urban Development dept, Mr. Niten Chandra, Principal Secretary, Dept. SSEPD	Advocacy letter to make public building accessible for all
04/08/2016	Mr. Aditya Prasad Padhi, Chief Secretary cum Chief Development Commissioner, Niten Chandra, Principal Secretary, Dept. SSEPD	Advocacy letter to make public toilet accessible for all
11/08/2016	Sri Laxmi Narayan Gupta, Principal Secretary Dept. Skill Development and Technical Education	Advocacy letter for arrangement of motivational programmes.
11/08/2016	Sri Mathi Vathanan, Comm. Cum Secretary, Housing and Urban Development dept., Mr. Niten Chandra, Principal Secretary, Dept. SSEPD	Advocacy for accessible housing program under PMAY
17/08/2016	Mr. Aditya Prasad Padhi, Chief Secretary cum Chief Development Commissioner, Special Secretary Dept. of Electronics and Information Technology	Advocacy regarding accessible website for all Govt. departments
17/08/2016	Sri Pradipta Ku Mohapatra, MD OSDMA, Rajiv Bhawan, Niten Chandra, Principal Secretary, Dept. SSEPD	Advocacy letter for building accessible features to the cyclone shelter.

Awareness

Braille Day

On 04/01/2017, Swabhiman celebrated World Braille Day by distributing Braille kits (Braille slate, Stylus, Taylor Frame, and Taylor Frame Types), Braille print of Rights of Persons with Disability (RPwD) Act 2016 and Braille calendar to visually impaired students from standard one to seven. 30 students from 13 schools – Gangadhar Nuas, Koto Bidyadharpur Ups, Maa Bhuasuni Vidyapitha, Kujimahal Pups, Makund Prasad UGUPS, Jayamangal Nups, Lahanga Ps, Jamujhari Ps, Auranga UGUPS, Kahakundu Ps,



Lingaraj NUPS, Bhabagrahi Model School for the Sightless and R. N. UNPS were given the kits. Poly Pattnaik, Principal, Mother's Public School, Dipti Mohanty, Director SNM Group, Dr. Sruti Mohapatra, Chief Executive, Swabhiman and Mihir Mohanty, Director Programs, Swabhiman distributed the kits to the students. Sarmishta Mohapatra dwelling in Dubai visited Swabhiman on 2nd January 2017. She has sailed for 3 years round the world and has visited more than 5 countries. Many discussions were held on Sarmishta's interest area, inclusive education and taking information to Dubai about rights and laws for Divyangs. She is presently working in a school counseling parents on security and safety of the children.

International Day of Persons with Disabilities

International Day of Persons with Disabilities is a day that has been promoted by the United Nations since 1992. Each year, this day is



celebrated with a theme. The theme for 2016 was "Achieving 17 goals for the future we want." Swabhiman celebrated Disability Day by organizing five different events in five different places on 03/12/16.

- Unit-8 Government High School, BBSR.
- BJB Autonomous College, Bhubaneswar.
- UN Autonomous College, Adaspur
- Regional Spinal Injury Centre, Katak.
- SAI International School.



Talk on Spinal Cord Injury in Kendrapada

On 25/09/2016, Dr. Sruti Mohapatra was invited to Kendrapada by Punarbasa, a NGO based in Kendrapada working for the empowerment of PwDs, headed by Biraja Routray, spinal cord injured to give a talk on spinal cord injury to create public awareness. Total of 120 people, students from different colleges, PwDs and civil society members of Kendrapada were present in the awareness program. Dr. Mohapatra spoke about the challenges she faced after sitting in a wheelchair and how the lack of proper handling after accident, lack of proper and emergency attendance in hospital led to the severity of spinal cord injury and made her dependent for life. Dr. Abhishek Sannyal, a noted PMR expert (Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation) who has been trained under Dr. Suranjan Bhattacharjee, the greatest expert on Spinal Cord Injury, gave a talk regarding the steps to be followed just after a spinal cord injury, management of injury, rehabilitation and living with an injury. Noted writer and a government servant, Biraja Routray, who himself had his spinal cord injured, also addressed the gathering.



Awareness about Spinal Cord Injury

This year, International Spinal Injury Association announced 05/09/2016 as "Spinal Injury Awareness Day." Swabhiman coordinated many activities. As 5th was Ganesh Chaturthi, we did



our programs on 4th, 7th and 8th of September. On 7th September, we organized a "walk for the cause" from lower PMG to Master Canteen with 100 persons and children with spinal cord injury and disabilities. The walk was followed by a candle light vigil. The programme was coordinated by volunteers from different colleges and universities. In this week we also organised nine awareness programs in government schools of Bhubaneswar, and one in Regional Spinal Injury Centre.

Inter-ICRC Competition

On 17/09/2016, Swabhiman organised inter ICRC (Inclusive Child Resource Centre) competition of among children with disabilities (CwDs) from Class I to VI. Total 51 CwDs from all 8 ICRCs participated in



six numbers of competitions (Art, Speech, Essay Writing, Fancy Dress, Song, and Yoga). Sri S.K. Palit, Secretary of Vivekananda Yoga Therapy Research Institute; Ms. Kanakalata Sahu, Retired High School Teacher of Vanivihar High School; Ms. Minati Singh, Head Mistress of OSEB Govt UP School, and Anupama Mohanty, Teacher of OSEB UP School were among the judges. Prizes were distributed to the winners. The senior group inter-ICRC competition was held on 28th September.



Prativa 'O' Manthan

On 29/09/2016, Swabhiman organised Prativa 'O' Manthan, a program to share the success of Project Saksham. This is a unique partnership between Government, Corporate, NGO and Parents. 11 members of the child cabinet of BJB College Colony Project UP school along with their education minister Guddu Das (OH) created a 3D model of their school. 11 CwDs and parents of CwDs participated in a panel discussion and spoke about the difficulties and challenges in education process. Niten Chandra, Principal Secretary SSEPD, Ranjana Chopra, Commissioner cum Secretary Department of School and Mass Education, SusrutKar, Associate Vice President Birla Sun Life Insurance, Braja Sathpathy Senior Regional Manager of Birla Sun Life Insurance and Dr. Sruti Mohapatra, Chief Executive - Swabhiman were the guests. The program concluded with some extraordinary talents performing dance, solo skit, yoga and song.



Tribute to the Uri martyrs

War veterans, students and members of civil society paid a tribute to the Uri martyrs on 26/09/2016. The group of about 100 people marched on the streets of Bhubaneswar holding lit candles. The road reverberated with "Vande Mataram" and "Jai Jawan." A group led by retired General B. K Mohapatra walked from Shriya square to Ram Mandir. Candles were placed there in memory of the martyrs.



Disability and Media, IIMC Dhenkanal

Since the past 11 years, IIMC Dhenkanal has been inviting Swabhiman to conduct an orientation workshop on "Disability" for the students. On 03/09/2016, Dr. Sruti Mohapatra with



Swadhin Khatua (Project Officer Training and Networking), Poonam Naik (Project Officer Anjali), volunteers Shreedata Mohanty (U.N. Autonomous College, Cuttack) and Tapaswini Routray (Biju Pattanaik College of Social Work) reached IIMC. Dr. Mohapatra spoke on disability issues, challenges in her life and then "Disability and Media." Exhibition of Swabhiman's publications, simulation activities for the students and foot and mouth painting were some activities conducted.

Facing the Challenges of Life successfully, Koraput

In Koraput Dr. Sruti Mohapatra visited one school, one college and one university as an "Inspirational Speaker." On 25/08/2016 she addressed students of Koraput Government Girls High School founded in 1968. On 26/08/2016 morning she addressed students in Government College Koraput, DAV. She spoke on "Being Good Human." In the afternoon she visited Central University Koraput. She spoke on "Facing the Challenges of Life Successfully." Her talks were greatly appreciated.



Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan, Hotel Mayfair

An awareness programme on Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan was held in hotel Mayfair on 19/08/2016. Apart from bureaucrats and dignitaries 200 students from different colleges attended it. Dr. Sruti Mohapatra addressed the gathering. She interacted with students on access, accessibility and inclusive society. Mr. Mihir Mohanty (Director Programs, Swabhiman) shared swabhiman's experience in auditing 400 buildings of 11 cities - Agra, Patna, Noida, Ludhiyana, Srinagar & Jammu, Hyderabad, Puducherry, Lakshadweep, Gangtok, Kohima and Ittanagar.



Seminar on more inclusive and accessible approach to Smart Cities

To design and emphasize the need for a more inclusive and accessible approach to Smart Cities, a seminar was organised in Bhubaneswar, Odisha on 28th March, 2017 by Swabhiman and BDA as part of urban lectures being organized by BDA. National Centre for Promotion of Employment for Disabled People (NCPEDP), BMC (Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation) Bhubaneswar Smart City Ltd and Mphasis partnered the project. It stressed on the importance of integrating elements of Universal Design right at the design and development stages of the smart city initiatives. Among the panelists were international

accessibility expert and Vice-President, Global Initiative for Inclusive Information and Communication Technologies (G3ict), James Thurston who heads the global campaign on 'Accessible Smart Cities' at G3ict; R. Balakrishnan, IAS, Development Commissioner-cum-Add. Chief Secretary to Govt. of Odisha; Krishna Kumar IAS, Vice Chairman BDA and Commissioner BMC; R. Vineel Krishna, IAS, CEO, Smart City Bhubaneswar; Javed Abidi, Global Chair DPI –International and Honorary Director, NCPEDP; Shilpi Kapoor, Founder, Barrier Break; Meenu Bhambhani, VP and Head - CSR, Mphasis, and Dr. Sruti Mohapatra, Chief Executive Officer, Swabhiman. The whole session was interpreted by sign language expert Mr. Pramod Mohapatra.



Environment Awareness, Hariharananda Balaashram

On 6/08/2016 in Hariharananda Balaashram, Swabhimani team members Poonam Naik (Project Officer) and Sarah Banoo (Media and Documentation) conducted 2 hours program for students from 4 schools - Hariharananda Balaashram, M. S. High School, Bidya Pitha and Arua High School from Kendrapada. They talked about environment, its degradation by human activities and how to protect and preserve it. They showed many videos. A quiz on environment was conducted and 10 students each from the four schools were awarded prizes by the administrator of Hariharananda Balaashram.



OSDN Meeting

Odisha State Disability Network organized a state level meeting on 27/03/2017 to share all recent happenings, decide on a united action plan for 2017, and work collectively for empowerment of all persons with disabilities. Total 60 participants, 32 NGOs from 20 districts, 8 students from different colleges and universities of 8 districts participated. Javed Abidi, Honorary Director, NCPEDP, New Delhi and Global Chair DPI shared his views on disability scenario of India and the World in Post UNCPRD, SDG and RPwD Act Scenario.



Training & Capacity Building

Orientation on Swavlamban Health Insurance Scheme

On 20 February 2017, Swabhiman organised an orientation on Swavlamban Health Insurance Scheme, that is a group mediclaim policy for PwDs launched by The New India Assurance Company Limited in association with Ministry of Social Justice, Dept of Empowerment of PwDs. 5 divyangs, 3 from Ravenshaw College, and 2 from Aaina organisation along with 18 staffs of Swabhiman attended the orientation. Two representatives, Bikash Kumar Mallik, Senior Divisional Manager and P. Sujata Mohapatra, Administrative Officer from The New India Assurance explained about the scheme and interacted with the listeners.



Training on Inclusive Education and IEP.

Swabhiman organized a three-day training programme for the facilitators under Project Saksham. Resource Persons, Renu Anuj Shingh and Chanchal Lata from AADI (Action for Ability Development and Inclusion) New Delhi trained the facilitators to understand barriers in the development of a child. They trained the facilitators in various methods of teaching children with different disabilities.



Understanding Disability and Inclusive Education & "Saksham" & Inclusive Education

On 12/09/2016, 18 students of MSW (Master in Social Work), along with 2 faculty members (Shreedata Mohanty, (HOD of Department of MSW) and Biswokalpita Mohanty (Lecturer)) from U.N Autonomous College, Adaspur, Katak came to Swabhiman on an exposure visit. Dr. Sruti Mohapatra conducted a session on "Understanding Disability and Inclusive Education" and Lipika Mohapatra (Team Leader - Academics) took a session on "Saksham and Inclusive Education." Later the students did simulation activities and experienced the challenges of disability. They also visited 3 ICRCs (Inclusive Child Resource Centers) - ICRC 1, 3 and 4.



Ongoing Projects

"Phrenasthenic" or "Special Needs"

On 8th and 9th October, Mrs. Manjusmita Panda, a member of Swabhiman's Circle of Friends, visited us. A Bhubaneswar resident, she lives in London since past 20 years and is heading a Montessori school there. She supports our "Support A Teacher" program. This program matches the requirement of teachers in various special and government schools with resume of unemployed but educated youth with disabilities. When we get a perfect match, our sponsor supports the salary of the teachers. Mrs Panda supports Naseem Alam's salary who teaches in BBC School for Deaf, Bhubaneswar. Men and women, who though qualified lack jobs.

On 8th she visited BBC School and interacted with both the headmistress and her staff, including Naseem.

Then she came to office, interacted with the team members of Swabhiman. On 9th she conducted a class for building capacities of the team on teaching children with disabilities. Montessori education is an educational approach developed by Italian physician and educator Maria Montessori based on her extensive research with "phrenasthenic" or "special needs" children and characterized by an emphasis on independence, freedom within limits, and respect for a child's natural psychological, physical, and social development.



Addhayayan

Braille Books Printing and Distribution

Swabhiman bought a Braille printer with the support of Steel Authority of India limited, in order to cater the needs of people with visual impairment in the state of Odisha. The printing of the Braille books is under process. Braille books have been produced to class 9th and 10th syllabus of Odisha government schools and distributed to BBC school and 18 other special schools. 2015 calendar, basic information about India, General knowledge and important circulars have been produced and distributed. The underneath were the schools who received braille books.

1. Bhima Bhoi Drustihina Bidyalaya, BBSR
2. L.B High School, Khandagiri, Bhubaneswar
3. School for the Blind, Ranipatna, Balesore
4. R.N. Betena, Bhadrak High School, Bhadrak
5. Nimapada High School for the Blind, Nimapada
6. Phulabani High School for the Blind, Phulabani
7. Burla School for the Blind, Burla
8. Bargard School for the Blind
9. Koraput School for the Blind, Koraput
10. Red Cross Drustihin Bidyalaya, Berahmpur
11. School for the Blind, Baripada



Livelihood Promotion

A sharing session with youths with disabilities, who have started earning, was organized on 30/08/2016. The objective of this sharing was to motivate each other to work for a livelihood and share their journey with others. A total 14 YwDs and their parents came to share their experiences and journey towards employment. The programme started with a presentation on the status of YwDs facilitated through Saksham Tanmayee Sahu, Team Leader - Livelihood and Enhancement. After the presentation parents shared the change in their mindset by towards the abilities of their children and how the engagement enhanced the confidence of their kids. Mr Susrut Kar, CSR head, Aditya Birla Financial Services, Dr Sruti Mohapatra, Chief Executive, Swabhiman, and Mihir Mohanty, Director Programs, Saksham, Swabhiman were among those present in the meeting and also motivated the YwDs to make their dreams come true.



Anjali Scholarship

A significant section of young physically and socially challenged children who excel in academics, or creative and performing arts, have no or little means to pursue their chosen careers. These scholarships enable competent students, who may otherwise be economically weak, to receive higher education or professional training and thus pursue their dreams and careers and become economically self-sufficient and independent. In the first week of every month students get Rs. 1000 as Anjali Scholarship. This scholarship has helped me a lot. I am thankful to Swabhiman for providing such a scholarship, said by Mukunda. (One of the Anjali Scholars) The 3rd Anjali Scholarship disbursement was done on 14/04/2016 and 16/04/2016 respectively at Swabhiman office. 37 scholars attended. Morning prayer was followed by a session on motivation by Dr. Tapas Kumar Das, where they were given lessons on group building from which they learnt how to effectively communicate with their talking partners in a group and also understood the importance of communication. "We can to know each other and shared our thoughts through this session" said Tapas Kumar Jena, a scholar who is 100% Visually Impaired. Mrs. Tanmayee Sahu interacted with the scholars and was also involved in motivating the scholars to participate in sharing their thoughts with their talking partners. She also helped in communicating in sign language with scholar who is 100% Speech and Hearing Impaired.



Braille Kit Distribution

On 04/01/2017 on the occasion of World Braille Day, Swabhiman distributed Braille kits to 20 students. This program was organized by city based Organization ISWAR, Shri. Darmendra Pradhan minister of Petroleum and Natural gas was graced the occasion. The Braille kit included, specially designed Braille learning tools and tools for learning arithmetic and geometry. It can be used by any member of family to teach a blind student from the age of four and above. The Kit also contained alphabet plate and the user manuals can be changed to desired Indian language. Hence it is universal Braille kit.



Teacher Support in Special School

This initiative was taken to employ persons with disability having talent and wanting to be independent. Swabhiman aids and assists persons with disabilities who want to be independent and do something for this country. Nasim Azam, 25, speech and hearing impaired, was appointed as art teacher in Bipin Bhiari Choudary School for Deaf. He completed his schooling from the same school and has done M.V.A (Painting) from Utkal University of Culture. He also participated in various art exhibition conducted by various organisation. "We are thankful to Swabhiman for giving him this opportunity to explore his talents" said his brother. Ms Manjusmita Panda from London, supports this endeavour. Swabhiman is thankful to her for supporting and giving a helping hand in employment of educated youth on the one hand and feeling the vacancy of teachers in the school in the other.



Accessible India Campaign

Accessible India Campaign or Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan is a program which comes under the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment. This program was launched by the Prime Minister of India on 3 December 2015 on the occasion of International Day of Persons with Disabilities to serve the persons with disabilities, the elderly and the infirm. For Persons with Disabilities (PwDs), universal accessibility is critical for enabling them to gain access for equal opportunity and live independently and participate fully in all aspects of life in an inclusive

society. Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995 under sections 44, 45 and 46 categorically provides for non-discrimination in transport, non-discrimination on the road and non-discrimination in built environment respectively. United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD), to which India is a signatory, under Article 9 casts obligations on the Governments for ensuring to PwDs accessibility to (a) Information, (b) Transportation, (c) Physical Environment, (d) Communication Technology and (e) Accessibility to Services as well as emergency services.

State/UT	City	No Of Buildings	Type Of Building
Sikkim	Gangtok	36	Public & Private
Jammu & Kashmir	All District of J&K	102	Public & Private
Lakshadweep	Lakshadweep	57	Public & Private
Bihar	Patna	36	Public & Private
Uttar Pradesh	Noida	50	Public & Private
Uttar Pradesh	Agra	30	Public & Private
Telangana	Hyderabad	20	Public & Private
Puducherry	Puducherry	30	Public & Private
Punjab	Ludhiana	47	Public & Private
Nagaland	Kohima	25	Public & Private
Arunachal Pradesh	Itanagar	30	Public & Private
Tripura	Agartala	25	Public & Private



Saksham

ICRC inauguration, VSS Nagar UG UP School

The Seventh Inclusive Child Resource Center (ICRC) of Project Saksham – Swabhiman was inaugurated at VSS Nagar UG UP School, on 04/04/2016. Rashmita Mohanty, Corporator, VSS Nagar graced the occasion as the guest. Total 73 participants including children with disability (CWDs), parents, teachers, SMC members, President of local youth club and SHGs, representatives from local NGO, local Anganwadi workers, facilitators and team leaders of Saksham, participated in the programme. Ms. Hemabati Satpathy, Head Mistress of VSS Nagar UGUP School, Head Mistresses of Chakeisiani UP School, VSS Nagar High School, Bhatapada Primary School, Second Postal UG UP School, Mancheswar UP School and Mr. Pravat Kumar Senapati, CRCC were among the other dignitaries present in the programme.

Training in Poultry Farming

A six days long training programme in Poultry Farming was held at the office of Swabhiman from 25/04/2016 to 30/04/2016. It was organised by Swabhiman in collaboration with Central Poultry Development Agency, Eastern Zone. This programme was successfully completed with 30 participants among whom 22 were youth with disabilities. Dr Indira Nayak, Asst Director, Central Poultry Development Agency, gave the lectures and took all participants for an exposure visit. Besides poultry farming, motivational sessions were also taken to motivate them to work and earn some livelihood. All the participants learned detailed about poultry training which will be very helpful for them. At the end of the training all the participants were provided with certificates.



Training in Juice Making

Training in Juice Making was held on 23/04/2016 at the office of Swabhiman, taking 9 youths with disability. Ramesh Debata from Institute of Hotel Management trained the youth in peeling, extracting Juice from fruits and vegetables in a hygienic way and storing. He shared tips on how to prepare economically viable ready to drink fruit juice and vegetable juice. He also explained the medicinal use of various types of juice.



Craft Exhibition

Paper craft was conducted at ICRC 1 by expert Arun Pathak from workshop Ratnagiri, Maharashtra. It was an inclusive workshop with 12 children with disabilities and 12 children without disabilities. IED coordinator Puspamitra Mishra and BRP Geetanjali Kar were present to motivate and encourage children and they also learnt tricks to improve concentration power. Today Mr. Pathak taught making paper balls and pen stand. Then by drawing and painting the mirror image of their own painting, he asked children to find the differences, and thus they assessed their own level of concentration. Field facilitator Puspita Priyadarshini helped children in making the crafts.

A week long craft exhibition was inaugurated in Govt. Project UP School, IRC Village, Sector 6 on 23rd May 2016 (Monday). Craft items created by children with disabilities (CWDs) in 8 – Inclusive Child Resource Center (ICRCs) under the guidance of Mr. Arun Phatak (Resource person from Ratnagiri, Maharashtra), were exhibited. These ICRCs are being run by Swabhiman with the support of Aditya Birla Financial Services and Department of School and Mass Education, Govt of Odisha. A total 76 participants including CWDs, parents, teachers, SMC members, facilitators and



team leaders of project Saksham participated in the programme. Surekha Tarai, Deputy Director, Inclusive Education, OPEPA inaugurated the Exhibition with Snigdha Mishra, Block Education Officer (BEO) Bhubaneswar, and Susrut Kar State CSR head of Sun Life Insurance of Aditya Birla Financial Services, along with Dr. Sruti Mohapatra. Ms. Manjula Mishra, Head Mistress of Government Project UP School, IRC Village, Sector 6, Mr. Bidyadhara Sahu, URCC and CRCC were among the other dignitaries present in the programme.

Swabhiman Premier League (Junior), B.J.B College Colony Project UP School

Watching Durga Prasad of Trinath Basti, VSS nagar, sitting on the ground and hitting fours to a ball which was above his height, watching speech and hearing impaired Depak run for Durga with lightning speed, watching Jitendra, of Budheswari colony slum limping and hitting fours and sixes, words failed. Disability failed. All that remained was grit and determination, the courage to defy bodily disabilities and reach the sky. These were children from the slums of Bhubaneswar, with disabilities, being supported for holistic education and skills by Swabhiman, through project Saksham. Project Saksham is a partnership between School & Mass Education, Swabhiman and Aditya Birla Financial Services, Mumbai



In a sportive environment, Swabhimani Premier League (Junior), from 29th to 31st May, in the ground of B.J.B College Colony Project UP School was inaugurated at 4pm by K.Shanti Rao, Deputy Mayor, Pravanjan Mallick, Indian First class cricketer for Odisha, who has retired; and Dr Sruti Mohapatra. The match started with openers from Rising Stars Jitendra Pradhan, OH and Sahil Das, speech and hearing impaired. The partnership between them was marvelous, runs were raining and it lead to a score of 172 runs with loss of one



wicket (172/1).

Chasing 173 in 7 overs, the Little Masters managed only 49 losing three wickets. Other than captain, Suman Mukherjee, OH, no one could muster enough steam and eventually fell short by 123 runs. Jitendra Pradhan, captain of Rising Stars was awarded Man of the Match trophy and of cash prize of rupees five hundred (500) which was sponsored by Pravanjan Mallick Gen. B.K.Mohapatra, Chairman of Bharatua Vidya Bhawan gave away the Man of the Match Trophy.

Employment Kits Distribution

On 05/04/2016, employment kits were distributed to 4 youth with disabilities at ICRC-1, BJB College Colony UP School. Sonali Sahoo, speech and hearing impaired, was supported with a sewing machine. M. Shiva Reddy, 18, speech and hearing impaired was supported with a refrigerator (he also contributed a nominal amount for it); MamaliSathua, 17, orthopedically handicapped, received material support to run her all-purpose shop; and Bubun Pradhan, 18, visually impaired, received a start-up assistance to sell garments in the vending zone. In the presence of SusrutKar, representative Aditya Birla Financial services, and Director Programs Mihir



Mohanty the employment kits were distributed to help them earn their livelihood and lead a life of dignity. During this event children with disabilities of ICRC -1 showcased their talents of mono action, drawing and singing etc. Tanmayee Sahu facilitated the programme with the support of PrajnaParimita, Pranay Keshari, Satyajit , Poonam Naik, Sarah Banoo and Puspita Priyadarshini.

Children in Difficult Circumstances, CYSD

Gudu, Partha and Ruby our Project Saksham participated in the state level consultation on "Children in Difficult Circumstances" at CYSD on 8/07/2016. This consultation was jointly organized by CYSD, Plan India, CINI and CLAP. Children highlighted the difficulties they were facing in education, especially curriculum and teaching, and daily activities in and outside the school. This innovative participation was conceived by Mihir Mohanty and presented by Lipika Mohapatra. Facilitators Pushpita, Aiswariya, Prannaya and Lalatendu helped in the process.



Health Assessments

On 17/07/2016, parallel health assessments for 27 CwDs at BJB College Colony Project School, BJB Nagar, Bhubaneswar and Aerodrome UGUP School, Pallaspalli, Bhubaneswar was conducted from 10:30 am onwards. Dr. Bhanu Prakash Dash, Junior Resident, IMS and SUM Hospital, Bhubaneswar, Dr. Sisir Kumar Sahoo, Emergency Medical Officer, AMRI Hospitals, Bhubaneswar, accessed the children. Dr. Reetom Kumar Deori and Dr. Dipanshu Mohanty, Interns from IMS, Bhubaneswar assisted Dr. Das and Dr. Sahoo during the assessment. The young minds with strong commitment for the community from Adhar Foundation were present to help the process run smoother. They were the budding Engineering Grads, Prabhu, Soumen, Prateek from ITER, Bhubaneswar and Nitesh, Sameer, Shiva, Falguni, Sarthak, Anshuman, Pratikshya,

Shikta, Siddhant, Arjun, Rajesh, Bibhu, Prasant, Mokshya, Pravasini, Gulnaz, Neha pursuing their bachelors in Medicine and Surgery from IMS, Bhubaneswar.



"Children with special needs - 2017" - RMNH

Regional Museum of Natural History, Bhubaneswar organised a program for "Children with Special Needs - 2017" on 8th and 9th February 2017. Swabhiman sent 9 CwDs from different ICRCs to participate and learn with children from different organisation and schools (BBC School for the Deaf, Chetna, OLS, Rajdhani School for the Deaf, and Sri Harsha Mishra Memorial School for the Deaf). In the two days, children participated in activities like Origami, Sand Art and Painting. In the evenings little stars performed in the cultural program and got a token of love from the organizers. Poonam Naik, Project Officer and Lalatendu Bhoi, coordinated the two days event.



Aids & Appliances Distributed

On 20/08/2016, 3 walkers and 2 wheel chairs were distributed at ICRC 5 (Salia Sahi) to CwDs who are improving after taking physiotherapy. The devices were distributed in the presence of Susrut Kar (Aditya Birla Financial Services) and Mihir Mohanty (Director Programs).



GUDDU Passed Away

We deeply mourn the passing away of our beloved Guddu Das of ICRC 1. He was a gifted artist and singer. He was the first wheelchair user school cabinet member of BJB College Colony Project UP School. We will always remember him with deep love.



Linkage to Youth

On 19/01/2017, we organised a Linkage to Employment program for youth with disabilities. 74 YwDs came forward and participated in a half day long program. Sudeep Bhatt representative from Shahi Expo, a garment unit and Manoj Kumar from Centurion University explained about the functioning of their units and shared the history of their responsibility of their establishments. Manoj from Centurion University motivated the YwDs to take training in hospitality management and in tailoring. 17 YwDs got selected to attend the training in Shahi Expo. Completion of training will lead to immediate job placements

Plantation, Jharapada Primary School

On 30/08/2016, saplings were planted in ICRC 6 at Jharapada Primary School. All children took part in it. This was followed by distribution of aids and appliances; and Bus Passes to the children with disabilities. A total of 162 children, mainstream, participated in the programme, including from 23 CwDs, 23 parents, 5 teachers and 11 Swabhiman staff. Mr. Susrut Kar, CSR Head of Aditya Birla Financial Services was the Guest of the occasion. Dr. Sruti Mohapatra, Ms. SantiLata Nayak, Head Mistress In charge, and Mihir Mohanty, Director Programs, Saksham were also present.



YLTEP 2 (Youth Leadership Training and Empowerment Programme)

1st Regional YLTEP, Koraput

After the successful completion of YLTEP - 1, Swabhiman and Odisha State Beverages Corporation have initiated the second phase. The 1st regional YLTEP was inaugurated at Koraput. Youth with disabilities from 6 neighboring districts, studying in colleges and universities,



participated. The valedictory session saw the presence of ADM and Sub Collector who not only distributed certificates, but listened to the hopes, aspiration and experience of participants. Highlights of this YLTEP included sessions in computer fundamentals, leadership, development entitlements, RTI, communication, interview skills and access.

On 26/08/2016, an elaborate healthy discussion was held with the Collector - KORAPUT (Mr. Jaya Kumar V), for the empowerment of the PwDs at Koraput. He suggested a booklet of things to be done at district level, on the basis of new happenings, to be sent to all the Collectors in a regular basis. It was a suggestion from the Collector to form a Committee for the welfare of the PwDs in each district with the help of the DEPwDs which would help in implementation and interdepartmental actions to be made easier.

Swabhiman to address PwDs in each district regarding depression issues. A matrimony site was to be introduced with the help of SEPD Department. Many other points were also discussed. This was supported by Odisha State Beverages Corporation Ltd, Bhubaneswar.

2nd Regional YLTEP, Puri

After the successful completion of the first regional YLTEP, the second one was conducted in the coastal districts of Puri on 23/09/2016 with 25 participants from 7 districts (Puri, Jajpur, Cuttack, Kendrapara, Khordha, Nayagarh, Jagatsinghpur). Basant Kumar Mishra a well known personality in the field of social development from SNDAYP addressed participants. SNDAYP has worked for over a decade for the integrated development of person with disabilities and disaster risk reduction in Puri district. The guests for the valedictory evening were Jayant Kumar Sarangi, Chairman, Puri Municipality and N. Balaram Reddy, Counselor. This was supported by Odisha State Beverages Corporation Ltd, Bhubaneswar.



3rd Regional YLTEP, Sambalpur

After the successful completion of two regional YLTEPs, third regional YLTEP in the western districts of, Sambalpur, on 28/12/2016 with 28 participants from 9 districts (Sundergarh, Jhasuguda, Deogarh, Bargarh, Bolangir, Sambalpur, Sonpur, Kalahandi and Nuapada). Samarth Varma, Collector and District Magistrate, Sambalpur, Kodanda Rao, Chief District Medical Officer, Sambalpur, Ms. Smita Devi, Registrar Gangadhar Meher University, Sambalpur and Ms. Reeta Ray, founder Sai Naivedya Spiritual and Charitable Trust inaugurated the three days program in Gangadhar Meher University, Sambalpur. It was a residential training programme with classes in Yoga, communication, laws for the disabled, and on many more topics. Swadhin Khatua, programme coordinator and Tapas Jena, assistant programme coordinator coordinated the program. The valedictory session was held on 30/12/2016 in the presence of Hon'ble MLA, Sambalpur Dr. Raseswari Panigrahi, Shri Judhistray Nayak, Additional District Magistrate, Sambalpur, Ms. Reeta Ray, founder Sai Naivedya Spiritual and Charitable Trust and Mr. Kartik Chandra Pandab,



western Odisha convenor of OSDN (Odisha State Disability Network). They interacted with the participants and distributed certificates. This was supported by Odisha State Beverages Corporation Ltd, Bhubaneswar.

4th Regional YLTEP, Baripada

Fourth regional YLTEP in Northern Region Baripada, commenced on 17/01/2017 with 25 youth with disabilities from 6 districts (Mayurbhanj, Kendujhar, Balasore, Bhadrak, Anugul and Dhenkanal) of Odisha and continued



for 3 days in North Odisha University, Baripada. Youth with disabilities got residential training with classes in Yoga, communication, rights for disabled, social-political issues and many more aspects. Swadhin Khatua, programme coordinator and Tapas Jena, assistant programme coordinator conducted the program. The valedictory session was held on 19/01/2017 in the presence of Shri R. Prakash (Superintendent of Police, Mayurbhanj) Ms. Hima Bindu Maringanti (Chairperson-PG Council, North Orissa University, Baripada), Dr. Banaja Mohanty (Principal MPC Autonomous College, Baripada) and Prof. Suwendu Satapathy, Dept. of Social Work, North Orissa University, Baripada. They shared inspiring

stories, interacted with the participants and distributed certificates. They also congratulated Swabhiman for successfully completing the last regional training and gave their good wishes for State Level Program. This was supported by Odisha State Beverages Corporation Ltd, Bhubaneswar.

The 2nd State Level Youth Leadership Training and Empowerment Program (YLTEP)

Day-1

On the occasion of Republic Day, the day started with flag hosting in the presence of Sri. Jagadananda, Ex-Information Commissioner Odisha and the founder of CYSD. Professional singers with disabilities Swadhin Pradhan (visually impaired) and his sister Nivedita Pradhan (visually impaired) sang patriotic songs with the participants. The inauguration was done in the presence of General B.K Mohapatra, Chairman, Bharatiya Vidya Bhawan, Dr. Indrajit Mohanty, reader in History, BJB (A) College, Dr. Sruti Mohapatra, Sujata Mohanty and Swadhin Khatua of Swabhiman.

Sessions of the day were:-

1. Effective Communication by Dr. Tapas Das, Communication Expert.
2. Famous leaders of Odisha in India's freedom by Swadhin Khatua, Project Officer Training and Development.
3. Quiz on Odisha and India by Kamlakanta Lenka, Facilitator - Academics



Day-2

The day started with yoga and pranayam at 5:30am. In 30 minutes of the session participants did Dhyanamudraasana, Parswabhangiasana, Ustrasana, Omm Chanting, and Santi mantra. The yoga session was followed by silence hour of 15 minutes. After that, 12 participants participated in a recap session where they spoke briefly about the sessions held yesterday.

Sessions of the day were:

1. Role of youth in nation building by Swami Samarpananda Ji Maharaj from Hariharananda Gurukulam, Puri.
2. Active Citizenship by Ketan Kothari, 100% visually impaired, Manager Advocacy, Sightsavers, from Mumbai.
3. Youth and Social Development by Ex Information Commissioner of Odisha and the founder of CYSD, Jagadananda.
4. Interview Skills by Dr. Tapas Das, Communication Expert.
5. Group discussion on the topic – Challenges faced by youth with disabilities in pursuing higher education by Mihir Mohanty, Program Manager and Sarah Banoo, Communication and Documentation Officer, Swabhiman



Day-3

The 3rd day started with yoga and pranayam at 5:30am. In 30 minutes of the session participants did parswabhangi, padahastana, ardha chakrasana, santi mantra and jogging. The yoga session was followed by silence time of 15 minutes. After that 3 participants participated in a recap session where they spoke briefly about the sessions held the day before.



Sessions of the day were:

1. RPwD Bill and SDGs by Dr. Sruti Mohapatra.
2. Access Audit of CYSD.
3. Rising above challenges and employment opportunities by our outstation expert Sandeep Kanabar, hearing impaired, Principal Software Engineer, Symatec from Chennai. He did an interactive session. He took photographs with the participants and gave his autograph too.



Day-4

On the fourth and the last day of state level YLTP for youth with disabilities the day again started with yoga and pranayam at 5:30am by Prajna Parimita Dash. The yoga session was followed by silence hour of 15 minutes. After that 3 participants (Gitanjali Mahanta (VI) from Mayurbhanj, Kaibal Bag (VI) from Nuapada, and Subadarshini Sarangi (Speech and Hearing Impaired) from Sonpur) participated in a recap session where they spoke briefly about the sessions held yesterday.



Sessions of the day were:-

1. How the RPWD Act 2016 is different from the 1995 Act of PWD by Dr. Sruti Mohapatra.
2. Banking Facilities and Career in the Banking Sector by Jyoti Ranjan Rath DGM, Circle Head PNB, Bhubaneswar.
3. Role of Media in Social Development by Prof. Mrinal Chatterjee from IIMC, Dhenkanal.
4. This was supported by Odisha State Beverages Corporation Ltd, Bhubaneswar.



Events

Anjali

15th Anjali International Children's Festival, the only international children's festival of the country, commenced on 14/11/2016 in Adivasi Exhibition Grounds, Unit 1, Bhubaneswar and continued till 18/11/2017. It ended in a happy note with participation of 3 international teams from Srilanka, Nepal and Bhutan, 11 states, 11 NGOs and all the 30 SSA districts of the state. 2782 Participants were present in the camp for 5 days. 378 children from local mainstream schools visited the camp and were sensitized to disability, moving in a wheelchair and being blindfolded. 1200 children watched films on disability followed by a children's film. 20 resource person conducted 15 workshops. 35 guests addressed campers and



gave away the mementos. 540 children contested in various competitions and 21 judges decided winners. 150 volunteers from 19 college and institutions worked 24*7 for about a month to make Anjali happen. This took Anjali's total reach to 37000 children and 21000 college students. 30 sponsors and 21 members of "Circle of Friends" financially and in kind, supported the event. Anjali was highlighted in the media and everyone in the camp was entertained with different activities.



It's a magical thing every year, to see over 200 volunteers come together in Bhubaneswar to create four fabulous days of fun, learning and unbound joy -and this year was no exception. We had a strong band of young men and women to present one of our most magnificent festivals till date from the Sri Dharmendra Pradhan Hon'ble Union Minister's inaugural address to the colorful and vibrant Carnival of Love, from visually impaired singers spellbinding performance that lit up all hearts to the cheerful festival celebrations, experiencing the magical ambience of a fairyland to the comfort of hot soup and delicious mouth watering dishes at the dining, this year's Festival was a mix of fresh experiences and much loved, customary activities like the workshops, inter school competitions, joy rides, city tours and evening cultural programs. A lot of enthusiasm, excitement and cheerfulness was observed in the carnival as this year marked 15 years of Anjali. 6th edition of Biscope, children's film festival, screened three films - Gattu, The Jungle Book and Budhiya Singh – Born to Run. Swayam the maiden art festival had a total number of 12 artists with disabilities. Among these, 8 artists were Speech and hearing impaired and 4 artists were orthopedically challenged. The artworks were praised by all.

The presence of Padmashree Sudarshan Patnaik was a highpoint of Anjali this year. Children, volunteers and organizers – we were all enthused by his serene presence, impressed by his creative talent and inspired by his 'down to earth' attitude. His sand art was dedicated to demonetisation and our theme "Celebrating Childhood." This year the winner of Anjali Award for Bravery Dr. Kamakshi Prasad Das was a blind professor from Koraput who not only teaches but writes, inspires and motivates young people to get into jobs. Apart from joyful learning, celebration of diversity, bridging gaps, identifying talent and encouraging volunteerism, Anjali festival is also playing another important role. In this age of gadgets, when technology is robbing children of their creativity, imagination and human touch, Anjali is creating a childhood filled with dance, music, outdoor activities, real competitions and interactions with living people.



PRERANA SAMMAN, Hotel New Marriion

The program was held on 27/06/2016 at Hotel New Marriion. This was an effort to recognize the hard work of students with disabilities and celebrate their success in matriculation examination. "Prerana Samman" recipients were children with disabilities who despite many challenges were determined to succeed. Niten Chandra, Principal Secretary (DSSEPwD), Jagadananda (Ex Information Commissioner), Pradipta Mohanty (Director Surendra Agritech Pvt. Ltd), SusrutKar (CSR, Aditya Birla Financial Services) and Debasish Patanaik (Director Dalma) along with other dignitaries felicitated children. Each awardee was presented a trophy, certificate and badges. Arpita Priyadarshini, M.Phil from Sambalpur University and Dr. Sushree Sarangi the first Odia doctor on a wheel-chair were feliciated. Goutam Behera (without hands) (Prerana awardee 2015) and Sushree Sarangi sang melodious songs. The awardees spoke about their hurdles and struggles in their life and that became inspiration for all.



Odisha Youth Conclave

Odisha Youth Conclave was organised in Hotel TheCrown on 30/01/2017. The conclave aimed to motivate, inspire and guide today's youth by sharing experiences with top exponents of identified fields like government officers, spiritual gurus, social activists, entrepreneurs, academicians, political leaders, dancers and celebrities. It was inaugurated at 10 am in the esteem presence of Gurujee H. H. Paramhansa Prajanananadaji Maharaj, Spiritual Head Kriya



Yoga International, Hariharananda Gurukulam, Puri, Sri. Gokul Chandra Pati, Ex Chief Secretary, Odisha, Sri Soumendra Priyadarshi, IGP (Central Zone), Odisha, and Dr. Sruti Mohapatra, Chief Executive, Swabhimana.

With an aim to educate and empower the youth with disabilities of Odisha Swabhimana organises Youth Leadership Training and Empowerment Program.

Our journey started with 4 regional programs (Southern region in Koraput with 25 YwDs, Coastal region in Puri with 25 YwDs, Western region in Sambalpur with 28 YwDs and Northern region in Baripada with 27 YwDs) where the youths were provided sessions on soft skills development, basic computer literacy, leadership qualities, group activities, and workshops. After completion of 4 regional programs, the selected 60 participants from all the four regions (30 districts of Odisha) participated in 4 days residential training program State Level YLTP in CYSD, Bhubaneswar. In the state level program they interacted with other youth of their age from different parts of Odisha, listened and interacted with successful role models from India, got a platform to discuss socio-political and career issues, shared their experience and evolved advocacy agendas.



Others

Blood Donation Camp

In the loving memory of the father of the nation Babu (Mohandas Karam Chand Gandhi) Swabhiman organizes a blood donation camp each year in its office. 31/01/2016, on its 8th year, 64 donors from different professions and students of colleges and institutions, donated blood. Dr. Gyana Brata Mohanty, Additional Secretary, Red Cross Society, Dr. Debashish Mishra and Dr. Sruti Mohapatra, Chief Executive, Swabhiman inaugurated the camp.



Make A Wish, AHRCC.

On 26/12/2016 Swabhiman's volunteers along with its chief executive, Dr. Sruti Mohapatra visited children of AHRCC, Cuttack for celebrating Christmas. Abhinash Dehuri taught them making a Christmas tree by using papers. Asit Behera, Sarah Banoo and well-wishers of Swabhiman from USA, Swati Panda and Ashwin Adwait Panda, volunteered to bring smiles on their faces. A Christmas tree was decorated by all.

On 02/01/2017, children of the pediatric ward in AHCRC made greetings card to wishing each other "Happy New Year". Each child made a card and got a chance to close his eyes and select a card for him from all the outputs. Children enjoyed making card for their friends and getting wishes in form of colourful papers made by their ward mates. Volunteers Sanjay Kanhar and Sarah Banoo joined them wishing a joyful year ahead.

Swabhiman celebrated the 70th Independence Day with children at Pediatric Oncology. Children were told about the importance of this day followed by a sensitization video on our national flag. The children sung national anthem and drew the Indian flag. Members of the Rotract Clubs of Cuttack joined. The children enjoyed a lot!



Raahgiri

Bhubaneswar, Temple City of India, organises 'Raahgiri Day' every Sunday. This is a unique concept where a part of a road is kept closed for cars, scooters and other automobiles for fixed hours. It is then open for the public exclusively for walking, jogging, cycling, skating, exercising, playing, dancing etc. Volunteers created awareness about disability among public by simulation activities.



Yoga, Janpath

"When it was decided to train children with disabilities in yoga, I was uncertain. I am an optimist so it didn't take much to persuade me though. On 19/06/2016, watching the kids photos from Hyderabad, I was stunned, in tears, and in awe of the power of patience and belief". Mihir wrote, "It's not that they can't use their legs or hands—they just need to learn how. On 19/06/2017(eve of International Yoga Day) 50 children with disabilities, orthopedically challenged, visually impaired, speech and hearing impaired, mentally challenged and with learning disabilities performed in Rahagiri, on the roads of Bhubaneswar. This training was supported by Aditya Birla Financial Services, Mumbai.



Ratha Yatra Visit

By the grace of Lord Jagganath, finally arrangements were made for persons with disabilities in Rath Yatra festivities. At Bada Sankha, a free transport arrangement was made to take PwDs and the elderly in a near the temple. A resting booth with chairs, drinking water and first aid awaited visiting elderly and the disabled. Barefoot volunteers in bright red T-shirts welcomed the first group of 21 PwDs and 47 PwDs of second group with red roses. Puri SP Sarthak Sarangi and Barefoot founder Yugabrata Kar joined to inaugurate the booth. Two Barefoot volunteers took responsibility of each PwD. They supportively carried them with their arms and took them inside Gundicha temple. It was an overwhelming experience for them to see lord Jagannath from the nearest and getting Arati. It was a first time experience for many. The tears that flowed and smiles that kept appearing to melt into tears, spoke volumes. Despite of the crowd, volunteers managed visit and darshan of all the persons with disabilities without failing. The group also visited Puri beach. The sea shore gave immense joy to all.



Exposure on Inclusive Education

On 01/10/2016, students of Puri Zilla school visited Swabhiman for an exposure on Inclusive Education. 5 students - Bipasha Priyadarshini Jally, Krishnavandita Pallai, Ankit Mishra, Jagannath Parida and team leader Sthiti Pragya Swain, all of class 9, along with two teachers Anukampa Kanungo and Apurna Shree Mishra had a discussion on disability, accessibility and inclusive education in the schools with Dr. Sruti Mohapatra. Children were shown various videos on awareness of disability and a planning was done to prepare them for their forthcoming participation in National Children's Science Congress. They desired to make a presentation on Inclusive education and hence the visit.



Social Venture Swabhiman, KIIT International

Feeding India Odisha chapter is a social entrepreneurial debut by young students led by Asif Momin. On their invitation, Dr Sruti Mohapatra addressed senior students of KIIT International. She spoke about her social venture Swabhiman, challenges she faced in her life and how to be successful in any venture in life. It was an intense session with several questions being asked about disability, inclusion, Swabhiman's role in creating equity for the disabled and Dr. Mohapatra's personal struggles and success.



Candle Vigil for RPWD-2016

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Internship Programme

Two students from IMS College, one from Pondicherry University were the interns at Swabhiman during this year. They were involved in research work and help as volunteers during awareness programmes and other activities of Swabhiman. They spent their time in the ICRC to educate themselves. Apart from that they did lot of literature review, assisted in ICRC daily management activities, conducted few classes and did some research on the web.

Meetings attended by various members

Mihir Mohanty Director Programs attended a meeting regarding the development of schools in BMC area **held at 11 A M.** under the Chairmanship of Commissioner -cum -Secretary. The following points were discussed:

1. A rough estimate would be prepared by district project co-ordinator. Khordha for the amount required for infrastructural development of all 164 Govt. Schools of BMC area along with facilities for CWSN which would be communicated by State Project Director. OPEPA to Director SSPED
2. Infrastructural gap analysis would be made which would be funded by OPEPA/SIPDA/CSR
3. Chairperson of OSCPCR would fix a meeting with all the corporators about bringing an awareness for CWSN children.
4. Training would be conducted for all TCs of Khordha district by SWABHIMAN by 30/08/2016 about school access audit process. After completion of the training access audit for all 164 Govt Schools of BMC would be done by TCs of khordha by 15/09/2016 positively.
5. Re- identification of CWSN children of BMC area would be done by the BRPs with the assistance of SWABHIMAN.
6. BJB College Colony UGUP School would be taken up as a MODEL school of BMC
7. Thorough planning is to be made for providing SAMAKAKSHYA training to all teachers of BMC area.

Interfaith Dialogue on Disability and Religion

On 23/09/2016 World Vision organised an "Interfaith Dialogue on Disability and Religion" in hotel Sheetal, Bhubaneswar. Tanmayee Sahu, under the guidance of Dr. Sruti Mohapatra, represented Swabhiman. She gave an oral presentation on Hinduism and disability focusing on the powerful gods, rishis with disabilities in Hindu mythology in all the four yugas (Satya, Tritaya, Dwapara and Kali). She also shared the perspective of disability as per Hinduism and how powerful Gods and Goddesses and their close associates having disabilities were given due respect and were an exclusive part of the society since ages.

LVPEI

On 3rd Oct Dr. Sruti Mohapatra met Dr. Tara Prasad Das the vice chairman of LVPEI group. Soon Swabhiman will be a partner with LVPEI for progress and development of persons with disabilities. Mr. Mihir Monaty (Project Manager) and Dr. Tapas Das (Consultant) was also present in the meeting.



Mr. Ranjib Biswal

On 04/10/2016, Dr Sruti Mohapatra, Asit Behera (Team Leader - Advocacy and Entitlements) and Seema Pradhan (Photographer) met Mr. Ranjib Biswal, former Indian cricketer and the former Chairman of Indian Premier League. He was very positive in his discussion about sports for PwDs. Two main highlights of the discussion are:-

1. He will get associated with Swabhiman to promote sports in the field of disability.
2. In the next Swabhiman Premier League (SPL) Junior to be held in the month of December, he will play a significant role in making teams and during practice.

Jessica Patnaik

On 20/10/2016 Jessica Patnaik, International Coordinator, SAI International School, Bhubaneswar, visited Swabhiman and met Dr. Sruti Mohapatra. She discussed many points regarding the participation of her students in various disability and inclusion activities of Swabhiman. In focus was children's participation and volunteering in 15th Anjali International Children's Festival. School partnerships are being offered by Swabhiman which will give students an insight into the way of life of students with disabilities. By working together on joint projects, students can gain a greater appreciation of diversity and disabilities issues such as access, alternate learning and inclusive classrooms.



UNESCO team



UNESCO team of Min Bista, Acting Chief of Education, UNESCO New Delhi, and Ms. Huma Masood, National Programme Officer, Gender and Education, visited Swabhiman

UNESCO under the United Nations Partnership on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNPRPD) has undertaken an initiative which is complementary and aimed at promoting inclusive education for children with disabilities. The initiative focuses on effective coordination and policy implementation on the cross-cutting issue of children with disabilities' right to quality education by establishing an Inter-Agency Working Group (IAWG) at the national and state level. The project aims to do this by enhancing dialogue and convergence among key stakeholders on policy issues involving disability and education.

At the national level, the IAWG has been set up and the first meeting was held in January. The meeting was attended by key representatives from line ministries/government agencies, UN agencies and civil society organizations involved in education activities for children with disabilities. Towards the formalization of the coordination mechanism at the state level, UNESCO New Delhi's Education Sector team met Dr. Sruti Mohapatra and Mihir Mohanty at Swabhiman on 06/03/2017.

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Visit of Hon'ble MP Sidhant Mohapatra



On 12/01/2017 Honorable MP Sidhant Mohapatra visited Swabhiman. He, being a member of the railway committee, shared his thoughts and took suggestions from the Dr. Sruti Mohapatra for the improvements that can be done for divyangs travel in railways. He attended the Railway Consultative Committee in Darjeeling on 20th. Discussions were around accessibility in reaching the coach for divyangs with ease and independently, color of coach, placement, tactile pathway, accessibility in the ticket counters, mobility of wheelchairs and many more. He shared many important things about railway safety with the team, about developments in western countries and his personal agenda of road safety. He rides on his bicycle every morning and spreads the awareness on road safety, importance of driving with a helmet and following traffic rules.

Course Preparation of Odisha State Open University, Sambalpur

The Chairman and Members of Odisha State Open University, Sambalpur had a meeting for course preparation of OSOU. The members shared their valuable suggestions to improve in the syllabus. After that meeting the university cell came to an decision that the courses to be offered from July 2016 session. Dr Sruti Mohapatra has been nominated to this committee by government.

Module Development

A five day workshop was held at OPEPA for development of module for training of Resource Person and Inclusive Education Volunteer. Mihir Mohanty and Lipika Mohapatra were the resource persons for the five days training program.

Recommendations for Odisha State Vision Document 2036 for Persons with Disabilities submitted by Swabhiman

Odisha government should recognise persons with disabilities as key stakeholders in the State's Development Agenda and Odisha State Vision document 2036. It should fine tune the programme and budget framework of the state through intensive consultative process. Underneath are some recommendations that would facilitate the speedy and effective development and inclusion of persons with disabilities in the mainstream development agenda of the state:

1. Set up a Focal Point (Unit) for disability in Planning and Convergence department to ensure inclusion of persons with disabilities in planning, implementation and monitoring of Vision 2036 and the State Development Agenda. Similarly, there should be a Focal Point for disability in the nodal agency focussing on SDGs in the state.
2. Ensure representation of disability experts in the committees / task forces / working groups on the various aspects of SDGs.
3. Vision 2036 and State's Development Agenda should include a road map for meeting SDGs for persons with disabilities. Disability specific indicators (quantitative and qualitative) to be achieved for each of the relevant targets.
4. Recognise disability as a cross cutting issue through a policy framework. There are about 40 departments, including, the Department for Social Security & Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, in GoO. Each will have a role to play in implementing the SDGs for persons with disabilities.

Establish a dedicated Unit/Cell/Officer in the various concerned Departments to ensure that targets are met for persons with disabilities.

5. Review/Audit the existing plans, programmes and schemes (Smart Cities, Sanitation campaigns, digital India initiatives, livelihood programmes, poverty alleviation schemes, health programmes, financial programmes like 'jandhan', insurance schemes, etc.) with a disability inclusion lens.
6. Build capacity and spread awareness among all stakeholders regarding inclusion of people with disabilities. Organise goal specific workshops to bring together government, civil society organisations working on specific issues and DPOs to discuss the challenges and solutions for implementing the goals for persons with disabilities.
7. Conduct studies on best practices and collate relevant resources for creating a knowledge hub/resource centre.

ZRUCC Meeting

The 3rd meeting of 7th ZRUCC was held on 23 August 2016 in the Sabha Griha of Rail Sadan, Zonal (HQ)/Bhubaneswar. As prescribed by Railway Board, the Zonal Railway Users Consultative Committee at the Headquarters of the Railway will represent the General Railway Users of the territories or zone served by the Railway as a whole and may consider matters relating to:-

1. Provision of amenities in the area for which the committee is concerned.
2. Proposal regarding opening of new stations within the jurisdiction of the committee.
3. Arrangement regarding time tables.
4. Improvement of the services and facilities provided by the Railways.
5. Any subject of general public interest or public convenience or such matters affecting the services and facilities which has been the subject of representation by users.

Speaker in Various Programs

International Women's Day celebrations at Rourkela Steel Plant

In line with the International Women's Day celebrations, DGM Personnel of Rourkela Steel Plant invited Dr. Sruti Mohapatra as the Chief speaker on the theme 'Be Bold for Change.' The function was held on 08/03/2017 at the Civic Centre in Rourkela Steel Township. Rourkela Steel Plant, in Rourkela, Odisha is the first integrated steel plant in the public sector in India. It was set up with West German collaboration with an installed capacity of 1 million tonnes in the 1960s. Dr. Mohapatra addressed and inspired a huge gathering of over 500 employees and other guests. She spoke about the necessity of being "Bold for a Change." CEO Aswini Kumar called for a standing ovation.



Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) Rama Devi Women's University

Dr. Sruti Mohapatra was selected as Honorable member (Local Community) of Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of the Rama Devi Women's University, Bhubaneswar.

International Women's day at Indian Institute of Technology Bhubaneswar

Women's Grievance Redressal Committee (WGRC) of Indian Institute of Technology Bhubaneswar, celebrated International Women's day with an awareness programme, various competitive events and cultural programmes. Dr. Sruti Mohapatra was invited to share her life story and also create awareness on the women rights and legal aspects on 05/03/2017 at IIT Bhubaneswar.



Seminar on "Science and Technology for Specially-abled Persons"

The University Grants Commission (UGC) in its circular in November 2016 declared that "Science and Technology for Specially-abled Persons" will be the theme of National Science Day (NSD) to be held on February 28. Ramadevi University invited Dr. Sruti Mohapatra to address students and faculty on the topic. Dr. Mohapatra spoke on the new technological advancements, concept of smart cities, digital inclusion and technology for transport, infrastructure, communication and IT sector. Adaptive technologies have a great future and research needs to be done n priority. She showed few films and highlighted how technology assists Prof. Stephen Hawking, the great sportspersons of Paralympics and in everyday life.

The body needs assistance and support, the mind is the driver. She also motivated young girls to develop a scientific temper. In the photos - Vice Chancellor, Padmaja Mishra offering a memento. On the dais with - VC, PG Council Chairperson VaniSengupta and Head of Botany Department and VP Science Society Dr. Mruduhasini.

Mahila Sahabagita Programme

Bharat Vikash Parishad, Bhubaneswar Central, in association with Jagruti Ladies Club had organised MAHILA SAHABHAGITA PROGRAMME on 20/02/2016, in Metrocity Apartment Complex. Dr. Sruti Mohapatra, Smt. Subhashree Das (Ashakiran) & Prof. Jayanti Jagdeb (Ex.HOD. Utkal University Women's wing) were the guest Speakers. Smt. Geeta Rout (President Jagruti Ladies Club), Smt. Nellie Chatterjee (Secretary), Smt. Sangita Dash (Secretary, BVP, BBSR Central) & Dr. Jyotshna Mohapatra (Convener) coordinated the program. Dr. Mahesh Prasad Rout (President, BVP Bhubaneswar Central) headed the coordination team. All the speakers narrated about the involvement and participation of women in every sphere; be it cultural, social and traditional for creating a healthy nation. Dr. Mohapatra spoke on "Unconditional Love" which was widely acclaimed. A large number of BVP members from all branches, about 150 were in the audience.



Invest Bhubaneswar

While Odisha is going to complete 100 years in 2036, the next two decades are crucial to curve out a vision to showcase the state where it should be in the global arena with all its resources and potential. On this context 'Invest Bhubaneswar' brought together many powerful Odia minds from across the lives and globe who shared their vision on the long-term and sustainable development of the state on 25/02/2017 at Hotel Crown Bhubaneswar. Speaking at the occasion, Dharmendra Pradhan, union minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas said that water is one of the biggest resources of Odisha. Thus, we should try to tap it. Similarly, the fate of Odisha can be turn around if we can focus on agriculture and agro-based products, he mentioned. He further referred that as the market of metals is facing a global challenge, we can explore plastic and other sectors to adopt futuristic business models. Dr. Sruti Mohapatra spoke on the vision of Odisha that is clean, green and has social equity. She spoke about the business sense of addressing universal accessibility and inclusion of people with disabilities in society. That they constitute a huge resource base which should be tapped for the development of the state. Among others, Guruprasad Mohapatra, Chairman, Airports Authority of India; Asoka Kumar Das, VC, Utkal University; Haraprasad Das, writer and critic; Ashok Basa, past President, Institution of Engineers (India); Pulin B. Nayak, former Director, Delhi School of Economics; Baijayant Panda, MP Lok Sabha; Sudarsan Pattnaik, Sand Artist; Prashanta Nanda, Film Actor and Director; Sruti Mohapatra, social activist; Sopnendu Mohanty, Chief Fintech Officer, Monetary Authority of Singapore; Aruna Mohanty, Odissi dancer; Panchami Manoo Ukil, wildlife enthusiast and Akshaya Parija, Ex-banker & entrepreneur and Santrupt B. Misra, CEO, Carbon Black Business and Director, Group Human Resources of the Aditya Birla Management Corporation. At the opening of the conclave, Debasish Patnaik, Convener 'Invest Bhubaneswar' briefed the audience on the objectives of the program. The valuable insights emerged in the

conclave will be compiled as a vision document to rekindle the pace of growth and progress of the state, he informed. The conclave was attended by leading entrepreneurs, professionals of various fields and students of various disciplines.



Youth Development Conclave, Jaydev Bhawan

On 02/02/2017, Biswajit Swain, founder and president of 'Live for Odisha' organised a Youth Development Conclave for encouraging the young minds of Odisha in Jaydev Bhawan. Dr. Sruti Mohapatra was invited as Guest of Honour. She shared the dais with Chief Guest Soumya Ranjan Patnaik, Editor of The Sambad, Jagadananda, founder of CYSD, Bhabani Charan Patnaik, Freedom Fighter, Madhusudan Das, State Convener, NYP and Subhashree Dash, Social Activist. Dr. Mohapatra told her childhood memories, challenges of life and inspired the youths to dream and to take action to fulfill the dream.



Children's Festival, IIT Bhubaneswar

Souls for solace, social welfare society of IIT Bhubaneswar, organised a children's festival on 13/01/2017. 27 children with disabilities from different ICRCs and around 100 children from nearby government schools participated in different competitions (art, music, dance - solo and group). Dr. Sruti Mohapatra was invited by the organizers as chief guest. She inspired all with her speech and distributed prizes to the winners. Dazzling performances by differently abled talents compelled the judges award them with a special prize with a tag "Award for Bravery". Manisha Priyadarshini danced in her wheelchair and Sarthak Diwedi, autistic, got special awards for bravery. Volunteers Poonam, Lalatendu, Chintu and intern Meghana coordinated the divyang children for the program.



Ujwalotsav 2K16, Jaydev Bhawan

Aadar Foundation run by a group of young medical students from different colleges of Odisha are dedicated to cause of educating underprivileged children. They organised a Children's Festival "Ujwalotsav 2K16" at Jaydev Bhawan, Bhubaneswar on 30/09/2016. Dr. Sruti Mohapatra was invited as Chief Guest on the occasion and addressed the children from different CCI in and around Bhubaneswar. She said it is important for all the children to be a good human beings, to dream big and work with patience and sincerity so as to be successful in life.



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LBSNAA

On the invitation of LBSNAA, Dr Sruti Mohapatra reached Mussorie on 15/09/2016. She addressed all the 380 officer trainees of this year, including all services IAS, IFS, IPS, forest services and all other services. This was the 91st Foundation Course of LBSNAA.



Exposure on Inclusive Education

On 01/10/2016, students of Puri Zilla school visited Swabhiman for an exposure on Inclusive Education. 5 students - Bipasha Priyadarshini Jally, Krishnavandita Pallai, Ankit Mishra, Jagannath Parida and team leader SthitiPragya Swain, all of class 9, along with two teachers Mrs. Anukampa Kanungo and Apurna Shree Mishra had a discussion on disability, accessibility and inclusive education in the schools with Dr. Sruti Mohapatra. Children were shown various videos on awareness of disability and a planning was done to prepare them for their forthcoming participation in National Children's Science Congress. They desired to make a presentation on Inclusive education and hence the visit.



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Round-the-year Activity

Prativa Anwesana by Prayas

The second year of Prativa Anwesana, organised by Prayas, was held on 7th January 2017 in Gobindpur Upper Primary School. Prayas is an organization floated by local youth of Pipli. Dr. Sruti Mohapatra shared the stage as chief guest along with dignitaries Durga Charan Nayak, Saktiprasanna Mohanty, Santosh Nayak, Purna Chandra Nayak and Mihir Mohanty. Dr. Mohapatra shared her childhood school memories and inspired children by saying "Dream Big". She added that students should always be regular in their studies and respect teachers. 300 students participated in different competitions like drawing, debate, essay writing, song and solo dance. The prizes were supported by Swabhiman and coordination was done by Swabhiman volunteers - Shradha, Chitersha and Sanket. Other activities were Disability Simulation, Art Exhibition, Dance and Craft workshop. Volunteer Prince taught children in the dance workshop.



Grand welcome to 2017 in Swabhiman

Swabhiman team welcomed 2017 with a potluck lunch, game of secret Santa and shared life experiences and vision on 4th and 5th January, 2017. In potluck each member came with a dish for all, after a scrumptious lunch all played a game named 'Secret Santa'. Everyone brought a gift without any names written on it, being blind folded they moved round the table full of gifts to a music and when the music stopped they put a finger on a gift winning that one. All this fun was followed by sharing of visions, interests and hobbies of their life as they got to know each other better.



"Unwind-make it a ritual", SAI International School

"Unwind-make it a ritual" the event was organised at SAI International School on 04/12/2016. The main aim was to teach the children their responsibility towards society. Swabhiman was also part of CSR activities to raise funds for children with disabilities by selling handmade cards, painting, badges, kettles, jewellery made from terracotta and many more. The funds raised will be used for the betterment of CwDs.

Others

After six years of lobbying, advocating and waiting patiently during days of disruptions and adjournments in the heated Winter Session of the Parliament in 2016, we finally witnessed the compassion of our Parliamentarians with the unanimous passage of the much awaited Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPWD) Bill on 14/12/2016 in the Rajya Sabha and subsequently in the Lok Sabha on 16/12/2016. The Bill was further approved and signed by the Hon'ble President before the year end and 'notified' by the Government in its official Gazette on 28/12/2016. Thus, RPWD Bill 2016 was 'enacted' and became a 'LAW', the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPWD) Act, 2016!

Indeed, a historic moment and a path breaking achievement! This Law will be a game changer for the estimated 70-100 million disabled citizens of India and will help move the discourse away from charity to one that is rights based with provisions to enforce implementation.

Apart from covering 21 categories of disabilities from the previous 7 categories under the 1995 Act, this new Act lays complete emphasis on one's rights – right to equality and opportunity, right to inherit and own property, right to home and family and reproductive rights among others. Unlike the 1995 Act, the new Act talks about accessibility - setting a two-year deadline for the government to ensure that persons with disabilities get barrier-free access to physical infrastructure and transport systems. Additionally, it will also hold the private sector accountable. This also includes educational institutions 'recognized' by the government such as privately owned universities and colleges. A path-breaking feature of the new Act is the increase in reservation in government jobs from 3% to 4%

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RECEIPT AND PAYMENT ACCOUNT FOR
THE YEAR ENDED ON 31ST MARCH, 2017

RECEIPTS	AMOUNT(Rs.)	PAYMENTS	AMOUNT(Rs.)
To Opening Balances :		By Accomodation & Camp Expenses	8,38,584.00
Bank-Axis A/c No.4380101000014243	28,900.70	By Salary & Honorarium	77,00,168.00
Bank-SBI- A/c No.31642583208	42,32,599.74	By Printing ,Photocopy & Publicity	9,46,856.00
Bank-Axis A/c No.911010049628487-FC	2,258.31	By Courier & Postage	45,990.00
Cash	10,065.10	By Travel & Transport	13,16,808.87
		By Photography & Videography	94,821.00
		By Carnival Expenses	78,173.00
To Bank Interest	1,19,370.00	By T-Shirt & Cap	42,483.00
		By Mascot	24,750.00
To Income Tax Refund	13,940.00	By Awards Prizes, Bedges & Gifts	1,21,630.00
To Individual Donation		By Venue Expenses	2,31,040.00
Anwesha Ambaly	5,000.00	By Impact Assesment Study Fee	20,000.00
Avijit Nanda	1,95,000.00	By Fooding Expenses	16,80,415.00
Ashis Kumar Halder	6,000.00	By Audit Fees	10,000.00
B. K. Mohapatra	12,500.00	By Health Assesment	69,835.00
Gayatri Devi	50,000.00	By Scholarship	3,22,998.00
Goutam Bhowmick	6,000.00	By Website & Internet	1,26,155.00
J N Rath & Meera Rath	5,000.00	By TLM	37,267.65
L N Sarangi	5,000.00	By Workshop	7,21,175.00
Manjusmita Panda	96,000.00	By Newspaper	4,709.00
M K Swain	1,000.00	By Festival of joy	2,167.00
M Bibi	3,000.00	By Electricity Charges	1,32,362.44
Partha Sarathi Samal	2,500.00	By Bank Charges	3,004.78
Prabhanjan Mallick	2,500.00	By Joy Rides	48,000.00
Pranoti Chatterjee	3,000.00	By Assistive Devices	1,90,134.00
Priyadarshi Mohapatra & Swati Panda	1,95,000.00	By Capacity Building	23,140.00
S Rath	50,000.00	By Camp Decor	31,859.00
Sruti Mohapatra	3,34,278.00	By Bid Charges	10,050.00
Sujata Mohanty	5,000.00	By Biscope	27,844.00
Susama Satapathy	5,000.00	By Vocation-Skill&Employment	98,285.00
Swarnali Ray Chowdhury	3,000.00	By Telephone & Fax	57,419.00
Sandip Chattopadhyay	8,000.00	By Event Management	12,76,674.00



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To Institutional Donation		By Indradhanus	31,000.00
Birala Sunlife Insurance Co.Ltd.	70,50,000.00	By House Rent	4,50,000.00
BPCL	98,000.00	By ICRC	2,59,005.00
Department of Tourism	2,40,000.00	By Godown Rent	15,000.00
Dalma	50,000.00	By Infrastructure	3,18,529.00
Dhamara Port Company Ltd	40,000.00	By Computer Consumables	750.00
Dweepayan Das & Co	10,000.00	By Medicine & First Aid	13,808.00
Engineers India Ltd	98,001.00	By Miscellaneous Exp	36,831.00
Gail India Limited	4,90,000.00	By Inter ICRC Literary & Cultural Festival	1,30,957.20
Force Motors Ltd	70,000.00	By Physiotherapy	90,000.00
HPCL	98,000.00	By Repair & Maintenance	1,10,870.00
JSPCL	1,96,000.00	By Security Charges	4,000.00
MGM Minerals Ltd.	1,47,000.00	By Speech Therapy	83,450.00
Mosaic Tata Steel	20,000.00	By Stationary	1,18,864.00
NALCO	98,000.00	By Swayam Arts	67,325.00
NCP	45,000.00	By Welcome Kit	2,26,181.75
Orissa Mining Corporation	5,00,000.00	By Sports	96,703.02
		By Insurance-Bus	44,965.00
Odisha State Beverages Corporation Ltd	17,07,500.00	By Loan Repayment :	
ONGC	8,52,174.00	Asit Kumar Behera	45,000.00
OPEPA	1,00,000.00	Jyoti Prasanna Pattanaik	30,000.00
Punjab National Bank	20,000.00	Kamala Kanta Lenka	35,000.00
SSA ,Punjab	1,82,000.00	Lipsa Priyadarshini	30,000.00
Steel Authority of India Limited	25,000.00	Partha Sarathi Samal	25,000.00
Surendra Mining Industries Pvt.Ltd	25,000.00	Maltri Mohapatra	2,00,000.00
SBI, LHO,Bhubaneswar	18,96,275.00	Poonam Naik	20,000.00
Sunflower Nurshing Home	21,325.00	Priyadarshi Mohapatra	2,00,000.00
Triveni Earth Movers	5,00,000.00	Seema Pradhan	2,00,000.00
UMSL Ltd	1,00,000.00	Swadhin Kumar Khatua	35,000.00
Utkal Charitable Trust (IMFA)	3,00,000.00	Tapas Das	45,000.00
Vishal Metallics Pvt.Ltd	25,000.00	Tapas Kumar Jena	40,000.00
White Sand	15,000.00		
To Grant -in -Aid	40,29,274.00	By Fixed Assets :	
Govt.of India		Aquaguard	12,990.00
Social Justice & Empowerment		Bus	15,33,056.60
		Camera	42,000.00
		Cellphone	1,850.00
		Computer & Printer	87,201.42
		Furniture & Fixture	45,141.00
		By Closing Balances:	
		Bank-Axis A/c No.911010049628487-FC	2,349.31
		Bank-SBI- A/c No.31642583208	33,81,945.71
		Cash	3,890.10
	2,44,48,460.85		2,44,48,460.85

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