Message from Director’s Desk

Better Education and health for all seems nearer with the inauguration of the ‘Modicare’ by the Hon’ble Prime Minister of India. Though it is not very clear as to how the 40% of the poor in the country are going to benefit from it, people expect it to work as it claims to be the biggest healthcare net in the world. From the perspective of inclusion, persons with disabilities are hopeful that the scheme will also include their needs, such as, corrective surgeries, prosthesis and other needs.

JVS and most of the partners in North India focus on inclusion while working on better education and health for all through their many activities. The various programs carried out during the last quarter indicate our genuine attempt towards this. The tele-rehabilitation program tries to ensure timely and appropriate rehabilitation of the children with disabilities even in the remotest villages. The capacity building programs were intended to improve the skills of the community workers while engaging with children with disabilities. The positive response from the school management committees and PRI members show the beginning of change in mind set in terms of inclusion in the education system. The skilling and livelihood programs for youngsters are aimed at improving the economic independency and promoting dignity of life.

It is my great pleasure to present this quarterly report with updates on the major activities. I wish to appreciate the JVS’ partners and colleagues for the commitment in carrying the mission forward.

Fr. Chandran Rymonds
Director– Jan Vikas Samiti
Promoting easy and affordable education for the children with disabilities, Jan Vikas Samiti advocated with the local government and ensured affordable education for children with disabilities (CwDs). JVS organized 4 Meetings with Panchayat President, School management committee and block officer to modify the schools in accordance with the accessibility measures to ensure inclusive education for the CwDs. JVS initiated the work and successfully modified two schools with prior permission from Basic Shiksha Adhikari (BSA). JVS constructed ramp, accessible toilets, safe drinking water, accessible class rooms, electricity etc. The Government fund was utilized to make bore wells, and make the school ground more accessible for the CwDs. JVS takes pride in stating that after completion of the modifications 6 children with disabilities are attending school regularly.

Reaching the Unreached through Tele-Rehabilitation

JVS with the aim to reach the unreached and make rehabilitation possible, is making progress to provide tele-rehabilitation services through a full time physiotherapist. Working with its 7 Partner Organizations JVS has assessed 25 children from the interior parts of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Jharkhand. In view of this project, the JVS provided 15 days of training program on Basic Physiotherapy for the CBR facilitators of five POs respectively from 23rd July to 6th August 2018. The participants were trained on Capacity building on Tele-Rehabilitation, Understanding about physical rehabilitation, providing basic Physical Therapy skills to CBR facilitators, focusing on quality intervention as how to work with the communities. The training is producing significant result as the POs are bringing out changes in the lives of children with special needs.

Training on Early Intervention cum Regional Meeting

The Regional Meeting cum Training on Early Intervention was organized by Jan Vikas Samiti for its Partner Organizations of Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand on 20th & 21st July, 2018 at Asha Nilayam, Hazaribag, Jharkhand. Fr. Chandran Riumonds (Director, Jan Vikas Samiti) extended a hearty welcome to all the participants and emphasized on the relevance and importance of early intervention. Mr. Ranjeet K. Singh oriented the participants on the need of early diagnosis / identification, the process of normal milestone developments, warning signs, and the three forms of intervention. A Field visit was organized as part of the training to enrich the experience of the participants.
Livelihood and Enterprise Development Program For women

Jan Vikas Samiti under Livelihood framework provides Sustainable livelihood opportunities for rural women. A Fifteen days of skill training program was conducted on stitching leggings in view of helping women to earn income for the family. About 30 women from the SHGs took part in the training program out of which 10 Women started stitching leggings and other 10 women are concentrating on marketing the products. In the same month a 5 days training program on making LED bulbs was held at JVS, 15 women began to make their earning by manufacturing and marketing of LED bulbs. The women are able to make reasonable income and show keen interest in developing this small scale business into a bigger venture.

Skill Development Training for the PwDs

Skill development Training on Food and Beverage (F&B) Services Management training for persons with Disabilities (PwDs) got initiated on 3rd September 2018 in the esteemed presence of Mr. Uttam Ojha (Disability advisory board member under ministry of social justice and empowerment, Govt of India) Mr. Rajesh Mishra (Disability welfare officer) and Mr. Frank Bron (Mr. Frank Bron, Organizational Development Advisor, Liliane Foundation). There are 21 youngsters with disabilities who took stern decision to change their identity by enrolling themselves for the training. The students continue their theory classes on F&B for three months and will have their practical sessions in Cafebility and other like minded cafes in and around Varanasi before they get their placements.

Secured, Hygienic and Healthy Living environment for Girls

Jan Vikas Samiti has taken initiative to provide Hygienic and Healthful living environment for Girls. The project is a new venture for JVS to ensure at least 150 Below Poverty Line (BPL) households with girl children, in 30 villages of Varanasi District of Uttar Pradesh, will use hygienic and accessible sanitation facilities. And Girls Students of 50 Government Primary Schools will have access to hygienic and accessible sanitation facilities in their respective schools. The project aims to contribute to the reduction of the proportion of population without sustainable access to basic sanitation.
A Capacity Building on Inclusive Education and Results Based project Management cum Partners’ Meet was organized by Jan Vikas Samiti, Varanasi on 30th & 31st August 2018 at North Eastern Community Health Association (NECHA) in Guwahati, Assam. Mr. Frank Bron, Organizational Development Advisor, Liliane Foundation, Mr. Arman Ali, Executive Director of NCPEDP, Mr. Hilaly, Commissioner for Disability, Assam were present for the Inaugural Ceremony. The 48 PO representatives took active participation in the workshops under the facilitation of Mrs. Aloka Guha and Mrs. Nandni Rawal. Representing National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC), Mr. Sanjay Pradhan explained on skill training initiatives in India. Ms. Pearly, Programme coordinator for Inclusive Education, Assam, shared her views.

Samaveshi Shiksha Samaveshi Samaj - Inclusive Education

The goal of the project is “To prepare Govt. primary schools to accept diverse educational needs of Children with Disabilities (CwDs) and increase enrolment rate and learning level of CwDs by ensuring accessible and modified teaching and learning methods (TLMs) to deliver quality education. The intervention is proposed initially at 12 government primary schools in 3 districts of Uttar Pradesh - Lucknow, Barabanki and Sitapur for a time frame of three years (2018-2020). There are 72 CwDs identified in the selected 6 schools for intervention this year. Training Stakeholders, Capacity building programmes for teachers, formation and strengthening of DPOs, Inclusive School Management Committees, regular Sports activities, Individual Education Plan (IEP) and Resource rooms are some of the means adopted to achieve the goal.
Kajri-A Cultural Synopsis

In the Era of Western and Pop Music, the importance of folk songs are losing its taste and popularity, the ragas of Kajri singing echoed the premises of Nehru Yuva Kendra Ayar and its surroundings. In order to promote and sustain the folk singing JVS created a platform by organizing the competition for the women from different Self Help Groups (SHGs) to come together to sing and celebrate the traditional folks of Eastern Uttar Pradesh. Twenty four Teams participated in the competition and the best three were awarded. The songs sung by the team spread an aura of pleasant harmony that charmed the over filled premise. The event was graced by the esteemed Presence of Mr. Kailashnath Sonkar-MLA, Ms. Meena Chaubey- Member of women Parliament UP, Mithlesh Kumar LDM and Mr. Shusheel Tiwari - DDM.

Health Awareness on HIV– AIDS

Jan Vikas Samiti in collaboration with SAATHI Striving hard to spread awareness on HIV-AIDS in three districts namely Varanasi, Allahabad and Siddharthnagar. The Team conducted 48 camps in which the 1950 Individuals were tested. The following are the details for the quarter:

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