

Highlights

54 young adults with disabilities completed EmpowerAbility Fellowship programme

100 trees planted on World Environment Day

78 youth completed skill development training

88 children with disabilities assessed and provided assistive devices

Over 68,370 people joined the We Ring the Bell campaign to include children with disabilities into mainstream education

117 new high-risk babies identified and enrolled into tele rehabilitation programme

1550 rural population screened for health check-up and provided medicine

415 women entrepreneurs capacitated on various topics

Empowering Young Adults through Skill Development Training

Over the past three months, our program has been a beacon of hope for teenage girls and young women, providing them with practical skills for a brighter future. Twenty-five girls have joined tailoring classes, 24 have participated in beauty parlour training, and 29 young women and men have completed a computer course, with 26 more currently enrolled.



Many of them after the completion of the courses have already begun sewing and have opened beauty parlors in their villages, transforming their newfound skills into successful businesses. By overcoming obstacles and boosting their confidence, these young adults are not only increasing their income but also contributing to their communities' economic growth.

Improving Mobility and Inclusion through Assessment Camps



As part of its ongoing Community-based Inclusive Development program, JVS conducted five Health and Assessment Camps this quarter. A dedicated team of specialists assessed 88 children with disabilities including Cerebral Palsy, Learning Disabilities, and Down Syndrome. Following the assessments, most children received assistive devices like

AFOs, KFOs, SMOs, insoles, calipers, and knee orthoses. In addition to thorough evaluations and goal setting, the team provided invaluable guidance to 91 parents on implementing effective home-based education and therapy. This collaborative initiative aims to enhance the quality of life for these children by offering essential support and resources.

Launching EmpowerAbility Fellowship

The EmpowerAbility Fellowship, aimed at nurturing leadership among young adults with disabilities, was launched on April 12, 2024. This initiative is designed to equip fellows with essential skills and resources to advocate effectively for their own rights. The fellowship offers a comprehensive curriculum that includes:

Disability Rights: Providing a detailed understanding of disability rights legislation, policies, and entitlements, empowering fellows to become disability rights advocates. **Communication and Leadership:** Preparing the fellows to assume leadership roles within their communities, driving positive change at local and regional levels. **Basic Rehabilitation and Referral Services:** Training the fellows in early disability identification, home-based rehabilitation, and making referrals to specialized services. **Networking and Collaboration:** Facilitating stronger connections with other networks and Disabled People's Organizations (DPOs) to foster solidarity and collective action. **Fundraising for Sustainability:** Developing skills in securing resources and ensuring sustained support for rights campaigns.



We Ring The Bell Campaign 2024

The 'We Ring The Bell Campaign 2024' is an annual initiative by JVS and its partner organizations aimed at raising awareness about the importance of enrolling and retaining children with disabilities in mainstream schools globally. Starting on June 15,



Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttarakhand, Manipur, Assam, and Meghalaya. Over 68,370 individuals, including children, parents, school teachers, and government officials from 356 schools and anganwadis joined the effort. The campaign focused on educating community members, school teachers, and government officials to ensure inclusive education for children with disabilities. The two-week campaign saw participation from 30 local organizations across Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand,

Rural Women in Entrepreneurial Initiatives

In a significant move to challenge societal norms and foster economic independence, JVS has encouraged rural women to start entrepreneurial ventures in their communities. Thirty aspiring women entrepreneurs received training in food processing and marketing, including the sale of small eateries, vegetables, and other consumables, to enhance livelihood and income-generating activities. Their daily earnings not only support their families but also boost their self-respect and confidence. After the training, 20 women were provided with carts to carry out their activities. Traditionally limited to caregiving roles, these women are now stepping into small-scale entrepreneurship, setting an inspiring example for their communities. This initiative not only empowers them economically but also promotes broader social change in rural India.



Entrepreneur Development Programme

During this quarter, Jan Vikas Samiti's Garv Se Center, in partnership with EnAble India, organized an Entrepreneur Development Programme (EDP) for persons with disabilities. The twelve-day training, attended by thirty-five adults with disabilities, was hosted and facilitated by RSETI in Varanasi. The program emphasized crucial insights into rural livelihood opportunities and self-employment, specifically tailored for divyangjan.

As a result of the training, twenty-five participants have already made progress by either starting new entrepreneurial ventures or enhancing their existing livelihood activities. The EDP training has provided these individuals with the confidence and skills needed to make informed decisions and positively impact their lives.



Celebrating World Environment Day

On World Environment Day, Jan Vikas Samiti (JVS) collaborated with Harhua Block and the Forest Department to plant 100 trees at Gahani Primary School and the Community Health Center (CHC) in Puarikala. This significant event was marked by the presence of officials from Harhua Block, representatives from the Forest Department, and health professionals from Harahua CHC, along with JVS team members. The initiative aimed to promote environmental conservation and community health, reflecting the collective commitment to creating a greener, healthier future.



The tree-planting activity not only enhanced the local ecosystem but also fostered a sense of responsibility and participation among the attendees, emphasizing the importance of sustainable practices and community engagement in environmental protection. The collaborative effort underscored the vital role of diverse stakeholders in addressing environmental challenges and highlighted the impact of community-driven initiatives in fostering ecological well-being.

Refresher Training on Early Identification and Early Intervention (EIEI)

This quarter, the EIEI project team identified 117 new high-risk babies across six blocks in Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, and West Bengal, bringing the total to 998. With the support of CBR facilitators, the expert team has already initiated a time-bound rehabilitation plan for each child. A five-day refresher training session was conducted from May 15-19 at JVS to enhance the skills of all 18 CBR facilitators involved in the project. Additional key activities during the quarter included an assessment camp that provided assistive devices to 24 children, six online training sessions for CBR facilitators, eight hands-on practice sessions for mothers and caregivers, and four sessions for identifying and referring high-risk babies to ASHA and AWW workers. The project is making a significant impact on the children and ensuring rehabilitation is possible in the remotest areas.



Capacity Building on Resource Mobilization

In an effort to improve the sustainability of collaborative organizations' programs, JVS organized a three-day workshop on resource mobilization from June 29 to July 1, 2024, in Guwahati (Assam). A total of 17 participants from 11 collaborative organizations across West Bengal, Manipur, Meghalaya, Assam, and Tripura attended the workshop. During the workshop,



the resource person covered various aspects of resource mobilization, including the fundraising landscape, funding sources, fundraising gaps and challenges, donor database management, proposal writing, CSR, online fundraising, and developing a fundraising action plan. The workshop enabled participants to create plans for their organizations, concluding with a commitment from all members to further develop and implement their own fundraising strategies.

Voter Awareness Campaign

Jan Vikas Samiti (JVS) held a voter awareness campaign, featuring a rally from Bhusaula to the Harahua Block office and concluding at the Harahua Block campus in Varanasi. Approximately 100 adults with disabilities, including those on tricycles and in wheelchairs, participated, spreading awareness among the general public. The event aimed to encourage people to vote in the final phase of the 2024 General Election. The rally was inaugurated by the District Disability Empowerment Officer. JVS's Executive Director emphasized the crucial role of voting in choosing the nation's leaders.

Voting is both a fundamental right and a civic duty. Let us inspire our communities to take part in this essential democratic process.



Health and Well-being of Rural Communities

The Safe Motherhood Project, dedicated to reducing maternal mortality and improving reproductive health in rural areas, has significantly impacted two selected blocks in the Varanasi and Jaunpur districts. By conducting various health awareness and education activities, the project team strives to enhance access to maternal health services for women and adolescents. This quarter, we organized 18 health camps, benefiting 1,550 individuals, including pregnant women, lactating mothers, newlyweds, and adolescents.



The project also emphasizes community cohesion, leading to the establishment of village health committees and adolescent girls' groups. Through nine street plays and 78 training sessions, we raised mass awareness about health and hygiene, menstrual health management, anemia, nutrition, and WASH practices among the rural population.

Capacity Strengthening of Women Leaders

S. No	Training Topic	No. of Participants
1	Training on production and marketing of Incense sticks, spices, sanitary pads, hand wash, toilet and bathroom cleaner for women entrepreneurs	165
2	Training on product identification, market strategy and business plan for women entrepreneurs	90
3	Training on Functioning of Community-based institutions, its work structure, Risk management, Exit strategy etc	90
4	Training on Food Processing, Production and sale of Small Eateries	70



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