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Highlights

Received the State Award for Best Innovation to empower the lives of persons with disabilities

6324 persons with disabilities and their parents from 46 locations celebrated the International Day of Persons with Disabilities

555 children from disadvantaged communities provided school kits on the occasion of Children's Day

108 adolescent girls completed skill development courses in Tailoring and Beautician

5006 persons including expectant women and lactating mothers benefitted from various training sessions.

50 grassroots NGO representatives improved their understanding and knowledge on Organizational Sustainability

1st General Conference of the Associated for Empowerment of Divyangjan held and Governing Body elected

3 Stakeholders Consultations held on Employability of Persons with Disability, Government Schemes and Entitlements & Implementation of RPwD Act 2016

State Award for Innovation

The honourable Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, Shri Yogi Adityanath, presented a prestigious state-level award to Jan Vikas Samiti on 3rd December 2024 under the category of "Best Research (Innovation) to Empower the Lives of Persons with Disabilities" for JVS'

program on early identification and intervention of children with developmental delays and disabilities through Tele-Rehabilitation. This program currently provides therapeutic and rehabilitation services to 1580 children in the age group of 0-6 with developmental delays and disabilities.



Celebrations of International Day of Persons with Disabilities

On December 14, 2024, JVS celebrated International Day of Persons with Disabilities in Varanasi, promoting inclusivity, accessibility, and empowerment for people with disabilities. Over 1200 persons with disabilities and their parents attended the event. Dr. Ragini Sonkar, MLA of

Machhali Shahar, and Shri Navin Singh Bablu, representative of Member of Parliament Chandauli, Shri Kailashnath Sonkar, former MLA of Ajagara, Shri Uttam Ohja, Member, State Disability Empowerment Advisory Committee graced the occasion as guests. Wheelchair dances and group songs were performed by the participants. Seven inspiring youth with disabilities, excelling in various fields, received the EmpowerAbility Award 2024. The guests applauded JVS for their work and promised their full support. The event concluded with the distribution of blankets to 700 persons with disabilities.



Celebration in other Locations

A total of 6324 children with disabilities and their parents participated in the celebrations, which took place in December in 46 different locations.

Children's Day Celebration

On 29th November, Jan Vikas Samiti celebrated Children's Day with 555 children from 15 Community Learning Centres in Pindra and Harahua blocks of Varanasi, and Kerakat block of Jaunpur. The District Basic Shiksha Adhikari was the Chief Guest and encouraged the children to dream big and work hard. The event was full of energy and fun, with children performing, patriotic songs, and inspiring speeches. Sports competitions added excitement and the best performers were given awards. JVS gave school kits to all the participants to encourage their education.



Empowering Women Entrepreneurs in Harahua

In December 2024, JVS launched the project 'Empowering Women Entrepreneurs: Scaling Sustainable Livelihoods through Financial Inclusion and Agricultural Innovation' in Harahua block, Varanasi. This initiative aims to support rural women entrepreneurs by fostering sustainable livelihoods and promoting financial inclusion. As part of the project, an awareness campaign was conducted to educate the community about the benefits of joining a Cooperative Society and Farmer Producer Organization (FPO). Through focused group discussions, the campaign successfully engaged with 362 women, of which 25 joined as members of the Cooperative Society and FPO.



Skill Development Program: Tailoring & Beautician - Durgawati, Bihar

JVS has been empowering young women and adolescent girls in rural areas through its skill development initiative, focusing on practical, income-generating skills. The program includes a 3-month Beautician course and a 6-month Tailoring course, designed to equip participants with valuable expertise for self-reliance and economic growth. A total of 39 Beautician trainees and 23 Tailoring trainees were awarded certificates for successfully completing their courses on 19th December 2024. The event celebrated the dedication and perseverance of these young women, marking a significant milestone in their journey towards building brighter futures for themselves, and their families.



Tailoring & Beautician - Saharsa, Bihar

A similar event was organized at sub-centre Saharsa on 21st December 2024 to honour the achievements of the Beautician and Tailoring trainees. A total of 30 Beautician trainees and 16 Tailoring trainees were awarded certificates for successfully completing their courses followed by an evaluation and feedback session, where the trainees shared their experiences and insights from the training. The centre in-charge encouraged the trainees to utilize their skills to build a better future.



Promoting Safe Motherhood

JVS' initiative to ensure safe motherhood and improve community health interventions helped 1,917 expectant and lactating mothers during the quarter on critical topics such as Menstrual Health Management, Anaemia, Nutrition, Gender Equality, Reproductive Health and Family Planning. These efforts aimed to empower women with knowledge and practices to safeguard their health and that of their children.

- 30 WASH training sessions conducted in 30 villages, fostering healthier living environments.
- 6 street plays organized and 629 people made aware of safe delivery, nutrition, vaccination, immunization, and routine gynaecological consultations.
- 6 health camps benefitted 1,435 people, including pregnant and lactating mothers, adolescents, and other community members.



Workshop on Organisational Sustainability

In October 2024, JVS organized two workshops on "Organisational Sustainability" in Kolkata and Varanasi, bringing together 50 representatives from grassroots NGOs to share their experiences, programs, priorities, funding methods, and sustainability plans. Experts from the development sector provided tailored advice to improve their funding strategies and overall sustainability, helping them with the knowledge and tools they need to develop for long-term program and organizational sustainability.



Inaugural National Conference of the Association for Empowerment of Divyangjan (AED)

The AED hosted its first National Conference on November 18-19, 2024 at Jan Vikas Samiti, Varanasi. This milestone event marked a significant step in realizing JVS' long-cherished goal of empowering persons with disabilities for self-advocacy and leadership. The two-day conference brought together 21 state-level representatives of DPOs from 8 states, who participated in training sessions on leadership, communication, disability rights, and policy. These sessions equipped the participants with the skills and knowledge needed to advocate for their rights and to address key issues affecting their lives. A major outcome of the conference was the formation of AED's governing body, which will guide AED's mission to amplify the voices of persons with disabilities and to ensure their rights.



Stakeholder Consultation on Enhancing Employability for Persons with Disabilities

On October 25, 2024, JVS held a Stakeholder Consultation on Employability of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs). Experts, policymakers, and stakeholders gathered to discuss the challenges faced by PwDs, especially those with intellectual and multiple disabilities. The consultation highlighted that many of these individuals face barriers to quality education, making it harder for them to find employment. Participants stressed the need for inclusive and specialized education programs tailored to their unique needs. Stakeholders agreed on the importance of collaboration to bridge gaps in education and employment for PwDs. The insights will guide future initiatives to improve the employability of PwDs.

Implementation of RPwD Act 2016

On October 16, 2024, another Stakeholder Consultation on the "Implementation of RPwD Act 2016" was held at Seva Kendra, Kolkata. Experts and stakeholders gathered to discuss challenges and opportunities in enforcing the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016. The consultation focused on key areas such as education, employment, and accessibility for persons with disabilities. The participants shared their experiences and provided suggestions to improve the lives of persons with disabilities, emphasized the importance of raising awareness about their rights, and involving them in decision-making processes. The consultation ended with a strong call to action, urging everyone to commit to creating an inclusive society where the rights of persons with disabilities are respected and upheld.

Government Schemes and Entitlements

In November 2024, JVS organized two 3-day workshops to empower leaders of disabled people organizations (DPOs). The workshop was held in Kotdwar, in Uttarakhand and Diphu in Assam, with 43 DPO leaders from Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, and Uttarakhand. The workshop focused on helping these leaders understand the government schemes and entitlements for persons with disabilities. The main goal was to equip them with the knowledge and skills needed to access these schemes, promoting inclusion and empowerment for persons with disabilities.



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