



Highlights

92 DPO leaders & 66 CBR consultants empowered on disability inclusion, rehabilitation, rights, and advocacy

15,240 cooked meals served & 1,516 dry ration kits provided to flood affected people

1,275 adolescent girls, young mothers, and expectant women educated on maternal and community health

1,460 women sensitized on gender equality and health care

1,837 women and children benefitted from health check-up camps

263 women enrolled as members in Thrift and Credit Cooperatives

4,589 women reached through training sessions on agricultural and non-agricultural practices

121 young girls trained in tailoring and beautician skills

Building Inclusive Futures:

Empowering DPO Leaders for Advocacy and Rehabilitation

JVS held two capacity-building trainings in April 2025 to strengthen Disabled People's Organization (DPO) leaders in advocacy and rehabilitation.

From April 8-9, a Rights-based Advocacy workshop helped 19 leaders from five states understand the UNCRPD and RPwD Act 2016, identify barriers to inclusion, and learn practical tools like RTIs to promote accountability and justice. From April 10-11, a Basic Rehabilitation training enhanced their knowledge of



Community-Based Rehabilitation (CBR), focusing on early identification, physical therapy, and use of assistive devices. Hands-on sessions improved their skills to support children with disabilities.

Together, these sessions equipped DPO leaders to promote inclusion, rights, and better rehabilitation support in their communities.

Mirzapur Flood 2025 – Relief Initiatives

From 6th to 20th August 2025, JVS provided urgent relief to flood-affected families in Shikar Block, Mirzapur District, with the generous support of partners and volunteers.

- 15,240 cooked meals served
- Bleaching carried out in 34 Panchayats
- 1,160 medical kits distributed
- 1,516 dry ration kits provided

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Celebrating CCRT Milestones

It was a proud moment for JVS as the second batch of the Certificate Course in Rehabilitation Therapy (CCRT) successfully completed their one-year journey - an RCI-accredited programme nurturing skilled grassroots rehabilitation professionals.

Ten passionate learners from Assam, Nagaland, Manipur, Jharkhand, and Uttar Pradesh completed this rigorous training, mastering therapeutic and community-based rehabilitation techniques. Beyond mere technical skills, the course helped the participants shape their compassion, patience, and commitment better to serve persons with disabilities with dignity and care. These newly qualified rehabilitation therapists now step into the field, ready to transform lives and strengthen community-based rehabilitation initiatives across India.

As one chapter closed, another began! On August 4, 2025, Jan Vikas Samiti welcomed 21 new students from Meghalaya, Bihar, Jharkhand, and Uttar Pradesh to the third batch of CCRT. The inaugural gathering was filled with hope and aspiration, as the faculty and guests encouraged students to see their training not merely as a course, but as a calling - to bring healing and inclusion where it is needed most.

Each batch of CCRT carries forward the vision of JVS: *to create a cadre of trained professionals dedicated to inclusive growth and human dignity at the grassroots.*



Bridging Rights and Opportunities:

Between August and September 2025, JVS organised a series of four three-day workshops for leaders of Disabled People's Organisations (DPOs) across India. Altogether, 54 representatives from Assam, West Bengal, Rajasthan, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Jharkhand, and Uttar Pradesh participated in the training sessions.

The workshops aimed to bridge the gap between policy and people, helping participants understand the full range of government schemes and entitlements available for persons with disabilities in their respective states. Through interactive discussions, group activities, and practical guidance, participants learned about eligibility criteria, documentation requirements, and application processes, enabling them to support their communities more effectively.

The initiative not only enhanced awareness but also strengthened the advocacy capacity of DPOs, empowering them to act as informed facilitators of rights-based support and inclusive development, and renewed confidence to help themselves and others claim what is rightfully theirs.



Learning Beyond Fields: Exposure Visits that Inspire Rural Women

To bridge knowledge with experience, JVS organised exposure visits to premier agricultural and entrepreneurship institutions. On August 28, 2025, 35 women entrepreneurs from Varanasi visited the Indian Institute of Vegetable Research (IIVR), Varanasi, where they witnessed cutting-edge vegetable cultivation, seed production, and post-harvest value addition. The experience ignited new ideas in branding, marketing, and enterprise management. Later, on September 12-13, 2025, 23 women visited SHUATS, Prayagraj, for hands-on sessions in dairy farming, goat rearing, and poultry management.

These visits not only built technical competence but also strengthened the participants' confidence and vision to expand agri-business ventures in their villages.



Strengthening Maternal and Community Well-being

Promoting health and dignity for every woman remains a core mission of JVS. Over the last six months, JVS reached out to rural families across Varanasi and Jaunpur through focused interventions on maternal and community health.

- 36 education sessions conducted on topics such as nutrition, menstrual health, anaemia prevention, and gender equality, enhancing the knowledge and understanding of 1275 adolescent girls, young mothers and expectant women.
- 9 street plays and 20 movie screenings organised to convey vital health and gender messages engagingly. Reached over 1,460 community members.
- 24 health camps organised to provide free medical check-ups, counselling, and distribution of medicines, benefitting 1,837 individuals.

By combining awareness, care, and empowerment, JVS continues to nurture healthier, informed, and self-reliant communities.



We Ring the Bell Campaign 2025

JVS, in collaboration with Liliane Fonds and partner organizations, organized the “We Ring The Bell” campaign to promote inclusive education for children with disabilities. Since 2012, this global initiative has been creating awareness about the right to education for every child, irrespective of ability.

The 2025 campaign, launched on 20th March and concluded on 20th April, reached 58,040 students, 2,169 teachers, and 4,849 parents across 373 schools and anganwadi centres in 12 northern states, inspiring communities to support the enrolment and retention of children with disabilities in mainstream education.

The campaign also highlighted critical issues such as the shortage of trained teachers, lack of accessible infrastructure, and the need for inclusive learning materials. It further encouraged parents of children with disabilities to actively engage in school management committees, strengthening collective efforts toward ensuring equal educational opportunities for all children.



Building Inclusive Communities through Capacity Building

Between April and September 2025, JVS intensified its efforts to strengthen community-based rehabilitation and early intervention programmes.

- 1929 ASHA & ANM workers capacitated on child development and milestones, early identification and intervention.
- 1014 Anganwadi workers sensitized and trained on types of disabilities, impact of disabilities, and referral process.
- 623 school teachers trained on inclusion, child development, and inclusive school environment.
- 3794 parents and caregivers made aware of home-based therapy, education, developmental milestones and activities of daily living.
- 45 PRA members trained on role of PRA members in rehabilitation and ensuring government schemes for persons with disabilities.
- 419 assistive devices and developmental devices provided to children and youth with disabilities.
- 644 children with disabilities supported with medicines.

Women Leading Change: Building Gender-Just Communities

JVS continues to champion gender justice and women's leadership through its ongoing initiative, “*Women's Leadership and Participation in Decision-Making for Building Gender-Just Communities.*” Implemented across Cholakpur (Varanasi) and Kerakat (Jaunpur) blocks, the project empowers women and youth to take active roles in shaping equitable and inclusive communities.

Key Highlights:

- 67 meetings and trainings were conducted in 43 Panchayats, engaging 1,806 women on issues such as domestic violence, family disputes, school enrolment of children, and fair wages for workers.
- International Women's Day was celebrated with 1,236 women from different villages, fostering solidarity and awareness.
- International Workers' Day saw 161 participants advocating for labour rights and gender equality.

Youth participation grew through 26 leadership and nation-building sessions, reaching 1,041 young people.



Inauguration of Training Centre at Dharaura, Kerakat

On May 1, JVS inaugurated its new training centre at Dharaura, Kerakat. The Centre aims to equip young girls and boys with practical skills that open pathways to employment and self-reliance.

The centre presently offers courses in Computer Education, Tailoring, and Beautician Training. Currently, 15 trainees are enrolled in the Beautician course, 21 in Tailoring, and 19 in Computer Classes. These courses are designed to enhance not only technical skills but also confidence, creativity, and self-esteem among rural youth.

By providing access to skill-based education, JVS continues its mission of empowering young people to build sustainable livelihoods and contribute positively to their families and communities.



Empowering Persons with Disabilities through Entrepreneurship Training

JVS organized a 10-day residential Entrepreneurship Development Programme (EDP) for 34 Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) at RSETI, Ahirauli, Varanasi, from September 1–10, 2025, aimed at promoting self-employment and economic independence among participants.

Programme Highlights:

- The training opened with an inaugural session introducing RSETI's vision of self-reliance, followed by motivational videos, ice-breaking activities, and group discussions to help participants identify their strengths and business potential.
- Participants built entrepreneurial skills and positive attitudes through interactive exercises like SWOT Analysis, River Journey, and Village Mapping.
- Practical sessions focused on detergent, dishwash, toilet cleaner, handwash, incense stick, and soap production, including guidance on product quality, packaging, and marketing.
- Additional modules covered banking procedures, government schemes, and business plan development.



The training concluded with a valedictory ceremony, where participants received certificates and shared their self-employment plans. JVS will extend 60 days of post-training mentorship, ensuring that these new entrepreneurs establish sustainable, inclusive livelihoods within their communities.

Skill Development for Adolescent and Young Girls

Under its Skill Development Programme, JVS continues to empower adolescent and young girls from rural communities with practical vocational training and livelihood skills.

The Skill Training Centre at Saharsa, Bihar, successfully trained 30 girls in tailoring and 26 in beautician skills, while the Durgawati Centre equipped 31 girls in beautician training and 34 in tailoring. The trainees were provided with the course completion certificates, marking a significant milestone in their journey toward self-reliance.

Beyond technical proficiency, the training enhanced their confidence, creativity, and entrepreneurial spirit, enabling them to pursue income-generating opportunities and contribute meaningfully to their families' economic well-being.



Refreshing Skills, Renewing Commitment: CBR Consultants Strengthen their Knowledge and Practice

As part of its ongoing commitment to quality and learning, JVS organised three refresher trainings for its Community-Based Rehabilitation (CBR) consultants during August and September 2025 at JVS in Murdaha, Varanasi.

A total of 66 CBR consultants from Bihar, Jharkhand, West Bengal, Meghalaya, Assam, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Uttarakhand, and Rajasthan participated in the sessions. The training sessions provided an opportunity to revise and reinforce essential skills in rehabilitation for persons with disabilities and to strengthen strategies for the formation and reactivation of Disabled People's Organisations.



Through interactive demonstrations and collaborative exercises, participants refreshed their competencies in functional assessment, goal setting, and progress tracking for children and youngsters with disabilities. The sessions also emphasised the importance of coordination, community participation, and inclusive planning.

Training on Resource Mobilisation & Fundraising

In a rapidly evolving development landscape, the ability to mobilise resources creatively is key to sustaining impact. With this vision, JVS organised a three-day training on Resource Mobilisation and Fundraising from September 4-6, 2025, at Murdaha, Varanasi.

The training brought together 30 representatives from partner organisations across Manipur, Meghalaya, West Bengal, Bihar, Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, and Chhattisgarh. Expert facilitators, Ms. Nafiza Pavri and Mr. Biju Matthew from Sense International India, Ahmedabad, led the sessions with a dynamic blend of insights and practical exercises.

Participants explored innovative fundraising techniques, including the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI), strategic communication, and the power of social media in amplifying outreach. They learned how to draft compelling Letters of Inquiry (LoIs) and build customised fundraising strategies suited to their organisations' missions.

The hands-on sessions encouraged collaboration and creativity, as participants drafted proposals and mapped potential donors. The training concluded with renewed confidence and fresh perspectives - equipping partner organisations to pursue funding opportunities with clarity, innovation, and purpose.



Empowering Women through Sustainable Agriculture and Enterprise

JVS continues to nurture women's leadership in rural economies through an integrated approach combining sustainable agriculture, financial inclusion, and entrepreneurship.

Over the last six months:

- 17 village-level enrolment desks were established to link women with Thrift and Credit Cooperatives, enabling 263 women to become members and gain access to credit, markets, and decision-making platforms.
- 155 training and awareness programmes reached 3518 women, focusing on organic farming, crop management, financial inclusion, and permaculture. Practical demonstrations on soil enrichment, composting, and sustainable cropping helped women improve productivity and income.
- 36 entrepreneurship sessions on animal husbandry, business planning, and small-scale enterprises strengthened 1071 women's confidence and self-reliance.

Through this holistic approach, JVS is not merely imparting skills; it is cultivating resilience, independence, and leadership, empowering rural women to shape a sustainable and equitable future for their communities.



Farmer Input Centre Launched in Mangari

A new milestone was reached on 30 June 2025, when JVS launched an Input Centre in Mangari village, Pindra block, Varanasi. This initiative provides essential agricultural inputs - fertilisers, seeds, pesticides, and cattle feed - at fair prices, reducing dependency on middlemen and ensuring quality resources.

Since its opening, hundreds of farmers have accessed reliable inputs, directly improving their yield and income. The Input Centre not only supports agricultural development but also strengthens financial inclusion and local entrepreneurship, building a self-sustaining ecosystem for rural prosperity.



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