



## **E-Newsletter (Issue 5<sup>th</sup>)**

### **JS & CEO-Speak**

Welcome to our 5<sup>th</sup> issue of E- Newsletter.

As we all know, we are still facing Covid-19 pandemic globally and our country is also facing Covid-19 pandemic. Our country being densely populated, we have to follow Covid-19 guidelines efficiently and responsibly as a citizen of India and also encourage others to follow them.

The National Trust is working continuously as per Covid-19 protocol for betterment of self, staff members, Registered Organisations (ROs) and State Nodal Agency Centres (SNACs) and those connected with us whether directly or indirectly. The National Trust is providing Covid-19 prevention kit (mask & sanitizer) to its staff members on regular basis to prevent spread of Covid-19. The National Trust is working as usual in these pandemic times and has conducted various activities during the year.

To establish direct communication and discuss the issues faced by the Registered Organizations (ROs) in carrying out the activities, the National Trust organised Virtual meetings on various issues concerning different group of stakeholders.

To empower persons with Intellectual and developmental Disabilities on Digital Technology and increase the footfall of the schemes and activities of the National

Trust in the North East region, a 'National Convention on Digital Best Practices and North East Summit' was organised under Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister, Social Justice and Empowerment in which Hon'ble Minister of States, Social Justice and Empowerment, Chairperson, National Trust and Secretary, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Board Members, National Trust and officials of DEPwD were present. A large number of ROs and professionals from North East joined the convention on Virtual Basis.

The National Trust had distributed Teaching Learning Material (TLM) Kits to the beneficiaries of Center Based Schemes namely- Disha (Early Intervention and School Readiness scheme for 0 to 10 years), Vikaas (Day Care scheme for 10 + years), Samarth (Respite Care Residential scheme) and Gharaunda (Group Home for Adults) according to four mental age groups as Kit-1 (0-3 yrs), Kit-2 (4-6 yrs), Kit-3 (7-11 yrs) and Kit-4 (12 yrs and above). The kits for the first three age groups are for mental exercise, concept development, sensory development like books and toys and pre-vocational kits include mobile phones, watch, calculator, weighing machines and sewing materials. These kits are being proved as very useful for the beneficiaries

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### **Activities conducted by the National Trust during the year.**

#### **Sampark- 'In the Hour of Need' scheme'**

The National Trust has launched Sampark – 'In the hour of need' scheme on 1-11-2019. The objective of the scheme is to provide necessary support to Divyangjan covered under the National Trust Act in case of natural calamity like – Cyclone, Earthquake, Flood etc. for a period of 100 days, to commence from the first day of each programme. The Sampark scheme was implemented in the Super Cyclone affected 10 districts of Odisha and 13 districts of West Bengal. At present, the Sampark scheme is being implemented in 3 districts of Maharashtra, 9 districts of Gujarat, 9 districts of Odisha and 8 districts of West Bengal, due to the cyclones 'Tauktae' and 'YAAS'. The 100 days period of the scheme ended on 8-11-2021. However, due to the unique nature of scheme, which requires lot of publicity and coordination among Registered Organizations, parents and professionals working in the field, the scheme is extended till 16-2-2022.

A 2 days virtual National Convention was conducted on the scheme on 12th and 13th October, 2021 under chairmanship of the JS&CEO, National Trust in which a number of issues related to the scheme were discussed. Board Members of the National Trust, Sh. Mritunjay Jha, Deputy Secretary, DEPwD, Professionals from NIEPID, Sh. Pankaj Maru, Coordinator, former SNAC Madhya Pradesh also participated in the virtual meeting and

explained various issues related to schemes and programmes of DEPwD, issuance of UDID Card, Niramaya scheme, TLM Kit etc. Dr. Ashish Kumar, Board Member from Odisha where the scheme was implemented in the first phase, praised the scheme and said that the scheme was proved to be very beneficial.

#### **National Convention on Digital Best Practices and North East Summit**

The National Trust organized 'National Convention on Digital Best Practices and North East Summit' on virtual basis for Persons with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (PwIDDs) on 7th August, 2021. In the first of its kind, the summit was organized with focus on Seven States in North East Region of the Country. Celebrating the 75th year of Independence of the country (Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav), the aim of the summit was to empower persons with Intellectual and developmental Disabilities on Digital Technology and increase the footfall of the schemes and activities of the National Trust in the region.

Dr. Virendra Kumar, Hon'ble Minister Social Justice and Empowerment was the Chief Guest for the virtual summit and Hon'ble Ministers of State, Shri A. Narayanaswamy and Km. Pratima Bhoumik were the Guest of Honor. Ms Anjali Bhawra, Secretary, DEPwD and Chairperson, National Trust, Sh. Nikunja Kishore Sundaray, JS&CEO, National Trust and Sh. Kishore Baburao Surwade, DDG, DEPwD, along with Board

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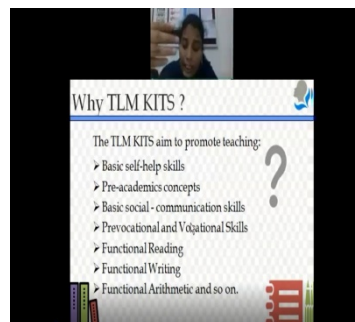
Members of the National Trust, were present in the Summit.



The Convention was attended by State Nodal Agency Centres (SNACs) of National Trust and more than 100 Stakeholders representing organizations, professionals, and Divyangjan from the Region.

### Distribution of Teaching and Learning Material (TLM) Kits

The National Trust had purchased Teaching Learning Material (TLM) Kits from National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities (NIEPID), Secunderabad and distributed to the beneficiaries of Center Based Schemes namely- Disha, Vikaas, Samarth and Gharaunda, etc. A meeting on usage of these kits was organised on 26th August,



2021 in collaboration with National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities (NIEPID), Secunderabad.

### Meeting on extension of National Trust activities in Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh

Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh were excluded in the National Trust Act, 1999. However with the abrogation of Article 370 and inclusion of the UTs in the National Trust Act, the National Trust has started its activities in the UTs. In this regard, a Virtual Meeting with officials of the Govt of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh was organized on 31st August 2021. Advisor to Hon'ble Lt. Governor, J&K, Chairperson, National Trust and Secretary, DEPwD, JS&CEO, National Trust, DDG-DEPwD, Secretary, SW, J&K, DMs, CMOs, DSWOs, NGOs, parents and professionals from UTs of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh were present in the meeting. More than 268 persons participated in the meeting. The meeting was aimed at creating awareness and developing a roadmap for implementation of activities, schemes and programmes of the National Trust in the region.

### Meeting of Sub-committee to promote NGOs for registration with National Trust in uncovered States/UTs

A Sub-committee of Board Members met virtually on 16th December, 2021 to work out strategies for promoting NGOs to register with National Trust in the

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uncovered States/UTs namely- Andaman and Nicobar, Arunachal Pradesh, Chandigarh, Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Daman & Diu, Lakshadweep, Meghalaya, Puducherry, Sikkim, Tripura, Mizoram, Nagaland, Jammu and Kashmir, Ladakh. All Board Members, State Nodal Agency Centres (SNACs) and some Government Officials participated in the meeting.

### **Virtual meeting organized by the National Trust on various issues concerning different group of stakeholders**

The National Trust organised Virtual Meetings with Registered Organisations (ROs) in one or two States/ UTs from 17th May 2021 to 11th June, 2021 and with project holders of different schemes namely – Disha (Early Intervention and School Readiness scheme for 0 to 10 years), Vikaas (Day Care scheme for 10+ years), Samarth (Respite Care Residential Scheme) and Gharaunda (Group Home for Adults) from 27<sup>th</sup> October to 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2021. The objective of these meetings were to establish direct communication and discuss the issues faced by the Registered Organizations (ROs) of these States in carrying out the activities of the National Trust.

Other than this, Virtual Meetings with all Board Members, State Nodal Agency Centres (SNACs) and Government Officials for promoting NGOs in uncovered districts was organized on 16th December, 2021. The purpose of the meeting was to work out strategies for promoting NGOs in the uncovered

States/UTs namely- Andaman and Nicobar, Arunachal Pradesh, Chandigarh, Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Daman & Diu, Lakshadweep, Meghalaya, Puducherry, Sikkim, Tripura, Mizoram, Nagaland, Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh.

### **Activities conducted by the Registered Organisations during the year.**

Asha Bhavan Centre, State Nodal Agency Centre (SNAC), West Bengal set up an isolation Centre of 50 beds capacity with oxygen facilities free of cost for the person with disabilities in its Kathila, Uluberia campus. SNAC arranged dedicated nurses and doctors to look



after the patient and also arranged 24 hour online medical consultation facility for the Patients in isolation in the centre. Not only that SNAC provided 20000 liter oxygen to a CCI residential home for children with disability run by CHIRANABIN, a Registered Organisation in Howrah as some of their beneficiaries were affected by COVID and needed Oxygen. The SNAC also provided food materials and Covid protection materials to 150 beneficiaries during this period.



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**Aastha Charitable & Welfare Society, SNAC, BIHAR** established a COVID care center for Persons with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities and their families on 22/05/2021 at the Maha Mana Madan Mohan Malviya Sanskriti



Kendra, R Block Patna. This centre was inaugurated by the then Hon'ble minister Law and Justice, Electronic and Information Technology and Communication, Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad.

The SNAC also organized a free health check-up & treatment camp on 28.2.21 for the beneficiaries of Disha-cum- Vikaas scheme and their parents who urgently required surgeries.



Renowned doctors from England & Delhi (Sir Ganga Ram Hospital) Dr Nipun Rana, Joint Replacement Surgeon had visited the camp. More than 100 people benefited including several from Free Tests like CBC, BSF, Cretin, Uric Acid, SGPT etc.

## Success Story in the voice of a Proud Mother.

“I want to share my son Ishan khandelwal’s success story. He is an intellectual disabled 18 years old and he is promoted in class 10th recently. His hard work makes his family proud. He was always neglected & insulted by others in his childhood, but now he became an inspiration for others. His life was changed through sports. His mother, Dr. Asha khandelwal came to know about Paralympics in 2017. Ishan Khandelwal runs 400 meter, 1500 meter, till 2021 and won many gold medals in various States National Para athletics championship. I feel very proud for him, that he played in International Paralympics championship in 2019 junior world Para athletics championship at Switzerland thus, he became "Shan of India" he won recently 1 gold & 1 bronze medal at Bangalore in March 2021. Now he continues his training for future competition. Ishan is first Indian Para player who has participated in International Paralympics championship events in his category”.

