

# ANNUAL REPORT 2018-2019

## General introduction about Salt Lake Drishti Centre for Learning Disability (SDCLD)

Salt Lake Drishti Centre for Learning disability is dealing with children having learning disabilities. We are running a Training and Vocational centre for learning disabilities. Our service involves training and counseling along with early intervention and guidance with children having ADHD, M.R (Moderate and Mild), Autism and other specific learning disability. We are also having a vocational unit for training of student's age 18 years and above.

In this year we have already served –

<b>Disability Type</b>	<b>Number of Disabilities</b>
<b>Mental Retardation</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>Autism</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Multiple Disabilities</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Cerebral Palsy</b>	<b>0</b>

**Name of the Centre: -**

Saltlake Drishti Centre for Learning Disability

Number of disabilities year wise

**Year: 2016-2017**

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Disability Type	Number of Disabilities
Mental Retardation	27
Autism	2
Multiple Disabilities	0
Cerebral Palsy	0

**Year: 2017-2018**

Disability Type	Number of Disabilities
Mental Retardation	29
Autism	2
Multiple Disabilities	0
Cerebral Palsy	0

**Year: 2018-2019**

Disability Type	Number of Disabilities
Mental Retardation	32
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*Hope Is Life!!!*

# Annual Report

## 2018-2019

**Salt Lake Drishti Centre for Learning Disability**

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## Secretary's Note



Susmita Nag

"Learning is not a process limited to educational institutions nor it ends with a career. Schools are oriented for the foundation and adaptation of various method suiting individual interest areas to achieve survival and emotional training to attain coping skills efficiently. It's further depends on self as well. Teaching and practice of values are also very important part of education for any child's positive future.

Character creates self-responsibility which in turn leads to high Self-esteem. Maturity is reflected in all aspects of character- Decisions we make, performing age appropriate tasks or leisure activities we chose also little the responsibilities we accept in everyday life actually speaks about the individual; when child attains adult age. This actually upholds dignity of an individual. Being ready to help others and also living with the thought

"What You Are Is God's gift to you and what you do towards others and self is Gift to God".

## Our Members Says



"Drishti that can be roughly translated into vision, is a brilliant initiative taken by Ms. Susmita Nag a pillar on whose resolute ambition and selfless love stand this symbol of hope".

Farooque Hyder



"It is pleasure to see that for some time past good many organisations imbibed and imbued by sense of altruism have grown up for the amelioration of the unprivileged, disadvantaged, disabled member of the society through education, vocational training and other means imparted in order to enable them to stand on their feet and there by maintain live hood. Among these organisations Salt lake Drishti Centre for Learning Disability is one. Wish all round success to DRISHTI for all time to come".

Sailendra Mukherjee



"It gives me pleasure that Saltlake Drishti Centre for Learning Disability is serving training programme involves behavior modification, daily living functional therapy along with survival education for children with Autism, Mental Retardation since last 12 year. I extend my best wishes fo this auspicious work and hope for progress on the upcoming days".

Susmita Halder



"During the Valentine's day programme organized by DRISHTI, I was touched to see the love and affection of all involved. Their smiles and voices show how much has been achieved".

Nishi Pulugurtha

### **SDCLD: Growing with Confidence**

Enhancement of special children through counselling and training, under the Society Registration Act in 2016. The organization seeks sustainable long term solutions to the immediate life oriented issues through specific guidance and necessary parent counselling for 'intellectually disable children/ adults and other persons with specific learning disorder. This is carefully done through counselling, educational programme, survival education, a community-based training. An approach to reinforce / encourage civil society .Also to humbly approach government for assistance in order to plan or take necessary initiative for their involvement in society after attaining adulthood. An attempt to take sincere dedicated initiative to empower children and their families, to have basic opportunities to improve their living conditions. SDCLD, at present, is engaged in working with over 70 children with intellectually disability and other specific learning difficulties.

#### **Our vision**

SDCLD aspires to achieve a barrier-free society, where every child and person attains Right to Survival, Protection, Development and Participation in the community.

#### **Our Mission**

Addressing survival education, community training, behaviour modification, parent counselling, self-help skills, and cultural amusement and sports with intellectual disabilities and other specific learning difficulty through collaborative effort

### **Overview of the year 2018-2019**

- ◆ This year we were able to reach one hundred disable children through counselling, training, early intervention, parent counselling, and mass awareness program.
- ◆ This year SDCLD gave special emphasis on expansion of education amongst intellectual disability children (ID) and other specific disability. Through its service, it stressed that education can play a significant role in empowering and in securing a rightful place for them.
- ◆ Besides education, extended services to special need children were also rendered through the activities of life-skill workshops, exposure to traffic and public places, home visits, talent events, various events to generate awareness on child rights and future involvement in future after vocationally trained by involving media as well.
- ◆ Activities of parents meeting, stakeholders meeting, and change-makers training were organized to empower parents and other community members to seek their involvement in the projects.
- ◆ World Autism Day 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2018 and World Disability Day 3<sup>rd</sup> December.
- ◆ Annual Day celebration – 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2018.
- ◆ Annual General Meeting.
- ◆ Classes for college students from Sociology and NCC dept.
- ◆ Workshop for parents.
- ◆ Special day celebration.
- ◆ Awareness Camps.
- ◆ Exhibition Stalls for community Awareness.
- ◆ Assistive device for disable children.
- ◆ Website Design.
- ◆ Home guidance for improved Barrier-free education and daily living.
- ◆ Professional Promotion.
- ◆ Mass awareness programs including Cultural programmes.

**World Autism Day 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2018:** on World Autism Day that is 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2018 Salt Lake Drishti Centre for Learning disability participated in the rally which was organised by Women Child Department & Social Welfare Department Govt. Of West Bengal and our honourable Minister, Mrs ShasiPanja along with Commissioner of Disability was present at the rally. SDCLD and other institutions walked in the rally with students. It was followed by a discussion with professionals from the disabled field. The panel discussion was very informative and enlightening for all of us.



**Annual Day 2018:** Salt Lake Drishti Centre for Learning disability mainly established in the year of 2004, 21<sup>st</sup> April, by Susmita Nag. Every year SDCLD observed this day for mass awareness program with the cultural event and the musical event by students of SDCLD and other organisations students also renounce singer of Kolkata. This year we were celebrated Annual day at EZCC (Eastern Zonal Cultural Centre). Chief Guest and the keynote speaker was Ananya Chakraborty, Chairperson of Child Protection Rights; she delivered her speech on Behaviour Modification of Specially Able Children also renounce singer UpalSengupta entertained students and their parents.

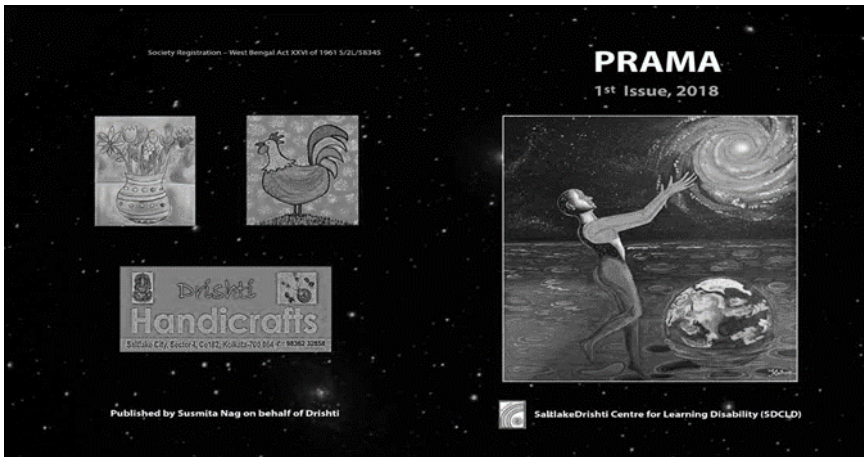
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**VALENTINE'S DAY:** On 13<sup>th</sup> February 2019 Valentine's Day was observed with children and parents as a general awareness just like every year. Upal Sengupta with band of girls participated in the cultural program. Food and refreshment were arranged for children and guests.

The objective of celebration of Valentine's Day is to spread the message in the community to love and include all children with special need in community and bring some change public perception that is understanding towards these special children.



**Annual General Meeting:** Every year SDCLD arrange annual General meeting in the months of April and February. Annual General Meeting is most important for us because we have taken important decisions on this field and how to conduct these projects. This year also we had been taken some decisions about their counselling, training, parent counselling, survival education for specially-abled children and their parents.



### PRAMA (ANNUAL MAGAZINE):

'PRAMA' is our annual magazine, published on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2018 at EZCC.

'PRAMA' is designed to publish information about the activities of Drishti for readers. Apart from this, the objective is to share informative articles which will provide a resource in related areas. We believe the exchange of thoughts and ideas

are of great importance. We respect the involvement of dedicated teachers, members and guardians. Their views are extremely important to us and their participation in the mission of Drishti is deeply felt. This magazine has a creative section as well where art and cultural aspects are highlighted to promote creative skills.

Above all, we are hopeful that PRAMA will help to reach various like-minded individuals in the community who has a heart to serve these children. We are hopeful the magazine will inspire to join hands with Drishti's Mission to help and assist the organization to seek a better future for these children. We are hopeful people from society will surely join the thought and there will be light in their lives. PRAMA is a platform which speaks of Dignity to Life and empowerment of self-advocacy for these children in real life.

### Workshop for college students

Susmita Nag, (Secretary of SDCLD) she had taken an initial step on awareness for college students, other professionals, and the young generation of our society so they can think about the lifestyle of special able children and their families. So we had organized two days awareness program for college students, collaborative with Diamond Harbour Women's University. 10-15 students participated in this workshop. Workshop fully conducted by Susmita Nag also we were organized workshop for parents, how to deal with their child at home and outside the home.



### Special day celebration:

**RATHA YATRA:** Centre celebrated Rathayatra with children. All children participated in the decoration of ratha with the help of teachers. Children used papers, flowers, laces and various decorative materials to decorate the ratha. Children were very happy and took great interest to celebrate the festival. Sweets, namkin and candies were distributed.

**RAKHI BANDHAN:** Rakhi was celebrated with great joy. Teachers helped children to make simple rakhis using thick paper, sponge, glitters and ribbons. Children enjoyed making them. They tied rakhis to their teachers and friends. Biscuits and laddoos were distributed to children.

**15<sup>th</sup> AUGUST:** like every educational centre, 15th August was celebrated with great enthusiasm. President of the society along with teachers and other staffs took the pleasure to hoist the Indian National Flag in the open space within the centre premises. Children and teachers sang the National Anthem. Freedom fighters like Netaji, Gandhiji was discussed with pictures. Children took an interest in participating in the musical programme and games specially arranged and planned for that day. We are very happy to have our president with us all day.

**WINTER CAMP:** Camps offer a great opportunity for special needs children to expand their social skills. While camps can provide a comparable social structure to the school setting, it's often more fun and engaging for kids to be at camp rather than in school. Shy children might be so engaged that they come out of their shells. Kids who have a hard time making friends may bond with kids with similar disabilities. In addition, many camps for special needs kids have support staff specifically trained to help them get out of their comfort zones and try new activities.

Like every year, the society organized winter camp 2018. We are thankful to ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT and teachers of the vocational unit for conducting the camp successful. At the end of the winter camp, children who participated were rewarded with the summer camp certificate, Children were handed the certificate on 14/3/2018. We hope next year we will be able to involve more children in the camp.





**EXHIBITION :** Like every year, this year also our self-help group had been made various type of terracotta products, above 18 yrs. Students engaged in making terracotta products. Our administrative section already set up a shop, name as Drishti Handicrafts shop for sale their handmade articles; also we were taken a decision that we will be selling their products at our local fairs for increase their self-esteem. This year we organized seven days 'Diya Exhibition', in the month of November 2018, also we are attending some exhibitions, and fairs like-

- ◆ Bangur Book Fair organized by BangurBoiMela Committee(6<sup>th</sup> December 2018 to 16<sup>th</sup> December 2018)
- ◆ KakurgachiSabalaMela organized by Govt. West Bengal (25<sup>th</sup> December 2018 to 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019).
- ◆ RojgarMela for PWDs organized by Women child development and Social welfare Department of West Bengal (4<sup>th</sup> December 2018 to 5<sup>th</sup> December 2018)
- ◆ Exhibition at ISI (India Statistical Institute) organized by NIEPID, on 19th & 20th November (National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities)
- ◆ Kestopur VivekMelaExhibition at Mohorkunjo(West Bengal)



ROJGAR MELA



EXHIBITION AT ISI



DIYA EXHIBITION (25th October to 31st October)

**DISTRIBUTION OF ASSISTIVE DEVICE FOR CHILDREN:** Assistive device importance is most important for disabled children, for their learning and daily life. This financial we were taken, minimum 50 the assistive device will be provided disable children and persons but our economic background was not very well. We donate two wheelchairs and other learning assistive device for needy disable children



**WHEEL CHAIR DONATION ON 1st SEPTEMBER 2018**

### **PROFESSIONAL PROMOTION**

Professional promotion of special educators, caregiver, social worker and other professionals, in this financial year our professionals attained various seminar, CRE program, National conference and another like-minded program organized by RCI (Rehabilitation Council of India) at NIEPID. Our goal was increase the self-esteem of professionals, how do they control - parent's emotion, children's behaviour medication, psychological and pedagogical support for pupils/ students, in cooperation with their parents, counselling and guidance centres, other nursery schools, schools and educational institutions, non-governmental organisations and other institutions and organisations supporting



**NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON 19th & 20th NOVEMBER, 2018 AT ISI**

### EXTRAORDINARY RAMP SHOW 2019 (25th January 2019)

**A special fashion show**  
 Transgender lawyer Megh Sayantani Ghosh organized a fashion show in Salt Lake last Friday for kids from Drishti Counselling and Training Centre for children with learning disabilities. After walking the ramp with the kids, she said, "It was a wonderful experience. These kids are very special for the society. Being a transwoman, I understand the need to be integrated with people. Therefore, they must be brought under the spotlight to help them muster confidence."



## রূপান্তরকামী মডেলদের সঙ্গে র‍্যাম্প মাতাল বিশেষ খুদেরা



বিশ্ব স্বাস্থ্য সংস্থা, সিক্সক্স নামের পক্ষে  
 মেঘ সায়ন্তানী শৈশবের স্নেহপ্রদায়ী  
 প্রতি সমাজের পুষ্টিতালি কলতারের জন্য  
 তিনি করেন।

মেঘ সায়ন্তানী বলেন, "আমার বাসবাই  
 নতুন কিছু আনা চিন্তা করতে, নতুন ভাবনা  
 কাগ করতে ভাল লাগে। ভাল কাগ করতে  
 চাই। এই আশা থেকে শৈশব এখন এই  
 প্রজন্মে গেছে, আমার মনে ভাল লাগে।  
 কারণ আমরা কেউই সম্পূর্ণ নই। আমরা  
 একদমই চাই সিঙ্গল। এই কোন  
 জগতজগতীদের জন্য দরকার, যেমন  
 শৈশবের স্নেহপ্রদায়ী সমাজ। তাদের

উন্নয়ন এবং প্রশিক্ষণের দরকার।

অনুভবে গ্রন্থে অতিথি হিসেবে উপস্থিত  
 ছিলেন সুভাষা বিশ্বাস (স্টেভো ইন্ডিয়া  
 ইন্সটিটিউট, সিইও) এবং ডিজিটালসিক  
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**শিলাঞ্জি মাস**  
 ৩ এবং দরকার নেই। অসুস্থ,  
 শেখার ক্রমে, সমাজের প্রতিটি  
 মানুষের সঙ্গিত। তাঁর চো  
 করা শৈশবে। করা করে শৈশবে পারে  
 অনেক কিছু। কিন্তু দরকার হলো প্রতি  
 সমাজীভাওয়া এবং অনেকটা ভালোভাবে।  
 শৈশবের স্নেহপ্রদায়ী পক্ষে থাকতে  
 এবং হাতে পড়িয়ে দিলে শৈশবের গ্রন্থে  
 জগতজগতীদের আইনকর্তার শাসন।  
 সায়ন্তানী এবং শৈশবের স্নেহপ্রদায়ী হিসেবে  
 সত্যিকারে পুষ্টি শৈশবের করা পুষ্টি।

ডিজিটালসিক স্নেহপ্রদায়ী হতে গেল এক  
 বিশেষ অনুভব। মেঘের জগতজগতীদের  
 মডেলদের সঙ্গে একটি সঙ্গে গ্রন্থে হঠাৎ  
 শৈশবের স্নেহপ্রদায়ী। যা ছিল একেবারেই  
 অভিনব। মেঘ সায়ন্তানী অনুভবের মডেলের  
 না, হলের হাতে করে পুষ্টি। মেঘের 'আ'  
 শশ্বতীং শৈশবের পক্ষে গেল।  
 অনুভবে উপস্থিত ছিলেন পুষ্টি কর্তৃক  
 সুশিক্ষা মনো। তার কথায়, "২০১৪ থেকে  
 ২০১৬ এরওগেলে বহু করে আমার পক্ষে  
 এই কাজটা করা সম্ভব হয়েছে। কারণ আমার  
 পক্ষে কিছু মানুষকে গিয়েছি। অভিজাতকরা  
 আমারে



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**Susmita Nag Secretary of SDCLD Delivered speech on Disability at EZCC  
(HUM BHI KISISE KAM NAHI a cultural event organised by Muskan Foundation on 4th  
March 2019)**