

# Annual Report April 2022- March 2023

History and Introduction - The need to establish our centre was felt when it was found that parents of children with autism had been taking their wards to different Special Schools where students of different types of mental disabilities were being attended simultaneously. Since the problem of Autism is altogether different from any other kind of mental disablement, a special centre where only the autistic children would be given care was very much needed. The centre started its activities in the month of July 1999, with organizing seminars, symposia and workshops on different aspects of Autism addressed by eminent psychologists, psychiatrists and social workers and involving parents of affected children as well as some home-based programmes for them. In the month of April,2000 we started imparting training and therapy in a regular and structured system. It started with 10 autistic children in a small apartment, owned by one of the trustees of 'Pradip', 2 hours a day (4.00 PM - 6.00 PM) only. On this occasion, a programme was held on the 16th April, 2000 in which eminent personalities of society, like Sri Shyamal Kumar Sen (Ex-Governor of West Bengal), Dr. (Major) N. G. Kannan (Managing Director, H.R.E.R., IOC Ltd.), Prof. Ananda Deb Mukherjee (Vice-Chancellor, Vidyasagar University), Prof. Somnath Bhattacharya (eminent Psychoanalyst and ex- Professor, Dept. of Psychology, University of Calcutta) were present and showered their blessings and best wishes on us.

**Our Vision** - To change the current fragmented rehabilitation system into a more integrated and holistic one dedicated to improving the lives of children with Autism Spectrum Disorder through individual specialized training, thereby making social inclusion a reality.

**Our Goal** - To establish a specialty centre well equipped with not only the latest facilities, but also trained personnel, providing good quality, affordable, up-to-date education and therapy.

#### Our Work -

- Involves any person with Autism Spectrum Disorder, irrespective of their degree of disability, socio-economic condition, or age.
- Eradicates the stigma associated with disabilities, especially Autism Spectrum Disorder.
- Empowers children, thereby making them confident and self-reliant.
- Improves the quality of life through better health care and individualized rehabilitation programs.

### **INFRASTUCTURE -**

The activities of the organization are carried out in four separate wings:-(1) School Building (2) Training (3) Therapy (4) Vocational outlet

### THE SCHOOL

The school is housed in their own multistoried building. Total area -7200 sq.ft.in each floor x 5 floor. It includes Office, Computer Room and other classrooms as under:

- 8 Academic classrooms
- 1 Speech Therapy room
- 1 Special therapy room (Health and Sex Education & Counselling)
- 1 Dance/Movement Therapy room
- 1. Sensory Integration Training room
- 1. Physiotherapy space
- 1 Hall Prayer, Socialization, Indoor Game
- 1 Kitchen & dining hall

Toilets – Separate for male and female

Pre-vocation & Vocational Training & trade space

**Human Resource Training Center** 

- 4 Classroom
- 1 Resource room for practical
- 1 Library

Toilet – separate for male & female

Open space for games and sports activities

## **VOCATIONAL OUTLET**

Total area- 200sq. ft. (approx). It is an open space on roadside being used as a fruit juice preparation and vocational items selling counter.

## YEAR IN REVIEW: HIGHLIGHTS

Now, Pradip family has completed 24th year of its journey since 1999 this year. Contrary to last few years, Pradip witnessed a lot of up gradation in terms of its services and quality control, alongwith increasing human resource capacities, taking in 205 students in total for the running year.

NO OF STUDENTS	DISABILITY	THERAPY CLASSES
205	DIAGNOSED WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER (MANY OF THEM HAVING ASSOCIATED CONDITIONS LIKE EPILEPSY, SLEEP DISORDERS, ANXIETY, DEPRESSION, FEEDING CHALLENGES, ADHD, OBESITY ETC.)	<ol> <li>SPECIAL EDUCATION         CLASS (3:1 STUDENT &amp;             TEACHER RATIO)</li> <li>OCCUPTIONAL         THERAPY</li> <li>SPEECH AND         LANGUAGE THERAPY</li> <li>DANCE AND         MOVEMENT THERAPY</li> <li>PHYSIOTHERAPY</li> </ol>

We have witnessed a significant increase in the success rate in the vocational training unit and cognitive and self-help functioning. There has been a slight increase in the success rate of reduction of problem behavior too.

There rehabilitation management process including cognitive skill training to therapeutic management to behavior modification of the individuals with autism was much more structured. Individualized detailed goals, monitoring improvement process, regular parental participation, performance evaluation of both staffs and students could be done with much more clarity and precision.

**World Autism Awareness Day:** We started the FY by celebrating World Autism Awareness Day and opening our Vocational Outlet at Pradip Centre for Autism Management on 2nd April.

Some glimpses are -









**Participation in Different Events:** Students of Pradip centre for Autism Management participated in different events throughout April month to spread awareness.

Glimpses of the programmes are here



















**Workshop:** Pradip arranged a one-day workshop on Dance/movement therapy for physical and mental challenges in hybrid mode in the second half of April. Some glimpses are









**Rabindra Jayanti Celebration:** We celebrated Rabindra Jayanti with our beloved ones on 9<sup>th</sup> May and hosted a small program with crafts, music, dance and poems.

Here are some pictures from the program









**Teachers' Training Professional Courses:** In the month of June & July we have started B.Ed. Special Education (Intellectual Disabilities) in distance mode as per NSOU norms, B.Ed. Special Education (Autism Spectrum Disorder) in regular mode affiliated by Jadavpur University, D.Ed. Special Education (Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities) approved by NIEPMD and for the first time CCCG (Certificate Course in Care Giving) course approved by RCI in our training college. Currently total 82 trainee teachers/caregivers are getting trained in the FY 2022-2023.

World Disability Day: Pradip aims to promote the rights and well-being of persons with disabilities in all spheres of society and development. In the occasion of World Disability Day Pradip hosted a rally with our children for awareness on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2022. Pradip also participated in the 'Rojgar Mela' hosted by West Bengal Government by putting our vocational items (handmade by our students) into sale. And on that day Pradip won the State Award in the category of "Outstanding Organisation Working for the cause of Disability" given by Women & Child Development and Social Welfare Department of West Bengal Government.

Some glimpses are









**Annual Sports Event:** We have successfully launched our Annual Sports with the august presence of a Maharaj from Belur Math and august presence of other dignitaries both from Government and non-Government sectors.













**Saraswati Puja Celebration:** Pradip celebrated Saraswati Puja in the month of January and it coincides with Shree Panchami. Students placed books and reading materials near the Saraswati pratima and worship the goddess. We choose the day as a symbolic start of learning the alphabets by children. Some glimpses are







**Annual Program:** Pradip celebrates another year of its being and appreciates the students' achievements in all curricular, personal, co-curricular and socialization activities conducted throughout the year. This Annual Program is a school-sponsored event where students showcase their talents, build their confidence and learn to collaborate. The day was so special and memorable not only for the kids but for the parents as well. We truly appreciate the efforts and dedication put by the students and the school staffs. All the performances were breath taking and mesmerizing. This year it took place at the Rabindra Bhavan Surer Math.

Here are some glimpses of it















**CRE Programs:** As previous year this year also, we have organized CRE programs in the month of January & March, recognized by RCI keeping in mind the specific interventional needs for children and adults with autism. The target groups were primarily rehabilitation professionals and Parents of individuals with autism.





**UDID Card Registration Camp:** Pradip hosted an UDID Card Registration Camp for disabled students on 28.02.23 – 01.03.23. Where 85+ beneficiaries got their name registered and received their UDID Enrollment Nos. This was the first time where an UDID Card Registration Camp took place in West Bengal. We are planning to do another camp in the upcoming months.

# Here are some pictures



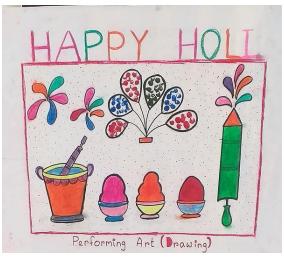




**Holi Festival Celebration:** Pradip Centre for Autism Management celebrated Holi Festival with the students with great joy and enthusiasm. Many performances were done by our students and staffs. We celebrated Holi by using our own student-made natural organic colours. Everyone enjoyed a lot.

Here are some glimpses of Holi celebration.

















**About Our Konnagar Branch:** Our Konnagar Branch has also done a fair job in rendering special education and therapeutic services in that region. With new admissions last year, we have currently 9 students with autism and 2 special educators and 2 care givers over there. The branch also operates from Monday to Friday.

# We are looking forward to:

- Start PGDRP course
- Get an affiliation from NIOS
- Start a new research project
- More CBR activities

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