

PROJECT BHAWNA

Report on event on sensitization of rights of persons with disabilities conducted on January 30, 2022 in Delhi-NCR.

ABSTRACT: The aim of the event was to spread awareness about the rights of disabled children as well as making the staff aware about the same.

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Concept Note

“The world worries about disability more than disabled people do”.

- Warwick Davis

A child born with a disability is destined for a life of dependency. For the poor this burden can be extreme. Disabled children can be a social, financial, mental and physical burden to their families. Through lack of knowledge and skills of the family, the children do not get the appropriate help they need. The children do not go to school and hardly leave their homes. Therefore, they are not challenged and do not develop mentally or physically. Families will often favour a healthy child over a disabled child, when it comes to food and attention. A disability carries a lifetime of memories, encounters and experiences.

Despite the prevalence of legislations upholding the Rights of Persons with disabilities, the lack of community sensitization continues to pose as a major barrier that limits inclusion. Ridicule, mockery, bullying and avoidance of students with disabilities among community members is prevalent due to the lack of disability awareness and inclusive education training that would ensure the normalization of students with disabilities in educational and community setups.

Objectives

1. To sensitize people towards the disabled.
2. To make sure all the NGO kids have the disability certificate so that they can get the benefit of the government schemes.
3. To make the parents and NGO administration about the Divyang Pensions by the Centre and the State Governments.
4. To engage disabled kids in various activities.

Preliminary Preparations

We were a team of three members. We divided the research work amongst us. We researched about the government aids available for the disabled, Divyang pensions by the government both at centre and state level. Further, we compiled the list of the concessions that the disabled can avail in the train and flight fares.

Since the NGO I visited was for the mentally challenged kids, so, before visiting them I contacted the NGO co-ordinator and enquired whether the kids are comfortable meeting unknown people and the kinds of activities they love to do. Accordingly, I planned the activity for the kids.

Covid appropriate behaviour was followed.

About the Event

The event was to be conducted on 15th January but because of the Covid situation, outsiders were not allowed to visit the NGO. Therefore, the event was rescheduled to 30th January, 2022. I reached Integrated Institute of Rehabilitation for the Disabled at 1:00 p.m.. I presented the booklet on Divyang pension and other aids by the government, to the Coordinator Mr. Anil Joseph. We discussed about the aids that the NGO was getting and about the disability certificate. I got to know that some of the kids did not have the disability certificate. I collected the details of the kids and on next day applied for their disability certificate.

There are 16 kids in the NGO. After the discussion, we involved the kids in the activities such as dancing, singing and plantation. I spent 2hrs at the NGO.

I also distributed the booklet in the nearby vicinity and tried sensitizing people about the disabled.

Response of the target audience

We had a positive response from the kids and the NGO coordinators. The kids were overjoyed. They enjoyed the activities and were actively involved in all the games. Most of the kids loved the plantation. Our aim was to help them in some legal aspects, which we were able to. The NGO coordinator also loved the initiative and requested for much visits.

While distributing the booklet, I came across a man who was not aware of the concessions that were available for the disabled by the railways. He appreciated us for the initiative.

Future Plan

After getting a positive response for this initiative, we plan to conduct more such events at various NGOs. We also plan to collaborate with the various organisations for disabled in providing them legal aid and related help.



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