



The Silver Year: Celebrating 25 Years of Existence

Bengaluru Urban District Children Interaction and Children Parliament



Mobility India conducted Bengaluru Urban District Children Interaction and Children Parliament on 31st October 2019 in collaboration with Karnataka Child Rights Observatory and 3 NGO's. The guests present for the program were Dr. Rohini Katoch Sepat IPS, Deputy Commissioner of Police, South Division, Bengaluru. Mrs. Leelavathi IAS, Director, Empowerment of Differently Abled and Senior Citizens, Government of Karnataka, Mr. Hemanth, Member Child Welfare Committee, Bengaluru Urban District. 55 children and 31 parents and volunteers participated. Department schemes and policies were explained to them. 2 children were selected to represent at the State level.

Taluk and District Level Children Parliament Programme

Mobility India organised a District and Taluk level Children's Parliament programme in collaboration with various organisations and with guidelines of Karnataka State Child Rights Observatory at Chamrajnagar on the 2nd and 7th of November 2019. The main objective was to give the children a platform to voice out their opinions, create awareness, and to facilitate problem-solving skills. 60 children and 24 adults participated from 4 taluks.



Capacity Building of Asha and Anganwadi workers



Two training workshops were organised for 111 Asha and Anganwadi workers at Chamrajnagar, mainly on visual and hearing impairment and Intellectual disabilities. They were oriented on early identification, benefits on the usage of assistive devices, causes of disabilities and daily living activities. The Anganwadi workers stated that the training programs helped them in identifying the

early symptoms of visual and hearing impairment amongst children and as a result, they are being referred for treatment at an early stage.

Awareness Programme for parents of children with Cerebral Palsy

3 awareness programs were conducted for parents of children with Cerebral Palsy from October to December 2019. 156 parents were oriented on causes of cerebral palsy, personal hygiene, sanitation and management of children with cerebral palsy, causes and effect of communicable and non-communicable diseases, how bad positioning can be controlled with the help of positional devices, importance of ADL training, therapy, and assistive



devices. The training helped them understand better the stages their children would go through and how they can help their children by using assistive devices for better posture and comfort.

Representing of Mobility India at Tajikistan and at 17th ISPO World Congress, Japan.

Mr. Soikat Ghosh Moulic–Associate Director–Technical and Quality Systems, represented Mobility India at the 17th World Congress of ISPO in Kobe Japan held from 5th -8th October, 2019. Mr. Soikat made a presentation on integrating wheelchair service training into the P&O training curriculum as a part of a symposium. He also participated in the ISPO strategy meeting, Global partnership meeting and Educators meet. Strategies were discussed to ensure how ISPO can strengthen the Network



with Regional collaborated Organisations for the professional development.

Mr. Soikat Ghosh Moulic- Associate Director–Technical and Quality Systems along with Mr. Rajnish, Senior Manager, Business Development represented Mobility India and exhibited Mobility India's products on Assistive Technology at the High-Level Disability Forum in Dushanbe Tajikistan held on 18th Oct 2019.

Gender sensitization programme for the community

Two days Gender sensitization programme was held at Digaru and Sonapur, Guwahati in collaboration with the ICDS on 28th and 29th November 2019, to promote the campaign on Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao (Save the daughter, educate the daughter), a nationwide scheme which was launched by the Government of India to address the issue of the decreasing girl child ratio as well as to empower the girl child. 250 participants were educated on rights of women, common issues faced by women in the community and the legal provisions.



Continuing Rehabilitation Education (CRE) Workshop on Training of Trainers (TOT)



3 days CRE program on Training of Trainers workshop the first of its kind in India recognised by RCI for professionals with multi-disciplinary background from 7th to 9th November 2019 at Bangalore. 26 participants from different disciplines including potential trainers and teaching faculties in the field of special education, prosthetics and orthotics, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, nursing and post-graduate students participated. 4 participants

represented National Institutes - NILD, NIRTAR & NIEPMD.

The workshop focussed on enabling the participants with the application of communication skills, preparing them for diversity, making use of learning resources, teaching methods such as presentation, facilitation skills, the principles, roles, and responsibilities of trainers.

Hands on workshop on Positional devices for children with delayed milestones

Two workshops were conducted for Rehabilitation Therapy Assistants, Special Educators, Orthotists and Prosthetist and community facilitators at Guwahati from 12th to 15 November 2019 and at Raigarh Ambikapur Health Association, Chhattisgarh from 14th to 18th December 2019. 21 members participated and were educated about postural management, development delay vs regression, postural deviation in children with disability, importance of follow up and actions, Gross Motor Function Classification System (GMFCS), assessment, selection, and hands on fabrication of positional devices. It was designed to benefit the participants with hands on, evidence based practices and adult learning methodology.



Sensory Integration and Assistive Technology for Children with Cerebral Palsy and Autism



In India, nearly 15-20% of physically disabled children are affected by Cerebral Palsy (CP) and through correct diagnosis there has been an increase in reported cases of Autism. "Children with developmental disorders may also have perceptual difficulties in addition to postural dysfunction. Sensory integration helps build the mental and physical frame within an individual's nervous system to properly perceive sensory input,

regulate his or her responses, and understand the significance behind a particular texture, movement or sound.

a 3- day workshop was conducted to promote best practices by focusing on postural management and sensory integration as an integral part of the functional development of children. 22 members participated from different parts of South India.

Training of Parents and School Management Committee members on Inclusive education

A seven-days block-level training for government teachers on Inclusive Education and School transaction was organised in collaboration with Shishu Sarothi and Samagra Siksha Abhiyan from 18th- 27th November 2019 at Barkhat L.P. School, Guwahati, Assam and five other villages. 64 government schools and the teachers were oriented and educated about Inclusive Education and different aspects of school transaction with reference to the Right to Education (RTE) and Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPWD) Act 2016.



Corporate Volunteering



Northern Trust and **ANZ** team volunteered and painted the development devices that are provided to children with neurological conditions. These devices were painted with animal figures and cartoons for them to appear more colourful, attractive, and visually appealing.



Mr. Soikat Ghosh Moulic, Associate Director-Technical & Quality Systems received the 1st Tynor leadership award for innovation in the field of Prosthetics and Orthotics. It was awarded by Dr. Himangshu Das, Director NIEPMD, Chennai in the presence of Chairman IAAT, Dr. PJ Singh MD Tynor and other of fice bearers of IAAT, during the 2nd National Conference on Assistive Technology in Neuro Rehab" held on 22nd and 23rd December 2019 at Chandigarh

Graduation Ceremony

Graduation Day of ISPO CAT 11 was conducted on December 20th 2019. Dr. (Major) Mahendra Kumar, Medical Director of Sagar Hopsital, Bangalore was the Chief Guest. 7 students graduated from the Lower Limb Orthotics (LLO) and Lower Limb Prosthetics (LLP) course. Ms. Preethi was the overall topper, Mr. Ediga Vannuraswamy topped the LLO course, Ms Punem Ramalakshmi topped the LLP course, and Mr. Ebrahim Ali Mohammad Al Awaz topped the CAT II Orthopaedic Technologist Upgradation.



Solar eclipse program



On 26th December, 2019 Mobility India organised a solar eclipse viewing program at 15 schools in collaboration with the education department, at Chamarajnagar. The main objective of this program was to create awareness among the children, teachers and community people about superstitious beliefs. 1000 children including community education tutors viewed the solar eclipse through solar filter glasses and were educated about the environmental changes that occur during this time.

Celebrating the International Day of Persons with Disabilities

3rd December marks the International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IPDP), which brings attention to the inequalities persons who experience a disability, face. 'Promoting the participation of persons with disabilities and their leadership: taking action on the 2030 Development Agenda' is the theme for the year 2019.

To mark this important day and in keeping with the theme at Mobility India, a string of events and celebrations were conducted.

Awareness programs for persons with disabilities, family members, DPOs, Government of ficials, and community members at Trycem Hall, Khetri and Maloibari Village Panchayat, Guwahati, Assam were organized. 678 participants were oriented on the rights and entitlements of persons with disabilities. Many children and persons with disabilities took the opportunity to express themselves through poetry recitation, singing, dancing, and other cultural performances.



Free mega health screening program was organized in BBMP 196 ward, Avalahalli, Bangalore. This program was inaugurated by Mr. K Someshekar, Corporator, BBMP Anjanapura ward and the other dignitaries were Mr. Renu Kumar, ex-president & Governor, Bengaluru Mahanagara Lions Club, Dr. Ramesh, Professor, Community Oncology department, KIDWAI Institute for Oncology, Dr. Mahesh, Professor, Dayananda Sagar Dental Science, Mrs Mubeena Begum, Minority Secretary.



Five leading hospitals in Bangalore participated, they included - Kidwai Memorial Institute for Oncology, Shankar Eye hospital, Malathi Manipal hospital for Diabetic and foot care, Dayananda Sagar hospital for dental and St. John's hospital for hearing. 636 benefitted.

Leadership & Women Empowerment in Rural Karnataka



Jayamma, now a brave and inspired woman, was affected by polio at the age of one. She did her schooling but was not able to further continue, as she lost both her parents at a very young age. Thereafter she took the responsibility to look after her family. Whilst having many duties and responsibilities placed upon her shoulders, Jayamma aspired to make a mark

and get ahead in life. She attended a training organized by Mobility India, where the resource person happened to be a man who was visually impaired. This had an impact on Jayamma who was inspired by his courage and determination. The experience ignited a spark to her leadership spirit.

To embark on her journey, she joined a Self-Help Group (SHG) where she learned about the rights of people with disabilities and their entitlements to access schemes from the government. Jayamma decided to contest in the Gram Panchayat election, to serve as a representative for people with disabilities in her very own village. Unfortunately, she was not elected, but this did not stop her, she continued to draw attention and brought awareness amongst the people about the causes she stood for.

Jayamma now is the President of Chirugu Federation and is also appointed as the SHG facilitator in all the departments and local governance at her panchayat under the Sanjeevini program (KRLM). She has undergone training in agricultural activities and was appointed as a resource person to train others in the federation. Being a sportive woman, she participated and won the first prize in the District level wheelchair and tricycle race.

Jayamma receives many invitations to be the chief-guest for several occasions, many organizations and federations have awarded her with the title "Brave Woman". She is looked up as a role model, for many. Jayamma married the love of her life on 15th December 2019. Wishing her All Happiness and Joy from Mobility India.



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