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## MOBILE PHONES DONATED BY PADMANABH MAFATLAL GROUP

The pandemic almost made the world stop. All schools and educational institutions remained closed and the Blind People's Association was worried as to how to reach educational services to children with visual impairment and multiple disabilities in their own homes. The digital platform was the only viable option and the parents of all the children were contacted on phone. Children without disabilities were pursuing education through the digital platform and this education was then discussed with each parent over the phone, and then each parent was given a monthly educational plan for each child, and according to this plan, education, training and therapy were given to the children sitting at home in digital mode. At the same time, the blind students were also sent recorded material through the mobile phones of their parents along with detailed information of each lesson, and their questions were also answered by phone. Some parents who had mobiles could use them for enabling their blind children to study.

But unfortunately, the parents of most of the disabled children were so poor that they did not even have a mobile and were using the neighbour's number. As the students and their parents are poor, the BPA decided to approach Corporates to sponsor mobile phones for blind students. The BPA approached Navin Fluorine for help under CSR and the company and its Chairman Mr. Vishad Mafatlal very gladly sanctioned a total of 230 mobile phones to be distributed around Ahmedabad, Bharuch and Surat.



26 January 2021: Distribution of Smart Mobile Phones to 100 Students with Visual Impairment in Surat under CSR support of Navin Fluorine International Limited. Mr. Gyanchand Jain President Operations & Mr Gohil Head HR graced the occasion at Rajpath.



10 February, 2021 : Distribution of Smart Mobile Phones to 84 Students with Visual Impairment in Bharuch under CSR support of Navin Fluorine International Limited (NFIL). Mr. Lalit Jain, President and Mr. Bharat Dharaiya, Deputy Manager—HR & Administration of NFIL.

15 March, 2021 : Distribution of Smart Mobile Phones to 84 Students with Visual Impairment in Bhavnagar under CSR support of Padmanabh Mafatlal Group. The Directors of Padmanabh Mafatlal Group Mr. Manoj Pandya and Mr. Hirendra Solanki were present.





# MEDICAL VAN SUPPORT FROM NATRAJ GHARGANTI

Mr. Harshad Pathak, Natraj Founder of Natraj group of industries was a regular supporter of cataract surgeries for the past two decades. Harshadbhai passed away and his legacy is being carried forward by his son Devangbhai. Every 12 January – Harshadbhai's birthday celebrated by holding an eye camp. This year Devangbhai inaugurated the eye camp and gave a donation of Rs. 8 lakhs for an Ambulance for BPA Bareja hospital in the memory of Harsadbhai M. Pathak.



Late Shri Harshadbhai's family celebrated his birthday at BPA Porecha Hospital, Bareja on 12 January, 2021.



Handed over a Cheque of Rs. 8 Lakhs for Mobile Van for BPA Bareja Hospital on 2 February, 2021.



Delivery and Inauguration of the Mobile Van to BPA Bareja Hospital on 3 March, 2021.

## GRAIN KITS DISTRIBUTION BY UCO BANK



UCO Bank donated 50 Helping Hand Grain Kits to Divyangjans on Bank's 78<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day on 6 January, 2021. Mr. Parag M. Shah (Zonal Manager) Ahmedabad Zone and his team remained present

## SUPPORT FOR TRICYCLES

The wives of the Executives and female staff members of Kalupur Bank - multi State Scheduled Bank celebrated International Women's Day by distributing 51 tricycles among people with disabilities, especially women with disabilities. On 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2020, Foundation Day of the Bank, they distributed 51 tricycles to BPA for benefitting the persons with disabilities.



The famous wives who attended were Smt. Madhuben Ambubhai Patel; Smt. Meenaben Navinbhai Patel; Smt. Swetaben Mineshbhai Patel; Smt. Ketkiben Hasmukhbhai Patel;

and the Bank Executive were Mauliben Bodiwala (AGM HR); Yanki Upadhyay (Office Assistant); Hansi Nair (Asst. Manager).

## WAGH BAKRI VISION CENTRE AT MEMDAVAD

Mrs. Nandini Rawal, Dr. Dharmendra Jena along with Ms. Lataben Brahmhatt of Wagh Bakri visited the eye check up camp at Wagh Bakri Vision Centre at Memdavad on 12 February, 2021. The distributors of the Company were also present on the occasion. Almost 200 patients were checked up and 80 patients for cataract surgery were brought to BPA Porecha eye hospital in two different



batches for surgical intervention for free of cost surgery. Wagh Bakri is providing the financial support to conduct the eye surgeries, which will enable patients with visual impairment to get back their vision. Wagh Bakri has also supported installation of Solar Plant at BPA Campus this year.





# SMART PHONES DISTRIBUTION BY NFIFWI

National Federation of Insurance Field Workers of India donated Rs. 1,11,111 for providing Smart Phones to Persons with Disabilities in Ahmedabad city for their virtual education. Mr. Deepakbhai Vaghela, All India Vice President; Mr. Yogeshbhai Shah, Ahmedabad Vice President; and Mr. Dharmeshbhai Shah, Joint Secretary, Ahmedabad handed over the Cheque. Thanks to National Federation of Insurance Field Workers of India for their support for a noble cause.



# FOUNDATION DAY OF MUTHOOT FINANCE LTD.



Mr. M. N Parmar, Regional Manager and his team celebrated the Foundation Day of Muthoot Finance Ltd at BPA by sponsoring meals for our students on 4 February, 2021.

# SMART CLASSES



13 January, 2021: Inauguration of Smart class for Inclusive Learning for Students with Special Needs under CSR Activity of Canara Bank at BPA by Ms. A. Manimekhalai, Executive Director of Canara Bank.



24 January 2021: GL.MF Cr. Nidhi Karnani, National President, Ladies Circle India inaugurated Smart Class at ITI, BPA in the presence of Shri Rajendra Shah, President BPA & Mr. Ankit Parikh, Asst Chairman, Area XI, Round Table India



18 February, 2021: Mr. Priyesh Shah National President and Mr. Rohan Chairman of Ahmedabad Round Table 40 and team inaugurated Smart class in Bavla Sammilit Vidyalay sponsored by them.



20 February, 2021: Mr. Sudhir Nanavati, leading Lawyer and Philanthropist and Mrs. Rajashree Nanavati inaugurated a Smart Class in BPA School of Physiotherapy sponsored by them.

# POSCO COMPANY SUPPORT FOR SOLAR PLANT AT BPA-NAAZ CAMPUS.



25 March, 2021: Posco Company has installed 16 KVs Solar Plant at our Naaz Campus. Mr. Gun Bae Kim, Managing Director; Mr. Eunsoo Cha – GM Mr. Abhinav Pal Singh - Manager – HR Mr. Bharatsinh Gohil - Manager IT inaugurated the Solar Plant.

Posco has also sponsored construction of accessible washrooms at BPA-Naaz campus.





## SMT. BELLABEN & YOGESHBHAI PATEL EYE HOSPITAL



Meeting of Core Group of New Hospital in Vatrak held on 26 February, 2021. The proposed Smt. Bellaben & Shri Yogeshbhai Eye Hospital is now gaining momentum as the local administration has given permission for building. The Architect has drawn up the plans which will soon be passed. Bellaben and Yogeshbhai have committed Rs. 2 Crores for naming of the project.

## SVCT DONATION FOR MOTIYAN MUKT SABARKANTHA

Handed over Rs. 14 Lakhs to BPA on 27 March, 2021 for surgeries in Sabarkantha/Aravalli



## DONATION BY MASONIC LODGE FELLOWSHIP

Handed over 4 Lakh for Competitive Training Exam Center on 27 March, 2021 for online tutoring of students with disabilities



## ONLINE DONATION FROM MUMBAI

Mr. Biju Pillai from Mumbai donated Rs. 8 Lakhs by online for Hearing Aids, Tricycle for Persons with Disabilities, Educational kits for Mentally Retarded, Crutches, Wheelchair (Fix), Wheelchair (Folding), for epileptic children, for mentally ill trainees, Handcart (Lari), Beauty Parlor Kit, Sewing Machine, Livelihood Kits. Mr. Pillai is a regular online donor and BPA values such people who donate generously and regularly.

## VISION FOR MISSION DRY RATION KIT DISTRIBUTIONS

BPA has provided dry ration kits to people with disabilities during the lock down, and people with disabilities who were adversely affected by Covid 19. BPA has received a support from Vision for Mission for providing support to poor persons with disabilities live in Kutch District. Vision for Mission has distributed 550 Dry ration kits to persons with disabilities.



## GLOBAL GIVING BADGES

Global Giving is one of the largest online crowd funding platform for fund raising. BPA has raised more than 1.75 Lacs US\$ from this platform for various project. The platform conducts various online events, and exercises to earn effectiveness rewards. In the year 2020, BPA was ranked 25 out of 6898 organizations, and was rewarded badges by the Global Giving.



BPA has been awarded various badges by [#GlobalGiving](#) for outstanding performances in the year 2020. [#crowdfunding](#) [#disability](#)



# DONATION OF RS. 1 CRORE TO BPA ON FIRST DEATH ANNIVERSARY OF NANDINIBEN MUNSHAW ON 26 MARCH, 2021



Smt. Nandiniben Munshaw, General Secretary of Blind People's Association who spent her entire adult life in the service of people with blindness and disability. She joined the BPA as a reader in the early sixties, went on to become a trustee and office bearers and continued to serve till her death in 2020. A charming woman, a dynamic personality, a great motivator, brilliant strategist and a very warm and loving human being. Like Kipling's poem she could walk with the kings and crowds alike and endeared herself to one and all with her humility her charm and her sweetness. She was a great donor and benefactor to the Association and many permanent projects were started by her out of her own funds. Like the Parents Training Program, the Jyotsna Jhaveri Magic Fingers shop, the Jyotsna Jhaveri Vision in the Dark area and now an entire floor of building number 8 in BPA is dedicated to her memory. We shall never forget her. She was a kind of person who comes once in a blue moon on this world and leaves behind millions of memories in the hearts of people whom you touched.

## SHRI JAGDISH K. PATEL'S 22<sup>ND</sup> DEATH ANNIVERSARY ON 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH, 2021

Shri Jagdish K. Patel passed away 21 years ago on 31st March, 1999. The foundation that he laid for the BPA and his perceptive planning for sustainability has ensured that BPA even today is growing steadily and strongly. He founded the Blind People's Association as a Recreation Club where people with blindness could get together and pass their leisure time creatively. This small club has grown into a multi campus, multi crore organization spread over Gujarat and one campus in Rajasthan. The BPA is a one stop window for not only for people with visual impairment but all the 21 disabilities mentioned in the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016.

Jagdishbhai's foresight and dynamism enabled him to bring in young professionals to man and steer the organization along with qualified special educational professionals and therapists. He was awarded the Padmashree, the National Award and a host of national and international awards. He was a great and vociferous advocate of the rights of persons with disabilities and their protector. Even today the philosophy and values that he has laid down are being followed very strictly by his group of young professionals. A lot of policy changes were brought about by him at the government level in terms of scholarships, bus transport, grant-in-aid code etc. which are benefiting thousands of stakeholders even today. The BPA family is indebted to Jagdishbhai and we are sure that wherever he is, he is silently and invisibly guiding us.





## Adding more to Life



**"Adding more to life"** traces the journey of **Mr. Bharat Parekh** from a young 18 year old boy who became a LIC Agent with the Life Insurance Corporation of India so that he could make a contribution to the finance of his middle class family and simultaneously pursue his college education, **to one of the leading Financial Advisors in the country.** It was sheer discipline, sincerity and commitment that propelled him to staggering heights of success.

This book has been translated into Gujarati and 5000 copies have been published for sale. The full proceeds of this book will go to the **Blind People's Association (India)**

**Ahmedabad.** Mr. Bharat Parekh felt that this would be an ideal way of paying it forward. It will serve the dual purpose of reaching a wider range of readers who are comfortable with Gujarati and at the same time contribute to a worthy cause. The publication of this book has been possible due to the untiring efforts of **BPA volunteer Mr. Nitin Shah, a former Development Officer at LIC.**

In this book, Bharat Parekh records his entry into the Life Insurance business, his learning process, the ideas and activities he adopted in the course of his career that have catapulted him on to the road to success. His success mantra is **adding more to life** and reinventing himself from time to time. He believes that **"if you have grown because of someone, help someone to grow because of you"**.

The virtual book launch was carried out at 11.30 a.m. on Wednesday 17th February at the hands of Mr. C. Vikas Rao, Zonal Manager, LIC; Mr. Partha Samal, Regional Manager – Marketing, LIC; Mr. R. Biswas, Sr. Divisional Manager, LIC (Ahmedabad); Mr. L. T. Mulchandani (Mr. Bharat Parekh's Mentor); Mr. Bharat Parekh, the author was also present and His Holiness Swami Adhyatmanandji of Shivanand Mission sent a highly inspirational recorded message on this occasion.



## USHA SILAI SCHOOL PROGRAMME



BPA is a proud partner of USHA International Ltd for USHA Sillai School Programme. During this quarter BPA has organized following sillai school training program for women with disabilities.

Classical Sillai School Program The 20 classical sillai school training was organized for women with disabilities in Valsad, and Dang District.

### Satellite School Training Program:

The classical Sillai School teachers has given training to women and girls of their respective villages. 2 best learners were called for 2 days refresher training program. The refresher training program for satellite school learners was organized.



## RELEASE OF NEW EDUCATION POLICY IN BRAILLE

Mr. Bharat Chhajjar, District Governor released the Braille Copy of the New Education Policy sponsored by Lions Club of Vastrapur, Ahmedabad on 18 February, 2021 through Mr. Chandrakant Solanki.



## VIRTUAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS ON 27 March, 2021

- ◆ National Adult Training Centre for the Blind (NATCB)
- ◆ National Association for the Blind, Gujarat State Branch (NAB GSB)
- ◆ Blind People's Association, India (BPA)
- ◆ International Council for Education of People with Visual Impairment (ICEVI) India
- ◆ Sadbhawna Rural Development Trust (SRD)
- ◆ Dr. Jit Mehta Balshala Trust



# CONGRATS CORNER

## ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS ON INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

The NAB Bhavnagar felicitated Dr. Punani, Mrs. Nandini Rawal and Mr. Tarak Luhar with Awards for life long services.



Ms. Sonal Madhani, who is a person with visual impairment and Music Teacher of Adult Training Centre for the Blind conferred the Best Student Award in Special B.Ed from Dr. Baba Saheb Ambedkar University by the worthy hands of Mrs. Anjali Roopani on 13 January, 2021.

Sonalben got another award for "Best Stylist Performance in Singing" from Drushya Foundation.



Mrs. Nandini Rawal has been Conferred Prestigious Women Achiever's Award - 2021 by the Women's Studies Centre, Avinashilingam Institute for Home Science and Higher Education for Women, Coimbatore on 8 March on International Women's Day by virtual platform.



Mrs. Ushaben Joshi staff of BPA honoured as Outstanding Woman Achiever by Ladies Circle 64 on the occasion of International Women's Day on 8 March, 2021.

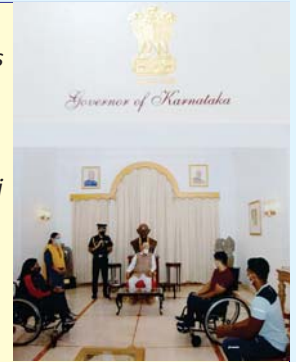


Smt. Pankajben Luhar former Special Educator of NAB Gujarat being honoured for her outstanding performance by Akhil Gujarat Nehrahin Jagruti Manch, Saurashtra Sakhi Mandal, Bhavnagar on the occasion of International Women's Day on 8 March, 2021.

### GUJARAT SPORTS TEAM PARTICIPATES IN NATIONAL PARA SPORTS HELD IN BANGALORE



BPA Sports team led by Ms Tejal Lakhia met Hon'ble Governor of Karnataka, Shri Vajubhai Wala to seek his blessings for success in the tournaments.



### TEACHING OF SIGN LANGUAGE



Mrs. Abha Joshi, Coordinator, teaching sign language to teachers of Naaz, Bavla, Jeet Mehta Balshala and R.M.Parikh Centre. 30 teachers learnt sign language

### ICEVI EAST INDIA CONFERENCE

As decided during concluding session of ICEVI Sense Conference at Kathmandu on 18th February, the ICEVI planned a series of Regional Conferences. The First Regional Conference was organized through virtual means during 25th & 26th February, 2021 with focus on Eastern India States including States of Odisha, Bihar, West Bengal and Jharkhand. For this conference, 495 participants got themselves registered with 200 of them being eligible to get CRE status. The Conference was inaugurated by Hon'ble Shri Sameer Ranjan Das, Minister of School and Mass Education, Govt. of Odisha. The Chief Guest of Valedictory Function was Hon'ble Mr. Justice Deepak Mishra Former Chief Justice of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, New Delhi.





## ADIP

Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities have sanctioned a grant of Rs 32 Lacs under ADIP Scheme for Sabarkantha, Arravali, Porbandar, Mahisagar, and Amreli. BPA arranged the assessment camps to assess the beneficiaries for appropriate devices and the same were provided to them. The details of assessment camps are as under the ADIP scheme.

Date	District	No of Beneficiaries attended the assessment camp
3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2021	Porbandar	118
18 <sup>th</sup> March 2021	Mahisagar	132
20 <sup>th</sup> March 2021	Arravali	118
23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2021	Sabarkantha	316
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>684</b>



## NEWLY DEVELOPED O&M TECHNIQUES FOR PwDs IN COVID SITUATIONS



Every person was expected to wear mask, maintain social distance and avoid human touch to control spread of Covid. The persons with visual impairment found it difficult to avail voluntary support of other people while seeking help to cross

road or negotiate a busy street. The people were reluctant to extend their arm to assist such persons as human guides or hold their white cane to avoid human touch. The ICEVI West Asia and BPA took up the challenge of modifying mobility cane technique as well as human guide technique which could enable persons with visual impairment avail voluntary services of public while maintain social distance and avoiding human touch completely. Both these techniques have been developed after seeking comments and feedback of a large number of persons around the world by creating a WhatsApp Group known as "Covid & Mobility of Blind". Thanks to all those persons who participated in discussion on this group.

ICEVI WA and BPA demonstrated these techniques to Mobility Instructors, Special Educators, CBR Master Trainers, persons with visual impairment and the parents. The techniques were further refined based upon the feedback of participants. Mr Rajendra KR, International Disability and Development Consultant, Innovative Development Transformations provided his Opening Remarks on this initiative. Dr B K Panchal, as accomplished Master Trainer of O & M demonstrated both the techniques on 27 February, 2021. All the top officials of ICEVI were present on this occasion.

## MEETINGS/TRAININGS/VISITS



The Automatic Plate Making Machine was inaugurated at the Thasra Centre by the Pramukh of Thasra Nagarpalika on 27 January, 2021.



Mrs. Nandini Rawal, Mrs. Vimal Thawani & Mr. Mihir Jani visited Thasra and had a meeting with Mr. Dipakbhai Rohit Pramukh Nagarpalika who assured them of land for building of the new Thasra Residential Centre. This was followed by a meeting with Trainees of Vocational Training Unit for mentally ill and mentally retarded & staff members on 19 February, 2021.





# VISIT OF BPA DIRECTORS AT KCRC BHUJ CENTRE



Mrs. Nandini Rawal, Mrs. Vimal Thawani, Dr. Dharmendra Jena, Mr. Arindam Ray and Mr. Bharat Joshi paid a two day visit to the BPA Unit at Bhuj and observed the activities and built up a strategic plan for 2021 on 5 & 6 February, 2021.



Staff meeting



CBR Training at Ramdevnagar, Bhuj



Meeting with local donors



Vimalben conducted training for Women with Disabilities in new DP world building in KCRC



Assistive Devices to Beneficiaries



Registration for Eye Surgery



## SENSE BPA PROGRAMME



Regional Network Meeting of Abhi prerna and Prayas was organized virtually with support of Sense India. Parents and teachers participated from Madhyapradesh, Maharashtra, Goa, and Gujarat. Ms. Vimal Thawani, Project Director; Mr. Rajendra Shah, President of BPA; Mr. Deepak Sharma and Ms. Shrutilata Singh of Sense India interacted with participants. Shri Rajendrabhai shared his experiences with the parents and teachers about their experience at Society for the Welfare of the Mentally Retarded ( SWMR) and Ananddham, a residential home for persons with intellectual disabilities on 8-10 February, 2021.



## STAFF VISIT TO DEESA CENTRE



Mrs. Krupa Velani, Project Manager, Day Care Centres and Mr. Bharatbhai Joshi, Deputy Director paid a visit to the BPA Centres at Deesa and Palanpur on 27 January, 2021 and conducted a Parents meeting at Deesa.



## CARE GIVERS COURSE STARTED

Bedside Assistant/Caregivers Training started at Bhuj with support of DP World Mundra on 10-11 February, 2021. This is the 6-month course and will help the participants to get employment or self employment as care givers. The inauguration programme had the following guests.

### Guest of Honours:

1. Dr. Kashyap Buchh, CDMO, District hospital, Bhuj
2. Dr. PK Kannad, CDHO, Kutch
3. Dr. Gyaneshwer Rao, Honorary Director, KCRC.
4. Mrs. Chittora, Rtd. Principal, Govt. Nursing College.
5. Mr. Laljibhai Prajapati, Navchetan Andhjan Mandal

From BPA Arindam Ray, Mihir Jani, Arvindsinh Gohil and Hardev attended this training



Introduction by  
Mr. Arvindsinh Gohil



Lecture by  
Mr. Mihir Jani

## DIVYANGJAN VOTING RIGHTS AWARENESS PROGRAM

Divyangjan Voting Rights Awareness Program was conducted by Social Defense Office at BPA campus on 16.2.2021. Ms. Hetalben Parmar, Chief Officer of Social Defense was present on this occasion along with office bearers of BPA.



## PARENTS MEETING AT PIPLAG



Nandini Rawal, Vimal Thawani, Krupa Velani attended Parents Meeting at Piplag., BPA Nadiad on 22 February, 2021. This was followed by a visit to the proposed bungalow situated at B2 Hari Om Society Nadiad as per request of Dr. Krina Patel, owner of the bungalow who has offered it to BPA to start a Pre-vocational Training Center For Multiple Disabilities in ground floor of the home by BPA.

In keeping with a decision taken in this meeting, all the parents visited the BPA campus on 6<sup>th</sup> March and were given training on understanding of disabilities and schemes and concessions.

## VISITORS TO BPA

- ♦ Mrs. Promila Zalpuri, Secretariat In charge Consortium for Inclusive Education, Vadodara along with her team visited BPA on 1 February, 2021.



- ♦ Aavas Foundation is formed by Aavas Financers Ltd. Mr. Manish Tiwari, CEO of Aavas Foundation visited Blind People's Association on 28<sup>th</sup> January and 29<sup>th</sup> January 2021 to understand community based inclusive development approach of BPA. He visited CBID project of Ovangadh Village in Surendranagar District. He visited Usha Sillai School Teachers, and tried to understand how the sillai school model works at very grass root level. He was very impressed to see the functioning of Sillai School model. He also visited and interacted with SHG members, learnt functioning of SHGs in very dynamic, professional and democratic way and managing business enterprises.





# VIRTUAL MEETINGS BY BPA PROFESSIONALS

BPA continued to work hard even during the Pandemic when the atmosphere was uncertain and gloomy. BPA used the virtual platform for enriching its own staff and also doing capacity building of the professionals in the field and staff of other NGOs. A series of Webinars, Meetings, Focus Group Discussions were held on the online platforms. Some training programmes were recognized as Continuing Rehabilitation Education (CRE) by the Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI) and some were conducted under the umbrella of the International Council for Education of People with Visual Impairment, (ICEVI).

Date	Meetings/Presentations/Participation	Organized by/At
<b>DR. BHUSHAN PUNANI, General Secretary</b>		
2 January, 2021	Panel Discussion during Workshop of Experts & Counsellors to Discuss Entrepreneurship and Skill Development Initiative for Divyangjan of Gujarat State	Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India, EDII Campus, Ahmedabad.
12 January, 2021	Focus Group Discussion on 'National Policy for Voluntary Organizations'	
18 February 2021	Areas of Research NEP 2020 Envisages UGC-STRIDE sponsored 5-day online programme on environmental sustainability and research ethics"	Avinashilingam Institute for Home Science and Higher Education for Women, Coimbatore
16 March, 2021	Creating and Maintaining Inclusive Environment: Perspective from National Policy on Education	NIEPVD-AWES capacity development programme on the these "Inclusive Education"
<b>MRS. NANDINI RAWAL, Executive Director</b>		
13 January, 2021	Participation in Prevention of Sexual Harassment at work place as an NGO Member	Kushal Swami P.G. India Logistics
21 January, 2021	Evaluation Meeting of Heads of Organizations working Motivation Wheelchairs	Motivation India
29 January, 2021	Board of Trustee's meeting	Consortium for Inclusive Education
30 January, 2021	Board Meeting	Eklavya Education Foundation
13-14 February, 2021	Online Conference	ICEVI-East India
17 February, 2021	Presentation on Early Intervention of Children with Visual Impairment in CRE Programme Education of Children with Low Vision	NIEPVD-RCI approved CRE programs
18 February 2021	"Research in Special Education-Inclusive Education-Current Scenario" UGC-STRIDE sponsored 5-day online programme on "environmental sustainability and research ethics"	Avinashilingam Institute for Home Science and Higher Education for Women, Coimbatore
22 March, 2021	Presentation on "Need and Role of Advocacy" Advocacy Webinar "Educational Needs of Students with Disabilities- A Cross Disability Approach".	NIEPVD, Dehradun
25 March, 2021	Chaired the Plenary Session-II in Online ICEVI "Inclusion in the North East" Regional Conference on Inclusion 25-26, March, 2021	ICEVI-INDIA , BPA and Bethany Society
28 March, 2021	"B.Ed. Syllabus on Visual impairment"	Rehabilitation Council of India
28 March, 2021	Resource person in Training Workshop on Leadership Skills and Financial Management – spoke on Resource Mobilization	All India Confederation of the Blind (AICB)
<b>MRS. VIMAL THAWANI, Project Director</b>		
3 February 2021	"Individualized Educational Plan and Teaching strategies".	Blind People's Association (India)
25 March,2021	"Education – Right of Children with VIAD in Mainstream Schools" in Plenary Session II in Online ICEVI "Inclusion in the North East" Regional Conference On Inclusion 25-26, March, 2021	International Council for Education of People with Visual Impairment (ICEVI-INDIA), Blind People's Association (India) and Bethany Society
<b>MR. BHARAT JOSHI, Deputy Director, Resource Mobilization</b>		
	Rights of Persons with Disability Act, 2016	PNR Society for Relief and Rehabilitation of the Disabled, Bhavnagar
<b>MS. KINNARI DESAI, Senior Manager</b>		
26 March, 2021	Legislation and Inclusion in Online ICEVI "Inclusion in the North East" Regional Conference	ICEVI-INDIA , BPA and Bethany Society
<b>DR. B.K. PANCHAL, Course Coordinator</b>		
7 January, 2021	Lecture on Orientation & Mobility in Regional Training on DB/MSI	BPA & Sense International India
24 March, 2021	Importance of Orientation & Mobility and Human Guide technique - "Covid Mobility for Persons who are Blind" - by ICEVI West Asia.	International Council for Education of People with Visual Impairment (ICEVI-INDIA), Blind People's Association (India) and Asia Pacific Forum
<b>MR. RANCHHOD SONI, Technology Lab Incharge, MS. VIDHI SHAH, Coordinator</b>		
3 January, 2021	Mathematical Puzzles	Tanya Computer Center
10, 17 & 24 Jan., 2021	Language Games	Tanya Computer Center
13 & 14 February, 2021	ICEVI BPA EAST INDIA Conf Inclusion – Way of Life	International Council for Education of People with Visual Impairment (ICEVI-INDIA), Blind People's Association (India)
7, 14, 21 March, 2021	Workshop on Fiction Writing	Tanya Computer Center
25-26 March, 2021	ICEVI BPA EAST INDIA Conf Inclusion – Way of Life	International Council for Education of People with Visual Impairment (ICEVI-INDIA), Blind People's Association (India)
<b>MR. SUNIL GAURIER, Occupational Therapist</b>		
16 February, 2021	Occupational Therapy in Vision Rehabilitation	Occupational Therapist Association
15 March, 2021	Sensory Issues in Children	AIMS, Lapkaman
30 March, 2021	Sensory Issues in Children	Parul University



# 26 JANUARY 2021 - REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATION



BPA Main Campus, Vastrapur



BPA-Porecha Hospital, Bareja



BPA-KCRC, Bhuj Centre



MSM-Naaz Centre, Naaz



Sammilit Pathshala, Bavla



First time the Department Jhanki on Sign Language is included in Republic Day

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