

ACTIVITY REPORT OF PRERANA EDUCATIONAL CENTRE

REPORTING PERIOD

1st JANUARY TO 30th SEPTEMBER 2021

ACTIVITIES & ACHIEVEMENTS
OF THE CHILDREN

Naya Daur - the Inclusive annual sporting event of the centre is organised in the Prerana every year on 23rd January but this time due to Covid19 restrictions on educational institutes it was done in a unique way. The children along with their neighborhood peers gathered in nearby ground in the locality and participated in various fun games which was mainly organised by their parents with support from community outreach staff of Prerana.



The students of Prerana participated in One Billion Rising campaign to raise awareness about saving our environment and gender based violence. The event was organised by DMWSC, Siliguri on 14th Feb 2021.



On the eve of 75th Independence Day an online State level Arts and Craft competition was organised by National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Intellectual Disability Regional Centre, Kolkata on 13th & 14th July 2021. Ten (10) students participated from Prerana and 03 students bagged prizes - Nandini Mondal, Amrit Garg and Raju Roy.



NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE EMPOWERMENT OF PERSONS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES (DIVYANGAN)
REGIONAL CENTRE, KOLKATA
(Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities)
Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India
Bonhooghly, B. T. Road, Kolkata



*Winner 15-18 Yrs
Autism Mild & Moderate*

Amrit Garg

Raju Roy



Nandini Mondal
PWID MODERATE
0-6 YRS



The students of PEC participated in an online competition organised by Voice of the World, Kolkata on 25th June 2021. The competition had participants from all over West Bengal. Sumona Roy from Prerana won 2nd prize in poem recitation.



- Sikha Roy from Prerana won the 2nd prize in a State level online song competition ‘Special Voice of Bengal’ which was organised by Uttarer Dishari. More than 90 cwds participated in this event and were from various parts of West Bengal. The competition started in the month of July 2021 and the results were declared on 5th September 2021.



Three visually impaired students from Prerana; Juli Munda (70%), Sumona Roy (68%) and Shibu Barman (66%) qualified Class 10 West Bengal Board Examinations. The results were declared on July 2021. They were also felicitated for their achievement by Uttarer Dishari.



❖ Education support is being provided to 60 children with disability through online mode and phone calls. Remedial classes is being provided to 07 students.

❖ Home based therapy interventions and support is being provided to 66 beneficiaries at the community level.

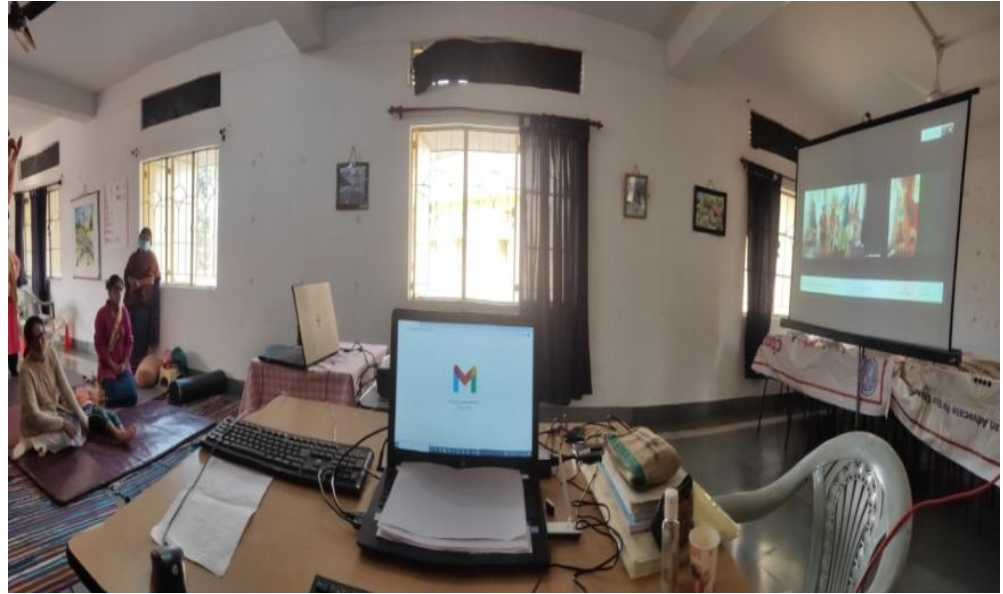
❖ This year 02 children from Prerana got admission in a mainstream school - Kendriya Vidyalaya, Sevoke Road. 03 students are already studying in the school. The education support is being provided by Prerana.

❖ Prerana facilitated vaccination of 10 youth with disabilities who were above 18 years. They have received both the dosage of vaccine.

❖ This year we were able to celebrate events like Naya Daur on 23rd January, Rabindra Jayanti on 9th May, World Environment day on 5th June, World Yoga day on 21st June, Independence Day on 15th August, Teachers Day on 5th September etc. on virtual mode during this period. The children with the assistance from their parents and siblings made short videos of the activity which were later compiled into a video presentation form and hosted in social media platforms such as YouTube and Facebook and this was shared with the parents, donors and well wishers of PEC which was highly appreciated by all. The children, parents, well wishers and staff members were also very happy and excited to see the children perform in a virtual medium.

WEBINAR, ONLINE TRAININGS
ATTENDED BY PARENTS AND STAFF

❖ Virtual training and assessment session on occupational therapy for children, parents and PEC staff was organised by Prerana for 6 days in January 2021. Occupational therapist from Kolkata took the virtual training and assessment session in which 42 (F-16, M-26) children were assessed and skill training for the staff.



❖ Virtual training on goal planning for children with Intellectual disabilities was organised for parents and PEC staff for 5 days in the first week of February 2021 followed by staff training for 02 days in the first week of March 2021. In total 15 parents and all the teaching staff took part in the training program.

❖ Capacity building trainers program for teachers on early intervention techniques and methods for 4 days in the month of February 2021. 15 teachers participated in the training program which was conducted virtually by resource persons from Akshadhaa Foundation, Bangalore.



❖ Capacity building program for parents on early intervention methods for 4 days was organised in the month of March 2021. 21 parents participated in the training program which was conducted virtually by Akshadhaa Foundation, Bangalore. The parents took active participation during the entire training program.



- ❖ A sensitization program on deafblindness was organised virtually by Kolkata Society for Empowerment of the Differently Abled (KSEDA) on 5th March 2021. Ms. Archana Biswas attended the program on behalf of Prerana.
- ❖ On 12th March 2021, PEC staff members attended the webinar on workplace inclusion and inclusive development organised by Indo-German chamber of commerce in partnership with CBM.
- ❖ 08 special educators and 02 volunteers from Prerana attended a webinar on "Identification screening intervention and role of Ngos and education of Deafblind" on 21 & 22 May 2021. The event was organised by Sishu Sarothi, Guwahati and Sense International.
- ❖ The students and teachers of Prerana attended an online awareness program on blind football which was conducted by Mr. Anthony Samuel, International blind football player and information officer of India Blind Football Federation. The online program was held on 5th June 2021.
- ❖ 05 special educators of Prerana attended a webinar on child rights and important principles which was organised by Sishu Sarothi, Guwahati on 9th June 2021.
- ❖ 06 staff members of Prerana attended a webinar on Legal Guardianship which was organised by the Mental health foundation and Parivaar Bengal on 30th June 2021.

AWARENESS, SENSITIZATION AND
TRAINING PROGRAMS CONDUCTED

❖ Prerana was invited to conduct two awareness programmes on Inclusive Education which was organised by 33 Corps of Indian Army on 16th and 17th March 2021 at Army Public School (APS), Sukna and Bengdubi Bagdogra. The program was attended by students, parents, teaching staff of APS, Principals/ staff of other Army schools in the North Bengal region and Army officials. The Guest speaker for the event was Mrs. Rita Sengupta, she shared her on experiences on working with the govt. schools for Inclusive Education. She mentioned about the challenges that she faced and how she managed to overcome it. In her presentation she shared about the beliefs and measures of Inclusive Education. The resource person was Ms. Alok Guha, who spoke about RTE, RPwD Act 2016, NEP 2020 stressing on the need to make all schools inclusive. This was followed by sharing of experience by Ms. Kavita Golyan in which she spoke about the challenges she faced while working with the Kendriya Vidyalaya. She also mentioned about how a visually impaired person can use software for persons with visual impairment like JAWS and NVDA and use assistive devices like daisy player, clevey keyboards and talk back feature in android phone / voice over feature in iphone. Three students of PEC – Puja Paul, Sumona Roy and Juli Munda then spoke about their experiences while studying in mainstream govt. schools.

A counter for sale of VTC products was put up at both the venues.



❖ Ms. Kavita Golyan, Computer Instructor of Prerana Educational Centre has conducted Hindi and Bengali typing class online through Google Meet. She successfully completed training 02 batches in the month of June, 03 batches in July, 01 batch in August and 04 batches in September 2021 respectively. During the Bengali typing class in August, Samanta Kumar Bhakat, Classroom Assistant in the VI section of Prerana had actively supported her. Overall 83 participants were successfully trained and the batches consisted of mostly students, two teachers and two students without any disability. Participants from different states of the country like Karnataka, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Haryana, Punjab, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Orissa, Jharkhand, Bihar, West Bengal, Goa, Telengana and one student from Bangladesh took part in the training program.

❖ The students of Prerana Educational Centre are participating in **Project Discovery**, a flagship program initiated by **Enable India** since July 2021. This is an endeavour by EI labs to **collect solutions used by the person with disabilities, index the solutions and disseminate those to people who may benefit using them.** The main vision behind this project is to create a space where persons with disabilities from across India can share ideas of simple yet innovative solutions used in their daily lives to make them self-dependent and productive. The space is available for networking between various stakeholders in the Assistive Solution/Technology space including Entrepreneurs, Funders, Government and Non-Government Agencies and most importantly the user who needs a solution. Space will have facilities for various interactions between stakeholders, user testing and review, a lab for prototyping and adaptation.

❖ An awareness camp on voting for upcoming assembly elections for adult youth with disabilities was organised by officials of Jalpaiguri district at Prerana on 9th March 2021. This year our 4 students who were eligible to cast vote had obtained voter card with support from the district officials. A similar program was organised at Prerana by the officials of the election cell S.D.O. office Darjeeling district. This year Seven (07) adult youth with disability from Prerana were able to cast their vote.



District Social Welfare Officer, Jalpaiguri explaining the students about assembly elections



Avinash coming out of the polling booth after casting his vote

ASSISTIVE DEVICES DISTRIBUTED TO BENEFICIARIES

❖ Many of the students of Prerana were screened by occupational therapist and prosthetic engineer and simultaneously customized orthotics and special shoes were manufactured for 06 students which have been given to them. It has been a big assistance for these children with severe disability and this support was contributed by a well wisher of the project.



VOCATIONAL TRAINING UNIT

❖ We were able to resume the activities of the 02 vocational training units (at Prerana and Block Development office, Phansidewa) after a lock down. Presently the students are being trained in tailoring, embroidery and candle making trades. The students comprises of adult youth with disability and non disabled.



The members of the parents group Prerana Parivaar were able to resume the operations of the spice grinding and horticulture unit. They were able to harvested around 273 stalks of orchid flowers during the reporting period. The group has also initiated the process to start a new nursery for pot plants for indoor and outdoor use.





Vehicle being received by our Team



Mr. D.V. Gutte, DGM, SBI Zonal Office, Siliguri at the handing over ceremony at Prerana

SBI community banking services has donated a vehicle Mahindra Scorpio to Prerana for its outreach community services. Our present vehicle which was used for providing services to families of children with disability in the town and in tea garden areas has lost its fitness validity to ply on roads.



THANK YOU