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Few words:

We encounter different types of people in our life. We meet few who curse their fate for everything and lead their life either in isolation or disgust. Few more we meet who always look for help from others and if received they will survive if not end up in passive life. There are few more people who live with hope and ready to fight to achieve something. The first two types of people could end up easily in frustration and unhappiness. They have neither the determination to succeed nor the willingness to devote the time and effort necessary to achieve success. The third group really finds a way to make a difference in the society. The key to this success is **MOTIVATION**

Their motivation comes from their own belief system. Even in worst situations they move into action and this confidence makes them life movers. Due to their positive outlook and hope they become more efficient, game changers and models.

VIKAS DEEPTI is a home to nurture a section of the society which is limping due to negligence, injustice in the social structure and less attention shown. Differently able boys and girls are motivated to strengthen their belief system that they can do wonders in their life and build a better future. Ample opportunities are provided for the same. Here is a short journey of Vikas Deepti in 2016 – 2017. The focus was three fold as shown below;



1. Institution based Rehabilitation (IBR):

Vikas Deepti added 8 new disabled children for rehabilitation. More and more CP and MR children are on the increase. Our prime focus continues to be children of 5-14 ages and their holistic growth. The opportunities provided were physiotherapy, education, tuition, extracurricular activities such as drawing, singing, dance etc. Sr. Athulya CSS (physiotherapist) and Sr. Dona Maria CSS (Nurse) along with the staff take care of physiotherapy and health care. We believe given more opportunities they would certainly become better citizens of India.



A. Festive moments and celebrations:



There are several festivals and joyful occasions we celebrate at Vikas Deepti. The significance of each is made known to the children by some local people. The occasions include National festivals, Deepawali, Christmas, Holi, Vikas Deepti day so on. Our children get an opportunity to bring out their talents and grow in



confidence. Children too are given exposure to excel in their talents through competitions at the district and school levels. It makes them competitive and inclusive in the society.

B. Orthotic workshop:



The Orthotic and Prosthetic workshop at Vikas Deepti provides mobility aids to the disabled in the institution, disabled in the villages and leprosy patients. Few people around too make use of this opportunity. Some products like A.F.O, Knee Brace, Knee Getter, K.A.F.O, L.S. Brace, Taylore Brace, Hand splint, A.K. Prosthesis, B.K. Prosthesis, corner seat and crutches prepared with proper measurements give excellent support for their mobility.

2. CBR involvement of Vikas Deepti in 2016-2017



Community based Rehabilitation (CBR) has been very handy in raising awareness on disability, health, prevention and care for the disabled in the villages of 5 blocks. The parents along with the disabled

are taken into all the programmes so that disability is taken care. SKN is largely responsible financially to assist us. SLF too has extended their hand in our involvements. Today 236 villages are extended services for the disabled. The involvements include:



- ❖ schools for CP & MR children (7 units)
- ❖ SHGs and their monitoring (123 SHGs)
- ❖ Vocational trades (mobile repairs, dish TV repairs, tailoring, Grocery shops)
- ❖ Health awareness programmes (For adolescent, girls, pregnant women, children etc)
- ❖ Provision of Aids and Appliances

3. Leprosy patients and their dependants:

It is a great joy that our leprosy patients are much better placed in the society. The care, initiatives and generosity has made their lives a joyful one. Today the initiatives include;

- Educational help
- Medical attention & medical clinic
- Housing facilities
- Care of old age people



A nurse (Sr. Dona Maria) from Vikas Deepti along with mission hospital sisters keep track of medical needs and clinics. Aids and appliances from Vikas Deepti become handy for their mobility. Our thanks to Leprosy Guild, Society of the Divine Word, Mr. Tom and family for their help and encouragement.

4. Cheerful Moments:

- ❖ Manini Pradhan won first prize in district level singing competition.
- ❖ Himansu Bag and his team won the first place in district level group dance.
- ❖ Champa Jamuda, Manini Pradhan, Nandini Sahu, Peter Behera, Raj kumar were awarded with prizes in district level child fair.



Quote:

"I have not been handicapped by my condition. I am physically challenged and differently able."

- Janet Barnes

5. Our Visitors:

- Rev. Fr. Robert Kisala, SVD Vice-superior general, Rome
- Mr. Vincent Ekka (Sub collector), Bargarh
- Fr. Luis Ronald Pereira, SVD Provincial Superior, INE
- Group of students from St. Patrick's college, Australia
- Children and staff from Bethany School, Bargarh



Several other officials, local leaders, local people, guests and well wishers too visited the children and mingled with them. Our sincere thanks and you are always welcome here.



6. New Asst. Director and Treasurer:



Rev. Fr. Rajesh Rosan Ekka, SVD who was part of this institute for the last one year has been appointed as Asst. director and Treasurer. We welcome him and wish him all the best in his new responsibility. Being already a member for the last one year, I am sure he will understand this ministry better and give his best for the disabled. Rajesh welcome and wish you a fruitful ministry with the disabled.

7. Thanks:

For the last several years, many have served Vikas Deepti as treasurers. Sr. Tessa, Sr. Lillian, Mr. John Barla and Sr. Athulya were the persons in this responsibility so far. We thank them for their service and pray for God's abundant blessings on each of them. Thanks.

8. Child friendly environment & green surroundings:

The wall paintings depicting pictures of animals, plants, toys, fruits, vegetables are newly created to boost the children to learn better. We hope our children of different disabilities gain knowledge and improve in their intellect.



Our green environment brings in serenity and conducive atmosphere. The fresh and green vegetables, flowers, plants, fruit trees etc give immense happiness and joy. Our sincere thanks to Fr. John maliekal, staff, workers for their hard work and efforts.



9. Appeal:

Vikas Deepti is committed for the cause of providing dignified life to the physically challenged. This includes the activities mentioned above. You can be part of us in various ways. Your donations will be acknowledged through money receipt and we too have 80 G for Vikas Deepti. Besides monetary help you could also contribute in kind like;

- Books/ school materials for the children
- Uniforms/ Dress materials/Clothes
- Grocery items (rice, dal, biscuits etc)
- Supply of meals, snacks at different occasion etc

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Gratitude

Sincere gratitude to all those who were part of us in our journey with the disabled in the year 2016 – 2017. If not for their generosity we would not have been able to reach out to so many physically challenged. The relentless hard work of the staff, Fathers, Sisters and well wishers is praiseworthy. May the good LORD Bless them all and strengthen their hands to continue the journey with our disabled. **THANK YOU ALL.**

*With sincere wishes,
Yours in the Divine Word,*



**Fr. Joseph Pais, SVD
Director, Vikas Deepti.**