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Message

It's Human to belong to someone, somewhere, feel wanted and feel secure. Efforts to get recognition, love and appreciation is a human longing. Some will prosper, some struggle, few give up and some succeed in life.

Vikas Deepti walks with the persons with disability particularly in Bargarh District. It has realized through its involvements in the last 23 years that it can be an agent of change. It is a huge work in terms of spending lots of time, money and energy. But give a try and it works wonders. Looking at what has happened in the last few years, I am convinced that efforts put in to give dignity to the disabled have rich harvest. Sometime this year (probably October) we will have the first MBBS from among the alumni and certainly Vikas Deepti is proud of the achievement. There could be many disappointments but a ray of hope is always there for sure.

It is worth spending our energy for this deprived section. It is not just helping the children who are disabled but it is also infusing life into the parents/guardians who are disheartened, and creating an environment that will give them dignity and encouraging the humanity to build a better world.

I finish my time of service with the disabled and Lepers at Vikas Deepti. As you read this I would be in my new assigned place of ministry. I leave with great sense of gratitude to God for His Blessings. I thank Fr. John Maliekal, SVD for being the founding Father and nurturing it for several years and to the opportunities I got to serve. I have tried my best with my limited resources and experiences. I am sure it will only grow and benefit many more disabled

and people affected by leprosy. My good wishes to the new director Fr. Anuranajan Dungdung and his team. God bless you all.

IBR (Institution Based Rehabilitation):

Vikas Deepti has with it's best infrastructure makes available the essential requirements for a holistic development of the disabled child. It provides good care for physical growth, good environment for learning and extracurricular activities, medical attention through daily health monitoring, facilitation for surgeries when needed and accompanying the child and their families through counseling and providing the needed awareness for their better future.



New children: This year we have ten new children (5 boys and 5 girls) who



have joined Vikas Deepti for their rehabilitation. They belong mainly to Bargarh block and we will do our best to mainstream them. We pray and strive hard for their healing and hope for their betterment.

CBR involvement of Vikas Deepti in 2017-2018

Besides taking care of the disabled at institutional level, Vikas Deepti works for the same group in five blocks of Bargarh district. The involvement has shown tremendous change in the lives of the disabled. We care for them in the following;

For the CWDs (Children With Disabilities) we have special schools where through joyful learning methods they are encouraged to join the inclusive education. Physiotherapy and ADL (Activities of Daily Living) is provided that they may become able bodied and help themselves. Child rights make them aware of their rights. Competitions and games are held that they may realize their ability that they are also no less than others. Cultural programmes and medical issues are addressed that they may become fit and one with the society

For parents' awareness programmes on disability and health are conducted. Care for their children is extended through speech therapy, camps for their children along with them and their role and responsibility towards their children is stressed.

For PWDs (Parents With Disability) vocational trades are made available, income generation activities are encouraged and networking among them is strengthened, Self-help groups are formed, individual and group earning activities are taken care. Training programmes are made available for leadership, legal aid and gender sensitivity etc.

All the above is with the focus of providing a dignified life for the disabled.



“Abled does not mean enabled. Disabled does not mean less abled.”

KhangKijarro Nguyen

Leprosy patients and their dependants:

Involvement with persons affected by leprosy activity is once again a very important of Vikas Deepti. It is a joy to see them walk along with the society at large. Vikas Deepti supports them through medical attention, providing education to their children, facilities for income generation activities and provision for housing. They are happier, better and economically better placed.



Cheerful Moments:

Vikas Deepti celebrates all the festivals like Deepawali, Rakhipurnima, Holi, Christmas etc to express brotherhood, social harmony and prosperity

It also celebrates the special occasions like Vikas Deepti day, Children's day, world disability day, Gandhi Jayanti, Independence day, Republic day etc which are occasions to bring out their talents and love for the nation.

The visitors bring joy, encouragement and new energy through their talks, play and sharing of values teach them same values for their lives and motivates them.



New Director

The Society of the Divine Word (SVD) has appointed Fr. Anuranjan Ddungdung, SVD as the new Director of Vikas Deepti from June 2018. He joined Vikas Deepti on 07.06.2018. He is not new to the place as he was the Parish Priest of Bargarh Parish. However work with the disabled, leprosy patients and village involvements through CBR is new and as he takes over this responsibility we welcome him and pray for God's Blessings and prayerful wishes in his new undertakings.

Welcome Fr. Anuranjan Ddungdung



Thanks:

We are grateful to God for giving Fr. Joseph Pais, SVD who was in Vikas Deepti from 2006 to 2018. It was a long journey with the disabled bringing hope and blessings. His tireless service and commitment has brought up the differently abled children, Pwds and lepers to a dignified life. His hard work is praise worthy. When we see in the field areas the contribution that he has made towards the disabled is tremendous. At Vikas Deepti, his smile and thoughtfulness for the children, staff and community members are sure blessings. Now as he is appointed Parish Priest in Kahupani, Vikas Deepti family wishes him God's choicest blessings and all the best in the new Mission.



VIKAS DEEPTI (MISSION):

“Mainstreaming Cwds/PWDs by giving equal opportunities through creating mass awareness, providing services and promoting People's Organizations to raise their voices for their rights and entitlements.”



Appeal:

Vikas Deepti is committed for the cause of providing dignified life to the differently abled. 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

Bank Details:

For local donations

A/c Name:- Vikas Deepti

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Gratitude

My sincere thanks to all the inmates, field staff, Vikas Deepti staff, Fathers, sisters. Well wishers, visitors and all in our contact for walking with us to make this journey a grand success. Our Benefactors especially SKN, SLF, Society of the Divine word, Leprosy Guild and several individuals and groups that came and supported us have played a great role in the success of this venture. It has been a total team work and it has to be a team work. The selfless service and generosity of all has made this a glorious journey. May the good LORD Bless you all and continue to accompany you in your endeavors. **THANK YOU.**

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



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