

# Vikas Deepti Annual Report 2013- 2014

*CROWNING  
DAYS AT  
VIKAS  
DEEPTI IN  
2013 - 14*



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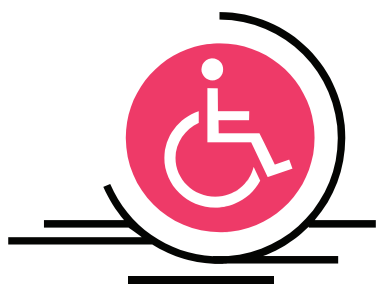
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## Forward:

Why disability is your priority? Why do you do this when no one else does it here around? Where do you find so many? are the frequent questions asked regarding Vikas Deepti. It may be surprising to note that today with our involvement we are in touch with almost 3000 physically challenged. We find them all around Bargarh and that should answer the questions above. We are unable to reach many more who are still in need that keeps this field still open for further ventures.

It is indeed a special apostolate with the physically challenged. What we need most is lot of patience, love and commitment besides certainly a huge financial investment and infrastructure.

Vikas Deepti began its journey with the disabled back in 1995 and it indeed has brought smiles to many. Right from its beginning Vikas Deepti was very clear of its vision and mission of providing dignity to the persons with disabilities. The children and their parents have seen some ray of hope for the future through Vikas Deepti.

Children bring cheer in every society. Attention paid to them in the longer run doesn't go waste is our experience though it demands a lot of hard work. It is still more when we talk about the physically challenged. It is indeed a great challenge to make them stand on their feet and reach out to many more in the society. Deprived of life privileges and negligence from their families and friends it is an uphill task to rise above others and smile.

Vikas Deepti in the last 19 years has been part of their life and is fully engaged in providing life support for the physically challenged. Vikas Deepti has greater involvement in the villages through community based rehabilitation and rehabilitation with the leprosy patients even though the involvement with children through the institutional care is only noticed easily. As the motto stands to promote light, I can confidently say that Vikas Deepti has fulfilled its dream and continues to dream for the happiness of the physically challenged. I invite you to dream with us for this special group.

### Some significant highlights of 2013-2014

#### A. In the field of Institution based Rehabilitation:

10 new children have been admitted to Vikas Deepti for care and rehabilitation and they join the older children and are getting used to the environment, programmes and using the facilities for their growth. We hope they will gain immensely and wish them a happy stay.

The children in the age group of 5-14 were once again in focus. They were provided with educational opportunities, mobility aids & appliances, physiotherapy, extra curricular activities that helped their mobility and for their holistic growth.





When it comes to exhibiting their talents they are the best provided they get ample opportunities. This year they got chance for painting and were awarded with trophies for their excellent efforts and they looked extremely cheerful.

Cultural programmes and festivals were another platform for displaying their talents and expressing their joy. With their dances and songs they rocked the stage which simply gave a message that they cannot be counted out. The feasts like Christmas, Vikas Deepti day, Diwali, Raksha Bandan, Dussera, Holi etc were full of life and entertainment.



Child friendly environment with the additions of play articles has added more zest and fun in every day life of the children. Our sincere thanks to Fr. Godfrey and his companions. The visitors too are edified by this welcome change.

## Key Moments of IBR



Celebrations



Physiotherapy



Tuition



Nutrition



Orthotic Workshop



Set out to school

## B. In the field of Community Based Rehabilitation:

The challenge of getting closer to the lives of the physically challenged in villages is realized due to the CBR programme involvements in 4 blocks of Bargarh District. The CBR workers, Co-ordinator, village leaders and network members were of great assistance. Vikas Deepti with its IBR programme was a great help for the CBR programme too.



The programmes included in the project were awareness trainings, SHG involvements, children parliament, skill developments, vocational trades, health camps, supply of aids and appliances etc. To a great extent we are glad to see changes happening even though it is slow but brings satisfaction and gives hope of change.

The new additions of fresh vocational trades like the mobile trade, cycle repairs, financial assistance to pwds etc for self employment have brought transformation in their lives.



We gratefully acknowledge the contribution of SKN, Netherlands for the success of the CBR programme. They have been supporting us for several years. We are grateful to them and pray for God's Blessings. We do count on them in the coming days to support our physically challenged.

## C. Leprosy Care Involvements:

Due to the poor housing condition the leprosy patients from Ruhunia colony were always in trouble especially during the rains as the houses were poorly built. With some financial assistance we could repair 12 houses and now they are given for their residence. More houses need repairs not only in this colony but in other colonies too.

The medical assistance through clinic and medical visits has helped them to be healthy and hygienic. They need continued support as they are old and need regular follow up.



Providing pension for the old patients is increasing day by day as time goes since they are unable to earn their food. We are happy that some government help specially through BPL card is available and it brings in bit more comfort for their living.

Educationally we are happy that few of them have gone to higher grades in studies and we hope they will continue to study well and bring joy and become role models for the rest.

Our sincere thanks to Leprosy guild, Society of the Divine word, Mr. Tom and others for their generous contributions. May God Bless them all.

## Flash Backs of CBR & Leprosy



Trainings



Health Camps

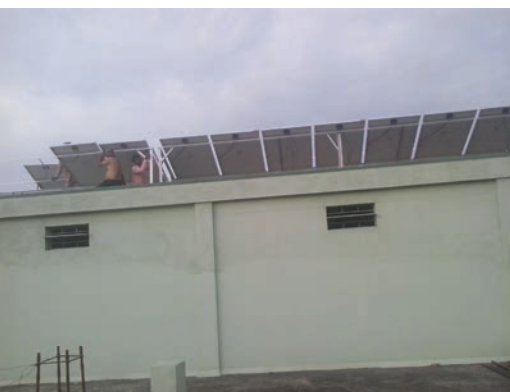


Leprosy - Health

### Joyful Moments:



Fr. Joseph Pais had the opportunity of being part of the Nemi course in 2013 and it was a golden opportunity to meet some of the people who help the children at Vikas Deepti. During his meetings with them he shared regarding the life and activities of Vikas Deepti. The sharing and updating of the work took place during this time that can be handy in the coming days. A video CD containing the programmes of vikas deepti was presented to many of them. We thank them for their generosity and welcome them to be with us.



**Vikas Deepti goes Green:** The long cherished dream of having solar energy for the children has been fulfilled. The recent welcome addition of the power generation is indeed an eco-friendly venture. We believe it will help our children for their physiotherapy, studies and living better. We thank our benefactors for their support and especially pay our homage to Late Bro. Newton for his special interest with Vikas Deepti.

Our Farm has been a great source of healthy nutrition and pleasing sight to the eyes. The fruits and vegetables, birds and fish gave us the needed nourishment and happiness. The efforts of Fr. John Maliekal, staff and workers is indeed commendable.



There is considerable change seen in the children due to the regular child care, physiotherapy and health assistance and that has improved their mobility and general health. Great work indeed.

### **Set-backs:**



Vikas Deepti lost a great friend and well wisher in the person of Bro. Denis Newton. The shocking news of his demise has saddened all of us. He was not just supporting us financially when in need, but was a great follower of our work and had always encouraging words for our children and the commitment of Vikas Deepti.

Bro. Newton is addressed as a friend of the poor and the deprived. He had a special place for the disabled. We thank Bro. Newton for his generosity and pray that he may be rewarded. We will certainly miss him. May he rest in peace.

Fr. Godfrey was in serious trouble when he got a massive heart attack in November 2013. However the timely medical attention and care has given him a second life. We are grateful to God and thank all those who came to his assistance.

Fr. John Maliekal, our Founder lost his brother & Sr. Lillian, our physiotherapist lost her mother due to illness. Any loss of our own parents, brothers, sisters etc. give us a lot of pain. Our sincere condolences and prayers for the bereaved families. May they rest in peace.

### **Hearty Welcome:**



We welcome Bro. Rino John in this new academic year to Vikas Deepti. He will be here for his year of experience. While being here he will have ample opportunities to see and learn a lot. Our work with the disabled children, leprosy patients and village programmes for the disabled will give him ample opportunities to be part of this mission. We wish him a happy stay.

## Thanks:

We thank Bro. Rajesh Reddy who was with us for an year of experience. Our involvements with the disabled children, Leprosy patients and village programmes gave him ample opportunities for exposure. While being here he was helpful to our children and the community. We thank him for his contributions and as he continues his Theological studies at Sason, Sambalpur we wish him success and God's choicest Blessings.

## Visitors:

- \* St. Patrick youth from Australia
- \* Prakash & Ashok from ASK, Delhi, India
- \* Staff of C. F.C.A, Hyderabad, India
- \* Govt. officials like D.C.P.O, CWD committee, ASWO etc.

## Appeal:

Vikas Deepti can do more provided you are with us. Your generosity for this cause will be greatly appreciated and will make this venture a noble one. We invite you to join us with:

- ★ Financial Assistance
- ★ Dress materials/uniforms
- ★ School & games articles
- ★ Grocery items etc

Every bit of your contribution will be acknowledged with a receipt. Vikas Deepti has got its foreign contributions Regulatory Act, and registration in 2002 and is also registered under IT Act 1961 U/S-12A and 80G.

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## Thanks:

God loves a cheerful giver. If Vikas Deepti has achieved the above, it is due to the generous contribution of our staff and well wishers. The hard work put in and patience practiced has borne admirable results. We thank God for His Blessings on all of us and plead God to continue to be with us and lead us. Thanks to all who came in contact with us and made this journey a memorable one. The life continues..... a Big Thanks

With sincere wishes,  
Yours in the Divine Word,



Fr. Joseph Pais, SVD  
President, Vikas Deepti.



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