

# VIKAS DEEPTI ANNUAL REPORT 2014-15

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## A REVISIT

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## Few words:

How empty the world would have been if human beings were absent. That is why creation was full with all types of creatures and human being at the helm of it. It is sad to see injustice being done to human beings. Some are man made, others are due to natural calamities and few are unexplainable.



When it comes to pain and disaster the least said is better as we do not have answers for many happenings. One such painful reality is disability. When children/youth/old are seen with disability many questions crop up and keep repeating without any answer. The only way is to do something to lessen the trouble and discomfort.

Vikas Deepti in the last 20 years has been involved in this noble task and it gives immense satisfaction to see the pain being lessened with human interventions. Thanks to the human efforts put in to bring smile on these faces of disabled in the institution, villages and of course to the leprosy affected people. The following pages will give you some glimpses of the action in 2014 – 2015 academic year. May you have a pleasant experience.

## Journey of 2014 - 2015

Every year has its own packages of revelations and 2014-2015 was not an exception. The inmates had opportunities to excel in various ways and they were the centre of all focus in the institution. Our journey included:

### 1. Institution based Rehabilitation:

Vikas Deepti family is larger by 10 new children. We wish them a pleasant stay at Vikas Deepti and hope that they get enriched. Our prime focus continues to be children of 5-14 ages and their holistic growth. We provide them opportunities to deliver efficiently in education, physiotherapy, extra curricular activities such as drawing classes and so on. The dawn of new era of creativity, excellence, and aiming high has become the culture of our institute.



### Festive moments and celebrations:

Deepawali, Rakhi, Holi, Christmas etc. were the moments to be seized as our children jubilated in delight with the celebrations here. It is the time to cherish those festivals along with their values.

Cultural events are the occasion to declare to the world that they are capable in many ways. And here they surprised many with their clinching performances on Vikas Deepti day, Christmas etc. This year they got bigger platforms to display their talents as well.



**Orthotic workshop:** The Orthotic and Prosthetic workshop at Vikas Deepti, a resource to the in-mates as aids & appliances play a great role in mobility of the physically challenged. The unit produced A.F.O, Knee Brace, Knee Getter, K.A.F.O, L.S. Brace, Taylore Brace, Hand splint, A.K. Prosthesis, B.K. Prosthesis, Walkers and Crutches. The trained technicians render their services to this family of differently able in a profound manner.



**Child friendly environment:**

The environment plays a greater role in the growth of the person. The home environment created in Vikas Deepti makes the children to be free and fly cheerfully without any constraints. It is the key for their faster growth. Be it be in their indoor games, out-door games, work, study, extra curricular activities, involvement with the nature etc.



**2. CBR involvement of Vikas Deepti in 2014-2015:**



Starting from the scratch seems to be the only formula when it comes to CBR. With an increase scare looming large, concerns are being raised over the root causes of disability still haunting. However Vikas Deepti continues its mission with the limited micro task force vested in it. We are grateful to SKN for their generosity for CBR involvements in 220 villages of Bargarh District. By it's involvement:

- ▶ CP & MR children are given opportunities so that they are prepared to go for the formal schools after being assessed from the camps conducted.
- ▶ SHGs are formed and monitored for earning their livelihood
- ▶ Vocational trades and self employment is pursued by which they gain self respect and are recognized in the society
- ▶ Health programmes for awareness and remedy are conducted
- ▶ Aids and Appliances are being made available for mobility.



**3. Leprosy:** Our care for leprosy patients persists as old age and sickness continues to haunt them. The medical assistance provided seemed to be of greater relief to these people. The persistence pays off in education as some of the children are extremely doing well and appreciated by the school authorities. During the year their houses were repaired with their cooperation and the help from the Society of the Divine Word.



#### **Moments of Pride:**

- ▶ Gulab passed class X with B division.
- ▶ Reeta Meher passed in Class X with C division.
- ▶ Rabi Mallik passed class X with C division.
- ▶ Ashish Pradhan stood First in Class V.

#### **4. Thanks & Best wishes:**

**Sr. Lillian CSS**, the physiotherapist for almost 10 years at Vikas Deepti is on a transfer. She was instrumental in running this home in an efficient manner. Her hard work, dedication, simplicity was very handy in taking this home forward. Besides being a physiotherapist at home, she was part of the village programmes for the same section, help to the leprosy colony and in various fields for running this ministry. Her initiatives for child care, nutrition, physiotherapy etc, were of great help to the physically challenged children. Vikas Deepti thanks her especially for her dedicated service and wishes her well in her future involvements. This house will greatly miss you Sr. Lillian. **MAY GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR SELFLESS SERVICE.** Thank you Sr. Lillian



**Frt. Rino John** has completed his year long experience at Vikas Deepti and is already gone for his holidays and further to Pune to pursue his Theological studies. He was of great help to this institution and children in their overall growth. He had opportunities to be part of all the activities of Vikas Deepti and we hope that it will be handy in his mission. We thank him and wish him best of luck in his studies.

## 5. HEARTY WELCOME:



**Sr. Atulya** has just joined Vikas Deepti as the physiotherapist. There will be ample opportunities to help the disabled and we sincerely hope that her stay becomes beneficial to the children and people with disability in the field areas. The disabled will greatly benefit from your involvement. Hearty Welcome to you Sister and wish you a fruitful stay in Vikas Deepti.



**Frt. Raja, SVD** has been assigned to Vikas Deepti for his EIP in 2015- 2016. He will have chances to get himself introduced to the field of disability, leprosy and several activities in the project areas besides his involvements with the children and in mates of Vikas Deepti. We wish him all the success and hope he achieves the goal of EIP at Vikas Deepti.

**We extend both of them a hearty welcome.**

## 6. Our Visitors:



- ▶ DDW members (Disciples of Divine Word) from Mumbai under the guidance of Fr. Gregory A, SVD were in Odisha for some mission exposure. We were extremely lucky to have them with our children. They got opportunity to mingle with the children and see their lives. They have encouraged us with their presence and are of great source of inspiration and love. They love the children and have come forward to help them in their necessities. We thank them immensely and pray for God's Blessings.
- ▶ Students from St. Patrick's college, Australia
- ▶ Mr. Tom & family, United States
- ▶ Fr. Dan & Fr. Xavier from Germany

Other officials and local leaders along with many well wishers & friends visited our institution and encouraged our children.

## **7. Appeal:**

Vikas Deepti is committed for the cause of providing dignified life to the physically challenged. This includes education, health programmes, nutrition, physiotherapy, supply of aids and appliances, vocational trades etc. 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 occasions etc

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## **Gratitude:**

Sincere gratitude to The Creator for His providence and Blessings. The selfless service of the staff and well wishers, benefactors, agencies etc were of great help. We thank all those who came into our lives and brought joy and light. May your continuous support and encouragement make the lives of the disabled joyful. Thanks.

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



*Fr. Joseph Pais, SVD  
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