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Spastics Society of Karnataka 1st Floor Hall
Indiranagar, Bangalore

October' 2011 - 23rd Oct, Annual General Body Meeting was held at Vishranthi Nilaya, Bangalore. A new set of office bearers and Executive Committee members were announced.



4th Annual General Body Meeting in Progress

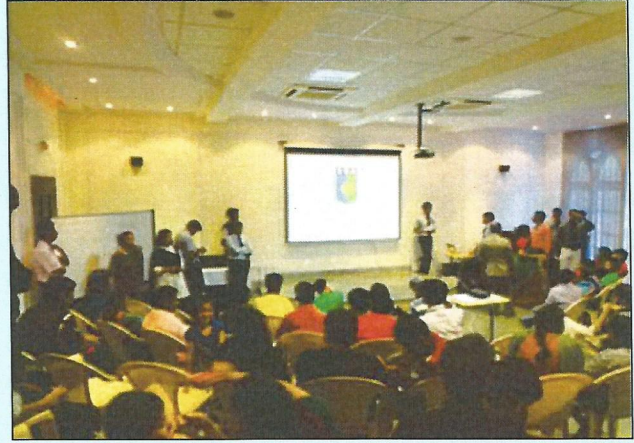


ASI Delegates at the Consultative Workshop on ASD, Delhi

November'2011 – 9th & 10th Nov, ASi president, Rubina Lal, VP- North, Shardamani Iyer and Secretary, Ruby Singh attended the National Consultative Workshop on -Autism Spectrum Disorder, by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, held at Delhi and stood up for the needs of our children and concerns of their family. Other members and prominent figures like Merry Barua, Nithya Laxmi, Jayashree Ramesh, Dr Ashok MV, Dr Shobha Srinath, and Sharbani Ganesh...were also present to project the needs and lack of sufficient services for this community.

December'2011 -3rd Dec, ASI organized a Peer-Buddy Program for children with ASD from various schools and for members of ASI. A group of our children were hosted by the Sarla Birla Academy, a Mainstream and residential International School for Boys on Bannerghata Road, Bangalore. This was a program that was unique in many ways, it brought awareness about Autism amongst mainstream students and teachers of the school on one hand, and on other hand it worked as great outing for parents and the ASD children as the Sarla Birla school has a beautiful campus and the team from the school along with the Principal and teachers were a great host. The students from classes 8th onward paired with our children and gave a new meaning to the Buddy program





Various moments of the Peer Buddy Program At Sarla Birla Academy

On Dec 10th '2011 **PRAYAS** Celebrated its First Graduation Day with the Graduation Ceremony of its First Batch. The program was attended by all the passing out Students and their proud parents Mrs. Krishnaswamy, Chairmen, Spastic Society Of Karnataka, Ms Archana Sahay, CSR Head, Sridhar, SAP Labs India Limited, Bangalore, and many other volunteers and members of Autism Society. It was a proud moment for all of us.



Kavita Sharma, Head, Prayas Project, Reporting on the achievements of each Student.



Archana Sahay, SAP Labs presenting the Certificates

February' 2012 This was a month of mobilization of our energy and embarks upon a new strategy of awakenings and focus upon awareness of the government officials in Karnataka State to start with. On 11th Feb a small delegation of ASI EC members and self advocate started this with a meeting held with the Commissioner Disability at his office. With his support and guidance it was decided to hold a Sathyagraha Campaign at

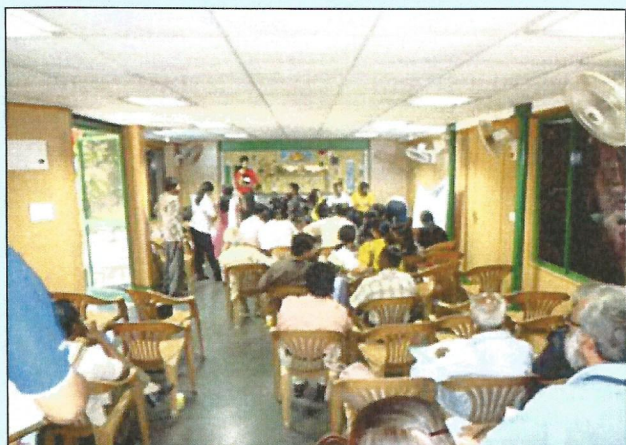
one of the centrally placed office) VV Towers) that also houses the Disability Welfare office. The date for this campaign was first decided to be **16th Feb** and then postponed to **22nd Feb** as a number of Government office were to be contacted and informed about our impending action. Schools, organizations and parent members were contacted and mobilization was started for the final Dharna to be held on **22nd Feb** at the V.V Towers, Bangalore.

On 17th Feb, a team of ASI delegates met the Chief Secretary, and the Chief Minister, **Mr. Sadananda Gowda** to apprise them about the plights of ASD individuals and their families and about the forthcoming Sathyagraha on **22nd**. Everywhere we were given assurance that the Karnataka Govt. was keen to do something but that needed to be decided with the help of an expert committee and the heads of the concerned Government Departments. On assurance for a speedy action and sincere proactive action, The CM requested us to discard the thought of sitting on any Dharna or going in for any agitation as the concern of the parents and families plight had been well understood and appreciated.



ASI Delegates with the CM, Karnataka Mr. Sadananda Gowda

Thus, the first round of Sathyagraha was won without the actual Dharna and the Campaign was called off at the press conference that was held on **18th Feb** at the Press Club, Bangalore.



Press Conference at Press Club, Bangalore on 18th Feb 2012

True to the promises the Department of Disabled Welfare called for 3 rounds of meeting of representatives from ASI, NIMHANS, other professionals, Commissioner Disability and Principal Secretaries of concerned departments.

March' 2012-12th Mar, the secretary met Shri Mukul Wasnik, minister of Social Justice and Empowerment, at Gulbarga to follow up about the last years meeting commitment and appraise him about the developments and demands made to the Government of Karnataka. He was also presented with the copy of Disability in Disaster prepared by ASI.

April' 2012-2nd April being World Autism Awareness Day (WAAD), students from BUBBLES Special school went on a metro ride and were welcomed at the MG Road Station by ASi delegates and each one of them were presented with blue balloons to mark the occasion. Later the group marched to Cubbon Park where they had a good time singing and dancing. Finally everyone joined at the Visvesvaraya Museum Auditorium where children, parents and teachers from various special schools assembled to listen to a group of presenters on Autism, PWD Bill and other legal aspects. Here we would like to especially mention the contribution of our member Mr. Shivaprasad Khened, the Director of Visvesvaraya museum his generous help to make the WAAD program a great success.

On the same day an iPad workshop was conducted by ASI member **Ms Uma Krishnan** at Adarsh Charitable trust, Cochin, **Kerala** which was greatly appreciated by all.



iPad work shop at Adarsh Charitable Trust, Cochin, Kerala

June 2012-14th June, Prayas celebrated its **Annual Day** which was attended by was graced by the Global head of SAP Labs **Ms. Anka Wittenberg**, **Mr. Naik** SAP India HR Head, supporters and volunteers of SAP Labs, **Mrs Krishna Murthy** (SSK,) **Mr. Acahrya**, and many other parents and associates of Autism Society of India.

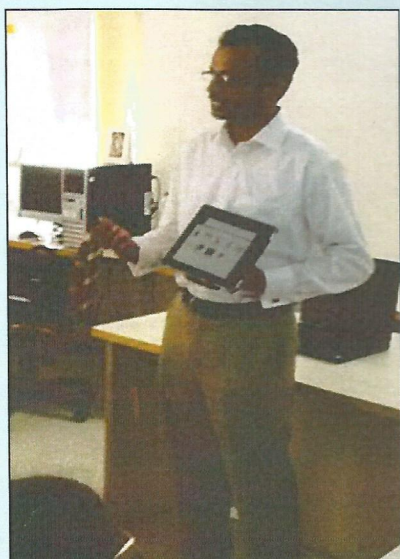


Ms Anka Wittenberg Global Head, SAP Labs, distributing the certificates



Project Prayas Team with Global Head and India HR Head, SAP Labs

July 2102 - 28th July, iPad workshop was organized by Prayas for parents and professionals, it was attended by 22 people, and a few parents came from Coimbatore, Chennai, Mangalore and Hyderabad.



Mr. Ajit Narayanan, CEO Invention Labs,
from Chennai explaining AVAAZ Application to Parents

October' 2012 - 2nd Oct (Tuesday), a Games Carnival was organized exclusively for children with autism and their buddies by Kilikili, Aata Odanata, Autism Society of India to celebrate the Joy of Giving Week. Hundreds of kids out of which 50% with ASD and their Buddies dotted the M N Krishna Rao Park, in Basavangudi, Near Gandhi market, Bangalore and had a day full of Fun and Frolic.

Report by Michael Vimal Pillai

Vice President (West), Autism Society of India

Activities (November 2011 to Sept 2012)

- **NETWORKING:** Networking with schools, organizations and professionals in the development sector in Ahmedabad/Gujarat with an objective to create awareness about ASI and its activities and develop contacts that can enable ASI to have collaborative programmes in future.
- **MEMBERSHIP:** Interactions with parents of children with Autism and professionals from various fields with the objective of expanding the membership base of ASI. The outcome of this activity is as follows:
 - Ms.Sandhya Sitaram, from Ahmedabad has become an associate member of ASI. She is in the field of education. Ms.Sandhya imparts computer training to children which includes students with special educational needs. Recently, during her visit to Bangalore, Ms.Sandhya met and interacted with Ms.Ruby Sharma, Ms.Kavita Sharma and PRAYAS Team.
 - Discussions are in process for inducting the following professionals as associates:
 - Dr.Deepika Jain, Development Pediatrician
 - Ms.Purnima Gupta, Psychologist
 - Discussions are in process for inducting parents of children with Autism, as members.
 - **WORLD AUTISM DAY CAMPAIGN:** Created awareness on Autism among schools in Ahmedabad, through E-mail campaign

Report by Sharda Mani Iyer,
Vice President (North), Autism Society of India

**Awareness Program
at Ambala ARMY School ASHA School Patiala, Punjab**

Army school at Ambala a main stream school with 5000 children has 2-3 special needs in their inclusive set up. A group of 40 students were identified to visit Asha school on every Wednesday to spend a few hours with special needs and celebrate birthdays and festivals with them. I had the opportunity to interact and create awareness amongst all of them. I also found them to be very enthusiastic and sensitive. They came up with many queries regarding autism and how they can handle their behaviors it was an amazing experience where I could guided them to combine fun with learning.

Asha school at Patiala is also managed well and the strength is 22 out of which 7 are autistic ranging from 19-6 yrs of age. They have a created a small and wonderful sensory park with different textures, balance path and all herbs which have medicinal qualities . The principal is working very well with independent skills. Both Ambala and Patiala in their schools have a big ludo painted on the ground and the children enjoy them. One of the parents is working as a support system.

It was a very satisfying trip and could share in detail about ASI .They look forward to the IPAD workshop and the chairman shared that can be done.

There is a need to spread a word about ASI in our own way to make it a strong parents body.