

Summary report on the 93rd RPM hosted by Approach Autism Society, Jaipur

Approach Autism Society has hosted two days 93rd RPM (Regional Parent Meet) for the central Zone i.e. Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh states of India. Approximately 200 parents belonging from 36 foundations and societies have participated in this meet with the motive of sanitizing themselves about the IDD's (Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities). It held at the Fiori Hotel, Chitrakoot, Jaipur on 30th September 2023 and 1st October 2023.

It was organised by the PARIVAAR NCPO in collaboration with the NIEPID (National Institute for the Empowerment of PwIDDs) and hosted by the Approach Autism Society of Jaipur, which is a renowned name in the respective field. Here group of parents of personsren with Autism are jointly working to establish infrastructure for people with autism and multiple disability which offers equitable, barrier free and dignified services and offers them opportunity for livelihood with support of resourceful, skilled members/ stakeholders of the community/ society.

The first day of the programme started with an inaugural ceremony in which distinguished guests were invited from different sectors of society like health, education, NGOs, judiciary and many more. Ms Reva was the master of ceremony (MC) for these two days and took the journey of leaning, awareness and sharing very smoothly and bind altogether the audience, speaker and all the participants perfectly.

Programme started with the welcome of chief guest and other guests of honour. Stage was graciously occupied by Ms. Charvi Nahata (person with special need), Dr. S. Sitaraman, Mr. P. Sammaiah, Commander Shrirang Bijur, Justice Pankaj Bhandari and Mr. Anurag Srivastava. All the guest on dice were honoured with the canvas painting made by special people as a token of remembrance.



Inaugural Ceremony

Inauguration ceremony started with Gayatri Mantra and lamp lighting followed by the Ganesh vandana with a mesmerizing dance performance of Ms. Suchita Patni (PwIDD) from Aura Foundation. Guests and delegates welcomed by Garima Srivastava (Director – Technical & Training, Approach Autism Society).

Dias was occupied by distinguished guests and Mr. Anurag Srivastava. Mr. Anurag Srivastava is a Founder & Secretary of Approach Autism Society. He is the Zonal Secretary (Central) of PARIVAAR. He is an NITK professional, who has worked for MNCs throughout his career since 1993, but has given up working to pursue the path to better the lives of people with disability.

After welcome note, by Ms. Garima Srivastava, the Tea and networking break was kept for short span of 30 minutes and all the parents were resumed back for the first technical session.



Lamp Lightning and Gifting of Tokens

After tea, technical session started from 11:30 am. This session titled- “Sustainable Employment Avenue & Rehabilitation of PwIDDs” was presented by the Rehabilitation Officer Mr. P Sammaiah from NIEPID, he is an expert of his field and has done commendable work in the field of rehabilitation and skill development for Persons with Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities (PwIDDs). His focus on training, Skill Development Programs, and the development of Assistive Devices showcases and his dedication to improving the lives and opportunities for PwIDDs. He is recipient of National Award in 2013 for Best Applied Research from the President of India is a testament to the impact and significance of his contributions. This session was chaired by Dr. S. Sitaraman, Senior Pediatrician & Neonatologist at Babylon Hospital, Jaipur. Dr. S. Sitaraman is a distinguished medical professional with a strong background in paediatrics. With a career spanning several decades, he has made significant contributions to the field of healthcare, medical education, and child welfare.



Dr. P. Sammaiah delivering his session

The next session of the day was started at 12:30 and was taken up by Col. Dr. V.K. Gautam on the topic-“ Self-Advocacy as a tool to realize social inclusion”. Col. Dr. Gautam has a distinguished career spanning 24-years in the Indian Army, including commanding an elite unit for over 2 years. He has notable achievements in NCC training, securing 11 Gold Medals at the national Level in 1992-93. He has done academic specialisation in Leadership, HRD, OB, Communication & Soft skills, Entrepreneurship, Business & Labour Laws, Strategic Management, Turnaround Strategy, and General Management. He is a chief editor of 3 books, developer of 12 monographs, and author of over 52 papers at national and international levels. Recognized Ph.D. Guide in multiple universities and past President of PARIVAAR, the world's largest NGO for PwIDDs (Persons with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities). This session was chaired by Dr. Sudeep Goyal, Founder & Chief Functionary of Asha Ka Jharna, a voluntary non-profit organization focusing on disability and child rights since 1998. He has 25 years of experience working with people and people

with disabilities and has expertise in child-related development plans, schemes, programs, standards, and legislation at state and national levels.



Col. Dr. V.K. Gautam interacting with the parents

Col. Dr. Gautam's session lasted for around 2 hours. Post this session lunch break was given and after lunch all were gathered again for the next session which was chaired by Justice Pankaj Bhandari and was delivered by Commander Shri Rang N Bijur. Cdr. Bijur has a record of distinguished military service in the Indian Navy, with notable postings on various naval vessels like INS Talwar, INS Betwa, INS Taragiri and INS Godavari. He led infrastructure planning at TCS and served as Chief of Supply Chain Management at Bharti Airtel. He later on took work off leave in 2011 to focus on bettering the lives of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. He drafted key policies for Empowering People with Disabilities in Maharashtra and contributed to state rules for RPwD Act. He held leadership positions in prominent disability organisations, including PARIVAAR (for two tenures of three

years each). Currently president of AWMH Maharashtra for the last 7 years. AWMH is one of the leading organizations providing free early intervention therapy and pre-school readiness for people with developmental disabilities through its five centres in Mumbai. At the same time trustee of Nirdhar Pratishtan and managing trustee of SRN Foundation, both involved in disability sector capacity building. Also advisor to leading NGOs in the disability sector, including JaiVakeel and Navkshitij.



Ms Deepak Kalra chaired session of Cdr Shri Rang N Bijur

Although the sessions were timely scheduled but due to certain reasons Ms Arpita Yadav's session was postponed for the next day morning prior to all other sessions. And this session was taken up by the Nayi Dishaa Foundation of Hyderabad. It was handled by Mr. Keshav Bishnoi and was on "Empowering Families: Caregiver Well-Being". Aimed at the holistic well-being of both parents and caregivers, Nayi Dishaa provides a lifeline for parents, offering them valuable resources, guidance, and support. Their work exemplifies the

power of compassion, innovation, and technology to create a brighter, more inclusive future for all. At the end of the session, question and answer round was there to make it more interactive and interesting.

The day one was ended with a kind note and a session cum leisure time celebration named “De Stressing and Leisure Space Performance” presented by the Magical Group. After this dinner was also arranged by the hosting team of Approach Autism Society at the Fiori Hotel.

On the second day of the meet, parents and the keynote note speaker of the session who are from the other states had conversation over the breakfast and all gathered after it for the first session of the day.



Ms. Arpita Yadav, during her session

The first session was started at 9:30 am. It was taken by Ms. Arpita Yadav, She is the founder member and President of Approach Autism Society, vice president North Zone PARIVAAR. She has an experience of 20 years in various fields. Science graduate with a Bachelor's in Education and Holds a Masters in International Business and a postgraduate in Special Education. Master Trainer for Social Role Valorisation & Direct Support Practitioner (Key Stone). Worked at Disha, as Principal, a resource centre for Multiple Disability, Jaipur. Founded Learning Aspirations for specific learning disability and worked as academic director in Jaipur (2015-2019). Currently working as director of independent living program at Shaurya Foundation Trust in Palwal. Represented Rajasthan in the 2011 Planning Commission Meeting in 2010 and the International Conference for Accessibility in India in 2011. Represented Rajasthan in Kaun Banega Crorepati 2019

and talked about inclusivity for special people with much appreciation from Mr. Bachhan. This session was chaired by Mr. Sudeep Goyal, founder & chief functionary of Asha Ka Jharna, a voluntary non-profitable organization focusing on disability and child rights since 1998. Over 25 years of experience working with people with disabilities. He has done 11 years of intensive work with people in need of care & protection. This session was over the topic-“Chasing Valued Roles/Role Played Exercise Facilitated”. This session was a sporty as Ms Arpita has included all the parents and special people into an exercise cum task. In this task she has framed 6 groups and given them a topic for defining the role associated with the topic and also asked the team to represent these roles through activities like dance, song, act or any game. This session was well narrated with this activity.

Later to this session, the second session started after a tea break at around 11:00 am. This session was chaired by Ms. Pratibha Bhatnagar and delivered by Mr. Pankaj Maru. Ms. Bhatnagar is a psychological counsellor and special educator. She is regular visiting faculty at OTS(Officers Training School), Jaipur. Mr. Maru is a founder of SNEH, a pioneering organisation dedicated to the betterment of individuals with disabilities in his hometown Nagda, MP in 2009 after leaving his job as CEO of an MNC of Dubai at the age of 38. SNEH has got 3 National Awards in the journey of 14 years which includes best organization of the country, from the Honourable President of India. He has played a pivotal role in various policy-making committees of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment. He was actively involved in the drafting committee for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act (RPwD Act) of 2016 & National Policy on Disabilities. Currently he is serving as the Governing Council member of National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities, Secunderabad. Maru's topic of session was “Accessing Govt. Schemes and Policies”.

His session was very useful for the parents who are facing problem related to the access of government schemes available for specially-abled people. This session continued for one and half hours, post this session lunch was called at 1:00 pm.



Mr. Anurag, Mr. Pankaj Maru and Ms. Rainu Singh

After lunch at around 1:45 pm all are again gathered in the seminar hall for the next session. This session was jointly handled by Mr. Anurag Srivastava, Ms. Garima Srivastava, and Ms. Navneeta Nahata. In this session all the presenters have showcased the works done by the trainee's of Approach Autism Society.



Ms. Nahata, Ms Garima showcasing the skills of special need persons from Approach Autism Society

During the session the mentors of the special people have explained the process of making of sustainable things like handmade folders, diary, coasters, dinning mates and many other things. Ms. Nahata and Garima has shown the technical aspect and concept of the making process. Also some videos of actual working at Approach Society was shown. It was commendable job done at the society, also much appreciating that how each and every special people were engaged utilizing individual's strengths. These demonstrations laid an inspiring path for the other foundations to follow.



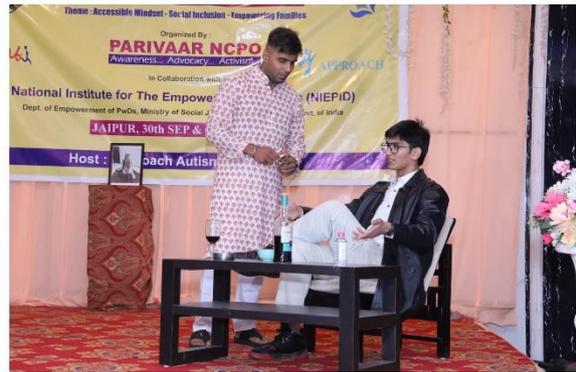
Lunch-Time: guests and participants having lunch

Next to this session, Ms. Neena Wagh took the stage for her presentation on the topic-“Assisted Living Models- Indian Landscape”. Ms. Wagh is a parent of a special needs people with Autism, a poet, playwright, and Hindi language translator. Founder Trustee of ALAP (Assisted Living for Autistic People) providing residential facilities and training for People with Autism. She has been actively involved in Autism Advocacy for the past 17 years. She has represented the Autism Community during the drafting of the RPWD Act. Spearheaded the team for setting up the Autism website for the National Trust. Focused on Assisted Living for special needs individuals for the past ten years. Member of advisory boards for Action for Autism, Bhabhna Trust, and Neon Star Foundation. Awarded for her documentaries on disability issues and contributions in the field. Presented a workshop on Assisted Living in an international conference for Autism and Neurodevelopmental Disorders in Dubai in 2023.



Ms. Neena Waqh during her session

Neena mam's lecture was very inspiring and has opened the eyes of the parents for the concept of special need persons care after caretaker's demise and a secure and affordable succession planning. This session was chaired by Ms. Arpita Yadav. This session lasted for approximately for one and half hours. Lastly, one hour was devoted for the activities performed by the trainees of Approach Autism Society. A drama was performed by Mr. Manan and Mr. Sagar under the guidance of theatre therapist Mr. Mahmood Ali. These activities were very captivating and raised the goose bumps to the audience. Parents were speechless to see their kids performing at such a great level.



AAS students with special needs performing song and skit

The end of the two day meet was a concluded with a vote of thanks by Mr. Anurag Srivastava and a feedback was taken from the participants followed with the valedictory tea and discussion. All were departed with the positive note and so much of relevant information and also with an oath to be part of these sessions at regular basis.



End of the day -2 with Valediction and feedback

All the events of these two days meets were fully covered by the media of Rajasthan as well as Madhya Pradesh. Media has shown interest in projecting the event prior to the exact date and later also various newspapers have posted the news. A glimpse of these coverage is shown in the below collage.

दिव्यांगता से जुड़े विभिन्न पहलुओं पर चर्चा की गई

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परिवार महासंघ के पूर्व राष्ट्रीय अध्यक्ष कमांडर श्रीरंग राजस्थान के 36 संस्थाओं से 200 से ज्यादा दिव्यांगजनों के परिवार भागीदारी करेंगे। यह रीजनल पैरेंट मीट के प्रबंध की जिम्मेदारी एप्रोच आटिज्म सोसायटी करेगी।

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करेंगे। एप्रोच आटिज्म संस्था के सचिव अनुराग श्रीवास्तव और वाईस प्रेजिडेंट रेवा सुदीप ने बताया कि संस्था 2011 से आटिज्म और अन्य बौद्धिक दिव्यांगजनों के साथ मिलकर उनको स्वावलम्बी बनाने के लिए एम्प्लॉयमेंट और लाइफ स्किल सीखने के काम कर रही है। इस अवसर पर महमूद अली (थिएटर थैरेपिस्ट) एप्रोच आटिज्म की वैशाली नगर स्थित सेंटर पर दिव्यांगजनों को सांस्कृतिक कार्यक्रम के दौरान नृत्य, नाटक और माइम प्रस्तुत करने के लिए सशक्त बनाएंगे। यह प्रयास माता पिता को यह विश्वास दिलाया कि उनका दिव्यांग पुत्र या पुत्री समाज में एक

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