

# **Report of Activities**

September 2006–May 2008

**September -06**

- Visit to Nangli for BPL cards, and to enquire about the toilet facility and the subsidy given by the Government for it
- Monthly Apollo clinic started in Sanp Ki Nangli. About 100 beneficiaries were screened and given free medicines
- Visit to Nagina to explore the possibility of using Al-Alifa general hospital (Madhikhera) in the future
- Visit to AADI for inputs and information regarding setting up of Vishwas Kendra in Gurgaon

**October -06**

- Visit to Kushboo welfare society to in Gurgaon to see the facilities that were being provided by the school for special children
- Meeting with Sudha of Aastha, Delhi
- Meeting with Madhu of AADI, Delhi
- Visit to Bangalore to meet Dr. Devi Shetty regarding future plans for Vishwas

**November -06**

- Visit to AADI regarding their rural project
- Visit to Sense International, Delhi to find out more about their organization
- Meeting with the chairperson, Meenu Jalan and also Ms. Shyamla of AADI, to discuss their school programme

**December -06**

- Meeting with Dr. Naresh Trehan to discuss various issues about starting Vishwas and also discuss locations in Gurgaon to base the Organization
- Meeting with the Executive director of MAMTA, Dr. Sunil Mehra (Paediatrician), for rural health programme
- Formatting of OPD cards for monthly clinic in Sohna Block
- Drafting of survey forms for identification of special needs children in rural areas
- Feasibility study for setting up a reverse mainstream primary school
- Meeting with D.C., Gurgaon for obtaining a Block map, data on disability, and to discuss issues regarding healthcare

**January -07**

- Rural survey forms planned and discussed
- Drafting of letters for donation and invitations for prospective board members
- Meeting with Shroff Eye Hospital about a possible tie up for eye-camps in rural areas
- Planning stationery for Vishwas

**February -07**

- Meeting with Shantanu and Sachu of Shroff Eye Hospital to explore the possibility of setting up a vision centre as a part of Vishwas

- Meeting with C.A. for accounts and to prepare receipts for donations
- Field visit to Sohna and Gurgaon offices as well as hospitals
- Meeting with Dr. Vimal Akhouri for drafting a rural survey form
- Liaising with various HUDA officials for a school site for Vishwas Kendra
- Field visit with Nangli school headmaster to schools in four villages, namely Sohna Dhani, Mohammadpur, Dhunela, Berka falling under Sohna block

### **March -07**

- Meeting with Sudha from Astha (NGO) for further inputs to set up Vishwas
- Meeting with administrative officials for school site and related issues
- Allotment of a school site for Vishwas in Sushant Lok-I, Gurgaon



**School site allotted to Vishwas**

### **April -07**

- Started renovation on the allotted site for Vishwas with the help of HUDA and some well wishers of Vishwas
- The process of appointing board members and obtaining their DIN numbers was started
- Meeting various people to find suitable staff in Gurgaon (special educators, social-worker, therapist, helpers) for Vishwas
- Meeting with MLA to discuss work to be done in Nangli village
- Supervising construction work at the school site, for instance construction of a ramp and disabled friendly sidewalks in order to make the school accessible



**Preparation of backyard in progress**

**May -07**

- Supervision of renovation work in school continues, and the backyard is prepared for play and outdoor activities
- Visited all the branches of Tamana school for special needs children to see their facilities
- Toilet modifications and other changes in order to make the school disabled friendly
- Visit by Vandana Bedi from AADI to the school site for advice and guidance
- Meeting with the D.C., Gurgaon
- Meeting with various government officials in the education department
- Visit to Vikas Sadan to meet the A.D.C.
- Visit to DHBVN office in Gurgaon for electricity connection in the school
- Meeting with the likely staff held at the school site in Sushant Lok to decide on school timings, age group of the children, fee structure and other administrative issues
- Planned basic furniture and material for therapy for the school

**June -07**

- Work continues at the school site
- Meeting with Poonam Natrajan of National Trust
- Meeting with General Cardozo of RCI regarding setting up of Vishwas
- Sudha from Aastha visits the school site
- Work commences towards making a web site for Vishwas

## July -07

- Applications reviewed and three persons appointed – physiotherapist, social worker and psychologist. The vision of Vishwas discussed in detail and views incorporated
- Meeting with staff at the school site
- Case record Proforma for children with special needs discussed and made
- Registration form made
- Meeting with Ramdayal, a specialist carpenter, to discuss and order classroom furniture suitable for children with special needs

## August -07

- Draft made for newspaper advertisement announcing admissions procedure
- Guidelines for the school laid down. These included timing and administration, amongst other things
- Vishwas gets its first OPD case

## September -07

- Helper appointed
- Visit to Wazirabad PHC for referrals.
- Blocks in which to start Outreach programme were selected, namely Sohna and Gurgaon.
- Villages in these two blocks were selected to start work

## October -07

- Advertisements given in newspapers declaring admission open for special children
- Appointment of a Special Educator
- School becomes operational
- Appointment of administrative staff
- Three special children and two normal children admitted in school
- Decision to make Vishwas an inclusive primary school. Decided that underprivileged children to be given preference



The school opens

**November -07**

- Vishwas sets up a stall in Unitech Country Club for Diwali mela in which parents also participate
- Appointment of Speech therapist.
- Field visit to Sohna girls school to meet the Special educator there
- Diwali celebrations with the children in the school
- Two more special children admitted, taking the total strength of children to seven



**Vishwas stall at Diwali Mela**

**December -07**

- Children were taken out for a picnic along with their parents to Sohna
- Christmas celebrated in school
- A visit to the dispensary run by Seagram (as part of Corporate Social Responsibility) was made to find out about the facilities provided for the economically weaker people and explore a possible tie up for medical camps in various villages



**Picnic in Sohna**

- Strength of children increases to 7 special and 2 normal
- School closes for the winter vacation

### January -08

- School reopens after the winter break
- O.P.D. section started for case study, physiotherapy, speech, I.Q. and special education
- Visit to Arunodaya eye hospital for tie up for eye check up of our school children and also in the rural areas, especially Sohna block
- Painting class with artist Bulbul Sharma
- First parent-teachers meeting (P.T.M.) organized to discuss any issues that the parents may have. Staff was introduced to parents and rules and regulations discussed in detail
- Visit to Max-Hospital to enquire if they have facilities for hearing checkup



**Painting with Bulbul Sharma**

- Republic Day celebrations with Saksham, a school for underprivileged children
- Staff visit to Sohna girls School to see the infrastructure present there and to meet the special educator, visit also to Nagli primary school
- Total strength of students increases to 11 special, 4 normal and 2 O.P.D. cases



**Republic Day celebrations**

### **February -08**

- Vishwas gets a disabled friendly school bus
- Bus service started for the children from the neighboring areas
- Visit again to Arunodaya eye hospital
- 3 new O.P.D. cases received. Assessments were done and services were provided accordingly



**Children boarding the Vishwas bus**

- 5 day workshop on Developmental Disabilities organized by NIMH was attended by Speech therapist
- School running full swing, with the total strength of special children going up to 12, 4 normal and 4 O.P.D. cases



## March -08

- Field visit to Sohna, meeting with B.E.O. to discuss possibility of public-private partnership which would help in the spread of inclusive education in schools in rural areas
- Visit to the centre for hearing impaired in Gurgaon for referrals and co-operation
- P.T.M. to discuss the progress of each child and setting up of long term and short term goals in consultation with the parents
- Holi celebrated enthusiastically with the children of Saksham
- Visit by an orthopedic surgeon, Dr. Navin Talwar, for assessment of C.P. children requiring medical intervention
- The number of O.P.D. cases increases to 7
- End of academic session
- Two day workshop on Effective Training Strategies for Children with Diverse Needs, organized by the National Trust, was attended by 2 special educators



Getting ready to perform in a play during Holi celebrations

## April -08

- School reopens for the new session
- World Autism day celebrated in India habitat centre, children taken from school to participate in the drawing competition. One child wins a second prize in the competition
- Painting classes with Bulbul Sharma continued.
- Music classes introduced for children, by a volunteer teacher Karuna Goenka



Prize winner Yogesh

- Field visit to Sohna block to conduct a workshop for the Anganwadi workers for Identification of children with special needs. Pamphlets regarding the same distributed
- Field visit to Kanhai gaon to attend a circle meeting and to conduct a workshop for the Anganwadi workers for identification of children.
- Visit by orthopedic surgeon Dr Navin Talwar for follow up of cases requiring surgical intervention
- Visit by a specialist for Autism to work with Autistic children. Staff dealing with such children trained and given specialized tips
- Hand operated tricycle arranged by Vishwas given to a physically challenged person from Nangli village
- Total number of special children 14, normal 10, O.P.D cases 8



**Tricycle provided by Vishwas**

### **May -08**

- Visit to District Social Welfare Board to enquire about the People With Disabilities Act registration.
- 3 new cases for vocational training
- Home visit of a child who had undergone surgery
- Visit to Jharsa village and to Sohna to attend the circle level Anganwadi meeting. The list of special needs children is collected from the Anganwadi workers
- School closes for the summer break