

VISHWAS - REPORT OF ACTIVITIES

June 08 to July 09

June 08

- Summer holidays
- Vishwas Chairperson Neelam Jolly visits [Chicago](#) to gain exposure to inclusion and accessibility practices. Many centers and organizations were visited. A detailed itinerary can be found by clicking [here](#).

July 08

- Staff conducts planning for the new academic session
- Meeting with Mr. Chandra of Sushant Lok dispensary (run by Genpact) regarding a possible tie up for medical facilities in case of an emergency.
- Visit to District Social Welfare Officer (DSWO) for registration under PWD act.
- Finalizing school uniform for the children.
- Parent teacher meeting (PTM) organized for all parents of normal children.

Parents meet with Vishwas staff at PTM

- Vishwas chairperson attended a workshop organized by Pallavanjali, a school that also serves special children.
- Health clinic held in Sanp ki Nagli, Sohna block, in partnership with Apollo Hospitals.
- Disability certificates obtained from Civil Hospital.
- Visit to Arpan special school, Rohtak by the chairperson.
- Six new case studies done.
- School reopens after the summer break.



August 08

- Visit by Dr. Naveen Talwar (Orthopaedician), Ganga Ram Hospital.
- Medical check up of each child at Max Hospital, Gurgaon.

- Three new case studies.
- Vishwas Kendra holds Independence Day celebration with flag hoisting by Mr. Anil Kumar, a regular donor.

Independence Day celebrations at Vishwas Kendra

- Field visit to Kanhai village under Gurgaon block to attend a circle meeting of Aganwadis wherein 26 Aganwadi were given information about Vishwas and its activities and made aware of different kinds of disabilities.



- Visit to DSWO to apply for PWD certificate.
Field visit by Sarita and Ajeet to Lal Kuan, Jharsa to follow a case. The child is admitted to the school.
- Vishwas staff attends meeting of Aganwadi workers at Jharsa.

September 08

- Follow-up visit to Civil Hospital, Gurgaon for disability certificates.
- Proposal for funding sent to Bonita Trust, based in Gibraltar.
- Two new case studies done.
- Vishwas children prepare block-printed merchandise for sale at Diwali Mela, Unitech Country Club.
- New van route started to enable children from Bijwasan to attend school.
- Indu Chaswal of Action for Autism (AFA) visits Vishwas Kendra.
- Neelam Jolly meets Gen. Cardozo of the Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI) to plan courses for the Outreach programme.
- Vishwas holds a Board Meeting.

October 08

- Meeting with Mr. Gaur of Apparel House, Gurgaon to find out about the tailoring scheme announced by the National Trust for children with multiple disabilities.
- Deepak Kumar, an Occupational Therapist based in Ireland, visits Vishwas and shares inputs on therapy procedures.
- Putting up Vishwas stall at Unitech Country Club Diwali Mela, South City I, Gurgaon.

Vishwas Diwali Mela stall

- Meeting with the Deputy Commissioner, Gurgaon for a discussion on the modalities of Public-Private Partnership (PPP), and other issues.
- Meeting with corporate houses to gather support for the charity run held as a part of the Airtel Delhi Half-Marathon, 2008.



November 08

- Field visit to Centre for Welfare for Hearing Impaired Children, Sector 14, Gurgaon for referrals and also for ideas on integration of such children.
- Board member Rama Bijapurkar visits Vishwas Kendra and provides inputs on the expansion plans of Vishwas Kendra.
- Mamata Saikia of Bharti foundation meets Neelam Jolly to discuss a working relationship between the two organizations.
- Neelam Jolly attends meeting for Airtel Half-Marathon held at the Ba'hai Temple, New Delhi.
- Airtel Delhi Half-Marathon 2008 takes place, Vishwas successfully raises funds.

Running for Vishwas at the Airtel Delhi Half-Marathon

- Visit to Heritage School to meet the Principal and share information about Vishwas.
- Two new cases seen and a case study done.
- PTM for all classes.
- Dance classes started by Shiamak Davar Institute for a dance presentation to be performed on World Disability Day, in which all children would participate.



Dance rehearsals for World Disability Day function

- Meeting with the parents organized by Vishwas in the school premises to discuss the formation of Parent Group Association. This was received enthusiastically by the parents. A representative of the group was also elected by the association.



December 08

- **3rd December World Disability Day** observed with a colorful function. The Chief Guest is Shri Deepender Hooda, MP from Rohtak.

And the rehearsals pay off with a spectacular dance presentation!

- Visit to the offices of Dunnhumby for a presentation on Vishwas and its various activities as part of community participation.
- In response to a Haryana Govt advertisement, Vishwas applies for the lease of an abandoned senior secondary school premises to operate a school catering to special needs children on a charitable basis. Vishwas is short listed and interviews are held.
- Three new case studies done.



- Field visit to Carterpuri primary government school in Palam Vihar for identification of children with disabilities and to arrange disability certificates.

Christmas at Vishwas

- Christmas celebrations in school.
- School closes for winter vacation.



January 09

- School reopens for the staff after the break.
- Staff prepares lesson plan for the children.
- Children return to school after the winter break.
- Two new case studies done.
- Mary Glanville of the Bonita Trust visits Vishwas Kendra and is taken on a field visit to see our Outreach programme in operation.
- PT/OT assessments of two children done along with one assessment for autism.
- Visit to Civil Hospital, Gurgaon for a follow-up on the disability certificates, which led to disability certificates finally issued to 5 children from Vishwas.
- Visit to Carterpuri senior secondary government school for disability certificates and also a visit to the new DSWO.

February 09

- Nidhi, a regular student at Vishwas, underwent a corrective surgery.
- Visit to DSWO office for information on various schemes of the state for People with Disabilities.
- 2 PT/OT assessments done.
- One new case of Autism seen, case study taken and appointment given to meet the Autism Therapist.
- Visit to Civil Hospital, Gurgaon to do a follow up on disability certificates.

- Field visit to Sohna to meet the Block Education Officer (BEO), the CDPO and the local Headmaster of a government school to discuss with them Vishwas' Outreach programme, and also to find suitable centrally located premises in Sohna to start the project.
- Meeting with General O.P Malhotra for a possible tie up with Chikitsa Dispensary in Sector 40 for providing artificial limbs to orthopaedically handicapped persons.

People provided with artificial limbs

- Adults and children (a total of 18 persons) from Chauma village under Gurgaon block were fitted with artificial limbs.
- Two new case studies done.



March 09

- Meeting with Deputy Commissioner, Gurgaon to apprise her of the problems in procuring disability certificates.
- Visit to Chikitsa dispensary with some more new cases from Chauma.
- Two new case studies done.
- School visit to DPS, Sushant Lok 1 for inputs on integration of children into mainstream school.
- *Vishwas is chosen by the Haryana Govt. to operate a special, inclusive school at the abandoned premises in Sector 46, Gurgaon. The premises are on are of 4.5 acres, but in very poor condition.*

The abandoned premises were in a state of disrepair

- Annual Academic Assessments started for all children.
- Chairperson attends National Seminar on Emerging Issues in Disability Studies in India at Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), and also a Workshop on Young



- Peoples' Health and Development organized by the NGO Mamta.
- Meeting with Mr. Bhola of Local Level committee appointed by National Trust to discuss Nirmaya scheme.
 - Workshop conducted by Vishwas for parents of autistic children and for the staff. The workshop was conducted by Indu Chaswal of Action for Autism (AFA) and was greatly appreciated by the parents.
 - School closes for two days to enable the teachers to prepare the Annual Assessment report.
 - Awareness workshop conducted by Vishwas for National Trust in Chauma in association with ASHI, an NGO working in the field of health and literacy in Palam Vihar, in which various schemes of the National Trust were discussed. The workshop was attended by over 100 people and was a huge success.

Awareness workshop in Chauma

- PTM for parents of all classes to collect the assessment report.



April 09

- Visit to India Habitat Centre to participate in the Art competition organized by AFA to mark World Autism Day.

World Autism Day at India Habitat Centre

- Forms for Nirmaya scheme sent to National Trust.
- Meeting with Madhumati, a consultant, and teacher trainer Renu Mallick to discuss guidelines for admission.
- Various problems that were encountered by the teachers in these two years were discussed in detail.



- Poonam Natarajan, Chairman of the National Trust visits both the current
- Vishwas Kendra and the new site to work out ideas on how the two organizations can cooperate.
- Meeting with the HUDA administrator and her staff at the new school site to plan the renovation work.
- Meeting with Dr. Sunil Mehra of Mamta to discuss our expansion plans and seek his inputs.
- Academic session ends.

May 09

- Visit to Montessori research centre of Amity International School.
- School closes for children for the summer break.
- After the break for children, a series of meetings and workshop organized for the staff with various consultants from different organization.
- Brain storming session with consultants and the Vishwas staff to design a model of a classroom in the new school.
- Meeting with Poonam Natarajan, Chairman of the National Trust, Dr. Sunanda and Anandita to discuss a book written by Ms. Natarajan.
- School closes for the staff for the summer break.

June 09

- School closed.
- Meeting with Ruchi Singh and Madhumati Ghose, both special educators on the creation of a vibrant inclusive environment at the new Vishwas Kendra.
- Many visits to the new school site to plan and oversee renovation work.

July 09

- Two new case studies done.
- Visit to DSWO office to meet Mr. Verma for preparation of identity cards.
- Field visit to Palam Vihar by the project team to short list a place for the Outreach project of Vishwas.