

Karunamayee Parent's Organisation for The Mentally Handicapped

(Regd. Society Under WB Act XXVI of 1961-S/8804; PWD Act 1995, Govt. of W.B.; National Trust, Govt. of India)

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1) Profile:

Karunamayee Parents' Organisation for the Mentally Handicapped (KPO in short) is religiously a special service – provider and, as such, virtually a humanitarian and ameliorative organisation insofar as mentally challenged and differently-able people are concerned. KPO is, therefore, committed patiently to strive for realistic improvement upon state of existence of people with Mental Retardation, Cerebral Palsy, Autism, Physical Handicap, Speech defect and Hearing Impairment and Multiple Disability. KPO, therefore, is irrevocably contributory constituent, patronizing continuous participation of parents/guardians of such challenged people as also like-minded generous persons and welfare-catering organisation.

KPO traces its genetic source in the perception and practical experience of sensitive parents/guardians of unfortunate variously handicapped children with a mission to assist and serve them and others similarly circumstanced in reformatory and innovative special ways for reclaiming them from their impairment to ensure phased restoration of their behavioral habits thus to enable them converge in socio-economic mainstream to the extent sustainable with assistive efforts emanating from all corners, it is certain that KPO shall become a parental harbor of the disabled in days to come.

2) Status:

Genetically speaking KPO started working with lofty spirit of service and undiluted idealism for the disable right beginning from 1984 in a very unpretentious manner with a different nomenclature and the constituents were the guardians of such challenged children. It started working as a registered society under Govt. of West Bengal Society Act 1961 with the present nomenclature from 1997.

KPO, already registered under Persons with Disability Act 1995, has obtained registration under National Trust under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Govt. of India. KPO has been certified as an organisation under FC(R) A enjoying exemption benefit under 80-G of income tax.

3) RTKPO Project:

The year under report being almost in the penultimate lap of the RTKPO Project, the achievement made under the said project deserves a stellar mention. The Project has virtually made the activities of the organisation so commendable that it created an awakening of the disabled section that its strength of scholars has risen very high to the tune of 249. The project increased the inventory of various updated aids, instruments and equipments to assist special teaching; training, therapeutic and medical attention of the scholars quite uncommon compared to others similar organizations. The professionals, Therapists and trainers who serve the ameliorative objectives of KPO have been of good caliber with commendable academic back-up and experience. The area of Vocational Training improved qualitatively and the scheme of preparing envelopes of different sizes, office files and paper bags was very much successful. The product was economically competitive and, as such, found a viable market. The preparation, however, was initially

taken up on low key. The project has equipped KPO from every point of view although imminent closure was cause of anxiety.

4) DLRO:

KPO continued to act as District Level Resource Organisation (DLRO) in providing District Project Director (District Magistrate), 24 Parganas (N) 19 Special Educators for deployment for propagation of Sarva Siksha Mission in the year under report. This function on development and deployment of human resources added to the quality of KPO.

5) KPO vis-a-vis RTKPO Project:

The RTKPO Project currently at the penalty made lap is 3 – years ended project reckoned from 5 June 2006. It is therefore, to have the full circle of life on 4 June 2009 and thereafter the project would stand inoperative thereby causing dearth of financial stimulus provided by The Roy Trust UK.

The being the last lap of the project the administration of KPO is deeply worried as to the future. Hectic effort are on to sue in and out departments/organizations to come to the help of KPO considering the development infrastructure of the organisation added with technical updated inventory and the taskforce as also 3 vehicles for transportation of the disabled scholars both ways to help them avail of the benefits of this institution in spite of their limitation their being BPL category. The academically efficient and experienced professionals, therapists and trainers have been a strong wall around KPO which can not be dismantled even on the face of bad times. They are steadily with KPO to be at the helm for onward steering. This asset value of KPO, it is hoped, will find out a real source of financial help with a view to enable continue KPO's service potentially being put to similar and still better use for the betterment of variously challenged people. Goodness is still there on earth and compassion with munificence is still there in the heart of people and organisations. In no time KPO will surely reach one with honest endeavour.

6) Achievements:

While serving the variously challenged but differently – able children in right earnest, our all round activities have added new feathers to KPO's crown as under.

(1) We got a project of one year duration from innovative challenged fund, Kolkata urban service for the poor (KUSP), Department of Municipal Affairs, Govt. of WB. Which stands purposefully concluded with its valuable ramification.

(2) Out of two Indian hosting Organisations we were selected as one to host Harvard Law School (Harvard Project on Disabilities) presenting Human Rights Workshop series on the United Nation Convention on the right of Persons with Disabilities lasting for six weeks being from 17/12/08 to 11/02/09.

(3) Starky was compassionate enough to gift 14 sets of Hearing Aids costing Rs. 30, 000.00 each to our 14 Hearing Impaired scholars.

(4) Our organisation was selected as activate participant and local level trainer of Spl. Olympic.

(5) Our organisation was selected as a placement center for Bachelor of Social Work by 7 IGNOU.

(6) Calcutta University (Deptt. Of Psychology) selected our organisation as a resource organisation for their students.

(7) Our organisation was invited for a call show for performing as act by Thakur Pukur Yuba Sammilani.

(8) Outcome of our Vocational Training has found out a consumer market at Confederation of Indian Industries, National Insurance Company Limited and IBM and other different outlets.

(9) Two of our disable scholars got integrated with normal schooling.

7) Campus News:

Besides schooling and training of variously challenged but differently-able disabled scholars, occasions as under were hosted with a view to ensure their interaction and integration with social and cultural situations.

(1) Annual function with exhibition displaying creative act playing and artifacts by the disabled scholars were held from 2/7/08 to 3/7/08. Dignitaries like Simon Wilson, Deputy British High Commissioner, Partha Ghosh, Reciter, D.K. Chakraborty Director Mass Education and representatives from Rajarhat Gopalpu Municipality, IBM etc. graced the occasion.

(2) With a view to collect realistic and demonstrating feedback to put out on air under the episode "Uttaran" under Akashbani, Banani Chatterjee called at our institution on 6/8/08 to interact with the disabled scholars and their guardians. The episode "Uttaran" dealing with our institutional activities was aired on four successive Tuesdays after collection of the feed back.

(3) The Independence Day was celebrated on 15/08/08 when The National Flag was hoisted by Dr. S.K. Phatak, President of the institution. All the disabled scholars present were given some eatables.

(4) A few specialists from the Science College, Calcutta University, Rajabazar, called at this institution to determine IQ of the disabled scholars to facilitate issue of disability card.

(5) An excursion was taken up when the disabled scholars of the institution and their guardians were escorted to Nicco Park where the scholars for various enjoyable rides. The secretary of the institution Shayamal Kr.Mitra was present.

(6) Teacher's Day was observed on 05/09/08 when the teachers and the teachers and the scholars joyfully intermixed among themselves in light vein some among them displayed cultural phases to the fullest enjoyment of all.

(7) Yvone Tse and Manjeet Kaur of Big Lottery Fund, U.K, visited our institution and interacted with all the people attached with all the sections of this institutions to deduce a realistic opinion as to the activities of the institution funded by them during 13/11/08 to 15/11/08.

(8) Some employees from IBM called at our institution on 19/11/08 for being in touch with the activities undertaken by us with a view to find out ways and means to help.

(9) 3rd December 2008 was observed as the International Day of the Disabled Persons. Various function were slated for demonstration and a bout of physical exercise was held.

(10) Our disabled scholars participated in the special Olympic at Salt Lake Stadium on 7/12/08 taking part in various events. Some of them came out with flying colours. MLA Javed Khan and renowned footballer Kartik Sheth graced the occasion.

(11) Annual sports of the institution was held on the 12/01/09 and the occasion was indeed an enjoyable one with the participation of the disabled scholars.

(12) An integration camp was held on 16/01/09 when prizes for the annual sports held before were made over to the winners. This occasion was graced with the presence of Bijon Chakraborty, Social Welfare Officer and Angshuman Sanyal, Treasurer of our institution.

(13) Dr. Manjushree Mukherjee, Secretary, The Roy Trust UK, held an eye examination camp during 19/1/09 – 21/1/09. The disabled scholars were subject to eye checkup and remedial measures advised as required.

(14) The birth day of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose was celebrated by the disabled scholars and the teachers on 23/01/09. Secretary Shayamal Kr. Mitra hoisted the national flag and our scholars and teachers and teachers sang patriotic songs.

(15) The Republic Day was celebrated on 26/01/09. The National Flag was hoisted by Dr. Subrata Ganguly, Project – in – Charge. The disabled scholars recited poems and song.

(16) Dr. Manjushree Mukherjee concluded eye check-up camp during 27/01/09 to 31/01/09 and distributed medicines as and where required.

(17) The Sarasswati Puja was arranged on 31/0/09. All the teachers and disabled scholars in colourful dress spiced the occasion with their participation the community lunch was an enjoyable event, Secretary Shyamal Kr. Mitra was present in the occasion.

(18) Some doctors from Barasat Hospital held a Medical Board in our institution on 04/02/09 with a view to facilities issue of disability card.

(19) The spring festival was celebrated on 09/03/09 when all of the institution exchanged colour with display of cultural facets through dance and music. The guardians too associated with the celebration.

(20) A Discourse was held in the institution for available facilities for differently able children on 25/03/09. This was done under advice from National Trust, Ministry of Social Justice and empowerment Govt. of India. Assistant Commissioner of Disability K.S Adhikary enlightened the gathering subject.

(8) Dignified persons from different walks of life had pleasure in visiting KPO for spot appreciation of innovative and reformatory activities undertaken for improvement of state of existence of pupil with various types of disabilities as also what they were pleased to say:

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1.	Simon Wilson, British Dy. High Commissioner	Wonderful achievement after two years.
2.	Tapas Chatterjee, Chairmen of Rajarhat-Gopalpur Municipality	Very nice.
3.	D.K.Chakraborty, Director of Mass Education Extension, Govt. of West Bengal.	An excellent arrangement. It will be very nice if those are fully used by the learners.
4.	Bijan Kr Chakraborty, Block Welfare Officer.	Wonderful
5.	Ramesh Bhattacharya, Ex M.P	Wonderful.
6.	James McKinnon, Chairman, The Roy Trust U.K.	Wonderful job by all – good luck.
7.	Christopher McKinnon, Treasurer, The Roy Trust, U.K.	Wonderful.
8.	Bhupati SenGupta, Vise Chairman of Rajarhat – Gopalpur Mucinipality.	Good wishes
9.	Shankar Narayan Dutta, Counsellor of Rajarhat – Gopalpur Mucinipality.	Good wishes
10.	Ritwik Roy, Asstt.Director of Mass Education Extension, Govt. of West Bengal.	Please keep up
11.	Heather Wilson, Wife of British Dy. High Commissioner	Absolutely Amazing.
12.	Subrata Halder, PA to Consulate of Canada	Good wishes to KPO
13.	Subir Saha, HSBC.	Really amazed by the show put up by the children and by those who assisted them, all the very best for another successful year. God bless.
14.	Partha Ghosh, Reciter	Fully charmed – I should have been here long before
15.	Jyotsna Lahiri, Educationist.	Met wonderful people here. The function organized is really fantastic. The devotion of teacher and co-operation of mothers are praiseworthy. All success.
16.	Bano Harah, Foreigner	It is truly encouraging inspiring What a great concept. God bless you all.
17.	Samir Kr. Mukherjee	Excellent
18.	Dr. S.K.Mukherjee, CEO, UNIMEDIA	Amazing. Keep up this impressive progress and serve the society.
19.	Supratim Ghosh.	Great initiative for great cause
20.	Dr. Shibopriyo Mukherjee, UK	Excellent work. Keep it up. Our sincere support is always with you all
21.	Mathew Smith, Extern, Harvard Project on Disability	Excellent and imitable activities.

(9) Gratitude Galore:

The year under report dealing with all the corner of KPO was eventful and smooth with the all out co-operation and devotion of all the employees attached as also surrounding people including financial help from The Roy Trust U.K punctuated with good and inspiring sentiments spouted by the visitors with a shade of anxiety for the imminent future.