

# HUMANITY WELFARE ORGANISATION HELPLINE

## Annual Report

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# Prologue

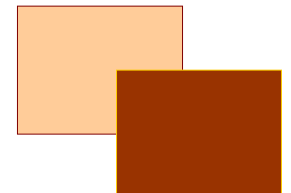
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## **Believe in complete Inclusion**

During the last one year Humanity welfare organization Helpline Bijbehara had implemented various programs for children as well as adults with disabilities. The programmes had been organized in rural as well as in urban areas to bring about changes in the lives of challenged people. The emphasis in the rural areas had been on strengthening the Network of Disabilities to take up onus of running services for challenged persons in the State of Jammu and Kashmir.

The organization continued its Educational Services to the children with Disabilities under the Banner of Zaiba Aapa Institute of Inclusive Education. HelpLine – Bijbehara laid emphasis on the efforts to organize PWDs so that collectively they can achieve their goals of receiving benefits under various programmes designed for them.

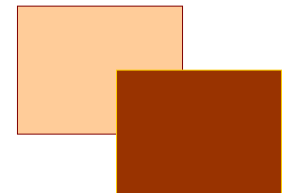
I am proud to say that by this initiative a large number of PWDs in Anantnag city as well as in other districts of Kashmir Valley have started contacting us. Inspired by this overwhelming



response we are making sincere efforts to encourage PWDs to change their attitudes, to organize them and present them to the society which will be, as expected coming forth to cooperate with them.

With enactment of UN convention of Rights of PWDs we are committed to work together for the cause and bring light in the lives of challenged persons in our state. We are making a strong appeal to the readers to enable us in fighting this battle for that section of society which is still neglected and left out of main stream.

Securing core funding is a constant struggle and I am immensely grateful to all our financial supporters because without them, we would not be able to continue to take a leading role in changing the negative attitudes that prevent disabled people participating fully as equal citizens. To them all I offer my warmest thanks.



# History

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Humanity Welfare Organization Helpline NGO is a registered organization registered under Registrar of societies Act with registration No. 4346 – s of 2003. The organization has a mission to uplift and empower the marginalized and neglected sections of the society. The organization came into existence in the year 1998 by the efforts of its founder chairman – Mr. Javed Ahmad Tak who became a victim of militancy in 1997 when he was just 23 years old and a student of B.A 3rd. This incident resulted in his spinal cord injury and made him wheel chair dependent for his whole life. Despite these hindrance and impairments Mr. Javed Ahmad Tak made a lot of efforts to empower the deprived sections of society particularly the disabled ones.

HWOHL has established a school for the differently-abled children where Physiotherapy, Speech Therapy, Special Education, Training in ADL, Music therapy, Pre-vocational training is provided to the students. The organization has started its direct intervention in few villages of the district where Mass Awareness Programmes are organized for general public regarding Disability and rights of PWDs.

The mission of the organization is to ensure that the PWDs should enjoy all rights which are entitled to them under various Acts and laws.

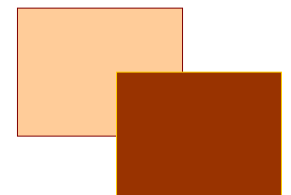
State level advocacy is done by HWOHL to implement the existing Acts/laws which will remove the discrimination of the society towards PWDs.

For his overwhelming work in the disability sector the Honorary Chairman of the organization has received 11 state and national level awards since 2004.

## Vision

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To work for the complete Rehabilitation of Persons with Disabilities throughout the state of J&K.



# Mission

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To serve and to create a barrier free environment for marginalized sections particularly the disabled where they can realize their rights and lead a life of dignity

# Area of operation

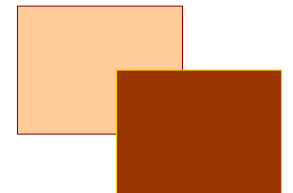
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We are currently working in the State of Jammu and Kashmir. However the collaborative ventures and assignments also take us beyond this area to interact with various organizations, institutions, individuals and other actors of the development sector at the national and global level.

# Strategic Directions

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Change is the only constant truth of human existence which needs no elaboration. But during the last year a new realm of development has been unfolded and its denouement is posing a challenge for all echelons of the Indian society. Liberalization has not just led to withdrawal of



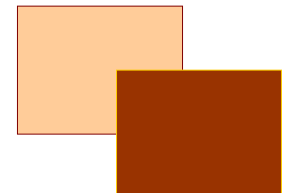
government from several roles it played in the past, but if we look at the liberalization paradigm in the complete perspective, it means the shift of unforeseen initiative and entrepreneurship to the individual. If people wish, they can change the new challenges into opportunity.

In the year 2007-08 we envisioned a tomorrow where we could move from consolidation to innovation and expansion, transforming our target groups into the fountainhead of grassroots' level creativity and leadership. It was not an idealistic resolution but was a pragmatic charter to build on our strengths and simultaneously diversify the gamut of our activities based on a realistic assessment of our resources and strengths.

## Activities

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The Helpline - Bijbehara conducts a wide range of Education, Advocacy, and service activities in collaboration with other disciplines. These activities are centered under four initiative areas: School and Community Inclusion; Special Health Needs; Transition, and Employment;; and Pacific Outreach. These initiative areas reflect a commitment to best practice and interdisciplinary cooperation within an academic community, and also the family as stakeholder in this context. Activities strive to be culturally sensitive and demonstrate honor and respect for



individual differences in behavior, attitudes, beliefs, and interpersonal styles. Helpline - Bijbehara 's activities reflect an organizational commitment to excellence and evidence-based practices. Faculty and staff are mentored, supported, and encouraged to excel.

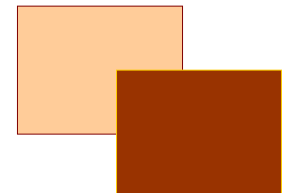
## **Zaiba Aapa Institute of Inclusive Education –**

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**This is the theoretically correct argument for the development projects in the field of disability. Disabled people have been excluded from decision-making processes on their own lives in all parts of the world, which has reinforced the reality of discrimination until now. Therefore, disability issue is very sensitive about the representation of disabled people and highlights their participation as the**

ZAIEE is a multidimensional co-educational school dedicated to provide education, Physiotherapy. Counseling and a network of support services for children with Disabilities and their families.

The school aims to provide a broad based holistic learning experience for children with special educational needs giving them opportunity to realize their highest potential. Run by experienced and qualified staff. It is a demonstration centre for trainees and professionals from all over State.



**ZAIEE** started in 2007 with 2 children. Now there are 55 children. It is providing following facilities:

- **Special Learning Unit**

Specialized teaching is being provided to children with severe learning disabilities.

- **Computer Training**

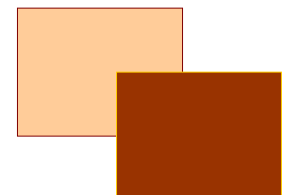
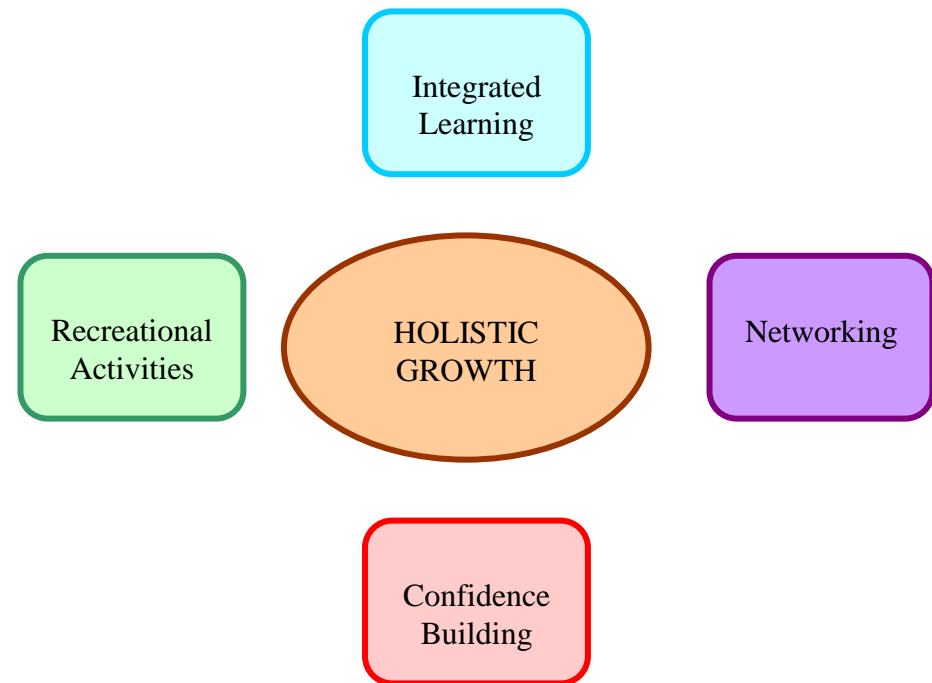
Computers are used for teaching, communication and as writing tools. Some students have Computer Studies as a subject in standard 1st to 8th. 23 Students with Hearing and Speech Impairment are learning Computer as a part of their curriculum.

Blind Children also get computer Education Through Jaws Software.

- **Braille Education:** Braille Education is given to 5 Children having Visual Impairment.

- **Physiotherapy**

Our institution provides customized therapeutic programme depending on the individual needs of the children having Cerebral Palsy. We are successfully running our Physio-Occupational Unit which is offering services to the children with Cerebral Palsy through out the the year.





- **Speech Therapy**

The institution is providing Speech Therapy to students with speech impairment.

- **Counseling and Guidance**

Counseling and guidance services are provided to students and their families. These services are also extended to challenged individuals and to their families who are in the rural areas in Anantnag where Home Based Rehabilitation program(HBR) is being implemented through Helpline .

**TRANSPORT FACILITY**

We are having 2 School Buses and 1 Ambulance Van for the transportation of challenged children. 2 school Buses have been Finaced by Jammu and Kashmir Bank Branch Jablipora on Montly Installemnts.

- **Co-curricular Activities**

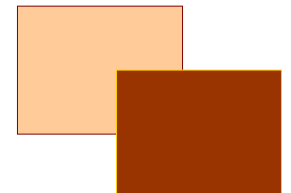
- **Music, Drama and Theater Workshops:**

The School, conducts music classes for students twice in a week. The children are encouraged to participate in the cultural activities as and when organized by other institutions. Helpline - Bijbehara from time to time holds cultural programs and also organizes theater workshops to build confidence and develop personalities of the students. The Students of ZAIEE, participated in Annual Day Celebration, World Disability Day Celebration at District Level as well as State Level.

- **Picnics and Get Together:**

Each year 2/3 picnics are organized for children during the summers . Parents are also encouraged to join picnics. Also one or two “Get-Togethers” are organized for parents and well wishers .

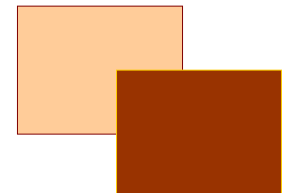
- **Inter-school activities:**



Students of ZAIEE have been encouraged to participate in Inter School Activities and in the celebration of World Disability Day organized by Humanity welfare organisation Helpline ,

Through **integrated learning** ZAIEE has covered not only the academic needs of its pupils but also special needs of its challenged pupils. Needs that are addressed include therapeutic needs, which address the mobility and speech of the children and counseling needs, which address the psychological, motivational and practical needs of the children. The therapeutic inputs are thus of three types – physiotherapy, speech therapy, music therapy and occupation therapy. The counseling inputs, on the other hand, are need based.

Over the years Helpline - Bijbehara found it desirable to compliment the integrated learning with additional inputs. Accordingly, today the students of ZAIEE participate in **annual functions**, which are Organized each year by District Administration Besides this, they also participated in **sports events, art competitions, outings, annual exposure visits.**

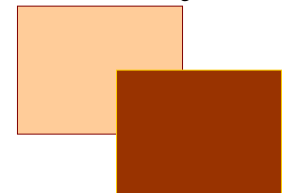


ZAIEE is constantly networking with similar institutions, through exchange programs. Institutions with which it enjoys networking relationships

The hallmark of ZAIEE is that as far as the needs of its students are concerned, the school believes that no effort is sufficient enough consequently, the school is continuously exploring, improving and re-inventing itself.

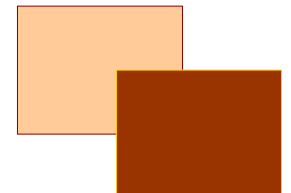
## **Foundation Stone Laying Ceremony of Developmental Centre for Persons with Disabilities:**

On August 4 2014 Governor, N.N. Vohra, laid the foundation stone of Development Centre for People with Disabilities, Zaiba Aapa Institute of Inclusive Education, at Semthan in Bijbehara, Anantnag. The Centre is a project being built under the aegis of Humanity Welfare Organization Helpline with the objective of providing educational and rehabilitation services, vocational training, training teachers and professional services to facilitate differently abled people. The Governor congratulated Javed Ahmad Tak, Social Activist and Honorary Chairman, Humanity Welfare Organization Helpline, for the success of his endeavors to establish an institution for the rehabilitation of differently abled people. The Governor also complemented Sakina Itoo, Minister for Social Welfare, for securing State Cabinet approval for providing 3% reservation in jobs to differently abled people. In this context, he re-iterated the collective responsibility of Government and the entire society for taking all necessary steps for securing the rehabilitation of challenged persons. The Governor stressed the need for sustained focus for evolving policies and Programmes which fully meet the requirements of differently abled persons. In this regard he urged, Minister for Social Welfare, to have undertaken a district-wise census for generating category wise data of differently abled people for such information being used to evolve relevant Government Programmes for upgrading the lot of the specially abled persons. Earlier, the Governor was briefed about the design of the upcoming Institute by its architect, Irshad Majeed, and the facilities which will be provided for the differently abled



persons.

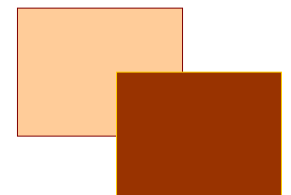
Sakina Itoo, Minister for Social Welfare, ARI & Trainings and Public Grievances, resolved to work untiringly for the welfare of the disadvantaged sections of the society. Abdul Gaffar Sofi, MLA, Homshalibugh assured his continuous support to the Organization. Zakia Manzoor and Ifla Jan, students of the Institution presented the welcome address and vote of thanks, respectively on the occasion. Bashir Ahmad Veeri, MLC; Vijay Kumar, DIG, South Kashmir; Bashir Ahmad Khan, Deputy Commissioner, Anantnag; Sheikh Junaid, SSP, Anantnag were also present on the occasion.



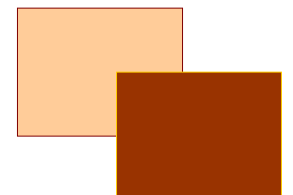
**His Excellency  
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**His Excellency  
Distributing  
Certificates among  
the Meritorious  
Students Of ZAIEE**

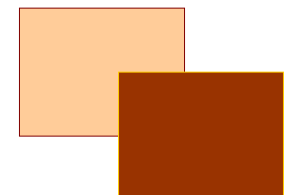


**Regional Parental Meet for children with mental disabilities held at Anantnag  
(Jammu and Kashmir) for Central Zone (CZ) States  
Hosted by  
Humanity Welfare Organization Helpline Bijbehara Anantnag J&K-  
On 21<sup>st</sup> -22nd June, 2014**





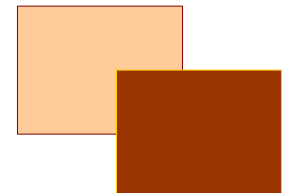
The 2<sup>nd</sup> Regional Parents Meet of Association of Parents of Autism, Mentally Challenged, Cerebral Palsy, multiple disability children PARIVAAR (National Confederation of Parents' Organisations) in collaboration with NIMP (National Institute for the Mentally Handicapped) Secunderabad in Kashmir which certainly boosted the morale of the host organizer to conduct such events in a large scale in future so that large numbers of parents are benefited with the support from private and public sectors. The Programme was attended by the Parents of Differently Abled Children from Punjab, Jammu, Amritsar, Anantnag, and Srinagar. Members from Amritsar, Parents and family members from Amrit Parivaar Amritsar, Disabled Care Foundation Jammu, Global Institute Amritsar were also present. In all six technical sessions relating to important aspects like early intervention, Self advocacy, rights and legal aspects related to persons with Intellectual Developmental Disabilities, Cerebral Palsy, Autism and Multiple Disabilities were conducted. The parents, sibling and special educators participated and had healthy interaction to draw the optimal benefit. Mr. Javed Ahmad Tak presented the aims and Objectives of the Programme and also presented the welcome Address to all the Participants.



The Importance of National Trust act and its enactment in the state of Jammu and Kashmir was broadly discussed by Mr. Anil Joshi. Mr. Joshi also stressed on the Parents to participate in such Programmes and play their respective roles for the overall development of the Special Child. He also highlighted the Importance of Early Intervention in the Learning process of Intellectually Impaired Children and Inclusive Educational Set up for the children of same age group. Parivaar and its roles were blown befittingly was given by the President, Parivaar. Mr. Arun Khanaa Sensitized the Parents of intellectually impaired children and other audience about the Conditions of cerebral Palsy, its causes and preventive methods, Autism and its prevalence and explained the techniques of Neurotherapy and Sense Integration trainings used for Austistic Children. Various presentations on all the four disabilities and their legal rights were presented by the resource persons from various states; like MP, Nagpur, Secunderabad and J & K. The parents of these children received technical and appropriated training to deal with these kinds of disabilities. Students with mental challenges of Zaiba Aapa School presented cultural and capacity shows. They surprised the audience with their talent, especially Ms. Saima. During the open house discussion the following Resolution was also passed:

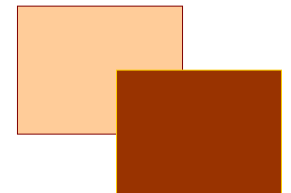
**Resolution:-** This regional conference of parents and representatives of persons with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities from the states of Jammu and Kashmir, Punjab Haryana, Himachal Pradesh and Union territory of Chandigarh organised here at Rehmat Aalam College of Education in Anantnag on 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2014 by Praivaar and NIMH ( National Institute for the Mentally Handicapped Secunderabad and they congratulated the Government of Jammu and Kashmir for its initiatives to start the Process of enacting the National Trust Act, 1999 in the state of Jammu and Kashmir.


It is understood that **“The Jammu and Kashmir Trust for the Welfare of Persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities Bill 2014”** has already been cleared by the concerned departments of the State Government. The Meeting therefore urges upon the Chief Minister Shri. Umar Abdullah to pass the Bill in the forthcoming Assembly Session, the long cherished aspirations of thousands of persons with disabilities and their families in the state who were deprived of the benefits under this act which is in force in rest of the country for the last





more than 14 years. The National Trust Act 1999 has already benefited thousands of persons with Mental and Intellectual Disabilities in other states but not in Jammu and Kashmir the persons with Mental and Intellectual Disabilities are roaming all around without any protection and care. There educational counselling and recreational facilities for the children with Mental Disabilities are lacking in our state.

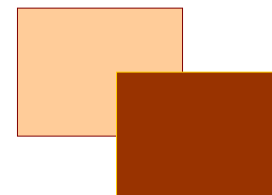




"Disability is natural. We must stop believing that disabilities keep a person from doing something. Because that's not true . . . Having a disability doesn't stop me from doing anything."

## *Students Participating in Children Festival at Oddisa*

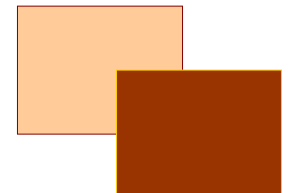
Students of Zaiba Aapa institute of Inclusive Education Participated 13th edition of Anjali National Children's festival at Oddisa Organised By Swabhiman. The Event was Inaugrated by the Chief Minister of State Mr. Navin Patnayak. Chief Minister expressed that childhood is the most excellent period of our life. Childhood does not belong to any caste, gender, religion, nationality or for that matter; it does not belong to any group. It simply cannot discriminate. It only belongs to humanity. Childhood here is to be celebrated and enjoyed. Therefore, every child has a right to live with absolute happiness, steadily learning things and realizing his or her potential", he said, adding "We must apply all our resources for a better childhood for our children. We also have a special responsibility towards the special children". "Nations around the world are



signatory to United Nations Conventions to protect children from violence, abuse and neglect. We, in our State have also made a number of legislations for protection of children.



The festivity centre of the camp will be celebrating Ganesh Chaturthi, Eid-ul-Fitr and Halloween on November 12, 13 and 14, 2014 respectively complementing this year's theme of solidarity and brotherhood.





## *World Braille Day*

On World Braille Day being celebrated throughout the world to review educational activists for blind children, Humanity Welfare Organization, Bijbihara organized a seminar on the rights of blind in here. The seminar was organized in radio Kashmir Srinagar Auditorium here on Saturday.

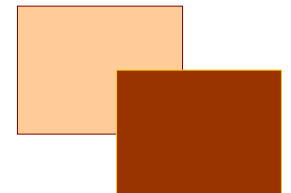
Various differently-abled persons, officials of Department of Social Welfare, staff of humanity welfare Organization helpline NGO, and students of Zaiba Aapa Institute of Inclusive Education participated in the program.

Deputy General Manager Radio Kashmir Bashir Aarif was the chief guest on the occasion. The students of Zaiba Aapa institute performed various activities on the occasion. The speakers discussed on the lack of transport facility for the differently abled people in J&K.

A rally was also taken from Radio Kashmir to press enclave in which differently- abled people demanded their rights. They urged government to pass disability bill withheld with the parliament.

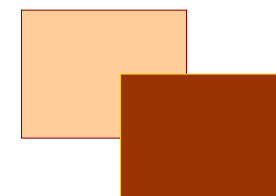
“We request all political parties at center and state level to take strong steps to pass the bill which is still pending in Rajya Sabha that was adjourned in December 2013,” the members of humanity welfare organization said.

This Bill which seeks to replace the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995, attempts to bring India in line with the 21 century understanding of the rights of persons with disabilities as captured in the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with



Disabilities (UNCRPD) ratified by India. This version of the Bill is the last in a series of versions that were made public by the Ministry over the last two years.

There are some major differences between this version and earlier versions and the changes proposed are a mixed bag – some progressive and some regressive ones. Given below are some of the more significant changes in the new version

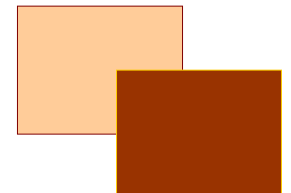


## *News Paper Highlights*

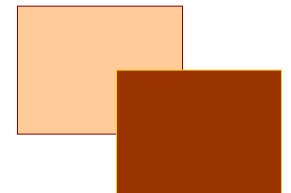
### STATE TIMES NEWS SRINAGAR

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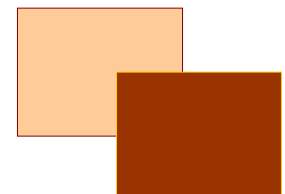
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## Advocacy Initiatives

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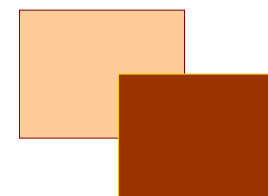
Advocacy Meeting	4
Placement	2
Pension cases Followed	25
Disability certificate	03
Concession(Rail/Bus passes)	25
Exposure Visits	01

Helpline Bijbehara took advocacy initiatives from past many years by making Raj- Bhawan Srinagar Barrier Free. His Excellency Shree N N Vohra the Governor of Jammu and Kashmir always provided us a platform to conduct various Meetings with His Excellency regarding the Implementation of Persons with Disabilities Act in the state of Jammu and Kashmir. The Chairman of the Organization Shree Javed Ahmad Tak along with the Group Members of Organization found the platform quite useful and shared their views which reflect their agonies,

frustrations, emotions and also innovative ideas to surmount the challenge faced by them in day to day life. The issues which have been taken in consideration largely include :

1. Issue of Disability Certificates
2. Vocational Training
3. Employment
4. Barrier Free Environment in every Government Department

Apart from the above issues PWDs after joining advocacy group have started envisaging contacting the competent authorities/govt. officials and officials in the Government to demand their rights. The group has also felt to build up their capacities and do lobbying for fulfillment of their rights.



From this year Helpline Bijbehara has initiated pre vocational and vocational activities involving the children with disabilities for better future planning. The unit has started the following activities:

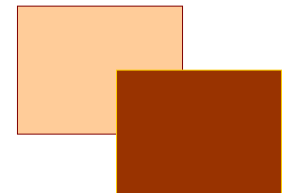
1. Paper bag making
2. Making of Pen Holders from ice Cream Sticks.

## Glimpses of future...

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Last year a new realm of development has been unfolded and its denouement is posing a challenge for echelons of Indian society, as the change is the only constant truth of human existence which needs no elaboration.

Helpline - Bijbehara proposes to expand and increase its existing services by complimenting it with a holistic approach for disability management in both the rural and urban areas. It proposes to do this by identifying persons and children with disability and then focusing efforts on them. One of the thrust areas for the future, then, will be on training of community workers in the basic management of disability, and assisting families and parents of children with disabilities with individualized home management programs. Community awareness programs will be planned to reach out to the community at large through the media, targeting the medical fraternity through different agencies like the medical representatives and the Government officials by networking with them during their disability camps. There will be a strong focus on 'inclusion processes within the communities' for local resources such as schools and employment opportunities. The special school will be a Resource Center for trainees and other professionals like nurses and medical students for practical training and orientation. The outcome of the effort will ensure increased awareness, sustainable services in the target



districts, and inclusive education for more children with disability. It will also provide special quality educational service to children with moderate to severe disability to help them prepare for living in the open community.

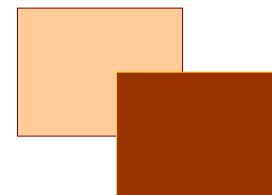
Helpline - Bijbehara sincerely believes that it is the past and the present that can provide inputs for a desirable and efficient future. Inputs to the future can be poignantly represented with the help of the diagram below:

### **World Disability Day 03/12/2014**

On eve of world Disability day the Chairman of our organization was invited by the Doordarshan Kendra Srinagar in a popular programme “Good Morning J&K”, the chairman highlighted the importance of World disability day and the challenges faced by persons with disabilities in accessibility, Education, Employment, Reservation, mechanism of disability Certificate etc. The programme was live telecast and a kind of awareness and sensitization was created among the common masses and persons with disabilities regarding the Rights of PWD’s.

In another programme at Kashmir University organized by “Handicap International” Srinagar centre the children with disabilities of our institution performed cultural activity on the inaugural function, On the occasion Nodal officer for disability affairs J&K, Director Social Welfare Kashmir, Representatives of NGO’s, persons with disabilities were present. Chairman of our Organization highlighted the issues of disabilities and the challenged faced by the persons with disabilities. Director Social welfare in his speech accepted that various issues of persons with disabilities have not been redressed till date. But in the future the issues will be taken up with the Honourable Minister for Social welfare to get some changes at policy level. Representative of various NGO’s and persons with disabilities raised some important issues and problems faced by the persons with disabilities in community and in the government offices. Nodal officer for disability affairs assured the persons with disabilities that all issues will be discussed with the Secretary Social Welfare department to make changes in policies.

The children of our institution – Zaiba Aapa Institute of Inclusive Education Bijbehara along with staff members and some youth with disabilities organized a candle light rally at Lal Chowk Srinagar.



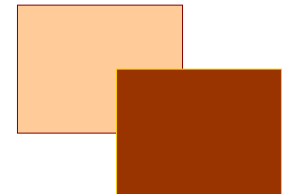


Main aim of the rally was to highlight the problems faced by persons with disabilities in Education and employment. Maximum newspapers gave wide publicity to the issues,

### **Relief work During Floods in J&K**

After floods all the relief was rushed for families in terms of eatables woollens and other household items. We identified around three hundred children whose books and school bags were damaged by the floods. We mobilized resources and provided school bags, stationary items and torches to these children. Children with disabilities and orphan children were prioritized in the process.

Thirty children with disabilities were identified who were dependent on medicines but were facing shortage of medicines. Free medicines were given to these children affected by epileptic seizures, migraines and fits.



Around 3000 families were provided with woollens widows and households headed by disable person and widows were prioritised. The households having children or youth with disabilities were identified separately and given woollens and blankets. 200 blankets were given to Deputy Commissioner Anantnag for distribution among persons with disabilities.

Around 20 houses with two rooms, kitchen, washroom and lobby are under construction for flood hit victims. The disable heads of families, widows and poorest among poor were given the housing facility.

A report on inclusive rescue mechanism was submitted to government of J&K through social welfare department and article <http://www.greaterkashmir.com/news/gk-magazine/disability-calamity-and-ignorance/181639.html> was published for awareness of authorities to include persons with disabilities in rescue and rehabilitation of persons with disabilities.

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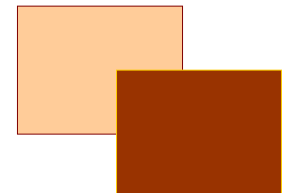
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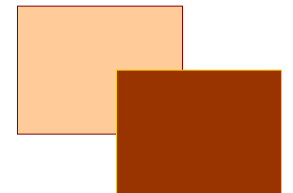
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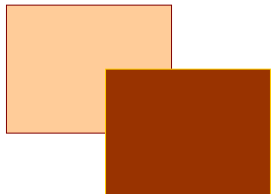
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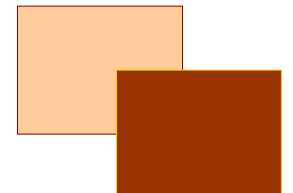
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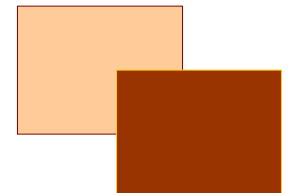


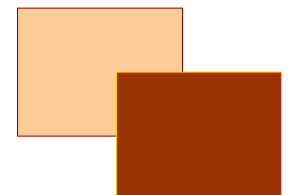
### **Blindness Awareness Week at college of Education Srinagar**

Blind Awareness week was organized by our organization in collaboration with Department of Social Welfare at College of Education Srinagar. On the occasion Director Social Welfare Nisar Hussain Wani was the Chief guest on the occasion. In Addition Deputy Director Social Welfare, Assistant Director Schemes and District officer Social welfare Srinagar were present as guests of honor. Persons with blindness from various districts and blind children of Zaiba institute of Education performed different activities. The speakers gave thrust on introduction of Braille at state level in government schools; Accessibility in schools, government offices and footpaths.

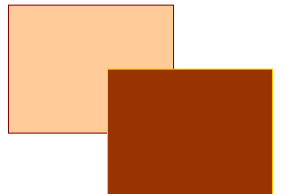
Honorary chairman of our organization highlighted issues of Braille books to be published by J&K Board by utilizing the money available in SSA for the same purpose. In addition the examination mechanism for students with blindness should be devised by JK Board of school education at par with CBSE.

The Director Social Welfare assure of taking the matter with concern authorities. Awards were distributed among the person with blindness who performed on the stage.









## Wheel Chair Marathon

# 2<sup>ND</sup> WHEELCHAIR MARATHON

Javid Tak emerges fastest to win championship

JK Bank has always supported events for specially abled people: Chairman

*Rafiq A Wani*

SRINAGAR: Javid Ahmad Tak emerged as the winner in 2nd Wheelchair Marathon held at Badamwari for specially-abled children on Saturday. Tak took 7.45 minutes to reach the finishing line while his close competitor Gulzar Ahmad was just a second behind clocking 7.46 minutes. Smarty Jan had to contend with the third position consuming 7.48 minutes to complete the distance.

The marathon, organized by CAUSE (Concerned About Universal Social Empowerment, a local non-governmental organization of professional social workers, was flagged off by chairman JK Bank Mushtaq Ahmad with Director Tourism Talar Parvez in presence at the flagging off ceremony.

The event was supported by Tourism Department and sponsored by Big 92.7 FM. Five International and Wings were the event management partners.

It was for the second year running CAUSE is holding the event after it had conducted its maiden marathon last year in Kashmir University. Chairman JK Bank Mushtaq Ahmad said that the bank has never shied away from supporting such events. He also distributed Rs one lakh among the participating specially-abled children and announced Rs 50 thousand for the school meant for these people.

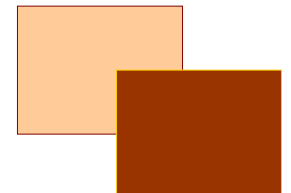
Parvez was all praise for the organizers and said, "I am feeling proud for being associated with this event. Disabled people are a part of our society, without them we are incomplete, this was the reason for making this event a part of Kashmir Summer Festival."

"We have involved everyone in Kashmir festival, be it a tourist, a local person, a family, an adventure loving person, a corporation and what not. In autumn festival we would be involving all growers and people associated with handicrafts," he said.

This event was followed by special art exhibition by these specially-abled kids.

Besides others, there were people from CAUSE and Tourism, JK Bank officials, disabled association, humanity welfare organization HELPLINE, Big FM, volunteers from AIFPS, FITLINK, Wings and other youngsters and professionals.

This event was liked and appreciated by locals and tourists. Besides others, station head Big 92.7 FM Muzafar Shah, Cultural Officer, University of Kashmir, Shahid Ali Khan, operation head, the tribune, Sheikh Wahid, director Five International Adil Malik, Patron, CAUSE Mir Zubair, chairman CAUSE, Abrar Gul were also present.



“We want to make sure specially-abled people aren’t left out and given the space and environment to express themselves so that they are able to mix with the society like normal people do. The marathon is our effort and little contribution to make these people happy,” said Mir Zubair.

