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Karunamoyee Parents' Organisation for the Mentally Handicapped.

Profile of the Organisation:

Karunamoyee Parents' Organisation for the Mentally Handicapped is a social service provider and philanthropic organisation. It has been sincerely and committedly working for serving the alround cause of Mentally Challenged, Cerebral Palsy, Autistic and for the differently abled people. It naturally, therefore, enlists participation of guardians of such afflicted people as also some of social service oriented persons.

The Organisation is the brainchild of parents of such differently handicapped children with a projection to aid and serve them and others similarly placed in various constructive and educative ways for eradication of their constraints and gradual restoration of active habits to enable them converge in the socio-economic mainstream to the extent affordable. Even though it has been at a snail's pace, it has somehow been in reality. That's an achievement indeed.

Benchmarks of the Organisation

Established in 1977 Karunamoyee Parents' Organisation for the Mentally Handicapped is a registered society under Govt. of West Bengal Societies Registration Act XXVI of 1971. It is also registered under PWD Act of 1995.

It is registered under FCRA of Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India.

It is registered under Tax Exemption under 80 G.

THE AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE ORGANISATION:

1. The Organisation aims at extending support service to Mentally Challenged, Spastic and Audio and Intellectual impaired people.
2. For arousal of public awareness, and eradication of indifference, towards variously handicapped people, seminars, meetings and short-term workshops and training programmes are organised involving participation of parents, guardians of MR people and socialist sympathizers.

3. Home based and individual training programmes are arranged.
4. Necessary information and active help is provided to the disabled for availing of opportunity for self-employment being a rewarding step towards economic freedom.
5. To set up a Residential Care and Respite Unit for the Karunamoyee Parents' Organisation is also another aim.
6. Survey work for identifying disabled persons in North and South 24 Parganas is another objective. Active participation in DLRO Programme under Govt. of West Bengal has been made realistic by engaging 3 from among existing resource persons in areas of MR, Speech and Hearing Impaired and Visually Handicapped.
7. Publication of literature, brochure, leaflets for generation of mass awareness is undertaken. To meet the end, other media channels like Radio, and Television, Newspapers, Public platform through exhibition support and discussion are also made use of.
8. Undertaking Training programmes for parents / guardians of disabled persons.
9. To help and encourage opening of special schools for informal education and training of the disabled.
 - A) A Day School for day scholars for imparting informal and special education and training has been running in Jagatpur, Baguiati, and Kolkata-59. Resource persons and professionals are at work in this school where present strength of educables is 50.
 - B) A spacious building has been taken possession of for the proposed respite and rehabilitation center for MR persons. Possession of the said building has been possible for the fund being made available by Roy Trust, UK. (Grateful thanks to Roy Trust, UK)
 - C) It is also aimed at setting up special schools in rural areas in association with NGO sister organisations.

ACTIVITIES OF 2004 -2005

Steady and continuous efforts have been made during 2004-05 for inducting MR scholars in multimedia corresponding to aesthetic, cultural and creative arts for giving them a free rein to show, their best expression, may be, in music, in dance, in drawing, in Recitation, in drama etc. These had been the areas where they seemed very happy and their best. This seemed to be an area needing wide development in future.

CBR Programme

Every Saturday and Sunday professionals were sent to different parts of North 24 Parganas for offering community based services to the disabled. This CBR programme did a splendid job in sensitizing unlettered masses of rural West Bengal as also to arouse scientific awareness towards Mental Retardation.

Test of Scholars and distribution of Disability Card.

MR scholars of KPO and NIMH were subjected to test of IQ, speech and other associated problems for assessment for distribution of disability cards on 16 and 20 April 2004.

Birthday of Kabiguru Rabindra Nath Tagore

Kabiguru Rabindranath Tagore's birthday was celebrated in the institutional premises at Jagatpur, Baguiati by all of the Organisation on 8 May 2004 with colourful participation of the MR scholars who ornamented the photo of Kabiguru with leaves, flowers and garlands out of their own. They recited, sang, danced, and, enjoyed the congregation obtaining warm words in appreciation of their originality of expression from the audience.

Observation of birthday of Dr. B.N.Roy

21 June 2004 was celebrated solemnly by all of the organisation as the 84th birthday of Dr B.N.Roy, duly presided by Smt. S. Roy, wife of Dr. B.N.Roy and graced by film artist Shri Tarun Kumar and Shri Sankar Narayan Datta, Councillor of Rajarhat- Gopalpur Municipality. A variety programme was presented by the MR scholars with words from the Chair and honorable guest.

Distribution of Certificates of Special Olympics

A small function for handing over Certificates of Special Olympics by Dr. Manjushree Mukherjee, Secretary, Roy Trust, UK was held on 10 August 2004.

Celebration of Independence Day

57th Independence Day was gayfully celebrated with hoisting of the National Flag associated with National Anthem in chorus. Some of the employees of the organisation and day scholars displayed their pleasure through music and dance.

Assessment and screening Camp

A district-level camp was held at the Institutional premises under advice of The District Project Office on 5 , 6 and 7 October 2004 for assessment of children with special needs thereby to identify number of such children with special needs their induction inclusive educational programme as also to identify need of aids and appliances for provision thereof by District Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan free of cost. The camp was made open by Shri Tapas Chatterjee, the Chairman of Rajarhat Gopalpur Municipality and also present Shri Sankar Narayan Datta the Councillor of Rajarhat Gopalpur Municipality.

World Disabled Day

The World Disabled Day was observed by all of the organisation and disabled scholars on 3 December 2004. Events displayed attracted attention of the scholars and their parents and guardians.

Mentally Retarded Day

The Mentally Retarded Day was also similarly observed on 8 December 2004 with participation of the day scholars, their parents / guardians and employees of the organisation with pomp and show of various events.

International Day for the Disabled

The District Project Office, Sarva Siksha Abhiyan arranged for celebration of the International Day for the Disabled Persons at Rabindra Bhavan, Barasat on 9 December 2004 where KMPO disabled scholars escorted from Jagatpur, Baguiati along with others on 9 December 2004, displayed their achievement through music and dance along with students from normal school meriting clap and approbation.

Republic Day

The Republic Day falling on 26 January 2005 was celebrated in a filling manner by all of the KPO including disabled scholars. It was colorful occasion enjoyed by all.

Saraswati Puja and Distribution of Prize Annual Sports

Saraswati Puja was held on 13 February 2005 and the air of festivity pervaded all the corners of the premises. Happiness was written large on the face of the disabled scholars and this happiness was deeply enjoyed by their parents / guardians. This institutional puja was one of the competing participants in Parle Saraswati Vandana. Eminent actress Kanineeka Banerjee called at the Puja stall for adjudging it from competition point of view. The festive occasion was seized for distribution of prizes of already held annual sports. This function was presided by Shri Sankar Narayan Datta, Councilor of RGM.

Holding of Special Olympic

Holding Special Olympic at Yuva Bharati Krirangan on 26 and 27 February 2005 provided disabled scholars of KMPO with an opportunity to show their quality and caliber as sportsmen and merit prizes upon their performance.

Appreciation and gratitude galore

The ongoing march of Karunamoyee Parents' Organisation for the Mentally Handicapped has only been possible and facilitated because of the all-time generous help in every possible manner by a host of magnanimous persons, organisations, Roy Trust of UK and Roy Trust Canada, in general, and employees of the organisation, beneficiaries, social workers and parents / guardians, in particular. Virtually Karunamoyee Parents' Organisation for the Mentally Handicapped is socially a **magnum bonum** and, naturally, therefore, it needs to be helped by all people and organisations to enable it deliver the invaluable goods to the society.

Visitors as under had been kind and interested enough to be with the Organisation thereby putting a pat on the shoulders thus providing a perennial fountain of inspiration and sympathy to move on and on and on.

Dr. James Mckinnon Chairman, The Roy Trust, UK,
 Dr. Shankar Biswas, Treasurer, The Roy Trust, UK,
 Dr. Manjushree Mukherjee, Secretary, The Roy Trust, UK,
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 Shri Tonmoy Mondal, MLA, West Bengal,
 Shri Tapas Chatterjee, Chairman of Rajarhat Gopalpur Municipality,
 Shri Bhupati Sengupta, Vice- Chairman of Rajarhat Gopalpur Municipality,
 Shri Shankar Naraya Datta, Councillor of Rajarhat Gopalpur Municipality,
 Kanineeka Banerjee, Eminent actress
 Shri Ramen Roy, Block social Welfare Officer Rajarhat Block.