

Visit to Nayi Disha Resource Centre, Hyderabad

Date: 1st - 3rd February

Purpose: Fellowship Journey and Project Discussion, Participation in Abhivyakti Event

Overview:



I visited Nayi Disha Resource Centre to discuss my fellowship journey and project focusing on intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). Additionally, I attended their flagship event, Abhivyakti.

Meeting Highlights:



1. Progress and Challenges Discussion:

- Explored the advancements and obstacles encountered throughout my fellowship journey.
- Analyzed the progress made and identified key challenges to address for future endeavors.

2. Insights and Findings Presentation:

- Shared comprehensive insights and findings derived from the Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD) project.
- Presented valuable data and observations contributing to a deeper understanding of the subject matter.

3. One-on-one discussion with Outreach Team:

- Engaged in personalized discussions with the Outreach team to enhance community connectivity.
- Collaboratively explored effective strategies to bridge gaps and strengthen community engagement.

4. Exploration of Potential Interventions:

- Explored potential interventions that proved successful in similar contexts.
- Discussed actionable steps to implement identified interventions for optimal community impact.

Abhivyakti Event:



Date: February 3, 2024

Venue: World One School, Kondapur, Hyderabad

Overview:

Abhivyakti 2024, the annual flagship event of Nayi Disha, provided a vibrant platform for the creative expression of children with autism, cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, and other developmental challenges, alongside their neurotypical peers. Held at World One School in Hyderabad's Kondapur, the event aimed to celebrate the unique talents and abilities of all participants.

Key Features:

Artistic Expression: Children were encouraged to showcase their talents in various art forms, including music, dance, painting, and sculpting, fostering a diverse and inclusive environment for artistic expression.

Community Engagement: Over the past three editions, Abhivyakti has seen significant participation, with over 2,400 attendees from across the country, as reported by the organizers. This demonstrates the event's growing popularity and impact on the community.

Volunteer-Led Initiative: Abhivyakti is organized entirely by volunteers, many of whom are parents of children with and without disabilities. Their dedication and commitment contribute to the smooth execution of the event, highlighting the collective effort to promote inclusivity and support the participants.

Inclusive Approach:

A notable aspect of Abhivyakti is its inclusive nature, bringing together children with disabilities and their neurotypical peers on a common platform. This inclusive approach fosters a sense of unity, understanding, and acceptance among all participants and attendees, promoting a culture of inclusion and diversity.

Conclusion:

Abhivyakti 2024 was a resounding success, providing a platform for children with developmental challenges to showcase their talents and abilities alongside their peers. The event's inclusive approach and community engagement reflect Nayi Disha's commitment to promoting inclusivity and celebrating diversity in society.