

MOBILITY INDIA

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Flash news

First time in South India...

Mobility India announces Bachelor Degree programme in Prosthetics and Orthotics (BPO). Eligibility: 10+2 from recognized Central/State board or equivalent, with Physics, Chemistry, Biology or Mathematics (PCB or M).

Affiliated to: Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences, Karnataka

Recognised by : Rehabilitation Council of India, New Delhi

A Noble profession to work with persons with Disabilities

**Admission
Procedures
have begun**

Mobility India - Extends Its Service to Anekal Taluk



Mobility India has had an enduring partnership with cbm South Asia Regional Office (South) a Germany based agency. This partnership has supported several projects that have resulted in bringing about tremendous changes in the lives of people with disabilities.

Our relationship has grown and taken shape into the Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) programme in Anekal Taluk in Bangalore District, Karnataka. The taluk lies in the Southern part of the Bangalore metropolitan area around 40 kilometers from downtown Bangalore. There are 4 hoblies in Anekal taluk and a total of 178 villages in these four hoblies.

The project office was inaugurated by Ms. Asgari (President, Panchayat) other dignitaries present were Mr. Nagaraj (Vice President, Panchayat), Ms. Vasantha (Inclusive Education Resource Teacher's Block Development Officer), and Ms. Albina Shankar (Director, Mobility India). (*contd...2*)

"Mobility India's vision is " An inclusive society where people with disabilities have equal rights and a good quality of life"

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Mobility India has started working in 44 villages of Attibele Hobli from January 2008. The project focuses on an inclusive society for people with disabilities, having equal rights and good quality of life, which includes adequate income for basic needs like food, water, clothing, shelter, education, good health, recreation and sports.

Therapy through Recreational Programme at MI Bangalore



Our 2nd recreational programme was conducted in May 2008 where 20 service users mainly children along with their family participated. This was a platform for children to display their talents and capabilities.

Sports and cultural activities were organized for half a day where each participant was assisted by parents as well as staff of Mobility India. The parents were overwhelmed with happiness to see their children performing different activities.

Congratulations to our Rehabilitation Therapy Assistant(RTA) Students

Mobility India's Rehabilitation Therapy Assistant programme is affiliated to Manipal University and recognised by Rehabilitation Council of India. For the first time our 6th batch RTA students(7) appeared board examination from Manipal University and came out with flying colours with 100% success. Among them 3 students got distinction (Ramani Nayak & Geetha from Chamrajnagar & Madhukaran from partner organization BIRD) and all other students got first class results.

Obituary



Ms. Yeshewa
Nadew

We regret the sad demise of Ms. Yeshewa Nadew - student(2nd Batch) Rehabilitation Therapy Assistant and worked with Handicap National Action for Children with Disabilities, Ethiopia.

Ms. Sameena Khanum- who was one of our first students in Rehabilitation Therapy Assistant Training. She later joined us as staff and worked for the past four years.



Ms. Sameena
Khanum

Disability to Ability



Sultana is a charming and petite ten - year old who lives in Rajendranagar (a CBR project area of Mobility India) along with her parents 6 sisters and 4 brothers. Her father works in a poultry stall and her mother is a home maker.

Sultana was not born with a disability. When she was two years old she fell from the terrace and had a head injury which affected the right side of her body (right hemiplegia) after which she was not able to use her right hand or leg.

Her parents took her to different hospitals for treatment but their efforts did not bring satisfying results. She had problem in walking which resulted in being alone both at home and in school and not mingling with other children. She also became dependent on her family members for her daily activities.

This is when Mobility India stepped in. Our community facilitator identified her and assessment was done by the rehab team. With regular therapeutic intervention and Ankle foot orthoses (AFO) splint, Sultana can now walk and do all her daily activities independently.

Mobility India conducted a peer support programme in her school which motivated her teachers and friends to support and involve her in all the activities.

Today smiling Sultana walks around confidently with her splint and does not have difficulty in attending her school regularly and enjoys supporting her mother in her household activities.



Our Social Commitment needs your support please sponsor



Physical/Medical Rehab

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Artificial limbs (prostheses) Rs. 3,500/- onwards

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Three Days Art and Craft Camp - Chamarajnagar

Various camps are organized every year in Chamarajnagar by organizations, but they are not accessible to children with disabilities to participate, explore and express their creative instincts. To bridge this gap MI in collaboration with Mr. Ravi Alugunti -consultant, specialized in Arts and Crafts from Madanapalli organized a 3 day summer camp from 29th to 31st May 2008. 71 children participated in different activities like painting, craft, clay work, special games and other extracurricular activities to enhance their skills.



This unique programme was the first of its kind in the entire district of Chamarajnagar. Children who participated in the programmes developed skills in self development, group activities and made lot of new friends.

1994-2008, 14 Years of Continuous & Quality Service

Mobility India celebrated its 14th anniversary on 2nd August 2008. The management, staff and the service users participated in the cultural programmes organised for the day.

We thank all the funders, friends, well-wishers and service users for having the confidence in our work to bring a change in the quality of life of people with disabilities.

We look forward to the same cooperation and support to continue our work.



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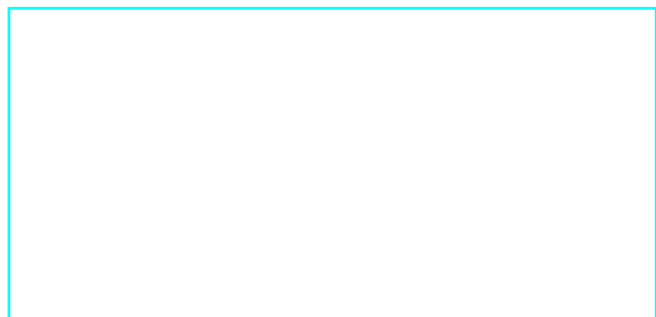
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