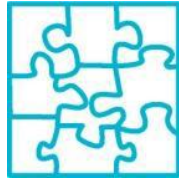


# Annual Report 2016- 2017



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### **Message from Founder - Director**

So the year 2016-17 has been a year of hope and optimism as The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 came into existence in December, 2016. In the Bill, the Disability has been defined based on an evolving and dynamic concept and the types of disabilities have been increased from existing 7 to 21. Autism has featured for the first time. With autism being officially recognized as a disability in India from now on we can truly look forward to the day with adults with ASD in the mainstream leading a richer life with all the required support. At present there are at least 15 million children in India with autism. Children with ASD grow up to be adults with ASD. Various organizations, parent groups, corporate sectors are thinking about quality education for autistic individuals. Creating employment opportunities for individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) has been a topic of much discussion.

As RPD Act, 2016 gives effect to the proclamation on the full participation and equality of the persons with disabilities (PwDs) and provides for their education, employment, creation of barrier free environment, social security, etc. So that implies that all classrooms must be equipped with the supports needed for children with special needs. But inclusive education without the right kind of support causes barriers to education. Classrooms are social environments where individuals with ASD may find different degrees of difficulties in communicating, interacting or socializing. Inclusive education for individuals with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) should begin with the first step of understanding this invisible disability. Likewise the support needed for the student to overcome the barrier to education should be specific to the needs of the individual. Autism Society West Bengal (ASWB) has always developed several programs to provide support to individuals attending mainstream classroom.

This year ASWB has started Social Skill training program for individuals who are attending Mainstream schools in collaboration with Mental Health Foundation (MHF). Quality education ushers in changes in the life of any child. For a disabled child quality education helps in every

sphere of life, from knowing and understanding their rights as a citizen, getting jobs, health and other services. The rise in the number of children with ASD and the kinds of difficulties that they face raises quite a few questions and concerns on how to create a level-playing platform that ensures appropriate education in the least restraining environment to children on the spectrum.

ASWB has 'Aarohan' a vocational training unit for young adults where they are learning to make greeting cards, bags and note books. The young adults are also trained to photocopy books, articles and study materials. The subject of employment is one of our main concerns. With this aim in mind ASWB in collaboration with Mental Health Foundation and Asiatic Society organized a two day international conference on 'Autism Spectrum Disorder: Life in Mainstream' in the month of December, 2016. The workshop was attended by prominent speakers and resource persons from India and abroad, some of whom have successfully employed individuals with Autism. It was also attended by self advocates some of whom are working and others are attending mainstream schools. They shared their experiences and also discussed about the difficulties they face in the workplace. The difficulties which they face have made us to think for providing support to individuals with Autism so that they can improve their work skill and organizational behavior and get involved more closely. We have started a soft skill training program for these young individuals to learn social behaviour which are required in the workplace. We are also thinking of initiating more and more awareness program in this regard with corporate organizations, schools and other authoritative bodies so that we can make an inclusive society where everyone gets equal rights. Autism Society West Bengal (ASWB) as an organization strives to spread awareness about ASD and strategies for creating an inclusive environment.

Indrani Basu

## **ASWB Vision**

A supportive, social environment where persons with Autism are understood and their right to participation upheld.

## **ASWB Mission**

To enable individuals with Autism and their families to participate in developing strategies to improve their quality of life; optimize their strength through education, advocacy and support.

## **The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016**

The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 came into existence in December, 2016. The Act lays stress on nondiscrimination, full and effective participation and inclusion in society, respect for difference and acceptance of disabilities as part of human diversity and humanity, equality of opportunity, accessibility, equality between men and women, respect for the evolving capacities of children with disabilities, and respect for the right of children with disabilities to preserve their identities. The principle reflects a paradigm shift in thinking about disability from a social welfare concern to a human rights issue.

The rights of children with special needs to attend a regular school has its genesis in many international conferences one of the most important being the United Nations Convention for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD). After India signed and ratified the UNCRPD in 2007, the process of enacting a new legislation in place of the Persons with Disabilities Act, 1995 (PWD Act, 1995) began in 2010 to make it compliant with the UNCRPD. After series of consultation meetings and drafting process, the Rights of PWD Act, 2016 (RPWD Act, 2016) was passed by both the houses of the Parliament in December. Principles stated to be implemented for empowerment of persons with disabilities (PWD) are respect for inherent dignity, individual autonomy including the freedom to make one's own choices, and independence of persons.

### **About Autism Society West Bengal (ASWB)**

Autism Society West Bengal (ASWB) is a parent initiated non-profit organization that champions the right of individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) to participation in areas of education, employment, and social events. We have been involved in providing evidence based autism specific services.

### **Services run by Autism Society West Bengal (ASWB)**

**Therapy Unit** provides comprehensive assessment, evaluation and intervention for individuals' with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) from professionals specifically trained in autism management.

**Early Intervention Unit:** This unit meets the educational and social-emotional needs of young children diagnosed with Autism through structured preschool classrooms, Behavioral Services, Individualized Program Plans (IEP) and Yoga.

**Parent Training Unit:** Research based teaching methods *viz.* **ABA/VBA and TEACCH** are used in this program. ASWB conducts both short parents training for 10 days, advanced Parents Training for 3 months and 1 year.

**Dikshan** – A school for students with autism.

**Young Adult with Autism Reach out (YAAR)** - This enables our young adults with autism in the prevocational unit to make friends and connect better with the society.

**Autism awareness programs:** Our aim is empowerment with knowledge.

**Diploma in Special Education (Autism)** – Autism Society West Bengal started special D. Ed course approved by Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI) from the academic session 2016-17.

### **Networking with other organizations**

Autism Society Works closely with other organization not only in exchanging and sharing information but also in training and setting up services for individuals with autism. We have conducted lectures and hands on training with following organizations:-

- 1) Action For Autism, New Delhi
- 2) Autistic Children's Welfare foundation, Chittagong, Bangladesh.
- 3) Dwar Jinkerman, a school for students with special needs, Shillong, Meghalaya
- 4) Goodrike School, Siliguri, West Bengal
- 5) Indian Institute of Cerebral Palsy, Kolkata, West Bengal
- 6) Mary Rice Centre, Shillong, Meghalaya
- 7) Supportive Learning Centre, Hyderabad
- 8) Spectra School of Autism, Bangladesh
- 9) Institute for Pediatric Neurodisorder and Autism in Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University, Bangladesh
- 10) National Institute for empowerment of Persons with Multiple Disabilities (NIEPMD)
- 11) Mental Health Foundation, Kolkata
- 12) Keystone Institute, India

### **Milestones of Autism Society West Bengal (ASWB)**

**2003** – DIKSHAN, A Special School for students with ASD founded.

**2004** - DIKSHAN Therapy unit started which provided Hourly Intervention to children with ASWB who were not enrolled in Dikshan.

**2005** – The Telegraph Award for the “School that Cares”.

**2006-** Started Summer School during the summer vacation. (During summer school we accommodate families who cannot avail of our services at other times.)

**2008** – ASPIRES, Parent training with child commenced.

**2009** – Invited by Organizations in Bangladesh to train teachers & parents.

**2009** – Heart springs Award (USA) for innovation in Special Education given to ASWB Founder Director Ms. Indrani Basu

**2011** – Usha Uthup sings for Autism.

**2011** – Website launched by Governor of West Bengal, His Excellency M. K Naryanan.

**2012** – Self Advocacy by three individuals with Autism for World Autism Awareness Day

**2013** - The popular regional news channel, 24 Ghanta telecast an interview of Ms. Indrani Basu, Founder Director, Autism Society West Bengal (ASWB).

**2014** - A new project Young Adult with Autism Reach out (YAAR) was launched at ASWB.

**2015** - Computer and iPad training for the young children with ASD introduced in summer camp.

**2016** – Autism Society West Bengal started D. Ed Special Education (Autism) Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI) approved course.

**2016** – Autism Society West Bengal was awarded ‘Outstanding Institution in the field of Disability’ by Department of Child Development, Department of Women Development, Department of Social Welfare, Government of West Bengal and Office of the Commissioner for Disabilities, Government of West Bengal and Department of Social Justice and Empowerment.

**2016** – Autism Society West Bengal in collaboration with Asiatic Society & Mental Health Foundation, Kolkata organized a 2 day International Conference on Autism. Theme of the Conference: ‘Autism Spectrum Disorder: Life in the Mainstream.’

**2017-** Autism Society West Bengal in collaboration with Keystone Institute and National Trust organized a one day workshop on Social Role Valorization (SRV).

**Team of teaching and non teaching staffs for the year 2016-17**

<b>List of Therapists</b>	<b>Clinical Psychologist</b>	<b>Volunteers</b>
Chandrani Chakraborty	Manisha Bhattacharya	Shrabani Chakraborty
Shivani Biswas		Swati Mallick
Nilanjana Ghosh	<b>Administrative Staff</b>	Tusi Sadhukhan
Dolon Paul	Sarmistha Das	Anupama Bhaduri
Pranabesh Bhunia	Madhumita Dhar	Smriti Ghosh
Manoj Kumar Mahato	Amitesh Das	Ashoka Pal
Binay Samanta	Arpita Chatterjee	Uma Das
Rasbihari Sahoo	Nababrata Guha Roy	Rituparna Das
Buddhadeb kar	Sarmistha Debnath	Arpita Chakraborty
Rajkumar Bera		Mounisha Sarkar
Chhabi Das	<b>Care Givers/ Classroom helpers</b>	Mou Saha
Soma Sarker	Sefali Naskar	Aparna Chakraborty
Amrita Bhawal	Bishaya Bayen	Sushmita Nath
Piyali Chakraborty	Lalmoni Barik	Debjani Paul
Kaberi Ghosh	Mina Bibi	Sucharita Roy
Priyanka Saha	Nazma Bibi	Abanti Pal
Shampa Rani Sahoo	Poornima Bibi	Sharmistha Ghosh
Swati Dasgupta	Sabina Bibi	
	Anita Naskar	
<b>Class Assistants</b>	Deepali Mondal	
Banani Saha	Asha Bibi	



Jhuma Choudhury		
Babu Patra		
<b>Gate keepers</b>		
Lakshman Mondal		
Joydeep Sarkar		

## **Events of 2016-17**

### **Observance of Autism Awareness Day on 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2016**

On the occasion of World Autism Awareness Day (WAAD) on 2<sup>nd</sup> April, an Autism Awareness walk was organized by ASWB. Individuals with Autism, along with their parents, family members, volunteers and staffs of Autism Society West Bengal walked Safari Park from Golpark.



### Autism Awareness program on 2<sup>nd</sup> Arpil, 2016

Office of the Commissioner for persons with Disabilities organized an autism awareness event at Sisir Mancha. Special educator Rajkumar Bera and students of the afternoon bridge group participated. They performed with the song 'Aaye tobe sahchari haate haate dhori dhori' in the background.



### 'Ashadharon'- Cultural event on 2<sup>nd</sup> Arpil, 2016

'Ashadharon' – A cultural event was organized by ASWB and Victoria Memorial. Portraits and sketches by individuals with Autism, Barsha Deb, Abhishek Sarkar, Aditya Ganguly, Ishan Guha and Pinaki Bhattacharya were displayed in Portrait Gallery, Victoria Memorial Hall. Amitava



Basu, Pinaki Bhattacharya and Saptarshi Mukherjee sang Bengali songs. Renowned painter Mr. Wasim Kapoor and popular actor, Mr. Abir Chatterjee graced the occasion.



**Workshop on Autism Awareness - 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2016.**

A workshop was organized by ASWB at WBVHA, Anandapur near Ruby Hospital where parents, especially the fathers shared their experience of managing, playing and understanding the needs of their child with autism. Parents of individuals with Autism viz. Ms. Sanjib Paul, Mr. Sudip Ghosh, Ms. Rituparna Sarkar and Ms. Shraboni Chakraborty were the speakers. A stall exhibiting handicrafts made by our adult section was displayed.

## **CRE Program at Pradeep Centre for Autism Management -11<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2016**

Pradip Centre for Autism Management organized 3 day CRE program at their centre. Special Educators Nilanjana Ghosh, Soma Sarker, Amrita Bhawal, Manoj Mahato and Rasbihari Sahoo attended the CRE program.

## **Autism Awareness Program - 16<sup>TH</sup> April, 2016**

Prayas West Bengal & L&T CSR organized an Autism Awareness Program with Autism Society West Bengal, Pradip Centre for Autism Management and We Can. Awareness program also highlighted the work and achievements of these organizations through a power point presentation which was presented by Ms Indrani Basu, Founder Director ASWB; Dr Mallika Banerjee, Director Pradip Centre For Autism Management and Ms Neena Goel – Director, Planning and Development, We Can Learning Resource Centre.



### **Volunteers Meet - 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2016**

A volunteers' meet was organized by Autism Society West Bengal. Students and professionals from different schools, colleges and corporate attended the meeting. They showed interest in volunteering for us at various awareness programs, Daan Utsav events and other events organized by Autism Society West Bengal.

### **Parents Forum Meet -1<sup>st</sup> May, 2016**

All parents were invited to share their views, suggestions and ideas about how they want to shape the future of their children.

### **Orientation Program – 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2016**

An orientation program about Autism was organized by Institute of Psychological and Educational Research. Institute of Psychological and Educational Research is a not for profit organization working for the development of children from underprivileged section. Ms. Indrani Basu was the Resource person.

### **Annual Day celebration – 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2016**

Students of Autism Society West Bengal celebrated Annual Day. Children and adults with Autism from different sections performed dance and music programs. Parents and family members of the students attended the program.





### **Bangladesh Workshop – 10<sup>th</sup> to 21 May, 2016**

A workshop was organized by Spectra School of Autism on 'Behavior Management with teachers and parents'. Ms Indrani Basu and Ms Chandrani Chakraborty were invited as resource persons. A training session was arranged for the teachers to manage the students in a better way.



### **Celebration of two year completion of YAAR – 14<sup>TH</sup> May, 2016**

Young Adults with Autism Reach out (YAAR), the once a month interactive program which started in the year 2014 celebrated its completion of two years with staffs, volunteers and participants at Rotary Sadan. There was music, dance and light refreshment for all.





### **Workshop at Apeejay School – 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2016**

Apeejay School organized a workshop on ‘Sensitizing teachers on the varied aspects of Autism Spectrum Disorder and the intervention strategies to be employed to help mainstream Children with Special Needs (CWSN).’ Ms Indrani Basu, Founder-Director Autism Society West Bengal & Manisha Bhattacharya, clinical psychologist Autism Society West Bengal were invited as resource person. It was an interactive session where teachers shared their ideas

### **Workshop organized by Keystone Institute India- 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2016.**

A workshop and listening session entitled “Ideas that Matter’ was organized by Keystone Institute India. Dr. Mitu De attended the workshop. Resource person was Ms. Elizabeth Neuville, Executive Director, Keystone Institute. A structured discussion on disability, value, and how to



assist people with disabilities to experience rich, meaningful lives was the theme of the workshop.



### **In -house training– 20<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2016**

Autism Society West Bengal organized in-house training for staffs and teachers. The training helped them to upgrade their teaching skills and techniques.

### **Lecture for B.Ed course at IICP-14<sup>th</sup> July & 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2016**

Ms Indrani Basu, Founder-Director Autism Society West Bengal was invited as a resource person for the B. Ed course.

### **Rainbow Cultural Progamme — 6<sup>th</sup> August, 2016**

ROTARACT Club of Heritage Institute of Technology organized “Rainbow” – a cultural evening of dance and song.

### **Workshop -7<sup>th</sup> August, 2016**

Ms Kalyani Saha, Behavioural Analyst in Abu Dhabi, UAE, conducted a workshop on ‘**Token economy and contract**’. The workshop discussed in detail how tokens can help to reinforce positive behavior.



### **In house training– 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2016**

Ms Kalyani Saha also provided one day in house training for therapists at Autism Society West Bengal.

### **Wish Tree -13<sup>th</sup> August, 2016**

A wish tree was put up at Apeejay School both Salt Lake & Park street campuses as part of Daan Utsav 2016. The wishes comprised of important things like teaching and learning materials that are essential for individuals with Autism. All students, teachers, non-teaching staffs and parents of Apeejay School whole heartedly supported our cause and donated essential teaching and learning materials.

### **Awareness programme - 18<sup>th</sup> August, 2016,**

Transport Department, Government of West Bengal organized an awareness program on facilities & concessions provided to persons with Disabilities on occasion of Raksha Bandhan. The Program was conducted in collaboration with Department of Child Development, Women Development and Social Welfare, Government of West Bengal and Office of The Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities. It highlighted how parents and persons with disabilities can avail different facilities provided by the transport department.

### **Workshop on Willis & Trusts– 19<sup>th</sup> August, 2016**

Action for Autism organized a workshop on Willis and Trusts. Mr Prabir Kundu, Treasurer of Autism Society West Bengal attended the workshop. The workshop covered how parents can form a trust for their children. The legal procedure related to it was discussed.

### **Young Adult Autism Reach Out (YAAR) – 20<sup>th</sup> August, 2016**

Young adults with Autism along with their friends, volunteers and therapists enjoyed the evening. Rakhi and Independence Day was celebrated as it was the month of August. The participants and volunteers shared their knowledge about both the days and how they tend to celebrate the day.

### **Workshop on Social Role Valorization - 22<sup>nd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2016**

Keystone Institute with their collaboration partners, The Hans Foundation & The National Trust organized a three day residential course entitled ‘Valued Lives’ held during August 22-24, 2016 at the Ocean Pearl Retreat Center in Chatturpur, New Delhi. The workshop was attended by Ms Indrani Basu & Dr Mitu De. The workshop provided an insight into how we devalue people around us maybe sometimes unconsciously and sometimes due to our prejudice against them. It also instilled the value of respecting each and every individual just the way he or she is. This workshop provided a broad framework on Social Role Valorization (SRV). Around 44 participants from across the country attended this course and became the first batch of ‘SRV graduates’ in India.

**Master Trainer Programme for Clinical Psychologist on Autism Diagnosis & Test –31<sup>st</sup>  
August to 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept**

National Trust organized a Workshop on Autism Tools- INCLIN & ISAA. It was attended by Ms. Manisha Bhattacharya, Clinical Psychologist. These two tools are newly developed to screen individuals with Autism.

**Workshop on Supporting students with Autism in mainstream school - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sep, 2016**

A workshop was organized by Asian International School in collaboration with Apeejay School Park Street. Ms Indrani Basu, Founder Director, Autism Society West Bengal & Ms Rashmi Mantra, Special Educator, Apeejay School Park Street were the resource persons. The workshop discussed how we can accommodate individuals with Autism in a mainstream classroom. Strategies on how the teachers can support individuals with Autism. All the teachers and staffs of Asian International School attended the workshop.

**Workshop on Social Acceptance of ‘Children With Special Needs’ (CWSN) - 9<sup>th</sup> Sep, 2016**

A workshop was Organized by Department of Social Welfare, Child Development, Women Development Government Of West Bengal on ‘Social Acceptance of Children With Special Needs’ association with Blooming Dale Society. Ms Kaberi Ghosh, one of our special educator participated in the workshop. The workshop focused on inclusion of Children with Special Need in Mainstream Society. RJ Den, one of the renowned self advocates highlighted the need for social acceptance of Child with Special Needs and how we should be open to accept Child with Special Needs. Ms Jeeja Ghosh, Head of Advocacy and Research for Disabilities, IICP also put forward her views of inclusive society and the process of inclusion. It also provided an insight into stem cell therapy.

**Workshop on ‘Facilitated Communication’ -11<sup>th</sup> Sept, 2016**

Autism Society West Bengal organized a workshop on ‘Facilitated Communication’. The resource person was Ms. Sarbani Mallick, Founder Bubbles Centre for Autism, Bangalore. Ms

Sarbani Mallick discussed how individuals with Autism who are non verbal can communicate using facilitated communication methods.

**Workshop on understanding and supporting persons with Autism and ADHD with an introduction on disability organized by Athrayudh Foundation, Alipurduar – 11<sup>TH</sup> Sep to 13<sup>th</sup> Sep, 2016**

Athrayudh foundation, a parent organization based at Alipurduar working with individuals with developmental disorder organized a workshop. The workshop provided an introduction to understanding and supporting individuals with Autism and ADHD and other disability. Ms. Chandrani Chakraborty and Mr. Pranabesh Bhunia, senior coordinators from Autism Society West Bengal shared their experience of working with Individuals with Autism and ADHD. They also discussed about the best teaching practices as well as new teaching methods in this field.

**Workshop on NPO laws & compliance -13<sup>th</sup> Sep, 2016**

Financial Management Service Foundation, Noida organized workshop on NPO Laws & Compliance and FCRA laws and rules. Ms. Arpita Chatterjee, Project coordinator Autism Society West Bengal attended the workshop. It was an informative workshop which introduced us to all the rules and laws related to trust and society. It also discussed about new FCRA laws and its application.

**A free workshop on ‘My Child’s Life without me’- 18<sup>th</sup> Sept, 2016**

Ms Indrani Basu, Founder Director Autism Society West Bengal and Prabir Kundu, Treasurer of Autism Society West Bengal conducted a free workshop about how we can create an environment where individuals with Autism can live independently even after parents no longer remain with them.

**Exhibition of art, jewellery and other handmade products made by Individuals with Autism at ASWB-23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2016**

The Alumini Association of Gokhale Memorial Girls School organized 'Mohona' - an exhibition to display and sell handicrafts other hand made products prepared by different NGOs. Autism Society West Bengal was invited to participate in the exhibition. Jewellery, bags, note books and other handmade products were displayed. All visitors were impressed with the handmade products prepared by individuals with Autism of ASWB and most of them bought some items from each stall.

### **Cultural programme organized by Famochi -25<sup>TH</sup> Sep**

A cultural program was organized by Association of Scouters-Famochi, where not for profits organizations were invited to participate. Individuals representing different organizations performed songs and dance recitals. Students from Junior section of Autism Society West Bengal – Agneev Das, Debdeep Das, Utsav Chakraborty, Swastik Nath, Aryan Mallick, Parthiv Ghosh, Asmi Sengupta and Souvik Sadhukhan performed a song and dance number – 'Tung tang piano te sara ti dupur'.

### **Daan Utsav Wish Tree at Starmark -29<sup>th</sup> Sep to 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct, 2016**

A wish tree was put up at Starmark store, Quest Mall as part of Daan Utsav. The wish tree consisted of wishes different types of toys which act as reinforcer as well as teaching & learning material. Volunteers from ROTARACT Club of Heritage Institute of Technology along with our staff members were present to create awareness about Autism and organization. They also explained the visitors about the reason behind the wish tree. All those visited the store participated in the wish tree event and also expressed their willingness to know more about us. Some of them also wanted to work with us as volunteers.

### **Workshop organized by RCI North East Zone seminar on Capacity Building of Rehabilitation professionals for persons with disabilities in North Eastern states –4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Oct , 2016**

Ms Nilanjana Ghosh, one of the senior therapists of Autism Society West Bengal was invited as resource person to ‘Innovation in rehabilitation and education for persons with disabilities’- a workshop organized by Rehabilitation Council of India North East Zone, Aizwal. The workshop was organized to strengthen the capacity building measure for rehabilitation professionals especially in North eastern states.

**Awareness programme on Cerebral Palsy organized by Dept of Women development Child developemnt Department of Social Welfare in association with IICP at Shisir Mancha –5<sup>th</sup> Oct**

An awareness program on Cerebral Palsy was organized by Dept of Women development Child Developemnt Department of Social Welfare in association with IICP. Ms Swati Dasgupta, special educator, Autism Society West Bengal attended the workshop. The workshop highlighted symptoms of CP and how persons with CP should be managed properly.

**Panel discussion organized by IICP at Jibananda Sabhagriha Bangla Academy –5<sup>th</sup> Oct**

A panel discussion was organized by IICP to observe World Cerebral Palsy day on 5<sup>th</sup> October. The panel discussion was about ‘What’s in a name: Divyang vs Viklang’? Panel consisted of eminent psychologists, professors and activists like-Ratnabali Roy, Prof Sunendra Munshi, Dr Jhuma Basak, Mamata Dev, Esha & Dipak Ghosh. Senior therapist, Ms. Chandrani Chakraborty from Autism Society West Bengal attended the panel discussion which was interactive and lively. It was an informative session.

**Puja Parikrama by ASWB -5<sup>TH</sup> October, 2016**

Autism Society West Bengal organized pandal hopping for students of Dikshan along with therapists, volunteers and parents. They took a tour of South Kolkata pandals.

**3 days CRE – Program at Shillong, Mary Rice Centre for Disability – 2<sup>nd</sup> November to 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2016**

Ms Nilanjana Ghosh, Senior Therapist Autism Society West Bengal was invited to be the resource person at the 3 days CRE Program held at Shillong. It was organized by Rehabilitation

Council of India Eastern Chapter. All the teachers of Mary Rice Centre as well as teachers from other organization attended the program

### **Meeting on Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPD) Bill- 12<sup>th</sup> Nov, 2016.**

Ms. Indrani Basu, Ms. Ranjana Chakraborty and Dr. Mitu De attended a meeting organized by Sruti Disability Rights Centre for discussion and deliberation on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPD) Bill.

### **Navy Day - 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2016**

Students of Vocational Unit & Junior Section I & II were invited for screening of a movie – ‘Sultan’ as part of Navy Day celebration. They were accompanied with teachers and volunteers. Light refreshment was also arranged for them. The movie was based on the life and struggle of a wrestler. All loved the movie.

### **IICP foundation day - 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2016**

Students of Vocational Adult Unit paid a visit to IICP as part of their Foundation day celebration. They visited different stalls.

### **YAAR -20<sup>th</sup> November, 2016**

Young Adult with Autism Reach Out (YAAR) session was organized by Autism Society West Bengal. All the YAAR participants, volunteers and teachers had a great discussion about their pandal hopping trips this Puja. They shared about the journey they had as well as the pandals/places they visited. There were some videos of important tourist places in and around West Bengal.

### **Workshop at Action For Autism-25<sup>th</sup> November, 2016**

Action for Autism (AFA), Delhi organized a training session for ‘**Asperger’s & High Functioning Autism**’. The resource person was Tony Attwood, a clinical psychologist and also parent of an Autistic teenager from Australia. Ms Manisha Bhattacharya, Clinical psychologist, ASWB, Ms. Indrani Basu, Founder Director, ASWB and Ms. Ranjana Chakrabarty, Governing Body member, ASWB were present at the training session in Delhi.



**Chairperson in National Seminar on ‘Disability and Education: A Socio-Legal Approach’ - 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> November 2016.**

Ms Indrani Basu, Founder Director Autism Society West Bengal was invited to be the chairperson for a session on ‘Disability & Education: A Socio-legal Approach’ in the above National seminar. The seminar focused on how individuals with disabilities are entitled to get education.

**Paper presentation in National Seminar on ‘Disability and Education: A Socio-Legal Approach’ - 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> November 2016.**

Dr. Mitu De gave an oral paper presentation in the National Seminar on ‘Disability and Education: A Socio-Legal Approach.’\_organized by The Centre of Regulatory Studies, Governance and Public Policy (CRSGPP) at the West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences (WBNUJS), Kolkata.

**Observance of World Disability Day-3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2016**

On World Disability Day, Office of the Commissioner for Disability organized a three day event which included walk, job fair, award Ceremony and cultural program. Some of the students of Dikshan along with teachers Mr Pranabesh Bhunia, Ms Amrita Bhawal, Mr Rashbihari Sahoo, Mr Buddhdev Kar, with class assistant Mr Babu Patra and Mr Amitesh Das one of our staff as well as self advocate.

Students of ‘Arohan’ presented a cultural program. Amitava Basu presented a song ‘Bishwya Pita Tumi’ along with others. Special educators Ms Soma Sarker, Mr Rajkumar Bera and Ms Swati Dasgupta were also present at the function with the students.

**Workshop on Visuals & Scheduling for persons with Autism- 4<sup>th</sup> December, 2016**

Autism Society West Bengal organized a workshop on visuals and scheduling. Ms Indrani Basu, Founder-Director of Autism Society West Bengal conducted the session. She highlighted the role of visuals and scheduling in the life of individuals with Autism. The workshop also helped to

learn different types of schedules. Other speakers were Ms. Chandrani Chakraborty, Ms. Shibani Biswas, Ms. Nilanjana Ghosh and Dr. Mitu De.

### **Workshop on Inclusive Education -5<sup>th</sup> December to 16<sup>th</sup> December**

Mr Manoj Mahato, one of the special educators of Autism Society West Bengal participated in a workshop organized by Brothers of Charity, Belgium and UCLL University, Deepshikha (Ranchi), in collaboration with Leuven, Belgium on “**New methodological insights and techniques on mental health problems (developmental, behaviour and emotional problems) by children and youngsters: An Inclusive Approach.**” It was a ten day residential workshop. The workshop focused on new approaches and methods of mainstreaming individuals with mental health problems in schools or formal education setup. The workshop was very useful, interactive and informative.

### **Two day International Conference on Autism Spectrum Disorder: Life in Mainstream -15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> December organized by ASWB in collaboration with Asiatic Society and MHF.**

Autism Society West Bengal in collaboration with Asiatic Society, Kolkata and Mental Health Foundation organized two days international seminar on Autism Spectrum Disorder: Life in mainstream. Speakers from different parts of India along with speakers from United States of America shared the ways in which we can engage individuals with Autism in mainstream society. The speakers were Dr Animita Saha, Associate Professor, UNC School of Medicine, Chapel Hill & Medical Director, Myers Park Internal Medicine Clinic and Carolinas Medical Center, Charlotte, North Carolina., USA; Ms Elizabeth Neuville, Executive Director, The Keystone Institute, USA; Dr Nidhi Singhal, Director of Research and Training at Action for Autism (National Centre for Autism), New Dehli; Mr Anand Kumtha, Forum for Autism, Mumbai; Ms Rita Chatterjee, Principal, Apeejay School, Kolkata; Ms Indrani Basu, Founder Director ASWB; Dr J. R. Ram, Founder Director of Mental Health Foundation (MHF), Kolkata; Dr. Mitu De, Assistant Professor, Gurudas College, Kolkata and Ms Shaneel Mukherjee, Special Educator, Mental Health Foundation. The Founder of Enable India, Bangalore, Ms. Shanti Raghavan, spoke about the training and placement of adults with ASD in regular employment in the open market. Ms. Aradhana Lal of Lemon Tree Hotels, New Delhi who employ individuals with disability. She talked about the training of 4 persons with ASD at Lemon Tree Hotel of

whom one got employed. The workshop highlighted various employment opportunities for individuals with Autism. There was an interesting session with four self advocates viz. Rudrak Bera who is employed by a business house spoke about his job experiences. Barsa Deb, who goes to the pre-vocational unit, Aarohan of ASWB, gave a power point presentation on the activities she likes. Mr. Amitava Basu who is employed by ASWB shared his experiences. Lastly Mr. Animesh Das, data entry operator at ASWB talked about his work.

### **Workshop on Leisure and Play with Family and friends -17<sup>th</sup> December, 2016**

A workshop on leisure and play was organized by Autism Society West Bengal. Mr Anand Kumtha, one of the founders of 'Parents Forum for Autism', Mumbai and proud father of Kabir, a young individual with Autism was the resource person. He discussed about different types of games that we can play with them to keep them engaged as well as helps them to learn new things. The workshop also explained the need for games and play for individuals with Autism. It highlighted how we can use leisure time appropriately.

### **CRE program -21<sup>st</sup> December, 2016**

Mr Pranabesh Bhunia (Course Coordinator), Ms Shivani Biswas (Senior Therapist) and Ms Chandrani Chakrabarty (Senior Coordinator, Parent Training Unit) attended three day CRE program at Noble Mission of South Kolkata

### **Lecture Series on Autism at Calcutta University -3<sup>rd</sup> January and 4<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

Calcutta University, Department of Psychology invited Ms. Indrani Basu as resource person for a two day lecture series on "Teaching and supporting individuals with Autism". All the students of Post Graduation degree in Psychology as well as those doing Masters of Philosophy attended the lecture series.

### **Press conference at the Press Club, Kolkata-11<sup>th</sup> January, 2017.**

A press meet was held regarding the upcoming workshop on 'The Power of Roles: a Presentation on Social Role Valorization Theory' to be on 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2017. It was attended by the organizers, Ms Elizabeth Neuville, Director Keystone Institute, Ms Indrani Basu, Founder

Director ASWB, Ms Amrita Roy Chowdhury, Director, Transcendent Knowledge Society and group leaders Dr. Thomas Neville and Mr. Sumit Agarwal. Dr. Mitu De, of ASWB, a SRV graduate was also present.

### **Workshop on Social Role Valorization (SRV) -12<sup>th</sup> January, 2017**

Autism Society West Bengal organized a one day workshop on Social Role Valorization in collaboration with Keystone Institute, National Trust, The Hans Foundation, Riddhi, Society for Remedial and Integrated Education and Transcendent Knowledge Society. Ms Elizabeth Neville, Director Keystone Institute along with other small group leaders Dr. Thomas Neville, Dr Mitu De, Ms Indrani Basu, Ms Amrita RoyChowdhury, Mr. Sumit Agarwal and Ms. Swati De were the resource persons. The workshop helped us to realize our own social roles as well as how we should value others around us. It was an interactive session where participants were divided into four groups.

### **Refresher Course -16<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2017**

Mr Pranabesh Bhunia, one of the senior coordinator from Autism Society West Bengal attended the five day refresher course on Research Methodology sanctioned by RCI.

### **Paper Presentation-17<sup>th</sup> January, 2017**

Manisha Bhattacharya, Clinical Psychologist Autism Society West Bengal gave an oral presentation of a joint paper with Ms. Indrani Basu and dr. Mitu de as co-authors. The topic of the paper was “Changing patterns of concern among parents with child newly diagnosed with Autism following parent training and intervention programmes.” It was presented in a seminar on ‘Parental Involvement in the Education and Rehabilitation of Children with Special Needs’ organized by Jadavpur University. The paper rightly highlighted the change of concern among parents of individuals with Autism after diagnosis. It also discussed about the concern of parents once they start different intervention programs.

### **Picnic -29<sup>th</sup> January, 2017**

Parents Support Group of Autism Society West Bengal organized a picnic where individuals with Autism along with their family members bonded over games, fun, laughter and good food.

### **Saraswati Pujo- 1<sup>st</sup> Feb, 2017**

Autism Society West Bengal celebrated Saraswati Pujo with all the students, teachers, staffs, non teaching staffs and governing body members.

### **Workshop -10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2017**

Mental Health Foundation in collaboration with Ummeed, Mumbai organized a workshop on ‘Narrative Theory’. Ms Indrani Basu, Ms Ranjana Chakraborty and Ms Nilanjana Ghosh attended the workshop.

### **YAAR-11<sup>TH</sup> Feb, 2017**

YAAR session for the month of February was all about Saraswati Pujo and Valentine’s Day. Participants shared how traditionally people celebrate this pujo. They shared personal experience of celebrating pujo this year. The group also discussed about Valentine’s Day, its origin and how it is celebrated nowadays.

### **Lecture Series -13<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2017**

Indian Institute of Cerebral Palsy invited Ms Indrani Basu, founder-director Autism Society West Bengal to be a guest lecturer for their B.Ed course.

### **Art Workshop -26<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2017**

Apeejay Anand Library organized an ‘Art Workshop’ at Apeejay House. Students from ‘Dikshan’, special school and ‘Aspires’, the parent training unit of ASWB participated in the Art

Workshop. Our students Agneev Das, Aryan Mallick, Kunal Mukherjee, Arpan Chakraborty, Utsav Chakraborty, Saptajit Das and Atrij Das along with their therapist Amrita Bhawal attended this workshop.

### **Workshop -2<sup>nd</sup> March. 2017**

Fragile X Society, India and Indian Academy of Pediatrics organized an awareness symposium on Fragile X. Specialists from medical field, parents and families of individuals who are affected by Fragile X were the resource persons in the workshop. It was attended by Ms. Indrani Basu, Ms. Chandrani Chakraborty, Ms. Ranjana Chakraborty and Dr. Mitu De.

### **Workshop -6<sup>th</sup> March**

Dr. Mitu De was invited to attend and co teach in the “Power of Roles –A one day overview of Social Role Valorization” on 6 March 2017 at Hotel Le Royal Park Puducherry, India. This training was a joint effort of The National Trust for the Welfare of Persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities (statutory body of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India), The Hans Foundation and Keystone Institute India & Satya Special School, Pondicherry.

### **Workshop-7<sup>th</sup> March, 2017**

A National Workshop on The Rights of Persons with Disability Act (RPD), 2016 organized by Indian Institute of Cerebral Palsy. The resource person was Dr Amita Dhanda, Professor, NALSAR, National University Of Law, Hyderabad. Dr Dhanda was legal advisor to the RPD Bill drafting. Mr Prabir Kundu, treasurer of Autism Society West Bengal and Dr Sougata Deb, member of Autism Society West Bengal were present at the workshop. The workshop discussed about how the act will help individuals with disabilities to know their rights.

### **RCI Curriculum meet-21<sup>st</sup> March, 2017**

Ms Indrani Basu was invited to be part of the special member of the RCI team for curriculum on Autism, as RCI is set to launch a new course on Inclusive Education.

### **Invitation to Outliers-27<sup>th</sup> March, 2017**

Rotaract Club of Heritage Institute of Technology organized Outliers, which felicitate persons with extraordinary talent or who are outstanding work in different field. This year Outliers felicitated Ms Indrani Basu as one of the outstanding achiever in the field of disability.

### **In house Workshop at AFA-28<sup>TH</sup> March, 2017**

Action For Autism (AFA) organized an in house training for all the teachers and staffs. The speaker of the workshop was Indrani Basu.

### **SRV Workshop-29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2017**

Keystone Institute, India in collaboration with National Trust, Hans Foundation and Action For Autism organized 'Planning Tools for Inclusive Practice' SRV workshop at Delhi. Ms Indrani Basu attended the workshop to learn how the theory of Social Role Valorization can be implemented.

### **Live Program on Doordarshan-29<sup>th</sup> March, 2017**

Ms Nilanjana Ghosh, one of the senior therapist from Autism Society West Bengal was invited as one of the panelist to 'Mon -Niye' a live phone in programme on Doordarshan Kendra Kolkata where viewers can ask any questions regarding their physical and mental well being. The programme highlighted what Autism is, its early signs and therapy. The different organizations working in this field were mentioned during the program.

### **Workshop-30<sup>th</sup> March, 2017**

Eastern Zonal Coordination Committee of Rehabilitation Council of India in collaboration with Shelter organized a workshop on '**The Rights of the persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 and Draft Rules.**' Mr Pranabesh Bhunia, senior therapist of Autism Society West Bengal attended the workshop.

### **Research Activity during 2016-2017**

### **Publications during 2016-2017**

1. De, Mitu and Basu, Indrani. 2017. Barriers to education for students with autism spectrum disorder (ASD). NUJS Journal of Regulatory Studies (Quarterly) (**Online ISSN: 2456-4605**), Volume 1, Issue 3 (April, 2017), 35-46 pp.
2. De, Mitu, Huda, Naureen, Kumar, Vandana, Chakrabarty, Ranjana, Chakraborty, Chandrani and Basu, I. 2016. Impact of the grandchild's autism diagnosis on the grandparent: A case study. The Beats of Natural Sciences. (**ISSN-2348-7615**) Vol. 3, Issue 3-4 (September-December), Article No. 2. pp 1-10.



## **Publication as Book Chapters**

### **Academic Year 2016-2017**

1. Bhattacharya, Manisha, Basu, Indrani and De, Mitu 2017. Changing patterns of concerns among parents with child newly diagnosed with autism following parent training and intervention program. In 'Parental Involvement in the Education and Rehabilitation of Children with Special Needs' A collection of Research Papers (ISBN 978-93-83660-32-2) pp 156-164.

### **Presentations in seminars and conferences**

1. Bhattacharya, Manisha, Basu, Indrani and De, Mitu 2017. Changing patterns of concerns among parents with child newly diagnosed with autism following parent training and intervention program. Oral presentation by Ms. Manisha Bhattacharya in International Seminar on 'Parental Involvement in the Education and Rehabilitation of Children with Special Needs' organized by Department of Education, Jadavpur University in collaboration with Arogya Sandhan Charitable Trust, Santoshpur & Turnstone Global.
2. De, Mitu. 2016. Supporting students with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) in Higher education. Oral presentation at the two day workshop "Autism Spectrum Disorder: Life in the mainstream organized by the Asiatic Society, Kolkata, Autism Society West Bengal & Mental Health Foundation jointly on December 15 & 16, 2016.
3. Basu, Indrani. 2017. Supporting and enabling persons with autism in the community. Oral presentation at the two day workshop "Autism Spectrum Disorder: Life in the mainstream organized by the Asiatic Society, Kolkata, Autism Society West Bengal & Mental Health Foundation jointly on December 15 & 16, 2016.

4. De, Mitu and Basu, Indrani 2016. Identifying and understanding the unique needs of students with autism spectrum disorder (ASD): Strategies for attitudinal and social support required by students with autism to access opportunities for quality education. Oral presentation by Dr. Mitu De at the two day National Seminar on ‘Disability and Education: A Socio-Legal Approach’ organized by The Centre of Regulatory Studies, Governance and Public Policy (CRSGPP) at the West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences (WBNUJS), Kolkata on 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> November 2016.

**Awareness Programs:** ASWB regularly organizes programs through which parents may be empowered. Another area of focus is creating awareness about Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

**Workshops organized by Autism Society West Bengal 2016-2017**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Name of the workshop/ Conference</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Resource Persons</b>	<b>Participants</b>
03 <sup>rd</sup> April, 2016	Workshop on Autism Awareness	West Bengal Voluntary Health Association (WBVHA), Building.	Parents of individuals with Autism viz. Ms. Shraboni Chakraborty, Ms. Sanjib Paul, Mr. Sudip Ghosh, Ms. Rituparna Sarkar	All teachers, parents, volunteers & professionals working with Autism.
20 <sup>th</sup> - 25 <sup>th</sup> June	In house teacher training	Autism Society West Bengal's school	Ms Indrani Basu	All therapists of ASWB.

		premises		
7 <sup>th</sup> August	Token Economy and Contract	Rotary Club	Ms. Kalyani Saha	All teachers, parents, volunteers & professionals working with Autism.
8 <sup>th</sup> August	In house training of ASWB	Autism Society West Bengal's school premises	Ms. Kalyani Saha	All therapists of ASWB.
11 <sup>th</sup> September	Facilitated Communication	Rotary Club	Ms. Sarbani Mallick of Bubbles, Bangalore.	All teachers, parents, volunteers & professionals working with Autism.
18 <sup>th</sup> September	My Child 's Life without me	Rotary Club	Ms Indrani Basu and Mr Prabir Kundu	All parents and teachers.
4 <sup>th</sup> December	Visuals & Scheduling	West Bengal Voluntary Health Association	Ms. Indrani Basu, Ms. Chandrani Chakraborty, Ms. Shibani Biswas, Ms. Manisha Bhattacharya, Dr. Mitu De	All teachers, parents, volunteers & professionals working with Autism.
15 <sup>th</sup> & 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Two day workshop "Autism Spectrum Disorder: Life in the mainstream organized by	Asiatic Society	Dr Animita Saha, Ms Elizabeth Neuville, Ms Aradhana Lal, Dr Nidhi Singhal, Mr Anand Kumtha, Ms Rita Chatterjee, Ms Indrani Basu, Dr J.R.Ram,	All teachers, parents, volunteers & professionals working with Autism.

	the Asiatic Society, Kolkata, Autism Society West Bengal & Mental Health Foundation jointly		Dr. Mitu De, Ms Shaneel Mukherjee	
17th Dec	Leisure and Play with Family and friends	West Bengal Voluntary Health Association (WBVBA) building	Mr Anand Kumtha	All teachers, parents, volunteers & professionals working with Autism.

**Workshops where ASWB members/staff were invited as Resource persons 2016-2017**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Workshop title/training</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Organized by</b>	<b>Resource Person</b>	<b>Participants</b>
10 <sup>th</sup> -19 <sup>th</sup> May	Behaviour Management with Teachers & Parents	Bangladesh	Spectra School of Autism	Ms Indrani Basu and Chandrani Chakraborty	Professionals and parents working with persons with Disability
20 <sup>th</sup> May	Sensitizing Teachers on the varied aspects of Autism	Apeejay School, Park Street	Apeejay School	Ms Indrani Basu	Professionals and teachers of Apeejay School
14 <sup>th</sup> - 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Lecture Series for	IICP	IICP	Ms Indrani Basu	Students of B.Ed course

	B.Ed				
3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Supporting Students with Autism in Mainstream School	Asian International School	Asian International School	Indrani Basu & Rashmi Mantri	Professionals and teachers of Asian International School
11 <sup>th</sup> -13 <sup>th</sup> September	Understanding and supporting persons with Autism and ADHD with an introduction on disability	Alipurduar	Athrayudh Foundation	Mr Pranabesh Bhunia & Ms Chandrani Chakraborty	Professionals and parents working with persons with Disability
4 <sup>th</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> October	Innovation in Rehabilitation and Education for Persons with Disabilities	Shillong	Rehabilitation Council of India North East Zone	Ms Nilanjana Ghosh	Professionals working with persons with Disability from Northern Eastern Zone
2 <sup>nd</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> November	CRE Program	Shillong	Mary Rice Centre	Ms Nilanjana Ghosh	Professionals working with persons with Disability from Northern Eastern Zone
29 <sup>th</sup> -30 <sup>th</sup> November	Disability and Education: A socio legal approach	Kolkata	West Bengal University of Judicial Science	Ms Indrani Basu	Professionals working with persons with Disability and

					professionals from legal address
12 <sup>th</sup> January,201 7	Social Role Valorization	Kolkata	Keystone Institute, Autism Society West Bengal and Transcendent Knowledge Society	Ms Elizabeth Neuville, Mr Thomas Neuville, Ms Indrani Basu, Dr Mitu De, Ms Swati, Mr Sumit Agarwal and Ms Amrita Roychowdh ury	Ms Manisha Bhattacharya, Ms Shrabani Chakraborty, Ms Nilanjana Ghosh, Ms Sushmita Nath, Ms Ranjana Chakraborty, Arpita Chatterjee, Sudip Ghosh
6 <sup>th</sup> March,2017	Orientation Course on Social Role Valorization	Pondiche rry	Keystone Institute India, National Trust, Hans Foundation and Satya Special School	Ms Elizabeth Neuville, Small group leader: Dr Mitu De,	Professionals working with persons with Disability
28 <sup>th</sup> March, 2017	In house Workshop	Delhi	Action For Action, Delhi	Ms Indrani Basu	Professionals working with persons with Disability

**Workshops attended by ASWB professionals as participants during 2016-2017**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Workshop title/training</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Organized by</b>	<b>Resource Person</b>	<b>Participants</b>
11 <sup>th</sup> -13 <sup>th</sup> April	CRE	Pradip Centre for Autism Management	Pradip Centre for Autism Management		Nilanjana Ghosh, Soma Sarker, Amrita Bhawal, Manoj Mahato and Rasbihari Sahoo
19 <sup>th</sup> August	Workshop on Willis and Trusts	Delhi	Action For Autism		Mr Prabir Kundu
22 <sup>nd</sup> - 23 <sup>rd</sup> August	Social Role Valorization	Delhi	Keystone Institute, India, Action For Autism & National Trust	Ms Elizabeth Neuville	Ms Indrani Basu & Dr Mitu De
31 <sup>st</sup> -2 <sup>nd</sup> August	Masters Trainers Program	Delhi	National Trust		Manisha Bhattacharya
9 <sup>th</sup> September	Social Acceptance of Children with Special Needs		Department of Child Development, Department of Women Department and Social Welfare, Government of West Bengal	Ms Jeeja Ghosh	Kaberi Ghosh
13 <sup>TH</sup> September	NPO Laws & Compliance	Kolkata	Financial Management Service	Professionals from Foundation	Ms Arpita Chatterjee

			Foundation,Noida		
25 <sup>th</sup> November	Asperger and High Functionng Autism	Delhi	Action For Autism	Tony Attwood	Ms Indrani Basu, Ms Manisha Bhattacharya and Ms Ranjana Chakraborty
5 <sup>th</sup> - 16 <sup>th</sup> December	New Methodologic al Insights and Techniques on Mental Health problems and emotional problems for Children and Youngsters : An inclusive approach	Ranchi	Brothers of Charity,Belgium,U CLL University and Deepshikha, Ranchi		Mr Manoj Mahato
21 <sup>st</sup> December	CRE Program	Noble Mission of South Kolkata	Noble Mission Of South Kolkata		Mr. Pranabesh Bhunia, Ms. Shivani Biswas and Ms. Chandrani Chakraborty
10th- 11th February, 2017	Narrative Therapy	Mental Health Foundati on	Mental Health Foundation in association with Ummeed	Resource Person from Ummeed, Mumbai	Ms Indrani Basu, Ms Manisha Bhattacharya



					and Ms Ranjana Chakraborty
2 <sup>nd</sup> March,2017	Fragile X	Spring Club	Fragile X Society,India and Indian Academy of Pediatrics	Medical Professional s	Ms. Indrani Basu, Ms Chandrani Chakraborty and Ms Ranjana Chakraborty, Dr. Mitu De., Ms. Smriti Ghosh, Ms. Nilanjana Ghosh
7 <sup>th</sup> March,2017	The Rights Of Persons with Disability Act(RPD Act)	IICP	IICP	Dr Amita Dhanda	Mr Prabir Kundu and Dr Sougata Deb
29 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup> March,2017	Planning Tools for Inclusive Practices	Delhi	Keystone Institute and Action For Autism	Ms Elizabeth Neuville	Ms Indrani Basu