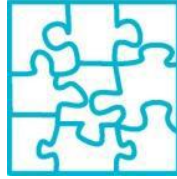


# Annual Report



2017-2018

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## **Message from Founder – Director**

In recent times there is a neurodiversity movement, which is an international civil rights movement that has the autism rights movement as its most influential sub movement. Sharing the Disability Rights slogan, "Nothing about Us without Us", the movement promotes self-advocacy of its members. Neurodiversity advocates promote support systems (such as inclusion-focused services, accommodations, communication and assistive technologies, occupational training, and independent living support) that allow those who are "non-neurotypical" to live their lives as they are, rather than being coerced or forced to adopt uncritically accepted ideas of normality, or to conform to a clinical ideal.

Neurodiversity is a natural form of diversity, found in every human society. It is similar in many ways to other forms of diversity, such as ethnic, racial, cultural, sexual, or gender diversity. Like these other forms of diversity, neurodiversity can enrich a society or community that embraces it; however, it is frequently met with prejudice and hostility by people who believe that there's just one "right" way for others to be, to think, or to act. The "*acceptance perspective*" endorsed by the movement is a view that autism is not a disorder, but a normal occurrence—an alternate variation in brain wiring or a less common expression of the human genome. Advocates of this perspective believe that autism is a unique way of being that should be validated, supported and appreciated rather than shunned, discriminated against or eliminated. Recently large corporations are propelling the neurodiversity movement. Yahoo and Microsoft recently launched neurodiversity initiatives, believing it will enhance its workforce.

In the year 2017-2018 Autism Society West Bengal has organized several workshops on different aspects of Autism mainly focusing on accommodations that need to be developed and implemented so that the quality of life for an autistic individual is enhanced. Students of Dikshan and Aarohan have actively participated in science projects, 'Go as you Like' and cooking competitions, walked down the ramp in a fashion event, planted saplings in a plantation drive. We believe more interface is required among the autistic and neuro-typical population so that both may perceive, acknowledge and accept the neurodiversity within each of them.

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.

## **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 Spectrum Disorder)** – Autism Society West Bengal started special D. Ed course approved by Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI) from the academic session 2016-17. The second batch of the D Ed course is running successfully in the 2017-2018 session.

### **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 (MHF), Kolkata
- 12) Keystone Institute, India; An Educational Institute on Disability, Community, and Innovation
- 13) Centre for Autism Therapy, Counselling and Help (CATCH), Bhubaneswar, Odisha, India.
- 14) National Institute of Developmental Education (A Unit of Atrayudh Foundation), Alipurduar, West Bengal .

## **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).

**2017-** A short film about Autism Society West Bengal was telecast by Doordarshan Kendra Kolkata in April, 2017.

**2017-** Indian Museum observed World Autism Awareness Day by organizing a sit & draw event for individuals with Autism from ASWB.

**2017-** Ms Indrani Basu was invited as one of the specialist on Autism to formulate the Rehabilitation Council of India’s curriculum for a 6-month Course in "Advanced Certificate in Inclusive Education (cross disability)”.

**2017-** Ms. Indrani Basu was a member of the Screening Committee of State Awards for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities 2017 conferred by the Department of Women and Child Development and Social Welfare, Government of West Bengal.

**2017-** Ms. Indrani Basu, Director, Autism Society West Bengal, was invited as a panelist at the International Conference on Autism and Neurodevelopmental Disorders to be hosted by the The Ministry of Health of Bhutan, the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare of Bangladesh, WHO’s Regional Office for South-East Asia, Shuchona Foundation, and Ability Bhutan Society organized this Conference and World Health Organization South-East Asia Regional Office.

**2017-** Autism Society West Bengal started soft skill training program for young adults with Autism to help them enhance their social skills which will help them perform better in their professional and personal life.

**Team of Teaching, Non Teaching staff and Volunteers for the year 2017-18**

1	Chandrani Chakraborty	Therapist/Special Educator
2	Shibani Biswas	Therapist
3	Nilanjana Ghosh	Therapist
4	Dolon Paul	Therapist
5	Pranabesh Bhunia	D Ed Cordinator & Faculty/Therapist
6	Manoj Kumar Mahato	D Ed Faculty/Therapist
7	Binay Samanta	Therapist
8	Rajkumar Bera	Therapist
9	Chhabi Das	Therapist
10	Soma Sarker	Therapist
11	Piyali Chakraborty	D Ed Faculty/Therapist
12	Kaberi Ghosh	Therapist
13	Amrita Bhawal Barman	Therapist
14	Priyanka Saha	Therapist
15	Shampa Rani Sahoo	Therapist
16	Swati Dasgupta	Therapist
17	Sanjit Kumar Ghosh	Therapist
18	Rashbehari Sahoo	Therapist
19	Buddhadev Kar	Therapist
20	Banani Saha	Classroom Assistant
21	Jhuma Choudhury	Classroom Assistant
22	Babu Patra	Classroom Assistant
23	Manisha Bhattacharya	Clinical Psychologist/D Ed Faculty
24	Priyanka Roy	Psychologist/D Ed Faculty
25	Neha Singh	Physiotherapist
26	Sarmistha Das	Parent Training Coordinator/Office Assistant
27	Madhumita Dhar	Admin/Accountant
28	Arpita Chatterjee	Project Coordinator
29	Amitesh Das	Office Assistant
30	Sarmistha Debnath	Office Assistant
31	Nababrata Guha Roy	Accounts Assistant



32	Sefali Naskar	Care Giver/ Classroom helpers
33	Bishaya Bayen	Care Giver/ Classroom helpers
34	Mina Bibi	Care Giver/ Classroom helpers
35	Nazma Bibi	Care Giver/ Classroom helpers
36	Sabina Bibi	Care Giver/ Classroom helpers
37	Anita Saha	Care Givers/ Classroom helpers
38	Dipali Mondal	Care Givers/ Classroom helpers
39	Asha Bibi	Care Giver/ Classroom helpers
40	Alpana Halder	Care Giver/ Classroom helpers
41	Lakshman Mondal	Gate keeper
42	Joydeep Sarkar	Gate keeper
43	Shankar Vella	Sweeper
44	Tusi Sadhukhan	Volunteer
45	Anupama Bhaduri	Volunteer
46	Uma Das	Volunteer
47	Debjani Paul	Volunteer
48	Shrabani Chakraborty	Volunteer
49	Sushmita Nath	Volunteer
50	Abanti Pal	Volunteer
51	Mounisha Sarkar	Volunteer
52	Swati Mallick	Volunteer
53	Smriti Ghosh	Volunteer
54	Sucharita Roy	Volunteer
55	Ashoka Pal	Volunteer
56	Rituparna Das	Volunteer
57	Arpita Chakraborty	Volunteer
58	Mou Saha	Volunteer
59	Aparna Chakraborty	Volunteer

## **Events of 2017-18**

### **Observance of April World Autism Awareness Day (WAAD)**

#### **1<sup>st</sup> April, 2017 – Tram Ride**

Office of the Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities organized a Tram Ride for individuals with Autism along with their teachers, parents and care givers. Representatives of different organization working in this field participated in this tram ride. Students from Dikshan Joyjyoti Pal, Aryan Mallik, Depdeep Das and Abash Sarkar were accompanied with their mothers and Mr Rashbihari Sahoo, one of the special educators associated with Autism Society West Bengal. The tram ride was flagged off by Mrs Shashi Panja, Minister of State, Department Child Development, Women Development and Social Welfare, Government of West Bengal from Esplanade. Also present were Ms Ranu Bhattacharya, Commissioner Office of the Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Department of Child Development, Women Development and Social Welfare, Government of West Bengal. The tram started its journey from Esplanade travelling all the way to Belgachia and back to Esplanade. Though the journey was a bit long but all of the individuals who were part of the ride enjoyed it.

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2017**

##### **Cultural Program**

Office of the Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities also organized a cultural program on 2<sup>nd</sup> April at University Institute Hall. Barsha Deb of Aarohan unit of Autism Society West Bengal performed a dance number on Rabindra Nath Tagore's song. Amitava Basu from Autism Society West Bengal sang a Rabindra Sangeet. The participants were accompanied by Special Educators Soma Sarker, Buddhadev Kar. Barsha also shared her experience of overcoming all odds to clear her class 12 board exams through NIOS. It was memorable and wonderful morning of 2nd April where we celebrated and cheered for what these individuals with Autism have achieved in spite of facing difficulties.

##### **Sit & Draw Event**

Indian Museum observed World Autism Awareness Day by organizing a sit & draw event for individuals with Autism from Autism Society West Bengal. They were also introduced to clay modeling. Trisha Deb, Abhishek Sarker, Pinak Kundu, Ujjibon Roy, Agneev Das, Kunal Mukherjee participated in this event. Trisha and Barsha Deb presented dance performance. Amitava Basu and Pinak Kundu performed Rabindra Sangeet. The individuals had a wonderful time as they were taken on a tour of the museum and later were served delicious lunch. Mrs Tapati Ghosh, President of Autism Society West Bengal; Ms Roma Basu, Joint Secretary; Mr Prabir Kundu, Treasurer; Dr Sougata Deb, Governing Body member were present at the event. Mr Sayan Bhattacharya, Education officer Indian Museum felicitated Mrs Tapati Ghosh and he also said that he wanted to continue this association with our organization in future too. Special Educators Chandrani Chakraborty, Amrita Bhawal along with office staffs Sarmistha Das, Madhumita Dhar and Arpita Chatterjee were present in this event.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2017**

All India Radio Akashbani station conducted a live phone in program about Autism. Clinical Psychologist Ms Manisha Bhattacharya was present to answer all queries related to the topic and also to discuss about Autism, its signs and diagnosis. As Autism is an invisible disability people tend to overlook its early signs but early diagnosis and early intervention can go a long way in supporting individuals with Autism to lead a life of self independence and dignity.

### **1<sup>st</sup> April -3<sup>rd</sup> April**

Our D Ed Coordinator, Mr. Pranabesh Bhunia attended the National Workshop and Training Module for Trainers in Autism organized by the National Trust in collaboration with Child Neurology Division, Department of Pediatrics, AIIMS in New Delhi. He also attended the National Conference on Autism, at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi which was organized by the National Trust.

### **6<sup>th</sup> April, 2017**

To observe World Autism Awareness Month, Doordarshan Kendra Kolkata shot a film on Autism Society West Bengal. The film highlighted the kind of therapy we are provide, the activities in which individuals with Autism of our school 'Dikshan' take part and it also interviewed individuals with Autism who are attending mainstream schools. The program also

emphasized the need for early intervention as most of the parent confessed that it was starting the early intervention programs which brought improvements in these individuals and they learned activities of daily life, communication and social behavior.

### **7<sup>th</sup> April, 2017**

Inner Wheel Club of South Kolkata organized a Fancy Dress Competition for Individuals with Special Needs at Nehru Childrens' Museum. Students from junior section of Dikshan, Parthiv Ghosh and Aryan Mallik, took part in this competition accompanied by their mothers, Smriti Ghosh and Swati Mallik and special educator Ms Piyali Chakraborty.

### **10<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> April, 2017**

A three day workshop on Inclusive Education for Persons with Autism Spectrum Disorder was organized by RAISE-NE, which is an acronym for Regional Action on Inclusive Education, in 5 States in the North East of India. RAISE-NE was launched in five states of the North East region to complement the programme of Sarva Siksha Abhiyan (SSA) on inclusive education to improve the quality of education for children with disabilities. Ms Indrani Basu, Founder Director, Autism Society West Bengal was invited by RAISE-NE to conduct a 3 day training on "Inclusive Education for persons with ASD – what, why and how". The 30-odd participants were Special Educators from 15 NGO-Partners from the 5 north eastern states – Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Nagaland and Tripura. Some of them are trained in ASD but most are trained in Visual Impairment, Intellectual Disability, Cerebral Palsy and Deaf blind. This workshop was a major effort in capacity-building of General and Special Educators by RAISE-NE. Ms. Indrani Basu discussed about ways in which we can make inclusive education interesting and participatory in nature. The workshop highlighted the need for introducing inclusive education.

### **10<sup>th</sup> April**

Some Senior Secondary students with Psychology as one of their main subjects from Sushila Birla Girls High School visited Autism Society West Bengal to observe how special educators and therapists work with individuals with Autism.

### 16<sup>th</sup> April

Autism Society West Bengal organized a workshop on Autism and Behaviour as part of Autism Awareness Month. Ms Indrani Basu, was the main speaker for this workshop. The main focus of the workshop was Understanding Autism and the behavior associated with it and how we can overcome it. It was attended by parents and professionals from Autism Society West Bengal and other organizations.

### 17<sup>th</sup> April

National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Multiple Disabilities (NIEPMD) in collaboration with University of Northampton organized a three days workshop on Qualitative Research methods at Chennai. Ms Manisha Bhattacharya, Clinical Psychologist from Autism Society West Bengal attended the workshop. It helped us to understand more about qualitative research methods which is very helpful, informative and integral part of our research work on Autism. By applying qualitative research method, we can document the improvement of individuals with Autism after going for regular therapy sessions.

### 18<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup> , April

Ms. Indrani Basu, Director, Autism Society West Bengal, was invited as a panelist at the International Conference on Autism and Neurodevelopmental Disorders to be hosted by the The Ministry of Health of Bhutan, the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare of Bangladesh, WHO's Regional Office for South-East Asia, Shuchona Foundation, and Ability Bhutan Society organized this Conference and World Health Organization South-East Asia Regional Office. The theme of the conference was: **Effective and sustainable multi-sectoral programmes for individuals, families and communities living with autism and neurodevelopmental disorders**. Ms. Indrani Basu was the panelist for the session on "Community-based models for delivering interventions to individuals with neurodevelopmental disorders and their families."

### 22<sup>nd</sup> April

YAAR (Young Adults with Autism Reach Out) program was held at VLS dance studio, where participants learned some dance steps and grooved to some foot tapping music. They also had

their share of 'adda' which is the main attraction of YAAR program. Ms Shaneel Mukherjee, renowned Psychologist and owner of VLS dance studio invited us to have the YAAR session jointly.

### 25<sup>th</sup> April

Ms Indrani Basu was invited as one of the specialist on Autism to formulate the Rehabilitation Council of India's curriculum for a 6-month Course in "Advanced Certificate in Inclusive Education (cross disability ).

### 25<sup>th</sup> April

Autism Society West Bengal celebrated Annual Day program at Nari Seva Sangha. Students from different sections /classes presented song and dance performances. Some of them also recited poems. Students of 'Aarohan' staged a play 'Gupi Gayen Bagha Bayen'. There were also stalls of games for students and their parents. All students along with their parents and guardians attended the program. Everyone had a wonderful time.



### **6<sup>th</sup> May**

Participants of Young Adults with Autism Reach out (YAAR) celebrated Rabindra Jayanti very enthusiastically. Amitesh Das, Subhadeep Biswas, Soumyojit Bose, Trisha Deb and Barsha Deb, Riju Mukherjee, Aditya Rao, Rohan Biswas, Ritobroto Bhadhuri, Soham Sengupta, Rudrak Bera. Rotaract volunteers Avijit Soingh, Ayush Tewari, Atul Kumar, Shibam Acharya, Satyam Chulania, Nishan Jain; Special educators Budhadev Kar and Priyanka Saha, ASWB volunteers Soma Sarkar and Sharmistha Debnath, Caregivers Babu Patra and Najma Bibi were present.

### **6<sup>th</sup> May**

HCL Foundation organized the symposium "CSR for Nation Building: The HCL Grant: Pan India Symposiums" in partnership with *Shaktishi* and local partners. iLead -Kolkata was proud to host the second Symposium in the series. HCL Foundation is the CSR arm of HCL enterprise. During last two consecutive years it rolled out Edition 1 & 2 of one of the biggest CSR grants of India, called The HCL Grant. It is an annual series. The HCL Grant aims to strengthen THE FIFTH ESTATE – The NGOs - and thus contribute to nation-building. Workshop on HCL Foundation Grant 2017 was attended by Arpita Chatterjee and Ranjana Chakraborty.

### **12<sup>th</sup> May**

Ms. Indrani Basu attended the Meeting on Disability Right Act organized by Office of the Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities and Minister for Child development, Women development and Social Welfare

### **16<sup>th</sup> May**

Ms. Indrani Basu attended the RCI meeting for Inclusive Education Curriculum.

### **18<sup>th</sup> May**

YES BANK and Sukalyan Welfare Society organized a NGO Capacity Building Workshop held at Hotel Regenta Orkos's in Kolkata. The workshop was organized to reshape the mind-set of participating NGOs by enabling them to increase their social impact on issues like planning, writing project proposals, managing projects, monitoring & evaluation, fundraising and outreach. Arpita Chatterjee attended the workshop.

### **27<sup>th</sup> May**

Workshop at Bhubaneswar organized by Centre for Autism Therapy, Counselling and Help (CATCH). Resource persons Indrani Basu and Ranjana Chakraborty.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> June**

Workshop on Autism organized by Hope Foundation. Indrani Basu was the resource person.

### **4<sup>th</sup> June**

Workshop on Smart Teaching Strategies for Children with Autism organized by Autism Society West Bengal at Rotary Sadan where Indrani Basu was the speaker.

### **17<sup>th</sup> June**

Autism Society West Bengal started soft skill training program for young adults with Autism to help them enhance their social skills which will help them perform better in their professional and personal life.

### **6<sup>th</sup> July to 12<sup>TH</sup> July**

Indarni Basu was invited as the guest lecturer for B.Ed Course organized by IICP.

### **15<sup>TH</sup> July**

YAAR Celebrated Rath Yatra, Monsoon and Soumitra's farewell.

### **17<sup>th</sup> July**

Workshop on Autism was organized by SENSE, Chinsurah, West Bengal. Ms. Indrani Basu was the resource person.



### **24<sup>th</sup> July**

Workshop on ‘Narrative Therapy’ was organized by Mental Health Foundation. Ranjana Chakraborty attended the workshop.

### **27<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> July**

Workshop on ‘Training and teaching techniques for Young adults with Autism’ organized by FARE, Bangladesh. Indrani Basu and Dolon Paul were the resource persons.

### **12<sup>th</sup> August**

Indrani Basu was felicitated as an Achiever at the Board Installation Program held at Heritage Institute of Technology

### **13<sup>TH</sup> August**

Inclusive India program organized by Asha Bhavan Centre. Amitesh Das, Rshbehari Sahoo and Arpita Chatterjee attended the event.

### **19<sup>th</sup> August**

Wish Tree at Apeejay School both premises Salt Lake and Park Street. Amrita Bhawal and Piyali Chakraborty (Salt Lake) and Swati Dasgupta and Priyanka Saha ( Park Street).

### **23<sup>rd</sup> August**

CRE (Continuing Rehabilitation Education) program was held at Narendrapur Blind boys Academy. Ms. Indrani Basu was invited as the resource person.

### **25<sup>th</sup> August & 26<sup>th</sup> August**

Ms Indrani Basu was invited as the resource person for the workshop on ‘Mainstream Education for Individuals with Autism’ at AFA, New Delhi.

### **31<sup>st</sup> August & 1<sup>st</sup> September**

Continuing Rehabilitation Education (CRE) Program on “Information Communication Tool & Education of Persons with Autism Spectrum Disorder” was organized by Noble Mission of

South Kolkata. Indrani Basu, Nilanjana Ghosh, Manisha Bhattacharya, Ranjana Chakraborty and Shraboni Chakraborty were invited as speakers.

### **5<sup>th</sup> September**

Teacher's day celebration was held in Dikshan.

### **9<sup>th</sup> September**

Rota Edu Fair organized by Rotaract Club of Heritage Institute of Technology. Students of Autism Society West Bengal participated in Science Exhibition, handicraft exhibition and art exhibition.

**Science Exhibition** – 'Water Cycle'- Pinaki Bhattacharya, 'Light Travels in a straight line' – Rohan Biswas, Flower transpiration –Barsha Deb.

**Handicraft exhibition cum sale** – Swati Dasgupta, Kaberi Ghosh and Sabina Bibi.

**Art Exhibition** – Art works of Barsha Deb, Abhishek Sarkar, Ishaan Guha and Aditya Ganguly were displayed.

**Dreamathon Painting Competition** - Agneev Das, Saptajit Das, Arpan Chakraborty, Atrij Das were accompanied by Sarmistha Debnath and their mothers.

### **11<sup>th</sup> September – 13<sup>th</sup> September**

Indrani Basu was the resource person in the 3 days workshop at Bhubaneswar organized by Centre for Autism Therapy, Counselling and Help (CATCH).

### **16<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> September**

Wish tree at Star Mark Emami Shopping Mall outlet was put up by ASWB. Our Special educators as well as Rotaract Club members were present to create awareness about Autism and also explain the reason behind putting up the Wish Tree. Swati Dasgupta, Priyanka Saha, Chandrani Chakraborty, Piyali Bhattacharya, Amrita Bhawal, Buddhadeb Kar, Kaberi Ghosh, Sarmistha Ghosh and Arpita Chatterjee.

### **24<sup>th</sup> September**

Puja Parikrama organized by Autism Society West Bengal. Many of our students of Dikshan along with parents visited several Puja pandals in South Kolkata.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> October**

Daan Utsav is India's festival of giving that brings people from various sectors together, to celebrate and spread the joy of sharing. Daan Utsav Kolkata team organized a visit to NICCO Park for students of Dikshan and one parent. The children enjoyed the rides.

### **18<sup>th</sup> October**

Choti Diwali celebration at Lake Gardens (evening parent training kids and their mother)

25<sup>th</sup> October

Mr. Pranabesh Bhunia attended the All India Course Coordinators Meet organized by RCI held in Indian Spine Injuries Centre, New Delhi.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> November**

Ms. Indrani Basu was a member of the Screening Committee of State Awards for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities 2017 conferred by the Department of Women and Child Development and Social Welfare, Government of West Bengal.

### **8<sup>th</sup> November**

Ms. Indrani Basu and Dr Mitu De attended the Summit and workshop on Mental Healthcare: 'Let's Act... New Pathways ~ New Hope' organized by Indian Chamber of Commerce at The Lalit Great Eastern, Kolkata.

### **10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> November**

ASWB organized a two day workshop on 'Preparing for Adulthood, Skill building and Employment towards a fulfilled life ahead' Resource person was Ms Preeti Siwach from AFA New Delhi. Ms. Preeti Siwach is the Head, Vocational and Employment Unit at Action for Autism, (AFA), New Delhi. She is also In-charge of Aadhaar Vocational Centre in AFA.

### **12<sup>th</sup> November**

ASWB organized a Workshop on 'Assistive Living for Adults with Autism.' Ms Merry Barua of AFA was the resource person. This workshop focused on Adults with Autism and the kind of support they would need to live a safe and meaningful life. The different options for Assistive living for adults with Autism were discussed. Ms. Barua also discussed limited guardianship and how it affects the Autism Community.

### **12<sup>th</sup> November**

Workshop on ABA Practices which was organized by Behaviour Momentum of India. Speaker – Dr Smita Awasthi. Attended by Chandrani Chakraborty and Dolon Paul.

### **14<sup>th</sup> November**

Children's day celebration at School Premise.

### **21<sup>st</sup> November**

Navy Day celebration film show – Bahubaali. Attendees were Abhishek Sarker, Abhishek Bhattacharya, Aditya Paul, Shubhodeep Biswas, Nilanjan Dasgupta, Souvik Sadhukhan, Akash Chakraborty, Swastik Nath, Agneev Das, Joyjyoti Pal, Kaustav Basu, Asmi Sengupta, Ayushman Pal, Soham Dasgupta, Aratrika Mukherjee, Abeer Sengupta, Probuddha Guha, Aniruddha, Amitesh Das. They were accompanied by Manoj Mahato, Shampi Sahoo, Kaberi Ghosh, Tusi Sadhukhan along with Caregivers Babu Patra, Bishaya Bayen and Sabeena Bibi. Parent volunteers Debjani Pal and Ashoka Pal were also present.

### **23<sup>rd</sup> November**

IICP Foundation day celebration was held at Birla Industrial and Technological Museum. Abhishek Sarker, Abhishek Bhattacharya, Aditya Paul, Shubhodeep Biswas, Kaustav Basu, Amitava Basu, Trisha Deb, Barsha Deb and Amitesh Das were accompanied by special educators Shampa Sau, Kaberi Ghosh, Tusi Sadhukhan, Pranabesh Bhuniaa and Babu Patra.

### **30<sup>th</sup> November**

Workshop organized by Udhbash –a parent organization. Indrani Basu was the resource person.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> December**

Observance of World Disability Day organized by Office of the Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities. Awareness walk from College Square. Aryan Malik, Jyojyoti Pal, Ayushman Pal and Agneev Das were accompanied with their mothers and Ms Nilanjan Ghosh, senior therapist.

### **4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> December**

A Four day residential course on Social Role Valorization (SRV) was organized by Keystone Institute India in collaboration with National trust and Hans Foundation. Arpita Chatterjee, Ranjana Chakraborty and Manisha Bhattacharya from ASWB attended the course at Delhi.



### **5th December**

Cultural Program organized by Office of the Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities

### **9<sup>th</sup> December & 11<sup>th</sup> December**

Sushila Birla Girls School organized a fest 'Smayan' where students from Autism Society West Bengal participated in Sit n Draw, T shirt painting, non flame cooking. Our special educators Shampa Sau, Soma Sarker and Arpita Chatterjee were present with all these participants.

Sit & Draw – Abhishek Sarkar, Kunal Mukherjee

T shirt Painting – Ujjibon Roy

Non Flame Cooking – Barsha and Trisha Deb



### 11<sup>th</sup> December

‘Dress to impress’, a fashion ramp walk was held. Kaustav Basu, Parthiv Ghosh, Akash Chakraborty, Rahini Ghosh and Chandrima Nath were accompanied with Kaberi Ghosh, Sarmistha Debnath and Arpita Chatterjee.

### 13<sup>th</sup> December

Digi ability conference was presented by the Public Relations Society of India, Kolkata Chapter. The Digi-Ability Conference aims to provide information that can uplift persons with disabilities. Shri Pankaj Maru (National Coordinator of Niramaya Health Insurances Scheme, National Trust) was one of the resource persons. The conference was attended by Ms Indrani Basu, Shrabani Chakraborty and Arpita Chatterjee. Discussions were on use the technology to access National Trust Schemes.



### **18<sup>th</sup> December & 19<sup>th</sup> December**

Workshop on Visuals + Schedules = Good Life was organized by ASWB. Speakers were Indrani Basu, Chandrani Chakraborty, Ranjana Chakraborty, Manisha Bhattacharya and Nilanjana Ghosh.

### **20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> December**

National Conference on 'Innovative Approach & Practices for building an inclusive society' organized by National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities (Divyangjan) at the Indian Statistical Institute was attended by Indrani Basu and our D Ed Faculty Pranabesh Bhunia, Manoj Kumar Mahato and Piyali Chakraborty and senior therapist Shibani Biswas.

### **7<sup>th</sup> January, 2018**

Workshop on 'Understanding & Enhancing the behaviours of your child through Functional Behaviour Assessment'. Ms Kalyani Saha, behavioural analyst from UAE was the resource person who discussed about ways through we can understand behavioral issues of individuals with Autism and ways to overcome them.

### **13<sup>th</sup> January**

YAAR - New Year Celebration

### **19<sup>th</sup> January**

Workshop on Social Story; Speaker- Indrani Basu, Head Parent & Family training, AFA Delhi

### **22<sup>nd</sup> January**

Saraswati Puja 2018 celebration was held in the school premise.

### **28<sup>th</sup> January**

Meeting on RPD Act – Alliance in West Bengal attended by the organizational heads of SENSE, Chinsurah, Sunshine Autism Care, North Kaolkata and Howrah Autism Society

Speakers - Indrani Basu, Dr Mitu De, Ranjana Chakrabarty and Manisha Bhattacharya

### **3<sup>rd</sup> February**

Workshop by Indrani Basu at Transcedent Knowledge Society

### **10<sup>th</sup> February**

School Picnic at Arapanch, Sonarpur



### **16<sup>th</sup> February**

Discussion on Disability Act at Bangladesh. Resource persons Indrani Basu and Ranjana Chakraborty.

### **22<sup>nd</sup> February**

Workshop at Loreto School – Speaker Ms Indrani Basu and Ranjana Chakraborty

### **25<sup>th</sup> February**

Yaar Celebration – Rotaract club of Heritage Institute of Technology arranged the plantation drive at Rotary Peace Park for our YAAR participants.

### **26<sup>th</sup> February**



Art Mela at Apeejay School. Participants were Akashdeep Das, Ayushman Pal and Aniket Das accompanied by Sarmistha Debnath.

### **Lecture Series**

Certificate Course on Caregivers for Persons with Disabilities at Indian Institute Of Cerebral Palsy where Indrani Basu was invited as guest lecturer.

### **27<sup>th</sup> February**

Workshop on Autism and Behaviour management of mentally challenged persons – organized by Bodhayan. Speaker – Ms Indrani Basu

### **28<sup>th</sup> February**

Certificate Course on Caregivers for Persons with Disabilities at Indian Institute Of Cerebral Palsy where Indrani Basu was invited as guest lecturer.

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

A One day in-house workshop on Social Role Valorization (SRV) was organized by ASWB.

Speakers – Dr Mitu De, Ms. Ranjana Chakraborty and Ms. Manisha Bhattacharya.

### **11<sup>th</sup> March**

Training on adolescence behaviour management ,vocational training and employment organized by FARE, Bangladesh. Speaker – Ms Indrani Basu and Dolon Paul

### **12<sup>th</sup> MARCH**

Sit and Draw competition organized by Interlink Kolkata. Participants were Kaustav Basu, Trisha Deb, Basha Deb, Abhishek Sarkar, Ritu Karmakar with teacher Samistha Debnath and caregiver Shefali Naskar.

### **21<sup>st</sup> March**

Ms Indrani Basu was invited for a Special Lecture as part of National Seminar on ‘Disability, Accessibility and Equality’ organized by J.D. Birla Institute.



### **23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> March**

Ms. Indrani Basu and Ms. Amrita Bhawal, therapist ASWB was invited by the National Institute of Developmental Education (A Unit of Atrayudh Foundation), Alipurduar, West Bengal to conduct a workshop on ‘Understanding Autism’.

### **28<sup>th</sup> March**

Autism Society West Bengal organized a workshop on Right to Disability Act 2016. The workshop saw representatives of other organizations working in the field of Disability attending it. The workshop provided a platform for exchange of thoughts which gave a better understanding about the Act.

### **30<sup>th</sup> March**

Autism Society West Bengal organized a one day workshop on ‘Real Work, Real Lives, and Real Contribution’: An exploration of what “works” in supported employment for people with developmental disabilities in collaboration with Keystone Institute (a partnership with The Hans Foundation and Keystone Human Services International) and Transcendent Knowledge Society. The Resource persons were Milton Tyree, Hope Leet Dittmeier, both leaders in Inclusive Practice and Ms Elizabeth Neuville, Director Keystone Institute. Participants from ASWB were Dr Suparna Deb, Nilanjana Ghosh, Mitasree Biswas, Kaberi Ghosh, Amrita Bhawal, Pinki Das, Ashok Pailan, Sony Smrita, Roma Basu, Shrabani Chakraborty, Debasish Chakraborty, Prashanta Roy, Amrita Panda and 5 SRV grads viz Indrani Basu, Ranjana Chakraborty, Manisha Bhattacharya, Arpita Chatterjee and Dr. Mitu De.



### **Research Activity 2017-2018**

National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Multiple Disabilities (NIEPMD) in collaboration with University of Northampton organized a three days workshop on Qualitative Research methods at Chennai. Ms Manisha Bhattacharya, Clinical Psychologist from Autism Society West Bengal attended the workshop.

### **Publication 2017-2018**

1. De, Mitu and Basu, Indrani, 2017. Challenges of Teacher Education for Inclusive Education in the 21<sup>st</sup> century with emphasis on Students with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), an Invisible Disability. In, 'Teacher Education in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Issues and Concerns'. (ISBN No: 978-93-85502-37-8). Edited by Abu Sayeed Miah and Dr. Pradip Debnath. Published by Renu Publishers, Kolkata. 317-328 pp.
2. De, Mitu. 2017. Caring for a child with Autism spectrum disorder (ASD). Café Dissensus Magazine. (ISSN 2373-177X) In, 'Narrating Care: Disability and Interdependence in the Indian Context' Issue 39; September 16, 2017.

## Demographic Analysis

An attempt was made to find out the demographic variables of the families visiting Autism Society West Bengal. Generally, the families are referred by the medical professionals to our organization; whereas a growing number of self-referrals were observed. People from all economic strata; from rural, urban and suburban places visits ASWB.

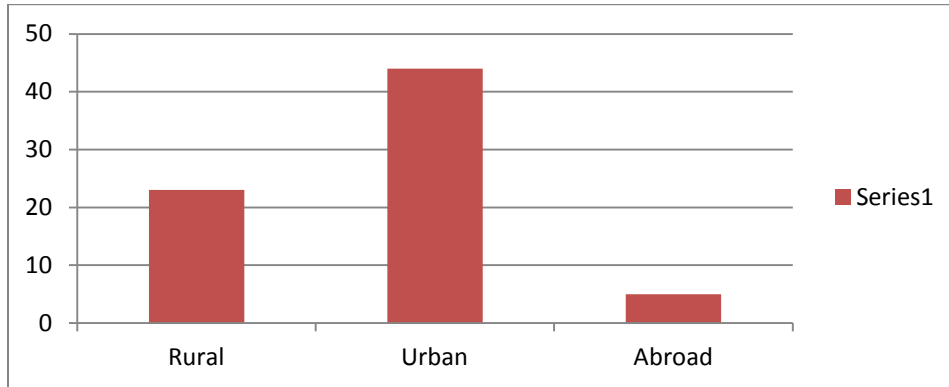


FIG. 1: The graph depicts the referrals from the different areas families are being referred to ASWB.

### Initial Age of individuals who come to ASWB for services

Another important observation was made in this survey- the children are being referred at a very young age i.e. below 5years. This facilitates the conception that the ASD conditions are being recognised in very early years of life and medical practitioners are now also aware of the effect of early intervention in the development of the child's communication, social and cognitive skills.

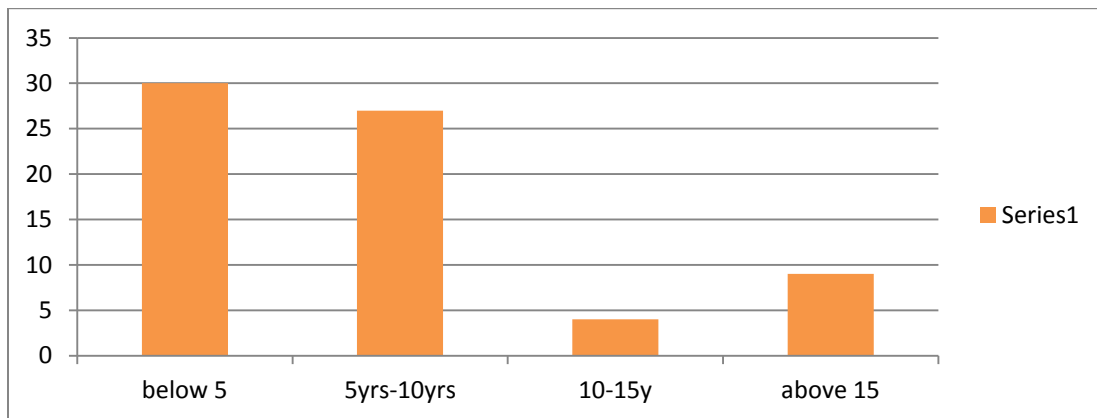


FIG. 2: The graph depicts the age range of the individuals visiting ASWB

## **Feedback & Testimonials**

### **Priyanka Roy, Psychologist**

It is a great opportunity to working here with you all. I have appointed here as a psychologist last year. I have learnt several of things from this society like what should be our behaviours towards the child with ASD, how will we care for them, what should do and shouldn't and so on. The scope of learning is very high in this society. If you are eager to learn, their hands will always be with you. They all are very cooperative and encouraging to teach you anything you want. The work environment is very supportive and friendly. I'm very thankful to Indrani ma'am who gave me this platform. Thank you everyone.

### **Lipi Das, Mother of Kanishka Das (one-year parent training):**

ASWB is a platform planner for parents of autistic children to design and make our and our children's lives easier. ASWB has taught me the ways to go ahead with a positive attitude and self- confidence. This is a hand which pulls up from the darkness and depression by helping our children. ASWB has also helped us to build a network of support. It has helped me to learn to be a proud mother instead of my child's condition. ASWB team has provided us the encouragement and praised our efforts and has also enlightened us emotionally when we needed it the most.

### **Mother of a 4year old boy, Three-months parent Training:**

After visiting ASWB, I have come to know about the right ways to deal with the difficulties my child is facing. Which I liked the most is that here, the teachers give importance to individual needs of the children. As Autism is a wide spectrum, every child has their own strengths and own limitations; here the activities are set keeping this in mind. I also have come to know about the small mistakes we do as parents which may have affected my child adversely. After 3-months training, I can say that I can now identify when I am going wrong and how to rectify my

behaviour so that my child does not suffer. Now, I know how to behave with my child and enjoy our time together.

**Soma Mukherjee, D Ed trainee (2<sup>nd</sup> Batch 2017-2019)**

This is Soma Mukherjee a D Ed trainee and also a parent. Regarding ASWB I would like to say although my son lately diagnosed with ASD, has been extremely benefitted from the services given by the therapists of ASWB. Also as a D Ed trainee I would like to thank heart fully our course coordinator Mr Pranabesh Bhunia, our excellent and experienced teaching staff and our most beloved, our director, Mrs Indrani Basu. This course has both theory and practical training which enables us to provide better all-round services. Every individual with autism is different with unique learning styles, challenges, strengths and behavioural issues. Through this training course we develop skills to identify these factors and design customized intervention programme according to each individual's specific needs. Also this course makes us feel highly empowered to share parents challenges and play a key role in bringing solutions for their children.

**Sharmistha Ghosh, D Ed 1<sup>st</sup> batch pass out (2016-2018)**

I feel immensely glad to be writing this testimony because it gives me a way to show my gratitude to Indrani Mam, Director of Autism Society West Bengal who have given me this opportunity, to the team, faculty members, respective teachers and to all of them, without whose valuable guidance and assistance, I could not have been able to make such confident decisions while selecting the best course out of a pool of prospects.

First of all, I would heartily thank Indrani Mam, who have not only changed my life, but also changed the life of several mothers like me. When my child was diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder, I was referred by the medical professionals for the intervention and therapy at Autism Society West Bengal. Fortunately I came in contact with Mam, for a counseling session, from whom I first got to know about Autism and how to manage my child and handle the stressful situations of everyday life. I became very surprised and happy to see my child responding and communicating in a new environment with the respective teacher and also with others in the first ten days of intervention. Then I also joined the parent training program. After

that I worked as a volunteer at Dikshan and after that at the early intervention unit at lake gardens. While I was working as a volunteer, I came to experience and know about each and every student's learning styles. There I got immense cooperation with the respective teachers of the unit, all of them are so humble, we had a great bonding with each other, which gave me grow better more and more personally as well as gained a sense of responsibility, and helped me to learn to lot of things, and had been a great experience working with the students.

While working as a volunteer, I came to know about the diploma course in Special Education autism spectrum disorder. I eagerly joined the course in the year 2016 and it gives me great pleasure to say with pride that I have completed the diploma in Special Education (ASD), from Autism Society West Bengal. It has been a wonderful experience to get a very wonderful faculty, respective teachers of theoretical and practical classes, and they are very cooperative and the environment is very positive. Autism Society West Bengal has made the best efforts to provide all the best facilities for the students. The relationship between the respected teachers and the students is very cordial, which gave me an opportunity to excel in my area of interest. The two years spent here were splendid and helped me to grow better professionally and personally. The institution is comprised of different nationalities for diverse learning. It has been a wonderful experience for me. The teachers here are very helpful and always present to clear our doubts and lead us in the right path. It has all the best facilities - State of infrastructure, well stocked library, professional teachers and therapists from other reputed institutions, etc with all the necessary requirements. The teachers here make sure every class is fun, educational, and interactive. We had so many workshops, field visits to other reputed institutions, interactive theoretical and practical classes, in which we have one to one conversations with the respective teachers, which opens a new horizon for me every time.

Of course, this testimony would be incomplete if I do not mention the invaluable assistance and cooperation of the students, who have helped me making the practical lessons (making Individualized Educational Programme, teaching learning materials, adaptive devices, taking group teaching classes, etc), which have helped me to complete the journey of the two year diploma course easily. During the period, I once more experienced the feeling of my back old school days, college life with my fellow classmates; it was very fun with them. Lastly, I would finish by saying that Autism Society West Bengal makes the best efforts, through

which potentials are harnessed, skills are developed, confidence is built and dreams are realized beyond boundaries.

**Workshops organized by Autism Society West Bengal 2017-2018**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Name of the workshop/ Conference</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Resource Persons</b>	<b>Participants</b>
16 <sup>th</sup> April	Autism & Behaviour	Rotary Sadan,Prince Anwar Shah Road	Ms Indrani Basu,Founder –Director ,Autism Society West Bengal	Professionals from Autism Society West Bengal & Other organizations,parents and D.Ed Trainees.
4 <sup>th</sup> July	Smart Teaching Strategies For Children With Autism	Rotary Sadan,Prince Anwar Shah Road	Ms Indrani Basu, Founder –Director ,Autism Society West Bengal	Professionals from Autism Society West Bengal & Other organizations,parents and D.Ed Trainees.
10 <sup>th</sup> & 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Preparing For Adulthood,Skill building and Employment-towards a fulfilled life ahead	WBVBHA Tower, Ruby More	Ms Preety Siwach, Coordinator of Vocational Centre, Action For Autism,Delhi	Professionals from Autism Society West Bengal & Other organizations,parents and D.Ed Trainees.
12 <sup>th</sup> November	Assistive living for Adults with Autism	WBVBHA Tower, Ruby More	Ms Merry Barua,Founder –director,Action for Autism, Delhi	Professionals from Autism Society West Bengal & Other organizations,parents and D.Ed Trainees.



18 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Visuals + Schedule = Good Life	Rotary Sadon,Prince Anwar Shah Road	Ms Indrani Basu, Ms Chandrani Chakraborty,Ms Ranjana Chakraborty,Ms Manisha Bhattacharya,Ms Nilanjana Ghosh	Professionals from Autism Society West Bengal & Other organizations,parents and D.Ed Trainees.
6 <sup>th</sup> January	Understanding & enhancing the behaviour of your child through functional behaviour assessment	Rotary Sadon,Prince Anwar Shah Road	Ms Kalyan Saha, VBA	Professionals from Autism Society West Bengal & Other organizations,parents and D.Ed Trainees.
19 <sup>th</sup> January	Social Story	Rotary Sadon,Prince Anwar Shah Road	Ms Indrani Basu,Head Parent & Family Training, Action For Autism	Professionals from Autism Society West Bengal & Other organizations, parents and D.Ed Trainees.
28 <sup>th</sup> March	Right to Disability Act 2016	Katjunagar Office Premise	Ms Indrani Basu, Ms Indrani Basu, Founder – Director ,Autism Society West Bengal Dr Mitu De,Governing Body Member, Autism Society West Bengal Ranjana Chakraborty, Governing Body Member, Autism Society West	Representatives from other organizations working in the field of disability- Sense Chinsurah,Sunshine Autism Care Dumdum Park,Howrah Autism Society

			Bengal Ms Manisha Bhattacharya, Clinical Psychologist , Autism Society West Bengal	

**Workshops where ASWB members/staff were invited as Resource persons 2017-2018**

<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> -12 <sup>th</sup> April, 2017	A three day workshop on Inclusive Education for Persons with Autism Spectrum Disorder.		Organized by RAISE-NE, which is an acronym for Regional Action on Inclusive Education, in 5 States in the North East of India.	Ms. Indrani Basu, Director	
27 <sup>th</sup> May, 2017	Workshop at CATCH, Bhubaneswar		Organized by Centre for Autism Therapy, Counselling and Help (CATCH), Bhubaneswar	Indrani Basu and Ranjana Chakraborty .	
3 <sup>rd</sup> , June, 2017	Workshop on Autism		Organized by Hope Foundation.	Indrani Basu.	
17 <sup>th</sup> July, 2017	Workshop on Autism	Chinsurah, West Bengal.	Organized by SENSE, Chinsurah, West Bengal.	Ms. Indrani Basu	

27 <sup>th</sup> -31 <sup>st</sup> July, 2017	Workshop on 'Training and teaching techniques for Young adults with Autism'	Bangal- de- sh.	Organized by FARE, Bangal- desh.	Ms. Indrani Basu founder – director Autism Society West Bengal and Dolon Paul, senior therapist, Autism Society West Bengal	
25 <sup>th</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup> August	Workshop on 'Mainstream Education for Individuals with Autism'	Action For Autism, D- elhi	Organized by Action for Autism, Delhi	Ms. Indrani Basu, founde- r – director Autism Society West Bengal	
11 <sup>th</sup> to 13 <sup>th</sup> September	Workshop	Bhubanes- hwar	Organized by Centre for Autism Therapy, Counselling and Help (CATCH). Catch, Bhubaneswar	Ms. Indrani Basu, founde- r – director Autism Society West Bengal	
3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Workshop on Autism	Transcen- dent Knowled- ge Society	Organized by Transcendent Knowledge Society	Ms. Indrani Basu, founde- r – director Autism Society	

				West Bengal	
22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Workshop & awareness program on Autism	Loreto Convent School,Asansol	Organized by Loreto Convent School,Asansol	Ms. Indrani Basu,founder – director Autism Society West Bengal & Ms Ranjana Chakraborty Governing Body Member Autism Society West Bengal	
27 <sup>th</sup> February	Workshop on Autism & Behaviour management of mentally challenged persons	Bodhayan	Organized by Bodhayan	Ms. Indrani Basu,founder – director Autism Society West Bengal	
10 <sup>th</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup> March	Workshop on training adolescenc beahaviour management,t raining,employment	FARE,Chittagong	Organized by FARE,Chittagong Bangladesh	Ms. Indrani Basu,founder – director Autism Society West Bengal & Ms Dolon Paul Senior	

				therapist Autism Society West Bengal	
21 <sup>st</sup> March	Workshop on Disability ,accessibility & equality	J.D.Birla Institute	Organized by J.D.Birla Institute of Management	Ms. Indrani Basu,founde r – director Autism Society West Bengal	
23 <sup>rd</sup> -	Workshop on Autism	North Bengal	Organized by Sishu Mangal North Bengal	Ms. Indrani Basu,founde r – director Autism Society West Bengal & Ms Amrita Bhawal Therapist Autism Society West Bengal	

**Workshops attended by ASWB professionals as participants during 2017-2018**

Date	Workshop title/training	Venue	Organized by	Resource Person	Participants
17 <sup>th</sup> to 19 <sup>th</sup>	Qualitative Research	NIEPMD,	NIEPMD in		Ms Manisha

April	Methods	Chennai	collaboration with The University of Northampton		Bhattacharya
18 <sup>th</sup> to 21 <sup>st</sup> April	International Conference on Autism & Neurodevelopmental Disorder – Effective and sustainable multi sectoral programmes for individuals,families,a nd communities living with Autism and Neurodevelopmental disorder	Bhutan	Ministry of health, Government of Bhutan, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of Bangladesh, World Health Organization Regional Office for South East Asia, Suchona Foundation & Ability Society Bhutan	Well known international Therapists ,psycholo gists,docto rs and organizati onal heads as well as ministers.	Ms Indrani Basu
6 <sup>th</sup> May	HCL Grant 2017	ILEAD Campus, Topsia	HCL Foundation	President HCL Foundatio n, Winners of HCL Grant 2016,Mall ika Jalan,	Arpita Chatterjee & Ranjana Chakraborty
18 <sup>th</sup> May	Project Proposal, fund raising & CSR	Hotel Orkos,Kas ba	Sukalyan Welfare Society in association with Yes Bank Foundation	Dr Tehnaz J Dastoor, Head CSR at UNICEF, Mr Saikat Nasker,He	Arpita Chatterjee

				ad Project Implement ation for CSR,Usha Martin	
24 <sup>th</sup> July	Narrative Practices – An introduction to Narrative Ideas & Practices	Mental Health Foundatio n	Ummeed Child Development Centre in collaboration with Sethu	Mr Raviraj Shetty Occupatio nal Therapist, Ummeed Mumbai &Jehanze b Baldiwala, Director Mental Health Services, Ummeed ,Mumbai & Aileen de Souza,Psy chologist ,Sethu	Ranjana Chakraborty & Manisha Bhattacharya
8 <sup>th</sup> November	Lets Act – Mental Health Summit- New Pathways, New Hopes	Hotel Lalit Great Eastern	Indian Chamber of Commerce	Well known personaliti es including	Ms Indrani Basu & Dr Mitu De

				organizational heads, doctors, psychologists and doctors of West Bengal	
12 <sup>th</sup> November	ABA Practices for improvement in Children with Autism	Hotel Hindustan International	Behaviour Momentum India	Smita Awasthi, founder-director & Clinical Director, Behaviour Momentum India	Ms Chandrani Chakraborty & Ms Dolon Paul
5 <sup>th</sup> to 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Social Role Valorization – 4 day residential course	Delhi	Keystone Institute India in collaboration with Hans Foundation & National Trust	Ms Elizabeth Neuville, Director Keystone Institute, Ms Geeta Mondal, founder – director Ashish Center for Differently Abled,	Ms Ranjana Chakraborty, Ms Manisha Bhattacharya & Ms Arpita Chatterjee



				Delhi Ms Nidhi Singhal, Chinical Psycholog ist ,Action For Autism , Delhi Pamela Seeto, Sergie Tomu,	
13 <sup>th</sup> December	Use of digital technology and different national trust schemes	Rotary Sadan, chowringh ee Road	PR Signal,a public relation firm.	Pankaj Maru, Member Secretary of State Level Coordinati on Commitee (SLCC) , Govt. of MP & Other well known personaliti es working in the field of	Ms Indrani Basu,Ms Arpita Chatterjee &,Ms Shrabani Chakraborty

				disability	
30 <sup>th</sup> March	Real Work,Real Lives and Real Contribution- An exploration of what works in supported employment for people with developmental disabilities	Hotel Radisson, Ballygunge	Keystone Institute in India in collaboration with Hans Foundation & National Trust	Ms Elizabeth Neuville, Director Keystone Institute, India Milton Tyre & Hope Dittmeier, Resource Persons from Keystone International	Ms Indrani Basu, Ms Arpita Chatterjee, Ms Ranjana Chakraborty,Ms Manisha Bhattacharya, Dr Mitu De,Ms Shrabani Chakraborty, Ms Roma Basu,Dr Suparna Deb, Ms Nilanjana Ghosh,Ms Mitashree Biswas, Ms Kaberi Ghosh,Ms Amrita Bhawal,Ms Sony Smrita, Mr Debasish Chakraborty ,Mr Prashanta Roy well known Psychologist,Ms Amrita Panda,Pradeep Centre for Autism Management

### Governing Body Members 2017 to 2018

SL. No.	Name	Name of Father/Husband	Nationality	Occupation	Post held in the Association	Relationship with other member	Address	Residential Address
1.	Mrs. Tapoti Ghosh	Mr.P.K. Ghosh (Husband)	Indian	House Wife	President		Flat no. 1B,1 <sup>st</sup> Floor 297 Jodhpur Park , Kolkata 7000678	Flat no. 1B,1 <sup>st</sup> Floor 297 Jodhpur Park , Kolkata 7000678
2.	Dr. Suparna Deb	Dr. Swgato Deb (Husband)	Indian	Medical practitioner	Vice President		4A/70 Dharmatala Road , Kasba , Kolkata 700042	4A/70 Dharmatala Road , Kashba , Kolkata 700042
3.	Mrs. Indrani Basu	Mr. Ashoke Kumar Basu (Husband)	Indian	Special Educator	Secretary	Wife of Mr. Ashoke Kumar Basu	22 Anjuman Ara Begum Row KOLKATA 700033	22 Anjuman Ara Begum Row KOLKATA 700033
4.	Ms. Roma Basu	Mr. A.K. Basu (Husband)	Indian	Retired	Joint Secretary		5C Wedderburn Road, Kolkata 700033	5C Wedderburn Road , Kolkata 700033
5.	Mr. Prabir Kundu	Late Premananda Kundu (Father)	Indian	Service	Treasurer		8, Purbalchal main Road , Kolkata 700078	8 Purbalchal main R , Kolkata 700078
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7.	Dr. Mitu De	Dr.S. R. De (Husband)	Indian	Service	Member		A 7/5 Purbasha Housing Estate 160 Mainkatala Main Road. Kolkata - 700054.	A 7/5 Purbasha Housing Estate 160 Mainkatala Main Road. Kolkata - 700054.
8.	Mrs Ranjana Chakraborty	Mr.Debashish Chakraborty (Husband)	Indian	House wife	Member		52A,Jubilee Park. Tollygunj Kolkata - 700 033.	52A,Jubilee Park. Tollygunj Kolkata - 700 033.
9.	Mr. Ashoke Kumar Basu	Late Prabhat Kumar Basu (Father)	Indian	Retired	Member	Husband of Mrs. Indrani Basu	22 Anjuman Ara Begum Row Kolkata - 700 033	22 Anjuman Ara Begum Row Kolkata - 700 033