

PARENTS ASSOCIATION FOR DIFFERENTLY ABLED ADULTS - PADA - DRO/SJN/SOR/387/2014-15

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Annual Report of PADA 2021-2022 Prepared by Mrs Radhika Dhiwakar, Secretary

Overview

Parents Association for Differently Abled Adults (PADA) was found in the year 2014 on May 1st. It has been formed with the objective of providing meaningful engagement of Differently Abled adults in activities which provide them over all development. PADA also provides life skills training for the students.

To teach the students Life skills, PADA started its first project called, Rainbow Learning Centre (RLC), where learning is fun. We teach the students, basic computer skills, money concept, shopping, basic cooking, dance, music, sports, arts, craft, etc. During the Pandemic situation, PADA has started doing online classes for the students. As parents are involved, we felt that these online classes are being very effective. Only thing they are missing is sports and socialization.

Monthly Report

May 2021

May was the month of holidays for the students. During this time the worksheets of the students were revamped. The volunteers Mrs Suhasini, Mrs Saradha and Mr Aravindan contributed towards the preparation of worksheets.

The cleaning and arranging of the new premises was started.

June 2021

After summer vacation, RLC reopened on 1st June, 2021, with one hour class for a week and then to normal classes which is 2 hours / day, 5 days / week.

Mrs Radhika attended a workshop on “The role in empowering PWD’s and careers” on June 25th. This was organised by the Spastic Society of Karnataka.

July 2021

First Parents Teachers meeting for the year was conducted on the 31st of July, online. The feedback from the parents were good and encouraging.

August 2021

Ms Punita Shah joined as a new member of PADA.

On August 15th, our Independence Day was celebrated by hoisting the flag. The event was shared online.

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Rainbow Learning Centre's Youtube channel was started and videos on season, growth of plant etc, were uploaded in that channel by Mr Kaushal Jha.

The teachers of RLC, started working from the new place from August 16th. Broadband services from ACT was installed at the Centre from 22nd of August. Sale of Jute bags also gained momentum.

September 2021

Students celebrated September 5th the Teachers day by drawing greetings, for the teachers and shared them in whatsapp. Teachers also received a cake from the students.

Stories from Mahabaratha and Ramayana are being taught to the students.

October 2021

We had Navarathri celebration with the students. The students were taught the story of Mahishasura mardhini.

Ganapathy Homam and the Navagraha homam for our new centre were performed on the 13th of October as it was an auspicious day. Mr. Jayarama Holla, our Treasurer, Mr. Mohan Rao our senior most member, Mrs Nandini Harish and our volunteer Ms Suvarna, were all present.

We got the information about Shankar Mahadevan Academy (SMA) and the work they are doing for the terminally ill, underprivileged and also for the intellectually challenged. We contacted them and they readily agreed to do the singing session for our students on a fortnightly basis. The first class of SMA Nirvana, was held on 19th of October. The students enjoyed the programme.

Ankita and Monica started the activity of painting jute bags.

November 2021

We had holidays from November 1st to 7th on account of Kannada Rajyothsava, Deepavali and Balipadyami.

The topic for the month was Kannada Rajyothsava.

Our students Ankita, Brinda, Monica and Rajarshi colored the Deepavali greeting card, which was sent to our donors. We, from PADA, ordered sweet packets for all the students and members of PADA for Deepavali. The highlight of it is that we were able to send them to Vadodara and Dharwad.

During this month a short video to thank Shankar Mahadevan Academy was made and was shared with the organizers of SMA Nirvana.

December 2021

During December, we sent gifts to all the students and the members for the year ending. This is being done every year.

Also a plan to have Annual Day virtually was conceptualised and now today I am here reading the Annual Report of PADA.

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Rajarshi and Sooraj participated in Quizabled, which was conducted by Seva-in-Action.

Our Christmas and New Year holidays will be from 20th December till 31st December.

Key activities planned till April 2022

We plan to renew the association.

We plan to order more jute bags of different sizes for painting.

If the pandemic is getting under control, we plan to start physical classes from February 2022 onwards.

Donations

We thank all our donors who donated in cash and in kind during this year.