



29<sup>th</sup> March 2019

## **Awareness drive- Equitable Education**

### **Awareness drive report**

Consortium for Inclusive Education organized an awareness drive where **383 children and teachers** from mainstream schools and special organisations participated. The route of the drive was from Samaj Suraksha Sankul to Ratri Bazarr, Karelibaug, a 2.2 km stretch. The Chief Guest of the event was Mr. Darpan Inani, the highest rated chess champion in the world, residing in Vadodara and Ms. Ila Mehta, member of the expert resource committee of Samaj Suraksha Sankul, in the premises of which the drive was organized. The main sponsors of the event were Waterboy, Mr. Puff and Goodluck travels. The media partner was VNM TV.

The whole media coverage can be found in the link below:

<https://youtu.be/CGvyF7CEhD4>

#### **Objective: To sensitise and spread awareness about inclusive education.**

In order to sensitise the children, teachers and every parent whose child studies in a mainstream or a special school, Consortium for Inclusive Education partnered with local news channel, VNM, to organize awareness drive on the theme of “I support equitable education”. Under this initiative, children from Nagar Prathmik Shikshan Samiti schools and special organisations such as Disha Charitable trust and Osmosis play centre walked hand in hand chanting “Equitable education, my right” to show support towards the cause.

During the inaugural ceremony, Mr. Darpan Inani addressed the audience regarding the benefits of inclusive education by giving his own example of learning in a mainstream school. He said, “It’s not the visibility, but the vision that matters. Every special child too has a vision. The schools should support it by giving them equitable opportunities”. Ms. Promila Zalpuri, addressed the audience on inclusive education and motivated the schools to include children irrespective of their differences into the mainstream and build equitable opportunities for them to learn in every way possible

The awareness drive was a huge success and the participating organisations showed their enthusiasm by delivering the messages on placards in a very creative way. Ms. Monaz Kathawala, CEO of Osmosis play centre, quotes, “This is one of the greatest initiatives of spreading awareness on inclusive education i’ve witnessed and participated in, and I am very happy that it’s happening”.



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**Annexure:**

- 1) Agenda
- 2) Photos



## Agenda

**Venue** Samaj Suraksha Sankul, Pensionpura  
**Date** Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019  
**Organisers** Dr. Ruchi Mehta, Strategy lead, Deepak Foundation  
Ms. Promila Zalpuri, Secretariat Incharge, Consortium for Inclusive Education  
Ms. Shubhra Agnihotri, Project Associate , Consortium for Inclusive Education

Time	Description
08:30 to -09:00	Inaugural function <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Welcome All:</b> Ms. Shubhra Agnihotri</li><li>• <b>All about the initiative of the inception of the Consortium for Inclusive Education:</b> Ms Promila Zalpuri</li><li>• <b>Words of motivation for the awareness drive:</b><ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Mr. Darpan Inani,</li><li>2. Ms. Ila Mehta.</li></ol></li><li>• <b>Vote of thanks:</b> Ms. Shubhra Agnihotri</li></ul>
09:00 to 09:15	Assembling for the drive to begin and the flag off.
09:15 to 10:30	The awareness drive goes on
10:30 to 11:00	Sending back the participants to their respective schools and organisations.



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## Photos





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