

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

~Nopany Institute of Healthcare Studies steps into its fifth year for commemoration of 'World Disability Day'~

Kolkata, 12th December: Nopany Institute of Healthcare Studies in association with Rotary Club of Calcutta Chowringhee, observed the World Disability Day (WDD) by organizing a day long free 'Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation Camp' in its premises. Ms. Tanusree Shankar, Leading Dancer and Choreographer lent an aura of distinction to the ceremony with her gracious presence as Chief Guest. She inaugurated the Camp and struck a smile across many a faces while gifting the specially abled with Free Mobility Aids. The Guest-of-honour on the occasion was Rtn. Rajendra Khandelwal, District Governor (Dist 3291). Ms. Ruchika Gupta, Director Sanmarg and Mr. Raj Kanojia, Additional Director General of Police were the Special Guests.

The other highlight of the day was the unveiling of the 6th edition of *Sankalp*, the Annual Magazine of the Institute. The camp conducted a free assessment of patients by qualified Physiotherapists and provided them treatment. Through a day- long observance of the camp, the Institute imparted the value of service to its students of Physiotherapy, who understood rehabilitation of specially abled as their integral social responsibility. The Rotary Club of Calcutta Chowringhee actively supported this noble cause and donated a large number of mobility aids to the camp for free distribution amongst underprivileged patients.

On the occasion, Dr. Shabnam Agarwal Director Education, commented, "NIHS feels proud to step into the 5th year of celebration of WDD. We are committed to the cause of providing service to the differently abled population of the society. There needs to be an attitudinal change in the community. Just like you have physical ramps which help the physically disabled to go to an escalated height, we have to do a mental ramping for people to integrate the disabled population with the mainstream society. Providing mobility aids is an initial step in the rehabilitation process. Mainstreaming disabled individuals socially, economically, educationally is the need of the hour. I thank Rotary Chowringhee for being part of the cause".

Ms Meena Bansal, President, Rotary Club of Calcutta Chowrenghee was extremely satisfied with the involvement of the club in this cause and hoped that future presidents would make it their annual event as well.

Ms. Tanusree Shankar Leading Dancer and Choreographer, said, "It's an honor for me to be a part of such a noble cause. The endeavor of NIHS to mark this day as a special one goes on to emphasize the role we can play in improving the conditions of our less privileged friends. Every small step taken in the right direction by us can improve someone's life. Ms. Shankar was deeply moved by the performance by the Specially abled children of Howrah South Point when they sang 'WE SHALL OVERCOME'.

Mr. Raj Kanojia, Additional Director General of Police, was very affected by a specially child when the child gave a million dollar smile on receiving a mobility aid. **Ms Ruchika Gupta** commented that the entire programme was heart-rendering and beautiful.

About Nopany Institute of Healthcare Studies (NIHS)

Nopany Institute of Healthcare Studies (NIHS) is the first private Physiotherapy College in Kolkata, established in the year 2004. Affiliated to the West Bengal University of Healthcare Studies, the Institute at present is imparting both Graduate and Post-Graduate courses in Physiotherapy and its allied subjects. The students of first batch of the institute were well placed in different hospitals and clinics in Kolkata. The Institute boasts of having full time experienced and specialized faculties with renowned visiting faculties imparting education to the students thus producing quality Physiotherapists. NIHS also has its own Physiotherapy Out-Door unit with 50 heads capacity which was set up in the year 2005, catering to the needy and disabled people around the area.