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a. Major Activities undertaken during the month of July 2020:

15th July 2020

1. Celebration of Dr.Helen Keller's Birthday:

NIEPMD celebrated the 140th Birth Anniversary of Dr.Helen Keller by organizing various program. As part the Celebration NIEPMD organized a webinar on "Building Well being of Individuals with Deafblindness and Family members on 6th July 2020. Shri.Nachiketa Rout, Officiating Director, NIEPMD, delivered the Key Note Address. The Resource Person of the Program was Shri.Akhil Paul, Founder Director(Sense International India, Ahmedabad), Ms.Dipti Karnad, Principal (The Clarke School for Deaf) Chennai, Dr.J.Vijayalakshmi, Consultant, NIEPMD, Chennai. Smt.B.Leelavathi, Lecturer (Deafblind) was the moderator and Shri.P.Kamaraj, Lecturer (Special Education), delivered the vote of thanks. About 200 participants attended the program. A E-Quiz competition and Greeting cards making competition also organized. The winners were given prizes.











2. Review of Preventive measures taken by NIEPMD for prevention of COVID 19 by Director:

Shri.Nachiketa Rout, Officiating Director, NIEPMD visited the entire campus and reviewing the various preventing measures taken for COVID 19 pandemic on 8th July 2020.







Inorder to prevent the infection for COVID-19 pandemic, entire campus of NIEPMD has been sanitized at regular interval.









3. Construction committee meeting:

The Construction committee meeting on various projects of NIEPMD by CPWD was held at NIEPMD on 22nd July 2020. The officials of CPWD made a powerpoint presentation in detail in the presence of NIEPMD officials.









4. E-Content meeting:

The Dept.of Special Education Faculties, Shri.P.Kamaraj, Lecturer (Spl.Edn) and Smt.B.Leelavathi, Lecturer (Db) participated the online meeting of Children with Special needs E-content meeting organized by Dept.of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, MSJ&E, GOI, on 22.07.20



5. Examination:

Online Meeting of Directors of National Institutes held on 24th July 2020 regarding conduction of examination of RCI's approved Certificate and Diploma Level courses NBER-NIEPMD.



6. Inauguration of Clinical the services of clinical testing of Oxygen Saturation level for Covid-19 suspects

On 27th July 2020, **Shri.Nachiketa Rout**, **Officiating Director**, **NIEPMD** inaugurated the services of clinical test (Modified 6 Minute Walk Test) to look for cardio-pulmonary endurance and exercise tolerance. In general patient infected with Covid-19 disease have reduced exercise tolerance and blood oxygen saturation levels. This test will indicate whether the patient have required cardio-pulmonary endurance. Exercise tolerance and blood oxygen saturation which would be an early indicator in finding high risk patient. Even though this may not confirm presence of Covid-19 disease this may be used as an indicator to hospitalize patients with high risk. The modified 6min Walk Test (6MWT) will help to find out fluctuation of heart rate and blood oxygen levels; which are bound to change upon exertion. The oxygen saturation and heart rate of the individual will be monitored before and after the modified 6 minute walk test and report will be submit for the medical officer.





b. Action taken in Response to COVID 19 – Initiatives of NIEPMD

As COVID-19 pandemic continues to expand in India and in the world, only one thing is

certain: the current outbreak will have profound impact not only in the health and economic situation, but also on the psychosocial wellbeing of societies across nations. The impacts will be felt differently among different population groups. As the coronavirus pandemic spreads, self-isolation or quarantine is one of the key strategies in "flattening the curve" of infection rates. The quarantine has created extra burden for parents/caregivers of person with disability.

The institute received instruction and order from DEPwD, Ministry of SJ & E, Ministry of Home Affairs, DOPT and as per the Disaster management act 2005, para 3 guidelines, were followed on management of COVID-19. As per this guideline issued by various ministries and Govt. of India guidelines were strictly followed by the Institute in all respect of the institutions

NIEPMD took various Initiatives and measures to facilitate the Divyangjan, Parents of PwDs, through Awareness Posters, Videos, on-call Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy, Psychological Counselling, Vocational Guidance counselling, Special Education rehabilitation services etc., during the Lockdown period of COVID-19. NIEPMD along with its CRC's sprang into action by 22nd March 2020 itself through various activities, the details of the program initiated for the above are as follows.

i. GENERIC PREVENTIVE MEASURES:

- Minimum distance of 6 feet in office places as far as feasible practiced and all the HOD's and HOU's were requested to practise.
- Use of face masks made mandatory for all the family members of NIEPMD (Staff, Support staff, Housekeeping and Security)
- Outsiders entering NIEPMD main gate to wear mask, security given the task to enforce it.
- Hand washing with soap put into practise Soap provided for all the members.
- Hand sanitizers issued to all the HOD's and HOU's and their staff from at regular intervals from S&P section.
- Alcohol based sanitizer dispenser machines installed at 12 different locations (inside and outside) of the institute with 5 litre capacity. Few more locations 8 were identified and intended for purchase from S&P section.
- Staff members reported illness requested to take rest at their homes. All the HOD's and HOU's given directions for necessary action. Specifically in Dept. of SW- Service & Programming, Dept. of Therapeutics(PT and OT members).
- All the HOD's and HOU's requested to encourage all their staff to install AarogySetu App.

ii. SPECIFIC PREVENTIVE MEASURES FOR OFFICES:

- Both the main gate of NIEPMD installed with Hand Sanitizers machine with 5 litre capacity.
- Thermal screening provisions provided at both the main gate of NIEPMD
- Register containing the following details name, mobile no, purpose of visit, temperature maintained at the gate no 1. Security guards trained to maintain the same.
- 1% sodium hypochlorite solution / spray purchased for disinfection of entrance gates, door and rooms of concerned staff.
- Drivers engaged within NIEPMD informed to follow COVID norms by the concerned In charge for strict adherence to dos and don'ts related to COVID- 19. Battery operated vehicles staff also instructed the same.
- PWD's, employees Shri. S.Krishnamoorthy, J.V.Subburaman and other contract employees of NIEPMD advised to follow COVID circular and requested to work from home.
- Visitors visiting NIEPMD other than for specific purposed encouraged to contact over phone and stopped at the entrance of the gate itself by the security guard.
- In response to PMO letter dated all the HOD's and HOU's directed to create awareness materials for various stakeholders from respective department. (Hand wash, Mask usage, Do's & Don't during COVID in special reference to MSJE letter dated 26th June 2020 and MHA letter D.O.No.1-137/2020-Mit-II, dated 18th May 2020.
- Staggering of office hours and roaster for staff attendance, all the HOD's and HOD's requested to maintain a system.
- Based on the rounds performed by COVID committed inside S & P building an Office order dated 7th July 2020 was issued for strict practice of lunch hours and coffee breaks.
- Housekeeping staff instructed to work in isolation instead of group work with proper wearing of mask and gloves. Supervisor counselled in this regard for effective implementation.
- A single entry and exit maintained in the main S & P building for all the officers, staff and beneficiaries. Remaining exit were closed.
- NBER office functioning near girl's hostel shifted to main S & P building.
- Path way leading to canteen backside of guest house closed for single entry.
- Housekeeping supervisor and staff instructed to ensure enough supply of soap, running water in washrooms
- Unused rooms in S & P blocks locked. Only upon the request of HOD's and HOU's to be opened by security guards.
- Two times sanitization (forenoon & afternoon) of the workplace, entry gate and frequently touched surfaces such as door knobs, lifts button, hand rails, washroom fixtures, practiced with the help of 16 litre automatic sanitizing machine. 4 machine were purchased for this purpose.

- Two housekeeping staff exclusive deputed for this purpose with two assistant to wipe the handle, table, railing etc. A separate room given for storing of equipment's. As a safety measure, gloves, cap, head shields were given to protect them from sodium hypochlorite.
- A demonstration section arranged for using the machine arranged by the vendor through S&P section for effective use and handling.
- Air conditioning maintenance staffs under outsourcing given specific instruction for maintaining the temperature between 24 -30 C. During monthly maintenance a complete cleaning advised with intimation to the concerned officer about the temperature maintenance henceforth.
- Common areas such as hostel, canteen, guest house, director's quarter and staff quarters were disinfected on every Saturday inside the campus.

iii. SPECIFIC PREVENTIVE MEASURES FOR CANTEEN:

- Canteen operating inside the premises strictly instructed to follow physical distancing and wearing of masks, caps and gloves. Canteen contractor individually counselled regarding the urgency.
- Parcel services followed in Canteen and advised to follow sufficient distance during breakfast, lunch and dinner. Specifically with construction workers, security and students.
- Visited Kitchen staff inside the canteen and advised to follow social distancing.
- Moment of canteen vehicle procedure for drivers briefed for strict compliance.

iv. SPECIFIC PREVENTIVE MEASURES FOR SECURITY GUARDS:

- Security guards provided with PPP equipment's, gloves, and masks. All of them strictly instructed to follow the instructions.
- Second gate exit and entry closed. Only gate no 1 put in practice.
- Floor in charges in S & P block, to supervise and ensure the safety measures, an Office order NIEPMD/Admin/Covid -19/ 2020, dated 8th July issued.

v. SPECIFIC PREVENTIVE MEASURES FOR CONSTRUCTION WORKERS:

- On 3rd July a meeting was called with JE CPWD and site manger Mr.Ram Kumar, Teamate staff and COVID committee members. The following are the guidelines given;
 - 1. A single entrance for the construction workers
 - 2. Truck coming from other district to be fuminicated
 - 3. Separate security guard to monitor the movement of construction workers
 - 4. Wearing of masks and gloves by the workers
 - 5. List of members staying inside the construction site
 - 6. Proper illumination of the construction site.
 - 7. Proper drinking water and neatness of the construction premises
 - 8. Due to complete lockdown –Sunday stopping of work
 - 9. A letter to CPWD for strict compliance and safety measures.
 - 10. New people entering to be restricted.

- 11. Usage of single gate and registrar to be maintained.
- 12. Once in 15 days a meeting with concerned construction officials
- 13. Site visit with CPWD officials for ensuring safety norms

vi. SPECIFIC OFFICE ORDERS & LETTERS:

- Vide ref NIEPMD/Admin.2 (33)/2020-21, dated 10th July 2020 an office order issued for action plan for COVID management from each department and units next 3 months.
- Vide letter NIEPMD/D/07/Ayush/20-21, dated 8th July 2020 Officer In-charge HRID, CCRH, Chennai issued a letter for providing their support for COVID-19 preventive measures.
- Vide ref NIEPMD/Admin. 2(33)/2020-21, dated 7th July 2020, Office order issued for preventive measures stated in SOP dated 4th July 2020.
- Vide ref NIEPMD/Admin/Covid-19/2020, dated 8th July 2020, Office order dated 8th July 2020, as floor in charges to supervise and ensure safety measures.
- Vide ref NIEPMD /Admin.2(25)/2020/, dated 3rd July 2020 minutes of meeting of COVID prevention committee where in the entire campus divided in three zones gate red, construction & canteen red, office orange and staff quarters & Guest house green zone. And subsequent action plan of action recorded.

Glimpses of Measures taken by NIEPMD for Prevention of COVID 19 Pandemic





Security Guard with PPA checking body emperature at the Main Gate





Thermal Scanning Check and Hand sanitizer given to clients





Installation Automatic dispensing sanitizer in all departments









House keeping staff disinfecting the entire NIEPMD campus at regular Interval





Shri.Nachiketa Rout, Officiating Director Inspecting various measures taken for Prevention of COVID 19 Pandemic

(For detailed information please click the link: http://niepmd.tn.nic.in/covid19.php)

c. Total No. of Beneficiaries serviced under various Clinical and / or other services July 2020):

New Cases	No. of follow up Beneficiaries
256	13352

d. Conferences/Seminars/Job fair conducted during the month/any other events:

Webinar:

NIEPMD organized a webinar on Standard Operating Procedure of Mental Health Help Line in association with NIEPVD, Dehradun and NIMHR, Sehore, Madhya Pradesh on 3rd July 2020. Dr.K.N.Roshan Bijlee, Director, CRC-Kozhikode, Dr.Surendra Dhalwal, Asst.Professor(Clin.Psychology), NIEPVD, Dehradun, Ms.Pragati Pandey, Asst.Professor (Clin.Psychology), NIMHR, Sehore, was the Resource Person.





NIEPMD organizes a Webinar on "Parents role in improving Child's Communication Skills" on 18th July 2020. The Resource person for the program is Smt.Powlin, Consultant, NIEPMD.

NIEPMD, Organized a Webinar on Management of Swallowing Disorders in Children and "Specific Learning Disabilities and Speech Language Pathologists – The Theoretical Back Bone Series 1 on 20th and 21st July , 2020 respectively. The Resource person of the Program was Dr.S.Kala, Asst.Prof (SHC), NIEPMD and Shri.Nachiketa Rout, Officiating Director, NIEPMD & Dr.Jeyashree C Shanbal, Asso.Prof (SLP), AIISH, Mysore.





NIEPMD organized a webinar on Digital Less Environment for Children (Special Focus on Disability) on 12th July 2020. Smt.S.K.Anandalakshmi, Lecturer, Dept.of Clinical Psychology was the Resource Person.

NIEPMD, Organized a Webinar on Mental Health of Special Children during pandemic – Care giving challenges and management strategies on 22nd July , 2020. The Resource person of the Program was Smt. S.K.Anandalakshmi, Lecturer, Dept.of Clinical Psychology, NIEPMD.





NIEPMD, Organized a Webinar on Developing Social Communication skills with Autism Spectrum Disorder for Parents on 23rd July , 2020. The Resource person of the Program was Shri. Hari Mathi, Dept.of Speech, Hearing and Communication, NIEPMD and Shri.Premanand, Clinical Assistant, Dept.of Speech, Hearing and Communication.

NIEPMD, Organized a Webinar on Communication matters: An Introduction to Alternative and Augmentative Communication on 24th July, 2020. The Resource person of the Program was Smt. Balambikai, Lecturer, Dept.of Speech, Hearing and Communication.

NIEPMD, Organized a National Webinar on Diverse Learners and their needs from 27th – 28th July, 2020. The Resource person of the Program was Dr.Sujatha Malini, Associate Professor, Dept.of Special Education, Alagappa University, Smt. Sudhanshu Grover, Action For Autism, New Delhi, Dr.Renuga Devi, Assistant Professor, Dept.of Education, Mother Therasa University, Kodaikanal, and Smt.N Geetha Gopi, Director of Programs, Vigyan Valley Learning, Cochin.







NIEPMD in Association with West Bengal Association of ISHA jointly Organized an ASLP E-Classroom namely Connection between Language and Literacy with reference to Special Learning Disability on 24th July 2012. The Resource Person of the program was Shri.Nachiketa Rout, Officiating Director, NIEPMD.

NIEPMD organized a Webinar on "Activity Schedule and Effectiveness" for parents of PwDs and Person with Disabilities on 31st July 2020. The Resource person of the program was Shri.S.Kurunji Selvan, Lecturer (OT), CRC-K and Shri.S.Samuel Dinakaran, Asst.Prof (OT), NIEPMD.

NIEPMD organized a webinar on "Home Based Intervention for children having Cerebral Palsy" on 29th July 2020. The Resource Person of the program was Shri.B.S.Santhosh Kanna, Lecturer (PT), and Shri.S.Gurumoorthy, Rehabilitation Officer (Therapeutics).







NIEPMD Organized a Webinar on 'COVID -19: Hearing aid troubleshooting and maintenance at home' for Parents and hearing aid users on 27th July, 2020. The Resource person of the program was Shri. Innamul Hassan, Audiology, Speech and Language pathology, NIEPMD and Ms.Sreemathi, Electronic Engineer, NIEPMD.

NIEPMD Organized a Webinar on Social Work Practice in emerging situation COVID 19 Pandemic on Monday, 28th July, 2020. The Resource person of the program was Dr.Aarti Jagannathan, Assistant Professor, NIMHANS, Dr.K.Shanmugavelautham, TN-Forces, and Dr.Josephine Anthony, Assistant Professor, TISS, Mumabi.

NIEPMD organized a Webinar on "Best Practices in Empowering Individuals with Developmental Disabilities – Skilling/ Vocational Training/ Placement - during COVID-19". on 30th July 2020. The Resource person of the program was Shri. Nachiketa Raut, Officiating Director,







Officiating Director, NIEPMD, Shri. Ram Kishore Sharma, Head, NCSCDA, Ministry of Labour & Employment, Dr. Sanjaya Kumar Pradhan, Lead Affirmative Action, NSDC, Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship Dr. Hemanth Singh Keshwal, Asst. Professor(Special Education, RC – Noida, NIEPID, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment.

Dr.K.Balabaskar, Department of Adult Independent Living, NIEPMD.

NIEPMD organise a webinar on Sleep Hygiene on 30th July 2020. The Resource Person of the program was Shri.S.Karthikeyan, Lecturer (Clinical Psychology) and Smt. Molly Philip, Asst.Prof in Medical Science.



The Staff of model school were **participated in 19 webinars** for enhancement of knowledge and skills in the field of rehabilitation and related to COVID-19 and also presented sessions in 9 webinars organized by NIEPMD and other National Institutes/ universities.

The Dept.of Special Education of NIEPMD organized the National Webinar on Diverse learners and their needs during 27th - 28th July 2020. The Inauguration of the webinar was held on 27th July 2017 by Shri.Nachiketa Rout, Officiating Director, NIEPMD. Shri.P.Kamaraj, HOD, Special Education, delivered the Keynote address.









Shri. Nachiketa Rout Officiating Director, delivered the Chief Guest address for the Webinar on Educational implications for Divyangjan Post COVID 19 organized by Sanskriti University on 27th July 2020. Shri.Rajesh Ramachandra, Rehabilitation Officer (Service and Programs) was the Guest of Honour.





Webinar on covid 19- Hearing aid troubleshooting & maintanence at home for parents and Hearing aid users organized by NIEPMD on 27.02.20.





e. Skill Development Activities:

Online skill/Employable training programs for Adult persons with Multiple Disabilities. In the wake of COVID 19 pandemic NIEPMD had initiated 3 online skill training

programs for Adult Persons with disabilities to occupy them with some employable activities. The following trades are provided in online

- 1. Multimedia training
- **2.** Data Entrly operator training

f. Awareness Generation / Distribution and other camps organized:

As part of the observation of Swacchata Pakhwad, NIEPMD developed various awareness posters on Cleanliness and Hygiene. It has been displayed in prominent places at NIEPMD campus and also uploaded in social media.

g. Action Taken / Progress Made in:

i. E-Governance:

- NIEPMD website got SSL certificate (Secured website).
- Renewed the STQC certificate for NIEPMD website.
- NIEPMD website registered with National Portal of India
- Implemented PFMS
- Member of National Digital Library of India to access E-books and Journals
- Most of the Payments made through electronic clearance
- Digitalization of Service and Administration.
- Library services are automated.

ii. Swachh Bharat Abhiyan:

As per the direction by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyanjan), Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Govt. of India, O.M. No; F.No:D-31016/2/2017-G.A-Part (1) dated 14th July 2020 for Observation of Swachhata Pakhwada activities in the 2nd Fortnight of July 2020 (i.e from 16th -31st July 2020), NIEPMD initiated various activities. The details are as follows.

a. Maintaining the cleanliness, sanitation and hygiene of NIEPMD campus premises

During the SwachhataPakhwada, housekeeping unit has been clean, sanitizing and hygiene of NIEPMD campus premises.









b. Maintaining and improving in phases the greenery in the premises.





c. Maintenance and cleaning of Toilets

Maintaining and Cleaning of Washbasin, Western toilets and floor of the Toilets were done during the Swachhata Pakhwada as a special drive







d. Keeping ready for placing of Recycle pins in the campus premises



e. Preventive measures under COVID-19 for Cleaning and Disinfection of Cars and Sanitization Protocols for Drivers:

School van and car drivers given orientation about the measures to be followed. Places need to be disinfected particularly the HIGH TOUCH AREAS; such as steering wheel, dashboard, armrests, console, seat adjusters, doors, door latches, door handles, lock buttons, seat belts and buckles, windows buttons, rear view mirrors, radio, ventilation grills and knob, boot, etc.













f. Disinfecting the Staff Quarter, Hostel and campus premises:



g. Disfecting the out side vehicles:

Construction vehicles were regularly disinfected while entering the construction site





h. Distribution of Safety Kit

As part of the SWATCHATTA PAKHWADA celebration, Shri.Nachketa Rout, Director (Officiating), distributed Mask, Sanitizer and Towel to the House Keeping Staff and also demonstrated the Hand wash techniques on 25.07.2020









i. Tree plantation drive

Tree plantation ceremony was held on 31st July 2020 as part of the observation of Swatchhata Pakhwada. About 108 saplings planted in and around the campus premises.









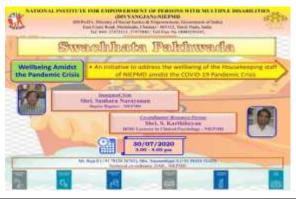
j. Awareness program and webinar

As part of the observation of SwattchataPakhwada, NIEPMD organized a orientation program on Well Being amidst the Pandemic Crisis: An initiative to address the wellbeing of the Housekeeping staff of NIEPMD amidst the COVID 19 pandemic crisis on 30th July 2020. The Resource Person for the program was Shri.S.Sankara Narayanan, Deputy Registrar (Admin) and Shri.C.A.R. Sridharan, Senior Consultant.









k. Webinar on Cleanliness and Safety Measures:

As part of the observation of SwattchataPakhwada, NIEPMD organized a webinar on Cleanliness and Safety measures COVID 19 on 31st July 2020. The Resource Person for the program was Shri.J.Veeraraghavan, , Safety Officer (Carriage & Wagon Southern Railway).





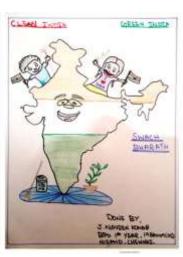


I. Drawing Competition:

Online poster presentation competition has been organized for HRD Trainees as part of the Swattchata Pakhwada celebration on 30th July 2020.

















iii. Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan:

• Orientation on Universal Design and accessible websites given to students and Internship trainees of various colleges, and schools of Chennai who visited NIEPMD.

iv. Progressive use of Hindi (Rajbhasa):

Quarterly report has been sent to Ministry.

- 51% of Letters received in Hindi are replied in Hindi.
- Preparation of Program schedule, banners, Conference Invitation was also done in Hindi
- Printing posters on the various themes of Swachh Bharat Mission printed in Hindi.

h. Redressal of Public Grievances

During th month one grievance has been received

i. Major important Achievements of the organization/Institute:

- NIEPMD received ISO 9001:2015 certification
- NIEPMD Accredited by NAAC with B Grade in the 1st Cycle

j. No. of New Courses/ any other activities Initiated:

- Common Entrance Test (CET 2020) Admission Notification the courses of BPT, BPO and BOT has been published National and Regional Newspapers.
- NIEPMD initiated to setup the National Mental Health Line under the Guidance of DEPwD to address the mental health issues and COVID 19 pandemic mental health issues.

K. Any other Information considered important to be intimated:

Press Coverage:

New director takes charge at NIEPMD

Nachiketa Rout has taken charge as director of National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Multiple Disabilities, Chennai. With a postgraduation degree in Hearing Language and Speech, he specialises in speech,



hearing and communication. With fourteen international publications, nine publications and six books to his credit, he was associated with the development of a low cost multi-use hearing aid which received the Sushrut Award initiated by the Department of Science and Technology in the year 2011. Nachiketa Rout was the officiating director at the institute of Persons with Visual Disabilities at Dehradun, before assuming charge as director at NIEPMD.

नविकेता ने संभाला एनआइड्पीएमडी के कार्यवाहक निदेशक का पद

मई दिल्ली: नविवेता राउत ने नेशनत इस्टीट्यूट फॉर इंपावस्मेंट ऑफ पर्सन विद मल्टीपल हिसंबितिदीत (एनआइडपीएमधी) वेन्नई में कार्यवाहक निदेशक का यद समाल लिया है। राउत स्पीध हियरिंग एड कम्युनिकेशन विशेषज्ञ है। उन्होंने इस क्षेत्र में रन्ततकोत्तर की रिसी हासित की है। निविकेता राउत अपनी इस विशेषज्ञता के आधार पर छह किताबें भी लिख चुके हैं। तसके अलावा सरते ब्हुपयोगी ब्रवण क्रंत्र बनाने के लिए भी काम किया और इसके लिए उन्हें 2011 में सुबुत पुरस्कार से भी सम्मानित किया जा चुका है।नविकेता राउत इससे पहले देहरादून स्थित नेजनल इंस्टीट्यूट ऑक पर्सन विद विज्ञासल हिसेबितिटीज (एनआइड्योकिडी) से भी कार्यकारी निवेशक के पद पर काम कर चुके हैं।(वि)



Glimpses of online training and demonstrations by Model Special School Teachers

















Demonstration of life skills and recap of curricular activities

a. Major Activities undertaken during the month of August 2020:

1. Adaptation and validation of Content:

The Department of Special Education, NIEPMD developed and adapted content for Children with Multiple Disabilities in the Early Intervention and Pre-school program. The members of Expert Group from different department of NIEPMD validating the content on 5th August 2020.





2. Independence Day Celebration:

NIEPMD celebrated 74th Independence Day on 15th August 2020. Shri.Naciketa Rout, Director (Offg), hoisted the Tricolor National Flag and delivered the Independence Day address.







To mark the Occasion Director, unveiled the painting of "Bharat Matha". Depiction with, National symbols, National Leaders, National Flag, National Emblem, National Fruit, National Bird, National Animal and National Tree on canvas.





As part of the celebration, NIEPMD organized an e-Elocution competition for HRD Trainees on the theme of National Leaders Pre-Independence Era. About 94 students from D.Ed.Spl.Edn, B.Ed.Spl.Edn, M.Ed.Spl.Edn, BASLP, BPT, BOT, BPO and Skill Training Students actively participated in the the competition.







NIEPMD Model School for Children with Multiple Disabilities organized various online events for Children with Special Needs. The details are as follows.

 Online Competition on Art and Craft activities on theme of Independence day (National Flower, Flag, Bird, Animals, Fruit etc.). About 90 participants participated the event.















2. Yoga (Surya Namaskar, with adaptation and without adaptation, floor sitting). About 144 participants participated the Yoga competition.







3. Online Games and sports organized for Persons with Special Needs, viz, Bowling with slider, Tennis Ball throw, Potato gathering, Catching the ball, Batting the ball, carom, Assisted rope walking, 10m walking, Balloon bursting and rolling the ball with slider. About 182 participants participated the event.







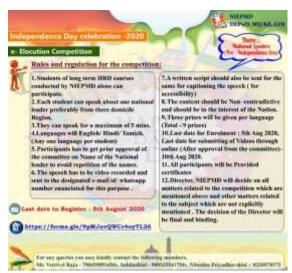












3. E-Content meeting:

Shri.Nachiketa Rout, Director (Officiating), participated online meeting on Development of E-content for Children with Disabilities attending Inclusive Education program to access during COVID 19 and Setting up of Early Intervention Centres organized by Dept.of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, MSJ&E, GOI, under the Chairmanship of Smt.Tarika Roy, Joint Secretary, DEPwD, MSJ&E, GOI on 10.08.20 along with the Dept.of Special Education Faculties, Shri.P.Kamaraj, Lecturer (Spl.Edn) and Smt.B.Leelavathi, Lecture (Db).





4. Executive Council Meeting:

The 38th Executive Council Meeting of NIEPMD was held on 19th August 2020 under the Chairmanship of Dr. Prabodh Seth, Joint Secretary to Govt. of India, DEPwDs, MSJ&E, Govt. of India through Video Conference.

5. Review Meeting on MRH Helpline:

Sh.Nachiketa Rout, Director (Offg), participated the Review Meeting on Mental Health Helpline Chaired by Dr.Prabodh Seth, Joint Secretary, DEPwD, MSJ&E, Govt. of India on 21st August 2020.









6. Bhoomi Pooja

Bhoomi Pooja for construction of Parent waiting Hall was held at NIEPMD model school for Persons with Multiple Disabilities on 24th August 2020 in the presence of Sh.Nachiketa Rout, Director (Offg), and staff members.





7. Action taken in Response to COVID 19 – Initiatives of NIEPMD

As COVID-19 pandemic continues to expand in India and in the world, only one thing is certain: the current outbreak will have profound impact not only in the health and economic

situation, but also on the psychosocial wellbeing of societies across nations. The impacts will be felt differently among different population groups. As the coronavirus pandemic spreads, self-isolation or quarantine is one of the key strategies in "flattening the curve" of infection rates. The quarantine has created extra burden for parents/caregivers of person with disability.

The institute received instruction and order from DEPwD, Ministry of SJ & E, Ministry of Home Affairs, DOPT and as per the Disaster management act 2005, para 3 guidelines, were followed on management of COVID-19. As per this guideline issued by various ministries and Govt. of India guidelines were strictly followed by the Institute in all respect of the institutions

NIEPMD took various Initiatives and measures to facilitate the Divyangjan, Parents of PwDs, through Awareness Posters, Videos, on-call Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy, Psychological Counselling, Vocational Guidance counselling, Special Education rehabilitation services etc., during the Lockdown period of COVID-19. NIEPMD along with its CRC's sprang into action by 22nd March 2020 itself through various activities, the details of the program initiated for the above are as follows.

GENERIC PREVENTIVE MEASURES:

- Minimum distance of 6 feet in office places as far as feasible practiced and all the HOD's and HOU's were requested to practice.
- Use of face masks made mandatory for all the family members of NIEPMD (Staff, Support staff, Housekeeping and Security)
- Outsiders entering NIEPMD main gate to wear mask, security given the task to enforce it.
- Hand washing with soap put into practice Soap provided for all the members.
- Hand sanitizers issued to all the HOD's and HOU's and their staff from at regular intervals from S&P section.
- Alcohol based sanitizer dispenser machines installed at 12 different locations (inside and outside) of the institute with 5 litre capacity. Few more locations 8 were identified and intended for purchase from S&P section.
- Staff members reported illness requested to take rest at their homes. All the HOD's and HOU's given directions for necessary action. Specifically in Dept. of SW- Service & Programming, Dept. of Therapeutics(PT and OT members).
- All the HOD's and HOU's requested to encourage all their staff to install AarogySetu App.

SPECIFIC PREVENTIVE MEASURES FOR OFFICES:

 Both the main gate of NIEPMD installed with Hand Sanitizers machine with 5 litre capacity.

- Thermal screening provisions provided at both the main gate of NIEPMD
- Register containing the following details name, mobile no, purpose of visit, temperature maintained at the gate no 1. Security guards trained to maintain the same.
- 1% sodium hypochlorite solution / spray purchased for disinfection of entrance gates, door and rooms of concerned staff.
- Drivers engaged within NIEPMD informed to follow COVID norms by the concerned In charge for strict adherence to dos and don'ts related to COVID- 19. Battery operated vehicles staff also instructed the same.
- PWD's, employees Shri. S.Krishnamoorthy, J.V.Subburaman and other contract employees of NIEPMD advised to follow COVID circular and requested to work from home.
- Visitors visiting NIEPMD other than for specific purposed encouraged to contact over phone and stopped at the entrance of the gate itself by the security guard.
- In response to PMO letter dated all the HOD's and HOU's directed to create awareness materials for various stakeholders from respective department. (Hand wash, Mask usage, Do's & Don't during COVID in special reference to MSJE letter dated 26th June 2020 and MHA letter D.O.No.1-137/2020-Mit-II, dated 18th May 2020.
- Staggering of office hours and roaster for staff attendance, all the HOD's and HOD's requested to maintain a system.
- Based on the rounds performed by COVID committed inside S & P building an Office order dated 7th July 2020 was issued for strict practice of lunch hours and coffee breaks.
- Housekeeping staff instructed to work in isolation instead of group work with proper wearing of mask and gloves. Supervisor counselled in this regard for effective implementation.
- A single entry and exit maintained in the main S & P building for all the officers, staff and beneficiaries. Remaining exit were closed.
- NBER office functioning near girl's hostel shifted to main S & P building.
- Path way leading to canteen backside of guest house closed for single entry.
- Housekeeping supervisor and staff instructed to ensure enough supply of soap, running water in washrooms
- Unused rooms in S & P blocks locked. Only upon the request of HOD's and HOU's to be opened by security guards.
- Two times sanitization (forenoon & afternoon) of the workplace, entry gate and frequently touched surfaces such as door knobs, lifts button, hand rails, washroom fixtures, practiced with the help of 16 litre automatic sanitizing machine. 4 machine were purchased for this purpose.
- Two housekeeping staff exclusive deputed for this purpose with two assistant to wipe the handle, table, railing etc. A separate room given for storing of equipment's. As a safety measure, gloves, cap, head shields were given to protect them from sodium hypochlorite.

- A demonstration section arranged for using the machine arranged by the vendor through S&P section for effective use and handling.
- Air conditioning maintenance staffs under outsourcing given specific instruction for maintaining the temperature between 24 -30 C. During monthly maintenance a complete cleaning advised with intimation to the concerned officer about the temperature maintenance henceforth.
- Common areas such as hostel, canteen, guest house, director's quarter and staff quarters were disinfected on every Saturday inside the campus.

SPECIFIC PREVENTIVE MEASURES FOR CANTEEN:

- Canteen operating inside the premises strictly instructed to follow physical distancing and wearing of masks, caps and gloves. Canteen contractor individually counselled regarding the urgency.
- Parcel services followed in Canteen and advised to follow sufficient distance during breakfast, lunch and dinner. Specifically with construction workers, security and students.
- Visited Kitchen staff inside the canteen and advised to follow social distancing.
- Moment of canteen vehicle procedure for drivers briefed for strict compliance.

SPECIFIC PREVENTIVE MEASURES FOR SECURITY GUARDS:

- Security guards provided with PPP equipment's, gloves, and masks. All of them strictly instructed to follow the instructions.
- Second gate exit and entry closed. Only gate no 1 put in practice.
- Floor in charges in S & P block, to supervise and ensure the safety measures, an Office order NIEPMD/Admin/Covid -19/ 2020, dated 8th July issued.

SPECIFIC PREVENTIVE MEASURES FOR CONSTRUCTION WORKERS:

- On 3rd July a meeting was called with JE CPWD and site manger Mr.Ram Kumar, Teammate staff and COVID committee members. The following are the guidelines given;
 - 1. A single entrance for the construction workers
 - 2. Truck coming from other district to be fumigated.
 - 3. Separate security guard to monitor the movement of construction workers
 - 4. Wearing of masks and gloves by the workers
 - 5. List of members staying inside the construction site
 - 6. Proper illumination of the construction site.
 - 7. Proper drinking water and neatness of the construction premises
 - 8. Due to complete lockdown -Sunday stopping of work
 - 9. A letter to CPWD for strict compliance and safety measures.
 - 10. New people entering to be restricted.
 - 11. Usage of single gate and registrar to be maintained.
 - 12. Once in 15 days a meeting with concerned construction officials
 - 13. Site visit with CPWD officials for ensuring safety norms

SPECIFIC OFFICE ORDERS & LETTERS:

- Vide ref NIEPMD/Admin.2 (33)/2020-21, dated 10th July 2020 an office order issued for action plan for COVID management from each department and units next 3 months.
- Vide letter NIEPMD/D/07/Ayush/20-21, dated 8th July 2020 Officer In-charge HRID, CCRH, Chennai issued a letter for providing their support for COVID-19 preventive measures.
- Vide ref NIEPMD/Admin. 2(33)/2020-21, dated 7th July 2020, Office order issued for preventive measures stated in SOP dated 4th July 2020.
- Vide ref NIEPMD/Admin/Covid-19/2020, dated 8th July 2020, Office order dated 8th July 2020, as floor in charges to supervise and ensure safety measures.
- Vide ref NIEPMD /Admin.2(25)/2020/, dated 3rd July 2020 minutes of meeting of COVID prevention committee where in the entire campus divided in three zones gate red, construction & canteen red, office orange and staff quarters & Guest house green zone. And subsequent action plan of action recorded.

Glimpses of Measures taken by NIEPMD for Prevention of COVID 19 Pandemic





Disinfecting the Door knops and School Buses



Orientation given to Housekeeping





Arogya setu App installation for Parents of PwDs at the NIEPMD Help Desk for COVID 19 on 24/08/2020



Thermal scanning of Staff in Main Entrance Gate



Disinfecting vehicle and canteen

(For detailed information please click the link: http://niepmd.tn.nic.in/covid19.php)

C. Total No. of Beneficiaries serviced under various Clinical and / or other services August 2020):

New Cases	No. of follow up Beneficiaries
357	8859

d. Conferences/Seminars/Job fair conducted during the month/any other events:

Webinar:







NIEPMD Organized a webinar on "Managing Children with ASD at Home during COVID-19" on 7th August 2020. The Resource person of the Program was Shri. A M Govindaraj, Lecturer (Special Education) and Smt. Mohideen Banu, Lecturer (Special Education).





NIEPMD Organized a Live Chat show on "Let's Talk and Let's Connect - Mental Health in Digital World" by Dept.of Clinical Psychology on 2nd August 2020. The Resource person of the Smt.S.K.Anandalakshmi, Lecturer (Clinical Psychology).

NIEPMD Organized a National webinar on "Creating Daily Schedules and Learning opportunities for students with MD/ASD on 10 August 2020. The Resource person of the progam

was. Prof.Jeyachandra, Vijay Human Services, Chennai, Smt. Leelavathi, Lecturer (Deafblind), Smt. I.G.Anusuya, Rehabilitation officer, Smt. Gowri Rajesh, Consultant (Clinical Psychologist).



NIEPMD Organized a webinar on "webinar on "Life skills for Adolescents with disabilities" for Parents of PwDs and Persons with Disabilities on 7th August 2020. The Resource person of the Program was Smt. M.Priya, Faculty (Occupational Therapy)

NIEPMD organized a Webinar on "Protective back health program for caregivers of children with physical disabilities" on 10.08.20. The Resource person of the Program was Ms.Mercy Clara, Faculty (Physio Therapy).

NIEPMD Organized a Webinar on "Importance of Exercise on importance of exercise as an intervention for children's with Multiple Disabilities" for Parents and Caregivers of Children with Multiple Disabilities" on 14th August 20. The Resource person of the Program was Shri.S.Rajesh, Faculty, Physiotherapy.







NIEPMD Organized a Webinar on "Managing Children with Multiple Disabilities at Home COVID 19" on 14th August 20. The Resource person of the Program was Smt.Leelavathi, Lecturer (DB), Smt.K.Sujatha, Special Educator, Smt. C.Seetha Lakshmi, Faculty in Spl.Edn, Smt. Ananthanayaki, Faculty in Spl.Edn. and Smt. M.Ramya, Faculty in Special Education.

NIEPMD Organized a Webinar on "Action Observation technique to improve motor function recover" for Parents and Professionals. on 19th August 20. The Resource person of the Program was Ms.T.Arthi, Faculty, Physiotherapy.

The Department of Speech, Hearing and Communication, NIEPMD organized an International Webisode on ASD - Addressing spectrum of Needs" on 16th August, 2020. The Resource person of the Program was Dr.Sapna Bhat, Copenhagen International School, Denmar, Dr.S.Kala, Faculty, Speech, Hearing and Communication NIEPMD and Shri.K.K.Dhanavendan, Special Teacher, NIEPMD.







The Unit of Early Intervention, NIEPMD organized a Webinar on "Excercise prescription for persons with multiple disabilities" on 19th August 2020. The Resource person of the Program was Smt.Pushba Mary, Clinical Therapist, Early Intervention Unit NIEPMD.

The Department of Special Education, National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Multiple Disabilities (Divyangjan) organized a National Webinar on "Outcome based Faculty Development Programme on developing E-Content" on 21st August 2020. The Resource Person of the program was Dr.K.Thiagu, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Education, Central University of Kerala, Kasargod and Dr. Shobha N Odunavar, Faculty, Special Education, NIEPMD.

NIEPMD organized a National Webinar on "Prevention of Complication in Children's with Multiple Disability " on 21st August 2020. The Resource Person of the program was Shri. V.B.Jayakumar, Faculty – Physiotherapy, NIEPMD.



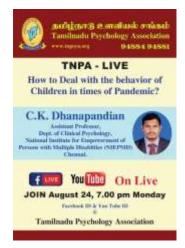




The Dept.of Therapeutics, Unit of Occupational Therapy, NIEPMD organized a webinar on "Appropriate Wheelchair" on 21st August 2020. The Resource Person of the program was. Shri. Sudhakar Govindasamy, Regional Clinician, South-Asia Motivation India.

NIEPMD organized a webinar on "Way to Improve Physical Activity among People with Paraplegia" on 24th August 2020. The Resource Person of the program was. Shri. Vetrivelraja .M.C.K

NIEPMD organized a National webinar on "Exploring Ways to March with National Education Policy 2020 – Opportunities and Smt.Aloka Guha, Former Chairperson, National Trust, Dr.Sudesh Mukhopadhyay, Former chairperson, RCI and Shri. Akhil Paul, Founder & Director, Sense International India.





A Live in consultation program on How to Deal with the Behaviour of Children in tmes of COVID pandemic organized by Tamilnadu Psychology Association on 24th August 2020. The Resource person of the program was Shri.C.K.Dhanapandian, Assitant professor, Dept.of Clinical Psychology, NIEPMD.

NIEPMD organized a National webinar on "Management of Gait/Walking abnormalities in Children with Multiple Disabilities" on 28th August 2020. The Resource person of the program was Smt. Arulmozhe A.







NIEPMD organized an National webinar on "Enhancing Self care among caregivers of Persons with Disabilities" on 30th August 2020. The Resource person of the program was Smt.Gowri Rajesh, Consultant, Clinical Psychologist, NIEPMD.

NIEPMD organized an National webinar on "Holistic Management of Individuals with Cerebral Palsy" on 31st August 2020. The Resource person of the program was Shri.C.K.Dhanapandian, Assistant Professor (Clinical Psychology), NIEPMD.

NIEPMD organized an International Webinar on Holistic management of Individuals with Cerebral Palsy on 31st August, 2020 (Monday). The Resource Person of the program was Shri.Rajkumar Rajan, Clinical Specialist, Bobath Centre, U.K and Smt. Kalpana Rao, Principal, Vidya Sagar, Chennai.

e. Skill Development Activities:

Online skill/Employable training programs for Adult persons with Multiple Disabilities. In the wake of COVID 19 pandemic NIEPMD had initiated 3 online skill training programs for Adult Persons with disabilities to occupy them with some employable activities. The following trades are provided in online

- 1. Multimedia training
- **2.** Data Entrly operator training

f. Awareness Generation / Distribution and other camps organized:

NIEPMD and National Institute of Siddha jointly organized an Awareness cum Prevention Kit Distribution Camp for COVID 19 on 27th August 2020 & 29th August 2020. The Inaugural program was held on 27th August 2020. Shri.Nachiketa Rout, Director (Offg), NIEPMD inaugurated the Awareness camp and delivered Key note address, Prof.Dr.R.Meenakumari, Director, National Institute of Siddha delivered the Inaugural Address. During the program Siddha Medicine Kits for COVID 19 Prevention distributed to the Parents of PwDs, Staff, etc. The kit comprises of Kabasura Kudineer, Amla Lekhiyam and Amukara Sooranam.











g. Action Taken / Progress Made in:

i. E-Governance:

- NIEPMD website got SSL certificate (Secured website).
- Renewed the STQC certificate for NIEPMD website.
- NIEPMD website registered with National Portal of India
- Implemented PFMS
- Member of National Digital Library of India to access E-books and Journals
- Most of the Payments made through electronic clearance
- Digitalization of Service and Administration.
- Library services are automated.

ii. Swachh Bharat Abhiyan:

Routine Cleaning activities going on in the entire campus of NIEPMD.

iii. Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan:

• Orientation on Universal Design and accessible websites given to students and Internship trainees of various colleges, and schools of Chennai who visited NIEPMD.

iv. Progressive use of Hindi (Rajbhasa):

Quarterly report has been sent to Ministry.

- 51% of Letters received in Hindi are replied in Hindi.
- Preparation of Program schedule, banners, Conference Invitation was also done in Hindi.
- Printing posters on the various themes of Swachh Bharat Mission printed in Hindi.

h. Redressal of Public Grievances

- Nil -

i. Major important Achievements of the organization/Institute:

- NIEPMD received ISO 9001:2015 certification
- NIEPMD Accredited by NAAC with B Grade in the 1st Cycle

j. No. of New Courses/ any other activities Initiated:

- Nil-

K. New Initiatives, if any: -

- Nil -

I. Any other Information considered important to be intimated:

Status of Construction Projects of NIEPMD:

1. Hydrotherapy Unit : Heating System and Accessibility Features Pending

2. Audiology Lab : Work Completed

3. SIPDA Project : Construction/Conversion of EWC work in progress

Press Coverage:

மாற்றுத்திறனாளிகளுக்கான தேசிய கல்வி திறுவனத்தில் சுதந்திர தின விழா கொண்டாட்டம்



Gereirenen, "gg.n. 18 சென்னை, ஆக.18-சென்னைக்கு அருகில் க.ன்ன முட்டுகாட்டில் இமங்கி வரும் ஒன்றுக்கு மேற்கட்ட கடைமூற்றோட்டி மெற்காட்டிற்கான தேசிய நிறுவனத்தில் 14வது கதந்திர தின் விழா சினப்பாக கொண்டாடப்பட்டது. இமக்குளர் நச்சோதா வெட தேசிய கொடியை ஏற்றி வைத்து உரைவற்றினர். இத்திகழ்ச்சியின் ஒரு சின்னம், தேசிய மலர்.

குறந்தை மாற்றுத்திறை தேசிய பறவை, தேசிய மண்ட பத்தியாக மாற்றுத்திறை தேசிய பறவை, தேசிய விகளுக்கான ஒன்யம் வின்கு தேசியபூம் தேசிய யன்றத் இருக்கான முற்றும் இருக்கும், இந்த போட்டிகள் மற்றும் ஒவியத்தில் சிந்திக்கப்பட் இத்நிறுவனத்தில் பலிலும் டது சிறப்பு அசையாகும்.

மாணம் சதத்திரத்திற்கு பாடுபட்ட கலைவர்கள் பற்றிப் பேச்சுப் நகையான பற்றம் பெர்கப் போட்டியும் இணையத்தின் வாபிலாக நடைபெற்றது. மேலும் இவ்விழாவில் இயக்குளர் இந்திய பாரத மாதா ஒல்பத்தை நிறந்து வைந்தார்.

மாற்றுத் திறனாளிகள் பயிலும் தேசிய கல்வி நிறுவனத்தில் சுதந்திர தின விழா கொண்டாட்டம்



அருகில் உள்ள முட்டுகாட்டில் இவங்கி வரும் ஒன்றுக்கு மேற்பட்ட பற்றியபேச்சுப்போட்டியும் இணையத்தின ஊனமுற்றோரின் மேம்பாட்டிற்கான ித்சிய நிறுவனத்தில் 74வது சுதந்திர தின விழா சினப்பாக கொண்டாடப் பட்டது. இந்திய பாரத மாதா ஒவியத்தை இறந்து

Gedrawer, ஆக. 19 : சென்னைக்கு பயிலும் மாணவர் களுக்கோ இந்திய சுதந்திரத்திற்கு பாடுபட்ட தலைவர்கள் வாயிலாக நடைபெற்றது. மேலும் இவ்விழாவில் இயக்குனர் அவர்கள் இயக்குனர் நசிகோதா ரெனட் தேசிய வைத்தார். இந்த ஓவியத்தில் இந்நிய கொடியை ஏற்றி வைத்து உரையாற்றினார். சுதந்திரத் திற்கு பாடுபட்ட தேசிய generation, agiles Petronic, agiles west, இந்நிகழ்ச்சியின் ஒரு பகுதியாக தேசிய பறவை, தேசிய விலங்கு தேசிய மாற்றுத்திரனாளிகளுக்கான ஓவியம். பழம் தேசிய மரம் போன்ற அனைத்து வரைதம், போன பலிற்சி, வினையாட்டு அம்சங்களும் இந்த ஓவியத்தில் போட்டிகள் மற்றும் இந்நிறுவனத்தில் இத்தரிக்கப்பட்டது சிறப்பு அம்சமாகும்.



Press clippings of Independence day celebration and Awareness and Free Distribution of Kit for Prevention of COVID 19