



Saksham - Camp for Empowerment of People with Disabilities Uttarakhand

10th-12th February 2024





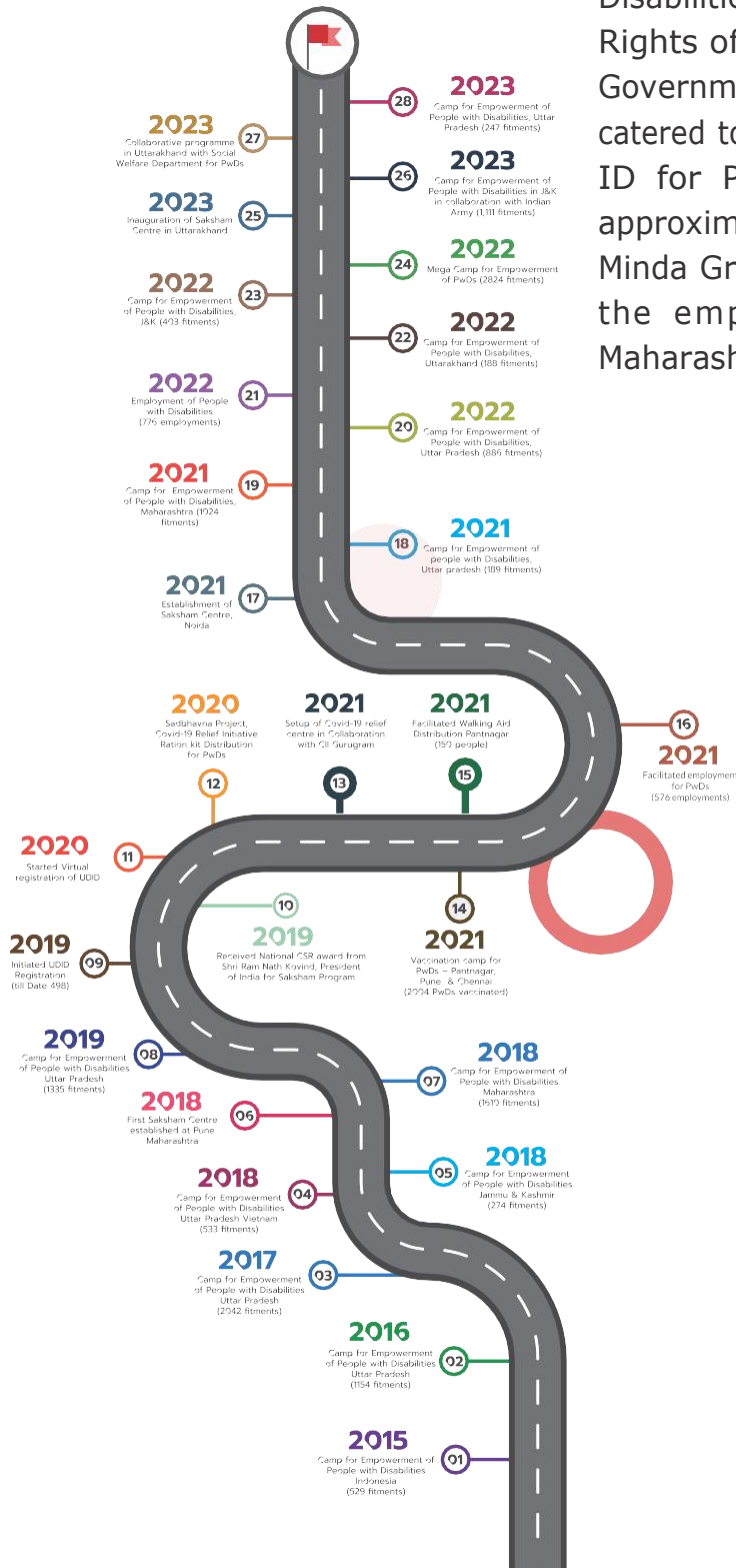
OVERVIEW

Spark Minda Foundation (SMF) was incorporated under Section 8 of the Companies Act and has been the CSR wing for the group companies to undertake CSR programs since 2014. The vision of the Foundation is to build a sustainable society by improving the quality of life; protecting the planet through affirmative actions and establishing integrated and inclusive growth of people and the environment. The main aim of SMF is to work for community development by catering to Education, Livelihood Promotion through Skill Development, Women Empowerment, the Facilitation of Healthcare, the Empowerment of People with Disabilities, and Sustaining the Environment. The foundation runs projects and programs for the communities in the semi-urban and rural areas majorly in 6 states of India- Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Maharashtra, Karnataka, and Tamil Nadu. The approach is need-based and focuses on collaborating with like-minded institutions to cater to a wide range of people around the nation. The programs are conceptualized in such a way that they can be easily replicated and provide avenues to gradually scale up the programs in the years to come. The CSR strategies are designed to address some of the global concerns in the Indian context keeping the programmes aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals offered by the United Nations.



SAKSHAM - EMPOWERMENT OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

JOURNEY...



Spark Minda Foundation established a programme called "Saksham" for Empowering People with Disabilities (PwDs) in 2015. It is supplementing the Rights of People with Disabilities Act 2018 of the Government of India. Under this program, SMF has catered to more than 18,000 fitments, UDID (Unique ID for Persons with Disabilities) support, and approximately 1,000 employments across Spark Minda Group. SMF has also established centres for the employment of PwDs in the states of Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh.

Objectives of the programme

- Enhancing accessibility and providing assistive technology to empower PwDs.
- Offering guidance and support for the registration of UDID cards, ensuring official recognition for People with Disabilities.
- Identifying and facilitating suitable employment opportunities for eligible PwDs through collaborations with partner organizations.
- Providing skill development initiatives and on-the-job training tailored to individual needs and industry requirements.



CAMP FOR EMPOWERMENT OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES - 2024

The Saksham program has been meticulously designed to promote self-reliance among individuals with disabilities, aiming to decrease their dependence on external assistance for both mobility and livelihood. This transformative initiative took place from February 10th to 12th with a profound goal: to provide aid to community members lacking the financial means to obtain essential devices like artificial limbs, braces, and assistive equipment. Throughout this period, a wide range of crucial resources were supplied to the people residing in Uttarakhand. A number of cities from Uddham Singh Nagar and Nainital Districts were touched upon during this camp. The impact of this endeavor is significant, directly addressing the essential needs of individuals who might otherwise encounter obstacles in living independently. By offering appropriate interventions and assisting with UDID card registrations, the Saksham program has not only improved their physical well-being but also provided the invaluable gift of acknowledgment and support. This year the camp was organised in the permanent centre that is run in collaboration with the Department of Social Justice and Welfare. A huge number of people from Khatima Bazpur, Lalkua, Haldwani, Ramnagar, Kaladungi Gadarpur and Udham Singh Nagar

Registration Desk

At the camp's entrance, a registration desk was established to meticulously monitor the count of attending PwDs. For the precise identification of required fitment types and assistive aids, medical assistance was readily available to the PwDs. Employing photography, a comprehensive record-keeping system was established, effectively documenting the progress from pre-fitment to post-fitment stages.

UDID- Unique ID for Persons with Disabilities

To facilitate the process of obtaining UDID cards, a dedicated counter was established by the Department of Social Welfare. Here, PwDs received personalized assistance and guidance, aimed at enhancing their understanding of the benefits associated with the UDID card. Moreover, comprehensive support was extended to PwDs throughout the registration procedure, ensuring their needs were met effectively.

Prosthetics and Orthotics

This process involves empowering individuals with locomotor disabilities or those who have undergone amputations. It includes providing prosthetics (artificial limbs), orthotics (callipers), or other assistive aids. The first step is assessing the person's needs, followed by taking measurements based on the prescription. After fabrication, the device is fitted to the individual, followed by gait training and quality checks. This brings them closer to empowerment.



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CAMP INAUGURATION

The Saksham camp, held in collaboration with the Department of Social Welfare and Justice, took place within the premises of the district hospital. The inauguration, held on February 10th, was graced by esteemed dignitaries. Dr. Manoj Kumar Sharma (CMO), serving as the Chief Guest, was

accompanied by Dr. RK Sinha (CMS) and Dr. KD Sahi, Principal of the Medical College. Their presence added prestige to the occasion.



CAMP ANALYSIS

The camp emerged as a beacon of hope for individuals with disabilities (PwDs), marking a significant milestone after a prolonged hiatus. Many among them were unfamiliar with the transformative potential of prosthetic limbs, their introduction to which catalyzed a profound shift in perspective. Whether they had undergone limb amputations in 2011 or faced recent challenges, the concept of fitments opened new doors of opportunity and empowerment. Spanning across generations, from a tender age of 3 to a venerable 78, the camp embraced a diverse spectrum of participants. The gender parity, with 69% male and 31% female representation, mirrored a concerted effort towards inclusivity. Prostheses, orthoses, and various assistive devices were meticulously tailored, with 31% opting for prostheses, 21% for orthoses, and 48% for a spectrum of assistive devices. Total fitments for the camp were 268, with 59 UDIDs

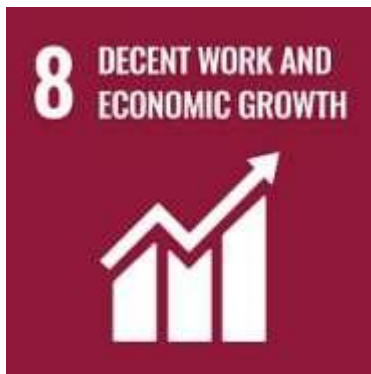




TOGETHER WE CAN



The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) have been designed to establish a comprehensive framework of global objectives that encompass the essential pillars of sustainability: social, economic, and environmental. These goals collectively address areas of paramount importance, such as ensuring access to quality education, fostering equitable economic growth, reducing disparities, and cultivating effective partnerships towards achieving these aims



Underlying these goals, SDG-4 provides an inclusive and high-quality education, striving for continuous learning opportunities for all. SDG-8 emphasizes the pursuit of sustainable economic growth that yields quality employment opportunities, thereby enhancing living standards. SDG-10 aims to diminish inequalities while upholding steady income growth, guaranteeing that no one is marginalized. SDG-17 serves to fortify global collaborations that advance sustainable development.



In alignment with these pivotal SDGs, the Saksham initiative is significantly contributing to the employment of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs). Spark Minda and Minda Corporation have collectively engaged over _____ Pw Ds within the manufacturing units of the Spark Minda Group. This step not only fosters economic empowerment but also exemplifies the production of assistive devices like Artificial Limbs and Callipers, directly addressing inequality by enhancing mobility for PwDs.



Additionally, the program actively supports PwDs in procuring UDID, a unique identification card, facilitating a more equitable work environment. By forging strategic partnerships with governmental bodies, non-profit organizations, trade associations, and kindred CSR groups, the scope of impact expands, paving the way for a substantial improvement in the lives of PwDs. This approach not only adheres to the ideals set forth by the SDGs but also amplifies their positive influence on the lives of those with disabilities.

TESTIMONIALS

A ray of Hope

In 1995, Santosh Kashyap, a 48-year-old inhabitant of Lalkuan, faced a pivotal moment that forever altered the course of his life. Returning home from his electric shop, he encountered a life-shattering collision with a truck. The impact left him broken and reeling from the aftermath. Instead of succumbing to the darkness of despair, Santosh made a solemn vow to dedicate his life to uplifting those who, like him, faced the daunting challenges of disability. With a heart brimming with compassion, he immersed himself in the world of volunteering, offering solace and support to Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) with unwavering dedication. Since 2005, Santosh has served as a beacon of hope and resilience, assuming the role of vice president in a modest organization committed to aiding Persons with Disabilities and widows. His journey is a testament to the profound transformation that can occur when empathy and a sense of belonging become guiding lights in the face of adversity.



A man with a vision

Anil Kumar, a retired individual aged 60, once dedicated his days to the irrigation department. However, fate took a sharp turn in 2011 when he met with a life-altering accident while riding his bike home from work. The collision with a truck left him severely injured, ultimately costing him his right hand. It was a moment that could have easily shattered his spirit, but Anil chose a different path. Instead of succumbing to despair, Anil resolved to transform his adversity into opportunity. With unwavering determination, he embraced his new reality, learning to navigate life with his left hand as his dominant one. He not only adapted but thrived, mastering tasks such as writing and even driving a car with finesse. Anil found strength in the unwavering support of his family. With his loving wife by his side, he embarked on a journey of resilience and self-discovery. Through his inspiring tale, Anil imparts a profound truth: that with the right mindset and unwavering support, one can overcome even the most daunting challenges and achieve remarkable feats. Let his story serve as a ray of hope and motivation, reminding us all that within every setback lies the potential for incredible growth and triumph.

