

Rehabilitation work done after implementation of

CBR Project with OEU.



Photo of Kum.Likhita in front of school

1. Kum.Likhita :

Likhita a 7 years old child having congenital glaucoma was referred by Dr Gowri J Murthy for rehabilitation. Ms Likhita was registered at VIIO and was helped to secure admission to 1st Standard in normal school at her village. She is having light perception, she can read and identify large print letters, and she is very good in oral studies. We took her to Mr Anand, low vision expert of International Agency for Rehabilitation India, WHO has done functional assessment for the child for vision, Mobility, Orientation, identification of color, using magnifier sheet for checking the reading skills. She was advised to use black sketch pen for reading letters and numbers and identify objects using other senses. Visual concept need to be improved. Orientation and Mobility training can be given at the age of 11 years. Low vision aids can be tried when Likhita becomes 10 year old.

We have written a detail letter to her School head master about Likhita and her vision problems, also mentioned in a letter how he can help the child in the class in her studies. Informed about special trained resource teacher appointed by Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan by Govt of Karnataka to get support for the education and other benefits . We have asked the parents to keep in touch with us for any help. Head master contacted us to clear some doubts about her studies. We have briefed the headmaster about class management, teaching plus curriculum, using educational devices. Headmaster informed us that she is very regular to school, participating in co- curricular activities, mingles with other peers of class and playing with them. Head master assured to support and help in her studies. Likhita is very happy to go to school in inclusive education system.



Mr.Someshekar involved in assembling work

2. Mr Somashekar aged 39 years :

He is having vision problems due to glaucoma. He is taking treatment at VIIO since 2 years but could not restore his sight. He studied up to 3rd Standard and discontinued. He lost his mother when he was 7 years old and father passed away 10 years back due to cancer. He got married and is having two children, but his wife left him and took the children with her, living separately because of his vision problem. He was working at APMC yard as a labourer before his blindness. He came to VIIO for follow-up treatment through our vision centre and was referred for Rehabilitation. We have registered his name for Rehabilitation, assisted him to get medical certificate, travel concession and submitted application for monthly pension. After the vision loss he used to sit at a corner doing nothing and is completely depended on others. Neighbours have been providing food. He is very much depressed in his life thinking of his future and living in a pathetic condition at the village. We regularly keep in touch with him to find suitable place for him and contacting local NGO's for his rehabilitation. We have contacted Enable India for training, rehabilitation and suitable placement for him and We have registered his name with Enabled India and we have received message and call from the Enable India, advised us to bring him on 12th September to Vocational Rehabilitation Center at Peenya for job Mela. Enable India and VRC jointly organized job fair inviting employers from various companies. He was interviewed and selected for assembling work. Sama foundation working for disabled having one unit near Chandapur providing jobs in assembling for disabled people. The material supplied by Pointech Company (Manufacturers of Pen pencil) situated at Attibele. Mr.Somashekar is now able to earn Rs.3000/- to Rs.3500/- per month initially with free boarding lodging. Now he is very happy and grateful to VIIO & CBR project for his rehabilitation.



Mr.Ravikumar V N with other students at NSVK college

3.Mr Ravikumar V N :

He is a 19 year old having visual impairment and undergoing treatment at VIIO since 5 years and lost his eye sight due to eye injury. Mr Ravi studied up to II PUC in normal collage at his native place he was finding it difficult for higher education at his native place where there are no facilities. He registered his name for rehabilitation and further studies. We assisted him to get medical certificate at Minto hospital. He is getting monthly pension

of Rs.1,500/- along with bus pass, railway concession. He has shown interest for further studies. In this regard we contacted Samarthanam Trust for disabled for college admission and free hostel. Samarthanam Trust came forward to provide free boarding and lodging facilities and help him to get admission at NSVK first grade collage for 1st year B.com at Banashankari, collage authorities given 50% concession on fee on our request. MrRavikumar has been admitted to B.com and he is very happy about his studies.

4. Mr.Ramakrishnaiah S/o Yeallappa, ;

He is having Retina Pigmentosa due to genetic problems (due to marriage within extended family). His parents have 5 children, out of which two are having this vision problem. His sister is also taking treatment at VIIO and she had been operated. He studied up to 4th Standard and discontinued due to his vision problem.

After some years he appeared for 10th Standard examination directly and completed the course. Prior to onset of blindness he was working as a wood cutter. He married a handicapped girl and has one child. He has registered for Rehabilitation at VIIO very recently. We took him to job Mela organized by Enable India and VRC on 12th September 2015 jointly. They had invited H R people of some companies to recruit disabled persons. Ramakrishnaiah was called for interview by Shahi Export Company at Tumkur Unit. He has been selected and the company will inform the joining date and other details by next month.