



Vishwashanti Niketan

Visit by the students of MPBIM

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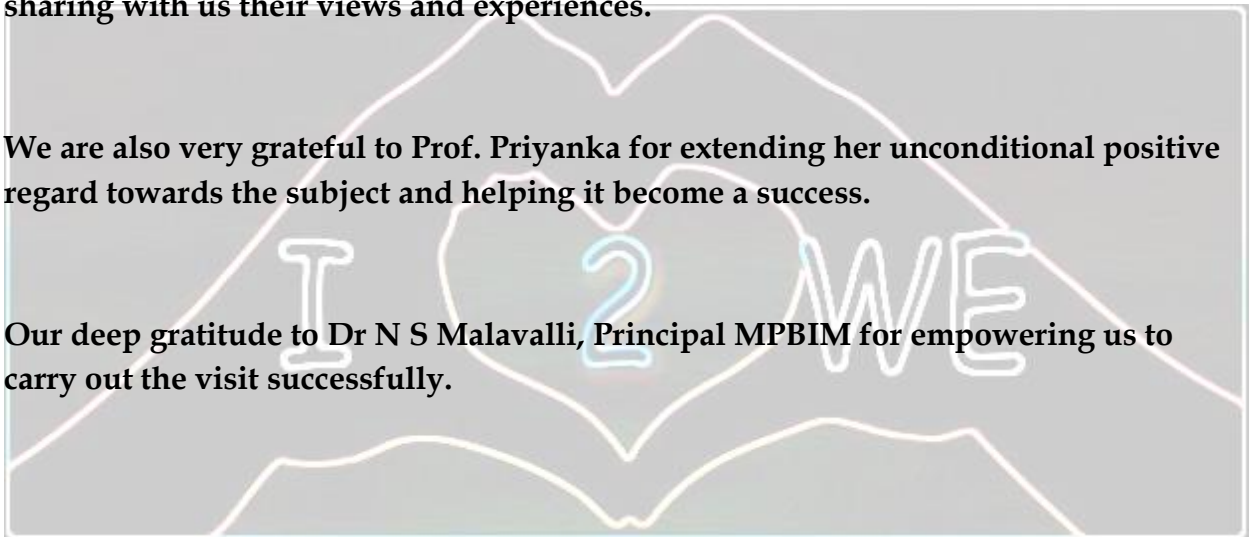
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We are very grateful to M P Birla Institute of Management and CII- Young Indians Bangalore Chapter for providing us with an opportunity to carry out this visit and especially the support and liaison of Mr. Venkatesh (President ,KPAMRC), Mr. Suresh (General Secretary ,KPAMRC) .

We would like to thank the senior managers, heads of home, staff and young people of Vishwashanti Niketan. Staff and residents were very welcoming, generously sharing with us their views and experiences.

We are also very grateful to Prof. Priyanka for extending her unconditional positive regard towards the subject and helping it become a success.

Our deep gratitude to Dr N S Malavalli, Principal MPBIM for empowering us to carry out the visit successfully.



Visit to Vishwashanti Niketan of Karnataka Parents Association for Mentally Retarded Citizens [KPAMRC], Nelamanagala on 16th December 2012

At the World Volunteers Day conducted jointly by MPBIM and CII-Young Indians Bangalore Chapter, where the aspects of volunteering were discussed, Prof. Venkatesha, parent of a Mentally Challenged citizen spoke about the emotional needs of mentally challenged people. Consequent to this the students of MPBIM visited Viswashanti Niketan, the location of Karnataka Parents Association for Mentally Retarded Citizens [KPAMRC], in Nelamangala.

KPAMRC is an initiative by the parents of Mentally Retarded Citizens [KPAMRC] which is registered under the Karnataka Societies Registration Act 1960 on May 26, 1979. KPAMRC became the first registered Parents' Association to pioneer advocacy movement in the state of Karnataka and also among the first few in the country.



Prof. Venkatesha receiving the National Award in Delhi

This organization has been selected for the **National Award under the category of, Best Service Institution for the year 2011**. Probably, this Award which is the highest that one can aspire in the country has provided strength and courage to the Association to take up the activities including that of, Group Home Rehabilitation Complex for long term residential care of people with mental retardation and other developmental disabilities.

The Association has also received Smt. Premlata Peshwaria National Award instituted by Peshawaria family in memory of their mother Smt. Premlata Peshwaria during the Annual National Parents' Meet held at Jamshedpur last month.



The number of residents at the Group Home Rehabilitation Complex has gone up to 35 and the construction of the 5th unit will be undertaken in the next month as soon as the plans for the unit are approved by the concerned authority. We a group of 13 students (united by the name 'I2WE') accompanied by Prof. Priyanka visited Vishwashanti Niketan on the 16th December 2012.

The association has programs to provide vocational training to the inmates, apart from this it also engages the children in making candles, cardboard box assemblies, paper cups and plates, envelopes, screen printing, and visiting cards, this would not only build a sense of confidence in themselves, these micro commercial activities help the residents to fetch income for the home through the sale of products produced by them. The association provides following services:

- Manpower Development
- Group Insurance
- Parents Self-help Groups
- Caregivers Programs
- Guidance and Counseling
- Books and Publications
- Group Home Rehabilitation Complex
- Networking



We were briefed on the activities by Mr. Suresh General Secretary ,KPAMRC. He explained the objectives, activities and future plans for the home. We had carried with us drawing papers, crayons and watercolors to indulge the children for a leisure activity. This was followed by a magnificent display of sense of music by one of the resident, Arvind who fiddled with his violin and we were all ears to the tunes of Ganapati Vandana and on our feet for the National Anthem. The response of the inmates was astounding.

The visit brought in us a sense of gratitude to God who has given us all the faculties to lead a normal life. It also gave us a great insight about how life is for the less fortunate and also inspired us by seeing how the residents have overcome their differences to lead a normal life. It was nevertheless a beautiful experience where we got to see a laudable and sincere effort put in by the Association and undaunted courage by the inmates in facing the challenges of life.



The pictures of the visit are shared below:



Sri Arvind, a inmate of
Vishwashanti Niketan
playing the violin

Vocational Training
Centre where mats,
candles, plates are
manufactured







Our Volunteers:

Apoorva J A
Chetas Natarajan
Darshan B V
Deepika
Kumaran S
Maria Samreen Raje
Prabhu Kumar P

Sharanya C
Sona H Bilakhia
Subhash B N
Swaroop K C
Vikas Dubey
Ullas N

We are grateful to everyone who helped us in this visit which gave us an opportunity to empathize with the parents of the mentally challenged citizens. This has also brought in us a resolve that we will undertake more such visits and render help to the possible extent.

Principal
M P Birla Institute of Management