## <u>Shraddha Special School for Mentally Retarded</u> <u>Varanasi</u>

## BRIEF ACTIVITY REPORT (W.E.F. JAN 07 TO AUGUST 07)

Beside daily routine curriculum of teaching and training we perform certain extra curriculum work. They are as follows :-

**January 07 :-** Children were taken to St. John's convent school D.L.W. to participate in a Gala programme organized by the dioceses of Varanasi on 2nd January 2007 it, was a new year full day programme -

'A DAY FOR THE DISABLED'. In the first session i.e. cultural programme our children had put a folk dance - ' HAIN PE TIKULIA HERAE GAILE DAIARE' (The bindi is lost here it self). It was largely appreciated by the spectators and organisers. In the second Session i.e. sports session, they participated in frog race, Spoon Race and matching race. The winners got away with the prizes.

**February 07 :-** We had organised special Olympic Athletics programme at Purvanchal level in which participants from 9 other districts of purvanchal were invited to participate in various athletics events e.g. 100m, 200m race, 100m walk; soft ball throw; shot put throw, Relay Race etc. winners were awarded with gold medal, silver medal and Bronze medals. This is the second time we had organised with our own initiatives and own resources. The sole purpose to organise to such programme is to bring awareness among mentally retarded (M.R.) children and their parents. When winners were awarded medals to put around their neck many of the parents had wet their eyes because none of their other son and daughters have given them so much of recognitions so far in their life. They realised that such children can also do much better if they are provided with fair chance.

**March 07 :-** Children were taken to Sarnath for outing programme. They enjoyed the Sight Scene, Open ground, Tall trees and Flowers. They were also taken to Fr. ABHISHAKTANAND'S programme to celebrate international women's day.

May 15 to June 28, 2007 :- Children and teachers enjoyed summer vacation. But the principal teacher and other surveyors made an extensive survey work of near by villages and slum area. It resulted into admission of new girls e.g. Km. Rani 22 year, Km. Zareena 19 year, Km. Shraddha Pandey 8 years old.

**July 3, 2007 :-** Our school reopened after the summer vacation. A regular programme of teaching and training is going on.

They participated in programme about prevention of blindness organised by Fr. ABHISHAKTANAND at Harahua Block Aduitorium.

**August 11, 2007 :-** Special Olympic Bharat (U.P.) had bestowed on us a responsibility to conduct a special Olympic Basket Ball Zonal Level team selection camp to select a zonal level team of mentally challenged players who will again participate in the state level selection camp to be organised on Ist Sept., 2007 at Bareli. Players who would be selected finally in that camp will participate in national level special Olympic Basket Ball tournament to be held in the end of this year. Master Rakesh and Mukesh have been selected in this year end. They will participate in the final selection camp at Bareli.

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