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- 01)** 7th April, 2016 was a big day for PNR Society and its associated institutions. This was the day when their founder and visionary **Shri Anant K. Shah** (Bababhai) entered 82nd year. It was celebrated by screening a video and poetry on his life and presenting sweets in the traditional manner. Shri Bababhai in his reply to the felicitations said that his mission was empathy – driven and success is due to dedication of Trustees, Teachers, Volunteers and staff and wished continued successive milestones in the field.
- 02)** **Smt. Jyotiben Dalal Empowerment of Disabled (Divyang) Women Project** has been launched. Under this project the disabled women are supported to run business of their choice. The support includes training, guidance in procurement of machine and appliances, assistance in marketing, accounting, etc. fully free.
- 03)** **Prevention Department's accomplishments** during April – May, 2016 have been
Rubella Vaccination : (For preventing birth of a disabled child) 8219 (56 schools & community).
Deafness & Blindness Prevention (Checkup) : 14,085 753 identified for visual impairedness and powered spectacles were distributed to correct the defect. 21 Children were rendered free ear surgery to rectify hearing impairedness.
Free Plastic Surgery : Total beneficiary 23 (11 cleft-lip, 9 cleft-palate and and 3 – hypospadias). This programme is run with funding from **Impact Foundation (U.K.)** and **The Dalal Family Foundation, (U.S.A.)**.
- 04)** **Shri Natvarbhai Desai**, Chairman, PNR Society was felicitated by Rotary Club of Mumbai (South) and was presented with '**Vocational Excellence Award**' for his 40 years long innings of social service.
- 05)** **K. L. Institute for the Deaf** organized '**Continuous Rehabilitation Education (CRE)**' during 1-06-2016 to 3-06-2016. Special Educators from Gujarat, Maharashtra and Rajasthan attended the CRE. The participants were happy to express that they were benefitted greatly.
- 06)** On digitization front the librarian of the K. L. Institute Smt. Chetana G. Mulani successfully completed training for digitization of library collection and very soon the access to resources of the library will be easy and quick.
- 07)** Free diagnostic camp was organized at Nuclear Power Corporation (Mithivirdi) in which 162 children were provided hearing aids.
- 08)** Students of the **K. L. Institute for the Deaf** undertook tour to Kutch region of Gujarat. It was an exposure to these students to sight-seeing places and their history.
- 09)** **The State Bank of India** donated Medical Van to the K. L. Institute for the Deaf on 7 May, 2016.
- 10)** '**Akhil Gujarat Behra – Munga Shala Sanchalak Mandal**' (All Gujarat Deaf School Heads Association) was established to present problems of the Deaf to the regulatory agencies. **Shri Ashwin Pandya**, Hon. Secretary of K. L. Institute for the Deaf was elected as Vice President of the Association.
- 11)** '**World Autism Day**' was celebrated on 2nd April, 2016 in the Nataraj C.P. School. The C. P. Children presented '**Fusion Folk**' on this Day and impressed the audience.
- 12)** **Parkinson's Day** was celebrated on 11th April, 2016. The Parkinson's patients of Bhavnagar were taken to nearby places by the B. K. Parekh Parkinson's Support Group run by the PNR Society.
- 13)** The students (23) of '**Ankur**' **School for Mentally Retarded Children** undertook tour to Mumbai during 3 Feb. 2016 to 7 Feb. 2016. These children also visited Gandhinagar (3 March 2016) and Rangoli Hotel, Vartej (7 April-16). A meeting of guardians of these children was organized on 23 April-16 where they were given progress reports of their children.
- 14)** News about special Helpline for Divyangs, Universal ID for Divyangs, opinions of readers, heart-rending poems, case-study, increase in monetary assistance to Divyangs, activity of Resource Centers, inspiring personality, list of donors' etc. are carried in this issue.