

Vidya Vistar Scheme
CSDI Report on the Inaugural Event

30th May 2023

The Centre for the Studies of Disability and Inclusion (CSDI) at Janki Devi Memorial College (JDMC) recently collaborated with Devnar Junior and Degree College under the Vidya Vistar Scheme of the University of Delhi to enhance the learning experience of visually impaired students. The collaboration between these esteemed institutions was inaugurated through an online event on 30th May 2023, organized under the auspices of the IQAC (Internal Quality Assurance Cell) at JDMC. The event was graced by esteemed guests including Prof. K. Ratnabali, Dean of Academic Activities and Projects and Coordinator of the Vidya Vistar Scheme at the University of Delhi, Dr. A. Saibaba Goud, Chairman and Founder of Devnar Foundation for the Blind, Dr. Kusum Krishna, Chairperson of the Governing Body at JDMC, and Prof. Swati Pal, Principal of JDMC. The event began with formal introductions led by Prof. Payal Nagpal, IQAC Coordinator at JDMC, and Mr. Ramakrishna, Administrative Officer at Devnar College.

During the event, Prof. Ratnabali acknowledged the perseverance and determination of Prof. Pal, which expedited the collaboration. She also commended CSDI, Dr. Md. Zubeer Ahmed (Director of CSDI), and both colleges for their collaborative efforts. Prof. Ratnabali emphasized that this collaboration reflects the essence of the New Education Policy (NEP 2020), which emphasizes social responsibility for inclusive learning and the need for academic collaborations to strengthen the foundations of educational institutions across the country. According to Prof. Ratnabali, the joint efforts of the two institutions can effectively contribute to research on the experiences of visually impaired students from their perspectives. In conclusion, Prof. Ratnabali highlighted the urgent need to address the challenges faced by visually impaired students and to foster sensitivity, awareness, and understanding among other students regarding the needs of visually impaired individuals.

Dr. Goud expressed gratitude to Prof. Pal and Dr. Ahmed for making the collaboration possible. He briefed the attendees on the achievements of the Devnar Foundation and expressed his desire to elevate the institution to new heights through the guidance and mentorship of JDMC. Stressing the necessity of the collaboration, Dr. Goud explained that visually impaired individuals require not only medical support but also social support. Social challenges play a crucial role in the lives of visually impaired individuals, making it necessary to provide them with adequate assistance to pave their career path and achieve success.

Dr. Kusum Krishna congratulated both colleges on the collaboration and expressed excitement for the upcoming events that will further strengthen this partnership. She highlighted that the founder of JDMC, Shri Brij Krishna Chandiwalla, established the college with a vision of inclusivity. Through this collaboration, the college is fulfilling the founder's vision and dream. Following her words of encouragement, Dr. Krishna extended her support for future endeavors as well.

On this occasion, Principal Prof. Pal extended gratitude to Prof. Ratnabali, Dr. Kusum Krishna, Dr. Goud, and Dr. Ahmed for initiating the collaboration. She also emphasized the

unwavering support of the university in facilitating this partnership. Prof. Pal noted that although JDMC serves as the mentoring institute, both institutions will equally benefit from this collaboration. JDMC can provide excellent support through resources such as academic exposure, material, digital pathways, and research activities to enhance the learning experience of visually impaired students. Simultaneously, Devnar Foundation can provide invaluable guidance to JDMC in improving facilities and opportunities for visually impaired students in JDMC college. The principal concluded her note with a hopeful message, expressing her desire for the continued enthusiasm and dedication that led to the genesis of this collaboration, ensuring its future success.

Dr. Md. Zubeer Ahmed expressed gratitude to Principal Prof. Pal for her support and guidance in facilitating the collaboration and guiding CSDI at every step. Highlighting the significance of the collaboration between JDMC and Devnar College, Dr. Ahmed shared that the initial phase of the collaboration will focus on four activities: Sensitization Activities, Outreach Programs, Learning and Contributing, and Research Projects. Dr. Ahmed explained that through these targeted actions, the collaboration will effectively address the needs of visually impaired students.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Dr. KhachunglaChalhang.

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IQAC And Centre for the Study of Disability And Inclusion (CSDI)

Presents

INAUGURATION OF ACADEMIC COLLABORATION
With

Devnar Junior and Degree College
(Affiliated to Osmania University)

UNDER THE "VIDYA VISTAR SCHEME" OF
UNIVERSITY OF DELHI

30th May 2023 11:00 A.M. Platform: Zoom

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

Prof. K. Ratnabali
Dean of Academic Activities And Projects and
Coordinator, Vidya Vistar Scheme, University of Delhi

Dr. Kusum Krishna
Chairperson, Governing Body, Janki Devi Memorial College

Dr. A. Saibaba Goud
Chairman, Devnar Foundation for the Blind

Mr. Keshava Chary
Principal
Devnar Junior and Degree College

Prof. Swati Pal
Principal
Janki Devi Memorial College

Ms. Keerthi
Nodal officer, VVS,
DEVNAR

Prof. Payal Nagpal
IQAC Coordinator,
JDMC

Dr. Shilpa Chaudhary
Monitor, IQAC

Dr. Md. Zubeer Ahmed
Director, CSDI and
Nodal Officer, JDMC

Dr. Raju Keshari
Janki Devi Memorial College

Dr. Shilpa Chaudhary

DR SAIBABA GOUD

Prof. Payal Nagpal

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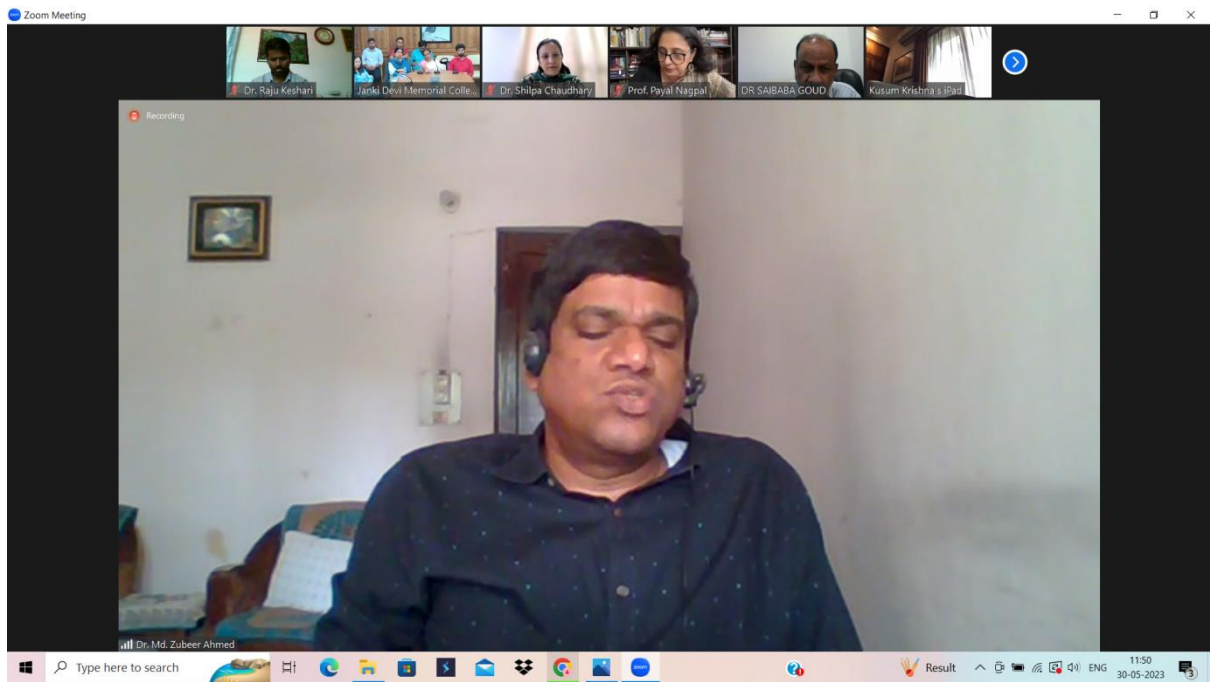
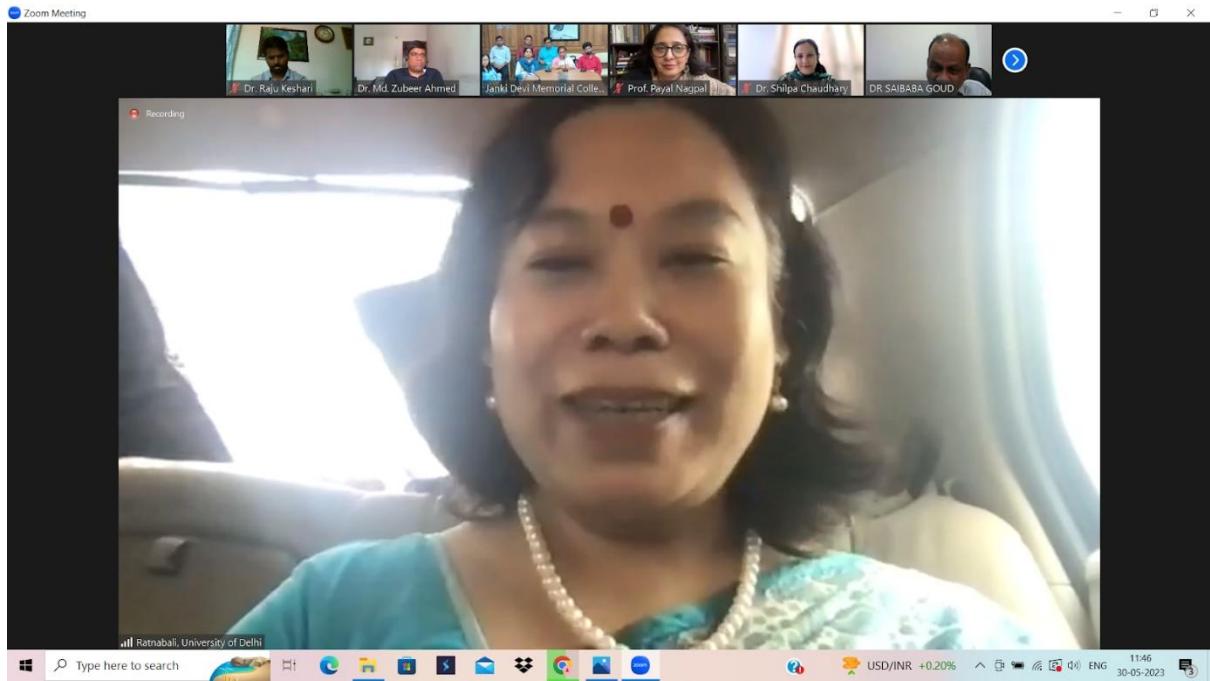
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Minutes of the meeting, 7th August 2023

An online meeting of the Center for the Study of Disability Inclusion (CSDI) was held on August 7, 2023 via Google Meet at 5:00 P.M to discuss the objectives of the collaboration with Devnar Junior and Degree college (affiliated to Osmania University) under the “Vidya Vistar Scheme”.

The following issues were discussed in the meeting:

Dr. Md. Zubeer Ahmed informed the members about the objectives of the collaboration with Devnar students and their requirements. The CSDI will provide the following support to Devnar students:

- i) Recording audio books (on taxation and business statistics etc.)
- ii) 25 students will be enrolled in Pratibha, free of cost.
- iii) Conducting spoken English course.
- iv) Devnar students will be involved in college events/competitions etc.
- v) Organising workshop on health and hygiene.
- vi) We would provide all the add on courses available in JDMC free of cost to Devnar Students.

Dr. Md. Zubeer Ahmed then stated that one of the primary objectives of this collaboration is to provide individual and collective mentorship to the visually impaired students for their special needs and plan their activities in tailor made fashion.

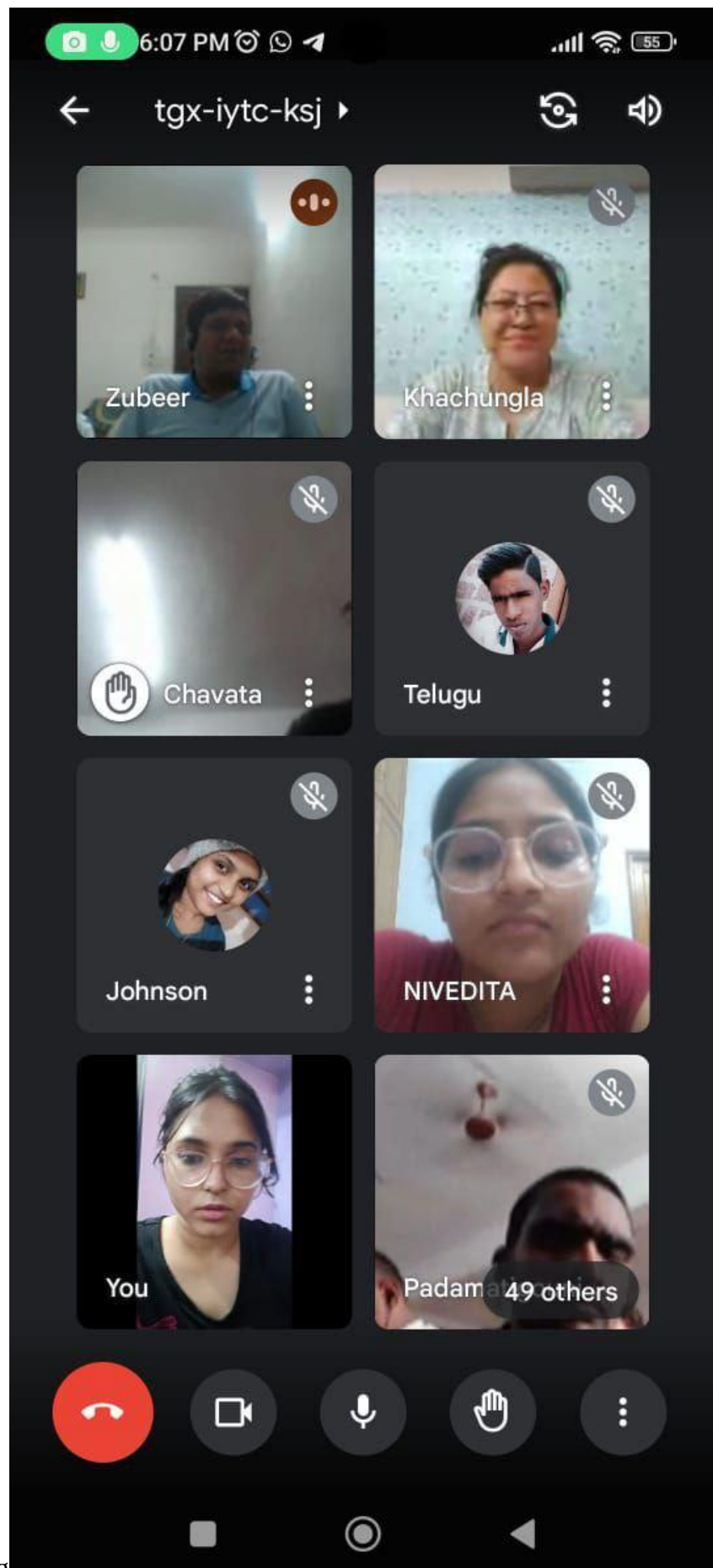
This mutual collaboration of the Center for the Study of Disability Inclusion (CSDI) under the aegis of IQAC with Devnar Junior and Degree college (affiliated to Osmania University) under the “Vidya Vistar Scheme” will also benefit student from JDMC to sensitize them, raise awareness and plan more outreach activities.

Then a discussion round was held where students were asked to put forward their immediate needs and concerns which would be later taken care of by the Centre.

The meeting concluded by final remarks by the convenors about their commitment to the major goals of CSDI namely sensitization, training, outreach and research. The meeting ended with vote of thanks by Mr. Md. Zubeer.

The meeting was attended by the following members:

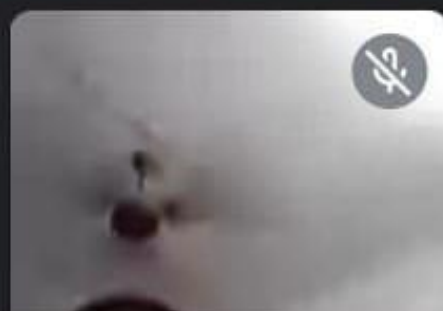
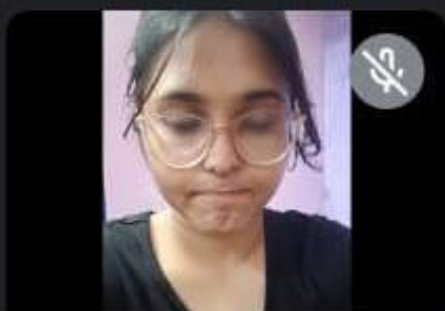
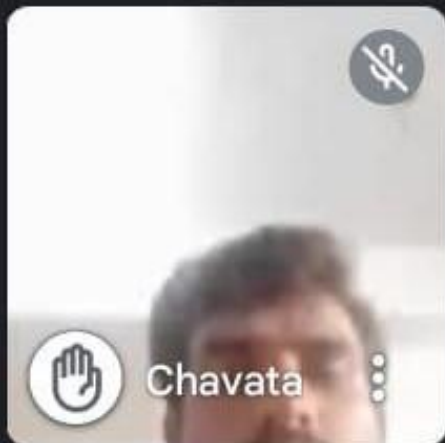
- 1. Dr. Md. Zubeer Ahmed
- 2. Dr. Raju Keshari
- 3. Dr. Khachungla Chahang
- 4. The student representatives from CSDI (Saksham)
- 5. Miss Keerti (Nodal Officer from Devnar)
- 6. Student representatives from Devnar



Screenshots of the meeting



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Meeting minutes, 14th August 2023

An online meeting of the Center for the Study of Disability Inclusion (CSDI) was held on August 14, 2023 via Google Meet at 5:00 P.M to discuss and lay down the road map of the collaboration with Devnar Junior and Degree college (affiliated to Osmania University) under the “Vidya Vistar Scheme”.

The meeting was very brief and following issues were discussed :

Dr. Md. Zubeer Ahmed emphasized upon the need to establish a bridge between the student representatives of Devnar and JDMC and for this, Miss Keerti the nodal officer from Devnar was asked to form a student body from Devnar.

Then sir asked to have a concrete form of all the activities that we will conduct under the aegis of this collaboration and what will be the road map for it .

Students from Devnar were asked to give the names of those who are interested in joining the Pratibha Classes which is free of cost to them.

Dr. Md. Zubeer Ahmed talked about joining more girls from Devnar School and how it will benefit them as well as the collaboration.

Some students from Devnar then put forth their need for audio books of Financial Accountancy and we figured out the way to work on that.

The meeting was then concluded by sir stating what else we can do like proof reading and audio books of different novels or ancient and modern history books, etc. and the English-speaking course which will be of short term.

The meeting was attended by following members :

1. Dr. Md. Zubeer Ahmed
2. Dr. Raju Keshari
3. Dr. Khachungla Chahang
4. The student representatives from CSDI (Saksham)
5. Miss Keerti (Nodal Officer from Devnar)
6. Student representatives from Devnar

