



SECOND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

***Circles of Support in India and Europe:
Community Resource Networks for People with
Disabilities & Autism***





One of the Delegates in the Conference

Both in India and in the European Union, processes of social change place communities under severe tension, and vulnerable members of society come under the threat of exclusion. There is in both regions a search for ways to facilitate and promote inclusive communities. One way is through strengthening the informal support networks in local communities. The idea of COS – circles of support – is an approach that has been promoted by the 'Circles of Support for People with Disabilities and Autism in India and EU' project.

The Project is being implemented by four leading academic institutions– Dortmund University of Applied Sciences and Klaus Novy Institute, Germany; University of Bolton, United Kingdom; and Utkal University, India. NYSASDRI, India was also one of the operational partners in India.

Under this project, the project partners organized a second international conference on 'Circle of Support in India and Europe: Community Resources Network for People with Disabilities and Autism'. The conference was held at Hotel MayFair Lagoon, Bhubaneswar, Orissa (India) on 6 & 7 January 2006.

Participants in the conference were from academic institutions, public agencies, Non-Governmental Organisations and Civil Societies. Partners of the project, members of its advisory board and key experts from national and international organizations contributed to the conference.



Delegates Registering for the Conference



Students of Chetna Performing the Inaugural Song in the Conference



Chief Guest Mr. D.N. Padhi, IAS Inaugurating the Conference by lighting the Lamp



A Mentally Retarded Child welcomes Evemarie Knust Potter with Flowers



Invited Guests at the Inaugural Session of the Conference

The Conference was inaugurated by the Chief Information Commissioner of Orissa, Mr. Dhirendra Nath Padhi, I.A.S. (Retd). The students of Chetna Institute of Mentally Retarded performed inaugural song in the programme. Prof. L.N. Mishra, Vice-Chancellor of the Utkal University presided in this session. Mr. Sarangadhar Samal, NYSASDRI and Prof. Eve Marie Knust Potter, Dortmund University of Social Sciences made the opening address. Mr. Bent Vandberg Sorensen, Lanqaeskolen Aarhus, Denmark was present as the Guest of Honour. Prof. Narayan Pati, Utkal University thanked all the Guests and Delegates



Chief Guest Mr. D.N. Padhi, I.A.S. Addressing the Delegates



Mr. Sarangadhar Samal, Director, NYSASDRI welcoming the participants



Prof. L.N. Mishra, Vice-Chancellor of Utkal University addressing the Delegates



Invited delegates during the inaugural session of the conference



The Guest of Honour Mr. Bent Vandberg Sorensen and the Chief Guest Mr. D.N. Padhi, IAS



Prof. Narayan Pati thanking the invited guests and delegates in the conference



Representative from all the Partners during the first plenary session in the conference, in the Chair Prof. Haribhau Kedar, Vice Chancellor, Nagpur University

The objective of this session was to present the outcome of the European Commission funded 'Circle of Support for People with Disability and Autism in India and EU' project to an Indian Audience. This project was being implemented in Germany, UK and India.

After the Inauguration, the business sessions of the Conference was started. in the first plenary session, the partners of the CoS project presented their individual performance report to the delegates. Mr. Philip Potter, Klaus Novy Institute, Germany made the first presentation on his contribution as a coordinating partner. Then the lead partner- Prof. Evemarie Knust Potter, Dortmund University of Social Sciences, Germany- and the operational partners Bolton University, UK; Utkal University and NYSASDRI, India- also presented their work.



Prof. Philip Potter, Klaus Novy Institute, Germany- the Coordinating Partner in the Project- presenting about the project and its major achievements as well as his contribution.



Ms. Bharati Mishra presenting the activities taken up by NYSASDRI and its contribution to the project.



Facilitators and Presenters in the First Group during the parallel group session

At the afternoon, four parallel group discussions were discussed with presentation by registered participants. The first group sat at the Lotus Hall of the Hotel.



Participants in the First Group during the parallel group session

This group was facilitated by Prof. Evemarle Knust Potter and Ms Kasturi Mohapatra.

Mr. B. Moses Herick, CBR Forum, Bangalore and Mr. P.K. Jena, CATCH, Bhubaneswar presented their papers. This was followed by discussion by the group members



The Session in Progress



Participants in the Second Parallel Group discussion



Mrs. Sashmita Devi reading the paper on behalf of Mr. Rajendra Prasad Padhee

The second parallel group was held at the Marigold Hall of the Hotel. Mr. Sarangadhar Samal and Mr. Phillip Potter were the facilitators in the group. The presenters were Mr. Rajendra Prasad Padhi; Mr. Bhagirathi Sahoo and Prof. B. Padhee.

The third group met at the Jasmine Hall and was facilitated by Prof. Sudhakar Rath and Joe Whittaker. In this group Mr. Shisir Kumar Das and Mr. Shyam Sunder Das presented their papers.

in the fourth group, which sat in the Camellia Hall, Mr. Navin Kikabhai and Dr. Bharati Mishra were the facilitators. Prof. Narayan pati and Dr. Satya Prasad Ghosh presented their paper in this group.



Participants in the third parallel group



Facilitators in the third parallel group



Dr. S.P. Ghosh presenting his paper



Mr. Ashok Hans being greeted by the organisers



Prof. P.K. Rath responding to the queries by the delegates

The Open Forum of the conference for the leaders of disability organizations in Orissa was held with Mr. Ashok Hans, (Santa Memorial Research Centre, Bhubaneswar) in the chair. Dr. P. K. Rath was the moderator in this session. The participants submitted their question in papers and the experts present in conference answered their queries one by one



Delegates during the Open Forum for

Some Important Pictures



Students with Different ABILITY from Open Learning System, performing In the cultural Evening on the First Day of the Conference



The Chief Guest, Mr. D.N. Padhi having a chat with Maj. Gen. S.D. Mahanti, AVSM (Retd)



Mr. Shyam Sundar Das, President of CLAP, Cuttack coming to the conference hall



Delegates enjoying the Lunch



Prof. Sanjoy K. Nayak welcoming the delegates on the second day of the conference



Mr. Bent Vandborg Sorensen presenting his experience with Langagekolen Aarhus

On the Second Day started with welcome and recap by Prof. Sanjoy K. Nayak, Director of Development Studies, University of Birmingham, UK. There were two plenary sessions were organised on this day. In the first session, Mr. Bent Vandborg Sorensen from Langageskolen Aarhus, Denmark and Ms Kasturi Mohapatra, Open Learning System, Orissa presented their paper on Autism. Ms. Mandy Neville, Circles Network, UK made her presentation in the second session.



Ms. Kasturi Mohapatra presenting on Autism in Orissa and Existing support Services



Ms. Mandy Neville presents on Circle of Support in Britain- Evaluation Frameworks based on Social model of Disability



After the lunch, there were four parallel group workshops among participants.

The Each group was given one topic with some background information for extensive deliberation. Primarily all the topics were related to various aspects of post project / conference action on Circle of Support in Orissa.



In the valedictory session, all these groups presented important suggestions / comments that emerged from their discussion. The Conference ended with thanks to the delegates and experts by the organiser