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and Performing Arts**

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I hereby certify that "In pursuance of Section 12 and 12 A, the name/address of the society has been changed from

**"ASSOCIATION FOR LEARNING PERFORMING ARTS
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SAMBHAV 2015: Planned Participation

Afghanistan, Australia, Bangladesh, Belarus, Bhutan, Canada, China, Colombia, Egypt, Germany, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Iran, Japan, Lao PDR, Libya, Malaysia, Malta, Mauritius, Mongolia, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Nigeria, Pakistan, Peru, Russia, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Tajikistan, United Kingdom, USA, Uzbekistan, Vietnam

Participating groups (Twenty Two Groups From Fourteen Countries) in SAMBHAV 2014

Welfare Association For Rehabilitation of Disabled Society (WARDS), Bangalore, India
 Akshyam Kshetram, Tirupati, India
 Roilang Livelihood Academy, Meghalay, India
 Shree Vidya Mandir Trust, Gujarat, India
 Smt. I.R.Mehta Anand Niketan, Gujarat, India
 Smt. M.K. Mehta School for the Visually Impaired, Gujarat, India
 Khandwa Diocesan Social Services (KDSS), M.P., India
 Salubrious Productions, Australia
 Global Rainbow Foundation, Mauritius
 All Russia Association of Blind (VOS), Russia
 Iran
 Israel
 PSBN Mahatmiya, Bali, Indonesia
 DPAB, Bhutan
 Pathum Uyana, Colombo, Sri Lanka
 Supun Dancing Academy And Rehabilitation Unit For People With Special Needs, Colombo, Sri Lanka
 SWID, Dhaka, Bangladesh
 Vietnam Youth Theatre, Hanoi
 Art for All, Thailand
 Mmabana Arts Foundation, South Africa
 Cotagala Special School, Sri Lanka
 Yangon Education Center for The Blind, Myanmar

Participating countries (SEVENTEEN) in SAMBHAV 2013

India, Iran, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Malta, Bhutan, Nepal, Nigeria, Thailand, Myanmar, Pakistan, United Kingdom, USA, Uzbekistan, Vietnam

Participating countries (Twenty) in SAMBHAV 2012

India, Australia, Afghanistan, Colombia, Iran, Mauritius, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Lao PDR, Mongolia, Bhutan, Nigeria, Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, Myanmar, USA, Vietna

Participating countries (Eighteen) in SAMBHAV 2011

India, Australia, Russia, Colombia, Iran, Mauritius, Sri Lanka, Germany, Nepal, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Mongolia, Bhutan, Nigeria, Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, Myanmar

SAMBHAV 2014

Minute to Minute Programme

14 November 2014

Morning Programme

- 8.45 am** Assemble at Main Auditorium of India International Centre
- 8:45 am 9.30 am** Registration
- 9:30 am - 10:30 am** Inauguration:
- Chief Guest: Dr. Harsh Vardhan**, Hon'ble Minister, Ministry of Science & Technology, Govt. of India
- 10:30 am-11:00 am** **Tea break at IIC Lawn / Lobby**
- 11:00 am-01:00 pm** **Rehearsal at IIC Main Auditorium**
- 1:00 pm - 1:45 pm** **Welcome & Introduction.**
- Each Team to wear their national dress and carry their national flag of size (two feet width)
- 1.00 pm** Arrival of Shri Anwar Haleem, Jt Secretary, Indian Council for World Affairs, the President of the Welcome event. He is received by **Mr Sanjive Ghauri** and ushered into the Main Audi. Arrival of Shri KK Mittal, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Culture, the Chief Guest. He is received by Ms Priyadasrhini Tripathy and ushered into the Main Auditorium.
- 1.03 pm** **Dr. Anupama Singh** takes her seat on dais. She requests Mr Sanjive Ghauri and Mr Bijay K Dash, Vice President, ALPANA to accompany Mr KK Mittal and Mr Anwar Haleem to dais.
- Dr. Anupama Singh** requests Mrs Lisa Das and Guru Alpana Nayak to present bouquets to Mr KK Mittal and Mr Anwar Haleem
- Dr. Anupama Singh**, Mr Sanjive Ghauri, Mr Bijay K Dash, Mr Anwar Haleem and **Mr KK Mittal** sit on the dais.
- 1.05 pm** Dr. Anupama Singh announces welcome song by students of ALPANA
- 1.10 pm** **Dr. Anupama Singh** requests Team Leaders of each Delegation introduce their delegation while sitting in audience. (Portable microphone carried to them by Shri Subhash Pundhir)
- 1.25 pm** **Dr. Anupama Singh** requests Mr Anwar Haleem to speak on the occasion.
- 1.30 pm** **Dr. Anupama Singh** requests Mr KK Mittal to address the gathering.
- 1.40 pm** Dr. Anupama Singh requests calls upon Leaders of different groups to come one on stage with their national flag for photograph with the President and the Chief Guest
- 1.45 pm** Dr. Anupama Singh to present Vote of Thanks. Close of Session
- 1:45 pm 2:45 pm** **Lunch** for Delegates at IIC Main Lawn/ Lobby

4:30 pm 5:00 pm INAUGURATION OF INTERNATIONAL ART EXHIBITION**4:30 pm**

Arrival of Padma Vibhushan Dr. Kapila Vatsayan, Eminent Scholar of Indian classical dances, art & architecture and historian.

Received by Mr Sanjive Ghauri and Mrs Padmini Pati, Members of Organising Committee

Mrs Alka Agarwal welcomes **Dr. Kapila Vatsayan** with **bouquet**.

Lighting of lamp by **Dr. Kapila Vatsayan** to mark opening of international art exhibition by challenged artists.

Mr Sanjive Ghauri, Ms Archana Nandi, Mrs Padmini Pati, Members, Org Committee and Mrs Alka Agarwal to help with candles and show around the exhibits.

14 November 2014 Friday

INTERNATIONAL PERFORMANCES**Time: 5:00 P.M.****Venue: Main Auditorium, India International Centre****4:50 PM**

Arrival of Distinguished Guests

**Shri Lov Verma, Secretary, Health, Govt. of India,
Dr AK Balyan, MD & CEO, Petronet LNG Ltd**

Received by Dr B B Batra, Dr. Anupama Singh and Mrs Sabita Sahu.

Arrival of **Dr. Kapila Vatsayan**

Master of Ceremony (MC) **Mrs. Manisha Vyas Khanna** takes charge.

5.00 PM

MC requests the Chief Guest and Distinguished Guests to come on stage. Vice President of ALPANA Sri B.K. Dash & Ms Archana Nandi accompany the dignitaries to the stage.

MC requests Guru Alpina Nayak, to welcome the CHIEF GUEST and Shri B. K. Dash & Ms Archana Nandi to welcome Distinguished Guests by presenting bouquets to them. The bouquets are to be carried by Mrs Lisa Das and Ms Amrit Setia.

5:05 PM

MC requests DIGNITARIES to light the ceremonial lamp. Candle and match will be carried by Mrs Sabita Sahu and Ms Vaishali Saini After lighting of the lamp DIGNITARIES return back to seats, accompanied by Sri Dash & Ms Archana Nandi.

5.08 PM

MC gives an introduction about SAMBHAV and the organization, Association for Learning Performing Arts & Normative Action. MC gives an introduction to the evening's programme.

5.10 PM

Performances start.

Presentation of items by challenged performers from ALPANA-India;

- 5:55 PM** Items belcomes Ms Sripriya Ranganathan with bouquet. Bouquet carried by Mrs Suchitra Pati.
- 9:32 am** Shri B. K. Dash reads about the biodata of Ms Sripriya Ranganathan. He talks about the background of the FORUM ON INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION. He invites her to speak on the occasion.
- 9.34 am:** Ms Sripriya Ranganathan delivers her address.
- 9.40 am:** Shri BK Dash requests the Leaders of Mauritius, Russian and Myanmar groups to come on stage for signing of MoU. From ALPANA side Shri BK Dash signs. Documents are exchanged and photograph taken.y challenged performers from other countries
- Groups: Khandwa Diocesan Social Services (KDSS) - India, Supun Dancing Academy - Sri Lanka, Group Israel, GRF Mauritius, Smt. M.K. Mehta School for the Visually Impaired, Gujarat - India , Group Pakistan, WARDS - Bengaluru India
- 7.20 PM** MC requests Chief Guest to come on stage to speak a few words.
- Vice President of ALPANA Sri B.K. Dash will accompany the Chief Guest to the stage.
- 7:28 PM** MC requests the Distinguished guests to come on stage and pose for Group Photo
- 7:30 PM** MC requests Alpana Nayak to give Vote of thanks
- CLOSE OF EVENT.**
- Delegates board bus and proceed to venue of Dinner

SECOND DAY

15 November 2014

SAMBHAV 2014

- 9.30 am** Assemble at Main Auditorium of India International Centre
- FORUM ON INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION**
- 9.30 am:** Arrival of Chief Guest Ms Sripriya Ranganathan, Joint Secretary, Ministry External Affairs, Govt of India. Mr Ashwini Kumar receives and accompanies the Chief Guest.
- 9.31 am:** Mr. B. K. Dash will accompany her to the stage.
- Shri B. K. Dash w
- 9.45 am:** Vote of Thanks by Shri BK Dash. Close of Session

INAUGURATION OF INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR

Time: 10:00 am 10:45 am

Theme: Challenges of working with Persons with Disability for inclusive growth with special focus on inclusive arts: shared experiences.

9.55 am Arrival of Chief Guest, **Guruji Dr. H. R. Nagendra, Chancellor, Swami Vivekananda Yoga University, Bengaluru.** He is received by Dr BB Batra and ushered into the Main Auditorium.

MC for Seminar, Dr Anupama Singh requests Prof KES Unni, HoD, Psychiatry, Lady Hardinge Medical College, Delhi University to come on stage and preside.

10.00 am Prof Unni takes seat on dais.

MC for Seminar, Dr Anupama Singh requests Dr BB Batra to accompany Chief Guest to the dais. MC for Seminar, Dr Anupama Singh requests Mrs Shobha Lal Member of ALPANA to present bouquet to Dr. H.R. Nagendra. Prof KES Unni, Dr Anupama Singh and Dr BB Batra sit on the dais.

10.05am Short film on ALPANA (5 minutes)

10.10 am Prof KES Unni talks about the scope of International Seminar He reads out the bio data of Guruji Dr. H.R. Nagendra, Chancellor, S-VYASA He requests the Chief Guest to deliver his address

10.12 am Guruji Dr. H.R. Nagendra, Chancellor, S-VYASA delivers the keynote address

10.42 am Dr BB Batra to present Vote of Thanks. Close of Session

10.45 am-11.00 am Tea break at IIC Lawn / Lobby

INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR AT IIC MAIN AUDITORIUM

11.00 am 11.45 am International Seminar Session-A

Chair: Dr. Dharmendra Kumar, Director, Pt Din Dayal Upadhyay Institute

Presentation: Mauritius, Pakistan, Bhutan

Bouquet to be presented to Chair by Mrs Sabita Sahu

Coordinator: Prof KES Unni, HoD Psychiatry LHMC

12:00 pm -1:00 pm International Seminar Session-B

Chair: Mr. Armoogum Parsuramen G.O.S.K., Founder President Global Rainbow Foundation (GRF), University of 3rd Age (Mauritius)

Presentation: India (Tirupati AP), Israel, Bangladesh, S Africa, Indonesia

Bouquet to be presented to Chair by Ms. Suchitra Pati

Coordinator: Prof KES Unni, HoD Psychiatry LHMC

1:00 pm -2:00 pm Lunch for delegates at IIC Lawn/ Lobby

SECOND DAY
15 November 2014

SAMBHAV INTERNATIONAL PERFORMANCES BY CHALLENGED ARTISTS

Time: 5:00 P.M.

Venue: Main Auditorium, India International Centre

- 4:50 PM** Arrival of Distinguished Guests
Smt. Stuti N Kacker, Secy, Disability Affairs, Govt. of India,
Shri Prakash Mishra, Spl. Secy, Home Affairs, Govt. of India,
Received by Mr Sanjive Gauhri, Dr. Anupama Singh, Mrs Suchitra Pati and Mrs Sabita Sahu. They usher them into the Auditorium.
Arrival of Hon'ble Minister of Social Justice & Empowerment for India, Shri Thaawar Chand Gehlot, the Chief Guest. Received by Shri BK Dash, Mr Shiv Lal and Mr Ashwini Kumar. They usher the Chief Guest into the Auditorium
Master of Ceremony (MC) **Miss Ipsita Nayak** takes charge.
- 5.00 PM** MC requests the Chief Guest and Distinguished Guests to come on stage. Vice President of ALPANA Sri B.K. Dash & Mrs Shobha Lal accompany the dignitaries to the stage.
MC requests Shri B. K. Dash, to welcome the CHIEF GUEST and Mrs Alpana Nayak welcome Distinguished Guests by presenting bouquets to them. The bouquets are to be carried by Miss Devika Seth and Miss Arushi Tik
- 5:05 PM** MC requests DIGNITARIES to light the ceremonial lamp. Candle and match will be carried by Miss Arushi Tiku and Miss Devika Seth
After lighting of lamp DIGNITARIES return back to their seats, accompanied by Sri Dash.
- 5.08 PM** MC gives an introduction about SAMBHAV and the organization, u Association for Learning Performing Arts & Normative Action. MC gives an introduction to the evening's programme.
- 5.10 PM** Performances start.
Presentation of item by ALPANA India
After presentation of ALPANA Souvenir will release. Souvenir will carried by Mr. Ashwani Kumar and Mr Sanjive Kumar and then other groups programme will start.
Items by challenged performers from other countries
Participants: PSBN Bali Indonesia, All Russia Association of Blind (VOS), Moscow Russia, Cotagala Special School - Sri Lanka, SWID Bangladesh, Maa Shravanvani Mukbadhir Vidyalay- Gujarat India, Youth Theatre Vietnam, "Roilang" Livelihood Academy Shillong
- 7:15 PM** MC requests Chief Guest and Distinguished guests to come on stage and pose for Photo
- 7:30 PM** MC request Shri B. K. Dash to give Vote of thanks

THIRD DAY
16 November 2014
YOGA WORKSHOP

- 9.00 am** Assemble at Main Auditorium of India International Centre.
- 9:00 am 11:00 am** Yoga Workshop for all the participants including challenged artists from different countries at Main Auditorium By: Guruji Dr. H. R. Nagendra, Chancellor, Swami Vivekananda Yoga University, Bengaluru and his team
- 11:00 am-11:30 am** Tea Break at IIC Lawn / Lobby
- 11.30 am-12.30 am** International Seminar Session-C
 Chair: Mrs. Poonam Natarajan, Former Chairperson, The National Trust
 Presentation: Australia, Russia, Sri Lanka, Vietnam
 Bouquet to be presented to Chair by Mrs Padmini Pati
 Coordinator: Prof KES Unni, HoD Psychiatry LHMC

CLOSING SESSION OF INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR

- Time: 12:30 pm 1:30 pm**
- 12.25 pm** Arrival of Chief Guest, Dr. Satbir Bedi, Joint Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Human Resources Development. She is received by Mr Shiv Lal and ushered into the Main Auditorium.
- 12.30 pm** Prof KES Unni requests Dr Prabhjot Khan, Gender Specialist in the Asian Development Bank to come on stage. Prof KES Unni requests Mr Shiv Lal to accompany Chief Guest to dais. Mr Shiv Lal presents bouquet to the Chief Guest
 Dr Prabhjot Khan, Prof KES Unni and Dr Satbir Bedi sit on the dais.
- 12.35 pm** Prof KES Unni speaks about Seminar proceedings
- 12.55 pm** Prof KES Unni requests Dr Prabhjot Khan to speak on the occasion
- 1.00 pm** Prof KES Unni requests Dr Satbir Bedi to deliver her address
- 1.30 pm** Vote of Thanks. End of session
- 1:30pm -2:30 pm** Lunch (at IIC Main Lawn)

THIRD DAY
16 November 2014
CLOSING CEREMONY

SAMBHAV INTERNATIONAL PERFORMANCES BY CHALLENGED ARTISTS

Time: 5:00 P.M.

Venue: Main Auditorium, India International Centre

- 4:50 PM** Arrival of Distinguished Guests
Shri HK Dash, Secretary, Inter State Council Secretariat, Govt. of India,
H.E. Prof. Sudarshan Seneviratne, High Commissioner of Sri Lanka in India
Received by Mr Ashwini Kumar, Mrs Sabita Sahu and Mrs Suchitra Pati.
Arrival of Chief Guest Mr. Justice Dipak Misra, Hon'ble Judge, Supreme Court. Received by Shri BK Dash, Prof Debjit Rath and Mrs Padmini Pati.
Master of Ceremony (MC) **Miss Ipsita Nayak** takes charge.
- 5.00 PM** MC requests the Chief Guest and Distinguished Guests to come on stage. Vice President of ALPANA Sri B.K. Dash & Mr Ashwini Kumar accompany the dignitaries to the stage.
MC requests Guru Alpina Nayak, to welcome the CHIEF GUEST and Shri B. K. Dash to welcome Distinguished Guests by presenting bouquets to them. The bouquets are to be carried by Mr Ashwini Kumar
- 5:05 PM** MC requests DIGNITARIES to light the ceremonial lamp. Candle and match will be carried by Ms Lisa Das and Ms Archana Nandy
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- 5.08 PM** MC gives an introduction about SAMBHAV and the organization, Association for Learning Performing Arts & Normative Action. MC gives an introduction to the evening's programme.
- 5.10 PM** Performances start.
Introduction of items by challenged performers from ALPANA-India;
- 5:55 PM** Items by challenged performers from other countries
Pathum Uyana - Sri Lanka, Salubrious Productions Australia, Art for All Thailand, Smt. I.R.Mehta Anand Niketan - Gujarat India, Myanmar, DPAB Bhutan, Akshyam Kshetram Tirupati - India
- 7:15 PM** MC requests the Chief Guest to come on stage and speak a few words
- 7:25 PM** MC requests Distinguished guests to come on stage and pose for Group Photo along with Chief Guest and participants
- 7:30 PM** MC request Mr B. K. Dash to give Vote of thanks

Incharge of Evening Performances: Mr. Sanjive Gauhari, Ms. Archana Nandy, Ms Sabita Sahu, Ms Lisa Das, Mrs Padmini Pati, Miss Vaisahali Saini, Miss Devika Seth, Miss Amrit Setia, Miss Aarushi Tiku and Miss Pragati Malik and other students of A.L.P.A.N.A.

Music and Lighting Incharge: Mr Anjan Das

Audio Recording all throughout the day (3 days) Incharge: Mr Anjan Das and Dr. Anupama Singh

SAMBHAV 2014 - A REPORT

INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Association for Learning Performing Arts and Normative Action (ALPANA) was set up in the year 2004. It is registered with the Registrar of Societies, Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi under the Societies Registration Act, 1860. The mission of the Society is to promote performing arts and to facilitate holistic human development. The Society is also actively involved in teaching of Odissi dance, music and crafts to specially gifted (mentally and physically challenged) persons. Through its regular classes, special shows and stage events, ALPANA intends to contribute towards making society more inclusive towards the differently abled.
- 1.2 For the past nine years, ALPANA has been holding an annual event called '**SAMBHAV**' which showcases the abilities of the differently abled people in the field of performing arts. It had its beginnings as a local event, but grew to become a national event. In 2008, ALPANA decided to expand '**SAMBHAV**' to include a few countries of South Asia - Sri Lanka, Nepal, Bhutan and Bangladesh. '**SAMBHAV**' 2009 saw a total of ten countries participate in the event. The participants were from Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, India, Mauritius, Myanmar, Nepal, Nigeria, Sri Lanka, and Thailand. '**SAMBHAV**' 2010 had participation from sixteen countries, namely, India, Canada, United Kingdom, Russia, Nepal, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Mongolia, Bhutan, Nigeria, Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, Myanmar and South Africa. The successes of '**SAMBHAV**' encouraged ALPANA to plan a bigger event in 2011 by expanding the participation to all continents and also to start new activities. In SAMBHAV 2011, physically and mentally challenged artistes from 18 countries such as Australia, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Colombia, Germany, Nigeria, Indonesia, Iran, Malaysia, Mauritius, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Russia, Sri Lanka and Thailand besides groups from Indian States (Provinces) of Delhi, Madhya Pradesh, Mizoram and Odisha participated. SAMBHAV 2012, showcasing the artistic talent of physically and mentally challenged artists, from 19 countries including India concluded in the weekend of 9, 10 and 11 November 2012 with a resounding success. It included international seminars on artistic empowerment of disabled persons, an exhibition of art and craft by the challenged artists and participating countries, signing of MoUs and performances by 23 troupes from 19 countries such as Afghanistan, Australia, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Colombia, Indonesia, Iran, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Mauritius, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Russia, Sri Lanka, Thailand, USA and Vietnam. In SAMBHAV 2013 physically and mentally challenged artists from 17 countries including India took part. It was during 8 - 10 November 2013 at New Delhi. It attracted groups from Bangladesh, Bhutan, Iran, Malta, Nepal, Nigeria, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Thailand, UK, USA, Uzbekistan and Vietnam besides groups from Indian States of Delhi, Karnataka and Kerala
- 1.3 The ninth edition of SAMBHAV provided a platform to showcase the artistic talent of physically and mentally challenged artists, from 16 countries including India. It was held in the weekend of 14, 15 & 16 November 2014 at India International Centre, New Delhi with a grand success. The event attracted groups from Australia, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Indonesia, Iran, Israel, Mauritius, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Russia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Uzbekistan and Vietnam besides groups from Indian States (Province) of Andhra Pradesh, Delhi, Gujarat,

Karnataka Madhya Pradesh and Meghalaya. Year after year, "SAMBHAV" has been achieving significant landmarks in the field of inclusive arts and A.L.P.A.N.A. Society is emerging in the Indian National capital as a leading organization for supporting the cause of persons with physical and mental disabilities. SAMBHAV 2014 also included International seminars on artistic empowerment of disabled persons in which thirteen papers were presented by resource persons from Australia, Mauritius, Sri Lanka, Vietnam, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Indonesia, Israel, Russia and South Africa. Moreover, an exhibition of art and craft by the challenged artists from participating countries, signing of MoUs, yoga lessons and performances by twenty three troupes from sixteen countries.

The main objectives of SAMBHAV are:

- i) To promote inclusive growth and be a catalyst in fulfilling commitments of the global society towards persons with disability
- ii) To showcase inclusiveness of Indian society;
- iii) To empower challenged persons particularly artists, through development of skills and enhancement of creativity in various fields of arts; and
- iv) To work towards sharing of ideas, knowledge, achievements and experiences through sustainable interactions among different stake holders.

2. GRAND INAUGURATION

Hon'ble Shri Pranab Mukherjee, President of the Republic of India gave his blessings, by breaking from tradition, through a video telecast inaugural message for SAMBHAV 2014 on November 14 2014. Hon'ble President said:

"I am happy to learn that ALPANA is organizing, on the eve of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru's birthday, various programmes, including seminars, performances of persons of disabilities. Indeed, they are providing yeoman's services. In the preamble of our Constitution, we assured for the people of this great country, that we will provide individual dignity, equality of status and of opportunity, assuring the fraternity for its citizens. Therefore, it is incumbent upon all of us, to ensure that equal opportunities are being provided to all concerned including the persons of disabilities.

I do believe, every individual, when provided opportunities to work in its particular area of choice, he or she can do excellent job. I am happy that ALPANA is doing this exemplary work. Government of India is seriously engaged in providing all facilities to the persons of disabilities. All stake-holders, various organizations including individuals should work in close cooperation with Government and support their efforts.

I wish all success of the events organized by the organization, ALPANA.

Thank you. Jai Hind."

3. FELICITATIONS

President Shri Pranab Mukherjee, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, Union Home Minister Shri Rajnath Singh were among the dignitaries who sent their felicitation messages to ALPANA Society wishing SAMBHAV 2014 a grand success.

4. LAUNCH OF SAMBHAV 2014:

SAMBHAV 2014 was launched in the morning of 14 November 2014 by Dr Harsh Vardhan, Indian Federal Minister for Science and Technology. He exhorted the scientists to work for developing new technologies for challenged artists.

5. INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

SAMBHAV 2014 set a landmark by providing a platform where four Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) were signed between A.L.P.A.N.A Society and the representatives of organizations from Russia, Mauritius and Myanmar who have been working for inclusive growth of mentally and physically challenged persons through performing arts. The objective of these MoUs was to share the experience in the field for mutual benefit and to provide such platforms in the countries of the signatories to stage similar participative efforts. The MoU signing ceremony was chaired by Ms. Sripriya Ranganathan, Joint Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Govt, of India.

6. THE INTERNATIONAL ART EXHIBITION

The Art and Craft exhibition was unveiled in the IIC Main Campus foyer by Padma Vibhushan Dr. Kapila Vatsayan, leading scholar of Indian classical dances, art and architecture and art historian on 14 November 2014 at 4:00 pm. In the International Art Exhibition segment of SAMBHAV 2014, about 96 high quality paintings by challenged artists from Bangladesh, India, Uzbekistan, Bhutan, Indonesia, Myanmar, Sri Lanka and Vietnam were displayed. Also on display were craft items produced by challenged students of A.L.P.A.N.A. Society. Visitors to the art exhibition appreciated the work and many purchases of paintings and craft items were made by different organization directly from the challenged artists.

7. SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS OF SAMBHAV 2014

**Day 1-
14 November 2014
(Friday)
9:30AM -
10:30 AM**

Welcome & Introduction:

Chief Guest :

Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Hon'ble Union Minister for Science & Technology & Earth Sciences, Govt. of India

Remarks by Dr. Harsh Vardhan:



Hon'ble Minister congratulated the participants and president of A.L.P.A.N.A. Society Guru Alpina Nayak and her team for their passion and commitment for differently abled people. He praised her for dedicated efforts over the years to create a global platform for differently abled people to demonstrate their acquired skills and to mainstream

them into the society and help them to exercise their rights. He stated that it did not seem that children who made wonderful performances were physically or mentally challenged. He stated that he had been a champion for the rights of differently abled people for over 20 years and advocating that PWDs should not be considered as weak.

He emphasized on the need for attitudinal change towards persons with disability. He noted that those who perceive differently abled people as weaker are themselves weak. He asserted that he had held several discussions with noted scientists of the country engaged in research on biotechnology and physical engineering and impressed upon the need for more advanced research on issues related to disability. He said that some progress had been made on congenital disability—illness caused by one or more abnormalities in the genome, especially a condition that is present from birth—in India and globally and he would ensure that these efforts are augmented.

In his concluding remarks, Dr. Vardhan exhorted the audience to dream about others and learn from the teachings of Swami Vivekanand. He extended heart-felt gratitude to all artists and their mentors, overseas participants and President of ALPANA and her team for extra ordinarily exemplary achievement.

**1:00PM -
01:45PM**

Welcome & Introduction:

Chief Guest :

Shri K.K. Mittal, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India

Distinguished Guests:

Mr Sanjay Suren Bayara, Ambassador of Mongolia to India,
Ms Nana M Mgeladze, Counsellor (Culture) in Russian Embassy



Remarks:

Mr Mittal appreciated the work of A.L.P.A.N.A Society in fulfilling an important role of Indian society towards the global community. Carrying their national flags, twenty three groups from sixteen countries attired in their country's national dress took Sambhav pledge to work towards inclusive growth through inclusive arts. The colourful start had welcome song by challenged artists of A.L.P.A.N.A.

4:30 PM
5:00PM

International Art & Craft Exhibition (IIC Auditorium Foyer)
 Unveiled by:

Padma Vibhushan Dr. Kapila Vatsayan, leading scholar of Indian classical dances, art and architecture and art historian.



The Art and Craft exhibition was unveiled in the IIC Main Campus foyer by **Padma Vibhushan Dr. Kapila Vatsayan** on 14 November 2014 at 4:00 pm. In the International Art Exhibition segment of SAMBHAV 2014,

about 96 high quality paintings by challenged artists from Bangladesh, India, Uzbekistan, Bhutan, Indonesia, Myanmar, Sri Lanka and Vietnam were displayed. Also on display were craft items produced by challenged craft-students of A.L.P.A.N.A. Society. Visitors to the art exhibition appreciated the work and many purchases of paintings and craft items were made by different organization directly from the challenged artists.



Dr. Vatsayan in her address concluded that persons who are physically or mentally challenged have different and special talents in them. If their potential is rightly identified, tapped and channelled they too are capable of doing and producing results like other people.

**5:00 PM
7:30 PM**

International Performances :

Chief Guest :

Dr. Kapila Vatsayan, eminent scholar of classical Indian dance and Indian art and architecture.



Distinguished Guests:

Shri Lov Verma, Secretary, Health, Govt. of India



Performances by: India-ALPANA; Khandwa Diocesan Services (KDSS), Madhya Pradesh - India; Supun Dance Academy, Srilanka; Israeli Sport Team of Disabled, Israel; Smt. N.K. Mehta School for the Visually Impaired, Gujarat India and WARDS, Bengaluru India.

Remarks by Dr Vatsayan:



Dr. Vatsayan in her address concluded that persons who are physically or mentally challenged have different and special talents in them. If their potential is rightly identified, tapped and channelled they too are capable of doing and producing results like other people. She further said that the groups performed so well that it was impossible to tell from their synchronization and rhythm in group and solo, on traditional dance, folk and group performances that they were mentally or physically challenged. It proved that they had special ability.

Dr. Vatsayan admired Guru Alpina Nayak to choose the most difficult verse-Shiva Tandava-for the challenged artists to perform.

Remarks by Shri Lov Verma:



Shri Verma expressed that he was mesmerised to witness truly wonderful performances by PWDs and had no suitable words to praise them. He congratulated Guru Alpina Nayak to make this possible.



Vote of thanks:

On request of Guru Alpina Nayak, Shri Wajahat Habiubillah extended deep gratitude to audience, participants, Guru

**Day 2 -
15 Nov., 2014
(Saturday)
9.30 AM
9.55 AM**

Forum for International Cooperation: Signing of MOU

Chief guest:

Ms. Sripriya Ranganathan, Joint Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Govt, of India.

In this session four Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) were signed between A.L.P.A.N.A Society and the representatives of organizations from Russia, Mauritius and Myanmar who have been working for inclusive



growth of mentally and physically challenged persons through performing arts. The objective of these MoUs is to share the experience in the field for mutual benefit and to provide such platforms in the countries of the signatories to stage similar participative efforts. The MoU signing ceremony.

**10:00AM
10:45AM**

Inauguration of International Seminar on "Challenges faced by Artists with Disability for an inclusive society with special reference to my country."

Chief Guest:

Guruji Dr. H.R. Nagendra, Chancellor, Swami Vivekanand Yoga University, Bengaluru

Presided by:

Prof. K.E.S. Unni, Professor & Head of Deptt of Psychiatry, Lady Hardinge Medical College, DU



The seminar was inaugurated by Dr. H. R. Nagendra following which Prof KES Unni in chair spoke about the scope of the seminar and presented the background to the participants. He dwelled upon the need for skills development and employment opportunities for people with disabilities based on the principles of equal opportunity, equal treatment, mainstreaming into vocational rehabilitation and employment services programmes and community involvement. He emphasized on the principle of non-discrimination. He supported that disability issues need to be seen as human rights issues.

Following Prof. Unni's brief introduction, Guruji Dr. Nagendra enlightened the participants by establishing scientifically proved links between mental retardation and yoga. He stressed that Yoga can be helpful in treating persons with disabilities by choosing customized treatment plan through proper assessment. Guruji also shared some case studies and success stories of the past when remarkable success was achieved in treating children with mental retardation through integrated yoga module. In the end, he exhorted that each one of us has a duty to bring inclusiveness for PWDs and quoted, "each soul is potential divine".

Guruji in his concluding remarks expressed his gratitude to A.L.P.A.N.A. society and Guru Alpana Nayak for inviting him in such a grand event. He expressed his interest to work with A.L.P.A.N.A. society.

**11:00 AM
11:45 AM**

International Seminar - Session A :
Presentation: Mauritius and India (Tirupati AP)

Chair:
Dr. K.E.S. Unni



In this session groups leaders of Mauritius and India (Tirupati AP) made presentations summarizing vision, mandate and activities of their organizations to facilitate holistic development of PWDs through performing arts and promote an inclusive environment for them in the community.

Mr. Armoogum discussed about his organization and services it renders to the PWDs and shared some milestone achievement of the organization.

**12:00 PM
to 1:00 PM**

International Seminar Session B :
Presentation: Bhutan, Israel, Bangladesh, S Africa, Indonesia

Chair:
Mr. Armoogum Parsuramen, G.O.S.K., Founder President Global Rainbow Foundation (GRF), University of 3rd Age, Mauritius.



Mr. Armoogum, while welcoming all participants, categorically referred to SAMBHAV 2014 as inspiring achievement and heart-

warming event for special children of God. He said, "the ability exhibited by challenged artists gives us clear indication of commitment of A.L.P.A.N.A. society and had Guru Alpana Nayak to mainstream PWDs into the society and to help them to claim and exercise a life with dignity".

**5:00 PM
7:30 PM**

International Performances by Challenged Artists at IIC Main Auditorium

Chief Guest:

Shri Thaawar Chand Gehlot, Federal Minister of Social Justice & Empowerment in Government of India

Distinguished Guests:

Smt. Stuti N Kacker, Secretary, Disability Affairs, Govt. of India

Shri Prakash Mishra, Special Secretary, Home Affairs, GoI

Shri A. K. Tyagi, CMD, HAL

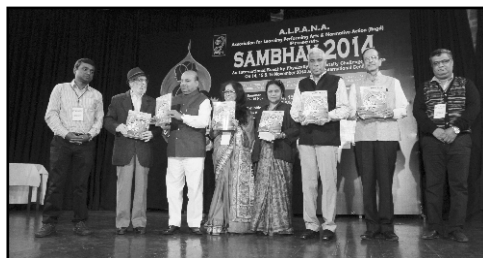


Performances by: Artists from India-ALPANA; PSBN, Bali Indonesia; All Russia Association of Blind (VOS), Moscow, Russia; Cotagala Special School, Sri Lanka; SWID, Bangladesh; Maa Shraavanvani Mukbadhir Vidyalay, Gujarat, India; Youth Theatre Vietnam; Roilang Livelihood

Academy, Meghalay, India; Special Artist from Iran and Mmabana Arts Foundation, South Africa.



Souvenir release by the Guests of the evening



The Chief Guest and other Distinguished Guests inaugurated the Souvenir "SAMBHAV 2014" which was published for the occasion.

Remark by Shri Thaawar Chand Gehlot:

Honourable Minister extended warm wishes to all participants on behalf of Govt. of India. He further praised the efforts and hard work of A.L.P.A.N.A. society and particularly Guru Alpana Nayak for making it possible for so many differently abled artists to put up their performances at one platform symbolising the Sanskrit saying "Vasudheiva Kutumbakam" meaning the entire world is one family. The family is synonymous to help and care to each other and so is the efforts of A.L.P.A.N.A., he added.

Hon'ble Minister expressed that his ministry would be willing to support A.L.P.A.N.A. in their passionate efforts to seek social justice for PWDs. He stated that it is a collective responsibility. He also appreciated support extended by sponsors to organize the event and urged other corporate houses and non-govt. entities to come forward and provide support to such divine work

Day 3
16 Nov. 2014
(Sunday)
9:00 AM
11:00 AM



Yoga Workshop for all the participants including challenged artists from different countries at Main Auditorium.

SAMBHAV 2014 had for the first time, a yoga workshop for the especially abled artists from across the globe. It was organized by experts from Swami Vivekananda Yoga Anusandhana Samsthana Bangaluru, India.

11:00 -
11:30 AM

International Seminar Session-C**Chair:**

Mrs. Poonam Natarajan, Former Chairperson, The National Trust



In this session group leaders from Australia, Sri Lanka, Russia and Vietnam made their presentation. All of them felt honoured to be invited by A.L.P.A.N.A. to participate in SAMBHAV 2014. Apart from sharing, philosophy, vision

and work of their organization, they shared significant contributions made by their organizations in creating an enabling environment for policy and regulatory framework for PWDs in their respective countries. They stated that there was need for replication of such efforts at a mass scale for awakening of the society and academia.

Presenter from Russia shared that in his county his Association – All Russia Association of Blind has 200,000 members across 75 regions and the key challenges in mainstreaming in the society to lead a normal life are: **Challenges of isolation:** Visually impaired people have no idea where to go after losing their eyes and so are their parents. The only way to help such people is to reach out to them from grassroots level to national level.

Perceived limitation: It is a common place that visually impaired people tend to develop perceived limitation and think they cannot do certain things. In this case, the experience and research show that involving such people in cultural activities, like song festival etc. and other activities in which they are interested help them interact and communicate with other people and gradually restore self - confidence.

Social deficiencies: The other challenge for a visually impaired person in Russia is how to communicate to others because either everybody is trying to help you or getting away. Hence, Team building for development of social skills and assistive technology works.

All the presentations were prescriptive in nature and highlighted that some remarkable development had been made to safeguard the rights and interests of the PWDs including adoption of the United Nation's Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, 2006 in their countries. But there is still a long journey to cover to achieve a barrier-free environment for persons with disabilities who face physical, social, economic and attitudinal barriers that exclude them from participating fully and effectively as equal members of society. There is need for development of a collective support-system by PWDs themselves, NGOs, Civil Society and other stakeholders.

Presentation of Vietnam revealed the saddening fact that the country is home for 6.1 million-out of total population of approx. 92.0 million-PWDs with different types of disabilities among youth and children due to natural disaster, accidents and wars.

The commonality in all the presentations was that they called for a holistic effort to change attitudes and approaches and augmented efforts to disability to ensure the full equality and participation of persons with disabilities in society.

Remarks by Mrs. Natrajan:

Mrs. Natrajan congratulated all group leaders who made informative presentation for achievement made by their respective organization. She also extended her heart-felt gratitude to A.L.P.A.N.A. and Guru Alpana Nayak for inviting her to the event. She summed up saying that there was need for all of us to help PWDs in a way that they themselves come forward to overcome self-perceived disability.

**12:30 PM-
1:30PM**

International Seminar Closing Session

Chief guest:

Dr. Satbir Bedi, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Human Resource Development, GoI

Coordinator:

Dr. K.E.S. Unni, Professor & Head of Depatt of Psychiatry, Lady Hardinge Medical College, DU

Key note address by Dr. Bedi:



Dr. Bedi, while announcing the closure of international seminar, stated that it was an honour for him to be part of the enlightening ceremony. He was delighted to note that A.L.P.A.N.A. had organized an international seminar on title as SAMBHAV. He wished this initiative to have far-reaching effect on participants which was an opportunity for them to benefit from peer learning on similar issues with respect to PWDs across the globe.

He further expressed his views on the term disability by noting that it is a context-defined concept. These people are differently able, instead of disable. Everybody is an able person, "What they can do, we cannot", he asserted.

**5:00 PM-
7:30 PM**

International Performances at IIC Main Auditorium

Chief Guest:

Mr. Justice Dipak Misra, Hon'ble Judge, Supreme Court of India

Distinguished Guests:



Shri H.K. Dash, Secretary, Intern State Council Secretariate HE Prof. Sudarshan Senevirante, High Commissioner for Sri Lanka in India.

(Performances by: A.L.P.A.N.A. India, Pathum Unaya, Sri Lanka, Salubrious Productions, Australia, Art for All, Thailand, Smt. I. R. Mehta Anand Niketan, Gujarat, India, Maynmar, DPAB,

Bhutan and Akshyaya Kshetram Tirupati, India) and Indonesia.



The highlight of the evening cultural programme was a dance based on popular songs of the great musician A. R. Rahman, "Jai Ho and Vande Mataram" presented by the specially gifted students of A.L.P.A.N.A. Institute. It was choreographed by Guru Alpana Nayak.

Closing Session:

Remarks by Mr. Justice Dipak Misra:

Justice Mishra expressed that he was overwhelmed by seeing so much talent of challenged people at one platform and this could be possible only because of A.L.P.A.N.A. society. He congratulated the society for organising such a grand event. On the occasion he quoted Napoleon Bonaparte on definition of impossible. He joyfully stated that he would always cherish the songs he listened to and performances he viewed. He reassured Guru Alpana Nayak for his continued support in her endeavours. In the valedictory address, other distinguished guests for the session Shri H.K. Dash and HE Prof. Sudarshan Senevirante also took opportunity to congratulate Guru Alpana Nayak and her team for successful organization of SAMBHAV 2014 at such a grand scale and wished all the participants to achieve greater heights in their lives.