

# Association for Learning Performing Arts and Normative Action (A.L.P.A.N.A.)

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## PROFILE OF THE SOCIETY

The society, 'Association for Learning Performing Arts and Normative Action' is registered with the Registrar of Societies, Govt. of NCT of Delhi under the Societies Registration Act 1860 vide No. S-48001 of 2003-04. It is also registered as a Voluntary Organization with the Planning Commission of India. It has Income Tax Exemption Certificate under 80G IT Act and foreign contribution certificate under FCR Act.

The mission of the society is promotion of performing arts and facilitating holistic human development. The society essays the cause of spreading awareness among today's youth about rich cultural heritage of India. Through various art forms like music and dance and other courses painting, tabla playing etc., the society endeavors to evolve complete individuals proud of their heritage. The emphasis is on our inclusive and composite heritage. The society has also pledged to work on many socially relevant issues through research and analysis, documentation, dissemination, building human and intellectual capital and assisting policy formulation and advice. It functions as a not-for-profit voluntary agency, which undertakes projects for improving and securing the quality of life of people and creates awareness for sustainability.

### Activities of the Society

The society has been organizing major events during the last several years and students of Gurus associated with the society have performed at national and international events. The Gurus associated with the Society run regular classes on dance (Odissi, Western, Folk), music (singing, keyboard, tabla, harmonium), drawing, painting, clay-modelling, candle-making, tailoring, office stationery making etc. The society works for the empowerment and mainstreaming of Divyangjan (Persons with disabilities) A.L.P.A.N.A. institute is a unique integrated institute where both challenged and non-challenged students get training in dance, music, drawing, painting and different craft works without any segregation.

**ACTIVITIES DURING 2003-06:** During this period the society organized six events. The first one was on April 25 2004 in the Kamani Auditorium, New Delhi where Guru Alpana Nayak presented an Odissi Dance recital. Shri K. Jayakumar, IAS, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Culture, Government of India was the Chief Guest. On 7 May 2004 the society organised its **first Annual Day event Indradhanush 2004** at the L.T.G. Auditorium, New Delhi, where all students including Specially Gifted students (Mentally & Physically challenged) presented a cultural evening. Mr. N.P. Tripathy, IRS, DG Income Tax, New Delhi, Dr Satbir Silas Bedi, IAS, Government of NCT of Delhi and Guru Hare Krishna Behera attended the event as Chief Guest and Distinguished Guests. Our special students performed at the International Youth Day celebrated at the India International Centre, New Delhi on 11 August 2004 and got standing ovation from the audience. The students of our Gurus also performed at Janmastami festival at Ghaziabad and at **Virasat Festival, Dehradun, Uttaranchal**. Guru Alpana Nayak presented new choreography in Odissi style on 16 November 2004 at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi. Mr Wajahat Habibullah, IAS, Secretary Textiles, Government of India was the Chief Guest and Miss S. Aparna, IAS, Ministry of Urban Development, Govt of India was the Guest of Honour.

To our credit, Miss Ayushi and Miss Akriti Tyagi two talented disciples of Guru Smt. Alpana Nayak participated in the All-Delhi Classical Dance Competition organized by MTNL at Talkatora Indoor Stadium and Miss Ayushi bagged the first prize.

In May 2005 the society organised second Annual Day event **Indradhanush 2005** at SAI International Auditorium, New Delhi where all students including specially gifted students (Mentally & Physically challenged) presented variety of cultural programmes. The event was inaugurated by

Ms Sushma Chaudhary, IAS, Special Advisor, Planning Commission of India and presided over by Padmashri Smt. Madhavi Mudgal, Odissi Exponent. Our students performed at three national level performing arts events organized in NCR Delhi and on 14 November 2005 Guru Alpana Nayak presented Odissi dance at Poorva Sanskritik Kendra, Delhi. Smt Jayanti Pattanayak, former Chairperson of the National Commission for Women, was the Chief Guest and Mrs Anuradha Mall, IAS, Ministry of HRD, Government of India was the Guest of Honour. On 30 December 2005 Guru Alpana Nayak presented Pancha Nayika - an Odissi ballet at India International Centre, New Delhi where Shri B.L. Joshi, the Lt Governor of Delhi was the Chief Guest.

To our credit, all the students of our organization won laurels in All-India Dance and Music examinations conducted by Gandharva Mahavidyalaya Mandal, Maharashtra.

**ACTIVITIES DURING 2006-07:** Guru Alpana Nayak and her students including specially gifted students (Mentally & Physically challenged) performed in presence of the Hon'ble President of India Dr. A P J Abdul Kalam at Rashtrapati Bhawan on 18 April 2006. On May 14 the society organized its third Annual Day event "Indradhanush 2006" where about 78 students including differently abled students presented an evening of dance and music. Shri A.K. Rath, IAS, Addl Secretary & Financial Adviser, Government of India was the Chief Guest, Shri G. S. Patnaik, IAS, Principal Secretary to the Lt. Governor of Delhi presided the function and Dr. Rajalaxmi Rath, Senior Fellow of Nehru Museum & Library was the Guest of Honour. In October 2006 Odissi Dance Troupe of the society performed at VIRASAT Festival, Dehradun. On 12 November 2006 the society organized SAMBHAV 2006, the 1<sup>st</sup> SAMBHAV - an event of dance and music exclusively by and for the differently abled artists trained by Guru Alpana Nayak. Shri BL Joshi, HE the Lt Governor of Delhi was the Chief Guest, Shri SK Roongta, CMD, SAIL presided over the event while Shri V Ramamurthy, CEO, HCL Infosystems was the Guest of Honour. In December 2006 Guru Alpana Nayak presented Odissi Dance at India Habitat Centre as part of HCL Series. Shri P.P. Srivastava, Hon'ble Member (MoS Rank), NEC was the Chief Guest. Our students also participated in the All-Delhi Classical Dance Competition organized by MTNL and won top prizes.

**ACTIVITIES DURING 2007-08,** Guru Alpana Nayak presented Odissi evenings at Port Blair, Mahabalipuram, Nungambakkam, Chamba, New Delhi, Ladakh etc. She also performed at the 3<sup>rd</sup> International Odissi Dance Festival 2007. The society presented the Fourth Annual Day INDRADHANUSH 2007 at PSK, Delhi. Shri Rajesh Verma, IAS, Financial Advisor & JS, Govt. of India was the Chief Guest while Shri I. C. P. Keshri, IAS, Ministry of Commerce, Govt. of India presided. Mrs. Suchitra Dorai, IFS, Ministry of External Affairs and Mr Suyash Praksh, IAS, Secretary, Govt of NCT Delhi were the Guests of Honour.

In November 2007, on the eve of Children's Day, A.L.P.A.N.A. organized 2<sup>nd</sup> SAMBHAV at India International Centre, New Delhi. The event consisted of two parts: A seminar on the topic "Specially Gifted Persons and the Performing Arts" and performances by special children from A.L.P.A.N.A., Educatum Foundation, Jeevan Jyoti Home of the Missionaries of Charity and Nityananda troupe from Orissa. Shri P.P. Shrivastav, Hon'ble Member of North-East Council was the Chief Guest of the Inaugural session while Shri Jagadananda Panda, IAS, Jt. Secretary to Govt. of India, Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs presided over the session. In the seminar Ms. Leela Venkatraman, Dance Critic and Author, Ms. Shruti, Musician and Educationist, Ms. Sharon Lowen, Odissi Exponent presented papers and Ms. Tripura Kashyap, Choreographer and Therapist and Ms. Kanak Sudhakar, Dancer and Choreographer presented lecture-demonstration. Shri Tejender Khanna, HE the Lt Governor of Delhi was the Chief Guest of the Cultural Event which was presided by Shri R.S. Pandey, IAS, Secretary to Govt. of India, Ministry of Steel.

Our students won top prizes in All Delhi Classical Dance Competition at MTNL Perfect Health Mela. In January 2008 our senior disciple Ms. Ayushi Nayak performed Odissi dance in Mahabalipuram Dance Festival, Brahmagan Sabha, Chennai and Nungambakkam Cultural Academy, Chennai along with Guru Smt. Alpana Nayak. To our credit, 95% of our students appeared in All-India Dance and Music examinations conducted by the Akhil Bharatiya Gandharva Mahavidyalaya Mandal, Maharashtra passed in 1<sup>st</sup> Division.

**ACTIVITIES DURING 2008-09:** In May 2008, the society presented the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Day INDRADHANUSH 2008 at Poorva Sanskritik Kendra, Delhi. Padmashree Guru Ranjana Gauhar was

the Chief Guest and **Dr S D Pradhan**, former Secretary in the Prime Minister's Office was the President of the event. In October 2008 our students performed in MTNL Health Mela, New Delhi and won laurels.

Miss Ayushi, a disciple of Guru Alpana Nayak was awarded the prestigious Centre for Cultural Resources and Training (CCRT) Scholarship 2008 in Odissi Dance by Ministry of Culture, Government of India.

In November 2008, the Society organized First International event, **SAMBHAV 2008** for and by physically and mentally challenged persons. Organisations which participated in the event were Jeevan Jyoti Home of the Missionaries of Charity (Delhi, India), Educatum Foundation (Ghaziabad, India), Sunera Foundation (Colombo, Sri Lanka), National Federation for the Disabled (Kathmandu, Nepal), "Sahaya" Red Cross Centre (Orissa, India), Drak Tsho Vocational Training Centre for Persons with Disabilities (Thimpu, Bhutan), and National Forum of Organisations Working with the Disabled (Dhaka, Bangladesh). The Chief Guest for the inaugural ceremony was Ms. Indira Jaisingh, eminent jurist, lawyer and human rights activist. Dr. Arvind Gupta, IFS, Lal Bahadur Shastri Chair, IDSA, Delhi presided over the session and Mr. Bhagaban Shankar, IAS, Director, NCZCC, Ministry of Culture, Government of India was the distinguished guest of the session. The event consisted of two parts: International seminar in the morning and performances by the specially gifted artists in the evening. The seminar consisted of two technical sessions: the topics of the sessions were "Dance, Movement and Theatre as Therapies" and "Challenges and Possibilities: Our Experiences". Ms. Sunethra Bandarnaike (Sri Lanka), Dr. Ambika Kameshwar (Chennai, India), Mr. S.K. Jha (Gujarat, India), Ms. Shila Thapa (Nepal), Guru Syed Salalludin Pasha (Delhi, India), Mr. Chorten Dorji (Bhutan) and Mr. Shamsul Arefin (Bangladesh) presented papers in the seminar. At the International Performances **Mr. Oscar Fernandes, Minister of Labour, Govt. of India** was the Chief Guest and **Mr. Wajahat Habibullah, Chief Information Commissioner, India**, **Mrs. Leela Ponappa, Deputy National Security Adviser, India** and **Secretary, National Security Council**, **Sister Sherin, Head of Missionaries of Charity, Northern Community, India**, **Mr. C.R. Jayasinghe, the High Commissioner of Sri Lanka to India**, **Mr. Durgesh Man Singh, the Ambassador of Nepal to India** and **Mr. Liaquat Ali Choudhury, the High Commissioner of Bangladesh to India** were the distinguished guests.

In February 2009, Guru Alpana Nayak and A.L.P.A.N.A. Troupe performed Odissi Dance at the world famous Surajkund Mela.

**ACTIVITIES DURING 2009-10: The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Day INDRADHANUSH 2009** was celebrated at PSK, New Delhi in May 2009. **Shri C. Phunsog, Chairman PESB** and **Hon'ble Nasib Singh, MLA East Delhi** were Chief Guest and Distinguished Guest respectively. Our student Miss Vasudha Kohli, a disciple of Guru Alpana Nayak, bagged the prestigious CCRT Scholarship in Odissi Dance by Ministry of Culture, Government of India.

In November 2009, we celebrated **SAMBHAV 2009**, the fourth **SAMBHAV**. It was a two-day-long event at three different venues (India International Centre, FICCI Auditorium and India Habitat Centre) in New Delhi where challenged artists of fourteen groups from ten countries participated: Deaf Biblical Ministry-Nagaland, Himalchuli-Nepal, Mary Chapman School for the Deaf-Myanmar, SWID-Bangladesh, PROF CHANNARONG'S ART FOR ALL GROUP-THAILAND, A.L.P.A.N.A.-New Delhi, SAHAYA-Orissa, ATP-Nigeria, UMANG-Rajasthan, Ramana Sunrityalaya- Chennai, Mauritius, Tarayana Foundation-Bhutan, School for Deaf Ratmalana- Sri Lanka and School for the Blind Ramayana -Sri Lanka. The first halves of both the days were dedicated to the international seminar and evenings were full of performances by participating groups. The Chief Guest for the inaugural ceremony was **Mr. Wajahat Habibullah, the Chief Information Commissioner of India**. The Chief Guest for first day evening performances was **Mr. Mukul Wasnik, Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India**. **Smt. Gursharan Kaur** wife of **Hon'ble Prime Minister of India** was the Chief Guest, **Smt. Nirupama Rao, Foreign Secretary** and **Mr. Chewang Phunsog, Chairman, PESB (Public Enterprises Selection Board)** were the special guests at second day evening performances.

To our credit, 100% of our Odissi Dance students passed in 1st Division in All-India Dance and Music examinations conducted by the Akhil Bharatiya Gandharva Mahavidyalaya Mandal, Maharashtra. Our Student Miss Prapti Gupta won First prize in solo dance category and our students won Second Prize in group dance category in MTNL Perfect Health Mel.

BP Koirala India Nepal Foundation invited our organization to work towards promotion of India-Nepal people to people contact on promotion of culture and heritage. Our organization organized HIMSAGAR FESTIVAL in collaboration with the Embassy of Nepal at Kamani Auditorium in November 2009 where Guru Alpana Nayak & Miss Ayushi Nayak performed Odissi Dance along with other artists from India & Nepal.

In December 2009, Guru Smt A.L.P.A.N.A. Nayak performed Odissi at Nungambakkam Arts Festival, Chennai. In January 2010, our organization received invitation from the Embassy of the Russian Federation to explore the possibility of working in the area of disability and performing arts in collaboration with NGOs based in Russia.

**ACTIVITIES DURING 2010-11:** In July 2010, we celebrated **INDRADHANUSH 2010** at Poorva Sanskritik Kendra (PSK), New Delhi where our special children performed classical as well as folk dance and music along with other children. Noted Odissi Danseuse Smt. Geeta Mahalik presided over the function, **Shri Rakesh Jain, Financial Advisor, Ministry of Power, Government of India** was the Chief Guest and **Ms. Roopa Srinivasan, Director, Ministry of culture, Government of India** was the Guest of Honour of the event.

Our NGO got affiliation/recognition by Indira Gandhi National Open Univeristy (IGNOU). When natural calamities stroke LEH, LADAKH in August 2010 our members, students, parents and well-wishers went from door to door in Delhi to collect huge amounts of relief materials which was airlifted to Leh with kind cooperation of Resident Commissioner of J&K, Deputy Commissioner Leh and Kingfisher Airlines.

On 14 August 2010, we started a new offering, **BHOOMI PRANAM**, in which two of our most promising Odissi dance disciples, Ayushi Nayak and Amrit Setia became professionals and Guru Alpana Nayak blessed them in a spectacular show by both at India International Centre to a thunderous applause.

**SAMBHAV 2010** became a major celebration in 2010 in the national capital following the Commonwealth Games. The growing participation, words of advice extended by people supporting the cause of bringing Differently abled persons to the mainstream of society, encouraged us to organize SAMBHAV 2010 as a major Global Event with the participation from sixteen countries such as (India, Pakistan, Indonesia, England, Canada, Nepal, Bangladesh, Nigeria, South Africa, Malaysia, Thailand, Bhutan, Sri Lanka, Mongolia, Myanmar and Russia) SPANNING FIVE CONTINENTS. The event was organized at India International Centre, New Delhi on 13 & 14 November. SAMBHAV 2010 included: i. International Seminar on "Inclusive Performing Arts and Dance as Therapy for challenged persons"; ii. International Exhibition of paintings and artifacts made by challenged artists, iii. International Performances by participating groups and iv. Visit to a special school situated in the National Capital Region by participants from abroad. **HE the Governor of UP, Shri B.L. Joshi; Smt Shiela Dikshit, CM Delhi, Shri Kapil Sibal, Hon'ble HRD Minister, Shri Suresh Kumar Goel, DG, ICCR; Shri Wajahat Habibullah, CIC; Dr AK Baliyan, CMD Petronet; Dr Subhas pani, Chairman ITPO and Arch Bishop Vincent Concessao** were Chief Guests at various events of SAMBHAV 2010.

Smt. Alpana Nayak performed Odissi dance in the Indian Centre for Cultural Relations (ICCR) Horizon Series at Azad Bhavan, New Delhi. Smt. Nayak and her troupe performed at the closing ceremony of India International Trade Fair 2010, New Delhi, at the prestigious Music Festival Season at Nungambakkam Cultural Aacdemy, Chennai, SPRINGFEST 2011 at IIT Kharagpur, West Bengal and at KALIDAS SAMAROH, Nagpur.

Our differently abled students travelled abroad for the first time and presented Odissi Dance at the International Disability Day Celebrations at Dhaka, Bangladesh. Guru Alpana Nayak performed at the prestigious Public Library Auditorium, Dhaka on 8 December 2010. Our student Master Abhisekh Rana got First Prize in painting competition organised by NMNH in February 2011. A.L.P.A.N.A. in collaboration with National Museum of Natural History (NMNH), Ministry of Environment & Forests, celebrated World Down Syndrome Day by organizing a four-day event, RANGOTSAV - an art & craft workshop for differently abled children at National Museum Auditorium from 22nd to 25th March 2011. Sixty-two differently abled students from different schools of the national capital region participated.

On 29 March the Ambassador of the USA to India HE Timothy Roemer invited Smt. Alpana Nayak President, A.L.P.A.N.A. to the US Embassy to discuss about the possibilities of cooperation with our NGO in the area of disability and culture.

### ACTIVITIES DURING 2011-12:

INDRADHANUSH 2011 was celebrated on 14 May 2011 at New Delhi with participation of about 85 students including special students at Poorva Sanskritik Kendra. **Justice Arijit Pasayat, Justice Supreme Court of India and Amb Amarendra Khatua** were the Chief Guests of the event.

MALAYSIA VISIT: Smt Alpana Nayak performed Odissi Dance at India Cultural Centre, Kuala Lumpur and conducted LECDEM at Temple of Fine Arts, Penang & KL and at YMCA KL during her tour to Malaysia in June 2011.

THAILAND VISIT: Dr Anupama Singh, Executive Member of A.L.P.A.N.A. participated in international conference and workshop on challenged persons organized by Art for All Foundation / UNESCAP at Bangkok, Thailand in July 2011.

BHOOMI PRANAM 2011: Senior Disciples of Guru Smt Alpana Nayak presented **BHOOMI PRANAM - A SALUTE TO MOTHER INDIA** at India International Centre, New Delhi on 14 August 2011. **Dr. Vivek Agnihotri**, Secretary General of Rajya Sabha was the Chief Guest and **Guru Sharon Lowen**, Odissi Exponent and Scholar was the Distinguished Guest of the evening.

Special students of A.L.P.A.N.A. performed in **FLAGGING OFF CEREMONY** on 3rd November 2011 at Delhi Haat and **FLAGGING IN CEREMONY** on 3rd December 2011 at Delhi University organized by National Trust for the welfare of persons with disabilities.

SAMBHAV 2011, the sixth edition of **SAMBHAV**, showcasing the artistic talent of 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 New Delhi, Bhopal, Mizoram and Odisha was organised on 12 & 13 November 2011. Hon'ble President Smt Pratibha Devi Singh Patil, Hon'ble Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh, Hon'ble Human Resources Development Minister Mr Kapil Sibal, Hon'ble Minister of State for External Affairs Mrs Perneet Kour, Hon'ble Delhi Chief Minister Mrs Sheila Dikshit and German Federal Government's Commissioner on Disabled Persons Mr. Hubert Hueppe were among the dignitaries who sent their felicitation messages wishing **SAMBHAV 2011** a grand success. **Mr. Wajahat Habibullah**, Chairman, **National Commission for Minorities** inaugurated **SAMBHAV-2011**. Hon'ble Culture Minister Kumari Selja, renowned danseuse Padma Vibhushan Dr. Sonal Mansingh, Justice A.K. Patnaik of Supreme Court of India, Chief Information Commissioner of India Mr. Satyanand Mishra were the Chief Guests at different events of **SAMBHAV 2011**. It included International Seminars on challenged persons, international exhibition of art and craft and performances by challenged artist. **SAMBHAV 2011** set a landmark in international cooperation for inclusive arts by providing a platform, where eleven Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) were signed between A.L.P.A.N.A. and the representatives of organisations from eleven different countries that have been working for inclusive growth of mentally and physically challenged persons through performing arts.

On 3 December 2011, A.L.P.A.N.A. celebrated World Disability Day in collaboration with the National Museum of India at New Delhi. Hon'ble Central Information Commissioner, Dr Annapurna Diskhit was the Chief Guest at the event.

Guru Alpana Nayak and A.L.P.A.N.A. Troupe participated in the International Odissi Dance Festival 2011 at Bhubaneswar, Odisha. For the first time any troupe of special students performed Odissi dance in International Odissi Dance Festival. Guru Alpana Nayak and A.L.P.A.N.A. troupe also performed at Surajkund Mela. The challenged artists of A.L.P.A.N.A. travelled to Sri Lanka and performed Odissi and folk dances at the Very Special Peace Festival at Colombo, Sri Lanka organized by Very Special Arts- ESCO Rehab Sri Lanka. Guru Alpana Nayak conducted Lecture cum Demonstration of Odissi Dance at University of Visual and the Performing Arts, Colombo as an activity of the India Cultural Centre, Colombo.

A.L.P.A.N.A. in collaboration with National Museum of Natural History (NMNH), Ministry of Environment & Forests organized a two-day event, **RANGOTSAV 2012** - an art & craft workshop for differently abled students at NMNH, New Delhi on 28 and 29 March 2012. Sixty-eight challenged students from different schools of the National Capital Region participated. Dr. B. Venugopal,

Director, NMNH and Smt. Shashiprabha Tiwari, eminent Journalist & Dance Critic were Distinguished Guests at the valedictory function.

Guru Alpana Nayak and A.L.P.A.N.A. Troupe performed Odissi at the internationally famous Elephanta Festival, Mumbai in March 2012.

**ACTIVITIES DURING 2012-13:** Experts from A.L.P.A.N.A. participated in the World Autism Awareness Day organized on 2 April 2012 by the National Trust for the Welfare of Persons with Autism and Multiple Disabilities, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India at India International Centre.

**INDRADHANUSH 2012** was celebrated on 19 May at PSK, Delhi where about 100 of students including our special students participated. **Shri Arun Kumar Mishra, IAS, Secretary to the Government of India** was the Chief Guest and **Prof. Jayasena Kottagoda, Vice Chancellor, University of Visual and Performing Arts (UVPA), Colombo, Sri Lanka, Prof. Ariyaratne Kaluarachchi, Dean, Faculty of Dance & Drama, UVPA, Sri Lanka and Sangeet Natak Akademi Awardee Smt. Geeta Mahalik** were the Distinguished Guests of the event.

**COLLABORATION WITH UVPA, SRI LANKA:** On 20 May 2012 A.L.P.A.N.A. organised a unique lecture-cum-demonstration at the India International Centre, Delhi on "Similarities and Differences Between Indian and Sri Lankan Classical Dances." It was conducted by Snr. Prof. Jayasena Kottagoda, Vice Chancellor, UVPA, Colombo, Sri Lanka and Prof. Ariyaratne Kaluarachchi, Dean, Faculty of Dance & Drama, UVPA, Colombo, Sri Lanka. Mr. C. Phunsog, Chairman, PESB was the Chief Guest and Mr. Samantha Pathirana, Minister Counsellor, Sri Lanka High Commission in India was the Distinguished Guest of the event. An MoU was signed between A.L.P.A.N.A. and UVPA, Sri Lanka on faculty development and cultural exchange programmes between the two organisations. Many dignitaries and renowned dancers were amongst the audience.

It was a pride moment for Guru Alpana Nayak when she was conferred with "**USHA RANI SAMMAN**" award by her *alma mater* Nritya Sangeet Kala Mandir, Balasore, Odisha at a special felicitation event. A.L.P.A.N.A. Institution achieved a major distinction and was awarded affiliation by the Akhil Bharatiya Gandharva Mahavidyalaya Mandal, Maharashtra as a training and examination centre.

**INCLUSIVE ARTS IN URBAN SLUMS:** In May 2012 DELHI URBAN SHELTER IMPROVEMENT BOARD (DUSIB) allotted a BASTI VIKAS KENDRA (BVK) at Kalyanpuri, East Delhi to our NGO. Dr Amrish Singh Gautam, Hon'ble Deputy Speaker of Delhi Legislative Assembly inaugurated the BVK Centre of A.L.P.A.N.A. on 31 May 2012. A.L.P.A.N.A. started by organizing awareness generation activities about the Centre for disabled persons through door-to-door campaign. Vocational training in photography and in making of office stationery to orphaned persons with disability was organized. Exhibition of products made by trainees was done at Art for All Conference, Thailand in August 2012 and at Diwali Mela in Sardar Patel Vidyalaya, New Delhi.

**THAILAND VISIT:** Two of our special students and Ms. Alpana Nayak participated in "Art for All > ASEAN" an UN-ESCAP sponsored International Conference and Workshop on challenged persons organized by the Art for All Foundation, Bangkok in collaboration with Ministry of Culture of Thailand.

**BHOOMI PRANAM 2012:** On 19 August 2012 two of our Odissi Dance disciples, Aarushi Tikoo and Vitasta Tikoo became professionals by presenting "BHOOMI PRANAM" at India International Centre, New Delhi. Renowned Kuchipudi Exponent **Padma Bhushan Smt. Swapna Sundari and Dr. Venu V., IAS, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Culture, Government of India** were the distinguished guests of the event.

**WORKSHOP & PERFORMANCE IN MONGOLIA:** Guru Alpana Nayak and Ms. Priyadarshini Tripathy, Secretary of A.L.P.A.N.A. visited Mongolia on an invitation from ZORIG Foundation, Mongolia from 2-8 September. Guru Alpana performed Odissi Dance at India Culture Centre, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia and conducted Workshop on Dance Therapy at Art University, Mongolia organised by Arts Council of Mongolia. She & Ms. Tripathy also visited some special schools and interacted with special students.

On 13 September Alpana Nayak performed Odissi dance at NRITYA VILASA event organised jointly by A.L.P.A.N.A. and Nritya Dhara at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi. Our student Miss Uma Gupta bagged the prestigious CCRT Scholarship from Ministry of Culture for 2012.

**SAMBHAV 2012:** The seventh edition of SAMBHAV, an international event showcasing the artistic talent of physically and mentally challenged artistes from 19 countries such as Afghanistan, Australia, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Colombia, India, Indonesia, Iran, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Mauritius, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Nigeria, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam concluded in the weekend of 9, 10 & 11 November 2012 with a resounding success. It included international seminars on artistic empowerment of disabled persons, an exhibition of art and craft, signing of MoUs and International performances at India International Centre, New Delhi. International Art and Craft Exhibition was inaugurated by **Dr. Alok Mehta, Chief Editor, National Duniya**. The MoU signing ceremony was chaired by Ambassador R.M. Agrawal and Deaconess Linda Olissa E Middleton, Nigeria/USA. SAMBHAV-2012 was inaugurated by **Hon'ble Smt Gursharan Kaur** whereas **Ms Stuti N Kacker**, Secretary, Dept. of Disability Affairs, Government of India, **Shri Sudhir Vasudeva**, Chairman, ONGC and **Shri R.N. Nayak**, Chairman, Powergrid Corporation were the distinguished guests. On second day **Hon'ble Justice Shri Dipak Misra** of Supreme Court of India was the Chief Guest and **Shri Anil Goswami**, Secretary, Min. of Social Justice & Emp, Government of India was the Distinguished Guest. For the closing ceremony **Shri Anand Sharma, Hon'ble Commerce & Industries Minister of India** was the Chief Guest whereas **Shri C.S Verma**, Chairman, SAIL and **Shri Sanjaa Suren Bayara, HE the Ambassador of Mongolia** were the Distinguished Guests. Hon'ble President of India **Shri Pranab Mukherjee**, Prime Minister **Dr Manmohan Singh** and Human Resource Development Minister **Shri Kapil Sibal** sent their felicitations to A.L.P.A.N.A. Society wishing SAMBHAV 2012 grand success.

Ms Teone Reinthal, an Australian woman filmmaker and performance director with disability, Board Member of Arts Access Australia and a research scholar at Griffith University, Australia carried out research on the activities on inclusive arts being done by A.L.P.A.N.A. Our special students were invited to perform at Vatsalya Mela, an event organized by the Ministry of Women & Child Development, Government of India and the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) at Delhi Haat, New Delhi.

Students of A.L.P.A.N.A. appeared in All-India examinations in Music and Dance conducted by Akhil Bharatiya Gandharva Mahavidyalaya Mandal, Maharashtra and 98% of our students passed in First Division.

**COLLABORATION WITH UVPA, SRI LANKA:** To operationalize the MoU of signed on 20 May 2012 between A.L.P.A.N.A. and University of Visual and Performing Arts (UVPA), Colombo, Sri Lanka, Snr. Prof. Jayasena Kottagoda, Vice Chancellor, UVPA and Prof. Ariyaratne Kaluarachchi, Dean, Faculty of Dance & Drama, UVPA were invited by A.L.P.A.N.A. to conduct workshop for students of A.L.P.A.N.A. Institute.

**NATIONAL AWARD FOR DISABILITY CEREMONY:** As a rare honour to A.L.P.A.N.A., our special students' band was the only performing band at the National Award Distribution Ceremony organized by the Department of Disability Affairs, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India at Vigyan Bhavan on 6 February 2013. **Hon'ble President Shri Pranab Mukherjee**, who was the Chief Guest of the event lauded our students' performance.

Our students, Prapti Gupta, Kriti Rustagi, Pihu Srivastava, Devika Seth, Pragati Mallik, Tanvi Datta, Anuprerna Duggar and Ila Kaushik participated in the International Women's Day event at NOIDA on 8 March.

#### **ACTIVITIES DURING 2013-14:**

**INDRADHANUSH 2013,** 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Event of A.L.P.A.N.A. was celebrated on 18 May at Poorva Sanskritik Kendra, Delhi where about 100 of our students including our special students participated. The event is designed to celebrate and showcase holistic development and inclusive growth of challenged and non-challenged persons in the society. It is planned to be a unique demonstration of the 'Will to succeed together'. **Shri G. S. Patnaik, IAS, Secretary to the Vice President of India** was the Chief Guest and **Kendriya Sangeet Natak Academy Awardee Odissi Guru Shri Ramani Ranjan Jena** was the Distinguished Guest of the event.

**SRI LANKA VISIT:** As per the Memorandum of Understanding signed between A.L.P.A.N.A. and the University of the Visual and Performing Arts (UVPA), Sri Lanka **Guru Alpana Nayak** was invited by UVPA to conduct workshops and lecture demonstrations for the faculty and students of UVPA. **Guru Alpana** was accompanied by her senior disciple **Miss Ayushi Nayak**.

A.L.P.A.N.A. in collaboration with National Museum of Natural History (NMNH), Ministry of Environment & Forests organized a three-day event, **RANGOTSAV 2013** - an art & craft workshop for especially talented children at NMNH, New Delhi on 24, 25 and 26 July 2013. Sixty challenged students from different schools of the National Capital Region participated. In the valediction function Mrs Dharitri Panda, Financial Advisor, ICMR, Govt. of India was the Chief Guest and Mrs. Shashi Prabha Tiwari, an eminent journalist and dance critic and Dr. Reena Dey, H.O. of NMNH graced the occasion as distinguished guests.

**BHOOMI PRANAM 2013**: Guru Smt A.L.P.A.N.A. Nayak and her senior disciples presented **BHOOMI PRANAM**, a Salute to the Mancha (Stage) based on Acharya Nandikeshwar's Abhinaya Darpana at India International Centre (IIC) New Delhi on 25 August 2013. **Shri Keshav N. Desiraju**, IAS, Secretary, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India was the Chief Guest and **Shri Sanjiv Mittal**, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Culture, Government of India was the Distinguished Guest of the event.

Our student Miss Pihu Shrivastava bagged the prestigious CCRT Scholarship for 2013 from Ministry of Culture, Government of India.

On the eve of Diwali - the festival of lights, handmade articles made by special students of A.L.P.A.N.A. were displayed, sold and highly appreciated by the people in an exhibition organized by Sardar Patel Vidyalaya, New Delhi.

**SAMBHAV 2013**, the eighth edition of **SAMBHAV**, an International event for and by physically and mentally challenged artistes from 14 countries including India concluded in the weekend of 08, 09 & 10 November 2013 at India International Centre, New Delhi. The three-day festival 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**. **SAMBHAV 2013** had the unique privilege of receiving the live video inaugural message from Hon'ble President of India, **Shri Pranab Mukherjee**. **SAMBHAV 2013** included the activities of: International Seminar on "Challenges of working with Persons with Disability for inclusive growth with special focus on inclusive arts", the Forum for International Cooperation where four MoUs were signed, the International Exhibition of paintings, sculptures and artifacts made by challenged artists and the International Event of Performances by challenged artists from different countries. **Mrs Suchitra Durai**, IFS, Joint Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, eminent artist and painter **Shri Satyasewak Mukherjee**, **Shri Dammu Ravi**, IFS, Joint Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, **Prof M C Misra**, Director, AIIMS, New Delhi, **Ms Sujaya Krishnan**, Joint Secretary (Mental Health) Govt of India, **Prof KES Unni**, HoD Psychiatry, LHMC, Delhi University, **Shri B K Goswami**, Chancellor, **Shri Padampat Singhania University Udaipur**, former Chief Information Commissioner **Shri Satyananda Mishra**, Special Secretary Health **Shri Sanjay Kumar Srivastava**, HE High Commissioner of India to Libya, **Shri Anil Kumar Trigunayat** and HE High Commissioner of Malta to India **John Aquilina UOM**, **Shri Wajahat Habibullah**, Chairman, National Commission on Minorities, Government of India, **Shri P. K Jha**, Addl Secretary, Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India and **Shri SM Khan**, Director General, DD News were the Distinguished Guests of different events of **SAMBHAV 2013**. **Shri Anand Sharma**, Hon'ble Commerce & Industries Minister of India was the Chief Guest of the closing ceremony whereas **Shri G C Pati**, Secretary, Ministry of Defence, Govt. of India and HE Mr Prasad Kariyawasam, High Commissioner for Sri Lanka in India were the Distinguished Guests.

Students of A.L.P.A.N.A. appeared in All-India examinations in Music and Dance conducted by Akhil Bharatiya Gandharva Mahavidyalaya Mandal, Maharashtra. Majority of our students passed in First Class and several students got Distinction as well.

Our special students performed Odissi dance at the Annual Event of Utkalini held at SAI International Auditorium, Lodi Estate, New Delhi. Hon'ble Governor of Odisha was the Chief Guest of event.

**SAMARTH**: A.L.P.A.N.A. was selected by the Department of Disability Affairs, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India as Nodal Agency for assisting the Institute of Physically Handicapped in organization of the national event "**SAMARTH**" showcasing the abilities of persons with disabilities. **SAMARTH** was held at Siri Fort Auditorium on 16 and 17 January 2014. The event was inaugurated by Smt Sonia Gandhi, Chairperson, UPA in presence of Ku Selja, Hon'ble Union Minister for Social Justice & Empowerment. About 80 groups consisting of 400 participants

with disabilities from all over India took part in SAMARTH. Our students performed in the inaugural event and won top prizes.

Guru Alpana Nayak and her troupe performed Odissi dance at Magh Mela 2014 in Allahabad and at 20th Classical Dance Festival in Goa. Guru Alpana performed solo at the prestigious Khajuraho Dance Festival 2014. Her performance was telecast live across the world on DD BHARTI.

Our special students performed Odissi dance at Special Ability, an event jointly organized by A.L.P.A.N.A. and Impresario India at India International Centre, New Delhi on 7 February.

**MAITREE: A LANDMARK IN COLLABORATION WITH UVPA SRI LANKA:** A.L.P.A.N.A. in collaboration with the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR), Government of India and the University of the Visual and Performing Arts (UVPA), Sri Lanka presented "Maitree: Fusion of Odissi and Sri Lankan Dance Forms" at Azad Bhawan Auditorium of ICCR in New Delhi on 29 March 2014. Both UVPA and A.L.P.A.N.A. embarked upon this uncharted territory and conceived Maitree as a fusion of Odissi and Sri Lankan Dance forms. Shri Satish C. Mehta, Director General, ICCR was the Chief Guest and HE Mr Prasad Kariyawasam, High Commissioner Sri Lanka and Ms. Suchitra Durai, Joint Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of External Affairs were the Distinguished Guests of the event.

### **ACTIVITIES DURING 2014-15:**

**INDRADHANUSH 2014,** the 11th Annual Event of A.L.P.A.N.A. at Azad Bhawan Auditorium (ICCR), IP Estate, New Delhi was a kaleidoscope of different dance and music items presented by the little wonders, budding classical dancers and singers and special students of A.L.P.A.N.A. **Shri Satyanarayan Mohanty, IAS, Secretary (NDMA) in the Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India** was the Chief Guest of the event and **Shri Chandra Kishore Mishra, Additional Secretary and Mission Director of National Health Mission of Government of India** was the Distinguished Guest of the event.

A.L.P.A.N.A. troupe performed Odissi at Thyagraj Nagar Jagannath Mandir Rath Yatra festival in July 2014. They also performed at CSOI Vinay Marg at the event of ICS & IAS Officers Wives Welfare Organization on 23 July 2014.

**RANGOTSAV 2014:** A.L.P.A.N.A. in collaboration with National Museum of Natural History (NMNH), Ministry of Environment & Forests organized a three-day Art & Craft Workshop called **RANGOTSAV**. Fifty-five challenged artists from different schools of Delhi participated. In the valediction function Mr Anil Sant, IAS, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Environment & Forests, Govt. of India was the Chief Guest.

**BHOOMI PRANAM 2014:** Dr. Vaishali Saini, a senior disciple of Guru Smt Alpana Nayak, made her solo debut through Mancha Pravesh and other senior disciples of Guru Smt Nayak presented 'Devi', a special choreographic presentation at **BHOOMI PRANAM** event at India International Centre, New Delhi on 17 August. **Padma Vibhushan Dr. Sonal Mansingh, Odissi Exponent and Scholar** was the Chief Guest and **Smt. Helen Acharya, Secretary, Sangeet Natak Academy** was the Distinguished Guest of the evening.

On the eve of Diwali, the festival of lights, handmade articles made by special students of A.L.P.A.N.A. were displayed and sold in an exhibition organized by Sardar Patel Vidyalaya, New Delhi.

**SAMBHAV 2014,** the ninth edition of **SAMBHAV**, a three day International event for and by physically and mentally challenged artistes attracted groups from 14 countries such as **Australia, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Indonesia, Iran, Israel, Mauritius, Myanmar, Russia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam** besides groups from Indian States of **Delhi, Karnataka, Gujarat, Meghalay and Andhra Pradesh**. It included International Seminar on artistic empowerment of disabled persons, an Exhibition of Art and Craft by the challenged artists from participating countries, signing of MoUs, Yoga Workshops and International Performances by twenty-three troupes from sixteen countries at India International Centre, New Delhi. **SAMBHAV 2014** was launched in the morning of 14 November 2014 by **Dr Harsh Vardhan, Minister for Science and Technology, Government of India, Shri K.K. Mittal, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Culture, Government of India, Amb Mr Anwar Haleem, Mr Sanjay Suren Bayara, Ambassador of Mongolia to India, Counsellor (Culture) in Russian Embassy Ms Nana M Mgeladze** were the Distinguished Guests at the welcome ceremony. All participants attired in their country's national dress and carrying their national flags, took

Sambhav pledge to work towards inclusive growth through inclusive arts. Art and craft exhibition was inaugurated by **Padma Vibhushan Dr. Kapila Vatsayan**. The MoU signing ceremony was chaired by Ms Sripriya Ranganathan, IFS. **Shri Thaawar Chand Gehlot, Minister of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India, Padma Vibhushan Dr Kapila Vatsyayan, Eminent Scholar and Historian, Justice Dipak Misra, Honourable Judge, Supreme Court of India, Smt. Stuti N Kacker, Secretary, Department of Disability Affairs, Shri Prakash Mishra, Special Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Shri Lov Verma, Secretary, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Shri H.K. Dash, Secretary, Inter State Council Secretariat, H.E. Prof. Sudarshan Seneviratne, High Commissioner of Sri Lanka to India and Dr. A. K. Balyan, MD, Petronet LNG Ltd** were the Chief Guests and Distinguished Guests of different events of SAMBHAV 2014.

A.L.P.A.N.A. Society added another feather to its cap in February 2015 when it started a new training institution in its own premise at Jhilmil Colony, East Delhi.

**ACTIVITIES DURING 2015-16: MAITREE**, a cultural programme jointly produced by A.L.P.A.N.A. and UVPA Colombo, Sri Lanka was held at Azad Bhavan, ICCR, New Delhi on 7 April 2015. Guru Alpana Nayak along with her disciples and disciples of Prof. Ariyaratne Kaluarachchi, Dean, Faculty of Dance & Drama, UVPA, Colombo, Sri Lanka participated in the joint production. HE Mr M R K Lenagala, Deputy High Commissioner, Sri Lanka was the Chief Guest at the event.

**INDRADHANUSH 2015**: the 12th Annual Event of A.L.P.A.N.A. at Azad Bhawan Auditorium (ICCR), New Delhi on 23 May 2015 was a kaleidoscope of different dance and music items presented by the little wonders, budding classical dancers and singers and special students of A.L.P.A.N.A. As the rainbow with its vibrant colours fills the heart of the beholder with joy, the artists of A.L.P.A.N.A. mesmerized the audience with different varieties of dance and music. The distinguished guests of the event were **Shri Umang Narula, IAS, CMD, India Tourism Development Corporation and Padmashree Geeta Mahalik, noted Odissi exponent**.

**SRI LANKA VISIT**: In accordance with the terms of the MoU signed between A.L.P.A.N.A. and the University of the Visual and Performing Arts (UVPA), Sri Lanka, Guru Alpana Nayak was invited by the university for conducting workshops on Odissi dance. Guru Alpana Nayak accompanied by her senior disciples Amrit Setia, Pihu Shrivastava, Prapti Gupta, Disha Kannan and Pragati Malik conducted various workshops and lecture demonstrations of Odissi dance and performed at different venues of Colombo and Kandy.

**THAILAND VISIT**: Our organization received invitation from the Art for All Foundation, Bangkok to participate in celebration of Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn's 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday at the United Nations Conference Center, Bangkok and at Arayana, Nakorn Ratchasima Province, Thailand. Six delegates from our organization including three artists with disability took part in the international workshop and performances funded by UNESCAP and Ministry of Culture, Thailand.

**BHOOMI PRANAM 2015**: An evening of Odissi Dance was organised by A.L.P.A.N.A. at India International Centre (IIC), New Delhi on 23 August 2015. **Shri Devendra Chaudhry, IAS, Secretary, Dept. of Administrative Reforms & Public Grievances, Govt. of India** was the Chief Guest and **Sangeet Natak Academy Awardee Odissi Guru Shri Shudhakar Sahoo** was the Distinguished Guest of the evening. The highlight of the evening was presentation of "Nartaki", a special choreography based on Acharya Nandikeshwara's "Patra Lakshyanam" from Abhinaya Darpana.

**RANGOTSAV**: A.L.P.A.N.A. in collaboration with Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya Institute for the Physically Handicapped (IPH) under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Govt. of India organised "**Rangotsav 2015**"- a two day art and craft workshop and exhibition for the special children. Ms Indira Murti, Joint Secretary, Department of Empowerment of PWD (DEPwD), Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Mr M. L. Meena, Deputy Secretary, DEPwD, Dr. Dharmendra Kumar, Director, IPH, Shri Lalit Kumar, Deputy Director, IPH and other dignitaries were present at the valediction ceremony.

Special students of A.L.P.A.N.A. performed at the **Foundation Day celebration of National Human Rights Commission (NHRC)** on 12<sup>th</sup> October at FICCI Auditorium, New Delhi, where **Shri Kailash Satyarthi, Children's Rights Activist and the winner of Nobel Peace Prize 2014** was present as the Chief Guest.

On the eve of Diwali, handmade articles made by special students of A.L.P.A.N.A. were displayed and sold in a two-day exhibition organized by Sardar Patel Vidyalaya, Lodi Estate, New Delhi.

Our students got first and second prizes in Heritage Festival at "MTNL Perfect Health Mela 2015" at Talkatora Indoor Stadium New Delhi.

**SAMBHAV2015:** The tenth edition of **SAMBHAV**, a three-day International Festival showcasing the artistic talent of physically and mentally challenged artistes from 16 countries such as Australia, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Iran, Nepal, Russia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Uzbekistan and Wales besides groups from Indian States of Delhi, Gujarat, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Telengana, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Nagaland and West Bengal was held on 13, 14 and 15 November 2015 at India International Centre, New Delhi. **SAMBHAV 2015** was inaugurated in the morning of 13 November 2015 by Shri BK Goswami, Hon'ble Chancellor of Sir Padampat Singhania University. The inaugural event on the first evening started with a video message by **Shri Pranab Mukherjee, Honourable President of India** and a short film on ten years of **SAMBHAV** journey. **Smt Stuti N Kacker, Chairperson, National Commission for Protection of Child Rights, HE Syed Muazzem Ali, High Commissioner of Bangladesh in New Delhi, HE Mr Deep Kumar Upadhyay, Ambassador of Nepal in New Delhi, Shri Lov Verma, Secretary, Department for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Government of India, Dr Jagdish Prasad, Director General, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, Dr Upendra Tripathy, Secretary, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, Government of India, Dr Arun K Panda, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Shri UP Singh, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Government of India** were the Chief Guests and Distinguished Guests at different events of **SAMBHAV 2015**. It included International Seminar on artistic empowerment of disabled persons, an Exhibition of Art and Craft by the challenged artists, signing of MoUs, Yoga Workshops and International Performances.

Special students of A.L.P.A.N.A. presented Superlative Dance Performance to the best of Hindi film songs in **Doordarshan Programme "Meri Awaj Suno"** held on 22 November 2015 at Siri Fort Auditorium. They also presented a fabulous Cultural programme at **Annual Day of NHFDC** on 27th January 2016 at PHD House, Hauz Khas, New Delhi. **Shri Thawar Chand Gehlot, the Hon'ble Minister of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India** was the chief guest of the event.

The World Culture Festival 2016, a three-day extravaganza was organised by The Art of Living celebrating the diversity in cultures from across the world. Forty of our young dancers participated in the Odissi Segment and at the closing ceremony of the festival.

**ACTIVITIES DURING 2016-17:** Troupe of A.L.P.A.N.A. presented outstanding performances at **Utkal Diwas celebration** at Ludhiana, Punjab on 10 April 2016.

**INDRADHANUSH 2016:** The 13th Annual Event of A.L.P.A.N.A. was held at Azad Bhavan Auditorium, Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR), New Delhi on 21 May 2016. **Shri M. L. Srivastava, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Culture and Shri Padma Lochan Sahu, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Culture** were the Distinguished Guests of the event.

Guru **Smt Alpana Nayak** along with her senior disciples performed Odissi dance at the **Diamond Jubilee Celebration of Nrutya Sangeet Kalamandir, Balasore, Odisha** and troupe of A.L.P.A.N.A. performed at the **Sradhanjali Samaroh 2016** at Rabindra Mandap, Bhubaneswar, Odisha.

**THAILAND VISIT:** A.L.P.A.N.A. delegates including two artists with disabilities participated in the **Art for All 2016** event organised by the Ministry of Culture of Thailand in collaboration with Art for All Foundation in Bangkok and Nakhon Ratchasima Province of Thailand. At the workshop, our art teacher **Ms Alka Agrawal** conducted Art & Craft workshop for international participants with special ability.

On the auspicious occasion of **Accessible India Campaign** event at India Gate, New Delhi on 24 July 2016 Divyang students of A.L.P.A.N.A. put up Excellent performances. The Mega Event was witnessed by Union Cabinet Ministers and Bollywood Stars.

**BHOOMI PRANAM 2016:** At **Bhoomi Pranam 2016**, **Prapti Gupta**, senior disciple of **Guru Alpana Nayak** made her debut as a professional Odissi dancer through **Manch Pravesh**. **Renowned Bharatnatyam Exponent Padma Bhusan Guru Saroja Vaidyanathan and Shri Anil Kumar Nayak, Chief Labour Commissioner, Govt. of India** were the Distinguished Guests of the event.

On the invitation of High Commission of India in Australia Smt. Alpana Nayak presented Odissi Dance at **India Culture Centre, Sydney** on 30th August 2016.

**BANGLADESH VISIT:** Five Divyang students Abhishek Rana, Khushi Sagar, Shefali Negi, Tanisha Garg and Pallavi Joshi along with Guru Alpana Nayak participated in the Executive Board Meeting of Asian Federation on Intellectual Disabilities (AFID) Dhaka, Bangladesh from 24 September to 29 September.

Handmade articles made by special students of A.L.P.A.N.A. were displayed and sold at **Diwali Mela** at Sardar Patel Vidyalaya, Lodi Estate, New Delhi. HPCL supported part of the activities of A.L.P.A.N.A. in working with Divyangjan and disadvantaged sections.

**SAMBHAV 2016:** The eleventh edition of SAMBHAV, supported by Government of India Ministries of Tourism, Social Justice & Empowerment and Culture had participation of Divyang delegates and resource persons from **Afghanistan, Australia, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Iran, Kenya, Myanmar, Nepal, Russia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Thailand, UK, Uzbekistan and Vietnam** besides groups from Indian States of **Delhi, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Nagaland, Odisha, Punjab, Rajasthan, Telengana, and West Bengal**. SAMBHAV 2016 included International seminars on "Challenges of working with Divyang Persons (Persons with Disabilities) for inclusive growth with special focus on inclusive arts: shared experiences", an International exhibition of paintings and craftworks made by the challenged artists, signing of Memorandum of Understanding for mutual collaboration, Yoga workshops, Art & Craft Workshops, Workshops on Dance Therapy and Music Therapy and performances by artists with disabilities. The event was inaugurated by **Shri Anil Swarup, Secretary, Ministry of Coal, Govt of India**. Art and craft exhibition was inaugurated by **Dr Sachidananda Joshi, Member Secretary, Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts, New Delhi**. **Shri Rakesh Kumar Gupta, Principal Resident Commissioner of Jammu & Kashmir, Shri Suresh Kumar, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Coal, Govt of India, Shri Umang Narula, CMD, India Tourism Development Corporation, Mr Sushanta Kumar Pramanik, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Welfare, Govt of Bangladesh, Ms Ruth Agesa, Assistant Director, Ministry of Education, Govt of Kenya and Mr F. Tashmukhamedov, Deputy Chairman of the National Academy of Art, Uzbekistan, Shri Awanish Kumar Awasthi, Joint Secretary, DEPwD, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Shri Taj Hassan, Spl. Commissioner, Delhi Police, Mrs Meenakshi Sharma, Addl. DG, Min of Tourism, Dr. A.K. Dubey, Secretary, Ministry of Youth Affairs, Govt of India, Dr Guruprasad Mohapatra, Chairman, Airports Authority of India** were the Chief Guests and the Distinguished Guests of different events of SAMBHAV 2016. In three sessions of the seminar nine papers were presented. A.L.P.A.N.A. conducted workshops with focus on inclusiveness of Indian heritage, with participation of foreign and Indian Divyang artists at Sardar Patel Vidyalaya, Lodi Estate and NDMC Primary School, Kaka Nagar, New Delhi. A.L.P.A.N.A. provided a guided field exposure of Indian World Heritage Monuments at National Capital to the foreign and Indian Divyang artists and delegates.

Guru Alpana Nayak and her senior disciples Amrit Setia, Devika Seth, Pragati Malik, Akankshya Satapathy and Anoushka Aggarwal performed Odissi Dance at the prestigious **Modhera Dance Festival, Gujrat** in January 2017.

**ACTIVITIES DURING 2017-18:** Jayasvi Sajja performed Shiva Tandava at Bi-Decadal Celebrations of TRAI (The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India) at Ashoka Hotel, New Delhi on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

Our most talented Divyang Students presented Skills Training Demo at CSR Fair at Pragati Maidan in the presence of Shri Anant G Geete, Cabinet Minister, Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises and Shri Babul Supriyo, Minister of State, Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

**INDRADHANUSH 2017:** the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Event of A.L.P.A.N.A. was held at Azad Bhavan Auditorium, Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR), New Delhi on 29 May 2017 where all students including Divyang students justify the title of the event by presenting different varieties of dance and music. **Dr. Amarendra Khatua, IFS, Director General of ICCR** was the Chief Guest and **Dr. Arun Kumar Verma, IFS, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Power** and **Dr. Sangita Gosain, Chief Executive of Guru Kelu Charan Mohapatra Odissi Research Centre, Odisha** were the Distinguished Guests of the event.

**INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY:** Divyang Artists of A.L.P.A.N.A. performed Odissi Dance and Yoga at 3<sup>rd</sup> International Yoga Day on 21 June 2017 organised by Ministry of Ayush at Connaught Place, New Delhi.

**WORKSHOP AND FUSION DANCE PERFORMANCE IN BHUTAN IN JULY 2017:** Guru Alpana Nayak travelled to Thimpu along with her senior disciples Amrit Setia, Devika Seth, Akankshya Satapathy and Pragati Malik to conduct Odissi Dance Workshop at Nehru Wangchuk Cultural Centre, Thimphu (NWCC) under the auspices of India Bhutan Foundation (IBF). The Odissi Dance workshop was inaugurated by Shri Jaideep Sarkar, HE the Ambassador of India to Bhutan on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at Nehru Wangchuck Cultural Centre, Thimphu. More than 60 students participated in the two-week-long workshop. On the last day of the workshop, there was a presentation of Dance items learned, by the participants of the workshop in presence of HE the Ambassador of India. Guru Alpana Nayak had conducted deep research about the cultural bonding between Bhutan and India. The Odissi dance workshop in Bhutan aimed at mooring the cultural bonding between the two peoples through dance. At the end of the workshop, she along with her group and artists from Royal Academy of Performing Arts (RAPA), Bhutan put up a fusion ballet based on the life and teachings of Holy Padmasambhava who had travelled from India to Bhutan to preach Buddhism at the India House Auditorium on the 28 July 2017. HE Nagsid Lyonpo, Hon'ble Minister of Culture & Human Resources, Royal Govt. of Bhutan was the Chief Guest of the event and many dignitaries including HE the Ambassador of India to Bhutan were present.

**BHOOMI PRANAM 2017:** Miss Pihu Shrivastava, promising Odissi dancer and senior disciple of Guru Alpana Nayak was introduced to the Cultural world as a professional Solo Dancer through Mancha Pravesh at Bhoomi Pranam 2017 at India International Centre (IIC), New Delhi on 20 August 2017. Shri Rajiv Bansal, Addl. Secretary & FA, Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Shri Shantmanu, Development Commissioner (Handicrafts), Ministry of Textiles, Shri Praveen Garg, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Finance, Shri Sambit Patra, Spokes Person of BJP were the Distinguished Guests of the event.

On 15 September 2017 Association for Learning Performing Arts & Normative Action (A.L.P.A.N.A.) became a National NGO and hence the working area of the society has been expanded from NCR Delhi to ALL INDIA.

Handmade artefacts made by special students (Divyangjan) of A.L.P.A.N.A. were displayed and sold at different venues and melas of New Delhi such as Dusshera Celebration at Chanakyapuri, Diwali Mela at BLIND RELIEF ASSOCIATION and Diwali Mela at Sardar Patel Vidyalaya, Lodi Estate.

Guru Alpana Nayak along with her disciples including Divyang students performed at Deep Dharohar Festival organised by Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India at Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts, New Delhi on 16 October 2017.

Divyang students of A.L.P.A.N.A. performed Oddissi Dance at the Bal Sangam Festival organised by National School of Drama on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2017. They also gave a wonderful performance at the Award Function of Short Film Competition on Divyangjan Sashaktikaran 2017 at Siri Fort auditorium, New Delhi organised by Department of Disability, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment.

Our most talented upcoming Odissi Dancers Nerissa Rout and Adrika Das got 1<sup>st</sup> prize in Duet Odissi Dance Competition and Nerissa Rout got 3<sup>rd</sup> prize in Solo Dance Competition at 2<sup>nd</sup> International Classical Dance Festival & Competition organized by Nrityanjali, Delhi. Nerissa and Adrika also got 1<sup>st</sup> prize in Duet Odissi Dance competition at Shilpa Gramya Mela, Ghaziabad.

**SAMBHAV 2017:** The twelfth edition of SAMBHAV which was held on 10, 11 and 12 November 2017 at Azad Bhavan, ICCR, New Delhi had expanded its ambit to project India as not only incredible but also an inclusive country. SAMBHAV 2017 supported by Government of India Ministries of Tourism, Social Justice & Empowerment, Culture and Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) had attracted groups from sixteen countries such as Australia, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Indonesia, Iran, Kenya, Mauritius, Myanmar, Nepal, Russia, Sri Lanka, Thailand, UK, Uzbekistan and Vietnam besides groups from Indian States of Andhra Pradesh, Delhi, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Nagaland, Punjab, Rajasthan and Telengana. SAMBHAV 2017 included International seminars on artistic empowerment of disabled persons, exhibition of Paintings & Artefacts made by the artists with disabilities from participating countries, signing of Memorandum of Understanding for mutual collaboration, Yoga workshop, Art & Craft Workshop, Workshops on Dance Therapy and Music

Therapy, International Performances and Exposure Visits to different schools and World Heritage Sites in NCR.

The Gala event was launched by H.E. Ambassador Riva Ganguly Das, IFS, Director General of ICCR in a colourful show with all participants wearing their national dress and carrying their country's flag. Dr. Prabodh Seth, Joint Secretary, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment inaugurated the International Seminar. Art and Craft Exhibition was unveiled by Shri Navneet Soni, Member Secretary of National Monuments Authority, Ministry of Culture and International Yoga Workshop was launched by Dr Ishwar V Basavaraddi, Director, Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga, Delhi. Six MoUs were signed between A.L.P.A.N.A Society and organizations from Bangladesh, Myanmar, Mauritius, Russia, and Thailand in presence of Dr. K Rajeshwar Rao, IAS, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Mines, Government of India.

Shri Brij Raj Sharma, IAS, Special Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, H.E. Mrs Chitraganee Wagiswara, High Commissioner of Sri Lanka to India, Shri M. L. Srivastav, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Culture, H.E. Ambassador Sanjay Verma, IFS, Additional Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs and Mr N. K. Verma, Managing Director, ONGC Videsh, Justice Dr. Arijit Pasayat, Former Hon'ble Judge, Supreme Court of India, Prof. Randeep Guleria, Director, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Mrs. Meenakshi Sharma, Addl Director General, Ministry of Tourism, Mr. Sunil Chaturvedi, CMD, Tractors India and Mr. C. R. Garg, Special Secretary, CMO, Delhi were the Chief Guests and Distinguished guests of the International Performances on all three days.

**BHUTAN VISIT:** In accordance with the objectives of the project titled "Workshop on Odissi Classical Dance and Collaborative Performance in Bhutan." sanctioned by the India Bhutan Foundation, Delhi, Guru Alpana Nayak travelled to Thimphu, accompanied by her associate teacher Ms Prapti Gupta from 16 to 23 November 2017.

On an invitation from National Commission for Promotion of Child Rights (NCPCR) Divyang students of A.L.P.A.N.A. performed at Bal Utsav to celebrate Bal Adhikar Diwas on 18<sup>th</sup> November at IGNSA, Janpath, New Delhi. Special students of A.L.P.A.N.A. also participated in different competitions at **Ability Utsav** organised by YMCA, Delhi in February 2018 and brought laurels to the NGO by winning many prizes

Guru Smt Alpana Nayak along with her senior disciples mesmerised the audience with their superb performance at **International Odissi Dance Festival-2017** held at Rabindra Mandap, Bhubaneswar.

**ACTIVITIES DURING 2018-19:** Guru Smt Alpana Nayak and her troupe performed at Odisha Divsas Samaroha 2018 organised by the office of the Resident Commissioner, Odisha in Delhi at Shri Sathya Sai International Centre on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018. Talented Odissi Dancers of A.L.P.A.N.A. put up a fabulous show at Utkal Divas celebration at Ludhiana on 8 April 2018. Most promising Odissi Dancers Prapti Gupta and Pihu Shrivastava enthralled the audience with their superb performances at Delhi Odissi Utsav at Azad Bhavan Auditorium.

**BHUTAN VISIT:** In accordance with the objectives of the project titled "Workshop on Odissi Classical Dance and Collaborative Performance in Bhutan." sanctioned by the India Bhutan Foundation, Delhi, Guru Alpana Nayak along with her senior disciples Prapti Gupta, Pihu Shrivastava, Disha Kannan and Anoushka Agrawal travelled to Thimphu from 9 April 2018 to 19 April 2018. Along with the workshops they gave scintillating performances at Nehru Wangchuk Cultural Centre, Thimphu, College of Education, Paro and College of Natural Resources, Punakha. After the completion of the Workshops at NWCC the participants of the Workshop presented Odissi Dance at the event of Grand finale at Indian Embassy auditorium on 18 April. The highlight of the event was a fusion Dance presented jointly by the artists of Royal Academy of Performing Arts (RAPA), Bhutan and Guru Alpana Nayak's troupe in which Bhutanese dancers danced on Odissi music and odissi dancers presented odissi dance on Bhutanese music. It was first of its kind and the audience gave standing ovation.

**NRITYANJALI:** A.L.P.A.N.A. organised **Nrityanjali** - An ode to Dance at Vasuki Auditorium, Lok Kala Manch, New Delhi on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2018 on the eve of World Dance Day where Guru Smt. Alpana Nayak along with her senior disciples Amrit Setia, Devika Seth & Dr Vaishali Saini presented special choreography in Odissi style. Shri Jatindra Nath Swain, IAS, Managing Director, Solar

Energy Corporation of India, Padmashree Smt. Geeta Mahalik, renowned Exponent of Odissi Dance and Shri Sanjeev Singh, IAS, Director cum Commissioner, Skill Development, Employment & Dept of Technical Education, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh were the Distinguished Guests of the evening.

**INDRADHANUSH 2018:** The 15th annual event of A.L.P.A.N.A. was held at Azad Bhavan Auditorium, Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR), New Delhi on 26 May 2018. INDRADHANUSH 2018 The event was designed to be a unique demonstration of the 'Will to succeed together' where Divyang and Non Divyang students performed together on the same stage. Ms Meera Swarup, Financial Adviser, Ministry of Finance, Govt. of India, Eminent Dance Critic and Kendriya Sangeet Natak Academy Awardee Mrs Leela Venkatraman and Odissi Exponent Padmashree Smt. Aruna Mohanty were the Distinguished Guests of the event.

**WORKSHOP IN ODISHA:** Guru Smt Alpana Nayak conducted Dance Workshop for Divyang students at Open Learning Systems School at Bhubaneswar from 2<sup>nd</sup> June to 6<sup>th</sup> June 2018. On the last day of the workshop the participants performed Rajasthani folk dance which they learnt during the workshop.

**RUSSIA VISIT:** On an invitation from All Russian Association of Blind Guru Smt Alpana Nayak along with her disciple Dr Vaishali Saini visited Moscow from 5<sup>th</sup> August to 12<sup>th</sup> August 2018. Guru Smt Nayak delivered welcome speech at the inauguration of the event called INTEGRATION 2018 organised by the All Russian Association of Blind and presented a paper on the Therapeutic value of Dance and Music at the International Seminar. She along with Dr Vaishali conducted Odissi dance workshop for the blind students who performed Odissi Dance at the closing ceremony of the event. Guru Alpana and Vaishali also performed at the closing ceremony of the event and at the prestigious Nehru Cultural Centre, Moscow. Handmade artefacts made by Divyangjan (Persons with Disabilities) of A.L.P.A.N.A. were displayed at the exhibition at the event of INTEGRATION 2018.

A mega event called "Incredible India - Atulya Bharat 2018" was organised by Sahitya Kala Parishad, Govt. of Delhi at Rajiv Chowk, Connaught Place, Delhi from 9<sup>th</sup> August to 12<sup>th</sup> August 2018. Our talented Odissi dancers mesmerised the huge audience with their amazing performances at the closing ceremony of the event.

**BHOOMI PRANAM 2018:** Miss Disha Kannan promising Odissi dancer and senior disciple of Guru Alpana Nayak was introduced to the Cultural world as a professional Solo Dancer through Mancha Pravesh at Bhoomi Pranam 2018 at India International Centre (IIC), New Delhi on 22 August 2018. "Shunya se Shunya tak - Pancha Mahabhoota": a group choreography in Odissi style was also presented at the event. Eminent Kathak Danseu Padmashri Mrs. Shovana Narayan Traxl, HE Mrs. Brigitte Oeppinger Walchshofer, The Ambassador of Austria in India and Ms Sharon Lowen, Eminent Odissi Dance Exponent & Scholar were the Distinguished Guests of the evening.

Prapti Gupta, Pihu Shrivastava and Disha Kannan, three most talented dancers of A.L.P.A.N.A. who have been trained in Sri Lanka Kandy Dance by the professors of University of Visual & Performing Arts, Colombo, Sri Lanka Performed Kandy Dance and a Fusion of Odissi and Kandy Dance at the Sri Lanka Night on 28<sup>th</sup> August 2018 at FICCI.

Troupe of A.L.P.A.N.A. performed Odissi Dance at Guru Dronachrya Nritya Utsav organised by Aradhana Dance Foundation, Delhi on 29 Septmeber 2018 at Open Air Theatre, Gurugram, Haryana and at Dilshad Colony Durgapuja celebrations on 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> October 2018.

Handmade artefacts made by special students (Divyangjan) of A.L.P.A.N.A. were displayed and sold at different venues and melas such as Symphenia at Symbiosis Centre for Management Studies, NOIDA, Diwali Mela at Sardar Patel Vidyalya, Lodi Estate and New Moti Bagh, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi.

**SAMBHAV 2018:** SAMBHAV which means "possible" was conceived and started in 2006 by A.L.P.A.N.A. to help promote inclusive arts within the context of inclusive growth. SAMBHAV has become a platform for learning across cultures and territories, not only within India but also across the world. In his special message to A.L.P.A.N.A., Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji had appreciated SAMBHAV for "providing the platform to our Divyang sisters and brothers to showcase their talents."

The thirteenth edition of SAMBHAV supported by Government of India Ministries of Tourism, AYUSH, Culture, Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) had attracted groups from Australia, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Iran, Kenya, Mauritius, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Philippines, Russia, Sri Lanka, Tajikistan, UK, Uzbekistan and Vietnam besides groups from Indian States of

Andhra Pradesh, Delhi, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Nagaland, Odisha, Punjab, Rajasthan, Telengana and West Bengal. The three-day event held from 2 to 4 November 2018 at India International Centre, Lodi Estate, New Delhi presented a unique seminar on "Holistic approaches to disabled persons". Experts and practitioners from Manila, Ujjain, Moscow, Tashkent, Colombo, Dushanbe, Dhaka, S-VYASA University, AIIMS, Ministry of Women and Child Development and Ministry of Health & Family Welfare emphasized the need of approaching disability issues before child birth through a variety of interventions which involve the wider society. The role of the largest health and nutrition programme in the world, India's Poshan Yojana was discussed as a strategy to address disability. In the Seminar on "Yoga and Disability" Prof Gautam Sharma and Prof Rima Dada from AIIMS, New Delhi presented two monumental papers based on their evidence based research themes highlighting the positive effects of Yoga. Professor R M Acharya conducted yoga workshop for all participants including Divyang artiste at yoga grounds of Lodi gardens. The International Art and Craft Exhibition and Art & Craft Workshop was inaugurated by Dr Hema Kolhe from Delhi Government. Exhibits were displayed by Divyang artists from Bhutan, Uzbekistan, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Australia and India.

The prominent guests of the evenings of International Performances were **Shri Vijay Sampla Union Minister of State for Social Justice; former Governor of J&K Shri NN Vohra; Mr Pham Sanh Chau, the Ambassador of Vietnam to India, Ambassador of Philippines H.E. Mrs. Ma. Teresita C. Daza, and High Commissioner of Bangladesh H.E. Mr. Syed Muazzem Ali, Padmashri Prof Y K Chawla, Former Director, PGIMER, Shri P. S. Gahlaut, MD, Indian Potas Ltd., Dr Shobhana K. Pattanayak, former Secretary to Govt of India, Ministry of Agriculture and Mr. Manoj Pant, Secretary and CEO, National Foundation for Communal Harmony.** The Divyang participants in SAMBHAV 2018 were also taken on Exposure Visits to Schools and to World Heritage Sites in NCR to highlight the fact that Incredible India is also Inclusive India.

Our talented Divyang Students mesmerised the Esteemed Guests and participants from Southeast Asian Nations at the event of **Global IT Challenge for Youth with Disabilities** organised by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India on 10 November 2018 at Ashoka Hotel, New Delhi. They also gave scintillating performances at **ANTARBHAVA**, an event to create awareness among the students and faculty of Lotus Valley International School, Gurugram on 3 December 2018, the **World Disability Day**. Our Divyang Students participated in Inter School Multi-Disability Festival "**ABILITY UTSAV-2018**" organised by YMCA, Delhi on 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2018 and won many prizes.

Miss Prapti Gupta, most talented disciple of Guru Smt Alpana Nayak presented solo performance at **International Odissi Dance Festival** held at Rabindra Mandap, Bhubaneswar on 26th December 2018.

Miss Shreysha, a disciple of Guru Alpana Nayak, bagged the prestigious CCRT Scholarship from Ministry of Culture, Government of India for 2018.

Our Divyang Students performed at the inauguration of **World Book Fair** organised by National Book Trust of India on 5 January 2019 at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.

One of our talented upcoming Odissi dancer Miss Prapti Gupta paid obeisance to her Guru at **Dakshinanjali** - an event organised by A.L.P.A.N.A. at C D Deshmukh Auditorium, India International Centre, Max Mueller Marg, Lodhi Estate, New Delhi on the 24th of February 2019. **Padmashri Guru Smt. Madhvi Mudgal**, the Chief Guest of the event praised Prapti for her elegant postures and beautiful abhinaya.

A WORKSHOP was organised by A.L.P.A.N.A. on 5 March 2019 at our institute at Ghaziabad where Shri Nitish Mohan Tripathi, an officer of the Department of Social Welfare, Government of Delhi was invited to enlighten the parents of our Divyang students about how to register for the UDID card.

Guru Smt Alpana Nayak along with her students performed at **Noida Sanskriti Mahotsav 2019** held at Noida Shilp Haat on 31st March 2019.

#### **ACTIVITIES DURING 2019-20:**

**NRITYANJALI:** An evening of Odissi Dance was organised by A.L.P.A.N.A. at Multipurpose Hall, India International Centre, New Delhi on 17 April 2019 where Anoushka Agrawal, Akankshya Satapathy & Disha Kannan, senior disciples of Guru Smt. Alpana Nayak presented special choreographies in Odissi Dance style. **Shri Suresh Chandra Panda, former CEO of Prasar Bharati,**

Govt. of India, presided over the event and Shri Mukul Goel, IPS, Addl. DGP, BSF was the Chief Guest of the event.

**DIVYA KALA SHAKTI:** Divyang students of A.L.P.A.N.A. performed at “Divya Kala Shakti (Witnessing Ability in Disability)” programme at Rashtrapati Bhavan Cultural Centre, New Delhi on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2019 organised by Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disability, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India.

Senior disciples of Guru Smt. Alpana Nayak performed at Delhi Odissi utsav at Jagannath Mandir, Tyagraj Nagar, New Delhi on 20th April 2019.

**INDRADHANUSH 2019:** The 16th annual event of A.L.P.A.N.A. was held at LTG Auditorium, New Delhi on 24 May 2019. Shri Sanjeev Chadha, IFS, Managing Director of NAFED was the Chief Guest and Sangeet Natak Akademi awardee Sangeet Acharya Shri Bankim Chandra Sethi, Ms Nalini, Director of Sangeetika Institute and Ms Kamilini, Chairperson of Kathak Kendra were the Distinguished Guests of the event. Shri Sandeep Silas, IRTS presided over the event. Over the last sixteen years INDRADHANUSH has become a unique platform for inclusive arts where young dancers and musicians from across socio economic strata of society and across abilities perform on the same stage in front of a discerning audience.

Challenged and Non-Challenged students of A.L.P.A.N.A. performed Odissi and Folk dances at different events at different venues organised by BPCL.

**DIVYA KALA SHAKTI:** It was a great honour for A.L.P.A.N.A when our Divyang students performed at “Divya Kala Shakti: Witnessing Ability in Disability” - a cultural extravaganza organised by Department of Empowerment Persons with Disabilities, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment at Parliament Auditorium on 23 July 2019 in the presence of Hon’ble President of India Shri Ramnath Kovind Ji, Hon’ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji, Cabinet Ministers and Members of Parliament. Our Divyang students also presented handmade paintings to the Hon’ble President of India at an event at IPH, Delhi.

**BHOOMI PRANAM 2019:** An evening of Odissi Dance was organised by A.L.P.A.N.A. at C D Deshmukh auditorium, India International Centre (IIC), New Delhi on 25 August 2019 where Guru Smt. Alpana Nayak along with her very talented senior disciples presented new choreographies in Odissi style. Mrs. Usha Sharma, IAS, Director General of Archaeological Survey of India was the Chief Guest & Sangeet Natak Akademi awardee, Eminent Kathak Guru Shri Rajendra Gangani was the Distinguished Guest of the evening.

Handmade artefacts made by Divyang and underprivileged students of A.L.P.A.N.A. were displayed and sold at Shilpa Kala Utsav organised by All India Women’s Conference (AIWC) at Aga Khan Hall, New Delhi on 9 & 10 October 2019. Divyang students of A.L.P.A.N.A. also performed at the inauguration of Shilpa Kala Utsav in the presence of Ms Sushma Seth, renowned bollywood actress and the president of AIWC.

Handmade artefacts made by special students (Divyangjan) and underprivileged students of A.L.P.A.N.A. were also displayed and sold at different venues and melas such as Health Mela, Nehru Stadium, New Delhi from 18 to 20 October 2019 and at Diwali Mela, Sardar Patel Vidyalaya, Lodi Estate, New Delhi on 19 & 20 October 2019.

Miss Nerissa Rout, the extremely talented disciple of Guru Alpana Nayak bagged the coveted Cultural Talent Search Scholarship from CCRT, Ministry of Culture, Government of India for 2019.

**SAMBHAV 2019:** The fact that Divyang persons are more able than others has been proved year after year by our NGO since 2006 when SAMBHAV was launched as a platform for showcasing the artistic talents of Divyang persons. Over the years SAMBHAV has become a major milestone in renewing India’s commitment for the upliftment of Divyangjan and has expanded its ambit to project India as not only incredible but also inclusive. The fourteenth edition of SAMBHAV held on 15, 16 and 17 November 2019 at India International Centre, Lodi Estate, New Delhi attracted 17 groups from Australia, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Iran, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Russia, Sri Lanka, Tajikistan, USA, Uzbekistan and Vietnam besides 13 groups from Indian States of Delhi, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Nagaland, Odisha, Rajasthan, and West Bengal.

SAMBHAV 2019 was launched in a colourful show on 15 November by Hon’ble Shri Prestone Tynsong, Dy Chief Minister of Meghalaya. SAMBHAV 2019 included International Seminar on “Sharing of Best Practices in Empowerment of Divyangjan”; International Seminar on “Yoga: A therapy for different disabilities” ; Forum for International Cooperation; International Exhibition of paintings, sculptures and artefacts made by Divyang artists; Art & Craft Workshops for all the

participants; International Workshops on Dance Therapy and Music Therapy; International Event of Performances by artists with disabilities; Exposure visits to Heritage Sites and Interaction visits to different Schools of NCR.

At SAMBHAV 2019 experts and resource persons from Bangladesh, USA, Vietnam, Sri Lanka, Australia, Nepal, Russia, Iran, Ujjain- India, All India Institute of Medical Sciences - Delhi and Ministry of Health & Family Welfare emphasized the need of holistic approach to disability issues. In the Seminar on Yoga, Prof Rima Dada from AIIMS, New Delhi and Dr Hema Kohle, MD, (Ayurveda) presented papers based on their research themes highlighting the positive effects of Yoga to tackle different issues related to disabilities.

The prominent guests for the evening performances were Dr. Dhan Singh Rawat, Hon'ble Minister for Higher Education and Cooperative, Govt. of Uttarakhand, Shri Balbir Punj, Former Member of Parliament, Mr. Justice Arijit Pasayat, Former Hon'ble Judge of Supreme Court of India, Padma Shri Prof Y. K. Chawla, Former Director of PGIMER, Chandigarh, HE Dr. Manoj Nardeosingh, Secretary General of AARDO, Mr. Vishvapavan Pati, Member of Postal Service Board of India, Mr. Chhabilendra Roul, Secretary, Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers, Govt. of India, HE Mr. Austin Fernando, High Commissioner of Sri Lanka to India, Mr. Tomio Schichiri, Country Director, FAO, India Country Office.

Our Divyang students performed at a Mela organised by General V K Singh, MoS for Road Transport and Highways at Ghaziabad on 6th December.

**NRITYA PRAVAHA** - Extremely talented upcoming Odissi Dancer Ms Pihu Shrivastava, senior disciple of Guru Smt. Alpana Nayak presented **Nritya Pravaha** - an evening of Odissi Dance along with four Divyang Odissi dancers namely Tanmay Aggrawal, Abhishek Rana, Khushi Sagar and Preeti at Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts (IGNCA), New Delhi on 2nd February 2020.

**EKAM FESTIVAL** - Divyang students of A.L.P.A.N.A. performed at the opening ceremony of **EKAM FESTIVAL**, a mega event organised by National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Govt. of India at Connaught Place, New Delhi on 2 March 2020.

Our extremely talented special student Ms Khushi Sagar has been awarded with Aagaman Yuva Tejaswini Award on the International Women Day 2020 by AAGAMAN, Delhi on 7 March 2020.

#### **ACTIVITIES DURING 2020-21:**

Guru Smt Alpana Nayak and her disciples Prapti Gupta, Disha Kannan and Pihu Shrivastava presented a special choreography titled "**CORONA se Daro na!**" to defeat CORONA in May 2020.

**DHARMA CHAKRA DAY** - Guru Smt Alpana Nayak and her disciples were privileged to perform an Odissi Ballet based on the life of Lord Buddha on the auspicious ASADHA POORNIMA DHARMA CHAKRADAY on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2020 organised by International Buddhist Confederation virtually. Performance was witnessed and appreciated by Buddhist Monks and Nuns from all over the world.

**INDRADHANUSH 2020:** Due to COVID-19 pandemics INDRADHANUSH 2020, the 17th annual event of A.L.P.A.N.A. was organised on **VIRTUAL MODE** on every Saturday and Sunday of the month of September on Facebook Live & YouTube Live. In INDRADHANUSH 2020 a series of virtual live performances were presented to nourish and encourage the young talents in the field of Odissi dance and music and it received a huge response.

**JHOOM INDIA** - Our very talented Special Students Preeti, Khushi Sagar, Pallavi Joshi, Tanisha Garg, Abhishek Rana, Tanmay Agarwal, Falak and Sangita participated in JHOOM INDIA National level talent competitions organised by Shanti Dham Foundation on **VIRTUAL MODE** and won many prizes. Preeti and Khushi won 1<sup>st</sup> prizes in dance in their respective categories. Sangita won 1<sup>st</sup> prize, Khushi and Tanisha got 2<sup>nd</sup> prize and Tanmay got 3<sup>rd</sup> prize in painting in their respective categories.

**SAMBHAV 2020:** The 16th edition of SAMBHAV was held on **VIRTUAL MODE** on 18, 19 and 20 December 2020. More than 600 artists with disabilities from 15 countries participated in SAMBHAV 2020 which was Live streamed on Facebook Live and on YouTube ALPANA OFFICIAL CHANNEL. Hon'ble Justice Mr Dipak Mishra Former Chief Justice Supreme Court of India was the Chief Guest and Padmashree Prof YK Chawla was the distinguished guest at the inaugural event. SAMBHAV 2020 had international performances on all three days, presentation of SAMBHAV SAMMAN, international seminar on disability, international seminar on Yoga, Art and Craft exhibition, international art and craft workshop, international workshop on dance therapy,

international workshop on music therapy, international Yoga workshop and international cooperation event of signing of MoU. The event base performance and live streaming centre was MP Hall, India International Centre, New Delhi on all the three days of the event.

The prominent guests of the events of International Performances on Virtual Mode were **Shri Bidyut Swain, IAS, Special Secretary, Ministry of Commerce, Govt. of India, Ms S Aparna, IAS, Secretary, Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers, Govt. of India, Hon'ble Mr Vladimir Bezhenov, General Director, All-Russia Association of the Blind and Mr Sanjit Jha, Director, India Culture Centre, Moscow.**

Miss Disha Kannan and Miss Pihu Shrivastava, disciples of Guru Smt Alpana Nayak and promising Odissi Dancers presented solo performances at **International Odissi Dance Festival-2020** held at Rabindra Mandap, Bhubaneswar on 27th December 2020.

**STATE AWARD** - our Divyang student Abhishek rana received STATE AWARD in BEST CREATIVE PERSON WITH DISABILITIES CATEGORY for 2020. This award was given by the Deptt of Social Welfare, Govt of Delhi on 25 March 2021.

**BHOOMI PRANAM 2020:** A.L.P.A.N.A. organised BHOOMI PRANAM 2020 at CD Deshmukh Auditorium, India International Centre (IIC), New Delhi on 21 March 2021 where Guru Smt. Alpana Nayak along with her senior disciples presented new choreographies in Odissi style. **Shri Rajesh Verma, IAS, Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Corporate Affairs** was the Chief Guest and **Dr. U. S. Awasthi, MD, IFFCO** was the Distinguished Guest of the evening.

#### **ACTIVITIES DURING 2021-22:**

**WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY:** Mrs Alpana Nayak, President of A.L.P.A.N.A. presented a paper on the topic "Inclusion in Workplace- Challenges and Opportunities in a Post Pandemic World" in the webinar organized by SAHAYA, Odisha to celebrate WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY on 2 April 2021 where our students with Disabilities performed Odissi classical dance on virtual platform.

**INDRADHANUSH 2021 CORONA SPECIAL:** A.L.P.A.N.A. organised INDRADHANUSH 2021 CORONA SPECIAL on virtual mode on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2021. As the world continues diligently to fight against COVID-19, Divyang artists and other disciples of A.L.P.A.N.A. some of whom are CORONA survivors themselves offered, in a humble way, a small respite from all the fear and anxieties clouding over our lives.

**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE, THAILAND:** Guru Smt. Alpana Nayak presented a paper as a guest speaker at Virtual International Conference organised by Art for All, Thailand and Ministry of Culture, Govt. of Thailand on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2021. The conference was inaugurated by H.E. Itthiphol Kunplome, Minister of Culture, Thailand and Mr. Prasong Ongpreechakul, Former United Nations official and co-founder of the Art for All Foundation was the moderator.

**INDRADHANUSH 2021:** Due to COVID-19 pandemics INDRADHANUSH 2021, the 18th annual event of A.L.P.A.N.A. was organised on VIRTUAL MODE on 15 August 2021 on Facebook and YouTube. In INDRADHANUSH 2021, a unique event of Inclusive Arts, variety of virtual performances were presented to nourish and encourage the young talents in the field of Odissi dance and music (vocal and instrumental) and it received a huge response. **Shri Siddharth Kishore Dev Verman, IAS, Secretary, National Minorities Commission, Govt. of India** was the Chief Guest and **Shri Gudey Srinivas, IAS Addl Secretary and Financial Adviser to the Govt of India** was the Distinguished Guest of the event.

**SAMBHAV 2021:** The sixteenth edition of SAMBHAV held on VIRTUAL MODE on 10 & 11 December 2021 had participants from 14 countries such as **United States of America, Australia, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Iran, Kenya, Philippines, Russia, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan and Vietnam** besides groups from Indian States of **Delhi, Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh, Telengana, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Nagaland, Punjab, Odisha, Rajasthan and West Bengal.** On 10th December 2021 SSAMBHAV started with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp by the Chief Guest **Shri Apurva Chandra, IAS, Secy, Ministry of I&B, Govt. of India.** SAMBHAV 2021 included webinars, Art & Craft workshops, Yoga workshops, Workshops on Dance & Music Therapy, Exhibitions of paintings and artefacts made by Divyang artists and most importantly International performances. This year's SAMBHAV witnessed participation by Divynag artists, trainers, researchers, experts and stakeholders from five continents of the world.

**BHOOMI PRANAM 2021:** BHOOMI PRANAM - an event of Odissi Dance recital was organised by A.L.P.A.N.A. at CD Deshmukh Auditorium, India International Centre (IIC), New Delhi on 6 March 2022 where talented senior disciples of Guru Smt. Alpana Nayak and Guru Shri Santosh K Swain, Assistant teacher of A.L.P.A.N.A. presented new choreographies in Odissi style. H.E. Mrs Katharina Weiser, Ambassador of Austria to India was the Chief Guest of the evening.

#### **ACTIVITIES DURING 2022-23:**

**INDRADHANUSH 2022:** After a gap of two years A.L.P.A.N.A. presented its 19<sup>th</sup> Annual event INDRADHANUSH 2022, an event of dance and music and a Painting Exhibition by talented young disciples including Divyang (persons with disabilities) students on 24 July 2022 at M P Hall, IIC, Delhi. **Shri Ram Mohan Mishra, IAS (Retired), Former Secretary, Government of India, Ministry of Women & Child Development** was the Chief Guest of the event.

**BHOOMI PRANAM 2022:** A.L.P.A.N.A. presented BHOOMI PRANAM 2022-A salute to Mother India to celebrate AZADI KA AMRIT MAHOTSAV on 12 September 2022 at India International Centre, New Delhi. To commemorate the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of India's Independence senior students of A.L.P.A.N.A. presented special choreographies on variety of songs such as "Bharat Anokha Raag hai...", "Main Naye Bharat ka Chehra hoon...", "Har Ghar Tiranga Anthem song" and our National song Vande Mataram which is a salute to a country blessed with beautiful music, to a country which is the melody of love and peace and to a country ornamented with extraordinary diversity in unity. Talented singers of A.L.P.A.N.A. presented different patriotic songs in different languages of India including Sanskrit. Guru Smt. Sharon Lowen, internationally acclaimed Odissi, Manipuri and Chhau Exponent, Scholar and Researcher was the Chief Guest of the evening whereas Ambassador Shri Amarendra Khatua, former Director General of ICCR and Shri Wajahat Habibullah, former Chief Information Commissioner of India were the Distinguished Guests of the event.

**SAMBHAV 2022:** The seventeenth edition of SAMBHAV held on VIRTUAL MODE on 17 & 18 December 2022 had participants from Australia, Bangladesh, Iran, Malaysia, Philippines, Russia, Sri Lanka, Thailand and USA besides groups from Indian States of Delhi, Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Nagaland, Punjab, Odisha and West Bengal. On 17<sup>th</sup> December 2022 SAMBHAV started with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp by the Chief Guest Mr. Ali Raza Rizvi, IAS, Secretary, Dept. of Public Enterprises, Ministry of Finance, Govt. of India. SAMBHAV 2022 included webinars, Art & Craft workshops, Yoga workshops, Seminars, Workshop on Music Therapy, Exhibitions of paintings and artefacts made by Divyang artists and most importantly international event of performances. This year's SAMBHAV witnessed participation by Divyang artists, trainers, researchers, experts and stakeholders from different countries of the world.

Our Divyang students performed at **Divya Kala Mela 2022** organised by NHFDC, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India at India Gate on 2 December 2022 in the presence of Dr. Virendra Kumar, Cabinet Minister, MSJE, Govt. of India and also at **Kala Samantar** organised by National Gallery of Modern Art on 9 December 2022 to celebrate World Disability Day.

Guru Smt Alpana Nayak along with her disciples Pihu Shrivastava, Disha Kannan, Devika Seth, Yastika Dhawan, Lavisha Gulati and Nerissa Rout performed at prestigious **International Odissi Dance Festival 2022** at Rabindra Mandap, Bhubaneswar on 29 December 2022.

Senior disciples of Guru Smt Alpana Nayak, Prapti Gupta, Pihu Shrivastava and Disha Kannan performed at India Telecom 2023 - 'An Exclusive International Expo' on 22 March 2023.

#### **ACTIVITIES DURING 2023-24:**

Our talented Divyang students performed at **Sapnon ki Udan 2023** organised by Pure Hearts NGO on 22 April 2023 at Gurgaon to create Autism Awareness and celebrate Diversity.

Our talented disciple Prapti Gupta received the most coveted "Kailashpati Rangnaath Dattatraya Bendre Puraskaar" of Akhil Bharatiya Gandharva Mahavidyalay Mandal, Maharashtra for being the topper of all India exams in 2019 batch at the convocation of ABGMVM on 6 May 2023.

**INDRADHANUSH 2023:** The 20<sup>th</sup> annual event of A.L.P.A.N.A. was held at India International Centre (IIC) on Max Mueller Marg, New Delhi on 27 May 2023. **Shri Manoj K Dwivedi, IAS, Addl. Secy., Dept. of Personnel & Training, Govt. of India** was the Chief Guest and Guru Smt.

Geetanjali Lal, Sangeet Natak Akademi Awardee and eminent Kathak exponent was the distinguished guest of the event. Over the past twenty years INDRADHANUSH has become a unique platform for inclusive arts where young dancers and musicians from across socio economic strata of society and across abilities perform on the same stage in front of a discerning audience.

Three talented students of A.L.P.A.N.A. such as Aditri Patjoshi, Ishita Rajput and Hannsika Devv won prestigious CCRT National scholarship for Odissi Dance awarded by the Ministry of Culture, Government of India for 2021 and 2022.

Odissi Dance performance by Guru Smt. Alpana Nayak and her disciples was telecast on DD Bharati on 22 & 23 June 2023.

**BHOOMI PRANAM 2023:** A.L.P.A.N.A. presented BHOOMI PRANAM 2023 - an event of Odissi Dance recital at CD Deshmukh Auditorium, India International Centre (IIC), New Delhi on 27 August 2023, where talented senior disciples of Guru Smt. Alpana Nayak presented new choreographies in Odissi style. The highlight of the event was **UPEKSHITA** - a Dance Drama (Nrutya Natika) in Odissi style based on two most neglected and misunderstood characters of the great epic of Ramayana-Urmila and Suparnakha. It was a very unique interpretation of these two characters. It was conceptualised, choreographed and directed by Guru Smt Alpana Nayak. **Shri Wajahat Habibullah**, former Chief Information Commissioner of India, **Guru Shri Ratikanta Mohapatra**, Director of Srijan and DEAN of Sri Sri University, Bhubaneswar and Kerala SNA Awardee **Mohini Attam** exponent **Guru Smt. Jayaprabha Menon** were the Distinguished Guests of the evening.

Senior students of A.L.P.A.N.A. performed at Sarbojanin Durga Pooja Festival at Pandara Road, New Delhi on 21 October 2023 under Horizon Series Programme of Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR).

Guru Smt Alpana Nayak along with her troupe was honoured to perform at the celebrated **Kullu International Dussehra Festival** on 29 October 2023 sponsored by the ICCR.

**SAMBHAV 2023:** Hon'ble President of India H.E. **Smt. Draupadi Murmu** in a special message to A.L.P.A.N.A. has written "I am happy to know that the Association for Learning Performing Arts & Normative Action (A.L.P.A.N.A.) is celebrating its eighteenth International event, **SAMBHAV 2023** for Divyang Artists, for renewing their commitment to the empowerment of Divyangjan (Persons with Disabilities) from 18th to 19th November 2023 at India International Centre, New Delhi. Since its inception, A.L.P.A.N.A. has been working ardently through **SAMBHAV**, a platform for Divyangjan to showcase their talent and prove to the world that their efforts are not hindered by any kind of obstacles. **Guru Alpana Nayak** is a professional Odissi Dancer and has contributed immensely to the spread of Indian culture in India and abroad through her dance. I came to know that she is among very few exponents of Odissi dance who train Divyangjan in Indian classical and folk dance forms for their holistic development in society. I extend my warm greetings and felicitations to all those associated with the Association for Learning Performing Arts and Normative Action and wish **SAMBHAV 2023** all success." Association for Learning Performing Arts & Normative Action (A.L.P.A.N.A.), a Delhi based NGO has been working relentlessly for the empowerment and mainstreaming of Divyangjan (Persons with disabilities) since 2004. A.L.P.A.N.A. has been organising **SAMBHAV**, an international event to showcase the talents of Divyangjan through inclusive arts every year since 2006 and **SAMBHAV** has become a major milestone in renewing India's commitment for the upliftment of Divyangjan. **SAMBHAV** which means "possible" in Sanskrit language, is a platform to showcase the talents of Divyangjan and to prove to the world that their efforts and courage are not hindered by any kind of obstacles in the form of disabilities.

**SAMBHAV 2023**, the eighteenth **SAMBHAV** in a row was planned to celebrate and show case holistic development and inclusive growth of Divyang artists from India and abroad and to be a unique demonstration of the will to succeed irrespective of the region and culture they belong to. It is an attempt to establish global synergy for serving the humankind. After a gap of three years this year **SAMBHAV** was held on physical mode on 18 & 19 November 2023 at India International Centre, New Delhi which had participants from Australia, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Indonesia, Iran, Myanmar, Nepal, Russia and Sri Lanka besides groups from Indian States of Delhi, Gujarat, Jammu & Kashmir, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Nagaland, Punjab, Odisha, Rajasthan and West Bengal. **SAMBHAV 2023** included International Seminar on "Divyang Artists with Disabilities for an inclusive

society”, Yoga Workshop and Seminar on Yoga, International Exhibition of paintings and artefacts made by Divyang artists, Art & Craft workshop, Workshops on Dance Therapy and Music Therapy, International Events of Performances by Divyang artists from different countries and from different states of India. This year’s SAMBHAV witnessed participation by Divyang artists, trainers, researchers, experts and stakeholders from different parts of the world. In the morning of 18<sup>th</sup> November SAMBHAV was launched with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp by the Chief Guest Ms Mamta Dubey, IFS, Former Head of Forest Force, Govt. of U.P. and the Distinguished Guests Ms Nandita Gupta, IAS, Sr Advisor, CMO, Govt. of Himachal Pradesh, Shri Abhay Kumar, IFS, DDG, ICCR and Shri Sandip Ghosh, Publisher, The Outlook. At the Launching Ceremony participants from all groups wearing their national attire and holding their national flags came to the stage one by one and posed for photographs.

After the Launching Ceremony, International Exhibition of paintings and artefacts made by Divyang artists was unveiled by Ms Shubhrata Prakash, IRS, Commissioner of Income Tax, Govt. of India followed by Dance Therapy workshop conducted by Internationally renowned Kathak Exponent duo Padma Shri Ms Nalini & Kamalini Asthana. Since teaching of Art & craft is an important curriculum of any training institute for Persons with Disabilities, every year Art and Craft workshops are organised for all the participants of Sambhav. In SAMBHAV 2023 Art & Craft Workshop was conducted by Mrs Alka Agrawal, HoD, faculty of A.L.P.A.N.A. On the second day Dr Anant Gopal from S-Vyasa University, Bangalore conducted Yoga Workshops for the participants which was followed by Seminar on Yoga. Mrs. Bijay Laxmi Hota, Yoga Guru and Author chaired the seminar while Prof Dr Rabindra Acharya of S-VYASA University, Bengaluru presented a well-researched paper on “Impact of Yoga on Disability”. After the Yoga session international seminar chaired by Padma Shri Dr. Uma Tuli, Founder & Mg Secy, Amar Jyoti Charitable Trust, Delhi was held. In the seminar seven papers were presented by Ms. Suzanne Louise Whiteman from Australia, Ms. Sudha Joshi from Gujarat, India, Ms. Sudikshya Dongol from Nepal, Ms. Marina Sukharkova from Russia, Ms Devika Seth from Bangladesh, Ms Thushari Fernando from Sri Lanka and Ms Made Widayanti from Indonesia. Shri Rajesh Aggarwal, IAS, Secretary, Department for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India obliged the audience of international seminar with his gracious presence. In the afternoon a very interesting Music Therapy Workshop was conducted by Ms. Suzanne Louise Whiteman of Alstonville Studio, Australia.

In the evening of both the days amazingly colourful, energetic, vibrant and mesmerizing performances by Divyang artists of twenty two groups from different parts of the world were held. On the first day Shri Apurva Chandra, IAS, Secretary, I&B, Govt. of India was the Chief Guest whereas Dr. P S Gahlaut, MD, Indian Potash Ltd., H.E. Dr. Shankar Prasad Sharma, Ambassador of Nepal to India, Shri Pradeep K Mohanty, Registrar, National School of Drama and Padma Shri Ms Nalini Kamalini Asthana, Kathak Exponent graced the event as Distinguished Guests. In the closing event of SMBHAV 2023 Shri Tarun Bajaj, IAS, Former Revenue Secretary of India was the Chief Guest and Shri Jatindra Swain, IAS, Former Secretary to Govt. of India and Shri Rajeev Sharma, Sr Advisor, Tata Power were the Distinguished Guests.

**India International Trade Fair 2023:** Disciples of A.L.P.A.N.A. enthralled the huge audience with their Odissi Dance performances at the prestigious India International Trade Fair 2023 at the Bharat Mandapam of Pragati Maidan, Delhi.

Guru Smt. Alpana Nayak and her disciples presented TATHAGAT, a ballet in Odissi style based on the life of Lord Buddha at the cultural evening of International Buddhist Confederation’s General Assembly Meeting on 28 November at Ashok Hotel.

Devika Seth, Disha Kannan and Yastika Dhawan, senior disciples of A.L.P.A.N.A. performed at the 23rd Barabati Festival at IIC Delhi on 10 February 2024.

Guru Alpana Nayak along with her disciples performed live at online platform at Jan Bharat Rang under the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Bharat Rang Mahotsav organized by National School of Drama on 21 February 2023.

Dance troupe of A.L.P.A.N.A. led by Guru Smt Alpana Nayak mesmerised huge audience at the auspicious Ayodhya Ramotsav 2024 on 25 February 2024 with their spectacular presentation.

Nerissa Rout and Adrika Das, disciples of Guru Smt Alpana Nayak performed at Nrityanjali event organised by S.U.N.A.INA to celebrate Maha Shivaratri.

A.L.P.A.N.A.'s student Shreysha Singh, a CCRT scholarship holder was invited to perform at 10<sup>th</sup> Virasat Kamladevi Festival organised by CCRT, Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India on 8 March 2024.

Guru Smt. Alpana Nayak conducted Dance Workshop at Ojas Academy School, Ramprastha, Ghaziabad on 1 March 2024.

**NRITYANJALI 2024:** A.L.P.A.N.A. presented NRITYANJALI 2024 - A Tapestry of Rhythm and Grace on 29 March 2024 at C. D. Deshmukh Auditorium, India International Centre, New Delhi where disciples of Guru Smt. Alpana Nayak, Padmashri & SNA Awardee Guru Smt. Geeta Chandran and SNA Awardee Guru Pt. Rajendra Gangani presented Odissi, Bharatnatyam and Kathak dance. Shri Sanjeeb Kumar Mishra, Secretary-cum-Controller of Examinations, National Recruitment Agency, Delhi, Shri Srikanta Panda, Additional Controller General of Communication Accounts, Ministry of Communications, Govt. of India, Ms Amita Prasad Sarbhai, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India and Padmashri Guru Smt. Geeta Chandran were the Distinguished Guests of the event.

Divyang students of A.L.P.A.N.A. performed at the inaugural function of Salesforce Marketers Conference organised by MC<sup>2</sup> on 30 March at Ghaziabad, U.P.

#### **ACTIVITIES DURING 2024-25:**

Shreysha Singh and Lavisha Gulati senior disciples of A.L.P.A.N.A. attended a four-day Odissi dance workshop conducted by Padma Shri and SNA awardee Legendary Guru Smt. Kumkum Mohanty organised by Sanchari Foundation, Delhi.

Our talented Divyang students performed at Sapnon ki Udhan 2024 organised by Pure Hearts NGO on 27 April at Gurgaon to create Awareness about Autism and celebrate Diversity.

**INDRADHANUSH 2024:** The 21<sup>st</sup> annual event of A.L.P.A.N.A. was held at India International Centre (IIC) on Max Mueller Marg, New Delhi on 2 June 2024. **Guru Smt. Kumkum Mohanty**, Padma Shri and Sangeet Natak Akademi Awardee eminent Odissi exponent was the **Chief Guest**, **Smt. Annie George Mathew**, Hon Full-time Member of 16th Finance Commission and Former Special Secretary, Dept. of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, Govt. of India who **presided** over the event and **Distinguished guests** of the event were **Smt. Amneet P Kumar**, IAS, Commissioner & Secretary, Department of Women & Child Development, Govt. of Haryana, **Smt. Anju Ranjan**, IFS, DDG, ICCR, Min of External Affairs, Govt. of India and **Shri Rajeev Kumar**, Chief Signal Engineer, Northern Railway, New Delhi. Over the past twenty one years INDRADHANUSH has become a unique platform for inclusive arts where young dancers and musicians from across socio economic strata of society and across abilities perform on the same stage in front of a discerning audience.

**VIETNAM VISIT:** The Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR), Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of India had sent an 8-Member Odissi Dance troupe of A.L.P.A.N.A. led by Guru Smt. Alpana Nayak for cultural performances on the occasion of Independence Day Celebration in Vietnam from 11<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> August 2024.

During this visit A.L.P.A.N.A. troupe performed at 8 different events at 7 provinces of Vietnam including the Indian embassy in Hanoi on the Independence Day of India. They also represented India in an International Dance Festival organised by the Ministry of Culture, Sports & Tourism, Vietnam and won Silver Medal. Guru Alpana Nayak conducted an Odissi Dance Workshop for the students and teachers of Vietnam Dance Academy, Hanoi. It was a great moment of pride when the dancers got a standing ovation from the audience at the iconic Hanoi Opera House. Troupe's

performance at the opening ceremony of the Gala event Namaste Vietnam at Saigon organised by the Consulate General of India was very well appreciated.

**BHOOMI PRANAM 2024:** On 1<sup>st</sup> Sept 2024 A.L.P.A.N.A. organised BHOOMI PRANAM 2024 – an event of Odissi Dance recital at CD Deshmukh Auditorium, India International Centre (IIC), New Delhi where Miss Devika Seth, senior disciple of Guru Smt. Alpana Nayak made her debut as solo Odissi dancer through Manch Pravesh and also a group choreography in Odissi style was presented.

Shri Vivek Bharadwaj, IAS, Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Panchayati Raj was the Chief Guest. Padma Shri Dr. Jitender Singh Shunty, Member Core Group on Human Rights Defenders & NGOs, National Human Rights Commission; Padma Shri Vidushi Nalini Asthana, Director, Sangeetika Institute and Shri Vishwambhar Lal Shrivastava, Former APS to the senior most BJP Leader Shri Lal Krishna Advani Ji former Deputy Prime Minister & Home Minister of India were the Distinguished Guests of the event.

**SAMBHAV 2024:** The 19<sup>th</sup> edition of SAMBHAV, organized by our NGO, was a powerful showcase of the unyielding spirit and creativity of Divyang artists. The event took place at the India International Centre, New Delhi, on 30 November and 01 December 2024 and featured Divyang artists from countries like Australia, Bhutan, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Malaysia, Bangladesh and Iran, along with participants from Indian states including Gujarat, Nagaland, Delhi, Odisha, Madhya Pradesh, Jammu, Karnataka, Maharashtra and Punjab.

The event received support from the highest offices in India. Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi praised SAMBHAV as a movement fostering understanding and inclusion, and reaffirmed the government's commitment to empowering Divyangjan through initiatives like the Sugama Bharat Abhiyan and the inclusion of Indian Sign Language in the National Education Policy 2020. President Smt. Droupadi Murmu recognised the ongoing efforts of A.L.P.A.N.A. to celebrate and empower Divyang artists, highlighting the role of arts and culture in promoting inclusion.

The event began with a lamp-lighting ceremony by The Chief Guest, Mr. Rajesh Aggarwal, IAS, Secretary of DEPwD, symbolising the start of SAMBHAV 2024, followed by a welcome song by A.L.P.A.N.A. students. A vibrant parade of participating groups, each carrying their national flags, added to the excitement. The Distinguished Guests Prof. Virendra Kumar Paul, Director of SPA, Gol; Mr. Ranjan Khanna, IRS, Pr ADG, CBIC, Ministry of Finance, Gol; and Mr. Ajeet Sahu, IAS, Joint Secretary (International Cooperation), Ministry of Agriculture, Gol. delivered inspiring speeches emphasising the importance of creativity and empowerment for Divyangjan. Mr. Rajesh Aggarwal's keynote address resonated deeply, inspiring reflection and celebration.

The day continued with the opening of an Art and Craft Exhibition, showcasing the incredible artwork of Divyangjan through paintings and handcrafted products. A dance therapy workshop, led by the Mother Charitable Foundation from Sri Lanka, added a therapeutic touch to the event. A workshop on Handicrafts Making and Paintings, with Mr. Sandip Ghosh, Publisher of Outlook Group as the Chief Guest, provided a platform for further creativity.

The evening featured a cultural performance, with groups from Australia, Bhutan, Sri Lanka, Delhi, Gujarat, Nagaland, Nagpur, Odisha, Madhya Pradesh and Ahmedabad. Distinguished Guests, including Ms. Manmeet Kaur Nanda, IAS, JS, Department of DEPwD, Gol. and Mrs. Anju Ranjan, IAS, DDG, ICCR joined the celebrations, which concluded with a vote of thanks from Mr. Ashwani Kumar.

The second day began with a Yoga Therapy Workshop led by Dr. Anant Gopal from S-VYASA University, Bengaluru, focusing on the therapeutic benefits of yoga, mindfulness, and practical techniques. A seminar chaired by Mr. Ashok Shukla, IRAS, Chief Manager, IT, Indian Railways explored wellness and inclusion, with a paper presented by Prof. Dr. Rabindra Acharya from S-VYASA University, Bengaluru. An international seminar on "Empowerment of Artists with Disabilities," chaired by Mr. Santosh Kumar, ICAS, Ministry of Labour, Gol featured resource persons from Australia, Malaysia, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, and Ahmedabad, offering global insights on fostering creativity and inclusion. Later, a music therapy workshop by Ms. Suzanne Louise Whiteman from Australia added a melodic touch to the day.

The Chief Guest, Hon. Justice (Retd.) Arun Mishra, along with other Distinguished Guests like Shri Navneet Kumar Sehgal and Ambassador Ms. Suchitra Durai, enjoyed breathtaking performances from groups representing Iran, Bangladesh, Malaysia, Nepal, Delhi, Gujarat, Jammu, Madhya

Pradesh, Karnataka, Maharashtra, and Punjab. The release of the event's souvenir was a proud moment for everyone involved.

Hon. Justice Arun Mishra delivered a heartfelt address, and Guru Alpana Nayak offered a moving vote of thanks. SAMBHAV 2024 was a powerful reminder of how art can break barriers and redefine possibilities.

Miss Lavisha Gulati and Miss Shreysha Singh, disciples of Guru Smt. Alpana Nayak and presented duet dance performances at **International Odissi Dance Festival-2025** held at Rabindra Mandap, Bhubaneswar on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

**NRITYANJALI 2025:** A.L.P.A.N.A. presented NRITYANJALI 2025 - A Tapestry of Rhythm and Grace on 16 March 2025 at C. D. Deshmukh Auditorium, India International Centre, New Delhi where disciples of Guru Alpana Nayak, Guru Smt. Kanaka Sudhakar, Bharatanatyam & Kuchipudi Exponent, President, S.U.N.A.INA. and Sangeet Natak Akademi Awardee, Kathak Exponent Guru Pt. Rajendra Gangani presented Odissi, Bharatnatyam and Kathak dance. Dr. Gulshan Rai, Former Cyber Security Chief, in PMO, India and Mr. Kamal Uddin Talukder, Former Secretary in the Federal Government of Bangladesh were the Distinguished Guests of the event.

Students of A.L.P.A.N.A. including Divyang students performed at **Kamal Sakhi Milan** event in front of the celebrities like Hemamalini Ji, Kangana Ranawat Ji and Mrs. Sudha Murthy Ji on 25 March 2025.

**ACTIVITIES DURING 2025-26:**

Students of A.L.P.A.N.A. including Divyang students performed at the celebration event to honour the Chief Minister of Delhi at hotel Taaj Mansingh on 21 April 2025.

Guru Alpana Nayak felicitated by Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat Ji, Hon'ble Minister for Culture & Tourism, Govt. of India on 15 May 2025 in Vaishakha Buddha Purnima Divas Celebration 2025 at Dr. B R Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi. Guru Alpana's disciples presented ballet, "Tathagata" based on the life of Lord Buddha in Odissi dance style.

**INDRADHANUSH 2025:** The 22<sup>nd</sup> annual event of A.L.P.A.N.A. was held at India International Centre (IIC) on Max Mueller Marg, New Delhi on 1 June 2025. The **Chief Guest** of the event was **Ms Amita Prasad Sarbhai**, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Culture, Government of India. The Distinguished Guests of the event were **Ms. Pratibha Parkar**, Joint Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India and **Dr. Ranjana Johri**, Former PCCF, Government of Assam spoke about the outstanding achievements of A.L.P.A.N.A. students in various dance and music related competitions and examinations. The Distinguished Guests distributed award to the participants. Shri B. C. Nayak, Former IPS and Mentor of A.L.P.A.N.A. organization presented a vote of thanks. Over the past twenty-two years INDRADHANUSH has become a unique platform for inclusive arts where young dancers and musicians from across socio economic strata of society and across abilities perform on the same stage in front of a discerning audience.

**BHOOMI PRANAM 2025:** On Saturday, the 9<sup>th</sup> august A.L.P.A.N.A. organised BHOOMI PRANAM 2025 - an event of Odissi Dance recital at CD Deshmukh Auditorium, India International Centre (IIC), New Delhi where Miss Shreysha Singh and Miss Lavisha Gulati, senior disciples of Guru Smt. Alpana Nayak made their debut as solo Odissi dancers through Manch Pravesh. This was 16<sup>th</sup> BHOOMI PRANAM by A.L.P.A.N.A.

**Dr. Mallika Nadda**, President, Special Olympics Bharat, Chairperson SOAP Advisory Council was the Chief Guest and **Shri Sushil K Lohani**, IAS, Additional Secretary, Government of India and

Shri Anuj Gogia, IRS, Pr Chief Commissioner of Customs, Government of India were the Distinguished Guests.

**SAMBHAV 2025:** The 20<sup>th</sup> International Event by and for Divyangjan (Persons with Disabilities) Artists. SAMBHAV 2025, hosted by the Association for Learning Performing Arts & Normative Action (A.L.P.A.N.A.), marked its 20<sup>th</sup> year as a milestone of creativity, inclusion, and human spirit. Held at the India International Centre, New Delhi, on 4th and 5th October 2025, the international event brought together **artists with disabilities (Divyangjan)** from India and across the world, celebrating two decades of A.L.P.A.N.A.'s dedication to empowerment through performing and visual arts.

SAMBHAV 2025 received special message from Hon'ble President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu Ji.

The two-day celebration opened with messages of encouragement from dignitaries and supporters who commended SAMBHAV's enduring role in promoting inclusion through art and culture. Their words reflected A.L.P.A.N.A.'s mission to create spaces where ability takes centre stage and art becomes a universal language of equality.

The morning of 4 October 2025 began with the Launching Ceremony, graced by Chief Guest Shri Rajesh Verma, IAS (Retd.), Chairman, Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM), Government of India, and Guest of Honour Shri Devdas Apte ji (Bapu ji). The lighting of the ceremonial lamp and the welcome song by students of A.L.P.A.N.A. set a tone of warmth, hope, and collective purpose. The ceremony was followed by the inauguration of the Art and Craft Exhibition by noted painter Mrs. Anupama Trigunayat, showcasing paintings and handcrafted works created by Divyang artists.

Workshops during the day included a Music Therapy Workshop by Ms. Suzanne Louise Whiteman from Australia and a Handicraft and Painting Workshop by Mrs. Alka Agrawal, Head of Creative Arts Faculty, A.L.P.A.N.A. These sessions offered participants meaningful opportunities for learning, expression, and creative collaboration.

The evening ceremony was inaugurated by Chief Guest Shri Vivek Agrawal, IAS, Secretary, Ministry of Culture, Government of India, and Presiding Guest Mrs. Ravneet Kaur, IAS (Retd.), Chairperson, Competition Commission of India. Distinguished Guests included H.E. Mahishini Colonne, High Commissioner of Sri Lanka to India; Dr. K. Rangarajan, Director, IIFT, Kolkata; Dr. Tanmoy Bhattacharya, Heritage Expert; and Shri Niseeth Mehta, CEO, Microsign - Centre for Excellence. The ceremony celebrated international artistic collaboration through cultural performances by groups from Australia, Vietnam, Sri Lanka, Bhutan, Nagaland, Odisha, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh and Delhi. Each presentation reflected the essence of "SAMBHAV"—meaning "possible"—through stories of resilience, identity, and joy. The release of the event souvenir added a moment of pride, followed by reflections from dignitaries and a vote of thanks by Shri B.C. Nayak, Mentor of A.L.P.A.N.A.

The second day began with a Yoga Therapy Workshop conducted by Ms. Heetal, Senior Yoga Therapist from S-VYASA University, Delhi Centre, followed by a Seminar on Yoga chaired by Prof. Dr. Rabindra Acharya from S-VYASA University, Bengaluru, where Dr. Reela Hota, Odissi Exponent, Researcher and Author, presented an insightful paper on the intersection of yoga, movement, and inner harmony.

The International Seminar on "*Artists with Disabilities for an Inclusive Society*," chaired by Shri Sanjeev Chanana, brought together speakers from Australia, Vietnam, Sri Lanka, Tajikistan, Myanmar, Thailand, Nepal, Russia, and India, who shared their global perspectives on accessibility and the transformative role of art.

Following the seminar, a Dance Therapy Workshop conducted by the Mother Charitable Foundation, Sri Lanka, offered participants an experiential exploration of expression through movement. The workshop blended traditional Sri Lankan rhythms with therapeutic dance techniques, emphasizing emotional release, joy, and inclusivity.

The concluding evening featured inspiring performances by groups from India, Nepal, Russia, Tajikistan, and others, celebrating unity in diversity through rhythm and movement. Distinguished guests included Shri I.C.P. Keshari, IAS (Retd.), Director General, Association of Power Producers; Amb. Sanjay Verma, IFS (Retd.), Former Ambassador of India to Japan and Canada; Shri Subrata Das, Former Secretary Rank, Cabinet Secretariat, Government of India; and Smt. Anju Ranjan, IFS, Joint Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India. The event culminated in a heartfelt vote of thanks by Guru Smt. Alpana Nayak, acknowledging the dedication of artists, volunteers, and partners who have shaped SAMBHAV's remarkable journey.

For twenty years, A.L.P.A.N.A. has been committed to integrating **persons with disabilities (Divyangjan)** into mainstream art and culture. Since 2006, SAMBHAV has evolved into a global platform that celebrates ability, nurtures inclusion, and redefines what is possible. In its 20th edition, SAMBHAV 2025 once again reaffirmed that when art leads the way, inclusion is not only achievable but becomes beautifully inevitable.

Divyang Students of A.L.P.A.N.A. performed at Divya Kala Mela - A Cultural Programme by Divyanjan" on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2025 at India Gate organised by National Divyangjan Finance And Development Corporation (NDFDC), DEPwD, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India.

Divyang Students of A.L.P.A.N.A. performed at Purple Fest celebrations of Divyanjan organized by Institute of Secretariat Training and Management, Dept. of Personnel and Training, Govt. of India at Old JNU campus on 30<sup>th</sup> December 2025.

Students of A.L.P.A.N.A. performed at Centre for Cultural Resources and Training (CCRT) FOR celebrations of Republic - Day.

A.L.P.A.N.A.'s student Ishita Rajput, a CCRT scholarship holder was invited to perform at Virasat Kala Utsav organised by CCRT, Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India on 25 February 2026.

**NRITYANJALI 2026:** A.L.P.A.N.A. presented NRITYANJALI 2026 on 29 March at Sangam Hall, Utpadakata Bhawan, Lodi Road, NEW Delhi where disciples of Guru Alpana Nayak presented Odissi Dance performances.

Senior Students of A.L.P.A.N.A. performed at 63<sup>rd</sup> Foundation Day Celebration of Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT), New Delhi on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2026.