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Madam Poonam Natrajan, Chairperson welcomed all delegates to the 8th Annual General Meeting (AGM).

The Annual Report presentation initiated with introduction to the National Trust Act.

“The National Trust Act is the Government of India’s response to the question of parents of children afflicted with any of the four developmental disabilities—autism, cerebral palsy, mental retardation and multiple disabilities. The objectives of National Trust are:

i) Enable and Empower people with disabilities
ii) Work towards independence and inclusion of persons with disabilities and
iii) Encourage family and community participation.

People should be made aware of the forty-fifty years history of disability models, because even today, most of the people are stuck in the medical model. They think that persons with disabilities (PwDs) cannot do anything and they either need a cure or a crèche/home is to be built for them. Therefore medical model always looks for the cure. All other abilities in the child are ignored. It is thought that there is no need for training or employment or education. This all has changed now in the social model which is about adapting the environment, adapting the job place, schools, physical space and also adapting the way you think to include diversities & people with different abilities.

Clarion call by people with disabilities “Teach me skills – do not treat my ills”, it is very important for parents and professional to think about it.

In the developmental model— if the person is left out at home true development cannot place and UNCRPD brings out this paradigm shift into focus.
If you look at our Annual Report it says not disability but **discoverability**, which is our new slogan. This slogan was coined by our JS and we thank him as this brings out the strengths of the person and not his weakness.

Now I shall start with our programme and begin with registration of organizations. Our strength comes from organizations across the country who work with developmental disabilities. We have grown over the years and now we have 781 organizations registered with us. We are looking at liberalizing the norms and hope that some issues related to registration have settled over these 2-3 years.

**We constantly talk about how to constitute and activate the Local Level Committees.** Under the National Trust Act, a Local Level Committee is required to be constituted in every district of the country for a period of three years with the following members:-

- District Magistrate / Deputy Commissioner (DC);
- A representative of an organization registered with the National Trust and
- A person with disability.

We have sent letters to the DC that there are few more people who can be co-opted as members of LLCs:

- Civil Surgeon
- District Welfare Officer
- A senior local lawyer
- Parents & family members can also be co-opted.

The function of the LLCs is to create more awareness in the district about the National Trust, to screen, appoint and monitor legal guardians, promote activities such as awareness generation, how persons with disabilities can be converged and mainstreamed. The whole issue of legal guardianship needs to be discussed in detail, if the person needs support, be it property or physical, the LLC has to look into it. LLC have been constituted all over the country and funds have been released to them. Where the NGO member is from the neighboring district, we issue larger funds. These funds can be utilized for creating awareness, job creation, and skill enhancement etc. not only for destitute children but also for adults having disabilities.

For sensitization of the DC through SNAC by way of video conferencing and writing to them, we found that the PwD in LLC who belonged to other disabilities according to the Act, they were not very much aware about the possibilities with developmental disabilities. We have created the **Disability Equity Training (DET) programme**, one round of which is over. We trained **Zonal Technical Resource Trainers (ZTRT)**, six in each zone- north, south, east, west, central and north east. These people are PwD and non-disabled persons. We have also brought out a manual on DET. This will help create more awareness among the non-official members of LLC.

The National Trust Act empowers the Local Level Committees to appoint/ remove legal guardians for persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation & Multiple Disabilities. It also provides mechanisms for monitoring and protecting the interests of the individuals and their properties. Other objectives are:

- **Awareness** - Sensitization Programme
- **Who to be a guardian** - LLC has to start thinking about appointing beyond the parents as legal guardians. Many parents ask us that whom should we appoint/trust/give this responsibility. It is all about looking positively and empowering yourself, so that you can trust others. Start thinking of legal guardianship as a privilege rather than as a burden.
- **Legal Capacity & Support Networks** – To create a safe environment, one has to choose what kind of legal guardian and support system/network one requires.

From 2003 onwards, a total of 9891 legal guardians have been appointed.

I want to go on other programmes such as State Nodal Agency Centre (SNAC)/ State Nodal Agency Partners (SNAP), who work as representatives and offices of National Trust in each state.

- 28 SNACs are set up in state capitals
- For every 10 districts in larger states 38 SNAPS have also been set up in addition to 28 SNACs.
- All the 38 SNAPS have been constituted during the year 2007-08 in which an amount of Rs. 28.01 lakh has been released.
First job that we have given to the SNAC is to understand the situational analysis of the state. Their role is to do a bigger role of networking, having meeting with LLC and creating more awareness. We have also formed State Level Advisory Committee (SLAC) whose role is convergence and information to be given to state government and seeing if the state budgets can support the work of the National Trust.

Information dissemination by means of the following ways is the main role & function of SNAC/ SNAP:

- Documentation & situational analysis of each state
- Liaisoning with State Gov’t.s
- Liaisoning & training LLC members
- Networking with all registered organizations & stakeholders
- Encouraging other registered organizations to train parents
- Awareness programme
- 3 Monthly Review of SNACs, which we feel is an educative process

All the SNAC have been quite active in this year and undertaken trainings such as - DET, Organization Developmental programmes for younger NGOs, inclusive education of private and special school teachers and also community awareness programmes.

The other is our Samarth Scheme – it is a residential service both long and short term stay which marks a move away from the old institutional model. It was introduced in July, 2005 and its activities include – early intervention, special education or integrated school, open school, pre-vocational & vocational training etc. More community participation is encouraged through a Community Project Committee and project holders to have adult residents or destitute children (18 +). At present 121 Samarth centers are functioning throughout the country and I am quite happy with this year’s evaluation. Number of beneficiaries supported are 3575 at present.

We have the Aspiration (Day Care Centre) which is an Early Intervention Programme aiming at

- Work with children 0-6 years with developmental disabilities
- Make them ready for mainstream and inclusion
- Project holders have been oriented to admit children with multiple disabilities and use the ‘Accepting Diversity’ Development Calendar

We have invited partnership with organization called “Voice & Vision” which does training programmes for multiple disabilities in India. In Lucknow and Delhi we had a programme which was very well received by our project holders and we have planned six more programmes in different parts of the country:

- Jamshedpur 25, 26, 27 & 28th Sept, 08
- Dehradun 16, 17, 18 & 19 Oct, 08
- Guwahati 16, 17, 18 & 19 Nov, 08
- Ernakulam 7, 8, 9 & 10 Dec, 08
- Jabalpur 14, 15, 16 & 17 Jan, 09
- Jaipur 5, 6, 7 & 8 Feb, 09

Some of the activities covered are:
  - Awareness generation
  - Assessment & evaluation of children
  - Motivation & counseling
  - Training for daily living activities
  - Pre school skills – (pre-reading, pre-maths etc.)
  - Therapeutic services like physiotherapy / occupational therapy / speech therapy etc.
Remote Area Funding Scheme - The National Trust has no representation in about 250 districts. The scheme helps to set up services in such districts. The project is launched during the year 2007-08. 16 projects have been sanctioned and an amount of Rs. 2.91 lakh released in 2007-08. The objectives are:

- To encourage National Trust activities in unrepresented districts
- Awareness & Advocacy programmes
- Training of families & professionals
- Setting up services

I hope within next one year these schemes start working independently and receive funding from elsewhere also.

Community Based Caregivers Training (CBCT) - Course modified in consultation with RCI in 2003. In the last three years we have trained another 500 Care Givers.

- Started in 2001-02
- Trained 2300 Caregivers
- Despite 2800 trained Caregivers, no one was actually available for providing service

Shortcomings of earlier Scheme are:

- Non-availability of qualified (10th pass) persons
- Course content too theoretical & medical
- Lack of proper understanding of issues concerning rights & dignity of PwDs in training
- Absence of career prospects & progression
- Ineffective arrangement of deployment after employment
- Lack of incentive in comparison to Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA)

The Revised Caregiver Scheme:

- Desk Review of all Caregivers Courses and developing a Caregiver Course done by Saarthak & AADI
- Different levels of training with different duration like L-1 for 25 days, L-2 for 5 months and so on
- L-1 called Care Attendant, L-2 Senior Care Attendant, L-3 Care Supervisor
- We started with Phase I, in which persons from 12 NGOs were given 15 days training. These master trainers will go back and set up caregivers Cell.

Niramaya is the first Health Insurance Scheme, which has broken the disability barrier. Objectives are -

- To provide affordable Health Insurance to persons with Autism, CP, MR & MD
- Encourage health services seeking behavior among PwDs
- Improve general health condition & quality of life of PwDs

Scheme & its coverage

- Have a single premium across age band
- Provide same coverage irrespective of the type of disability
- Insurance cover up to Rs. 1 lakh
- All PwDs will be eligible & included and there will be no selection.

For the first time persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities are covered. Cashless hospitalization up to Rs.1 lakh amount covering 1 lakh population is allowed. The scheme is implemented in all the districts (except J & K) which is free for persons having family income of Rs.15,000 p.m. Premium for others is Rs.250 per annum. Payment procedure is given in the Enrolment Form, in which enrolment of beneficiaries are being done by all Registered Organizations of National Trust. So far, 6000 beneficiaries have been enrolled but that is not enough and at least 1lakh are needed.
Gyan Prabha is our Scholarship Scheme which is to encourage people with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities for pursuing any academic/vocational training/professional courses for enhancement of their skills. Post schooling could be up to any class like Class I or II or special school inputs, no formal schooling / school dropouts/ 10th pass/ illiterate / semi literate. The amount of scholarship is Rs. 700 p.m for 1 year targeting 1000 persons p.a.

Uddyam Prabha (Incentive Scheme)- is an Interest subsidy scheme for anybody who takes a loan, to promote economic activities for self employment of PwDs. Interest incentive upto 5% for BPL & 3% for others on loans upto Rs. 1 lakh for 5 years targeting 1000 persons p.a.

Research & Publication

- An evaluation of the effectiveness of LLCs, Samarth scheme and supported Guardianship Scheme
- Manual on ZTRT and Autism for mainstream Teachers
- Barrier free design in residential homes for the four disabilities by Samarthyam organization as our partners
- Newsletters
- Calendar of 12 Role Models as per last year is being planned to encourage a more positive attitude

Other Important Activities include Assisted living Project is a Group Home is being developed at Dera village in Delhi with two Delhi based NGOs. PwDs along with the family can live independently in this model home. Potential of these people can be utilized by providing vocational training from self employment. Similarly, the services of PwDs can be utilized by providing needful services to the community and people in the vicinity of the Dera village.

Association of Rehabilitation under National Trust Initiative Marketing’ ARUNIM is a Marketing federation to be launched this year Sept., 22nd by Dr. Abdul Kalam, former President of India. Its objective is to serve the interest of its members through marketing initiatives for products made by PwDs in sheltered workshops. Also they should earn minimum wages.

Road safety Aspects & Right of Way for PWDs- A pilot project has been initiated to make barrier free/accessible 1 km area around National Trust office at K G Marg, New Delhi, to make it model area. Samarthyam, an NGO has done a study on the subject so that amendments could be made in the existing guidelines / access standards of Indian Road Congress, NDMC, MCD etc. We have brought out a pamphlet for traffic police, which is in the delegate kit, for understanding these four disabilities. We want to thank Samarthyam for having done this pamphlet. Anjlee is here, she has worked really hard on it.

Organized a film festival for creating awareness on developmental disabilities in the year 2006. A job fair and disability Mela was organized on 1st & 2nd Dec. ’07. Activities in the fair included collecting C.V’s of people with 4 disabilities, sensitizing HR Managers and soft skills training of 54 disabled people, who applied. Now we are hoping that this model goes to other states and 9 more job fairs are planned.

Information Kiosks in Govt. Hospitals in Delhi has been developed in partnership with Delhi Govt., which will become functional shortly. An exhibition was organized at Delhi Haat from 25th Sept – 8 Oct, 07 for display & sale of products made by artisans from all over the country. Last year 55 NGOs had participated and the total sale was of Rs. 1.43 lakh.

Asha Kiran- is the home for Destitute Children with Developmental Disabilities running in Rohini designed for 325 persons. However now there are 750 persons. National Trust is the facilitator and AADI & SARTHAK will run the project as a model, which is more productive and has better quality of life for the residents.

Voluntary Services Overseas (VSO) - We have asked one professional volunteer as fund raiser in National Trust to help support NGOs to teach them fund raising. For the TEACH INDIA campaign, they received 90,000 letters for volunteering. VSO shall provide for National Volunteers and National Trust working in 3 states – Rajasthan, Haryana and Jharkhand with one NGO each.
National Trust constructed a ramp in Jeevan Prakash building office for making barrier free environment for the PwDs. It was constructed by DD (A) and Jeevan Prakash Building- LIC people.

In your bags there is a letter that every NGO can have an awareness programme for which upto Rs. 10,000 is provided. Most people think that Awareness Program to be launched by National Trust is not really going to happen, but it is a must and I hope that all the NGO’s get on with it and plan an awareness program. A booklet will also be distributed within the next three weeks, the main idea is to show how to make people understand and look at disability positively through rights based way and forward looking approach.

**People have to understand few concepts:**

**People First.** Think of the person then the disability. People who come to me say mentally retarded child, which should be the other way around i.e., child with mental retardation or child with intellectual disability.

**Strengths First.** What are the strengths? We must look at the strengths during the awareness program. The most recurring problem is mental age vs. chronological age. But in the paradigm shift to the new development model we want to tell all professionals and parents that all plans & programs are made according to the chronological age appropriate, for moving forward with stakeholders.

I want to give the example of a young man with mental retardation, aged 33 years, who was only being taught the pre-reading primary skills of sorting shapes and identifying colours. Therefore his parents were of the view that he can’t do anything because he cannot even learn shapes and colours. But when we looked at his age appropriate sense, we found he was very good at learning gardening; is now working successfully at a nursery and loves his job.

The awareness programs that are funded by the National Trust have to change the attitude, have to change the way of thinking. There are a lot of people who say that this child is not ready for vocational training. I have not yet met a young person over 18 years age who is not yet ready. You have to look for strength of what vocational training is possible.

Another thing that we hear is not ready for inclusive school. There will be nobody who is ready for inclusive school until he goes out there and the school will never be ready for him unless the child goes out there. Many times, when I go to NGO’s it is always the teachers and the parents, they don’t give a chance to the disabled person to explain his/her condition.

You will receive the booklet and I do hope that every NGO runs this awareness program for the National Trust.

These are the various little suggestions that I want to end with for the sanction letter you have for the awareness program. We hope that we have your support in taking forward the slogan of **discoverability.** Thank you very much.

A warm welcome to our Secretary, Mr. Acharya; Mrs. Sangita Gairola and Mrs. Poornima Singh.

Thank you for being here with us.
Experience sharing by Dr. Rajinder Singh Sethi (Ex. Board member of National Trust)

“I am from Mumbai and now I am leaving National Trust after three years. We have at NAB with multiple handicap unit and Helen Keller Institute. We have started National Trust information spreading in Mumbai.

I want to tell you about four disabilities of National Trust. You know that there are two good movies made recently:
1. Tare Zameen par
2. Black.

Because of these movies, lots of awareness raising has happened.

I am grateful to Chairperson National Trust for including deaf blindness into National Trust. Recently Zameer has joined as board member National Trust and has helped film stars of Black movie by sharing his experience. I am thankful to Mr. Prasad for giving this opportunity to share my experiences. Thank you.”

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Open Forum Discussion

Mr. Rajneesh Sharma invited all the Board members of the National Trust and delegates for open forum discussion.

Mr. Atul Prasad informed the house about recent developments taking place in the National Trust as well as some important announcements.

- On our website - online facilities are possible now
- we have launched helpline which we call Abiline (Abilityline)
- Our marketing federation - ARUNIM
- New Schemes Care giver training
- Life long care and shelter scheme, which we are still trying to evolve

Our website is the same old one but with a new look and all the latest information is updated till there is there.

All you have to do is to serve the website frequently. It will be our preferred way of communication with you.

One question which was raised was about the registration process - you do not have to submit any hard copy when registering online. Once selected the hard copy can be submitted.

Online application for different schemes is possible now, except for Samarth or Aspiration.
• We are trying to keep the Helpline updated all the time with our NGO partner Aarth Astha

• There is a counselor approach for getting all the personalized information.

• It covers other disabilities as well.

• Presently it is in English and Hindi; we are trying to take it in different languages also across the country.

Niramaya is our flagship scheme which has received mixed reactions. This is scheme is open to all the four disabilities covered under the National Trust. For persons having family income above Rs. 15,000/- per month, the health cover is available for a very nominal charge of Rs. 250/- per annum. Insurance covers all facilities like OPDs to hospitalization to corrective surgeries, therapy etc. Alternative mode of treatment and services like Ayurvedic, homeopathic, transportation cost are also covered.

In the empanelled hospital, you can get cashless treatment. In non-empanelled hospitals you can get the treatment on payment basis and receive reimbursement from the National Trust. For enrollment in the Niramaya scheme form can be downloaded from the website or taken from and submitted to the nearest registered NGO, who will also verify genuineness of the applicant and if found fit pass it on to our nodal agency M/s Alegion Insurance and Broking, in Chennai, contact person is Dr. Ramesh. A list of all such enrolled persons is to be sent to SNAC as well as National Trust. To simplify, only for purpose of this scheme we have provided to get Disability and Income certificate in case of BPL families from the LLC NGO member.

After enrollment, M/s Alegion will compile the data base and pass on all the forms received on behalf of National Trust to ICICI Lombard, who in turn will process and issue Health Cards containing name, address and photograph of the beneficiary. These cards along with list (which presently in English) of empanelled hospitals will be sent to M/s Alegion. M/s Alegion has offered to convert the list and instructions in local language and send to the beneficiaries. The insurance is valid for a period of one year through out the country.

In order to meet the financial costs such as courier etc. on NGOs, Rs. 15 per application will be given to them. Claim settlement under cashless mode is internally settled between National Trust, M/s Alegion and ICICI Lombard. However, under reimbursement mode bills have to be submitted to National Trust and M/s Alegion. If found fit, M/s Alegion will settle the bills then and there.

If the Niramaya scheme is repeated next year, the beneficiaries are automatically enrolled for that year.
**Gyan Prabha** is a scholarship scheme to encourage people with four disabilities covered under the National Trust to pursue vocational training/professional courses for enhancement of skills.

Scholarship shall be Rs. 700 p.m. per person for 1000 persons every year, which is dispersed through SNAC/authorized agency/directly to account of applicant.

**Uddyam Prabha** is an incentive scheme for promoting income generating economic activities for self employment for people with four disabilities covered under the National Trust.

Scheme aims to benefit 1000 persons every year.

**Arunim**, marketing initiative of National Trust is:

- To ensure Professional Approach
- To Provide an Institutional Arrangement
- To Develop a Brand Image
- To Ensure Leveraging & Benefits of Economy of Scale

**Structure & Corpus**

- All India, registered Society
- Membership as per subscription
- 13 member Board
- Rs. 1 crore corpus, Rs. 10 lakh pa grant for 3 years
A revised training module for the care giver training programme has been developed by AADI and Sarthak involving different levels and duration. It gives me extreme pleasure to announce that training of first batch of master-trainers is complete.

Similarly our life long care and shelter scheme is underway. It provides guarantee for life by National Trust with regard to care services and financial security.

Awareness Expedition:

Mr. Anil Joshi informed the delegates regarding the upcoming awareness expedition scheduled for November 2008.

There are four teams to start from Delhi to four different directions covering the length and breadth of India. Replying to a question Mr. Joshi explained that one can also volunteer for a route different from the route that the expedition is taking to increase the reach.

Mr. Prasad informed that anybody who is interested in participating may please contact Mr. Anil Joshi. “People can join for a part of the programme, but certainly we will prefer volunteers who can participate for the entire stretch”.

Delegates were requested to fill up the feedback form provided in the kits and submit them before leaving.
All delegates were asked to send in entries and case studies with photographs to be printed in the coming year’s calendar.

**Arunim**, marketing initiative of National Trust is to be launched by the former president of India Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam on 22nd of this month. A workshop is also arranged to give simple ideas on improving existing designs.

Followed by this on 23rd September till 5th October, “Shilpotsav” is being organized at Dilli Haat wherein NGOs/ volunteers will sell and exhibit their products. All NGOs can apply for the event till 18th September 2008.

We have collaborated with Apparel Export Promotion Council and trying to enter a MoU with them. They will be providing:

- Customised Training Package to PwDs
- AEPC will try for 100% Placement
- National Trust will bear Cost of Training

Other one is LANCO in the construction sector, in which training & placement will also be provided.

**Computer Kiosk model** is the third project, something like the earlier version of STD/PCO booths.

- Range of services like internet, email to be provided
- These kiosks can be managed by PwDs and can earn livelihood.
- Dialogue is going on with Contract Holder of kiosks in different states such as WB, Bihar, Orissa, Uttar Pradesh and Tamil Nadu
Communication problems faced by persons with disabilities such as severe aphasia - related to CVA (stroke), tumor, infection, degenerative cognitive/linguistic disorders, traumatic brain injury and cerebral palsy.

Persons with complex communication needs can benefit by using alternate modes that can augment their communication. These modes are called Augmentative Alternative Communication (AAC), which is a term used to describe a broad range of communicative behaviors and methods which support and enhance speech attempts of people who are unable to talk clearly.

People who use AAC are a heterogeneous group with varied cognitive, motor, and linguistic abilities and belong to different disabilities and age.

It is never too early to incorporate AAC into language and communication intervention for the young child with a significant communication disability. AAC is not a “last resort” in speech-language intervention and can be incorporated into the intervention programme as it actually encourages speech development. Everyone can communicate, only that level of communication can be different.

How to record a message:

- First ensure that the Kathamala is charged. Charging takes about 5 hours.
- Switch on the device, keeping the volume control low. The red light above the switch will glow.
- Kathamala can pre-record 1, 2, 4 or 16 messages, depending on the child or adult’s needs. This can be selected by using the sliding switch at the back panel.
- The overlay indicates the message or messages that will be recorded and where they are placed. The overlay can be a drawing, word or phrase, picture or photo, or an Indian Picture Symbol for Communication.
- Hold down the recording button. Press the location where recording is to be done. Watch for the red light to glow.
- Once the red light is glowing: Release the location switch grid. Release the recording button. Speak the message into the microphone.
- Speak slowly and clearly. When the message is finished press the stop switch.
- Play the message to ensure that it has recorded.

Some instances of use of Kathamala:

- Barsha has planned her conversation with visitors to IICP beforehand and her facilitator has recorded it for her on the Kathamala.
- It can also be used as spell board for any spontaneous conversation and interaction.
• Shradha dictated the homework given by her tutor through her word board and her mother recorded it on the Kathamala. It can be used for answering questions in class and participating in group activity.

• By children who are at the early learning stage to teach them social interaction and turn taking.

• An ‘adda’ session with a group of young cricket enthusiasts discussing the IPL cricket match.

We are grateful to the National Trust for funding this project and the children and staff at Indian Institute for Cerebral Palsy, Kolkata.

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The AGM drew to an end with poetry recitation named by the “Vaida” (promise) by Shri Yogesh Kumar from Creative Education and development Society, U.P. who was inspired by Aspiration programme held in Lucknow in March 2008.

The poem has also been printed on the last page of the annual report 2007-08.
**Feedback Form - Responses of Participants**

**Question No.3**

Do you visit the website of National Trust:

65 participants said yes; 7 participants said no.

**Frequency of visit to website in a month:**

11 participants said less than once a month
27 participants said between 1 to 4 times a month
25 participants said more than 4 times a month

**Question No.4**

Are you aware of:

i. Gram Prabha Scheme: 56 participants said yes; 11 participants said no.
ii. Uddyam Prabha Scheme: 51 participants said yes; 13 participants said no.
iii. Niramaya (Health Insurance) Scheme: 69 participants said yes; 3 participants said no.

**Question No.5**

Are you aware about:

a) Proposed Long Life Care and Shelter Scheme: 50 participants said yes; 19 participants said no.
b) Revamped Caregiving Scheme: 48 participants said yes; 19 participants said no.

How many PwDs in your area will be interested in having a caregiver:

On payment basis: 4277 persons

On free basis: 13,304 persons

How many PwDs in your area will be interested and able to pay a lump sum amount to National Trust for their guaranteed life long care and shelter?

6-7 lakhs: 612 persons

7-8 lakhs: Nil

8-9 lakhs: 1 person

9-10 lakhs: Nil

Above 10 lakhs: 1 person

**Question No.8**

Do you have any themes/proposal/entry for National Trust Calendar 2009:

35 participants said yes; 6 participants said no.

**Question No.9**

If interested, name a person of your NGO who will volunteer for awareness campaign (Expedition):

42 persons were named as volunteers by the participants.
**Question No.11**

**Give your suggestions for National Trust to improve its activities and services:**

- Simplify registration Process
- Support more NGOs
- More awareness through print and electronic media and also at school and college levels
- Consider making LLC as DLC
- Extend services to rural areas through convergence of existing state programmes
- Regular evaluation once in three months
- Correspondence should be answered
- Regular newsletter fro the National Trust
- Knowledge workshop to be organized in regional areas
- Clarity in schemes like Niramaya
- Constitution of LLC may be permitted without the compulsion of PwD where there is no availability of such person
- Senior citizen programme may also be included
- National Trust Act should be protected and included in the IXth schedule of Constitution.
- Awareness programme for District collector to be organized as they say that there is no provision of the National Trust Act for presiding in LLC.
- Unplanned and abrupt changes in Niramaya and Arunim (Shilpotsav) schemes cause inconvenience to NGOs
- Information to be provided in local languages
- Letters should be sent well in advance and preferably through speed post.
- Boarding and lodging arrangements may kindly be made for AGM participants
- Hearing impaired, visually impaired and locomotor disabilities should be included in the National Trust Act
- Minimum of seven NGO representative should be elected to the governing body
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