

UMEED SOCIETY

Annual Report
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FROM THE DESK OF THE FOUNDER MEMBER AND PRESIDENT
UMEED SOCIETY

- **INTRODUCTION:**

Umeed is a Society, registered under the societies act XXI of 1860 at Chandigarh which has a wide support from professional institutions, care givers and private business houses. In a short span, Umeed has gained reputation at a **National level and received National Award from the then president Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam in the year 2003 for “National Award to Best Employer for Persons with Disabilities”**.

To work with the Intellectually Disabled children/persons and to run & maintain a kiosk in retail sale for snacks and eatables in the open market, is a unique project within itself, **Established & Registered with Registrar of Societies on 27-02-2006** and run by the Umeed Society in the tri-city of Chandigarh. It gives immense pleasure to see that these special persons work with enthusiasm in galore and zeal in their thinking and activities. This project started with a very minimal investment of the well-wishers and donors. This scheme was conceived , guided and got implemented with the foresight of employment, social integration and rehabilitation of these special children/persons by a visionary intellectual, distinguished dignity having a distinct picture on the horizon and firm believer of planned achievement of a set goal, Dr. B.S.Chavan, Director Principal, GMCH, sector 32 Chandigarh. It is he on whose initiative, never dying endeavour and forceful march to see smiles on the faces of these children/persons and their parents/guardian not only succeeded but paved a path for these types of the children/persons to live a lively life in the society. He is the founder member of the society along with other office bearers. **The growth of the society is tremendous and continuous with the increase of number of kiosks to 15 and two canteens with the participation of these special persons.** The parents/guardians of these children/persons, who are in need, are also employed in the kiosks. Since inception, around 50 such persons have been trained in retail sale and they had been employed in Umeed kiosks. A few of them have left for sheltered business and a few have gone to their native places to work with their families. Women are essential part of our society and to make them support their family financially, we provide employment to the needy women in various kiosks situated in the tricity. Presently 20 women are working in our kiosks among them some are mothers or guardians of the differently abled persons.



- **OBJECTIVE**

To provide the employment opportunities to our children with intellectual disability for making them an independent individual of the society

Starting of short-term training courses in other employable skills/areas and advance courses of the same

To introduce Grooming Sessions in the skill training to enhance their self esteem, self confidence, power of analysis, decision making & expressive power, method of presentation and to get adjusted in the main stream of the society

- **ACTIVITIES OF THE YEAR**

Some of our trained individual with intellectual Disability got employment



We have organized a capacity building workshop for Disabled Persons in collaboration with Rajiv Gandhi Foundation, Delhi and all the benefits and schemes have been told to the persons attended the workshop which are given by the state and central Govt. for the welfare of disabled individuals.



- Celebration of Diwali Festival with PwD's & Parents:





- **KIOSKS/OUTLETS**

We are managing many kiosks and outlets within the city and give employment to our intellectually disabled individuals along with their parents. The Chandigarh Administration provides us these spaces for opening of our outlets for the noble cause of providing employment to our students.

List of kiosks at different places in Chandigarh Listed below:

S. No.	Name of Kiosk	Location
1.	Ice Cream Parlour	Near Neelam Cinema, Sector 17, Chd,
2.	Photostat & Snack Bar	Passport Office, Sec-34
3.	Snack Bar	GRIID, Sector 31, Chd
4.	Snack Bar	Licensing Office, Sec-17
5.	Snack Bar	D.C. Office, Sec-17
6.	Snack Bar	Lower Court, Sec-43
7.	Snack Bar	GMCH, Sec-32
8.	Snack Bar	GMCH (Sarai building)
9.	Neonatal garments	GMCH (Neonates), Sec 32, Chd
10.	Snack Bar	GIMRC, Sec-32, Chd
11.	Snack Bar	Polyclinic, Sector 22, Chd
12.	Snack Bar	Rose Garden, Sec-16, Chd

13.	Ice Cream Parlour	FR, Manimajra , Chd
14.	Snack Bar	TATA BSS, Mohali
15.	Snack Bar	Fragrance Garden, Sector 36, Chd

UMEED is unique and innovative project and has following strengths:

1. It is a practical example of mainstreaming where Mentally Challenged Children are working at tourist attraction sites in the community.
2. It is a self sustaining unit and continuity is assured despite frequent leaves due to medical and social reasons and relievers fill the gap.
3. There is no risk of sub letting as the kiosks belong to the UMEED society and not to any individual.
4. No risk of exploitation as the children is under the supervision of parents who have similar child back at home.
5. There is no burden on the Govt.
6. Salary is paid through cheques and is transferred to the account jointly operated by the child and his parent. The money is saved for the future needs when their parents will be no more.
7. There is a wide scope of future expansion.
8. Children are learning business skills of competition, advancement, customer satisfaction, saving and self advocacy.
9. Provision of regular check up and medical care for associated medical disorders.
10. UMEED is instrumental in bringing change in attitude and perception of society towards these children.

Umeed has helped the persons with Mental Retardation and their families to lead a life of purpose and dignity. They have become a productive/earning member of the family and integral part of the society. It gives the society a message that if given an opportunity they can prove their ability and worth.

Rehabilitation Institute for Intellectual & Developmental Disorders Umeed had organized five disability camps to identify Children with Special Needs & Adults with disability in and around Ambala Distt. In these camps Screening & Identification, medical care, I Q certificate are been provided to the beneficiaries.

Two awareness camps organized at Narayan Garh & Bilaspur for the Primary School Teachers.

Annual Cultural & Annual Sports programmes were organized

World Disability Day was organized

Certification of the 250 Mentally Challenged and associative disabilities have been done.

- **Training Area**

We provide training to the students which are beneficial for their professional as well as personal growth by imparting soft skills training to our students along with the vocational training. We make them learn and concentrate on the worth they have been taught to and give them opportunity to handle the same individually in given circumstances.