

Parivaar- A National Confederation of Parents' Organisations, New Delhi for "Persons with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities"

PARIVAAR – NCPO (formerly-NFPA):

PARIVAAR – NCPO was founded in the year 1995, 22 NGOs. It was a Federation and now a Confederation with 10 **federations** and of over 280 Parent Associations and NGOs in 30 States of India working for people with Mental Retardation, Autism, Cerebral Palsy and Multiple Disabilities. Parivaar is a grass-root level organisation with 140 urban, 85 semi-urban and 55 rural parents associations.

Vision

To empower, secure rights and improve the quality of life of persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families in the country.

Mission

Creating awareness in the community for inclusion of persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities (PwIDDs) as contributing citizens at par with others, through advocacy, lobbying, creating inclusive environment and building a common platform by joining hands with all deprived sections of the society

Core Values

Parivaar seeks to apply the following three core values in whatever it does:

1. Involving people
2. Applying knowledge
3. Making things happen

Involving people: Parivaar, being an inclusive organisation forges relationship with individuals as well as organisations from all over the world for their expertise and resources. Peoples' involvement is ensured through formal processes that also ensure accountability and transparency.

Applying knowledge: A vast body of knowledge on almost every aspect of transformation of the lives of PwIDDs and their families is already available in the world. Information and communication technologies have developed dramatically to tap the existing and emerging knowledge almost on a real-time basis. Therefore, Parivaar will go in for creative adaptation of this knowledge to design and test the solutions.

Making things happen: Parivaar wants to develop operational excellence, and its flawless execution, monitor the progress constantly and rectify deviations in real-time. Parivaar wants total quality management as its framework.

General Values:

- Parivaar believes that all PwDs have strengths and inherent values and are equal before law and their dignity must be respected.

- Parivaar recognises and respects concerns, capabilities, commitment and contribution of families.
- Parivaar values collaboration and participative functioning involving all concerned individuals, organizations and coalitions.
- Parivaar values inclusion, non-discrimination, diversity, democracy, transparency, accountability, integrity and excellence.
- Parivaar values and recognizes protection of rights of child, women and vulnerable people.

Policy and Guiding Principles: Parivaar policy is open, honest and fair in all matters dealing with every stakeholder. It will advance national public policy in the interest of protecting and enhancing the vital programs and services through advocacy on legislative, regulatory and legal issues. It is centred around PwIDDs and their parents for rights, inclusion and empowerment.

Main Objectives:

- To design, develop and implement appropriate programs for creating awareness in the society.
- To design, develop and implement appropriate programs for preparing an enabling and empowering environment for PwIDDs.
- To design, develop and implement appropriate programs for securing quality of life of PwIDDs and their families.

Highlights: Since its inception PARIVAAR-NCPO has established its credibility with Government at the National & State level and in international forums.

It is the apex organisation at the national level that speaks for the rights of persons with Mental Retardation, Autism, Cerebral Palsy and Multiple Disabilities and their families.

Parivaar is a full member of the Inclusion International, a world body of parents Associations of above disabilities in over 200 countries.

- PARIVAAR offers its member associations and other interest groups:
- Capacity Building and Leadership workshops
- Publication of Newsletter and awareness material
- Support initiatives for Inclusive Education.
- Setting up self-help groups for providing occupation and employment to persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities through micro-economic activities.
- building a strong self-advocacy movement of PwIDDs enabling them to assert their wishes and desires and demand their rights
- Networking at State and National Level
- Counselling, advising and helping the affiliation organizations and individual parents.

Challenges Ahead: One of the big challenges before Parivaar is to ensure and protect the rights of PwIDDs through sustained countrywide campaign asking the Government to implement the provisions of UNCRPD through the new and amended disability legislations,

passed unopposed in Dec, 2016. We got to ensure that TPD Act is implemented in the right prospective. Network at every level with cross-disability organisations to fight for the common issues concerning all disabilities. Demand inclusion of Parivaar representatives in policy making and implementing bodies. Be vigilant against violations of human rights of PwDs and raise powerful voice against it.

Parivaar Partnerships:

- Parivaar's long standing and most enduring partnership has been with National Institute for Mentally Handicapped NIEPID (**formerly -NIMH**), Secunderabad. With every passing year since 1995 it has been expanding and strengthening.
- Parivaar conducts the NIEPID sponsored extensive awareness programmes by holding Regional Parents Meets and the annual National Parents Meet which has helped Parivaar enormously to extend its influence throughout the country.
- It was Inclusion International which recognised Parivaar at the turn of the century and developed meaningful partnership to help Parivaar implement its programmes and achieve its objective. Inclusion International selected Parivaar as one of the first member organisations to implement the Supported Decision Making (SDM) project in India.
- *The Inclusion International helped Parivaar to enter into a meaningful partnership with CBM since 2006. This partnership is helping Parivaar in spreading awareness, creating new parents' associations, conducting capacity building, SHGs and building self-advocacy movement in the country.
- Parivaar entered into a partnership with Disability Rights Fund (DRF) of US in 2009 to implement the important programme under Article 12 of the UNCRPD by conducting pilot projects on Supported Decision Making (SDM) at various places in India. This Programme concluded at the end of 2013.
- DRF has also assigned another project to Parivaar to prepare a parallel report on the implementation of Human Rights of the disabled through a national coalition. The project is known as "Hear Our Voices".
- Parivaar gets support from Libenshilfe, Austria, to meet its administrative expenses partially.
- *Partnership with International Apex bodies (Inclusion International and CBM (SARO-Bangalore), is continuing and CBM's more focus is on Self-advocacy. Thus, 5th national level convention is going to take place for 150 SAs in Nagda-MP on 16-17th Nov, 2019.

Donations to PARIVAAR – NCPO are eligible for Tax exemption under section 80G of I.T. Act. Parivaar also has registration under FCRA.