

First Edition of CSR Roundtable 2015 in New Delhi : National Level Round Table Conference on “CSR – Feedback and fast forward” with special focus to Health Sector on October 19th, 2015

BRICS Conference

Prayas JAC Society

India International Centre, October, 19th 2015: BRICS Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCI), Centre for Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), organized the First National Round Table Conference (RTC) on CSR Feedback & Fast Forward in India International Centre, New Delhi.

Hon'ble Minister of State for Finance, Shri Jayant Sinha, Special Guest, inaugurated the conference. He commented on developing “shared values” and “focus for good” that entails “corporate work beyond check writing, where companies should not only extend financial support to civil society organizations but also build capabilities and capacities to scale institutions”.

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Workshop on “Crime against Women & Juvenile Justice” – (09 Oct 2015)

A conference was organized by the North Eastern Police Academy, where Mr. Amod Kanth, extensively discoursed on the topic of child rights & principles of Court, Juvenile Justice Board & other forums. He discussed the various aspects related to the investigation by police in cases of juvenile and the procedural aspects and role of Police in such cases. Relevant information from the manual for SJPU / Police officers', prepared by Prayas Institute of Juvenile Justice in collaboration with National Institute of Public Cooperation and Child Development (NIPCCD) was referred and shared during the Conference

Vertical Interaction Course on “People Friendly Policing” at Rajasthan Police Academy, Jaipur from 05th to 9th October 2015

Rajasthan Police Academy in collaboration with BPR&D New Delhi organized a five days Around 30 Senior Police officers of the Rank of S.P. and above from different states/UTs has participated in this course, the Home Minister was chaired a national consultation organized by the Home Ministry. Mr. Amod Kanth, having a vast experience in the field of child and women rights, shared his experiences and suggestions for improvising the role of Police with changing times. A document titled ‘Community Friendly Policing’, prepared by Prayas, was also shared and referred to during the conference.

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Hon'ble Minister of State for Information & Broadcasting, Col Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore, Chief Guest, released a compendium at this event. He urged "the corporate organizations and civil society institutions to work with an integrated approach" and emphasized, "deliverance of CSR is critical".

Shri Amod Kanth, founder and General Secretary of Prayas JAC Society, in his theme presentation, raised the important question that "why are the funds from CSR activities allocated to support the government schemes" he also questioned the point that "the intent of law is not generating funds or monitoring by the government, and to create a data bank to find out the impact.

National Conference on Anti-Human Trafficking on Oct. 07, 2015

In an endeavor to carry forward the advocacy efforts, Prayas got in touch with the Under Secretary (MHA) Rajnish Kwatra. Subsequently, a meeting was with Mr. Kumar Alok, IAS JS to discuss the various dimensions and challenges related to the issue of Human Trafficking, Child Labour, Forced Labour/Marriages etc and the inclusion of NGO's/CVO's etc in the body of inter-ministerial departments. The meeting ended on a positive note and Prayas was given the opportunity to make presentation on two topics, namely Dimensions, Challenges & Response to Human Trafficking & Inter State and Agencies Coordination to curb Human Trafficking. Prayas made an impactful impression on the present officials and they were convinced that there is a dire need to have collaborative efforts from all the ministries, under the guidance of MHA and to form a consolidated SOP, covering all the aspects of TIP. All the relevant documents for the conference were prepared by Prayas team which became the basis for this unprecedented national conference. The national conference was inaugurated by Hon'ble Home Minister Shri. Rajnath Singh and Mr. Amod Kanth, General Secretary Prayas was given the

prominent opportunity to conclude the conference. He said that the responsibility of taking coordinated efforts for combating trafficking lies on the shoulder of the MHA. MHA is a central ministry, responsible for the formulation of domestic policies and can easily take lead and co-ordinate with other ministries, such as, Ministry of Women & Child Development, Ministry of Labour & Employment, Ministry of Skill development and Entrepreneurship, Ministry of Railways, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports etc. All these ministries are somehow related with different aspects of trafficking and under the guidance of MHA, they could formulate a National level task force and a body on the lines of Narcotic Control Bureau to coordinate and supervise the law enforcement and other related issues from rescue to rehabilitation. Apart from this, a comprehensive national level data bank should be in place to serve as the Resource and Retrieval Centre while reflecting all the cases, incidents and proceedings pertaining to human trafficking and also responding to relevant queries and subject matters related to human trafficking across the country. MHA needs to carry forward the CCTNS portal and should make it as one point National action oriented database on human trafficking. It was recommended and accepted in principle that MHA in convergence with the ministries, civil society organizations and other stakeholders roll out a comprehensive SOP while setting up a coordinating body at the national level. As a consequence of our collaboration with MHA, the government plans to bring an omnibus legislation to counter trafficking and address slavery, sexual exploitation and forced labour and SOPs that deal with trafficking.

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