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Continued Rehabilitation Education programme

ITANAGAR, Oct 31: Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan Rajya Mission, Itanagar (AP) in collaboration with the Department of Education, Ali Yavar Jung National Institute of Hearing Handicapped, Mumbai organised a three days training programme on the topic 'Facilitating Inclusive Practices' - a Continued Rehabilitation Education programme of Rehabilitation Council of India - for resource teachers of Arunachal Pradesh from October 29 to 31.

Inclusion of disabled children has been a mandate of SSA and the training was conducted for 35 resource teachers from all districts of AP, including Anjaw, Divang Valley, Tawang.

They are working in areas of inclusion of children with learning disabilities, multiple disabilities like Cerebral Palsy, Autism and Hearing Impairment.

The SSA Project Director Opak Gao during inau-

guration on October 29 reiterated the need for such training and said that SSA (AP) is trying to provide various facilities under the programme so that disabled people are included in mainstream schools and society.

Indu Chetry, IE consultant and Lombi, SPO for SSA (AP) said that 'Many of our resource teachers needed extra training in inclusion including the inclusive pedagogical practices and curricular adaptations in teaching. We have more than 10,000 children with disabilities in the school going age group. The resource teachers witness so many children with different disabilities in their work area but they need upgradation of the knowledge so that better inclusion can take place in our schools. We approached the National Institute (AYJNIHH) in Mumbai and they organised this Cross Disability training.'

The resource persons covered the topics of concept of inclusion, understanding of disabilities like Autism, Learning Disabilities, Cerebral Palsy and Hearing Impairment and Management and Interventions in education.

The participants got involved in activities like text adaptations and error analysis of curriculum topics that would help in inclusion in schools. The participants felt that such trainings benefited them as it helped to directly transfer what we have learnt in training to our work of inclusion. They also expressed the need for such further trainings.

The resource persons from Mumbai were Dr Varsha Gathoo, HOD, AYJNIHH, Shubhada Burde, Director, Central Society for the education of the Deaf, Sonali Saini, Chairperson, Sol's Arc and Deepshikha Mathur, Deputy Director- Training, ADAPT.