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India's first-of-its-kind special school seeks aid

Mumbai (PTI): The first-of-its-kind parallel school imparting special education to children in the country located in suburban Mumbai, has chalked up ambitious plans to impart education to 300 children with disabilities.

At a special Autism Spectrum Awareness campaign, which was attended by Shweta Kumar (actress of forthcoming Himesh Reshammiya film 'Karzz'), her father Indra Kumar (Bollywood director) and TV star Amita Chandekar (of Balaji serials and reality show fame), the NGO Sol's ARC (Assessment and Remedial Centre) sought the support of the policy decision makers in the Government.

Nupoor Kanchan, Director, Sol's ARC, said, "We are trying hard to enlist the support of the President, Prime Minister and the Union Ministry of Women and Child Welfare and Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment to get autism included as a disability in the Persons With Disability (PWD) Act.

Right now, it is included under the National Trust Act, which is only about guardianship. The PDWA offers lots of benefits and concessions including reservations and jobs in Government firms.

"The entire entertainment industry should support such noble causes and participate in initiatives such as the Sol's ARC's Autism Spectrum Awareness campaign. It was great fun to interact with the special children and they really surprised us with their abilities," Shweta Kumar, the lead actress in 'Karzz', said.