



MUD MUD KE NA DEKH

Radio Show on Cross Disability Issues

Season 3 8 episodes

Every Wednesday

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Broadcast on 17 stations of

All India Radio

Hosted by Ritika Sahni

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Trinayani

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Supported by HPCL

As in the previous two seasons, the program was hosted by Ritika Sahni, Founder Trustee, Trinayani. In each episode experts, activists and dignitaries



were invited to share their thoughts on various aspects and issues (not covered in the previous season) related to disability in India involving aspects of **Education, Gender (Disability and Sexuality), Sports (Paralympics and Special Olympics), Apylympics, Access Issues, Assisitive Technology and devices**. We also dedicated an episode to discuss the various laws pertaining to Disability issues in the country along with a discussion on the new **‘Rights of Persons with Disabilities Bill 2014’** that is currently in public discussion. Besides, we **continued with our basic campaign for DISABILITY AWARENESS as on the past two seasons of our show.**

We are grateful to all our MMKND guests for volunteering to be on our show to further the cause of Disability awareness. The interviews with the guests were all recorded at their place of work across the country. The interviews were then edited, mixed, recorded and mastered at the studios along with Recordist Nirbhay Singh (Ankit)

DETAILS OF THE 8 EPISODES

The 1st episode broadcast on 26.02.14 set the tone for the season, introducing the various stations of All India Radio in the 17 cities where the program was being broadcast. The need for creating awareness about ‘disability related issues’ among the public was stressed and the fact driven home was, that for successful inclusion of Person with Disabilities in all aspects of life or living, it was imperative that the non-disabled population begin to understand, relate and respect the abilities, strengths, and weaknesses of persons with disabilities. We also reached out to our disabled listeners informing them that there was a lot of information that was going to be shared in these programs that would be useful to them all. This episode also featured a short interview with the CSR Head of HPCL, Ms Sonal Desai who explained the CSR philosophy and policy of HPCL. The show ended with the host reciting a few lines from a poem by ‘Dushyant Kumar’.

The 2nd episode of MMKND 05.03.14 featured a discussion on ‘Universal Design’, the concept of ‘Reasonable Accommodation’ with Mr. Subhash Chandra Vashishth and Ms Shivani Gupta who also initiated a discussion on Assistive devices, explaining the weaknesses of the ADIP scheme of Govt of India.



The 3rd Episode broadcast on 12.03.14 featured an interview with Nekram Upadhyaya, Assistive Technology Specialist from Indian Spinal Injuries Center, Delhi and Dr P. J. Martin of Ali Yavar Jung National Institute for the Hearing Handicapped who talked about how Media needed to be made Accessible for persons with all disabilities.

The 4th Episode broadcast on 19.03.12 featured a conversation with Subhash Chandra Vashishth (Delhi), Nilesh Singit and Kanchan Pamnani (Mumbai) on the merits of the Persons with Disabilities Act 1995 and PWD Bill 2014. They analyzed and informed us of the reasons and need for the new Bill.

The 5th Episode broadcast on 26.03.14 saw Dr Asmita Huddar, Mrs Kashmira Jamali and Dr Smita Desai talk about Right to Education, Inclusive Education and Inclusive Support.

For the 6th Episode broadcast on 2nd April we invited two mothers who shared their stories of including their children, a now 9 year boy with visual impairment and 14 year old girl Sharnaya with hearing impairment in regular mainstream schools.

For the 7th episode broadcast on 09.04 14 we featured interviews with Prof Renu Addlakha, Dr Anita Ghai, Abha Khetarpal and Shivani Gupta, who gave their perspective on the status of women with disabilities in our country and shared their stories and discussed Sexuality and Disability.

The 8th and Final Episode broadcast on 16.03.14 was dedicated to Disability and Sports and featured discussion on Paralympics with Pradeep Raj, Abylympics with Dr Uma Tuli and Special Olympics with Syed Ali Kazim. The host also thanked all the guests who featured on the show and reiterated the need for creating awareness not only among non disabled people but also facilitating information for persons with disabilities.

CALLS RECEIVED IN RESPONSE TO MMKND

1. Amarkesh Mahendru, Special Educator, Ali Yavar Jung National Institute for the Hearing Impaired, Delhi complimented on the program.



2. Rajendra and Bharati Shah from Baroda, working in the Admin Sector of LIC. Both physically disabled called after a few episodes to agree with the issues being discussed.
3. Mohammed Elias from Mahamadabad, Lakhimpur, Khira District, Uttar Pradesh acquired a disability later in his life and was seeking rehabilitation information
4. Prasanth Kumble, Blind, working at the Collector's office, Mumbai enquired about financial assistance.
5. Riaz from Jodhpur-A 'blind' caller.
6. Prakash Paul –from an Ashram at Bhayandar, Mumbai, a senior citizen willing to volunteer at Trinayani.
7. P K Swamy T J, designer by profession, Mumbai called after the episode on Universal Design.
8. Bansi from Besawa, Jaipur District who recently turned blind and wanted to know about NGOs he could go for rehabilitation.
9. Maruti Jadhav from Kurla , passionate about helping people and expressed the need to come over to our office.
10. Sharad from Kasara congratulated us.
11. Kapil Kumar from Pona village, Seoljila, Madhya Pradesh, hand amputee, shared his despair in not knowing what to do with his life.
12. Dhananjay Singh, Executive Director, National HRD Network, National Secretariat called from Delhi, very impressed by the program and requested a meeting to understand employability of persons with disabilities in the HR profession.



13. Shailendra from Delhi listened to the Radio Show and expressed the desire to start a unit employing disabled people and said that he would keep in touch and contact once he is ready from his end.

14. Bharti Shah from Baroda suggested we do this show on TV for wider reach. She is a housewife, employed as a social worker and is a self advocate herself.

15. Ritish from Karnal, near Delhi works in the courts and has Cerebral Palsy and wanted to be on the show.

16. Sujata Samant, partially blind, works for Air India, Mumbai, a member of the Blind Graduate Forum of India, she along with other members are lobbying with TATA SKY for installing Talking set top boxes.

17. Mr Harish Kotian works in the RBI, is a Disability Rights Activist and President of the Blind Graduate Forum of India.

18. Mr Anand Bhrambhat from Ahmedabad is blind, music teacher in Railway Pura Primary School Patan Dist – Chasma taluka. He is also member of the Listeners Club, BPA, Ahmedabad.

19. Awdhesh Kumar who has low vision problem, from village Post Amahiya Dist. Barabanki UP 225409 needs low vision glasses.

20. Ujwala –who is blind from Nagpur, wanted to know about assistive devices for blind people.

21. Kaushik Patel from Anand Jila, Sarsa Village is blind and wants to know where he can go for a job.

22. Aparna Dass, Program Manager, Livelihoods, America India Foundation of Delhi has been following the Radio Show.

23. Rajendra Singh parent of a son aged 14 who has hearing impairment emailed us after listening to the 6th episode “discussing parents’ perspective on inclusive



education” and thanked us ‘for airing such a relevant issue’ and sensitizing people about the same.

24. Mr Sohanlal working for Essar, in Mumbai, called after hearing the 5th episode mentioning his granddaughter who has autism and he wanted to be put on to Dr Smita Desai who featured in this particular episode.

25. Mr Dhananjay Kumar Prajapati from Bihar Rohtak Dist- Bawanpur – who is physically disabled and a BSc Pass, called for a job.

26. Pinku Kumar, who is blind and studying in Class 10 in Natagi Shree Subhash School, Islampur, Dist Nalanda, Bihar called to say he liked the program.

27. Manish Gupta, from Lucknow, has low vision, and wants to know about the assistive devices available for low vision.

28. Rajesh Parmar, Blind, from Ahmedabad looking for a job.

29. Zeshan called from Hyderabad to speak on behalf of his friend Zakir who needed a job.

30. Jittesh from Hyderabad, 22 years of age, lost his vision when he was 19. Studying in the 12th Standard, wanted to know about Blind Cricket.

31. Akhilesh Kumar doing his Final year Graduation from Vaishali (Bihar) lost his vision after Class 12.

32. Sachin, Blind First year student, from Cotton Gree , Mumbai, apprehensive about his future, currently staying in a workshop.

32. Rajbir called from Jhajhar Harayana sharing his ordeal of a surgery in a local hospital.

33. Lakhinder Majhi called from Baishakhi Dist Bihar speaking in the local dialect saying that “ suna hai aap lok vikalang logon ka madad karte hain”

34. Dharmesh from Ahmedabad.



35. Muneshwar Kumar 19 years, physically disabled, studying B.A Part 1, needed financial assistance to pursue higher studies.

36. Murlidhar Singh (Blind) from Delhi 24 years needed a job.

37. Gobind called from Mumbai. He is studying Law and needs a Laptop, said he has been following MMKND regularly.

38. Manoj Rathore called from Bhopal saying he heard the program along with his group of friends, and also made a few suggestions.