

SAMBHAV 2016: WANGSEL INSTITUTE, DRUKGYEL PARO

ALPANA SAMBHAV started its existence in 2006 with the aim to provide platform to challenged artists and experts across the world. However, ALPANA has been working with persons with disabilities way back in 2003 and gained its momentum from 2006 with formal inception of the ALPANA SAMBHAV. ALPANA would mean Association for Learning Performing Arts and Normative Action.

Since it's inception, ALPANA has been inviting people or artists like singers, dancers, musicians etc with disabilities to participate in the program from across the world.

Similarly, three Deaf Adult and a Escort teacher from Wangsel Institute along with one of the executive member from Disabled Persons' Association of Bhutan (DPAB) had an opportunity to take part during the ALPANA SAMBHAV 2016 which was held in Delhi from 11th to 14th December 2016.

The participants from Bhutan were:

1. Dechen, Escort Teacher
2. Nima Tshering, Class VII
3. Yeshey Wangdi, Class IX
4. Dorji Zangmo, Class IX
5. Pema Norbu, DPAB

There were delegates from 16 countries and many states of India representing various Disabled Organizations of their country and state.



SAMBHAV 2016 was held in Delhi at India International Centre from 11th to 13th November and the programs were scheduled as follows:

- International Seminar on “Divyang: Artists with Disability for an inclusive society.” Papers presentation by experts and practitioners.
- Forum for International Cooperation to advance the Rights of Women, the Rights of Children and the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.
- International Exhibition of paintings, sculptures and artifacts made by challenged artists.
- Yoga Workshop for all the participants including challenged artists from different countries.
- International Art & Craft Workshop
- International Event of Performances by challenged artists (dancers / musicians) from different countries. This activity was executed in the evening of every day for three nights.

The three-day program was very enriching and indeed surprising to see various persons and children with disabilities from across different countries perform any kind of activity flawlessly. Like our Deaf children, there were many Deaf people and children from across India and other countries and they got along so well and could understand each other. They were like siblings through out the program. We were able to share the best practices and experiences of the different Disable Persons' Organizations (DPOs) around the world.



Wangsel Institute performing cultural program on the 3rd Day (13.11.2016)

The 4th day was the Delhi Darshan (sight -seeing) but the day seemed quiet unorganized as we couldnot visit the places as planned by the organizers except for two places- India gate and the Qutub Minar. However, the plan of the organizers showed a list of places that we were to visit during that day.



Wangsel Institute with Thailand & Vietnam

We would like to thank Disabled Persons' Association of Bhutan (DPAB) and Indio-Bhutan Foundation for such a wonderful opportunity to attend the program SAMBHAV in Delhi which was very much enriching and good learning experience for our Children with Hearing Loss and

hard of hearing and we are sure that would have been so with other visiting countries who were also present in the SAMBHAV 2016. We look forward for similar programs in the future too.



Children with Disabilities performing Yoga workshop

THANK YOU

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