

Winner of Prime Minister's Award for Excellence in Public Administration

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CURRENTLY WORKING AS:

1. **Director** -- 'etc' Education, Training and Service Centre for PWDs, Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation, From 2008
2. **Chairperson** -- Committee against Women Violence', Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation.
3. **Chairperson** – Committee against Women Violence' , Navi Mumbai Municipal Transport (NMMT)

RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS:

- 'etc' Centre for PWDs at Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra: Pioneered the idea of establishing a Centre to caters all kinds of disabilities, All age group, All services, All under one roof. Conceptualized complete barrier free 'One Stop Resource Centre' based on the needs and betterment of Persons With Disability. The Centre is providing educational intervention to more than 450 children with disabilities. Resource Centre is also provides screening, diagnosis, counselling, guidance, therapies, aid-appliances and various rehabilitative facilities completely free of cost to thousands of PWDAs per annum.

- Initiated free MMR vaccination program as a part of prevention to curb the disability from March 2014 in NMMC jurisdiction.
- Conceptualised various innovative schemes for PWDs. Thousands of PWDs getting benefit out of these scheme per annum.
- Under the supervision- NMMC's etc Education, training & service Centre for PWDAs received Best Institute Award for the year 2012 by Social Welfare Ministry, Maharashtra Government on 1st February 2013
- Under the lead, 'etc' has scored outstanding numbers of 4 on 5 in more than 40 parameters out of 50. On assessment by Accreditation Board For Education & Training (NABET-PSA 91001) by Quality Council of India. 'etc' NMMC is the first institute in field of Special Education accredited under National Accreditation Board For Education & Training (NABET-PSA91 001) by Quality Council of India. Accreditation Certificate was awarded by hands of Hon. Sheela Dixit, Chief Minister of Delhi at Delhi. Working on Developing manual and assessment criteria format for special schools and institutions.
- The responsibility of setting up a '**Model School**' in Navi Mumbai for Students with Special Needs as a **pilot project of Sarva Sikhshya Abhiyan (SSA), Maharashtra** has been undertaken & completed, taking into consideration the educational and therapeutic needs of special children, which will be replicated by local govt bodies all over Maharashtra.
- Successfully **founded Various Centres** like Centre for Children With Hearing impairment, Intellectual Impairment, Learning Disability and Multiple Disability. Started Home Based Training, Inclusive Unit, Integrated Unit.
- Successfully completed the 3 year '**Sampurna Balvadi Vikas Upkram**' –(Management of 'Balwadi'- the preschool set ups) program in Navi Mumbai

PROFESSIONAL ENHANCEMENT:

- **Consultant to 'Sarva Shiksha Abhiyaan:** for inclusive education for Govt. of Maharashtra. :Helping in planning and execution of new projects related to education and rehabilitation of SSA.
- **Consultant to Disability Welfare Department:** for Govt. of Maharashtra: Under the guidance and supervision, Disability Welfare Department for Govt. of Maharashtra initiating replication project of the 'etc' Centre across 22 municipal corporations in the state of Maharashtra.
- **Member:** National Convention of Educators of the Deaf, Maharashtra
- 'Panel Member' by Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation for selection of Special Educators, mobile teachers & post of disabled.
- Examiner for B.Ed. (SE-DE), DSE (H.I.) for practical and theory examination conducted by Rehabilitation Council of India
- Lectures input for B.Ed.(H.I.) , B.Ed.(SE-DE) , PGPD (DIET professionals) as a guest lecturer at various teacher training colleges for the special education all over country.
- Lectures input for regular B.Ed and D.Ed. colleges.
- Lectures input for Special & regular schools.
- Lecture input at Refresher Courses and CRE program for Special school teachers.
- Lecture input at various training program for regular school-teachers.
- Guidance for lesson planning for B.Ed. (H.I., M.R.) & M.Ed.(H.I., M.R.)Trainees
- Selected as a Judge for several Researches conducted as a part of Masters of Education program and Doctor of Philosophy.

RESEARCH PAPERS:

- 'Role of Civic Body in Rehabilitation of Persons With Disability' in National Conference of Parents of Children with Intellectual Disability – Dec 2012,
- 'Innovation in field of Special Education'- presented in Maharashtra Balshikshan Parishad, 2012, Pune
- 'Contribution and Initiative by local government body in special education' in National Convention of Educators of the Deaf (NCED)- India in Feb 2011. , Uttarakhand
- 'Difficulties in Education of Children with Learning Disabilities, presented in Maharashtra Balshikshan Parishad, 2010,
- 'Impact of the Content Adaptation of the Textbook on the Performance of Students with and without Hearing Impairment, National Convention of Educators of the Deaf (NCED), INDIA 2009
- 'Changing role of special schools of CWHI in Maharashtra: perception of special school principals of CWHI', NCED INDIA 2007
- 'Qualitative and quantitative analysis of the written sentences of students with hearing impairment studying in different educational set up', NCED, INDIA-2005'
- 'Mathematical attainment of students with and without hearing impairment studying in open education system', NCED INDIA-2004

INVITED BY DIFFERENT STATES and AUTHORITIES TO PRESENT CONCEPT OF 'etc' for PWDs:

Presentation of this initiative made in various part of the country, few are listed below:

- Presented 'etc' initiative for Documentation of Best practices undertaken by National Gender Centre, LBSNAA and UNICEF April 2014. Session chaired by jury members of UNICEF, LBANAA

- Session on 'Learning from Success' involving the States and Union Territories of Southern, Central and Western Regions held in Bengaluru, Karnataka on January 2014.
- Brainstorming session on 'etc' Education, training and Service Centre for PWDs, organised by Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, Dept of administrative & Public Grievances, Chaired by Secretary (AR & PG), **Dece 2013**
- Education and Training Centre- NMMC 'etc' Dreams to Reality.... Presented, for all the Corporation of Thana District, Maharashtra, **Nov 2013**
- NMMC 'etc' Dreams to Reality.... Presented, to Chief Secretary, Government of Maharashtra, **May 2013**
- Invited for the consultative workshop on CBR In Mission Mode- Focusing initiative by local government body, organised by Gov. of Maharashtra & CBM at Yashada, Pune **May 2013**
- "Curriculum Planning & Development of Children with Disabilities' in State conference organised by Disability Welfare Commissionerate, Govt of Maharashtra April 2013,
- Education and Training Centre- NMMC 'etc' Dreams to Reality.... Presentation, organized by Government of Karnataka and CBM, **Karnataka, March 2013**
- Education and Training Centre- NMMC 'etc' Dreams to Reality.... Presentation, organized by Institute of Management in Government, **Kerala, November 2012**
- "etc' Education, Training & Service Centre for PWDs : presented for QCI- NABET, Delhi, October 2012
- 'Replication presentation of NMMC's ' etc, Education Traing and Service Centre for PWDs' organized by Govt. of Maharashtra on September, 2012

- Reforms for Citizen Centric Governance'- State of Northern & North Eastern Region Conference, at Pondicherry, organised by GOI & State Govt of **Pondicherry, January, 2012**
- NMMC 'etc' Dreams to Reality.... Presentation, organized by Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, Dept of administrative & Public Grievances, Chaired by Cabinet Secretary of Prime Minister, GOI, in presence of Foreign Secretary, **New Delhi, March 2011**
- 'Innovations in Elementary Education' organized by Administrative Staff College of India & State Govt of **Bihar, April 2011**
- NMMC 'etc' Dreams to Reality.... Replication presentation, organised by Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, Dept of administrative & Public Grievances, Chaired by Cabinet Secretary of Prime Minister GOI, **New Delhi, August 2011**
- 'Reforms for Citizen Centric Governance'- State of Northern & North Eastern Region Conference, at Bihar, organised by GOI & State Govt of **Bihar, September 2011**
- 'Innovations in Elementary Education' organised by Administrative Staff College of India & State Govt of Bihar, **November 2011** , Chaired by Chief Minister of **Goa**.
- 'Inclusive Education for Children With Different Abilities' – Western Regional Meet on Hearing Handicapped, organised by P.N.R. Society, Bhavnagar, **Gujrat, Jan 2009**
- 'Contribution and Initiative by local government body in special education' in National Convention of Educators of the Deaf (NCED)- India in **Feb 2011**. In Uttar Pradesh
- NMMC 'etc' Dreams to Reality.... Presentation, organized by National Institute of Hearing Handicapped, Bandra, **August, 2011**

RESEARCH PROJECTS COMPLETED:

- Assistant Investigator for Language improvement indicator (LII) at AYJNIHH
- Research Assistant for 'Textbook Adaptation for hearing impaired' at AYJNIHH

BOOK, RESEARCH PAPER AND ARTICLES PUBLISHED:

- Learning of Written Language by Hearing Impaired, LAMBERT, Academic Publishing, Germany 2013
- Guest Editor: ' Inclusive Education' Special (Diwali) Edition of Shikshanvedh' Magazine 2013,-
- Article on etc Centre- 'Some Gemes Some Pearls' Book Published by Macmillan- 2012
- March 2012 – Establishing Vision & Mission of Institute - in Aroh (Magazine of HACSE)
- 'etc' Dreams to Reality... by Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration, Journal issue of Service Quality LBSNAA, July 2011
- "Mathematical attainment of students with and without hearing impairment studying in open education system" by University of BHU in the National Journal of Education 2009.

CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS REHABILITATIVE AGENCIES

- Developing manual and assessment criteria format for special schools and institutions for National Accreditation Board for Education and Training under Quality Council of India.
- Provided professional guidance and consultancy to establish District Resource Centre for the Differently Abled at Angul District of Orissa,

- Providing professional guidance and consultancy to replicate the Centre like NMMC 'etc' to various Municipal Corporation in Maharashtra.
- Provided professional guidance and consultancy to Indian Mental health and Hygiene Council. It includes staff enrichment programme, new schemes and policy planning and implementation for CWDs etc. at Mulund and Nerul Centres., Maharashtra

AWARDS & FELICITATIONS:

- Power Woman of the Navi Mumbai -2015
- **Prime Minister's Award** for Excellence in Public Administration 2009-10
- **Super Woman of the Year** by WISH Foundation 2011
- **Academic Excellence Award** for Bachelor of Science – 1997

It's dishonour for the society to have a PWD walking on the street assisted, sitting at home helplessly....The society looks neat only when even the 'last' person is independent and happy!

- Dr. Varsha Bhagat