

We, The Ability People (TAP), are an Visakhapatnam (India) based road safety development organisation. We have undertaken to promote 3R's - Road Safety, Right to Emergency Care and Rehabilitation for accident victims nationally through our "Project Bhavishya" programme.

Dilip Patro, Director & Founder Secretary, The Ability People himself a road accident survivor and wheel chair bound since 1997 is all set to take his "Project Bhavishya" a campaign for Road Safety

nationwide. The Ability People, has taken up the task to promote Road Safety across 50 cities in INDIA covering all the 29 states. This is a mammoth task and requires planning extensively before the campaign is being rolled out. In this regard recently, we have joined as a executive governing board member in Indian alliance for NGO's on Road Safety (IANRS).

TAP is planning to initiate a pilot project in Andhra Pradesh covering 13 districts on "Project Bhavishya". The Ability People brings together governments, civil society and businesses to address this humanitarian crisis. The Road Safety Programme aims to change the 'mindset' of school and college students from a 'reactive approach' to proactive approach'. It requires developing and implementing strong mechanisms for prevention, trauma care and rehabilitation through institutional approaches.



One of the objectives of the joint initiative is to create sustainable awareness in campaign on road safety nationally. The campaign will be run with close liaison with Police/ Transport department, Transporters/ drivers unions, transport department, Education department, etc as I'm a Non-official Co-opted Member, National Road Safety Council (NRSC), Ministry for Road Transport & Highways, Government of India and Nominated Member, District Road Safety Council (DRSC), Transport Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh, India. lists of plan to be engaged in joint initiatives:

1. To promote safe road sense, improve knowledge and change road safety habits/attitudes of road users.
2. To develop rural representatives as mentors and communicators to spread awareness about various aspects of road safety among rural population.
3. To make communities aware that road safety issues are a major community concern
4. To actively engage community in identifying their road safety problems and solutions
5. To develop capacity and establish linkages with road safety institutions enabling them to assist the communities to plan, manage and sustain their own road safety initiatives;
6. To educate people about proper use of available road safety engineering facilities
7. To make drivers aware about road safety
8. To increasing a sense of ownership of road users, particularly on pavement protection.
9. For sensitization of community to road safety & a sense of ownership
10. To Knowledge and Education on Safety measures to be taken on Highways
11. For Good driving practices- Emergency response contact numbers and resources, Managing traffic and school access point, Importance of keeping vehicles in condition to be safe, Causes of road accidents, Factors effecting drivers behaviour, Understanding of Traffic control devices and Code of conduct on road.
12. First-Aid Training- Importance of 'concept of golden hour', Communication for emergency help, Health facilities on required immediately for victim support and Demonstration and practical

hands on training of Cardio Pulmonary cerebral Resuscitation (CPCR) and other life saving techniques.

Some of our IMMEDIATE future activities are listed below:

1. **Road Safety Awareness:** The Ability People with support from Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation organised a workshop on promoting Road Safety awareness for school children & college students in Visakhapatnam as a pilot project initiated on Sunday 07th June 2015 to give a new direction to The Ability People in the name of "**SAVEKIDS LIVES with road safety**". Programme will be started from 10th July onwards and also planning to organise rallies and erection of posters and signboards after every session in all the schools and colleges.



The Ability People plan to implement the pilot project in a phased manner. In the first phase we are targeting 100 schools and colleges in Visakhapatnam city. Second phase will be initiated by incorporating changes in our strategic planning after receiving feedback from the phase 1.

First phase detail plan is as follows:

1. To involve all the four departments (Transport, Education, Traffic Police and Medical & Health) for the successful of the Project Bhavishya.
2. Build a core team for strategic planning with like-minded persons.
3. Our advocacy team includes victims of road traffic crashes and their families.
4. We desire to target 50 schools & 50 colleges in the first phase.
5. We are also planning to organise 15 minute advocacy programme during the parent teachers meeting.
6. We will try to request volunteers to educate in their respective accident prone areas.
7. Create a volunteer team to follow up our road safety programmes periodically in their respective schools and colleges.

2. **Right to Emergency Care:**



The Ability People has been working closely with SaveLife Foundation that is spearheading the revamp of road safety laws in India. In a major development, the Government of India, pursuant to a directive by the Supreme Court of India, issued Good Samaritan Guidelines. This needs to be notified in every state to be effective. The case is still ongoing in the Supreme Court. TAP role in lobbying the following with the Govt. of Andhra Pradesh:

- Must be notified as State Good Samaritan Law ideally
- If this is not possible, at least they must be issued as guidelines by the State Government through a Gazette Notification
- Officials dealing with public in road accidents must be made aware of and must be required to comply State Good Samaritan Law or Guidelines
- We must reach out to the Chief Secretary of the State along with Secretary, Home Department and Secretary, Health Department.
- The notification must then be widely disseminated to all police stations and hospitals across the State to ensure that the message gets to the last mile.
- Awareness building of Good Samaritan Law / Guidelines among general public, especially youth, must also be a part of the process.

3. **Rehabilitation for accident victims:**

The Ability People is setting up "Ability Rehabilitation Centre" for road accident victims especially persons with Spinal Injuries and other orthopaedic disabilities in Visakhapatnam. The Ability People, is working on a live-in rehabilitation center in Visakhapatnam town for spinal cord injured persons and other persons with disabilities. Such a facility is lacking in coastal Andhra Pradesh, Southern India. Our experience and partner's collaborative such as Mobility India Rehabilitation Research and Training Centre (MIRRTC), Bangalore (India), Indian Spinal Injuries Center (ISIC), New

Delhi (India), Christian Medical College (CMC), VELLORE (India). And Motivation UK and Empowering Spinal Cord Injury Person (ESCIP), USA leads to cutting edge technology initiative for Rehab aids and Assistive devices with Rehab services for road accident victims is the first of its kind in Andhra Pradesh (India).

Our Recent Activities:

Since few years we are organising the following activities related to 3R- Road Safety, Right to Emergency Care and Rehabilitation for accident victims nationally:



1. Conducted Trainings, Seminars and Conferences on Road safety in the following organisation:

- Awareness Programme @ Hyundai Motor India Ltd, Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- Awareness Programme @ RK Group associates, Mumbai.
- Awareness Programme @ Indian Spinal Injuries Center (ISIC), New Delhi.
- Awareness Programme @ Christian Medical College (CMC), Vellore, Tamil Nadu.
- Awareness on Drunken driving with Traffic Police, Visakhapatnam
- Awareness Programme @ ACC Cements Ltd., Visakhapatnam
- Awareness & Training Programme @ ACC Cement Plant, Visakhapatnam on Driver's Day.
- Awareness Programme @ Tata Projects Ltd., Hyderabad
- Awareness Programme @ CSIM, Hyderabad.
- Awareness programme for APSRTC drivers at Hyderabad, Vijayawada, Vizianagaram and Visakhapatnam.
- Awareness Programme @ Institute of Universal Consciousness, Hyderabad.
- Awareness programme at SevaMela, Hyderabad
- Organised & Participated on World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims @ Hyderabad 2014.
- Advocacy Programme at Brahmakumari's, Hyderabad.
- Road Safety Training session at Regional SAARC meet at Mobility India, Bangalore
- Training session at Tata Elxsi Ltd., Bangalore



2. Training on Emergency Care & CPR.
3. Victim supports – provide support to the victim and his family by providing advice, counselling for getting justice, insurance money and employment.

Our Recent accomplishment since 3 years:

1. Member of The Indian Alliance of NGOs for Road Safety, New Delhi
2. Member of The Global Alliance of NGOs for Road Safety.
3. Nominated by the District collector as a member of Visakhapatnam District Road Safety Council in March 2015.
4. Invited as a guest speaker for Tata CSR Retreat on the session 'NGO perspectives on Development' on the work of The Ability People and its expectations of CSR by Tata Sustainability Group - Community Services, Tata Sons Limited, Mumbai in Pune on January 2015.
5. Received Sadguru Gnanananda fellowship award from Manava Seva Dharma Samvardhani for best social entrepreneur 2014.
6. Selected as a Non-official Co-opted Member in the National Road Safety Council (NRSC), an apex Advisory Body headed by Hon'ble Minister for Road Transport & Highways. Its members include Transport Ministers and Director General of police of States and various other Government agencies/NGOs/ Individuals working in the field of Road safety.
7. District Collector, Visakhapatnam issued necessary instructions on 06-02-2014 to all Government and Private Hospitals on emergency care to the road accident victims by coordinating with Police department and bystanders.
8. On 16th Jan, 2014 Invited by Sri Oscar Fernandes, Hon'ble Minister for Road Transport & Highways, Govt. of India, New Delhi at Transport Bhavan for the 25th National Road Safety Week 2014.
9. Invited to attend a national workshop in New Delhi for Strengthening Road Safety Legislation: Saving Lives, A High Level meeting organized by Ministry of Road Transport & Highways, Government of India, in collaboration with World Health Organization and World Bank on 14th Dec, 2013.



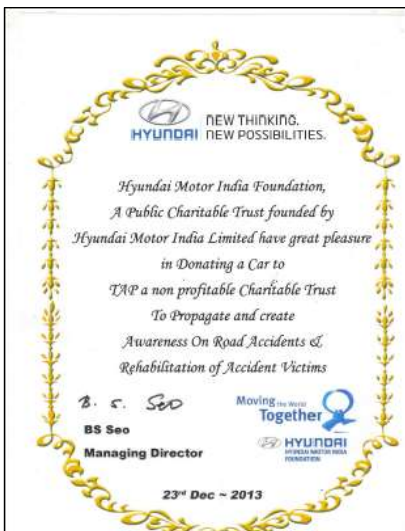
10. On 23rd Dec 2013, Hyundai Motor India Foundation has donated an used Verna Auto Transmission Diesel Variant for my initiative on All India campaigning on Road Safety in all the 29 state capitals
11. Toll Free Helpline service: The Ability People (TAP) & Government Of Andhra Pradesh, through The District Collector, Visakhapatnam provided the facilities by the department For Welfare Of Disabled & Sr. Citizens launched helpline service on 17th, September 2012 in Andhra Pradesh for Person with Disabilities (PwDs) with the theme "BUILDING A BETTER UNDERSTANDING ON DISABILITY AND ACTIVE REHABILITATION". Helpline No.: 1800 425 8911.
12. Ability Rehab Center: We have entered a MoU with Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation (GVMC) to develop post-hospital rehabilitation center, to provide active rehabilitation to people with disabilities especially spinal cord injury patients along with sports and vocational rehabilitation, beginning in Visakhapatnam. The goal of the center is not just to help patients, but to turn them into helpers of patients themselves. The proposed center will be the first of its kind in the entire Andhra Pradesh. The Commissioner, GVMC, Visakhapatnam allotted a building for rehabilitation of Road accident victims on 31st Dec 2013.
13. Commissioner of Police, Visakhapatnam issued order on 09-07-2013 to all Police stations and mobile Police posts asking them not to subject Good Samaritans/hospitals who help road victims, to unnecessary and prolonged questioning.



Enclosed:

HYUNDAI MOTOR INDIA FOUNDATION

LAKSHMI HYUNDAI SUPPORT



TRAFFIC POLICE VISAKHAPATNAM



DISTRICT COLLECTOR SUPPORT



RIGHT TO EMERGENCY CARE TO THE GENERAL HOSPITAL, VISAKHAPATNAM



RIGHT TO EMERGENCY CARE TO THE DISTRICT MEDICAL OFFICER