

International Day of Persons with Disabilities 2025

MASHAL, Patna



Mashal (The Socio-Health Wing of the Sisters of Notre Dame, Patna, Bihar, India), a registered non-governmental charitable society, has been working diligently to uplift Persons with Disabilities (PwDs), in order to promote equal opportunity and uphold every individual's right to live with respect, independence, and hope. Through multiple projects supported by committed donor partners, the organization has expanded its reach and strengthened its mission of creating inclusive, nurturing, and dignified spaces for children and adults with disabilities across all its Units: Raxaul- East Champaran Dt., Gahiri- West Champaran Dt., Jamalpur- Munger Dt., and Sumbuck- Darjeeling Dt.

This year, Mashal's four Units collectively celebrated World Disability Day with great enthusiasm, dignity, and community participation. Each unit brought its own unique spirit to the celebration, yet all were united by the shared vision of inclusion, respect, and empowerment of persons with disabilities.

Across the units, the events witnessed large and meaningful participation, bringing together children and adults with disabilities, parents, caregivers, community members. Local leaders, teachers, Sisters from partnering institutions, and government officials also actively took part in the celebration.

The celebrations began with traditional lamp lighting ceremonies and prayers, honoring the dignity and presence of every participant.

Cultural performances formed the heart of the celebrations. Children with disabilities confidently presented poems, songs, dances, and role-plays, inspiring the audience and demonstrating their abilities when given the opportunity and encouragement. Staff and community groups also staged powerful skits highlighting social acceptance, inclusive education, and the importance of creating supportive environments for PwDs.

Games and interactive activities enlivened all venues, drawing enthusiastic participation from both parents and children. Thoughtful tokens of appreciation, such as blankets and small mementos, were given to the children with disabilities, adding delight and warmth to their day. In several locations, students from partner schools personally presented gifts to children with disabilities, creating a touching gesture of friendship and inclusion.

Shared meals at the end of the programs helped strengthen community bonds, giving families, children, and stakeholders the opportunity to celebrate together in an atmosphere of unity and respect.