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## HEPSN Programme on "Marginalized People: Social Inclusion and Rights" dated 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2023

Mrs Mallika Das, Programme Coordinator, KSEDA while speaking on the issue of Social Inclusion of Marginalized People stated that in order to prepare a full proof strategy for the upliftment of the Marginalized people in general and the disabled in particular, it is necessary to have exact data on the number of disabled people in India. As definitions have changed over the years and a very skeptical attitude reflected by the responders, the people of disabled in India has been reported at an abysmal low as compared to many developed nations. The work for inclusion of disabled in the mainstream has suffered immensely due to the lack of data.

However, a lot of work has still been done on the institutional front. She informed the students regarding various acts, the PWD Act (1995), National Trust Act (1999), undertaken by the Government so far towards inclusion of the disabled in the mainstream and higher education.

She emphasized on the importance of barrier free, bright classrooms with wheelchair accessibility for inclusion of students with disabilities.

In her presentation, Mrs Das was assisted by Ms Anindita Mandal, Primary School Teacher, Barisha Uchha Balika Vidyalaya and parent member of KSEDA and Anuradha Mandal, a class eight student of Barisha Janakalyan Vidyapeeth, a special child with restricted vision. Anindita Mandal demonstrated with Anuradha Mandal how an inclusive classroom should be and how should the teacher deal with special students and slow learners. She was also interacting with student participants of our college to build a peer group for mentoring and protecting special students.

Anindita on her speech highlighted on the inclusive environment her school and her peers have created for her. As a person with limited vision, she stressed that her teachers and peers in school have created the right environment for her to sustain and flourish.



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