efforts put in by the institutions, we feel that the same should be brought to the attention of the society at large. In this content, we thought of institutions a special award to one of the best institution providing training to disable for self-employment & rehabilitation from the year 2010. The award definitely attracts the attention of people at various levels and encourages the society to take a note of this segment and also of the people working for differently abled persons.

SELECTION PROCEDURE:

All the training institutions for differently abled are invited to nominate their best trainees for this award. They can nominate even their old trainees subject to the above criteria. All the nominations form received from different training institutions are being scrutinized and then put up before the Selection Committee. The Selection Committee comprising of five persons including a retired High Court Judge as Chairman selects the names of the Awardees. The project idea and the training received are given key importance in final selection of awardees.

Shri Pravinbhai Chinabhai Stikligar V-One Society, Baroda, Mobile Repairing workshop.



AWARD PRESENTATION:

RUDMI organize Award Ceremony each year in December and invite dignitaries to present the awards.

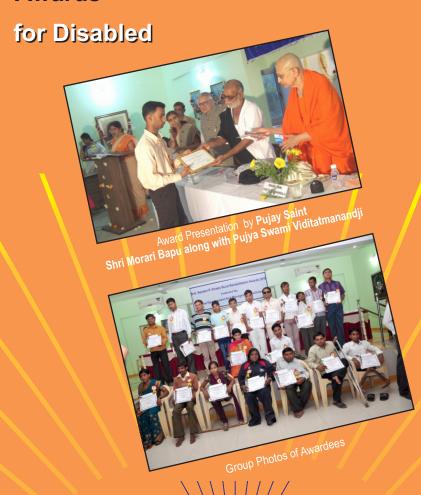
In the first year 2007, the awards were presented by Shri T. N. Chaturvediji (Former Governor of Karnataka State) and in

the second year in 2008 the awards were presented by Pujya Shri Morari Bapu in the presence of Pujya Swami Shri Viditatmanandji, in the third year in 2009 the awards were presented by Justice Shri P. N. Bhagwati (Former Chief Justice of India), in the fourth year the awards were presented by Her Excellency Dr.Smt. Kamla Banewal, Governor of Gujarat in 2010, in the year 2011 the awards were presented by Hon'ble Justice Shrikrishna, Former Judge (Learned Jurist, Supreme Court of India and Vice President, Bhartiya Vidya Bhavan), in 2012 the awards were presented by Shri Sanat Mehta, (well-known Social Crusader, Ex-MP and Former Finance Minister, Government of Gujarat) and in the year 2013 awards were presented by Pujya Swami Shri Atmapriyanandaji, Vice Chancellor, Vivekanand University, Calcutta.

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Shri Kanji Khimji Maheshwari - Navjeevan Trust, Rajkot Running Mobile Repairing workshop and as also selling breakfast snacks



Rural Development and Management Institute (RUDMI) is founded in 1997 by Matushri Chandramati Pratishthan, a public trust registered under Bombay Public Trust Act.

The organization is working for the welfare of rural communities which include empowerment of women, employment

generation for youth, capacity building also training programmes and research in rural areas. RUDMI is also involved in activities related to economic empowerment of Differently Abled Persons in rural areas since last 7 years. It has been observed that the Differently Abled Persons in rural areas need lot of motivation for skill building and also for self employment. RUDMI decided to institute three awards each of Rs.10,000/- in 2007. The awards were named as **Smt. Nandini P. Divatia Rural Rehabilitation Award for Disabled**, Late Smt. Nandini P. Divatia spent her whole life for the cause of disabled particularly for the mentally challenged. With the passage of time more people got interested in this and through their generous donations, we have been able to award more than 10 disabled each year and increase the amount to Rs. 15,000/-.

SVRR, Mumbai Doing Tailoring work



OBJECTIVE OF THE AWARD

The majority of disability institutions are working in cities and very few are located in rural areas. However as most of the institutions provide hostel facilities even the rural disabled get registered in urban schools and obtain skills. After studies they find it difficult to stand on

their own. As a result most of the disabled in rural India live neglected and humiliating lives. The main objectives of these awards is to encourage such young boys and girls to take proper training and start earning for themselves by using their skills. RUDMI decided to provide Rs.10,000/- to Rs. 15,000/- to the selected disable individuals as seed

money in their vocation in form of award. We invite nominations from all the institutes of Gujarat and Maharashtra. The selection of awardees is done from the nominations received by specially appointed committee headed by a retired high court judge from the Gujarat High Court. The awardees are supported by all supporting services by us so as to increase the success rate.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR AWARD

As 75% of disabled are residing in rural areas, we have decided to award rural disabled only. Accordingly following eligibility criteria are followed.

1. The nominations of candidates should be forwarded by his/her training institutions.

2. He/she should either be native of village or is ready to settle in the village.

- 3. He/She should have minimum of 18 years age.
- 4. He/She should be interested in self-employment.
- 5. He/She should have a disability certificate.

Shri Jitendra Parmar (The Society for Physically handicapped Ahmedabad) at his computer Job-work.



Kum. Hinaben Rameshbhai Savariya (Navjeevan Trust, Rajkot): Making decorative Poster and Photo-frame with LED

MONITORING



We are trying to monitor the progress of our awardees through the support of the training institutions. As per the information available, to our surprise all the awardees without exception have used award money for their self-employment and have started different types of vocations earning approx. Rs. 4,000/- to Rs. 8,000/- per month for them. Not only that but they felt that the award have provided them a strong motivation for self employment. So it is not only the money but the motivation have made wonder. Year after year new institutions are sending their nominations. Looking to the encouraging response from the training institutions and the very positive impact, the award

has made us to think about the training institute in this field. Having seen the