Obituary

Today on 4th December 2020 Professor Dr B.S Chavan, Director GRIID passed away. In the year 1998 Dr Chavan was the person who took up the challenge to run the institute for Mentally Challenged persons. He took over Government Institute for Mentally Retarded Children with limited staff and 38 children. Gradually the institute grew, many courses for training of manpower were started and academic programs were held. This institute was very close to Dr Chavan’s heart. He made sure that all possible support from administration was received.

It grew from single class room to a larger institute. To begin with, it focused on hiring trained manpower for special education and early intervention. Gradually daily child guidance clinic and vocational section was added. In next few months, human resource development was given the priority and D Ed, B Ed and M Ed in special education was started under its college wing. In addition to special education, vocational training and manpower production, a multi-disciplinary medical team was added for providing medical care. Subsequently, with addition of community outreach programme, GRIID finally took shape.

Today whole of GRIID staff is deeply saddened by this unfathomable loss. Dr Chavan had touched lives of all people who were associated with GRIID be they students, their parents or staff. He was a very compassionate person who wanted to empower all persons with disabilities and their caregivers. He wanted to see all of them happy and smiling.

Let’s all work towards fulfilling his dream to make GRIID an even bigger institute, a centre of excellence, that will be our true homage to him.

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