

ABLE enabled to serve better

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Victoria village, situated at a distance of thirty kilometres from Delhi on the Main Road, and five kilometres beyond it, may be no more than a speck of dust on the map of Faridabad district but the number of people who visited the village in the recent past is aptly descriptive of its importance. It is the only village in the area where the disabled are not confined to their homes.



Ashwani Gupta, Governor, Lions Club, presenting Lions Flag to Peter Stephenson.

Health minister N.C. Kaunga commissioning the Dental Centre.

ABLE (Association for the Blind and Leprosy Eradication), an NGO in the area of medicine in Faridabad, has been instrumental in commissioning the Dental Centre and the TB Centre, two new facilities at the ABE Hospital. In this special, he appreciated the efforts put in by ABLE to provide services to the disabled. He also mentioned that the other villages in the area were suffering from leprosy. The minister highlighted the efforts of the government of Haryana in the field of medicine. He stated that the training centres for the disabled are being established in the field of medicine, handicraft, agriculture, and other fields. He also mentioned that the government is providing financial assistance to the disabled.

dent victims. He also highlighted why family planning was important. He mentioned that the resources of the world were limited. In his opinion, the female child deserved a better deal, if the country had to progress, the country could not afford to neglect one half of its population. Blindness, he mentioned the auditorium, was not a disease which could be reduced if people donated their eyes. ABLE, he said, could increase health awareness among the people.

3rd Street Unit (from the British Service Organisation) volunteers to help in the improvement of administration at the hospital. They have already computerised the entire working of the hospital, computers for this purpose have been donated by some progressive in Leicester. At the same time, the British Service Organisation represented the British government because the British Executive Service Organisation to which Ash Singh Gill belongs is a government body. Two dental chairs with all the accessories have arrived at Behlala through the good offices of Ash Singh Gill. DMO Dabray is the force behind the TB Centre at Behlala. It was his initiative that gave ABLE Hospital the status of a TB centre. Now all TB patients will receive medicines for their treatment free of cost and they will be supplied by B.K. Hospital, Faridabad. It is ironic that while the Indian

diagnoses has been done at the hospital. Heads of the parochial system are going to contribute the proceeds of a part of their crop this year to raise the matching grant to the extent of Rs. 10 lakh to the hospital. The government has extended to the hospital an exemption for the imported equipment. And because of this, ABLE had to pay about Rs. 5,000 as demerit charges. ABLE has a bright future, if one were to go by the promises made on the commissioning ceremony.

about 1,000 patients in the winter season and about 2,000 in the summer months. Its running expenses are about Rs. 1,25,000 lakh per month, out of which Rs. 75,000 is earned from the sale of medicines at concessional rates, and the rest are donations. With the addition of new facilities and resources, it is expected that the number of patients will rise to 3,000 per month. The hospital employs two qualified full-time doctors and uses the services of five visiting and part-time specialists. As the cost of treatment and operations is heavily 40 per cent of what private practitioners charge in the neighbourhood, many patients come here from as far as 20 kilometres. The hospital aims at providing these services at a minimum cost. Those who cannot afford to pay for treatment or in whom there is a danger of death, Lions Club, Palwal, the governor Ashwani Gupta, is so impressed with the efficiency and cleanliness of the hospital that he has decided to hold all future eye camps there. Similarly, LIC and other insurance companies are contemplating the idea of group insurance for villagers and propose to recognize ABLE Hospital for treatment.

The guiding spirit behind ABLE is squadron leader P.K. Kohli (retired), whose indefatigable stamina and relentless pursuit of his goal have created a unique institution. He has placed his time and resources at the disposal of villagers who now reap the fruits of his contribution. He has demonstrated by example what a motivated man can achieve. In spite of all this, the district town planner has threatened to demolish the hospital building because, Kohli, carried to use 'Spanish' hand for a public cause. There is still hope that this won't happen because the minister has promised to use his good offices to sort out this tangle.

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Students enthralled audience

By A. Choudhary

By a group of students from the Government College, Palwal, Haryana, a programme on how to live the right way, was held at Takatora Indoor Stadium. It was organised by Sarvot Dattaraj

VI CBSE athletic meet held

By A. Choudhary

A general Public School, Sector 3, Faridabad, hosted CSSE VI Athletic Meet. Guest of honour was Mr. K. K. Harvyan, Minister, Education, Haryana. The meet was held at Takatora Indoor Stadium, Faridabad. The meet was held at Takatora Indoor Stadium, Faridabad. The meet was held at Takatora Indoor Stadium, Faridabad.

Chief minister inaugurates hospital

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On Faridabad Charitable, Chief Minister, Haryana, recently inaugurated the newly constructed building of Haryana Rehabilitation Unit (30 bed hospital-cum-rehabilitation centre) at Behlala, Faridabad. The building has been constructed by the state public works department. The ground and first floor of the building are meant for the hospital services, whereas the second floor is for residence of doctors and para-medical staff. The building has been constructed on a two-acre land provided by HUDA. Free of cost. The cost of construction, which has covered an area of 40,000 sq. ft., is Rs. 206 crores. Two hundred for the construction of the hospital has been provided by the World Bank.

Adulterated food...

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institute, there is no provision to prevent the sale of food which was not properly stored. A report of the analyst is free to check the date and time of preparation of the sweets. In Faridabad, for instance, one saw mithai manufactured for sale during Diwali, being sold for six to seven days.

The beverage containers, including those of soft and hard drinks, do not notify even the minimum information that the law asks for. But why do you insist only on these products which are generally eaten by the rich? Even the coffee, chocolate, nougats, cream, etc., which are favourites of children

under reproductive health programme. This will provide primary health facilities, specialist services and child and care referral services to the privileged section living in the slums on the pattern of family health centres in rural areas. Construction of social Unit in Sector 30 is an advance step. There are 16 mini hand bars located under this Faridabad Unit. Each contains a multi-purpose cr. Machines and equipment have also been provided. It has been provided for use in transportation and patients to better to and for field supervision.