

US body to combat developmental disabilities in South Asia

The Centre for Social Change International, an organisation supporting the cause of people suffering from developmental disabilities, plans to add six more units in India and open new ones in Pakistan, Bangladesh and Ghana.

The private non-profit organisation that has been active in the United States since 1993 has already opened centres in the rural areas of Kerala, in Indore, Madhya Pradesh and New Delhi. It plans to open at least six more centres in various parts of India.

Members of Indian, Pakistani and Bangladeshi American community came out in large numbers to demonstrate support for the movement at an awareness fundraiser in Silver Spring, Maryland Monday.

'It was wonderful to note the close participation of the communities present today,' said Dr. Joseph Mathew, founder and CEO of the Centre for Social Change. It has been enriching to me personally and especially to mission of CSC.'

Jasdip Singh, National Director of India Centre for Social Change, announced at the meet that all the donations/sponsorships would go directly to fund various programmes in the Indian subcontinent where a staggering 35 million suffer from some sort of developmental disability.

Atiya Khan, Vice Chairperson of Human Developmental Fund, declared that her organisation would partner with CSC International using their expertise in opening centres in Pakistan. 'I am looking forward to working with CSC International and his organisation to make a similar difference in Pakistan.'

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