

## **26 STUDENTS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES OF GRIID RECEIVE XTH CLASS CERTIFICATES**

Government Rehabilitation Institute for Intellectual Disabilities (GRIID), sector 31 C, Chandigarh, organised the certificate distribution program for its first batch of NIOS secondary course of GRIID students in its premises. Twenty-six students with intellectual disabilities with their parents received their Xth class (secondary level) certificates from Dr Priti Arun, Joint Director, GRIID who was the Chief Guest of the program.

Dr Priti Arun informed that National Institute of Open School (NIOS) has granted accreditation to GRIID as a Special Accredited Institution for the Education of Divyangs (SAIED) Centre for Secondary Course from the academic year 2021 for physically, intellectually challenged, socially and geographically isolated marginalized and also those from disadvantaged sections of the society such as street children, working children and rural women. Approx. 565 candidates have got enrolled in the course till date. She added that it was seen that it is very difficult for students of GRIID to achieve general education at other centers so it was decided to start NIOS SAIED center at GRIID to facilitate them. The students and parents were very elated to receive their certificates. These students were enrolled in secondary course of NIOS at SAIED centre of GRIID.

Ms Rajni Sood, parent of Arpit Sood and Sh Satish Dhiman, parent of Vipul Kumar expressed their gratitude to the Joint Director and GRIID staff. Rajni Sood added that when she used to meet staff of GRIID, she used to feel so relaxed as she got all the facilities, training, and guidance for her child under one roof. She was very grateful to GRIID authority. It is one of the best institutions in the area. She requested organising short-term courses for parents from time to time to which Dr Priti Arun replied that keeping in view time constraints of parents and family commitments, workshops for parents will be organised instead of courses.

Mr Jaspal Sharma, Administrative Officer GRIID, Ms Vandana Singh, Officiating Principal GRIID, Mr Anil Kumar, Mr Sandeep Kumar and all staff of NIOS centre were also present in this program.

