

## Persons with Intellectual Disabilities in Mandya CBR Research

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### Access to Education & Jobs

<b>Activities</b>	<b>Learning</b>	<b>Vision</b>	<b>Physical</b>
No edu.	4%	1.5%	0.2%
Edu <5yrs	35%	29%	17%
Higher edu	2%	14%	22%
Scholarship	34%	34%	40%
Vocational	4%	7%	10.5%
Jobs	17%	34%	48%

## **Emancipatory Research meeting on persons with learning disabilities**

- **23 persons, gender balance, 13% children, 65% young adults, 22% older adults – sharing of life stories**

## **From life stories ..**

- **.. owner of the bakery makes him work till evening and pays him very little as he does not know how to count money, the owner gives him only Rs. 10 and tells him that he has given Rs. 100 ..**
- **.. My brothers do not want to give me my share of family property ..**
- **.. My parents are scared to send me out and do not take me to any social function.**

## From life stories ..

- He is a part of home based education scheme of *Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan*. The volunteers come home and teach him as a result of which his ability to speak has increased ..
- She was not sent to school as the teachers told her as she cannot learn anything ..
- He likes going to school and play with the kids in *Anganvadi* but the teachers do not allow him ..

## Common Issues in life-stories

- Difficulties in accessing educational institutions, physical and sexual abuse, exploitation at jobs, inheritance of property, confusion between intellectual disabilities and psychosocial disabilities, hurtful terminology and negative attitudes, ...

## Conclusions

- In terms of education and livelihood, the situation of persons with learning disabilities is worse off compared to other persons with disabilities
- The life stories point towards different issues especially negative attitudes that surround their lives



Thank you

