

## **Awareness and research are key to deal with autism: Shri Mukul Wasnik**

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Union Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment, Shri Mukul Wasnik inaugurated four days training programme on autism here today. The training Workshop titled **“Know me teach me”** will focus on recognizing and addressing the unique needs of people with autism. Speaking on the occasion the Minister said that large-scale awareness is the need of the hour to deal with people having autism. Shri Wasnik also said that Ministry of social Justice and Empowerment has sufficient funds and will provide its full support to project related to autism. He further added that most of time the fund allocated for this purpose are being unused and diverted to some other project.

Addressing the participants the Minister emphasized that Workshop of similar kind should be organized at regular intervals which would pave the way for formulating future policies, schemes and inspire us to work harder. The minister also admitted of not having appropriate data on the number people with autism and emphasized that more and more research work should be carried out to combat autism.

The training workshop will continue for four days during which lectures, demonstrations, videos and discussions, concepts about understanding autism and teaching various cognitive, communication and daily living skills will be illustrated with practical examples. The participants will also be given hands-on experience and exposure to children with autism of varying ages and abilities. The work shop will be attended by professionals as well as parents who work closely with children with autism.



The Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment, Shri Mukul Wasnik lighting the lamp to inaugurate the Training programme on Autism, in New Delhi on September.



The Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment, Shri Mukul Wasnik addressing at a Training programme on Autism, in New Delhi on September 27, 2011.