

NEWSLETTER

Dear Patrons,

With absolute delight and honour we would like to share the incredible achievements of the previous quarter. As we have commenced on embarking magnificent achievements in the first quarter of the current financial year, we are eager for sharing many more exciting ventures with you as the year progresses.

Check the space below for the highlights of this quarter!



Opening Doors to Quality Hearing Care with the Support of State Street

We are thrilled to announce the inauguration of a state-of-the-art Free Hearing Clinic in Manikonda, held on May 30, 2024, and generously sponsored by our esteemed partners at State Street. The opening ceremony was graced by distinguished leaders from the State Street team, marking a significant step towards accessible quality healthcare for all. This new clinic is equipped with advanced facilities, including BERA (Brainstem Evoked Response Audiometry) testing, which enables accurate diagnosis of hearing impairments in young children at early stages.



This ensures timely provision of hearing aids and appropriate interventions, particularly benefiting children from underprivileged backgrounds. Thanks to the infrastructural support provided by State Street, the clinic features soundproof testing rooms designed to assess hearing issues across all age groups and to recommend suitable treatments.

Offering these services at no cost, the clinic aims to encourage more individuals to prioritize their hearing health, irrespective of their financial situation, while also raising awareness about hearing loss.

We are deeply grateful to the State Street team for their unwavering support, and we look forward to continuing our partnership in promoting inclusivity and better health outcomes for all.

Celebrating the Success of SSC Batch 2024



With uninterrupted support of dedicated special educators, and undying faith of loving parents, our special students have yet again achieved success in the 2024 SSC Board Exams. With a hundred percent success rate, all 37 students who appeared SSC Board exams have passed with flying colours, among whom Md. Faizan bagged the first position by securing 9.5 GPA, followed by Tabassum and Khaja Faheem Uddin who have scored an impressive 9.0 GPA. Celebrating the hard work and dedication of our achievers, a celebratory gathering was held at the Ashray Akroti office, wishing the students continued success for their future.

Giving new wings to empowerment with WEST

The past quarter saw commendable growth of our women empowerment initiative with 18 WEST trainees out of the total 25 students of the previous batch being placed in various NGOs, schools and companies, paving the way for financial security and independence. With training in Indian sign language, computer operation, financial education, two-wheeler driving and soft skills, the trainees are prepared by experienced professionals to enter the employment sector with confidence. A new batch of Women Empowerment through Sign Language and Technology (WEST) program has commenced in the month of June with the generous support of our partners at Unisys, marching on the path of empowerment of women from underprivileged backgrounds by providing them training in Indian Sign Language, basics of computer education, English language speaking skills, two-wheeler driving and a myriad of soft skills like ppt, email and resume preparation, making them enabled to enter the employment sector with confidence.



Starting the Legacy of Inclusivity with ISL Training



Becoming a part of this initiative, our partners at State Street and Dell took training in the basics of Indian Sign Language from the experienced and certified sign language interpreters of Ashray Akruiti over the course of 10 weeks, expanding their teams' horizon of inclusivity.

After the completion of the course 88 members of the State Street team and 94 members of the Dell team received certification marking the initiation of a legacy of inclusivity.

As a part of our mission of creating a world-space where persons with disabilities are provided equal opportunities beyond the restrictions of their abilities, we come up with initiatives that create awareness on and work towards bridging the gap between disabled and non-disabled population.

Our ISL training program is a step towards achieving this aim by partnering with eager corporates who share the commitment of making a difference.



Progressing on the path of Awareness with SLEIP

The previous quarter has been especially eventful in the journey of our SLEIP team. Dedicated to the creation of awareness for the usage of sign language in bridging the communication gap between the hearing and non-hearing, the Sign Language in Education Institutional Program (SLEIP) intends to promote the cause of inclusivity among the common masses through educational institutions. In the past quarter, the SLEIP team has performed the national anthem in sign language interpretation in 4 schools namely; Goutham Model, Chipotle high school, Blue Bells high school, and Government high school, reaching at a total of 310 beneficiaries who gained exposure to the usage of sign language.



With an intent to increase corporate sensitization regarding the disability of hearing-loss and the benefits of sign language as an effective medium of communication, the SLEIP team has performed the national anthem in sign language interpretation in corporate events creating awareness that has reached over 2300 beneficiaries. Further bearing the flag of awareness high, the SLEIP team has provided sign language training to teachers at speed school in BHEL, creating an empowering and inclusive environment for students with hearing disabilities. We are extremely thrilled by the progress of this initiative and hopeful for the continued success in future as well with the support of our gracious partners.

Reaching new milestones in inclusivity with the My Sign Challenge (MSC)



An innovative approach in creating an inclusive world-space for people with disabilities through the creation of awareness, the My Sign Challenge is an incredible initiative applying the approachability of social media for a social cause. The social media initiative intends to familiarize the general public with the use of sign language by throwing simple and fun challenges of interpreting commonly used word and phrases into Indian Sign Language and then passing the challenge on to their friends and followers. The support of our amazing partners at various corporates have resulted in the ascending success of this initiative and have helped us in reaching new milestones with each passing day. In the past quarter, the My Sign Challenge initiative has reached Kwadi gouda Satva Necklace mall, Dhullpally T.S. Forest Academy, Ashoka One Mall, GSM Mall and Microsoft Company, creating 160 more informative participatory videos reaching at hundreds of audiences through our social media handle and carrying the cause of awareness even further.

Collaborative Ventures Securing an Empowered Future

In order to extend the reach of our empowering ventures to wider range of beneficiaries, our organization is committed to the formation of effective partnerships with experienced organizations active in the field of social welfare. We would like to present our true appreciation for our partners who have joined hands with us on this journey of empowerment.

Expanding the horizons of a Sound World with Educational Exposure visit to Bengaluru and Mysuru



To gain valuable insights into the latest practices in hearing healthcare, our team, guided by our visionary director and comprising experienced audiologists and project managers, embarked on a visit to Bengaluru and Mysuru. During this trip, we engaged with top-tier hearing health facilities, learning about cutting-edge advancements in the field.

Our team also forged connections with healthcare providers, educational institutions, and NGOs, deepening our understanding of the provisions and accessibility of hearing health services in the region. The educational exposure visit proved to be highly successful, raising awareness about the importance of hearing health and highlighting our organization's commitment to making these services accessible to all.

Through our various programs, we continue to support hundreds of beneficiaries, driving forward our mission of promoting hearing health for everyone.



Taking forward the mission of Empowerment with the HANS Foundation

Ashray Akruti remains dedicated to its mission of empowering individuals with special needs by forming impactful partnerships with esteemed organizations like The Hans Foundation. In this spirit of collaboration, Mr. Sudeep Sinha, The Hans Foundation's Director of Program and Evaluation, visited our organization on May 30th.

During his visit, Mr. Sinha was provided with an in-depth overview of our organization's programs and their effectiveness through a comprehensive PowerPoint presentation. He gained practical insights by visiting our various facilities, including the MDC, AVT, MMA, Free Hearing Clinic, Special Schools, and E-learning centers.

Mr. Sinha also met with our program heads and director, learning firsthand about the real-time impact of our initiatives on hundreds of beneficiaries. This visit further solidified the bond between Ashray Akruti and The Hans Foundation, reinforcing our shared commitment to creating a more inclusive world for people with disabilities.



Making Hearing-Healthcare accessible for all with the support of Experienced Professionals

In our attempt of making hearing healthcare a reality for all irrespective of their financial conditions or local accessibility, our Community Outreach Program (COP) is forever active in making healthcare accessible in remote locations of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. The ENT / Hearing screening camp conducted by COP on 2nd of April '24 at Govt.



High school, Yellareddyguda, Hyderabad, witnessed the presence of Dr. Sanjiv Badhwar - Robotic Surgery & ENT services, Kokilaben Hospital, Mumbai. Visiting the camp location, Dr. Sanjiv provided our team with his excellent guidance, and appreciated the initiative of Ashray Akrti. We truly appreciate Dr. Sanjiv for his kind visit which has encouraged our team to progress on the path of development.



Lending an empathetic hand towards empowerment with Donation programs

We would like to convey our sincere appreciation to our donors and CSR partners who keep us active in the field of social upliftment with their generous support. By extending your support with the donation of hearing aids, sound processors, stationery and uniforms, you help us in providing the necessary support to hearing-impaired students from underprivileged backgrounds, enabling them to progress on their journey of equality and empowerment.



Encouraging brilliant minds with benevolent support

We would like to convey our genuine appreciation to our donor Mr. Raghu Ram for extending the kind support of corpus fund to the organization. Carrying forward the legacy of generosity, Mr. Raghu ram has provided scholarship to two top-scoring students of the organization who have illuminated the name of the organization with their hard work and determination in the SSC Board exams.



We are truly grateful for the continued support of Mr. Raghu Ram for encouraging hearing-impaired students on the path of education and empowerment.

Stationary Distribution by Mr. P. Sai Chaitanya, IPS (Superintendent of Police)

In a gracious act of kindness, Mr. P. Sai Chaitanya, IPS (Superintendent of Police) has donated stationary kits for the special students of Ashray AkruTi. The students are grateful for this act of benevolence which will support their educational endeavors provide them a sense of belongingness among peers.



Generous support of Hearing-aids and Uniforms by the NTT Data team

Remaining partners with our organization since the past two years, the NTT Data team has extended their support towards our special education and Free Hearing Clinic initiatives. Taking the beacon of benevolence even farther, the NTT Data team has sponsored hearing aids and uniforms for hearing impaired-students from underprivileged backgrounds enabling them to progress on their educational journey.



Eruvaka Technologies Provided the Gift of Sound to Children with Hearing-loss

Setting up the foundation of empowerment of hearing-impaired children starts with the provision of hearing-aids that support their communicational abilities. With an aim to enable hearing-impaired children from under-privileged backgrounds through the gift of hearing, the Eruvaka Technologies team generously sponsored 35 hearing-aids and 5 cochlear-implant sound processors. We are grateful for this generous support which has presented young hearing-impaired children with an opportunity to experience their life to the fullest with gift of hearing.



Creating an Inclusive Community with Volunteer Events

We are truly grateful of our partner organizations who dedicate their valuable time and efforts in organizing volunteer activities. Your efforts are incredibly valuable in creating an inclusive and encouraging environment for children with disabilities and helping them progress on the path of empowerment.

A visit to Birla Planetarium with the GOLDMAN SACHS team

Our special students from grade 7th to 9th experienced an amazing day filled with excitement and adventure at the Birla Planetarium owing to the amazing efforts made by the GOLDMAN SACHS team. Visiting the most advanced planetarium in India, the children had the opportunity to expand their knowledge with a practical experience and supportive guidance of the volunteers.



Stationary Distribution and Arts & Crafts Activity by the Reliance Jio team

Extending a hand of generosity and empathy, the Reliance Jio team conducted an amazing volunteer program with our special students at Srinagar Colony School. Creating an interactive rapport with hearing-impaired students, the volunteering team provided guidance and encouragement while conducting a vivid arts and crafts activity and inspired the students to unleash their creative expressions through drawing and painting. Distributing quality stationary products among the children, the team has further inspired their journey of creative expression and excellence for wholesome development.



Celebrating Inclusivity at Ashray Akruti

Embracing the value of health on International Yoga Day

As a part of our aim in creating a holistic environment of growth for students with special abilities we give importance to both the educational and physical wellbeing of the children. Recognizing Yoga as a medium for improving the spiritual and physical wellbeing of young children we promote its practice on a daily basis. On the eve of the International Yoga Day, our special students participated in the event organized by the (NIEPID) National Institute for the Empowerment of Person with Intellectual Disabilities (Divyangjan). The event helped the students gain a better understanding of the benefits of Yoga in regulating and balancing one's body and mind.



Celebrating the Birth Anniversary of Hellen Keller

With the intention of encouraging young children with special needs to pursue their dreams without being held back by the limit of their abilities, we celebrate the important days commemorating the journey of disability empowerment. As a true representative of the possibilities ingrained within persons with disabilities, the celebration of the birth anniversary of Hellen Keller marks as an important event for our special students.

The 6th and 7th grade students got the chance to perform at the State level birthday celebration organized at Ravindra Bharati, boosting their confidence in their own abilities.

By extending your support through funds or sparing your valuable time for volunteer activities, you can help us on this journey of empowerment. Together we can make this world an equal and inclusive space for persons with disabilities. Kindly reach out to our team to contribute to our initiatives.

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