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## Quarterly Newsletter for January - March 2025

### **VISIT OF DELEGATES FROM IITs AND NITs VISIT**

On January 10, 2025, a group of 25-30 delegates from prestigious IITs and NITs visited Anushruti Academy for the Deaf (AAD). They deeply appreciated the presence of this special school within an IIT. During the visit, they expressed their appreciation for the Academy's remarkable efforts in providing quality education and support to the hearing-impaired community. The delegates commended the Academy's innovative approach and dedication to empowering deaf students, fostering an inclusive learning environment. The interaction was an inspiring exchange of ideas and a step toward further collaboration in the field of education for differently-abled individuals.



### **VISIT OF A LOCAL SOCIAL WORKER**

On January 20, 2025, Mrs. Pooja Gupta, a noted social worker of Roorkee, visited AAD as part of her campaign for the upcoming Mayoral election for Nagar Nigam. As a candidate, she took the opportunity to engage with local residents, leaders, and the Academy's staff, discussing her vision for a more inclusive and progressive city. She emphasized her commitment to improving accessibility, education, and healthcare services, particularly for differently-abled individuals. Her visit was an important step in connecting with the community and demonstrating her dedication to their well-being and the city's overall growth.



### **REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATION**

On the occasion of India's 76th Republic Day, on January 26, 2025, in AAD, our Vice President, Prof. Tashi Nautiyal, proudly unfurled the national flag at 8 AM. The ceremony concluded with the distribution of sweets on the school premises. At 9 AM, the AAD teachers, staff and students attended the Republic Day celebration at IIT Roorkee James Thomason Building Lawns. The event commenced with the Director of IIT Roorkee unfurling the national flag, followed by the national anthem. The Director shared insights on IIT's achievements on various fronts. Our school's students also participated in the cultural program with a captivating song and dance performance. The event concluded on a joyful note with the distribution of sweets.



### **POSTER COMPETITION ON INTERNATIONAL MOTHER TONGUE DAY**

On January 27, 2025, the Hindi Cell of IIT Roorkee organized a poster-making competition to celebrate International Mother Tongue Day. Aimed at school students, the event promoted linguistic diversity and highlighted the importance of yoga for physical and mental well-being. Divided into two groups—Grade-1 (Classes 6–8) and Grade-2 (Classes 9–12)—participants had 1.5 hours to creatively express the theme through their artwork. Our AAD students participated in the cultural program with pride, showcasing their artistic talent and insightful interpretation of the theme. Aditya (Class X) secured the first prize, while Sakib (Class XI) and Arushi (Class VII) received consolation prizes.



## SHOW: "A VISIT TO THE RAILWAY STATION"

On January 28, 2025, A video titled "A Visit to the Railway Station" was shown on the projector to the school children, providing them with an engaging learning experience. Following the video, the students actively participated in a Question-and-Answer session related to the topic. Additionally, they had the opportunity to learn and even perform through sign language, making the session interactive and educational. This hands-on approach helped the students better understand the subject while also promoting inclusive learning.



## BASANT PANCHAMI CELEBRATION



On 1st February 2025, the school celebrated the festival of Basant Panchami in the school premises with great enthusiasm. The children of Pre-Nursery, Nursery, KG, and Class-I participated in a creative activity where they pasted flower petals on drawing sheets, adding a vibrant and colorful touch to the celebration. Meanwhile, the senior students showcased their artistic skills by making beautiful kites, symbolizing the spirit of the festival. The event was a joyous occasion, filled with creativity, fun, and a sense of togetherness, as students of all ages came together to celebrate the festive spirit of Basant Panchami.

## SPORTS RELATED BOOSTER VISIT

On February 14, 2025, Mr. Hemant Sharma (Ex-Sports Officer, IIT Roorkee) and Col. Deepak Thakur (Institute Engineer, IIT Roorkee) visited Anushruti Academy for the Deaf, where they warmly interacted with the students and staff. As part of his visit, Mr. Sharma distributed sports kits, including T-shirts and shorts, to all those who were to participate in the upcoming sports meet, encouraging them to participate with enthusiasm and confidence in the forthcoming sports competitions. Mr. Sharma took the time to meet with the special children, expressing his admiration for their resilience, talents and wished them good luck. He has been associated with the AAD sports teams earlier also arranging the sports kits & shoes etc. for the team.



Ms. Vibhuuti Saini (Principal), Prof. Tashi Nautiyal (Vice President), Col. Deepak Thakur (Institute Engineer, IIT Roorkee), Mr. Hemant Sharma (Ex-Sports Officer, IIT Roorkee)

## EVENT ORGANIZED BY NATIONAL DISASTER RESPONSE FORCE



On 15th February 2025, an event was organized by the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) at the Convocation Hall, IIT Roorkee. A total of 15 students from AAD, along with two teachers from the school, participated in this informative and engaging event. It was an excellent opportunity for students to learn about disaster management and about the crucial role of the NDRF in emergency conditions.

## VISIT OF Mr. RAHUL JAIN, CEO OF YUNIKEE ACCESSIBILITY SERVICES FOR DEAF PVT LTD

On February 17, 2025, Mr. Rahul Jain, the CEO of Yunikee Accessibility Services for Deaf Pvt Ltd in Hyderabad and his brother, both Deaf individuals, visited AAD. During their visit, Mr. Jain shared his personal experiences, inspiring the students by illustrating how it is possible to overcome challenges. He is also an ex-student of our school's principal Mrs. Vibhuuti Saini at Bajaj Institute of Learning, Dehradun. He introduced a range of programs tailored specifically for the Deaf community, highlighting various courses and opportunities that could help them succeed. The visit provided valuable insights into the resources and support systems available to Deaf individuals, encouraging the students to pursue their goals with confidence and determination.



## HEALTH CAMP

On 17th February 2025, a routine health check-up camp was organized by the team from the Jubilant Bhartia Foundation, led by Mr. Chandan Prasad (Assistant Manager), in collaboration with Dr. Aftab Azam (MBBS), for the staff and students of the school. The team conducted thorough health tests for everyone, ensuring that both the staff and students received proper health assessments. This initiative not only helped in early identification of health concerns but also emphasized the importance of maintaining good health and well-being. The camp was a valuable opportunity for the school community to take proactive steps towards a better health.



## SPORTS MEET



From 18th to 19th February 2025, the school students enthusiastically participated in the Sports Meet organized by Jyoti Special School, Rishikesh. A total of 20 students, accompanied by 4 teachers (Mrs. Ruchi Tyagi, Mrs. Princy Sudan, Mrs. Srishti Tyagi and Mrs. Saroj Yadav), took part in this vibrant two-day event. A total of 10 schools participated in the meet.



Before the event, our students underwent focused training by two experienced coaches from IITR, Mr. Laxman and Mr. Rajesh, Thanks to the generous support by IIT providing their playground and coaching for 15–20 days, with daily sessions of 1 to 1.5 hours. The coaches not only taught sports rules but also inspired and motivated students, boosting their confidence and determination.

Outstanding individual performances at the Sports Meet included Dev (class-VIII) and Neha (class-VII), each won 5 medals in events such as Tug of War, Relay, Shot Put, Race, and Javelin Throw. Shraddha (class-V) also delivered a remarkable performance, winning 4 medals in similar events. In total, AAD bagged 45 medals, making the entire AAD community proud.

In addition to their sporting achievements, the students also excelled in the Cultural Program during the Meet, where they secured the Runner-Up Trophy, reflecting their all-round excellence.

## SCIENCE WEEK – OPEN HOUSE: JOURNEY INTO SCIENCE FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE



On 19th February 2025, the AAD team took part in the Science Week Open House (14th–28th February) with 15 eager students and two dedicated teachers, Mrs. Renu Sood and Mrs. Shazia Farhat. Hosted on the IIT campus, the event provided a unique opportunity for students to observe live demonstrations in various science laboratories in IITR. The experience was both exciting and educational, sparking curiosity and offering deeper insights into scientific concepts and sustainable advancements.

## FRUIT & VEGETABLE SALAD ACTIVITY

On 22nd February 2025, the school organized a Fruit and Vegetable Salad Competition for students from Class 1 to Class 12. The students participated enthusiastically, creating beautifully designed salad preparations. Their creativity and presentation skills were on full swing as they crafted delicious and visually appealing salads, making the event both entertaining and nutritious. The students happily explored healthy eating habits while showcasing their artistic flair.



## PARENT-TEACHER MEETING

On February 28, 2025, a special Parent-Teacher Meeting (PTM) was held at the school in preparation for the upcoming Annual Exams. During the meeting, teachers interacted with parents, providing updates on their children's progress, academic performance and preparation. It was an opportunity for parents to discuss their concerns and for teachers to share important insights to help students succeed in their exams. The meeting fostered a strong partnership between parents and teachers to support the students' learning and school's overall growth.

## PHOTOGRAPHY DAY



On March 4, 2025, a photo session was held for all classes, featuring class photographs with their respective teachers and the Principal. Staff's photograph was also taken for the session. The class photographs were distributed to the students along with their report cards, offering them a cherished memory of their academic year.



## FAREWELL FUNCTION



On March 22, 2025, students from classes 9th, 10th, and 11th hosted a farewell function for the graduating class 12th students for the very First time. A vibrant cultural program was organized to give them a heartfelt send-off. The event showcased various performances that highlighted the students' talent and creativity, making it both a memorable and emotional experience. Additionally, the students gained valuable management skills by organizing such an event. It was a celebration of the graduates' school journey, filled with gratitude and best wishes for their future endeavors. The outgoing students promised to stay connected to AAD.

## ANNUAL DAY

On March 29, 2025, the Annual Day of the school was celebrated with great enthusiasm to recognize and honor the achievements of the students. The event featured a grand celebration with several distinguished dignitaries in attendance, including Chief Guest Dr. Hema Pant, Prof. Navneet Arora, Dr. Purnima Parida, Prof. Rashmi Gaur, and Mr. Sukhdev Raj. Members of the Management Committee—Prof. Tashi Nautiyal, Prof. Vishal Kumar, Prof. Usha Bannerjee, Dr. Sunali Vijj—and others, who presented awards to the deserving students. The day was filled with captivating performances, inspiring speeches, and heartfelt recognition of the hard work and dedication of both students and staff throughout the year. It was a truly inspiring occasion that celebrated academic and extracurricular excellence, leaving everyone with cherished memories of the even.

