



## Anushruti Academy for the Deaf (AAD)

**Nurturing Silence, Creating Lives**  
(A Social Initiative of IIT Roorkee)

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### Quarterly Newsletter for April - June 2023

#### AWARD CEREMONY



**Aditya, Class-8**



**Rishit, Class-1**



**Vishu, Class-8**

On 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2023 Annual Report cards were distributed in the presence of chief guest Dr. Hema Pant (President, AAD), Prof. Navneet Arora (Manager, AAD) and other MC Members. They honoured the topper of each class. The Best Achiever Award Trophy was given to Ma. Aditya (Class-8). Along with a trophy, a cash prize of Rs. 5000/- **“AWARD OF EXCELLENCE”** was also given away by Dr. Hema Pant. This award was instituted by Prof. S.P. Gupta in the memory of his parents Smt. Kamala Devi and Sh. Madan Gopal Gupta. Another award **“RAJ & GEETA AWARD”** instituted by Prof. Pramod Agarwal & Dr. Sudhi Agarwal was given to two Meritorious students of class 1 & 8 named Ma. Rishit & Ma. Vishu. The prize money of this award is Rs. 2,000/- each.

#### JOINING OF VICE PRESIDENT & NEW TEACHERS

In April, Prof. Tashi Nautiyal joined the Management Committee as the Vice President. Also, five new teachers Mrs. Medha Sharma, Mrs. Saroj Yadav, Mrs. Sheela Saini, Mrs. Rekha N.B. and Mrs. Ruchi Tyagi joined AAD in April 2023. Prof. Navneet Arora, Manager of AAD, welcomed all the new teachers.

#### PARENT TEACHER MEETING

PTM was held on 15.04.2023 pertaining to starting of the new session 2023 -24 and various points for the students were discussed with the parents.



#### SKILL ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROGRAM

On 29.04.2023, AAD in collaboration with Skill & Entrepreneurship Development Institute (SEDI), organized a training program on **“Real Skills & Real Jobs”**. Mr. Atul Rajput and his team from SEDI gave a presentation in this regard. Students & their parents attended the talk and got benefited from this session.

#### NOBLE CAUSE – DONATION COLLECTION IN UPES, DEHRADUN

Ms. Nidhi Nishant Pargaonkar, a B.Tech. Student of UPES, Dehradun accompanied by her friend Mr. Vineet Vinod Kotecha, a B.Tech Student of IIT Roorkee, visited AAD in the month of April 2023 for her research. It was extremely kind and thoughtful of her to work around hearing impaired children. We are obliged to receive Rs. 15,000/- as a donation, which was collected as a result of their firing efforts.

## CULTURAL PROGRAM IN MAC, IITR

On 29.04.2023, a cultural performance was delivered by the students of AAD in IITR, on the occasion of National Yuva Sangam Festival. Some Teachers also accompanied the students for helping them in the performance. The event was a great success and viewers were mesmerized to see the Deaf kids dancing so well on different songs.



## HEARING AID DISTRIBUTION

On 04.05.2023, AAD organized a “Hearing Aid Distribution Camp” in collaboration with Ali Yavar Jung National Institute of Speech & Hearing Disabilities (Divyangjan), NOIDA, for needy children of the school. The Hearing Aids were distributed, under the Government Scheme ADIP (Assistance to Disabled Persons), by Mr. Sudhanshu Kumar Vikas and his team from AYJNISHD, NOIDA. 42 students of AAD availed the facility and were benefitted through this camp.

## WELCOME OF THE NEW PRINCIPAL

On 10.05.2023, Mrs. Vibhuuti Saini joined as the Principal of AAD. Dr. (Mrs.) Hema Pant, President of AAD Management Committee and other members were delighted to welcome the new principal. The MC expressed confidence that her leadership and vision, along with the hard work and efforts of AAD teachers, will take AAD forward to greater heights. Her experience in the field of deaf education will be an asset for AAD and its students. The students and staff of AAD are working with new Zeal now.



## WAX ASSESSMENT CAMP



On AAD’s request Lt. Col. Swati Bisht from Military Hospital (MH) visited our school on 19.05.2023 to carry out wax assessment of all the students of AAD. She also prescribed ear drops for wax removal. She assured us for regular ENT assessment of our students in MH or through MH. Wax removal is essential before the measurements may be taken of the ear cavity of a Deaf child for making a mould. The moulds are required for proper fitting of the hearing aids to the ears.

## ADMIRABLE VOLUNTEER

On 20.05.2023, a farewell ceremony was given to Mrs. Deepa Shyam Sunder who served as a ‘Volunteer’ in AAD from 18.04.2022 to 30.04.2023. She carried out various projects based on teaching aids and was actively involved in using them to teach deaf students of kindergarten at AAD. She donated many Teaching and Learning Materials for the kids of our school. She also organized educational trip for our senior classes to Remount Training School and Depot, Saharanpur, and the junior classes were taken to Bengal Engineering Group (BEG) Centre, Roorkee.



## FAREWELL

On 31.05.2023, a farewell ceremony was given to Mr. Nitin Verma, who served AAD as a Part Time Computer Teacher and later joined as an Office Executive (Full Time) from 01.10.2022 to 31.05.2023. He was competent and quick in his work and sincerely performed his duties throughout his tenure.



## CONSTRUCTION



**New Classrooms**



**Stage in Anushruti Auditorium**



**Construction in Progress**

- Five new classrooms have been constructed at the first floor of AAD, two of these class rooms have been constructed under CSR project funding from THDC. The other 3 class rooms have been constructed under CSR project funding from DMI. AAD is grateful to THDC and DMI Pvt. Ltd. for this much needed addition.
- A full fledged stage has been constructed (courtesy IITR) in AADs multipurpose hall, called Anushruti Auditorium.
- The construction of six classrooms has started under Phase-I at the first floor from the grant received under CSR from National High Speed Rail Corporation Limited (NHSRCL).

## PAINTING COMPETITION



On 05.06.2023, a painting and art competition was organized by IITR in APJ Abdul Kalam academic block on the occasion of **“World Environment Day”**. 11 students of different age groups were accompanied by two teachers namely Mrs. Sheela Saini & Ms. Shazia Mirza. Six of these students, won prizes securing 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> position for different categories. They got cash prize and a certificate. Name of the students are Priyanka Pal (class XII), Arushi (class VI), Vishu Gurjar (class VIII), Sidra (Pre Nursery), Bilal (class II) and Keshav (class II).

## HEARING TESTING CAMP

On 23.06.2023, a free Hearing Testing Camp was organized for general public and held successfully by the team of AAD and Audiologist under the guidance of Dr. Sunali Vij Dhawan. Despite bad weather, the event was a great success where 26 persons were tested, diagnosed and counseled. AAD plans to conduct such camps at regular interval to serve the society and also to increase the awareness level for AAD and the facilities therein, including OAE and BERA which can test the hearing of even a new born baby.



**VISIT OF THE HON'BLE GOVERNOR OF UTTARAKHAND (RETD.) LT. GENERAL SHRI GURMIT SINGH, PVSM, UVSM, AVSM, VSM**



On 11.05.2023, Lieutenant General Shri Gurmit Singh, Hon'ble Governor of Uttarakhand, visited IIT Roorkee on the occasion of "National Technology Day" which was celebrated in the Multi Activity Center, IIT Roorkee. He was kind enough to pay a short visit to AAD. It was an honour and privilege to have him here with us. The dance performance by our students was greatly appreciated by the Hon'ble Governor and he was impressed with their efforts and hard work. That was a proud moment for all of us at Anushruti and we are thankful to our students for making us proud. The joy and excitement of our students

knew no bounds seeing large number of security personnels in uniform and some expressed wonder that even ladies are in police. The students were highly impressed seeing them all.

**VISIT OF SHRI. A.K. BIJALWAN DIRECTOR (FINANCE), NHSRCL, NEW DELHI**

On 18.05.2023, Sh. A.K. Bijalwan, Director (Finance), National High Speed Rail Corporation Limited (NHSRCL), New Delhi, visited AAD to review the progress of the CSR Project "Construction of Six Class Rooms and One Footbridge to Connect Corridor" on first floor of Anushruti Academy for the Deaf. AAD family welcomed Sh. Bijalwan in the school and appreciated the valuable help that his organization is extending to this special school. Sh. Bijalwan was pleased to see the activities of the AAD Students.



**VISITS TO AAD**



On 03.05.2023, Maj. Salil Dhawan, Mr. & Mrs. Sumit & Swati Dhawan from Roorkee visited AAD and sponsored education for one year of two students named Tannu Saini & Abhinav Gautam from class 5 & 7, respectively.



On 13.05.2023, Mrs. Chitra Gupta and her husband (Ex Alumnus of IITR) visited AAD and appreciated the development of school premises. They were amazed to see the art work done by the students of AAD and bought some paintings & carry bags. They happily donated Rs. 40,000/- for sponsoring the education of three senior kids.

On 08.05.2023, Dr. Hema Pant, President of AAD Management Committee, facilitated the visit of some ladies, accompanying the ISRO delegation visiting IITR, to AAD. They were elated to see the Deaf students studying and learning different vocational skills. They also purchased products made by our students from the cutting & tailoring dept. and Drawing Painting lab.





On 19.05.2023, Members from Bharat Vikas Parishad (Aviral Ganga) and the Owner of Karishma Boutique & Rustic House visited our school. The team from BVP sponsored education for one year of the child Aarav Rawat of class- Pre-Nursery and Mrs. Rashmi Mutneja from Karishma Boutique donated Rs. 11,000/- for the students. She also promised to give in-house training of embroidery, cutting & sewing to our students who are willing to learn the craft and earn some money by through this vocational training.



Some students from IITR visited on 25.05.2023 for birthday celebration and shared cake and eatables with AAD Students. IITR fraternity often loves celebrating the birthday of their loved on with the special students at AAD.



On 25.05.2023, teachers & students from Methodist College, Roorkee, also visited for completing their project on these special students.



On 26.05.2023, Mr. Abhishek (Manager), Mrs. Vandana & Mrs. Monika Rana from State Bank of India, IITR, visited AAD. Mrs. Monika Rana also sponsored education for one year of the child Yatharth Singh of class-2. AAD is grateful to her.



On 30.05.2023, Prof. Ashwini Kumar Sharma from Department of Chemical Engineering, IITR, visited AAD and sponsored education for one year of the child Insha of class - 2. AAD admires and welcomes such support which is a big help to the students from economically weak background.

### VISIT OF AAD TEAM FOR EXPLORING VOCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

On 16.06.2023, a team of AAD went to visit Karishma Boutique for discussing and planning the vocational training in the area of embroidery, cutting & sewing for our students. The meeting was an eye-opener and effective as the owner promised to give proper training cum part time job to our talented students who meet the criteria of completing the in-house training program effectively. She also invited the team to her restaurant (Rustic House) and offered housekeeping jobs for our senior students who are interested in the hospitality sector.

