



Anushruti Academy for the Deaf

Nurturing Silence, Creating Lives

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On 3rd December 2019, the eve of “International Day of Persons with Disabilities”, an awareness program was conducted for the parents of the students. Audiologist cum Speech Therapist Ms. Sakshi Sharma gave a presentation on “Merits and Demerits of cochlear implant”. Mrs. Parvati Pandey (Principal of AAD) counselled the parents about different types of disabilities and management of children with special needs.



Some students of the Physics department, IITR, also visited the school on this day and distributed sweets among the students of AAD on this occasion.

From 14th to 16th December 2019, a three days’ workshop on foundation course was organized under the aegis of Uttarakhand Open University Haldwani at AAD, IIT Roorkee. The Program was inaugurated by Dr. Sidhrath Pokhriyal-Course Co-ordinator, Prof. S.C. Handa-Member of Advisory Committee of AAD and Principal of AAD by lighting the lamp. On the second day of the workshop, Prof. Om Prakash Singh Negi-V.C. UOU graced the occasion and visited the school campus.

Series of lectures on different types of disabilities during the three days workshop were conducted by Prof. Jitendra Prasad (Rohilkhand University), Prof. Ram Shanker (Amethi University), Prof. Shivani Jain (Inder Prastha University) and Prof. Kerolene Haised (Dehradun). A number of students from various parts of the country including the staff of AAD attended this workshop.



Sound Proofing of the ‘Audiology’ lab was completed in January 2020 with the funds contributed by DMI Finance Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi. A new Special Educator Ms. Jyotika Yadav joined AAD on 16th January 2020 as English Teacher.



On 26th January 2020, the Republic day, the national flag was hoisted in the premises of AAD by Mrs. Charu Chaturedi, President of AAD. Some management committee members were also present on this occasion. After this, the whole team of students, their parents and staff of AAD joined in the Republic Day celebrations in IITR. The talented students of AAD gave a fabulous patriotic dance performance at the lawns of James Thomason building of IITR Students as young as of UKG class and upto those of class VIII participated in this program and were applauded and encouraged by everyone.



The Bank of Baroda, Roorkee, has been a benevolent contributor to facilitate AAD in its activities for the past 3 years. This year, the Bank of Baroda team, pioneered by their regional Head Mr. Ritesh Pant visited AAD and contributed useful raw material worth Rs. 10,000/- for the Drawing & Painting lab of AAD on 27th January 2020.



On 29th and 30th January 2020, Dr. Angshu Jajodia and his family from Durgapur, West Bengal, visited our school. They conducted an awareness program-‘Steps to be taken to handle deafness of a child’, for the parents and students of AAD. Mr. Shambhu Jajodia, father of Mr. Angshu Jajodia is the founder of NGO-SAHAS (Speech And Hearing Action Society). His mother, Prof. Madhumita Jajodia is cofounder and counselor at SAHAS.

Dr. Angshu Jajodia, with profound hearing loss since his birth, has completed his Ph.D from Visva-Bharati University, Durgapur in the field of Social Sciences. He will soon be joining the prestigious I.I.Sc. Bengaluru, as Research Associate to work on developing assistive devices, for specially abled persons, in collaboration with E.N.T. Deptt. of St. John’s Hospital.

