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VISIT TO ANUSHRUTI

The year started with the visit of Dr. Amit Tyagi, ENT specialist from AIIMS, Rishikesh, with his family. Dr. Tyagi appreciated the facilities for the tests related to hearing & for detection of the deafness at the school premises. They were amazed to see the art work done by the students of AAD. It was extremely kind and thoughtful of Prof. Sonal Atreya to arrange their visit to AAD.



INSPECTION OF THE PROGRESS OF ONGOING CSR PROJECT

NHSRCL has sponsored the construction of six classrooms on the first floor as part of its CSR initiative. On 25.01.2024, Mr. Anil Sharma, Joint General Manager of Social Development at the National High Speed Rail Corporation Limited (NHSRCL), along with his family, visited AAD, to inspect the progress of the funded project. President Dr. Hema Pant, Vice President Prof. Tashi Nautiyal, and Treasurer Prof. Manish Asthana were present to welcome and interact with them.

REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATIONS

On the occasion of India's 75th Republic Day, Prof. Tashi Nautiyal, Vice President, AAD, proudly unfurled the Indian tricolor flag at the school premises. All the Management Committee members, Teachers, Staff & Students were present. Prof. Nautiyal encouraged everyone to value the available resources and use those judiciously, e.g. to switch off the lights, fans, computers, and other electronic devices when not in use. Simple measures such as fixing dripping faucets can help us conserve resources and reduce utility expenses. As we strive to ensure the continued success and sustainability of our institution, it's imperative that we all play our part in managing our resources wisely. She also urged the teachers to help the AAD students become academically stronger.



VISIT TO NEPAL



AAD's generous donor Mr. Anil Sharma, an IITR alumnus 1981 batch, kindly arranged participation of AAD students in the cultural program for an event "Hospitality and its Social Responsibility" organized by HI-Aim Conference Pvt. Ltd. Our team comprising the Principal Mrs. Vibhuuti Saini, teacher Mrs. Ruchi Tyagi, and four students named Sakib, Shivam, Shanky, and Shradha was excited to travel to Kathmandu, Nepal to

participate in the event. Our team had an exciting fun filled stay from 30.01.23 to 02.02.24, where they have interacted with the hearing impaired students, the teachers and Principal of the school Helping Hands at Kathmandu. It was a sweet challenge to prepare a dance program with a joint team of their and our students in such a short duration.

However, the students, full of enthusiasm, responded very well. There was a mesmerizing performance, in the final program on 01.02.24, not only by the AAD team, but also by the joint team of the two schools.

Following the event, Sh. Anil Kumar Sharma & Sh. Romesh Koul, Directors of HI-Aim Conference Pvt. Ltd., announced a generous donation of 1.25 lakh rupees to our school.

PROGRAMMING OF HEARING AIDS

Hearing aids are a very important assistive device for the students of AAD. There is invariably a need of hearing aids for AAD students due to these being kind of fragile, sometimes the kids lose these and also due to new admissions. On 09.02.2024, technicians from **Phonak Company** programmed 10 digital hearing aids donated by Sh. Rakesh Gupta, 1968 batch, IITR alumnus. The name of the beneficiaries who got the Hearing Aids are Barira (Pre Nursery), Saran and Sarfaraj (Nursery), Siddharth Saini, Nancy and Asna (KG), Itma, Saad, Annu and Sofiya (class I).



GENEROUS DONATION BY INDIAN OVERSEAS BANK

On 09.02.2024, a group of representatives from the Indian Overseas Bank visited AAD to distribute stationery items to all the students. They commended the dedication and efforts of the teachers and staff members of the school.

BASANT PANCHMI CELEBRATION

On 13.02.2024, a brief ceremony was conducted within the school premises on the auspicious occasion of Basant Panchmi to worship Goddess Saraswati. The event was attended by all the students and staff members.



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On 16.02.2024, representatives from various companies visited our school to gain insights into Deaf Education. They were captivated by the talent displayed by the students and the dedication demonstrated by the teachers. Additionally, they distributed refreshments to the staff and students as a gesture of appreciation.

DIRECTED ACTIVITY

Directed activities for the Deaf are structured exercises or tasks specifically designed to engage individuals, who are Deaf, in meaningful and interactive ways. These activities aim to facilitate learning, communication, and social interaction within the Deaf community. On 22.02.2024, such a fun activity involving the preparation of fruit chaat was conducted for the Pre-school students to enhance language and gross motor skills in them. The activity aimed to teach them vocabulary related to fruits, their colors, and tastes, while also providing an opportunity for hands-on learning and sensory exploration.



CONDUCT OF SPECIAL B.ED. PRACTICAL EXAMS



On 27.02.2024, the B.Ed. Practical Exams for the Vth semester of special B.Ed. (Hearing Impaired) program of Uttarakhand Open University (UOU) were conducted at our school, with four of our teachers participating as candidates. Examiner was Dr. Kaushal Sharma, an expert from Dr. Shakuntla Mishra National Rehabilitation University, Lucknow, along with Dr. Siddharth Pokhriyal (UOU). Candidates from different

states across the country appeared in the examination. Dr. Sharma and Dr. Pokhriyal also held discussions with several members of the management committee of AAD regarding the development of a graduation-level program tailored for students after completing their 12th grade. Additionally, they provided information about various vocational courses offered by the National Institute of Electronics & Information Technology (NIELIT) and Dr. Shakuntla Mishra National Rehabilitation University, Lucknow.

VISIT TO RAJ BHAWAN

The annual grand Spring Festival, featuring a flower show and other competitions, was hosted at Raj Bhawan, Dehradun. On 01.03.2024 seventeen students from AAD took part in drawing and rangoli competitions, with Shazia winning the first prize and Aditya securing the third prize.



INTERNATIONAL MOTHER LANGUAGE DAY

On 21.02.2024, on the occasion of Mother Language Day, a poster competition was organized by the Hindi Cell of IITR. Twenty students of AAD took part. Aditya of Class 9th received a prize of Rs. 3,000 for securing 2nd place, while all other participants were awarded a consolation prize of Rs. 500 each.

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On 21.03.2024, Mr. Sudhakar Agarwal, the Director of Indian Herbs Specialities Pvt. Ltd., visited AAD. He commended the exemplary work being carried out for our special children. Additionally, he made purchases from the Cutting-Tailoring & Art department and assured of ongoing support and assistance whenever needed.



ANNUAL DAY (RESULT DISTRIBUTION CEREMONY)

On March 27, 2024, AAD celebrated its "Annual Result Distribution Day". We had the privilege of the presence of Prof. K.K. Pant, Director of IITR and patron AAD, as the Chief Guest, who motivated us with his presence and insightful words. Dr. Hema Pant, President, Prof. Tashi Nautiyal, Vice-President, Prof. Navneet Arora, Manager, Prof. Sonal Atreya and Mrs. Sunali Vij Dhawan were also present during the award distribution ceremony, sharing their words of wisdom with the audience. Among the special guests to honor this occasion were Prof. Promod Agarwal (Electrical Engg. Deptt., IITR), Dr. Sudhi Agarwal (Anaesthetist), Prof. Rashmi Gaur (Humanities and Social Science Deptt., IITR) accompanied by her daughter, Mr. Sarvar and Mrs. Deepika from Makeover Salon and Mr. Guru Bachan Singh (retired Army personnel). This event serves as a wonderful opportunity for us to celebrate the accomplishments of our students and to acknowledge their diligent efforts.

Details of the main awards of AAD are as follows:

- The Smt. Kamla Devi and Shri Madan Gopal trophy sponsored by Prof. S.P. Gupta (former Dy. Director IIT Roorkee; Vice Chancellor COER University) in memory of his parents was presented as the "Award of Excellence" to the All-

Rounder student of AAD, Ms. Manisha Chauhan from class 7, for her exceptional performance throughout the school. The award also carries a cash prize of Rs. 5000/- : The award was given away by Prof. K.K. Pant, Director IITR.

- The Raj & Geeta trophies along with a cash prize of Rs. 2000/- each instituted by Prof. Pramod Agarwal and Dr. Sudhi Agarwal in memory of their respective mother were awarded for 'Academic Excellence' to the top-ranking students. Mr. Rishit from class 2 received the award for the Highest Marks in the 'Junior Category' with a score of 91.6% Ms. Samreen from class 6 received the award for the Highest Marks in the 'Senior Category' : The awards were given away by Prof. Pramod Agarwal and Dr. Sudhi Agarwal.
- The Viva Gaur Trophy instituted by Prof. Rashmi Gaur in memory of her young son Vivaswat Gaur, was presented for excellence in sports. Mr. Guddu Morya from class 8 was awarded this for his outstanding performance in sports, along with a cash prize of Rs. 5000/- : The award was given away by the daughter of Prof. Rashmi Gaur.



Prof. K.K. Pant, Director IITR



**Prof. Pramod Agarwal &
Dr. Sudhi Agarwal**



Daughter of Prof. Rashmi Gaur

Good News: Donations made directly to Anushruti Academy for the Deaf are now eligible for a 50% tax benefit under Income tax section 80 G. It is going to effective w.e.f. 02.03.2024.