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Quarterly News letter for January – March 2026

SCREENING OF CITY LIGHTS AND INTERACTIVE SESSION

On January 23rd 2026, students of Anushruti Academy for the Deaf (AAD) were invited to the Multi-Activity Centre Auditorium to watch the classic movie City Lights by Charlie Chaplin. The screening was organized by students of IIT Roorkee.

The children along with two teachers Mrs. Renu Sood and Mrs. Shazia Farhat thoroughly enjoyed the film and enthusiastically participated in the event alongside students from other schools. Following the screening, the IIT students conducted an engaging interactive question–answer session, focusing on the values and life lessons depicted in the movie.



REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATION

On January 26th 2026, at AAD, President, Dr. (Mrs.) Hema Pant, along with the Principal, Mrs. Vibhuuti Saini proudly unfurled the national flag at 8:00 AM. The ceremony concluded with the distribution of



sweets on the school premises. At 9:00 AM, AAD teachers, staff, and students attended the Republic Day celebration at the James Thomason Building Lawns, IIT Roorkee. The event began with the Director of IIT Roorkee unfurling the national flag, followed by the national anthem. The Director highlighted the institute’s achievements across various fields.

Our school students also actively participated in the cultural program, presenting a captivating song and dance performance. The celebration concluded on a joyful note with the distribution of sweets.

TRAFFIC AWARENESS POSTER (INTER-SCHOOL COMPETITION)

On February 07th 2026, a Traffic Awareness Poster Competition was organized at IIT Roorkee. Students of AAD actively participated in the event. The competition was conducted in Junior and Senior categories and focused on the theme of “Road Safety.”

In the Junior category, Ms. Alina, Ms. Sumayya, Ms. Annu, and Ms. Insha were awarded prizes for their outstanding posters. The students showcased remarkable creativity and effectively conveyed important messages about traffic rules and safety. The event helped raise awareness about responsible road behaviour and encouraged students to contribute towards building a safer society.

The Art & Craft competition was conducted separately for Junior and Senior groups.

In the Senior category, students Ms. Neha, Ms. Arushi, delivered excellent performances and proudly represented the school.

A HEARTWARMING VISIT OF LONG-TIME SUPPORTER MR. ROCHLANI



Mr. Rochlani, along with his family from New Jersey, visited AAD on 12th February 2026 to interact with our students. He was truly mesmerized by the experience, and his son was equally impressed by the remarkable work being carried out at the school.

Mr. Rochlani has been associated with AAD since 2019 and has been a regular donor ever since. He also expressed his commitment to encouraging others in the USA to support Anushruti, in collaboration with his organization, Better Living Through Giving.

INTERNATIONAL MOTHER LANGUAGE DAY ACTIVITIES

On February 21st 2026, the occasion of International Mother Language Day 2026, a series of competitions including Poster Making, Essay Writing, and Poetry Writing were organized by Bhasha Prakoshth, IIT Roorkee. Students from various classes participated enthusiastically and achieved commendable results.

- In the Poster Making Competition (Classes 6–8), Ms. Arushi (Class VIII) secured the Third Prize.
- In the Essay Writing Competition (Classes 9–12), Mr. Harshit (Class XI) won the Third Prize.
- In the Poetry Writing Competition (Classes 9–12), Mr. Guddu Morya (Class X) secured the Third Prize.

Additionally, Ms. Neha Kumari (Class X) received a prize in the Poster category, while Ms. Manisha Chauhan and Mr. Aditya (Class XI) were awarded Consolation Prizes in the Essay Writing Competition. The program was conducted at the Chemical Department Auditorium of IIT Roorkee.

PARENT-TEACHER MEETING

On February 24th 2026, 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.

CAREER AWARENESS PROGRAM IN DEHRADUN

On February 18th 2026, teachers Mrs. Shazia Farhat, Mrs. Renu Sood, and the Principal, Mrs. Vibhuuti Saini, attended a workshop organized by National Career Service at Grand Legacy Beacon, Dehradun. The workshop focused on career opportunities and employment prospects for senior students of AAD.

Valuable information regarding upcoming job fairs and career guidance initiatives was also shared during the session. The program provided meaningful insights into various career paths and skill development opportunities. It also enabled the participants to better guide students in making informed decisions about their future careers.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION



On March 06th 2026, Mrs. Somya Tyagi from the BSB Department at IIT visited AAD with her family to celebrate the birthday of her husband, Mr. Rohan Tyagi.

The occasion was filled with joy and warmth, as she chose to make the celebration meaningful by sharing it with the students and staff. Her thoughtful gesture brought smiles to everyone present and created a truly memorable experience.

The visit beautifully highlighted the spirit of kindness, compassion, and togetherness, leaving a lasting positive impact on all who were part of the celebration.

WORLD HEARING DAY

On March 07th 2026, on the occasion of World Hearing Day, a special programme and workshop was organized at AAD, IIT Roorkee, in collaboration with NIEPVD, the organization also sponsored the whole event. Dr. Revathi and three interns from NIEPVD were present on the occasion. Dr. Sunali Vij Dhawan delivered an informative awareness session on hearing care and communication.



Mrs. Vibhuuti Saini, Principal, conducted an insightful session on communication and early intervention, while Mrs. Asha Mehta, teacher representative took a session on the importance of sign language.

The students, parents, and management members actively participated in the program. The programme was a great success, spreading awareness about hearing health, and concluded with the distribution of refreshments.

CULTURAL ACHIEVEMENT AT DISTRICT JAIL, DEHRADUN



On March 14th 2026, under the observance of Jail Diwas, around 20 students, accompanied by three teachers—Ms. Nidhi Singh, Ms. Shaziya Mirza, and Ms. Sanrachna—participated in a special programme held at the District Jail, Dehradun. The students presented impressive cultural programme and mime performance, which were highly appreciated by the audience. Their dedication and talent brought great recognition to the school.

The school was honoured with a trophy and received a cash prize of ₹4000 as a token of appreciation. All students returned safely, making the event successful, enriching, and truly memorable.

ANNUAL DAY CELEBRATION



On March 25th 2026, the Annual Day of the school was celebrated with great enthusiasm to recognize and honour the achievements of the students. The event was a grand success, with Chief Guest Dr. Hema Pant, President AAD, gracing the occasion.



Members of the Management Committee— Prof. Rajat Agrawal, Prof. Partha Roy, Dr. Usha Banerjee, Prof. Vishal Kumar, Prof. Navneet Arora, Dr. Sunali Vij Dhawan, Prof. Indra Gupta and Prof. Ram Manohar Singh —along with other esteemed dignitaries, presented awards to deserving students for their outstanding performance in academics and extracurricular activities.

“The occasion was further enriched by the gracious presence of distinguished donors, namely Dr. Sudhi and Prof. Promod Agarwal, Dr. Rashmi Gaur and her daughter, Mr. Sukhdev Raj, Sh. Guru Bachan Singh, Mr. S.K. Mital and his wife Mrs. Madhu Mital”.

The day was filled with inspiring speeches, and heartfelt recognition of the hard work and dedication of both students and staff throughout the year. It was truly an inspiring occasion that celebrated excellence and left everyone with cherished memories of the event.

The School All Rounder Award was presented to Mr. Siddharth Saini (Class III) and Ms. Priya Pundir (Class VI), each receiving ₹2,500, in the name of Smt. Kamla Devi & Shri Madan Gopal Gupta. For Excellence in Cultural Performance, Ms. Shraddha (Class VI) and Mr. Shivam (Class XI) were awarded ₹2,500 each, under the name of Prof. Ila Gupta. Both these awards were sponsored by Prof. S. P. Gupta.

Under the Needy Girl Child Award, Ms. Ishika (Class XI) received ₹5,000, sponsored by IIT Roorkee.

The School Topper Awards were given to Mr. Rishit (Class V) – Junior category and Ms. Samreen (Class VIII) – Senior category, each receiving ₹2,000 under the Raj & Geeta Award.

In Sports, Ms. Neha (Class VIII) was awarded ₹5,000 under the Viva Gaur Award, sponsored by Dr. Rashmi Gaur.

Two special awards were also presented to the following staff of AAD:

- Mrs. Neelima Agarwal – Dependability Champion Award
- Mrs. Renu Sood – Lifetime Dedication and Service Award

FAREWELL FUNCTION



On March 28th 2026, students from classes 9th, 10th, and 11th hosted a farewell function for the graduating class 12th students. 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.

“EK SHAAM MATA-PITA KE NAAM”

On March 28th 2026, a special camp was organized at the MAC Auditorium under the aegis of Better Life on the topic “Rishton Mein Nayi Roshni.” The programme was hosted by Prof. Navneet Arora from Mechanical Department of IITR. The programme includes “Ek Shaam Mata-Pita Ke Naam,” aimed at strengthening the emotional bond between parents and children. It promotes love, respect, understanding, and effective communication within families.

The camp will feature interactive sessions and activities to help our students also to express their thoughts and build stronger relationships with their parents.

Around 8 students, along with two teachers and Principal participated in this meaningful programme, which is expected to be inspiring and leave a lasting positive impact.