



**Nurturing Silence, Creating Lives**  
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**A NUSHRUTI**  
Academy for the Deaf

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## Quarterly Newsletter for July - September 2023

### SMART BOARD PRESENTATION

With the aim of assisting hearing impaired students at our school, it is proposed to install IFPs (Interactive Flat Panels) in six or more classrooms. This technology is expected to enhance the teaching experience by providing visual cues, thus facilitating better learning outcomes. In this regard, Mr. Jitendra Joshi, Assistant Manager Sales & Marketing from TATA ClassEdge, conducted a demo session on July 5, 2023 to showcase the potential benefits of installing IFPs in our school.



### CERTIFICATION FOR RESEARCH

On July 7, 2023, Ms. Nandini Dutt, an intern participating in the SPARK Program 2023 of IIT Roorkee, received certification for her one-month research project on the web accessibility of hearing-impaired students in India. She successfully completed her project at AAD under the guidance of Prof. Manish Asthana, Dept. of Humanities & Social Sciences, IITR.

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### DONORS' DAY (IITR)

On July 22, 2023, Donors' Day for our generous donors from IITR was celebrated in AAD. This event was organized to express appreciation and gratitude to the donors who consistently contribute to the school, supporting its smooth operation. Additionally, there are plans to extend the celebration of Donors Day to include other donors who have also been selflessly contributing to the betterment of our special school.



### SWEET JOY FOR AAD STUDENTS

On July 24, 2023, Prof. Sparsh Mittal (Dept. of Electronics and Communication Engineering, IITR) & his mother distributed homemade sweets to the students of AAD. AAD sincerely appreciates this kind gesture and extends its heartfelt thanks to them for their thoughtful and generous act.

### MOTIVATIONAL TALK

On July 27, 2023, Ms. Tanya Rampal, a B.Tech graduate from IITR who is hearing-impaired, visited our school to meet with students and parents. She shared her personal journey and provided motivation to all in audience. It was a truly inspirational session, and her remarkable story served as a source of inspiration for many, particularly our hearing-impaired students. Ms. Rampal also pledged to maintain ongoing communication and offer assistance if required in the future.



### VISIT TO AAD



On July 28, 2023, Shri Dattatri Salagame, CEO of Bosch Software Technologies and the Chief Guest at the Convocation 2023 in IITR, paid a visit to AAD. During his visit, he was deeply impressed by the consistent dedication of both the students and teachers towards their goals. He also expressed a newfound appreciation for the value of abilities like listening and speaking that are often taken for granted. Mr. Salagame committed to maintaining contact and contributing to the best of his potential in support of AAD's initiatives.

### GOODIES DISTRIBUTION

On July 31, 2023, Mr. Nikhil Agarwal, an individual from IIT Roorkee, visited AAD to distribute food items to the students. He was enthusiastic about interacting with the children and expressed his commitment to visit again in the future.



### VISIT OF THE HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER OF UTTARAKHAND SHRI. PUSHKAR SINGH DHAMI JI



On August 2, 2023, the Honorable Chief Minister of Uttarakhand, Shri. Pushkar Singh Dhami Ji, inaugurated the "G20 Impact Summit: Unleashing the Potentials" at IIT Roorkee. He graciously made a brief visit to AAD. It was a proud moment for everyone at Anushruti, and we extend our heartfelt gratitude to him for making this visit possible. The students were thrilled to see that the Chief Minister of Uttarakhand had visited the school.

### GENEROUS DONOR



On August 9, 2023, Mr. Piyush Kuchhal and his wife paid a visit to AAD facilitated by Audiologist cum Speech Therapist Mrs. Sunali Vij Dhawan from Roorkee. During their visit, they had the opportunity to interact with all the



teachers and students to gain a deeper understanding of the school's teaching and learning processes. They were greatly impressed by the school's operations and management. Subsequently, they generously distributed various goodies to the students and contributed Rs. 50,000 to support the students in acquiring uniforms and books.

### SPECIAL B.Ed. (HI) PRACTICAL EXAM CONDUCTED IN AAD



On August 10, 2023, Dr. Siddharth Kumar Pokhriyal, Assistant Professor and Program Coordinator at the Department of Special Education, Uttarakhand Open University, Haldwani, conducted the B.Ed. Practical Exams at AAD. Six teachers from our school participated in these exams. Dr. Pokhriyal expressed his delight at organizing the exams at AAD and commended our hospitality.

### ESSAY COMPETITION

On August 14, 2023, a team from the National Service Scheme (NSS) at IIT Roorkee arranged an essay competition for the senior students in our school. In addition to the competition, they distributed food items and awarded certificates to all the participants.



### INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION 2023

On August 15, 2023, in celebration of Independence Day, Dr. Hema Pant, President of AAD, hoisted the flag in the school premises, with the presence of the entire Management Committee, teachers, staff, and students. Following the flag hoisting ceremony, our school students



participated in the Independence Day celebrations and delivered outstanding performances at the lawns of the James Thomason building at IIT Roorkee.

### DISTRIBUTION OF STATIONERY

On both August 17 and August 29, 2023, Mr. Deepak Verma a research scholar from IIT Roorkee generously distributed stationery items to the students at our school. Additionally, Mr. Verma has been a consistent sponsor for one of our students, ensuring her education is covered for the entire year.



### WATER CONSERVATION AWARENESS EVENT

On August 17, 2023, a cultural program took place at the National Institute of Hydrology, IIT Roorkee. During this event, our junior students delivered a dance performance, while our senior students presented a mime focused on water conservation. The program was a remarkable success, and those in attendance were truly amazed by the exceptional performance of our deaf students.



### MEHNDI COMPETITION

On August 18, 2023, in celebration of the Teej Festival, a Mehndi Competition was organized within the school. The competition witnessed winners receiving prizes, and all participants showcased their versatility and creativity by creating intricate henna designs on the palms of the teaching staff and on paper.



### STATE LEVEL CHESS COMPETITION

On August 20, 2023, a group of six senior students traveled to Dehradun to take part in the 9th Uttarakhand State Deaf Chess Championship. Their participation was not only a motivating experience but also earned them participation certificates from the Uttarakhand Sports Society of the Deaf. Engaging in such competitions plays a significant role in boosting their confidence and self-esteem, contributing to the development of their overall personalities.



### ANOTHER GENEROUS DONOR



On August 21, 2023, our regular and very generous donor, Sh. Guru Bachan Singh Ji distributed chocolates to all the students of AAD. Later, on September 16, 2023, he made a generous donation of 1 Lakh rupees to our school. AAD expresses its



heartfelt gratitude for his interaction with the students and for fulfilling his commitment to support the school's betterment.

### WORKSHOP ON THE SUCCESS OF CHANDRAYAN-3

On August 25, 2023, an impromptu workshop was conducted by all the teachers, involving every student at AAD. The workshop focused on the topic of safe lunar landing at the South Pole for Chandrayan-3. The teachers made a quick and comprehensive effort to present and explain all the relevant information regarding the moon mission. The students were excited and eager to gain insights into this topic.



### PLANTATION AT AAD

On August 25, 2023, a tree planting initiative was initiated by Dr. Hema Pant, President of AAD, and was followed by the participation of all the students and staff at AAD. This effort was carried out in collaboration with Sh. Lal Singh Verma, Assistant Engineer from the Horticulture department at IIT Roorkee. This event marked the first step towards building a sustainable environment and aimed to motivate the students. AAD looks forward to many more opportunities like this to continue fostering a commitment to environmental sustainability.

### HANDWRITING WORKSHOP FOR TEACHERS

On August 25, 2023, Prof. Navneet Arora, Manager at AAD, conducted a session where he shared valuable handwriting tips and techniques aimed at enhancing the quality of writing. He also provided tricks for achieving better results and motivated all the teachers to serve as role models for their students.



### FAREWELL

On August 26, 2023, AAD bid farewell to Ms. Raveena Yadav and Ms. Priyanka Pant, the Speech and Audiology interns from the Himalayan Institute of Medical Sciences in Dehradun. These interns were exceptionally supportive, cooperative, and highly knowledgeable in their field. They played a crucial role in assisting the school's audiologist in providing proper training to our Deaf students in speech and audio-related matters. Their contributions proved invaluable and made them true assets to our school.

### RAKHI COMPETITION

On August 30, 2023, a Rakhi Competition was held for AAD students in the Anushruti Auditorium, and all the participants received prizes for their efforts. These events play a significant role in instilling confidence, developing new skills, fostering perfection, and providing motivation to our Deaf students. Such experiences empower them with the belief that they too can achieve remarkable feats.



### ACTIVITY BY COER UNIVERSITY TEAM



On September 2, 2023, students from COER University organized a one-month training program as part of their curriculum, designed specifically for our students. During this program, they orchestrated a variety of engaging activities, including drawing, picture pasting arts, model creation, and creative arts



related to the environment. These students were highly interactive and enthusiastic in coordinating these activities. Additionally, they generously distributed drawing colors and other essential materials required for the successful execution of these creative endeavors.

### MOVIE SCREENING IN ANUSHRUTI AUDITORIUM



On September 2, 2023, the SPIC MACAY, IIT Roorkee Chapter, organized a special event at Anushruti Auditorium aimed at breaking the monotony of studying. The event featured a spectacular movie based on the life of the renowned comedian Charlie Chaplin. It was a hilarious and rejuvenating program specially organized for our special children.

### TEACHERS' DAY CELEBRATION



On September 5, 2023, Teachers' Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm by the students of AAD. The program saw the presence of faculty, staff, students, and parents.



AAD students actively participated in cultural programs to express their love and respect for their teachers. It was a remarkable experience for the spectators to witness how well these special children coordinated and managed the entire event seamlessly.

### VISIT



On September 6, 2023, Honorable Justice Ajay Bhanot from the Allahabad High Court paid a visit to Anushruti Academy for the Deaf. His visit left a profound impact as he witnessed the workings of this special school. Justice Bhanot and his wife devoted significant time to gain insights into the terminology used and the challenges encountered by the school in educating these special children. They also extended their commitment to maintain a lasting connection with the school, showing their dedication and support for the cause.

### DONATION ON ANNIVERSARY

On September 6, 2023, Prof. P. Jeevanandam from IIT Roorkee and his wife visited AAD. Their excitement to meet the staff and students of our school was evident. They have been consistent donors and, on the occasion of their marriage anniversary, happily contributed Rs. 5,000 to support the school's initiatives.



## INAUGURATION OF 5 CLASS ROOMS (SEWA THDC & DMI) ON FIRST FLOOR



There was a severe scarcity of classrooms in AAD. With the generous CSR funding from DMI Finance Pvt. Ltd. (for 3 rooms) and SEWA THDC (for 2 rooms), AAD now has 5 classrooms on the 1st floor. On September 13, 2023, these new classrooms were



inaugurated by the DMI Directors, Finance, Ms. Jayati Chatterjee, and Ms. Bina Singh, and by Mr. B.S. Negi, Senior Manager, and Mr. R.K. Verma, Manager, from SEWA THDC. AAD expresses its deep gratitude to DMI Pvt. Ltd. and THDC SEWA for this very important much-needed addition to the school. The students are delighted to attend classes in the new classrooms.

## VISITORS FROM BETTER LIFE (DEVASHRAM)



On September 18, 2023, Professor Navneet Arora, the Manager of AAD and President of the Better Life organization, graciously invited his guests to our school to observe and gain insight into the functioning of our unique setup designed for teaching Deaf children. The guests were truly captivated by the experience as they witnessed and comprehended the entire process. They also expressed a commitment to maintaining ongoing contact in the future also.

## WELL WISHERS

On September 20, 2023, the relatives of Professor Tashi Nautiyal, Vice President of AAD, paid a visit to our school and had the opportunity to engage with both the students and the staff. They were truly amazed and deeply impressed by the exceptional setup of our special school, where innovative techniques are employed to nurture and educate Deaf children.



## INTERNATIONAL SIGN LANGUAGE DAY

On September 23, 2023, a group of students and a few teachers from our school had the unique opportunity to participate in the International Sign Language Day event held at Dr. Bheem Rao Ambedkar Bhawan in New Delhi. During this event, they gained valuable insights into the significance of sign language for effective communication and pursuit of academic excellence. They also realized that Deaf individuals can attain their dreams and aspirations just as effectively as their hearing peers. Moreover, the students had the privilege of meeting several Deaf role models who served as a tremendous source of motivation. The event left them enthused and inspired to strive for their own aspirations. Besides the educational aspect, the students were also delighted to experience the remarkable infrastructure and cleanliness of the city of Delhi. This visit was a remarkable and eye-opening experience for all involved.

## CAKE MAKING ACTIVITY

On September 25, 2023, under the thoughtful guidance of two teachers, students from class XI and XII came together to create a scrumptious Chocolate, Dates, and Walnut Cake as a part of their celebration for Deaf Awareness Month. The students took part in every step of the baking process, from preparation to presentation. After the cake was ready, they joyfully cut and shared it with all their fellow students, teachers, and staff members at the school. It was a heartwarming moment, and the joy and confidence reflected in their expressions were truly visible.



### **VISIT TO GREEN GALA CAFE**



On September 26, 2023, an unforgettable event took place when the entire school community, including students, teachers, and staff, were invited by Mr. Mohan Rawat, the owner of Green Gala Cafe in IITR, to visit the Cafe. The purpose of this visit was to celebrate a generous treat extended by the cafe's owner, Mr. Mohan Rawat. His warm and heartfelt welcome left a lasting impression on everyone present. He went above and

beyond, serving the finest snacks available in the cafe, and even provided unlimited food to ensure that everyone felt well-fed and content. His unconditional love and hospitality towards the students was truly heartwarming.

### **DRAWING COMPETITION**

On September 27, 2023, as a part of the Deaf Awareness Month, an exciting drawing competition was organized by the Inner Wheel Club Roorkee Sparkles. Our students exhibited great enthusiasm and creativity, actively participating in the event. Their efforts were rewarded with certificates and prizes for their outstanding artwork. What made



this day even more special was the kind and generous gesture from the club's team. They dedicated two hours of their time to interact with and motivate our special children, leaving a positive and lasting impact. The Inner Wheel Club Roorkee Sparkles also expressed their commitment to conducting similar activities in the near future, ensuring that such wonderful experiences continue to enrich the lives of our students.

### **WORKSHOP ON "EMPOWERING TEACHERS TO EXCEL WITH HEARING IMPAIRED CHILDREN"**



On September 28, 2023, our school organized an enlightening workshop for teachers, featuring the expertise of Mrs. Anjali Agarwal, a seasoned professional hailing from Dehradun. Mrs. Agarwal's workshop focused on empowering teachers with the knowledge and skills necessary to effectively train Deaf children. Her extensive experience in this specialized field, spanning 23 years, added a valuable perspective to the session.

During the workshop, Mrs. Agarwal shared a wealth of tips, tricks, strategies, methodologies, and techniques, all tailored to the unique needs of Deaf children. The participating teachers found her insights to be highly motivating and enriching. Mrs. Agarwal's guidance not only enhanced their teaching abilities but also instilled a renewed sense of purpose and dedication to the important task of educating Deaf children.