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A NUSHRUTI
Academy for the Deaf

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VISITS TO ANUSHRUTI

On July 5, 2024, Mr. Anurag Rochalani, Director of Better Living through Giving, USA, & Family visited AAD and generously increased his monthly donation from Rs. 36,000/- to Rs. 36,500/- to meet the educational expenses of the school. Further, Mr. Rochalani also distributed sweets among the students of AAD. We are deeply grateful for their steady support to AAD.



On July 8, 2024, Prof. Radhakant Padhi, Department of Aerospace Engineering, Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru, visited AAD. He was much amazed and highly impressed by the exceptional setup of our special school, where innovative techniques are employed to nurture and educate the deaf children.

On July 12, 2024, Prof. Gaurav Raheja from IIT Roorkee, along with Dr. Jitendra Aggarwal, Founder & CEO of Sarthak Educational Trust and Secretary General of the National Abilympic Association of India, visited AAD. During their visit, they interacted with the students, who eagerly shared their aspirations for career development and employment opportunities. Dr. Aggarwal also committed to involve these students in Sarthak Educational Trust's skill training program.



The recent inauguration of a new branch in Haridwar will provide easy access for our students to participate in the training.



On July 20, 2024, Sh. Prakash Chandra Garg, one of the Founder members of AAD (Retired Scientist from CBRI, IITR) his wife and son Mr. Manish Garg visited AAD. Sh. Garg shared his experience of starting the school in CBRI as a Treasurer till 1987 prior to relocating himself in Iraq for his job. His son was the first student of the very first batch of AAD (then known as Roorkee school for the Deaf). Mr. Manish Garg runs a stationery shop in Roorkee. They generously donated a handsome amount to Anushruti for its overall growth and development in various domains.

On July 27, 2024, Ms. Debjani Ghosh, President of the National Association of Software & Services Companies (NASSCOM), paid a visit to AAD also when she was in IITR as the Chief Guest at the Convocation 2024. She was deeply impressed by the consistent dedication of the AAD teachers towards their goals. She also genuinely expressed appreciation for the realization of special blessings like listening and speaking whose importance is ignored by us as these are often taken for granted.



She also advised the teachers to encourage students to get interested in newer tools and techniques of computer applications like coding and other AI-based applications which will make these students more self sufficient. She also advised the school administration to focus on vocational courses to empower these students with unique skills.



On August 6, 2024, Mr. Shubham, a PhD scholar from the Electrical Engineering Department at IIT Roorkee, visited Anushruti Academy for the Deaf (AAD) to celebrate his birthday. During his visit, he distributed stationery items to the students and shared cake and snacks with them. It is a cherished tradition among the IIT Roorkee community to celebrate the birthdays of their loved ones with the special students at AAD.

On August 16, 2024, our regular and generous donor, Shri Ashwani Kumar Goel from Noida, visited AAD and made a generous donation of Rs. 1.1 lakh to the school. AAD extends heartfelt gratitude for his continued support (for many years now), meaningful interaction with the students, and unwavering commitment to the school's development.



On August 27, 2024, Dr. Sapna Poti, Director of Strategic Alliances from the Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser, visited our school. She appreciated the efforts of both the staff and students. Dr. Poti expressed a keen interest in understanding how disability-focused research is conducted and suggested for training our students in various skill-based courses to enhance their future opportunities.

On September 5, 2024, Mr. Abhishek Naithani, Manager of State Bank of India, IITR branch, along with his team, visited AAD to express their appreciation to the teachers and staff for their dedicated efforts towards the school and its special students. As a gesture of their appreciation, they presented each teacher and staff member with a pen, a rose, and a chocolate.



CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

On September 27, 2024, during Deaf Awareness Week, a team from the National Service Scheme (NSS) at IITR organized a variety of games for the students of AAD. The students participated with great enthusiasm. Medals and other awards were given to the students securing top three positions in these competitions. Later, the NSS students



provided lunch and gifts to the children, making the program vibrant and full of energy.



MEHNDI COMPETITION

On August 6, 2024, as part of the celebration of Teej Festival, a Mehndi Competition was organized within the school. All the participants showcased their versatility and creativity by demonstrating intricate henna designs on the palms of the teaching staff, and also on paper.



In this competition Ms. Ishika (class-X), Ms. Neha (class-VII) and Ms. Khushi (class-XII) bagged 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes, respectively. The judges evaluated the designs based on creativity, intricacy and overall aesthetic appeal. The mehndi competition was a wonderful event full of enthusiasm and joy bringing out the creativity and talent of our students.

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION 2024



On August 15, 2024, the school celebrated Independence Day with great enthusiasm. Dr. Hema Pant, President of AAD, hoisted the national flag on the school premises, accompanied by members of the Management Committee, teachers, staff, parents, and students. Following this event,



our students showcased remarkable performances at the institute level Independence Day celebrations held at the James Thomason Building, IIT Roorkee.

RAKHI COMPETITION



On August 17, 2024, a Rakhi making Competition was organized for AAD students in the Anushruti Auditorium, with prizes awarded to all the participants in recognition of their efforts.



These events play a vital role in building confidence, developing new skills, fostering precision, and motivating our Deaf students. Such experiences empower them to believe in their ability to achieve great things.

The winners of the competition were:

1st Prize – Ms. Simran (Class X), 2nd Prize – Master Hammad (Class IV) & 3rd Prize – Master Aaditya (Class X).

JANMASHTHMI CELEBRATION

On August 24, 2024, a Fancy Dress Competition was organized for the junior students, while team competitions for Flute and Matki Decoration were there for the senior students. All the participants enthusiastically took part and won exciting prizes. Additionally, a small Puja ceremony was performed by the AAD staff.



The winners of the competitions were:

1st Prize – Gaurav, Abhinav, and Tashmeet

2nd Prize – Sakib, Harshit, Dev, and Ms. Deepti & Manisha

3rd Prize – Shanky, Vishu, Priyanshu, Aditya, Vashu, Aarav, and Khushi

NEW MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF AAD

The three year tenure of the old Management Committee (MC) ended on 24th July, 2024.

A new MC (details follow) is in action now.

Sl. No.	Name	Designation
1	Dr. (Mrs.) Hema Pant Spouse of the Director, IITR	President
2	Prof. Tashi Nautiyal Deptt. of Physics, IITR	Vice President
3	Prof. Partha Roy Deptt. of Biosciences & Bioengineering, IITR	Manager
4	Dr. Usha Banerjee Institute Computer Centre, IITR	Joint Manager
5	Prof. Vishal Kumar Saxena Deptt. of Electrical Engineering, IITR	Treasurer
6	Prof. Rajat Agrawal Deptt. of Management Studies, IITR	Member

7	Mrs. Sunali Vij Dhawan Audiologist and Speech Therapist, Paramedical from Institute Hospital, IITR	Member
8	Prof. Indra Gupta Deptt. of Electrical Engg., IITR	Co-opted Member
9	Prof. Ram Manohar Singh Deptt. of Humanities & Social Science, IITR	Co-opted Member
10	Mrs. Vibhuuti Saini Principal AAD	Member Secretary

FAREWELL TO THE OUTGOING MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

On August 7, 2024, a farewell was organized to honour the outgoing managing committee members. Heartfelt gratitude was extended to them by the President and other new MC members for their valuable contributions to AAD during their tenure. Their exemplary efforts and dedication in shaping a brighter future for the deaf students of Anushruti were also sincerely appreciated and acknowledged.



TEACHERS' DAY CELEBRATION

On September 5, 2024, Teachers' Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm at AAD. The event was graced by the presence of MC members, faculty, staff, students, and parents. AAD students actively participated in cultural



programs, expressing their love and respect for their teachers. It was truly inspiring for the audience to witness how seamlessly these special children organized, coordinated, and managed the entire event giving opportunity to almost every student to come on the stage. As part of the celebration, the school honored Mrs. Princy Sudan with the "Best Teacher" award, along with a cash prize of Rs. 1100/-, for her dedication towards teaching these exceptional children. Students also expressed their affection and gratitude by presenting teachers with handmade cards and thoughtful gifts.



CRY (CHILD RIGHTS AND YOU) WORKSHOP AT IITR

On August 31, 2024, twelve students from our school, accompanied by teachers, attended a workshop at the Architecture Department, IIT Roorkee. The workshop featured various activities including origami, drawing, and clay modeling, organized by CRY, IITR. After the activities, the students enjoyed a meal together, making it a memorable and enriching experience.

VISIT TO INSTITUTE COMPUTER CENTER, IITR

On September 6, 2024, twenty students from AAD, accompanied by two teachers, visited the Institute Computer Center (ICC), IIT Roorkee to observe the "PARAM GANGA" Supercomputer facility and learn about its fascinating applications and significance. The students had the unique opportunity to engage with senior scientists, asking insightful questions that enriched their understanding and sparked curiosity about advanced computing. This educational trip was an enlightening experience for the students. Special thanks to **Dr. Navneet Kumar, System Programmer**, for taking out time to explain key details about the supercomputer and making the visit both informative and inspiring for our children.





WORKSHOP ON CERVICAL CANCER

On September 9, 2024, a workshop focusing on cervical cancer awareness was organized at our school by the Inner Wheel Club Roorkee Sparkles. Senior gynaecologist Dr. Vandana Grover delivered an informative session, providing detailed information about cervical cancer, including its symptoms, prevention methods, and available treatment options. She also discussed the vaccine developed to protect against this disease. The workshop

aimed to raise societal awareness about cervical cancer and promote preventive measures. Attendees, including Dr. Hema Pant, President; Prof. Tashi Nautiyal, Vice President; Dr. Usha Banerjee, Joint Manager; as well as the Principal, teachers, parents, and students of the school, understood the concept and received answers to their queries by asking several questions. Overall, it was a highly informative session.



CHILDREN COUNSELING

On September 24, 2024, as part of the Deaf Awareness Week, a counseling session was conducted for the students, focusing on their changing behavior. The session addressed important topics such as recognizing the difference between good touch and bad touch, as well as various issues they may face, including puberty, personal hygiene, changes in voice, and behavioral shifts in their day to day life. The school Principal, Mrs. Vibhuuti Saini, along with

teachers Mrs. Shazia Farhat, Mrs. Renu Sood, Mrs. Monika Saini, and Mrs. Asha Mehta, led discussions on various behavioral issues and provided the students with valuable guidance and advice.

PARENTS COUNSELING

On September 25, 2024, a parents' counseling session was held at the school as part of Deaf Awareness Week, focusing on behavioral issues, particularly in teenagers, and their changing attitudes towards their parents. During the session, parents expressed their concerns related to their children. The school Principal, Mrs. Vibhuuti Saini, along with teachers Mrs. Asha Mehta, Mrs. Shazia Farhat, and Mrs. Monika Saini, facilitated a question-and-answer session, addressing concerns regarding behavioral changes and aggression in children. Parents were also informed about the appropriate usage of mobile phones and the timing for providing them to their children. Overall, the session was highly informative and successful.



DIAMOND JUBILEE IITR ALUMNI VISIT

On September 26, 2024, approximately 25 alumni from the Diamond Jubilee Reunion 1964 batch, along with their spouses, visited the AAD school. They were accompanied by the school President, Vice President, Manager, Principal, and teachers during their visit. The alumni toured the school and were highly impressed by the various vocational programs offered. They expressed great appreciation for the efforts of the teachers and staff and showed curiosity



about how the children study and secure placements after graduating from the school.



EDUCATIONAL TRIP

On September 28, 2024, a group of 60 students and 12 staff members visited the **Regional Science Centre** in Dehradun. The children had the opportunity to observe and learn about various scientific



concepts, which generated great excitement among them. The teachers explained different science concepts throughout the trip, ensuring that the experience was both educational and entertaining. Overall, the excursion was highly motivational and enriching for the students, allowing them to gain knowledge while thoroughly enjoying the trip.



ART COMPETITION

On September 29, 2024, a drawing competition was organized by the World Integrity Center (WIC) in Dehradun, where six students from AAD participated. Ma. Aditya secured the first prize in the senior group, while Ms. Arushi won the second prize in the junior group. Additionally, the school was presented with a memento in recognition of the students' achievements.

UPDATE ON RECENT CAREER AND ACADEMIC PURSUITS OF FORMER STUDENTS

Recently and in the past, several students from our school have completed their 12th class and are now pursuing the following paths:

1. Ms. Sana is currently getting training to work as a makeup artist in a parlour.
2. Ms. Priyanka Pal is employed at Trends Store, Roorkee.
3. Ms. Sarla is pursuing her graduation (BA) at Methodist Degree College, Roorkee.
4. Ms. Manvi Rana is completing her post graduation (MBA) at COER College, Roorkee.
5. Mr. Om Bansal is working as an Art Teacher in Anushruti Academy for the Deaf, IIT Roorkee.



1. Ms. Sana (on the left)



2. Ms. Priyanka Pal



3. Ms. Sarla (marked by Red arrow)



4. Ms. Manvi Rana



5. Mr. Om Bansal