



Newsletter of Anushruti Academy for the Deaf for June - July 2019

JUNE 2019

Anushruti Academy for the Deaf (AAD) has an Audiology and Speech Language Pathology (ASLP) Lab. as an integral part of this school for hearing impaired (HI) children. Recently, AAD acquired a good quality Audiometer for assessing hearing capability of HI subjects. Soundproofing of the lab is required to enable observations with least ambient noise. In this context, Mr. Vishwajeet from “Himalyan Acoustics”, Himachal Pradesh, visited AAD on June 20, 2019, to have an overview of the ASLP lab for its acoustic treatment. The work is to be carried out in consultation with Ms. Sunali Vij Dhawan who is an Audiologist cum Speech Pathologist at IIT Roorkee hospital working jointly at IITR hospital and AAD.

In view of special efforts required in imparting speech training to our HI children, AAD advertised posts for Special Educators, Audiologist cum Speech Therapist, and also for Vocational Educator (Drawing & Painting). A good number of applications were received. The Screening Committee went through the applications and short listed the candidates to be called for the Interviews scheduled for July 20, 2019.

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A group of members of Rotary Club Center, Roorkee, visited AAD on 1st July 2019. They distributed sweets to our students on the occasion of their ‘Annapurna Day’. Children were happy to interact with them.



Under life-skills program, students of Class 6th and above went for a cooking and catering related visit to Hotel Dynasty, Roorkee, on 5th May 2019 under the supervision of teachers Mrs. Neelam Madhok and Mrs. Renu Sood. Such visits are meant to offer first-hand experience to our students so that they get idea and exposure about various lines of professions.



Principal Mrs. Parvati Pandey and Vice-Principal Mrs. Shazia Farhat attended a workshop on 'Education of children with special needs' at NIT Durgapur, West Bengal, on 12th and 13th July 2019. The school facilitated participation of Mrs. Pandey and Mrs. Farhat. They found the Workshop extremely useful and also learnt about the NGO "Sahas" which is doing a wonderful job of parents' counseling to help their Hearing Impaired wards join main stream by studying at normal schools. It was amazing to meet Mr. Angshu, son of the founder, and to note that (despite profound hearing loss) assisted by the hearing aids, he is able to converse like any other person, has good command over English and Bangla, and is pursuing Ph.D. program at NIT Durgapur. Kudos to Sahas.

AAD plans to invite Mr. Angshu to meet and interact with AAD students. This would for sure strongly motivate our students towards better speech and higher goals.



Bank of Baroda (BOB), Civil Lines, Roorkee, has forged a sweet bond with AAD by donating useful items on BOB's foundation day 20th July for past 3 years. This year, BOB donated a colour printer and a hard disk. The occasion was graced by the Assistant Manager BOB employees, Ms. Sarika (Asstt. Manager), Mr. Bhagat and ex-employee Mr. Sikka Ji. Students, staff, and members of the school management were present on this occasion to appreciate the kind donation. The color printer would prove very useful for the teachers to print Teaching Learning Tools for our Hearing Impaired students for whom visual aids are highly effective.

Based on written tests and interviews, held on 20th July 2019, AAD has appointed an Audiologist cum Speech Therapist, and a Vocational Educator (Drawing & Painting). The appointees are likely to join in September 2019. We look forward to AAD performing more effectively in shaping the lives of HI children of Roorkee and nearby area. Help from learned readers is solicited.



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