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VISITS TO ANUSHRUTI

BOLLYWOOD SINGER MS. SUNIDHI CHAUHAN'S VISIT



On October 7, 2024, celebrated Bollywood singer Sunidhi Chauhan visited Anushruti Academy for the Deaf and shared a heartwarming and emotional interaction with the students there. Known for her versatile and soulful voice, Sunidhi has contributed to over 2,000 songs in multiple languages, including Marathi, Bengali, Gujarati, Telugu, Tamil, and Assamese films. Beyond her musical achievements, Sunidhi's visit reflected her

genuine warmth and dedication to spreading joy among our special children.

THDC TEAM VISITED AAD

On October 15, 2024, two senior representatives from THDC, Manager Mr. Bharat Singh Negi and Dr. Monaj Ranghar, visited AAD to document its vibrant atmosphere. Over the years, THDC has made significant contributions to the academy's infrastructure, including the construction of the THDC Wing (4 rooms at ground floor) and two rooms and a lobby on the first floor. These developments have greatly improved the school's facilities.



The purpose of their visit was to making a film highlighting THDC's CSR initiatives and their impact. They captured photos and videos of students participating in various activities and recorded footage of the school building. They also engaged with parents to document their experiences and the inspiring stories of their children's journeys at AAD.

The visit emphasized the school's commitment to fostering an inclusive environment for children with hearing impairments, showcasing the transformative impact of its programs and THDC's support.

We deeply appreciate THDC's unwavering support and invaluable contributions to AAD's infrastructure and inclusive initiatives. Their efforts have significantly enriched the lives of our students, empowering them to thrive in a nurturing environment.

MS. ANVITA SINHA FROM NHSRCL VISIT



On October 18, 2024, Ms. Anvita Sinha, Executive Director (Estt.) of the Ministry of Railways, Member of the Railway Board, and Chairperson of the CSR Committee, and Part-time Director of the National High-Speed Rail Corporation Ltd. (NHSRCL), visited AAD to review the progress of the ongoing ramp construction project under the CSR activity of NHSRCL. In addition to the ramp, six classrooms with a

connecting corridor were constructed on the first floor. A financial contribution of ₹18.5 lakh was also made to support to furnish the Anushruti Auditorium.

During her visit, Ms. Sinha interacted with our students, sharing her blessings and praised the school's efforts in fostering inclusivity and pledged ongoing support to enhance education and growth.

We sincerely thank NHSRCL for their invaluable support and dedication to promoting inclusivity at AAD. Their contributions toward the ramp, classrooms, and Anushruti Auditorium have significantly enriched our infrastructure, creating better opportunities for our students' development and success.

ER. PITAMBER SHIVNANI, A DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARDEE VISITED AAD

On November 6, 2024, Er. Pitamber Shivnani, a Distinguished Alumnus Awardee of 2021 and former MD & CEO GE T&D, visited AAD to see the progress of setting up a graduation-level program aimed at shaping the future of hearing-impaired students. During his visit, he expressed his commitment to supporting the school's mission of providing advanced educational opportunities for these students. As a gesture of his dedication, Er. Shivnani generously donated a sum of Rs. 51,000 towards the establishment of this program. His contribution will help ensure that the students of AAD have access to the resources and opportunities needed to excel academically and professionally. His visit and support have inspired both students and staff, reinforcing the importance of alumni involvement in creating lasting change. AAD, in collaboration with the Training and Educational Center for Hearing Impaired (TEACH), is conducting research, holding meetings, gathering data, and developing ideas to initiate a graduation-level program for hearing-impaired students.



VISIT OF 1999 BATCH IITR ALUMNI ON THEIR SILVER JUBILEE REUNION

On November 17, 2024, the 1999 batch IITR alumni students reunited at IITR to celebrate the Silver Jubilee of their graduation. A heartwarming group of approximately 30 alumni also visited AAD, where they marveled at the incredible artistic efforts displayed by the current students. The atmosphere was filled with nostalgia, appreciation, and a shared pride in the journey that led them from the halls of academia to the realms of creativity.



SH. SANDEEP AGARWAL FROM CANADA, VISITED AAD

On November 20, 2024, Sh. Sandeep Agarwal from Canada, a friend of Prof. Gaurav Raheja (former member of management committee), visited AAD and made a generous donation of eco-friendly, durable, and developmentally adaptable toys for the young children at our school. These thoughtfully selected toys are not only safe and sustainable but also help in

the overall development of the children, enhancing their cognitive and motor skills.

Sh. Agarwal's kind gesture was greatly appreciated by both the staff and students, and his contribution will have a lasting positive impact on the children's learning and play experiences. We are truly grateful for his thoughtful and helpful gesture.

VISIT BY DR. POOJA DEVI, A DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARDEE OF 2023

On November 25, 2024, Dr. Pooja Devi, a Distinguished Alumnus Awardee of 2023, visited AAD. Dr. Pooja is Principal Scientist, Materials Science and sensor Applications, at CSIR-CSIO, Chandigarh. During her visit, Dr. Pooja praised the staff's dedication to supporting hearing-impaired students and commended their commitment to shaping bright futures. She encouraged the students and inspired the team to continue providing



quality education and opportunities, leaving a lasting positive impact on everyone at AAD.

AN IMPACTFUL VISIT BY MRS. SUCHARITHA REDDY



On November 25, 2024, Mrs. Sucharitha, wife of BOG Chairman of IIT Roorkee, Mr. BVR Mohan Reddy visited AAD to know its programs and activities. During her visit, she met the students and teachers, expressing her pleasure in seeing the positive impact the school has on the lives of hearing-impaired children. Mrs. Sucharitha was deeply impressed by the dedication and hard work of the entire Staff. She expressed her heartfelt appreciation for their noble efforts in providing a supportive and inclusive environment for the students. Her visit highlighted the importance of such initiatives and motivated the staff and students to continue their efforts for improvement. She also promised to support the school by arranging some funds to run the school smoothly.

PROF. AYODHYANATH TIWARI FROM SWITZERLAND VISITED AAD

On November 26, 2024, Prof. Tiwari Chairman and Cofounder, SOLTIWA AG, Former Head, Lab for Thin Films and Photovoltaics at Empa- Swiss Federal Laboratories, Former Chairman and Cofounder of Flisom AG, Adjunct Professor from Switzerland visited AAD. Prof. Tiwari, a close friend and batchmate of our Vice President, Prof. Tashi Nautiyal, visited the school and showed great interest in its activities. He engaged with students warmly, distributing Swiss chocolates to everyone and spreading joy throughout the school. He also supported specially-abled students by purchasing their products and admired the artwork created by our deaf students. His visit was not only inspiring but also encouraged the students, as he expressed genuine appreciation for their creativity and talent, making it a memorable experience for all.



PROF. MASAKAZU IWAMURA VISITED AAD

On November 29, 2024, Prof. Masakazu Iwamura from Osaka Metropolitan University, Japan, visited AAD. He was accompanied by Prof. Partha Pratim Roy from the Department of Computer Science and Engineering (CSE) at IIT Roorkee. Prof. Tashi Nautiyal provided a detailed introduction to AAD, emphasizing the school's dedication to empowering students with disabilities.

During the visit, they discussed the importance of sign language, both in India and Japan. Prof. Iwamura praised AAD for its dedication to addressing students' unique needs, highlighting the school's ongoing efforts to provide a supportive environment and improve the development of hearing-impaired children.

Prof. Partha Pratim Roy and Prof. Masakazu Iwamura are working together on a research project encompassing Pattern Recognition, Multilingual Text, EEG-based Pattern Analysis etc. AAD's visiting Audiologist and Speech Therapist, Ms. Sunali Vij also had good discussions and interactions with the visitors.

VISIT OF IITR 1974 BATCH GOLDEN JUBILEE REUNION PARTICIPANTS

IIT Roorkee proudly hosted the Golden Jubilee Reunion (1974 batch) from December 2-4, 2024, celebrated this remarkable milestone with great pride and enthusiasm. To share the jubilation, a group of Golden jubilee alumni graced our school, bringing not just cheer but also a timeless spirit of camaraderie. On December 4, these passionate alumni, enriched by time and experience, radiated enthusiasm as they happily engaged with our students.

Their visit fostered cherished memories and fresh connections, filling our school with joy and celebration. With a generous donation, these alumni strengthened the bond between generations, embodying the Golden Jubilee's spirit of legacy, learning, and meaningful connections.





VISIT OF IITR 1989 BATCH CORAL JUBILEE REUNION PARTICIPANTS

On December 15, 2024, around 30 alumni from the IITR 1989 batch visited AAD as part of their Coral Jubilee Reunion. The visit was marked by a delightful and entertaining program by the AAD children, who captivated the audience with their vibrant performances and impressive demonstrations of their reading and writing skills. The alumni were deeply moved to witness the positive impact the school

has made over the years and were thoroughly impressed by the students' exceptional talents and confidence. They took the opportunity to share inspiring words, motivating the students and staff while expressing their admiration for AAD's remarkable growth and commitment to education.

DRAWING COMPETITION

On 2nd October, a drawing competition was organized by IITR at the Mahatma Gandhi Central Library. The competition aimed to raise awareness on important themes like Save Water, Save Nature, Plastic Pollution and Viksit Bharat (Developed India). Two dedicated teachers, Mrs. Sheela Saini and Mrs. Shazia Mirza, escorted 22 enthusiastic students to participate in the event, showcasing their creativity and environmental awareness.

The prize distribution ceremony for the same took place on 14th November 2024, coinciding with Children's Day. Out of the many talented participants from various schools,

three students from AAD were awarded for their exceptional art work. Arushi (Class 7) won the 1st prize, Aditya (Class 10) secured the 2nd prize and Ayushmaan (Class 4) earned the 3rd prize. Their creative contributions were highly appreciated, inspiring others to reflect on these critical global issues.



DUSSEHRA CELEBRATION

On October 09, 2024, our students crafted an effigy of Ravana, symbolizing the embodiment of evil. In a harmonious display of camaraderie, the Principal, along with the dedicated faculty and spirited students, came together to ignite the effigy. As the flames danced and shadows flickered, it marked not just the end of Ravana but a profound victory of light over darkness, good over evil. In this

radiant moment, we celebrated the eternal spirit of Dussehra – a triumph of virtues that resonate in our hearts.



STALL AT MINERAL GARDEN

On October 16, 2024, AAD proudly set up a stall at Mineral Garden in Civil Lines as part of an initiative by the Rotary Club. The stall showcased AAD's exquisite Diwali products and beautifully crafted stitching creations, which received an overwhelmingly positive response. Visitors admired the creativity and quality of the items, praising the dedication and talent behind them. The event not only highlighted AAD's craftsmanship but also provided a platform to raise awareness and support for its initiatives, leaving a lasting impression on all who attended.

DIWALI MELA

On October 18, 2024, AAD actively participated in the vibrant Diwali Mela organized by the Sanskriti Club, setting up a stall that proudly displayed drawings and stitching products created by AAD's talented children. The unique and creative products, highlighting the children's artistic skills, received immense appreciation from visitors. Adding to the celebrations, three AAD students shone brightly in the Poster Making Competition: Aditya class-10th secured second prize in the senior group, while Manisha class-9th and Aarushi class-7th earned second and third prizes, respectively for their brilliant creations.



MR. ANKIT VISITED AAD TO INSTALL AND PROGRAM HEARING AIDS



On October 24, 2024, Mr. Ankit from (ALPS) visited AAD to install and program the hearing aids for our students. His generous gesture of offering these services free of cost was deeply appreciated by the entire school community. Not only did he demonstrate his technical expertise,



but he also took the time to ensure that each hearing aid was perfectly tailored to the individual needs of the students. His kindness and dedication to improving the lives of our students through this contribution are truly commendable.



FANCY DRESS COMPETITION

On October 26, 2024, a fancy dress competition was held at National Institute of Hydrology (NIH), where three enthusiastic students from AAD—Bareera and Aarav from Nursery along with Sidra from KG participated with great excitement. Their creativity and enthusiasm were truly commendable, and each of them was awarded with a participation certificate in recognition of their efforts. The event boosted their confidence in a fun filled engaging setting. We are proud of their participation and the spirit they brought to the competition.

CELEBRATION OF FESTIVAL “DEEPAWALI”

On October 29, 2024, the spirit of Deepawali, the festival of lights, illuminated our school with unparalleled zeal. Deepawali serves as a joyous occasion to unite students in celebration of their rich culture and identity.

To mark this auspicious day, a Puja Ceremony was meticulously organized. Enthusiastically participating in the ceremony were the teachers, staff, and students, all contributing to the vibrant atmosphere with their fervor.

In the true spirit of Deepawali, our special donor Sh. Guru Bachan Singh graced the occasion by distributing gifts to the dedicated school staff. This gesture added an extra touch of warmth, making the Deepawali celebration a memorable and joy-filled event for all.



CHILDREN’S DAY CELEBRATION

On November 14, 2024, the joy of Children’s Day echoed throughout the school with a variety of engaging activities. The students were amused by the cultural performances for them by their teachers dressed up as students. This unique presentation by the teachers was greatly appreciated by the students and their parents. A fun fair was organized in AAD, with stalls offering scrumptious dishes for a nominal token charge. The day was filled with laughter and excitement as students enjoyed the festivities. Winners of various events, including the musical chair competition, were rewarded with delightful gifts, adding to the joyous atmosphere.

The celebration extended beyond the school premises as the school set up a stall at Marwar Kanya Pathshala (Lal Kurti).

Additionally, a Kids Carnival was hosted at ABN School, where 30 of our students actively participated, contributing to the vibrant and memorable day. The day’s events created lasting memories, spreading smiles and happiness among all the students involved.



WORLD DISABILITY DAY

On December 3, 2024, in celebration of World Disability Day, IITR student counselor Dr. Shikha Jain visited our school to offer valuable counseling to both students and parents on topics related to teen behavior. During her visit, Dr. Jain devoted time to engage with the students and provide insights into managing behavioral challenges during adolescence. She also held an interactive session with the parents, offering guidance on how to support their children's emotional and behavioral development. Her visit was highly appreciated, and her expertise and advice will undoubtedly benefit both the students and their families in the long run. Few other programs were also organized on this occasion such as:-

- (a) **Origami Workshop**-it was conducted for students of Pre-Nursery, Nursery, KG, Class I, and Class II, offering a creative and engaging experience.
- (b) **Best Out of Waste Competition**-it was held for students from Classes III to VIII, where Insha from Class IV bagged the 1st prize.
- (c) **Poster Competition**-it was organized on the theme of disability for Classes IX to XII. The winners were Khushi from Class XII (1st prize) and Adnan from Class XII (2nd prize).



Dr. Shikha Jain



Origami Workshop



Insha

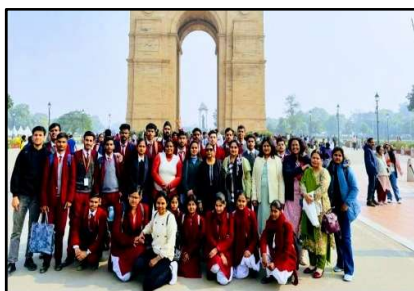


GENEROUS DISTRIBUTION OF REFRESHMENTS

On December 3, 2024, Jain Cycles (Civil Lines Roorkee) generously distributed refreshments to all the students as a kind gesture to give back to the community. Jain Cycle's contribution not only brought joy to the students but also reinforced the importance of community support and kindness. The gesture was a wonderful reminder of how small acts of kindness can have a big impact, and it created a positive and festive atmosphere within the school. The students and staff were truly grateful for this generous contribution, which helped make their day even more special.

CULTURAL PROGRAM BY DEVASHRAM AT HARMILAP DHARAMSHALA, SAKET,

On December 18, 2024, Devashram hosted a Bal-Sabha where four talented students from our school presented a lively and vibrant cultural performance at Harmilap Dharamshala, Saket, Roorkee. Their mesmerizing performance, filled with creativity and cultural richness, captivated the audience and left a long-lasting impression. The event not only highlighted the students' artistic talents but also underscored the significance of spreading joy and promoting cultural awareness through such meaningful initiatives.



DIVYA KALA MELA-MEGA EXHIBITION CUM JOB FAIR

On December 19, 2024, our school students and staff enthusiastically participated in the Job Fair and Exhibition held at India Gate, New Delhi, organized by the Government of India. This event provided students with invaluable exposure to diverse career opportunities and a platform to connect with potential employers, fostering their professional aspirations. Renowned companies such as IDEA, Amazon, and Flipkart were present at the event and actively engaged with attendees, exchanging contact information and sharing insights into career pathways. The exhibition also featured interactive sessions and workshops, which helped broaden the students' understanding of various industries and job roles. It was a remarkable experience that inspired and motivated the participants to work toward their career goals.

SCHOOL PICNIC TO SARASWATI MANDIR, IIT ROORKEE

On December 20, 2024, a group of 36 students from Pre-Nursery to Class 3, accompanied by 5 teachers, went on a delightful picnic to Saraswati Mandir in IIT Roorkee campus. The day was filled with excitement as various small games and races were organized to engage the young learners, fostering their enthusiasm and teamwork. Refreshments were provided, adding to the cheerful atmosphere.



The students thoroughly enjoyed the outing, which gave them a chance to connect with nature, bond with their peers, and create joyful memories outside the classroom. The picnic also proved to be a valuable experience in developing social skills, positive behaviour, and a sense of sociability among the children.



CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS DAY

On December 25, 2024, the festive spirit of Christmas enveloped the school, bringing immense joy and excitement to all AAD students. The day began with a special documentary screening, giving the students insights into the meaning and traditions of the Christmas season. This was followed by a lively cake-cutting ceremony and a heartwarming gift distribution, led by a beautifully dressed Santa Claus who spread smiles all around. Adding to the festive cheer, the school also

celebrated the birthday of Aarushi from Class 3, making the occasion even more memorable. The event was filled with laughter, music, and decorations that created a magical atmosphere, leaving everyone with worth-cherishing memories of the celebrations.