



MAITREE

January-March 2024

2024 NEW BEGINING

As we transitioned into 2024, we dived into a diverse array of program activities spanning from January to March.

Our programs saw different workshops, community-centric events, and initiatives that promise to make a significant impact. These endeavours are designed to inspire, offering numerous opportunities for active participation. We've kickstarted the year by showcasing the artistic talents of our Children With Hearing Impairment (CWHI) through their captivating paintings.



PROGRAMS

We distributed hearing aids to 10 children identified from our Assam Sadhan centre. This pivotal step will now enable these children to commence their journey of auditory and speech development.

In association with STEMLABS and Science Utsav, we have extended our STEM program reach from Karnataka, West Bengal, Maharashtra, and now to Assam. Both children and teachers have incorporated this as a weekly session, fostering an environment that is conducive to impactful learning. Our STEM program is in line with National Education Policy 2020. The program aims to encourage children to think beyond the conventional, explore beyond the expected, and transcend boundaries.





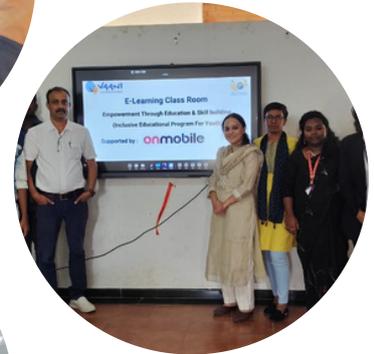
NEW COLLABORATIONS & EXPANSION

VAANIDCF, thriving through harmonious collaborations, is delighted to announce our partnership with Joygram Social Welfare Society, located in the P.S.Hasnabad district of North 24 Parganas, West Bengal. We aims to provide vital support to 30 hearing-impaired children and their families, enriching their lives and opening new possibilities.

In education, we've partnered with Oceanik Education Institution & launched an E-Learning classroom, set to benefit over 60 plus students and enhance their learning experiences.

Our significant strides in healthcare celebrated 1st anniversary of our newborn screening program at Serampore Walsh Hospital Hooghly, West Bengal. In extension with the service further.

In Karnataka, we've extended a Newborn Screening with Hoshalli Referral Hospital, Bangalore, reaffirming our commitment to healthcare and positive community change.



EMPOWERING OUR CHILDREN

Life Skills session with the aim of empowering our children to combat child abuse. This session has equipped the children with the understanding of personal boundaries, the ability to discern signs of abuse, and the confidence to voice their concerns.

In another captivating session with students, we have incorporated visual aids to illuminate the various causes of deafness and the challenges encountered by CWHI.

Ear Screening camp and Community Awareness Program in a fruitful collaboration with Nongmensong Darbar L.P School in Shillong, Meghalaya. This session emphasized the importance of maintaining good ear hygiene and the use of Sign Language, thereby fostering a more inclusive and accessible community.

As the wave of technology surges forward, our children are actively immersing themselves in enhancing their computer literacy.



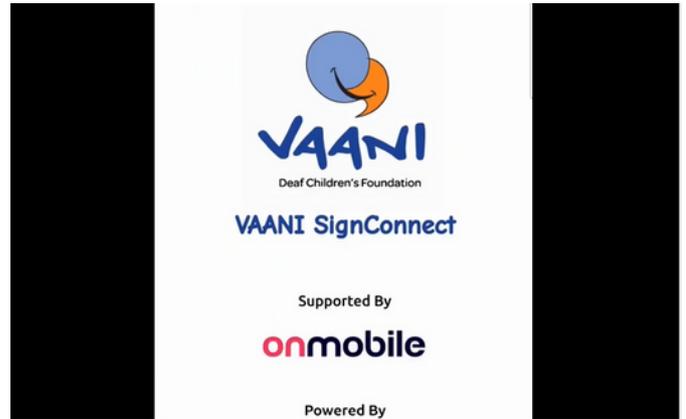


AWARDS & RECOGNITION

In the spirit of unity that begins at school, we are delighted to share a significant event at the Indian Red Cross Society Residential School in Tumkur, Karnataka. Approximately 104 children at the School for Speech & Hearing Impaired were supported and given new uniforms.



In a collaboration between VAANI Deaf Children's Foundation and SignAssistive AI, we launched a SignConnect Android app. This app is readily available on the Google Apps Store. From learning Indian Sign Language (ISL) to empowering educators and facilitating seamless communication, VAANI SignConnect is more than just a tool – marking a significant stride towards inclusivity.



Link for the App:- https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.learnandempower.vaanisignconnect&hl=en_IN&gl=US

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

It is with pride and joy that we like to share the recognition and honor conferred upon our dedicated Newborn Screening technician team by the Health Department and NPPCD. This prestigious accolade was unveiled during the World Hearing Day celebration, a significant event held at the DHO office in Tumkur, Karnataka.



This momentous occasion was further elevated by the presence of illustrious guests, including the District Collector (DC), the District Health Officer (DHO), and other respected health department officials. Their participation significantly amplified the grandeur of the event.

In another uplifting development, we are elated to share that 20 of our exceptional children with hearing impairment have achieved a noteworthy milestone. They have progressed from the White Belt to the Yellow Belt in Karate, a testament to their unwavering resilience and determination.





VOLUNTEER ENGAGEMENT

The "Hath Se Bate Kar" initiative, a program meticulously designed to impart fundamental conversational signs and provide insightful tips for effective communication with the deaf community, holds a special place in our endeavors.

We express our profound gratitude for the opportunity extended by Regaal Resources Limited & Pan Seeds. The atmosphere was charged with an infectious energy as the team immersed themselves in collective learning.

We embarked on an inclusive journey into the realm of sign language, exchanging signs, and even partaking in an engaging treasure hunt game, providing a hands-on experience that was both educational and enjoyable.



OTHER ACTIVITIES



"Fostering Empowerment Through Motivational and Inspirational Dialogues" Our children eternally treasured the resilience and empowerment that Ms. Payal Kothari, our Deaf Role Model and entrepreneur, instilled in our motivational session.

As she unfolded her journey & overcame challenges, her luminous presence filled the room. She not only connected with our kiddos hearts, but she also sowed seeds of belief that surpassed all barriers

While we all relish the affirmation and positive feedback about our work, it is equally vital to acknowledge the other facets of our endeavors. As part we have undertaken an evaluation check on our work, facilitated by a successful third-party audit conducted by the Impacttree team. We consider it to understand our standing, identify gaps, and rectify any discrepancies through this audit.

The suggestions and a surge of feedback about our work fuels our determination to continue our efforts. We extend our profound gratitude to everyone who has contributed to this impactful journey.