## VAANI DEAF CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER

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#### COLLABORATION FOR INCLUSIVE FUTURES

Our recent partnership with the Calcutta Foundation to provide our hearing-impaired children and their families with a lovely training on Diya painting and Mehndi activities. This partnership brought our children and their families a great deal of joy and creativity.

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All of the participants left with priceless memories from the colorful, flowery, and fragrant Mehndi-filled experience that celebrated talents.

### COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM

School Awareness Program at Anukul Chandra High School. There were 64 enthusiastic students and 7 dedicated teachers part of this. The program focused on awareness about the causes of hearing impairment, prevention, and how to foster a deaf-friendly school environment. The session also covered essential do's and don'ts for maintaining ear health & hygiene.



The training programs in Kishanganj and Siliguri, West Bengal, were a resounding success! We equipped 100 dedicated Anganwadi and Asha workers with essential skills in ear health, early identification of hearing impairment, parent counseling techniques, and communication through Indian Sign Language.

Building on this achievement, we are excited to launch a similar initiative in partnership with Pandua Pratabandhi Kalyan Samity, continuing our mission to empower communities with the knowledge and tools to support children with hearing impairments.







## LIFE SKILLS EDUCATION

Empowering Students for Holistic Development



At VAANI, our Life Skills Education program is designed to empower families and students beyond academics by equipping them with essential skills for holistic development. The program helps students understand and express their emotions, communicate effectively including using Indian Sign Language—make informed decisions, and solve problems with confidence.

We also focus on health and hygiene awareness, teaching the importance of nutrition and personal care. Additionally, students learn to manage stress through mindfulness techniques and are encouraged to become responsible, empathetic members of their community. This comprehensive approach prepares them for the challenges of everyday life.

### BASIC AND ADVANCED COMPUTER

Computer Sessions in Guwahati, Kolkata, Siliguri, and Malancha centres! are designed to empower our Children With Hearing Impairment (CWHI) by focusing on practical computer applications that spark creativity and enhance problem-solving skills.







## 样 VAANI @ Tumkur University's Social Festive! 🌟



FOUNDATION DAY

VAANI Deaf Children's Foundation is proud to celebrate 19 incredible years of creating positive change in the lives of deaf children and their families! Thank you all for being a part of this remarkable journey with us. We look forward to continuing our work to build a brighter and more inclusive future for the deaf community!

It was a pleasure to be part in the social festive organized by Tumkur University, Tumkur-Karnataka! VAANI stall had the honor of welcoming esteemed guests, the Vice Chancellor Sri Venkateshwarulu, Registrar Nahid Zam Zam, and dignitaries from various departments. Team VAANI conducted ENTraview (Ear screenings) and created awareness among about hearing health over 2,000 undergraduate and postgraduate students. It was an amazing opportunity to connect with so many young minds and spread the message of early identification and intervention for hearing impairment.



#### INDEPENDENCE DAY

Showcasing the celebrations across our Sadhan Centres and how our kiddos engaged as they learned about the significance of Independence Day.

## 🕻 Launch of Newborn Hearing Screening Program in Meghalaya 🌟



We are delighted to share that VAANI DCF has launched the Newborn Hearing Screening Program in Meghalaya, in collaboration with the National Health Mission (NHM) and the District Early Intervention Centre (DEIC) at Ganesh Das Hospital, East Khasi Hills.

> This initiative will play a pivotal role in early detection of hearing loss, allowing for timely interventions that can significantly impact the development and future of these children.

#### **DEAF AWARNESS WEEK**

At VAANI, we believe that communication is a fundamental right for every child, and this week, we're highlighting the importance of understanding and supporting the deaf community.

We kick started the session with an inspiring lineup of professionals dedicated to advocating for the rights and well-being of the deaf community. The session brought together experts in hearing health, early intervention, and communication strategies, who shared their invaluable insights and experiences.



# SOLVING CREATIVE BLOCK

Creative blocks can make you think differently. Find out how to solve a creative block. Our VAANI Kiddos are thinking too. Use each of the numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 exactly once to fill in the slots below:

After filling the top 2 rows , numbers left will match your answer

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