



LAKSHANA

VAANI Deaf Children's Foundation Quarterly Newsletter

SWETA ROY

CONFIDENTLY EXPRESSES HER DESIRE TO BECOME A TEACHER

Meet Sweta Roy, a determined young girl with bilateral hearing loss. She recently passed 10th standard and dreams of pursuing higher education. For the past eight years, Sweta has been an active participant in the educational training provided at VAANI Sadhan Centre. This centre has played a crucial role in supporting her academic and personal development, providing her with the necessary tools and resources to overcome communication barriers through sign language. Sweta's parents, Joymala Roy and Dherender Roy, both have educational qualifications below the 10th standard. However, they have high aspirations for their daughter's future and have been unwavering in their support for her education.



Early Identification Of Hearing Loss In New Borns

VAANI EXPANDS ITS NEWBORN SCREENING PROGRAM TO SERAMPORE WALSH SUPER SPECIALITY HOSPITAL, HOOGLY, WEST BENGAL

VAANI's motto is to identify hearing loss in newborn babies early, provide timely intervention, and offer parent training. With 7 SOHUM devices, we have screened **16,284** babies and referred **50** for Brainstem Evoked Response Audiometry (BERA) confirmation. Among them, **18** babies have been identified with hearing loss. We have partnered with Sohum Innovation Labs and collaborated with government hospitals to maximize our impact.

EXTRAORDINARY BOOK LAUNCH



VAANI launched its book "Unstoppable" at the prestigious Bangalore International Center. The event was a celebration of resilience and empowerment as it unveiled the book titled "Unstoppable: Stories of Hearing Impaired Women and Their Allies - Breaking Down Barriers and Thriving." The book beautifully captured the lives of 10 remarkable everyday women with hearing impairment, delving into their personal journeys, families, and the numerous challenges they overcame to build rich lives both personally and professionally. The book launch gathered over 50 attendees, comprising a diverse group of VAANI well-wishers, parents, teachers, students, the women featured in the book, their friends and family, donors, board members, and other esteemed guests. The atmosphere was filled with anticipation and enthusiasm as the audience eagerly awaited the unveiling of this inspiring collection of stories.

<https://vaani.in/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/Unstoppable-Book-Upload-1.pdf>



TAILORING PROGRAM IN ASSAM AND KARNATAKA

In partnership with Dakhin Kamrup Bodhir Vidyalay we launched at our Assam Goraimari centre the tailoring activity under the umbrella of our YOUTH TRANSITION PROGRAMME. We are proud to announce that **20** hearing-impaired children have embarked on this remarkable journey of skill development. Starting with the basics of sewing and embroidery, they have made incredible progress. Today, they can confidently operate sewing machines and are slowly able to create beautiful finished products.

There is a successful implementation of a similar program at our VAANI Sadhan Centre in Tumkur, Karnataka. In partnership with the Indian Red Cross Society Residential School for Speech and Hearing Impaired, we are empowering **36** children with hearing impairment through our specialized program.



STEM BASED LEARNING

VAANI in partnership with Stemplabs launched a pilot STEM programme at our Tumkur Centre, Karnataka. This is in accordance with NEP Ideology and Project-Based learning! This is a pilot project. Children at our Sadhan Centre are having a wonderful time exploring a variety of STEM models! From constructing a vintage car model and garden scissors to assembling a bench press and so much more, our little innovators are using their hands to create some incredible projects.



we firmly believe in fostering creative learning.

Early Intervention Program for Children with Hearing Impairment (CWHI)

VAANI has reached a total of **1,500** hearing-impaired children. Through individualised educational sessions, VAANI directly reached **733** children and **1,466** parents, conducting an impressive total of **30,917** sessions. These sessions encompassed **24,812** centre sessions, including remedial sessions, virtual sessions, and home visits. In addition to the direct reach, VAANI also made an indirect impact by training **767** individuals through collaborations with SSA (Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan) and special schools. These training programs aimed to enhance the understanding and skills of professionals and educators, enabling them to better support and cater to the needs of hearing-impaired children. This comprehensive Early Intervention Program highlights VAANI's dedication to providing individualized and holistic support to children with hearing impairment and their families. By reaching out directly and indirectly, VAANI ensures that more children receive the intervention and guidance necessary for their development and success.