VAANI DEAF CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION NEWS LETTER

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Creative Skill Enhancement

As part of our Creative Skill Enhancement Program, we organized a jewelry-making workshop for Children With Hearing Impairment (CWHI) and their parents. This engaging and hands-on session fostered creativity, self-expression, and skill development, making the event a truly joyful experience for all participants.

We believe such workshops not only nurture artistic talents but also strengthen parent-child bonding and empower children with hearing impairments to explore new opportunities. We are grateful to everyone who contributed to making this initiative a success, reaffirming our commitment to building a more inclusive and skill-driven future.



Empowering Communities for Better Future

VAANI DCF, in collaboration with A.B. Memorial Jatiya Vidyalaya, Assam, successfully conducted a comprehensive awareness & ear health camp, promoting ear health and early identification of hearing impairment. The initiative focused on raising awareness, providing essential screenings, offering parent counseling, and enhancing communication through Indian Sign Language.

By engaging with parents, educators, community members, the program reinforced the importance of early intervention and inclusive communication strategies, ensuring better support for children with hearing impairments, where every child feels seen, heard, and supported.













Trainings & Workshops





Teachers Explored the Art of Puppetry in an Engaging Workshop

Our teachers had an inspiring learning experience at a puppetry workshop led by renowned artists Sangya and Hashim from The Puppetarians. The session covered puppet-making, character development, storytelling techniques, demonstrating how simple materials can transformed into engaging teaching tools.

The puppetarians are preparing for the Shadow Play

A key highlight was the captivating shadow play, where the interplay of light and movement brought stories to life in a visually dynamic way. The workshop also explored how puppetry can make education more interactive, especially for deaf children.

This hands-on training provided our educators with creative methods to enhance classroom learning, reinforcing the power of storytelling as an effective educational tool.





Backend of the shadow Puppetry

During the session, our teachers were explored the fundamentals of puppet-making, character development, and storytelling.

Teachers discovered how enganging & effective shadow puppetry can be used as a powerful tool to enhance classroom interaction and make lessons more accessible for deaf children.



Short story: Venu goes for a Walk

Through this creative approach, the teachers demonstrated how shadow puppetry can captivate young minds, making storytelling more interactive and engaging. This activity not only encouraged imagination but also highlighted the beauty of movement and friendship in a fun and visual way!









Empowering Team with Knowledge!









With guidance and valuable insights from our technical partner, **Mr. Saurav Nawka** from Nawka Hearing Aid Centre, and our team's continuous enthusiasm for learning is the key to providing the best support for children with hearing impairment. Our teachers and technicians across all the zones recently participated in an engaging, hands-on training session, enhancing their expertise in audiology basics, the latest advances in hearing technology, OAE, impedance interpretation, otoscopy, hearing aids, and audiogram plotting.

Employee Engagement & Volunteering



Storytelling is a powerful tool for creative learning, especially for deaf children. As part of our Employee Engagement & Volunteering Program, participants engaged in storytelling activities, which are being used as teaching-learning materials (TLMs) to simplify complex topics for our deaf children. Along with storytelling, they had a meaningful experience learning Indian Sign Language (ISL)."





Donor Visits

Our esteemed donors visited the field to witness our impact firsthand at our centers and interacted with stakeholders to gain deeper insights into our work. Their involvement helps strengthen our mission of creating an inclusive learning environment for children with hearing impairment.



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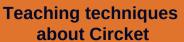
DAY OF INSPIRATION WITH LEANDER PAES





In the heart of Kolkata, amidst laughter and the joy of sports, we were privileged to share a memorable day with the legendary **Leander Paes**. With open arms, Leander welcomed our children from VAANI Deaf Children's Foundation, extending his warmth and enthusiasm to each young soul.







Tennis on the Ground

The highlight of the day was watching our children, with their unwavering spirit, engage in friendly cricket matches and embrace the art of tennis under Leander's expert guidance. His patience and encouragement created moments of triumph and joy, proving that sports truly transcend barriers.

As the day drew to a close, there was no goodbye, only a heartfelt understanding that paths will cross again. Leander's presence left an indelible mark on our hearts and minds, reminding us that every child, regardless of challenges, deserves the chance to shine.



The day was filled with energy and excitement as Leander took time to understand VAANI's work and the resilience of our children. He didn't just listen—he engaged.

From fun-filled cricket matches to an unforgettable tennis lesson by the maestro, our children experienced the magic of sports in a way they never had before. His patience and encouragement made them believe that barriers exist only if we let them.



He took time to learn about VAANI and our mission, connecting deeply with the essence of our work. His genuine interest in our cause resonated with everyone present, setting the tone for a day filled with camaraderie and learning.











AWARDS & CELEBRATIONS

Celebrating Our Deaf Role Model on Women's Day!

This Women's Day, Nithya, our Deaf role model, was felicitated by Social Venture Partners (#SVPIndia) for her incredible journey of resilience and determination. Her inspiring story, featured in #VAANI DCF's **Unstoppable Stories book** showcases her unwavering spirit in breaking barriers and empowering others. Her achievements were also highlighted in the Telegram Kolkata newspaper, further spreading her message of strength and perseverance.







Celebrations of Colors

Colors are more than just visual beauty—they are a powerful medium of expression, communication, and learning for our deaf children. Without relying on sound, they use colors to understand emotions, tell stories, and engage with the world around them. From art-based learning to creative storytelling, colors bring concepts to life, making education more engaging and accessible.

At VAANI, we celebrate colors as a symbol of joy, inclusion, and empowerment. Through vibrant activities, festive decorations, and interactive learning materials, we create an environment where inclusivity can see, feel, and express themselves in their unique way.









