

# MAITREE NEWSLETTER



July-2025 to September-2025

## "A Season of Milestones and Meaning"

From mid-summer celebrations to Deaf Awareness Week, the past three months have been a vibrant journey of learning and inclusion. Here are the stories that shaped this quarter.

Across zones, VAANI's community united through trainings, health camps, and joyful gatherings. Each initiative—be it a parent workshop, teacher orientation, professional training, or early-detection screening—shared one mission: to empower deaf children and their families and build a more inclusive world.

These moments of connection and care continue to inspire us as we move forward—stronger, together.



## Celebrations

Across VAANI's Sadhan Resource Centers, recent celebrations have been more than festive—they've been deeply meaningful expressions of identity, gratitude, and belonging. From the patriotic spirit of Independence Day, where children proudly hoisted the flag and explored the idea of freedom through art and performance, to the heartfelt tributes.

On Teacher's Day, honoring educators as bridges between silence and expression—each gathering reflected the values that shape our communities. Through every message and smile, the celebrations became spaces of empowerment—where inclusion was not just spoken about, but lived and felt.



Then

Now

Two Decades of

*journey*

VAANI turned 20—twenty years of walking hand-in-hand with families, teachers, donors, volunteers, and communities who believe every deaf child deserves to be heard, understood, and celebrated.

From parents who became powerful leaders and advocates to teachers who sparked joy in learning to program managers who crossed districts to reach every home—this journey belongs to all of you.

To the field workers who listened deeply, the interpreters who bridged understanding, the donors who believed in our mission, the volunteers who gave their time and heart, and the community leaders who opened doors—every milestone was made possible by your trust, your resilience, and your belief in every child's potential and us.





# Social-Emotional Workshop for Parents of Deaf Children

JUST YOU & YOUR FAVORITE YOU

A day for oneself is the gentle reminder that you deserve your own time as much as anyone else deserves yours.

## Parents Come Together for Stronger Support

VAANI recently welcomed parents from across our centers for an inspiring workshop focused on the social and emotional needs of families raising deaf children. Led by our knowledge partner Inky Sen. This interactive workshop gives them practical tools and emotional support, where they learn positive ways to guide their deaf children, discover self-care strategies, and connect with other families who share similar challenges.

Parents shared experiences, built new friendships, and discovered fresh ways to guide their children with confidence, leaving the workshop feeling heard, supported, and empowered—less isolated and better equipped to help their deaf children grow and thrive within a strong, connected community.

## Across Zones



Parents- Assam



Parents- Karnataka



Parents-West Bengal

## Message from Parents

"We always look forward to VAANI meetings and workshops. Beyond the valuable learnings, these sessions give us a refreshing break from our daily routine—a chance to laugh wholeheartedly, unwind, and simply enjoy the moment. We encourage and motivate one another to step out of our homes and make sure we attend the sessions together."



# Employee Engagement at Ati Motors, Bangalore

VAANI marked Deaf Awareness Week with an engaging celebration at Ati Motors, Bangalore, where more than 100 participants joined a lively sign language session. Together, they explored the ISL and ASL alphabets, practiced finger-spelling, and learned everyday signs.

The Ati team enthusiastically signed powerful messages —“Beautiful,” “Inclusion,” “Happiness,” “Deaf Voice,” and #ISIGN—honoring the spirit of the week. The event concluded on a unifying note as everyone signed the National Anthem in Indian Sign Language.



**“A short video from  
the Ati team  
signing #ISIGN.”**



## Awareness and Sensitization Workshop & Camps Across.



We are delighted to share our recent awareness sensitization workshops and community camps held at various zones. These workshops mark a significant step forward in addressing childhood deafness and the many challenges it presents within our communities.

Each session is thoughtfully designed for Anganwadi workers and frontline early-childhood educators & professionals, who play a pivotal role in supporting families and young children. By equipping these dedicated workers with knowledge and tools, we aim to strengthen early childhood care and education services at the grassroots level.

### Sessions focused on

- Understanding childhood deafness and recognising early signs
- Importance of early identification and timely intervention
- Basic sign-language sessions to encourage everyday communication
- On-site screening and guidance camps to connect families with referral services

Through interactive discussions, presentations, hands-on activities, and health camps, participants gain the skills and confidence to identify concerns early and guide families toward appropriate support.

***Where every child—regardless of hearing ability—has the right & opportunity to thrive.***







# Deaf Awareness Week



This Deaf Awareness Week, we honor the vibrant stories, resilient journeys, and powerful voices of deaf children, families, and educators who remind us that communication is more than sound—it's connection, creativity, and courage. Across our inclusive education programs, we've witnessed how visual learning, sign language, and parent-child bonding open doors to discovery.

This week is not just about awareness—it's about action.

- Recognizing the diverse ways deaf children communicate and learn.
- Creating spaces where parents feel empowered to support their child's growth.
- Designing materials that are visually rich, culturally grounded, and emotionally resonant.
- Building teams that listen deeply, document thoughtfully, and uplift every child's potential.

**Support us as we continue to center Deaf voices, celebrate inclusive practices, and share stories that reflect resilience, joy, and the power of learning together.**

**“Make a Difference This Festive Season Give a Voice to Our Deaf Children”**



## Support For Hearing Aids

Support 20 babies recently identified with hearing loss with hearing aids

**Per Hearing Aid: ₹5,000**



## Educate Deaf Children

Educate 100 deaf children for one full year

**Per Child Cost: ₹10,000**



## Build a Deaf Kiddos Library

Help us create 50 Story Videos in Indian Sign Language

**Per Video Cost: ₹3,500**



## Screen Newborn Babies for Hearing Loss

Help us screen 5,000 newborn babies for hearing loss

**Per Screening Cost: ₹250**



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