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Early Identification & Hearing Healthcare

11,360 newborns screened; mothers and caretakers counselled.

Early Intervention & Activity-Based Learning

7,634 educational sessions delivered (individual, group, virtual, and home visits).

Digital Learning & Future Skills

254 children across our zones are currently part of the digital literacy program.

Community & Engagement Partnerships

More than 309 ASHA and Anganwadi workers were trained in ear health.

Between April and June 2026, VAANI's work reached deeper into classrooms, homes, health centre, and communities across India. Here are some moments from the quarter.



Hearing loss is often hard to notice in the early stages. Many families don't realise there's a problem because the signs can be easy to miss—a baby not responding to sounds, delayed speech, or difficulty communicating. If it isn't identified early, these challenges can affect a child's learning, confidence, and ability to connect with the world later on.

At VAANI, we believe every child deserves the chance to hear, learn, and thrive. Through early hearing screening and timely support, we help identify hearing concerns as early as possible—giving children the chance to reach milestones and connect with others.

“Early detection leads to early support—and stronger futures.”



Early Intervention Activity— Based Learning



A child does not need louder instruction. Often, what they need is someone willing to explain differently. This sits at the heart of VAANI's approach to education: learning built not around a fixed curriculum delivery but around each child's own way of understanding the world—through visuals, gestures, demonstrations, and patient repetition.

This quarter also brought attention to a question that families often ask: can deaf children succeed in mainstream schools? The answer, VAANI's experience continues to show, is yes—but success doesn't happen on its own. It depends on teachers, families, and support systems working in concert to reduce communication barriers and make participation genuinely possible. Inclusion isn't just about a child being present in the classroom—it's about making sure they truly belong there, and that's something VAANI stays deeply rooted in.



Youth Transition & Student Success Stories



“The difference is rarely ability. More often, it's access.”

Across VAANI's centre in Assam, West Bengal, and Karnataka, this year's board exams brought strong results. Students at every centre passed their exams and are now moving in different directions—some chose science, others chose arts or commerce—all looking forward to graduation.



“Two different dreams. One shared moment—a new door opening.” Every skill a young person learns is a step towards becoming more independent, confident, and self-reliant.

Through VAANI's Youth Transition Programme, our deaf youth keep building skills beyond academics—through vocational training, digital literacy, and career guidance. In the Kolkata centre, students completed their tailoring course and received certificates, marking their hard work and progress toward a more independent future.

Skill Building

We are delighted to share that, with support from Lowe's, our digital literacy program has now expanded to Karnataka. This program will help our deaf and hard-of-hearing children build essential computer and digital skills—helping them learn, explore new opportunities, and grow more confident and independent in a digital world.



Family Engagement

Behind every milestone achieved by a deaf child is a parent who has walked the journey alongside them. This Father's Day, we celebrated the role fathers play in their child's growth and development. Many fathers travel long distances to attend educational sessions, meetings, and workshops after a week of work, learn new ways to communicate with their child, and offer constant encouragement at home. Their involvement helps build confidence, strengthens learning, and opens up opportunities for their children to thrive. Their efforts often go unnoticed, but their support is an essential part of every deaf child's journey toward a brighter future.



“When families feel supported, children feel stronger.”

Beyond the Classroom: Learning, Celebrating, Growing



International Day of Yoga brought guided sessions across centres, where our students practiced Vajrasana, Anulom Vilom, Tree Pose, Cobra Pose, Camel Pose & Mountain Pose under the guidance of our teachers, focusing on holistic development that goes beyond academics to include balance, focus, and emotional well-being.

“Some lessons teach subjects. Some teach confidence, balance, and focus.”



On World Environment Day, children at VAANI took part in group sessions and activities exploring why caring for the environment matters—conversations that grew from trees and clean surroundings into a shared sense of responsibility.

Community Awareness

Our recent awareness workshops brought together ASHA workers, Anganwadi workers, and early childhood educators from Gadhinglaj, Kolhapur, and Satara districts of Maharashtra, united by a common goal: the early identification of childhood hearing loss. Through interactive sessions, practical demonstrations, and meaningful discussions, participants gained the knowledge and confidence to recognise early signs of hearing impairment and guide families toward timely intervention. Equipped with these skills, they are now better prepared to play a crucial role in ensuring that no child misses the opportunity for early support and a brighter future.



The highlight was a role-play activity that put participants in the shoes of someone without hearing — turning knowledge into empathy and helping frontline workers truly understand what families go through.

Sessions covered:

- Anatomy of the ear
- Developmental milestones and early signs of hearing impairment
- Practical do's and don'ts for ear hygiene



Awards & Organisational Milestones



VAANI Deaf Children's Foundation, together with its CSR partner Thomson Reuters, received the Indian CSR & Sustainability Award 2026 in the category of Most Impactful Rural Healthcare Initiative. Behind our recognition are the families who placed their trust in VAANI's programs, the individual supporters and philanthropic partners who travelled long distances to deliver care, the educators who adapted tirelessly to each child's needs, and the communities that chose inclusion over silence.

"Every Rupee Brings a Child Closer to Sound, Language & Opportunity."


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 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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Be part of our journey to uplift Deaf voices, promote inclusive practices, and share moments of resilience, joy, and collective learning.