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LIMITING LIMITATIONS

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SAKSHAM Annual Report

2022 - 2023



Looking beyond limitations

Saksham Trust is a National award-winning NGO founded in 2003 by Mr Dipendra Manocha and Ms Rummi K. Seth. We believe that every person with visual impairment and low vision deserves the best chance for a bright future and we work to make sure they have these opportunities to thrive throughout their life. To turn this vision into a reality, we run programmes in the field of inclusive education, assistive technology, accessible books and cultural inclusion. Our Founders, Mr. Dipendra Manocha and Ms. Rummi K. Seth were driven to set up Saksham Trust with a

belief that persons with visual impairment or low vision can do everything with only one change – the way things are done.

This powerful belief has since then led Saksham Trust to establish centres in Delhi, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh. Saksham school In Noida and Jalandhar works for the empowerment and education of children with visual impairment and multiple disabilities.

In 2017, our technology-providing arm – Saktek Foundation – was launched to further our belief that power of technology can redefine what persons with disabilities can or cannot do.

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2022

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SAKSHAM RESOURCE
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NEW RESOURCE CENTER AT SHIMLA



SAKSHAM TEK



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Government degree college
Himachal Pradesh

INAUGURATION OF THE NEWEST SAKSHAM RESOURCE CENTER IN SHIMLA

We at Saksham are delighted to have inaugurated the beginning of many fruitful relationships with persons with visual impairment and their allies in Himachal Pradesh through the Saksham Tek Fiesta, and to have celebrated together the possibilities of technology in limiting limitations and enabling independent living for people with visual impairments.

प्रदेश के 100 दृष्टिहीनों को एंड्रायड व लैपटॉप का दिया प्रशिक्षण

सक्षम ट्रस्ट के फाउंडर ट्रस्टी ने कहा, दृष्टिहीन टेक्नोलॉजी से जीवन की समस्याओं से निजात पाएं

शिमला, (आपका फैसला)। सक्षम ने शिमला के संजौली कॉलेज में आजादी का अमृत महोत्सव मनाने के उद्देश्य से दृष्टिहीनों के लिए 14-15 अगस्त को 2 दिवसीय कार्यशाला का सफल आयोजन किया गया। इसमें प्रदेश भर से लगभग 100 दृष्टिहीनों ने भाग लिया। जहां उन्हें एंड्रायड व लैपटॉप तथा डिस्प्लेयर का प्रशिक्षण दिया गया। साथ ही 15 अगस्त को एक रंगारंग कार्यक्रम करके भारत का स्वतंत्रता दिवस भी मनाया गया। कार्यशाला के दौरान विभिन्न प्रकार के लकी ड्रॉ भी निकाले गए। इसमें सक्षम ट्रस्ट के फाउंडर ट्रस्टी दीपेंद्र मनोहर ने बताया

इससे उनके जीवन में आने वाली समस्याओं से निजात मिल सकती है। वो अपना प्रत्येक कार्य सफलता के साथ कर सकता है, पर इसके लिए सभी को इन उपकरणों का उपयोग करना आना चाहिए। इसलिए आज इस कार्यशाला का आयोजन किया गया है। सक्षम की कार्यक्रम निर्देशिका आरती द्वारा भारत भर में सक्षम के विभिन्न कार्यक्रमों की जानकारी दी। साथ ही शिमला में सक्षम का कार्यालय भी स्थापित किया गया। जिसका मोबाइल नंबर 8178345124 है। अगर किसी दृष्टिहीन को किसी भी प्रकार की समस्या आती है अथवा व किसी भी



कर सकता है। कार्यालय में सभी प्रकार के डिवाइस उपलब्ध है। सभी दृष्टिहीनों को उपहार स्वरूप काइट केन निःशुल्क वितरित की

भी दिये गये। कुलदीप सिंह ने बताया कि सक्षम के पास रोहटू में 1 बीघा 9 बिस्वा जमीन उपहार-स्वरूप प्राप्त हुई है। जहां भविष्य में दृष्टिहीनों के

OFF TO SCHOOL: OUR NEW PREPARATORY SCHOOL FOR VI CHILDREN IN JALANDHAR

We have wonderful news for you! It gives us great pleasure to share that we recently inaugurated the Saksham Resource Center in Jalandhar, Punjab in August 2022. We would like to make a special mention of Dr. Vinod Pal, who is associated with Niti Aayog. He has been one of our strongest pillars of support in the process of getting the Saksham Jalandhar Resource Center up and running. Ms. Seema Chopra graciously presided over the inauguration ceremony as a special guest. She has had a long history of engagement with social work in the disability sector in Punjab.

1 AUGUST, 2022

LAUNCH OF PREPARATORY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN WITH BLINDNESS IN JALANDHAR

The center has been established with the aim to provide both academic and non-academic support to young children with visual impairment and multiple disabilities. Students are provided pre-integration training to help them gain skills such as orientation and mobility, reading-writing and computer and assistive technology skills, that ensure their smooth integration in mainstream schools right from the start.

Training can last from 6 months to about a year, depending on the students' current skill level, and grade level at school. We have provisions to train a small cohort of students. All students are given individual attention corresponding to their individual needs and skill level. Folks with school-aged children who are visually impaired or multiply disabled, who live in or near Jalandhar are welcome to contact the Saksham Jalandhar Resource Center for further information or guidance.



NEWLY LAUNCHED PRODUCTS BY SAKSHAM

Sound Football

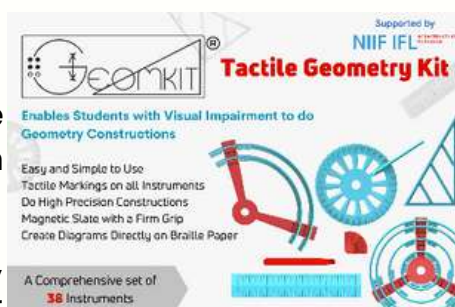
There are several recreational and leisure options available for persons with visual impairment. Therefore, people with visual impairment can enjoy a wide variety of activities, one of them being Football. Blind football is a 5-a-side game with four players and one goalkeeper. The ball has got little bells inside and doesn't fly around. The bells allow the players to be guided towards the ball.



Geometry Kit With Box

A box containing instruments with tactile marking enabling a person with blindness to construct figures easily.

Geometry box consisting of plastic scale, set squares, compass and protractor having tactile marking that enable a person with blindness to construct figures accurately.



Universal Braille Kit

The Braille Kit is designed to teach braille to blind children. The Universal Braille Kit has a braille cube, an alphabet plate, a braille slate and stylus, a standard abacus and instruction manuals.

It is a basic solution to enable any literate person, preferably the parents, to impart braille based basic literacy to the blind child, even at home and even at the pre-school stage. It comprises of devices designed to help the blind to learn to form braille letters, words and sentences, write, learn normal handwriting, basic arithmetics and drawing.



Digital India Week 2022



It was a proud moment indeed when Honourable Prime Minister Narendra Modi met our student Reema at the exhibition organised during Digital India Week 2022 in July. Reema explained how Tactile diagrams created by Raised Lines Foundation (RLF) help her understand visual concepts of Science, Math and Economics.

Reema described some features of the tactile diagrams to Modi ji, like different textures used to denote different colours in the Indian flag and the map of India. She shared how she finds the tactile representations immensely helpful in understanding different visual concepts, and she attributes her 84% score in class 10th to facilities like these, which helped her compete on equal terms with her sighted peers.

Reema presented the honourable Prime Minister with a tactile photo of himself, and Modi ji gave her his blessings. Reema is a class 12 student studying in Bal Bharati Public School, which is a mainstream school in Noida. Reema is late-blind, and additionally belongs to a low-income family. She has made great strides in learning accessibility and independence skills at the Saksham resource centre in Noida after her vision loss, and now looks forward to enroll in a reputed BBA program after she finishes high school.

THE RIGHT TECHNOLOGY IN THE RIGHT HANDS: DISTRIBUTION OF ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY DEVICES ON SUBSIDY

Orientation and distribution event at Janki Devi Memorial College, DU

2nd May, 2022

Visually challenged students, and faculty members associated with enabling unit of the college took part in this event. 14 Laptops were distributed to students with visual impairment along with an orientation on various technologies which can be used for reading and writing was also conducted for the participants.



Awareness and distribution event at Young Scholars Education Trust

15th July, 2022

A Laptop distribution event with the support from YSE was held With the aim of supporting students with vision impairment to have access to technologies that can support them in reading and writing. 9 students were supported with laptops on 15th July 2022 followed by an orientation session on the technology and use.



THE RIGHT TECHNOLOGY IN THE RIGHT HANDS: DISTRIBUTION OF ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY DEVICES ON SUBSIDY

Distribution and training on assistive devices at Kangra, Himachal Pradesh

25th - 26th July, 2022

With the support of Nagrota Welfare Society, Kangra, a two-day event was organized on July 25 and 26. Nearly 50 persons with Visual Impairment from various districts of Himachal Pradesh participated in the event. Assistive Technology Kits were provided to each participant along with detailed training on using the devices provided in each kit. Assistive Technology kits were funded by Nagrota Welfare Society.



Training & Distribution of laptops at Saksham, Shimla

24th - 25th December, 2022

A 2-day distribution and training event was organized at Saksham's Shimla center where 20 students were equipped with laptops at a subsidized cost and were provided training on how they can use these devices for their education and day to day work.



AWARENESS & TRAINING WORKSHOPS

Webinar on Career Opportunities in Banking Sector for Visually Challenged Candidates -

6th April

Around 25 college students participated in an awareness workshop for their career. The session focused on existing opportunities and required skills for obtaining a job in the field of banking.



Envision, Sensitization Workshop on Challenges and Solutions of Visual Disability at KMC, DU

26th April

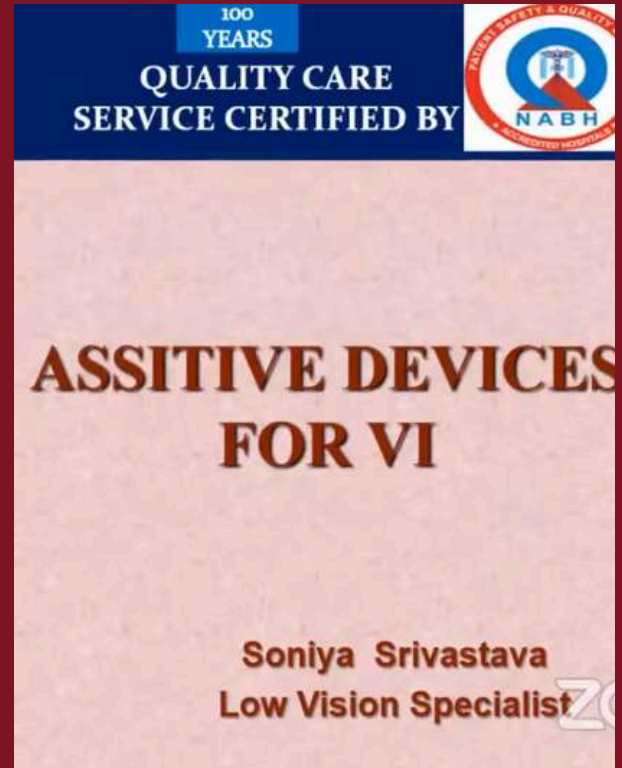
More than 50 students participated in a workshop that was held in April 2022 at Kirori Mal College, Delhi University, with the objective to make them aware about the issues and challenges faced by the persons with visual impairment and the available solutions and alternatives which can help them in overcoming these problems and in being independent to a large extent.

AWARENESS & TRAINING WORKSHOPS

Webinar on Challenges and available solutions for Persons with Low Vision

26th April 2022

60 participants got an opportunity to attend sessions that focused on needs of persons with low vision, the rehabilitation strategies which are adopted after their diagnosis and demonstrations on various optical and non-optical aids and assistive technologies that can be used by them for overcoming the many challenges which they face in their day to day activities.



Workshop on Solutions and Applications for Reading and Writing Mathematics

15th April, 2022

Around 25 school students and teachers participated in the workshop. It basically covered how commonly used applications like Microsoft word accompanied with screen reader and tools like latex can be utilized to perform mathematical calculations with great ease.



AWARENESS & TRAINING WORKSHOPS

Workshop on Accessible Content at Miranda House College, DU

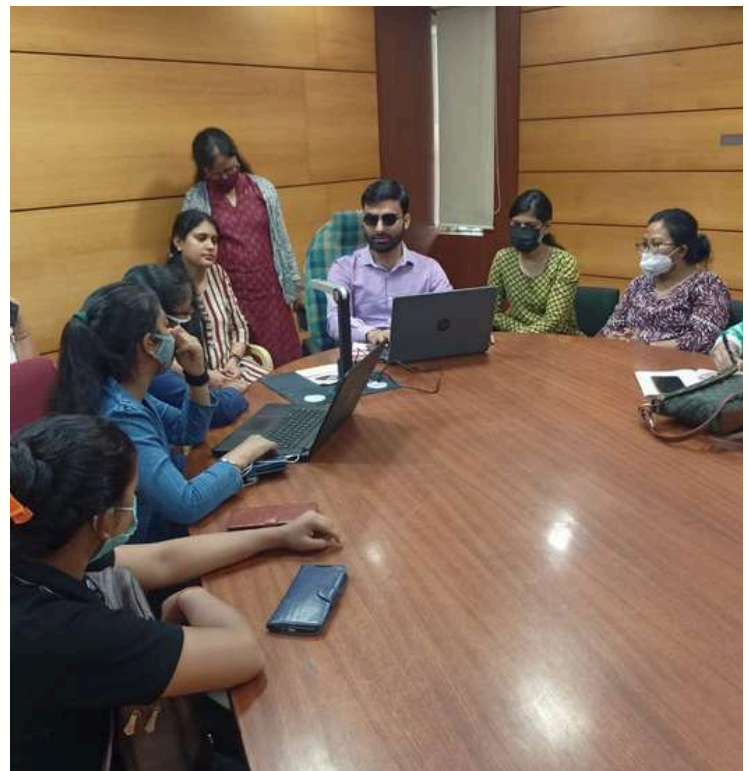
23rd June, 2022

More than 20 students participated in a workshop on accessible content at Miranda House College, Delhi University. As part of this workshop, the students were provided training on sources, methods and solutions for obtaining and reading content in accessible format

Training on Assistive Devices at Bharti College, DU

4th May, 2022

Around 15 participants including visually challenged students, and faculty members associated with enabling unit of Bharti college took part in the Orientation on functions and usage of various assistive devices like laptop with screen reader, daisy player, Refreshable Braille Display, etc.



AWARENESS & TRAINING WORKSHOPS

Workshop on accessible content for trainers

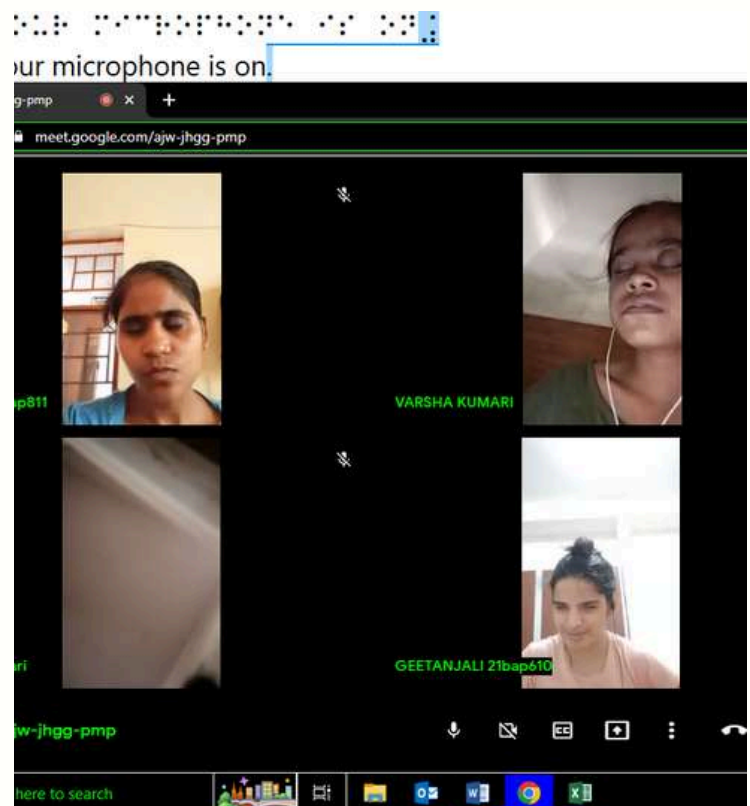
28th June to 30th June, 2022

A Training workshop for trainers on methods and processes involved in converting books in accessible format

Training on basic computer skills

10th June to 25th July, 2022

A training was successfully provided to 14 students with visual impairment from Janki Devi Memorial College, Delhi University on fundamental computer applications like MS office, internet, typing etc

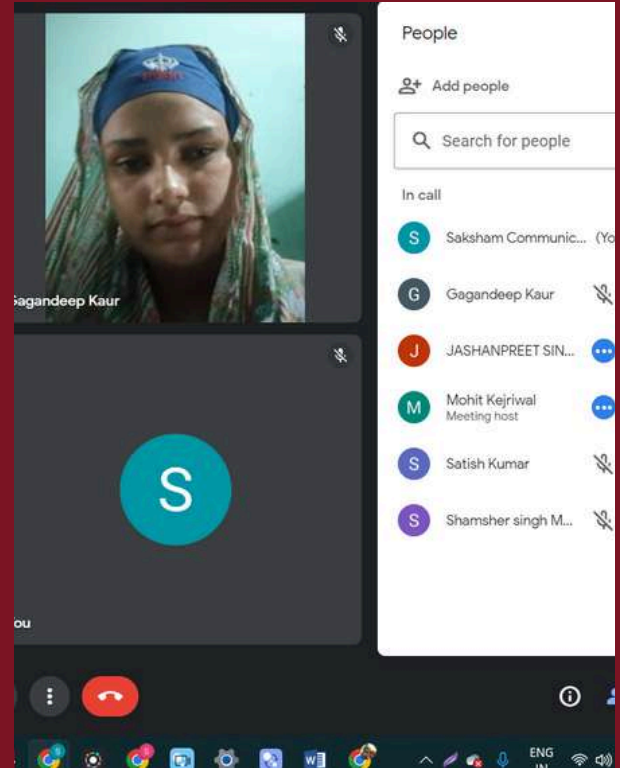


AWARENESS & TRAINING WORKSHOPS

Training on basic computer skills

19th July to 2nd September 2022

The students who were provided with Laptops with the support from VTS Sewa were given Training on fundamental computer skills like MS Office and internet



Sambhav 2022: a Sensitization event for college students for promoting inclusion

9th September

Sambhav was organized by Saksham in collaboration with Centre for Disability Research and Training, Kirori Mal College. The event comprised of various inclusive games and activities to create awareness about issues faced by visually challenged individuals in an innovative manner. It witnessed enthusiastic participation from the students

AWARENESS & TRAINING WORKSHOPS

Webinar on Career opportunities in the Field of Law for Persons with Blindness

23rd September, 2022

The session focused on the existing opportunities in the profession of law, and the skills and technologies which can be used to pursue a career in this sector. The session was attended by more than 50 participants live and more than 200 beneficiaries were reached out through youtube



Assistive Technology awareness workshop for banking professionals

22nd September, 2022

A workshop was organized for visually challenged employees of Punjab and Sind Bank to make them aware about latest AT solutions for workplace.

Around 30 Visually challenged professionals working in the bank gained awareness of assistive technologies

AWARENESS & TRAINING WORKSHOPS

Workshop on Mobility and Navigation

21st October, 2022

Saksham organized 1 day workshop on mobility and navigation for students of Miranda House College. This workshop consisted of practical hands-on sessions on fundamentals of mobility with white cane and navigating with the help of latest travel aids and mobile applications.



Training workshop on assistive devices for reading and writing

19th to 21st November, 2022

Saksham organised a one-day training workshop in collaboration with Sightsavers for teachers from both special as well as inclusive schools located in and around Sitapur district of UP. The workshop aimed at educating these teachers about how visually challenged students can pursue their education more independently with the help of technologies like smartphone, laptop and daisy player.

AWARENESS & TRAINING WORKSHOPS

Training on creation of accessible content at TCLP, Delhi

8th December 2022

On 8th of December 2022, a training workshop was held for the members of Total Community Library Project on Sugamya Pustakalaya, the process of creating content in accessible format and the methods and technologies used by persons with print disabilities for accessing this content.



Training on solutions and applications for reading and writing in main-stream script

7th - 9th December, 2022

A training session was held at Lucknow with special educators from various districts of UP. The session focused on various solutions and applications, such as daisy players, RBD and various applications available with android devices, that can enable the persons with blindness to read and write in main-stream script



AWARENESS, TRAINING WORKSHOPS & EXPERIENCE ZONE

Saksham Tek Fiesta - Shimla

14th - 15th August, 2022

Saksham organised a two-day Tek Fiesta on the 14th and 15th of August to inaugurate our newest resource center in Shimla. We set up an experience zone containing many of our assistive technology solutions, intended as a one-stop spot for persons with visual impairments and/or their allies to try their hand at all the available assistive tech in order to make an informed choice about the products that will best suit their needs. Another landmark event of the Tek Fiesta was the lightning training component, conducted by trainers from Saksham Delhi, focusing on the use of three devices: laptops, DAISY players, and Android phones. The training sessions (conducted like accelerated crash courses) were jam-packed with useful information about the various functions of the three devices already mentioned. Twenty persons among the attendees (chosen by lucky draw) who had registered for the subsidy scheme received a laptop, DAISY player, or an Android phone, based on their indicated preference. An additional lucky draw was organised, wherein lucky winners also received a talking pulse oximeter for free.



AWARENESS, TRAINING WORKSHOPS & EXPERIENCE ZONE

Saksham Tek Fiesta - Jalandhar

17th to 18th November 2022

A 2-day Tek Fiesta was organized at Lovely Professional University in Jalandhar from 17th to 18th of November 2022. On the first day of this event, a sensitization workshop was organized with the students of the university in which the students enthusiastically participated and experienced how visually challenged persons overcome various impediments that they face in their day to day life with the help of assistive solutions. The second day of the event comprised of trainings on the use of various functions and applications of reading writing devices like laptops, android phones and daisy players, along with the experience zone of assistive devices where persons with blindness and print disability could try out various solutions and make an informed choice about which technology would be most suitable for meeting their specific needs. The visually challenged users also got an opportunity to procure the required solution in an affordable manner during this event, and 11 persons were provided laptops, daisy players and android tablets as per their requirement free of charge, all of who were shortlisted by means of a lucky draw.



Dive Right in!: An Immersive Experience Zone with the Most Promising Assistive Tech Solutions



Experience zone at GGSIPU

28th September, 2022

An experience zone featuring latest assistive solutions was organised at Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University to create awareness among the students and faculty members of the University. Around 200 Sighted students and faculty members from various colleges of the university took part in the programme.



Experience zone at NIEPVD

11th November 2022

An experience zone was organised with the students pursuing Bachelor and Masters degree courses in special education from National Institute for Empowerment for Persons with Visual Disability with the objective to make these future special educators aware about the latest technology solutions and how they can address various challenges faced by persons with blindness and help them in becoming self reliant.

Experience Zones being organized Pan India

Experience zone at Nilgiri Public School, Noida

3rd December, 2022

An experience zone of assistive devices was organized at Nilgiri Public School on 3rd December with the objective to create awareness among teachers and other members of main-stream schools about various solutions that can help the students with blindness to study independently and side by side with their sighted counterparts



Experience zone at Dr. Shakuntala Misra National Rehabilitation University

19th December, 2022

An experience zone was organised for the students and faculty members of Dr. Shakuntala Misra National Rehabilitation University, which is one of the largest specialised institution providing higher education to students with visual impairment based in Lucknow. The experience zone provided a platform to all students and teachers with blindness to know and explore the latest available AT solutions.



Experience Zones being organized Pan India

Experience Zone at LPS Global School, Noida

26th December, 2022

An experience zone was organised at LPS Global school in Noida on 26th December to sensitise the teachers and students how visually challenged children can study side by side with sighted students in main-stream schools and how they can perform all their educational activities with the help of various available assistive solutions. More than 60 students studying between 8th to 10th standard along with their teachers visited the experience zone and got sensitised.



RIGHT TO WRITE:

TYPING COMPETITION & TRAINING FOR STUDENTS WITH VISUAL IMPAIRMENT

Students from 25 mainstream schools and 8 special schools across the country, studying between 3rd to 12th standard, took part in the competition and the training workshop on 3rd September, 2022 aimed at enhancing computer skills and knowledge of writing Braille in digital form among visually challenged school going children. The event also aimed at training them and their parents and teachers in use of latest reading applications available with computer and android devices



DIGITAL EMPOWERMENT OF PERSONS WITH VISUAL IMPAIRMENT



On June 21, 2022, on the occasion of International Yoga Day, Saksham and Vikasa Tarangini joined hands to work towards 'Digital Empowerment' of students with blindness and low vision. Under this initiative, specially configured laptops were provided at subsidized cost, along with books and training to make students self-reliant in their reading & writing, as well as to prepare and empower them for quality education and employment. Puja Sri Chinna Jeeyar Swamiji, Founder Vikasa Tarangini, VTS World, and Netra Vidhyalaya, graced the occasion as chief guest, and celebrated the beginning of this phenomenal initiative with us.



VOICE OF SAKSHAM

Singing competition for young visually impaired people

Saksham organised the "Voice of Saksham" singing competition in June, 2022 for young visually impaired people to encourage and highlight their musical talents. The competition aimed to make inroads in their digital empowerment, by means of awarding the winners assistive technology devices. The devices that will be given away as prizes to the winners have been generously sponsored by Canara Bank

THE VOICE OF SAKSHAM

A singing competition for young blind and visually impaired people from Punjab, Himachal Pradesh and Haryana organised by Saksham to commemorate Helen Keller's 142nd birthday. The three top position holders from each state will get exciting prizes like laptops, tablets, and DAISY players, sponsored by Canara Bank.

DATE: JUNE 27TH, 2022 | TIME: 3:30PM - 5:00PM

EXCITING PRIZES



केनरा बैंक Canara Bank

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"LIMITING LIMITATIONS"

हॉयस आण सक्षम में राधिका आहुजा 'प्रथम', रंजन द्वितीय



विशेष विद्यालय दली के रवि ने जीती गायन प्रतियोगिता



दैनिक भास्कर

जालंधर भास्कर 29-06-2022

संस्था सक्षम ने दृष्टिबाधित बच्चों का हॉयस बढ़ाने के लिए करवाई ऑनलाइन प्रतियोगिता

जालंधर। दृष्टिबाधित बच्चों का हॉयस बढ़ाने और प्रेरणा प्रदान करने के लिए सक्षम संस्था ने दृष्टिबाधित बच्चों के बीच गायन प्रतियोगिता आयोजित की। इसमें दृष्टिबाधित बच्चों ने अपनी प्रतिभा का प्रदर्शन किया।

On 27th of June, 2022, the finale of the "Voice of Saksham" from the three states of Haryana, Punjab and Himachal Pradesh to commemorate Helen Keller's 142nd birthday. Sponsored by Canara Bank, with whose generous support Saksham could award laptops, tablets, and DAISY Players as first, second and third prizes to the 3 winners from each participating state, to encourage digital empowerment of students. Deepak Kumar (Haryana), Radhika Ahuja (Punjab), and Ravi (HP) won the first prize. Saima (Haryana), Ranjan (Punjab), and Kuldeep Kondal (HP) bagged the second prize. Shadma (Haryana), Veer Singh (Punjab), and Srishti Chauhan (HP) secured the third position.

Saksham Resource Centre News

Education & Rehabilitation Of Children With Visual Impairment, Deaf-blindness & Multiple Disability

Saksham has been working to ensure the development of skills of her visually impaired children. During the reporting period, teachers of the resource centers went to public spaces like shopping malls to create awareness about the various interventions of Saksham and also as an effort to raise funds. Awareness was also created through social media, websites and reference of parents, rehabilitation professionals, well-wishers, teachers, and staff. 10 inquiries on admission was received.



Developing Skills for Independent Living

Social skill development is built into the Individualized Educational Plan for children with Visual impairment or Visually impaired children with multi-sensory Impairment across all age groups. Children participated in celebrating Eid and Hellen Keller's Day

Capacity building of special educators (in-house), mainstream teachers, and parents

- PTM - 120 parents were brought up to date with progress of their child.
- NIOS Accreditation- 7 children continued their education through NIOS
- Workshop - Nest making workshop-15 children were present in offline mode and another 10 children were present in online mode.
- Maths teaching workshop-15 teachers participated 21 children received a reading stand
- In-house teacher's meeting - 20 teachers participated in the meeting.



Developing Skills for Independent Living

- 100 students were trained in Daily living skills.
- 50 junior ACA students were trained in Orientation and mobility.
- 23 children received therapy for Motor development.
- 90 students were trained in Communication skills.

Saksham Resource Centre, Noida

Activites from April to December 2022

1. 10 children were mainstreamed in the AY 2022-2023
2. 5 new schools have given admission to our students.
3. 16 new students took admission in our programs till December 2022
4. There are 20 children who are attending online classes as they are outstation beneficiaries.
5. 1 boy from the vocational unit joined his family business. Another boy took training while interning in a family business.
6. 2 girls from the vocational unit have chosen to pursue higher education.
7. Reema will be appearing for her class XII board exams in February.
8. Ajit, Diwaker and Durgesh will be appearing for their class X boards exams in February.
9. 1 new organization, HITPA, has come forward to fund our activities.

MONTH→	DEC		
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INFANT TO TODDLER	2	7	9
EARLY INTERVENTION	3	7	10
JUNIOR ACADEMIC	5	7	12
SENIOR ACADEMIC	3	3	6
FUNCTIONAL ACADEMIC	0	8	8
NIOS	2	3	5
HOME MANAGEMENT/VOCATIONAL	6	6	12
INTEGRATED STUDENTS	14	21	35
INTEGRATED ASSOCIATED	5	9	14
REHAB	2	0	2
FOLLOW UP	1	2	3
TOTAL	43	73	116



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SAKSHAM'S RESPONSE TO THE ACCESSIBLE BOOK FAMINE

Saksham Library is largely working on educational contents, Higher education books and school text books. Most of the books converted during the period of July to September are books requested directly by end users. Saksham has involved person with different abilities to be part of book conversion process. Amogh an NGO from Bangalore is taking lead in training people with special abilities like Dyslexic, Mental Retardation, Autism, Mild Intellectual disability, wheelchair users etc who have challenges in finding a job and travelling to workplace for proofreading work.

Now Amogh in partnership with Saksham has trained more than 65 such candidates and all are working for creating accessible contents for blind persons. This partnership is going on for last 2 years.



7138 Books have been uploaded to Sugamya Pustakalaya, our online library so far with 3899 users regularly accessing the books

All the books are educational contents from state board, private publisher books and books used in higher education.

HARPER COLLINS

Saksham has tie-up with Publisher Harper Collins India Pvt Ltd, and the publisher is sharing their contents for making it available for blind students. Saksham successfully completed conversion of 75 titles of grade 1 to grade 8 and uploaded to sugamya pustakalaya

UP BOARD TEXTBOOKS

With the support of Sight Savers, UNICEF has given Saksham the opportunity to convert UP Board textbooks of grade 1 to 8 into accessible format. 61 titles of UP Board textbooks were converted into accessible format.

UNICEF

This project was done in collaboration with UNICEF and Sightsavers. The UP board text books of grade 1 to Grade 8 were converted to accessible format by Saksham. This project also started in last financial year and completed by June 2022.

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Training conducted with Amogh

Training with Amogh was conducted on 29th November with all project heads and compilers. Following topics were covered during this training:

1. Formatting guidelines to be followed in docx file
2. Process of converting word to Epub file
3. How to test Epub file using ACE validator so that error free accessible EPUB files can be created

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On-going Projects

Accessible Book conversion supported by Ford Foundation:

Under this project we have to convert 15000 pages of EPub with proofreading and 200000 pages of EPub without proofreading. The project timeline was till Nov 2022 and got extension till March 2023. The activities are going on and we will be able to finish the commitment within the extended timeline

1. **Accessible Book Project Supported by Essel Foundation:** 34000 pages of print book needs to be converted to accessible digital format. We have **completed 26000 pages** till now and uploaded to Sugamya Pustakalaya
2. **Accessible Book Conversion supported by Enable India:** 49000 pages needs to be converted under this project to accessible digital format. We have completed around **20,000 pages**.
3. **Accessible Book conversion supported By ICREON:** ICREON supported to setup physical library with laptop, smartphone, RBD, Scanner, and braille books in 2018 and from there on supported for accessible digital books. This year they have supported for 7200 pages. We have completed 5000 pages till now.

Types of books converted using above project:

We have converted books from following boards/courses into accessible format:

1. UP board text books of class 1 to 8th in Hindi medium.
2. English medium text books from publisher Harper Collins of grade 1 to 8
3. Various courses of IGNOU university in which blind students are enrolled like material production and distribution division 1 and 2, tourism studies, Master of Arts etc..
4. Text books from Himachal Board
5. Reference books used in Delhi University different courses of MA and BA
6. Reference materials used for UPSC exams

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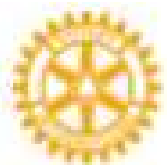
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Financial Statement

SAKSHAM

BALANCE SHEET AS ON 31ST MARCH, 2023

<u>PARTICULARS</u>	<u>SCH</u>	<u>31-3-2023</u>	<u>31-3-2022</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>			
CORPUS FUND	1	651100.00	651100.00
Income & Expenditure A/c		37060748.90	16856989.56
CURRENT LIABILITIES	2	6295238.67	6318864.42
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TOTAL		44007087.57	23826953.98
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<u>ASSETS</u>			
FIXED ASSETS	3	1496718.00	1685200.00
CURRENT ASSETS :			
Cash & Bank balances	4	37482294.90	15740936.18
Loans and Advances	5	5001599.67	6386597.80
Other Current Assets	6	26475.00	14220.00
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TOTAL		44007087.57	23826953.98
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NOTES ON ACCOUNTS	7		

As per our Report u/s 12A(1)(b)
of the Income-Tax Act, 1961.
For NIKHIL KHURANA & CO.
Chartered Accountants



Nikhil Khurana
(NIKHIL KHURANA)
Proprietor

For SAKSHAM

Dipendra Manocha
(DIPENDRA MANOCHA)
Trustee

Financial Statement

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INCOME & EXPENDITURE A/c FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2023 (continued)

<u>PARTICULARS</u>	<u>2022-23</u>	<u>2021-22</u>
Website Maintenance expenses	74,639.80	501185.60
Membership & Subscription	28,876.54	11624.65
Miscellaneous expenses	10,48,039.75	451681.50
Depreciation	1,97,482.00	224807.00
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	50086385.77	43165975.23
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EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	2,02,03,759.34	-7681197.98
Balance brought forward from previous year	1,68,56,989.56	24538187.54
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Balance carried to Balance Sheet	37060748.90	16856989.56
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As per our Report u/s 12A(1)(b)
of the Income-Tax Act, 1961.

For NIKHIL KHURANA & CO.



Nikhil Khurana

(NIKHIL KHURANA)
Proprietor

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Trustee

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INCOME & EXPENDITURE A/c FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2023

PARTICULARS

INCOME

	<u>2022-23</u>	<u>2021-22</u>
Voluntary Contributions Received	6,77,32,972.28	32857121.16
Receipts from Charitable Activities	1906692.36	2203253.28
Interest on bank accounts	727862.00	328684.00
Interest on fixed deposits with bank	85337.00	87883.00
Miscellaneous Income	7281.47	7835.81
	<u>70460145.11</u>	<u>35484777.25</u>

EXPENDITURE

Blind Aids & Appliances Obtained	8,30,415.68	830688.00
Accessible Book Preparation expenses	30,68,185.73	7028048.16
Subsidy on Assistive Devices	36,61,732.45	2621400.00
Equipment Acquired	11,27,121.00	1512972.30
Donations Given	8,23,000.00	1672200.00
Sponsorship Fee (Education Support)	2,70,175.00	100000.00
Rent	31,80,521.00	2459100.00
Student Welfare expenses	2,09,438.00	132033.00
Integrated Student expenses	16,79,925.00	1787935.98
Workshop & Training expenses	73,867.00	243522.00
Function, Fair & Workshop expenses	2,86,524.90	2220.00
Laptop Distribution with Subsidy	11,27,750.00	0.00
Salaries, Allowances & Ex-Gratia	1,86,33,283.00	19117291.00
Contribution to Provident & Other Funds	7,73,275.00	428332.00
Staff Welfare expenses	19,608.00	6551.85
Communication expenses	1,75,326.99	105051.28
Electricity & Water expenses	4,41,027.00	256075.88
Electric Rickshaw		
Conveyance expenses	1,78,018.10	19138.25
Vocational Unit expenses	4,18,908.00	40857.00
Car Rally Expenses	3,39,114.46	0.00
Prize Money Given to Students	1,05,000.00	0.00
Festival expenses	3,444.00	0.00
Professional expenses	70,84,791.00	2472862.00
Insurance Charges	40,758.00	66556.00
Computer Accessories & Software	15,61,854.68	145653.60
Courier & Postage	1,78,474.87	227074.70
Office Furniture under Project	3,44,949.00	-
Printing & Stationery	3,01,236.90	224943.48
Repairs & Maintenance (Equipment)	4,36,340.38	156135.00
Repairs & Maintenance (Office)	63,038.00	15456.00
Vehicle Operation & Maintenance expenses	7,55,113.00	304579.00
Travelling expenses	5,45,131.54	0.00



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