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# SAKSHAM ANNUAL REPORT

**Looking Beyond Limitations: Inspiring  
Change Through Inclusion and Accessibility**



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## LIMITING LIMITATIONS

### ABOUT THE ORGANISATION

Saksham Trust is a national award winning NGO that has been dedicated to serving individuals with visual impairments and low vision since 2003. We strive to create a brighter future by championing inclusive education, assistive technology, accessible books, and cultural inclusion. We believe that with the right support, individuals with visual impairments can thrive.

Over the years, Saksham has expanded its reach, establishing centers in Delhi, Punjab, and Himachal Pradesh. We also operate a resource centre in Noida specifically designed for children with visual impairments and multiple disabilities.

### VISION

To empower communities by creating multiple opportunities and platforms for visually impaired persons for their sustainable social upliftment. We believe in their potential to be significant contributors in India's growth story.

### MISSION

A sensitized and motivated society that acknowledges the value of interdependence and appreciates the abilities of persons with disabilities and willingly provides equal opportunities for all.





# FOUNDER'S MESSAGE



As we reflect on another year of progress at Saksham, I am deeply moved by the strides we've made together. Our commitment to empowering individuals with visual impairments is stronger than ever. Through innovative training programs, cutting-edge accessible technology, audio-described films, and a growing online library -Sugamaya Pustakalaya, we've equipped countless individuals with the tools to lead independent and enriching lives. By dismantling barriers and fostering inclusive opportunities, we move closer each day to a world where everyone can realize their fullest potential.

*Mr. Dipendra Manocha*

At Saksham, we are filled with gratitude for the opportunity to impact the lives of individuals with visual impairments. Thanks to the unwavering dedication of our team and the generous support of our partners, we have made meaningful strides in breaking down barriers and empowering countless individuals. This year has proven, yet again, that 'alone we can do so little; together, we can do so much.' Together, we're building a world where everyone has the tools and opportunities to thrive.

*Ms. Rummi K Seth*



# BOARD MEMBERS



**Mr. Dipendra Manocha (Honorary  
Founder Managing Trustee)**



**Ms. Rummi K Seth (Honorary Founder  
Managing Trustee)**



**Former Ambassador, Mr. Swashpawan  
Singh, (Board Member and Trustee)**



**Mr. Prashant Ranjan Verma (Board  
Member)**



**Mr. Anubhav Mitra (Board Member)**



**Ms. Deepika Sood (Board Member)**



**Mr. Kuldeep Thakur (Board Member)**

# NEWLY LAUNCHED PRODUCTS BY SAKSHAM

## Mobility :



## Omni-sense Cane Tip:

The Omni wheel tip features a specialized roller that enables free movement in all directions, when attached to a cane providing improved mobility and convenience.

## Telescopic Canes:

Our telescopic canes prioritize safety and convenience with automatic locking mechanisms. They are lightweight, durable, and feature enhanced visibility elements for low-light conditions. We're working towards local production to provide affordable solutions.



## Rolling Marshmallow Tip:

This cost-effective cylindrical tip with built-in bearings ensures safer walking by offering constant surface feedback. Developed locally in India, it's an affordable alternative to international options.

## Recreational Activities :

A delightful tactile game suitable for all ages, Tic Tac Toe comes in an attractive wooden case with a transparent lid, perfect for easy storage and portability.

## Tic Tac Toe:



## Frog Eating Beans Game:

Designed for inclusivity, this multiplayer board game allows visually impaired individuals to feed hungry frogs with beads, adding a fun and engaging element to play.

## Education and Employment for People with Low Vision

### Electronic Magnifiers:

Ideal for those with low vision, electronic magnifiers offer enlarged text on a digital screen, making reading and everyday tasks more accessible.





# HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR



**SAKSHAM**  
disability

Directorate of Higher Education  
Government of NCT of Delhi

Saksham in collaboration with Directorate of Higher Education, Delhi Government

**Launches**

**PROJECT 'AGRAGAAMI'**

**FOR**

**ENABLING THE EDUCATION OF STUDENTS WITH VISUAL IMPAIRMENT IN DELHI GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS**

supported by **SBI Securities**  
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**Date: 5th September, 2023**

## COMMENCEMENT OF 'AGRAGAAMI' PROJECT WITH DELHI GOVERNMENT

Saksham is immensely proud and honoured to announce a momentous occasion in our journey of empowerment. On July 31, 2023, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was formalized between Mr. Dipendra Manocha, Founder Managing Trustee of Saksham, and Mr. Himanshu Gupta, Directorate of Education, IAS, GNCTD.

This remarkable agreement signals the launch of the 'Agragaami' project, a collaborative effort that brings together the expertise of Saksham and the visionary Directorate of Higher Education of the Delhi Government. Supported by the generous backing of SBI Securities, this project is set to revolutionize the educational landscape for students with visual impairments in Delhi Government Schools.

Saksham takes immense pride in being a driving force behind this transformative endeavor, strengthening our unwavering commitment to inclusivity and accessible education. Together, we are not only breaking barriers but also shaping a future where every student has the opportunity to thrive and shine.



## NEW BEGINNING FOR SAKSHAM'S RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL IN ROHRU, SHIMLA, HIMACHAL PRADESH



In an exciting collaboration with the CSR LIC Golden Jubilee Foundation, we are pleased to announce the progress in establishing a transformative "Education, Rehabilitation, and Resource Centre" in Rohru, Shimla, Himachal Pradesh. This initiative is set to address a critical service gap within the state by providing essential support to 20 children grappling with multiple disabilities and visual impairments. Our partnership aims to create a positive impact by enhancing the lives of these children and contributing to a more inclusive and supportive community.

The Bhoomi Poojan ceremony on June 20, 2023, marked a significant milestone for Saksham's Residential School in Shimla, signifying the commencement of a new chapter. The ceremony was honored by the presence of local MLA & CPS Himachal, Mr. Mohan Lal Brakta, and LIC's Sh. Keshav Shrivastava.

Phase II of our construction work faced its share of challenges, especially with adverse weather conditions briefly affecting our efforts. Nevertheless, we persevered and successfully completed the retention wall by October 11, 2023.



# SAKSHAM ACCESSIBLE FILM FIESTA - CELEBRATING INCLUSIVITY THROUGH CINEMA



Our film fiesta featured audio-described movies that narrated visual elements. This inclusion enabled those with visual impairments to engage fully in the cinematic experience. Our commitment to promoting cultural accessibility extended to making cultural events, like film screenings, open and accessible to a wide and diverse audience, including those with disabilities.

The event was held across four different Delhi University colleges in the Delhi/NCR region and two special schools in Muzaffarpur and Jammu region, bringing the magic of cinema to diverse audiences.

Our event went beyond movies, offering hands-on experiences with Assistive Devices. We also introduced interactive Q&A sessions, enriching our mission of inclusivity.

Approximately 350 individuals with disabilities actively engaged in this event, making it a remarkable success.

# CAMPAIGN: LEVERAGING SOCIAL MEDIA ACCESS ABILITY FOR ALL

## Online Accessibility Campaign:

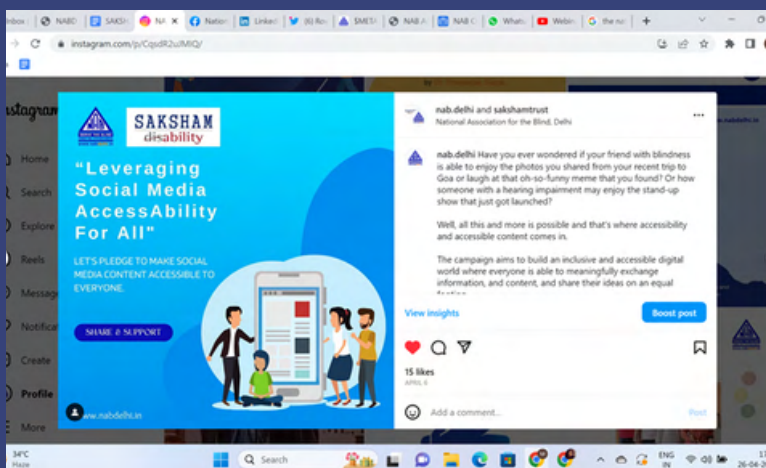
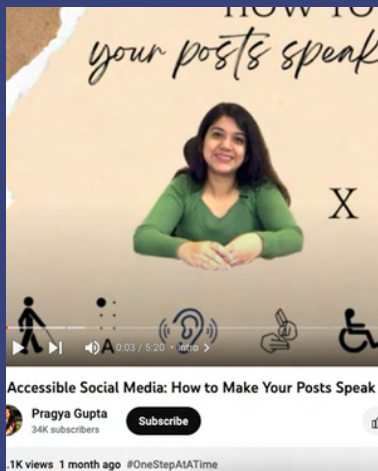
Our campaign, "Leveraging Social Media Accessibility for All," aims to ensure equal access to social media for users with disabilities, especially those with visual impairments. By promoting inclusive content, we seek to empower individuals and enhance engagement in the digital space.

The year-long project is divided into three phases, focusing on team onboarding, partnerships, and training workshops. Through these efforts, we aim to raise awareness and equip participants with the tools to create accessible content, fostering a more inclusive online community.

Leveraging Social Media  
Access Ability for all



#SocialMediaAccessAbilityForAll



The project significantly impacted accessibility for persons with disabilities (PwDs), reaching 7,000 PwDs through platforms like Eyeway and Radio Udaan. Influencers like Pragya Gupta garnered 6,847 YouTube views, while Instagram outreach connected with 1,692 individuals. Sensitization workshops reached 2,500 people across 10 events. The creation of 15 accessible videos in five languages (Hindi, English, Punjabi, Bengali, Kannada) reached a total of 1,29,000 views, offering practical guidance on making content accessible. These efforts collectively raised awareness and promoted inclusivity, empowering both PwDs and mainstream society to adopt accessible practices, furthering the goal of a more inclusive environment.



# SAKSHAM RESOURCE CENTRE - NOIDA



## मुसाबता को दराकनार कर फलक पर चमके दृष्टिहान

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**आलीष घाणा**  
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दुर्गेश, 82.8 प्रतिशत



रीमा, 89.4 प्रतिशत



आरव, 91 प्रतिशत

## RESULTS OF BOARD STUDENTS

S.No.	Name of Student	Class	Percentage	Stream/ Subjects
1.	Durgesh	10th	82.8%	Best Five subjects
2.	Diwakar	10th	84.8%	Best Five subjects
3.	Ajit	10th	75.4%	Best Five subjects
4.	Tanu Mishra	10th	94.2%	Best Five subjects
5.	Reema	12th	92%	Commerce Best Four subjects
6.	Pranam	12th	93%	Science Best Four subjects
7.	Arav Bindra	12th	93%	Humanities Best Four subjects

## KEY ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE SAKSHAM RESOURCE CENTRE

- Our student Reema not only excelled in the CBSE 12th board examination but also achieved the remarkable distinction of topping her class, securing a seat at IIM Rohtak to pursue a B.B.A.
- Our student Pranam achieved a significant milestone by qualifying for IIIT Kota, bringing immense pride to both himself and the Saksham community.
- We take great pride in sharing that our student Abhinav Bindra has been accepted into Symbiosis, Pune, a testament to his hard work and dedication.
- Abhinav Singh from our vocational unit has secured a job with the DS Group. The special educators of the vocational unit maintain regular communication with the senior staff to raise awareness and address any issues or queries that may arise.



Saksham launched a new initiative with a 3-month Home Management Girls Advanced Hostel Training Programme, enrolling five senior vocational unit girls: Arushi, Rupa, Nitish, Khushboo, and Riya. Throughout this advanced training, the students honed their skills in the following areas:



- Daily Living Skills
- Orientation and Mobility
- Organization and Labeling
- Sensory Skills
- Environmental Modification
- Food Preparation and Cooking Skills
- Clothing Care and Wardrobe Management
- Personal Hygiene Care
- Household Management and Housekeeping
- Time Management
- Shopping
- Social and Recreational Involvement

This training, which took place from January 2024 to March 2024, not only equipped these girls with essential skills but also provided valuable insights for us as an organization.



## KEY ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE SAKSHAM RESOURCE CENTRE

- We appreciate the generous support received from our sponsors, Transsion Holdings and Colorplast, which has been instrumental in advancing our initiatives.
- Our computer lab serves as a vital space where students develop proficiency in using computers, an essential tool for their writing, reading, and studies. This facility plays a crucial role in facilitating the enrollment of our students in mainstream schools. We extend our gratitude to Transsion Holdings for upgrading our computer lab with 21 standalone computers. Additionally, Transsion Holdings generously donated various swings for the Saksham playground, enhancing the recreational experience for our children.



- Saksham received 40 inquiries in the academic year 2023-2024, resulting in the enrollment of 30 students at the Saksham Resource Centre in Noida.
- Six of our children successfully transitioned into mainstream schools, marking a significant achievement in their educational journey.



- The year 2023-2024 saw remarkable interns and volunteers who significantly contributed to Saksham's ongoing efforts to create successful opportunities for people with disabilities.
- Kompal Paney deserves special recognition among the interns who joined us for research and training. Currently pursuing her Master's in Art Therapy from Symbiosis, Pune, she has enriched our approach toward individuals with disabilities. Through her extensive art therapy sessions with our children, Kompal has demonstrated innovative ways to engage with them and unlock their potential, showcasing the invaluable impact of art therapy.



- Ritika Ghosh made significant contributions in the field of social welfare by providing invaluable assistance and insights to enhance the learning abilities of our children. She adapted various essential and innovative methods to support their development effectively.
- Neeru Mehta, a dedicated grandmother, generously volunteered to teach English classes to our children. Her commitment goes beyond teaching; she consistently supports Saksham through heartfelt donations whenever there is a need.

# SAKSHAM RESOURCE CENTRE HIGHLIGHTS

## Memorable Outings: A Celebration of Fun and Learning

### Rajgarh Farms:

In November 2023, our students enjoyed a day filled with fun and adventure during a picnic at Rajgarh Farms, Noida. The outing featured several outdoor activities, including camel rides and pottery, providing our children with new opportunities for learning through play.

### Children's Park, Noida:

The picnic at Children's Park, Noida, aimed to involve parents alongside their children, fostering awareness and understanding of their specialized needs. This initiative helped strengthen the bond between families and the community while promoting inclusivity.



## Celebrating Diversity: Festivals and Special Occasions Throughout the Year

Throughout the year, we celebrated a variety of festivals and important occasions, embracing their significance and nurturing a strong sense of community. With joy and enthusiasm, we marked many events, including Republic Day, Holi, Eid, Independence Day, Raksha Bandhan, Janmashtami, Dussehra, Diwali, and Christmas.

## Vocational Items stalls

The children in our vocational unit continuously develop skills to create handcrafted items suited to various Indian festivals. These items are sold year-round through stalls set up at our sponsor companies and, upon request, at community events hosted by our donors. This year, we showcased our vocational items during Navratri, Diwali, Christmas, and other occasions at venues like NOIDA Haat, HCL, MetLife, Microsoft, HDFC Bank, and PTI. Popular items included torans, latkans, festive bags, Christmas trees, hampers, and rakhis, all crafted with care and creativity by our students.



## Braille Technology Development

### Annie Lab:

Annie, a self-learning Braille literacy device that functions like a personal tutor, was introduced at Saksham through the establishment of an Annie Lab. This lab enables our students to gain proficiency in Braille reading and writing, supporting independent learning.

### Tactile Library:

We also set up a dedicated tactile library to provide enhanced support for our students in their higher studies. This resource allows them to access educational materials more effectively, empowering them on their academic journeys.



# SAKSHAM DIGITAL LIBRARY

## Book Conversion Projects: A Year of Accessibility

Saksham Library had a remarkable year in 2023-24, successfully converting a significant number of pages into accessible EPUB 3.0 format. This achievement directly benefited a wide range of individuals, including students, competitive exam aspirants, and people with disabilities.



## Direct End-User Requests:

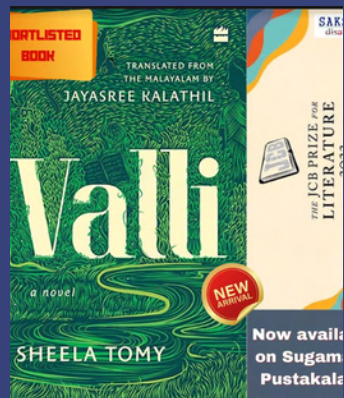
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## JCB Prize Literature:

Saksham Library continued its partnership with the JCB Prize Literature, converting shortlisted and winning novels from the past five years. This year, five books were successfully converted into accessible format.

## Blind Students Support Group:

A dedicated WhatsApp group for blind competitive exam students was established to facilitate direct communication and understand their specific requirements. In response to these needs, 16,974 pages were converted into accessible format.



## Aarohan Project at KMC, Delhi University:

A resource center was set up under the Arohan project to cater to the needs of blind students at KMC. 6,900 pages were converted to assist these students in their academic pursuits.

## AMOGH Partnership:

A collaboration with AMOGH, an organization training individuals with disabilities in book conversion, resulted in the conversion of 66,626 pages.

## HDFC-Supported State Board Textbooks:

In partnership with HDFC, Saksham Library converted state board textbooks from Assam, Manipur, and Mizoram. A total of 85 textbooks, comprising 15,473 pages, were made accessible.



# SAKSHAM DIGITAL LIBRARY



## ACCESSIBILITY AND IMPACT

All converted pages were uploaded to Sugamya Pustakalaya, a platform dedicated to accessible content. This ensures widespread accessibility and benefits individuals with visual impairments and other disabilities.

## HELPLINES AND TRAINING

Saksham Library's helpline team received over 700 calls, providing valuable assistance and support to users. Additionally, training sessions on accessible book conversion and Sugamya Pustakalaya were conducted with organizations like Shubham and Manav Rachna School.

## CONCLUSION

Saksham Library's efforts in 2023-24 have significantly contributed to making knowledge and education accessible to a wider audience. By addressing the specific needs of students, competitive exam aspirants, and individuals with disabilities, the library has played a vital role in promoting inclusivity and equal opportunities.



# SAKSHAM SPORTS UNIT

## Highlights:

1. In April 2023, visually impaired students participated in the **Under 19 Blind Cricket tournament**.

2. During the second week of April, three girls - Anupama, Pari, and Savitri - participated in the **Chandigarh National Women's chess championship**.

3. On June 4th, 2023, 15 players from Saksham participated in a **T20 Blind Cricket Match** at JNU.



4. In July, they took part in the **Delhi state chess championship** organized by DCBA (Delhi Chess Association for the Blind). It was one of the best performances by the Saksham Team. Ashwin Rajesh emerged as the winner and is now the Delhi State Champion. Ajith, Pari, Anupama, and Ashwin have qualified for the North Zone tournament for September 30th, 2023.



5. Anupama has been selected for the **Delhi state women's cricket team** during Women's Cricket Trials. From October 8th to 12th, Anupama participated in the interstate women's blind cricket tournament, where she was the youngest woman player in the Delhi team.



6. In November, Ashwin and Ajith represented Delhi in the **Junior National Chess Championship** held in Andhra Pradesh.

# JYOTIR GAMYA PROGRAM



## BRIDGING THE DIGITAL DIVIDE FOR PERSONS WITH VISUAL IMPAIRMENT

According to the 2011 census, a significant number of visually impaired individuals reside in Odisha and Jharkhand, contributing to a substantial economic burden. While advancements in assistive technology have positively impacted many, millions remain excluded due to poverty and limited access to these resources.

Traditional education methods have proven insufficient, leading to high rates of illiteracy and unemployment among the visually impaired. Outreach efforts and device distribution alone are not enough, as configuring devices and addressing affordability challenges remain obstacles.

To address these issues, the Jyoti Gamyra program was established to support digital inclusion and equity for visually impaired individuals in underserved areas. Through collaboration with Saksham, Assitech Lab of IIT Delhi, and Sabal, the program leverages technology to improve the lives of visually impaired people and promote their inclusion in society.



# JYOTIR GAMYA PROGRAM

## KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- **Capacity Building:** Trained 5 Saksham Sabal Champions in Odisha and 74 Saksham Sabal Citizens in both states to become advocates and facilitators for digital inclusion.
- **Community Outreach:** Expanded the Aarthi network to include 183 members in Odisha and 206 in Jharkhand, ensuring wider reach and impact.
- **Assistive Technology Distribution:** Provided 21 ITel 23 smartphones and Bluetooth keyboards on subsidy in Jharkhand, enabling greater accessibility and independence.
- **Network Development:** Organized special school and district-level meetings to strengthen partnerships and expand the program's reach.



## PROGRAM IMPACT

- **Empowered Individuals:** Enabled visually impaired individuals to acquire essential digital skills, access information, and participate more fully in society, fostering greater independence and inclusion.
- **Enhanced Quality of Life:** Improved the overall well-being of program beneficiaries through increased independence, social connection, and economic opportunities, leading to a more fulfilling and satisfying life.
- **Community Development:** Strengthened local communities by fostering a culture of inclusion and support for individuals with disabilities, promoting a more equitable and compassionate society.

## FUTURE PLANS

- **Expansion:** Continue to expand the Aarthi network to reach 800 individuals in both states by the end of August 2024, ensuring wider access and impact.
- **Technology Integration:** Introduce a user-friendly mobile app to provide additional resources, facilitate community engagement, and enhance accessibility for program beneficiaries.
- **Sustainability:** Explore sustainable funding mechanisms and partnerships to ensure the long-term viability of the program and its continued impact on the target communities.

## CONCLUSION

The Jyotir Gamyra program has significantly impacted the lives of visually impaired individuals in Odisha and Jharkhand. By providing comprehensive support, including assistive technology and training, the program has narrowed the digital divide and improved overall well-being. Moving forward, we remain dedicated to expanding our reach, enhancing our services, and fostering a more inclusive society for all.

# RAISING AWARENESS: ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY WORKSHOPS

## Sensitisation drive at HMV College, Punjab 1st April 2023

Saksham organised a Sensitization Drive at HMV College, introducing college students to the processes involved in eBook production and the devices used by visually impaired individuals. The event attracted over 150 students, many of whom showed interest in contributing to eBook production.



## Sensitisation workshop at MGN Public School, Jalandhar, Punjab 30th May, 2023

Saksham organized a sensitization workshop at MGN Public School in Jalandhar, Punjab, aiming to raise awareness about the skills and knowledge needed for self-sufficient computer-based reading and writing among students with visual impairments. Nearly 100 students and teachers participated in the interactive activities and demonstrations held during the session.



## Sensitisation workshop at TCLP, Delhi 3rd July, 2023

A sensitization workshop was held for the staff members of The Community Library Project (TCLP) to raise awareness about the challenges faced by people with visual impairments and how these challenges can be addressed using various assistive technologies (AT) solutions. During the workshop, participants were blindfolded and given a firsthand experience using assistive solutions for reading, writing, and performing other daily activities.





# RAISING AWARENESS: ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY WORKSHOPS

## Tandem Cycling Rally for Accessible Social Media in Punjab

27th August 2023

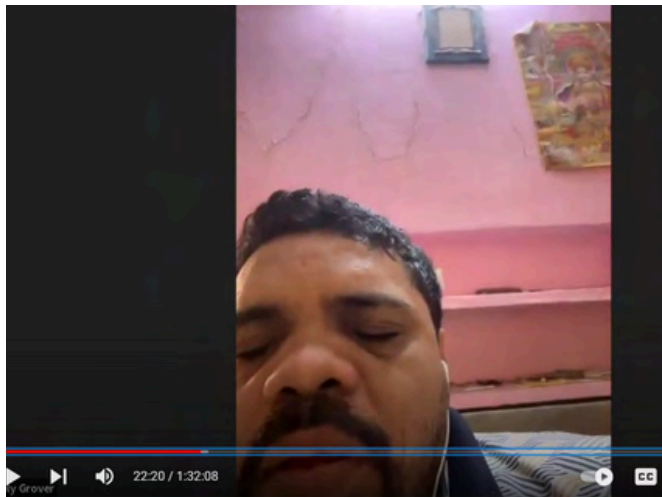
Lovely Professional University in Punjab hosted a tandem cycling rally to advocate for accessible social media, underlining their commitment to an inclusive digital space. Over 100 participants, including students and individuals with and without disabilities, rode side-by-side, holding signs with tips and messages promoting accessible social media.



## Webinar on Career Opportunities in the teaching Sector for Persons with Visual Impairment

18th August 2023

This session was conducted as part of the series of career awareness workshops held for students pursuing higher education and aspiring professionals to make them aware about the opportunities and required skills for pursuing their career in this sector



## Awareness workshop in Khairpur, UP

4th September 2023

A workshop was held at composite school in Khairpur village, Gautam Buddha Nagar, for the principal and all teachers. Saksham's special educators trained the teachers on various screening techniques and teaching strategies for students with diverse disabilities. The workshop also showcased Teaching Learning Materials (TLM) developed by Saksham specifically for students with disabilities (PWD).



# RAISING AWARENESS: ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY WORKSHOPS

## Workshop with teachers & special educators in Gautam Buddh Nagar, UP 29th September 2023

A workshop was conducted to equip principals, special educators from mainstream schools in Gautam Buddh Nagar district, and representatives from local education organizations with strategies to address the educational and related needs of students with disabilities. The workshop explored commonly available tools and technologies that teachers can utilize in their classrooms, contributing to a more inclusive and accessible learning environment.



## Awareness Workshop on workplace solutions with SBI, Delhi 5th October 2023

A workshop empowered visually impaired employees of SBI from the Delhi region by introducing them to various workplace solutions that can enhance their efficiency and independence. The session demonstrated technologies for creating an accessible office environment, accessing printed documents, and using navigation aids.



## Awareness Session on workplace solutions with Bank of Baroda, Delhi 6th October 2023

An online session for visually impaired staff members of Bank of Baroda equipped them with knowledge about workplace solutions to enhance their efficiency and independence. The session covered technologies for creating an accessible office environment, accessing printed documents, and using navigation aids.





# RAISING AWARENESS: ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY WORKSHOPS

## Right to Write Computer Speed and Accuracy Competition at HCL, Noida 30th November 2023

A national computer typing competition for visually impaired students was held in November. Students from special and inclusive schools across India participated. The competition aimed to promote technology use among students with blindness and provide a platform to showcase their skills. It also aimed to raise awareness about the independence technology can bring in reading, writing, and education. Participants used dictation from sighted volunteers to complete a designated script with speed and accuracy. The event drew enthusiastic participation from students, parents, teachers, peers, and representatives from corporate institutions like HCL.



## Education Pavilion at Purple Fest Goa 8th January to 13th January 2024

Saksham set up an education pavilion at Purple Fest, a major disability awareness event organized by the Goa state government. Four NGOs supporting people with various disabilities showcased methods and resources for promoting inclusive education. The pavilion attracted government officials, students, teachers, educators from special and mainstream schools and colleges, and representatives from various NGOs.



## Inclusive games arena at Purple Fest Goa

8th January to 13th January 2024

To raise awareness about the challenges faced by people with visual impairments, Saksham organized an inclusive games arena at Purple Fest. Participants donned blindfolds to experience various games and activities firsthand, fostering empathy and understanding of disability.



# RAISING AWARENESS: ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY WORKSHOPS

## Screening of audio described movies at Purple Fest Goa 11th January to 13th January 2024

To promote accessibility awareness, Saksham organized screenings of three audio-described movies from January 11th to 13th. The event drew enthusiastic participation from both sighted and visually impaired individuals, fostering an inclusive experience for all attendees.



## Inclusive car rally in Goa 13th January 2024

Saksham hosted a unique car rally in Goa, featuring 25 teams with visually impaired navigators guiding sighted drivers along the route. Designed as an inclusive motorsport event, the rally achieved remarkable success, garnering significant attention for its innovative combination of competition and inclusivity.



## Inclusive Games at Kirori Mal College 15th February 2024

Saksham, in collaboration with the Centre for Disability Research and Training and Kirori Mal College's enabling unit, organized a sensitization event at Delhi University's Kirori Mal College. The event featured an experience zone and various inclusive games, fostering participation between students with and without disabilities. This interaction allowed students to gain a deeper understanding of inclusion.



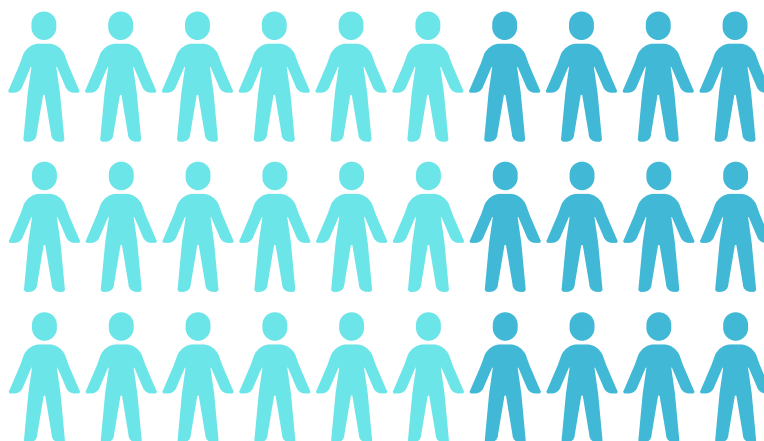


# RAISING AWARENESS: ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY WORKSHOPS

## Awareness and sensitisation workshop in Mizoram

22nd February 2024

Saksham, along with the Mizoram Blind Society and the State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT) of Mizoram government, organized a one-day awareness and sensitization workshop for students pursuing bachelor's degrees in special education for hearing and visual impairments. Following an overview of various assistive technologies, participants engaged in a series of blindfolded activities, gaining firsthand experience with the challenges faced by visually impaired individuals.



**Over 3,000 people gained a deeper understanding of assistive technology for persons with visual impairments through our awareness workshops.**

# EMPOWERING USERS AND EXPERTS: ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY TRAINING

## Training on fundamental computer applications at Khalsa College, Delhi University 10th February to 20th April 2023

Saksham organized a training program for visually impaired students at Shri Guru Nanak Dev Khalsa College, Delhi University. The program focused on fundamental computer applications, including MS Office, internet navigation, and tools for reading and downloading ebooks. This training empowers students to perform their reading and writing tasks independently.



## Training on navigation and workplace solutions at American India Foundation 3rd May 2023

Saksham empowered visually impaired employees through a hands-on training session on mobility and navigation skills, along with various workplace solutions with the staff of American India Foundation. This session equipped them to become more productive and independent in their daily tasks.



## Training on Creation of Accessible Content at JDMC College, Delhi University 16th to 18th May 2023

A 3-day workshop equipped Janki Devi Memorial College's library and enabling unit staff with the skills and knowledge to convert learning materials into accessible formats. This will enable students with print disabilities to access course content independently using assistive technologies.

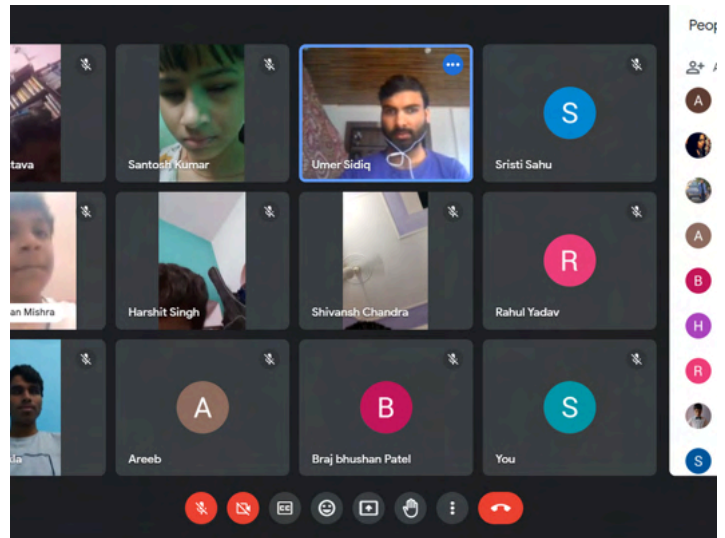




# EMPOWERING USERS AND EXPERTS: ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY TRAINING

## Online Training on android tablet 5th to 7th June 2023

A 3-day training was held for school and college students from Lucknow region on using android tablet. This training mainly focused on key gestures of talkback, assistive applications for reading and writing that can be used on the tab, and using the tab with a bluetooth keyboard so that it can be used by the students as the note taking device as well.

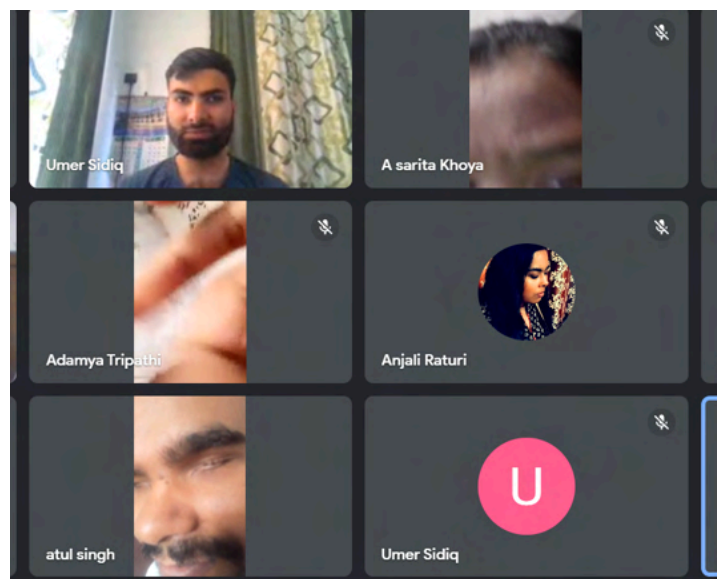


## Training on reading devices in Kasganj, UP 5th to 8th June 2023

A training programme was organised for the students of Kasganj studying in inclusive schools wherein they were trained on the use of smartphone and daisy player.

## Online Training course on fundamental computer skills 9th June to 30th June 2023

Students from various Delhi University colleges participated in an online training course on fundamental computer applications, including MS Office, internet navigation, and ebook reader software. This initiative, supported by various funding agencies, equipped students with both the skills and the technology (laptops) needed for independent reading and writing.



# EMPOWERING USERS AND EXPERTS: ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY TRAINING

## Online Training on creating and accessing documents

**6th June to 11th July 2023**

Another batch of Delhi college students participated in a training program focusing on writing tools and applications for independent assignment and exam completion, in both English and Hindi. The program also covered resources for reading course materials, empowering students for academic success.



## Training on Assistive devices for independent working in Nagrota, HP 26th to 27th July 2023

Saksham organised a 2-day training program on assistive technologies in Nagrota, Himachal Pradesh, from July 26th to 27th, 2023. Participants, people with visual impairments from across the state, learned how to leverage assistive solutions for independent living in their daily activities. Following needs assessments based on age and occupation, the program, supported by the Nagrota Welfare Society, concluded by equipping each participant with a personalized assistive technology kit.

## Training workshop for latest assistive solutions for reading and writing in Bihar 22nd to 23rd August 2023

Saksham organized a 2-day training workshop at Shubham Viklang Vikas Sansthan, a special school in Muzaffarpur, Bihar.

Day one focused on equipping teachers with methods to create accessible digital learning materials for their students. Day two included an awareness and training session for both teachers and students on the latest assistive technologies for independent reading and writing by students with blindness. To encourage technology use, the day concluded with a computer speed and accuracy competition.





# EMPOWERING USERS AND EXPERTS: ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY TRAINING

## Training on Assistive Solutions for Education in Jammu

**24th September 2023**

Saksham organized a training workshop on September 24th, 2023, at Louis Braille Memorial Residential School for the Sightless Girls in Roop Nagar, Jammu. This workshop was part of a 2-day Tek Fiesta organized in Jammu in collaboration with the J&K Handicapped Association and the National Federation for the Blind J&K. The workshop equipped participants with essential skills for using computers and Android devices with screen readers, as well as accessing printed materials using the URead assistive device. Students from area special schools, visually challenged college students, and teachers actively participated in the training. The program also featured engaging competitions to assess learning and promote technology use. These competitions included the Right to Write computer typing speed and accuracy competition and an assistive technology quiz.



## Training workshop on assistive devices for education in Kasganj, UP 29th to 30th September 2023

Saksham organized a 2-day training workshop in Kasganj district on assistive learning solutions for visually challenged students (grades 1-10) enrolled in inclusive government schools there. The workshop focused on equipping students with various reading methods and devices, including Braille, daisy players, and smartphones. A total of 40 students participated in this valuable training.



# EMPOWERING USERS AND EXPERTS: ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY TRAINING

## Training on making education accessible for students with print disability at KMC, DU

**17th October to 21st December 2023**

Saksham, in collaboration with the Centre for Disability Research and Training at Kirori Mal College, organized a training program on creating accessible content. Students from KMC, other Delhi University colleges, and even some special education students participated. The program explored various methods and solutions for making information universally available.



## Training on android tablet in Rani Jhansi Road, Delhi

**1st to 2nd November 2023**

Saksham conducted a 2-day training program for visually challenged students attending Sarvodaya Vidyalaya, a mainstream government school under the Directorate of Education, NCT of Delhi, located on Rani Jhansi Road in Delhi. The training equipped students with the skills to use Android tablets with keyboards. They learned essential gestures and settings related to screen readers, along with utilizing various applications for reading, writing, navigation, and performing daily tasks independently. Prior to the training, participants received tablets and Bluetooth keyboards. These newfound skills will empower them to complete their educational activities without relying on sighted assistance.



## Training on android tablet in Burari, Delhi

**7th to 8th November 2023**

Saksham conducted a 2-day training program for visually impaired students attending Sarvodaya Vidyalaya in Burari, Delhi. Sarvodaya Vidyalaya is a mainstream government school under the Directorate of Education, NCT of Delhi.

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# EMPOWERING USERS AND EXPERTS: ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY TRAINING

## Training on android tablet

**29th November 2023**

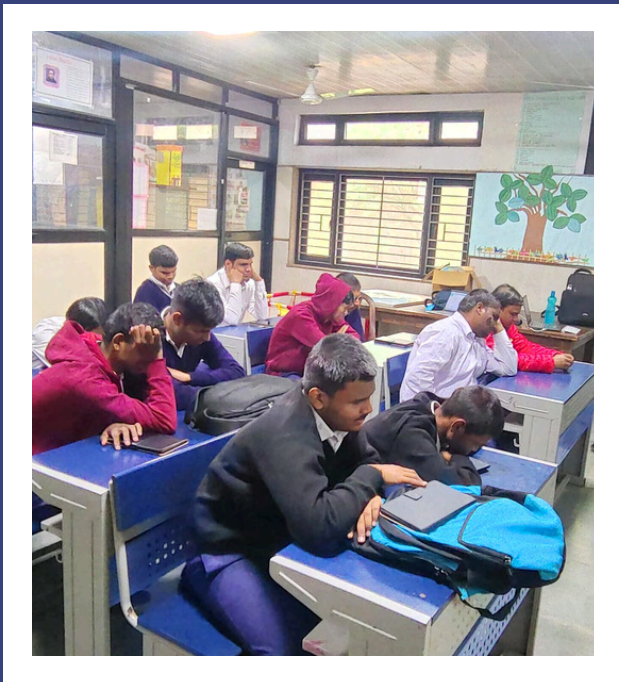
A 2-day training program was organized for visually impaired students attending Government Boys Senior Secondary School in Mongolpuri, Delhi. This school is a mainstream government institution under the Directorate of Education, NCT of Delhi. The training equipped students with the skills to use Android tablets with keyboards. They learned essential gestures and settings related to screen readers, along with utilizing various applications for independent reading, writing, navigation, and completing daily tasks. Prior to the training, participants received tablets and Bluetooth keyboards. These newfound skills will empower them to complete their educational activities without relying on sighted assistance.



## Training on android tablet in Lajpat Nagar, Delhi

**30th November 2023**

On 30th November 2023, a training session was organised in a special school in Lajpat Nagar in Delhi for the visually challenged students on using android tablet with keyboard. As part of this training, the students were given a detailed training on various key gestures and settings related to screen reader, use of several applications for reading, writing, navigation and for doing other day to day tasks independently. Prior to the training, the participants were equipped with tabs and bluetooth keyboard, and this training will enable them to perform all their educational activities without any dependence on sighted assistance.



## Training on Reading-Writing Solutions in Guwahati

**7th to 8th December 2023**

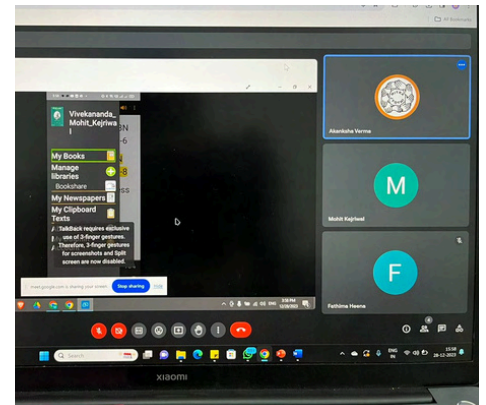
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# EMPOWERING USERS AND EXPERTS: ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY TRAINING

## Trainers' Online Training Workshop on Android Applications 28th December 2023

On 28th of December, a workshop was conducted for trainers of Mitra Jyothi, which is an organisation working for training and rehabilitation of Persons with visual disabilities in Bangalore. As part of this workshop, the participants were trained on the use of various reading and writing applications for android devices along with the process of using these devices with keyboard.



## Training on android tablet in RK Puram, Delhi 14th December 2023

A training was organised for visually challenged students of Government Senior Secondary School in RK Puram, which is a main-stream government school under Directorate of Education, NCT of Delhi. As part of this training, the students were given a detailed training on using android tablet along with keyboard. They were taught various key gestures and settings related to screen reader, use of several applications for reading, writing, navigation and for doing other day to day tasks independently. Prior to the training, the participants were equipped with tabs and bluetooth keyboard, and this training will enable them to perform all their educational activities without any dependence on sighted assistance.



## Training on android tablet in Rohini, Delhi 23rd January 2024

A training session was organised for visually challenged students studying in the main-stream Government School in Rohini Sector 4 in Delhi. As part of this training, the students were given a detailed training on using android tablet along with keyboard. They were taught various key gestures and settings related to screen reader, use of several applications for reading, writing, navigation and for doing other day to day tasks independently. Prior to the training, the participants were equipped with tabs and bluetooth keyboard, and this training will enable them to perform all their educational activities without any dependence on sighted assistance.





# EMPOWERING USERS AND EXPERTS: ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY TRAINING

## Training on android tablet in Sadik Nagar, Delhi 24th January 2024

On 24th of January, a training session was organised in a special school in Sadik Nagar in Delhi for the visually challenged students on using android tablet with keyboard. As part of this training, the students were given a detailed training on various key gestures and settings related to screen reader, use of several applications for reading, writing, navigation and for doing other day to day tasks independently. Prior to the training, the participants were equipped with tabs and bluetooth keyboard, and this training will enable them to perform all their educational activities without any dependence on sighted assistance.



## Training workshop in Kasganj 31st January to 3rd February 2024

Saksham organised a 4-day training workshop in collaboration with Sightsavers to train the students with blindness studying in main-stream schools on the use of Braille, Android applications, daisy player and solutions for mobility. The workshop was held in 2 batches of 2 days each, and was attended by around 50 students and their teachers.



## Training on Android devices in Manipur 19th February 2024

On 19th February 2024, an online training session was held with 50 visually challenged students from Manipur on use of various android applications for reading, writing, navigation and performing other crucial day to day activities. The participants were also provided access to android tablets with keyboard through funds raised by Saksham, and this training will help the users to adopt this technology in their day to day work in an effective manner.



# EMPOWERING USERS AND EXPERTS: ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY TRAINING

## Training on android devices in Chhattisgarh 13th to 18th February 2024

Between 13th to 18th February 2024, a series of training workshops were held across 3 special schools in Chhattisgarh, namely Saksham Awasi Vidyalaya in Gariaband, Nayandeep Vidya Mandir in Bhilai and Awasi Prashikshan Kendra in Kachandur district. The training was held for a period of 2 days in each school wherein the students with visual impairment were taught the use of android tablet with Bluetooth keyboard for the purpose of reading their books and writing their notes and assignments. A total of 41 students from these schools were also provided with tab with keyboard.



## Training on android devices in Mizoram 23rd February 2024

On 23rd February 2024, an online training session was held with 50 visually challenged students and their teachers from Mizoram on use of various android applications for reading, writing, navigation and performing other crucial day to day activities. The students were also provided access to android tablets with keyboard through funds raised by Saksham, and this training will help the users to adopt this technology in their day to day work in an effective manner.



## Training of trainers in Manipur 6th March 2024

An online training session was held with 6 visually challenged students of Manipur. These individuals will serve as the local trainers and further train the students who face any issues or challenges in using android devices in the long run.





# EMPOWERING USERS AND EXPERTS: ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY TRAINING

## Trainers' training workshop in Jaipur

**22nd February 2024**

A 3-day trainers' training workshop was held with teachers and special educators of RNKS, which is an organisation working with students and individuals with blindness in Jaipur. As part of this workshop, the participants were trained on the use of latest reading and writing solutions and application for persons with blindness and low vision. Use of tactile books, windows and android based reading and writing solutions, daisy player, Refreshable Braille Display, geometry kit etc in teaching and learning of students with blindness were covered in this training. A digital lab with many of these solutions has also been set up in the organisation so that the students can benefit from them.



## Training workshop for Teachers in Patiala

**19th March 2024**

A training workshop was held with teachers of Patiala School for the Blind, which is a special school based in Punjab. As part of this workshop, the participants were trained on the use of latest reading and writing solutions and application for persons with blindness and low vision. Use of tactile books, windows and android based reading and writing solutions, daisy player, Refreshable Braille Display, geometry kit etc in teaching and learning of students with blindness were covered in this training. A digital lab with many of these solutions has also been set up in the organisation so that the students can benefit from them.



**Saksham's training programs reached over  
700 users and personnel, promoting  
assistive technology adoption**

# EXPERIENCE ZONE

## Experience zone of assistive devices at Vishwa Yuvak Kendra, Delhi

**7th May 2023**

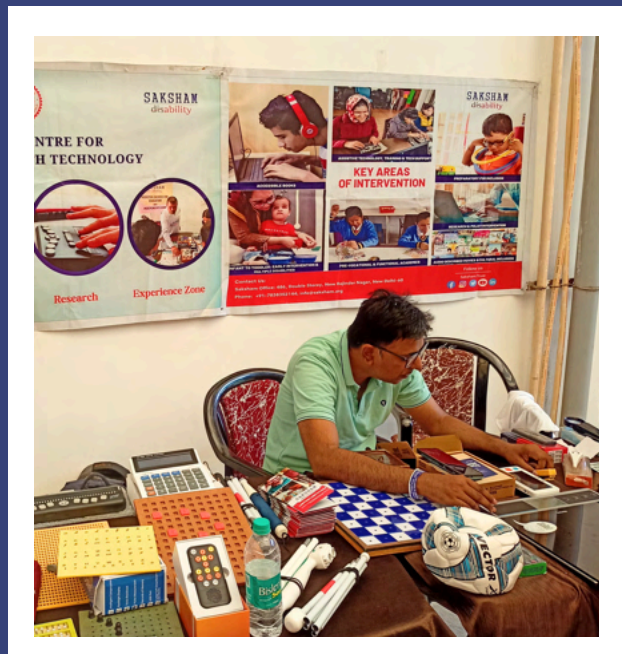
An experience zone of assistive devices was organised at Vishwa Yuvak Kendra during a conference of visually challenged faculty members teaching in various colleges across the country. The awareness created through the experience zone will not only help them to use suitable solutions to become independent, but will also help them to educate the students about these solutions.



## Experience zone of assistive devices in Lucknow, UP

**28th May 2023**

An experience zone of assistive devices was organised during Braille Stormers car rally held in Lucknow wherein sighted drivers had to traverse a root map based on the guidance given by the visually challenged drivers which was provided to the latter in Braille. The experience zone organised during this occasion helped to create awareness among both the sighted as well as the visually challenged participants about the various latest assistive solutions that can aid persons with blindness in performing their tasks with greater independence and efficiency.



## Experience zone of assistive devices in Muzaffarpur, Bihar

**23rd August 2023**

An experience zone was held during the training workshop organised in Muzaffarpur in the month of August so as to provide the students studying in the school and their teachers to try out the different available latest solutions and adopt the most suitable ones for performing their day to day academic and other tasks





## EXPERIENCE ZONE

### Experience zone at JDMC, DU

13th September 2023

An experience zone was organised At Janki Devi Memorial College, Delhi University to make the students with visual impairment, their sighted peers, faculty and other members of the college aware about the latest assistive solutions. The experience zone was held during the Accessible Film Fiesta wherein screening of audio described movies was held in various colleges of Delhi University to sensitise and enable sighted and non-sighted students enjoy an inclusive cultural experience.



### Experience zone at Shri Guru Nanak Dev Khalsa College

18th September 2023

An experience zone was also held at Shri Guru Nanak Dev Khalsa College, Delhi University on 18th of September. The experience zone witnessed the participation of visually challenged and sighted students from both Khalsa and Kalindi College and faculty members from both the colleges. This experience zone was also held as part of Accessible Film Fiesta, and was accompanied with screening of an audio described movie.



### Experience zone at Louis Braille Memorial Residential School for the Sightless Girls

23rd to 24th September 2023

An experience zone was organised as part of the 2-day Tek Fiesta held in Jammu from 23rd to 24th September 2023. The experience zone witnessed highly enthusiastic participation from the visually challenged school and college students present during the event, most of who had seen these types of assistive solutions for the first time, and they were extremely delighted to learn about the possibilities which they can create for their education and performing other activities.



# EXPERIENCE ZONE

## Experience zone at Hindu College, DU

**25th September 2023**

Another experience zone was organised at Hindu College, Delhi University on 25th September 2023. The experience zone along with the screening of audio describe movie which was held during the occasion was attended by many students and faculty members.



## Experience zone at Kasganj, UP

**29th to 30th September 2023**

An experience zone was organised during the training workshop held at Kasganj between 29th to 30th September 2023. Through this experience zone, the students studying across various main-stream schools in the district, along with their parents got an opportunity to explore and find out about the different available technologies that can help them in their education and performing other activities.



## Experience zone at Empower 2023, Chennai, Tamil Nadu

**6th to 7th October 2023**

An experience zone was organised at Empower 2023 in Chennai, an international disability conference which was attended by a wide range of stakeholders including academicians and researchers, teachers and educators, and members from organisations working with persons with different types of disabilities among others.



## Experience zone of assistive devices at HCL, Noida

**30th November 2023**

An experience zone was organised during Right to Write national computer speed and accuracy competition to make various stakeholders aware and provide them an opportunity to try out latest available assistive solutions for persons with blindness





# EXPERIENCE ZONE

## Experience zone of assistive devices in Goa

**8th - 13th January 2024**

In collaboration with NCAHT, IIT Delhi, Saksham organised an experience zone at Purple Fest Goa, showcasing state-of-the-art assistive technology solutions for persons with visual impairment.



## Experience Zone of assistive devices in Kasganj, UP

**30th January 2024**

An experience zone was organised during the training workshop held at Kasganj between 29th to 30th September 2023. Through this experience zone, the students studying across various main-stream schools in the diSaksham organised an experience zone during Disability Conclave held in Mumbai. The conclave witnessed participation of stakeholders from various domains including members from not for profit organisations from different areas of the country, academicians, government officials etc, many of who got an opportunity to try out and learn about various available solutions for persons with visual impairment through this experience zone. Along with their parents got an opportunity to explore and find out about the different available technologies that can help them in their education and performing other activities.



## Experience zone at Purple Fest Delhi

**26th February 2024**

An experience zone was organised at Empower 2023, an international disability conference which was attended by a wide range of stakeholders including academicians and researchers, teachers and educators, and members from organisations working with persons with different types of disabilities among others.



## EXPERIENCE ZONE

### Experience zone at Divya

#### Anubhuti Mela

1st to 4th March 2024

An experience zone was held at Divya Anubhuti Mela in Lucknow, which was an event organised by Government of Uttar Pradesh to create awareness about disability and promote the organisations working for socio-economic empowerment of PWDs. As part of this event, the team demonstrated various assistive devices useful for persons with blindness and print disabilities to the members of various not for profit organisations working in the field of disability and other visitors of the exhibition.



### Experience zone at Shakuntala Misra National Rehabilitation University

22nd to 23rd February 2024

Saksham organized a two-day experience zone at Dr. Shakuntala Mishra University during their International Conference on Disability. This zone featured cutting-edge assistive technology solutions specifically designed for people with visual impairments. Approximately 100 people visited the experience zone, where they interacted with and tried out the technology firsthand. The attendees included individuals with visual impairments, numerous disability studies scholars and professors, students, people with diverse disabilities, and representatives from other non-profit organizations.





# DISSEMINATION & TRAININGS WORKSHOPS

## Saksham Sabal Citizens Gear Up in Odisha!

**January 2024**

Saksham, in collaboration with Assistech, Sabal, and the tremendous support of Tata Steel Foundation, empowered a group of Saksham Sabal Citizens in Sukinda, Odisha, this January!

The district-level training program was a dynamic mix of knowledge sharing and empowerment. Participants actively engaged in tactile book training sessions, demonstrating a contagious enthusiasm for learning. We look forward to sharing some heartwarming moments from these impactful sessions!



## Brightening Future with Inclusive Tech in Uttar Pradesh

**7th February 2024**

Saksham, with the incredible support of HCL Foundation, is empowering the dreams of visually impaired students! Through our impactful "Inclusion through Assistive Technology" initiative, nine students from Government schools in Jewar and Dadri, Uttar Pradesh, received life-changing tools.

Seven students received Tactile Mathematics kits, while two received smartphones equipped with Bluetooth keyboards. This #InclusiveTech empowers them to access education and unlock their full potential!

Together, we're paving the way for a brighter future filled with rich educational experiences.



## Saksham Empowers Students in Chhattisgarh

**13th & 14th February 2024**

A two-day dissemination and training program was successfully conducted at Saksham Awasi Vidyalaya. The event marked a significant milestone as 13 students were equipped with essential devices, thanks to the generous support of HDFC Bank. Mr. Abhishek Rahi, Manager, and Mr. Kundan Kumar Singh, Deputy Manager of the local HDFC Bank graced the occasion with their presence and handed over the devices to the students. This initiative underscores the bank's commitment to supporting education and empowering young minds.

The program provided valuable training and resources to the students, enhancing their learning experience and preparing them for a brighter future.



# DISSEMINATION & TRAININGS WORKSHOPS

## Dissemination and Training in Kachandur, Chhattisgarh 17th and 18th February 2024

A dissemination and training event was held at Awasi Prashikshan Kendra in Kachandur, Chhattisgarh. Eleven students received devices from HDFC Branch Manager Mr. Yashpal Sahiro and Counsellor Mr. Kunwar Singh Nishad. Additionally, tablets with Bluetooth keyboards were provided to twelve students from Shashikiya Dhrishti evam Shravan Badirth Vidyalaya in Jagdalpur. This initiative aimed to empower visually impaired students with technology, helping them explore new possibilities and overcome challenges.



## Smartphones for Success! Equipping Students of Government schools in Uttar Pradesh with technology 20th February 2024

Saksham, with the valuable support of HCL Foundation, is transforming lives! Two students from a government school in Jaitwarpur Village, Dadri, Uttar Pradesh, received a boost in their educational journey.

Saksham provided the students with configured smartphones equipped with Bluetooth keyboards. This investment in assistive technology empowers them to embrace the opportunities of digital learning, paving the way for a brighter future.



## Lighting up young minds in MANIPUR with the gift of technology!

11th march, 2024

Saksham, in partnership with HDFC Bank, took a significant step towards digital inclusion by distributing tablets with Bluetooth keyboards to students with visual impairments at the Government Blind School in Manipur.

By providing these essential tools, we aim to equip students with the ability to learn, explore, and reach their full potential. This initiative is a testament to our commitment to bridging the digital divide and creating a more inclusive society.





# TECHNOLOGY FOR ALL: SAKSHAM'S IMPACT

## Bridging the Digital Divide: Saksham Empowers Students in Jagdalpur, Chhattisgarh

11th March, 2024

Saksham with the support of HDFC Foundation has provided smartphones and tablets to visually impaired students in Chhattisgarh and Manipur to enhance their learning experience. Twenty-two students from Shashikiya Dhrishti evam Shravan Badirth Vidyalaya in Jagdalpur, Chhattisgarh, and three students from Manipur, supported by the Handicapped Development Foundation, received tablets with bluetooth keyboards. This initiative reflects Saksham's commitment to bridging the digital divide through partnerships with local organizations.



## Empowering Teachers, Transforming Lives in Dadri, Uttar Pradesh

12th March, 2024

Saksham, in collaboration with HCL Foundation, successfully conducted a training session for block-level teachers from government schools in Dadri on March 12, 2024.

The focus of the training was on assistive technology and its transformative potential for students with visual impairments. By equipping educators with the necessary knowledge and skills, we aim to create inclusive classrooms where every student can thrive.

## Empowering Teachers in Dankaur, Uttar Pradesh

13th March, 2024

Saksham with the support of HCL Foundation, conducted a transformative block-level training for teachers in Dankaur, Uttar Pradesh. The focus of the training was to equip educators with the knowledge and skills to effectively utilize assistive technology for students with visual impairments. By empowering teachers, we are creating a more inclusive and accessible learning environment for all students.



# EMPOWERING MINDS, TRANSFORMING LIVES: SAKSHAM'S NORTHEAST INITIATIVE EXPERIENCE ZONE

## Tech Access in Manipur! Saksham Empowers Visually Impaired Students 19th & 20th February, 2024

Saksham, in partnership with HD Foundation and supported by HDFC Foundation, brought a wave of empowerment to Manipur! A two-day Assistive Technology workshop was held at the Government Blind School, equipping 50 visually impaired students with Android tablets and Bluetooth keyboards. This impactful initiative marks a significant step towards promoting inclusive education and empowering students with visual impairments in the region.



## Bridging the Gap: Tek Fiesta Equips Mizoram's Visually Impaired with Technology!

22 & 23rd, February 2024

Saksham, in collaboration with its partners, hosted Tek Fiesta in Aizawl, Mizoram, to empower visually impaired individuals through a blend of education and entertainment. The event featured an Assistive Tech Workshop, where participants learned to use tablets for learning and communication, and an engaging Tek Quiz that fostered community spirit. By providing 50 participants with tablets, Tek Fiesta is paving the way for inclusive education in Mizoram.



## Level Up in Guwahati, Assam! Tablets Empower Students with Visual Impairment 24th February 2024

An experience zone was organised as part of the 2-day Tek Fiesta held in Jammu from 23rd to 24th September 2023. The experience zone witnessed highly enthusiastic participation from the visually challenged school and college students present during the event, most of who had seen these types of assistive solutions for the first time, and they were extremely delighted to learn about the possibilities which they can create for their education and performing other activities.





# TRANSFORMING LIVES THROUGH TECHNOLOGY: SAKSHAM'S LATEST INITIATIVES

## Saksham Opens New Digital Lab in Jagdalpur, Chhatisgarh

11th March, 2024

Saksham, in partnership with SBI Foundation, is thrilled to announce the inauguration of a state-of-the-art Digital Lab and Experience Zone at the Government Blind School in Jagdalpur. This groundbreaking initiative aims to empower students with visual impairments by providing access to assistive technology and creating an inclusive learning environment. By equipping these young minds with the tools they need to succeed, we are paving the way for a brighter future.



## A Tech Hub at Jaipur, Rajasthan for Persons with Visual Impairment 22 & 23rd, February 2024

Saksham has launched a groundbreaking Digital Lab and Experience Zone at Rajasthan Netraheen Kalyan Sangh in Jaipur, in collaboration with SBI Foundation. This state-of-the-art facility, a first-of-its-kind in the state, provides students with visual impairments access to cutting-edge assistive technology. To maximize its impact, a three-day training program was conducted for teachers and special educators on effectively utilizing assistive tools.



## Digital Learning Lab launched at Patiala School for the Blind, Punjab

19th March 2024

Saksham with the support of SBI Foundation launched a digital learning lab and experience zone at Patiala School for the Blind in Punjab. Teachers received training on using assistive technology to support visually impaired students, while the new lab provides students with enhanced learning resources.



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# FINANCIAL STATEMENT

## SAKSHAM

### BALANCE SHEET AS ON 31ST MARCH, 2024

PARTICULARS	SCH	31-3-2024	31-3-2023
<u>LIABILITIES</u>			
CORPUS FUND	1	6,51,100	6,51,100
Income & Expenditure A/c		4,09,36,667	3,70,60,749
CURRENT LIABILITIES	2	30,68,552	62,95,239
TOTAL		4,46,56,318	4,40,07,088
<u>ASSETS</u>			
FIXED ASSETS	3	48,37,599	14,96,718
OTHER NON-CURRENT ASSETS	4	1,40,000	1,40,000
CURRENT ASSETS :			
Cash & Bank balances	5	3,38,86,221	3,74,82,295
Loans and Advances	6	57,65,332	48,52,100
Other Current Assets	7	27,166	35,975
TOTAL		4,46,56,318	4,40,07,088
<u>NOTES ON ACCOUNTS</u>			
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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

## SAKSHAM

### INCOME & EXPENDITURE A/c FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2024

#### PARTICULARS

INCOME	2023-24	2022-23
Voluntary Contributions Received	7,25,21,006	6,77,32,972
Receipts from Charitable Activities	8,52,153	19,06,692
Interest on bank accounts	11,92,220	7,27,862
Interest on fixed deposits with bank	97,108	85,337
Miscellaneous Income	5,172	7,281
	7,46,67,660	7,04,60,145
EXPENDITURE		
Blind Aids & Appliances Obtained	13,36,193	8,30,416
Accessible Book Preparation expenses	49,71,349	30,68,186
Subsidy on Assistive Devices	2,85,802	36,61,732
Equipment Acquired	6,08,860	11,27,121
Assistive Device Distribution Under Projects	99,02,345	-
Donations Given	46,00,000	8,23,000
Audio Described Movies Expenses	2,20,000	-
Sponsorship Fee (Education Support)	66,200	2,70,175
Rent	33,99,876	31,80,521
Making Experience Zone of Assistive Device	13,29,913	-
Nutrition Expenses for Students	2,47,038	1,85,237
Student Welfare expenses	-	900
Integrated Student expenses	10,56,711	16,35,763
Workshop & Training expenses	4,52,513	73,867
Function, Fair & Workshop expenses	-	2,86,525
Laptop Distribution with Subsidy	-	11,27,750
Salaries, Allowances & Ex-Gratia	2,04,22,333	1,86,33,283
Contribution to Provident & Other Funds	10,06,553	7,73,275
Staff Welfare expenses	1,69,231	19,608
Communication expenses	2,10,301	1,75,327
Electricity & Water expenses	6,26,547	4,41,027
Electric Rickshaw	-	1,70,000
Conveyance expenses	1,99,177	1,78,018
Clinical Assessment & Medical Expenses	32,127	23,301
Vocational Unit expenses	1,62,675	4,18,908
Car Rally Expenses	4,77,765	3,39,114
Prize Money Given to Students	15,561	1,05,000
Festival expenses	6,036	3,444
Professional expenses	1,07,03,018	70,84,791
Vehical Insurance	95,807	40,758
Computer Accessories & Software	4,81,958	15,61,855



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# FINANCIAL STATEMENT

## SAKSHAM

### INCOME & EXPENDITURE A/c FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2024 (continued)

<u>PARTICULARS</u>	<u>2023-24</u>	<u>2022-23</u>
Courier & Postage	1,43,326	1,78,475
Office Furniture under Project	-	3,44,949
Office expenses	3,96,519	4,28,945
Printing & Stationery	3,21,419	3,01,237
Repairs & Maintenance (Equipment)	3,31,187	4,36,340
Repairs & Maintenance (Office)	3,06,588	63,038
Students transportation expenses (Fuel/CNG)	5,65,626	5,23,346
Expenses of Setting up Accessible Library	4,48,001	-
Bus Purchase for Students Transportation	21,30,359	-
Students Uniform expenses	1,63,685	1,15,599
Vehicle Operation & Maintenance expenses	1,25,753	2,31,767
Teaching Learning Material Exp.	1,57,868	44,162
Travelling expenses	17,51,696	5,45,132
Website Maintenance expenses	1,35,998	74,640
Membership & Subscription	-	28,877
Miscellaneous expenses	5,61,791	5,03,496
Depreciation	1,66,038	1,97,483
	<u>7,07,91,742</u>	<u>5,02,56,387</u>
EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	38,75,918	2,02,03,759
Balance brought forward from previous year	3,70,60,749	1,68,56,990
Balance carried to Balance Sheet	<u>4,09,36,667</u>	<u>3,70,60,749</u>

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





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