



## PRESIDENT'S DESK

Dear valued readers,

On reflection of the year gone by we see unprecedented challenges as well as new opportunities for Aarohan. With a range of difficulties that have tested our resilience but 2023 has started out as a watershed year for us in expansion of vision, operations as well as experiences. Our partners Social Venture Partners, NDTV, SRF Foundation and our supporters like Mr Amitav Virmani and Ms Rinku Gandhi's have strengthened our motivation and resolve to chart new paths and go into unknown territories.

The opportunities to work in Alluri Sitaram Raju District have given us to address the atrocities of Tribal and a sense of fulfillment and completion of our services. We at Aarohan are grateful to Bharat FIH and IRCTC for giving us unconditional support to replicate Aarohan's work in education for primary to secondary, providing Digital Paathshaala's (labs), health and nutrition and livelihood.

I was always diffident to work with Government mechanism, that has proved wrong, working closely with the dynamic Collector Sri Sumit Kumar and Assistant Collector Sri Ashutosh Srivastav and P.O Sri Gopal Krishna Ronanki and ATWO.

The non financial support from SVP, IIMV, ImpactVerse and IIT Delhi is paramount.

It's a matter of pride for us at Aarohan to be honored by the Ministry of Science and technology with the membership of 'The Selection Committee for National Biotechnology Innovation (NBIA) by The Ministry of Science and Technology'. We are thankful to all the donors and supporters to motivate us with their support.

It will be unfair if I will not mention about the learning from Justice Arun Mishra and Dr Mulley of National Human Rights Commission.

Rani Patel



# EXPLORING NEW DEMOGRAPHICS

Two Digital Classrooms in residential schools and One Early Childhood and Education center was inaugurated in Girls School Tokuru, Boys Schools, Borra and Buliyaguda of Alluri Sitarama District by the chief guests, Sri Ashutosh Shrivastava (Assistant Collector, Alluri Sitarama District, Andhra Pradesh) and Sri Pradeep Gussain from IRCTC on 18th April 2023.

The inauguration was held with great pomp and show. All the villagers, teachers and students welcomed with great enthusiasm their dear Collector.

The high-tech classrooms were developed with the support of IRCTC under the support and guidance of Sri Sumit Kumar IAS (District Collector of Alluri Sitarama District). All the trainee teachers, students and volunteers from IIT Delhi and IIM Visakhapatnam were present.

Heartwarming famous Dhimsa folk dance was performed by the teachers, students and villagers. The villagers over whelmed with joy by the participation of Sri Ashutosh Srivastav in Dhimsa Dance.

The Digital classrooms address a critical gap in digital literacy of children and youth of the region with a special focus on training of the teachers, skill training and future employability.

Our special thanks to Mr Himmat Patel and Mr Suresh Patnaik from Glass Concepts for their unconditional support to execute this program.



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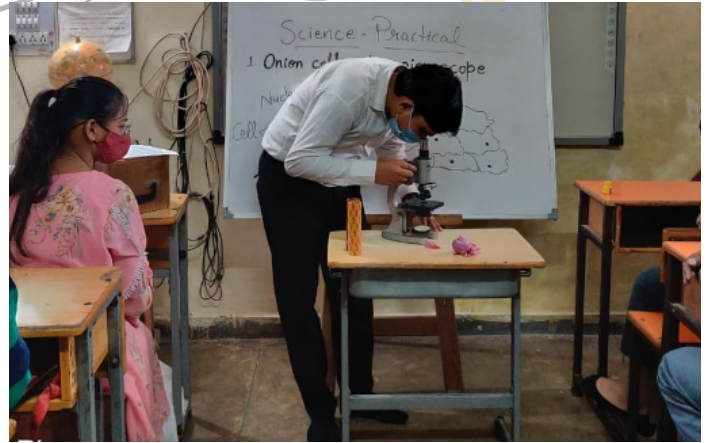
# CELEBRATIONS

Aarohan celebrated Lohri, an important winter festival in North India, a big bonfire, sweets made of sesame and jaggery was distributed to mark the occasion.



माना विज्ञान में हमने किया है विशेष, फिर भी अभी बहुत कुछ करना है अवशेष.

The Science of today is the technology of tomorrow.



Birthday Celebration- A donor from South Delhi celebrated his birthday with Aarohan children. A cake was cut and food was distributed amongst all the children.



We celebrated the spirit of our Nation and the values that define us as a people. We also celebrate the work that we do to create positive change in our community and uphold the principles of democracy, justice, and equality.



International Day of the Girl Child, we celebrated this occasion across all centres with the purpose of inculcating confidence, promoting girls' empowerment and addressing ability and awareness in our students.



Vasant Panchami is a festival that is celebrated in India in late January or early February every year. It marks the arrival of spring and is also known as Saraswati Puja, a celebration of the Hindu goddess of knowledge, music, and art. Here at Aarohan, we organized a Saraswati Puja and distributed educational materials to the children.



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Holi, the festival of colors was celebrated with Aarohan children. Juice, Gulab Jamun and Gujiya were distributed amongst all. During the celebration, the children were engaged in play, fun, and colors. Children played with each other, which created a fun and playful environment.



On 17th January 23' Aarohan with Muthoot Finance inaugurated its newly constructed toilets at District Court, Surajpur, Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh under our Prime Minister's Vision "Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan".



Sports Day- Aarohan children participated in sports events at Netaji Subhash Sports Complex on 9 Feb 2023 and won prizes in different competitions. The students were honored to meet Mr Navneet Singh, who had won Silver Medal in Commonwealth Games 2022 in Lawn Bowler.



Conducted livelihood training to over 100 women tailoring, beautician, sales and marketing... in Uttar Pradesh, Greater Noida and supported them to set-up their units with the support of CSR Box.



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# INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Celebration of International Women's Day- International Women's Day is celebrated on March 8th every year to recognize women's achievements, raise awareness about women's rights, and promote gender equality.

Bollywood actress and model Ms Sanjana Sanghi as always came and motivated team Aarohan. She shared her experiences of her internship days at Aarohan and interacted with the women and ladies. Aachho karigars from Jaipur came to upskill our ladies with block printing, a health camp was also conducted by Azad Ventures and food was distributed by Hyatt Regency.

Best Mother and Women were honored by Board Member Ms Esha Guha.



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# WORKSHOP AND AWARENESS PROGRAMS

A highly insightful capacity building workshop was conducted by team SVP- An interactive session on strategic planning and capacity building conducted by Ms Shalini Mittal, Mr Vikas Mittal, Mr Sudip Mall and Mr Adnan from Social Venture Partnership.



Teachers of Aarohan 3 days Perspective Building Workshop conducted by Aide et Action. The teachers for project Enlight 2.0 were guided in how to deal with the children with love and care.



An interactive workshop on Awareness on Menstrual Health and Hygiene conducted by Senior Director Dr. Anjila Aneja, Gyene Department from Fortis La Femme. Over 50 women attended the workshop.



Session on Breathing Properly by a donor, Ms. Jaishree Murarka.



Heritage Walk with the support of SRF Foundation



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# AAROHAN WITH THE THIRD GENDER

With the support of Delhi State Aids Control Society and NACO, Aarohan since 2012 has been providing Awareness and Clinical Services to Transgender Community in Mangolpuri.



Event at National Institute of Social Defence- We are proud to share that Princy has won 1st Prize in Solo Dance Competition in Talent Hunt for Transgender Community organized by National Institute of Social Defence, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment on 3rd February 2023.



Sensitization Workshop at Jamia Millia Islamia- Initiated to sensitize the students and faculty towards Transgender. Their difficulties and life after the scrap of Article 377 and the history of transgender were discussed. Mrs Patel appreciated their initiative, and she also focused that these kinds of initiatives are important to be aware of the policies so that the transgender can be benefited out of that. The students were excited and keen to be a part of these kinds of programs.



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Health Checkup Camp conducted at Aarohan. Over 70 children were examined on 4th February. With the support of SVP, Aarohan has developed a regular health checkup centre where we are able to provide free healthcare services to the children, women and their families.





### మహిళలు ఆర్థిక సాధికారిత చెందాలి శిక్షణలో రాణిపట్టేల్

అనంతగిరి మార్చి 24 మనస్సున్ : భారత్ పీఐ హెచ్ ప్రాజెక్టు కార్యక్రమంలో భాగంగా ఆరోహన్ స్వచ్ఛంద సంస్థ శుక్రవారం రాయివలస గ్రామంలో అంగనవాడి భవనంనందు రాయివలస చిట్టంపాడు గ్రామాలా వ్యయం సహాయకగ్రూపులకు జీవనోపాధి పై ఒకరోజు శిక్షణ భాగంగా రిసోర్స్ పెర్సన్



గిరివైతన్య ప్రతినిధి చంద్రాపు శిక్షణ దినోత్సవ సహాయకగ్రూపులకు జీవనోపాధి పై ఒకరోజు శిక్షణ భాగంగా రిసోర్స్ పెర్సన్ గిరివైతన్య ప్రతినిధి చంద్రాపు శిక్షణ దినోత్సవ సహాయకగ్రూపులకు జీవనోపాధి పై ఒకరోజు శిక్షణ భాగంగా రిసోర్స్ పెర్సన్ గిరివైతన్య ప్రతినిధి చంద్రాపు శిక్షణ దినోత్సవ సహాయకగ్రూపులకు జీవనోపాధి పై ఒకరోజు శిక్షణ భాగంగా రిసోర్స్ పెర్సన్



### Improving education in tribal hamlets of Araku

NGO Aarohan sets up digital classrooms to bridge literacy divide, improve quality of edu for tribal children

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WHATEVER we experience and learn in our early years of age shapes us into what we become in the future," said Rani Patel, president of Aarohan, a Delhi-based non-governmental organisation. Recognising the alarming conditions faced by children and women in the tribal areas of Araku and Anantagiri in Alluri Sitaram Raju district, Aarohan has taken action to bring about a change. It has set up digital classrooms in the area to bridge the digital divide and improve the quality of education for underprivileged children. The NGO's year-long work in the region has touched the lives of over 5,000 people in more than 120 villages, and it continues to make strides towards improving literacy rate, providing basic health facilities and promoting basic human rights. The NGO established and refurbished three early childhood education and development centres and set up two digital classrooms for computer training for youth. The organisation conducted training programmes for 40 public school teachers, organised 16 health camps and feeding drives and 12 livelihood training workshops, among other initiatives. "We are giving training to 40 teachers initially with 15 days of online training. We will continue to train them as long as we can to see the result we want"

training. It is basically a three-month programme, but from what we have seen, we are not sure if we will be able to achieve our goal in three months, but we will continue to train them as long as we can to see the result we want," asserted Rani Patel, highlighting their dedication to the cause. The teachers are being taught Microsoft Office and 12-14 apps that the government provides. The students at government schools for educational purpose. Aarohan's efforts not only focus on the children but also their mothers, as a healthy child makes a healthy mother, which results in a healthy family. She thanked the donors Foxconn and IRCTC and continuous guidance from government agencies like the National Human Rights Commission and local government stakeholders, including Sumit Kumar, District Collector. The project team members and volunteers from IIT Delhi, IIM Visakhapatnam and other organisations are also contributing to the cause. "As part of IRCTC's CSR initiatives, Aarohan has developed two digital classrooms named Digital Patashalas in 'Bokuru Girls School and Borra Boys School,'" said Rani Patel, underlining the need for education on digital technology. Aarohan invites support and help from all kinds of players to come and work in these untouched areas. "The blessings of the tribal families will be with us as long as we can to see the result we want"



### Smart classes launched in Araku, Ananthagiri

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**Visakhapatnam:** With the gradually increasing internet coverage, the tribal areas of north coastal Andhra Pradesh are now getting digital classrooms. Two digital classrooms were launched in Araku and Ananthagiri mandals. While inaugurating the smart classes, ASR district assistant collector Asutosh Srivastava appreciated the Arohan project for the initiative.

According to officials, the digital classroom initiative was taken up by Aarohan, a nodal NGO working closely with 12 small local grassroots organisations. The inauguration is in line with its yearlong work in the primitive tribal region spanning over 120 villages of Araku and Ananthagiri mandals. The key milestones achieved include establishment and refurbishment of three early child education and development centres (in Baliyaguda, Jakarvalsa in Ananthagiri and Gundivalasa of Araku mandal) and establishment of two digital classrooms for computer training of youth. It conducted training sessions for government school teachers, health camps, etc.

According to officials, the initiatives were made possible with the support of the donors, Foxconn and IRCTC, with continuous guidance and support from government partners like National Human Rights Commission, and others.

### కార్యక్రమంలో కళాశాల వైస్ చైర్మన్ డాక్టర్ టీఎన్ఆర్ సూరీ, అధ్యక్షులు పాల్గొన్నారు. గొందివలస 200 మందికి వైద్య సేవలు



శిబిరంలో వైద్య సేవల కోసం క్యూలో ఉన్న గిరిజనులు

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