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PRESIDENT'S DESK

Dear Readers,

As we reflect on the first quarter of 2025, I am filled with immense pride and gratitude for the progress we have made together at Aarohan. Launching our state-of-the-art STEM Lab marks a significant milestone in our journey to equip underprivileged children with the skills they need to thrive in the future. Witnessing the excitement and eagerness of the students as they engage with robotics, coding, and 3D printing is truly inspiring.



The visit from Rotary Southend and NEXT Foundation was a heartwarming reminder of the power of collaboration among our partners. The heartfelt expressions of gratitude from our children underscore the profound impact of your unwavering support.

I am pleased with the expansion of our initiatives to include the Digital Pathshala in the ASR District of Andhra Pradesh, with the support of IRCTC, and our enhanced focus on women's empowerment through skill training, financial literacy and health camps, and the success of our placement job fair, which facilitated opportunities for our skill trainees, including members of the transgender community. It was also an honor to speak at the Craft Museum and advocate for the importance of preserving our cultural heritage.

In recent weeks, we've gone through a mix of highs and lows, but each experience has motivated us, taught us valuable lessons, and provided just what we needed to move forward and grow.

I extend my sincere appreciation to our dedicated team, our invaluable partners, and our committed supporters. Your belief in our mission makes all our endeavors possible. We remain steadfast in our commitment to empowering marginalized communities and creating a brighter future for all.

With Heartfelt Gratitude,

Rani Patel
Founder and President

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE QUARTER

Launch of Cutting-Edge STEM Lab

A significant step towards a tech-enabled future was realized with the launch of our new STEM Lab. This state-of-the-art facility, established with the generous support of Mirae Asset Foundation, is designed to empower underprivileged children with essential skills in robotics, coding, and 3D printing.

The lab's inauguration was graced by the esteemed presence of Shri Dnyaneshwar Mulay, Dr. Ravi Ranjan, and Dr. Ashish Verma. The lab provides access to modern technology, encourages hands-on experimentation, and fosters innovative experiences for our students.



Sahitya Samavesh

In March 2025, Aarohan participated in Samavesh 2025 at Sheroose Hangout Café, Lucknow, an event to celebrate inclusion and diversity. Distinguished guests included DIG 1090 Smt. Kiran Yadav (IPS), Ms. Rani Patel, Mr. Shiv Gureja, and Smt. Shalini Agarwal graced the event. The event featured narratives from acid attack survivors and a Kathak performance by Guru Pratibha Singh. Mrs. Patel, in her keynote, emphasized self-reliance and collective empowerment, stating, "Whether women or transgender individuals, we must fight our own battles. True empowerment lies in lifting those who are marginalized alongside us." Samavesh 2025 underscored literature's role in uniting diverse voices and fostering meaningful dialogue.

Establishment of Digital Pathshala

Aarohan proudly announces that it has continued its support to the ECED Center in Baliaguda, Ananthagiri Mandal, Alluri Sitharama Raju District, Andhra Pradesh. This initiative to foundational learning of young children in remote communities not reachable to foster holistic development in early learners.

We believe that -"HAPPY CHILDHOOD IS HEALTHY ADULTHOOD"



UPDATES

Hugs of Warmth

Aarohan had the honor of hosting 22 esteemed members from Rotary Southend and the NEXT Foundation. The children warmly welcomed the guests with rose flowers, energetic cultural performances, and heartfelt speeches in both Hindi and English. The Rotary Club team generously distributed school bags and stationery kits, creating a high impact on the children's motivation and learning. Over the past three months, this thoughtful support has boosted school attendance, enhanced classroom engagement, and inspired confidence, leaving a lasting, positive impression on the lives of Aarohan's children and youth.



Session on Gender Equality

Aarohan remains committed to fostering values of equality and kindness among children to contribute to a just and inclusive society. Interns from the New Delhi Institute of Management (NDIM) facilitated an interactive session on Gender Equality.

The session addressed key concepts such as gender roles, stereotypes, equal rights, and the importance of respecting all genders. With the help of storytelling, visuals, and open dialogue, the interns established a supportive environment where children were encouraged to voice their opinions. The children's enthusiastic involvement signified a positive shift toward awareness and inclusiveness.

Interns Strengthening Aarohan's Mission

During the winter internship programs, students from esteemed institutions such as the Narsee Monjee Institute of Management Studies NMIMS, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT), Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Amity University, and the University of Delhi (Delhi University) joined us with enthusiasm. These interns played a crucial role in teaching sessions, organizing workshops, conducting surveys, and supporting community outreach. Their contributions enhanced our impact while providing them with valuable field experience in the development sector.



IMPACT

JOURNEY FROM SILENCE TO SUCCESS

We are proud to share that Aarohan students are making remarkable progress as they prepare for the upcoming academic session. Their achievements reflect the dedication of both students and mentors. In the last academic year, five students secured 1st position in their respective classes, while seven received A+ grades. Aarohan directly engaged with 117 girls from manual scavenger families in Noida, 117 children from ragpicker communities in Gurugram under the Enlight Project, 120 tribal children in Andhra Pradesh, and another 120 in Jharkhand. Additionally, 145 students from Grades 1 to 8 were closely supported by the Aarohan team. This consistent guidance and quality education have led to significant improvements, building confidence, enhancing learning outcomes, and making a lasting impact on their academic journeys.



RUKSHAR'S PATH TO SUCCESS: EMPOWERED BY EDUCATION AT AAROHAN

Rukshar, a student associated with Aarohan, faced challenges in accessing formal education due to the absence of essential documents. However, with the dedicated support of the Gurugram Aarohan team under the Enlight Project, she was enrolled in school after receiving the necessary assistance. Before her school admission, she was actively learning at the Aarohan center. **Recently, she made everyone proud by securing 2nd rank in her class.** Rukshar humbly credits her success to her mentor and educator, whose constant guidance and motivation helped her believe in herself. Her inspiring journey from silence to success highlights the transformative impact of education and Aarohan's unwavering support in empowering marginalized children.

CLEANLINESS DAY DRIVE SESSION FOR AAROHAN CENTERS

A Cleanliness Day Drive session was organized across all Aarohan centers to promote the importance of hygiene and a clean environment. The session aimed to raise awareness about sanitation practices and encourage active participation in maintaining cleanliness. Students and staff joined hands to clean the surroundings, creating a positive and healthy environment. Through this initiative, Aarohan fostered a sense of responsibility towards personal and community hygiene, emphasizing the value of cleanliness in contributing to overall well-being. The session served as a reminder of the importance of keeping our spaces clean and safe for everyone.



Women Empowerment

Women's Day Celebration

Aarohan marked International Women's Day with a special event to honor and celebrate the strength of women in the community. The day focused on women's empowerment, with sessions on financial literacy and health awareness. Women were encouraged to take charge of their financial independence through interactive workshops, and health camps provided vital screenings and consultations. This initiative reinforced the importance of women's rights and well-being, fostering a culture of empowerment and equality. The day concluded with inspiring stories from women in the community, celebrating their achievements and promoting further progress.



Certificate distribution ceremony

A certificate distribution ceremony was held on 7th March at the Tenneco-supported Skill Development Centre in Gurugram. Beneficiaries, including women and the transgender community, received certificates after completing courses in digital literacy, beauty culture, tailoring, and housekeeping. The event celebrated their achievements, empowering them with skills to improve livelihoods and promote independence, highlighting the impact of skill development in marginalized communities.

Financial literacy

Aarohan organized financial literacy workshops to empower women in the community by teaching essential skills such as budgeting, saving, and managing resources. The sessions were designed to provide women with the tools necessary for achieving financial independence. By focusing on practical knowledge and strategies for handling personal finances, the program aimed to increase confidence and self-reliance. This initiative helped women make informed financial decisions, ultimately improving their economic well-being and fostering long-term empowerment and stability in their lives.



TRANSGENDER COMMUNITY

Voter Awareness Session

Aarohan conducted an Awareness and Transgender Community Sensitization program in collaboration with the North-West District Commissioner's Office and IAS Ankita Ji. From the Aarohan team, Ms. Pushpa, Mr. Rohit, Mr. Jaikishan, and Princi from the transgender community were honored by the officers. The Community Empowerment Trust, Deepshikha Samiti, and Nigam Parshad Bobby Kinner Guru Ji. This initiative aimed to raise awareness about voting rights and promote inclusivity and sensitivity towards the transgender community.



Job Fair for Transgender Empowerment

Aarohan, in partnership with Human Power Company, hosted a job placement session to support transgender individuals through skill-building in tailoring, computer education, and beautician training. Four participants advanced to the second round of interviews, reflecting their commitment and potential. This initiative highlights Aarohan's dedication to inclusion, dignity, and economic independence for the transgender community.

Aarohan conducted a dedicated drive session on Health and Well-being for the transgender community, focusing on physical, mental, and emotional health. The session aimed to raise awareness about accessible healthcare services, hygiene, and the importance of regular medical check-ups. Experts provided information on gender-affirming healthcare, nutrition, and mental health support. The program also included interactive discussions to address stigma, discrimination, and the challenges faced by the community in accessing health services. Aarohan's initiative reaffirmed its commitment to creating an inclusive environment where every individual, regardless of gender identity, has the right to lead a healthy and dignified life.



EVENT CELEBRATION

Lohri Celebration at Aarohan

On January 13, 2025, Aarohan joyfully celebrated Lohri, bringing the community together to embrace the end of winter and honor cultural traditions. The event featured a vibrant bonfire ceremony, lively folk performances, and festive treats like makki di roti, sarson da saag, and jaggery-based sweets.



Republic Day: Aarohan commemorated India's 76th Republic Day with a series of engaging activities that highlighted our nation's rich heritage and unity. The event featured a flag hoisting ceremony, cultural performances, and educational sessions emphasizing the significance of this day. The celebration fostered a sense of unity and patriotism among all participants.

Holi : Aarohan celebrated Holi with vibrant colors, music, and joy. Students performed cultural acts, enjoyed sweets, and learned about Holi's message of unity and good triumphing over evil. The event concluded with fun games, spreading happiness and fostering a spirit of togetherness among children and staff from diverse backgrounds.



Eid : Eid was celebrated at Aarohan with warmth and enthusiasm. Students came dressed in traditional attire and shared the essence of Eid through poems, speeches, and group songs. The festival's message of peace, love, and brotherhood was explained by educators. Special sweets were distributed to all. The event highlighted the value of gratitude, sharing, and unity. It was a meaningful occasion where children learned about cultural harmony and respect for different religious practices.

SHORT UPDATE



Aarohan with the Tenneco team at their office, presenting the achievements of the past year and celebrating the impact of their CSR-supported skill development program

Building on a strong foundation, Aarohan and the Fluor Daniel team are committed to deepening our partnership and expanding our shared efforts to create lasting change.



Aarohan joins hands with the International Peace team to advance the spirit of partnership and peace under SDG Goal 16 – a goal Aarohan is actively striving to achieve through its ongoing efforts.



We sincerely thank all our donors, supporters, well-wishers, and friends for standing with us. Your unwavering belief in our mission fuels our passion and progress. With deep gratitude, we look forward to your continued support as we strive to create lasting impact and brighter futures for those we serve.



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