

The year 2023 started on an electrifying note as everyone in the organization geared up for the Tata Mumbai Marathon. Preparation for the same had begun in full swing. The day of the marathon was very eventful as our team beaming with joy, marched through in their yellow phetas (head gear) dancing to the tune of lezim, while completing their dream run. The highlight of the day was our children from the Special Care Centre dancing with our Mascots at our motivational stand and cheering the runners as they went past to complete their run. We were also very happy to cheer for all those who supported us in multiple ways and also ran for us.



Another major event in the quarter was our Annual Day. Our theme based annual event is when parents too look forward to seeing their children in a new avatar. This event brings out another creative aspect of our beneficiaries. This year's theme was traditional folk dances of India. Our tiny-tots, older children and girls from our skilling centres adorned the finest of traditional attires and danced to the tune of melodious music. Children in colourful attires confidently performed on stage to the vibrant music, happy to see their parents cheer for them. It was also wonderful to see our board members, our funders and other stakeholders clapping and cheering our beneficiaries giving them the necessary boost of confidence they deserve.

This quarter, for the very first time, a district level One Act Play Competition was organized by our Special Care Centre for children with hearing impairment and intellectual disabilities. The competition was held at the Ravindra Natya Mandir, Prabhadevi, Mumbai and featured 22 schools. The one-act play competition was an innovative model that included a workshop and mentorship support to the teachers of the participating schools, given that many schools do not include drama in their curricula. The event was a huge success and the 4 winners from each category (hearing impairment & intellectually disabled) were awarded cash prizes, trophy and certificates.

## Other Highlights

### Early Childhood Care

The Early Years Intervention conducted its first ever conference titled 'The Emerging path ahead' in the context of the 'National Education Policy 2020 and National Curriculum Framework 2022 for the Foundational Stage'. The conference was held with the aim of creating a platform for sharing and exchanging remarkable inputs from experts, professionals, and executioners on the changing landscape of early childhood education in India.



### Inclusion

Intellectually Disabled student Miraz from the Special Care Centre participated in state level long jump competition and won the 3<sup>rd</sup> position.

On World Hearing Day held on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023, Dhvani Early Intervention Center organized a Hearing Screening camp for students of Balwadi, siblings of children from the Special Care Centre and children of staff members of Vipla Foundation.



### Education

Education fairs were conducted at our Patang Centres where Literacy and Numeracy games, teaching aids and other creative activities of our students were exhibited.



### Women Empowerment

Our skilling interventions in BPO-Retail and BFSI were scaled to districts of Nagpur and Wardha with support from Transrail Lighting Limited.

Over 50 women from the most marginalized communities were supported in setting up their enterprise after completion of a month-long training in entrepreneurship.



Our Anti Human Trafficking Initiative (AHTI) in collaboration with the Maharashtra State Legal Services Authority and the Commissionerate of Women and Child Development launched a 'Handbook for stakeholders to assist the victims to access compensation under the Manodhairya Scheme' on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at Hotel Intercontinental, Marine Drive, Mumbai. The Manodhairya Scheme devised by the government of Maharashtra and implemented through the government resolution of 30<sup>th</sup> December 2017 is designed to provide financial assistance to victims of rape, POCSO and acid attack to help them rebuild their lives.

## Programmatic Reach



**Balwadi**  
**412**  
Balwadi Teachers were awarded certificates



**Patang**  
**1417**  
Children moved one level up in Maths



**Special Care Centre**  
**97**  
Parents participated in session conducted on Govt. Schemes for persons with disability



**Anti Human Trafficking Initiatives**  
**1000**  
Skilling certificates issued



**Dhvani**  
**03**  
Cochlear Implants



**Delhi**  
**93**  
(100%) Children mainstreamed into regular schools

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