

# **NEWSLETTER**

October - December 2023

In the fourth quarter of 2023, there were many festivals and events, including Diwali, Christmas, and Children's Day. One of the highlights was the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, celebrated on December 3<sup>rd</sup> each year to raise awareness about the rights and well-being of individuals with disabilities. To make this day special for our students, we organized various children's activities for those from the hearing-impaired and Intellectually Disabled section of our Special Care Centre.

The week-long celebration of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities kicked off with a House Board Decoration competition, followed by a House-wise Cooking Competition and Annual Sports competition. The events promoted creativity, education, teamwork, fitness, and friendly competition while highlighting the unique strengths of the children and emphasizing the celebration of their abilities despite challenges.



### **Other Highlights**

#### **Early Years Intervention**

For the early years intervention, students of Maniben Nanavati Women's College organized a space-themed carnival to celebrate the Community Balwadi children of Vipla Foundation. Health camps were conducted in 21 Community Balwadis to provide overall health check-ups for the children and related suggestions for the parents.





#### **Quality Education**

On 11th October 2023, International Day of the Girl Child was celebrated with sessions on gender equality, 'bad touch' and 'good touch,' and girls' education. An online training by Education Initiatives was also held on modern assessment strategies for educators to share best practices.

#### **Special Care Centre**

Children from the Special Care Centre participated in a Dandiya Raas program organized by the Rotary Club at Andheri and 2 children from the Intellectual Disability section were awarded the Best Dressed and Best Dandiya players. Sujaya Foundation organized a Quizable contest for children with special needs and two students from the Hearing-Impaired section won the 2<sup>nd</sup> prize.





#### **Dhvani**

Newborn-Infant Hearing Screening Program (NHSP) was conducted in two MCGM maternity homes and three parent workshops were held on topics like spoken language development, hearing aid care, and motor skills development.

#### Safeguarding Women and Children against Violence

The Anti Human Trafficking team conducted life skills education sessions with 50 adolescent groups in Amravati and Nagpur districts to raise awareness about child rights and protection. Vipla Foundation conducted trainings on Anti Human Trafficking Issues, Laws, etc. under the Maharashtra Police Academy's Nirbhaya Safe City Project.





#### Delhi

Vipla Foundation participated in the Vedanta Delhi Half Marathon on Oct 16, 2023. Mr. Anil Chawla who supported us through fundraising was awarded the 2nd highest fundraiser. A legal session with parents/community women was held on topics such as the Domestic Violence Act and POCSO, with help from Delhi Legal Service Authority.

## **Programmatic Reach**



**Early Years Intervention**  **65** 

Mothers attended the mother-child interactive session held in Vikramgad



1235

Teachers attended Balwadi / Anganwadi **Teacher Training sessions** 



Quality **Education**  **59** Teachers participated

in the Teachers Training Program



Students participated

in the Elocution

Competition



**Centre** 

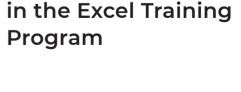
**Special Care** 

164

Medical Camp held in the school

Children screened at the

Teachers participated





**Dhvani** 

Newborn-infant screened at maternity homes

199

**Auditory Verbal Therapy** sessions held

433

**391** 



**Safeguarding Women and Children against** Violence

# Adolescents participated

**750** 

in the Life Skills Education sessions around child rights and child protection

**Police Officers** participated in the training program conducted under the Maharashtra Police Academy's Nirbhaya Safe City Project







