



Autism Society of India

**Annual Report  
2012-2013**

**Message from  
Prof. Rubina Lal**  
**President, Autism Society of India**

Dear All,

Let me begin by wishing you a very happy and fulfilling new year. May 2014 see the Autism Society crossing several milestones in its journey to provide a life of dignity to people with autism.

The year 2013 was eventful. The high point of the year would be the Satyagraha held by Mr. Sunder Rajan. Though initially there was a diffidence in supporting him, but as the time drew near I saw several members of the ASI standing behind him. Though this was not an event sponsored by ASI, nonetheless it was led by an EC member of the ASI. Kavita's shifting to Delhi might have appeared a loss to the Bangalore office, but I personally feel she has been able to meet a lot of people in Delhi, and is sincerely working to promote the goals of ASI with them. The proposal to start Prayas like centre in Kashmir is an example.

The group from Hyderabad has been very active with the HRD ministry to get exemptions and concessions for children with ASD in the mainstream schools. It is heartening see an amalgamation of efforts from different parts of the country to achieve our aims.

Last but not the least, the year ended with the candle light vigil by various disability organizations to urge the enactment of the Disability Rights' Bill.

As we look ahead, I would reiterate what I have often said in my emails to you. It is important to break down our overarching mission into goals and objectives that may be achieved in a span of 12 months. It may be a good idea for regional units to spell out their agenda for 2014. This may be discussed at the EC so all members are aware of what is happening outside Bangalore.

I hope you have a fruitful meeting.

With best wishes



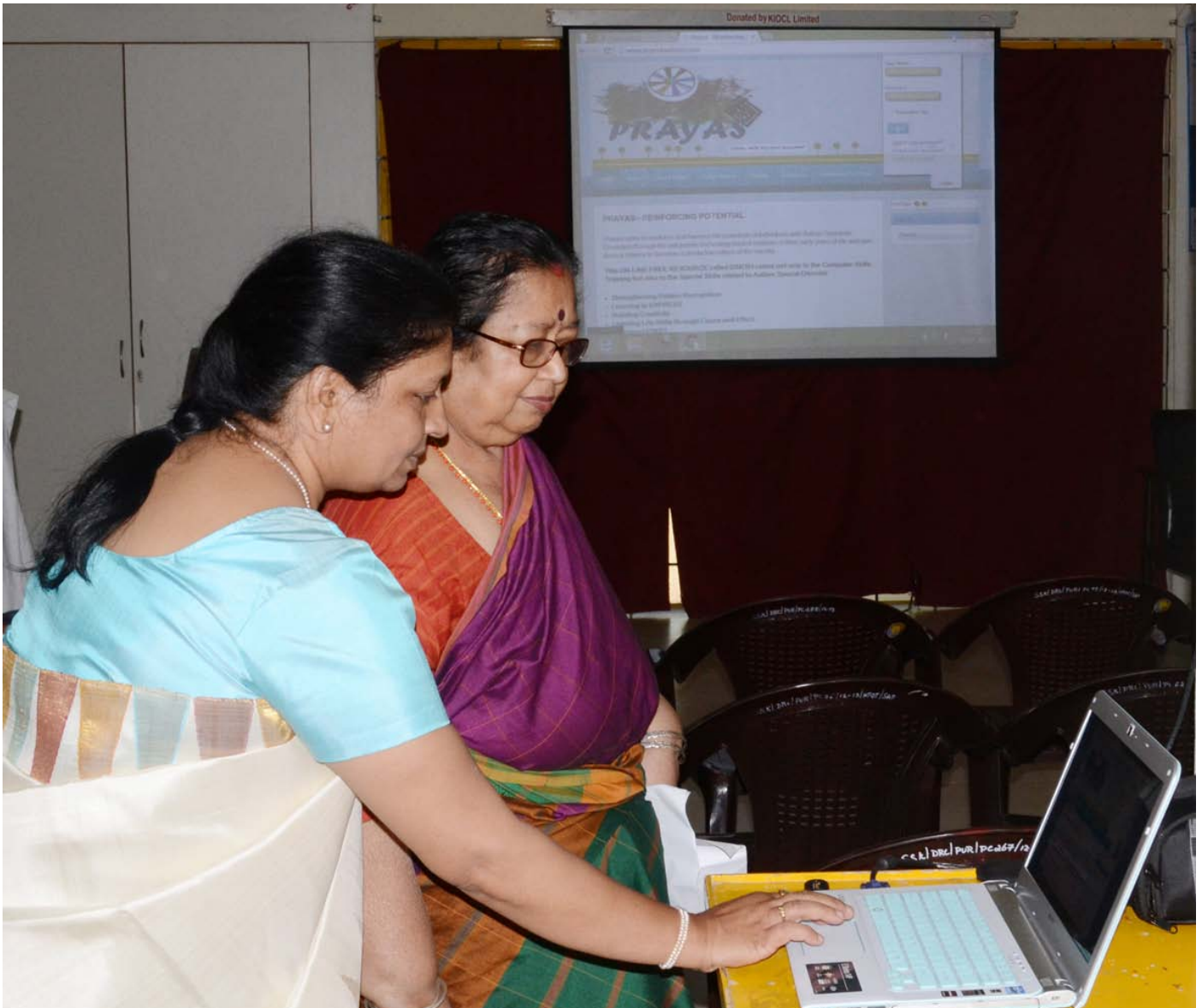
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# Inauguration of Prayas website learn4autism.com

January 26th 2013



The formal launch of the website: [www.learn4autism.com](http://www.learn4autism.com), which is an Open On Line Free Resource for education and training of Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders on Computer related skills.

The formal launch was organized on Saturday, January 26th at 10.45am at the campus of Spastics Society of Karnataka.

Mrs. Rukmini Krishnaswamy, Director of Spastics Society of Karnataka did the formal launch of [www.learn4autism.com](http://www.learn4autism.com)

This ON-LINE-FREE RESOURCE called DAKSH caters not only to the Computer Skills Training but also to the Special Skills related to Autism Special Disorder

- Strengthening Pattern Recognition
- Learning to EXPRESS
- Building Creativity
- Learning Life Skills through Cause and Effect
- Learning HOWS?



# **Master Trainer Programme for Professionals to train Individuals with Professionals to train Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders on Computer and iPad**

March 29th - April 2nd 2013

During the year 2012- 2013, Autism Society of India was involved in the various activities. One of the activity was to train individuals with the Master Trainer Programme which started from March 29th 2013 and the following are the detailed report written by Kavita Sharma, Center Head, Prayas, A computer and iPad Training Center for Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders.

March 29th - April 2nd, 2013:

A Report on the Execution of the Execution of the Master Trainer Programme for Professionals to train Individuals with Professionals to train Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders on Computer and iPad.

Organized by Autism Society of India in collaboration with Spastics Society of Karnataka and SAP Labs, Bangalore

Supported by The National Trust for the Welfare of Persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities

## **A Report on the Execution of the Master Trainer Programme for Professionals to train Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders on Computer and iPad**

Date: March 30<sup>th</sup>- April 2<sup>nd</sup> 2013

Venue: Prayas, Campus of Spastics Society of Karnataka, Bangalore

Organized by Autism Society of India in collaboration Spastics Society of Karnataka and SAP labs Bangalore

**Supported by: The National Trust for the welfare of Persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities**

Report written by Kavita Sharma, Center Head, Prayas, A computer and iPad Training Center for Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders

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The purpose of the workshop was to bring together variety of professionals from the field of special education from different organization and give them hands on training on iPad, computer and design software which can be used as an intervention for individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder

**Achieved.**

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Inauguration took place in the presence of National Trust Board Members Mrs. Jayashree Ramesh, Mr. Gauri Shankar Gupta and Mrs. Ruma Banerjee from SNAC along with Mrs. Rukmini Krishnaswamy, Director, Spastics Society of Karnataka and Mr. Mahantesh from Samarthanam Trust for the disabled on March 30<sup>th</sup> 2013



Inspirational talks were delivered by all guests.



The 36 participants represented 15 institutions from different places in India

**A day full of positive interactions**

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Technical Presentation on iPad by  
Jayananda A Kotri from SAP labs,  
Bangalore

Apps related to cognition and  
Communication were presented by  
Mrs. Uma Krishnan, Clinical Psychologist  
and Special Educator at Prayas lab

## Day 2

### iPad Workshop

Workshop ended with the  
exploration of apps and an  
evaluation through MCQ based  
question paper. Responses were  
discussed.

Apps related to Leisure time activity  
and soft skills were presented by Ms.  
Deepika Jain, Special Educator, Prayas  
Lab

Apps related to productivity were  
presented by Mrs. Kavita Sharma,  
Center Head Prayas lab



Kavita Sharma  
explaining the  
principle behind  
"Daksh"



Deepika and  
Uma providing  
inputs during  
Hands-on  
Training Session  
to learn to  
develop lessons

## Day 3

**Creativity Tested**



Uma Krishnan  
explaining about  
the cognition and  
communication  
as the medium of  
training







**Mr Chandrashekar  
Explaining the  
software**

**Day 4  
Digital Designing  
Imagination Explored**



#### Learning and Outcome

- Working together and sharing knowledge makes teaching easier.
- A module on Technology should be added in existing training programmes.
- Most of the participants belong to the South and the West of India, perhaps we can look at organizing the same in the North of India.
- We had two participants from Bangladesh too who brought in life to the program.



#### Valedictory Note

- Mr. V. R. Feroze, Senior Vice President, Globalization Services, SAP AG insisted that empowering parents will bring in better results.
- Mr. Ravi Kishan Garg from Wadhvani Foundation talked about the importance of skill development.



#### Thanks Note

- Autism Society of India and the team of Project Prayas expresses its heart felt thanks to the National Trust for the welfare of persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities for supporting the training programme.
- A very special thanks to the volunteers of SAP labs, ASHA and Bubbles who came forward to help
- Another thanks to Neelanjan Das Gupta, a young man on the spectrum for being a great co-worker during the training.

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# World Autism Awareness Day

April 2nd 2013



## Light up Blue on World Autism Awareness Day

Each April 2, Autism Speaks celebrates Light It Up Blue along with the international autism community, in commemoration of the United Nations-sanctioned World Autism Awareness Day. Light It Up Blue is a unique global initiative that kicks-off Autism Awareness Month and helps raise awareness about autism. In honor of this historic day, many iconic landmarks, hotels, sporting venues, concert halls, museums, bridges and retail stores are among the hundreds of thousands of homes and communities that take part to Light It Up Blue.

It's easy and fun to Light It Up Blue! People were asked to register "Register your Light It Up Blue events today". Many people joined as an individual, the manager of a building, store, school, cultural institution, restaurant, media entity and pledged to "Light It Up Blue" to share the events.



## Fashion Show

June 9th - 13th 2013



### **Fashion Show conducted by FashionGuru PRASAD BIDAPPA for the Employment of People with Autism**

9th June at 6 pm at Manpho Convention Centre next to Manyata Tech Park Bangalore...this was not just an awareness campaign but exploration of new avenues for employability opportunity for adults on the spectrum... they will share the ramp with Prasad Bidapa's models and he has come forward to extend his support and open his heart for our children and i am sure the rest of the world will follow too we only have to knock all doors...!!! Some will definitely open...

# **A National Meet on Assistive Devices Kit for Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities**

June 15th 2013

Minutes of the Workshop on Standardization of Assistive Devices Kit for Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities held on 15.06.13 (Saturday) at Hotel Grand Sartaj, New Delhi

Delegates Present:

1. Ms. Stuti Kacker, IAS, Hon'ble Secretary (DDA), MOSJ&E
2. Mr. Awanish Kumar Awasthi, IAS, Joint Secretary (DDA), MOSJ&E
3. Ms. Poonam Natarajan, Chairperson, National Trust
4. Mr. A. K. Lal, IARS, Joint Secretary, National Trust
5. Mr. G. Narayan Rao, CMD, ALIMCO
6. Mr. M.C. Dubey, Technical Advisor, ALIMCO
7. Mr. R. K. Mathur, Senior Manager, RMC, Delhi, ALIMCO
8. Ms. Neelu Dwivedi, Manager (P&A), ALIMCO
9. Ms. Reena Sen, IICP
10. Mr. Ajit Narayanan, Invention Labs
11. Ms. Rajul Padmanabhan, Vidyasagar
12. Ms. Shilpi Kapoor, Barrier Break
13. Ms. Anupriya Chadha, MHRD
14. Dr. Uma Tuli, Amar Jyoti
15. Dr. Rita Malhotra, Amar Jyoti
16. Ms. Sunita Singh, Amar Jyoti
17. Mr. Bhushan Verma, Amar Jyoti
18. Ms. Rakhi Verma, Amar Jyoti
19. Ms. Kavita Sharma, Autism Society
20. Ms. Jayshree S Godwin, Deakin University
21. Mr. Blessin Varkey, Tamana Association
22. Ms. Urmila Singh, Deep Shikha
23. Ms. Manjula Mehra, AADI, Rep. National Trust
24. Ms. Pinki Rani, National Trust
25. Mr. Navnit Kumar, National Trust
26. Ms. Laxmi Rani, National Trust
27. Ms. Merry Barua, Action for Autism
28. Ms. Arti Abraham, Slate Software
29. Mrs. V.R.P. Sheilaja Rao, NIMH
30. Dr. Usha Grover, NIMH
31. Mr. B. Ashok, NIMH
32. Ms. Sunanda Srinivas, SFCD
33. Ms. Rozina, SFCD
34. Ms. Abha Karn, Muskaan
35. Ms. Seema Chaddha, Muskaan
36. Mr. Karthikeyan, NIEPMD
37. Mr. Parag Namdeo, Sense International (India)
38. Mr. Vivek Bhasin, Young India Films
39. Ms. R. Ratna Kiran, Young India Films
40. Mr. Tushar Suneja, Meenu Surgicals

## **BRIEF RECORD OF DISCUSSIONS:**

The workshop was chaired by Ms. Poonam Natarajan, Chairperson, National Trust and inauguration address was made by Ms. Stuti Kacker, IAS, Hon'ble Secretary (DDA), MOSJ&E.



The delegates were briefed about the purpose and objectives of the workshop by Mr. Awanish Kumar Awasthi, IAS, Joint Secretary (DDA), MOSJ&E, Ms. Poonam Natarajan, Chairperson, National Trust, Mr. A. K. Lal, IARS, Joint Secretary, National Trust and Mr. G. Narayan Rao, CMD, ALIMCO.

The workshop was attended by 40 delegates representing 20 Organizations, MOSJ&E and ALIMCO. Presentations on Assistive Devices for Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities were made by 20 Organizations as follows. The Assistive Devices developed / used by them were also displayed during the workshop. The details on presentations are as under:

S I . No.	Name of the Delegate and Organization	Brief on Assistive Devices Presented
1	Ms. Reena Sen, IICP, Kolkata	She made a presentation on Communication displays, Indian picture symbols for communication, Gupshup software, Gupshup book (A talking album), Voice output devices like Kathamala, Indigenous solution for switches, Aakash-Bani Tab etc.
2	Mr. Ajit Narayanan, Invention Labs, Chennai	He made a presentation on Avaz, a visual communication device (Tab) with software.
3	Ms. Rajul Padmanabhan, Vidyasagar, Chennai	She emphasized the need for Assistive Devices to address the problem of Communication, Academics, Vocation, Mobility and Leisure and also made presentation on (i) Aditi a remote switch for people with cerebral palsy (ii) handle bar for adaptation on vocational machinery.
4	Ms. Shilpi Kapoor, Barrier Break, Mumbai	She made a presentation on Wires and Switches used as an interface between an individual and an object of control and other communication devices like Super talker, Quick talker and Reading and writing tool boards, Adaptive key boards etc. Her devices were all important.
5	Ms. Anupriya Chadha, MHRD, Delhi	She made a presentation informing about the ADIP-SSA scheme and the market potential for Assistive Devices including aids and appliances for Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities.
6	Mr. Bhushan Verma, Amar Jyoti, Delhi	He emphasized the need for Teacher training in special education to cover Elementary level, Secondary level, Vocational level besides Behaviour assessment and Curricular-Action-Plan (CAP) etc.
7	Ms. Kavita Sharma, Autism Society, Bangalore	She made a presentation on a special communication software/ iPad app named as BOL developed by her Organization, which has proved to be very useful.
8	Ms. Jayshree S Godwin, Deakin University, Delhi	She made a presentation on an I.Pad based application known as Toby playpad that flexibly delivers lessons to empower the persons in delivering the therapy in a structured way at home. It also can act as a valuable tool to therapists and educators.
9	Mr. Blessin Varkey, Tamana Association, Delhi	He informed that Deakin University and Tamana have recently set up a laboratory at the "Tamana Autism Centre – School of Hope" to impart training to teachers and parents from various Autistic schools, Institutes and NGOs.
10	Ms. Urmila Singh, Deep Shikha, Ranchi	She made a presentation on certain indigenously developed gadgets for activities of daily living and vocation such as Counting kit, Folding cards, Tools for measuring of rice, File making, Personal Hygiene and Adaptive saree for female wheel chair users.
11	Ms. Manjula Mehra, AADI, Delhi	She presented various adaptations and fittings developed by them for various categories of PwDs. No specific presentation for Persons with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities was made by them.
12	Ms. Merry Barua, Action for Autism, Delhi	She made a presentation on certain indigenously developed low cost assistive devices like Board maker, Alternate seating arrangements, Visual communication tools and games etc.

13	Ms. Arti Abraham, Slate Software, Chennai	She made a presentation on communication software for language development by them for training of teachers and parents dealing with Persons with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities.
14	Mrs. V.R.P. Sheilaja Rao, and Mr. B. Ashok, NIMH, Secunderabad	She made presentation on TLM catalogues developed for different age groups alongwith ADL kits.
15	Ms. Sunanda Srinivas, SFCD, Delhi	She made a presentation on an Early Intervention Kit developed by them to address the problems of Fine motor coordination, Language development, Concept formation and Academic skill development covering children between the age group of 3 to 12 years.
16	Ms. Abha Karn, Muskaan, Delhi	She made a presentation on gadgets developed by them particularly for vocational rehabilitation such as Counting board of diya unit, Adaptation for holding diya, Lemon cutting, Lemon squash making, Gift bag making and Jewellery making unit etc.
17	Mr. Karthikeyan, NIEPMD, Chennai	He made a presentation on Kits containing teaching and learning material developed by them for children up to the age of 3 years, children between 4-6 years, children between 7-10 years and children above 10 years.
18	Mr. Parag Namdeo, Sense International (India), Ahmedabad	He made a presentation on aids and appliances needed for children with deaf blindness. He emphasized the need for various assistive devices such as Braille display equipments for communication through computer, making use of ICT and Braille display boards etc.
19	Mr. Vivek Bhasin, Young India Films, Chennai	He made a presentation on MSIED Kit containing certain items to address the requirements of physical therapy and cognitive development. Mr. Bhasin displayed the kit containing these items costing less than Rs. 6000/-. He also informed that items were imported from Taiwan and match the International Quality Standards in respect of raw material and shape ensuring complete safety of the users.
20	Mr. Tushar Suneja, Meenu Surgicals	

#### Concluding Remarks –

Ms. Poonam Natarajan, Chairperson, National Trust expressed that single kit can not suffice the purpose of meeting various requirements of Persons with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. She emphasized the need for developing kits in four categories to address the following areas:

- a. Use of ICT for education and communication.
- b. Activities of daily living.
- c. Vocational rehabilitation
- d. Gadgets for health care such as physical therapy, cognitive development and improvement in hand-eye coordination etc.

Mr. Awanish Kumar Awasthi, IAS, Joint Secretary (DDA) requested all the delegates to submit their proposals with detailed specifications and rates of items proposed for inclusion in the kits by clearly specifying the need for such items and its ultimate benefit to the end user. Proposals to be sent to Mr. R. K. Mathur, Sr. Manager, RMC, Delhi ALIMCO by 24.06.2013.

Mr. Mathur will compile the aforesaid proposals and get the same examined and vetted by the Chairperson, National Trust.

Mr. Mathur will put up the proposals with final recommendations of Chairperson, National Trust to the office of Joint Secretary (DDA) by 26.06.2013, who would further take up the matter in the Ministry for final decision.

#### The Comments and Recommendations of ALIMCO –

ALIMCO strongly feels that pending finalization of various kits including High end products like Tablets and I.Pads etc., the following indigenous kits can be immediately taken up for distribution under ADIP & ADIP-SSA schemes since the same would cost within Rs. 6000/-

- a. MSIED Kit developed by Young India Films, Chennai. ALIMCO has already distributed around 400 numbers of these kits under CSR programme of ONGC and the same have been found to be useful by the end users and care givers in the areas of physical therapy and cognitive development.
- b. A kit consisting of selected items to address the problems of ADL indigenously developed by NIMH, Delhi, Deep Shikha, Ranchi and Action for Autism, Delhi be prepared to address the problem of ADL, within cost ceiling of Rs. 6000/-
- c. The kits containing teaching and learning material developed by NIEPMD, Chennai, with text in regional languages can be prepared within cost ceiling of Rs. 6000/-.



# ATA EXPO

**July 19th - 21st 2013**

Report on ATA EXPO 19, 20, 21 July 20, Bharathiyar Universities, Coimbatore

Showcasing Prayas-Daksh and Bol on behalf of Autism Society India and Prayas Lab — in Coimbatore.

Represented by

Akila Vaidyanathan [ASI] ,Karthika P [ASI] ,P.Jamuna Nandhini [Volunteer] ,Yashodha [Volunteer]

1. Ms Karthika P gave a presentation at the workshop arranged by ATA on “Technology based intervention”
2. The response to Daksh and Bol was very heartwarming and the stall was constantly full with parents , students from various streams and colleges, college faculty ,special schools and special educators showing a keen interest in the products . Many of them have requested for follow up training they include :



**Bol App for iPad**

Parents	7
Teachers / Special. Educators	16
Social Workers	3
Psychologist	4
Occupational Therapists / Physio Therapists /Other therapists	5
Doctors	1
College Professors (major Special education, Home science, Social work etc)	8
College Students	11
Coordinators/Directors of district disability Welfare and Special Schools	7
Total Enquiries	63

The Coordinator of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan - Coimbatore has requested training for 110 staff and the count of children is not clearly known. We need to contact him for more details on the kind/subject of training.

Many of the parties want onsite training and some of them are located outside of Coimbatore [Trichy , Madurai ]  
[A scanned copy of the detailed list has been sent earlier by Ms Karthika .P]

3.We also received 3 Life memberships and one professional membership for ASI.

4.A Plaque was given to Autism society of India at the valedictory function which was collected by Ms Akila on behalf of ASI.

5.Some students doing B-Tech [IT] from Kumaraguru College of technology have shown interest in developing Apps for Autism as a part of their project work and they are working with Ms Kartihika .P on this .

6. Mr Shanker Subbiah from Agate technologies approached Ms Akila Vaidyanathan about developing an open source, online assessment tool for Autism as a project with some students from Dr NGP Engineering College and this project is also underway.

# **National Exhibition on Aids and Assistive Devices for Persons with Disabilities: “Swavlamban” at Pragati Maidan, Delhi**

**July 25th - 27th 2013**



A Report on the National Exhibition on Aids and Assistive Devices for Persons with Disabilities: “Swavlamban” at Pragati Maidan, Delhi

## **Day 1 July 25, 2013**

Autism Society of India participated in this exhibition and exhibited Prayas-Daksh and Bol-an iPad app for non-verbal kids with ASD. Lovely inauguration. Good performances by kids with disabilities. Diwakar (SAREGAMA FAME) sang lovely songs.

Ms Seilaja Kumari, Cabinet Minister for Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment visited our stall. She was apprised by the Secretary Ms Stuti Kakad that a presentation was made by ASI on June 15th meeting, the latter was organized by ALIMCO Kanpur

Around 30 inquiries were made, asking for training; good responses.

## **Day 2 July 26, 2013**

Another day full of activities, lots of visitors, could not count, perhaps more than 50, mostly students from many training institutes.

Highlight of the day: While Ms. Jayashree Ramesh was visiting the stall, the Minister of State for MSJE, Mr. Balram visited and was extremely happy to see our products and agreed to help us. A direct contact was offered.

It was overwhelming to see the work being done by many organizations, a good platform to share and work together. Thanks to Susheel Sephia from Pallavanjali and Minku and Loby from Ritanjali for being there throughout the day.

## **Day 3, July 27, 2013**

Day 3 started with many inquiries by parents and students, good presentations by participants, entertainment by Ankur Gupta from Yatharth Band.

People requested if we could bring Bol to android platform.



#### Day 4

Another good day, the exhibition ended with a great commitment by the ministry that they will organise the same event at Mumbai in November 2013 and will continue it every year in Delhi at this time of the year.

Participants were given a chance to give the feedback while the Secretary Ms Stuti Kakkad, JSS Mr Avaneesh Avasthi and the director of NIEPMD, Ms Neeradha Chandramohan were present on the podium.

Our Vice President North, Ms Sharada Mani Aiyer was also present on this day.

Conclusion: A good initiative by MSJE with a provision of an interactive platform. ASI/Prayas received enough hype as only our products were free of charge and we have been promised help with respect the capacity building programme associated with Prayas- Daksh.

To materialize this, a mail has been written to the Minister, Mr Lambodar Ray has been CCd in the mail.

With Ms. Saileja Kumari, Cabinet Minister for MSJE





## SOS Campaign

October 2nd 2013



October 2nd, 2013- SOS Campaign was organised by Mr Sundar Rajan wherein he interacted with the Government of Karnataka and media about the needs of the persons with Autism Spectrum Disorders.

# Joy of Giving Week 2013

**October 2nd - 8th 2013**

This Joy of giving week was indeed a great success. Our wish tree was put up in two places:

Prestige Ozone on October 2, 2013 – 10.30 A.M to 5 P.M

Hindustan Unilever Limited on October 3 AND 4, 2013- 12 P.M to 2.30 P.M

Why was it a success?

**Delivery:** We successfully delivered what we committed to deliver. Our beautiful paper-made tree and caricature stall attracted more people and thereby we were able to explain more people about our project and as well as the current state of individuals with autism in our state. We even explained some interested people about the nature of autism, causes of it and the remedies/treatment available for them. Through this, we were able to attract people to volunteer for our future activities.

**Impact:** JGW program had a positive effect on the competencies of our organization. It initiated new ways of collaborating and communicating with people as it wasn't just a fund-raising program, it was a full-fledged awareness program about autism and about our project Prayas.

**Marketing:** This program was a success as it generated enthusiasm and understanding, helped people understand why they should care and how they can help through attractive emails circulated to all the residents of Prestige Ozone and the employees of HUL.

**Innovative Capability:** Due to this initiative of JGW, we uncovered new ways of encouraging people to contribute in terms of donation, volunteering etc and thus increasing awareness. Our Joy of Giving Week was determined that more people play a prominent part in this important awareness program and donate.

For us, it truly wasn't about the wish tree or the pledge cards but it was and always will be about making our society more 'Autism Aware' and we certainly achieved that.

Through this, we were able to shine a bright light on autism, for all individuals on the autism spectrum and their families who love them.

Donation Amount from Prestige Ozone: Rs. 23,000/-

Donation Amount from HUL: 59,200/-

Donation Amount from Sarooj Apts: 3,300/-

# NGO Day at SAP Labs India Pvt Ltd., Bangalore

October 16th 2013



SAP-NGO Day event at SAP Labs Bangalore was organised on 16th October 2013, Wednesday.

SAP, through its CSR initiatives, has been very closely working with Autism Society of India to implement several Social & Developmental initiatives for the benefit and welfare of the persons with Autism Spectrum Disorders. SAP-NGO day was a platform to showcase our partnership, to share & present various best practices of other NGOs and interact with larger SAP community as well as other stakeholders in this ecosystem. The NGO Day event also provided us the opportunity to showcase our best practices, product and services through an exposition.

Mr. Anirban Dey, Managing Director, SAP Labs, was the key note speaker for the event.

It was nice to learn about the different initiative taken by SAP labs India Pvt. Ltd Bangalore.



Mr. Thorkil Sonne, CEO, Specialinterné, USA was at Prayas, Bangalore

## iPad workshop organized at Hyderabad in association with Care4Autism

October 27th 2013



On October 27th 2013 There was an iPad workshop organized at Hyderabad in association with Care4Autism, this was attended by some 35 parents and professionals.



# Autism@Work Workshop

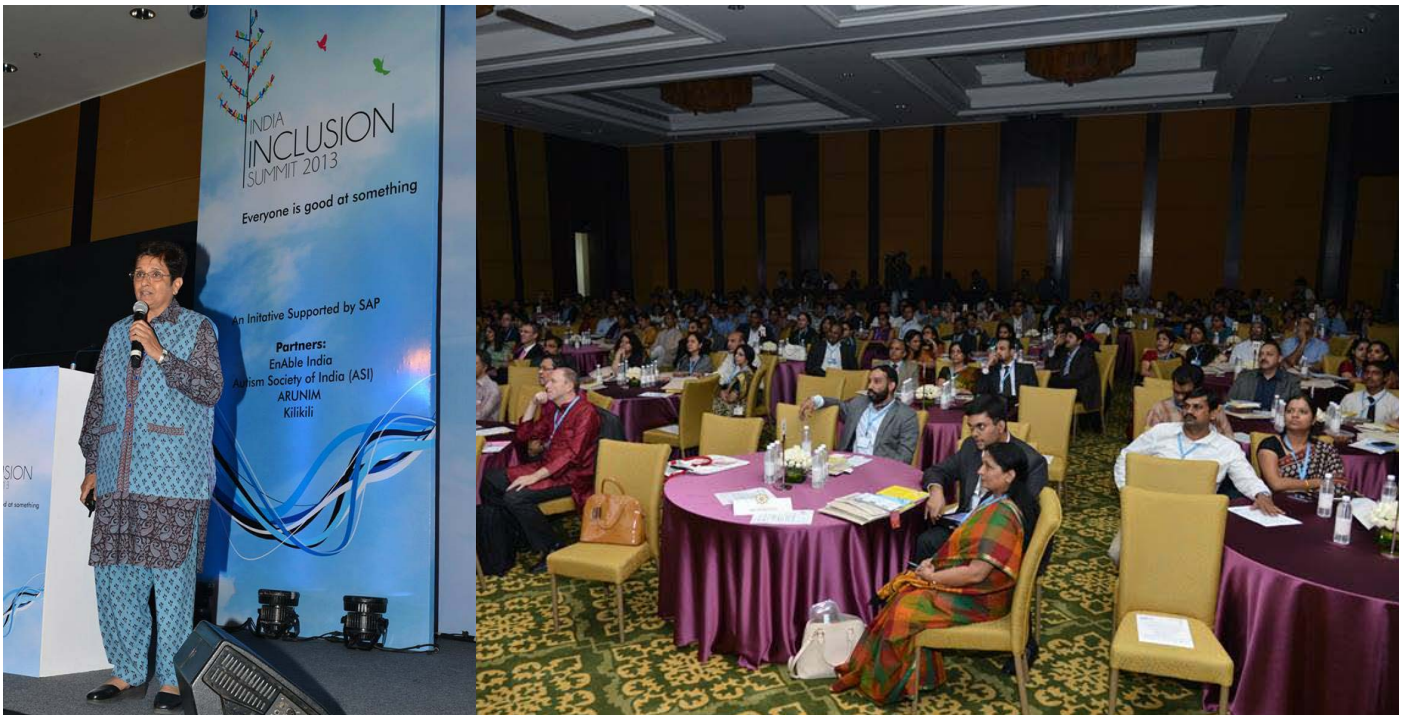
November 28th 2013



On November 28, 2013 Autism@Work Workshop was organized in collaboration with SAP labs India Pvt Ltd at the campus of SAP labs Bangalore. It was attended by 33 professionals. Mr. Thorkil Sonne, CEO, Specialisterné, USA was the main speaker at this workshop.

# India Inclusion Summit

November 29th - 30 2013



Autism Society of India partnered with SAP labs Pvt Ltd in organizing India Inclusion Summit in Bangalore. During this event, Autism Society of India was given a donation of five lakhs towards replicating Prayas in Kashmir, Delhi and Coimbatore.

We also announced the launch of an iPad app called iKatha during this programme.

## **Continuing Rehabilitation Education on Inclusive Education and Autism Spectrum Disorder**

**December 5th 2013**



On December 5th, 2013, Coimbatore team organized A training programme on 'Continuing Rehabilitation Education on Inclusive Education and Autism Spectrum Disorder with the help of the Department of Special Education of Avinashilingam University for Women.

<http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/tp-tamilnadu/know-the-childs-special-needs/article5428170.ece>

# Candle Light Vigil

December 31st 2013



Bangalore People with ASD, their families and organizations in Bangalore joined a nation-wide candle light vigil on Tuesday to mark their anguish over the delay in amending the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Bill at M G Road





## ASI Friends of Life

Autism Society of India has been fortunate to develop some friends for life; these have been the corporates like  
**SAP Labs India Pvt. Ltd.** Bangalore  
**Hindustan Unilever Limited**, Bangalore  
**Boove Software LLC**, Bangalore



*Hindustan Unilever Limited*

**BOOVE SOFTWARE**

ENTERPRISE MOBILE APPS DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING

**Dr. Vilas Sinkar**, HUL  
**Mr. Sanjeev and Rachna Shishoo**, Novartis  
**Dr V G Kumar and Manjula Kumar**, HUL  
**Dr.C V Natraj and Dr. Usha Natraj**, IISc  
**Mr. TGC Prasad**, Author  
**Srikath Narsimhan**, CISCO

We are honoured to have them as our friends.