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Empowering Lives, Transforming Futures

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Akshadhaa Foundation's Inclusive Education Program: Unlocking Every Child's Potential

The Sarathy Inclusive Education Program by the Akshadhaa Foundation has been making remarkable progress in promoting inclusivity in education. This quarter, with the enrolment of 100 more children for the Whole Language Program underscores its commitment to embracing diverse needs and ensuring every child's potential is unlocked. This dedication not only transforms individual lives but also contributes to shaping a more inclusive and compassionate society for the future.

Collaborating for Disability Awareness: Akshadhaa Foundation & Goa Disability Welfare Department

A strategic collaboration between the Akshadhaa Foundation and the Goa Disability Welfare Department has resulted in "Inclusive Carnival, Unleashing diversity, Embracing Unity" at the Purple Fest 2024 in Goa.

Experience autism spectrum through simulation and virtual reality was one of the highlight of the carnival.

Different experiential activities for school students, educators and different stakeholders inspired to think of bringing inclusion in different spaces in the community. Display of learning and workplace solutions for integrating people with autism and creating a sensory friendly environment helped to pave the way for more inclusive landscape.



Celebrating Sankranti and Holi with Joy and Inclusivity at Akshadhaa Foundation

Celebrating festivals like Sankranti and Holi at school provides invaluable opportunities for children to immerse themselves in the rich tapestry of cultural diversity. Through hands-on activities, storytelling, and sensory play, our special needs students engage with the sights, sounds, and traditions of Sankranti and Holi. By actively participating in these celebrations and understanding their cultural significance, children not only develop social and emotional skills such as empathy, respect, and tolerance but also foster a sense of belonging and unity in their diverse community.



'The Parent Peer Circle': Fostering Insight and Support at Akshadhaa Foundation

Akshadhaa Foundation hosted 'The Parent Peer Circle,' where passionate parents shared their unique journey and teaching materials for children with special needs. This interactive session facilitated exchange, inspiration, and valuable insights, strengthening support networks and empowering parents in fostering their child's development.



Social & Life Skill Experiential Learning

Vocational trainees of Akshadhaa Foundation enjoyed a day of fun and physical activities at a sports arena, highlighting the importance of physical well-being in a supportive environment. Such outings not only promote enjoyment but also enhance fitness and overall well-being for neuro-diverse individuals. In another event, they experienced real-world shopping experiences, ordering food in fast food eateries and through that developing coping mechanisms and confidence in public spaces. Such experiences foster independence and resilience, empowering individuals of all abilities to thrive.



'Empowering Education: Customized Learning Materials Distributed by Akshadhaa Foundation

Customized teaching-learning materials and stationeries were distributed to 44 government school students with special education needs. The special educators have done their baseline assessment, set the learning goals and created the workbooks on subjects of English, Mathematics, Environmental concepts and Kannada. This effort, supported by dedicated faculties and well-wishers, empowered students by fostering comprehensive learning.



Promoting Inclusion and acceptance among neurotypical school children

A Sensitization Event under the Sarathy Project was organised for the school children where 272 abled-bodied children took part. Through storytelling and demonstrations, the event showcased inclusivity's transformative power, paving the way for a more inclusive future.

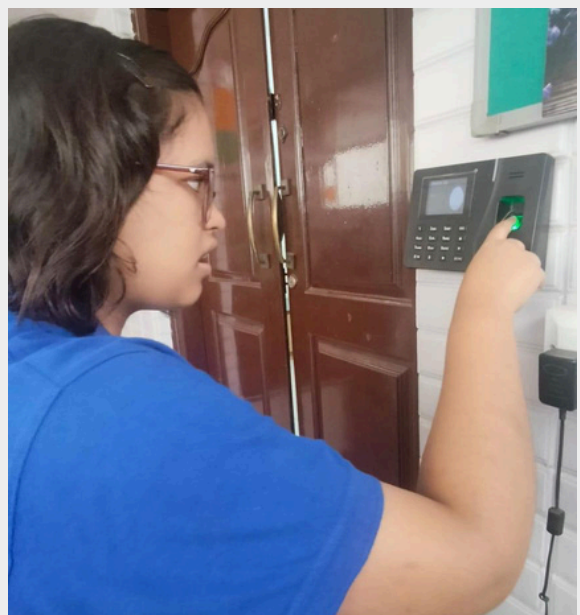
Bakery Training for Inclusive Opportunities at Akshadhaa Foundation

Akshadhaa Foundation's bakery training program bringing valuable skills for neuro-diverse trainees, emphasizing safety, hygiene, and quality in the baking process. This inclusive opportunity equips trainees for success in the bakery industry, breaking barriers and creating meaningful employment prospects.



From Trainees to Apprentices: Empowering Tomorrow's Workforce

two remarkable neurodiverse girl trainees have successfully transitioned into monthly stipend apprenticeships! Their journey stands as a testament to their incredible efficiency, endurance, and engagement throughout their training, paving the way for a brighter future. This milestone highlights the importance of supported employment model with tailored support which can enable individuals to thrive and contribute meaningfully. As we celebrate this milestone, let us reaffirm our commitment to creating opportunities that recognize and nurture the unique strengths of every individual, regardless of their neurodiversity.



Fostering Collaboration: Akshadhaa Foundation's Visit to Azim Premji University

Akshadhaa Foundation's leadership team explored potential collaborations and partnerships with Azim Premji University, aligning visions for social development and positive change in society.



Celebrating Women's Day: Empowering Discussions at Akshadhaa Foundation

Akshadhaa Foundation celebrated Women's Day with empowering discussions, emphasizing gender equality and women's rights. The event recognized women's contributions and commitment to creating an inclusive world where every woman can thrive.



Code Unnati: Inclusive Digital Learning

Akshadhaa Foundation's Code Unnati project, in collaboration with SAP Labs India CSR team, provides advanced IT skill training for neurodiverse adults, fostering inclusion and unlocking potential in the IT sector. Advanced computer skill training programs in Excel VBA, Graphic Designing, SNAP programming opening the doors of learning and new opportunities or engagement for the students.



We extend our heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering support throughout the last financial year. Your generosity and commitment have enabled the Akshadhaa Foundation to make meaningful strides in empowering our neurodiverse community.

As we step aboard on a new year, we humbly request your continued support. Your contributions play a pivotal role in helping individuals with diverse needs live their lives with dignity, fostering inclusivity, and creating opportunities for growth and development.

Together, we can continue to make a positive impact and build a more inclusive society where everyone has the chance to thrive. Thank you for standing with us in our mission.



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