



From the Founder's Desk

December Newsletter – Akshadhaa Foundation

Flashback 2021

Standing at the onset of the year 2022, while looking forward to the new year with lot of hope, aspiration and positivity, I am trying to throw back the memories of the year which is passing by. I am enthralled with countless memories, the challenges we faced, the uncertainties we witnessed and the speculations that made our thought process numb. Many of us lost our close friend, relative or a colleague during the second wave of the pandemic. We have seen how helpless we were, how our existence became a question in front this calamity. Also this year taught us the important life lessons, different perspectives of life, to put more focus on health and mental wellbeing. While passing through challenges, we became more stronger with our conviction to utilize every capacity to face the odd.

Our 9th year's journey of Akshadhaa Foundation will be always memorable, because we were able to beat the odd, stood strong throughout, rather expanded our horizon of work space and possibilities.

Our new vocational training center

The year is pronounced so highly because our physical premise got expanded and we came up with our new building of vocational training center in the month of March. The new premise helped us to lay out each area of vocation, give a dedicated space for candle studio, chocolate house, digital literacy training, creative craft unit to spread their wings. We started new project of assembly work of electronics products in the month of September and Certification course in Retail Training has launched from this month onwards.

Community involvement

Our milap project started with the thought to support the families with special needs children from lower economic background, to support them with ration and hygiene kit. We have received so many friends, well wishers, donors on the way who supported us and through them we were able to reach to 240 individuals. Vaccination drive was a collective initiative of Disability NGO Alliance and Akshadhaa Foundation being a partner NGO, came forward with their facilities to accommodate the persons with disabilities, their caregivers, frontline workers like therapists and special school teachers in the nearby community to make it easy for them to take the vaccine doses without hassle. Two vaccination camps were conducted and total 145 members got benefited.

Blessing Gifting

The strive to take the sheltered workshop model of vocational training to the finer level where the hand crafted gift items will speak out of their own, stand high on their quality, packaging and creativity, Blessings Gifting brand was evolved with their new logo and social media marketing.

Only during the festival months, the unit produced more than two thousand candle products and wellness gift combos. Chocobliss chocolates green potted gifting plants, paper bags, jewelry, coaster, aromatic diffusers were the added attractions. We were supported by friends, corporate houses with their gifting orders and we are coming up with more designs and product varieties in the coming year.

Volunteering & Internship

Volunteers were always an integral part of Akshadhaa Foundation. We welcome professionals with different skill set and work experience to collaborate and work with us. College Interns use the opportunity to meet children with special needs, learn different intervention techniques and explore their interest and assignment before stepping into the field of Special needs Education. We have received the support of famous personalities like movie artists, movie makers, sports personalities who shared their best wishes with us in this journey.

Capacity building & Training

Our endeavour to build an inclusive society continued throughout the year where a greater number of trainers, community health workers, ASHA, Anganwadi workers and family caregivers are skilled with advance research-based intervention techniques. During this year we were able to reach to 325 such members and total 56 children got the facility of screening, developmental assessment and families received home program to continue providing therapy at home. Our new initiative of Parents Open forum is one such initiative where every Saturday the parents get the opportunity to listen different skilled professionals, clear their doubts and ask their child specific questions.

We are extremely thankful for all the support and care our well-wishers have shown to the Akshadhaa Family and what we have achieved together. We are about to open a new book in 2022. Its pages are blank. We are going to fill it up with our hard work, passion, skill set and collective effort. Let 2022 be the year of exploring new possibilities.

Best regards,

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