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Annual Report 2020-2021

It is estimated that 01 in 40 children in India have Autism.

1 in 40





Founder's Story

“Until you have a kid with special needs you have no idea of the depth of your strength, tenacity and resourcefulness.” - Anonymous

As a mother of a child with Autism, I knew I had been granted an opportunity to realize my strengths and do what it takes to help my child, and other children with similar challenges. I recognized that my journey toward making a difference for the community of individuals with disability had begun. Firstly I took experience in the Sankalp in the Indian Navy special school as volunteer for five years, after that completed my degree in Special Education from Bhoj University and other short-term courses from Pune, Mumbai, Chennai and Delhi, to understand Autism better. Ten years ago, when I started

AARAMBH Society for the Autistic and Slow Learner Children, there were no facilities for training, treatment or education for children with disabilities in Aurangabad district. Nine people trusted my vision and came on board to initiate the process.

Being the first special school in the Marathwada region in Maharashtra, the sole purpose was to improve the quality of life of children and adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder and Slow Learners in the area. The center began with just two children and today we have grown with 67 students who are Autistic and Slow Learners. Today as we embark on a new decade, touching lives and making them better, we look back at our journey that led us to being who we have become.

AARAMBH is a movement that has taken momentum to make lives better for every student with Autism and Slow Learning by providing them with happiness, dignity, security, meaning and productivity. The holistic approach works to educate, motivate, assist and guide the children, their parents and the community at large.

Challenges are part of growing up. And AARAMBH had its share too. Even amongst all the difficulties we faced, we strengthened our determination to do more and do better. There was a time when we were unable to hire a single trained teacher for the school, today we have six of them and the students are coming from all across Maharashtra to take benefit of the Outreach Program. Apart from the school, the vocational center currently has 10 students under training who receive a stipend from the organization for their work, into their own bank accounts.

Our struggles have given us the scope to understand our strengths. Our achievements have given us hope to know how much more we can do. With the intention to do more, and with the support of my team, we are stepping into our next decade of work.

Thank you.

**Ambika Takalkar
Founder and Director,
Aarambh Society for Autism and Slow Learners.**

Our Strategic Directions

Our Purpose

To advance the personal development, equality of opportunity and community participation of people with Autism and related disabilities

Our Vision

What we work to achieve:

- ♦ All children with Autism have a great start in life
- ♦ All children with Autism receive the education they need
- ♦ All adults with Autism receive the support they need to lead an ordinary life
- ♦ A community where people with Autism are understood, accepted and celebrated.

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Our Goals



Enhance the lives of people with Autism



Support Families



Vocational training and income generating for ASD adults



Hostel



Services Overviews

For Children

Aarambh society for autism and slow learners is one of Marathwada's non profit organizations who are providing services throughout the life span from early childhood through to adulthood. Established in 2011, our focus is on excellence in providing services to people with Autism and their families. Services are person-centered and based on leading international peer-reviewed research in the field of Autism.



Autism Advisor Program

This service provides information and advice to individuals and families. We also provide support prior to, during, and following diagnosis. This includes guidance on services, pathways for early intervention and assistance to ASD children's families.

The First Steps for Autism

Early Intervention Program the Early Intervention program provides multidisciplinary therapy for children aged up to 7 years of. The program operates with an experienced clinical team, including speech pathologists, psychologists, occupational therapists and early childhood educators. Each family is assigned a key therapist who partners with a family to develop individual intervention plans that are tailored to the needs of each child. The aim of the program is to maximize child development and inclusion in mainstream settings.

School Service

The School Service provides a comprehensive range of intervention, therapy, and support to school aged children between 6 and 18 years of age. Our multidisciplinary team of speech pathologists, occupational therapists, psychologists and teachers work together to respond to the needs of each individual child and their family. Our service is child and family centered, and works collaboratively with schools, other community services and the family to maximize the educational and social progress of each child.



For Adults





Therapy Support

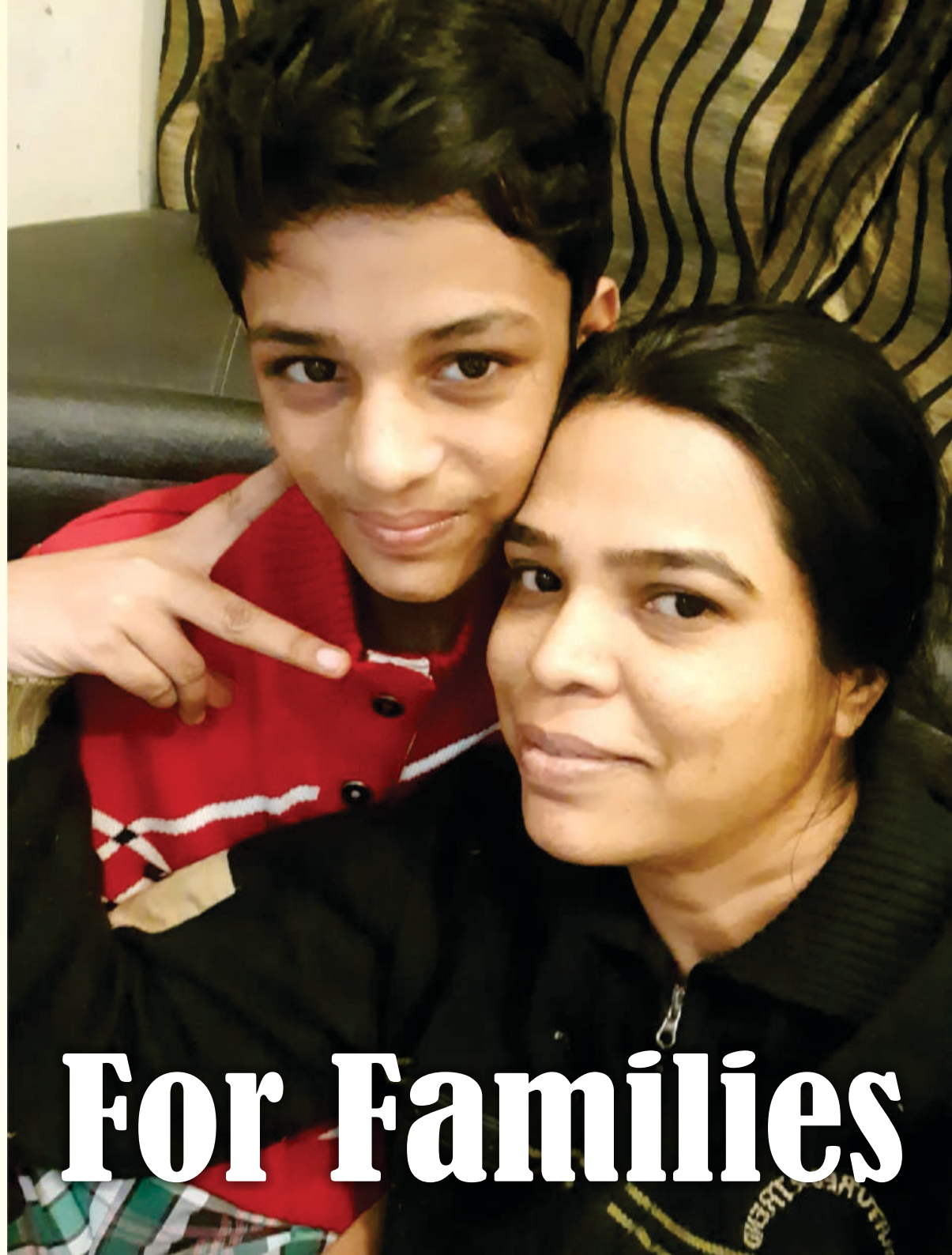
This service assists adults to develop their skills, maximize their independence, and participate in the community. Our multidisciplinary team draws on the strengths of a range of therapists from different professional backgrounds to create a service that is tailored to each individual's needs and aspirations. We work closely with each person and their family to achieve outcomes that are important to them in a range of natural environments including home, education, employment, and recreation settings.

Vocational Training Program

Our vocational training program service focusing on securing and maintaining employment for people with Autism. We support individuals to find jobs that are matched to their goals, skills, and abilities. Aarambh trying to give Employment and entrepreneurship opportunities to autistic adults for their self-respect and safe future.

Individual Options

There are a range of support services that can be chosen by the individual and their family to assist them to participate in the community as well as at home. We work closely with each person to identify the support that best suits them. Our aim is to provide the support the person wants, at the time they want it and in ways that meet their needs.



For Families

Information and Advice

Our advisory and consultancy services are available to all families. This is an important service, giving families and individuals access to advice and support when they need it. We provide a range of information and specialized consultancy online, via the phone or face-to-face. We also have a range of publications available addressing important topics for people with Autism and their families.

Autism Day Care

This service provides a long day care setting for children aged 2 to 5 years old who have received an Autism diagnosis or are currently going through the diagnostic process. The Autism-specific curriculum incorporates the Early Years Learning Framework, as part of the National Quality Framework for Early Childhood Education and Care. Each child's program is designed based on their learning profile and skills development.

Parent Training and Workshops

Parents and family training workshops are provided across several of our services including Early Intervention, School Aged Services and Behavior Support Programs. Parent training workshops are designed to provide information, practical strategies, and resources to support families in managing everyday situations. These sessions can be delivered as part of a group, one-on-one in the family home, or through webinars

Support Groups

Raising a child or supporting an older person with Autism places a range of different demands on families. Our support groups are tailored to the family's journey and focus on the needs of families at different stages of their life. Groups are available for families of newly diagnosed children, school age children, adolescents, and adults with Autism.



President's Desk

Dear Friends and Supporters,

The past year has been filled with unexpected challenges. Due to COVID pandemic Aarambh society for autism and slow learner faces many problems. However, we used this time to establish new ways of providing services and ensuring ongoing support to people with Autism and their families.

We were forced to cancel and postpone fundraising events resulting in revenue loss. Although we could have put our head down and gone into survival mode. Instead, we chose to embrace each challenge as an opportunity. The first opportunity was developing and implementing a remote learning plan to meet our students' and family's needs.

Several calls coming in from families asking for help for handling ASD children's behavior issues. Many inquiries coming for hostel and day care for children's and adults with ASD. We eagerly feel that no hostel or day care facility in Marathwada region for autistic. Aarambh dedicated to start a 15 students capacity hostel in Aurangabad which is now in process.

Everyone has been dealing with challenges associated with COVID-19. Aarambh is one of them. We have confidence that we serve best of best for the children, teenagers, and adults on the autism spectrum.

Thank you and stay healthy and help and support to the noble cause of AARAMBH.

Mr. Balasaheb Takalkar,

President.



Director's Desk

"While no one could have anticipated COVID-19 and its disruption, what remained unchanged during this year was our dedication to supporting people with Autism and their families. Additionally we adapted services, where required, during the pandemic."

The COVID-19 pandemic may place parents and caregivers under additional stress and risk poorer mental health outcomes and family crisis. Every center and school trying to co op with the crisis of delivering education and therapies for ASD students and adults. After lockdown Aarambh also faces these problems. We started with e learningservices. Aarambh make 240 videos based on various therapies for the autistic children's. Many online programs and workshops arrange for parents and teachers. We delivered on our Strategic Directions by ensuring high quality services, service growth, engagement with families, building organizational capacity, and pursuing innovation.

Over the past 12 months we undertook further planning to expand services and design new services. Additional work also took place to prepare for the full transition in the coming year. . This year, we were extremely pleased to launch Hostel facility for aged between 13 years and 30 years of age. 15 beded capacity hostel, day care center and hourly basis caring service will be started in upcoming year.

Thank you and stay healthy

Please help and support to the noble cause of AARAMBH.

Ambika Takalkar

Founder & Director

Trustee's



Dr. Amita Purohit

- Vice President -

Dr. Amita is a vice president of Aarambh Autism society, Aurangabad. Since the beginning, She looks after fundraising and Guidance to Aarambh Team. A Doctor by Profession, after practicing for 15 years started working as a medical officer for an NGO. Worked for Astha, Ashish, Ojus(Savitri Waney Charitable Trust) Medical Foundations as a medical adviser and a trustee. She has done her PG Diploma in Rural Management and PG diploma in NGO management. Worked with these NGOs as a managing Trustee, Medical Adviser...Onus Medical Foundation, under the funding of Savitri Waney Charitable Trust in Maharashtra, Uttaranchal, Nepal, South Africa. Rural, remote, tribal, areas through various projects for underprivileged women and children.



Mr. Milind Kank

- Secretary -

Mr. Milind kank is secretary of Aarambh Autism society, He looks after fundraising and spreading the Nobel work of Aarambh incorporate word in Aurangabad. He is Managing Director at Yeshshree Press Comps Pvt. Ltd., Waluj MIDC Aurangabad. He is not only a great businessman but also a social icon in Society. He has excelled in crisis management whether it is in manufacturing / marketing / finance / commercial/ labor problems. He has been able to diversify his business to generating electricity (at present he has three windmills at Satara) & selling the same to the Electricity Board.



Mr. Pramod Gaikwad

- Joint Secretary -

Mr. Pramod Gaikwad is a Joint Secretary of Aarambh Autism Society since the beginning. He looks after all the digital media world of aarambh like Websites, social media, and documentaries of Aarambh. He is the Founder and MD of Silicon valley certification of India, which has the Main office in Nashik and Branches in Pune, Mumbai, Jalgaon. He is a good public speaker. He is the founder of the Social Network forum. The movement 'Social Networking For Social cause' is a purely social activity that provides a helping hand to the underprivileged part of our society. It runs on the donations and active participation of the youngsters on social media like Facebook. He is also associated with lots of social activities.

Trustee's



Mrs. Vaishali Sutawane

- Treasurer -

Mrs. Vaishali Sutawane Kulkarni is Treasure of Aarambh Autism Society, Aurangabad. She is looking after the financial management of Aarambh . She takes a keen interest in the extracurricular activities of Aarambh children. She is MA (Hindi), B. Ed, Diploma In Dramatis, Sangit Madhyama-Gandharv Maha., (Music, Drama, Hindi). By profession she is a teacher in Dyankur Vidyalaya, Aurangabad, she has received many winning awards for acting played in various Dramas. She has Participated in roadshows based on subjects like freedom from addiction, Aids, etc. she is Working As A Choreographer In Various Schools For Annual Function. She has received many other prestigious awards for social and educational contributions to society.



Mr. Milind Damodhare

- Member -

Mr. Milind Damodhare is a Trustee member of Aarambh Autism Society. He is an administrative officer in the New India Assurance Company, Aurangabad. He takes a keen interest in various social activities. He is the Regional Chairperson of the Lions club. He has very good public contact in Aurangabad, he is a very good speaker and actively takes part in the social functions.



Mr. Chetan Patil

- Member -

Mr. Chetan Patil is a Trustee member of Aarambh Autism Society, Aurangabad. He looks at all event management Aarambh like Dance, Drama program of children, Annual Program, and picnic and teaks. He is the founder and Director of "The Blaze Institute of Dance ", Aurangabad, Institute has various branches in Aurangabad. He works as a professional choreographer in various schools and organizations.



Shirish S. Loya

- Member -

Shirish S. Loya has completed his education in B.E. (Prod), ME (Mfg). Working as professional in Industry for last more than 30 Years in various capacities started from Trainee Engineer to CEO. Now as a Director of Consultancy group dealing in Management consultancy Services. Also volunteering to various social services particularly in the fields of Cluster, Entrepreneurship and Student Development.

Therapists

Music Therapist



Mrs Manjusha Raut

She has been working as a music therapist for the children with special needs for last 16 years. She has developed her own modules of music therapy that help in enhancing different skills in social, physical, psychological and cognitive fields which prove v helpful in the learning process of the children. Along with taking group music therapy sessions for children, she conducts workshops for training teachers and parents, throughout Maharashtra. She has presented a paper on 'Use of Music as a therapy for children with special needs, in ABS (Applied Behavioural Sciences) Conference at Delhi. She has been awarded the 'Creative Art Therapy' award for rendering her very creative and relentless services as Music therapist for the betterment of the neediest and neglected section of our society.

Psychological Counselor



Dr. Nilima Lotke

Dr. Nelima Lotke has been working as a psychiatrist from last 25 years and 15 years teaching experience of PSYCHOLOGY subject in senior college. Worked as a counselor at Dilasa Manovikas Foundation, Aurangabad . Counseling to students of 10th & 12th std. 'Apayashatun – Yashakade' by Daily Sakal News paper & 'Vikas' Institute of Personality Development, Aurangabad. Implemented 'Napasanchi Karyashala' for 10th & 12th std.failure students at taluka level , project by Manav Vikas Mission, A'bad. Implemented “Study Skill” training program for 10th std. students on Municipal Corporation Schools, A'bad. As a psychological counselor of “Help Line” center which was running by college for students. Running “Manoswasthya” counseling center.

Therapists

Special Educator



Mrs. Lalita Khapre

Lalita Khapre is a B.A. Bed in Special Education from Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University, Aurangabad. She joined Aarambh in 2014 as an Assistant Teacher. Now she is working as a Special Educator. Her expertise is in student's assessment, setting their goals, and then designing individual educational programs for that student. She is working on students' fine motor skills, gross motor skills, sensory processing, speech, simple speech, toilet training, and one-to-one therapy.

Dance Therapist



Mr. Chetan Patil

Chetan Patil is a Zumba education specialist and master trainer in Marathwada region. In the year 2016, he received the license of Zumba under the training of ZES. Sucheta Pai (International Zumba Education specialist and Master trainer) and started a Zumba fitness class in Aurangabad. He is a very famous authorized Zumba trainer from Marathwada. He has organized many Zumba parties in Aurangabad. Now Chetan Patil has completed his 15 years in this field. At present, Chetan works as a dance choreographer and instructor for many schools and organizations and various NGOs as a dance therapist. He organizes dance sessions for children and women. He organizes charity programs for the NGO. Chetan Patel has been connected with Aarambh since the beginning.

Speech Therapist



Mr. Saurabh Darakh

Saurabh Darakh is a clinical audiologist and speech language pathologist. He is working with professional organizations in the field of speech and hearing. Also, using his knowledge and skills for the development of various institutes and organizations. His specialty is in diagnostic audiological evaluations, vestibular evaluation and management, rehabilitative management, and cochlear implant candidacy and management. Saurabh has certifications from the Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI) registration, Maharashtra chapter of Indian and hearing association (MISHA) life membership.

Highlights of the year

Coping with corona virus

Covid pandemic is a big hurdle in this year for all. Aarambh faces many problems for giving education to autistic children. School for all. Due to lockdown the school was shut down for many months and this makes a bad impact on the autistic children's. Only few physical activities and therapy sessions in this year. To get out from this situation Aarambh started E learning and online therapy sessions, workshops, webinars and many more. The cooperation of many organizations and individuals in the society was very much received during this period. With this help, we can work effectively in pandemic.

- ♦ **Master class on hand wash and to wear mask on zoom-** For autistic children it is a big task to wear a mask and hand washing time to time. We prepared a flash card story and schedule for hand washing and given to parents. Ambika Takalkar took a master class on these two things for students and specially abled parents. Parents learned to teach their children and engaged them in home.
- ♦ **Arranged Session :** Aarambh took a session on how to handle an autistic child in home. Aarambh's director Ambika Takalkar guided on this topic.
- ♦ **Grocery kit distribution-** Some parents are from a very lower economic class. They earn on a daily basis, due to lockdown no work for them. Aarambh distributed one month grocery kit to them.
- ♦ **FB live -** During lockdown period Aarambh gave guidance to parents with FB Live. Anamprem Ahmednagar organized FB Live on the problems of Special able and Autism children during lockdown period and Sundar Majhishala society also given knowledge on autism and how to train them in this pandemic situation.
- ♦ **Doctor Guidance -** On doctors day Dr. Drvarshavaidya, Neuro-pediatric surgeon guided on parents how to deal with Covid-19 situation. How to manage a balanced diet for children in this situation and many more.



Education

- ♦ **Weekly activity schedule-** Our teachers identified activities based on student's abilities and available material in the home. Teachers have Given eight days schedule to students, Made each day different videos and sent it to parent on what sup group and parents can send it back to teachers on completion of activity. Aarambh provide sensory support school's occupational therapist make short videos and post it on - schools groups. We monitor all processes and set goals for the ASD children's.
- ♦ **Online classes for elder students-** planned to start online classes from 04 may 2020 so we arranged parent meeting on zoom. We understand the problems of parents, gave instruction how we can take classes, what is syllabus and many more.
- ♦ 05 children to be identified for National Open School Examination

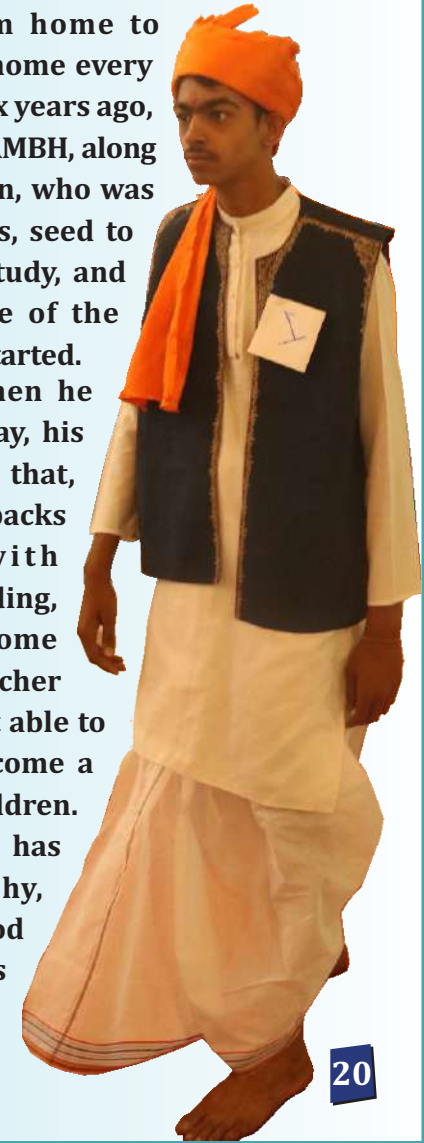
Therapy Support

Online music and dance session helps children to express their emotions. In covid pandemic their progress was lagging. Aarambh started online session and trying to cover backlog. Many sessions conducted by aarambh in lockdown. Children's enjoying this session. Target achieved by doing enrolment, assessment & sorting of 67 children for various *therapies&pedagogical* process.



Kiran of Aarambh

Kiran Joshi, an adorable student of AARAMBH, who used to ride a bicycle from home to AARAMBH and from AARAMBH to home every day, is now riding a scooter. About six years ago, his mother brought him to the AARAMBH, along with his countless complaints... Kiran, who was hyperactive, chaotic with his doings, used to shout on little ones, reluctant to study, and many other complaints, was one of the children with whom AARAMBH was started. Kiran's new journey began when he started to come to AARAMBH. Today, his personality is so much developed, that, one could not find any of his drawbacks he used to possess. Along with improvement in Study, writing, reading, his Marathi handwriting has become very beautiful. All credit goes to teacher Mansi Kulkarni. Kiran, who was not able to care of his own body, has now become a parent figure for many school children. This is hard to believe. Kiran, who has won a gold medal in photography, comes alone on a bicycle, plays a good table. He is a good dancer too. He is now perfect in office work and household routine as well.



Parent Training and Workshops

Covid pandemic stress also on parents. In this situation Aarambh run many support programs for parents with online platform. Webinars, workshops and FB Live helps parents to handle their ASD children's. After lockdown Aarambh wants to know if there a possibility to start school. After the meeting Aarambh take decision to start school on 4 January 2021. ASD adults coming school and get start there vocational training. Making paper bags, ecofriendly napkins flower bouquet and many more things. This activity makes them happy and get involved. Meditation Class was conducted by the Maitre Bodh Pariwar For teachers, parents and family members; it was helpful and refreshing for all of them. *Conducted six meeting in Apr 2020- Sep 2020 for 67 Parents. We have conducted Online meeting on Zoom App in every First week of each month.*

Celebration

- ♦ **World autism day** - Due to COVID-19 pandemic situation we celebrated world autism day online on zoom meeting. Students, parents, teachers and family members of all children participated in this virtual event. It's our 8th world autism day, parents and family members shared their feelings and problems and proud movement with their child.
- ♦ **Gokulashtami celebration**-GokulAsthami celebrated on Zoom app, Its very fun to all small children They were looking very good in pretty dresses.
- ♦ **Independence Day**-Independence Day was celebrated by taking online fancy dress competition; all children participated in competition by wearing beautiful dresses.
- ♦ **Diwali celebration**- Online celebration of diwali is a joyful event for the children. They meet each other on Zoom and happy. All children are met through Zoom app together after 6 months. Their delighted faces looking like diwalidiyas. Aarambh also distributed diwali gifts to the teachers and maids. Giftcheques distributed to children for their work in AARAMBH Art zone. Gifts and cheque distribution program was inspiration and motivation for the teachers and children's.



Aarambh Art Zone

Due to lockdown children's locked in their houses. This impact on their behavior and parents stress doubled. Engaging children's also is a challenge for parents. At this time Art zone activities helped autistic children's family. Aarambh sent craft material to their house. With the guidance of parents children's and adults with ASD made many creative products like Diwali diya, Handmade paper bags, book marks, torans, jelly candles, jewelry etc. Aarambh Art Zone sales all this products online in all over Maharashtra. This year Art Zone provides 3000 diwalidiyas to Aurangabad's Annamrut Foundation. From this order Art Zone earned 25 thousands which was distributed among the students for their committed efforts to make the beautiful items.

Art Zone
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Highlights of the Years

AARAMBH ART ZONE : This activity again proves AARAMBH ART ZONE is a devoted vocational department of the Aarambh society for autism and slow learners. It endeavors to provide vocation, economic independence, and well-being of AUTISTIC children and SLOW LEARNERS. More than 85% of the artwork is done by Autistic children. With a natural inclination towards colors, art, and craft and motor skills. AARAMBH ART ZONE brings you various artifacts. Your every purchase will contribute to our vision of self-sustainable economic independence, mainstream inclusion of these kids and confidence build up.

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Achievement and Accolades

Aarambh's work recognized in country

Recognition of Arrambh's work well-known Media house Indian express group's newspaper Loksatta every year published an article on various NGO in their special column **SarvaKaryeshuSarvada**. this year loksatta took note of Aarambh's work and published an article on Aarambh's work in the autism sector. from this article Aarambh's work reached all over Maharashtra and many donors come ahead to help Aarambh. In a pandemic, this is not only financial help but also moral support for the organization's future. Loksatta editor MukundSangoram facilitated director AmbikaTakalkar for her social work.

गोष्टी, आनंद जोटा

औरंगबाद तालुक्यातील कुणेकड नावाच्या गावातील एका घालकाला अगदी छोटेबाबू गोष्टीचा आनंद झाला होता. त्याचा स्वप्नमूळ मुलगा तेव्हा १८ वर्षांचा असता. तो 'आरंभ'च्या शाळेत टोक लागला आणि त्याच्या हातूळू सुधारणा होऊ लागल्या. जगात कोणतेही गोष्टी वाटायच्या. त्याला हाताळताच येत नव्हते अनेक दिवस. मग प्रशिक्षकांनी त्याला सवय होत गेली. त्याचा विश्वास वाढला.

मग भाकरीचे किंवा पेळीचे तुकडे करून दिले की स्वतःचून काळ लागला. पण शाळेतील ही प्रगती घरात काही होत नव्हती. घरात त्याने खूप विडविड केली. पण नंतर तो स्वतःच्या हाताने जेवू लागला. त्या दिवशी वडील पेळे घेऊन शाळेत आले अन् सगळ्यांच्या डोक्यात आणायचं तरळने छोटेबाबू गोष्टीकरी मगसाला किती मोठा आनंद होतो ना ? 'आरंभ'च्यातील हा अनुभव उजेद दाखविण्यात आले.



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सर्वकार्येषु सर्वदा

स्वमग्नतेतून पुढे जाण्याचा 'आरंभ'

स्वमग्न मुलांचा सांभाळ करताना पालकत्वाची कसोटी लागते. करोनाकाळात कोंडलेपणामुळे अशी अनेक मुले हिंसक बनल्याचे प्रकारही समोर आले. अशा मुलांना सांभाळतानाच त्यांना स्वावलंबी बनवण्याचा वसा औरंगाबाद येथील 'आरंभ' संस्थेने घेतला आहे. आतापर्यंत शेकडो मुलांना 'आरंभ' ने जगण्याची नवी दिशा दाखवली आहे...

गो ल विनयाना पंखपंख पायांकडे तसतुल्य वाहत राहणे किंवा एखाद्या वेगळे झाला घेऊन खेळा खेळणे, अशा गोष्टींनी ते वेगळेच नाहीं. हलगर्जीचा वस्तुत्वत त्यांना कमावलीची उच्चका आसते, पण असायच स्वमग्न, सुंदर विन काढतील, पण तेवढीच किची कोडे आणि करे करणेत, याचे ज्ञान वाचते. अशा स्वमग्न मुलांसाठी आणि त्यांच्या पालकांसाठी 'आरंभ' ही स्वयंसेवी संस्था शाळेत चालवते.

देन सर्वांचेही आरंभवाचत महाराष्ट्रात विद्यार्थ्यांना तुलनात स्वराजची विवेक लक्ष्यवत आली होती. रंजनाची आणि त्यांचे ज्येष्ठ भाग विद्यार्थी करणारे. त्यामुळे विद्यार्थ्यांना त्यांनी विवेक विकासे होणे, त्यांचे स्वतःचे २२ हजार रुपये मिळाले... दुसरे उदाहरण सौरभने. स्वतःचे विद्यार्थी बोलता येत नाही. मुली बोलत नव्हतेच तो बोलण्याचा प्रयत्न करतो... स्वयंसेवी विद्यार्थीना अशा मुलांना सांभाळणे हेच जगू जीवन आहे. अशी या मुलांच्या पालकांची भिन्नी असते. त्यामुळे मूल आणि त्याचे पालक या दोघांची एकच वेळी संवाद देण्याचा लागतो. या मुलांनी त्यांची दिनचर्या स्वतःचून पूर्ण करावी असा पध्दतीचे शिक्षण सुरूच देते. ही संस्था सुरू करण्यापूर्वी अंबिका टाकळकर यांचे स्वमग्न मुलांचे सांभाळण्याचे मार्गदर्शक आणि सर्वोत्कृष्ट कार्यकर्ता स्वतःसाठी खांबे लागले.

औरंगाबादसहस्रशत दिवसांचे या मुलांचे उपचार काळ राहतील अशी सुविधा उपलब्ध नाही. त्यामुळे दररोज पुणे आणि मुंबईला मुलांसाठी खांबे हे अधिष्ठापक पारदर्शक रूत नाहीं, शिक्षण मुलांचे शोकाची फारफट निराश्रीच, त्यामुळे या मुलांसाठी स्वतंत्र शाळा सुरू करण्याचे त्यांनी ठरविले. देन मुलांसाठी त्यांनी २०११ मध्ये हे काम सुरू केले आणि सध्या ६७ मुले पुणे शिक्षणाला.

एखादे मूल इतर कोणीसही संकट शकत असेल, पण त्याला किती वेळाचे, किती वेळेचे काळीस हे कळत नाही. पण या मुलांची बुद्धिमान कामे असते असे नाही. फक्त त्यांची बुद्धी शक्तिगता वाढीची तुळत नाही. 'आरंभ' चे काम वेळे सुरू होणे. सोने, नुन, शारीरिक कामस, मन आणि शरीर यांचा समन्वय कुठल्यावेगळे ठेवणे, त्यांचे जावईकारण, संवाद प्रक्रिया घडून यावे असे दाख, शास्त्र, नोटक असे न्यायिक प्रकार उपचारपध्दतीचा भाग म्हणून शाळेत घ्यायचे जायत. प्रत्येक मुलांच्या दिनचर्याची आपणानी करणे



गो हे कायमचे सुरू. खुन ते महा तबोपयत्नात शिक्षार्थीची कुटुंबिका वेगळी अशी ६ ते १८ वर्षांच्या मुलांसाठी जाणवण-बोलण्याची पध्दत, त्यांचे दिवसाभरातील कुरीतकार्यकर्ता निराश्री. अशा मुलांसाठी शिक्षण मिळाले हे महाकठीण काम. विशेष मुलांच्या शिक्षकांची गरज असली तरी त्यांची महाविद्यालये कोण काढणार ? शाळावाढावात असे माहितीकरण नाही. त्यामुळे या क्षेत्रात नेहू इच्छिण्याचा व्यवहारा प्रेरित करण्याचे कामाती 'आरंभ' ला करावे लागले.

ही मूले एका जगू वस्तु शकत नाहीं. त्यामुळे या मुलांच्या आईंची दरोणे परोक्षच नाहीं. ही मूले नवरोस नजर देत नाहीं. ओडक्रीया लोकांनाही प्रतिषाद देताना यांचे वेळ लागतो. घरकू वेळ घडायला करताना. त्यामुळे मूल काने नव्हते, मोठे दिवू लागते. पण त्याचा स्वतःचून तला नव्हतो. या मुलांची पिढीचि खातून नाही. टाळेवेदीपयजे तर असा काही मुलांनी आई-



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वाढीसंबंधी वस्तु फेरफारचा राजीव असेल. असा मुलांचा सांभाळणे अवघड होऊन येते. मोठे शिक्षणातील धर्मबंद काळुष्यातील एका मुलाचे समन असावळी निराश्री. या मुलांची आई हातात नाही. वडील एखादे किती खराब ? या आता खातांची परीक्षा देणार आहे. एखादे मूल पाहून असल्याचा आनंद वसा मिळवूनच असतो. सतान तो त्यांच्या पालकांसाठी, अशा मुलांना आनंदाने, समनाने सुदृष्टित जाणवता मदा करणे देन संस्थेचे उद्दिष्ट असल्याचे व्यवस्थापकीय संस्थांक अंबिका टाकळकर सांगतात. सध्या १६ कार्यकारी या कार्यात आहेत.

सगळी मुले शास्त्रच वेगवेगळे प्रगती करीत नसतात. हे कोणत्याही शाळेत घडते. या ही महाविद्यालये असे किंवा आंतरराष्ट्रीय दर्जाचे. प्रत्येक मुलांचे शिक्षणाचे विशिष्ट गती असते. त्या फातील अनुकूल शिक्षण देता असे पाहिले. व्यवसायत त्यास आली तर सांग विद्यान आणि

संस्थेपर्यंत कसे जाऊ?

औरंगाबाद शहराच्या मध्यवर्ती बसस्थानकापासून दिशाने साधारणतः १५ मिनिटे उतरावत शहानुदरमिर्च्या दर्जा चौकातून संस्थेपर्यंत जाता येते.

आरंभ स्वमग्न आणि गतिबंद मुलांची संस्था

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या नावाचे धर्मदेश काळवा. धर्मदेशामधी किंवा त्यावटोवर देणगीदाराते आपले संपूर्ण घरा, पत्ता, दूरध्वनी तसेच धर्मपत्राची प्रत मागू शकता.

संस्था '८०-१०' करतसलतपात्र आहे.

समुपदेशन... स्वमग्न मुलांना समजून घेण्यात सक्षम घडवा, कारासी समुपदेशनाचे कार्यक्रम घेतले जायत. या मुलांना मुख्य प्रवाहात आणत यावे, असा 'आरंभ'चा प्रयत्न असतो. त्यासाठी ५० हून अधिक कार्यकर्त्यांनी घेण्यात आल्या आहेत.

उपचार करताना दूक-आय माध्यमातून शिक्षण दिले जाते. या मुलांसाठी अतिचंचल कामे करण्यासाठी संगीतवाद्य उपकरणे केले जाते. राष्ट्रीय मुला संस्थेच्या भारतीयीक तालानुसार या मुलांच्या प्रगतीचे मूल्यांकन केले जाते.

या मुलांचे कालपुत्रीय वार मिळवा म्हणूनही विशेष प्रयत्न केले जायत. पेठ्याई, रात्री, कावटी पिलवणे, पान्या अशा अनेक वस्तु उबार करून त्यांची विक्री करणे हे अशा दारुणी निष्ठाची बाब झाली आहे. या सगळ्या मुलांचे सान्मानजन वर्तन करणे, असा धर्मविकास आणि वर्तनबंदत करण्यासाठी शाळेतील शिक्षक मिळवणे काम करत असतात. रंगकाम, हत्यकाम किंवा इतर काय वाचवणे, रंगकामसमोर काही वेळ शाळांमध्ये कातून मुलांचेच घेतले जायत. त्याचा वेग मधी असतो. पण ती जागीवचुवेक घडवण्या लागते. या मुलांनी काराडरी कोरणी आयसत करावे. काराडरी प्रयत्न सुरू आहेत. अशाच मूल स्वमग्न आहे हे स्थीकरणपत्र पालकांची घनविकासात घडविकावातून प्रत्येक टप्प्यावर त्यांना विद्यावाचता यावे लागते.

उदाहरणार्थ, एक मूल अडत गिनेत शाळाच्या प्रवेशदारात घसायते, त्यास आतपाचे बांधणे नव्हते. काण काय माहीत नाही. खरे जग हाता झाले. वेगवेगळे या मुलांसाठीचे सगळे कुडी-अपमान प्रवेशदारात घ्यावेच ठरले. ते मूलच असा काळीस रमला आहे. सगळ्या वर्गात निदान राहो, पण हे खरे करताना मूल आणि पालक या दोघांची सतत बोलावे लागते. समजून घ्यावे लागते. घनविकासात घडविकावासाठी मंगल ठेवता येते. हे असा 'आरंभ' मधील मजकूरच्या अनेकजणी पडले असे लक्षातही घालण्याची घाबरेलत नाही.

राजात अशा मुलांच्या समनव्यवहार काम करण्यासाठी प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रमांसाठी संस्थेमध्येच पालकांना जायत. सध्या हे सारे उपक्रम घडवण्याचा जातून सुरू आहेत. महिन्याला दोड हात रव्यपर्यंतचा खर्च होत शक्य सुरू ठेवण्यासाठी नेते. त्यातील सावधीपण सध्या इतर भाटपाचा आहे. फेलात समनानाच्या वडीलने सुरू असल्याचे शाळेतील त्यांची घडवणे घेण्यासाठी अधिकांक मिळवणे जातून आहे. सध्या बनवून दुधाचे कपची या सामाजिक दायित्व निमित्तून काही मता किंवा असल्याने टोलास ठेवू आहे. पण इतरांचे बांधण्यासाठी ज्या नसल्याने सारे अडतून घडले आहे.

- सुहास सदेशमुख

घनादेश येथे पाटवा ... एक हजार किंवा त्याहून अधिक रुपयांची देणगी देणाऱ्यांची नावे 'लोकसत्ता'त प्रसिद्ध केली जातील.						
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Our Pride Swaraj Rajput

Our musical SwarajRajutin top ten contestants of secret superstar. This competition conducted by Care for You Foundation, Nagar.

Active Doalas Group

Socially active Doalas group facilitated Aarambh's teachers. This program makes awareness in teachers about importance of education and encouraged them to teach more better to autistic child.





Making a Difference

AARAMBH has always had the strength and support of members of the society and institutions that value the work done by the organization. Apart from supporting the organisation financially, AARAMBH donors have always reached out, with their presence and volunteering their time, contributing to the functioning of the organization, as well as, building the visibility and accountability of the organization, by sharing the work with others in their network. It has been a wonderful journey with the donors of AARAMBH, who have always ensured that every individual matters. This strong support also continues in pandemic. The organization is ever grateful for the support and encouragement provided by the donors and funders.

♦ MJF lions Vivek Abhankar, Sanjay Kasliwal, Rajendra Maheshwari, Anil Mutha attended the program and appreciated Aarambhs's work. This donation will help for Aarambh's future projects.

♦ Lions Club Aurangabad Mid town has donated 16 Night vision cameras and new LED and CCTV system was installed in the AARAMBH for video surveillance. Small programme was conducted in the AARAMBH with social distance.

♦ A known socialist Navnath dada pawar donated Sanitizer machine to Aarambh.

♦ Lions club of midtown donated one lakhs to AARAMBH.



Making a Difference

A photograph showing a row of potted plants in a garden. The plants are in red plastic pots and are arranged in a line along a paved path. In the background, there is a concrete wall and a blue tarp hanging from a post.

Round the Year Activities

Covid pandemic couldn't stop the activities of Aarambh. In this year we arranged online programs , workshops and many competitions .

World Autism Day

Due to COVID-19 pandemic situation we celebrated world autism day online on zoom meeting. Students, parents, teachers and family members of all children participated in this virtual event. Parents and family members shared their feelings and problems and proud movement with their child.

Meeting of parents

We planned to start online classes from 04 may 2020 so we arranged parent meeting on zoom. We understand the problems of parents, we gave instruction how we can take classes, what is syllabus and many more.

Paper Bag Workshop

Online Paper Bag workshop was conducted by AARAMBH Teacher Mrs. Pragati Bagul. AARAMBH students have made very beautiful and decorative paper bags.

Zumba Session

Mr. Chetan Patil conducted online Zumba dance for children, all the children performed dance and enjoyed.

Webinar on CSR proposal writing

This webinar was conducted by the AARAMBH Founder & Director Mrs. Ambika Takalkar, 35 NGOs participated, 80 participants took benefit of this webinar.

Independence Day celebration

Independence Day was celebrated by taking online fancy dress competition; all children participated in competition by wearing beautiful dresses.

School Gardening

To make a garden in the school, we have appealed the public for the donation of plants, many donors donated plants and with that help, we have made a very beautiful garden in the AARAMBH, and the name of each student is given on the plant.

Junior Master-Chef Competition

Junior Master Chef Competition was conducted by the Cool Gola, eight students of Aarambh participated in this competition and two students of Aarambh were selected as winners, namely Master Akshay Bagul & Ms. Devanshi Vaishnav.



Round the Year Activities

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State level Cake making workshop

Cake making workshop was conducted by the Mrs.RashmiChechani for all the students, 50 special abled children of Maharashtra state have participated in this workshop.

Cooking Competition

AARAMBH have conducted Online cooking competition for AARAMBH students to make them independent in the daily living. Students have participated and made good recipe.

Junior Master Chef Competition

Aarambh conducted online junior Master chaff competition for children's in the pandemic year. Because of this online competition the children who are bored by staying at home, participated happily in the competition. This competition makes them busy and happy. Master chaff Ishan Mule and ShantnuDeshpande announced the winners of competition And guided children about cooking. Guidance of cooking a joyful experience for the children. They make many of dishes and enjoyed with their parents. In the covid pandemic this initiative makes the children's happy and busy. This event a joyful and relaxing movement for the children's and parents also.



Round the Year Activities

AARAMBH PARENTS

Teacher – parents training

For first time aarambh arranged skill development training for Teacher and parents. Well known trainer Nehadedhpane gave training on both the topic. This unique idea supported teachers and parents for upgrading their skills of communications.

Cultural program students

On the occasion of Republicday, Aarambh arranged a cultural program of students. Students performed dance and songs. Aarambh arranged this activity online and physically in the school. From these activity students knows the importance of the independents day. Dance and songs gave them joy and hapiness.

Online workshop for parents on covid vaccine

Pediatrician Dr. Ganesh Kulkarni guided parents on the covid vaccine and how to take care of a child before and after taking a vaccine. This workshop helped to create awareness about vaccination in parents.

A Visit to Remember

well-known social activist Mr. Shirish Shiwangikar, Vivek Kulkarni, Vishwash Risbood visited Aarambh. This visit gave a lot of confidence and encouragement of our team.



AARAMBH is a family of Swaraj's grandfather, Tejas's mother, Bhakti's father, Saad's grandmother, Prasanna's brother, Sakshi's grandfather, many mothers, fathers, grandfathers, grandparents. Everyone's struggling and it forced them to form a great support group. Bajaj's CSR fund helped to start various workshops for parents. All the parents came closer to the AARAMBH when the counseling work was started. With AARAMBH's six training workshops a year along with 3 Parents meet per year, society's attitude towards is changing now. The idea of a child's overall progress is ingrained in their minds and most importantly their involvement is growing in all respects. At AARAMBH we are more than satisfied, when we witness, not only the progress of the children but also the progress of their parents. Tejas' mother is one of such parents. Tejas, who was admitted to AARAMBH in December 2010, we had just started counseling for parents. One thing that remained constant during these twelve years was Tejas' mother's determination, her willingness to struggle for the child and the smile on her face in all these favorable environments. She Learned Two Wheeler for Tejas.



They Walked the Journey with Us

The organization is grateful to have prominent corporate houses and organizations, which have funded various projects, events and work within the organization. Apart from these, the organisation has some local philanthropists who contribute from time to time in supporting the goals of AARAMBH. With continued support from the community, the parents, the students, the staff and the local government bodies, the organization has passionately walked a brilliant decade and promises to achieve greater heights in the space of special needs.

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Wings of Autism

AARAMBH, the Society for Autistic and Slow Learners was founded on November 4, 2011. However, this work was greatly supported by the CSR Fund of Bajaj Finestro, a part of the world famous Bajaj Group. In 2017, the Bajaj Finestro started funding the AARAMBH through CSR. After successfully completing the initial three-year project, the new two-year project has now been approved by Bajaj Finastro.

Bajaj Finastro's CSR fund not only helped to design the AARAMBH but also brought the biggest change in the progress of autistic children coming to school. From Bajaj's CSR funds, many facilities have been set up for the education of 67 children, not only for their therapy, but also for the overall development of children.

Ambika Takalkar
Director, Aarambh Society for Autistic and Slow Learner.

Bajaj's funds helped to give new dimension to AARAMBH in last three years. It served Financial support for various activities such as Bajaj Therapy Center, Bajaj school Van, Parent Training, Teacher Training, various programs organized for autistic children, therapy given to them along with Vocational Activities. In the last three years, the face of Bajaj has changed a lot due to the work done with Bajaj's funds. Bajaj Finastro's funds have played a huge role in the overall development of children.

There is still no center for self-absorbed children in Marathwada. A school with all the facilities including therapy, a support system for these children, a structure to build trust in their parents, was need of the time. This laid the foundation for AARAMBH and it was shaped by Bajaj Finastro's CSR fund.



Conclusion

Every great work has a humble beginning. And that is exactly the story of AARAMBH. It has now become the organization that best serves the children with disabilities in the district of Aurangabad. This could possible due to hard work, dedication, per severance of a visionary like Ms.Ambika Takalkar and her team. AARAMBH has been raised by a whole community that came to believe in its good work. From a center to now dreaming to having a residential setup, the vision has expanded beyond the walls and is all set to offer itself to communities beyond itself.

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An Appeal to Donors

Giving is not just about making a donation. It is about making a difference' - Kathy Calvin. AARAMBH has a brilliant journey over the past decade. It only gives us immense pleasure to share that we are growing, as well roll into the next decade ahead of us. With well-wishers like you, the step for ward only gets stronger and confident. If you are willing to step along with us in our journey, here is the opportunity for us together make that difference. Contribute towards the enhancement of AARAMBH's work for the individuals with Autism and Slow Learners by making a donation, towards the organisation's work. To make your generous contributions, use the bank details given below-

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