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Summer greetings to all!
We hope this season brings you moments of joy and happiness.

#### <u>Highlights</u>



#### **Zero Project**

The Zero India Conference is an initiative to create a cooperative and catalytic community of social purpose organizations in the inclusion ecosystem. The conference is a joint effort between the Zero Global Project and Youth4Jobs Foundation. The inaugural Zero India conference will be held in New Delhi in September 2023



## Swarajability - India's first AI triggered accessible Jobs platform for Persons with Disabilities

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#### **Grassroot Academy**

The Grassroot Academy's bottom-up inclusion in economic and social development is being anchored in the villages by Youth4Jobs alumni.

and much more...

## ZERO PROJECT INDIA







#### **ZERO PROJECT - INDIA**

The Zero Project is a global initiative that aims to create a world without barriers for people with disabilities by exploring and sharing innovative practices and policies. The Zero Project Conference in Vienna brought together over 1000 attendees from 42 different nations to share practical solutions for creating a more accessible and inclusive world. The conference featured over 150 eminent speakers from around the world, who spoke in more than 90 sessions, making it a unique event that provides attendees with practical solutions that can be implemented.

Many of the innovation awards of the Zero Project are from India. The CEO of Zero Project Michael Fembak, and his team visited Delhi in October 2022 and were excited with the possibilities here in India. The Zero India Conference was announced at Zero Global Conference in February 2023, held at the UN Headquarters, Vienna. The 1st Zero India Conference will be held in Delhi in September 2023.

## **SWARAJABILITY**













#### **SwarajAbility**

It has been six months since the launch of SwarajAbility, a dedicated Jobs platform for Persons with Disabilities and the journey so far has been a rich and immense learning experience for the entire team at Youth4Jobs. Here are a few words from the teams desk:

"In the last six months, the portal has made many new friendships through the valuable collaborations with Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, YUWAAH (UNICEF), International Labour Organization and National Centre for Promotion of Employment for Disabled People to name a few who have committed to ensure that SwarajAbility reaches every corner of India and no one who is vulnerable is left behind. The team has been actively promoting the portal through multiple channels like the Purple Fest held in Goa, Workshops held for companies by CII-IBDN, Events in collaboration with different State Governments. You can see the glimpses of our success above.

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Team SwarajAbility

## GRASSROOT ACADEMY



The Grassroot Academy (GRA) of Youth 4 Jobs Foundation is envisaged as one of its kind programs in India focusing on the economic empowerment of youth with disabilities from the rural villages. The program will take our training nearer to the poor and provide quality training to the most vulnerable less-educated youth with disabilities on the ground. Post-training, youth are linked to jobs in the Local organizations/MSME's or help them to set up micro enterprises.

At one such event held in Sawai Madhopur in Rajasthan – several disabled candidates from the states of Rajasthan, Karnataka and Maharashtra were hired from different companies, with salaries ranging from Rs. 8,000 to 10,000 for those with less education and Rs. 12,000 to 18,000 for graduates. Other candidates received assistance in starting their businesses under the Self-Employment (Micro Enterprise) model. To recognise the efforts of the placed candidates, a Certificate Distribution Programme was held in all three states of Karnataka, Rajasthan and Maharashtra in the month of March, 2023 in the following districts;

- 1. Gondia and Gadchiroli districts, Maharashtra
- 2. Dholpur, Karauli, and Sawai Madhopur districts, Rajasthan
- 3. Belagavi district, Karnataka

The programmes were graced by disability commissioners and other senior officials of each respective state. Apart from skills-training on wage/self Employment, placement support and Micro-Enterprise opportunities with loan assistance; a total of 1400 candidates along with family members were counseled on using SwarajAbility Portal. An orientation on UDID Card and its benefits was also conducted. In response to these sessions several new candidates expressed enthusiasm to join the program.









# SENSITISATION WORKSHOP FOR CORPORATES





#### **Sensitisation workshop for HSBC Leadership Team-HYD**

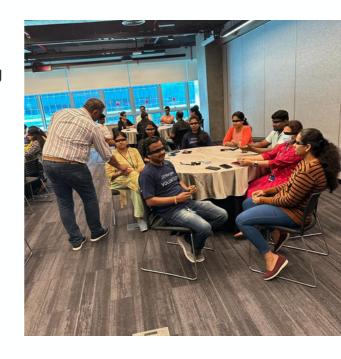
The workshop aimed to educate 40 members of the HSBC Hyderabad Leadership Team about the skills and abilities of people with disabilities, as well as the procedures and accommodations that can be made to ensure better accessibility and inclusion in the recruitment process.

The aim of the workshop was to raise awareness among the HSBC Hyderabad Leadership Team about the benefits of hiring people with disabilities and to equip them with the knowledge and tools necessary to create a more inclusive workplace. By doing so, the workshop helped to promote diversity and inclusivity within HSBC Hyderabad and created new opportunities for people with disabilities to enter the workforce.

#### **Tactile workshop at JP Morgan**

Youth4Jobs facilitated a Tactile workshop for 50 employees of JP Morgan under our sensitization program. The workshop raised awareness among the employees about the experiences of people with visual impairments and to promote inclusivity in the workplace.

During the workshop, several activities were conducted, such as identifying materials using a blindfold. Our team is committed to research the different activities that can be a powerful way to help participants understand the challenges faced by people with visual impairments and to develop empathy and sensitivity towards their experiences.



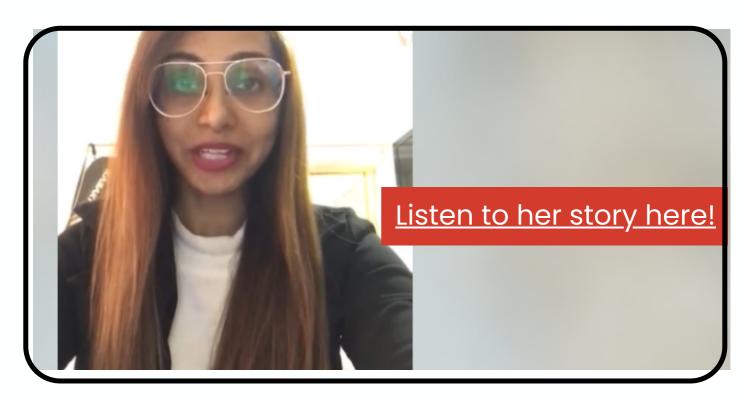
## **OUR WORK TOUCHES LIVES**

#### We empower Women - Listen to their Stories

Saee Kannade is a young girl who is hearing impaired and she is one of the many candidates who has contributed to the success stories of Youth4Jobs. In her own words, Saee expresses her gratitude towards Youth4Jobs and how the organization has transformed her life.



When Persons with Disabilities secure a job, it can be a huge morale boost, not just for him/her, but for the entire family. It gives a sense of purpose, self-worth and fulfillment. Listen to Avantika Parmar's inspiring story on how having a job can help gain a sense of belonging in community and develop relationships.





## **AWARDS**



The FICCI FLO Hyderabad Business Awards are an annual awards ceremony organized by FICCI FLO (Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry Ladies Organization) Hyderabad Chapter. The awards aim to recognize and honor the achievements of women entrepreneurs and businesses in Hyderabad.

Our founder Meera Shenoy received the award from Telangana's IT Minister, Shri KTR Garu on 11th January, 2023. He was further impressed by SwarajAbility our AI job platform for persons with disabilities and ensured to support our vision.

The FLO (FICCI Ladies Organization) Awards for Excellence in Inclusivity were founded under FICCI to recognize and honor the champions, dedicated leaders, advocates, creators, and role models who have shown various approaches to addressing inclusion in the direction of long-lasting change.

FLO Presented the Awards for Excellence in Inclusivity Awards on March 31, 2023, in the presence of the Mr. Anurag Sharma, Member of the Lok Sabha, Mr. Sunil Kant Munjal, Chairman Hero Enterprise, Mr. Subhrakant Panda, President FICCI and Mr. Shailesh Pathak, Secretary General FICCI. The dignitaries addressed the session and shared their perspectives on women's empowerment.



## SOCIAL MODEL OF ADVOCACY

In February this year our Communications team started the social model of advocacy by conveying powerful messages on disability and inclusion through a series of posts on our social media channels. The response has been tremendous and we will continue to expand our work to sensitize all.



People with disabilities are often discriminated against in the hiring process. This may be due to assumptions about their abilities, or concerns about the cost of accommodations etc..

Even if an employer is willing to hire a person with a disability, they may not be equipped to provide the necessary accommodations to enable the person to perform their job duties effectively. This could include things like specialized equipment, modifications to the physical workspace, or adjustments to work schedules or duties.

Invisible disabilities are physical, mental, or neurological conditions that are not immediately visible to others.

Some examples of invisible disabilities include chronic pain, fibromyalgia, chronic fatigue syndrome, anxiety disorders, depression, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), autism spectrum disorder, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), learning disabilities, and epilepsy. Other invisible disabilities may include gastrointestinal disorders, autoimmune diseases, sensory processing disorders, and chronic migraines, among others.



## STORIES FROM THE GROUND

# Ajit Walve, Pune Disability: Locomotor Disability

A B.Tech graduate in Civil Engineering from the College of Engineering in Pune, Ajit, 27, suffers from locomotor disability. Even after several attempts, he was unable to find a suitable job due to his disability. He faced discrimination at several points and with nowhere to go, Ajit eventually learnt about Y4J's work through social media and desperately approached our team seeking help.

He underwent training and reflected that a lot of information was shared during the workshops and it helped him greatly. Following training, Ajit participated in interviews and was eventually **selected as a**Compliance Surveillance Analyst at Citicorp Services India Pvt Ltd. for an annual salary of Rs. 10,25,304.



# Sanandita Das, Guwahati Disability: Hearing Impairment



Sanandita, 21, hails from a small town of Panigaon Charali in Nagaon district, Assam. Her family consists of seven members and the family's occupation is a small-scale self-employment with an annual income of less than a lakh.

Being born with a hearing impairment she faced rejections From being denied admission to a regular school to being turned down for a job due to her disability. Sanandita's search for employment opportunities led her to Y4J Guwahati center, and as a result, she enrolled in our training program and finished it successfully.

Post-training, she interviewed with Reliance Trends and was selected for the job. Now, Sanandita is an independent woman who is supporting her family financially and thanked Guwahati team and entire Y4J for changing her life.

## PRESS AND MEDIA

#### ग्रास रूट अकादमी कार्यक्रम के तहत दिव्यांगों को ट्रेनिंग दी,11 को नौकरी दी

धौलपुर | समाज कल्याण विभाग परिसर में युध फॉर जॉब फाउंडेशन की ओर से प्रमाण पत्र वितरण कार्यक्रम आयोजित किया गया। कार्यक्रम के मुख्य अतिथि जगमोहन बघेल पूर्व पशुधन विकास मंत्री, मधु बेन मयुरी विशेष योग्यजन विद्यालय, ब्रजेश मुखरिया वृद्धाश्रम एवं मूक बधिर दिव्यांग लोगों के फाउंडर और अमर सिंह मीणा विशेष योग्यजन आयुक्त सलाहकार आतिथ्य के रूप में मौजूद रहे। समाज कल्याण विभाग की सहायता से दिव्यांग लोगों को सहायक उपकरण व्हील चेयर, ट्राई साइकिल, बैसाखी आदि का वितरण किया गया। युथ फॉर जॉब फाउंडेशन की ओर से विष्णु वर्धन, श्रवण कुमार, मेहताब सिंह एवं धौलपुर जिला इंचार्ज रवि कुमार त्यागी व टीम द्वारा दिव्यांगों का मार्ग दर्शन किया गया। धौलपुर जिला इंचार्ज रवि कुमार त्यागी ने बताया कि यूथ फॉर जॉब फाउंडेशन के द्वारा चलाए जा रहे ग्रास रूट अकादमी कार्यक्रम के तहत



कार्यक्रम में 32 दिव्यांगों को निशुल्क ट्रेनिंग दी, जिनमें से 11 दिव्यांग जनों को प्राइवेट लिमिटेड कंपनी में नौकरी दिलाई। कार्यक्रम में प्रमाण पत्रों का मुख्य अतिथि द्वारा वितरण किया गया। इसके अलावा 10 दिव्यांगों को और रोजगार से जोड़ा गया तथा उनको सम्मानित किया गया। कार्यक्रम में 300 से अधिक दिव्यांग जनों ने भाग लिया।

#### दिव्यांगजनों को समाज की मुख्यधारा से जोड़ने की दिखाई राह

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मीजूद रहे। धीलपुर जिला

ाक यूच पंतर जाब परेटाइन्स के द्वारा चलाए जा रहे प्रावस्त्र-अकारची कार्यक्रम के तहत कार्यक्रम में 32 दिल्यांगक्तों को निस्तुच्क ट्रेनिंग दी, जिनमें से 11 दिल्यांग क्तों को प्रावंग्र हिमार्थर करूपने में जीकार्य हिलार्थ क्रिया कंपनी में जीकार दिलार्थ कार्यक्रम में प्रमाण पत्रों का मुख्य अतिथि द्वारा विकारण किया गया। इसके अल्लाव 10 दिल्यांगक्तों को और रोजगार से जोड़ा गया तथा उनको सम्माणित क्रिया गया। कार्यक्रम में 300 से अधिक दिल्यांगक्तों ने भाग दिल्या।



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#### Thank you friends of the Press for helping us spread the word!

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## ఆంధ్రవైభ

#### మినీ ఉద్యోగ మేకాకు మెగా స్పందన

విభిన్మ ప్రతిభావంతులు శాఖ ఏ.డి.కిరణ్ కుమార్



్ శ్రీకాకుళం, డిసెంబర్ 20:- రాష్ట్ర నైపుజ్యాభివృద్ధి సంస్థ జిల్లా ఉపాధికల్పన, సీడాప్, విభిన్న స్థుతిభావంతుల శాఖ, యూత్ ఫర్ జాబ్స్ వారి ఆధ్వర్యంలో దివ్యాంగులైన నిరుద్యోగ అభ్యర్థులకు ఉద్యోగ కల్పనలో భాగంగా స్థానిక శ్రీకాకు ళంలోని నెహ్రూ యువకేంద్రం ఆవరణంలో మంగళవారం జాబ్ మేళా నిర్వహిం చటం జరిగింది. ఈ జాబ్ మేళాకి 7 ట్రైవేటు సంస్థల ప్రతినిధులు హాజరు కాగా వారికి ఇంటర్వ్యూలు నిర్వహించారు . హాజరైన 112 మందిలో 26 మంది వివిధ కంపెనీ లలో తుది ఎంపికకావటం జరిగింది. ఈ కార్యక్రమానికి జిల్లా విభిన్న ప్రతిభా వంతులుశాఖ ఏ.డి ఏం.కిరణ్ కుమార్, జిల్లా ఉపాధి కల్పనా అధికారి జి. శ్రీనివాస్, జిల్లా నైపుణ్యాభివృద్ధి అధికారి పి. బి. సాయి శ్రీనివాస్, యూత్ ఫర్ జాబ్స్ కోఆర్డినేటర్ డి. శ్రీనివాస్ రాష్ట్ర నైపుణ్యాభివృద్ధి సంస్థ సిబ్బంది తదితరులు పాల్గొన్నారు.

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#### బివ్యాంగులు వృత్తి నైపుణ్యాల పెంపాందించుకోవాలి

తిరుపతి రూరల్, మేజర్న్యూస్: వికలాంగులు అన్ని కోణాలలో వృక్ష నైపుడ్యాలను పింపాందించుకోని వారి జీవన విధానాని కాససాగించాలని (కేపద్మావతి మహిళా అధ్యయనకేంద్ర లెక్బరెక్



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#### समाचार ले... सबकी खबर

#### विशेष योग्य जन विकास समिति सवाई माधोपुर द्वारा मनाया दिव्यांग दिवस

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जयपुर। विशेष योग्य जन विकास समिति सवाई माधोपुर द्वारा आज दिनांक 3 दिसंबर 2022 शनिवार को दोर्चार (2020 वर्जे डोपीएस स्कूल लाला ट्रेडर्स के पास मंडी रोड सवाई माधोपुर में विश्व विकलांग दिवस मनाया गया। कार्यक्रम के मुख्य अतिथि भजन लाल जाटन प्रभागी मंत्री रहे।

लाल जाटव प्रभारी मंत्री रहे। अध्यक्षता जिला कलेक्टर सुरेश कुमार ओला द्वारा की गई। विशिष्ट अतिथि अभिषेक खजा मुख्य कार्यकारी अधिकारी जिला



परिषद सवाई माभोपुर मीना आर्थ सहारक निदेशक सामाजिक न्याय अभिकारिता विभाग सवाई माभोपुर रही। विश्व विकलांग दिवस के अवसर पर सभी जिला रतरा और तहसील स्तर के कार्यकाजीओं को माला स्मृति विक्त देकर सम्मानित किया गया। इस कार्यक्रम में जिले की सभी तहसीलों के दिल्यांग ग्रामिश्त हुए। विश्व विकलांग दिवस के कार्यक्रम में जिले के दिल्यांगाँ प्रभागी मंत्री भजन लाल जाटव द्वारा दिल्यांगी भजन लाल जाटव द्वारा दिल्यांगी

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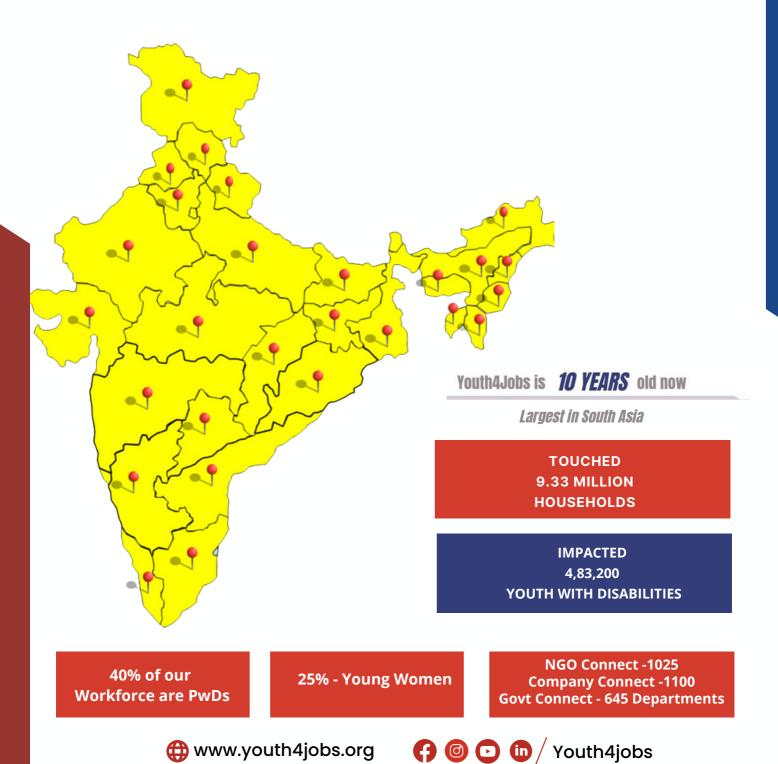








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