

Autism Society of India, Annual Report 2014-2015



Autism Society of India

Message from Nishath Kirmani Ali,
President, Autism Society of India

Dear Team ASI,

Seasons Greetings

The year 2014-15 for ASI was an eventful year.

We began with the launch of our apps from the Hackathon to a colorful WAAD celebration, Replications of Prayas Module, fashion shows to workshops and events.

This year also saw Global recognition of ASI, as Project Prayas was nominated for the Global Source Council Awards, at the United Nations Head Quarters in New York.

We came through with important registrations and are in a process of acquiring some more important ones. Due to the Government's curbs on foreign contributions, our sponsorships have been held back until the FCRA registration.

There is a need of constant financial support to run the activities of the organization.

Office members of all the Zones have been active with various activities.

Amrutha Ramanujam has been tirelessly working towards exam accommodations for our children through the Human Resources and Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment Mrs.Kavita Sharma and team Prayas, under the ASI banner had a successful year of Master Trainer Programmes ranging from Places like Bangladesh ,Coimbatore, Mumbai and Ahmadabad.

Mrs.Akila Ram,has being doing some amazing progress with her institution AMAZE ,catering to the needs of our Children.

Mrs.Ruby Singh has been progressing well with her Assissted Living for Autistic Adults.

I appreciate efforts of our treasurer, EC members ,staff and members who have always been there whenever ASI needed them. Looking forward and wishing Good luck to a new team of governing council members for the year 2015-17.

Signing off to a successful 2015-16 with greater and more productive activities for the benefit of this great cause of "Autism".

Good Luck and God Bless.

Best Regards.

Nishath Kirmani Ali.

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App Launch of Hackathon on World Autism Awareness Day! April 2nd 2015

On World Autism Awareness Day, March 2nd 2015, Prayas lab hosted hackathon app launch event at the premise of CISCO Bangalore. This event was a continuation of hackathon for developmental disabilities, which was conducted in November 8th to 10th 2014. The purpose of the event was to make the apps accessible to the entire disability sector. Through this event 4 apps that won the Hackathon November 2014 event, were launched. The Four developed apps are:

- OKK-One Key Keyboard
- iGrasp
- Ease Life.



World Autism Awareness Day celebration.

The Autism Community came together to celebrate World Autism Awareness with various institutions, parent organizations and corporate Houses coming together. We had renowned Corporate houses like HP, Cisco, Copal Amba and Wipro volunteer and make a difference. We also had Representatives from Rotary attend the event.

The event was held at the Bal Bhavan Premises, Cubbon Park.

The Days celebration begun with registrations. We then had a flag off walk around Cubbon Park which then led to outdoor activities like face painting, bubble maker, and art etc for the kids by the parents and volunteers.

Food and Snacks were sponsored by Copal Amba. We then had various cultural performances by our children including singing, dance and a fashion show.

This was followed by an effective panel discussion on the challenges faced by parents of children and adults with Autism Spectrum Disorders.

Health Minister of Karnataka, Mr. U.T Khader visited us on the occasion and promised to support us in awareness and advocacy.



Walkathon on WAAD april 4th 2015



Organizations getting ready for the walk



Health Minister Mr. U.T Khader interacting .

South Zone Presence of ASI.

Activity line up at AMAZE Charitable Trust.

Mrs.Akila Vaidyanathan has been doing some extensive programmes of overall development @AMAZE in Coimbatore.

She has implemented Daksh@Home last year with one parent /student and this year we have 3 sets of outstation parents/students who come twice a month and we assess the student and train the parent to use Tech to create and teach lessons for their child. it is progressing well

Also since April 2013 she has been working on the 16+ group through our program AMEYA where we train the student taking an individualized Lifespan approach and move them towards Vocation/Employment. We do not have any enrollment criteria and cater to the entire spectrum, depending on the severity of the challenges faced by the students we move them to the next level from where ever they are.

The first batch had 3 students [including Bharat who we trained for 6 months and is now a SAP employee] , the second started in June2014 has 5 and the new batch has 4 students . Few of them are now almost independent with the process involved with the Educational aids products [including formatting on the computer up to laminating] that we have been training them on and we have recently completed onsite QA and processed our first order from Euro kids for their customized flash cards set. The students are also getting trained in cooking [where we are getting small takeaway orders], fitness, housekeeping etc.

We have documented extensively including video documentation and we are quite happy to share our learning's for ASI's Daksh@home /Daksh Vishesh efforts .You can have a look at some of this in our website www.amazetrust.org which we have recently launched.

Daksh program @ AMAZE launched in Oct 2013 which is also doing very well [3rd batch].They have trained over 25 students and some of them are doing very well in mainstream and for some others it has been a lifesaver in terms of communication and there are a couple who are doing well on the creativity side also .We combine the technology based efforts with inputs for Special education and communication and social skills [through our other programs like Achint] .More

than 100 parents /teachers /professionals also have been trained by the capacity building programs run by us for Technology based intervention .



Master Trainer programme at Madurai



A Student preparing laminated Pecs for sale.

Amrutha Ramanujam,Vice President, South has been tirelessly following up with Central ministry of HRD & MSJE about the right exam accommodations for children with Special Needs. She has met the concerned people by personally going to Delhi and convincing them of the need for Right Exam accommodations for our Children. Is in constant touch with them in contrast to the pace of the Ministries .

Has also conducted workshop for IB & IGCSE teachers about the need of Modified testing methods for students with Autism in a few International Schools.

Has been counseling and helping families of children with Autism, through emails / Skype meetings / yahoo support group.

Assisted Living for Autistic Adults ,ALFAA founded and directed by Mrs. Ruby Singh has been beaming with activities for their adults taking from Road trips ,to Vocational Activities, to festival celebrations ,self help skills and its highlight of their Fashion Show with our Young Adults mentored by Fashion Guru Mr. Prasad Bidappa.

Their article was featured in the Times of India as well, which was a proud moment of awareness and potential field of employment for our Children.



Fashion Show by Adults of ALFAA,led BY Ms.Ruby Singh

Project Prayas, had a very interesting line of events which are summarized.

APP DEVELOPMENT

- Acquired the ownership of iKatha from Boove Software LLC and working towards its next version with respect to customisation to the cultural needs of the country.
- * Organised an event "Hackathon for Developmental Disabilities" with an aim of developing apps in November 2014 and culminated having developed four apps named-
 1. OKK- One Key Keyboard
 2. iGrasp
 3. Ease life
 4. Ausm

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EVIDENCE BASED RESEARCH AT THE NODAL CENTER BANGALORE

Evidence based research continued at the nodal centre Bangalore where around 24 individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders were trained through our OER- Open Educational Resource;
www.learn4autism.com

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REPLICATION OF PRAYAS IN VARIOUS CENTRES IN THE COUNTRY



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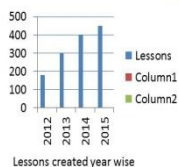
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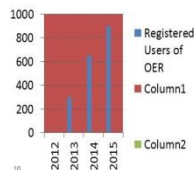
Summary



Lessons created year wise

2 apps on Apple, 1 on Android, Enabled the young developers to create 4 more apps through Hackathon

Registered users for www.learn4autism.com



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15 Replicated Centres in two years span

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CHALLENGES

- Lack of Funds
- Lack of Licensed Software
- Lack of appropriate human resource
- Constant Attrition
- Accountability issues of staff
- Lack of some important registrations of the organisation
- Small team of the parent organisation
- Lack of volunteer support from SAP
- Lack of own space- Heavy rent to be paid

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SUPPORT REQUEST...Team Prayas/ASI would appreciate....

If SAP can help us through the crowd funding for the year 15-16.

If genuine licensed yet lower versions of software can be donated.

Project Prayas has shown tremendous growth and improvement in last four years, the team of Prayas and Autism Society of India thank SAP India for the constant support extended so far and look forward to a longer association.

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Another milestone achieved...Prayas is being replicated at the Resurrection School, Indira Nagar, Bangalore through [Pratyasha Pratyasha](#) foundation under the able guidance of Dr. Ruchi Gupta...This School caters to some 600 kids from the low Socio Economic strata of the Urban slums of Byapanahalli and Indiranagar.A big Thank You to SAP for donating the infrastructure... ..

North Zone Presence of ASI

Mrs.Kavita Sharma,VP North has been a very integral and active part of events,replications,seminars and workshops pertaining to the use of technology and innovations in the field of Autism and Dissability in general.She reports.....

After taking up the position of the Vice President of Autism Society of India-North Zone, I realised that there are many organisations, especially in New Delhi, Punjab and Dehradun that are doing very good work in the field of Autism. This made me decide that either I align with them or have our presence felt through our differentiators. To execute that I did the following-

1. Created a desk top calendar for the year 2015 with the help of sketches done by Ujjwal Sharma (A 19 yr old boy with ASD- My son) completely sponsored by the family and distributed 420 copies in the International Conference organised by Action for Autism in February 2015.



Prof. Stephen Mark Shore

2. These calendars- 300 nos. were sold at The Shri Ram School on World Autism Awareness Day –April 2, 2015 at their three branches in Delhi and Gurgaon, the sale and awareness activity was executed by the IB Students of TSRS
3. The same calendars were distributed across the country through friends and family while creating awareness about ASDs.

4. On February 21st, gave a three hours lecture at Nai Disha unit of Tamana, DELHI on Prayas. Out of their three units, two have executed Prayas-Daksh training for their students.
5. On April 7th, I attended a one day National Conference on Skill Development for persons with Disabilities; it was organised by MSJE and MSDC at Vigyan Bhavan, Mrs. Merry Barua was kind enough to extend the invitation to me.



6. On June 25th, I deliberated a one day orientation workshop at Justice Tankha Memorial Institute for Special Needs Children at Jabalpur, MP. It was attended by some 70 participants.



7. On July 31st 2015, presented a two hour lecture for the students of DSE-ASD at Action for Autism, Delhi.
8. Initiated “Inspire to Aspire” event, which was executed by Ms. Nishath Kirmani Ali and Team Prayas in Bangalore on August 2nd, 2015

I am executing Prayas virtually from Gurgaon on a daily basis, have been an active member towards other activities of ASI and intend to put ASI on International platform along with all other members of ASI.

Another feather in cap for Autism Society of India was that Project Prayas was nominated by the Global Sourcing Council of the US in the Impact Sourcing Category for its 3SAwards which stands for Sustainability, Socially responsible Source. We did not win in the category, but were able to create awareness of Autism and the benefits of technology to the field.

We also stood third in the People's Choice Award category .Our president; Ms.Nishath Kirmani Ali represented Autism Society of India at the United Nations Headquarters in New York for the Global Source Council Awards. It was a proud privilege for ASI to be recognized by the Council and the various social employment sectors of the world.



West Zone Presence of ASI

ASI's VP,west Mr.Micheal Vimal Pillai is Networking with organizations and professionals in the development sector in Ahmedabad/Gujarat with an objective to create awareness about ASI and its activities and develop contacts that can enable ASI to have collaborative programmes in future. Also created awareness on Autism among schools in Ahmedabad, through E-mail campaign. Reached out to around 15 schools in Ahmedabad.

Organized a workshop with Prayas, a computer and iPad Training for individuals with Autism Spectrum and related Disorders in Ahmedabad. Ms.Kavita Sharma and Prayas team conducted 3 days - I Pad Training Workshop in Ahmedabad from 14th to 16th November 2014. The training was greatly appreciated by the educators, parents and professionals who attended the Workshop.



Trek for Autism

A MoU was signed in Oct 2015, between NALS, an adventure tour operator that offers trekking / expedition services /which also includes camps exclusively for special children and their families and Autism Society of India (ASI), as an all year round fund raising programme.

Trek for Autism ,has camps specifically designed all year through for corporate,families,schools,and one camp exclusively for special children and their families in both of NALS locations of Connoor and Manali.Each booking made through the Trek for Autism Project ,has its funds going as a donation to ASI excluding the basic costing by NALS.

Registrations of our organization.

- ASI has been effectively registered with the Person's with Disability Act 1995, section 51 and 52 on the 25th of May 2015.
- ASI has also applied for registrations with the National Trust Act.
- ASI is also in a process of applying with the Foreign Contribution Regulatory Act.

Inspire to Aspire

Prays Lab /Autism Society of India held an event "Inspire to Aspire" which was an interaction with our young adults on the spectrum of Autism, employed at SAP labs, sharing their journey to employment.

It was Held at the Enable India premise, which holds training sessions for our young adults on the spectrum, employed with SAP labs through their project Autism at Work.

We had legendary Indian Cricketer Mr.Syed Kirmani as our Chief Guest, along with Asoka Fellowship and co-founder Enable India, Mrs.Shanti Raghavan as the key note speaker.

It was a very interesting interaction between the Young adults of Autism at Work and parents giving them a vision of the prerequisites of employment and the challenges faced and how to cope with them.



Thank You

S.R. & M.R. ASSOCIATES
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To The Members of *M/s AUTISM SOCIETY OF INDIA*

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of AUTISM SOCIETY OF INDIA (REGD) (the "Society"), which comprises the Balance Sheet as at March 31, 2015 and the Income and Expenditure Account for the year then ended, and notes forming part of financial statements.

Management Responsibility for the Financial Statements

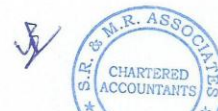
The Society's Management is responsible for the preparation of these financial statements that give a true and fair view of the financial position and financial performance of the Society as per The Karnataka Societies Registration Act, 1960 (the "Act"). This responsibility includes the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and presentation of the financial statements that give a true and fair view and are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with the Standards on Auditing issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India. Those Standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Society's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of the accounting estimates made by Society's Management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

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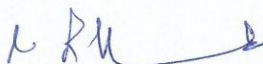


Opinion

In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, the financial statements give a true and fair view in conformity with the accounting principles generally accepted in India:

- (a) In the case of the Balance Sheet, of the state of affairs of the Society as at March 31, 2015; and
- (b) In the case of the Income and Expenditure Account, of the excess of Income over Expenditure for the year ended on that date.

for S.R & M.R ASSOCIATES
Chartered Accountants
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CA M.R.VENKATESH BABU
Partner
Membership No. 206878

Place: Bangalore
Date: 01-Sep-2015

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FORM NO. 10B
[See Rule 17B]

**Audit Report under section 12A (b) of the Income-tax Act, 1961 in the case
of charitable or religious trusts or institutions**

We have examined the balance sheet of **AUTISM SOCIETY OF INDIA** as at 31st March 2015 and the Income and Expenditure account for the year ended on that date which are in agreement with the books of account maintained by the said Society or institution.

We have obtained all the information and explanations, which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purposes of the audit. In our opinion, proper books of account have been kept by the head office and the branches of the above-named society / institution visited by us so far as appears from our examination of the books and proper returns adequate for the purposes of audit have been received from branches not visited by us subject to the comments given below: -
In our opinion and to the best of our information, and according to information given to us the said accounts give a true and fair view: -

- (i) In the case of the Balance Sheet, of the state of affairs of the above named society as at 31st March 2015 and
- (ii) In the case of the Income and Expenditure account, of the Excess of Income over its Expenses for the year ending on 31st March 2015

The prescribed particulars are annexed hereto

Place : Bangalore
Date : 01-Sep-2015

for S.R & M.R ASSOCIATES
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[Partner]
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Asst. Year	Amount set apart U/s 11(2)	Invested in Fixed Assets during the P.Y	Amount C/F.
2012 - 13	78,010	50,453	27,557
2013 - 14	2,51,268	-	2,51,268
2014 - 15	6,28,616	-	6,28,616

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2015 - 16	5,42,098	-	5,42,098
TOTAL	14,99,992	50,453	14,49,539

AUTISM SOCIETY OF INDIA	Status	: Trust
No.60, VITTAL MALLYA ROAD,	Asst. Year	: 2014 - 15
BANGALORE - 560 001	PAN	: AABAA3266E
	Circle	: Trust Circle
COMPUTATION OF TOTAL INCOME		Rs.
Total Income		804,544
Less: Expenditure		<u>55,247</u>
		7,49,297
Less: 15% of the Gross income Rs.8,04,544/-, unutilised deductible u/s 11		<u>1,20,682</u>
		6,28,616
Less: Amount set apart/Utilised u/s 11(2)		<u><u>6,28,616</u></u>
Income Tax thereon	Nil	
T D S on Interest Refundable	5,261	
For AUTISM SOCIETY OF INDIA		
Secretary	Treasurer	

Asst. Year	Amount set apart U/s 11(2)	Invested in Fixed Assets during the P.Y	Amount C/F.
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2012 - 13	78,010	50,453	27,557
2013 - 14	2,51,268	-	2,51,268
2014 - 15	6,28,616	-	6,28,616

AUTISM SOCIETY OF INDIA	Status	: Trust
No.60, VITTAL MALLYA ROAD,	Asst. Year	: 2013-14
BANGALORE - 560 001	PAN	AABAA3266E
	Circle	: Trust Circle
COMPUTATION OF TOTAL INCOME		Rs.
Excess of Income over Expenditure as per Income & Expenditure account for the year ended 31st March 2013		3,15,620
Less: 15% of the Gross income Rs.4,29,012/-, unutilised deductible u/s 11		<u>64,352</u>
		2,51,268
Less: Amount set apart/Utilised u/s 11(2)		<u>2,51,268</u>
Income Tax thereon	Nil	
T D S on Interest Refundable	2,955	
For AUTISM SOCIETY OF INDIA		
Secretary		Treasurer

Asst. Year	Amount set apart U/s 11(2)	Invested in Fixed Assets during the P.Y	Amount C/F.
2012 - 13	78,010	50,453	27,557
2013 - 14	2,51,268	-	2,51,268

AUTISM SOCIETY OF INDIA	Status : Trust
No.60, VITTAL MALLYA ROAD,	Asst. Year : 2012-13
BANGALORE - 560 001	: PAN AABAA3266E
	Circle : Trust Circle
COMPUTATION OF TOTAL INCOME	Rs.
Excess of Income over Expenditure as per Income & Expenditure account for the year ended 31st March 2012	99,410
Less: 15% of the Gross income Rs.1,42,669/-, unutilised deductible u/s 11	21,400
	78,010
Less: Amount set apart/Utilised u/s 11(2)	78,010
Income Tax thereon	Nil
Less: Tax Deducted at Source	Nil
REFUND DUE	Nil
For AUTISM SOCIETY OF INDIA	

Secretary	Treasurer
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AUTISM SOCIETY OF INDIA No.60, VITTAL MALLYA ROAD, BANGALORE - 560 001	Status : Trust Asst. Year : 2010-11 : PAN AABAA3266E Circle : Trust Circle
COMPUTATION OF TOTAL INCOME	Rs.
Excess of Income over Expenditure as per Income & Expenditure account for the year ended 31st March 2010	779
Less: 15% of the Total P & L Income Rs. 23,887/-, restricted to Rs.	779
	NIL
Income Tax thereon	Nil
Less: Tax Deducted at Source	Nil
REFUND DUE	Nil
For AUTISM SOCIETY OF INDIA <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> Secretary Treasurer </div>	

AUTISM SOCIETY OF INDIA No.60, VITTAL MALLYA ROAD, BANGALORE - 560 001	Status : Trust Asst. Year : 2011-12 : PAN AABAA3266E Circle : Trust Circle
COMPUTATION OF TOTAL INCOME	Rs.
Excess of Income over Expenditure as per Income & Expenditure account for the year	

ended 31st March 2011	7,309
Less: 15% of the Total P & L Income Rs. 8,235/-, restricted to Rs.	7,309
Amount set apart application to charitable or religious purposes, as per sec 11 (2)	Nil
Income Tax thereon	Nil
Less: Tax Deducted at Source	Nil
REFUND DUE	Nil
For AUTISM SOCIETY OF INDIA	
Vijay Patil Secretary	Sumana Ray Treasurer