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## VIBHA Report January- March '09

New Admissions:  
AURED Mumbai: 5

### **AURED student strength:**

Mumbai: 377  
Hyderabad : 55  
Kenya : 7  
Listen & Speak- Delhi: 46

Total Student strength upto 31st March 2009 : 484  
CI surgeries done : 4

### Events at AURED:

Mr. Ron Victor, President, VIBHA visited AURED on January 2nd. He suggested that we divide the total annual budget of AURED into segments of 1 lakh and appeal to individuals or corporates. Mention in the appeal which expense their contribution will cover.

Mr. Victor also invited Mrs. Rajniben Paranjpaye of Doorstep Schools. She has agreed to talk to her colleagues to send their children for testing when our Mobile Van starts functioning.

Ms. Maya Swamy from the US contacted Aziza. She asked us to send the details of AURED so that she can try to contact donors. The details were sent but we have received no response from her.

AURED was short-listed for the Indian NGO Award 2008. The team from S.P. Jain Institute of Management and Research visited our centre for assessment.

The Standard Chartered Marathon was held on the 18<sup>th</sup> of January. Apart from the 150 individuals who supported our NGO, Tata Capital supported us as our corporate partner. Around Rs. 5,00,000 was received as donation from the event.

Ms. Karishma Vyas- South Asia Video Journalist visited AURED on February 24<sup>th</sup> to make a film for BBC on Children with Hearing Impairment.

Mr. Ronak Mehta from VIBHA visited our centre on March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### **Capacity building of staff and partners:**

14<sup>th</sup> January Ms. Mary Beth had a meeting in AURED regarding the inclusion of AURED to participate in their validation programme for a new processor (for their latest cochlear

implant) which is being carried out internationally.

Aziza T Hydari and Kumud Misra attended a talk organised at P.D. Hinduja Hospital on 21<sup>st</sup> January, on “ Critical Periods for Monaural & Binaural Implantation in Children” by Dr. Robert Harrison, Senior Scientist, Dept of ENT & Dept of Physiology, University of Toronto, Canada.

AURED conducted workshops for professionals associated with different organizations, who are either Teachers/therapists for children with hearing impairment or trained audiologists.

On January 27<sup>th</sup>, 14 students of III year B.Sc., ASLP from Ali Yavar Jung national Institute for Hearing handicapped, Southern Regional Centre visited our centre as part of their educational tour.

Cochlear Ltd. and Ali Yavar Jung jointly conducted a 9month course in Auditory Verbal Therapy.

AURED was one of the two selected centres where the trainees did their supervised practical sessions.

Aziza was one of the external examiners who assessed their therapy sessions. AURED sponsored one of its staff members, Ms Vahishtai Daboo, to attend this course.

As part of the course Mr. Andrew Kendrick, senior consultant and AVT specialist from Cochlear Ltd., visited our centre to supervise some of the practical sessions.

As part of M.Ed (H.I.) dissertation study titled ‘ A Survey of Availability of Audiological Services to children with Hearing Impairment in inclusive and Special schools”, 2 students had come to AURED for their data collection.

AURED staff attended a 4 day workshop at EAR on the 16<sup>th</sup>-19th March on Speech and Language development and assessment techniques, conducted by Cheryl Dixon AVT Cert USA.

2 trainees from Shikshaa Centre for Integral Education came to AURED for a month from the 16<sup>th</sup> of March.