



Helen Keller Institute for Deaf & Deafblind

(A Pioneering Institute for Deafblind - Founded in July 1977)

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Dear Sir/Ma'am,

We at Helen Keller Institute for Deaf & Deaf Blind have known Arijeet Patil for the past 16+ years. The Helen Keller Institute for Deaf and Deafblind is an NGO that started in 1977 with just 2 Deafblind students, 1 Deaf student, 3 staff and a group of committed members. It was the first institute in South East Asia to work with individuals with Deaf blindness. Since then, the institute has increasingly focused on several important issues of persons with deaf blindness/ MDVI (multiple disabilities with vision impairment). Helen Keller Institute for Deaf and Deafblind started the first Residential facility in India for children and adults with Deaf blindness/MDVI from outside Mumbai. As our students have multiple disabilities (2 or more disabilities) they have umpteen number of challenges. Their world shrinks to their fingertips and conscious effort needs to be provided to expand their world and expose them to various activities and help them transition into society. For this each child needs individual educational plans and one to one session. We cater to all age groups starting from early intervention to vocational training.

Arijeet joined our Early Intervention Centre at our Byculla outreach programme at the tender age of 18 months. When Arijeet came to us he had low vision and developmental delays but in a couple of years he lost total vision due to retinopathy of prematurity. As a young student, Arijeet's curiosity and determination, coupled with his family's unwavering support helped him overcome these challenges through hard work, failures and a lot of determination to achieve superlative results in academics. We have also witnessed him bloom into a well-rounded individual.

Arijeet's most inspiring quality has been his nature to give back to those who are facing challenges like him and sharing his knowledge with everyone expecting nothing in return. The past few years he has been involved with the institute in various capacities.

1. Train the trainer: Arijeet has come full circle by now taking the role as a teacher in the area of computers and technology. He taught the teachers the various software and technology of the visually impaired, JAWs, NVDA, Victor reader, Angel reader, Plex talk, etc.

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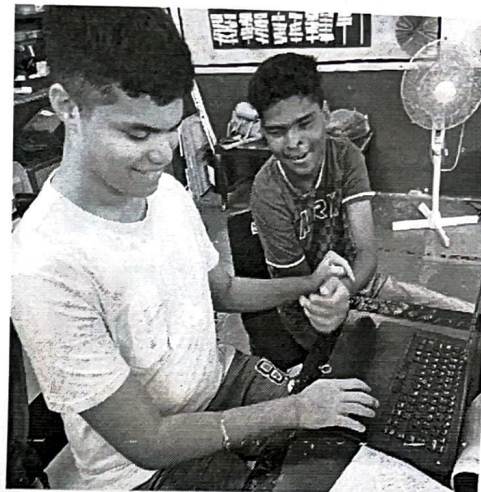


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2. Teaching students: As all good teachers, he attended observation

sessions, made a plan of what is best for each student and then began slow and steadily with the students. Even though he is totally visually impaired he wasn't afraid to try the low vision software for the kids depending on their needs. This has helped so many students in accessing their academics in interesting ways, helping them learn concepts which otherwise would have been difficult. Arijeet has bonded well with the students and you can see the joy in their interaction when they are together.



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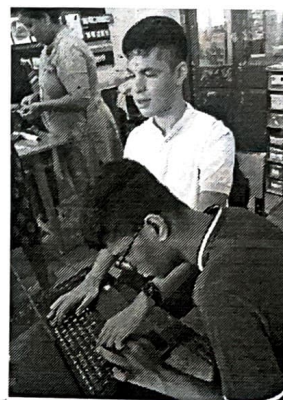
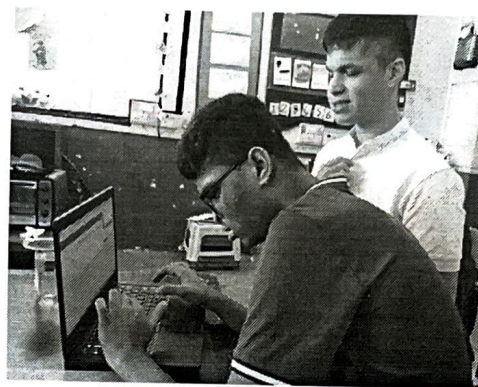
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3. Curriculum Design: Arijeet is also working closely with teachers to put together a curriculum for training visually impaired students in various technology.

4. Motivational speaker: He has a series of talks with parents and kids at the school. He spoke to parents to believe in their kids and have dreams for their kids as dreams do come true. He spoke to kids saying that with determination and hard work, they can achieve anything they want to, if he can do it, they can too. He also spoke on the challenges and opportunities of inclusive education and his experiences around them and is working on a school readiness program to help the process.

With complete conviction I can state that he would be an asset in any capacity to any organization that he chooses to associate with, be it as a student, as a teacher, a guide, a friend and even a mentor.

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As the famous quote goes "We all need someone who inspires us to do better than we know how" Arijeet Patil can be that SOMEONE to many.

We wish Arijeet all the very best in all his future endeavours.

Best Regards

Priya-Ann Aranjo

Vice Principal



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