

18th November 2022 ushered in IICP's 48th anniversary. After a hiatus of two years, over 520 visitors from several city schools and organisations were invited to enjoy the three day exhibition. The theme this year was "Bridging the gaps for greater inclusion".



A two day international

conference in collaboration with the Department of Special Education, Stockholm University preceded the Founders Day exhibition. Visitors included students from Modern High School, Mahadevi Birla Academy, Ramkrishna Mission Blind School, SICW, Asha School, Nabadisha, Bidyanjali School, Narendrapur B.ED School, Sambhu Sadan High School, Santoshpur Rishi Aurobindo School, Surdarlal Das College, Mentaid, IICP, Asha Niketan, Thoughtshop Foundation, Asha Niketan, Autism Society of West Bengal and Kishore Bharati Mahavidyalaya. Our Guests of Honour were, theatre personality Biswajit Chakraborty and Rotarian Mrs Sanhita Karmakar.

All the visitors were mesmerized and overwhelmed by our model of reverse inclusion where neuro typical students from socially economic disadvantaged backgrounds learnt skills together equitably with the neuro divergent students. They



applauded the presentations of the 3 D models made by our students depicting



inclusion in the environment and society. They were enthralled by the creative and interactive communication skills of students. Demonstration of Augmentative and Alternative Communication support systems by the Media Lab members of Roshni were a novelty and greatly appreciated. Everyone

enjoyed the cultural show by students of Centre for Special Education and Ankur Advocacy Group. There was brisk sale of merchandise, snacks and plants in hand painted pots made by our trainees and parent support groups.

We pledge to continue our work towards more collaborative connections and continue with our mission of inclusion for all.



MY VISIT TO IICP EXHIBITION

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It was a cool and blustery Tuesday morning; the breeze was making the trees shiver and sway in the dreary November wind. The birds were chirping their melodious tunes and the sun was shining faintly. Our school was taking class 6 to an extremely inspiring and knowledgeable visit to the Indian Institute of Cerebral Palsy.

After the enthralling bus trip as we sang songs and played various ecstatic games, our awaited destination arrived. We were taken inside the institute and were flabbergasted at the intricate three-dimensional models of the Earth, volcano etc. created by the young pupils. These were crafted with uttermost perfection and evident hard work. After admiring them, we witnessed an elegant and bewitching performance by the prodigies. All students were with special needs and it was my first encounter with them. I read a few beautiful and appealing poem and was deeply moved and touched. It was an overwhelming emotion and certainly an immense pleasure interacting with them.

After this extremely enriching experience I hope that one day I'll be able to provide help for them. This day has taught me to value the aspects of life; made me believe in myself and brought true meaning to the popular adage "where there's a will, there's a way" AND "My Ability Is Stronger Than My Disability."