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VOICE OF SPECIALLY
ABLED PEOPLE

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By VOSAP



Vision

To be the “**Transformation Catalyst**” for a world that is **ACCESSIBLE** and **INCLUSIVE**, where **Specially Abled People** enjoy equality, have the opportunity to excel and contribute based on their abilities, and live with dignity and independence.

Mission

To create a mass movement of the “**CHANGE MAKERS**” and with their collective **THOUGHT LEADERSHIP, ACTIONS** and **ADVOCACY, EMPOWER** Specially Abled People (SAP), change the narrative of **DISABILITY** by focusing on the “**ABILITY**” of Persons with Disabilities (PwD) and harness **ABILITY** by enabling them with **Accessibility, Assistive Devices, Surgical Interventions, Employment, Education and Healthcare.**

Impact Summary Until 2024

- **33,000+** lives Changed FOREVER, Putting smiles on **165,000+** faces.
- **2 MoU's** signed with the Government of Goa and Union Territory of Daman, Diu and Dadra Nagar Haveli
- **35+** VOSAP events in 2024, expanding to **24** States in India & **3** Union Territories in India, **4** states in the USA.
- **23,000+** Places Rated for Accessibility on VOSAP mobile app
- **3,000+** lives of Individuals with intellectual and multiple disabilities supported under project **HITARTH**
- **23** high school students received **PVSA (US President's Volunteer Service Award)**
- **72** high school students joined VOSAP Ignite program for year 2024-'25



Founders' Message

Dear Friends,

Namaste! As we reflect on another extraordinary year, we are filled with immense gratitude and pride for everything we've accomplished together in 2024. The year was transformative for us with the launch of Project **HITARTH** and the many lives we could touch (known and unknown) and new milestones we reached.

These successes are made possible by the unwavering support of our volunteers, donors, and partners that comes from a place of human empathy and compassion for human life as well as the remarkable resilience of the individuals and communities we serve.

Project **HITARTH**, an initiative aimed at supporting "Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities". By providing resources and support to families with the help of social workers or, "HITARTH Sahayak", VOSAP aims to help thousands of people to avail Healthcare services provisioned in the "Niramaya" Scheme of Government of India, thus improving their quality of life with services like OT/PT/Dental care and rehabilitation services etc.

VOSAP collaborated with **Purple Fest Goa 2024** as the official International Partner. This landmark alliance and MoU that we signed with the Government of Goa, represents a significant stride towards global inclusivity and empowerment for individuals with disabilities. The vibrant, weeklong event helped raise awareness and promote empowerment with Assistive Devices, importance of inclusion in society, creating lasting connections and inspiring conversations with the stakeholders about how to achieve inclusion for all.

We continue to proliferate our ambitious vision for Viksit Bharat by 2047 with Indian Cabinet Ministers and Chief Ministers, with our aim to become the catalyst for a \$1 trillion economic contribution from the disability sector to the GDP of India by the 100th year of India's independence. This unique vision guides every activity we undertake as we work and network to create a more accessible and inclusive world for all.

Our first in person Annual event and Fundraiser in Los Angeles, was historic as \$1 Million was raised (with 500K from Chief Patron Shri Manu bhai and Rika ben Shah) for the first time in the event reinforcing the great commitment of our incredible donors and supporters. We are also grateful for the encouragement and honor VOSAP received from the City of Artesia and hope that our partnership plays a key role in furthering our mission and expanding the impact of our efforts to empower individuals with disabilities like the global Paralympians competing in the **LA2028 Paralympic games**. The VOSAP volunteer team in Dallas, inspired by the great fundraising success of the LA event organized the very successful "**First Fundraiser for VOSAP**" in Dallas, inspiring more than 160 individuals and many prominent community leaders, business leaders and social influencers to join the VOSAP mission.

Our **IGNITE Program** continues to kindle the spark of volunteering in High School students with 72 students joining the 2024-25 batch. These young minds are the future leaders of our movement, gaining knowledge, skills, and confidence to become change-makers in their communities. Knowing the stellar paths many of their predecessors have taken, reinforces our belief in the immense potential they all hold when given the right opportunities and the indelible mark that VOSAP volunteering leaves on their minds and in their hearts.

Every day, the real-life impact of our initiatives motivates us to keep pushing forward with even greater determination. Together, we are on the path to achieving our ambitious goal of 1 million beneficiaries by 2047.

Thank you for being a valuable part of VOSAP's journey. With your fellowship, we are building a more inclusive, accessible, and compassionate world for all.

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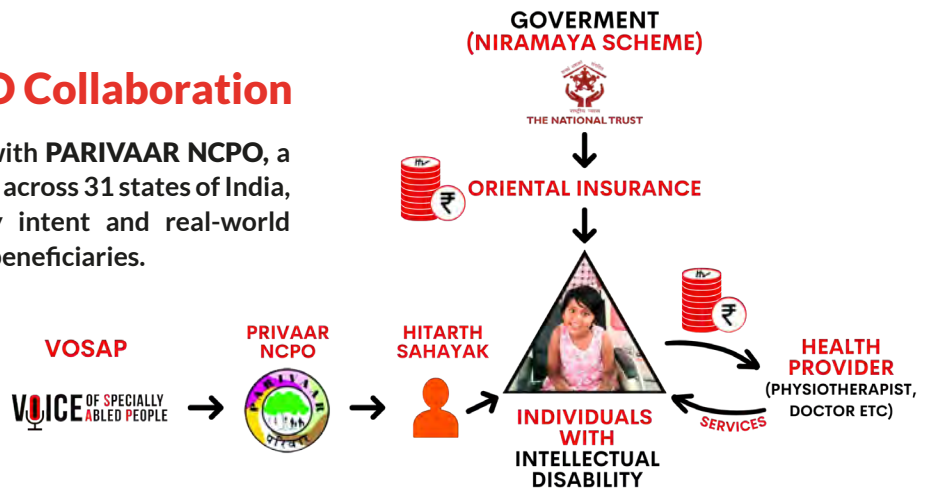
(Healthcare Initiative To Avail Rehabilitative Therapies and Health coverage)

Our new initiative, **HITARTH**, aims to improve healthcare access for individuals with intellectual disabilities (IDDs) in India by facilitating their enrollment in the **Niramaya Health Insurance Scheme**, a government program offering up to ₹1 lakh in annual reimbursements for physiotherapy, speech therapy, dental work, OPD etc. allowed medical expenses. With a quest for transformative impact at a mega scale across India, VOSAP research decided for intervention in the **NIRAMAYA** scheme of Government of India. Research revealed that only 28,000 beneficiaries received reimbursements in year 2023 with average of Rs 7,000 per year in a nation where estimated 21 million are eligible under the scheme.

Clearly there is an opportunity to bridge the gap, help eligible individuals and families, who struggle to access these benefits due to complex enrollment processes, online system challenges, and lack of awareness on claim submission etc. To address these challenges, **VOSAP** decided to appoint **social workers (HITARTH Sahayak)** to assist **IDDs** with enrollment, claims, and reimbursements.

VOSAP & PARIVAAR NCPO Collaboration

Launched on **May 13, 2024**, in partnership with **PARIVAAR NCPO**, a federation of over **310** parents' organizations across **31** states of India, **HITARTH** bridges the gap between policy intent and real-world outcomes by providing hands-on support to beneficiaries.



Why HITARTH Sahayaks?

Despite India's **70 million disabled population** (21 million under National Trust Disabilities), the **Niramaya scheme** remains **underutilized** due to awareness gaps, bureaucratic hurdles, and a lack of support. **HITARTH Sahayaks** are individuals trained and well versed in processes, technology, and liaisons who use their skills to ensure eligible **IDDs** receive essential medical care such as **Speech Therapy, Physiotherapy, Dental work, OPD, etc.**

Key Goals of HITARTH

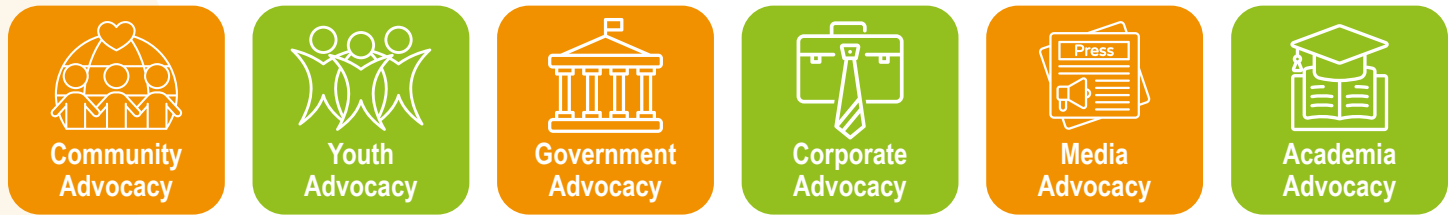
- 1. Awareness & Outreach** – We educate families and communities about Niramaya's benefits through campaigns, social media, and workshops and paid social workers - **HITARTH Sahayak**.
- 2. Enhanced Healthcare Access** – Empowering **IDDs** and their families to utilize government health benefits for therapies and medical services for better quality of life.
- 3. Scalability** – Trained **Hitarth Sahayak** works with families, government, insurance providers and healthcare providers in local communities using our home-grown online system, regardless of their location.

Vision and Impact

Over **3,000** **IDDs** benefited in **2024**, and **VOSAP** aims to support **10,000** **IDDs** by the end of **2025** and **100,000** beneficiaries by **2029**. By increasing the utilization of **Niramaya** benefits, the project will reduce the financial burden on families and improve access to essential therapies, such as **physiotherapy** and **speech therapy**, at the same time contributing to India's economy in alignment with **Vision 2047**.

Advocacy

Over the years, VOSAP has inspired thousands of people to be advocates for rights and inclusion of Persons with Disabilities. Together, our VOICE has been stronger, and effective to drive the disability transformation.



Government Advocacy: VOSAP has been collaborating with various levels of government in India, whether central government, state, or local governments, to promote accessibility and inclusion. In 2024, our advocacy to the Honorable PM of India and his office, many cabinet ministers, and Chief Ministers for the strong economic Vision 2047 of \$1 Tn GDP contribution from the disability sector by 2047 has been received with interest and action. In the US, our focus is on ADA 2.0, redefining the vision of inclusion of Americans with Disabilities to create more taxpayers.

Community Advocacy: VOSAP strives to redefine the perception of PwD by highlighting their “ABILITY” and unlocking their potential. It organizes local awareness campaigns, participates in community events, promotes accessible infrastructure, and advocates for assistive technology adoption. VOSAP’s advocacy efforts have earned recognition in 2024 from organizations like the American Society of Engineers of Indian Origin (ASEI) and Mayor of City of Artesia in the US.

Youth Advocacy: VOSAP engages youth through its IGNITE program to promote inclusion through initiatives such as the VOSAP Art from Heart contests, debate program, promoting VOSAP in community events. In 2024, they raised over 30K for VOSAP and now 22 researchers are participating in a structured 6 months of extensive research projects (a) LA 2028 (Paralympic) Readiness and (b) the Book of 100 Inspirational SAPs further inspire youth to become changemakers and amplify the voices of SAPs.

Corporate Advocacy: VOSAP partners with industry leaders to promote inclusive hiring and workplace accessibility, creating economic opportunities for PwD while positioning Inclusion as a corporate responsibility. In 2024, Adani Foundation and VOSAP started discussing through board level meetings as how Adani can hire over 10,000 SAP in next 10 years.

Media Advocacy: VOSAP leverages media partnerships through press releases, digital campaigns, and storytelling to promote disability inclusion and reshape public narratives. In 2024, VOSAP signed an MoU with 24/7 Live Times News Channel, expanding its advocacy for disability empowerment to a global platform. VOSAP events receive regular local media coverage, with specialized outlets increasingly highlighting its initiatives. To engage the US-based Indian diaspora, our founder, Pranav Desai, writes a column in New India Abroad, spotlighting assistive technology, innovation, and India’s disability sector transformation—driving awareness and action toward Vision 2047.

Academia Advocacy: VOSAP collaborates with educational institutions to promote accessibility, support assistive tech research, and cultivate future advocates. VOSAP has started discussions with 3 Governors of State in India (who are Chancellors of State Universities) to engage engineering students to participate in VOSAP AT Hackathon in 2025 similar to the one in 2022.

Advocacy Powered by VOSAP Digital Tools:

World's 1st 3D Assistive Technology Exhibition: Explore 35+ innovative assistive devices in a groundbreaking virtual showcase, bridging the gap between supply and demand for SAPs.

Art from Heart Gallery: Discover stunning disability-themed artworks from artist around the world, celebrating creativity and resilience.

VOSAP Mobile App: Download our app on iOS and Android to rate public places for accessibility, join the VOSAP volunteer group by taking pledge to volunteer, and contribute to building an inclusive society.

1. Advocacy with Central Government of India

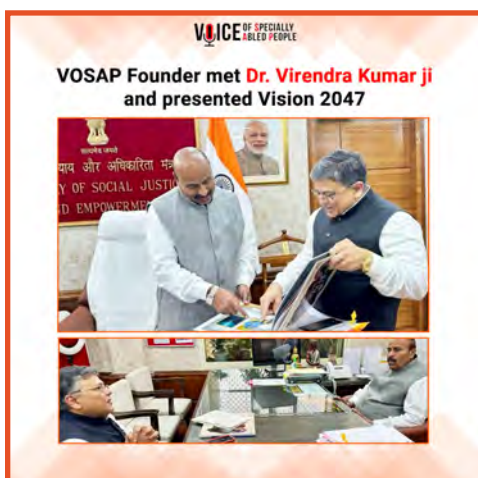
VOSAP Founder, Shri Pranav Desai, presented *Vision 2047 for Divyangjan* to several *Indian Cabinet and State Ministers*, advocating for a *transformative \$1 trillion disability sector economic contribution* in Viksit Bharat.



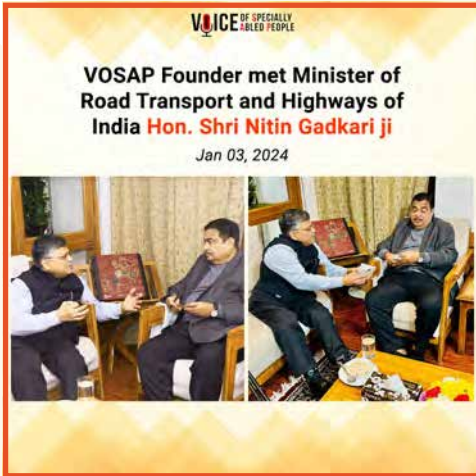
Meeting with Finance Minister Smt. Nirjala Sitharaman ji in her North Block office in Delhi to present a Tax Incentives Package aimed at boosting employment, promoting assistive technology adoption, and driving overall growth to support Vision 2047 for Divyangjan.



Meeting with Hon. Shri J.P. Nadda, BJP President, to present Vision 2047. Shri Nadda expressed strong support and considered potentially including VOSAP's 10 Goals in the party's manifesto, highlighting a commitment to empowering Divyangjan to drive economic growth.



Meeting with Hon. Shri Virendra Kumar, Union Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India, to share Vision 2047 for Divyangjan.



Meeting with Hon. Shri Nitin Gadkari, Minister of Road Transport and Highways, to present Vision 2047 for Divyangjan. They discussed enhancing accessibility in transportation, revising RTO rules, including organ donation release for cornea transplants on driver's licenses, and promoting inclusive infrastructure. Mr. Desai also proposed mandating Divyangjan hiring by the Ministry and its vendors to boost employment opportunities.



Meeting with Shri Rajesh Aggarwal, Secretary, Department of Persons with Disabilities (DePWD), Govt. of India, to establish a collaborative framework between DePWD and Voice of SAP. The collaboration aims to enhance the implementation of Divyangjan schemes under National Trust, Accessible India Campaign, UDID, NDFDC, and other key initiatives.

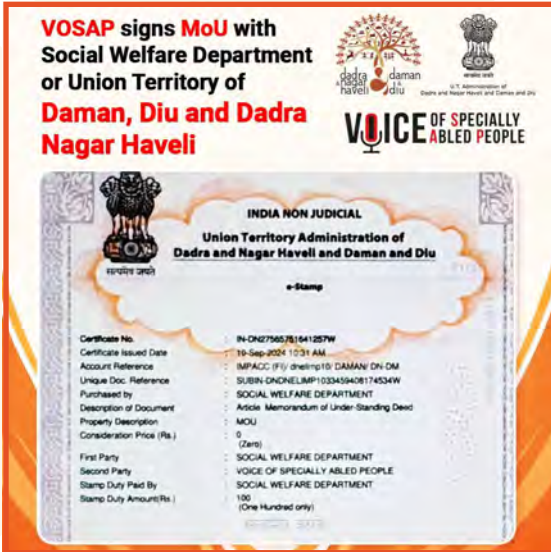


Meeting with Shri Naveen Shah, Chairman and Managing Director of NDFDC (National Divyangjan Finance and Development Corporation), to discuss strategies for increasing lending, addressing NPA data, and optimizing the role of state agencies. The meeting also explored how VOSAP can support subsidized interest rates to promote self-employment opportunities for specially-abled individuals.

2. VOSAP Working with State Governments of India

VOSAP signed a MoU with the Government of Goa during the International Purple Fest Goa 2024 to advance the empowerment of Specially Abled People. VOSAP Founder Shri Pranav Desai and Chief Minister of Goa, Shri Pramod Sawant signed the MoU in the presence of Subhash Phal Dessai ji, and Disability Commissioner Shri Guru Pawaskar ji. This partnership reflects the government's strong commitment to building an inclusive, accessible Goa and harnessing the potential of Specially Abled People.





VOSAP has signed an MoU with the Social Welfare Department of Daman, Diu & Dadra Nagar Haveli to promote accessible tourism, provide assistive devices, and streamline UDID card issuance, enhancing accessibility and empowerment for persons with disabilities.

VOSAP Founder, Shri Pranav Desai met with Hon. Gujarat CM Shri Bhupendrabhai Patel to discuss empowering Divyangjan through collaborative grassroots efforts, improving accessibility with the VOSAP mobile app, and advancing other initiatives.



VOSAP Founder **Pranav Desai** met with Chief Minister of Gujarat, **Hon. Shri Bhupendrabhai Patel** and shared **Vision 2047** for Divyangjan.



VOSAP Founder **Pranav Desai** met with CEO, Election Commission of Gujarat **Mrs. P Bharati** and discussed about **accessible voting for Divyangjan** and mapping of polling booths on **VOSAP Mobile App**

In a significant step towards promoting inclusivity in the democratic process, VOSAP Founder Pranav Desai was invited to participate in an accessible voting workshop at the Blind People's Association in Ahmedabad. The event, attended by 80 NGOs, aimed to address the challenges faced by individuals with disabilities, with a particular focus on making the voting process more accessible.

During the workshop, Pranav Desai met with Mrs. P. Bharati, CEO of the Election Commission of Gujarat, to discuss the importance of accessible voting for Divyangjan and the potential for mapping voting booths on the VOSAP mobile app.

Community Advocacy

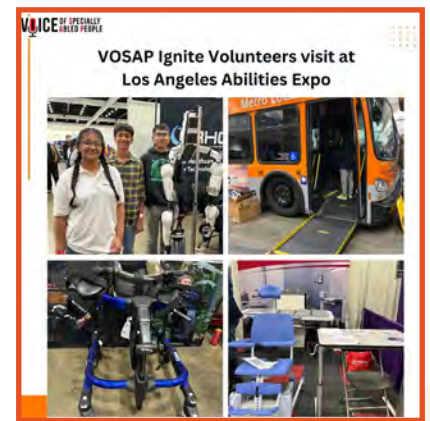
1. Advocacy Efforts in the US

During the vibrant Holi festivities, VOSAP Ignite students and volunteers in Virginia celebrated with creativity and compassion. They created powerful artwork on the theme of Disability, highlighting the beauty of diversity and the impact of inclusion. Through their efforts, they sparked meaningful conversations, raising awareness about accessibility and promoting VOSAP's mission within the community.



VOSAP Ignite volunteers attended the Abilities Expo in Los Angeles, where they explored innovative assistive technology solutions for people with locomotor disabilities. By visiting various booths and engaging with experts, they gained valuable insights into how technology is transforming accessibility and enhancing quality of life for people with disabilities.

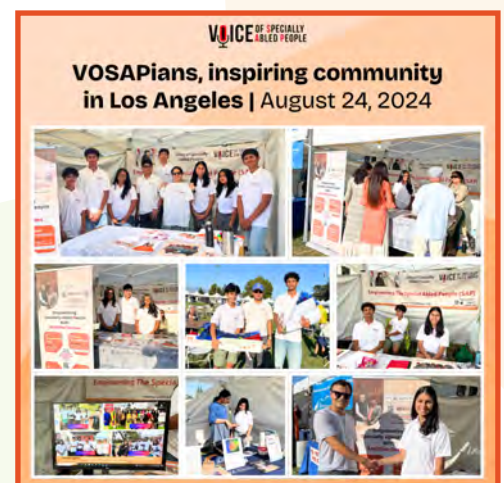
Read more about their experience here: [The Abilities Expo](#)



The VOSAP team had an incredible experience participating in the FOGA (Federation of Gujarati Associations of America) event in Dallas, TX. VOSAP team had the opportunity to raise awareness and inspire hundreds of visitors about its mission of empowering Specially Abled People and promoting inclusivity. We were honored to meet esteemed leaders, including the former Education Minister of Gujarat, Shri Bhupendrasinh Chudasama, further strengthening our commitment to driving positive change.



VOSAP Volunteers and Igniters proudly participated in the Independence Day celebrations held in Los Angeles and Dallas, USA, embodying the spirit of giving back to our motherland, India. Through their dedication and passion, they inspired attendees to take meaningful action and contribute towards the empowerment and inclusion of Specially Abled People in India.





VOSAP Founder Shri Pranav Desai met with India's Blind Men's Cricket Team, Shri Mahantesh ji, Founder of Samarthanam, and the team's Secretary in Los Angeles, reaffirming their shared commitment to building an inclusive, accessible world where everyone has the opportunity to thrive.

During the meeting, they discussed collaborative initiatives to enhance livelihood opportunities for Specially Abled People. The focus was on creating sustainable pathways for employment and entrepreneurship through assistive technology, education, and community support.



VOSAP Igniters in Houston, TX, volunteered at the Diwali Mela to raise awareness about VOSAP's mission by serving at the VOSAP booth.

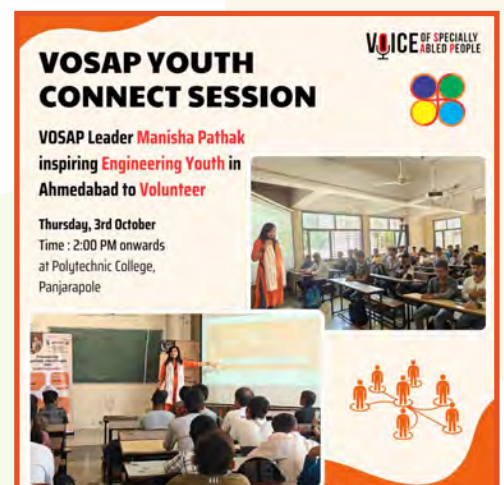
During the event, VOSAP leader Hema Dave distributed certificates of participation for the Art from Heart contest.



VOSAP Igniters celebrated Diwali by volunteering at Willard Middle School in Virginia with NRIVA, a nonprofit dedicated to community service and cultural initiatives. The DC/Virginia chapter, one of NRIVA's oldest, actively promotes values of Dharma, Integrity, and Non-Violence. During the event, VOSAP volunteers engaged with the community, raising awareness about accessibility and empowerment for specially abled individuals.

2. Empowering Young Minds!

On October 3, Manisha Pathak, VOSAP Executive Team Member, led inspiring sessions at Polytechnic College, Nirma University, and Gujarat Vidyapith, motivating engineering students to pledge their support for people with disabilities. Entire classes committed to VOSAP's mission of accessibility and inclusion, eager to make a difference through remote accessibility projects and volunteering. VOSAP is building a more inclusive future by engaging communities with one pledge at a time.



3. Purple Fest Goa



VOSAP made a strong impact as an international partner at the International Purple Fest Goa 2024. Pranav Desai delivered a powerful speech urging stakeholders to support Vision 2047 for Viksit Bharat—aiming for a \$1 trillion economic contribution from the disability sector by 2047. The 6-day festival gathered 10,000+ participants, including NGOs, government officials, Divyangjan, and exhibitors showcasing assistive devices, artwork, and beautiful artifacts by Divyang entrepreneurs etc. VOSAP Ambassador Dr. Karen Darke, in her keynote, highlighted Pranav Desai's mission for Viksit Bharat, Vision 2047, emphasizing long-term societal transformation. Throughout the event, Pranav Desai held insightful discussions with entrepreneurs, NGO leaders, and officials on advancing Vision 2047.

To learn more about the Purple Fest Goa [click here](#).

4. Recognition by Artesia City Council

At VOSAP's Annual Gala, the event was graced by local philanthropists, dignitaries, and our dedicated volunteers, VOSAP Igniters. During the event, VOSAP received a special honor from the Artesia City Council, with Mayor Pro Tem Ali Sajjad Taj presenting a Certificate of Recognition to VOSAP founders.



5. Recognition by American Society of Engineers of Indian Origin in Assistive Technology

Pranav Desai, the visionary Founder of VOSAP, was honored with the Prestigious Engineering Award by the American Society of Engineers of Indian Origin (ASEI). The award was presented at the National Convention in Los Angeles on September 21 by Manu Shah, Chairman of MSI Surfaces.

VOSAP Founder, Pranav Desai's remarkable journey from an engineering enthusiast to champion advocate of assistive technology has positively impacted thousands of lives. This recognition underscores VOSAP's commitment to empowering individuals with disabilities to lead independent and dignified lives.

6. VOSAP at the ICEVI World Conference 2024

VOSAP sponsored the ICEVI World Conference at Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar University in Ahmedabad, where we had the privilege of meeting inspiring individuals dedicated to empowering visually impaired people worldwide. With delegates from 40+ countries and innovative assistive technology vendors, the event was truly unforgettable. From showcasing our Smart Vision glasses to the Orbit Reader braille displays, we proudly advocated for accessibility and inclusion, driving meaningful change for the visually impaired community.



Enablement Program

VOSAP's mission is centered on empowering Specially Abled People (SAP) by providing them with the tools, resources, and support needed for improved independence, mobility, and self-sufficiency.

In 2024, our Enablement impact extended to 24 states and 3 union territories in India and 4 states in the US, experiencing significant growth and surpassing 33,000 beneficiaries by December, with over 12,000 SAPs empowered in 2024 alone. Our Enablement Program has expanded adding two new enablement initiatives: Prosthetics and Specialty Eye Surgeries, alongside the original focus areas. These additions to VOSAP's Enablement Program further its commitment to enhancing the lives of Specially Abled individuals.

In addition to shipping devices directly to individual beneficiaries in India, VOSAP conducted 23 mass enablement events at different locations.

VOSAP has 6 sub verticals under Enablement: Assistive Devices, Surgical Intervention, Self-Employment Kits, Prosthetics, Scholarships and newly launched HITARTH. The organization works toward this goal by enabling access to innovative assistive devices which greatly enhance mobility, hearing, learning, and accessibility. These devices allow individuals to live with greater independence and ease, enabling them to participate more fully in society.



Enablement Events with Assistive Devices

Assistive technology (AT) and innovations have incredible transformative power in the lives of Specially Abled people. Assistive devices enable Persons with Disabilities (PwD) to get closer to learning and being employed. These devices allow them to overcome a variety of limitations and reduce the challenges faced in everyday living. VOSAP's expanding work in uplifting Specially Abled individuals across India is a testimony to its commitment to practical empowerment. VOSAP is working hand-in-hand with local organizations and government bodies to ensure these devices and kits reach the people who need them the most.

In 2024, VOSAP added a new AT partner, Orbit Research, manufacturer of smart Braille products to empower visually impaired and deaf-blind individuals. Additionally, new AT devices were introduced by our existing partners, including Smart On Smart Vision Glasses from Sunbots, Jyoti AI Smart Glasses from Torch-It for the visually impaired, and the Smart Wallet from H-Vision to support visually impaired individuals in rural India.

VOSAP Enablement Program has empowered thousands of Specially Abled People, helping them pursue their aspirations. The year began with enablement events in Ahmedabad, Goa, and Srinagar and concluded with events in Mumbai and Kerala, distributing innovative assistive devices such as SmartOn Smart Glasses, the Kibo XS Device etc.

VOSAP mass enablement events are great examples of collaborative partnerships with NGOs that create a replicable win-win situation for all the stakeholders working toward the unified goal of enabling the Specially Abled people and serving the social good. To learn more about it, [click here](#).

AT Events

Ahmedabad (Gujarat): Specially Abled individuals at BPA Ahmedabad received self-employment kits, including beauty parlour essentials and physiotherapy tools, electric kits, massage kits, creating sustainable livelihood opportunities. The event was attended by VOSAP founders and 20 volunteers visiting from the USA.

Panjim (Goa): VOSAP provided assistive devices like the Kibo XS Device, Kibo App, innovative crutches, and Smart-cane at International Purple Fest in Goa, enabling Specially Abled individuals to lead more independent lives.

Gund (Jammu & Kashmir): VOSAP enabled Specially Abled People with innovative Assistive Devices and self employment kits like tricycles, wheelchairs, handicare devices, crutches, sewing machines at Gund, J&K. The event was organized by the Indian Army 34 Assam Rifles, and saw the support of Colonel Kulbhusan Singh ji, Commandant 34 Assam Rifles, Major Anil, and other Army members, along with the Spreading Smiles Charitable Trust in identifying beneficiaries.

Kolhapur (Maharashtra): Specially-abled individuals in Kolhapur, Maharashtra, were equipped with assistive devices and self-employment kits. VOSAP is thankful to Paralympic Sports Association Kolhapur, Maharashtra for their support. VOSAP team of Belgaum took initiative and extended their effort to organize this event in Kolhapur which was graced by Shri Sandeep Karnik.

Surendranagar (Gujarat): VOSAP enabled specially-abled individuals with locomotor disorder with assistive devices and self employment kits with the support of BPA. The event was joined by Social Defense Officer Shri Amitbhai Bhatt and Sarpanch Sayla Shri Ajaysinh Zala.

Nashik (Maharashtra): Visually impaired students were provided with smartphones to help with their education with the support of NAB Maharashtra.

Belgaum (Karnataka): Assistive devices like tricycles, wheelchairs, handicare devices, crutches, and beauty parlor kits were distributed to specially-abled individuals at Belgaum in collaboration with Association of the Physically Handicapped, Belgaum. Over the last 6 years, over 3,000 Specially Abled individuals from Belgaum have been enabled through VOSAP.

Bhavnagar (Gujarat): Specially Abled individuals were empowered with assistive devices and self-employment kits like sewing machines and beauty parlor kits, further supporting their inclusion. VOSAP is grateful to Ashirvad Viklang Trust and Blind People's Association for their unwavering support in helping us empower Specially Abled individuals.

Jamnagar (Gujarat): VOSAP enabled 40+ children with hearing impairment with innovative hearing aids with bone conduction technology in Jamnagar. Our AT partner We Hear greatly supported us in this event.

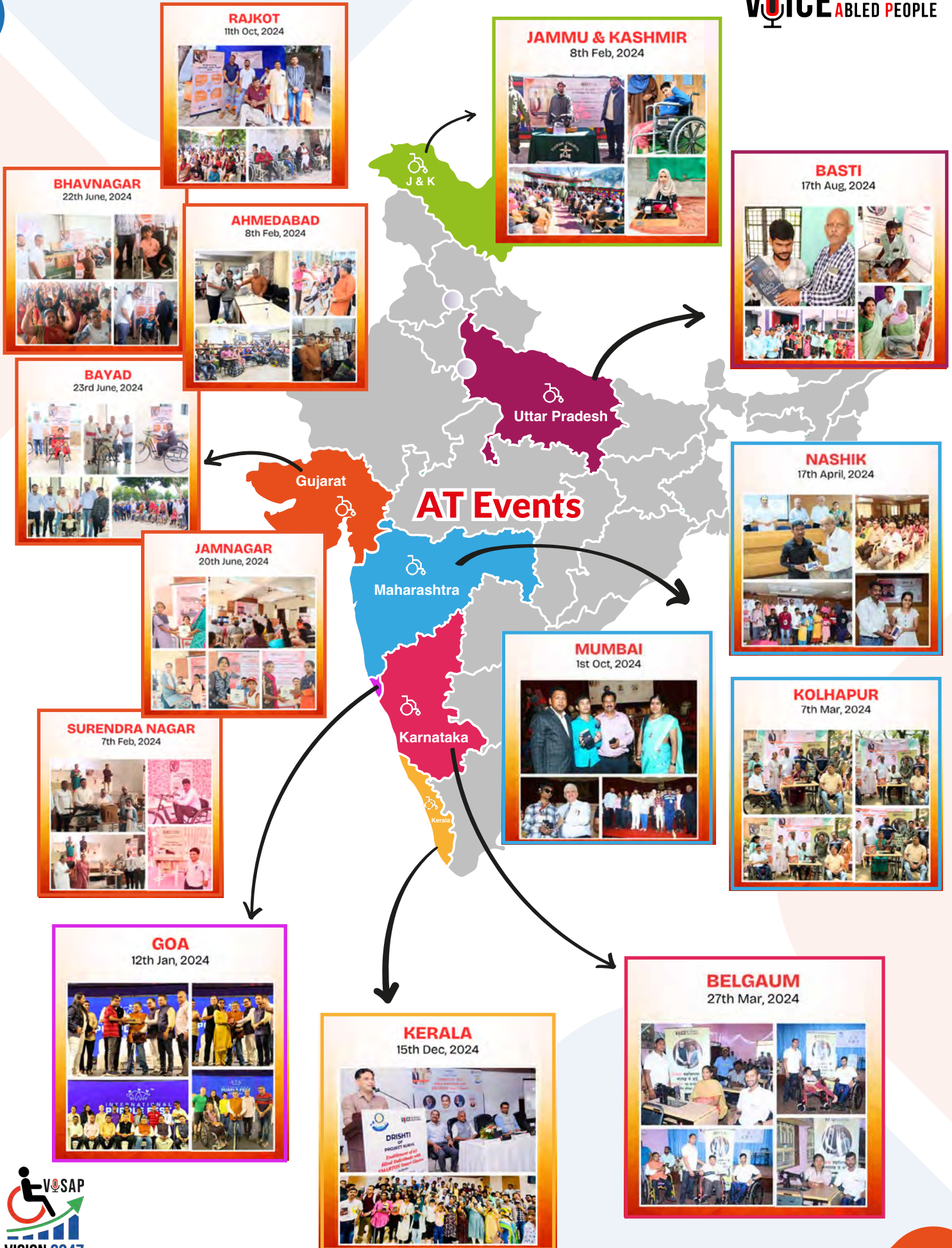
Basti (Uttar Pradesh): VOSAP enabled Specially Abled People with innovative assistive devices and self employment kits, in the 3rd Enablement event in Basti, Uttar Pradesh. We are thankful to Shikshit Yuva Sewa Samiti, Basti, for their support.

Bayad (Gujarat): Specially Abled individuals at Bayad, Gujarat received assistive devices, self employment kits, tricycles, wheelchairs, and handicare devices kits. Our sincere thanks to Sabarmati Seva Sangh, Gandhinagar and Blind People's Association, Ahmedabad.

Rajkot (Gujarat): VOSAP empowered 49 individuals with disabilities in Rajkot, Gujarat, by providing assistive devices and self-employment kits like tricycles, wheelchairs, sewing machines, and beauty parlour kits. VOSAP thanks Unique Viklang Trust, Rajkot for their support in identifying the beneficiaries.

Mumbai (Maharashtra): VOSAP, in partnership with Sunbots Innovations | SMARTON, distributed 200 SMARTON Smart Glasses to blind and visually impaired students at Mumbai University. Minister of State, Government of India, Shri Ramdas Athawale and VOSAP founder Shri Pranav Desai graced the event.

Kochi (Kerala): VOSAP distributed 65 Smart Glasses to visually impaired students..The event's chief guest was Honorable Member of Parliament, Shri Hibi Eden.



Self-employment Kits

VOSAP is dedicated to empowering individuals with disabilities by providing them with the tools and resources they need to achieve economic independence and improve their quality of life. One of the key ways VOSAP is making a difference is through the distribution of self-employment kits. These kits are designed to enable Specially Abled individuals to start their own businesses or enhance their existing skills, creating opportunities for financial stability. Enablement with essential tools like sewing machines, beauty parlor kits, tricycles, and more in several events across India has helped these Specially Abled People gain the confidence and independence to lead fulfilling, self-sustaining lives, with many of them earning between Rs. 5,000 and Rs. 20,000.

VOSAP provided self-employment kits to beneficiaries in BPA, Ahmedabad, and gave them the opportunity to build an economically independent life. VOSAP founder Shri Pranav Desai, multiple donors, and volunteers from the USA participated in this event, experiencing the process firsthand. Similar events were organized in Rajkot, Gujarat and Sayla in Surendranagar too.



Surgical Intervention

Lack of awareness and poor financial situations force many individuals worldwide to live with disabilities that could be prevented or are treatable. These disabilities are often caused by repairable impairments, leading to blindness or fractures and deformities restricting mobility. Unfortunately, due to limited access to healthcare services, information, and resources, countless people are unable to receive the treatments they need, resulting in lifelong challenges. Recognizing that some disabilities may require surgical interventions, VOSAP supports procedures aimed at enhancing or restoring vision. In 2024, we added a partner, Tejas Eye Hospital in Surat, Gujarat, to further this mission.

- VOSAP's Gift of Vision program in Ayodhya saw great success with over 3,000 Specially Abled People benefitting from eye surgeries in 2 events. In partnership with Deenbandhu Eye Hospital, Ayodhya, VOSAP has transformed lives by providing high-quality eye care, including cataract surgery, glaucoma treatment, and general eye health services. Over the past two years, 3,762 individuals from Purvanchal have been able to receive cataract surgeries **free of charge**, which has improved their quality of life and offered new opportunities in education, employment, and daily living. Recognizing the ongoing need for cataract treatments, VOSAP will continue support for cataract surgeries at Deenbandhu Eye Hospital in 2025 and beyond, ensuring that more individuals in the region will have access to affordable and high-quality eye care.
- VOSAP, in collaboration with the Blind People's Association, has been funding specialty eye surgeries at Porecha and Tejas Eye Hospitals, providing the **Gift of Vision** and hope for independent living. A corneal transplant restores functional vision for a patient with a scarred cornea, while a complex cataract and anti-glaucoma surgery helped another regain partial sight. These specialty procedures have helped over 70 people so far and are made available at no cost to people who cannot afford them. Around 1,750 cataract surgeries were successfully performed at Porecha Eye Hospital.
- To learn more, [click here](#).



Prosthetics

VOSAP has expanded its enablement program by adding prosthetics to its array of assistive devices. This new initiative aims to provide individuals with locomotor disability the opportunity to regain mobility and independence through high-quality prosthetic devices. By integrating prosthetics into its program, VOSAP intends to improve their quality of life and help them lead more active, self-sufficient, economically productive life. VOSAP partner does the measurement, manufacturing and training after providing the prosthetics.

VOSAP, in collaboration with Kalyanam Karoti Mathura, has set an ambitious goal of enabling 1,000 Specially Abled persons (SAPs) by providing prosthetics. So far, about 200 individuals have been supported through camps in Mathura, Jhansi, and Agra. Several more camps are planned across Uttar Pradesh to continue empowering SAPs with vital services like assessment, measurement, manufacturing, fitting, and servicing the prosthetic devices for the beneficiaries.



Scholarships

With full funding from Shri Raj Rana, VOSAP started this program in 2022. The Voice of SAP Scholarship Program is a dedicated initiative to provide financial support to Specially Abled students in the USA pursuing post-secondary education. This scholarship program offers financial assistance to high school seniors committed to furthering their education at accredited institutions, including community colleges, state colleges, vocational colleges, or universities. The scholarship covers tuition, books, and educational fees, alleviating financial burdens and allowing students to focus on their academic pursuits.

In 2024, 7 students received scholarships under this program: three from the California School for the Deaf, Riverside, and four from the California School for the Deaf, Fremont. They will go to CSUN (California State University Northridge), Gallaudet University for Deaf, RIT and other colleges across the US.



Beneficiary Stories

Sanjaybhai Shah's New E-Brailer: Sanjaybhai Shah, a deaf-blind individual from CA, USA, faced significant challenges in communication due to his disability. He was born deaf, worked for NASA, and later developed vision loss. His life was made much easier when VOSAP provided him with an e-brailer. This assistive device has allowed Sanjaybhai to connect with the world in ways he could not earlier, like reading and sending e-mails, texts, etc., through his mobile phone using Braille on the e-brailer. He is very tech-savvy and uses his deep expertise to help VOSAP find ways to support the deaf-blind community.



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SELF EMPLOYMENT WITH TRICYCLE

Ishwarbhai Baraiya
Botad, Gujarat

Earning 2500-3000 per month

Ishwarbhai Jadhavbhai Baraiya's Story of Empowerment: Previously unemployed, Ishwarbhai Jadhavbhai Baraiya from Gordka village, Gadhada taluka, Botad district, Gujarat found new hope and independence through a tricycle provided by VOSAP. Before receiving the tricycle, Ishwarbhai struggled to make a living as a person selling “Cut supari” as his mobility was restricted due to his locomotor disability severely affecting his legs. This restricted his movement and no one would come to his home to pick up or drop off the work. However, with his new tricycle, Ishwarbhai now pedals to work to cut the supari and earns between INR 3000 to 3500 per month, making INR 100 to 150 every day. This simple yet life-changing tool has enabled him to not only earn a living but also regain his dignity and independence. The tricycle has truly transformed his life, giving him the freedom to travel and pursue opportunities that were once out of reach.

Dineshbhai and Fortimaben's path to Financial Independence: Dineshbhai and his wife, Fortimaben Makhwana, living in Bhiloda, Gujarat, both have long-standing locomotor disabilities that have limited their opportunities. Dineshbhai previously worked in a tailoring shop, but the work was inconsistent. Through VOSAP's self-employment enablement program, they BOTH received sewing machine for each one of them and started their own tailoring business at home. They create a variety of products, including men's and women's wear, tapestry, pillowcases, and cushion covers. During the festive season, they go out to sell locally while in off season, they stitch and stock up.



These sewing machines have provided the couple with financial independence of earning around Rs 20,000 average per month, supporting their two school-going children to study in private school. They now plan to open their own shop to commercially sell their merchandise, further expanding their business.

Suryadeep's Journey From Struggle To Independence With Mouseware: Suryadeep, a young and ambitious student from Pauni, UP, was preparing for IIT-JEE when an accident left him with a spinal cord injury, paralyzing the left side of his body. Unable to hold his phone, he struggled to continue his studies. Undeterred, he created a makeshift hack using pens and a stylus attached to his hat to use his phone on a stand. While innovative, it lacked precision.



Suryadeep learnt about Mouseware, an assistive device that enables hands-free control of smart devices through simple head movements.

With VOSAP's support, he received the device and regained control of his phone and tablet. This allowed him to reignite his passion for trading, effortlessly navigating platforms, analyzing stock market graphs, and making informed decisions. Mouseware also helps him manage daily tasks, and he is now planning to continue his education.

Nisha Kumari Built Her Home With The Help Of Signable App:

Nisha Kumari and her husband, both of whom are hearing impaired, used the Signable App to manage the construction of their house in Gurugram. Using Signable, the couple was able to interact seamlessly with contractors, suppliers, and workers. The app enabled them to communicate with the help of a live sign language interpreter, allowing clear three-way video chat communication. It helped them overcome communication barriers and engage effectively with vendors throughout the process. In a high-energy interaction using sign language, Nisha expressed her gratitude, saying, "We don't worry about communication barriers because we use this service, and we will continue to use it." Despite having no support from their families, they remained determined to build their dream home. Nisha's story is a powerful testament to self-confidence, perseverance, and the role of technology in empowering individuals.



Vishal Waghela Gets a Second Chance at Life:

Vishal Waghela, a 15-year-old boy from Gujarat, was riding his bicycle when a stone struck his eye, severely tearing his cornea, damaging his retina, and completely affecting his lens. In intense pain Vishal couldn't open his eyes. Immediate surgery was required to repair the cornea, retina, and implant a new lens, costing around Rs. 50,000 to 60,000. His family was unable to afford the amount required for the surgery. With the support from VOSAP's "Save Sight" project, Vishal received urgent financial support and medical assistance.



The doctors at Porecha Eye Hospital successfully repaired his cornea and restored his vision, giving him a second chance at life. VOSAP remains committed to empowering individuals through timely medical intervention, ensuring that no one is left behind due to financial barriers.

Youth Engagement Program: Empowering Youth, Shaping the Future

VOSAP believes in the power of youth and volunteering as a dynamic force changing social narratives and experiences for the Specially Abled People. To cultivate their potential, it is essential to provide them with meaningful learning opportunities from an early age.

The VOSAP IGNITE PROGRAM is a 9-month intensive volunteering initiative designed for high school students (Grades 9-12) in the USA. This program encourages students to volunteer, strengthening VOSAP's mission of empowering Specially Abled People. It fosters the virtue of Individual Social Responsibility and helps participants develop valuable skills like teamwork, problem-solving, empathy, and community engagement.

Since its inception in 2021, the IGNITE program has gained significant momentum. In 2024, over 72 high school students from across the USA joined the program, contributing over 4,000 volunteering hours. Their efforts included rating public buildings, writing articles, supporting Specially Abled students, organizing competitions, fundraising, and raising awareness within their schools and communities.

So far 23 students received the prestigious PVSA (President's Volunteer Service Award), marking their commitment to social impact and personal growth.

The IGNITE Leadership Team, led by our founder, includes national coordinators, regional leaders, and a dedicated support team. They work together to ensure impactful initiatives and foster positive change in communities.

Research Projects for IGNITERS

"The Book of Inspiration": Celebrating Triumphs, Fostering Change

"The Book of Inspiration" is a deeply meaningful project that aims to highlight the remarkable stories of individuals with disabilities who have overcome significant challenges and made meaningful contributions to society. This book will serve as both a source of motivation and a tool for raising awareness about the potential and abilities of persons with disabilities. It will showcase not only the resilience and dedication of these individuals but also the pivotal role their families, particularly parents, play in their journeys.

The idea for this book was conceived at an event in Dallas, where a donor shared profound insights on the critical role parents play in the lives of Specially Abled children. This conversation ignited the spark for a project that would focus on the stories of Specially Abled People. It was in that moment that the vision for "The Book of Inspiration" was born – a publication that would celebrate the courage and perseverance of individuals with disabilities and the support of their families.

The book will provide valuable guidance and practical insights for parents of children with disabilities, offering tremendous hopes, advice on how to navigate challenges while supporting their children's growth. Through real-life stories of triumph and perseverance of 100 SAP, it aims to inspire both individuals with disabilities and the wider community to build a more inclusive and understanding world.

Moreover, "The Book of Inspiration" aligns with VOSAP's mission to promote inclusivity, advocate for social change, and empower Specially Abled individuals. By offering positive representation and real-world examples, this book will help challenge societal perceptions, push for necessary changes, and inspire collective action toward a more inclusive and accessible future for all.

LA2028 Readiness:

The LA2028 Readiness Project is a youth-driven initiative led by passionate IGNITERS, aimed at auditing and recommending accessibility and inclusion solutions for Paralympians. The project seeks to understand the specific needs of Paralympic athletes through thorough research, engage with relevant authorities with actionable recommendations, and promote the integration of assistive technologies to try and create the most accessible experience EVER at the LA 2028 Paralympics.

The project includes research on what was done at Tokyo2020 and Paris2024 from needs and experiences of para athletes. Team will also conduct accessibility audits of key venues, evaluating local transportation and digital platforms for accessibility, leveraging technology for innovative solutions, and engaging in interviews with para-athletes and government officials to ensure a diverse set of perspectives informs the planning process. The ultimate goal is to create a seamless and inclusive environment for all attendees at LA2028.

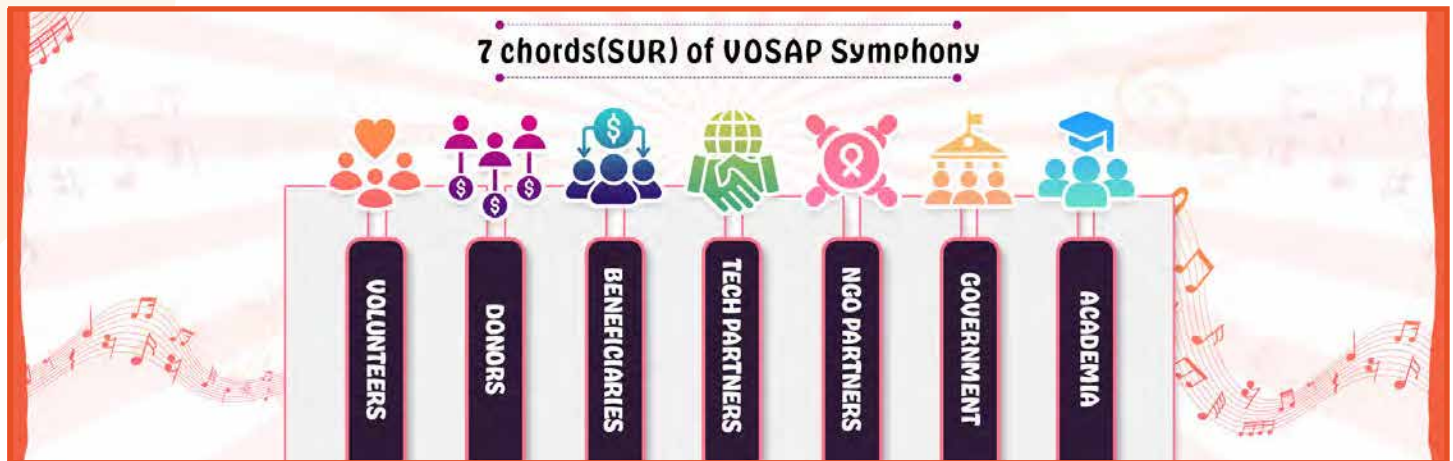
The idea for the LA2028 Readiness project originated from the research work done by Tejas Gupta, one of our PVSA awardees, whose passion for the Special Olympics and Paralympics created a research report in 2024.

As passionate young advocates for change, they are the backbone of the initiative, ensuring that the voices and needs of Paralympic athletes are heard and prioritized.



Partners and Collaborations

VOSAP believes in the power of collaboration to execute its initiatives. By partnering with diverse organizations like non-profits, government agencies, academia, corporations, and AT vendors, VOSAP has expanded its presence to 24 states and 3 Union Territories in India and 4 States in the US. The 2024 global annual event had the theme '7 Notes, SUR: Creating the VOSAP Symphony,' reaching places around the globe.



Government Agencies

In 2024, VOSAP added 3 new partners to expand its enablement impact. The Indian Army (34 Assam Rifles, deployed in Kashmir), Government of Goa, and Union Territories of Daman, Diu and Dadra Nagar Haveli to drive collaborative initiatives.

NGO Partners

The successful execution of enablement and advocacy events is achieved with the help of our trusted NGO partners. VOSAP values these partnerships and their crucial role in ensuring the effective implementation of our initiatives, which directly impact the lives of Specially Abled individuals. Our NGO partners play a key role in organizing events, identifying beneficiaries, managing logistics, and ensuring the overall success of our programs. Their on-the-ground support and expertise allows VOSAP to reach and empower those in need, fostering a more inclusive and accessible society.

The Blind People's Association (BPA) in Gujarat is the biggest and very reputed, valued partner of VOSAP, working closely with us since we started our work to enable thousands of people across India. Their leadership team, led by Dr. Bhushan Punani, is also an advisor to VOSAP. He is a veteran in this field and dedicated his life to it after graduating with an MBA from IIM Ahmedabad in 1978.

Kalyanam Karoti Mathura and Kalyanam Karoti Lucknow have been instrumental in extending VOSAP's surgical intervention and enablement initiatives to rural Uttar Pradesh. We appreciate Mr. Sunil Sharma and Mr. Gaurav Sharma for their invaluable support in amplifying our efforts and also expanding the prosthetic enablement program to underserved areas in UP.

The National Association of the Blind (Maharashtra) is focused on helping blind people in Maharashtra, and with the support of our lead volunteer, Shri Vinod Jajoo ji, a Chartered Accountant from Nashik, and his team, we have been enabling people in Maharashtra since 2023.

We added two new NGO partners, notably amma.org, Kerala, which was orchestrated by VOSAP Ambassador Karen Darke to help women with disabilities. We also formed a partnership with Paralympic Sports Association Kolhapur to empower Specially Abled individuals through sports, assistive devices, and self-employment kits.

PARIVAAR NCPO {PARIVAAR – National Confederation of Parents Organizations}, a Federation of over 310 Parents' Associations and Civil Societies in 31 States of India, is supporting us in our newly launched and crucial project HITARTH for intellectually disabled individuals all over India. Mr. Pankaj Maru and his very capable team's dedicated efforts are appreciated immensely.

Tejas Eye Hospital in Mandvi, Gujarat, was added as a partner in VOSAP's 'Gift of Vision' program in 2024, helping restore sight through cornea transplants and glaucoma surgeries, advancing our mission to support individuals with visual impairments.

AT Partners

We have over 15 partners in the AT sector, whose innovative devices we offer to beneficiaries. In 2024, we added two new partners: Orbit Research, which provides Braille reading devices for the deaf-blind and blind, and H-Vision, which provides a smart wallet for currency detection, etc., for the blind.

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Fundraiser

VOSAP's Los Angeles Annual Fundraiser 2024: A Remarkable Success for Empowering Specially Abled People

Voice of Specially Abled People (VOSAP) is profoundly grateful to its generous donors for their unwavering support, helping raise over \$1,000,000 for the 1st time, in single event, at the Annual Fundraiser held on September 21, 2024 in Los Angeles, CA. This was made possible because of unwavering support of VOSAP's Chief Patron Shri Manubhai and Rikaben Shah who announced \$:\$ matching for up to \$500K, which inspired everyone present in the gala, raising over \$1M. This remarkable generosity will significantly advance VOSAP's mission of empowering Specially Abled People and driving sustainable impact in India.



The event was graced by the presence of local philanthropists, dignitaries, and VOSAP Igniters, whose dedication and passion for inclusion made the evening truly inspiring. A special moment of recognition came from the Artesia City Council, with Mayor Pro Tem Ali Sajjad Taj presenting a Certificate of Recognition to VOSAP founders, acknowledging the organization's outstanding contribution to creating a more inclusive society.

Shri Pranav Desai, VOSAP Founder, delivered a compelling presentation on the organization's transformational impact, having empowered 27,000+ lives at the time of the Annual Fundraiser. He also shared Vision 2047, highlighting its powerful multiplier effect, where a \$100 donation can generate up to \$10,000 in economic value in India. His vision for a \$1 trillion disability sector economy in Viksit Bharat by 2047 deeply inspired the attendees, reinforcing VOSAP's mission to create a lasting, positive impact.

To learn more about it, [click here](#).

VOSAP's Dallas Annual Fundraiser Gala: Major expansion of VOSAP, outside California

Voice of Specially Abled People (VOSAP) hosted its first ever Annual Fundraiser Gala in Dallas, TX, bringing together 160 VOSAPians, prominent personalities, business leaders, and community influencers to celebrate achievements, foster inclusion, and raise support for impactful disability initiatives.



The event featured Chief Guest Ashok Mago, Padma Shri awardee and founder of the US-India Chamber of Commerce, who emphasized the importance of strengthening India-US relations to promote disability inclusion. Shri Pranav Desai, VOSAP Founder, delivered a compelling presentation on the organization's impactful work and future vision. The evening also included soul-stirring performances by Sparsh Shah, Guinness World Record holder, motivational speaker, musician, and VOSAP Youth Ambassador, and Amitha Duvvuri, whose musical talent added grace to the evening.

Dhara Shah delivered a moving motivational talk, sharing her journey of resilience after overcoming a life-altering experience in 2019—emerging from a coma, facing amputations, and embracing life with renewed determination. Her achievements, including three 5K races and multiple women empowerment awards, inspired all.

The gala concluded with powerful speeches by Terry Hirsch, Neeti Khaitan, and Ashara Dave, who highlighted the importance of accessibility, community leadership, and youth advocacy in shaping an inclusive society. The event reaffirmed VOSAP's commitment to empowering Specially Abled People and driving meaningful change.

To learn more about it, [click here](#).

Volunteers

VOSAP Volunteers: The Driving Force Behind Our Mission

Volunteering is not only a way to give back to society but also a meaningful path to reducing stress, as it allows individuals to contribute to the greater good. At VOSAP, we are not only fortunate but deeply grateful for the unwavering support of our 12,500+ volunteers who have been the backbone of our success. Their dedication has helped shape VOSAP's future through powerful advocacy and impactful action.

Our volunteers embody the spirit of "tan, man, dhan"—contributing their time, voice, and resources. With "tan", they actively participate in VOSAP events and activities, promoting inclusion on the ground. With "man", they champion the cause of SAPs, becoming their strongest advocates in society. And with "dhan", they generously donate to empower PwDs, driving sustainable change.

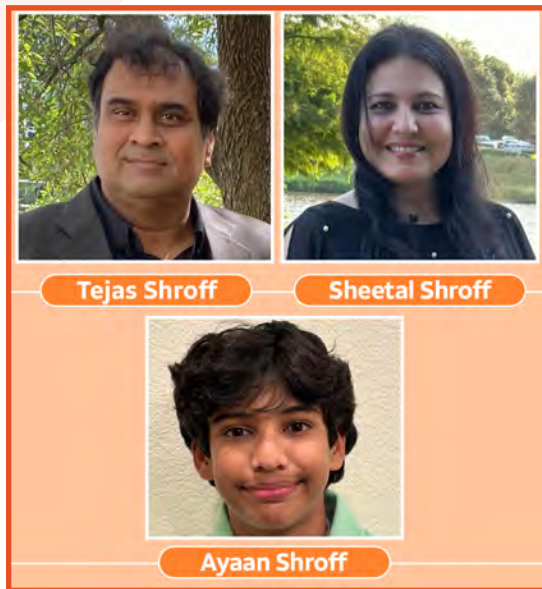
We extend our heartfelt gratitude to each of our volunteers, whose passion and dedication have been instrumental in advancing our mission. Without their tireless efforts, VOSAP would not be where it is today. We are especially proud to recognize several outstanding volunteers whose entire families have joined the cause, amplifying the impact of our shared vision for an inclusive world. And their collective contributions across technology, advocacy, and community outreach have been instrumental in driving VOSAP's success.

Vipul and Sejal Shah: The Shah family has been offering both technological expertise and advocacy. Vipul Shah is committed to providing technical support, helping strengthen VOSAP's mobile app and assistive devices. Sejal Shah has been helping in multiple areas, including mobilizing volunteers in India during her trip, and found a new NGO partner for VOSAP, Tejas Eye Hospital, who provides eye care to thousands of people and will start conducting specialty eye surgery for VOSAP beneficiaries.



Dharmin and Aryan Parikh: The father-son duo from the Parikh family have made remarkable contributions. Dharmin Parikh, an AI expert, has been instrumental in revamping VOSAP's mobile app, enhancing its functionality and reach. His son, Aryan Parikh, a VOSAP Igniter and PVSA Gold Medalist, has raised over \$15,000 for the cause. Aryan is also leading VOSAP's Specialized GPT project, collaborating with Shubham Kamdar to develop and train a custom VOSAP ChatGPT model, leveraging AI for greater impact.

Vikram and Eva Gujarathi: This father-daughter duo has been deeply committed to VOSAP’s mission. Eva Gujarathi, a volunteer since 2017, began her advocacy work in early childhood and continues to lead by example. Now in 9th grade, she co-runs the California Ignite Chapter alongside Om Patel. Her father, Vikram Gujarathi, has been actively involved in every VOSAP event since 2017, including fundraisers, providing steadfast support and leadership.



Tejas, Sheetal, and Ayaan Shroff: The Shroff family exemplifies dedication and leadership. Tejas Shroff serves as a community outreach leader, driving awareness and advocacy. His wife, Sheetal Shroff, plays a vital role in leading VOSAP Ignite and managing volunteer efforts at every VOSAP event. Ayaan Shroff, the youngest in the family, is a shining example of dedication, becoming the fastest recipient of VOSAP’s PVSA award, achieving this milestone in just five months.

In addition to the above-mentioned examples, the Rana family’s generosity funds the VOSAP Scholarship Program, supporting SAP students pursuing higher education. The Dave family—Hema, Hemang, and Shloke—have been the backbone of the Texas Ignite chapter for over three years. The mother-son duo, Monika Patel and Om Patel, have been dedicated to running the SoCal Ignite chapter for the past three years, driving impactful advocacy. The Kamdar family plays a key role in expanding VOSAP’s reach, with Killol serving as an executive member, Vaibhavi leading the Ignite East Region cohort, Hiranya—an early volunteer since high school—launching the collegiate program, and Shubham spearheading the VOSAP ChatGPT project. The Butala family, represented by Sandeep Butala from Modasa, has inspired his entire family to donate and volunteer. Prasanna, Anupama, and Avani—an igniter since 2015—have been consistent champions of inclusion. Hiten Shah, volunteering since 2017, and Hrudaya Shah, his daughter, who has been active since 2020, regularly support VOSAP events with inspiring dedication. Kamallesh Chauhan and his son Hitarth, Sandeep and his son Namish, along with Mihika and her father Khirodra Mishra, passionately contributing to VOSAP’s impact over the years. The list goes on, and we extend our heartfelt gratitude to each and every volunteer whose unwavering support makes our vision for an inclusive world possible.

Media

Pranav Desai, founder of VOSAP, has been a strong advocate for the rights and empowerment of Specially Abled People (SAP), continuously amplifying VOSAP's mission. His dedication has attracted significant media attention in both India and the US. In 2024, VOSAP and Shri Desai were featured on leading media platforms—Live Times and New India Abroad—further highlighting the organization's impact.

VOSAP took a significant step forward by signing the MoU with 24/7 Live Times News Channel (India's First Global Multicast News Hub, Digital-First 24 x 7 Satellite News Channel from India) expanding its reach to advocate for disability empowerment, accessibility, and inclusion on global platforms. Every VOSAP event has been consistently covered by local media, and now specialized media platforms are also featuring VOSAP's impactful advocacy and initiatives.

To systematically engage the Indian community in America, VOSAP Founder Pranav Desai started writing a column in New India Abroad. His articles highlight the power of Assistive Technology, innovation, and India's transformation in the disability sector, inspiring greater awareness and action toward Vision 2047.

TV interviews :

Live Times Grand Launch : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o3pbJlFtAJU>



Financial Overview

Financial year 2024 was a great year as VOSAP continued its streak of raising over \$1 Million in donations, underscoring that our donor base is strong and stable. We are blessed to have our mentor and Chief Patron Shri Manubhai and Rikaben Shah; Founding Patron Shri BU and Pushpaben Patel, and many strategic donors. This helps us enormously to continue our impact, plan strategically for taking up newer, bigger initiatives such as Project HITARTH this year, and grow our support to Assistive Tech partners for larger orders benefitting all parties.

In this year, our expenses grew by 25% to support the growth of our impact that grew by 50%. We have no employees in the US as we remain highly leveraged organization with our volunteers, partner organizations and contractors on need basis. This helps us keep overhead costs extremely low.

Our budget for enabling SAP in the US grew to over \$50K and is expected to grow in 2025 as we find unique opportunities to make a transformative impact with scholarships and innovative assistive devices.

VOSAP believes that we have evolved as a unique technology-driven non-profit that can amplify its VOICE (Advocacy) globally with digital tools and harness the ABILITY of Specially Abled People to empower them. We present a very credible and transformational opportunity to our donors, who are the “Enablers,” that is demonstrated in the many ways they have supported mainstreaming of SAP. Our next goal is to scale with significantly larger donations in 2025 and going forward because there are millions of people we want to reach and empower globally.

Voice of Specially Abled People Inc. Statement of Activity by Initiatives January - December 2024 (Estimated)

	Advocacy	Enablement	General	Technology	Total
Foundation Grants	\$ 50,000	\$ 366,903	\$ 0	\$ 100,000	\$ 516,903
Corporate, Individual Donations	\$ 0	\$ 434,752	\$ 11,075	\$ 0	\$ 445,827
Indirect Public Support	\$ 0	\$ 45,075	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 45,075
Investment and Other Income	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 106,189	\$ 0	\$ 106,189
Total Donations	\$ 50,000	\$ 846,730	\$ 117,264	\$ 100,000	\$ 1,113,994
Awards and Grants Disbursements	\$ 250	\$ 386,800	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 387,050
Business Expenses	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 4,391	\$ 0	\$ 4,391
Contract Services	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 600	\$ 16,088	\$ 16,688
Operations	\$ 18,450	\$ 2,215		\$ 17,096	\$ 37,761
Other Types of Expenses (fundraising etc.)		\$ 39,293	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 39,293
Travel and Meetings	\$ 3,428	\$ 2,285	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 5,713
Total Expenditures	\$ 22,128	\$ 430,593	\$ 4,991	\$ 33,184	\$ 490,896
Net Balance	\$ 27,872	\$ 416,137	\$ 112,273	\$ 66,816	\$ 623,098

List of Enablers

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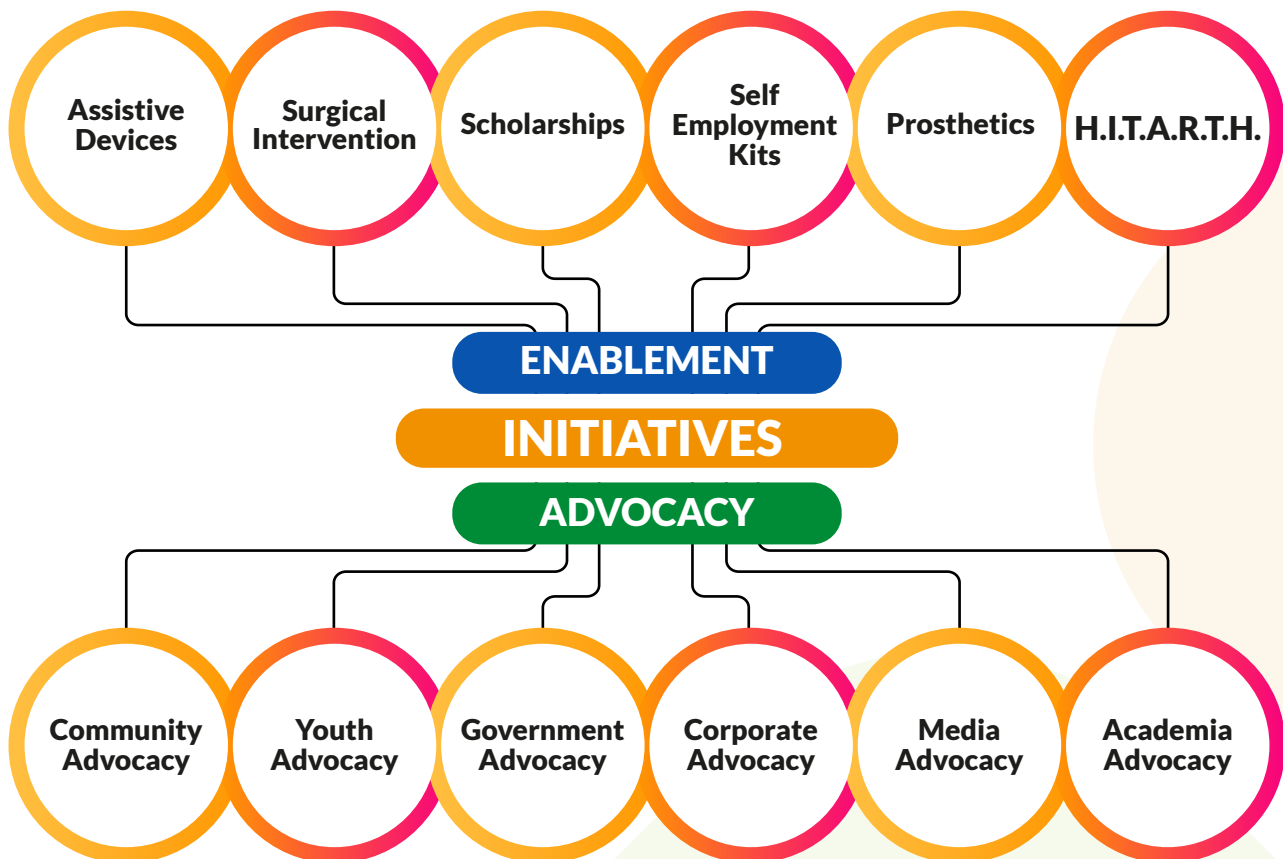
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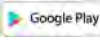


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