



# HIVE

## *Highlights & Insights from Vision Empower (VE)*

TEACHERS' DAY SPECIAL

“All kids need is a little help, a little hope, and someone who believes in them” — Magic Johnson.

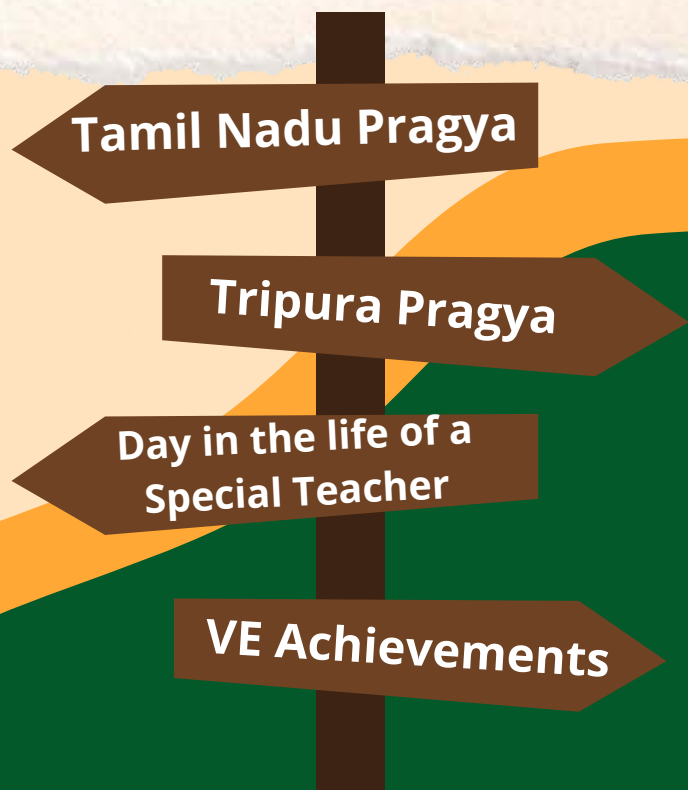
Dear Readers,

We've come a long way in this journey of making STEM Education accessible for children with visual impairment. But, this wouldn't have been possible without the dedication of the special teachers we work with. In this edition of our newsletter, we want to celebrate these teachers and give you a glimpse of what we've done so far in partnership with them.

We hope you enjoy reading the eighth edition of HIVE 2022.



Graphic Description- A schoolboy wearing black glasses is walking with a cane in his left hand. He is carrying a school bag and holding two books in his right hand.



# Trained to Teach

(Pragya Teacher Training at Tamil Nadu)

VE conducted a Pragya Teacher Training workshop in collaboration with the Department of Special Education, Avinashilingam Institute for Home Science & Higher Education for Women in Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu.

The two-day training conducted on 24th and 25th August 2022 was attended by 25 teachers from 15 special schools in 13 districts of Tamil Nadu. The training aimed to equip the teachers of visual impairments with the proper knowledge and resources to make STEM education accessible and fun for students with visual impairments.

Teachers were introduced to several learning resources like tactile diagrams, braille books, Teacher Instruction Kits, and games through various hands-on activities and interactive sessions. for teaching science, mathematics and computational thinking concepts to the students.

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THE TRAINING](#)



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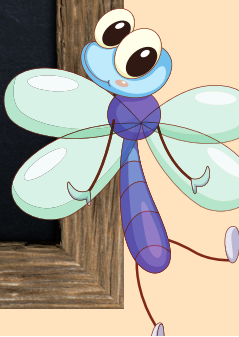
(Pragya Teacher Training at Tripura)

A two-day Pragya Teacher Training was conducted in hybrid mode from 29th to 30th August 2022 in IEPVD Boys' and Girls' School, Narsingarh, Agartala. The training was focused on foundational concepts of Algebra, Geometry and Science module. A session on Braille literacy with students was also conducted.

A total of 7 teachers participated in person, out of which 2 are sighted and 5 are persons with visual impairment. VE school coordinator, Sudipta, was present in person to facilitate the training program. Devidatta, Meghna and Supriya joined online and facilitated the session.

“We understood that spatial sense is very much important for a child to know before introducing geometry”, shared a teacher after attending the training.

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# A day in the life of a Special Teacher

## Teachers' Day Special Ft. Bhagyashree

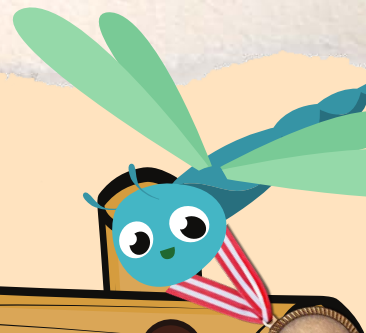
Every morning Bhagyashree wakes up at 5:30 am excited about the learning and imparting of knowledge each day brings to her life. Being a special teacher for over 20 years, she is proud to have defied the norms by fulfilling her dream of becoming a teacher, as a person with visual impairment, and enjoying the work she gets to do.



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“I love to witness children’s enthusiasm and excitement to learn new things. It encourages me to update my knowledge in different areas for the simple joy of getting to share the same with my students”, shares Bhagyashree.

This Teacher’s Day, we at Vision Empower want to celebrate Bhagyashree, and all teachers, who enrich the lives of their students every day with utmost sincerity and dedication.



## VE Achievements

### Joining hands with the Odisha Government

On 12th August 2022, Vision Empower (VE) in partnership with IIIT-Bangalore and Microsoft Research hosted, Shri Ashok Chandra Panda, Minister of Science and Technology, Public Enterprises and SSEPD (Social Security and Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities) and his team from the Government of Odisha.

VE will be signing an MoU with the Odisha government to implement its interventions in the state.

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# Social Media Highlights

## #CelebratingSpecialTeachers

As a part of observing Teachers' Day 2022, join us in our one-week social media campaign on #CelebratingSpecialTeachers. Through this we would talk about the importance of a Special Teacher in making education inclusive and what are we doing to empower them.



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## Upcoming Pragma Teacher Training



12th & 13th September 2022



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