



The Serrendip

Annual Report 2024-2025

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President's Message

Dear Friends, Supporters, and Stakeholders,

It is my immense pleasure to present to you the annual report of The Serrendip's 2023-2024, highlighting the remarkable journey and achievements of our organization over the past year. This year has been truly exceptional, marked by a wide spectrum of activities that have significantly advanced our mission of advocacy, awareness, and capacity building in the field of autism.

Our advocacy efforts have reached new heights, with a particular focus on promoting inclusive practices and supporting individuals with autism and their families. We are proud to have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Mankunwar Bai College, Jabalpur, aimed at capacity building and providing internship opportunities to students. This collaboration has not only empowered students but also contributed to meaningful projects, such as the one on inclusion in schools, undertaken by four enthusiastic interns from Jabalpur.

The year was filled with memorable celebrations and engagements that brought our community together. We joyously celebrated World Autism Awareness Day, spreading awareness and acceptance through various activities. Our participation in the Divya Kala Mela showcased the talents of individuals with disabilities, promoting inclusivity and appreciation for diverse abilities. We were also honored to participate in a function at AIIMS, Delhi, which provided a platform for dialogue and collaboration with medical professionals and experts in the field.

Our Facebook Live program was well-received, allowing us to connect with a wider audience and share valuable insights on autism and related topics. This initiative has been instrumental in fostering a supportive online community.

We commemorated our Foundation Day with great enthusiasm, reflecting on our journey and reaffirming our commitment to our mission. It was a day of celebration, gratitude, and renewed dedication to our cause.

I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to our supporters, partners, and the entire Serrendip team for their unwavering dedication and hard work. Your efforts have been pivotal in making this year truly excellent.

As we look ahead, we are excited about the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead. We remain committed to our mission and vision, striving to make a meaningful difference in the lives of individuals with autism and their families.

Thank you for being an integral part of The Serrendip's journey. Together, we can create a more inclusive and supportive world.

With warm regards,

Dr Navin Sharma
President, The Serrendip

World Autism Awareness Day 2024: Creating Ripples of Inclusion

On April 7, 2024, the vibrant city of Jabalpur came together to celebrate World Autism Awareness Day at MLB School. The event was thoughtfully themed "Ripples of Inclusion," highlighting the importance of creating a supportive and inclusive environment for individuals with autism.

A Celebration of Inclusion and Talent

The ceremony was graced by esteemed guests, including Shri Sandeep Rajak, State Disability Commissioner, Lt Gen Manik Das, Shri Sanjay Gumasta, and the Principal of MLB School. The event brought together over 200 participants, including autistic individuals, their families, and supporters.



The Power of Buddies: Fostering Inclusion and Friendship

A unique aspect of the event was the buddy system, where each autistic individual was paired with a buddy. This initiative promoted social interaction, understanding, and empathy between the buddies and autistic individuals. The buddies played a significant role in:

- Facilitating Communication: Buddies helped facilitate communication between autistic individuals and others, promoting social inclusion.
- Encouraging Participation: Buddies encouraged autistic individuals to participate in various activities, helping them feel more confident and included.
- Building Relationships: The buddy system fostered meaningful relationships between the buddies and autistic individuals, promoting a sense of belonging and friendship.

Showcasing Talents and Abilities

The event provided a platform for autistic individuals to showcase their talents through various performances, including music, dance, and artwork. This highlighted their

unique abilities and strengths, challenging stereotypes and promoting a more inclusive understanding of autism.



Key Highlights:

- Inclusive Environment: The event promoted an inclusive environment, encouraging acceptance and understanding of autism.
- Talents and Abilities: Autistic individuals demonstrated their unique talents and abilities, showcasing their potential and contributions.
- Community Engagement: The event brought together families, caregivers, and community members, promoting a sense of unity and support.
- Buddy System: The buddy system played a significant role in promoting social inclusion, empathy, and understanding between autistic individuals and their peers.

A Step Towards Awareness and Acceptance

The World Autism Awareness Day 2024 celebration in Jabalpur was a significant step towards promoting awareness, acceptance, and inclusion of autistic individuals. By embracing the theme "Ripples of Inclusion," the event encouraged a ripple effect of kindness, understanding, and support, inspiring a more inclusive and compassionate community.

Memorandum of Understanding with Govt. Mankunwar Bai Women's College, Jabalpur

The Serrendip has taken a significant step forward by signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Mankunwar Bai College, marking a new phase in its mission to support the disability sector especially on Autism and related disorders. This partnership aims to strengthen the focus of The Serrendip from advocacy alone to capacity building, enabling trained professionals to make a more substantial impact. Mankunwar Bai College is an autonomous institution affiliated with Rani Durgavati Vishwavidyalaya Jabalpur, offering undergraduate and postgraduate programs in arts and commerce. The college is dedicated to providing quality education to women, promoting their empowerment and holistic development. The college boasts modern infrastructure, including a well-stocked library, laboratories, and sports facilities



On February 23, 2024, a significant step was taken towards fostering collaboration and enhancing educational practices with the signing of a Memorandum of

Understanding (MoU) between The Serrendip and Mankunwar Bai College, Jabalpur. This partnership aims to focus on the capacity building of teachers and students, thereby contributing to the overall development of the educational ecosystem in the region.

This MoU signifies a crucial step in The Serrendip's mission to create a more substantial impact in the disability sector. By working together with Mankunwar Bai College, they can leverage each other's strengths to drive positive change.

Key Objectives of the MoU:

1. Capacity Building of Teachers:

- Organize workshops and training programs to enhance teaching methodologies and pedagogical skills.
- Focus on inclusive education practices to cater to diverse learning needs.

2. Student Development:

- Provide students with opportunities for practical learning through internships and project-based assignments.
- Encourage students to engage in community-focused projects that address real-world issues.

3. Collaborative Projects:

- Identify areas of mutual interest and develop joint projects that benefit both institutions and the community.



Internship Program: August- September 2024

As part of this collaboration, four students from Mankunwar Bai College joined The Serrendip for an internship. These students worked on a project focused on "Inclusion in Schools of Jabalpur."

The project aimed to:

- Identify challenges faced by schools in implementing inclusive practices.
- Develop strategies to promote inclusivity and accessibility in educational settings.
- Implement and evaluate pilot initiatives to enhance inclusive education.



Outcomes and Impact:

- Enhanced Skills: The students gained valuable experience and skills in project management, research, and community engagement.
- Inclusive Practices: The project contributed to raising awareness about the importance of inclusive education and provided actionable recommendations for schools in Jabalpur.
- Strengthened Partnership: The collaboration between the two institutions laid a strong foundation for future joint initiatives and academic exchanges.

Future Directions:

The MoU signing and the successful internship program mark the beginning of a fruitful partnership. Future activities will focus on expanding the scope of collaboration, including joint research projects, faculty exchanges, and student development programs.

This initiative underscores the commitment of both institutions to contribute positively to the educational landscape of Jabalpur and beyond. Through such partnerships, we aim to create a lasting impact on the community and foster a culture of collaboration and innovation.

Participation at AIIMS Delhi Awareness Function- APRIL 2024

The Serrendip's participation at AIIMS, Delhi, was a notable event that showcased its efforts in supporting individuals with autism. By showcasing its initiatives and programs, The Serrendip aimed to promote awareness, acceptance, and inclusion of autism in society.



The organization's presence at the event highlighted its commitment to providing diagnostic services, therapeutic interventions, and educational programs for individuals with autism. Through its participation, The Serrendip demonstrated its dedication to empowering individuals with autism and promoting their rights.

By engaging with other organizations and professionals in the field, The Serrendip fostered a sense of community and shared purpose, ultimately contributing to a more inclusive and supportive environment for individuals with autism. The event provided a valuable opportunity for The Serrendip to raise awareness about autism and its initiatives, potentially attracting new supporters and partners.

The Serrendip's participation at AIIMS, Delhi, was a significant endeavor that highlighted its tireless efforts in supporting individuals with autism. By showcasing its initiatives and programs, the organization aimed to promote awareness, acceptance, and inclusion of autism in society, ultimately bridging the gap between individuals with autism and the community.

Through its presence at the event, The Serrendip demonstrated its commitment to providing comprehensive support services, including diagnostic services, therapeutic interventions, and educational programs tailored to meet the unique needs of individuals with autism. These initiatives not only empower individuals with autism but also equip their families and caregivers with the necessary tools and resources to navigate the complexities of autism.



The organization's engagement with other stakeholders, including professionals, organizations, and community members, fostered a sense of community and shared purpose. This collaboration has the potential to drive meaningful change, promoting a more inclusive and supportive environment that values the contributions and potential of individuals with autism.

By participating in the event at AIIMS, Delhi, The Serendip raised awareness about autism, its effects, and the importance of early intervention and support. This increased visibility can attract new supporters, partners, and beneficiaries, further amplifying the organization's impact and reach.

Overall, The Serendip's participation at AIIMS, Delhi, was a testament to its dedication to empowering individuals with autism and promoting their rights, dignity, and well-being.

Face Book Live

The Serendip's Facebook Live program on autism spectrum has been a groundbreaking initiative that has made a significant impact in promoting awareness, acceptance, and inclusion of autism in society. Through its engaging live sessions, the program has provided a platform for experts, individuals with autism, and their families to share their knowledge, experiences, and stories.

The program's success can be attributed to its ability to cover a wide range of topics related to autism, including diagnosis, treatment options, education, and daily living skills. By featuring renowned experts in the field of autism, the program has provided valuable insights and information that have helped to raise awareness and promote understanding of autism.

One of the most significant aspects of the program has been its ability to amplify the voices of individuals with autism and their families. By sharing their personal stories and experiences, individuals with autism have been able to raise awareness about the challenges they face and the support they need to thrive. This has helped to promote empathy and understanding among the general public and has encouraged a more inclusive and supportive environment for individuals with autism.

The program has also provided a wealth of resources and support to individuals with autism, their families, and caregivers. By providing information on local organizations, online communities, and advocacy groups, the program has empowered individuals with autism and their families to take control of their lives and advocate for their rights.



Looking to the future, The Serrendip plans to continue to expand its program to cover more areas of interest, including education, employment, and mental health. The program also aims to increase engagement with its audience through live Q&A sessions, polls, and interactive discussions. By continuing to grow and evolve, The Serrendip's Facebook Live program on autism spectrum is poised to make an even greater impact in the lives of individuals with autism and their families.

Overall, The Serrendip's Facebook Live program on autism spectrum has been a valuable resource for individuals with autism, their families, and caregivers. Its impact has been significant, and it is poised to continue making a positive difference in the lives of those affected by autism.

Short Term Internship- December 2024

Another internship was organised for the second semester students of Psychology from Maan Kunwar Bai Govt. College of Arts for Women in Jabalpur.

Six students joined the internship and the topic was- Application of Principles of perception in technology based training for Individuals with Autism

It was well received by the students and understood the importance of technology in the lives of all the human beings including persons with Autism

They were given assignments to assess their learning.

It is observed that students need more practical exposure to understand the use of technology.



General Body Meeting 2024



Serrendip's Objectives and Achievements: Annual General Body Meeting 2024-2025 Objectives

Serrendip's mission is built on three core objectives, each designed to make a meaningful impact in the lives of individuals with autism and their families:

1. **Raising Awareness:** To educate the public about autism, its effects, and the importance of early intervention and support. By increasing awareness, we aim to reduce stigma and promote a more understanding and supportive community.
2. **Supporting Individuals with Autism:** To provide comprehensive support services, including counselling, therapy, and educational programs, tailored to meet the unique needs of individuals with autism and their families.
3. **Promoting Inclusion:** To advocate for inclusive practices and environments that allow individuals with autism to participate fully in society, fostering their social, emotional, and economic well-being.

Achievements

Over the past year, Serrendip has made significant progress in achieving its objectives, with notable achievements including:

1. **Increased Awareness:** Our awareness campaigns have reached a wider audience, promoting a better understanding of autism and its effects. We have engaged with schools, workplaces, and community groups, providing educational resources and workshops.
2. **Expanded Support Services:** We have expanded our support services to benefit individuals with autism and their families. Our services now include:
 - **Counselling and Therapy:** Providing individual and group counselling sessions for individuals with autism and their families.
 - **Educational Programs:** Offering tailored educational programs to support the learning and development of individuals with autism.
 - **Support Groups:** Facilitating support groups for families and caregivers, providing a safe space to share experiences and receive support.
3. **Community Engagement:** Our community engagement initiatives have fostered a sense of belonging and connection among individuals with autism, their families, and

caregivers. We have organized community events, workshops, and activities that promote social interaction and inclusion.

4. Partnerships and Collaborations: We have established partnerships with other organizations and stakeholders to amplify our impact and reach. These collaborations have enabled us to leverage resources, expertise, and networks to better support individuals with autism.

Impact

The impact of our efforts has been profound, with positive outcomes for individuals with autism and their families, including:

1. Improved Support: Individuals with autism and their families have access to better support services, enabling them to navigate the challenges of autism more effectively.
2. Increased Inclusion: Our efforts have promoted more inclusive environments, allowing individuals with autism to participate fully in society. We have worked with schools, workplaces, and community organizations to create autism-friendly spaces.
3. Empowerment: Our initiatives have empowered individuals with autism and their families to advocate for their rights and interests. We have provided training and resources to help them navigate systems and access opportunities.

Future Plans

Looking ahead, Serrendip is committed to continuing its efforts to promote awareness, acceptance, and inclusion of autism in society. Some of our future plans include:

1. Expanding Services: We plan to expand our support services to reach more individuals with autism and their families. This will include developing new programs and services tailored to meet the unique needs of different age groups and demographics.
2. Enhancing Community Engagement: We aim to enhance our community engagement initiatives, fostering a stronger sense of connection and belonging among individuals with autism and their families. We will continue to organize community events, workshops, and activities that promote social interaction and inclusion.
3. Advocacy: We will continue to advocate for the rights and interests of individuals with autism, promoting a more inclusive and supportive society. We will work with policymakers, educators, and employers to create autism-friendly environments and opportunities.

By building on our achievements and expanding our efforts, Serrendip is poised to make an even greater impact in the lives of individuals with autism and their families.

Participation at Divya Kala Mela October 2024



The Serrendip's participation in the Divya Kala Mela, organized by the Social Justice Department at MLB School grounds in October 2024, was a resounding success. This event provided a valuable platform for The Serrendip to showcase the talents of autistic individuals and promote awareness about autism.

Showcasing Talent

The Serrendip's stall featured an impressive display of drawings created by talented autistic individuals. These artworks not only showcased the unique perspectives and skills of these individuals but also highlighted the importance of providing opportunities for people with autism to express themselves creatively.

Promoting Awareness



In addition to showcasing the drawings, The Serrendip's stall also displayed awareness material about autism. This included information about the condition, its effects, and the importance of early intervention and support. By providing accurate and informative resources, The Serrendip aimed to educate visitors about autism and promote a more understanding and supportive community.

High-Profile Visitors

The Serrendip's stall was visited by several renowned persons, including prominent MLAs. These visitors were impressed by the talents and abilities of the autistic individuals showcased at the stall. The Serrendip's participation in the Divya Kala Mela provided a valuable opportunity to raise awareness about autism and promote inclusion and acceptance.

Impact

The Serrendip's participation in the Divya Kala Mela had a significant impact, both in terms of promoting awareness about autism and showcasing the talents of autistic individuals. The event helped to:


- Raise Awareness: Educate visitors about autism and its effects, promoting a more understanding and supportive community.
- Promote Inclusion: Highlight the importance of inclusion and acceptance, encouraging visitors to create more inclusive environments.

- Showcase Talent: Provide a platform for autistic individuals to showcase their talents and abilities, promoting a more positive and empowering narrative around autism.

Overall, The Serrendip's participation in the Divya Kala Mela was a valuable experience that helped to promote awareness, inclusion, and acceptance of autism.

Foundation Day Celebration- Dec 1, 2024

The Serrendip's foundation day celebration in December 2024 was a grand affair, held at the prestigious Hotel Singhai Palace in Civil Lines, Jabalpur. The event brought together friends, families, and supporters of The Serrendip, all united in their commitment to promoting inclusion and advocacy for individuals with autism.

<p style="text-align: center;">CELEBRATING THE FOUNDATION DAY OF THE SERRENDIP</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">The Serrendip A-201 Shivarth Elanza, Mandla Road Jabalpur Madhya Pradesh - 482020 www.serrendipforautism.com</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Invitation</i></p> <p>Please join us for a sumptuous lunch on the occasion of The Serrendip's 8th Foundation Day!</p> <p>Founded in 2017, The Serrendip is a registered non-profit organization dedicated to autism spectrum disorder (ASD) support and empowerment. Our mission is to provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Autism-specific services and programs- Family support and counseling- Community education and awareness- Advocacy for inclusive policies <p>We warmly invite you, our dear friends, and The Serrendip families to share a delightful lunch with us on:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Date: 1st December</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Place: Singhai Palace, Govind Bhavan, Old RTO, Civil Lines, Jabalpur</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Timings: 12.30- 2.30 PM</p> <p>We look forward to celebrating this milestone with you! For any query, please contact- 9844517598</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The Serrendip A foundation of findings and applications for persons with autism and related disorders. www.serrendipforautism.com</p>
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Celebrating Impact

The celebration was a testament to the impact The Serrendip has been creating at the advocacy level. Over the years, the organization has worked tirelessly to promote awareness, acceptance, and inclusion of autism in society. The foundation day celebration was an opportunity to reflect on these achievements and look forward to future endeavors.

Keynote Address

Mrs. Madhoolika Tripathi, a key figure associated with The Serrendip, gave an inspiring account of the organization's successes. She highlighted the various

initiatives and programs implemented by The Serrendip, which have made a significant difference in the lives of individuals with autism and their families. Her address was a motivating reminder of the importance of continued support and advocacy for autism awareness.



Attendees

The event was attended by a diverse group of individuals, including:

- Doctors: Medical professionals who have worked closely with The Serrendip, providing valuable support and expertise.
- Advocates: Legal professionals who have contributed to promoting the rights and interests of individuals with autism.
- Families who have benefited from The Serrendip's services and support, sharing their experiences and testimonials.

The foundation day celebration emphasized the importance of promoting inclusion and acceptance of individuals with autism. The Serrendip's efforts have been instrumental in creating a more supportive and understanding environment for individuals with autism, enabling them to thrive and reach their full potential.

The celebration also provided an opportunity for The Serrendip to look ahead to future endeavors. With continued support and advocacy, the organization is poised to make an even greater impact in promoting awareness, acceptance, and inclusion of autism in society.

Overall, The Serrendip's foundation day celebration was a resounding success, highlighting the organization's commitment to creating a more inclusive and supportive environment for individuals with autism.

एमएलबी स्कूल में आयोजन 'बच्चों में छिपी है असीम प्रतिभा'



जबलपुर. ऑटिज्म अर्थात स्वपरायण या स्वलीन बच्चों के अंदर प्रतिभा का असीम भंडार छिपा होता है। कुछ क्षेत्रों में तो ये सामान्य बच्चों से भी अधिक प्रतिभाशील होते हैं। आवश्यकता है तो बस प्रतिभा को पहचानकर उसको निखारने की। उक्त उद्गार विश्व ऑटिज्म दिवस समारोह में अतिथियों ने व्यक्त किए। डॉ. नवीन कुमार शर्मा ने ऑटिज्म जागरुकता के साथ ही इसके निदान पर जोर दिया। समारोह निःशक्त जन आयुक्त संदीप रजक के मुख्य आतिथ्य, लेफ्टीनैंट जनरल एमके दास की अध्यक्षता तथा शिक्षा सलाहकार डॉ. श्रद्धा तिवारी, संजय गुमास्ता, भावना नैयर व प्रभा मिश्रा के विशिष्ट आतिथ्य में हुआ। संयोजन कविता शर्मा, आरके नेमा व विनीता पगारे ने किया। संचालन मधुलिका त्रिपाठी ने किया।

GIVE THEM A CHANCE.