

Introducing ISL in Pune



Our primary goals are **awareness, acceptance, sensitization and inclusion**. To achieve these, we will hold workshops in collaboration with experts in:

1. Communication and integration for potential employees and employers
2. Awareness and sensitization
3. Indian Sign Language
4. Inclusive and barrier free Architecture
5. Inclusive education

We also plan to explore and ensure inclusion in the realm of entertainment for people with disabilities.



Our identity is based on a drawing by 15-year old Gunjan who was born with the Sturge Weber Syndrome. To put it simply, her brain is bruised. She is also hemiplegic, which means the right side of her body is weak. In 'technical' jargon, she is referred to as 'intellectually disabled'... but her art speaks for itself. Her colours are instinctive, her lines bold and unpretentious. Gunjan has been learning Art with Shaloo Sharma. This is how she sees the world, and you?

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Awareness, Acceptance,
Sensitization & Inclusion

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Imagine a world without barriers, where none of us has to fight for what is ours already - the right to access - to education, barrier free spaces, barrier free travel... everything the 'normal' world takes for granted. Our aim is to work towards making our world less exclusive and therefore more inclusive.

Ekansh is different in that we believe in exploring how our society can be more inclusive rather than forcing our disabled friends to fit in.

Ekansh is a small team of committed individuals who believe that each of us is different – flawed and perfect at the same time and that the beauty of life lies in these differences.



The Ekansh Pune seminar team

Our Team:

Anita Iyer: Founder & Trustee

Bhakti Karia: Co-founder & Trustee

Dr. Mrs. Madhuri Sheth: Founder Member

Mrs. Mona Jacob: Member

Ms. Atiya Hajee: ISL interpreter & Member

We also have the privilege of being associated with veterans and experts from various backgrounds related to disability ranging from teachers of the Deaf to well known Architects involved in accessible design, etc.

We would like our team to grow to include friends who think like us and have the time and drive to spare for our cause. If you think you are ready, please write to info@ekansh.org for more details.

Ekansh has organized several workshops in Indian sign Language as an attempt to spread awareness about the issues of the deaf in Pune and ISL itself. Ekansh has also initiated the idea of Braille and recorded Menu Cards for restaurants in Pune.



We have also successfully organized a competition of students of Architecture in Pune in collaboration with experts in Universal Design. The competition ended in a two-day seminar inaugurated by the Hon'ble Mayor of Pune, Mrs. Rajalaxmi Bhosale and Dr. Parag Sancheti. The event provided a wonderful platform for organizations, institutes and individuals from various backgrounds, connected to different disabilities, to attend and make presentations.

You can read about it in the seminar pages on our website: www.ekansh.org

Various events organized by the Ekansh team:

