



PRAYAS- SHAPING THOUGHTS; SHIFTING PARADIGMS

- Project Prayas is an initiative of Autism Society of India, Bangalore.
- Prayas- “Reinforcing Potentials” is an **(OER) open educational resource**; a computer based early intervention which uses a blend of **USER FRIENDLY PLATFORM of TECHNOLOGY** and Special Educational Techniques to strengthen and harness the unique abilities of persons with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD)
- The portal is a **crowd sourced platform** to scale, to lower the costs and get the best of the content from across the world, developed over **evidence based approach after working with 100 individuals with ASD, focuses on building vocational skills while reinforcing the cognitive skills**



PRAYAS-EQUATING TECHNOLOGY AND AUTISM

- **1 in every 68 kids has Autism.**
- Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) who possess certain strengths, such as **extraordinary scanning ability, attention to detail, an amazing photographic and associative memory, a liking for patterns and order along with unerring focus**; through this project we want to strengthen these abilities and make them productive citizens of the country.
- **Technology offers great hopes.**
- What started in India has been announced as a global policy by SAP, with an aim to employ 1% of its workforce from the spectrum. We are able to change the perspectives of the society towards Autism.



PRAYAS-SUSTAINABLE AND SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE SOURCE

- Our training model developed as Prayas-Daksh is sustainable as it involves a simple process to move ahead, it does not require huge investment.
- **It can be used at home, in a community center or a school set up.**
- We are socially responsible as we made this module of OER as **affordable, accessible and adaptable**. We already have more than **1050 registered users**.
- Prayas-Daksh offers around 1000 hours of learning.
- **Autism Society of India is a registered non-profit NGO with recognition from the state and the central government of India, therefore the business strategies only look at helping the community.**



PRAYAS-FUTURE PLANS

- We plan to develop the instructional material in regional languages of India.
- We plan to scale Prayas-Daksh to 50 cities of India in a period of three years.
- We plan to launch Prayas@Home; this is an outreach programme for those parents who live in the interiors of the city or villages.
- We would continue to grow the content of our OER with a target of 1500 lessons in next three years.
- We plan to develop needed apps by holding HACKATHONS Through the community participation.
- We also aim to develop Prayas- Daksh Vishesh; a training module which will address employability aspects of a person with ASD.