Antarchakshu®2.0 (Season 2) – The Eye Within Experience the Unexplored World

Antarchakshu®2.0 — The Eye Within, conceptualised by the XRCVC, is a simulation workshop aimed at creating a sneak preview for the sighted into the world of the visually challenged.

Season 2 of Antarchakshu®2.0, launched on September 20 2019, was supported by State Bank of India (SBI) as the main sponsor. The other sponsors were SBI Foundation, Dhun Pestonji Parakh Discretionary Trust, Godrej Industries Limited, Techmahindra Foundation, Union Bank of India, SBI Mutual Fund, Hindustan Unilever Ltd, Tata Sons Private Limited, and Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL).

In all, 53 workshops were conducted, which reached out to 1706 participants. The concluding workshop was held on February 24, 2020.

The wide spectrum of groups targeted during Season 2 of Antarchakshu®2.0 included students of social work, management, design, fashion, arts, science, commerce, information technology, as well as corporate employees, eye hospital staff, university staff, Lion's Club members, and Jesuit Juniors, among others.

Participants, through experiencing a disability simulation, learned to reflect on personal attitudes towards people with vision impairment.

This simulation was then followed by an interactive session. The objective of the module was to equip participants with an insight, understanding and basic facts about the lives of the visually impaired, the 'How?' of their lives — as also to foster an insight in developing their own personal perspective on the issue. The key approach during the workshop was to create a simulated experiential environment of blindness wherein participants had to undertake various activities.

Dr Sam Taraporevala addressing participants during a session conducted in St Xavier's College

This experience formed the basis for further reflection and discussion around the focus areas — be they diversity in inclusion, accessibility or at the workplace.

Appended below is the feedback received from some of the participants:

I thought it will be only appropriate and gratifying that we thank you for your efforts in opening our inner eye to a whole new world, not explored by us, through Antarchakshu®.

I think while the resource persons gave us insights into the world of somebody who is visually impaired, what you helped us more, was in you giving us an understanding that to be inclusive what we require is a will and attitude and not infrastructure.

I got great feedback from the participants of the program for the way the session was conducted.

Thank you so much and we will definitely come back to bring about awareness in our larger population!

Shaji P, Chennai

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Antarchakshu® was a highly engaging workshop and really helped us to understand how to work with people with visual impairment both in personal and professional workplace.

Some of the takeaways like "think out of the box, be innovative , work as a team and build inclusive culture are highly resonating with our global strategy.

Thanks once again for all your energy and passion in doing this.

We would love to partner with you in all our future events.

Deepa N, BNY Mellon

Students and faculty members who participated in Antarchakshu at CHM College, Ulhasnagar alongwith the XRCVC staff

LIST OF ANTARCHAKSHU®2.0 WORKSHOPS CONDUCTED DURING SEASON 2

No	Day and Date	Profile of Participants /Venue	No of Participants
1	Friday, September 20, 2019	Nirmala Niketan College, Churchgate	42
2	Friday, September 20, 2019	Nirmala Niketan College, Churchgate	51
3	Saturday, September 28, 2019	St. Xavier's College	25
4	Wednesday, October 2, 2019	CHM College Ulhasnagar	45
5	Wednesday, October 2, 2019	CHM College Ulhasnagar	35
6	Wednesday, October 24, 2019	Lucknow University (Conference by IDSC)	63
7	Friday, November 15, 2019	Tech Mahindra Foundation Academy, Bandra	33
8	Friday, November 15, 2019	Tech Mahindra Foundation Academy, Bandra	29
9	Saturday, November 16, 2019	Tech Mahindra Foundation Academy, Bandra	23
10	Saturday, November 16, 2019	Tech Mahindra Foundation Academy, Bandra	26
11	Friday, November 22, 2019	Tech Mahindra Foundation Academy, Bandra	54
12	Friday, November 22, 2019	Tech Mahindra Foundation Academy, Bandra	26
13	Saturday, November 23, 2019	Tech Mahindra Foundation Academy, Bandra	33
14	Saturday, November 23, 2019	Tech Mahindra Foundation Academy, Bandra	24
15	Monday, December 2, 2019	BNY Mellon Pune	11
16	Monday, December 2, 2019	BNY Mellon Pune	30
17	Tuesday, December 3, 2019	BNY Mellon Chennai	31
18	Tuesday, December 3, 2019	BNY Mellon Chennai	44
19	Wednesday, December 4, 2019	BNY Mellon Chennai	32
20	Friday, December 6, 2019	Hindustan Unilever Ltd, Mumbai	11
21	Friday, December 6, 2019	Tech Mahindra Foundation, Chandivili	32
22	Saturday, December 7, 2019	Tech Mahindra Foundation Academy, Bandra	27
23	Monday, December 9, 2019	Jesuit Juniors, St Xavier's College (XIC)	21
24	Tuesday, December 10, 2019	Shroff Eye Hospital, Bandra	19
25	Thursday, December 19, 2019	Shroff Eye Hospital, Marine Lines	15
26	Saturday, December 21, 2019	Leo Club, Thane	30
27	Thursday, December 26, 2019	Sahu Eye Hospital, Malad	15
28	Monday, January 6, 2020	SNDT College, Mumbai	36
29	Monday, January 6, 2020	Ambedkar College, Mumbai	39
30	Saturday, January 11, 2020	Msc Big Data students from St. Xavier's College	18
31	Tuesday, January 14, 2020	XIMR Students First year St. Xavier's College	23
32	Tuesday, January 14, 2020	XIMR Students First year St. Xavier's College	20
33	Thursday, January 16, 2020	FYBSC IT in the Scavi, St. Xavier's College	29
34	Thursday, January 16, 2020	FYBSC IT in the Seminar room, St. Xavier's College	26
35	Tuesday, January 21, 2020	St Andrew's College, Bandra	35
36	Wednesday January 22, 2020	St Andrew's College, Bandra	31
37	Thursday, January 23, 2020	St Andrew's College, Bandra	65
38	Sunday, January 26, 2020	Both Village, Amravati, Maharashtra	16
39	Monday, January 27, 2020	Savarkar Vidyalaya, Bhulai, Darwha, Amravati, Maharashtra	51
40	Monday, January 27, 2020	Savarkar Vidyalaya, Bhulai, Darwha, Amravati, Maharashtra	53
41	Monday, January 27, 2020	Khopdi Vidyalaya, Darwha, Maharashtra	48
42	Tuesday, January 28 2020	College of Social Work, Badnera, Amravati, Maharashtra	52
43	Tuesday, January 28, 2020	College of Social Work, Badnera, Amravati, Maharasthra	37
44	Thursday, 30 January 2020	E-Cell Students, St Xavier's College	24
45	Tuesday, 4 February 2020	Sightsavers resource mobilisation staff, St Xavier's College	13
46	Thursday, 6 February 2020	St. Andrews College	26
47	Monday, 10 February 2020	Wilson College	47
48	Monday, 10 February 2020	Wilson College	26
49	Monday, 20 February 2020	Students and staff of Bhavan's College Andheri	17
50	Monday, 20 February 2020	Students and staff of Bhavan's College Andheri	27
51	Monday, 20 February 2020	Students and staff of Bhavan's College Andheri	28
52	Monday, 24 February 2020	Wilson College	20
53	Monday, 24 February 2020	Wilson College	30
54	Monday, 24 February 2020	Wilson College	42