



Dear Friend,

We are glad to reintroduce *Samvaad* to you. This platform has always been our way of engaging with you on matters pertinent to the social sector.

As the Tech Mahindra Foundation approaches two decades of impactful work, our vision of *Empowerment through Education* remains steadfast as ever, focused on reaching youth, women & persons with disabilities from underserved communities in India.

From launching our first **SMART** centre in Hyderabad to expanding across 20 locations nationwide, our journey has been shaped by grit, hope, and meaningful milestones.

In this edition of *Samvaad*, we invite you to explore the journeys, steps, and new partnerships we are building—all with one goal: empowering youth across India.

Warm regards,
Samvaad Team

A Hearty Note from our CEO



Mr. Chetan Kapoor, CEO, Tech Mahindra Foundation, shares reflections on a close to 20-year journey of the Foundation, touching on technology integration, new strides in impact, and what the future holds for skill development.

[Watch the Interview](#)

Project SMARTH: Shaping the Next Generation of Paramedical Professionals



Project समर्थ (SMARTH), supported by the Michael & Susan Dell Foundation, is dedicated to bridging skill gaps and boosting employability in India's allied healthcare sector. The project will train youth from Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities, to create a sustainable, skilled paramedical workforce. With training delivered through 20 dedicated centres, Project SMARTH aims to transform India's paramedical workforce from the grassroots.

Partnership for Skill Impact Bond



The Skill Impact Bond (SIB) is the first of its kind, outcome-based financing initiative in the country dedicated to developing skills training and job placements. Tech Mahindra Foundation has signed an agreement with the British Asian Trust to implement the SIB project by training the youth at the Tech Mahindra SMART Academies for Digital Technologies & Tech Mahindra SMART Academies for Logistics in key courses.

SensATe Experience Centre in Ahmedabad



The SensATe Experience Centre in Ahmedabad, a collaborative effort by Tech Mahindra Foundation, Microsoft India, AssisTech Foundation (ATF), and Deaf Enabled Foundation - India (DEF), is reimagining how persons with disabilities navigate assistive technology. Get a glimpse of the experience centre below!

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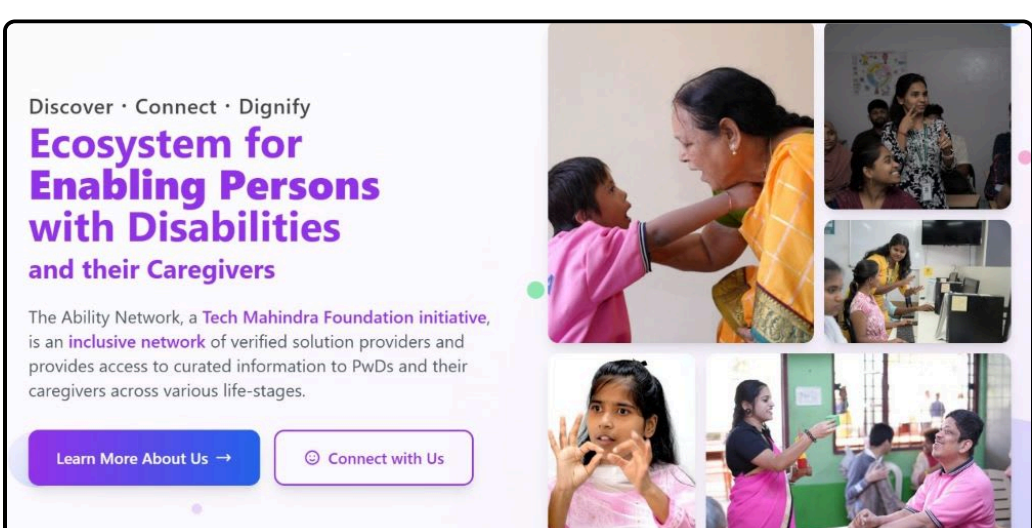


Eye Connect Program

The OneSight EssilorLuxottica Foundation, a global leader in inclusive vision care, has joined hands with Tech Mahindra Foundation to launch the Eye Connect Program. This initiative empowers youth from rural and semi-urban India to become vision care entrepreneurs.

[Know More](#)

Launch of The Ability Network (TAN) Website



TAN brings together an ecosystem for persons with disabilities to ensure dignity and opportunity for every person with disability. A heartfelt thank you to the co-creators: Tech Mahindra, EnAble India, EkStep Foundation, Nayi Disha, and Ujwal Impact Advisors.

[Browse The Ability Network Website](#)



Partnership with District Administration of Basti

As part of The Ability Network, Tech Mahindra Foundation has partnered with the District Administration of Basti, Uttar Pradesh, to establish a Project Management Unit (PMU). This PMU will play a key role in supporting the district in planning, implementing, and monitoring initiatives for Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) and their caregivers.

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