

"Embracing diverse change can transform our lives, opening our hearts and minds to new perspectives and opportunities. It is through embracing diversity that we truly grow and thrive"

Exciting updates @ ATF

Welcome to our newsletter highlighting the past month's most exciting events and news. This month has been packed with amazing events and stories we can't wait to share.

ATF Awards'23 Takes Center Stage at Bengaluru Tech Summit '23(BTS), Asia's Largest Tech Summit!



Get ready for the most anticipated event of the year!

The ATF Awards'23 jury evaluation process is completed and we can't wait to see who will take home the prestigious Awards.

We are excited to announce a game-changing collaboration that will redefine the landscape of Assistive Technology (AT). **ATF is leading the charge for the AT segment at the prestigious Bengaluru Tech Summit (BTS) 2023!**

BTS, Asia's Largest Tech Summit, has been a hub of innovation, uniting tech leaders, startups, researchers, and industry giants.

This year, the ATF Awards, our flagship event, will take center stage at BTS, elevating the recognition of Innovators and empowering AT to stand alongside mainstream Tech Innovations.

Stay tuned for more updates and don't forget to register yourself !

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Nurturing Innovation for Human Development: Aarambh 5.0 at LBSNAA



The Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration (LBSNAA) hosted its flagship event, Aarambh 5.0, from Oct 29 to Nov 2. Aarambh, Introduced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, is an integral part of the Foundation Course since 2019, aimed at shaping India's civil servants. This year's theme, "**Harnessing the Power of Disruption**," underscores the need for innovation in governance.

Panel Discussion Highlight - 'Innovation for Human Development' Our CEO, **[Prateek Madhav](#)**, was one of the Panelists on "**Innovations in Education: Universalization and Inclusion**."

Distinguished Voices on the Panel:

[Shri Sanjay Kumar](#), Secretary, Department of School Education & Literacy in the GOI.

[Shri Saurabh Garg](#), Secretary, Department of Social Justice and Empowerment.

[Prof. V. Kamakoti](#), Director of IIT Madras (Department of Computer Science & Engineering)

This collaboration promised a dynamic discourse on leveraging innovation to enhance education Accessibility and Inclusivity.

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Closing the Gap: ATF's Collaboration with Global Accelerators



One year ago, the **ATF teamed up with nine other global accelerators to establish the Inaugural class of the Moonshot Disability Accelerator Initiative**. Launched by [SmartJob](#) (a global company with the core mission of closing the disability wealth gap, by making jobs “smarter.”) and [Enable Ventures](#), (it is the first Impact Venture Fund dedicated to closing the disability wealth gap while achieving competitive, market-rate returns). This initiative aimed to create a unified global ecosystem for disability innovation.

In collaboration with [Village Capital](#) (which has supported over 1,400 startups that have raised over \$5 billion in investment capital) [JPMorgan Chase & Co](#) and other fellow accelerators, ATF has contributed in production of a groundbreaking research. This research report delved into the global landscape of disability innovation hubs and entrepreneurial support organizations within the Innovation sector.

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ZeroConIndia: Pioneering AT Solutions for an Inclusive Tomorrow



We're thrilled to share exciting highlights from ATF's remarkable presence at the Zero Project India Conference and CII-IBDN National Conference (#ZeroConIndia) held on September 19-20, 2023.

This event stood as a beacon for disability inclusion in India, uniting diverse stakeholders to champion innovative solutions for a more inclusive society.

Our CEO, **Prateek Madhav**, took the stage alongside global leaders in a riveting panel discussion on "Innovation Labs: Addressing India's Growing Needs," expertly moderated by **Shashaank Awasthi** of **v-shesh** & **Ally Venture Capital**.

The panel brought together global leaders from Innovation labs, design hubs, and accelerators to discuss their groundbreaking innovations and the societal challenges they've tackled.

Distinguished Voices on the Panel:

Klaus Hoeckner - [AccessAustria](#)

Michal Rimon - [Access Israel Organization](#)

Carola Rubia - [Fundación Descúbreme](#)

P.V. Madhusudhan Rao - [Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi](#)

Lourdes Márquez de la Calleja - [Fundación ONCE / Inserta](#)



ATF presented an AT Experience Zone/Showcase at [ZeroConIndia](#), where Innovation came to life.

Three Featured Trailblazing Portfolio Startups:

[Trestle Labs | Kibo](#) (ATF Cohort 3), [NeoMotion](#) (ATF Cohort 4), [Dextroware Devices](#) (ATF Cohort 5).

ATF's presence at #ZeroConIndia reaffirms our dedication to fostering Inclusivity and Accessibility.

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Empower Conference at IIT Madras Research Park



The recent [EMPOWER Conference](#) at IIT Madras Research Park showcased the dynamic pulse of the AT ecosystem. [ATE](#), a key participant, marked standout moments in the panel discussion and sessions.

A brief lineup of ATF's involvement:

(1) Panel Discussion: Our CEO, [Prateek](#), was a distinguished panelist in a session titled "Enabling AT Startups for Commercialization by Incubators and Accelerators." Moderated by [Tamaswati Ghosh](#) of [IITM Incubation Cell](#), the panel features prominent voices in the field, including [Mohan Sundaram](#), [Rahul Gupta](#), and [Catherine Holloway](#).

(2) Session Chair: [Prateek](#) also served as the session chair for "**Session 2C: Shaping Futures: AT for Building Livelihoods and NGO Impact**," which featured two engaging panel discussions.

a) Livelihood opportunities through AT

b) Role of NGOs in AT Design and Dissemination

In every success story, we see the limitless potential that AT unlocks. It is a beacon of hope, a pathway to independence, and a testament to the strength of the human spirit.

Let's continue to champion this cause together, as we work towards a future where everyone has the tools they need to not only thrive but to excel.

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Innovative AT Shine at Hiriyara Habba 23: Illuminating Inclusive Futures for Senior Citizens



In a groundbreaking move towards fostering social inclusion, the AT Showcase at HiriYara Habba 2023, organized by [Vayah Vikas](#) (a registered Public Trust, with an ambition to improve the lives of the elderly with priority services) in collaboration with ATF, unveiled a range of cutting-edge AT.

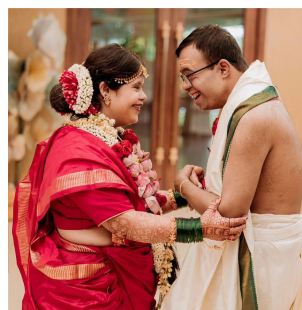
The event, held at the HiriYara Habba, featured a panel discussion titled "Enablement of Social Inclusion Through Technology," wherein Board Member of ATF [Mr.Suryaprakash](#) (Ex-SVP, Digital Head of Infosys) was one of the panelists.

The AT showcase by ATF at HiriYara Habba demonstrated how AT, spanning from mobility aids to state-of-the-art smart home solutions catalyze a positive transformation in the lives of senior citizens and specially-abled individuals.

Prominent startups in the spotlight were [Trestle Labs](#) | Kibo (ATF Cohort 3), [NeoMotion](#) (ATF Cohort 4), [SHG Technologies Pvt Ltd](#) (ATF Cohort 4), [Lifespark Technologies](#) (ATF Cohort 4) & [Ripple Healthcare](#) (ATF Cohort 5)

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Embracing Inclusive Technology: The Power of AT in Changing Lives



Bridging the Gap: How AT is Transforming Lives in Low and Middle-Income Countries

It highlights the innovative solutions provided by the ATF's Cohort5 Robo Bionics startup, aiming to bridge the gap and improve the mobility and well-being of people with disabilities in these regions.

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Love, Relationships, and Disability: How Technology is Breaking Barriers

Discover how Technology is revolutionizing love and relationships for people with disabilities, breaking societal norms, and providing opportunities for meaningful connections.

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