

*"As the clock resets, let's embrace a year of endless possibilities and collective growth"*



Dear ATF Community ,

We are thrilled to share a recap of the remarkable journey we've travelled together at AssisTech Foundation (ATF).

- We started the year by expanding our family of ATF to 450+ AT startups in India and successfully concluding the Cohort 5 Acceleration Program with 10 outstanding AT startups.
- We are proud to announce that our CEO & Co-founder, **Prateek Madhav**, has been **honored with the prestigious NCPEDP-LTIMindtree Helen Keller Award for 2023** under Category B "Role Model Supporter of Increased Employment Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities".
- In addition to this, **we successfully organized several events throughout the year**, including [ATF's Investor Meet](#) , ["Athlete Unleashed"](#) initiative at the Wipro Bengaluru Marathon, , and the [cATalyst Event](#). These events provided a platform for showcasing cutting-edge AT solutions, fostering meaningful connections within the tech ecosystem, and celebrating innovation in the industry.
- ATF was the part of the **Moonshot Disability Accelerator Initiative**, which aims to create a coordinated global disability innovation ecosystem. Our research supports the next generation of inclusive technology start-ups [Know More...](#)
- Our presence at [ZeroConIndia](#), [Startup 20 Shikar](#), [Empower](#)

[Conference](#), and our engagement at [LBSNAA](#) (Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy Of Administration) enabled AT going mainstream. These events provided opportunities for us to demonstrate our efforts in fostering inclusivity through transformative technology.

**Let's rewind and relive the highlights of our December journey together.**

## ATF Awards'2023



Starting off the month with great enthusiasm, **we are excited to highlight the remarkable success of the ATF Awards'23 Felicitation Ceremony, held at the Bengaluru Tech Summit (BTS)**. The ATF spearheaded the Assistive Technology (AT) track “**Rattling the Audible Ball in Assistive Technology**” being organized for the very first time at **[Bengaluru Tech Summit \(BTS\) 2023](#)**, **Asia's largest tech summit** to shed light on the critical role Assistive Technology plays in fostering an inclusive world.

This AT track included an engaging panel discussion on “**The Missing Billion - How Assistive Tech Innovation is Empowering Learning, Livelihood and Living of People with Disabilities?**” and a prestigious **[ATF Awards 2023](#)** felicitation ceremony

**Missed the Panel Discussion?**

**[Watch Here!!!](#)** to Explore How AT Innovation Empowers the Missing Billion.

[Know More](#)

## The i-Innovate Launch Event

*A Collaborative Initiative by Reserve Bank Innovation Hub and HDFC Bank, in Partnership with ATF as the Ecosystem Partner*



The Event concluded with the launch of i-Innovate - an initiative aimed at promoting financial inclusion in lives of people with disabilities by leveraging AT. Celebrating the eve of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, the event showcased a lineup of distinguished speakers who left an indelible mark.

- **Ms. Sandhya Vasudevan** - Independent Director & Former Managing Director Deutsche Bank & Thomson Reuters
- **Prof. MS Sriram** - Faculty member of IIM Bangalore and Chairperson, Centre for Public Policy
- **Mr. ABhijit Ray** - Co Founder & Managing Director, UC Inclusive Credit
- **Mr. Shekhar Naik** - Padma Shree Awardee, Former Captain of the Indian National Blind Cricket Team
- **Mr. Sharath Gayakwad** - Indian Paralympic Swimmer and Arjuna Awardee

Stay tuned, exciting announcements coming your way!

## The 'Ability in Tech' Conference Hosted by NASSCOM Foundation



**Ability in Tech**, a conference for promoting disability inclusion through tech was organised by NASSCOM Foundation with **ATF as Assistive Technology Partner** was a remarkable event that promoted Inclusive practices in the Technology Industry. ATF

organized an elaborate AT Showcase featuring top AT Solutions that can enable disability inclusion.

**Prateek Madhav** (CEO and co-founder of ATF), delivered the Leaders Talk session titled "**Beyond Limits: A Master's Guide to Disability Inclusion in the Tech World**"

**The Interactive workshop, titled "A Change of Perception,"** was a transformative session that focused on promoting understanding and empathy toward disability through activities and discussions.

**Chahat Dubey** (Head of Partnership & Research, ATF) represented ATF & participated as one of the curators for a workshop on "Walk through of Disability Experience Zone & Assistive Tech Showcase"

Our ATF Portfolio startups NeoMotion(Cohort 4) , Dextroware Devices (Cohort 5) and Trestle Labs (Cohort 3) actively participated in the Real Life Experience Zone and showcased their products at the AT Showcases

The event drew participants from diverse sectors and communities, and its success reverberated across with the overwhelming feedback.

## Abilities Unlimited

*A Showcase of Remarkable Journeys with Shibulal Family Philanthropic Initiatives and LTIMindtree*



Vidyadhan, a higher education scholarship program by Shibulal Family Philanthropic Initiatives (SFPI), in collaboration with LTIMindtree, successfully hosted the "**Partnering for Social Impact 2023: Abilities Unlimited**" event, showcasing the remarkable journeys of V Able scholars.

**Our Co-Founder & CEO of ATF Mr.Prateek Madhav**, participated as a panelist in "Creating the Ecosystem to Excel, alongside **Ms. Farangis Choudhary** (Head-DEI, LTIMindtree). and **Mr. Shivaram Deshpande** (Head of Operations, Samarthanam) added valuable insights to the event, contributing to the collective effort in fostering a more inclusive and supportive ecosystem.

## ATF at UNPFPA

*At the conference, the unveiling of the 'Disability Innovation & Experimentation Lab' marks a significant step towards enduring community transformation by UNFPA*



The [United Nations Population Fund \(UNFPA\)](#), is taking a bold step towards empowering individuals with disabilities and tribal communities in Rajasthan. With the Inauguration of the "**Disability Innovation & Experimentation Lab**," UNFPA Explores Innovative Solutions at the Conference, Promising Significant Impact on Communities.

[Mr.Prateek Madhav](#) (CEO and Co-founder, ATF) was invited as a distinguished speaker for the stakeholder consultation. He addressed the audience on "**Empowering Young Persons with Disabilities through Technology & Innovation**," sharing ATF's vision of mainstreaming AT Innovations.

Prateek highlighted this engagement with UNFPA to be transformational and affirms that this will open new avenues for ATF to collaborate with UNFPA and Govt of Rajasthan on a larger scale



As we bid farewell to 2023, we express our deepest gratitude for your unwavering support and shared commitment to building a more inclusive world. ATF wishes you a joyous holiday season filled with warmth, and a New Year abundant with opportunities, innovation, and boundless success. May 2024 bring us closer to our collective vision of harnessing technology to empower every individual, and may it be a year of transformative growth and positive impact.

Thank you for being an integral part of the ATF family. Here's to a splendid 2024 ahead!



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