

“What hurts me more is the assumption of the able-bodied that it must be difficult for one to live with a disability.”

- Divyanshu Ganatra

*Trained Clinical Psychologist, Diversity and Inclusion Expert
Motivational Speaker, Researcher, Entrepreneur, and
The first blind individual to fly an airplane.*



Disability Is Not A Problem

Disability, in and of itself, is not a problem but a natural and inherent aspect of human diversity. It is society's response to disability and inaccessible environment that can create challenges and barriers for individuals with disabilities. By leveraging the capabilities of assistive technology, we can demonstrate that disability is not a problem but rather a condition that can be effectively addressed. However, access to Assistive Technology (AT) and awareness about it is limited.

The **AssisTech Foundation (ATF)** is established to combat the issue of insufficient access to AT for people with disability. The Foundation works to promote the development and distribution of AT by supporting research, innovation, and collaboration amongst various stakeholders such as startups, organizations, and governments. The Foundation also advocates for policies that promote the use of AT, raise public awareness about its importance, and provide funding and resources to improve access to AT for people with disabilities.

**Since inception, ATF has impacted more than 500,000 lives.
We plan to create an impact on the lives of 5 million people
with disabilities in the next 3 years.**

Did You Know?

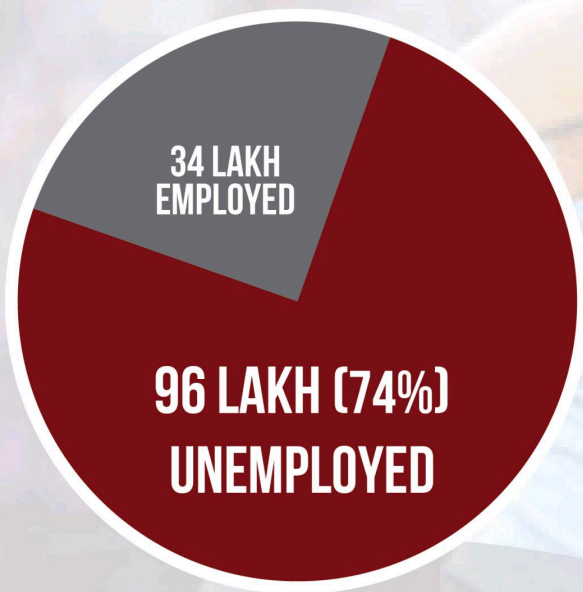
150 CRORE
people across the
world have disabilities

3 CRORE
people in **India**
have disabilities

2/3
of the world's working-age people
with disabilities are unemployed

Of India's nearly **3 Crore** people with disabilities:

1.3 CRORE ARE EMPLOYABLE



Predominant Types Of Disability



20%
of people have
locomotor
disability



19%
of people
have vision
related
disabilities

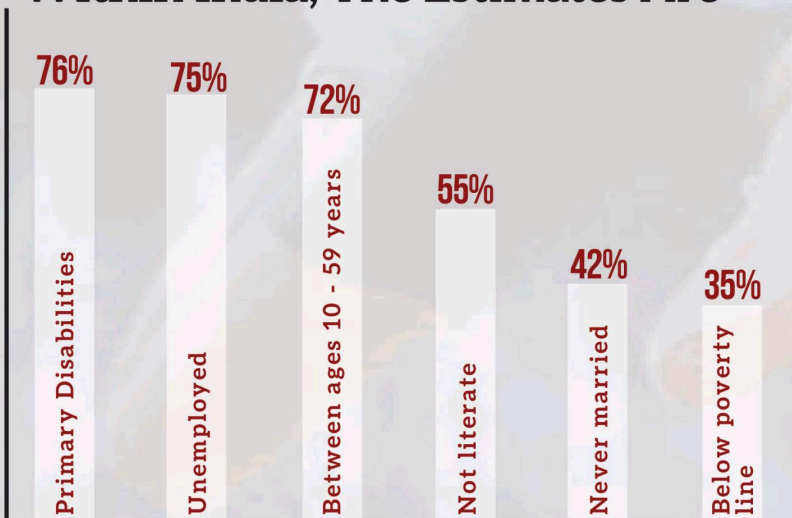


19%
of people
have hearing



8%
of people
have multiple
disabilities

Within India, The Estimates Are



A Problem Compounded by

- Non-inclusion
- Discrimination
- Indifferent workplaces
- Fear of harassment
- Public misconceptions

3 CRORE PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES IN INDIA

*WHO estimates

Assistive Technology

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Assistive technology is the application of organized knowledge and skills related to assistive products, including systems and services. It is a subset of health technology and an assistive product is any product used by persons with disability for participation; to protect, support, train, measure or substitute for body functions/ structures and activities; or to prevent impairments, activity limitations or participation restrictions.

Benefits Of Assistive Technology



92%
of people with disabilities were more efficient



83%
saw an increase in income



76%
got better education



67%
obtained livelihoods



62%
became independent



52%
achieved financial independence

In a world that too often focuses on limitations, **AssisTech Foundation** emerges as a beacon of hope, driving the assistive technology ecosystem to enable accessibility and foster inclusion. We passionately believe that every person, regardless of their abilities, deserves the opportunity to lead a fulfilling and empowered life. We are on a mission to break down barriers and create a world where disabilities do not hinder one's potential. We understand that technology has the power to transform lives, and it is with this conviction that we forge ahead, leaving no stone unturned in our pursuit of a more inclusive society.



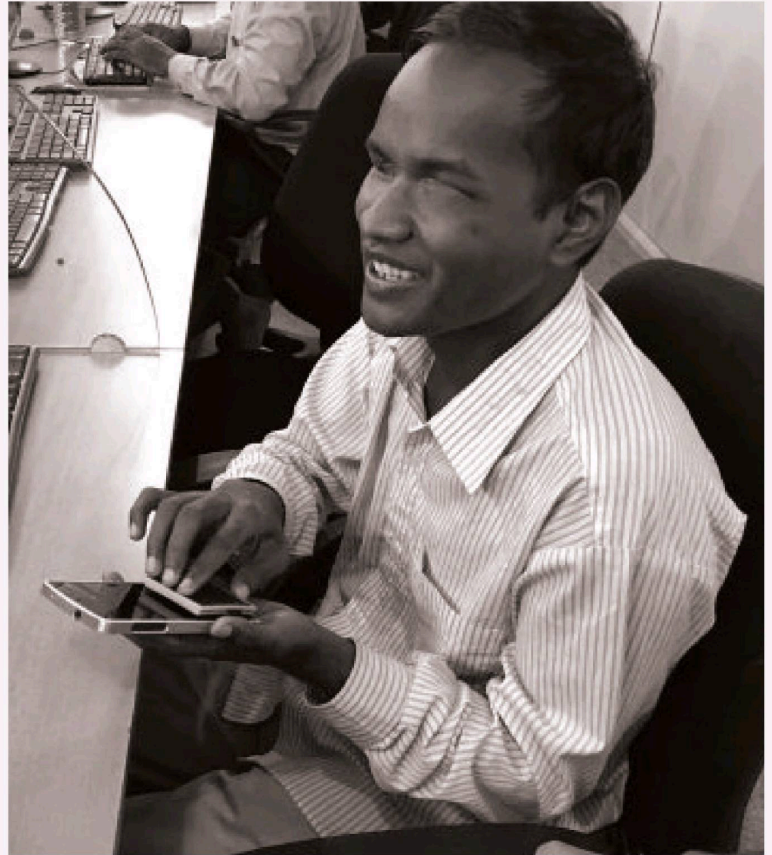
Leadership

Board of Directors -
Jawahar Bekay, Krishnamoorthy A
Prateek Madhav (CEO), Ravi Narayan,
Suryaprakash K

Friends of ATF

As the AssisTech Foundation continued to gain recognition for its efforts to promote the use of assistive technology (AT), more and more individuals began to support its cause including industry leaders, disability inclusion advocates etc.

Some donated time, money and/or resources, while others simply spread the word about the foundation's mission to friends and family.



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Themes of ATF

The 3Ls - **Learning, Livelihood, and Living** - are critical components of empowering people with disabilities and promoting social inclusion.

Learning is essential for people with disabilities to acquire knowledge and skills that can help them become self-sufficient and participate fully in society. This includes access to quality education that is inclusive and accommodates the diverse learning needs of people with disabilities. **Livelihood** is also crucial for people with disabilities as it enables them to earn a living and be financially independent. **Living** is about ensuring that people with disabilities have access to basic rights, such as healthcare, housing, and transportation, that enable them to lead fulfilling lives.

The 3Ls are interconnected and essential for promoting the social and economic inclusion of people with disabilities. Investing in learning, livelihood, and living can help to create a more inclusive and equitable society where everyone has the opportunity to reach their full potential, regardless of their abilities.

Frameworks

Acceleration, Availability, Awareness, and Association are the four pillars of the work done by the AssisTech Foundation to promote access to assistive technology for people with disabilities. By focusing on these four pillars, the foundation aims to promote greater access to assistive technology solutions and improve the lives of people with disabilities.

Acceleration

Acceleration refers to the need to speed up the innovations by startups through supporting them in development and dissemination of assistive technology solutions. This requires investing in research and development and promoting innovation in the field of assistive technology.

Availability

Availability refers to the need to ensure that assistive technology solutions are widely available and accessible to those who need them. This requires addressing barriers to access such as affordability, availability of trained professionals, and infrastructure.

Association

The AssisTech Foundation works towards building associations in the assistive technology ecosystem by facilitating networking opportunities, promoting knowledge sharing and collaboration, and supporting the formation of communities of practice.

Awareness

The AssisTech Foundation works towards increasing awareness of assistive technology solutions by conducting outreach programs, awards to reward and recognise AT ecosystem stakeholders and awareness campaigns like ATF Awards, Fellowships for Entrepreneurs with Disabilities, and access to The One Tech (ToT), among others to help entrepreneurs in the AT sector.

Programs

ATF Enable Acceleration Program

The ATF Acceleration Program is an exclusive program for Assistive Technology-based startups creating an impact in the world through empowering people with disability. It leads startups on a transformative journey where tailored support is provided to them along with mentorship, guidance and access limitless opportunities of networking and collaboration with an aim to help startups grow and succeed multifold.



Portfolio Startups



ATF's incubatees show **impact is possible**

Learning: **150,000** | Livelihood: **250,000** | Living: **125,000**

Programs (Contd.)

ATF Awards

ATF Awards is India's First and Foremost award exclusively for Assistive Technology ecosystem stakeholders. We introduced 10 awards in 3 categories to recognize not just the start-ups, but the ecosystem enablers like corporates, NGOs, governments, educational institutions and investors

To honor the impact made by startups and enablers, ATF (in partnership with Titan) designed the trophy that's inspired by implementations of concepts of Japanese and Buddhist philosophy along with the theme of minimalism. A Japanese philosophy called "Wabi-Sabi" was the elementary theme, which means finding beauty in the imperfections. The design was minimalist with a major element of "Kintsugi", through the cracks that are seen as assets rather than flaws.

Vacc-i-nation

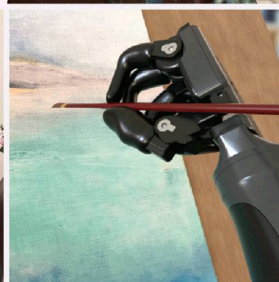
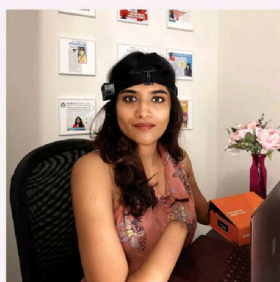
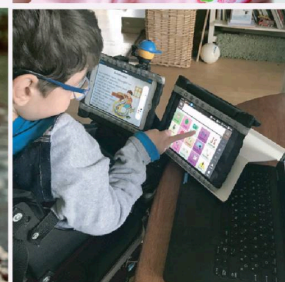
The accessibility of COVID-19 vaccines for people with disabilities has been a significant concern during the pandemic. To address these challenges, AssisTech Foundation in collaboration with Government of Karnataka prioritized accessibility and inclusivity in their vaccine rollout efforts through the initiative, "Vaccine Inclusive Nation (VIN)", a mission to vaccinate people with disabilities on priority. Through this initiative, ATF has been able to help vaccinate 10,000+ people with disabilities and their caregivers so far.

Adidvara

Adidvara is a one-stop digital platform exclusively made for people with disabilities and their caregivers to access learning, livelihood and living seamlessly through one digital platform. In Sanskrit, Adidvara means door to infinity. It is a door to limitless possibilities of transforming lives of people with disabilities around the virtuous cycle of learning, livelihood and living.

D&I Advisory

Unlock the power of diversity and inclusion with the expert guidance of the AssisTech Foundation! Our D&I advisory services are designed to help organizations build a more inclusive workplace from accessibility audits to disability sensitivity training, our team of experts is here to support an organization's journey towards greater diversity and inclusion.





Everybody has the ability to change disability

How you can participate

WORK | VOLUNTEER | DONATE

Creating a world of joy by empowering every person with disability

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