Anwesha Kolkata

Progress Summary (April 2026 – September 2026)

Resource Centre:

Education & Intervention:

Through specialized daily **early intervention** and **tailor-made remedial education**, we ensure that no child falls behind due to hearing loss.

Our immersive daily programs provide the critical language, cognitive, and social-emotional tools young learners need during their most foundational developmental years — transforming potential barriers into daily breakthroughs and building a confident foundation for lifelong success.






Children received weekly **speech therapy** focused on articulation and sound awareness, alongside regular **Indian Sign Language (ISL)** classes covering vocabulary, numbers, and full sentence structure to build comprehensive communication skills.




Through dedicated **home visit**s, Anwesha Kolkata delivered personalized guidance and care to students and their families — extending holistic support beyond the classroom and into the home.




Three special activities (Rabindra Jayanti, International Day of Yoga and Raksha Bandhan) were conducted.

Rabindra Jayanti at Anwesha Kolkata was more than a cultural celebration—it was a testament to how far our young learners have come. On May 9, 2026, deaf children and young adults captivated our audience through expressive dance, drama, and art, turning Rabindranath Tagore's timeless ideals into a living celebration of inclusion and empowerment."




Mindfulness speaks a universal language. On June 21, 2026, the children at Anwesha Kolkata marked **International Day of Yoga** with inspiring focus and posture.

Through adapted visual instruction, our young learners discovered the strength, balance, and inner calm that yoga brings—nurturing both their minds and physical well-being as they grow into confident individuals."




On August 28, 2026, our children celebrated the Raksha Bandhan festival with fervor.





Child Development:

Empowering a deaf child means empowering their entire support system. On May 16, 2026, international facilitators Mr. Jose Antonio Garcia and Ms. Lucienne Weigel, in partnership with Fundación Colores de Calcuta, brought our children and parents together for **a hands-on puppet - making workshop.**

Moments like these foster deep emotional connection, collaborative learning, and creative confidence—showing our families what is possible when the world stands behind them."



Fostering Growth at Summer Camp: On June 5–6, 2026, our centre hosted a transformative **two-day residential summer camp** centered on youth empowerment and self-development. Through icebreaker sessions, problem-solving games, self-introduction exercises, outdoor activities, and a dedicated health and nutrition workshop, participants built confidence, teamwork, and lifelong skills.




Study breaks at our center are designed to nourish both active minds and joyful spirits. During these structured intervals, children relax over friendly games of carrom — building social connections, spatial skills, and sportsmanship—while using interactive smart boards and the internet to explore real-world general knowledge. By blending offline play with digital learning, we turn break times into engaging opportunities for curiosity, digital literacy, and holistic development.	 
Transport allowances bridge the gap between home and learning. By removing travel cost barriers, we ensure consistent attendance, active parental involvement, and equal access to education for every DHH child, regardless of financial background.	
Regular tiffin given to all children throughout the week. Short-stay facility is also extended to parents coming from long distances. They stay back for one night so the children can attend two days in a week.	
Regular **child–parent counseling** sessions serve as a vital lifeline for our families. By providing a safe, structured space, these sessions foster clear communication, build emotional resilience, and establish realistic, supportive home environments. Crucially, empowering parents with practical coping strategies ensures that developmental progress made at our center is sustained, nurtured, and celebrated at home every day.	
A cooking class took place in which children learnt to make Jhal Muri. The children enjoyed the hands-on experience and it was also a language learning opportunity.	

A life science workshop was held at our centre on July 11,2026 introducing children to the five senses.

A two-hour interactive workshop led by Ms. Ankita Dewanji, designed to make human physiology accessible to DHH children. Using rich visual aids and simplified explanations, the session covered the five senses, general body anatomy, and an in-depth breakdown of ear structure and sound perception. By transforming complex life science concepts into an engaging visual experience, the workshop successfully broke down learning barriers and fostered inclusive education for the participants.




A puretone audiometry test were held for all children at Anwesha Kolkata on July 18 and 25, 2026.



Parent Empowerment

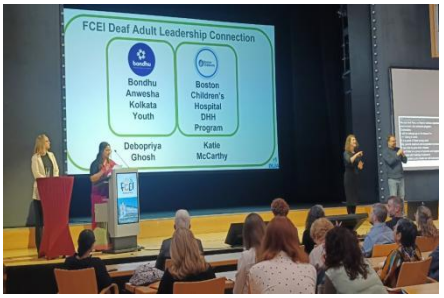
New batch is started to provide parents training for mother of DHH Children.
Since mothers are a child's first and most crucial teachers, this program equips them with essential home-based communication techniques, early language development strategies, and emotional support tools. By investing in these mothers, we ensure that specialized guidance doesn't end at our center doors— it continues seamlessly at home every single day.




Networking

On 16th May 2026, Pratidhwani West Bengal (PWB) celebrated its Foundation Day at Anwesha Kolkata Centra.



Anwesha Kolkata attended the 1st All Bengal NGO Summit 2026 at Ruhitel North Dumdum, Kolkata alongside 130+ incredible organizations on 6th June 2026.	
Taking center stage on the global platform, representatives from Anwesha Kolkata and Bondhu attended the prestigious Family-Centred Early Intervention (FCEI) International Conference in Bad Ischl, Austria, from June 8–12, 2026. Representing India on a global stage, six of our team members engaged with world leaders and experts in Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DHH) education. This invaluable experience allowed our delegation to exchange best practices, explore cutting-edge early intervention research, and bring back world-class, family-centered strategies to uplift our children and parents back home—proving that our local efforts are deeply aligned with global standards of excellence.	  
Free Hearing tests were conducted in collaboration with Pratidhwani West Bengal at Atpur, North 24 Parganas and Bhadreswar, Hooghly on 9 and 30 August 2026 respectively. Awareness sessions on Hearing health were conducted, reaching more than a two hundred people.	 
Ms. Snigdha Sarkar was invited as a presenter in Regional workshop on strengthening ear and hearing care in the South-East Asia region organized by World Health Organization held at Hotel Oberoi, New Delhi on 24-25 August 2026.	

Anwesha Kolkata team participated in the 3-day (1-3 September, 2026) Workshop for the Development of a Roadmap for Inclusive Education in the light of NEP,2020 organized by the school education department, Government of West Bengal in collaboration with UNICEF at Hotel Stadel, Bidhannagar .	
On September 18, 2026, Anwesha Kolkata was invited to take part in “UJJWOL SOISHAB”, a child-health awareness initiative launched by CMRI Hospital focused on early identification and timely intervention for neonatal hearing loss and other paediatric concerns.	
Member of Anwesha Kolkata team attended in an Annual General Meeting organized by Disability Activists Forum West Bengal on 12 September 2026 at Beautiful Mind Korok Office, Bidhannagar.	

Awareness & Advocacy

Newborn Hearing Screenings: Detecting hearing loss at the very beginning of life changes everything. The Anwesha Kolkata team actively conducted crucial newborn hearing screenings for infants under six months at health centers across Rajpur Sonarpur Municipality (South 24 Parganas), Kolkata Municipality, and Matri Bhavan.	 
Taking early intervention directly to the doorstep of our communities, the Anwesha Kolkata team conducted vital **newborn hearing screening awareness** drives across various neighborhoods in Rajpur Sonarpur Municipality, South 24 Parganas, and various parts of Anandapur, ward number 108, Kolkata. Because the first few months of life are critical for language development, our outreach initiatives educate families, healthcare workers, and local caregivers on the vital importance of early detection. By breaking stigmas and advocating for universal newborn screening, we ensure that hearing loss is identified early—paving the way for timely intervention, better developmental outcomes, and a future where no	  

child's potential goes unnoticed.	
Sessions on Hearing health were conducted in the following schools. ● July 3: Santoshpur Vidyamandir for Boys High School ● July 20: Santoshpur Vidhyamandir for Girls High School, The interactive session focused on the importance of hearing health, prevention of hearing loss, early identification of hearing problems, and fostering a positive understanding of deafness. To make the learning experience more engaging, participants were introduced to the basics of Indian Sign Language (ISL) through a live demonstration, followed by a brief quiz that reflected their enthusiasm and growing awareness. The curiosity, participation, and thoughtful responses from the students made this session truly rewarding. Every conversation on hearing health brings us one step closer to a society where early intervention, accessibility, and inclusion become a shared responsibility.	  
Celebration & Community Events	

Anweshan 2026: Following programmes were organised by Anwesha Kolkata team to celebrate the International Week of Deaf People (IWDP).

20 Sept 2026: An awareness session on “Cyber Crime Prevention” at Indumati Sabhagriha, Jadavpur in collaboration with Bondhu Group.

22 Sept 2026: A seminar on “Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act 2016” was held at Anuchintan Art Centre, Santoshpur in collaboration with Pratidhwani West Bengal.

26 Sept 2025: Annual Awareness programme involving DHH children, parents, well-wishers at CLT Aban Mahal, Dhakuria, Conferring Nakshatra Samman to deaf achievers, Presentation of skit “ Dak Ghar (the Post Office), Impact Study on 20 years of Anwesha Kolkata etc were the highlights of the programme .

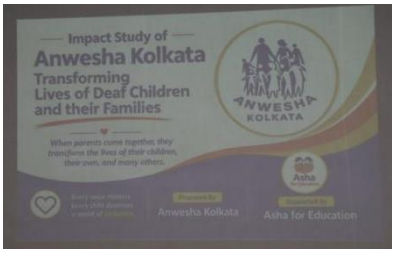















Capacity Building Workshop

On July 17, 2026, a workshop was organized on mental health for the members of Pratidhwani West Bengal, conducted by Ms Jayati Mukherjee.

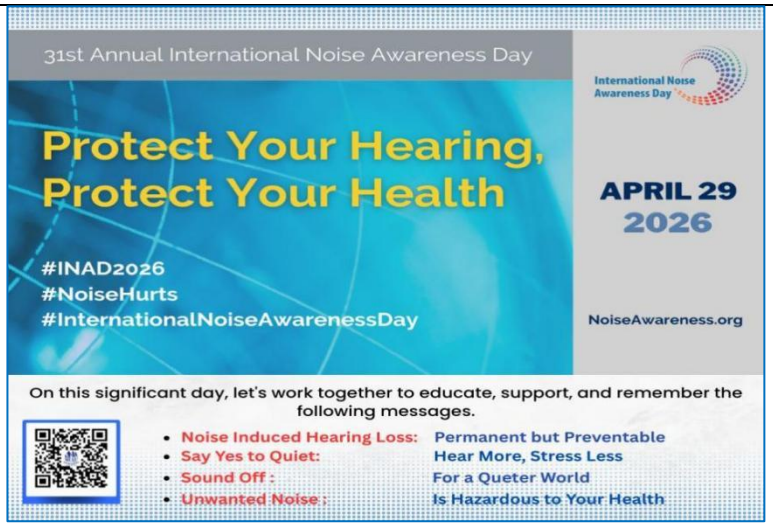



On August 20, 2026, a workshop was organized on Self Motivation for the members of Anwesha Kolkata, conducted by Mr. Supriya Kumar, expert in disability field.



Advocacy & Collaboration:

International Noise Awareness Day (INAD) was celebrated through social media. The theme was “Protect Your Hearing, Protect Your Health”.



Anwesha team actively took part in the celebration of Helen Keller Day jointly organized by Disability Activists Forum, West Bengal and KSEDA at Monovikas Kendra on 25 June 2026.



Achievements and Media recognition

Milestones are built on determination and equal opportunity. This year, five young champions from Anwesha Kolkata and Pratidhwani West Bengal achieved a monumental victory by passing the West Bengal Madhyamik and Higher Secondary examinations. In a world built on sound, their academic success stands as a testament to their hard work, resilience, and the power of early, sustained educational intervention.



Three children of Anwesha Kolkata were felicitated during the celebration of Helen Keller Day jointly organized by Disability Activists Forum, West Bengal and KSEDA at Monovikas Kendra on 25 June 2026.





Anwesha Kolkata received a certificate of participation for the campaign on ear and hearing care on 3 March World Hearing Day.



Out of 130+ incredible organizations at the 1st All Bengal NGO Summit 2026, Anwesha Kolkata is proud to be named among the **Top 10 NGOs** in Bengal.

This recognition is a powerful validation of our daily early intervention work and a tribute to the generous donors and resilient families who make our life-changing impact possible."



Anweshan 2026 was covered by the following media houses:

- Sahaj Satta : Hindi Daily
- Newscope Online Media https://bengali.newscope.press/hearing-impaired-people-show-depth-of-emotions-in-a-silent-world/?
- Aajkal: Bengali Newspaper
- News18 Bangla **https://youtube.com/shorts/Ul-LFh1lMaA?si=XXnxwFRti9WPfBVp**





The changemaker story of Sneha Das Gupta and her mother Snigdha Sarkar was published https://www.linkedin.com/posts/hearingloss-deaf-hardofhearing-share-7496521233795256321-u2tJ/?utm_source=social_share_send&utm_medium=ios_app&rcm=ACoAAAQKcmEBAVv5tdo0ooBRvabYgZsPe7Nr418



Visitors

On July 23, 2026, six visitors from Fundación Colores de Calcuta, Spain visited Anwesha Kolkata, interacting joyfully with our children, parents, staff and volunteers!



