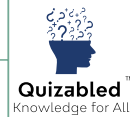
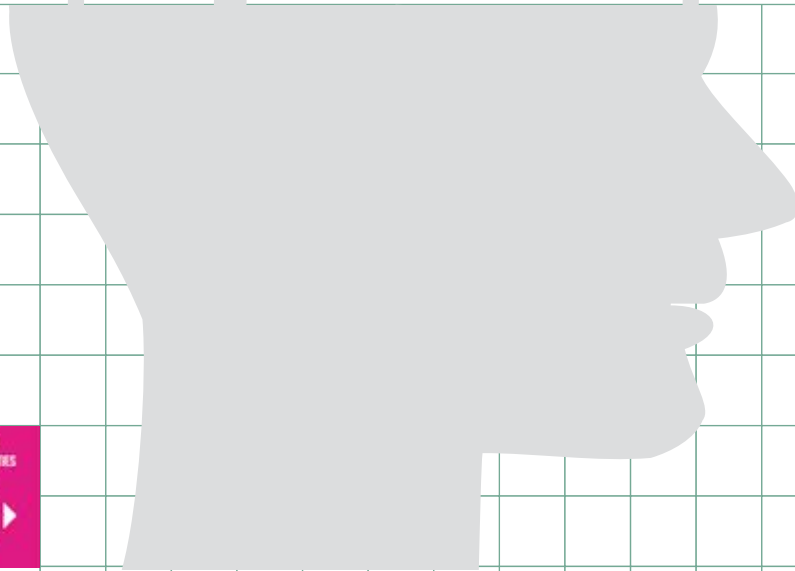


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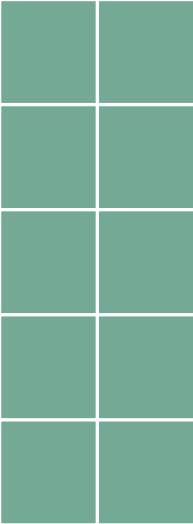
Preamble


The need to reinvigorate and develop opportunities for children, young adults and adolescents who are differently abled has been of significant importance in our country. This report highlights how opportunities can be created to empower the lives of the differently abled so as to ensure that they can experience quality access to knowledge development, recreation and a step towards feeling inclusive.

Quizabled was conceptualized in the year 2016 by Seva-in-Action (SiA). It is a very unique and special quiz competition exclusively for children & young adults who are differently abled the quizzing format was curated and adapted for children with disabilities by 4 Edge Quizzing Solutions, Bangalore to make it interesting for them. It is first of its kind in India, where differently-abled participants are given an opportunity to showcase their knowledge and intellectual capabilities. The need to make “Quizabled” a reality was furthermore enhanced when LTI 1st Step and Seva-in-Action brainstormed Quizabled. The LTI were keen to get this programme off the ground and they have been powering from its inception from the year 2016 onward.

“Quizabled powered by **1Step - A CSR initiative of LTI (Larsen & Toubro Infotech)** completes six years in January 2021. Over a period of six years, it has evolved from a One-day event in Bengaluru with just 110 numbers of participants to a two-day event with more than 2000 number of participants.

Equipped with a highly experienced/ advisory team on board, we have expanded across States of Tamil Nadu (**in collaboration with SPASTICS SOCIETY OF TAMIL NADU**), Maharashtra (**in collaboration with SUJAYA FOUNDATION**) and districts of Karnataka. The event was designed to include five different categories of disability namely, Intellectual Disability (ID), Cerebral Palsy (CP), Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), Visual Impairment (VI), and Hearing Impairment (HI).





*“Together, we can raise awareness and remove barriers. Together, with persons of disabilities as change agents, we can build an inclusive, accessible and sustainable world”
– Antonio Gueterres (Chief – United nation)*

MISSION

- QUIZABLED:

To provide quizzing as a platform for knowledge development and to discover abilities.

CORE OBJECTIVES:

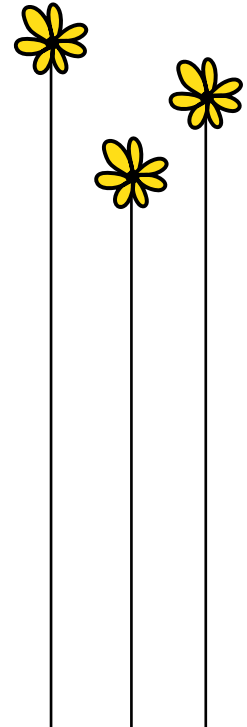
- To instill a sense of team-spirit, inculcate Self-Esteem and confidence in children and adults with disabilities.
- To promote and encourage inclusion which among other things, ensures that all children/adults who are differently-abled have the opportunity to participate in general quiz competitions.
- To sensitize special schools, Non-Governmental Organizations and Mainstream Schools about the significance and role of quizzing in learning & knowledge building.
- To develop e-learning skills .

DEVELOPING THE QUIZ FORMAT

When like-minded people get-together to put their values at work and to make a difference, there is a transformative effect on creating something unique. Team Seva-in-Action(SiA) alongside members of 4Edge Quizzing Solutions, together came up with a strategy to create a plan for execution. Objectives and expected key results were set.

The next task was to meet with Professionals/Specialists. The organizing team visited NIMHANS and numerous other special schools, to interact with teachers/specialists and observe students. The data collected, helped in framing questions particularly for children with Autism and Intellectual Disabilities. After extensive research and based on the feedback received from teachers and other Professionals, the team came up with an exclusive and differentiated quiz format based on their abilities.

Initially Quizabled We had started off with just two groups hoping we were covering all grounds. But we soon realised there is still a lot more for us to learn as organizers to truly make the event more accessible to everyone. As we moved on to making the event with 4 groups, it seemed like we were there. But after the format was fixed, the next stage was expansion. As the quiz moved on to two more cities and rural Karnataka, there were a new set of challenges that were. Thus the quizzing format developed over the years looking into the needs and potentials of children and adults with disabilities.



CATEGORIZATION OF THE PARTICIPANTS:

1. CHILDREN WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY
2. CHILDREN WITH CEREBRAL PALSY AND AUTISM
3. CHILDREN WITH VISUAL IMPAIRMENT
4. CHILDREN WITH HEARING IMPAIRMENT

Questions for children with intellectual disability and children with cerebral palsy and autism were based on Pictorial Reasoning. Questions were mostly on Identification of animals, World famous places, personalities & Musical Instruments. Pattern of questions were in the form of multiple choices and Yes/No type.

Children with visual impairment was asked questions on general knowledge topics, covering current affairs and static events related to History, Geography. Pattern of questions were in the form of Multiple Choice and Objective type questions.

Questions were designed for children with hearing impairment to identify pictures of famous personalities, Organization Logos/cartoon characters. Pattern of questions were in the form of Multiple Choice and Objective type questions.

NUMBER OF CHILDREN PARTICIPATED FROM 2016 - 2020

No. of Schools
- 366



Total No. of Students
- 2550



Students with ID
- 1275



Students with CP and ASD



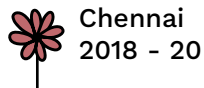
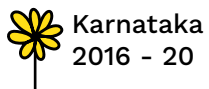
Students with VI



Students with HI



Each full flower depicts a 100 participants in the specified regions



BREAKING BARRIERS:

Participation of a differently abled child/adult in any event is influenced by a wide variety of factors and challenges as well. Frequent challenges were faced from its inception. One of the main objectives of Quizabled is to overcome societal prejudices about children/adults who are differently abled. Children/adults with Intellectual Disabilities in particular face stereotypes and judgments when it comes to participating in quiz. Raising awareness through this platform has effectively helped in changing attitudes, thereby fostering inclusion.

Parents of children were met with reservations in their minds. Discussions with parents and stakeholders were held on numerous occasions to convey the importance of the event and how their support would positively influence their children's participation in the event. Participants, students/ children came with a variety of experiences, strengths and also challenges. Since, there were taking part for the first time in this event, there was a need to motivate them constantly to infuse confidence in them.

Another major barrier faced was transportation accessibility for the participants from other districts of Karnataka. With tremendous support from Support staff, volunteers, and parents, SiA has been able to overcome every hurdle in its growth.



G R O W T H



QUIZABLED GOES DIGITAL IN 2020-21

The 6th Edition of Quizabled 2020-21 continued in the pandemic through the digital and virtual platform keeping in view safety of all participants.

A total number of 494 participants including Children/ young adults with Intellectual Disability, Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Visual Impairment and Hearing Impairment participated enthusiastically in the competition from Karnataka Chennai and Mumbai.

Hosting the event virtually in the Pandemic Era:

With an aim to make the event accessible to the differently abled, Quizabled was launched virtually this year. One of our vital goals of Quizabled is to ensure that differently abled individuals can take part in the competition with ease and therefore benefit from it. Reflecting on the past editions of Quizabled, several discussions were held with the co-hosts, quiz masters and event management teams to explore, make Accessibility a priority during the entire event and eventually translate all strategies into action.

The teams were faced with some tough questions and situations during the planning phase. The need to understand the challenges and difficulties which the participants might face when accessing and participating on a virtual platform was imperative. Accessibility issues inherent to the virtual platform and venues had to be looked into and the requirement to host the event on both the app & web-portal had to be streamlined.

Quizabled portal was developed to enable participation of children with Intellectual Disability, Autism and Cerebral Palsy through the online mode in a noncompetitive manner.

“ZOOM was used to host the quiz for children with visual impairment and hearing impairment considering keeping in view the technology related challenges.

Sign language Interpretation and captioning was accommodated for participants and viewers with Hearing Impairment. Also, information and training was provided to participants/ volunteers & school authorities on how to access the platform.

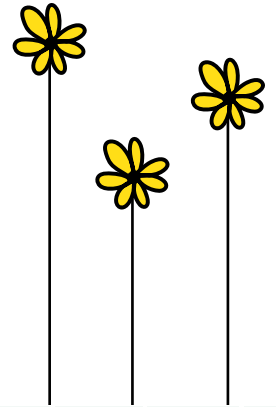
With an aim to promote transparency in the entire event, only volunteer group members were allowed as representatives alongside participants. Every participant was supported by a volunteer member who could render assistance to the participants whenever needed. Volunteer groups were arranged by the organizing team.

Virtual Preliminary Round

The Prelims were organized on the cloud-based video communications app, “ZOOM”. Two categories namely Group C-Children & young adults with Visual Impairment and for Group D-Hearing Impairment took part.

A total number of 166 children from Karnataka (Bangalore, Mysore, Kalaburagi, Hubli and Gadag), Tamilnadu (Chennai, Kanchipuram and Ramanathapuram) and Mumbai took part in the event. Six participants with disabilities from each category were qualified for the finals.

There was great enthusiasm among children parents and teachers to participate in Quizabled this year also and they made sure to make arrangements and not miss the chance of quizzing in Quizabled.



WAY FORWARD: blended form Digital and Face to Face

With a move to enhance learning and foster e-learning during this pandemic in 2020, we plan to launch the competition in its Digital avatar that is online. This could broaden access and encourage more number of participants in the competition and also reach out to more regions/states.

Another aim is to strive towards launching “Quizabled” in the National level and making it an inclusive program by actively building partnerships with the differently abled and their representative Organizations.

While there is a need for more work/ services to be established and gaps to be filled, “Quizabled” has served as a foundation for providing as a platform to empower the differently abled

MILE STONES - QUIZABLED

In line with our Mission statements, we are determined to take "Quizabled" to the next level. Way forward, we aim at making this platform an opportunity to disseminate and to showcase our approaches towards bringing about transformative changes in the society towards Inclusion, Advocacy and also influence policy change.

Bangalore with
4 Edge Quizzing solutions

2016

2017

Bangalore with
4 Edge Quizzing Solutions

Bangalore with Mindcogs
and Chennai with
Catalyst Quiz Corp

2018

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Bangalore & 5 Districts
and Mumbai with
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Solutions. Chennai with
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2020

Bangalore, 5 Districts and
Mumbai with 4Edge Quizzing
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2021

IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Impact assessment for Quizabled was conducted by The Centre of Excellence in Teacher Education (CETE) at the TISS, Mumbai which aims to enable quality education for all children in India through professional development of teachers and create an impact in the education space. The purpose of the assessment was to understand how Quizabled has enabled knowledge development of children with disabilities through quizzing and raised awareness regarding valuing diversities in the society.

PARAMETERS

Equality of opportunities, Non Discrimination, Awareness Raising, Inclusion

QUIZABLED PROJECT OBJECTIVES

- To provide children and adults across disabilities with a knowledge platform and opportunity for quizzing.
- To instill a sense of team-spirit, inculcate Self-Esteem and confidence in children and adults with disabilities.
- To promote and encourage socialization with children/youths who are differently-abled have the opportunity to participate in competitions.
- To sensitize special schools, Non-Governmental Organizations and Mainstream Schools about the significance and role of quizzing in learning & knowledge building.
- To prepare children and adults with visual and hearing impairment for participating in competitive exams.
- Breaking myths about children with disabilities especially children with intellectual disabilities participating in quiz events.

IMPACT ASSESSMENT OBJECTIVES

- Assess the impact of learning and socialization through quizzing in children across disabilities from rural and urban areas, special school, inclusive & residential schools of Karnataka (6 districts) Tamil Nadu (6 districts) and Mumbai.
- Experience of teachers and parents towards children and youths with disabilities.
- Impact on schools due to children participating in Quizabled
- Changes in attitude among LTI volunteers towards children with disabilities
- Understanding the difference in levels of participation and learning experience of children with intellectual and developmental disabilities (autism & Cerebral palsy), blind and hearing impaired through quizzing.



SDG 4

Promoting inclusivity:

Quizabled is first of its kind event to be held in the country and through its subsequent editions over the years provided with a platform and an opportunity to showcase their skills and knowledge and dispel the perceptions surrounding the learning abilities of CWD.

Provided opportunities and an inclusive environment to perform to their fullest potential

Elimination of

discrimination: Dispelling the predominant notions of learning capabilities of CWD. Quizabled has enabled the participants to challenge this discrimination surrounding the learning capabilities



SDG 10

Reducing Inequalities: Previously in Tamil Nadu students with visual impairment could not opt for the science group in their higher secondary education, which was subsequently challenged by a quizabled winner in the court and a Government Order has been issued by the Education Department that irrespective of one's identity as a CWD, students must be granted the choice to pursue the stream of their choice

Equal Opportunity: Boosting the self esteem and confidence of the participants in the Quizabled by providing them with an equal opportunity.

Perceptions of the stakeholders:

Apprehension by stake holders about the capabilities of the children to understand the rules of the games and effectively participate in it, however these perceptions have undergone significant changes after witnessing children participate and win the event.



TESTIMONIALS

Ms. Ruma Banerjee, Chairperson, Seva-in-Action

Quizabled is a distinctive knowledge platform created for children with different abilities to provide them with equitable opportunities in learning, valuing diversities and enabling them to participate in quizzing. LTI's support has enabled Seva-in-Action to make Quizabled a unique initiative in the field of education and skills development. Quizabled has created an environment for valuing differences and celebrating diversities in the society



Mr Vinodh Kumar, CSR and Sustainability LTI

Quizzes Are Fun, and Now they Are Inclusive. Before the pandemic situation, when we had on person quizzing event, it was always a delight to see these children on stage trying to answer questions. Well, it was even more interesting offstage the children behind me were trying to guess the answer for each question. When they were right, their face lit up in a way that had to be seen and enjoyed; it cannot be explained. I heard many special school teachers who were reluctant earlier to send these children to participate in Quizabled, mentioned that they are now considering discussing quizzing events so that children are more aware! This is a huge achievement for both LTI and Seva in Action along with 4edge quizzing solutions for conceptualizing Quizabled and on behalf of LTI I want to express our sincere gratitude to the core team from Seva-in-Action and LTI for successfully executing it! Our partnership over the past six years with SIA has been really wonderful



Quiz Master's Testimonials



Quizabled has easily been one of the most special quizzes for us at 4 edge. The journey has been nothing short of incredible for us since the beginning. From conceptualization the first stage quiz to see it go online we have all come a long way. The energy and enthusiasm of the children is unparalleled. A truly remarkable event with numerous facets of learning for everyone year in, year out. The final frontier of the quiz that awaits us now is its digital avatar. We are looking forward to doing our best for this version also.

- **Mr. Himadri Banerjee,**
Quiz master, 4 Edge Quizzing Solutions, Bangalore



Quizabled is one of the most purposeful knowledge events that I have ever been part of. It lives up to the motto of 'Quizzing for all'. You will get to witness the empowerment and self-esteem that knowledge brings in children irrespective of the tags they carry. I have seen teachers and parents pleasantly being surprised at the level of confidence the kids show on stage. It was always just about giving them the right platform and Quizabled did just that.

- **Ms. Meghavi Gowda**
from Quriosity Knowledge Solutions



Quizabled is one quiz that I always look forward to hosting every year. This quiz has broken the consensus that quiz competition is possible only for those who have adept memory and strong listening and reading skills. It was pretty challenging during the first year since I was wondering how intellectually challenged kids could answer questions. But only after I witnessed what was thought to be impossible, did I make efforts to improve the level of questions and innovated a few puzzle-solving rounds. It never feels like a special quiz for me anymore. Some of them could easily compete in regular competitive quizzes and win. I'm happy LTI and SiA made an effort to break the barrier and continue to do so.

- **Mr. Surya Narayanan**
from Catalyst Quiz Corp



Message from Volunteers

Quizabled is one of the CSR events that is close to my heart. I have volunteered consecutively for 5 years now. Initially Starting from thoughtfully selecting the venue till the closure of event, each activity is a unique experience. It is amazing to watch the children with contagious energy levels. Their grit to excel and self-confidence - given any situation is a great take away for our lives. SIA does this event with a great love and passion every year. Thanks to LTI for powering this event.



- **Sandhya Yashasvi**, Senior Specialist - HR Shared Services, LTI

I feel extremely proud and blessed that I am part of Quizabled for past 5 years as a volunteer and co-ordinator in Bangalore & Chennai. Being one of the first quizzing platform for specially abled children in India, Quizabled is always a prestigious project for LTI 1Step. Every year Quizabled becomes bigger and bigger and hope to see an all India edition soon... It has helped me to better myself personally and professionally. Waiting for the next edition of Quizabled.....”



- **Merin Jose**, Project Manager, LTI

Quizabled event always gave me a great experience and huge satisfaction. These special kids are not just tough competitors but also highly talented in various arts like dance, music and mimicry. They show that ‘Success always lies at the other end of fear’. It’s an event that puts up beautiful smiles with so many hands put in Together



- **Sowmya P**, Senior Quality Engineer, LTI

The Quizabled conducted by Seva in action really brings out the capacities from the children with disabilities. As a volunteer I visited schools to distribute flyers, I could see the interest in Children and teachers. They are well trained and follow the instructions correctly. I am sure they will be expecting the event every year anxiously.



- **Ms. Kalavathy. K**, Volunteer, Seva-in-Action

Glimpses of

6

years of
Quizabled



Knowledge for All

Quiz Master

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1. When this famous Indian was in South Africa, he earned his football team 'Yantra Revolution'. This Indian returned to India from South Africa and was instrumental in the freedom fight. Who?

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Interpreter

What do vampire bats eat?
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A Blood
ரத்தம்

B Sap
தாவது உயிர் சாறு

C Milk
பால்

D Water
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TESTIMONIALS/SUCCESS STORIES OF QUIZABLED

There is a famous saying “the problem with understanding disability is the disability of understanding. “To promote this understanding Seva- in-Action has taken a quantum leap by conducting a quiz for the differently abled. When I visited the quiz, I was energised, enthused and enlightened by the passion and the drive of the students to come out in flying colours. It gave not only an opportunity for the quiz participants, but also an opportunity to the audience I hope this journey continues till eternity, inspiring and motivating the world for an inclusive and adaptive society.

- Dr. Rajdeep Manwani, Professor and co-ordinator, Department of Commerce, Jain University, Bangalore.



He says “Cerebral Palsy; CP stands for Competent Person. Quizabled event was the first-time quiz programm for him to participate and he won first two consecutive years. Ms. Uma, teacher says “In the beginning many children did not come forward to participate in the Quiz, but now many are coming forward to participate by seeing Saravana”. He saved cash prize for his higher studies.

- Mas. Sarvana was studying 7th std in Shradhanjali Integrated School from The Association of People with Disability (APD), Bangalore.

He says “from past 3 years he got a good exposure in different fields”. He was very proud and teachers appreciated in front of all the children. The cash prize helped him to buy school items like books, uniform, shoes etc. He wishes to work as sign language interpreter.

- Balamurugan was studying 10th std in The Sheila Kothavala Institute for the Deaf, Bangalore.



“The experience with Quizabled has been great participating in Quizabled from past 3 years. The enthusiasm, talent in children are incredible and they are moving slowly & steadily. The Quizabled event gives the real set up of quiz competition and done with dignity.

- Ms. Sathya Priya teacher Ashakiran special needs school, Bangalore.



Children are so excited the way the Quizabled is being organized. It is big task for the organizers to bring children from other Districts. As teachers we learned a lot from the children and it really helped us to frame the questions to train children with hearing impairment.

- Mrs. Geetha Bai and Ms. Archana, Teachers, The Sheila Kothavala Institute for the Deaf, Bangalore.

Quizabled event proves that disability cannot prevent differently abled students in reaching greater heights in academics as well as in all the other areas. It's a great initiative taken by SPASTN, Seva-in-Action and LTI in bringing the differently abled students from schools all over Chennai and nearby districts.. Wishing all the student's good luck in their future.

- Mr. Surappa, Vice Chancellor, Anna University, Chennai.



Wholeheartedly appreciate the efforts of ‘Seva-in-Action’ and SPASTN to promote quizzing among the differently abled students. Being a quizzer myself was overjoyed to see the enthusiasm of the participants and was happy to see the same joy of Quizzing among the students which I used to experience as a student. It is a wonderful initiative to remove the barriers in academics Best wishes to all future editions of Quizabled!”

- Dr. AlbyJohn IAS, Regional Deputy Commissioner, South Greater Chennai, Corporation

He is very happy to become one among the winners of Quizabled event in a very tough competition with the team from Sethu Bhaskara school. This time with more encouragement and regular training from school, the school got the winner and runner up in 2 categories separately.

- Harish from St. Louis Institute of Deaf and Blind, Adyar, Chennai.



Mother is very proud and overwhelmed to see her daughter winning in the event. She never thought that her daughter could participate in front of such huge audience and become a winner. She also thanked the teachers for taking effort in training and their support throughout.”

- Mother of M. Gayathri, NIEPMED, Muttukkadu (Winner up in Group B)

It was totally a new experience for his students and this is the first time they are participating but still they reached the Finals. He will definitely make his students to participate every year in future.

- M. Adhyaman Kumar, Teacher, Higher Secondary school for Visually Impaired.



He was very glad that their students reached the finals and he was very confident that his students will definitely win the trophy.

- Subramaniam, Teacher, Mithra Special school, Anna Nagar.

TESTIMONIALS (MUMBAI)

The concept of Quizabled is uniquely designed specially for children with disabilities. NGOs, Institutes should think out of the box to raise the capacities of the children. It is passion, dedication, sensitization towards the sector which will guide you to success.

- Dr. Varsha Bhagat, Director, Education Training and Service Centre for Persons with Disabilities, NMMC.





I would like to congratulate all the children who participated in Quizabled. They were wonderful, smart people who got a wonderful opportunity to participate in the Quizabled event.

- Ms. Jheel Mehta, a renowned actress.

She said that to be able to have a Quizabled event which is so creative for people whom we don't think can participate in a quiz event.

- Ms. Neelambari Store Rao, Founder, Sujaya Foundation

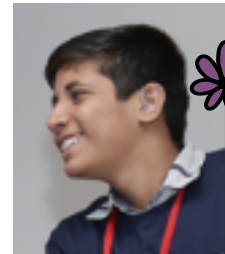


He was so happy and proud that he along with his teammate Rahul and won the Quiz. He was very excited and confident when he went up the stage. The Quizabled Competition was a unique experience and the applause & cheer from the audience was the highlight for him. He is looking forward for more!

- Chaitanya is from Sujaya Foundation

He participated first time in such a magnitude. He had been practicing for the event but on the day of Quizabled but felt scared.. The volunteers assisted them in translating the questions He was very happy with the fact that he could make it till the semi-final. This truly was a memorable experience for us!

- Firoz Ansari is from ETC

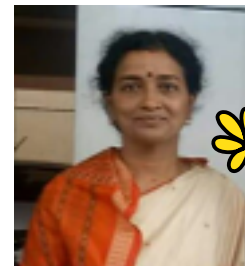


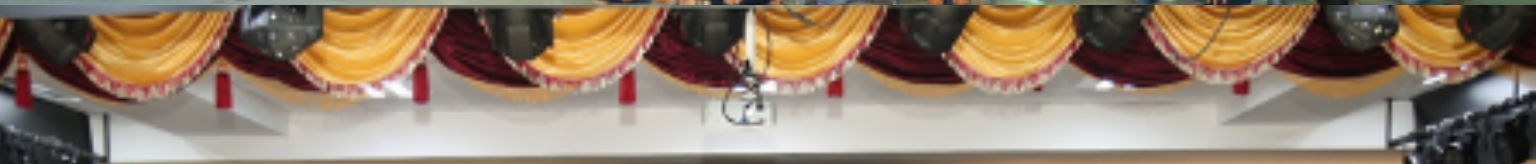
Overall it was very good competition and superb experience. This is the first time our students had participated.. It was a very new concept to participate with various teams of various schools. The competition was well arranged.

- Ms. Molly Joy, Special Educator of Jai Vakeel Foundation

She got a wonderful opportunity to participate in the Quiz competition. Starting from registration to Prize distribution was very well organized. Children, teachers and parents, thoroughly enjoyed the whole session. Food was awesome. We all look forward to be a part of such events in future.

- Ms. Meena Dashmohapatra, Special Educator, Aashray Special School







Our thanks to reach out Quizabled to different districts and states.

NGO Partners

- The Spastics Society of Tamil Nadu (SPASTN), Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- Sujaya Foundation, Mumbai, Maharashtra

Nodal centres in Karnataka

- Nachiketa Mano Vikasa Kendra
- Seva-in-Action
- Christ Special School
- Association of Mentally Challenged
- The Spastics Society of Karnataka
- The Association for People with Disabilities
- Sri Sajjan Rao Vidya Samsthe
- Arunachetana special school
- Govt residential School for the Blind in Kalaburagi, Davanagere, Dharwada and Mysuru
- Sri. B.D Tatti Memorial residential school for Deaf, Laxmeshwar, Gadaga



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