# INSIGHT
## ICT for the differently abled

# INTRODUCTION TO INSIGHT

• A joint venture of Kerala State IT Mission & SPACE

• Began its operations in the year 2007

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• Dedicated towards making the differently abled self-reliant using ICT tools

• Financial assistance by IT Mission & technical, managerial assistance by SPACE

• Proudly promotes the use of free software

· Currently, our activities are centred on visually challenged people and autistic children

## ACTIVITIES FOR VISUALLY CHALLENGED

. Operates as a Resource Centre for the visually challenged

. A hub for the visually challenged where he/she is free to walk in for education/employment assistance

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. Imparts training in various distinctions of ICT

. Offers two-month training programme on soft skills development & ICT

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. Training programme certified by IGNOU

· Assists the visually challenged to keep track of the advancements in ICT

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· Former students of Insight are engaged as master trainers here

# ACTIVITY LAB

- Activity lab for autistic children

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- Outcome of a workshop for parents and teachers of autistic children, conducted by Dr. Arun Mehta in 2008

- Uses Gcompris, a suite of free educational software, as well as Scratch for training.

- Will soon have a separate building soon.

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## PROJECTS WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

- Training through Akshaya Centres

- Training programme for visually challenged school teachers in association with IT @School

- Training to differently abled people in the outskirts of Thiruvananthapuram in collaboration with District Panchayat

- Organizes training for special educators in association with special schools

# AUDIO CONTENT

- Brings out 'Swaram', a bi-monthly audio magazine for the visually challenged
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- Recording of Textbooks, Class Notes

- Distributed free of cost

# EMPLOYABILITY

- Hosts a job portal for the visually challenged

- Conducted job fair for the visually challenged at Technopark, Thiruvananthapuram

- Working towards eliminating the stigma attached with employing differently abled

- Sensitizes companies for identifying job opportunities for the visually challenged

# RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT

- Released alpha version of Text To Speech software in Malayalam
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- On the process of developing character recognition software in Malayalam

- Developments in ICT is made available for the students in real time

- Planning to develop software for improving the communication abilities of autistic children