

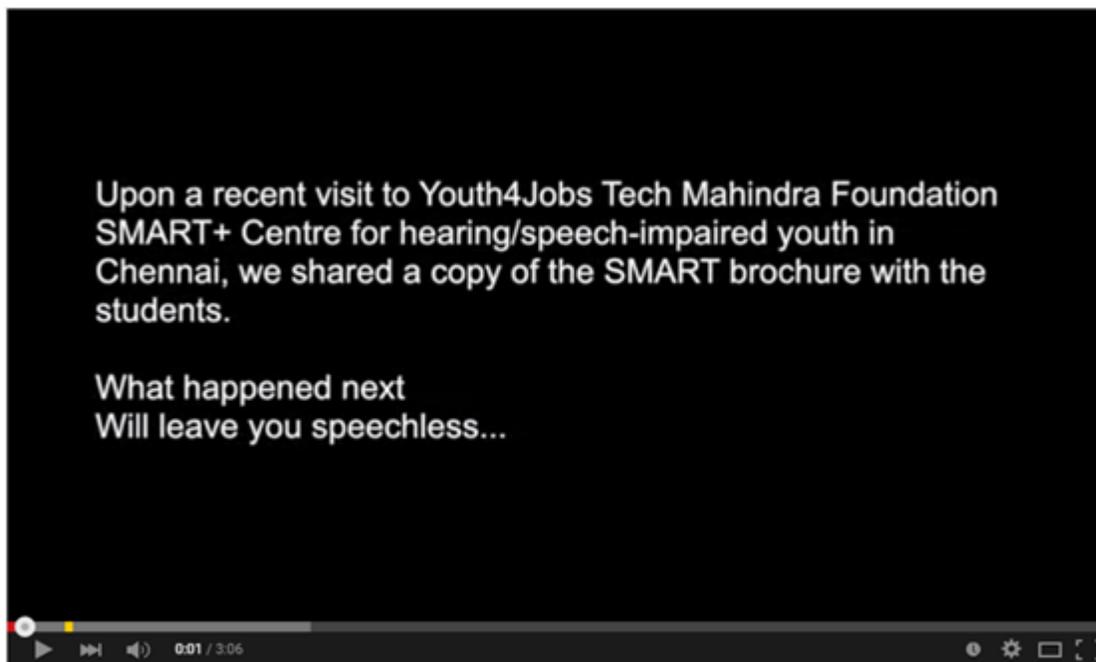
## Abhivyakti– An Expression Beyond Words

Dear friends,

This fortnight's story is brief. We will take two minutes of your time and invite you to watch a heartwarming [video](https://youtu.be/vTOi2Cmo-ng) (youtu.be/vTOi2Cmo-ng), which captures some moments that pull us back to our most recent visit to Chennai. We were there for an assortment of tasks, including preparations for launch of our latest SMART technical centre, meetings with the education partners and a brief dialogue with the government on furthering our work with them.

Our team at Chennai facilitated a brief visit to the new Youth4Jobs – Tech Mahindra Foundation SMART+ Centre. The Centre equips disabled youth with skills needed in modern day jobs, and places them with reputed organisations. During our interaction with students, we presented our new brochure, which talks about the SMART programme, the choice of available trades, the prospective employers, and quintessentially, real stories from the ground.

When we finished, a group of youngsters reached out for the brochure. What followed was captured by our camera... impromptu, and is [here](https://youtu.be/vTOi2Cmo-ng)(youtu.be/vTOi2Cmo-ng) for you to see.



We were pleasantly surprised to see how the lack of spoken word was not a deterrent to expression. The students keenly went through the brochure page by page, interacting with each other as they glanced through real life stories of people with similar backgrounds and common aspirations. As we returned home, we could not forget how the students enthusiastically went through the list of

prospective employer with a dazzle in their eyes, and how they returned to Kiran's story towards the end – the powerful story of a girl with disabilities from Chandigarh.

This has strengthened our belief in what we do, especially our work in the area of disability – we ensure that at least 10% of our beneficiaries are people with disabilities. It is also a great reminder that we should keep going on, building upon hope, deriving from courage, and reckoning upon accomplishments. As Sharron Angle has rightly put it – “there is a plan and a purpose, a value to every life, no matter what its location, age, gender or disability.”

Of course, we extend special thanks to our team at Chennai – Mamatha, Jesuraj and Zubeeda, for giving us this gem of a moment, and Rakshit, our valuable intern for polishing this further.

Warm regards,  
Tech Mahindra Foundation