

Dear All,

**The XRCVC - Viviana Extension, Thane is happy to announce an online workshop on the theme “Simply Reading Without Seeing” under its Tech Roshni series – A step at bridging the digital divide for blind and low vision persons. This Workshop is supported by the Dhun Pestonji Parakh Discretionary Trust.**

Since last few session, we are learning to explore libraries, downloading of books and reading applications on computer. There are few applications which helps to perform these tasks with help of our Android phones. The Simply reading app is one of the program which allows us to log in to various libraries, download documents and allows to read with phones.

The Simply Reading app is simple to use by persons with blindness or low vision on a touch screen device and books can be directly downloaded and read in this app from any online platform such as Sugamya Pustakalaya and Bookshare. The application is free and developed by DAISY Consortium of India which aims to unlock digital reading for people who struggle with existing, more complex touch screen solutions.

In the upcoming workshop, we will study the Simply Reading program with hands-on experience.

**Eligibility:** participants should have good knowledge of Android phone gestures with talk back, touch typing and internet browsing.

Limited seats are available for the session.

Those interested should kindly register by using the link appended below.

<https://forms.gle/g1fSf3JypnT8T5ew7>

**Resource Persons:** Vikas Dabholkar and Keshavan Nadar

**Criteria:** Persons with print disabilities such as blind and low vision. Participant should be a screen reader user.

**Date:** 30<sup>th</sup> October 2021, (Saturday).

**Time:** 4.30 pm to 5.30 pm.

**Venue:** Online Session (Zoom conferencing platform)

The registration link will close at 6.00 pm. On Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2021.

**Important Note:**

1. Instructions to login will be sent by email on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2021, Friday to the registered participants only.
2. After clicking the above given link, fill the form. Please do not click on Request Edit Access button. If you click on it the form will not get submitted. Once the form is filled then click on Submit button only.
3. Participants are requested to use their personal earphones/headphones during the session.
4. After successful form submission, you will receive acknowledgement email from Google.

Thanks,

Vikas Dabholkar

Computer Instructor - Technical Consultant,

XRCVC-Viviana Extension, Viviana Mall, Thane