

FIDA (2019-20)

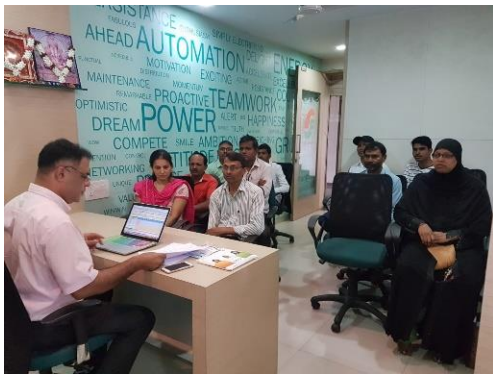
REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATIONS

FIDA participated in the Republic Day celebrations at the Pimpri-Chinchwad *Apang Sanstha*, where the children put up an inspiring performance, inspiring us for the year to come.



FIDA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS-2019

After an initial screening process based on academic performance, need perception, family background and economic status, candidates from both the Wadeshwar Ashramshala as well as Pune Municipal Corporation schools went through an in-depth selection process involving writing, creative expression, group discussions and personal interviews.



We are happy to welcome the following students into the FIDA Family for the year 2019.

Isha Wakikar

Isha is an artist who has won several awards in Art Competitions including "A" grades in Elementary and Intermediate Art Examinations. She aims to pursue a career in Fine Arts. Her father is a potter by profession.





Harshada Jogdev

Harshada is the first person in her family to have completed Std X. Her father is a tempo driver. She is a sportsperson who was the captain of her school Dodgeball team. She plans on working in the field of Electronics and Telecommunication.

Somnath Khade

Somnath comes from a farming community. He is keen on pursuing a career in Electrical Engineering.



Rehana Mushtaq

Rehana's father undertakes painting of houses. She enjoys dancing and has won awards in creative writing at the Maharashtra State *Sahitya Sammelan*. She is keen on pursuing a career in Management.



Devashri Sharma

Devashri's education has been sponsored by his sister as his father is an alcoholic. He plans on doing a Diploma in Mechanical Engineering.

**Payal Pathak**

Payal's father works in a small-scale industrial unit. She is extremely fond of writing poetry and has participated in several debating competitions. She is interested in Computer Engineering.

**Akshda Jejurikar**

Akshda's father is a rickshaw driver. Akshada plans on studying Commerce and applying for a career in the Indian army.



LEARNING SUPPORT

Providing Study Material



Preparatory study material in all subjects was distributed to the tenth standard students of the Wadeshwar Ashramshala to help them in their preparation for the Maharashtra State Board Exams.

Improving the learning environment

One of the classrooms at the Mahatma Gandhi School was furnished with study benches so as to provide the children with a more comfortable seating while in the classroom.



The school is located in the vicinity of the Yerawada Central Jail and primarily caters to children of prisoners living in the surrounding slums.

Teacher's Training Program

FIDA sponsored the CRE (Continuous Rehabilitation in Education) Teachers Training Program at Cochlea, an organisation working towards early detection and intervention in hearing impaired children from 3 to 6 years of age. This program, affiliated to the Rehabilitation Council of India aims at getting teacher acquainted with new teaching methods and concepts in working with the hearing impaired. Around 30 teachers from Cochlea were trained during the Workshop.



Provision of Laptops

A Laptop was given to Pradnya Mane, an under privileged student, studying Engineering at the Kolhapur Institute of Technology. She belongs to a family of marginal farmers.



Another device was also given to Mayur Gadekar, an aspiring UPSC candidate who is the son of a carpenter and completed his Engineering degree after availing a loan.

Career Counselling

In order to help the FIDA scholarship recipients on their journey towards being economically independent, FIDA has collaborated with Dhyey Career Consultancy, an organisation involved in mentoring students and providing career guidance based on their aspirations and strengths. Dhyey would also be guiding the students with regards to internships in the areas of their choice and help them with personality improvement and life skills betterment.



Mentoring Students

FIDA has regular interactions with the scholarship recipients to understand the challenges faced by them and to help them cope with change.



Pooja Chavan who was counselled and motivated to reconsider her choices after having dropped out of a Diploma in Engineering Program has successfully completed the ITI program from the Aundh Technical Institute, Pune.

Manisha Gabale who was keen on taking up a job after the completion of her Diploma in Engineering from the Government Polytechnic College, Pune was encouraged by FIDA to pursue her degree program in Engineering at VIT, Pune. She has scored an 8.75/10 in the same, making us all very proud of her achievements.

Harshada Jogdev who is pursuing her Diploma in Electronics and Telecommunication scored 85.29 % and stood second in her class.

Suvarna Nisal who had failed in all her subjects and dropped out for a year was counselled to get back on the program. She has now performed well in Std XI.

Priyanka Dadge was encouraged to sign up for a course in Data Analytics, keeping her inclination and the job market in view. In spite of earlier reservations on being able to handle the requirements, she has been performing extremely well, scoring 48/50 in Python Language.

SPECIAL INITIATIVES

Mobility Devices (Handicare)

Mobility devices that help the differently abled move about in a more hygienic way, without having to touch the floor were handed over to children at the Pimpri Chinchwad Apang Sanstha. These devices are extremely easy to use and can be propelled forwards by mere wriggling and have steering handles to move in the desired direction. The children were easily able to grasp the working and took to these devices immediately.



FUND RAISING

In addition to contributions from FIDA members, Vinod participated in the Marathon des Sables, a six-day, 251 km ultramarathon held every year in southern Morocco in the Sahara Desert to raise funds for FIDA. It is regarded as one of the toughest foot races on Earth and he says that FIDA inspired him to keep going in spite of being injured.



BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETINGS AND LEGAL COMPLIANCES

The FIDA Board of Trustees meet regularly to discuss issues pertaining to the scholarships and other projects undertaken by FIDA.



Returns were filed with the Charity Commissioner and Income Tax Department and Audited Reports received for 2018-19.