

# QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

# **July to September 2017**

#### **Exposure Visit to Tata Trent**

STeP beneficiares were taken to an exposure visit to TATA Trent retail stores – West side and Landmark. They were explained about the retail operations and store management. An information session on career opportunities in the retail sector was also conducted by Trent representatives.



#### **Financial Management**

Mr. Gautam Karnik from a financial organization - Money Matterz conducted a session on 'Financial Literacy' for Youth. He explained the need for financial management from young age. He also emphasized the significance of investments and explained about related market products.



#### Smile Foundation's Partners meet

Sujaya Foundation hosted the quarterly partners' meet for Smile Foundation at its Bandra centre. The agenda of the meeting was to discuss best practices in training and placements pertaining to skill development courses.



#### **Certification Distribution and Journey Booklet Launch**

Certification Distribution for the 1st batch of Vashi ELP Beneficiaries took place. Officials from LTI, NMMC's etc and Sujaya Foundation felicitated the beneficiaries and encouraged them to continue the graph of learning.

A journey booklet capturing the journey of each beneficiary from training to placement was also launched.



### Phase II Inauguration of I Learn – I Earn

Phase II of the project I Learn and I Earn was inaugurated at Vashi centre with the support of LTI. Phase II is about the opening of a six — seater BPO kind of set up for youth with intellectual disabilities. The project aims to empower such youth through data management work.



#### **Independence Day Celebration - TMF SMART + Project**

Beneficiaries from Tech Mahindra Foundation's SMART + Project at Kurla centre celebrated India's Independence Day by giving cultural performances in dance, singing and drama. The patriotic event helped them to boost their confidence by displaying their inner talent.





## Happenings at Empower Youth Centers

Quarterly team meeting was held at one of our Trustees – Jagdish Moorjani's office space at Citius Tech. Meeting agenda was to discuss about new projects undertaken in FY 2017-18 followed by the ongoing project updates for the first quarter.

Jumble Sale was held at Cardinal Gracias School, Bandra. Household items, gift articles and personal computers were up for sale. Entirely managed by beneficiaries from Chembur and Bandra centres, the sale gave them the first hand retail sales experience.

35 beneficiaries from all the training delivery centers gave NIIT Foundation's basic IT Examination. All the appeared beneficiaries have successfully cleared the exam.

The first Parents meeting was conducted at Kurla centre. The parents were given a brief introduction to the SMART+ Project. The Facilitators updated the parents about the training operations pertaining to competitive government exams. The team also shared each student's progress report.

Second batch of English Immersion Program at Patuck Gala College of Commerce and Management started in August. 36 beneficiaries have enrolled in the program. They are undergoing rigorous training in various components of English which thereby would give an impetus to their conversational skills and self confidence.









### **Ganpati Making Workshop**

Paryavaran Dakshata Mandal, an NGO working in the field of environmental awareness, took a workshop for ELP beneficiaries on how to make Eco friendly Ganpati making. Students used their imagination and creativity and this was witnessed in their final idols.



#### Goods and Service Tax (GST) Module

Beneficiaries at Vashi centre underwent a training module on "Understanding GST and its implications". LTI trained the project staff on GST who in turn shared the learning's with the beneficiaries.

#### **Certificate Distribution at Panvel**

Certificate distribution ceremony was conducted for the Panvel centre beneficiaries. The beneficiaries were certified. Most of the them were home makers who shared their experience on how the skill building program helped them to build their English and Computer skills.



#### Staff Recreation Activity

A Matinee movie show was organized for the entire staff of Sujaya Foundation at R-city Mall, Ghatkopar. The team bonded over cinema and popcorns!





#### Soft skills session

A session was taken by our volunteer Tanushree Gorai on "The Foundation to work and Professional conduct" at Kurla centre. The session helped students to understand the attitudinal barriers towards work, the significance and benefits of having a job. Session also focused on the aspects of professional code of conduct at work place.



#### **Nutrition Day**

Ms. Pallavi Chaudhary from LTI volunteered to conduct a session for Vashi ELP beneficiaries. She explained the vitality of nutrition and proper diet necessary for one's own body with the help of a food pyramid.



Suman is a home maker who joined the skilling program at Panvel Centre with a dream to step out of home and learn new skills. She was one of the most active students and actively participated in the class room activities.

On the day of certificate distribution, Suman faced the stage for the very first time. She gave her speech in English stating that today she understands English and computer better. She said she can talk confidently now and send/read emails.



# Work place Ethics and Toilet Etiquette

A Session on 'Work place Ethics and toilet etiquette' was conducted by our volunteer Ms. Savita John for ELP beneficiaries at Vashi. She demonstrated ethical behavior during pre-hiring and post hiring placement stage. She showcased various videos to the students to explain the Ethical behavior at work places and best practices in understanding toilet etiquette.



#### **The ELP Impact Assessment**

Impact assessment study for the Experiential Learning Program is being conducted by National- CSR Hub, Tata Institute of Social Science. The objective is analyze the impact of the ELP in the lives of differently abled youth and other stakeholders like parents, corporate employers.

#### **Partner Visit**

Jai Vakeel Foundation visited their referred ELP beneficiaries at Bandra Centre to assess their performance. They have noticed positive changes in the lives of intellectually disabled youth. They have also expressed their gratitude to Sujaya Foundation for the impact created in the field of Intellectual disability.

#### Welcome new staff members

Nilam Koli has joined as a Community Mobilization Officer.