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‘Quizabled’

Sujaya Foundation hosted **‘Quizabled’** – a special quiz competition exclusively for children with disabilities on Saturday, 7th December, 2019 at St. Andrews, Bandra West. This was the first ever quiz conducted in Mumbai for children with disabilities making it one of a kind. The event was implemented by Seva in Action (SiA), a Bangalore based organisation and was powered by LTI (Larsen and Toubro Infotech). Ms. Varsha Bhagat Director, NMMC's etc was the Chief Guest of the event. Various important delegates like Mr. Manjit Bali Head-Global Corporate Services and Shipra Sharma Head- Corporate Social Responsibility from LTI, Jheel Mehta, TV actress, Ruma Banerjee, Chairperson, Seva In Action and Ms. Neelambari Rao, founder, Sujaya Foundation attended the event.

The quizzing was done for four categories of disabilities: Intellectually Challenged/MR, Autism/CP, Hearing Impaired and Visually impaired. **148** specially abled children from **49** schools (special and regular) and **11** NGOs participated in the event. A footfall of about **142** people, including the participants, teachers and parents, about 48 volunteers from LTI, 34 volunteers and 15 staff from Sujaya Foundation and 31 other invitees attended the event. A total of **418** people participated in the event and made the quiz competition, **‘QUIZABLED 2019’** a grand success in Mumbai.

The winners from each category were given a cash prize of Rs. 8,000/- and runners received Rs. 5,000/-



Sports Day

Sujaya Foundation organized a Sports day for specially-abled youth on November 17, at St. Mary's School, Mazgaon. More than **100 specially-abled youth** participated in the event from different centres of Sujaya Foundation. It began with Fr. Jude, the Principal of St. Mary's, speaking a few words of appreciation and lighting the torch. The event involved various sports like relay race, tug of war, cricket, sack race, running, etc followed by the prize distribution. The students were thrilled and in high spirits. They thoroughly enjoyed the event.



Live Project for specially abled students

To give real-time work experience to the Tech Mahindra SMART + project specially-abled students, a live project of a Technical Institute was offered to them. This provided a simulated work environment for the students through apprenticeship. Our students performed information management tasks like scanning data, uploading data in addition to the data entry tasks. The project also helped the specially-abled students to understand the elements to succeed at a corporate. The quality of work was appreciated and another live project has been offered to our students by the Technical institute.



Daan Utsav

An exhibition stall and sign language training session was arranged at LTI Mahape. Handmade Products like quilled earrings, pendants etc made by our specially-abled students were displayed at the stall and many LTI employees purchased the products. Enthusiastic volunteers learnt sign language in the training session, executed by our specially-abled students.



Menstrual Hygiene

Rotary club of Navi Mumbai Palm Beach conducted an awareness session on Menstrual Hygiene for 40 girls with disabilities at 'etc'. Dr. Pooja Bansal facilitated the session well by breaking the myths and explaining the facts surrounding menstruation. Active participation by the girls and queries were addressed by the doctor. Sanitary napkins were distributed.



Financial Literacy

A financial literacy session was conducted by Sushma Das, a SEBI trainer, who spoke about the importance of savings. She made the students aware about the existing government schemes and initiatives and the helpline numbers for complaints and redressal for the general public. She emphasized on the need to have bank accounts for every individual. Overall, it was an informative and interactive session.



Seed plantation drive

Our specially-abled youth from the Navi Mumbai centre were made to realize the importance of increasing the green cover. They were taught how to use the available eco-friendly resources to the maximum level. Empty tender coconut shells and bottles were used by the students as flower pots to plant the seed balls. They nurtured them with care and saw them grow into tiny saplings.



Jumble Sale

A **Jumble Sale** was conducted by Sujaya Foundation in association with the **Rotary Club of Navi Mumbai, Palm Beach** at Cardinal Gracias School, Bandra. The sale consisted of a wide variety of used items like clothes, toys, bicycles, computers, etc. A good footfall of more than **250** people from the community was seen. A whole bunch of enthusiastic students from the Bandra and Chembur centres handled the counters and sold the goods with gusto. This gave them a hands on experience in stall and cash management, improved communication skills and enhanced retail marketing skills. An amount of Rs. 49,449/- was collected. The proceeds have been donated for a social cause.



Alumni Appreciation

Anju Kamlaprasad, a 23 year old hearing & speech impaired student joined the SMART + Project at Kurla. At the inception of the training she was an introvert. With the encouraging intervention of our trainers she became participative. Eventually she gained confidence through life skill sessions. After her course completion, she was placed at **Pizza Hut** in February 2018. It has been two years that she is employed with Pizza Hut, and recently, she was felicitated with the '**Employee of the Month**' award.



Abhishek Ganesh, 23, a student of I Learn-I Earn Project has cerebral palsy. This disability did not deter his will to improve himself. He would work hard to increase his accuracy in data entry. He would make it a point to participate in all the activities at the centre. Abhishek has been placed at **Dusters Total Solutions Services Pvt Ltd (DTSS)**, one of India's leading Facility Management Service Providers in September 2019 and he has been recently awarded as the '**Employee of the Month**' at his workplace at Ventura, one of the clients of DTSS.

