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Independence Day Celebration
Independence day at Kurla centre (SMART +) was celebrated in a slightly different way. The venue was decorated with various craft articles that were made by the beneficiaries themselves. The event began with National Anthem in sign language, followed by a skit on ‘Save Girl Child’. Apart from this there was also a dance performance. All in all the event was effectively planned and executed by the beneficiaries.

Power of First Impression
Ms. Jaya Gawande, a soft skills trainer conducted a session for the I Learn I Earn beneficiaries on ‘Power of First Impression’. The session focused on the experiences and factors that develop one’s self esteem. She proposed a few methods like positive self talk, affirmations and mirror exercises to boost one’s self esteem and confidence through engaging activities.

World Youth Skill Day
World Youth Skill Day was celebrated at the Chembur centre. The beneficiaries painted pictures of how they wished to see the world. They also discussed how they could reach their goals with the help of their skill sets.

Exposure Visit
The beneficiaries from the I Learn I Earn, Bandra centre were taken for a field visit to the Larsen and Toubro Infotech (LTI) office located in Powai. They learned about the functions of various departments, their processes and, LTI's CSR activities. The visit helped them to enhance their work – readiness skills. This exposure visit gave an opportunity to the funder to interact with the trainees.
Higher Education Program for PwDs

Sujaya Foundation in collaboration with TEACH (Training and Educational Centre for Hearing Impaired) has conceptualized a program which aims to prepare SSC Pass differently abled beneficiaries for higher education in the Commerce stream. The beneficiaries will be trained for a period of two years before appearing for the HSC exams. The initiative will also enable the beneficiaries to enhance their education and employability skills in the competitive job market.

International Volunteering

Christopher Pitts who is studying Anthropology at University of California at Berkeley, volunteered for the English Immersion Program. When asked to share his working experience, he said -

‘My time working in the English immersion program has been very rewarding and I have gained a lot of knowledge about teaching and serving the needs of these students and their families through education. During my time with the program I tried to engage the students in activities that enabled them to use English more authentically and also tried to create lessons that were both fun and informative. The staff is very knowledgeable and dedicated to help the students improve’.

English Day Celebration

An English day Event was celebrated at the Panvel centre. The event aimed at enriching and showcasing the spoken English cum presentation skills of the beneficiaries. The beneficiaries participated in a variety of activities such as, English Grammar Quiz and Speech Competition. The event was judged by the delegates from the ITM Group of Institutes. Awards were distributed to the winning teams.

Beach Cleaning Day

Tech Mahindra Foundation organized a beach cleaning drive. The drive aimed at cleaning the waste material collected at Dadar seashore due to Ganpati immersion. The staff and beneficiaries from the SMART+ project participated in the cleaning drive to preserve the marine environment.
Session on Presentation Skills

Possessing good presentation skills is a basic necessity in today's work environment. The students of our Vashi centre (I Learn- I Earn) got a first hand training in this essential skill, from Ms. Lucy Fernandes, an experienced consultant in the field of soft skills, coaching, organizational development, executive coaching and recruiting. The session was a mix of activities which allowed the students to understand the nuances of body language, eye contact, and nonverbal cues.

Ganpati Making Workshop

The beneficiaries across different centres, participated in a Ganpati Idol making workshop, which was organized by an NGO called as Paryavaran Dakshata Mandal. The idols were made by the beneficiaries using eco-friendly clay. Some of the beneficiaries also got an opportunity to sell their artistic products. The workshop leveraged the entrepreneurial skills of the beneficiaries.

Student in Spotlight

Tanuja Patil, 22, is Sujaya Foundation’s alumni from SMART + Project with Speech & Hearing Disability. She works for a health care organization – Citius Tech. Recently, she was awarded ‘The Humming Bird’ certificate of appreciation for her outstanding performance at the workplace. Truly, she has impressed everyone at Citius Tech with her consistent, unflinching performance.

Jumble Sale

A Jumble sale was organized by the beneficiaries of the Bandra centre. The sale was completely managed and led by the beneficiaries. A number of stalls, such as, Children’s clothing, Apparels and Game zone was put up. The event helped the beneficiaries in honing their interpersonal and business skills.

Welcome the New Joinees

- Sahil Pathan has joined as a Quality Checker, The ELP, Vashi.
Welcome onboard, wishing you success and fulfillment at Sujaya Foundation.