



Quarterly Newsletter

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Sujaya English Active Learning



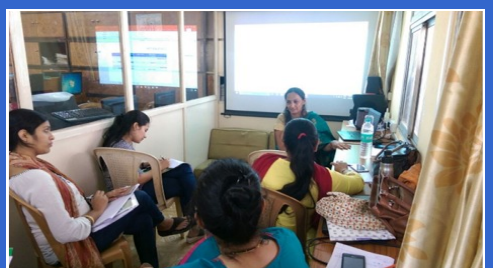
- The month of February and March was all about the End of Year Level tests across our SEAL partner schools. The students have shown immense progress. Overall average growth of SEAL students is 0.74. Highest growth in a second year intervention centre was in ZP Satara at 0.98. Next was AB Goregaokar where the average growth rate was 0.82 and then ZP Sillod at 0.75 respectively.
- SEAL collaborated with Oberoi International School, Goregaon in January. SEAL teachers visited the school, observed classrooms and discussed different teaching strategies that they then used in their classrooms.
- LEAP was held in Sangli at Suraj Foundation's auditorium on January 30, 2017. LEAP brought 77 students together from our different partner schools. The Secretary of Suraj Foundation, Mr. N.G. Kamath, was the Chief Guest of the event and was accompanied by HMs and representatives from our partnering schools.
- Tani Roberts from Western University Sydney, Australia did her internship with us in the month of January 2017. She worked with the content team and also taught language skills to the students of Chhabildas School, Dadar.
- Prithwis Datta is a retired banker who worked as a DGM with State Bank of India and as CEO of Shamrao Vithal Coop Bank. Prithwis Datta has been volunteering in AB Goregaokar school since this January. He is helping students hone their English language skills and has also trained the students for a wonderful skit for the End of Year showcase.
- ZP Satara School started a hand washing project. Every day before and after lunch, the students line up to get a drop of hand wash, and then head to the wash station to wash their hands. This simple but effective process will go a long way in maintaining good health in our students.



Empower Youth



- An exposure visit was organized for Vashi ELP beneficiaries at L & T Infotech Office at Navi Mumbai. Beneficiaries were given a tour of the various departments and interacted with department heads. The visit also showcased the significance of professional grooming and work etiquettes in an office environment.
- A soft skills session on "Significance of Work Ethics at Corporate Organizations" was conducted by Ms. Tanushree Gorai at the ELP Vashi centre. Tanushree is a certified soft skills consultant and works as Western Region Zonal Head with Karvy group.
- Placement phase for the first Batch of Vashi ELP beneficiaries is complete. Beneficiaries have been placed at HDFC Bank, Maseena Hospital and Pro-data in back office operations. Placement rate for youth with hearing impairment is 100 % and overall placement rate for youth with multiple disabilities is 72 %. The average salary is as high as Rs 9,000 per month. Beneficiaries from the Bandra ELP centre have also been placed at Barrier Break and HDFC Bank recently.
- LinkedIn Corporation organized an informative session for Bandra students. The session highlighted the use of social media to create one's professional portfolio. Students were informed about the significance of having a LinkedIn profile and were encouraged to create one.
- Ms. Savita John conducted a session on 'Professional Grooming and Hygiene' for the ELP beneficiaries at Vashi. With 18 years of experience, Savita has led training & development verticals at various corporate organizations like ACC cements, Lockhart, TATA Housing etc.
- Global Fund for Children organized a country level partners' training program in February 2017. It selected Sujaya Foundation to demonstrate innovative social models like the Experiential Learning Program (ELP). GFC and their partners were given a tour of the ELP facility at Bandra followed by a program discussion.
- Sujaya Rai conducted training for the Empower Youth Staff on the basics of project management. She discussed about the fundamentals of project budgeting. She also demonstrated the difference between Program Output, Outcomes and Impact.



Happenings from our SEAL centres

The year end showcase was held in Mumbai at the AB Goregaokar English School, Goregaon & Chhabildas School, Dadar. The students, teachers, management and parents came together to celebrate the end the year with a bang! Students put their best foot forward to display their talent and made sure the show was a success.

A.B. Goregaokar

The year end showcase was filled with fun and frolic. Students performed English skits, songs and elocution. The show ended with the prize distribution and was graced by the trustees and ex-teachers of the school.



Chhabildas—'Extravaganza'

The year end showcase in Dadar is called 'Extravaganza'. The show saw around 60 students participate in different competitions like; English elocution, debate, songs, skit and Just a Minute(JAM). The event was also blessed by Neelambari Rao's presence.



Happenings from Empower Youth centres

Learn. Earn. Grow

Bandra East Community Centre (BECC), our partner organization arranged for an eye checkup camp. ELP Beneficiaries from Bandra centre took advantage of this opportunity and participated in the health camp.



Prof. RSS Mani, Vice President of ITM Group of Educational Institutions conducted a career awareness session for the Chembur and Bandra Centres. The session focused on career growth in IT/ITeS/Marketing domain.



A jumble sale was held at Cardinal Gracias School, Bandra in Jan' 17. Household items, gift articles and personal computers were up for sale. Entirely led and managed by 60 students, the sale experienced a footfall of 250 patrons and a fund collection of Rs 52,000/-.



Thirteen students from Patuck Gala College of Commerce and Management, Mumbai successfully completed the English Immersion Program. Program has been highly appreciated by college authorities and they have expressed interest in continuing the program for next semester.

SEAL

Student In Focus: Shruti

Shruti is a student of standard 5 studying in ZP Savali school, Sangli. When Shashank, the SEAL teacher placed in the school, met her for the first few times, he noticed that she was very shy. She was a smart girl who knew the answers to questions asked in the classroom, but as her confidence levels were low, one would never see her attempting to answer. Shashank motivated her, paid close attention to her during the class and encouraged her regularly. She just needed that extra push to build her confidence. Due to this, today she is no more shy and has become quite the confident and vocal student. She has really done well in the mid year assessments and has managed to grow by 2 levels in less than a year.



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Ashish was invited by Smile Foundation to conduct a session on 'Best Practices for Placements in Skill Development Programs' at their city level annual partners' meet.

Student In Focus: Mamta Rana

Mamta Rana is an ELP alumni of the 2016 batch. She has been working as a "Data entry Operator" at Pro-data, Navi Mumbai. She was recently presented with the "Best Employee" Award. Her supervisors articulated that they are highly satisfied with her performance. She is earning a gratifying salary of Rs. 8,500 per month.



What's new

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- Sujaya Foundation has partnered with Tech Mahindra Foundation to train and empower youth with disabilities for competitive examinations to obtain government jobs. They will be trained in basic English, Mathematics and Practical Computer skills.
- Orix Leasing & Financial Services India Ltd. will be providing their funding support to the Panvel centre. The objective is to train to youth from Panvel and Raigad district in basic English and Practical Computer skills.

