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## Certificate Distribution

A certificate distribution ceremony was organized for the SMART+ Project students of the Kurla centre. The vice-principal of MH Thanawala College, Mrs. Kulkarni was invited as the chief guest to grace the event. A few students and their parents shared their journey from skill training to employment.



## Email Communication Workshop

Volunteers from the I Learn I Earn Project conducted an email communication session for the students at Vashi and Bandra centres. They explained the significance of email communication and demonstrated how to draft an email message. Each participant performed an email writing exercise for the ease of understanding.



## Workshop on Right to Vote

The students from the I Learn I Earn Project at Vashi centre participated in a workshop on 'Right to Vote' organized by etc (education, training and service centre for persons with disabilities). Mr. Nathaji Sakat, an official from the election commission, informed the specially-abled students about the importance of casting their vote. He also explained the ease of voting that has been taken into consideration for PWDs while casting the vote.



## NIIT Certification

Students from all the projects who appeared for the NIIT Basic IT examination were awarded the certification. D. L. Shah Trust has provided NIIT exam scholarship support to the Sujaya Foundation students. Mr. Khushroo Khambata, CEO of the trust awarded the certificates and encouraged the students to continue on the path of life long learning.



### Exposure Visits

#### Tata Trent

The students from the STeP project at Chembur centre were taken for a field visit to the TATA Trent stores – Westside and Landmark. They learned about the functions of various departments. The visit also helped them to enhance their work – readiness skills.



#### Indian Express

The I Learn- I Earn Project students from the Vashi centre visited The Indian Express Pvt Ltd at Mahape. They got a firsthand experience about the working of a print and digital media sector. Mr. Mithun Avthule explained the procedure of how the printing and publishing of information takes place mechanically and electronically.



#### Self Defense Workshop

A 'Self Defense' workshop was organized by Mr. Ganesh Padyachi, a trainer at Siddha Academy for students from the SMART + Project at Kurla. He gave tips on how to be alert in public areas and demonstrated the mechanisms of self-defense. He explained the students about the significance of helpline centres available for one's safety.

#### Computer Immersion Program

Sujaya Foundation celebrated International Disability Day by organizing a Computer Immersion Program for its specially-abled students from all the projects. The students were divided into seven teams. Various questions and practical oriented applications were posed. The winners were applauded for their efforts through prize distribution.





## Volunteer Speaks

Harmeet Kalsi, a second year undergraduate student from University of California at Merced, U.S.A. volunteered at the Bandra Centre for the English Immersion program. Harmeet shares;

‘Interning at Sujaya Foundation and working with all of my students has led me to feel a sense of fulfillment that I haven’t felt in a long time. There are so many things the students could do, if provided a right platform. In future, I want to continue creating a platform of opportunities for such students, so they can move out of this cycle of slum poverty.’



## Student in Focus

Sujaya Foundation’s student Pramila Gupta is an example of dedication and perseverance. Despite having an orthopedic disability, she actively participated in digital literacy skill training and displayed progressive performance. Today, she is employed at Nitya Healthcare Technologies Pvt. Ltd. as an Operations Executive.

