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## Disability Sensitization Workshop

I Learn- I Earn project team conducted a disability sensitization session for trainees at LTI, Mahape. The session sensitized the trainees about various disabilities and thus promoted active engagement through volunteering. Trainees learnt the basics of sign language such as alphabets, greetings and how to ask questions. Specially-abled youth also displayed a hand-made product stall. Jewellery items made in an eco-friendly way were a hit among buyers!



## Vocational Training Workshop

I Learn I Earn students with intellectual disabilities in Bandra centre made eco-friendly products, such as, jewellery and home decoration items under the mentorship of an Arts and Craft trainer. Furthermore, they sold the creative products in the LTI Mahape office, Navi Mumbai. The learning from the activity boosted student's self-confidence and created a perspective of the possibility of self-sufficiency



## World Earth Day

SMART+ students at Kurla centre celebrated World Earth Day with interesting activities and video shows. The students enthusiastically participated in making posters and writing their individual pledges, in order to show their solidarity to the cause of preserving our environment. The video shown also helped them learn the various types of pollution that our planet is suffering from, and the ways by which we all could reduce the wastage of food and other natural resources.



## World Environment Day

Volunteers from LTI collaborated with I Learn I Earn students to celebrate World Environment Day. Together, they planted saplings and thus, took action to protect the environment and the planet. Furthermore, students were given information on the ways to protect the environment.



## English Immersion Program

Sujaya Foundation's English Immersion Program began with a thumping start at the LinkedIn Mumbai office. The LinkedIn volunteers were highly enthusiastic, self-driven and steered their group of students well in the activities. The 4-week program concluded with an English skit presentation by the students at LinkedIn. The confidence, presentation, voice modulation and diction were highly lauded by the LinkedIn employees.



## Life Skill Session

Ms. Jaya Gawande, an image consultant and a certified soft skills trainer conducted an interesting session on the power of first impressions, at Kurla centre. The aim was understanding the importance of self esteem, positive image and first impression. The session stressed on having a positive image of oneself. To boost one's confidence, the trainer suggested methods like positive self talk, affirmation and mirror exercises. The session helped students gain insight on making a good impression, especially at the start of their professional journey.



## Talent Showcase

Sujaya Foundation's specially-abled students participated in Abilympics 2019 – a talent event organized by Sarthak Education Trust. Some of the students participated in floral arrangement. One of our students – Ms. Firdaus Ansari received the first prize. Furthermore, students also felicitated the guests with handmade bouquets and graced the event.



## All Get Through!

Sujaya Foundation is thrilled that the five students with special abilities, who appeared for the Std 12/ HSC examinations, under the higher education training project, successfully passed the exams! A female student obtained 60.30%, - the highest percentage amongst the five students. Bravo to ALL!





## Training the teachers

Sujaya Foundation collaborated with the NGO Together Foundation, which works with young people with autism and other intellectual impairments, to train their teachers in basic Computers. The idea was to transfer the IT skills learned by trainers to the specially-abled youth of Together Foundation. Trainees shared that they found the program highly beneficial and are using the concepts learned in the classroom training to teach Together's youth.



## Career Fair

Sujaya Foundation attended a career fair organized by NAAI & Sarthak Education Trust for Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) to provide employment opportunity to those PwD's candidates who are already skilled. Employers from different sectors like hospitality, retail, finance etc were present in the career fair.



## Volunteer Testimony

Delna Bharucha, a Commerce graduate has been actively volunteering with Sujaya Foundation for the spoken English classes. She says, 'The interactive teaching methods at Sujaya Foundation encourage students to use their imagination when engaging with the content of the lessons. Sujaya Foundation is an organisation that embodies the true spirit of public service. I feel very fortunate to work with such professional and positive people. The students here are certainly getting the best quality of education and support from the community.'

