



## From our News desk Youth Programs

- One of our flagship programs for the differently abled youth, the Experiential Learning Program (ELP) organised a social event in the month of August. Our program trainees, interns, slow learners, and their parents shared their trials and tribulations in completing their graduate studies. The event was attended by our corporate and NGO partners like HDFC Bank, NSE, and Sanskardham Vidyalaya. We thank all of them for making it a successful event.
- Our Panvel Centre was launched with 2 programs- Computer Program and Spoken English Program, in association with ITM Institute of Health Sciences. With this center, we hope to reach out to the Panvel's rural community as well, in times to come. Including Chembur and Bandra, our newest centre at Panvel takes the total of Youth Program centres to three.
- ELP trainees were placed in Mumbai based organizations. Deedarul Haq, Melvin Carvalho, Martin Gracious, Barnabash Marak have been placed in Total Securities Ltd in Kandivali (W) and Mahipal Parmar has been placed in VFS Global Services in Lower Parel (W). We thank these organizations for putting the term 'equal opportunity' into practice.
- Employees of Wells Fargo conducted a session on MS Excel for our Computer Program students in Chembur. We thank our corporate partners for sharing their expertise and knowledge with us. Deutsche Bank employees have been taking spoken English sessions for our Computer students at Chembur and Bandra on Saturdays.

## Sujaya English Active Learning (SEAL) Program

- This academic year saw SEAL being launched in 7 new centres. SEAL classes are now being held in 10 centres across Maharashtra and Telangana. Through these learning centres, we are impacting more than 2000 children.
- One of our newest centres, Nagari Nivara Parishad Sanchalit Vidyalaya revamped their computer laboratory by getting 16 new computers for SEAL and enlarging the area to accommodate the same. We thank the school Trustees for their continuous support.
- Level tests were carried out at 7 of our centres in the months of July and August. These tests are conducted by us to serve as baseline for the rest of the academic year. These tests included all the aspects of language learning- speaking, listening, reading and writing.



SEAL Centre in focus

Our SEAL centre in Sangli, housed in a bus, is essentially a mobile one which covers 4 schools and is run in partnership with Suraj Foundation. Through this centre, we are reaching out to and impacting more than 300 children from grades 3 to 6.

### SEAL Evangelist Prem's experience

"What motivates me to always be active is the students' desire to come into the bus for the SEAL classes. For Kanyashala and Navjivan it is a golden opportunity as they do not have computer lab of their own. They eagerly wait for the bus to come and sometimes they are more interested in coming into the bus and doing the exercises than sitting in the classrooms. Parents want it to go on for many years so that students can benefit well. Suraj Foundation is very supportive of this program. Whenever there's a problem w.r.t the laptops, bus or classes, they come forward to resolve the issues immediately."



Youth Program Centre in focus

Our Computer Centre at Chembur is currently training 46 students. Among them are Asiya, Shaheen, Afroz, Asma and Supriya. These are girls from a minority community who come to learn Computers at the centre. These girls belong to a community where a girl's education is of little importance. There is a lot of resistance among the members of this community to allow the girl child to study and become employable.

The girls at our center revealed how they convinced their parents by citing the benefits of being computer literate. Eventually their parents gave in and allowed them to join our program. We applaud the spirit of these young learners!

## Etcetra

- We have launched our company page on LinkedIn, which is the world's largest professional network. You can now follow our organizational updates and check out our current openings by clicking on <https://www.linkedin.com/company/sujaya-foundation>.
- Our annual school event called LEAP-Learn Explore and Play 2015 will be held in the month of November. True to its name, the event aims to give the SEAL students a platform to showcase their talent and explore other activities.
- "By July next year at least 50 government buildings, 75 railway stations and all international airports will be made accessible to people with physical disabilities, the government has claimed as part of an ambitious drive to make India more accessible for the differently-abled".- NDTV.com
- Pratham Books has launched StoryWeaver, an open source platform for multilingual children's stories. The platform hosts hundreds of stories in languages from all across India and beyond. Visit [www.storyweaver.org.in](http://www.storyweaver.org.in) for more details.