



Every child has
the Right to Education

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"Aseema means that every student has the right to be educated. I have learnt that if I study, I can make my future bright, be proud of myself and make my dreams come true."

– Sana Khan, Aseema Student

2011 – 2012 has been a fulfilling year for many of our young students at Aseema.



Our first batch of students at Aseema's Bal Shaikshanik Kendra, Igatpuri appeared for the National Institute of Open Schooling Level A Mathematics Exam. This exam is equivalent to Standard III of other boards. The students were the first in their village to appear for such an exam and have passed with 100% results. This year, fourteen students from the Secondary Section at the Santacruz (W) Municipal School appeared for the S.S.C. Board Examination and passed with 93% results. At Aseema's Support Centre, we are happy to share that all the eight students who appeared for the Standard X and XII examinations have passed.

Buoyed by their success, the students now eagerly look forward to pursuing college education.

At Indian Cinema's Centenary Celebrations at Whistling Woods International, Aseema student, Ashish Gaikwad showcased his debut film, 'Tahaan'. This film is a real life story featuring his mother's daily struggle of fetching and buying water in the water-starved slum of Lalmitti, Bandra West. At the closing ceremony, the institute awarded Ashish a 100% scholarship for a 2 year film-making course. This has been possible thanks to Mr. Amole Gupte, a well-known film maker, who conducts cinema and theatre classes for the children at Aseema.

Learning flourished in the summer vacation at the Dosi Vakeel Summer Camp. Over 100 children participated in workshops on Art, Craft, Dramatics, Sports and Dance conducted by our own teachers and volunteers from the Prisca Centre. A new addition to the Summer Camp was a workshop on building Language and Mathematics skills by a volunteer from Teach for India and her friends. This summer, our students also joined the IPL team Punjab Kings XI to flag off Godrej Appliance's initiative on conservation of energy, 'One Watt Campaign - Lets Save a Billion Watts'.



Under the tutelage of Shital Mehta, an Art Educator, artists from Aseema's Room 13 – Art Studio undertook a project on 'Cutouts by Henri Matisse' focusing on the theme 'music'. A group of musicians played live music, which inspired the artists to create beautiful works of art. At yet another occasion, the paintings of four of our artists were selected by clothing brand 'Global Desi' for their latest summer collection called the Aseema Collection. The children were proud to see their paintings on the colourful outfits.

While our children were exploring their creativity, teachers from other NGOs in Mumbai and Kanpur visited us for training in Aseema's Approach to Education. As they take this learning back to their own schools, we hope many more children will discover the joys of learning through this method.

We sincerely appreciate all our supporters at the Standard Chartered Mumbai Marathon 2012. Your contributions have made a significant difference in our children's lives. We hope you will continue your support at the Mumbai Marathon 2013. The registration process will commence in July 2012. For further information, please write to us at donors@aseema.org or call us on 26407248 or 26430185.

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