



Every child has  
the Right to Education

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"Coming together is a beginning, keeping together is progress, working together is success."

- Henry Ford



Aseema at the Standard Chartered Mumbai Marathon 2016

The New Year began on a high note, with the immense support Aseema received at the Standard Chartered Mumbai Marathon 2016. We are truly grateful to the whole hearted participation from corporate teams like BNP Paribas India Solutions Pvt. Ltd., Credit Agricole and Nivea India and from our individual runners. We shared a great sense of camaraderie through the marathon journey with corporate teams and the

individual runners. For the first time, we had two students from Aseema's Education Centre for Tribal Children, Igatpuri participating in the Dream Run Category (6 kilometres). We extend our heartfelt thanks to all the runners for dedicating their time, energy and support towards Aseema's cause of providing high quality education to children from marginalized communities.

Thoughts came together and formed seeds which sprouted in 2011 as Aseema's Education Centre for Tribal Children. The Aseema family once again this year joined together to rejoice in the children's achievement at the Amar Inam Annual Day. The children performed with poise and calmness, enjoying the applause and cheers from the audience. It was a joyful



**Amar Inam Annual Day at Igatpuri**

moment for the parents to see their children perform well synchronised dances, singing, skit and lezim. Through the performances children brought out the importance of education, use of solar energy and preservation of Mother Nature. We were extremely delighted to have Mr. Prakash Gangadhar Pathak, General Secretary of the Bhonsala Military School as the Chief Guest and Ms. Hema Pande, Director – HR, Nivea India as the Guest of Honour join us in celebrating the little triumphs of our budding stars.



**Dental Check-Up for Pre-Primary at Santacruz (W) Municipal School**

“You don't have to brush all your teeth, just the ones you want to keep!” An interactive session on dental hygiene and a dental check-up was conducted by Dr. Rupali Kale, a Paediatric Dentist at the Santacruz (W) Municipal School. Staying healthy with good food habits is extremely important for well balanced physical and intellectual growth. Keeping this in mind, the Community Work Centre (CWC) organised a session for the Primary Section at the Kherwadi Municipal School. The session was conducted by Aseema's Nutritionist and students from the Home Science Department of N.M. College. A session on AIDS Awareness was also conducted for the students of Standard V and VI. The session mainly aimed at creating awareness about AIDS and disseminating information on preventions and cure. The students were shown a presentation



which included information pertaining to the source of infection, its transmission, preventive measures to be adopted and also debunked myths about the illness. Such informative sessions can help these young minds to become more responsible citizens in future and the pictorial presentation in reiterating their learning.

It was a proud moment for Aseema as the Alumni Association organised its very first Annual Alumni Reunion. The newly formed Association was created with the objective of upholding a network of individuals committed to preserving the Aseema spirit and creating long lasting sustainable partnerships. The Alumni Core Committee members were the hands behind this memorable event, as they planned, organised and hosted the entire programme. They were nostalgic about their school days as they interacted with their batch mates. The alumni were reminded of upholding values such as loyalty, morality and accountability in their personal and professional lives. The evening came to a close with the promise of staying close together, firmly grounded to their Aseema roots.

“Live everyday with a purpose of learning something new”! Naziya Ansari, studies in Standard IV at the Pali Chimbai Municipal School. A happy child, Naziya attends school each day with the belief of learning something new. She consistently excels in academics and co-curricular activities. At the BMC Art Competition on the theme “freedom according to you”, Naziya beautifully depicted the education of girl children, to be her notion of freedom. Being a first generational learner, Naziya perceives her education to be a valuable gift and wishes to enable other children gain valuable knowledge. She aspires to become a software engineer and a teacher to be able to spread the joy of learning. Her dream is to ensure that every child is educated. We hope for the best for Naziya Ansari!





**Construction Work is underway at Igatpuri**

We are also extremely delighted to share with you, that construction work of Phase II – Primary and Secondary Sections at Aseema's Education Centre, Igatpuri is moving smoothly. The foundation and the ground floor slab work is completed. We earnestly appreciate and look forward to the continuous support of all our donors and well wishers to fulfil the dreams of tribal children through quality education.

We also extend our sincere gratitude to our generous donors for their contribution towards our work in the past few months. A special thank you to - Ace Productions Pvt. Ltd, Aditi NGO Mela, American School of Bombay, ANK International, Asha for Education (SF Chapter), Association of International Development, Astha Corporation Pvt. Ltd., Astha Laboratories Pvt. Ltd., Astral Foundation, Austin2India, Bansuri Foundation, Batra Group, Being Human - The Salman Khan Foundation, BNP Paribas Asset Management India Pvt. Ltd., BNP Paribas Foundation, BNP Paribas India Holding Pvt. Ltd., BNP Paribas India Solutions Pvt. Ltd., BNP Paribas India, BNP Paribas Securities India Pvt. Ltd., Cadbury India Limited, Contract Pod, Cravatex Ltd., Credit Agricole Corporate and Investment Bank, Crescent Moon, CRISIL Ltd., Cusrow Baug, Deutsche Bank India, DP World Pvt. Ltd., DSB International School, Edelweiss, eshana, ETP International Pvt. Ltd., Frederick C. Schwelm, Gabbana Fashions Pvt. Ltd., General Mills India Pvt. Ltd., Gharda Chemicals Ltd., Gujarat Research Society, Gulf Polymers, GVK Mumbai International Airport Pvt. Ltd., HDFC Standard Life Insurance Corporation, Hindustan Construction Company, Hotel Trident, HSBC Bank, IDFC Limited, Inam Rahman & Family, Indian American Education Foundation, Indian School of Design & Innovation, Indus Festival of Charities, Infinite Retail Limited, Inner Wheel Club of Bombay Seacoast, International Justice Mission, ITC Grand Central, Jasudben M L School, Justice S. J. Kathawalla, K.C Mahindra Education Trust, Kaizen Management Advisors Pvt. Ltd, Kapstone Constructions Pvt. Ltd., Kaya Ltd., Keystone Realtors Pvt. Ltd., Kilol, Late Dosi Vakeel, Mary & Peter Ashton, Meenaz & Moe Kassam, Moet Hennessy India Pvt. Ltd, Morgan Stanley India Pvt. Ltd., Mount Litera School International, Nivea India Pvt. Ltd. Nomura, Noordin Abdeally Ebrahim, NRB Bearing, Piramal Foundation, Plan India, Radiant Corporation Pvt. Ltd., Rayoman Charitable & RSC Foundation, Reliance Foundation, Religare Invesco Asset Management Company Pvt. Ltd., Robin Age & Bright Sparks Centre for Creative

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