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MASOOM KI KHABAR

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Ms. Murudkar speaks about Masoom and its work.

'तमसो मा ज्योतिर्गमय' ही प्रार्थना, आपण नुकताच दिव्यांचा सण दिवाळी साजरा केला तेव्हा केली असेल. जसा या श्लोकाचा अर्थ, मला अंधारा कडून प्रकाशाकडे ने, माझे मन काळोखाने अंधःकाराने नाही, तर प्रकाशाने भरून जाऊ दे आणि माझ्या हातून तसेच तेजस्वी काम घडू दे असे काम झाले, तरच 'मृत्योस्मा अमृतम् गमय' या प्रार्थनेला अर्थ प्राप्त होतो.

समाजातील प्रत्येक घटकाला आनंद देणारे, त्यांचे आयुष्य निश्चिंत करणारे, त्यांना आश्वस्त करणारे कार्य माझ्याकडून झाले तर माझे ते काम माझ्या मृत्युनंतरही तसेच राहील. त्या कार्यामुळे भी अमर होईन, असा या प्रार्थनेचा अर्थ.

या श्लोकाचा खरा अर्थ आहे 'मासूम' ही संस्था, रात्रशाळा या विषयाकडे अगदी हूर हूरीने पाहिले ते मासूमने दिवसभर नोकरी करणारे व काही कारणास्तव शिक्षण अपूर्ण राहिले, ते पूर्ण करण्याचे काम रात्रशाळा करतात.

मासूम ही संस्था रात्रशाळासाठी संजीवनी ठरली आहे. पुस्तका वहया अगदी अन्नसुद्धा ह्या विद्यार्थ्यांना दिले जाते, जेणेकरून त्यांचे मन अभ्यासात रमावे फक्त रात्रशाळा दहावी पूरी करावी म्हणून नाही, तर त्या विद्यार्थ्यांच्या सर्वांगीण विकासासाठी मासूम च्या इतर शाखाही उत्तम कार्य करतात.

मासूम च्या चार शाखा आहेत एन एस टि पी,इ एल सी, टेक ऑन व्हिल, करिअर सेल. त्यातील एन एस टि पी रात्रशाळासाठी काम करतात, टेक ऑन व्हिल मुलाना संगणकीय ज्ञान देते. करिअर सेल दहावी नंतर विद्यार्थ्यांचा कल पाहून त्यांना समुपदेशन करून त्याला कोर्स करायला मदत करते जेणेकरून ते स्वावलंबी होतील व त्यांचे उदरनिर्वाह करू शकतील. इ एल सी ही शाखा खन्या अर्थात शिक्षणाला वयाची अट नाही हे सिद्ध करते. कोणतही वय असू दे ते विद्यार्थी संस्थावर्गा मध्ये येऊन शिक्षण पूरे करतात.

लहानपणी नागरिक शास्त्रात शिकले 'आपण ही समाजाचे देणे लागतो', मला असे वाटते, मासूम शी निगडीत होऊन मी ते साध्य केले.



"Nothing can
dim the light
that shines
from within."

- Maya
Angelou.



SSC (Secondary School Certificate)

Extra Classes during Diwali

The Diwali vacations began on October 21 for all Night Schools. The extra classes for the Diwali vacations began on October 28 and they shall continue until November 8.

Most schools are conducting their own extra classes, but some are having problems with the availability of classrooms and subject teachers. Masoom has set up centers for these schools. Some schools are using an online platform. Masoom has provided expert teachers according to the schools' requirements. Snacks are also provided for the students. 80 schools conducted the classes, we had an average attendance of 60% with an average, 900 students have attended these classes in October.



Extra classes during Diwali

School Leaders Meeting

Masoom held meetings of school leaders on October 19, 20, and 21 to plan the extra classes. Our SSC team shared the planning and implementation process of the extra classes with them.



NIGHT SCHOOL TRANSFORMATION PROGRAM

Semester Exam

All 95 night schools associated with Masoom conducted Semester exams for all 3-grades 8th, 9th and 10th. The analysis of the same shall be done in the month of November.



Goregaon Night High School



Mritumjay Night High School

School Leader Meeting

On 19th, 20th and 21st of October, 75 school leaders and 20 program team members conducted School Leader meeting to review the NSTP program and update the next month activities. The session covered the following points:

- 1st semester NSTP activities review
- 2nd semester NSTP activities planning
- SSC Result Improvement planning – 2nd Semester
- Worksheet, Diwali vacation extra classes, open book test, prelim exam planning,
- Sunday extra classes, SSC Students attendance
- Register maintenance
- Drishti app – issues faced by school leader. From Drishti team, 2 members assisted and helped sort out the issues faced



Kamlakar Mane briefing the SL

NIGHT SCHOOL TRANSFORMATION PROGRAM

Food grain Distribution

Feed them movement organization distributed food grain for night school students from Ghatkopar to Mulund area on 20th October.

200 students from 8 Night schools received cooking oil, lentil, wheat flour and rice. 200 more students shall receive the kits in the month of November. We distributed to Mazgaon Night High school, Mulund, Nutan Hindi Night High School, Mulund, Adarsh Hindi Night High School, Mulund, Bhaskar Night High School, Vikroli and Sharda Night High School, Vikroli.



NIGHT SCHOOL TRANSFORMATION PROGRAM

SMDC Meeting

Masoom project managers conducted SMDC meeting with the help of school stakeholders in 17 night schools. The following points were discussed:

- Enrolment status and plan to achieve the target
- Attendance improvement plan
- Alumni meeting plan



SMDC meeting at Swami Sharananand Night High School

Alumni Meeting

As per annual plan, Masoom Project Managers conducted Alumni meetings at school level. 14 schools conducted these meetings and shared the roles and responsibilities of Alumni towards the schools. Alumni gave commitment to help the school for increasing the enrolment of 8th grade. 14 schools set up their Alumni Association.



Alumni Meeting at People's English Night High School, Byculla

CDP, E-Learning Sessions

Night schools' science teachers conducted Concept Development Program sessions for 8th, 9th and 10th grade. 90 sessions were conducted this month for 74 night schools in Mumbai and all teachers conducted 115 E-learning sessions for 8th, 9th and 10th grade.



Sharda Night High School
Vikhroli

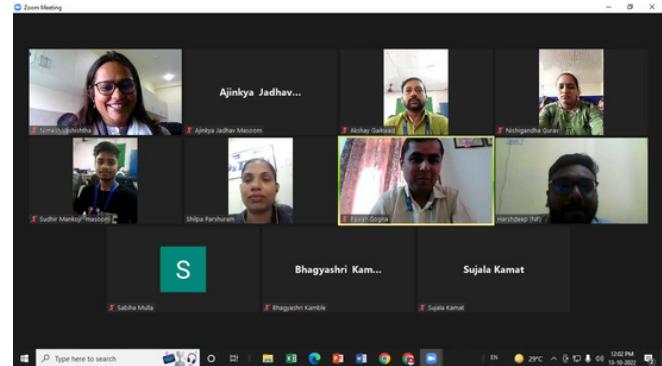
CAREER CELL

Career Opportunities Webinar

Webinar for students in the fields of career opportunities in BPO (Business Process Outsourcing) was conducted.

15 students attended the online webinar which was conducted in collaboration with NIIT Foundation. The focus was on skilling, digital literacy of urban slums and rural youth.

Students gained better understanding of the specific field, practical sessions were conducted which they were a part of. Counsellors shared their experiences and successful student stories, allowing students to gain more knowledge in order to choose the best career for them.



Screencap from the Webinar

Mentoring Session

The mentoring project aims to connect current professionals and students in order to provide career guidance from the viewpoint of international development. Three students were mentored and the sixth session has been completed successfully. In this session, mentors shared with mentees about "Making Presentations that work". Giving a presentation to fellow classmates can be a bit daunting, especially if you are new to oral and visual presenting. But with the right PowerPoint tips, public speaking skills, and plenty of practice, one can present like a pro at one's upcoming presentation. They laid out the best college presentation tips for students.

Career Guidance Session

Students are unsure of their career path after SSC. Which career path is best for the student is critical to success. The team conducted these sessions with 2 Night schools and 1 Evening Learning Center covering a total of 73 students. The students were also informed about the various career options available to them as well as the application process for short-term and long-term scholarships.



Career guidance session in progress at Lal Bahadur, Chembur Night School

CAREER CELL

Job Fair

Masoom organized Mini Job Fair for Sales Marketing posts. On 1 st Oct Mr. Prashant, Career Cell placement officer conducted it. On 20th Oct session was conducted by Mr. Dilip Achrekar from Arnavix for HR Placements. 51 students were selected for respective jobs.



Job Fair on 1st October



Job Fair on 20th October

New Vendors onboarded

This month, the Career Cell team collaborated with 4 new vendors for skilling courses all over Maharashtra. They have agreed to prepare the courses for our alumni students.

- V-Fit (Fitness Courses)
- Prizm Institute (Mobile Repairing Courses)
- Arena Institute (VFX, Graphics and Design Courses)
- All India Paramedical (Paramedical Courses)

By providing more quality skill education support we aim for better job placement opportunity through our the reputed skilling partners.

Atmasantosh Foundation - Patang Scholars Program

Patang Scholars Program is a joint initiative by Atmasantosh Foundation and NIT – Dharma Bharathi Mission for talented, ambitious, underprivileged students who need financial support and wish to pursue a higher education. We are proud to mention that 2 of our alumni students received this Scholarship for higher studies.

Sparsh Event

Sparsh Event was organized by Engineering students on 15 th Oct 2022 at NITIE Campus, Mumbai. Approximately 18 NGOs from various sectors participated in this event from all over Maharashtra. The motto of this event was how NGOs tackled various issues on ground level in their format. Our participation on this platform helped us to get an opportunity to showcase Masoom to other NGOs who were present there.

CAREER CELL

Alumni Success Story

Anuradha Madan Pawar completed her 10th from Agarkar Night School and B.COM from St. Xavier College, and she has completed a Diploma Course in Graphic and Automation through Disha Institute. Anuradha came into contact with Masoom during her 10th grade. At present Anuradha is working in Viraj Tiara (Real Estate) as a Back Office Executive. She received educational material was provided with all the possible support during her SSC. Masoom's Career Cell department has supported her by providing 90% Scholarship. Anuradha is really passionate about her work and profession of accounting.

In her words, "Masoom is a boon for me. The students who would like to make a career in her/his life Masoom steps up and provides a platform for them. I have achieved my aim for accomplishing a career in Accounting and Back Office. So, thank you Masoom, for your guidance, motivation and valuable support."



EVENING LEARNING CENTER

State Level Stakeholders Conference for creating awareness about Tribal welfare Schemes for ELC students from Arey Pada

Masoom addresses Sustainable Development Goal No 4 i.e., Quality Education - Inclusive and equitable quality education and promoting lifelong learning opportunities for all.

Masoom aims to enable out of school students to reach their full potential through educational support that leads to improved skills and employment opportunities.

Our goal is to support state governments in creating platforms for quality education and guidance for youth and adults from marginalised communities who complete their secondary education through state agencies or NIOS. Over the past 14 years, Masoom has provided secondary education and skill development to more than 25,000 students in 95 evening schools and 20 Evening Learning Centers in Maharashtra, Gujarat, and Uttarakhand. Masoom operates ELCs in Arey Pada, Mumbai, which is located in a forest and tribal area. Masoom has some lessons to learn and challenges to overcome, which is the reason we hosted a state conference on October 18, 2022. 3 government officials, 3 NGO partners along with 80 students participated at this conference. We would like to thank Educo and Barcelona City Council for giving us this opportunity.



State conference for ELC

National conference for advocating ELCs across Nation

For Advocating ELC and to scale up our ELCs across the nation we conducted a National Conference on 31 st Oct 2022 at Mumbai. We had a participation of 12 NGOs from 9 states. We are looking forward to some positive steps towards constructive partnership and greater impact on the beneficiaries from the expansion of the ELC program throughout the nation. We would like to thank Educo and Barcelona City Council for giving us this opportunity.



National conference for ELC

EVENING LEARNING CENTER

Diwali celebration at ELCs

Our students in all ELCs celebrated Diwali before going on vacation to celebrate the festival of lights. They celebrated by painting rangoli, painting diyas, making lanterns, and participating in a variety of other activities. The break at ELC coincided with a commitment to finish SSC on a good note this year.



ELCs students celebrating Diwali

Formation of Center Management and Development Committees in ELCs

School management and school development committees are formed at the school level to improve school management and involve parents in decision making. To achieve the same goal while enhancing community engagement, we are in the process of establishing a Center Management and Development Committee in our ELCs where various stakeholders such as students, teachers, parents and well-wishers from the community will come together and advocate for the development of the center. This will provide an opportunity and platform for parent and community involvement in the ELCs. 6 ELCs have formed their CMDCs this month.



Raykhad CMDC first meeting

TECH ON WHEELS

Seminar for college students

A seminar was held for SNDT College students to increase their professional awareness. The students who attended this lecture were interested in discussing Reliance's retail job opportunities which include Reliance 7 Eleven, Reliance HoReCa (Western Line), Reliance Smart Bazar, Reliance Trends, Reliance Jewels and Just Dial. The team discussed the importance and growth of retail sector. This activity was initiated to reduce the operating cost of the bus and build a sustainability plan.



Seminar at SNDT College, Vile Parle

Update

In Nagpur the team has covered a total of 437 students from 8 communities, 1 night school and 5 day schools. In Mumbai we have reached out to 12 night schools, 5 ELCs reaching 388 students. Overall coverage of TOW bus in Mumbai and Nagpur is 825 students till date. In Nagpur lectures are being conducted on Computer Basics. And in Mumbai Computer Basics and Digital literacy courses are in process.

Tech On Wheel Tie up activity

The TOW team visited Pal India and shared Masoom's work. TOW team had the opportunity to give the seminar in the college and got reference of two more principals for furthering our cause. Pal India team is interested in a collaboration and have asked us to plan activities post Diwali.



TOW head Pallavi Murudkar at Pal India



Team Masoom at Capacity Building Workshop, Lonavla

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