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BRINGING CHANGE



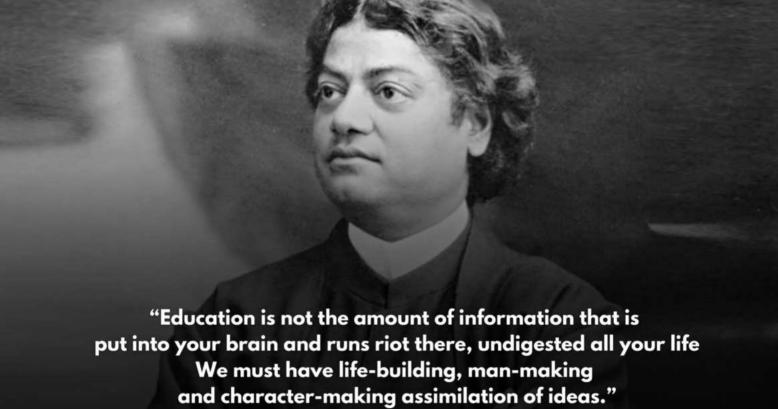


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To every child who has ever felt different.



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INTRODUCTION

ABOUT US

The goal of a nonprofit organization is to improve the lives of communities worldwide, and at "We Can We Will Foundation", we are proud to be a part of this mission.

We Can We Will Foundation aims to create better opportunities for children by offering basic and skill-based education, and providing nutritious meals to those in need, giving them hope and a sense of purpose.

We have been active for over 8 years, and with the help of our generous donors and more than 2000 passionate volunteers, we have served over 7,80,000+ meals by December 31, 2024. Our dedicated education volunteers have provided over 150,000 teaching hours, impacting 500+ students weekly from grades 1 to 13.

Our work has been recognized by major media outlets such as The Times of India, Radio Mirchi, Mumbai Mirror, Reliance Jio, actress Alia Bhatt, Ted Talk, and journalist Faye D'Souza.





Education Need of the hour HUNGER CARE SANITISATION



WHY DO WE DO THIS?

We aim to create a meaningful and enduring impact on the lives of those frequently marginalized by society. Our mission is to instill hope and joy in young individuals as we believe that by supporting them today, we are sowing the seeds for their strength and success in the future. These seeds will flourish into a positive change, transforming their lives and motivating others to participate and make a difference.







Meet Pankaj,

The founder of We Can We Will Foundation faced many challenges growing up, especially when it came to getting education. He didn't have many options and had to drop out of school. However, he was determined to complete his board exams privately. This experience made him realize that major problems faced by people were due to the lack of access to education and job opportunities.

In 2016, he completed his civil engineering diploma. During this period, he and his friends dedicated their weekends visiting underprivileged areas. They started by providing breakfast to 300 people and later began teaching 60 children at a temple in Kandivali. As their work gained attention on social media, more students reached out, wanting to be part of the initiative.

"Initially, when we began, we were a group of friends who were dissatisfied with the situation of the less fortunate people in the city. We were neither an NGO nor a Charitable Trust. However, we believed that it's your passion that can lead you to be the catalyst."

-Pankaj Thakkar

Our foundation started in 2016 with a simple idea of spending at least 2 hours a week to help those in need. This led to our mission of ensuring that no one goes to bed hungry. We began by serving Idlis to people in need.

Motivated by the desire to do even more for society, Mr. Pankaj Thakkar, the founder of 'We Can We Will Foundation' set out to create better opportunities for underprivileged children. As more people started believing in our cause and joined us as volunteers, we began to provide education along with food to children at the same places.

Over time, our team grew, enabling us to expand our reach. Today, we serve food and education across local communities and Mumbai's suburbs, touching more lives and building brighter futures.

Our motto "We Can We Will", finally came into existence in the form of a full-fledged non-profitable organisation thanks to the unwavering patience, time, and dedication of our volunteers.







Vidyalaya Paathshala Guruku Gyanjot Shikshalaya









The story of our foundation began when Mr. Thakkar noticed the struggles of many individuals in an industrial estate area during a casual visit. This sight deeply affected him and sparked a strong desire to make a difference for the people living there. After sharing his thoughts with his friends, they decided to provide food to the residents of that community.

Initially, Mr. Pankaj Thakkar and his friends took it upon themselves to personally distribute food to the local children. This initiative quickly transformed into a consistent commitment, and they never missed a single Sunday! As the children became familiar with the team, they approached Mr. Thakkar seeking help with basic education. This moment marked the beginning of what is today known as the WE CAN WE WILL FOUNDATION.

Upon pondering over the thought and after having a few discussions with a zeal to help, Mr Thakkar and his friends decided to teach basic English and Math to the children. They started taking the sessions immediately after food distribution on Sundays. Since they did not have a place, these classes took place on the footpath with the children always eager to learn keeping the spirit of the team high! The team and children kept growing together. The location was later named as 'Vidyalaya', which marked the beginning of an unpaved vision.

Commitment, dedication and consistency became the norms of our heroes who tirelessly imparted their knowledge. Seeing their perseverance, a nearby Sai Baba Temple, offered them space to teach within their premises. Upon accepting the offer, the team decided to form two separate teams leading to the formation of the food distribution division and the education division.





After an efficacious response from the students at Vidyalaya, the team decided to expand their services to impact more lives by providing quality education and food at many different locations. Shortly after, they operated from additional 6 locations across the Mumbai Suburbs, bringing the total to 7 locations.



We believe,

No one should sleep empty stomach **

hence, our subsidized and free food program for the needy, led by Payal Thakkar, Manoj Mishra and Rohit Dhurve.



PAYAL KATUDIA (FOOD LEAD)



PARIN KOTHARI













HUNGER-CARE LOCATIONS



SHATABDI HOSPITAL



With the scent of medical cleaners and an almost bleak environment, hospitals are avoided by many people. But the volunteers here are spreading rays of hope and joy, by distributing fruits and spending quality time with the people recovering at Shatabdi Hospital.

We serve around 250-300 people including the staff and patients' visitors at the hospital, who enjoy our food on daily basis.

Located at Kandivali West, this place provides affordable medical treatment to all. Our volunteers visit the inpatients every Sunday to spread some cheer among them. We wish to provide them with the hope that does not dwindle and the nutrition they require to fight their ailments.

GURUKUL

Having to walk a mile to get water from the well, they worry about keeping a roof over their head and their children sleeping empty stomach. Such is the condition of socially disadvantaged families in our country. Our NGO and volunteers cover such locations, to help people who don't always have food on their plate.

One such location is Gorai Dumping Ground (Gurukul), which has around 20-25 families, with children who need a secure childhood.

To empower these families, our team educates them, provides them with good food, and gives them employment opportunities that can open doors for a brighter future ahead.

We hope to get more support from the local public and media to drive our purpose further.





SHIKSHALAYA

In the slum areas of Dahisar, the women working as maidservants hope to educate their children in school and rise above the poverty. The lockdown situation in 2020 has exerted a setback to everything in their lives.

Our volunteers visit this location populated with children to provide them with quality meals and spend some productive time with them. The volunteers educate the kids, followed by food distribution. Their visit ends with fun activities and dance sessions for the kids. This not only boosts the morale of the adults to continue with their purpose but also helps the kids have an idyllic time now and then.

PAATHSHALA

We meet dozens of children at Borivali Link Road (Yogi Nagar) who are like flowers in blooming, jewels on a branch. That is where we started with Paathshala! Our time with them made us realise about the childhood malnutrition they were facing. So, we began a partnership to provide a whole meal to children at least once a week.

The area where our Paathshala is situated is still one of the poorest in the locale where around 150-180 people workers reside. Surely, if our team of volunteers had one job – it would be to feed these children and educate them to create a beautiful future.



VEER SAVARKAR GARDEN

This project started in collaboration with Mr. Mahendra Daga, who donates food to the elderly. Our volunteers help in the distribution of food to various locations. One such location is the Veer Savarkar Udyaan.

The area near Veer Savarkar Udyaan is a residence for migrants and daily wage workers who have nowhere else to live. Our team at We Can We Will Foundation, started this project during the initial days of COVID-19 lockdown upon realising that these workers had no source of income.

We distributed food to all the people in that locality daily during the lockdown period. After the lockdown was lifted, we continue this project on Wednesdays and Sundays.





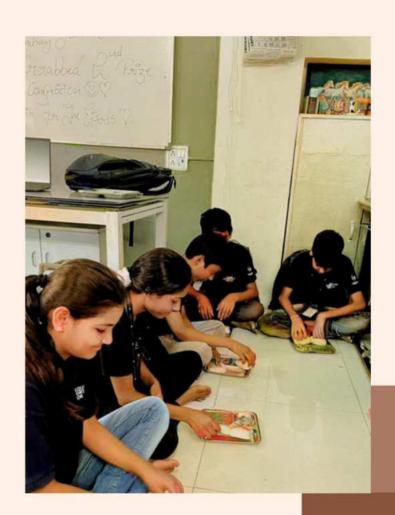


BHABREKAR NAGAR

Our very first location where we started with an idli stall. We serve around 100 people with 500 idlis every Sunday with the hope that people may get to start the day with a healthy meal and positive energy. After paying respects to our mother nation with National Anthem, we start the stall by maintaining proper hygiene and provide sanitiser to everyone in the beginning, and a proper garbage disposal later. Along with food distribution, we try to come up with activities such as teaching them basic English communication skills which may help in fighting the illiteracy rate. We also give free idlis to BMC workers as an appreciation from our end for their hard work.

CHARKOP

Amid the debris of buildings scattered in the area, the people stay in the inner parts of Kandivali Sector - 8 having survived the COVID-19 impact. The lack of relief programs made their survival difficult, nonetheless our team of strong-willed volunteers reached out to the local public through Social Media and gathered rations and other resources for the families living there. We provide them with a filling meal once a week and also try to supply them with food rations, clothes, and other resources for survival. We hope that with all the help society provides through us to these people, they will have a greater impact on the economy of India.











We have observed the devastating effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, with education being one of the most impacted sectors. The outbreak resulted in the closure of schools, which significantly hindered students' learning. Prior to the pandemic, our volunteers conducted inperson classes for 12th-grade students at Raghuleela Mall. However, during the lockdown offline education became impossible. In light of the uncertainty regarding schools reopening, we launched an E-learning program, with 60 dedicated volunteers from our NGO leading the initiative. Subsequently, we partnered with Thakur College, which brought in 100 full-time volunteers to join the E-Reach program. This tremendous support enabled us to implement ONE-TO-ONE MONITORING, allowing each student to receive personalized attention during their online classes.



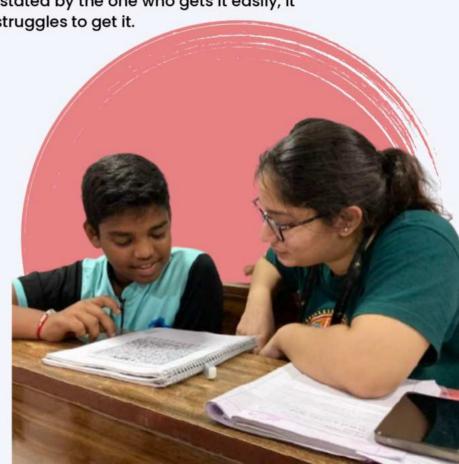




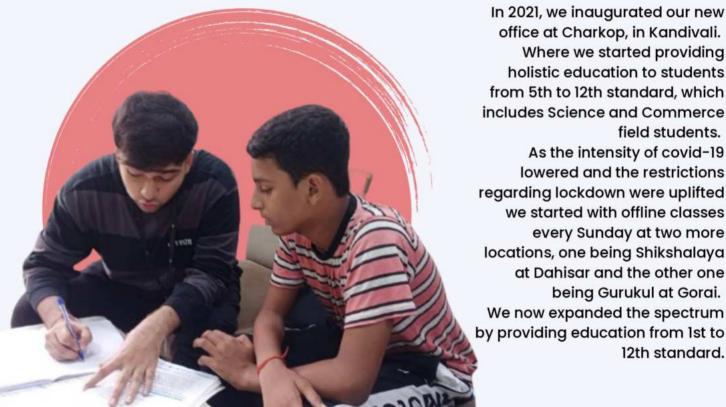
A potter gives shape to raw clay and turns it into a beautiful pot. Similarly, education gives shape to the personality and character of every individual. The definition of education cannot be stated by the one who gets it easily, it

can only be defined by a person who struggles to get it.

During the pre-covid period, every Sunday like a beam of light, our volunteers used to provide classes to 12th-standard students at four different locations i.e. Vidhayala, Gurukul, Paathshala, and Gyanjyot. Everything was on track, Alas! stepped into our Coronavirus country and a lockdown was imposed. At one point, everything seemed hopeless, but our volunteers stood up and started teaching students of 10th and 12th standards at Raghuleela mall during the lockdown on a daily basis.



"Education is the staircase to success, without education life is like a desert where there is no rain of happiness."



In 2021, we inaugurated our new office at Charkop, in Kandivali. Where we started providing holistic education to students from 5th to 12th standard, which includes Science and Commerce field students.

As the intensity of covid-19 lowered and the restrictions regarding lockdown were uplifted we started with offline classes every Sunday at two more locations, one being Shikshalaya at Dahisar and the other one being Gurukul at Gorai. We now expanded the spectrum

12th standard.

ONE-ON-ONE

One of the fundamentals of education that we believe and practice daily is, "Every student can learn, just not on the same day or in the same way" Hence, Our teaching structure consists of two categories: group learning and one-to-one



We launched our one-on-one learning program to provide individualized attention to students who learn at varying speeds. This initiative is essential for understanding our students and allowing them to learn at their own pace, ultimately fostering a more effective and impactful learning experience.

Initially, we started with one-on-one learning in 2021 during the weekends as our volunteers had more time to devote to the students. Upon starting these lectures, we saw a change in the way our students grasped concepts and performed academically, later with the help of Ms. Dhwani Sanghavi (one of our Counsellors), we made personalised books for each student and started teaching them from scratch with the help of that book which entirely consisted of concepts from the basics.

COUNSELLING

As we learn more about the mind and human psychology, it becomes clear that mental health and wellness are just as important as physical health. Unfortunately, accessing proper mental health support can be expensive, and the stigma around mental wellness remains strong in Indian society. This stigma often stops many people from seeking help from professionals.

We believe that our students should be aware of their emotions and feelings the same way they are of their environment and studies. Hence, we introduced group psychology workshops for our students. These sessions were conducted by Ushma Asher, a Counselling psychologist with a Master's degree in counselling psychology from Shreemati Nathibai Damodar Thackerey Women's University (SNDT).



Until mid-2024, the counseling department was led by Ushma Ma'am, who had to step down due to personal reasons. Gursharan Ma'am then took over and started working closely with the children, supported by a few volunteers.

She began regular one-on-one sessions to understand the children's problems and help them resolve them effectively. The students appreciated these sessions so much that they started asking for more, encouraging Gursharan Ma'am and her team to put in even more effort for their well-being.

The positive changes in the children were amazing and clear to everyone. Their energy and enthusiasm are the heart of the NGO, keeping it alive and thriving.

We're incredibly grateful to the Counseling Team for their hard work and dedication to making a difference in the students' lives.









JANANI

At We Can We Will (WCWW) Foundation, we believe in the transformative power of education and support. Janani Kauder's inspiring journey with us is a testament to our mission.

Janani joined our NGO as a student when she was in the 8th standard. Struggling with her studies due to limited English proficiency, she faced significant academic challenges. Our dedicated team at WCWW provided her with personalized support, helping her build a strong foundation in English. Through hard work and determination, Janani enhanced her language skills and academic performance, achieving 73% in her 10th standard exams.

Our commitment to Janani's success continued as she progressed to the 12th standard. With the resources and guidance from our team, she excelled in her studies, scoring an impressive 87%. Janani's academic achievements paved the way for her to pursue a degree in BFM (Bachelor of Financial Markets). She is currently preparing for banking exams, with ongoing support from us to help her achieve her future goals.

Beyond academics, Janani has become an integral part of our organization. Now as a volunteer, she dedicates her time to teaching and mentoring students, giving back to the community that has supported her growth. Her journey with WCWW spans over seven years, during which she has transformed from a student needing help to a mentor making a difference in others' lives.

Janani's story is just one example of the many lives we touch at the Foundation. We are proud of her accomplishments and honoured to have been a part of her journey. Together, we continue to empower individuals through education, fostering a brighter future for all.





RICHA

Richa Yadav's inspiring journey with We Can We Will reflects our dedication to nurturing talent and supporting dreams.

Richa joined our NGO with a passion for learning and a strong determination to succeed. Excelling in her academics, she scored an impressive 89% in her 12th standard and is now pursuing her FY BCAF. Beyond academics, WCWW has encouraged her involvement in extracurricular activities, helping her build a diverse skill set, including proficiency in Tally lectures.

Coming from a family of five, Richa is the eldest sibling. Her younger sister, currently in 12th standard, and her brother, in 8th standard, also benefit from our programs. With her father battling a kidney condition and her mother working tirelessly as a housemaid, Richa draws immense strength and inspiration from her mother's perseverance. Her ultimate goal is to become an accountant from a reputable university, and she works tirelessly to achieve it.

Balancing her studies and family responsibilities, Richa also serves as an Assistant Coordinator at WCWW, giving back to the very organization that has been pivotal in her journey. Her story is a testament to the transformative power of education and unwavering support.

At WCWW, we take immense pride in Richa's accomplishments and her unyielding spirit. Her journey motivates us to continue empowering individuals like her, enabling them to unlock their potential and achieve their dreams.



Freedom Initiative by We Can We Will Foundation

Freedom is a unique and inspiring concept introduced by We Can We Will Foundation designed to empower students by engaging them in a wide range of extracurricular activities like Cooking, Dance, MMA, Graphic Design, Chess, Drawing, Rubic Cube, Mehendi, Guitar. This initiative emphasises personal choice and creative exploration, providing every student and volunteer the freedom to choose an activity they are passionate about.

RUBIC CUBE
COOKING CHESS
GUITAR
DRAWING GRAPHIC
DESIGNING
MEHENDI

How Freedom Works

- Time and Schedule: The program is conducted every Sunday for 2 hours, creating a consistent and enriching weekend engagement for participants.
- Activity Selection: At the start of each 3-month cycle, students and volunteers are introduced to the available activities.
 Each participant is free to select an activity they are genuinely interested in, enabling them to pursue their passion and hone their skills.
- Focus and Commitment: Once an activity is chosen, participants dedicate themselves to it for the entire 3-month period ensuring they have sufficient time to explore and develop their talents.



"Education enhances Knowledge but activities stimulate personality".

Having acknowledged the importance of activities in the students' lives, we started supporting various activities here at We Can We Will.

The biggest benefit of extra-curricular activities is that it helps in boosting the social skills of students and also helps in self-development. Communication is a vital asset in students' lives as they learn to express themselves in a better and profound way!

Having interest in after-school activities is a great way to enhance your skills and learn more about yourself. It also helps you to strengthen your abilities and iron out your weaknesses. It also helps to build one's self-confidence.

Shutting down of extracurricular activities during the pandemic and the subsequential lockdown had an extended impact on the social lives of all.

The overall well-being of students who are separated from their friends and interests is crucial. Rather than halting progress, we ensured that our students could engage in after-school activities regardless of the challenges posed by the pandemic. We have now introduced a variety of new activities for our students to thrive in.





















SOCIAL INITIATIVES

Every individual's contribution to this society is important for our society's well-being and prosperity. Instead of relying on the government to tackle all our social problems we can be a part of a team that would help in eradicating the problems sooner.

We have been consistently giving our children real-world experiences by working in the field. You look at the world differently and start understand the actual seriousness of the problem. The more you help in a social cause, the more you understand about the society you are living in. You acquire leadership quality as well as other industry-related skills.



We Can We Will NGO ने बांटे जरुरतमंदों को 'राशन कीट'

'अभिलाषा श्री' ने भी किया बढ़-चढ़कर सहयोग

कोरोना के इस भयंकर प्रकोप में सभी एक दूसरे की मदद के लिए आगे आए है। आम लोगों से लेकर सेलेब्स तक सभी लोगों की मदद करने में लगे हुए है। स्टार्स अलग-अलग रुप में जरुरतमंदों की मदद कर रहे हैं। कुछ सितारे तो जो सोशल मीडिया के जरिए कोविड- १ ९ से जुड़े हर वह जानकारी लोगों तक पहुंचाने का काम कर रहे हैं, जो जरुरी है। अब इस लिस्ट में बॉलीवुड एक्ट्रेस 'अभिलापा श्री' भी शामिल हो गई है। वैसे 'अभिलापा श्री' फिल्म इंडस्टीज के साव-साव सामाजिक कार्य में बड- चडकर हिस्सा से रही है। पिछले २ साल से 'वी केन, वी विल' एनजीओ (We Can, We Will NGO) से जुड़ी है। जिसके प्रेसीडेंट-पंकज टक्कर है। हाल ही में अभिलाषा ने जरुरतमंदों को राशन बांटा है। उनका कहना है कि कोई भी मदद बड़ी छोटी नहीं है और हर छोटी मदद भी महत्वपूर्ण है। गत दिनों अस्पतालों में फल वितरण, जानवरों की सेवा, समुद्रीतटों की सफाई में शामिल होना, बच्चों को शिक्षा देना जैसे कार्यों में अपना भरपर योगदान देती है।

(We Can, We Will NGO) से बुड़ी हूँ, जिसे कोई फर्क नहीं पहता कि आप किस जाति से है. आपका धर्म क्या है या आप कहां से आए है या आप क्या है। पंजक किया है। उनके समाजहित कार्यों को देखकर में इस एनजीओ में ठक्कर जी ने सामाजिक कार्य करने के लिए मुझे प्रोत्साहित शामिल हो गई है।





Manavta - Service to Humanity

We Can We Will Foundation began its journey in the year September 2016.
Since then, we have been serving the society with different projects like

Hunger Care & Education. Around 350+ children are being taught
academics regularly as well as extra-curricular activities like Dance, Skating,
Karate, Singing etc. every Sunday. In 2019, the foundation decided to give
the kids an opportunity to showcase their talents on stage which would help
them gain confidence through their perfomance.

MANAVTA'19

We Can We Will marked its 3rd anniversary with the inaugural Annual Day program, **Manavta 2K19 – Service to Humanity**.

Approximately 200 children showcased their enthusiasm and energy in front of an audience of 1,000 attendees, who came to support and inspire them. The event took place at Prabodhan Thackrey Hall in Borivali West, with over 50 volunteers playing a key role in organizing the entire occasion.



The event began with the lighting of the lamp by our distinguished guests, Mr. Mahendra Daga - A Philanthropist, Mrs. Shraddha Mehta - Principal of Mother Teresa School & Mr. Pradeep More - Training Manager & Counsellor of disabled hearing and speaking people.

It was a very delightful and mesmerizing moment for the We Can We Will Family to see our students' performances, dressed in various costumes, performing acts. The children put in rigorous efforts for three months to prepare for their performances, along with their regular studies.

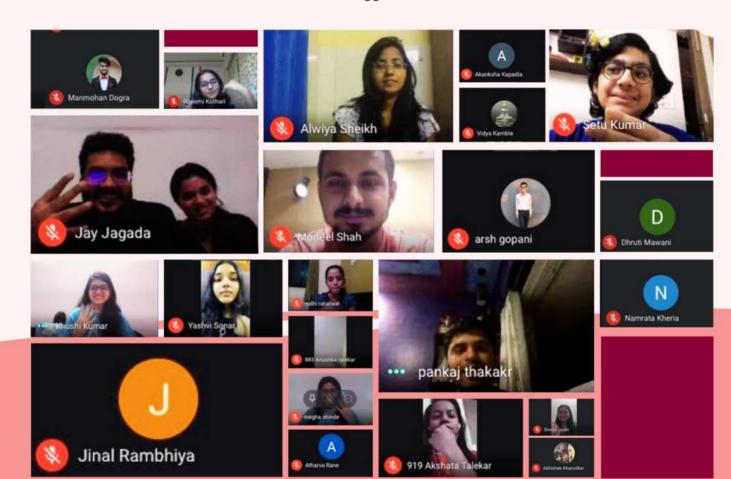


MANAVTA'20

This marks the completion of our four-year journey dedicated to serving humanity. It has been an incredible experience, and we owe our progress to the unwavering support of our volunteers and supporters.

Due to COVID-19, we were unable to host our usual event this year. Nevertheless, our team chose to organize a Mini Manavta Event online. All team members, alongside students, worked diligently to plan the celebration. Approximately 50 people joined in the festivities, and despite the challenges we faced, everyone present thoroughly enjoyed the event.





MANAVTA'22



We Can We Will proudly celebrated its 6th anniversary with our Annual Day program, Manavta 2K22 – Service to Humanity.

Around 300 enthusiastic children showcased their energy and talent in front of an audience of 1,000, inspiring and uplifting their peers.

It was a truly delightful and mesmerizing experience for the We Can We Will Family to witness our students' performances, as they dazzled in a variety of costumes. These kids dedicated three months to prepare for their acts while balancing their regular studies.

This year, we featured a diverse array of performances, including:

Singing and dancing that depicted the life of Lord Krishna.

A skit highlighting women empowerment.

Folk dance presented by our children from Vasai.

A joker act performed by Sikhshalay.

A UV act.

An MMA act.

A fashion show by the students of Gurukul and Sikhshalay To conclude the event, all the volunteers took part in a vibrant flash mob, leaving everyone with joyful memories.

Celebrating 06 years of Service to humanity







MANAVTA 23

We Can We Will Celebrate Our 7th Anniversary with the Annual Day Program Manavta 2K23 – The Past, Present, and Future of Bharat (Bharat Kal, Aaj, aur Kal)

The We Can We Will Foundation proudly celebrated its 7th anniversary with the annual event, Manavta 2K23, centered around the theme "The Past, Present, and Future of Bharat (India)." This occasion was a vibrant tribute to talent, dedication, and cultural pride, illustrating India's historical journey.

The celebration featured over 300 children who performed with great energy and enthusiasm for an audience of 1,000 including parents, supporters, and well-wishers. The performances captivated the audience, filling them with pride as the children adorned in colorful costumes, brought the theme to life.



Flashmob by Volunteers: The grand finale showcased a thrilling flashmob performance by all the volunteers, creating an exhilarating atmosphere that left the audience spellbound. The children dedicated three months to rehearsing for these acts, skillfully balancing their extensive practice sessions with their regular academic commitments. Their dedication and efforts were clearly reflected in the flawless execution of their performances. Manavta 2K23 was a significant event for the We Can We Will Family, as it not only celebrated the accomplishments of the past years but also highlighted the incredible potential of our children to forge a brighter future for Bharat.

Manavta 23 consisted of -Singing Performances. Skits. Dance. Folk Dance. Fashion show.







MANAVTA 4.0

We Can We Will Foundation proudly celebrated eight years of serving humanity with its annual event, MANAVTA 4.0, on January 4th, 2025. This year's theme, Papa Kehte Hain Bada Naam Karega, set the stage for a vibrant and thought-provoking celebration.

The event featured expressive and energetic performances, beautifully illustrating that every occupation holds equal importance echoing the timeless sentiment, "Koi bhi kaam chhota ya bada nahi hota." Through a captivating narrative, an angel from heaven guided a young boy, showing him the value and significance of every job through a series of engaging acts and dynamic dance performances.

Of course, no show is complete without its audience! The electric atmosphere was amplified by a cheerful, houseful crowd of 900 guests, whose energy made the event even more special.

A heartfelt thank you to our incredible audience for their unwavering support and enthusiasm. And a special note of gratitude to our sponsors and supporters of MANAVTA 4.0, whose contributions helped make this event a resounding success!













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Verified NGOs WORKING IN COVID RELIEF

Abhinavan Foundation

(We Can We Will Foundation)

Services Provided: Food & ration distribution, online & offline

education for the underprivileged children,

help in vaccine registration of the underprivileged, feeding stray animals.

Location: Mumbai

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In collaboration with Faye D'Souza



One of the most beneficial sides of social media in education was proved during lockdown when offline education was shut down, social media helped students to continue with their education in online mode on apps like **JioMeet**. We also adapted to this and started with online lectures on JioMeet for our students. The famous celebrity Alia Bhatt shared a post on Instagram supporting our constant efforts regarding online education.

Alia Bhatt and Faye D'Souza also shared their thoughts by posting Instagram stories about our NGO. Their support has empowered us to take on even more responsibilities in the future. What a nongovernmental organization truly seeks from society is unwavering support and our NGO is fortunate enough to receive it. This encouragement transforms our hard work and efforts into genuine smiles of joy.

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चांगभलं ही मालिका प्रेक्षकांच्या मनावर अधिराज्य गाजवत आहे. या मालिकेने नुकताच हजार भागांचा पल्ला यशस्वीरित्या गाठला असून हा क्षण सेटवर अनोख्या पद्धतीनं साजरा करण्यात आला. कांदिवलीच्या एका सेवाभावी संस्थेतील ७० मुलांनी सेटला भेट दिली आणि या मुलांशी मालिकेच्या टीमनं संवाद साधला. त्याचसह मुलांनीही बिनधास्तपणे कलाकारांना प्रश्न विचारले. आवडत्या कलाकारांची भेट झाल्यामुळे मुलांचा आनंद गगनात मावेनासा झाला होता. बाळमामा यांची भूमिका साकारणाऱ्या समित पुसावळे आणि संतोष अयाचित यांचं मोठ्या जल्लोषात स्वागत करण्यात आलं. या यशस्वी प्रवासामागे कलाकार व तंत्रज्ञासह संपूर्ण टीमचा मोलाचा वाटा असल्याचं सांगितलं. या क्षणी सुमितनेसुद्धा त्याचा अविस्मरणीय क्षण सांगितला आणि गप्पांची ही मैफल रंगत गेली. बाळमामा या व्यक्तिरखेसाठी माझी निवड



झालीय, हे आईला सांगताना अश्रू अनावर झाल्याचं सुमित आवर्जून सांगतो. एका चिमुकलीनं सुमितला पुष्पगुच्छ देऊन 'बाळुमामाच्या नावानं चांगभलं' असं म्हटलं तेव्हा सगळ्यांनाच तिचं कौतुक वाटलं. TIMES OF INDIA: MUMBAI

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સપનાંની દુનિયામાં રાવવું એ મનુષ્યનો સ્વામાય છે પણ ઓક લ્યક્તિ બીજા માટે સપનાં જુએ અને એ સાકાદ કરવા મધે ત્યારે જ કાઢાર ઉજ્જવા સમાજની સ્વાના થતી હોય છે, ખાળદોના ભવિષ્યને આકાદ આપવા મળતી આવી જ એક સામાજિક સંસ્થા છે જેવું નામ છે વી કેન, વી વિજ કાંબ્લિકન

કાંદિવલીના ચારકોપ વિસ્તારમાં આવેલો વી ડેન વી વિલ કડોનેસનનો થે માળનો લંગલો સાથ વિસ્તારનાં બાળકોની એકેડેપિક અને ઇતાર પ્રવૃત્તિઓથી સવારથી સાંજ ધમધમતો રતે છે. સાતેક વર્ષ પહેલાં ૨૦૧૬માં તરવરિયા યુવાન પંકલ ક્લારે પોતાના અમક મિત્રો સાથે મળીને જરૂરિયાતમંદ લોકો માટે ભોજન વહેંચવાની શરૂઆત કરી. કા-ડિસ્ટિબ્લશન દરમિયાન જેને વિસ્તારનાં બાળકોનો સંપર્ક થયો અને આ લાળકોને પાયાનું શિક્ષણ આપવાનો વિચાર પંકજભાઈના મનમાં સળવળો. પંકજ ઠક્કર કહે છે. 'શરૂઆતમાં રસ્તા પર અને થોડો વખત પાર્રી અમે ચારકોપ વિસ્તારમાં આવેલા સાંઈમાલા મંદિરના પ્રાંગરામાં શીખરવાનું શરૂ કર્યું. લોકે એ વખતે મીરિનો સમય અને લોકોની અવરજવર વધેરેને કારલે બાળકો માટે મર્પાદિત પ્રવત્તિ થતી. આ બાળકોની અંદર થવી શક્યતાઓ ભરેલી પડેલી હતી. જરૂર હતી શ્રમ, તેમને કેવારવાની."

કારવાં બનતા ગયા

ધીમે-ધીમે લાઇક-માઇન્ડેડ યવાનોનું એક ગ્રુપ બનતું ગયું અને સ્થમમાં રહેતાં ભાવકો શિક્ષિત ભાવકોની જેમ પોતાનું ભવિષ્ય કંપ્રદી શકે અને તેમની સાથે કદમ મિલાવી ચાલી શકે એવા નક્કર ઈરાદા સાથે ચારકોપ વિસ્તારમાં ભાવના મંત્રલામાં વી કેન, વી વિલ शर्गनंत्राननी सञ्चल पर्ण, शर्मन्द्र માને વિરેક્ટર પંજ કહાર ઉપરાંત આદિ મેનેજિંગ ડિરેક્ટર તર્પ મહેલા છે. કલ્પરલ ડિપાર્ટમેન્ટ કપા ઠક્કર સંભાગે છે અને पंतर उत्तरना पनी पापत उत्तर શા-દિસ્તિબશનનો પાર્ટ સંભાવે છે. બાળકોએ સોમવારથી શકવાર ભાવાનું અને શનિવાર-રવિવાર ઇતર પ્રવૃત્તિઓ માટે કાજવવામાં આવે છે. ભંગલમાં થતી આ પ્રવૃત્તિ ઉપરાંત અધિવારમા-ભારમાં ધોરલનાં આવશે માટે તેમલે

ગરીબ બાળકોના વિકાસ માટેનો એક નાનકડો વિચાર જુઓ ક્યાં પહોંચ્યો

કાંદિવલીમાં કેટલાક યુવાનોએ ભેગા થઈને 'વી કેન, વી વિલ ફાઉન્ડેશન'ની શરૂઆત કરી અને ઝૂંપડપટ્ટીમાં રહેતાં, ભીખ માગતાં બાળકોને ભણાવવાનું અને જદી-જદી સ્કિલ શીખવવાનું શરૂ કર્યું છે અને અત્થાર સધીમાં તેમને જબરો પ્રતિસાદ મળ્યો છે









બાજુમાં આવેલી શાળાના બે કલાસ પણ લીધા છે.

સ્કિલ-ડેવલપમેન્ટ

રાતે રંગતાં જાળકો માટે બચુક વાર ક્લિટ્સ જ મદદ નથી કરવા દેતી એમ જારાવીને પોજ ઠકાર કહે છે, "ખાતાથી જાવાવીને પોજ ઠકાર કહે છે, "ખાતાથી જાવાને ભૂદું પાડી ન શકાય, પણ પણી વાર માતા જ આવાને ભીંધ માંગ્યા પોલી દેતી હોય છે. આવી ખાત્યીઓ કે વિચિત્ર સ્થિતિ સાથે આપશે પ્રગતિ કેવી દીતે કંદીએ? જવાક કર્યા જનમ લે એ તેના હામમાં નથી હોલાક તેમને નામાં જ પોડિએ?

વાતનો દોર સાંધતાં પાયલ કહે છે.

'મરૂમાતમાં હવે મતેતા લોદીવારીથી સાઈકલ પર ભાગદોને ભાગદાવા આવતો. આ જોઈને દલમમાં ભાગદોનો ઇત્લાહ વધતો હતો. શીધવાની પગલ હોય તો અહીં માત-જાત-પંપની મર્પાદા કે સીમાદ્ર નથી. વિધિય શેખમાં આવત કરતાનો સંભાળના અમારા ચોલાન્ધિમાં આ ભાગદોના ગાઉડ, મેન્ચર, દીચર અને હોય લખી તેમની તિકાલને શાર્પન કરવાની હોય લખી તેમની તિકાલને શાર્પન કરવાની હોય લખી તેમની તિકાલને શાર્પન કરવાની હોય લખી તેમની

અહીં પોતાનો અનુભવ શેર કરતાં સંસ્થાનો હવે મહેતા કહે છે, 'ભારવામાં મુશ્કેલી હોય એવા વિશાર્થી માટે અહીં વન-ડૂ-વન અને સુપલંક્યર થાય છે. ખાસ તો દસ જેટલાં કમ્પ્યુટર્સ છે, જેના પર ભાષકો વર્ડ, પાવર પોઇન્ટ, એક્સેલ, વિડિયો એડિટિંગ, ગૂગલ કોર્મ્સ શીધો છે. દરેક માટે કેન્ટ્સી વાતાવરલ સાથે ભારતે એક્સરથી તક મળે એવા પ્રયત્ન અમે કડીએ છીએ.'

कूड-डिस्ट्रिज्युशन

આ ગ્રુપની એક મુખ્ય પ્રવૃત્તિ ફુ-ડેપ્ટિટ્રેબુક્યનનો છે. ક્રોડિવારી વેસ્ટની સતાબી હોસ્પિટલ ખાતે રોજ દારીઓ મોટે કળ મતે તેમના પરિસારમાં માટે ભોજનથી મુખ્ય પ્રવૃત્તિ સહિત ચારકોય, બોડીવારીનો વીર સ્થાવરકા માર્ગ, દિતિકારના ટર્મકો થઇ જેવા વિસ્તારોમાં કબ્લી વર્ડેમારી થાય છે. ક્રોલિટ દારિયાન પલ અપવાદરૂપ દિવસો સિવાય ફૂડ-ડિસ્પ્રિયન કે એપ્યુકેશન ચાલુ રહ્યું હતું. આ ડિપરાંત આ કાર્ડિન્ડાન થોડ સમયથી લીંગ કહીન્સપ, હોડ સેક્ટી રિક્લેક્ટર્સ, વૃક્ષ ડિન્ડાય જેવી વિવિધ પ્રવૃત્તિઓ પલ કરે છે.

તમે શું આપી શકો!

અત્યાર સુધીમાં વી કેન, વી વિલ કાઉન્ડેસને સાડસાત લાખ લોકોને ભોષન પરં પાત્રાં છે. અહીં દરેક વયના વોલન્ટિયર્સ છે. અત્યારે ૨૫ જલનો સ્ટાક, ૨૦૦ યોલન્ટિયર્સ અને ૨૦૦ જેટલાં બાળકો છે. અત્યાર સાથેમાં નામ, નેમર, આપર કાર્ડ સ્તિત ૨૫૦૦ વોલન્સિમાં અહીં કામ કરી યક્યા છે પણ આ શઈન્ડેશનને આંકડાથી નહીં, ગુલવાસભર વિકસવું છે. અહીં આવનારા વેલન્ડિયમ જેને કારકિર્દીયાં સજજ છે. વિદેશીઓને ભારત વિદિષ્ટ પર લઈ અવસી આઇટેક કંપનીના પ્રોગ્રામમાં એપ્લુકેશન પ્રોગ્રામનો સમાવેશ છે. એના થકી આવનાર વિદેશી પર્વટક પણ પોતાનો સમય આપીને અહીંનાં બાળકોની સાથે હવે-મળે છે અને તેમને શીખવે છે જેવી ભાવશેમાં અભ્યવિશ્વાસ વર્ષ છે.

NGO એટલે કે નોન-ગવર્નમેન્ટલ ઑર્ગનાઇડેસન માટે લોકોના મનમાં અમુક લખ હોય છે. પંક્લમાઈ કહે છે, 'NGO વશાવનારા તમારી પાસે ડેનેસન

બાળકો માટે શરૂ કર્યો છે અનોખો 'કીડમ' પ્રોગામ

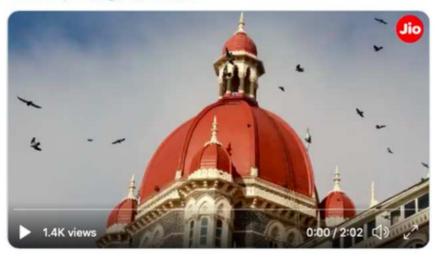
બાળકને સંગયે છે એ કોય પછે છે? કોઈ બાળકને ડાન્સ શીખવો છે. પળ અમક વાર ચીગ્ય સમારે છોગ્ય रिशेर्जित नहीं भणता अवधा તે નબળ કોવાને કરશે તેને દાદ નથી અપાતી. પણ આવું જ થતું રહેશે તો નબળ બાયક નબળ જ રહી જવાનું છે. વી કેન, વી વિલ શાઉન્ડેશનના કર્તાકર્તાઓએ આનો જવાબ શોધીને 'કીડમ' નામનો એક યનિક પ્રોચાય શરૂ કર્યો છે, જેના અંતર્ગત અહીંનું કોઈ પણ વચનું કે ધોરવાનું આળક તેને મનગમતી કોઈ પણ પ્રવૃત્તિ કરી શકે છે. અહીં ડાન્સ. મિક્સ્ડ માર્શલ આટર્સ સ્વિધિંગ. કેરમ, ચેસ કકિંગ, મેદી, બારી કોર્સ क्यो अनेडविय प्रवक्तिओ बाय છે. કદાચ કોઈ બાળકને કોઈ એક प्रवृत्ति वय अमतो क्षेत्र तो 'डीऽम' बेठम प्रार्टभरीकी भारता धोरश સધીનું કોઈ પણ બાળક ચાર મહિના માટે બે કલાક આ પ્રવૃત્તિ એકસ્ટા કરી શકે છે. એક્ટેપિક વરમાં સાર્ટ પરિવામ ગેળવનામાં બાળકોને રિવોર્ડ तरीहे जिवसिंग पण शीखवा मधे છે. જેમાં અશ્વષ્ટિત નામનો વિદ્યાર્થી स्टेट खेवब जियमर तरीहे प्रेडिटस पज हरी रक्षों है. संवी क रीते सा संस्थाना 'ओब' प्रोपेस्ट अंतर्शत સિગ્નલ પરનાં ભીખ માગતાં બાળકોને મુખબત સંસ્કાર, રીતમાત, ચોખ્યાઈ, શિસ્ત શીખવવાની સાથે બારાખડી શીખવવામાં આવે છે.

માંગ્લો એવું લોકોને લાગે છે પણ એક જવાબાદર વ્યક્તિ તરીકે જે સમાજે તમને પડ્યા છે એનું ઝલ્ય ચુકલો. એ માટે પેલા આપવા જ જરૂરી નથી; તમે ભક્તતરને કર્માં, કે જે સ્ત્રિલમાં તમે આગાગ છે. એ સમય આપીને બલાને સીખવવું એ પણ એક પ્રકારનું હેનેશન જ છે. એ તમે આપી સો છે. થી તેના થી વિલા કરીને રાત બાળકોના વિશાસની દરેક શક્યતા લાખને અપદેટ થતું આવાની કેશિયા કરતું એ છે. જારા પછી અમેં નોકરી અપાળવાનો પ્રયાસ પણ કરીએ છીએ.



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