

# DreamLITE

## From the Desk of Managing Trustee...

Greetings, everyone!

I hope this message finds you well.

Make My Dream Foundation has crossed a milestone of 15 years. Looking back, these 15 years seem like a dream. Countless impactful experiences, unforgettable memories & relentless pursuit of the dream. It's been a journey of perseverance, with the support of many helping hands. While the dream itself seemed intangible at times, the recognition & blessings from numerous prominent figures and ordinary individuals alike have been invaluable.

Founding the organization, assisting differently-abled children who had just passed their 10th grade to continue their education, was initial task. It demanded a level of dedication that often felt overwhelming. "Empowering through Education" became our mantra. However, the mental resilience of the children we worked with, their ability to navigate through various challenges, left us in wonder. Every question they posed became a quest for answers, leading us down diverse paths of exploration and discovery. Through various innovative approaches aimed at both their education and personal development, many success stories emerged.

For every triumph we witnessed, there were setbacks too, but they were never forgotten. Each setback was a lesson, enriching our experience. We identified various segments within the differently-abled community, addressed their unique needs and found new avenues for learning while seeking answers to their pertinent questions.

The victories were not just ours to celebrate; they belonged to every individual who contributed to our cause. Recognizing diverse groups within the differently-abled community, seeking answers to their pertinent questions, led to the discovery of innovative solutions and opened doors to new possibilities. As we look back at the highs and lows of our journey, one thing remains certain: amidst the challenges, we found countless opportunities to learn and grow.

During the academic year 2023-2024, we welcomed 2 new candidates while continuing to provide financial support to 9 candidates from previous batch. In the current year, our support structure encompasses individuals affected by cerebral palsy, partial blindness, and hearing impairments.

In this journey of 15 years, we have noticed a remarkable decrease in the number of candidates with locomotor disabilities, whereas there is a rise in incoming candidates with hearing impairments from rural areas of Marathwada region. Disabilities are evolving, presenting new challenges on the horizon. In response to this changing landscape, we have already adjusted our perspective and embraced inclusivity as a core objective. We are dedicated to providing comprehensive assistance & resources to these individuals, ensuring the necessary support to thrive and overcome challenges.

We are delighted to announce that the second candidate of Make My Dream Foundation is on the verge of completing the Bachelor of Engineering, despite being affected by Cerebral Palsy. This accomplishment is a testament to their determination and resilience and we are incredibly proud to support them on their journey towards success.

In January 2024, we achieved a significant milestone by completing our fifth Cochlear Implant project for candidate Jiya Shaikh. We are pleased with our progress, as it aligns with our goal of carrying out at least one project annually to support individuals with hearing impairments. We firmly believe that addressing the needs of the hearing impaired is crucial in today's world and we are committed to continuing our efforts in this direction.

On December 3rd, 2023, we achieved a remarkable win by organizing a trekking expedition for 12 hearing impaired individuals and 6 locomotor impaired individuals. The expedition took them to Malhargad Fort, where they experienced joy and fulfilment beyond imagination.

After completing 7 treks, they have become accustomed to annual trekking



expeditions and eagerly anticipate the next adventure as soon as one concludes. This newfound enthusiasm reflects their unwavering belief in their ability to conquer any challenge and transform their dreams into reality.

During this year, many of our former students achieved significant milestones in their lives. Some secured employment, while others celebrated the joyous occasion of marriage, marking a new chapter of stability and fulfilment. Additionally, a few were recognized with prestigious awards for their exceptional contributions in their respective fields, showcasing their dedication and talent. Furthermore, the blessing of a new baby brought immense joy and fulfilment to some. Overall, these diverse accomplishments highlight a win-win situation in life, demonstrating the multitude of ways in which our community members are thriving and finding success in various aspects of their lives.

In celebration of our 15-year journey, Make My Dream Foundation organized a State Level (Invitational) Swimming Competition for Divyang individuals on March 31, 2024. The event drew participation from a diverse group of 248 divyang participants, representing various disabilities such as physical impairment, visual impairment, hearing impairment, cerebral palsy, autism spectrum, Down syndrome, slow learner, hyperactivity & mental impairment.

This competition not only provided a platform for talent display but also instilled confidence in participants to consider future participation in national and international para swimming competitions. The widespread participation highlighted the inclusive nature of the competition. The enthusiastic turnout from rural areas underscored the importance of providing opportunities for individuals with disabilities, ensuring that talent and potential are recognized and celebrated regardless of geographical location.

The commendable dedication of parents and trainers, coupled with unwavering support from the community, played a pivotal role in the success of the event. While some participants relished the exhilaration of competition for the first time, others demonstrated remarkable expertise in para swimming, with a handful boasting prior experience in national-level competitions. This collective effort highlighted the importance of collaboration and encouragement in empowering divyang individuals to pursue their passions to the fullest extent.

Overall, the 15th anniversary celebration proved to be a truly memorable experience. The State Level Swimming Competition for Divyang individuals not only showcased the remarkable talents and determination of participants but also brought together a diverse community of supporters, parents, trainers, and volunteers. Through this event, Make My Dream Foundation reaffirmed its commitment to inclusivity and empowerment, leaving a lasting impact on all those involved. The event not only marked a significant milestone in the organization's journey but also served as a celebration of resilience, courage, and the boundless potential of individuals with disabilities.

Regarding the "Gurukul" project, we have been investing tremendous efforts in the search for a suitable piece of land. Despite facing numerous obstacles in identifying land that fits within our available funds, we are optimistic that we are now nearing access to it shortly. Our vision of creating a home for the underprivileged & imparting them with essential values of life at the right age, thereby nurturing responsible individuals through education & support, seems to be on the verge of becoming a reality. We are committed to seeing this project through.

Gurukul will serve as a platform to provide every opportunity for these children to excel in their lives. Through holistic development programs, mentorship, and support, we aspire to nurture these children into empowered individuals who contribute positively to society and exhibit a strong sense of patriotism.

I am sincerely grateful to all our supporters, CSR partners, well-wishers, volunteers & the dedicated management team for their unwavering support in all our endeavours. It is because of your robust backing that we have been able to make a meaningful difference in the lives of individuals with disabilities. I am confident that we will carry forward this journey with the same zeal and zest,

## ANNUAL DAY CELEBRATION 2023

On the 16th of July, 2023, Make My Dream Foundation marked its 14th Annual Day with a grand celebration at the Firodia Auditorium on F. C. Road in Pune. The event was graced by the esteemed presence of Chief Guest, Honorable Smt. Pratibha Shahu Modak, a renowned writer and Wife of Mr. Shahu Modak.

The highlight of the event was the recognition of outstanding candidates who excelled in various categories, as they were presented with the prestigious excellence awards. In a heartening gesture towards promoting parental responsibility, responsible parents were also honored during the ceremony, emphasizing the importance of their role in nurturing dreams. These accolades were made possible through the utilization of the interest accrued from the "Earmarked Funds for Awards," reflecting the Foundation's commitment to fostering talent and merit.

We had the honour of felicitating Mrs. Sushama Kulkarni & Mrs. Savita Athawale, the retiring founder trustees of Make My Dream Foundation, with a memento in recognition of their invaluable services & guidance since the inception of the foundation.

As the Foundation commemorated its 14-year journey, former candidates Akash Pawar and Rangnath Gadekar took the stage to share their personal experiences and insights gained through their association with Make My Dream Foundation, inspiring all present with their stories of growth and achievement.

Special recognition was also extended to the dedicated volunteers who contributed significantly to the success of the Korigad Trek, a testament to the spirit of community and collaboration fostered by the Foundation. Their efforts were acknowledged with gratitude by Smt. Pratibha Shahu Modak, further underscoring the importance of collective endeavor in realizing dreams.

The event was gracefully orchestrated by Mrs. Vinaya Desai, whose eloquent hosting added charm & warmth to the proceedings, ensuring that the 14th Annual Day celebration of Make My Dream Foundation was a memorable and inspiring occasion for all attendees.



Founder Trustee Mrs. Sushama Kulkarni



Founder Trustee Smt. Savita Athawale



## PROGRESS OF CANDIDATES (2023 - 2024)

Absolutely, every candidate of Make My Dream Foundation with a disability embodies the essence of resilience and perseverance, serving as an inspiration to all. Their determination to overcome challenges and pursue education despite adversity is truly commendable.

We take great pride in being able to support them financially their educational aspirations ensuring that financial barriers do not impede their academic pursuits and remain committed to assisting individuals like them in their journey towards knowledge and the fulfillment of their dreams.



**Rudra Chavan:** A resilient individual aged 21, has faced the challenges posed by cerebral palsy with remarkable determination. Despite grappling with spasticity in both his upper & lower limbs, Rudra's pursuit of education has been unwavering.

Having completed his 12th-grade studies in science at Vasant Vihar Junior College, Thane, Rudra embarked on a journey of higher education under a rehabilitation program. Supported by our organization, he successfully completed his Third Year of Engineering in Computer Science at A. P. Shah Institute of Technology, Thane, demonstrating his academic prowess and commitment to his goals. Rudra pursuing his final year of engineering.

**Harshada Gade:** A determined individual aged 19, has faced the challenges of partial blindness due to high pathological myopia with admirable resilience. Despite the obstacles posed by her visual impairment, Harshada has remained steadfast in her pursuit of education.



Having completed her 12th-grade studies in Business Administration from R. J. S. P. M. College, Bhosari, Harshada embarked on her higher education journey under a rehabilitation program. Supported by our organization, she successfully completed her Second Year of Bachelor of Business Administration (B.B.A.) at R. J. S. P. M. College, Bhosari, showcasing her academic dedication and perseverance. Harshada currently pursuing her Third Year of Bachelor of Business Administration (B.B.A.).



**Abhijit Dale:** An individual aged 18, has faced the challenge of bilateral profound sensory neural hearing loss with remarkable courage. Despite being deaf, Abhijit's determination to pursue education has been unwavering.

Having completed his 10th standard at S. Patil High School, Karad, Abhijit embarked on his journey of further education under a rehabilitation program. Supported by our organization, he successfully completed his 11th-grade studies in Commerce and is currently pursuing his 12th grade at C. R. Rangnathan College of Arts and Commerce, Pune, showcasing the power of determination and resilience in the face of adversity.

**Akshay Lohkare:** Aged 23, has shown incredible resilience in the face of bilateral severe sensory neural hearing loss. Despite this challenge, Akshay's determination to pursue education shines brightly.



Having completed his 10th Standard at Navsamaj Vidya Mandir, Manivali, Akshay embarked on his journey of further education under a rehabilitation program. Supported by our organization, he successfully completed his 11th-grade studies in Commerce and is currently pursuing his studies in 12th Commerce at C. R. Rangnathan College of Arts and Commerce, Pune.



**Aniket Bhonde:** Aged 18, has demonstrated extraordinary resilience despite facing the challenges of bilateral severe sensory neural hearing loss and mutism. Despite these obstacles, Aniket's determination to pursue education shines brightly.

After completing his 10th Standard at C. R. Ranganathan High School, Pune, Aniket embarked on his journey of further education under our rehabilitation program. Supported by our organization, he successfully completed his 11th-grade studies in Commerce and is currently pursuing his studies in 12th Commerce at C. R. Rangnathan College of Arts and Commerce, Pune.



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**Karan Kundle:** Aged 22, has shown remarkable resilience in the face of bilateral severe sensory neural hearing loss and mutism. Despite these significant challenges, Karan's determination to pursue education is truly inspiring.

After completing his 10th Standard at Navsamaj Vidya Mandir, Manivali, Karan embarked on his journey of further education under a rehabilitation program. Supported by our organization, he successfully completed his 11th-grade studies in Commerce and is currently pursuing his 12th Commerce at C. R. Ranganathan College of Arts and Commerce, Pune.

**Sarika Pansare:** Aged 23, has demonstrated remarkable perseverance despite facing bilateral profound sensory neural hearing loss. Her dedication to education is truly commendable.



Having completed her 12th Commerce at C. R. Ranganathan Junior College, Pune, Sarika continued her educational journey. With the support of our organization, she successfully completed her F. Y. B. Com and is currently pursuing S. Y. B. Com at C. R. Ranganathan College of Arts and Commerce, Pune.



**Swapnali Pansare:** Aged 19, has shown remarkable determination despite facing bilateral profound sensory neural hearing loss. Her commitment to education is truly commendable.

After completing her 11th Commerce at C. R. Ranganathan Junior College, Pune, Swapnali continued her educational journey. With the support of our organization, she successfully completed her 12th commerce and is currently pursuing F. Y. B. Com at C. R. Ranganathan College of Arts and Commerce, Pune.

**Akash Bhor:** Aged 20, has demonstrated remarkable resilience despite facing bilateral profound sensory neural hearing loss, deafness, and mutism. His dedication to education is truly commendable.



After completing his 10th Standard at Nakoda Karnbadhir Vidyalaya, Bhivandi, Akash continued his educational journey. With the

support of our organization, he successfully completed his 11th-grade studies in Commerce and is currently pursuing 12th Commerce at C. R. Ranganathan College of Arts and Commerce, Pune.



**Rohit Nigade:** Aged 19, has demonstrated remarkable resilience despite facing bilateral profound sensory neural hearing loss with delayed speech. His dedication to education is truly commendable.

After completing his 10th Standard at C. R. Ranganathan Karnbadhir Vidyalaya, Pune, Rohit continued his educational journey. With the support of our organization, he successfully admitted in his 11th-grade studies in Commerce and is currently pursuing it at C. R. Ranganathan College Junior of Arts and Commerce, Pune.

**Rohan Nigade:** Aged 19, has demonstrated remarkable resilience despite facing bilateral profound sensory neural hearing loss with delayed speech. His dedication to education is truly commendable.



After completing his 10th Standard at C. R. Ranganathan Karnbadhir Vidyalaya, Pune, Rohan continued his educational journey with the support of our organization, he successfully admitted in his 11th-grade studies in Commerce and is currently pursuing it at C. R. Ranganathan College Junior of Arts and Commerce, Pune.

## ACTIVITIES / EVENTS

### Social Awareness –

#### Visit to “Dene Samajache” 2023, Pune

Our candidates visited the unique exhibition for NGO's and obtained information about various NGO's working for different cause.



## COCHLEAR IMPLANT NO. 5 – YEAR 2024



Miss Jiya Salim Shaikh, an 8-year-old girl from Pune, was born with normal hearing and speech abilities in both ears. However, at the age of 1.5 years, she suffered from a severe viral fever, resulting in a loss of hearing in both ears. Despite numerous efforts, including consultations with specialists and the use of a powerful hearing aid from the Phonak brand, Jiya's condition did not improve.

Since 2019, Jiya has been attending the "Swarnaad" special school for hearing and speech therapy. In 2021, she transitioned to the "Unique International School" through online modules, where she is currently in the 1st standard. However, her hearing loss has presented challenges in understanding subjects, hindering her academic progress, and her speech abilities have also started deteriorating.

Jiya's parents sought the expertise of Dr. Shabbir Indorewala, a renowned ENT surgeon specializing in the rehabilitation of deaf children. After audiologic evaluation, it was confirmed that Jiya has bilateral profound hearing loss. Dr. Indorewala recommended Cochlear Implant surgery as the only viable option for Jiya's rehabilitation.

The recommended Cochlear Nucleus CI422 Implant with Cochlear Nucleus 7S Sound Processor comes with a significant cost of Rs. 8 lakhs. TATA Trust supported with Rs. 5.00 lakhs, leaving a gap of Rs. 3.00 lakhs. Despite their efforts, Jiya's parents, Mr. Salim Shaikh, a Sales Executive, and her mother, a homemaker, are unable to cover this gap. The parents have paid Rs. 1.30 lakhs as their own contribution.

In light of their financial constraints, Jiya's parents have turned to our foundation for assistance in bridging the gap of Rs. 1.70 lakhs to enable Jiya to undergo the necessary surgery and regain her hearing ability, allowing her to reintegrate into mainstream society and experience the world like any other child. After fund raising, we have paid the hospital Rs. 1.70 lakhs as aid from Make My Dream Foundation.

In January 2024, Jiya underwent successful surgery at the Indorewala ENT Hospital in Nasik, performed by Dr. Shabbir Indorewala, ENT Surgeon. She received a sound processor for her right ear, marking the beginning of her rehabilitation journey. Remarkably, Jiya began to perceive sounds immediately following the surgery, signifying a positive outcome.

With her newfound ability to hear, Jiya resumed her school, demonstrating her resilience and determination to pursue her education despite the challenges she faced. As her rehabilitation progresses, Jiya continues to adapt to her enhanced hearing abilities, paving the way for a brighter future filled with opportunities.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the generous donors who have contributed to this noble cause on behalf of Make My Dream Foundation. Mrs. Smita Samant from USA, Mrs. Mukta Gokhale from USA and Mrs. Nileema Varadan have demonstrated their unwavering support by providing financial assistance for Jiya's surgery and rehabilitation. Their compassion and generosity have made a significant impact on Jiya's life, enabling her to access the care and support she needs to thrive. We deeply appreciate their kindness and commitment to making a positive difference in the world.





## Empowering Divyang Individuals: Recap of the State Level Swimming Competition 2024 for Divyang

**Make My Dream Foundation** recently organized a State Level (Invitational) Swimming Competition for Divyang individuals, held at Tilak Tank, Deccan Gymkhana, on March 31, 2024. The event garnered a remarkable response, drawing participants from various parts of the state, and creating a highly motivating atmosphere.

A total of 248 divyang children / individuals registered for the competition, showcasing a diverse range of disabilities including physical impairment, visual impairment, hearing impairment, cerebral palsy, autism spectrum, Down syndrome, slow learner, hyperactivity and mental impairment. Of these, 176 actively participated, seizing the platform to exhibit their talents and ignite the spirit of joy in fulfilling their dreams.

This competition not only provided a platform for their talents but also instilled confidence in them to consider in future national and international competitions for the para swimmers. A significant portion of the participants, hailed from various regions of Maharashtra, including Chandrapur, Nagpur, Nashik, Sambhaji Nagar, Amravati, Jalgaon, Beed, Osmanabad, Thane, Dombivli, Mumbai, Kolhapur, Sangli, Ichalkaranji, Islampur and Warananagar.

The commendable efforts of parents & trainers, alongside the support of the community, contributed to the success of the event. While some participants experienced the thrill of competition for the first time, others showcased expertise in para swimming, with a few having experience in national competitions.

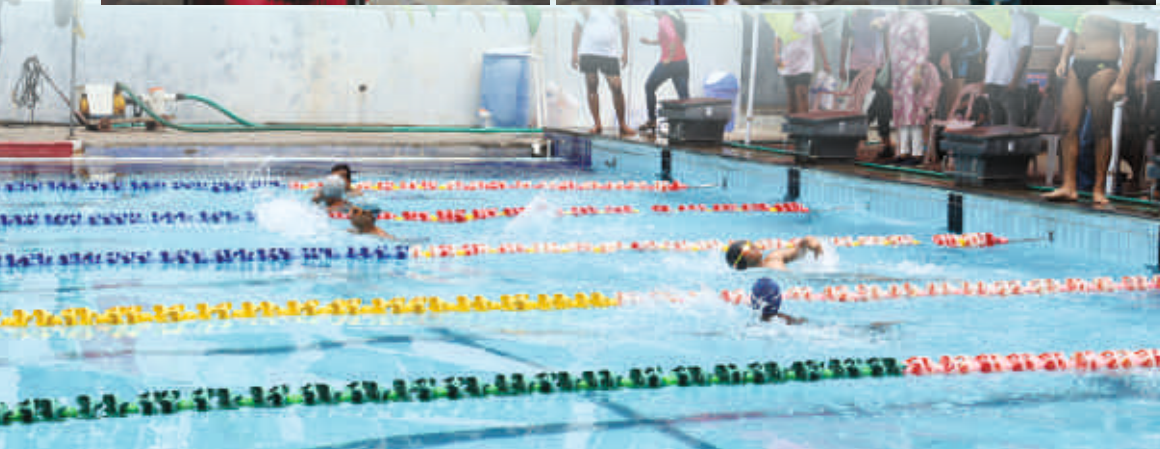
The inauguration of the competition was graced by Senior Coach Shri. Vipat sir, along with Ms. Gauri Gadgil of "Yellow" movie fame & representatives from Finolex Pipes Group and Mukul Madhav Foundation, Mr. Sachin Kulkarni and Mr. Jitendra Jadhav.

The competition, held from 8 am to 4 pm, followed by a prize distribution ceremony overseen by the esteemed cricket analyst Mr. Sunandan Lele. All winners received medals, cash prizes & performance certificates. Additionally, all participants were honored with participation certificates.

The seamless coordination & management of the competition were overseen by Mrs. Sayali Thosar, the competitive coach, and her dedicated team of 54 individuals. Accessibility was ensured with the assistance of Mr. Samir Talwalkar, serving as an accessibility consultant, and Mrs. Madhuri Gadekar, who provided sign language interpretation for participants with hearing impairments. The event was further supported by 25 volunteers from Make My Dream Foundation, who tirelessly managed the administration from 8 am to 7 pm.

Co-sponsors Mukul Madhav Foundation, through Finolex Pipes and Fittings and Pioneer Engineering Pvt. Ltd. have given financial assistance, however Remunance Services Pvt. Ltd. offered financial assistance under CSR, which played a crucial role in making the event possible.

Personal sponsorships also contributed to the success of the competition. The overwhelming support from sponsors and financial backers reaffirms the commitment to continue organizing such competitions in the future, as expressed by many participants.









## Trek the Malhargad...



On December 3, 2023, a remarkable journey unfolded as 6 students with locomotor disabilities and 12 with hearing impairments, supported by 15 volunteers, conquered Malhargad under the auspices of Make My Dream Foundation. Rohit Thakur and Pritam Dighe of "Swaroopvardhini" extended their hands in support, alongside the generous assistance of Mr. Dwarkanath Unde, Mr. Avinash Phatak, Mrs. Ketaki Phatak, and Mrs. Vasanti Joshi.

The expedition was graced by the guidance of three adept teachers proficient in sign language: Mrs. Madhuri Gadekar, Mrs. Sunita Kasar, and Mr. Rohit Jadhav. Additionally, the warmth and understanding of two parents of hearing-impaired children further enriched the journey.

In a touching display of solidarity, practitioner physician Dr. Jayant Joshi and pediatric surgeon Dr. Milind Kulkarni from the UK joined the trek, offering their expertise and unwavering support to the children. Their presence provided a comforting assurance of medical assistance if needed.



Amidst challenging terrains including mud, steep inclines and rocky paths, the children pressed on with courage and determination, showcasing their strength and indomitable spirit. Throughout the journey, their disabilities were not limitations but rather sources of empowerment, embodying resilience and fortitude.

The trek to Malhargad Fort transcended mere physical conquest; it became a transformative odyssey of the soul,

etching indelible memories in the hearts of all involved. It symbolized the power of unity and collective effort, proving that no obstacle is insurmountable when faced with unwavering resolve.

For these extraordinary children, the journey to Malhargad served as a profound affirmation that their dreams are not only attainable but inevitable. As they embark on new adventures, they do so with the unwavering belief that together, they can overcome any challenge and turn their dreams into reality.

On behalf of Make My Dream Foundation, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the volunteers who generously dedicated their time, energy, and support to make the trek to Malhargad Fort a resounding success. Their selfless contribution played an invaluable role in empowering the children and enriching their journey with warmth, encouragement and companionship.

Their unwavering dedication embodies the ethos of Make My Dream Foundation, and we are deeply grateful for the unwavering support.



## "Mobility Project" - An Initiative with Different Perspective

Make My Dream Foundation remains steadfast in its mission to empower candidates towards self-reliance through carefully tailored financial support. One innovative initiative, born out of deep contemplation on fostering self-dignity, is the provision of interest-free vehicle loans. In 2014, this project came to fruition, providing special vehicles to three self-reliant ex-candidates: Irfan Pathan, Yuvraj Ahire, and Sunita Shinde. The project was made possible by the creation of an "Ear Marked Fund" totaling Rs. 2,40,000/= sourced from generous donations received specifically for this unique "Mobility Project."

We proudly announce that all three individuals have successfully repaid their loans in full. Building on this success, the project expanded in 2017 to include Akash Dasgude and Suresh Rathod, who received specially modified vehicles. While Suresh has also repaid his loan entirely, tragically, Akash's untimely demise in 2021 resulted in the unpaid portion of his loan being compassionately written off by the Trust's management. In November 2020, the project saw further expansion with the inclusion of ex-candidate Sagar Bharat, who received a specially modified vehicle. Sagar commenced repayment in January 2021.

The project's success is twofold: it ensures the responsible recycling of funds while fostering a culture of accountability among candidates, encouraging timely repayment. This not only lessens the indirect financial burden on the government & society, but also reinforces the foundation's commitment to sustainable empowerment.

## DONATIONS & ASSISTANCE

### Donations Received During Period 1.4.2023 to 31.3.2024

Sr.	Name	Amount in Rs
1	Mr Siddharth Gandhi	8,000.00
2	Mrs Mrunal Dabadge	8,000.00
3	Mrs Aparna Shridhar Gulwani	3,200.00
4	Mr Prasad D. Somwanshi	24,000.00
5	Mrs Savita Suhas Athavale	10,000.00
6	Mrs Ashlesha Jitendra Vaidya	1,111.00
7	Mrs Vandana Arun Kulkarni	10,000.00
8	Mrs Sunanda Madhukar Chitale	5,000.00
9	Mr Arvind Vyankatesh Dhekne	5,000.00
10	Mr Ashish Balkrishna Arole	25,000.00
11	Mrs Sulbha Keshav Karbhari	5,000.00
12	Dr Arvind Dattatraya Bhawe	5,000.00
13	Mrs Manjiri Arvind Bhawe	5,000.00
14	Mr Gopinath Ganguly	500.00
15	Mr Sunil Birnale	10,000.00
16	Mrs Smita Murari Samant	1,00,000.00
17	Mr Chandrakant Mahadeo Joshi	10,000.00
18	Mrs Nileema Varadan	30,000.00
19	Mrs Pallavi Sanjiv Moghe	3,000.00
20	Mr Madhukar Hari Chitale	5,000.00
21	Mrs. Pratibha Shahu Modak	11,000.00
22	Mr Mahinder Pollu Singh	40,050.00
23	Mrs Mukta Sunil Gokhale	25,000.00
24	Mrs Veena Patwardhan	10,000.00
25	Mrs Surajabai Mantri	11,000.00
26	Mrs R. S. Gowri	2,001.00
27	Mrs Rekha Kanchan Date	20,000.00
28	Mrs Varada Jagadish Sathaye	25,000.00
29	Mrs Sneha Sunil Joshi	5,000.00
30	Mrs Vidya V. Pathak	2,500.00
31	Mr Girish Vasant Gumaste	20,000.00
32	Mrs Carmen Lacroix	5,000.00
33	Mrs Shaila Ranade	1,000.00
34	Mrs. Jayashree Dattatraya Athale	2,001.00
35	Mrs Yogini Kamat	25,000.00
36	Mrs Padmaja Dhananjay Dixit	10,000.00
37	Ms Gandhali Rajendra Joshi	3,000.00
38	Mr Gangadhar Narayan Hardikar	10,000.00
39	N. R. Baldota Foundation	15,000.00
40	Mrs Gauri Hemant Salvekar	25,000.00
41	Mr Kedarnath Arun Chakradeo	5,000.00
42	Mrs Vasanti Jayant Joshi	45,000.00
43	Mrs Smita Satish Barve	18,000.00
44	Mrs Anagha Vikas Pandit	6,000.00
45	Chandorkar and Limaye (through CA Girish P. Limaye)	2,70,000.00
46	Mrs Vidya Pradip Kulkarni	15,000.00
47	Mrs Shailaja Shrikant Khisti	5,001.00
48	Ms Harsha Arvind Sershiya	15,000.00
49	Mrs Kavita Hemant Athalye	10,000.00
50	Mrs Shweta Shashikant Kulkarni	2,000.00

### Assistance provided to Candidates from March 2020 to March 2024

Sr.	Name	Amount in Rs	Financial Year
1	Sanket Suryawanshi	280000.00	2021-2022
2	Prakash Mali	107817.50	2020-2022
3	Rudra Chavan	532553.00	2020-2024
4	Pooja Jilewad	42000.00	2020-2022
5	Rameshwar Popalghat	67388.00	2020-2022
6	Maroti Parande	59188.00	2021-2023
7	Harshada Gade	103064.00	2021-2024
8	Utkarsh Kurne	690000.00	2021-2022
9	Aditya Khandale	14152.00	2022-2023
10	Isha Bodhe	138808.00	2022-2023
11	Shlok Jadhav	7700.00	2022-2023
12	Ved Manolkar	7700.00	2022-2023
13	Swapnali Pansare	36802.00	2022-2024
14	Sarika Pansare	39802.00	2022-2024
15	Karan Kundle	33802.00	2022-2024
16	Aniket Bhonde	33802.00	2022-2024
17	Abhijit Dale	33802.00	2022-2024
18	Akshay Lohakare	33802.00	2022-2024
19	Gaurav Patil	16302.00	2022-2023
20	Akash Bhore	36802.00	2022-2024
21	Kadar Mulani	16302.00	2022-2023
22	Rohit Salunkhe	16302.00	2022-2023
23	Tanishka Raykar	100000.00	2022-2023
24	Mohsin Shaikh	225000.00	2022-2023
25	Jiya Shaikh	170000.00	2023-2024
26	Rohit Nigade	20500.00	2023-2024
27	Rohan Nigade	20500.00	2023-2024

### Annual Donations Received up to 31st March, 2024

Year	Corpus	Donations Towards Earmarked Fund	Donations
	(Rupees)	(Rupees)	(Rupees)
2009-2010	40,000.00	0.00	36,001.00
2010-2011	10,000.00	0.00	1,68,758.00
2011-2012	0.00	0.00	5,40,063.00
2012-2013	61,000.00	10,000.00	10,60,600.00
2013-2014	0.00	20,000.00	11,83,860.00
2014-2015	0.00	1,45,000.00	5,38,697.00
2015-2016	16,000.00	2,45,001.00	4,62,737.00
2016-2017	7,500.00	0.00	13,96,576.00
2017-2018	12,500.00	0.00	15,08,747.00
2018-2019	0.00	0.00	15,93,517.00
2019-2020	11111.00	0.00	16,11,606.00
2020-2021	10.00	0.00	11,52,901.00
2021-2022	0.00	0.00	17,26,904.00
2022-2023	50000.00	0.00	9,80,804.00
2023-2024	0.00	15000.00	12,89,865.00

### Yearwise Assistance Provided To Candidates Under Candidate Support Program

Year	Amount of Assistance (Rs)	Girl Candidates	Boy Candidates	Total Candidates	Year	Amount of Assistance (Rs)	Girl Candidates	Boy Candidates	Total Candidates
2009-2010	1,840.00	—	1	1	2017-2018	9,04,424.00	9	10	19
2010-2011	11,180.00	1	1	2	2018-2019	6,68,822.00	5	6	11
2011-2012	2,00,585.00	3	4	7	2019-2020	7,91,774.00	3	9	12
2012-2013	3,82,115.00	8	5	13	2020-2021	4,28,954.00	3	7	10
2013-2014	4,06,086.00	7	8	15	2021-2022	14,40,197.50	3	9	11
2014-2015	3,21,458.00	6	8	14	2022-2023	8,56,872.00	6	14	20
2015-2016	1,54,148.00	6	8	14	2023-2024	7,82,489.00	4	8	12
2016-2017	5,16,876.00	9	10	19					



## CURRENT SUPPORT PROGRAM

Established on March 27, 2009, the Make My Dream Foundation is dedicated to the comprehensive rehabilitation of physically challenged children from economically disadvantaged backgrounds. Our mission encompasses several key objectives:

- 1. Empowerment through Education and Self-Reliance:** We strive to empower physically challenged children by providing them with access to education and fostering self-confidence, enabling them to fully participate in and contribute to an inclusive society.
- 2. Enhanced Infrastructure for Mobility:** To work towards creating basic infrastructure that facilitates hassle-free mobility for individuals with disabilities, ensuring they can navigate the world with ease and independence.
- 3. Raising Awareness and Advocacy:** Through community outreach and education initiatives, we seek to raise awareness about the genuine needs of various disabled communities. We advocate for their rights and opportunities, promoting a society where all individuals can live with dignity.
- 4. Establishment of a Rehabilitation Center:** Our goal is to establish a comprehensive Rehabilitation Center dedicated to providing tailored support and resources for physically challenged children, facilitating their physical, emotional, and social development.

In the fiscal year 2022-2023, in alignment with our commitment to inclusivity, we have expanded our focus to include the rehabilitation of economically disadvantaged individuals without physical disabilities. This expansion reflects our dedication to fostering a truly inclusive society where everyone, regardless of their physical abilities, has the opportunity to thrive.

### Phase I – Current Project

Phase I of our initiative focuses on empowering 10th-grade students to pursue higher or vocational education, fostering self-reliance and dignity through personalized counseling. To date, we have successfully rehabilitated 68 candidates, with 12 currently benefitting from our program in the 2023-2024 fiscal year. Financial assistance for educational expenses, accommodation, transportation, study materials and other essentials until they complete their mainstream education, alongside promoting a healthy lifestyle.

Our program begins with aptitude test and counseling to explore suitable educational paths aligned with each candidate's strengths. Candidates autonomously choose their educational streams, with our unwavering support throughout the admission process into mainstream colleges, fostering inclusive learning environments.

Our candidates pursue diverse fields including engineering, fine arts, commerce, tourism, horticulture, crèche and pre-school management, culinary arts, music, and electronics/IT. Notably, 50 out of the 68 graduates are now leading independent lives, some enjoying fulfilling marriages, while others are engaged in competitive examinations.

Focus to our counseling approach is instilling the belief that despite physical challenges, they possess normal mental health. We emphasize that social support through the Make My Dream Foundation is an opportunity, not a limitation. Furthermore, we encourage them to envision a future where they contribute to society's well-being, ultimately repaying the support received by creating opportunities for other fellow sufferers.

### Income Source

Our income source is through donations received from public only. We have not opted for any Government grant or aid. The foundation acknowledges that the cost of pursuing higher education is increasing and pledges to continue its efforts to reach out to deprived candidates, ensuring their access to education and support.

Make My Dream Foundation expresses profound gratitude to all its donors for their unwavering support.

Your generous and kind help will have a precious and key role always.

**Needless to mention our donors are eligible to get 50% exemption under section 80G of Income Tax Act, 1961.**

## GURUKUL

### Phase II – Upcoming Project - Gurukul

Make My Dream Foundation is embarking on its ambitious Dream Project titled "Gurukul: An Independent Beginning." Gurukul will be a residential facility designed to support and empower both physically challenged (divyang) individuals and economically disadvantaged individuals who are physically normal. Spanning approximately 20,000 square feet on a one-acre plot within Pune City, Gurukul aims to accommodate over 50 candidates alongside essential caretakers, while also serving as a vibrant residential cultural center.

### Key features of Gurukul include:

- Residential accommodation strategically located near mainstream schools and colleges.
- Vocational training facilities.
- A comprehensive medical care unit with provisions for pre and postoperative care as well as recovery services.
- Facilities for physiotherapy, a gymnasium, and yoga sessions.
- A dedicated unit for manufacturing prosthetic limbs.
- Resources such as a library with Braille books, an audio room for the hearing impaired, music rooms, art and craft sections, a computer lab, an auditorium, and a swimming pool.
- Emphasis on environmental sustainability with initiatives like horticulture, solar-powered projects, water recycling, bio-gas energy, and creating an eco-friendly environment.

**For individuals with severe disabilities** - Gurukul will create income generating various projects within the campus to promote self-reliance and dignity.

## We appreciate your generosity

We are deeply grateful to **Chandorkar and Limaye Chartered Accountants** for their invaluable financial assistance towards our Education Support Program for Children. Their continued support over the past several years has been instrumental in shaping a brighter future for these children.



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