

EDU SCOOP

MMF updates in Education for September

Dear Friends,

Thank you for being on this learning journey with us. As we strive to support the thousands of students, women, youth, farmers, and so many others who are as committed as we are to education and training to grow and thrive. As we endeavour to empower them on their journey, we learn so much ourselves. We have met new people who have inspired us with their stories and values. We have found new inspiration in old friends. We have learnt new ways to do things better. Learning is truly our superpower.

We hope to always find and facilitate opportunities to keep learning.

Warm Wishes,

Ritu Prakash Chhabria

Managing Trustee

Mukul Madhav Foundation



Education impact over the years

33000

Tribals To
Receive Sex
Education

5449

Students
Impacted

2175

Children
Impacted

1140

Flood Relief Kits

4

Hospitals
Upgraded

638

Preventive
Screenings

MMV EVENTS



Ganesh Chaturthi celebrated with great positivity.

Ganesh Chaturthi was celebrated with great spectacle and splendor at Mukul Madhav Vidyalaya on 4th September, 2024. On this auspicious day, all the children and teachers came to school in colourful dresses. Religious prayers (mantras) were chanted by the teachers, an idol of Lord Ganesh was brought to the 'celebration Hall' of MMV, where all the primary and secondary students gathered to perform Ganesh Puja. The Principal Mr. Navin Bijlani and The Vice Principal Mr. Rohit Deshpande performed the required rituals of the puja. The whole atmosphere was charged with positivity and festivity on the occasion.



Teachers felicitated on Teacher's Day.

Teachers Day was celebrated at Mukul Madhav Vidyalaya on 4th September, 2024. This day is celebrated to mark the birth anniversary of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, the first Vice President of India, professor, philosopher and above all a great human being. The photo frame of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan was garlanded and teachers expressed their thoughts on this occasion. Speeches were delivered by the students and teachers. Students presented beautiful handmade cards to their teachers. Snacks were organized by The Management for the teachers on this occasion.



Students express their love for the Hindi language on 'Hindi Diwas'.



14th September is celebrated as 'Hindi Diwas' or 'Hindi Day' to commemorate 14 September 1949 as the date on which The Constituent Assembly of India accepted Hindi as the official language of India.

The Vice Principal, Mr. Rohit Deshpande and Coordinator of Upper Primary section, Mr. Pralhad Tendulkar enlightened the students on the importance of this day. The Hindi department organized Hindi essay writing and collage making competitions to test the artistic and Hindi linguistic skills of the students. Students from Class 5 to Class 10 participated enthusiastically in these competitions. Mr. Ashish Shinde, Head of Hindi department, organised and conducted certificate-distribution ceremony for felicitating the winners of these competitions. The programme was well anchored by Ms Radha Nanarkar, student of Class 10. Class of Std 7 enacted a wonderful skit, set by Ms. Prajakta Gadre, Hindi teacher. Vote of thanks was given by Ms. Nuha Budyee, student of Class 9. These competitions not only help students to develop interest in language but also serve as an effective means of enriching their vocabulary and developing their writing skills.

Eid-e-Milad celebrated with great fanfare.

Eid-e-Milad was celebrated at Mukul Madhav Vidyalaya on 14th September. The celebrations began by students chanting a religious prayer followed by speeches delivered by students. The speeches were about the meaning, purpose and importance of Eid-e-Milad. The programme was well anchored by Ms. Dhanashree Panchal, English teacher.

The Principal, Mr. Navin Bijlani, in his speech, mentioned that Mukul Madhav Vidyalaya celebrates all major festivals in order to help children understand the cultural diversity of India and also to teach them to be open minded and secular towards every religion and community. The festive atmosphere of the school on the occasion was testament to his words.



'Orange Colour' day celebrated by tiny tots.



Mukul Madhav Kindergarten is brimming with curious minds and eyes full of wonder. Every month the teachers share the wonders of our world, its environment, people, countries and culture through different activities. One of the things they do every month is introduce the tiny tots to a new colour. Letting them immerse themselves in this color as they discover the role that color plays in the world around us. Orange colour was chosen for the month of September. On Friday, September 20, children and teachers came to school dressed in the colour orange. The teachers brought the theme to life by displaying objects, toys, flowers, vegetables, and household items which were orange in colour, while naming them and sharing about their significance. The sun, an orange, marigold flowers, saffron, and other items in orange were presented and received with much glee and recognition. The day was a fun and joyful day for all the tiny tots where everyone participated with great enthusiasm.

MMV ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Appreciation Letter Received from Ex-Teacher

The teachers at Mukul Madhav Foundation are always treated with love and respect. It is one of the values we instill in our students, starting with how we ourselves follow this value. Recently, one of our teachers, Ms Dhanashri Gangan, applied for a government position as teacher through the governmental recruitment portal - Pavitra. She was selected from amongst the thousands that usually apply for these posts. It was heartwarming to receive an email from her addressed to our Managing Trustee.

She wrote:

Respected Ma'am,

I Miss Dhanashri Gangan was working as Teacher in MMV Ratnagiri and now I got selected as Assistant Teacher through Pavitra portal recruitment drive. I could not achieve this success without your blessings and kind support. I truly appreciate the mentorship and support you provided during my time at MMV. Your guidance played a significant role in my professional growth, and I'm grateful for the experiences I gained under your leadership. Thank you Ma'am.

Happy Ganesh Chaturthi to you and your family ! !

Regards,

Dhanashri Gangan



Students awarded for active participation in State-wide Reading Festival.



Certificates signed by honourable Chief Minister of Maharashtra, Mr. Eknath Shinde and Education Minister of Maharashtra, Mr. Deepak Kesarkar were awarded to students of MMV for their active participation in Mahavachan Utsav (Reading Festival). The Reading Festival was celebrated between 22nd July and 30th August. Students across grade 3 to grade 12 from all the schools in Maharashtra state participated in this event. Each student was given a book to read and was asked to write a small review on the book. All the responses were uploaded on the Education Department portal.

8 students of Mukul Madhav Vidyalaya read the following books and submitted book reviews of the same:

1. Ms. Sae Lingayat (grade 5)- Chhan Chhan Goshti .
2. Ms. Sharvee Gurav (grade 8) - Bodh Katha.
3. Ms. Radha Nanarkar (grade 10) - The diary of a young girl.
4. Ms. Kinjal Pawaskar (grade 10) - The magic drum and other favourite stories.
5. Mast. Faiz Haju (grade 10) - Malgudi days.
6. Mast. Prathamesh Nikam (grade 10) - The diary of a young girl.
7. Ms. Aishwarya Kelkar (grade 10) - The diary of a young girl.
8. Ms. Mugdha Lotlikar (grade 10) - The clown of Tenali Rama.

All were awarded with certificates.

We heartily congratulate the students who received certificates, along with acknowledging the dedication and support of Head of Library Department Mr. Pralhad Tendulkar, in making this achievement possible.



MMV EXTRA CURRICULAR

"Engineer's Day" celebrated with early preparations and enthusiasm.



Engineer's Day which falls on 15th September, was celebrated with great enthusiasm this year with active participation not just from teachers and students of Mukul Madhav Vidyalaya and Junior College, but also from the management and employees of Finolex Industries Limited. Preparations began on 3rd September with the visit of Mr. Balkrishna N Jadhav, General Manager, Mechanical and Mr. Ramesh Doiphode, Manager - Technical Service, from Finolex Industries. They conducted a session at the school sharing information and clearing doubts of the students with regards to the science cum-engineering project competition that they had designed for students. They encouraged students to actively participate with the purpose of developing their skills, and enhancing creativity and awareness towards the latest developments in science and technology.

On 19th September the students enthusiastically participated as two groups - Grades V to VIII and Grades VIII to X.

The elocution competition saw students deliver impassioned speeches on engineering-related topics, showcasing their public speaking skills and knowledge.

Meanwhile, the project presentation competition encouraged students to showcase their innovative ideas and solutions through impressive models and presentations.

The competitions provided a platform for students to demonstrate their creativity, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills.

The winner/1st runner-up/ 2nd runner-up in each group was announced and rewarded at the concluding function at Finolex Industries on 23rd September.

Group (Grade 5th to 7th)

Winner - Mast. Virat Rai (Grade 5)

1st Runner-up - Mast. Ansh Sabhadinde (Grade 5)

2nd Runner -up - Mast. Om Bhuse (Grade 5)

Group (Grade 8th to 10th)

Winner - Mast. Sami Nakhwa (Grade 8)

1st Runner -up - Miss Sae Zagade (Grade 9)

2nd Runner -up - Mast. Faiz Haju (Grade 10)

OTHERS

Mukul Madhav Foundation supports multiple schools and education initiatives across regions, across India and the world. Extending support in the form of upgradation of educational facilities and infrastructure, sanitation facilities, installing water purifiers, distributing uniforms, sweaters and books, medical camps, scholarships, midday meals, cycles to travel to school, amongst other things. But it is never limited to this support. The team at MMF is sincerely interested in the well-being of the children and their progress. Staying constantly in touch with the children and their schools through regular updates, visits and communication. The real impact of the work done is the success the children achieve.



New scholarship instituted in memory of Dr Pandit.

Mukul Madhav Foundation recently lost one of its guiding forces and guardian angels with the sad demise of Dr Anand Pandit.

Dr Pandit was instrumental in MMF's very first association at KEM Hospital, helping to establish Pune's first Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU). It was here that MMF found its footing in the world of healthcare support. Under his guidance, this support was extended to the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU), and this mission continues today—honoring the systems he helped build for the benefit of the most vulnerable patients.

As all at MMF and FIL mourn his loss, this is also a time to celebrate the life of an extraordinary individual whose compassion knew no bounds. His influence will forever remain a part of MMF and the lives of those he served so selflessly.

In his memory MMF is honoured to announce a scholarship to support an MBBS student. The Dr. Anand Pandit Scholarship.



Agreement inked to benefit 2000+ children across Padra Block.

In an exciting new development, Mukul Madhav Foundation is partnering with Learning Links Foundation (LLF) with a vision to prepare young adolescents for the 21st century and their post-school lives ahead. On 17th September an agreement was signed for the Road to Livelihood Program, in the presence of Mrs. Ritu Prakash Chhabria and team MMF, alongwith Ms. Nuriya Ansari and Mr. Dibyayan Datta representing LLF - a not-for-profit organization that works to improve education and support social innovation in India.





This project aims to equip 2000 students across 5 schools in Padra Block with essential 21st-century skills that include competency in Information and Communication Technology, boosting spoken English skills, and providing them with comprehensive guidance and counseling, so that each of them can identify and achieve their career goals.

Project launched to impact 5339 students in vulnerable communities across Mumbai.

On 29th August, a significant collaboration between the Mukul Madhav Foundation (MMF) and the Rangoonwala Foundation (India) Trust (RFI) was formalized in the presence of Mrs. Ritu Prakash Chhabria, Managing Trustee of MMF, along with her team, and Mr. Asif Rangoonwala, Trustee and Founder of RFI, alongside RFI trustees and team members. The partnership aims to implement a six-month pilot project designed to support students and other beneficiaries in vulnerable communities across various regions in Mumbai, including Andheri, Malad, and Kandivali.

1. Work with Children: Targeting 5,189 students and 250 teachers, the project will provide a range of center-based, school-based, and community-based activities focused on life skills and environmental awareness.

2. Work with Teenagers: Engaging 150 young adults and 120 parents, the project will guide first-generation learners towards higher education options, helping them make informed decisions.

Besides this, the project will also look to empower 1,600 women with parenting guidance, health awareness, and mental health support; offering 1,180 elderly participants regular social activities, cultural sensitization, and yoga training; and engaging 720 youth in vocational training through certified training in MS Office, Typing, DTP, and Tally, recognized by Maharashtra Business Training Board (MBTB) and the Skill Development and Vocational Training Institute of India (SDVTII).





145 students attend health camp at Pune school.

On 30th August a Health Camp was conducted at Dr Kalmadi Shamrao High School, a Kannada Medium school in Pune, in collaboration with doctors and staff from Bharati Hospital and H V Desai Eye Hospital. A total of 145 students in the age group of 13-15 years were screened, along with informative sessions on health, hygiene and nutrition. Prescriptions were handed over to the respective class teachers. Out of the 145 students, 43 were referred for refraction, 5 were referred to Pediatrics, 7 to follow-up with ENT, and 92 were suggested dental treatment. One 14 year old girl who complained of chest discomfort was administered urgent treatment.



MTech scholarship students enter 2nd year.

Mukul Madhav Foundation as CSR partner to Finolex Industries Limited, has been supporting the education spectrum since its inception as part of the vision of its founders. With scholarships given in India and overseas to students in multiple streams. Some scholarships are dedicated to Agriculture through Agriculture College, Nursing through Lila Poonawala Foundation, Laboratory Technology through BEL AIR, and STEM scholarships at Kings College London.

Since 2023 MMF/FIL have also been supporting 20 engineering students pursuing their M Tech (2023-25 batch) at College of Engineering, Pune.

These students have been selected under the Late. Smt. Mohini Pralhad Chhabria scholarship. As the scholarship enters its second year, an interaction was organised on 6th September between the student beneficiaries and team members of MMF and FIL.

Mr. Pradeep Vedula President Sales and Marketing – Finolex Industries Limited, along with Mr. Babalu Mokale and Mr. Kiran Chaugle from Mukul Madhav Foundation shared insights and encouragement with the students, while applauding their progress towards their dreams. The students in turn expressed their gratitude for the support. This session was conducted in the esteemed presence of Dr. D.N. Sonawane Registrar COEP, and Dr. M.R. Shindikar Incharge of Scholarship & HOD.



'70 child-friendly villages' Project launched to keep vulnerable children in school.



Circumstances in many parts of India, push little children into vulnerable situations that expose them to toil, violence, trafficking, substance abuse and other perils. Lack of employment for the parents, and absence of livelihood skills often force families to pull their children out of school, and in extreme cases, send them to work to supplement family income, or arrange a marriage to reduce the financial burden.

In response to this ground reality, Mukul Madhav Foundation as CSR partner of Finolex Industries Limited signed an agreement on 3rd September with British Asian Trust to mitigate these circumstances. This agreement was signed in the presence of Mrs. Ritu P. Chhabria Managing Trustee Mukul Madhav Foundation, Mr. Bharat Visweswariah Executive Director (India) BAT, Mr. Hiten Mehta, Ms. Shreen Vakil, Team BAT and Team MMF. The project plans to build community leadership to address issues related to child well-being; ensure safety nets for child protection; build economic resilience of the poorest families by linking them with relevant social security schemes; build relationships with critical government stakeholders; and upscale the impact of community-level initiatives for systems change at the district-level. With an initial focus on making 70 villages child-freindly.



Sexual & Reproductive Health Education Program launched in Gadchiroli.

On 13th September, Mukul Madhav Foundation as CSR Partner to Finolex Industries Limited signed an agreement with SEARCH Organization to launch a Sexual & Reproductive Health Education Program that will impact 12000 youth from various colleges, 6000 parents and 15000 tribal adolescents in ASHRAM Schools in all 12 blocks of Gadchiroli. The agreement was signed in the presence of Mrs. Ritu P. Chhabria Managing Trustee – Mukul Madhav Foundation, Dr. Abhay Bang Director, SEARCH, Dr. Rani Bang Co-director, SEARCH, Mr. D. V. Iyer Company Secretary Finolex Industries Limited and Team MMF.



Boarding costs support for 260 resident students in Rajasthan.

On September 14, 2024, Mukul Madhav Foundation and Finolex Industries Limited signed an agreement with Rashtriya Balkalyan Sansatha (RBKS) Rajasthan that will effectively improve the health, nutrition and allied aspects crucial in reducing drop-out rates amongst the tribal girls in Jhadol, Rajasthan.

The agreement was formalized in the presence of Mrs. Ritu P. Chhabria, Managing Trustee of Mukul Madhav Foundation; Mr. Girja Shankar Ji, CMD of RBKS; and Mr. D.V. Iyer Company Secretary Finolex Industries Limited and Team MMF.

Since 2019, MMF/FIL has been supporting RBKS in addressing various education-related needs for these tribal girls. This year this support will cover mess charges, maintenance costs, and miscellaneous expenses, including toiletries, for 306 individuals (260 students residing in the hostel at Jhadol and 46 staff members).



402 college students screened for Thalassemia.

Mukul Madhav Foundation, in collaboration with Finolex Industries Limited as their CSR partner, organised a Thalassemia and Diabetes awareness sessions at Maratha Mitra Mandal on 24th September, and at Government Polytechnic College on 25th September with total attendance of 552 and screening of 402. This was done with the coordination of Dr Nita Munshi (Thalassemia Society of Pune chapter) and Dr. Neelima Nagarkar (KEM Hospital).

MMF/FIL began to actively promote Thalassemia and Diabetes awareness across Pune, Satara, Ratnagiri, and Jalgaon in October 2023. Since then over 4000 students have been reached through awareness sessions, over 3200 tests at 19 colleges have been conducted. Identifying 52 students with minor Thalassemia and other conditions like anemia, sickle cell disease, and diabetes.



ON - GOING SUPPORT



Midday Meal
1000 + Daily



Education Support
15 Students supported



Teacher support- 3
(Panchgani School)

Thank you

To all the teachers, staff administrators, on-ground workers, NGOs and government officials who make this work possible month after month. Also deep gratitude to the corporate partners - Finolex Industries Limited, amongst others, along with individual donors.

**A big thanks to you too, for reading this issue,
and sharing in our joy.**



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