

Student gets financial support from Finolex

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Pune: Finolex Industries, along with its CSR partner Mukul Madhav Foundation (MMF), recently helped Vishwas Shinde battle permanent nerve deafness, poor family background and poverty to crack his BE exams from the Finolex Academy of Management Technology (FAMT), with their financial support.

Vishwas passed the exam with flying colours, securing 7.7 CGPA (Cumulative Grade Point Average) with an overall aggregate score of 6.58.

Earlier, a normal kid belonging to an economically backward family in Chanderai, Ratnagiri, Vishwas, unfortunately, suffered from an acute attack of mumps when he was in Std IX, causing permanent nerve deafness.

He completed his high school (SSC) under special category, securing 80 per cent marks, and got admission in the Government Polytechnic, Ratnagiri, for Diploma in Mechanical Engineering. For his treatment, Vishwas needed a cochlear implant. Many donors came forward to donate for the surgery. However, the major cost of the cochlear machine was funded by MMF.

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Ritu Chhabria, Managing Trustee, Mukul Madhav Foundation, said, "Vishwas has made me proud. It was due to the hard work and the determination of Vishwas, that despite all challenges, he managed to fulfil his dream of becoming an engineer. It is students like him who inspire us to come forward and support wholeheartedly."

Vishwas Shinde said, "I would like to thank Finolex Industries and Mukul Madhav Foundation for giving me a new lease of life. I am also thankful to my parents, teachers and the doctors who came forward and did what they could do best. The loss of hearing meant that my world changed drastically and there was a sense of despair. Today, there is a feeling of accomplishment, but I also feel humbled by all the kindness that has been shown to me."