

EDU SCOOP

MMF updates in Education for August

Dear Friends,

Welcome back. I hope the last month has been productive and inspiring for you as it has been for us at Mukul Madhav Foundation.

As you go through our Education updates in these following pages, we hope you get a glimpse of our expanded sense of education. You will see how our focus on education includes the health, hygiene, comfort and values of students. You will also witness the impact of a bicycle on a girl's education. More importantly you will notice our commitment to promoting learning without any discrimination - across geographies, gender, age and institutions.

Hope you enjoy reading about this journey through the last month.

Warm Wishes,

Ritu Prakash Chhabria

Managing Trustee

Mukul Madhav Foundation



Education impact over the years

3000

Villagers To
Benefit

300+

Students
Impacted

25

States Covered

6

Agreements
Signed

2

Hospitals
Upgraded

MMV EVENTS



Mukul Madhav Vidyalaya observes "Moment of Calm".

Mukul Madhav Vidyalaya observed "The Moment of Calm" on 2nd August, 2024. 553 members including the teachers, ancillary staff, security staff along with students were a part of the momentous moment. Forgiveness prayer was also recited by everyone after which silence was observed by everyone for 2 minutes. Students and staff tied forgiveness bands on each others wrists as a part of this forgiveness movement.

The school has joined this global peace initiative, which was initiated by Dada Vaswani who was the spiritual head at the Sadhu Vaswani Mission, headquartered in Pune. It aims at bringing calm in the hearts of people through the power of forgiveness and positive inspired living.



Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan.

On 10th August, as part of the Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan, the students of Mukul Madhav Vidyalaya took a pledge to do everything possible to the best of their ability to make India drug-free.

This pledge and transformative campaign is an initiative of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India to create a drug-free India. The initiative aims to drive meaningful change in our society by uniting individuals, communities, and organizations in the fight against substance abuse.





Books take over school on Maharashtra Reading Festival.

Maharashtra Reading Festival was celebrated on 12th August across schools as per a mandate received from the Education Department.

On the occasion, the Library department of Mukul Madhav Vidyalaya arranged an exhibition of books. Teachers explained the importance of reading to students and encouraged them to read books and increase their overall knowledge. It was indeed an enlightening and fun-filled activity for teachers and students.



Students recreate India's Flag on Banana leaves.

On 14th August, children of class 1st and 2nd made a flag on the occasion of independence day by dyeing the Indian flag colours on banana leaves.

As they put the saffron, white, green and blue Ashoka Chakra at the centre, they were made aware of the significance of each colour - Saffron for courage and sacrifice, White represents purity and truth, Green represents faith and chivalry, and the blue chakra represents the eternal wheel of law.

This was a truly creative and eco-friendly way to celebrate Independence Day, especially for these young minds as it teaches them about India's history, culture, and values.





Independence Day sees tricolour fly high.

On 15th August, Mukul Madhav Vidyalaya celebrated India's 78th Independence Day with great enthusiasm. The day began with Flag hoisting by the Chief guest, Mr. Ajit Tamhankar, Assistant Regional Transport Officer, Ratnagiri. Dignitaries and officials from Finolex Industries also graced the auspicious occasion with their invaluable presence. The celebrations were also attended by the PTA members of Mukul Madhav Vidyalaya.



Students expressed their patriotic zeal through special performances of songs, dances, lezim and aerobics. Rangoli Exhibition based on the theme of Modern India displayed the dexterity of great artists of MMV. Students delivered inspiring speeches.

Everyone appreciated the performances of the students and wished them good luck for their future endeavours.

Rakshabandhan reinforces bond of love and affection between students.

On 16th August, Mukul Madhav Vidyalaya witnessed the celebrations of Rakshabandhan to recreate the bond of love, affection and trust between brothers and sisters. Students participated in this function enthusiastically. To mark the unity and integrity and to foster the feeling of oneness, students tied Rakhis on each other's wrists. The school had invited ex-army jawans, who are now working as officers in the security department of Finolex Industries, in this function. Students of Mukul Madhav Vidyalaya tied rakhis on their wrists.

Further, Rakhis handmade by our students were sent to soldiers at Siachen, and to Paraplegic Soldiers at Paraplegic Rehabilitation Centre, Pune.

Selected girl students from the school visited Coast Guard, Pawas Police station, Remand home, Boys hostel Pawas and Ashadeep - home for special children, to tie Rakhis. All were very happy and delighted to have Rakhis tied by our students and they showered their blessings and wished good luck to our students.





Gopalkala celebrated with great fanfare.

On 26th August, Gopalkala was celebrated with a lot of zest and zeal. The students enacted childhood scenes of Lord Krishna, while teachers, along with the children, sang aartis and bhajans. The festival's importance was also explained to the students. The celebrations included traditional dances which served as an icing on the cake. This was followed by the 'Matki Todh', which happened amidst much enthusiasm. The school wore a festive look as the students came dressed in colourful attires as Lord Krishna and Radha.



'Blue Colour' day observed by tiny tots in Kindergarten.

Blue colour day was celebrated on 28th August 2024 in Mukul Madhav Kindergarten. The day was a fun and joyful day for all the tiny tots where everyone participated with great enthusiasm. The children and teachers dressed up in blue colour. The aim of the activity was to make the young ones identify the colour blue in the objects they see around them. The teachers displayed objects, toys, flowers, vegetables, household items which were named by the teacher along with their significance.





National Sports Day brings sports enthusiasts together.

Mukul Madhav Vidyalaya celebrated 'National Sports Day' on August 29th, 2024 commemorating the birth anniversary of Hockey Legend, Major Dhyan Chand, who is regarded as the greatest Hockey player of all times. This day reminds us of the importance of sports in our lives. Students played various games on this occasion. Our sports teacher, Ms. Neha Chandorkar showed video clips showcasing the importance of this day. We, at Mukul Madhav Vidyalaya believe that celebration of Sports day inculcates qualities of teamwork, discipline, and perseverance among students.



MMV ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Students dance their way to 1st prize in Inter School Dance competition.

In the light of India's 78th Independence Day, the students of Mukul Madhav Vidyalaya expressed their patriotism at an inter-school singing and dance competition organised by Lokmanya Tilak Multipurpose Society, Ratnagiri on 21st August 2024. 35 schools from all over Ratnagiri district participated in this competition. Trained under the able guidance of Mr. Sameer Alhat, Head of cultural department, the students were awarded 1st place in the dance category. Mukul Madhav Vidyalaya also bagged the 'best school award' based on its overall participation, behaviour and good conduct during the competition.



Appreciation award received form Sadhu Vaswani Mission.



Mukul Madhav Vidyalaya joined the global peace initiative "Moment of calm" on 2nd August, 2016. This movement was initiated by Dada Vaswani who was the spiritual head at the Sadhu Vaswani Mission, headquartered in Pune. It aims to bring calm within the hearts of participants through the power of forgiveness and positive inspired living, by letting go of negative feelings, and slowly giving up their anger.

Consistently observing this 'Moment of Calm' every month since 2016, the school didn't even let Covid get in the way, where it observed the same on zoom. In this year's campaign, the school inculcated these values through forgiveness bands and also participated in "Let it Go dance challenge" with a delightful performance. The students demonstrated their belief that letting go through dance was a therapeutic approach to healing and well-being.

In light of all the outstanding efforts put in by the school to implement and creatively share Rev. Dada's message of forgiveness, on 26th August, the auspicious occasion of Janmashtami, a special Appreciation Award was given to Mukul Madhav Vidyalaya. Mr Kiran Chaugule, Management representative received the award on behalf of the school at the hands of Didi Krishna Kumari at Sadhu Vaswani Mission Pune.

Students bag top prizes in Yoga competition in Ratnagiri.

On 28th August, Ratnagiri Yoga Association had organised a competition based on Yogasanas for all schools in Ratnagiri. 89 students from various schools in Ratnagiri had participated in this event.

Three students from Mukul Madhav Vidyalaya bagged top honours at this event.

- **Master Rudra Kharde from Std IX bagged 1st rank in 'under 17' category**
- **Master Chaitanya Gore from Std VIII bagged 3rd rank in 'under 14' category**
- **Master Varun Purohit from Std 4 bagged 4th rank in the 'junior' category**

We congratulate our dear students on this wonderful achievement and appreciate the efforts of our Yoga teacher Mrs. Manisha Ghanekar for bringing glory to our school!



Star Performers recognized and rewarded.

Every month, the top performers across Mukul Madhav Vidyalaya are identified by the management and felicitated for their outstanding performance.

On 31st August, a ceremony was held to acknowledge and applaud the performance of students and achievements of teachers and the ancillary staff for the month of July-August 2024.

Ms. Swati Sakpal and Ms. Tanaya Pawar were rewarded for their sincerity, dedication and teaching.

The hard work of the ancillary staff members Ms. Sakshi Kosale and Mr. Sachin Gurav were also recognized in this ceremony. Mr. Amol Todankar from security staff was felicitated for executing his duties in a vigilant manner.

Students who brought laurels to the school in various competitions like Inter-school dance competition and Yoga competition were also felicitated on this occasion.

We congratulate our dear students, teachers, ancillary and security staff for their hard work and believe that this will encourage them to perform better.



MMV ACADEMICS

Homi Lab's Virtual Certificate distribution Ceremony conducted for MMV students .

Homi Labs is the world's first future learning lab, which offers a new and unique way of learning. Through cutting-edge virtual laboratories it provides an immersive learning experience across space, quantum computing, robotics, economic system, environment, next-gen super materials, and other allied fields. It is a programme offered by Dr. A.P.J Abdul Kalam Centre, a non-profit organization working on integrated missions across multiple dimensions in an effort to continue on the vision and works of Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam. Mukul Madhav Vidyalaya teamed up with 'Homi Labs' in August 2023, to offer interested students an opportunity to widen their horizons.





These students completed the course this year, and post an assessment, an online felicitation ceremony was held on 28th August 2024. Presided by Mr. Srijan Pal Singh - the CEO and Co-Founder of Dr. A.P.J Abdul Kalam Centre, and founder of Homi Labs, the following students bagged the top positions:

Rank 1: Miss Aastha Ghanekar - Std. 7

Rank 2: Miss Sharvee Gurav - Std. 8

Rank 3: Miss Neha Bhatkar- Std. 7

Students enjoyed attending these sessions as they have helped them manifest the unprecedented. These sessions have encompassed many topics ranging from climate change, possibility of life on other planets and how age-old diseases can be cured. They have helped our students develop their scientific temper in the truest sense!

MMV EXTRA CURRICULAR

Hello Dost! Rural Meets Urban.

A unique initiative commenced at Mukul Madhav Vidyalaya, Ratnagiri where students had an opportunity to interact with students of The Cathedral and John Connon School, Mumbai.

The Cathedral and John Connon School has completed 162 years of excellence in education in the country. Founded in 1860 by the Anglo- Scottish Education Society in Mumbai, the school consists of five sections- the Pre-Primary, Infant, Junior, Middle and Senior Schools imparting the finest education to all its students. The school practices an integrated approach till Grade 8 and thereafter offers the choice of the national curricula- ICSE and ISC, as well as the international curricula -IGCSE, IBDP and AP.

On 5th August, Class 9 of both schools had an interesting interactive session where both schools posed questions to each about school working hours, and extracurricular activities. Respective school anthems were sung and much more. Students also shared about the speciality of their respective locations.



The session was primarily intended to build a bridge across the urban-rural divide, by giving students an opportunity for conversation and sharing, so they realise how much both sides share in common, with respect and understanding of the differences.

There were laughs and cheerful banter from both sides, with both sides bursting their preconceptions about each other. Both sides found common ground in terms of having international exposure and learning foreign languages apart from having an array of extra-curricular activities.

The innovative ideas and engaging activities made a huge impact and sparked much excitement and curiosity in both classrooms.

Collaborations like these are invaluable in broadening our students' perspectives and fostering a love for learning. We look forward to more opportunities to connect and grow together.



Mukul Madhav Foundation supports multiple schools and education initiatives across regions, across India. 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.

MMF felicitated by Agriculture College, Pune at Intercollege Basketball Tournament.

Mukul Madhav Foundation as CSR partner of Finolex Industries Limited has been supporting Mahatma Phule Krishi Vidyapeeth, Pune, since 2019. With 200+ scholarships for BSc and MSc students over the years, and a cow shed.

In 2021, on request from the management, a new basketball court was laid out for the students. This court has seen the students practise, play and attain a competitive level of skills. On 26th July 2024, the college organised an intercollegiate basketball tournament on this court. On this occasion, the college invited Mukul Madhav Foundation to witness the thrilling competition, and also to felicitate and thank MMF and FIL for the support over the years. The tournament was testament to this support.



Students with financial constraints receive free medicines.

Since 2008, Mukul Madhav Foundation (MMF), with the CSR support of Finolex Industries Limited (FIL), has been conducting health camps in schools in and around Ratnagiri where tests, procedures, corrective measures and medicines are prescribed by presiding doctors for any anomaly, deficiency or health issue. MMF/FIL then follows up post these camps to ensure that suggestions are carried forward.

Post one of these camps in June, at Swami Swaroopanand Vidya Mandir in Pawas, Maharashtra, some students were diagnosed with anemia and vitamin deficiency and were prescribed a one-month course of medicines. On following up post camp it was understood that these students could not afford the prescribed medicines due to financial constraints. On request of the school, MMF/FIL immediately purchased the required medicines and handed them over to the students of the school. Gratitude was expressed by parents, students and the School Management for the prompt response and deep commitment of MMF/FIL to the children's health.



132 students attend Thalassemia and Diabetes awareness camp at Poona College.

Mukul Madhav Foundation, in collaboration with Finolex Industries Limited as their CSR partner, organised a Thalassemia and Diabetes awareness session on 5th August at Poona college for BBA students. A total of 132 students attended the session, with 85 tests 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 3000 students have been reached through awareness sessions, over 2500 tests have been conducted. Identifying 52 students with minor Thalassemia and other conditions like anemia, sickle cell disease, and diabetes.

Invited as Jury members at Robotex India National Championship.

Robotex India invited Mukul Madhav Foundation and Finolex Industries to participate as jury members in the entrepreneurship challenge and green innovation to save the planet, held on 10th August.

Around 2000 technologically skilled school and college students from various states including Maharashtra showed glimpses of their robotics, AI prototypes in this competition. Sharing their robotic and AI vision of future technology with innovations such as Waste Segregator for Landfill, Earthquake Detection Robot, a fire fighter robot that is ready to put out a fire, a robot that solves puzzles with its ingenuity. This wasn't just a competition, but also an eye-opener for lay people to understand, learn and use technology which can save the environment.

Besides representatives from MMF/FIL, guests present at the event were Anjali Bayas, Sterlite Technology, Pushpendra Kumar, Finolex Industries Limited, Ali Khan, ZX India, Pinky Rajapal, Flo Pune Chapter Chair, Dr Parveen Benja, National Council of Education and Training, Dr Shanti, Artificial intelligence department COEP, and Preeti, WNS CSR.



Raksha Bandhan celebrated across institutions.

Mukul Madhav Foundation and Finolex Industries Limited distributed Rakhis and chocolates at 11 schools in Padra. Raksha Bandhan was celebrated with much fanfare on 17th August. The Rakhis were prepared by the children of Sharda Social Welfare Trust (MMF's Cerebral Palsy Center).

As part of MMF/FIL employee engagement initiative, Ms. Niketa Kulkarni from the FIL Sales Department, Ms. Janani Bhatt from the FIL HR Department, and Mr. Nitul Barot from MMF participated in the event.

Raksha Bandhan was also celebrated by MMF/FIL at 11 schools in Masar.



Invited as Jury members at Robotex India National Championship.

As CSR partner of Finolex Industries Limited, Mukul Madhav Foundation has joined hands with FICCI FLO for FY 2024-2025. This collaboration aims to drive impactful projects that will empower communities across the nation.

As part of this collaboration, with the generous support of FIL, 348 cycles are being donated to girl students across 15 chapters in 12 states. These girls have been meticulously identified by the team to include those who live a considerable distance from school and this distance causes regular impediments in attendance. This initiative not only provides essential transportation but also supports educational aspirations and economic opportunities for young girls in the region.

Between 2nd August and 16th August, a total of 125 bicycles have been handed over at 5 different institutions, with others scheduled in the following weeks.

2nd August (Pune) : Cycles given to 25 girl students at Krushnaji Khanduji Ghule Vidyalaya in Manjari, Pune. The event was organized by the FICCI FLO Pune chapter under the guidance of Pinky Rajpal, Chairperson for FLO Pune. The distribution was further supported by Mrs. Gayatri Ghule, Mr. Sanjay Mohite (Principal of the School), Mr. Shivraj Ghule (Sarpanch of Manjari village), Mrs. Lilly Shukla (Senior General Manager, Finolex Industries Ltd.), and Miss Yasmin Shaikh from Mukul Madhav Foundation.

4th August (Coimbatore) : 25 students received bicycles at the Seenguli Village of Tholampalayam Panchayat, Coimbatore District sponsored by Finolex Industries Limited and Mukul Madhav Foundation, while 7 bicycles were donated by FLO Coimbatore to deserving students from 9th to 12th standard. Present were Mrs. Devika Ramesh, Director, RMP Compressors, Mr. N. Ganesh Karthick, ASM and Mr. P. Kaviraja, TSE from Finolex, Coimbatore.

13th August (Vadodara): 20 bicycles were given to underprivileged tribal girls in the Dabhoi Block (Vadodara District). The bicycle distribution program was graced by the presence of Mr. Biren Shah, President of Dabhoi Municipality, Ms. Kiran Sewani, Chairperson of FICCI Flo Ahmedabad, Dr. Geetika Saluja and Ms. Vadana from Manav Sadhana Sanstha. From the FIL-MMF team, Mr. Nitul Barot from the CSR Department, along with Ms. Niketa Kulkarni and Mr. Saurabh from the Sales Department, were present.



14th August (Vadodara) : 24 bicycles were distributed to underprivileged tribal girls in Vadodara. Present on the occasion were Ms. Avni Bhayani - Chapter Chair, Ms. Shivani Patel - Sr. Vice Chair, and other members of FICCI Flo Vadodara's team. With Mr. Chirag Paghdhar and Mr. Nitul Barot representing team MMF/FIL.



16th August (Jaipur): 24 bicycles were distributed to underprivileged girls in the Nagaur and Jaipur districts, with 15 bicycles in Nagaur and 9 in Jaipur. The event was marked by the participation of notable figures including FICCI Flo Chairperson Raghushree Poddar, FIL representative Mr. Sharad Mishra, and MMF representative Hemant Chaturvedi.



ON - GOING SUPPORT



Midday Meal
1000 + Daily



Education Support
15 Students supported

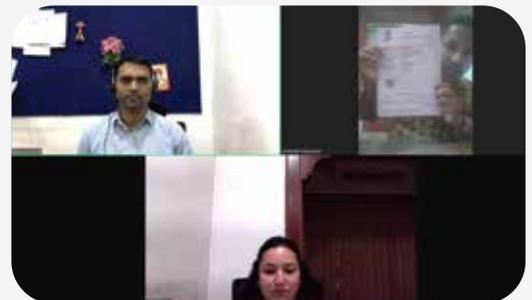


Teacher support- 3
(Panchgani School)

ADULT LEARNING SKILLING

Training for Tripura women farmers to sustainably double income.

Mukul Madhav Foundation as CSR partner to Finolex Industries Limited signed an agreement with Yuva Vikas Kendra to extend its women empowerment programme in Tripura. With the objective to empower tribal women farmers and sustainably double their incomes through field demonstration and training in technology that promotes integrated farming. Impacting 50 tribal women farmers so far. This new agreement now extends this powerful objective to empower 25 new beneficiaries with exposure visits, training in agriculture, providing 100 saplings each of Red Apple Ber, Mango and Lemon, organizing mushroom training and setting up the units along with financial support.



Plumbing Training Centre inaugurated at Vadodara Central Jail.



With an agreement signed on 31st July, on 15th August, Mukul Madhav Foundation and Finolex Industries Limited inaugurated a Plumbing Training Center at Vadodara Central Jail, in collaboration with ITI Vadodara, and United Way of Baroda.

As part of this initiative, 80 inmates will be trained in plumbing over the next seven months ending in March 2025. This will ensure that they have job opportunities on their release. Partnering with United Way of Baroda, the Government-run Industrial Training Institute (ITI) Tarsali, Vadodara will provide certification, and upon completion of the project, inmates will receive a stipend under the Local Institute of Vocational Education (LIVE) initiative.

This centre was launched in the esteemed presence of Dr. K.L.N Rao, IPS, DG, Prisons & Correctional Administration, Gujarat. The event was honored by the presence of Dr. Nidhi Thakur, IPS & SP, Mr. Chaudhari - DYSP of Vadodara Central Jail, Ms. Nilam Acharya - Director United Way of Baroda, United Way Staff, and representatives from FIL-MMF, including Mr. Chirag Paghdhar and Mr. Nitul Barot.

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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