



'Together WE Can' : The Message on 5th Annual Day of Cause To Connect Foundation

**“ हीच अमुची प्रार्थना, अन हेच अमुचे मागणे,
माणसाने माणसाशी माणसा सम वागणे ! ”**

Fifth Anniversary of Cause To Connect Foundation started with this melodious prayer at Hunnar Gurukul. A sapling sowed in 2016 with a noble thought, today has grown in molding artisans, amazingly skilled entrepreneurs and enthusiasts in many fields over the years. We are privileged to have celebrated the milestone of Cause to Connect foundation on 28th November, 21 with many wonderful people.

Mr. Rahul Rawat - renowned Architect, Mr. Pravinsheth Lunkad - Chairman Suraj Foundation, Ms. Sunandatai Mane & Mr. Raj Gilda - co-founders Lend A Hand India, Mrs. Madhuri Deshpande - Founder Ankur Vidyalaya, Mr. Yunus & Mrs. Duriya Schipchandler - The Hidden Oasis & Dr. Sucheta Patekar - District Education Officer, Akola are among them. Many renowned & young architect from Sangli, Kolhapur & Pune also present to give best wishes & celebrate this milestone.

Vilas Rathod, from Ugam team of Sangli was felicitated by employee of the year award. He is working with the organization from day one, teaching in the Engineering section devotedly. His teaching methods have great influence on students. Akshay Deshmukh, from Hunnar Gurukul's first cohort felicitated by Student of the year award. He is working from last three years with different furniture house & now earning reasonable amount to take care of his family.

Cause To Connect Foundation is running four different projects in Sangli, Kolhapur & Pune district which are creating great impact in lives of the students. All team of projects from Sangli and Pune, were gathered on the occasion and presented project features and success stories. Students from all batches were present on this occasion, mostly now working in the industry with the architects and leading an independent and self - reliant life.

We are thankful to showed faith in us and for being a part of this amazing journey of 5 years, for all the best wishes and support. It started as a drop and we have a vision to make it an ocean.





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Coming together of senior & young architects, engineers who are dedicated working on earthen techniques is the highlight of anniversary day. Their presence gives student and team confidence to move ahead. All the dignitaries assure to support student in the future. They also praise the activity of Hunnar Gurukul. Everyone agrees that 'it is really a need of the construction industry to develop the artisans who will work on the earthen techniques. A hard work can make them explore all over in the country.' They also express that Hunnar Gurukul is going to help them to make research on earthen techniques in future.



Interaction with Three Stars of Hunnar Gurukul

Students from Hasur village, who undergone the Multi Skill Foundation Course in 2017, joined the Hunnar Gurukul for the batch 2019-20, prove the importance of skill education in the adolescent age. Haridas, Yuvraj & Ravi are decided to work as team in future & establish the partnership in future. Currently they are working on the Hunnar Gurukul site in leading role. Their efforts will certainly pay them in future.



Mrs. Madhuri Deshpande



Mrs. Sucheta Patekar

Presence of Dignitaries

Dr. Sucheta Patekar madam, District Education Office of Akola, along with Dr. Taratai Hatwalne from Shikshan Prasarak Mandal & Mrs. Pallavi Kulkarni from Child Welfare Committee, Akola visited to Hunnar Gurukul on occasion of Annual Day to understand the program & give best wishes.

Mrs. Madhuri Deshpande, Founder of Ankur Vidyalaya, Pune give their blessings & best wishes to the new cohort of Hunnar Gurukul. They suggest to the students to work hard & capture the skills.



Project Hunnar Gurukul

ADOBE Brick Making Workshop : Celebration of 5th Annual Day One day Ahead



Construction of Gurukul is underway on the new site of Hunnar Gurukul (Pune). The Gurukul is being constructed using environmentally friendly materials such as clay, stone, bricks, wood and other natural resources. Team members of Lend A Hand India & Cause To Connect Foundation made the day memorable in the journey of making of Hunnar Gurukul premises by participating in the brick making workshop of ADOBE technique.

ADOBE, a sun dried clay brick, is the oldest building materials used by mankind. These handmade bricks are formed by combining the natural elements of earth, water and sun.

Architect Mr.Suyash Khanolkar did arrange an illustrative workshop for the participants that will help all to mold the Adobe bricks. A unique brick making technique was introduced in this workshop. It was arranged for the participants to 'Learn and enjoy' the process. Mr. Suyash explained the process of making bricks from clay in this workshop on projector.

Six teams of 27 members with around 6 to 9 participants were made for the task execution. Participants took part in every activity like, mixing of sand, dancing in sand, making bricks from molds, transport of bricks & making of walls from ADOBE bricks.

The shining faces of all participants in the evening, even after a sunny daylong hard work on site work shows till date everyone is enjoying to play in & with mud. Some participants relates this activity to the mud therapy for relaxation. Almost every participant was experiencing such laborious task for the first time in their life. So, all realized the hardships that goes into building the bricks and the home that we all live in. The respect for the civil industry artisans and masonries also elevated in each ones' mind. During feedback time, participants praises the efforts of Hunnar Gurukul to get them so closer to the earth.

We were excited to see alumni of Hunnar Gurukul joining hands to make clay bricks for this construction. We are truly grateful to Architect Khanolkar, Mr. Raj Gilda and Ms. Sunanda tai Mane and all participant dignitaries who were present and invested their time from busy schedule to actively demonstrate this activity. Architects, Engineers from various parts of the country and Land a Hand India organization (Pune) were participated in this process to contribute in all their capacities on the site.



Adobe, a sun dried clay brick, is the oldest building materials used by mankind. These hand made bricks are formed by combining the natural elements of earth, water, and sun.

Let's all get our hand dirty with this amazing technique and spend this weekend being close to the earth.

Date : 27.11.2021

Time : 10:30 am to 06:00 pm

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Project Skills On Wheels

Wire Connection and Insights of Girl students

Project Skills on Wheels is being implemented in Late Dadukaka Bhide Observation home since last one year. Girl students from this institution learnt 'simple wire connection' through 'learning by doing' technique this month. Girls from observation home never arranged the wire connection before as they never had such opportunity to work on. So, this session went on with excitement and lot of questions. The task after the session was to make a wire connection for current. All girls tried, failed again and again, but with the encouragement and support of instructors, they could pull off the task. They even made beautiful hanging chandelier in next class.

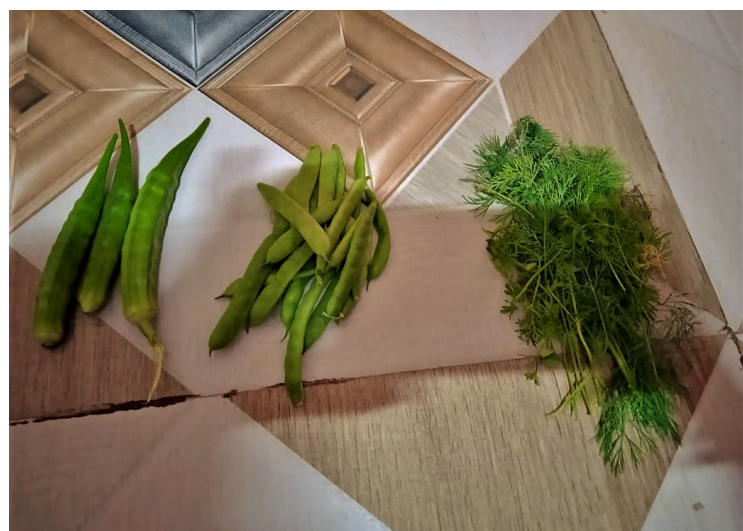


The precaution while working with such instruments, safe usage of the tools was also part of the session. All girls learnt the theory behind the connection, and worked on boards. This whole process generated immense confidence among them. We could see a spark in their eyes after this session.



Vegetables from Ananya's Home Backyard

The Skills on Wheels bus started running towards school again after a big interval. Meanwhile, Ms. Ananya Prakash Jadhav (8th Standard) from Sheth R.V. Gosalia Highschool, Madhavnagar replicated some learnings from online classes of Agriculture and technology at her place. When instructors resumed offline classes, she shared her experiences of cultivating vegetables grown in her home backyard. She showed the photos of Ladyfinger and other vegetables that are grown in the backyard. We are proud to share such practical application of her learnings with the readers.



Mulching and Finding age of Cattles

Project Skills on Wheels gives more emphasis on the practical learning. The Subject Agriculture and horticulture requires more ground work as it helps to build better skillsets in students. This month, students learnt doing different types of mulching, types of farming, production of organic fertilizers, measuring age and weight of cattle stock, flowerpot filling, the budding techniques. As all children from Late Dadukaka Bhide Observation home live near farmland in campus, they take special care of the farmland which helps them to experiment more.





Project Ugam

MLA Sudhirdada Gadgil praised Project Ugam

The Multi skill foundation course under Project Ugam started in Pradnya Prabodhini school in the year 2021-2022. MLA of Sangli Mr. Sudhirdada Gadgil visited the Ugam workshop at Savarkar Pratishthan's Pradnya Prabodhini School this month. He appreciated the initiative by saying that, such complementary activities contribute to the holistic development of the students which is very inspiring.



When session tasks bridges Gender Gap

The multi-skill foundation course under Project Ugam started in Pradya Prabodhini school (Sangli) in September 2021. School provide the land for the practical demonstration and students learn various aspects of agriculture and gardening in this field under the guidance of instructors in this project.

All students were introduced to the types of farming and gardening by the instructors. This practical 'learning by doing' method was so much fun for them. They planted the saplings of onion and fenugreek seeds this month. Parents, Teachers and all concerned authorities were happy to see the change in the students during this process. Girls and boys students working together in field helped to blur the gender disparity partially.



Tribute to Modern Tools on this 'Dasara'

This Dasara was special for Team Ugam. Cause To Connect Foundation started this project with a motive to develop a skill equipped student that will be an idol for the society in future.

The Tools from the workshops are the modern weapons that are helping the team to achieve this objective for years. So, team Ugam worshipped the tools on the festival of Dasara. It was a tribute to the tools that all use throughout year to do the practical from the course. The workshop from Nav Krishna Valley School was decorated. All Teachers and staff were present on this occasion.



Engineering Lessons and Fun Together

The students of Vishrambag Madhyamik Vidyalay are always ready for practical. During the demonstrations of engineering subject, every student from 8th grade is ready to experiment with new tools. They literally compete to grab on the first hand experience. Every activity is so unique that enhance skillset and experience to their learning cycle under Project Ugam.





Project Ugam

In the last few newsletters we witnessed many indoor activities of students during Lockdown period early in this year. Some students enjoyed it and some carved new opportunities out of it. Let's learn more about such a young entrepreneurial creative mind from Project Ugam; Omkar Singh Pravin Singh Subhedar.

Omkar Singh, a student from Project Ugam's 2019 Batch (School: Nav Krishna Valley School Kupwad). He is currently studying in 11th standard (Science). Omkar is calm in nature, but is very eloquent; has set an example to the society by creating a green business based on the knowledge he has acquired during sessions at Project Ugam.

As a part of Multi skill foundation course, Omkar participated in all subject sessions, but found himself more involved in the agriculture and horticulture technology subject amongst all.

Since March 2020, Pandemic changed the way of life in 360 degrees. We learnt to work from home and online presence becomes new reality. Even Omkar did not remain aloof of this change. He, along with his family, invested their time in following the Gardening hobby during lockdown.

Since there was plenty of space around his house, Omkar started experimenting it with stuff like planting different seedlings and looking after it. He also applied the learnings from the Ugam project of budding the small tree plants, Fertilizer making from waste, homiculture, resulted in a small beautiful garden. People from vicinity started noticing it. Once a neighbor asked if he could buy some plants for home, Omkar was little surprised and after discussing with his mother he started selling plant seedlings and a young entrepreneur was born. The 'Rajput Mini Nursery' started.

His own hobby thus, transformed into a green business. He used this opportunity to expand the business using Social media which was a game changer idea. He started getting many orders online. Omkar used medicinal plant a USP of his nursery than the showcase plant, which placed his nursery in limelight. He also tapped into seedlings of spices (herbal grass, black pepper etc.) and ordered them in bulk from Karnataka and sold them after processing on it.



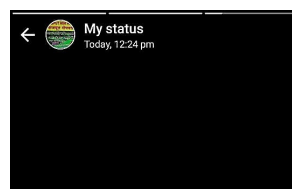
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Project Ugam

The newly built mansions always wish to do gardening around their house. Rajput nursery successfully reached to them and these house owners became potential customers. Omkar also involved his relatives in this business by sharing its seedlings with them for further expansion. Mere at the age of 16, he established the business and became economically self-independent. He used the lockdown time in most productive way to start nursery business. His early business turnover of 4 to 5 thousand rupees now crossed 15 thousand mark and will reach to new heights in coming time. We are happy to see his leap in the business and feel proud that, gardening skills from multi skill foundation course (Project Ugam) can create successful entrepreneurs like Omkar Singh.

His family members, especially the mother, is very proud of his achievements so far. His mother expressed her views that, multi skill course has given such a new perspective to the students. In early age, they are identifying the interest that can help them build a career in future.

Today, Omkar balances between his studies and business with ease. He was able support his education with the nursery earning. The pandemic caused to lose jobs of many, businesses collapsed; but Omkar did best use of the knowledge he gained from the session of Gardening under Project Ugam.

Mrs. Sangeeta Pagnis, the headmistress of New Krishna Valley School, Kupwad, who is also fond of trees, contacted his nursery, totally unaware that Omkar studies in her school. She was very happy and very proud after learning about his initiative as he has set a new inspiration and a great example for many students of the school.

Today, his family is looking after the nursery as he is busy attending college. Omkar also mentioned that course learnings from other sessions too are helpful in his daily life. He has done all the lightening and decoration of Diwali by himself. When his mother was sick after her vaccination, he took the charge of kitchen and cooked for family taught in food processing subject. Offering practical knowledge to the students can make such a transforming impact in lives of family and Subhedar family stands out as an anecdote here.



" Students like Omkar who are turning their passion into the business after learning in sessions of Project Ugam is a proud thing for us."

Mrs. Sangeeta Pagnis,

Head Mistress,

Nav Krishna Valley School, Kupwad Sangli.