

UPDATES ON WELFARE PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN SINCE INCEPTION (September 2019 to December 2022)

UPLEAP Social Welfare Foundation was incorporated on 28 June 2019. Our mission is to work for underprivileged children to provide education and to make them self-reliant.

Our work is currently categorized under four projects:

Project KOSH

Project KOSH supports children with the potential to excel academically, who are from economically challenged families. UPLEAP endeavours to provide financial support, parent counselling and motivation to these children to opt for higher education in areas of their interest.

Here are some of our students and their achievements:

Vedant – A Mechanical Engineering student of VIT Vellore – had approached UPLEAP in Sept 2019, for financial help due to his father’s health and medical problems. Our Foundation supported him to complete his Engineering graduation (Jun 2022), his German Language proficiency training and tests (Year 2021), GRE preparation (Jan 2022) and his admissions for post-graduate studies in Stuttgart University in Germany. Despite death of his father in 2021 and continued financial crisis at home, Vedant has displayed his resolve, and his merit.



- Silver Medal in B. Tech Mechanical Engineering from VIT, Vellore
- Internship, projects and publications during the academic year 2021-22 with positive reviews and accolades
- Top-class results in German language and GRE, so he was selected by 5 universities in Germany
- Admitted to Stuttgart University for Masters in Computational Mechanics and completed Semester 1 recently.

"Thanks to UPLEAP Foundation ... for providing opportunity to complete my education and supporting me during hard times" -- says Vedant.

Gaurav

Gaurav approached our Foundation for financial help with medical studies in 2020, when he had secured admission in Government Medical College, Miraj. His father is a peon at an education institute and his mother is a housewife. Despite the family’s financial challenges, Gaurav has a dream of helping society as a doctor. This year, he had completed the second year and is preparing for admissions in post-graduate studies.



"Without help of UPLEAP Foundation, it was difficult for me to raise funds required for my MBSS .. Now, I am aiming for my post-graduation in Doctorate or Surgery"Gaurav

DHYEYA Batch Students:

UPLEAP is associated with program “DHYEYA” - a CSR project of a multi-national IT corporation. This program aims to identify students with academic potential who are from economically weaker backgrounds and assist them in preparation for competitive entrance exams to engineering colleges, including IITs. UPLEAP is involved in all stages of this program, as part of the network of many social welfare organizations, and those who believe in the providing these children a level-playing field in the competitive exams. UPLEAP supports these students beyond securing the admissions in reputed engineering institutes, by partly funding their tuition / hostel fees, study material, mobile phones or laptops for on-line studies and other financial needs to complete their education. For the last three years, we have done our part in the success of many students who have secured admissions in the reputed engineering institutes. Following are the few of those students and their achievements so far:

Aarti – (Engineering Admission Academic Year “AY”20-21), was part of DHYEYA program since her 8th standard scholarship. She was partly funded and mentored by UPLEAP for her 12th std coaching for the entrance exam (CET) and secured admission to Computer Science (CS) engineering course at NMIT. She is in her third year of engineering now and despite challenges on the economic front and the COVID pandemic, she has performed well in her studies.

Pratiksha I- (Engineering Admission AY20-21)



Pratiksha’s father could not afford her engineering college and hostel fees. She was thinking of doing a B. Sc. Course at a nearby college in Osmanabad, despite a great score in her CET. When she approached UPLEAP with a request to support her in engineering college admission, we helped her securing admission in Cummins College, Pune (E&TC branch).

She has done well in her first two years of engineering and in her third year, has undertaken an internship with a global leader in IT services.

Yogesh, Sanskuti and Akanshya - (Engineering Admission AY21-22)

These students are from economically-weaker sections (EWS) families and were studying in municipal corporation schools, when DHYEYA program members identified their potential. UPLEAP was associated with their welfare and support through coaching and admissions for engineering colleges for AY 21-22. All three students are doing well in their studies of engineering (Computer and IT related) degree courses.



Gauri (Future Admission in Engineering)



Gauri (R) at her hostel, with her mother (L) and UPLEAP coordinator,






Gauri was in standard 9 in 2020, when her mother (family's sole earner) had to move out of the Pune area due to job-loss in that period of COVID-19 pandemic. The DHYEYA program members wanted this bright girl with an excellent academic record, to continue her education and coaching in Pune. Our Foundation offered her financial support and organized school and hostel admissions in those challenging times. Gauri's family has moved back to Pune, since and she now aims for an admission in a reputed engineering college.

DHYEYA Batch Engineering Admissions AY 22-23 (current year)

Since early 2020, we have been part of a team in different welfare groups led by the CSR project DHYEYA and were involved fully in the following activities:

- Contacting schools in the PMC and PCMC areas (municipal corporation run and Government-aided schools with students from economically weak backgrounds) and asking them to nominate students for a selection exam for DHYEYA program.
- Providing support to conduct the selection exam for over 800 students of 9th and 10th std.
- Support in counselling and selecting deserving students (based on results of the selection exam): 24 students were admitted in this DHYEYA batch and they all secured admissions in reputed engineering colleges.
- Arranging hostel facilities for some of the students, especially when their families shifted out of Pune, due to job-losses in Pandemic period (7 boys and 2 girls out of above 24)

Admission 2022

 Vikas Singh 3215- Sardar Patel Institute Mumbai – (CS)	 Sarthak Kalyankar 6271 PICT (IT)	 Tejas Baravkar 6289 VIIT Kondhawa (IT)	 Kshitija Deshmukh 6289 VIIT Kondhawa (CS)	 Ashutosh Sharma 6141 – RSCOE Tathawade – (CS)	 Parvati Pole 3215- Sardar Patel Institute Mumbai – (CS and DS)	 Sahil Shinde 6289 VIIT Kondhawa (IT)	
 Sujata Shinde 6141- RSCOE, Tathawade, (CSBS)	 Akshada Pathare 6207 – DY Patil Pimpri (AI&DS)	 Ankita Kakade 6273 VIT Bibewadi (AI & DS)	 Aditya More 6772 Sinhadag Technical Campus (IT)	 Deepak More 6273 VIT Bibewadi (CS-AI)	 Yashraj Bhosale 6310 – NMIET Talegaon (IT)	 Aniket Sable 6769 RMD Sinhadag Institute (IT)	 Yash Tekade 6141- RSCOE, Tathawade, (CSBS)
 Saurav Omble 6732 DY Patil Lohagaon (AI & DS)	 Samrudhi Zadbuke 6206 – PDEA college of Engg. (IT)	 Karan Kunte 6178 – Sinhadag – Kashibai Navale of Engg. – (IT)	 Niraj Dhage 6178 – Sinhadag – Kashibai Navale of Engg. – (ENTC)	 Vaibhav Mali 6178 – Sinhadag – Kashibai Navale of Engg. – (ENTC)	 Yash Bangar 6307 Dhole Patil WAGHOLI – (ENTC)	 Harshad Kamble 8139 PES Modern college (IT)	

Project WINGS:

This project was started for girl students in difficult circumstances, who show great determination in their chosen fields. The girls we sponsored so far, have expressed their strong desire to be independent and to make their families financially secure. They have also pledged to extend some financial support to the needy in society in the future. That is how they want to express their gratitude towards the foundation and donors!

Poonam and Pratiksha



Poonam and Pratiksha are two girls from a family of farm workers from Purandar Taluka. They wanted to do a Diploma in Interior Designing at Karve Institute's (MKSSS) Manilal Nanawati Vocational Institute. They approached us for financial support in 2019. We provided partial finance for their two-year course. During the pandemic, we provided them with laptops so that they could continue their course work. Since then, they have successfully completed the course and secured jobs. We also sponsored a short landscaping course, which helps them in their work. We mentor them regularly about their careers.

Nikita S

Before Nikita came to us, she was working part-time at an NGO, in a village near Mulshi. With very little family income, she was referred to us by the NGO, since she wanted to get a diploma in Accounting and Office Administration. Our Foundation sponsored a 6 month diploma course in Naralkar Institute -Vocational Wing, Pune. She has now secured a job and is self-reliant.



Shilpa – With three siblings and a limited family income (mother a cook and father a rickshaw driver), Shilpa needed financial assistance to complete her B.Com degree. We paid her fees and also helped her get internship, which will help her get employment in the future.

Pratiksha K

Pratiksha came to us through a reference for financial assistance for a B.Pharm course in Satara district in 2020. Her father is a labourer and their family income is meagre. We paid partial fees, which helped her complete the course securing an 8.15 CGPA. Currently, she is looking for a job in a pharmacy or IT company. She is also studying for the government pharmacist exam. She is interested in research and quality control work in the future.



Mathili R



In Pune, Naralkar Institute for vocational training is a reputed vocational training center. We have sponsored some needy girls recommended by the institute until now. They are Nikita, Maithili, Kajal, Megha, and Nikita S. Maithili's father is an auto rickshaw driver. She completed her diploma in animation and VFX and is now doing a VFX compositing and editing course at Naralkar Institute.

Tejaswini - This girl's father works at a petrol pump in Wai. She is doing post-graduation at the Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Tuljapur. We provided partial support for her course and hostel fees. Her dream is to work for UNICEF.



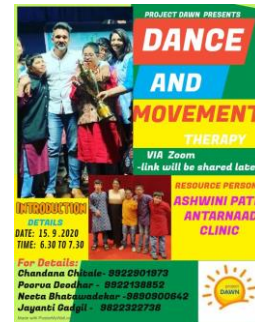
Four nursing students, **Archana, Divya, Diksha and Madhuri** are given partial sponsorships for their course. They are orphaned or single-parent children and stay in Balgruha by the MKSSS (Maharshi Karve Stree Shikshan Sanstha). We also supported **Tejal** – another girl requiring financial support - doing her third year of GNM (General Nursing and Midwifery) course in the same college, by paying her hostel fees. All these girls are doing well in their studies.

Komal P – Komal is a very hard working and brave girl, who comes from a farmer family. Her father committed suicide due to financial difficulties. Despite these challenges, Komal kept her ambition of joining the Indian Army alive and is doing BA in Economics from MKSSS. We paid her tuition fees, partial hostel fees, and MSCIT course (entrance exam for Indian Army Selection) fees. She will take the army entrance next year, and we wish her success in securing job of her choice.

Project DAWN

Project Dawn helps children with Down syndrome become self-reliant. We also want to increase awareness about this condition and support new parents to cope.

Down syndrome children require different therapies to improve their speech, movement, motor controls and social skills. During the pandemic, i.e. from February 2021, UPLEAP facilitated online sessions for **dance and movement therapy** and **speech therapy** for children. The sessions partially funded by the Foundation, were conducted over a period of one year and were appreciated by the parents.



In June 2022, after the pandemic, there was a week-long **art session** for the children, as art helps to reduce stress levels and makes the children calmer and happier.

Product Sales



The DAWN family also created exclusive gift hampers and packed sweets for festivals like Ganapati, Dassera, Diwali, and Christmas. We participated in an exhibition for the sale of products and creating awareness about Down syndrome. The product sales activity has achieved a steady sales income over last two years and the excess amount generated is used for welfare projects of UPLEAP. DAWN family has plans to create and sell other products such as paper made gift articles, home-made spices and so on.

These activities are a very enjoyable and effective way for children to learn social skills, enhance motor control and vocational skills. These skills will help them in their pursuit to attain economic independence in their adulthood.

Awareness activity - We plan to promote project DAWN through short films to reach out to economically weak families with children with Down Syndrome. In 2021, we made a **short film** with a well-known actor, the late Mr. Vikram Gokhale.

A medical camp was conducted with an interactive session in March 2022 with experts (therapists, doctors) providing information to parents about the condition and treatments etc. A free check-up was also arranged in KEM hospital, Pune for young children.

Job Placement – We have managed to place one young adult from our DAWN family, and we hope to do so for as many of the children as possible.

Annual Day celebration and music program was held on 21st March 2022 (Down Syndrome Day). This helped special needs children’s parents from Pune city to come together under one roof to socialize, discuss various topics, and share their thoughts and experiences. The artist, Mr. Tulankar, introduced the concept of music therapy, which was well appreciated by all present. The gathering was a huge success.

Project DIVYA:

This project is in the initial stages and aims to help “Divyanga (physically challenged)” persons. Through this project, we provided a sewing machine for a challenged person to have a tailoring business. We also provided employment in Upleap foundation (accounting work) to Prajakta, who is physically challenged.

Our team

Founder members: Abhijit, Anjali, Ajit, Hrishikesh, Nikhil, Meenal

Shareholder & Volunteer: Jigar

Team members – Pallavi, Jayanti, Chandana, Poorva, Swati, Jayashri and many volunteers

Future Plans

1. To reach out to as many needy students as possible.
2. Find vocations and jobs for all our students including Down syndrome and divyanga children.
3. Create volunteers and donors through the children helped by UPLEAP.
4. To setup channels for collecting larger funds for growing our welfare projects.