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Message From The Founder



"It begins with the civil society - when people initiate positive actions, actions that can change the world and make an impact on the lives of the needy. Every year Mahesh Foundation initiates amazing programs which predominantly focus on offering the best assistance, guidance, support and escorting HIV-infected and underprivileged children as well as People Living with HIV.

The year 2019-20 was filled with both happiness and challenges. As we have initiated new programs supporting slum dwellers and underprivileged children. We have supported the education of many underprivileged children through our Education Support program helping them to continue their education. Also, conducted health camps for the slum dwellers.

To provide free digital education and skill-based education such as Art & Craft, theatre, dance and sports to underprivileged children studying in government schools, we have started the Community Program which has benefitted 1000+ underprivileged children within a year. Our school Utkarsha Learning Center enrolled 80+ children in the academic year.

North Karnataka has seen one of the worst floods in its history. In this critical situation, Mahesh Foundation extended support to needy people in rural areas. We have organized free healthcare camps in the flood-affected areas and distributed school kits and medicines kits to the children in collaboration with many corporate.

Mahesh Foundation has been breaking barriers and misconceptions on the abilities of the medically challenged and underprivileged children but without the support from our followers, who always have been by our side, we would not have been able to meet our purpose. We have complete belief in our people and the organization is always at the forefront leading our beneficiaries and their pursuits towards fruition.

As we embark on a new beginning, I welcome you to be a part of our endeavors and drive positive change for the future of our society. We present this report and invite you to go through this annual report 2019-20.

Regards,
Mahesh Jadhav

About Mahesh Foundation

Our Vision

To realize a world without the Stigma & Discrimination attached to HIV/AIDS & empowering Children afflicted with this disease.

Our Mission

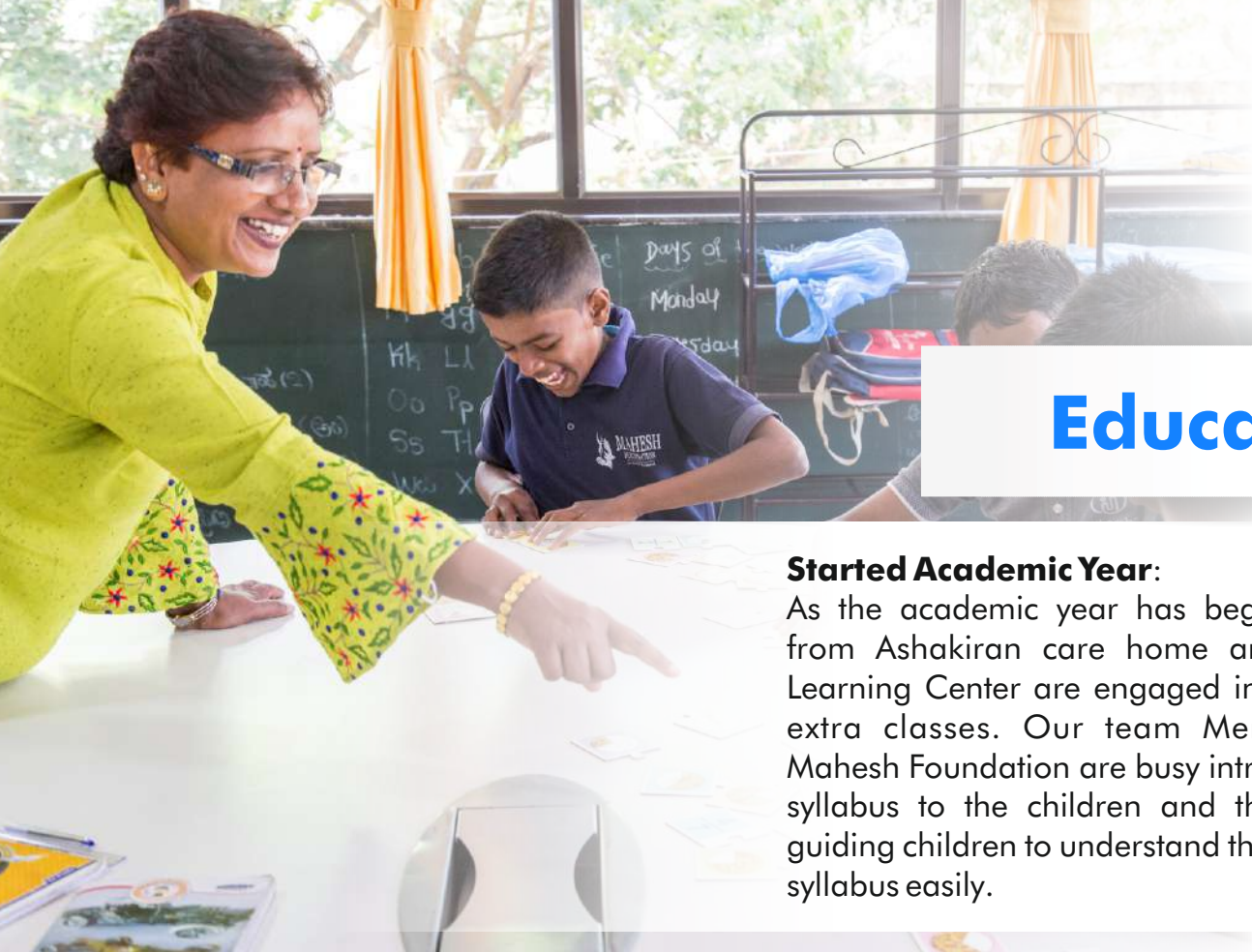
To enable medically challenged and underprivileged children to live an independent and dignified life.

Mahesh Foundation has been working for the welfare of HIV-positive and underprivileged children for the past 12 years. The Foundation is providing shelter, nutrition, healthcare, and education to HIV-positive and underprivileged children. Our core focus over the last decade has been to provide education to these children so that they live dignified lives.

In the past 12 years, the Foundation's Care Home has directly benefited over 600 girls and 1000 boys. Our Community Support program has impacted the lives of 20000 HIV-infected socially disadvantaged families. Also, raised awareness among school and college students. The Foundation commenced a school, "Utkarsha" for HIV-positive special children as well as underprivileged children in 2018 and benefited around 1000 HIV-positive and underprivileged children.

In more than a decade of the fruitful journey, it was realized that imparting skills is most important for these children to become self-sustained. So, Mahesh Foundation started providing skill-based education such as computers, art & craft, theater, dance and more to them as well as the government school children who are unfortunate enough to get it in their schools.

We have worked on the floor hit Gokak and other rural areas and supported the needy people by providing them the necessary help like healthcare, medicines and school kits to the children.



Education

Started Academic Year:

As the academic year has begun, children from Ashakiran care home and Utkarsha Learning Center are engaged in School and extra classes. Our team Members from Mahesh Foundation are busy introducing new syllabus to the children and they are also guiding children to understand their academic syllabus easily.

Science Exhibition Visit:

An outing that entertained and shared knowledge with our children. As a part of the extracurricular activities, the kids of "Utkarsha Learning Center" were taken to the Science exhibition held at CPED ground club road Belgaum by team Mahesh Foundation.

K.S.V Music School Visit

Kalkeri Sangeet Vidyalaya (K.S.V)- A school wherein 160 students are been taken care of and are given music and academic education. Team Mahesh Foundation explored K.S.V. Dharwad, to know more about the school. Our team was well pleased to see the facilities provided to the children learning there right from musical instruments to academic books.

Independence Day

We celebrated Independence Day at Mahesh Foundation. Ravi Katwa- One of our oldest and most respected supporters who have been supporting Mahesh Foundation since its establishment, hoisted our honorable "Tricolor Flag" and celebrated the 73rd Independence Day of our nation today at Mahesh Foundation's Utkarsha Learning Center.

Activities on Children Day:

On the pleasant occasion of Children's day, our children participated festival organized by, KLE BANYAN SCHOOL' BELAGAVI. Our children took part in various indoor-outdoor games and cultural events like Dancing, Singing, and Fancy Dress with other students from all over Belgavi and secured prizes.

Visit Biscuit Factory:

Field trips are always fun for both students and teachers. The learning happens effortlessly for the student. Utkarsha students went on one such field trip to a small biscuit factory. The children recorded their findings and cleared their confusion through questions.

Republic Day Celebration:

Mahesh Foundation's Utkarsha Learning Center celebrated 71st Republic Day with great pleasure and enthusiasm. We paid tribute to the greatest freedom fighters who sacrificed their lives for the freedom of India. Children, as well as team members of Mahesh Foundation, performed various patriotic and cultural activities on this auspicious occasion.

Annual Day 2020:

Mahesh Foundation's Utkarsha Learning Center had organized the "Annual Day 2020". The event was inaugurated by the chief guests by Lighting the Lamps. The chief guests of the event Mr. Shivanand Magdum, Regional Transport Officer, Belagavi and others were present on this occasion.





Started Academic Year



Science Exhibition Visit

Independence Day



Anti-Bullying Session



Yoga Day

Health

Anti-Bullying Session:

We conducted Anti Bullying policy training for our children. Bullying is when someone is being hurt either by words or actions, feels bad because of it, and has a hard time stopping what is happening to them.

Yoga Day

Yoga is the essence of healthy living. It helps cope with mental emotional and physical well-being. Yoga helps our young ones with agility, and flexibility and our older ones who help run the place, peace of mind. We at Mahesh Foundation have always tried to incorporate such initiatives on International Yoga Day

Health Camp in Slums

The dwellers have needs for basic services too. We conducted health camps for the two slums in Sagar Nagar Kanabargi residents. Aside from free consultation, we also provide free medicines to the needy.

Belagavi Half Marathon

Mahesh Foundation children participate in the event of the "Belagavi Half Marathon" organized by the Lakeview Group Belagavi. Children of Mahesh Foundation have enjoyed the event and also inspired other participants with their enthusiasm and energetic performance.

Life Skills Session

G. Neeta (Life Skill Education consultant) conducted a session explaining Leadership Quality to the children of Ashakiran Care home and Utkarsha Learning Center. In this activity, G.Neeta ma'am explained the importance of leadership and the way of leading in life.



Community Support

School Kits Distribution:

Under the "Aadhar Vidya Program" initiated by Mahesh Foundation, school kits were distributed to children of Govt's Kannada school located in Tal: Khanapur Dist: Belagavi. This activity has benefited nearly 25 students for the whole academic year.

Distributed 100 bags at Government primary school located in Rukmini Nagar Belagavi. This distribution program was arranged by Mahesh Foundation in association with Dassault System and it has benefited the students learning there.

Team Mahesh Foundation was very excited to see the children's joy in getting those bags.

Social Responsibilities of Youth:

Mahesh Jadhav had been the 'Guest of Honor' and motivational speaker in the induction function for first-year students at KLE's Dr. M.S. Sheshgiri college of Engineering and Technologies. Mahesh Jadhav requested to speak a few words about how does social welfare activities.

Gadhinglaj College program:

I had been the "Guest of Honor" at Shivaraj college in Gadhinglaj. They had arranged an event of motivational speech in association with the "Hope Foundation" which works for the welfare of underprivileged and medically challenged children. It was a great experience for me to visit this college wherein 400 students had been a part of this program.

HIV/AIDS Awareness Program:

Mahesh Foundation organized HIV / AIDS Awareness program at Smt. Ushatai Gogte Marathi Medium Girls' High School, Belagavi because youth can make a change in society and making them cognizant is like spreading awareness in the society.

Bharatesh College program:

We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future". This thought is the motive of the Mahesh Foundation for organizing the "Social Responsibility of Youth" program at Bharatesh Pre University College, Belagavi.

Career Guidance Session:

Mr. Anil Bhosale conducted a session on "Career Guidance" to community children. He explained how and what type of career one should opt according to their interests. Passion is the difference between having a job and making a career. While choosing a career passion is the determinative factor.

He told how to make career-related decisions while choosing a career.

Started Computer Class Batches:

We inaugurated our first Computer batch for underprivileged girl children by Kiran Nippanikar, Founder of Shoonya Foundation. In this batch, 20 students from various government schools benefitted.



HIV/AIDS Awareness Program

Gadhinglaj College program



School Kit Distribution

Visits & Events

SKDRDP Team visit:

Members of SKDRDP social club were invited to Mahesh foundation. This function was inaugurated by Mahesh Jadhav Founder of Mahesh Foundation. Nearly 100 people had visited from SKDRDP and they all were impressed to see the premises of Mahesh Foundation and also they loved to interact with our children.

Vikas Patnekar visit:

Renowned and International artist Vikas Patnekar Visited Mahesh Foundation along with International swimming coach Umesh Khalgatki. He performed live watercolor painting in front of our children and staff.

IKEA Foundation visit:

Mahesh foundation welcomed the Volunteers of IKEA Foundation from the Netherlands who are working for the Betterment of Life had visited while their recent visit to India. We introduced the premises of Mahesh Foundation. They were pleased after seeing the premises, environment, facilities provided to the children.

Gujarat CWD visit:

Gujarat Government Child and Women Welfare Department higher officials visited Mahesh Foundation. We, Mahesh Foundation being an eminent and paradigm organization in child care and education, supported the 15 member delegates from district child protection and social welfare officials of Gujarat to get training about the child care on their 2-day visit



Ganesh Chaturthi Celebration:

With utmost devotion at Mahesh Foundation. As lord Ganesha is the God of new beginning and god of knowledge. We have begun with the celebration Ganesh Chaturthi this year. The mood in this festive at Mahesh foundation is Enthusiastic and Energetic.

Women's Day Celebration:

International Women's Day celebrated at Mahesh Foundation. We had invited PSI Krishnaveni Gurlahosur and Channamma Pade for the event. PSI of Vadagavi Mrs. Krishnaveni and Channamma Pade inaugurated the event. Children performed a Kannada dance on this special occasion of women's day and entertained the gathering.

Kittur Rani Channamma Sainik School Students Visit:

Kittur Rani Channamma Sainik School, Kittur, Belagavi students and teachers visited Mahesh Foundation on their exploring visit. They were overjoyed to see the premises and expressed their pleasure for visiting Mahesh Foundation. The teachers appreciated our work towards society.



Corporate Social Responsibility and Mahesh Foundation

2nd AV inauguration by LIC Team:

"Guest of Honour" of Inauguration event Mrs Poornima Gaitonde, Senior Divisional Manager LIC of India inaugurated the newly set up "Computer Lab" which is sponsored by Dassault Systems Bangalore.

School van by Aqua Valves:

Belgaum Aqua Valves has donated a school minibus in order to start a pickup and drop service for the underprivileged children residing in slums. This contribution has benefitted almost 50 children residing in slums areas that are at a distance of 4 to 5 kms. from Utkarsha Learning School a part of "Mahesh Foundation".

Meet with LogMeIn Team:

The founder, Mahesh Jadhav met the LogMeIn team in Bengaluru. LogMeIn India is one of the partners of Mahesh Foundation who has joined hands with us in our cause. He thanked the team for choosing Mahesh Foundation for the social welfare campaign you are involved in.

Inauguration of New Computer Lab:

One of our C.S.R. project partners Gruhfinance Ltd. has made a huge contribution by donating 50 units of computers to improve technical skills of our children. C.S.R. Committee members of Gruh Finance Ltd. visit and inaugurates a "Computer Lab" which was led by Ms.Meena Bhat, Ms. Shweta Inamdar and Mr. Babajaan Mulla.

Syndicate Bank team visit:

The head of Syndicate Bank (Zone- Karnataka) Shri. Satyanarayan Rao and his team visited Mahesh Foundation. The team was glad to see the premises and appreciated the work of Mahesh Foundation and spent some time with our children.

Boys' Dormitory Inauguration:

Under CSR initiative Polyhydron Pvt. Ltd. Belgaum has supported Mahesh Foundation in the construction of a Boy's Dormitory. The inauguration was graced by the presence of Mr. Dilip Chitnis, Chairman of Polyhydron Foundation, Mr Siddharth Hundre Director of Polyhydron Pvt Ltd and Ms. Tejshwini Kulkarni.

Another Vehicle by Aqua valves:

Belgaum Aqua Valves Pvt. Ltd., our prolonged supporter has gifted our children a new vehicle for conveyance. The Managing Director of the Belgaum Aqua Valves Mr. Anil Kavalekar and the team handed over the vehicle to Mahesh Foundation children and team under the CSR initiative, in a program organized at Belgaum Aqua Valves premises.



Switzerland Indo-Schottle Team visit:

Our prolonged supporter Indo-Schottle's Director Rapheal Storning from Switzerland and other delegates from India visited Mahesh Foundation. The Indo-Schottle Pvt. Ltd. has sponsored our premise's first floor in which Utkarsha Learning Center resides.



Boy's Dormitory Inauguration



2nd AV inauguration by LIC Team



Another Vehicle by Aqua Valves

Our Humanitarian Response:

In the year 2019, The North Karnataka experienced terrible rains and floods in the Belagavi district, Mahesh Foundation stood firmly to support the needy people in rural of in and around Gokak. In the terrible situations to overcome the scarcity of medicines, Mahesh Foundation has taken an initiative to provide medicines to the people who are in need of them.

In collaboration with many corporates, Mahesh Foundation has extended its support to needy people by organizing health camps and providing medicines, blankets and more essentials. Also, distributed school kits to the needy children who lost their school stuff in the flood. More than 10000 underprivileged children benefited from this initiative.

We thank all the corporates and individuals who joined hands with us in our effort to upbringing the needy people who were struggling to survive in the flood.





Inspirational Talk

There are many unknown personalities who exist in society who are working for one or many causes. To learn about their work and get motivated, we have started the program INSPIRATIONAL TALK. Every week, we invited a special guest and learned about their work, challenges faced and their life journey.

Inspirational personalities like Rajyotsava Awardee Shri. Shivaji Kagnikar, Social Activist Vijay More, Well-known Doctors Dr. Madhav Prabhu and Dr. Mahantesh Ramannavar, Environmentalist Dr. Aarati Bhandar, Shri. Sameer Majli, Parawimmer Shri. Raghavendra Anvekar and many others visited Mahesh Foundation and motivated our team and children.



Employee Engagement:

It has been said that "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy". Members of MaheshFoundation took out time from their busy scheduled and enjoyed indoor sports like #carom and TableTennis Ball Basket. Members were exhilarated by being a part of this activity.





Awards & Accolades

Mahesh Jadhav, the founder of Mahesh Foundation was honored by **Deccan Herald with Changemakers 20 in 2020 award** at Bangalore in the presence of the great film actor, artist and padmashree awardee Arundhati Nag and Famous Singer MD. Pallavi.



Media Coverage:

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PREPARING FOR CHALLENGES

Train children to face all situations: Social worker

TUSHAR A MAJUKAR @Belagavi

YOUTH must be nourished with good culture and education which will help them flourish like a rainbow tree but if neglected they can erupt like a volcano, opined Mahesh Jadhav, noted social worker who received a national award for Child Welfare in 2015 (individual category).

Speaking to The New Indian Express here on Sunday, Mahesh said youths of the nation are the trustees of prosperity of the country. "The government makes a lot of programmes for the youths because they are the reason the country can flourish in future," he said.

Jadhav said school-going children in India must be trained and educated in such a way that they must be ready to face any situation. The main thing these children must inculcate is the self-confidence, he said.

"Self-confidence will help them

keep all kinds of hesitations and fear at bay. Right from childhood, kids must be brought up in such a way that they flourish in their adolescence. Children and youth must be aware of their personal and societal responsibilities and also about the problems in their surroundings," he said.

Single parent

Jadhav said there are many individuals who either have a mother or a father as their caretaker. This becomes a barrier for them to pursue their dreams, carefree. This becomes a major challenge as it reduces their interest in studies and instead develops an urge to earn, he said.

Substance abuse

When these children land up in higher education, the work and the most deadly challenge they face is substance abuse, said Jadhav.

He said this is a situation where the child inculcates a

habit of intoxicating himself with alcohol, cigarettes, drugs and more money. They feel this is a sort of fun, but in fact they are affected in worse ways by these substances, he added.

Materialism

Materialism is a situation wherein a person believes that money and possessions are the most important aspects of life rather than good education and values inculcated in them by their parents, said Jadhav.

"Fancy bikes, clothes, enough

money to spend on food and parties are the materialistic thinking of a college-going youth. They do not analyse the cause for which they have entered the higher education," he said.

Mahesh Foundation

Mahesh Jadhav was just 21-year-old when he started his Mahesh Foundation which has been working for one of the most neglected and stigmatised part of the society — people living with HIV. His first contribution was to provide shelter to HIV positive orphans.

In fact, the first few children that he supported lived in his own house because he was not getting a place to open a care home for them in 2010. Since those early days, Jadhav has striven to provide dignity and livelihood to people affected with HIV. Today Mahesh Foundation has many projects that benefit many.

Our CSR Partners



Our Program Partners



We believe with the help of many supporters, we could be able to make an impact on the lives of these medically challenged and underprivileged children and needy people. Our sincere thanks to all the supporters for their generous support. We look forward to extend our humanitarian services to more people.



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