

## Editorial Desk

We are glad to release the first issue of “DISHA”, the Quarterly Newsletter of our Guruji Education Foundation.

“DISHA’s” first issue covers, the achievements of GEF students (a few covered in the current edition) for the year 2017, status of some of our alumni students and a brief preview of 8th Annual Day.

It also covers an interview of one of our best alumni, Ankita Raut. She has overcome many challenges to win the coveted the best university student award and now has been a top performer at “Technip”. She shares her journey, successes, and the solutions that worked for her. Without stealing the thunder – one solution is always have a bright smile and spread a positive energy.

We hope you enjoy reading the newsletter.

Please do let us know your feedback on the newsletter and if you would like to contribute, in any way, to the DISHA.

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## Achievers of GEF



### Ankita Raut

“On the Spot” award for exceptional performance and completing project against tight schedule on the ONGC site at Vashishta, Andhra Pradesh.



### Prafulla Tembhe

Nominated for National level math winter school, Tamil Nadu by securing 8th rank nationally.



### Pratiksha Gharat

“Miss Spectrum” 2017 at Spectra Pharmatech Consultants Pvt. Ltd.



### Sailsi Bakare

MS in Computer Engineering from Arizona State University in 18 months. Working in AIO networks as a Senior Software Engineer.

## Alumni Speaks

One of the talented students amongst us who discovers opportunities to hold our heads high. A young girl to being an inspiration, Ankita Raut is the true epitome of success. She has completed her B.E. in Instrumentation from VESIT, Chembur. She got recruited into a renowned company TechnipFMC Pvt. Ltd. She has been the best student of Mumbai University and has also been awarded for her exceptional performance at TechnipFMC. Her fights, sacrifices, success and how she has earned this personality, Ankita shares her life with us.

**Congratulations on your achievements Ankita. So moving towards the interview, tell us what is the motivation that gets you out of the bed everyday?**

That I need to shine more than the Sun and for this I need to wake up earlier than the sun.

**Taking you to a few years back, how was your life as a student?**

It was a little different than a normal student's life (giggle) with so many twists and turns to it. It was like a roller coaster. I can write a book on myself, as a student. I have grown from a small school going girl to a working and a responsible eldest daughter of the family.

**Could you share your journey with us?**

I was a bright girl from the day I was born with a little financial crisis and domestic issues but always a dream to be out of the box. I became a part of this institution called GEF and my life turned by 360°. I achieved almost everything I wished under the guidance of my mentor, my inspiration, Pradeep sir.

**What is your biggest achievement to date – personal or professional?**

There are many to go but the biggest would be to write an interview for GEF magazine. One of my biggest dreams was to buy a house for our parents in Mumbai and I am really proud to make that dream a success so soon.

**How do you feel to be a part of GEF? How GEF happened to you?**

It was one evening when I was hanging up with my friends. We were happily discussing about the transitions in our life but a thought running behind the smile I was carrying, the thought that I had no money for my future education. I uttered my thoughts out when my friend's mom suggested me to have an interview with GEF's head. And this is how I became a part of this prestigious foundation.

**Who is your inspiration?**

At every point in life, there was some or the other person who taught me the meaning of life. There are a few whom I would like to highlight who created a markable impact. To start with Dr. A.P.J. Kalam, Dr. Pradeep Waychal, Our company's Managing Director, Mr Bhaskar Patel and my family.



**Did you lose hope at any point of life because of the financial issues?**

To be frank I never lost hope. I would rather say that my financial issues were my strength and I would also say that it's not about the money. You need to be focused and there's always a way out.

In spite of so many hurdles, giving up was never my cup of tea but what I could do was to keep myself motivated and positive throughout. I always believe in smiling and making others do too.

Be pure by heart and help others. It will surely help you.

**Any future plans?**

I am appearing for government exams and if my plan A fails then my plan B would be excelling and reaching heights in my current company. Maybe in the future I would shift into Management.

Do have a backup plan. I am not demotivating you that you won't achieve what you want to, but just in case it's not in your favor then always have a plan B so that you are not depressed. You have something to keep yourself busy with.

**Reaching towards the end, what advice would you give to the students?**

Always be motivated in life and aim high. Once you set a goal give your 100% to achieve it. I am sure you will reach it.

Thank you so much Ankita Raut for spending your valuable time with us. We wish you a good luck for your future.

## Annual Day Summary

A brief about the 8th Annual Day of Gururji Education Foundation.

This year's Annual Day was something unconventional as it was a two days' function. We had started a day prior with our Mumbai Darshan headed by Ms Sukhada Bhakare. The tour had started from IIT Bombay, visiting places like Bandra Sea link, Nehru Science Centre, Nehru planetarium and a museum. There were around 26 students who took this opportunity and explored parts of Mumbai. There was a group from Osmanabad headed by Chavan sir and a group from Nagpur.

Finally, it was 7th of January 2018, the day of reunion of GEF family. All excited and fresh faces in the room, beautifully decorated place containing posters of inspiring achievers and every individual with this huge personality within. Being the organizer of this Annual Day, I could not think of any other theme than "Motivation" as every time I interact with the family, there is always a positive energy and motivation which flows through my soul.

We started with a prayer sung in a soul touching voice by Ms Gautami. Idea of the Annual Day was to keep it as interactive as possible and take back home a lot of memories and knowledge too. Our guests for the day were Mr Sampat Ingale, Mr Tatyasaheb Pawar, Ms Shabbo Sheikh and Mr Swapnil Gavkar. To make our idea in practice, we had planned to take the interviews of these personalities in which they shared their life stories, struggles and how they had overcome the obstacles and reached such heights. It was indeed an inspiring session.

About the Speakers for the Annual Day:

1. Mr Tatyasaheb Pawar: Tatyasa sir comes from a small village in Beed district (Saradawadi post Pimpalwandi) and graduated from a great Institute of Chemical Technology (at par with IIT). Currently working as DGM marketing in a marquee company – ACC Cements. Besides he is a qualified yoga (QCI certified) and Art of Living teacher. He is also working as a zonal coordinator for AOL.
2. Mr Sampat Ingale: Sampat sir retired as a vice principal Jhunjhunwala college. He comes from another smaller village Anghulewadi in Satara district. After retiring, he has been spending more time with his village and led it to reach top 12 villages

out of 1300 competing villages from all over Maharashtra.

3. Mr Swapnil Gavkar: Mr Swapnil did his diploma and AMIE to join defence organization in Hyderabad and is now working in PMO (Prime Minister Office)
4. Ms Shabbo Sheikh (Anmol Rodriguez): After doing BCA from SNDT college, Shabbo is working at Sahas foundation. An acid victim, who did not lose her courage, but increased it multi-fold to work as a model.

There was also a session on yoga & meditation and its importance by Mr Tatyasaheb Pawar. To keep our mind, body & soul young and relaxed, we need to meditate was the message given by the gentleman. To share the secrets to excel in life, renowned teacher Mr Sampat Ingale interacted with us. There was also a small act of our first student of GEF, Mr Paresch Dalvi who is an aspiring actor. The act was truly flawless. Also there were beautiful video messages from Prof Suraj Kothari (stays in the US) and by the co-founder of GEF, Mr Prashant Phathak and his whole family.

There was a surprise element for all. We all know how much exercise is important for our health but doing daily becomes monotonous for most of us. To add a little fun, we had added some dance to our regular exercise with a few desi songs. It was a total fun session which ended with a lot of laughter and energy.

Our motive for the annual days is to make the students gain knowledge, express themselves and take home experience and memories, hence we had kept a session for the informal interaction. In this session, we had briefed the profiles of supporters, mentors and the students who have already passed out from the organization. This session helped everyone gel up very well, know each other and be more aware about the GEF family.

At around 5:30 pm everyone dispersed and it was an end to a beautiful session with so many memories and a life experience. Yes, I felt motivated, the theme had a positive impact on me.

## Talent Corner

रात्र होती वैऱ्याची जेव्हा  
तुझ्या उदरातून ज्ञानसूर्य उगवला....  
अज्ञानरुपी अधाराचा,  
त्याने कसा शिरच्छेद केला...  
आयुष्याची नाव माझ्या,  
दर्यातून विहरत होती....  
नावाड्या त्याचा वेगळाच होता  
माझी वाट गवसण्याची,  
मलाच मुभा नव्हती....  
चूल, मुलं, धुणी, भांडी,  
ह्यातच मी रमले होते....  
आला दिवस गोड मानून,  
त्यातच जगणे शोधत होते....  
तुझ्या ज्ञानसुर्याचा एक किरण,  
माझ्या चुलीवर पडला होता...  
अंधारात चाचपडणाऱ्या देहाला,  
सूर नवा गवसला होता...  
भाकरी थापणाऱ्या हातांना आता,  
पेन्सिलची गोडी लागली होती...  
चुलीपुढच्या धुरातहि ,  
स्वप्ने नवी बंहरू लागली होती...  
शेण, माती, दगड , चिखल ,  
साऱ्याचाच मारा होत होता...  
तुझ्या असामान्य चिकाटी पुढे,  
त्यांचा निभाव हि मुश्किल होता..  
ग म भ न गिरवता गिरवता,  
मी अंतराळात जाऊन पोहचले...  
आभाळ झाले ठेंगणे मला,  
तरी ऋण तुझे ना फिटले..  
डॉक्टर, पायलट , इंजिनिर, सायंटिस्ट  
असंख्य बिरुदे आता आम्हा मिळाली...  
तरी आजहि आम्ही स्वतःला मानतो,  
फक्त “ सावित्रीच्या मूली”  
ज्ञानज्योती स्व. सावित्रीबाई फुले  
ह्यांचा पवित्र स्मृतीस अर्पण..  
- वृषाली शिंदे

### Vrushali Shinde

The girl with a flawless beauty becomes more beautiful when she writes. An art of writing poems she is blessed with helps her stay happy and rejoiced. Participated in many competitions, she pens down her heart. Here is a glimpse of it.



### Paresh Dalvi

A shy soul entering GEF with a dream in his eyes..



the dream of a theatre, a movie, an artist, an actor. B.E. degree with a good job, the world was happy but the actor in him was crying, Took his next step and gave a chance to his dream, He knew he could fail but he trusted his passion for acting Bagged an opportunity as a character artist and art director for Marathi movie “Cindrella” Remembering his grounds, he became a teacher for special children at “Divyang Kala Kendra”. Continues his journey as a performing artist at “Abhinay Katta”



### Rasika Patade

An actor, a poet and till the time you breathe, here is one more talented human who sees the world with her colourful eyes.

A gem of a human who believes in sharing emotions by gifting others her amazing thoughts. Perfect amalgam of the colours and thoughts in a single painting, your art is impeccable.



### Amruta Raut

My Wings of Fire

I dreamt of flying high but.... didn't know how to use my wings.

I wanted to sing to the world but.... hadn't heard my own voice.

I wanted to dance but... couldn't even think of standing.

Nightmares of my life coming to a halt, my dreams getting shattered were the thoughts rushing down my heart and my soul crying. Then an angel held my hand and build the energy to destroy all the negative thoughts and compete the world. This angel belonged to GEF who has injected the spirit in every child to fight his worries and taught him to fly high.

All our mentors make an attempt to change that scenario and help us fly high. A big thank you from all the students to the mentors.

