

We're celebrating 6 years of Pune Learns!

Welcome to the summer edition of our newsletter! On our sixth anniversary, we'd like to thank you for your love and support over these years. We look forward to continue growing and working hard towards making a difference!

MENTORSHIP WORKSHOPS

This month, we launched a new initiative called 'Mentorship Workshops'. The initiative was kicked off with a workshop on 'Social Communication' conducted by Shveni Shah, who has a Master's in Equitable Education Technology from NYU. The workshop aimed at introducing mentors and mentees to one another, fostering creative thinking and enabling effective communication. Participants were divided into groups and assigned everyday situations. Each group gave the situation a story arc and brought it to life through fun role-plays!

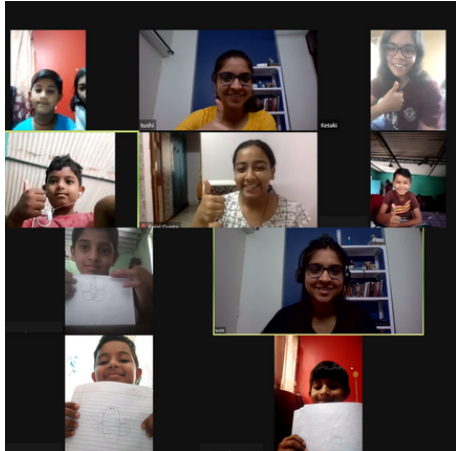


SPEAKER SESSION WITH LAKSHMI

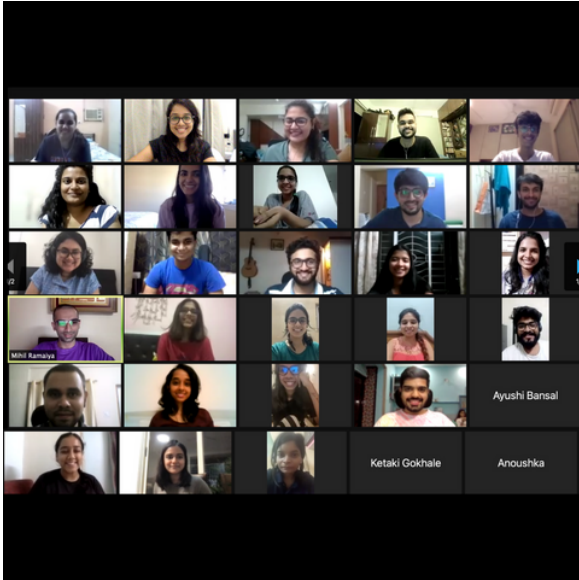
In May, we hosted our first speaker session for our Empowered Communication Program. This session was incredibly special because of our inspiring speaker, Lakshminarayana Varimadugu, a visually impaired individual and person living with Type 1 Diabetes. Lakshmi shared his life journey - from receiving an education, being a digital accessibility tester to giving back to his communities. The session was attended by 25+ students and Pune Learns team members!

TINY TOTS PROGRAM

The Holistic Development 'Tiny Tots' Program has been launched for children aged 8-10. Its objective is to enable students to better understand their feelings and emotions, and learn unique concepts that would develop their personalities. Our bi-weekly classes cover topics such as English communication, Math and emotions. A huge shoutout to Tushi Agarwal and Sejal Gupta for spearheading this new program!



MAY 2021 VOLUNTEER MEET



In May, we hosted an all-volunteer meet which was attended by 30+ volunteers and core team members working across all our programs. The session involved introductions, Pune Learns updates and a fun team-based game.

The objective of these bi-monthly meets is to give the team an opportunity to meet one another, network, learn more about all that's happening at Pune Learns, and of course, play some fun games!

BLOG ON 'THEN AND NOW'

In this blog, The Pune Learns Team reminisces about the origins of the initiative, and highlights all the different ways in which the organisation has grown over the last six years!

Read the blog here: <http://punelearns.org/blog/then-and-now>



WE'RE RECRUITING! JOIN US!

We're looking for individuals passionate about the cause of equity in education to join our team! Open positions and application links are below. Read the application form description for more details.

Core Team Position in Holistic Development Program: <https://bit.ly/PL-core-team-app>
Volunteering Positions in Holistic Development & Mentorship Programs: <https://bit.ly/PL-volunteering-app>

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Harshal Kelkar



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Mustafa Abbas