



**Tribal Mensa Nurturing Program
Annual Report 2015-2016**

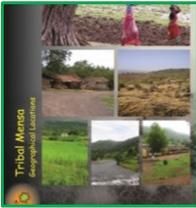


14 years



2,274 Gifted nurtured

40 villages



50 schools

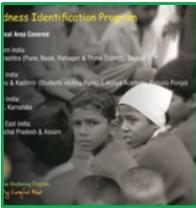


15,141 students reached



120 Mentors

6 states



12 sessions of nurturing!





Tribal Mensa Nurturing Program!

2002...2007...and now 2015! This has been a milestone in our journey of 14 years!

Why do I term it as a milestone? In 2002, we began this journey with 4 tribal Gifted students identified at Sevadham Ashram Shala. It was a dream of Dr. Narayan R. Desai, to be able to find and help many more underprivileged Gifted students. In 2007, he was able to build a team to help him extend a successful pilot phase into a live program. His journey continued as he approached more schools and enrolled more underprivileged Gifted students as part of the nurturing program. Whenever in need, some helping hand or a well wisher would join the TMNP family and our work continued. As the journey progressed, TMNP became a known and appreciated cause not just at a village level, but it broke the barriers of state, national and even the international boundaries. The program received recognition not only in the local newspapers, but even the renowned 'New-York Times'. Soon enough, big companies like Mahindra Group, Thermax, Symantec, SQS, etc. joined our hands.

There was no pre-set template which TMNP could adopt. Giftedness is still a concept for a country like India. Gifted education, is not even thought of as part of curriculum. God blessed them with more potential, so why do they need help?

We had to carve our own way... understand giftedness for ourselves, before addressing the problems of the Gifted. TMNP had to develop its own curriculum for Gifted nurturing, that was appropriate in the Indian and more importantly the Tribal context. The hardships faced by the underprivileged, proved to be a greater challenge for TMNP. Motivating these young minds, developing self confidence and self worth that can help them believe in themselves was the most difficult task. It was a trial and error method to begin with and the limitations of resources and logistics proved to be a tough challenge.

But the enthusiasm of the vibrant Gifted minds and the hope in their eyes for a better future, kept us going!

In 2015-16, TMNP stands straight on its own feet!



Giftedness Administration

- Systematic approach to decision making
- 2 functional office setups
- Launch of 'Nitya Pravah Yojna' as fundraising initiative

Giftedness Assessment

- Mensa Identification test
- Aptitude testing
- Psycho-profiling

Phases in TMNP lifecycle 2015-16!

Giftedness Support

- TMNP Scholarships
- TMNP research and international paper presentations
- Tie up with Mensa International Supervisory psychologist

Giftedness Nurturing

- Standardized workshop modules
- Development of workshop material
- Interactive audio lectures for Gifted



Giftedness Assessments:

Giftedness assessments were carried through a 3 prong approach this year. This included additional aptitude testing and psycho-profiling tests for 10 Class students along with our regular Giftedness screening tests of Mensa India.

Identification:

This year along with our yearly testing's at Maval and Chakan regions of Maharashtra; we conducted testing on small scale in other regions of Maharashtra and Karnataka. Screening is just the first step and often the first point of contact with our Gifted children. Just a test result and knowing that 'one is Gifted' helps these students to believe in themselves. Identification of Gifted is a task, where we can only find few Gifted gems, scattered across India. Screening is a time and money consuming activity and often yielding low results. But this is the backbone of our Gifted program. A Gifted should not be left unnoticed and certainly their Gifts should not be wasted. It sometimes becomes difficult to provide prolonged nurturing to a small group of individuals. We are channelizing our efforts to try and provide nurturing avenues to every student who is identified from any remote corner of India.

Udyogdham, a Leprosy rehabilitation center:

For the first time Mensa tests were conducted at Udyogdham, a Leprosy rehabilitation center, for students whose parents have been suffering from Leprosy. These students are not just underprivileged economically, but also socially. They are deprived of basic social status and benefits due to lack of awareness and fear. Identifying 4 students through this testing gives these students a true ray of hope.

Reaching out to all:

Similarly, we also conducted testing for a few minority communities of Karnataka. We have been approached by several schools who would like to be a part of TMNP. We are proud to see such willingness and enthusiasm even in these small underprivileged pockets of India, where youngsters are taking good initiatives towards quality education.

Screening tests in 2015-16:

School Name	Area	Total	95-97	98 and above
Saraswati Vidya Mandir	Talegaon- Dabhade	116	15	15
Bhamchandra Vidyalaya	Bhamboli, Khed	123	7	16
Nava Maharashtra Vidya-laya	Kharabwadi, Khed	317	17	26
Bhairavnath Madhyamik Vidyalaya	Kurali, Khed	130	11	8
Shivaji Vidya Mandir	Chakangaon, Khed	314	56	51
Udupi	Udupi, Karnataka	47	9	13
Udyogdham (Leperosy Re-habilitation Centre)	Talegaon- Dabhade	31	2	2
Wisdom High International School	Nasik	175	9	5
Vanavasi Kalyan Ashram	Mangaon-Konkan	156	3	3
Lakshya Academy	Patiala	58	9	3
Kalmadi Shamarao High School	Pune	281	15	14
Seed Infotech	Pune	218	27	8
Poorna Pramati	Bangalore	50	0	1
Sameena Manaswala (Research)	Chakangaon, Khed	1000	84	205
Mudgal School	Mudgal, Karnataka	230	10	9
	Total:	3239	274	379

Know yourself!

Psycho Profiling:

Giftedness is not always an expressive trait. It also comes with a lot of challenges for the Gifted mind. Gifted mind is extremely curious and aggressive, but easily withdraws into a shell, if it doesn't encounter like minded peers. A mind that appears to be insensitive while expressing its opinions, but hyper sensitive towards injustice or negativity around self or a stranger. The brain that can create wonders with new ideas may suffer from mild depression over a mundane matter. Hence, it becomes very important to understand a Gifted individual thoroughly. A nurturing program cannot be complete until it has addressed every aspect of individual Giftedness.

To help us provide this kind of customized Gifted nurturing program, to yield a holistic outcome, we have started Psycho profiling tests for 10th Class students of Chakan area. The results of these tests will be analyzed by psychologists and shared with mentors who conduct the nurturing workshops. The students will also be guided about their strengths and weaknesses, which will help them, develop into a stronger personality.

Making the right choice!

Aptitude:

As a pilot study, we conducted aptitude tests for 191 students from Chakan area (Under Mahindra CSR project).

Experts from Jnana Prabhodini (JPSS) conducted 'AIM (Ability & Intelligence Measurement) tests' to assess following abilities for the Gifted – Cognition, Reasoning, Figural memory, Spatial, Verbal, Social, Numerical and Numerical memory. They also evaluated the following orientations: Knowledge, Practical, Artistic, Social, Power and Faith.

This will help our young Gifted minds, who are now appearing for 10 Class exams and soon will be facing the task of choosing a subject specialization. Unlike the urban students, these underprivileged children, do not have access to good guidance and exposure of various available career options. Hence it becomes essential for us to



Giftedness Nurturing:



Nurturing is not a one time task. It is a continuous journey that not only involves commitment, but also rests a great responsibility on the shoulders of the Gifted Mentors. These nurturing programs leave a long lasting impression on these young Gifted minds. We are proud to see TMNP succeed in its core objective. The enthusiastic participation of our Gifted children, their self motivated queries and more students approaching us for help in pursuing higher education are signs of a good rapport developed between the students and TMNP team.

Having developed a good understanding of the socio-cultural background and standardizing our Panchakosha based nurturing model accordingly, has helped us maintain the effectiveness of our program. Now our workshops are more structured, including 12 sessions of 4 hours each. This provides a holistic approach that nurtures a Gifted's personality through ones health, actions, and lifestyle. A nurtured Gifted has to learn to evaluate and interpret his thoughts with respect to his surroundings, neighbors and other living organisms.

Value added nurturing:

Since our Gifted minds are scattered in various locations, it becomes logistically difficult to reach our for multiple nurturing sessions. We have many mentors on our panel, who can nurture the Gifted, but who are unable to travel to these remote areas. We are trying to find solutions for this problem, so that no identified Gifted is deprived of Good mentors or nurturing opportunities.

As a start, we have released following audio books on our Website:

- Let me know myself', to help the Gifted students learn and identify with their Giftedness.
- Ayurvedic lifestyle – by Dr. Gadgil; It shares guidelines for a healthy lifestyle, which is the crux of Annamaya Kosha.
- Interviews of Mensan mentors – Real Life examples of other Mensans help the students, parents, and teachers in adopting to different possible ways of Gifted nurturing.

In the coming year, we are hoping to create more nurturing workbooks and audio

Gifted brains at work! Nurturing schedule:

Sr. No.	School	Area	No. of sessions
1	Saraswati Vidya Mandir	Talegaon- Dabhade	8
2	Bhamchandra Vidyalaya	Bhamboli, Khed	7
3	Nava Maharashtra Vidyalaya	Kharabwadi, Khed	5
4	Bhairavnath Madhyamik Vidyalaya	Kurali, Khed	8
5	Shivaji Vidya Mandir	Chakangaon, Khed	8
6	Maval Cluster 1 (Urse)	Maval	8
7	Maval Cluster 2 (Salumbre)	Maval	8
8	Maval Cluster 3 (Pavana Nagar)	Maval	8

Note: Our Nurturing workshops are designed for 12 sessions per batch. The remaining sessions of this academic year will be carried forward in the next academic year.

Giftedness Support:

To dream without any boundaries! Can an underprivileged Gifted student who has not even seen the face of a city life in India, dream to pursue the best quality education from overseas? We wish to promise these children that they can achieve this too. A promise that will require the backing of various tie-ups and opportunities generated exclusively for our underprivileged Gifted. We are making efforts to create good relationships all over the world to bridge this gap between dreams and reality. Our team has initiated the following as part of this:

Tribal Mensa & Belin Blank Centre, University of Iowa:

Belin Blank Centre, University of Iowa has signed research collaboration agreement with TMNP. Now it is time to start working as per agreement. Prof. Laurie Croft attended Kaunas Gifted Conference and thus we were able to exchange many ideas about training, workshops, and research. Prof. Laurie Croft is Tribal Mensa International Advisor Board Member and Mentor.

Meeting with Mensa International President Bibiana Balanyi:

Meeting President of Mensa International (our parent organization), Bibiana Balanyi in Budapest Hungary. Csilla Fuszek, Director European Talent Centre is a common friend. She organized the meeting at a Budapest Restaurant, where Budapest Mensa chapter meets every Wednesday. Over 30 international Mensans came to know about Tribal Mensa and showed keen interest to support us. Tribal Mensa Nurturing Program congratulated Bibiana Balanyi for her current responsibility as Mensa International Chairman, in Indian Traditional way. We invited Bibiana to India and needless to say, she showed keen interest in the same.

Meeting with Mensa International Supervisory Psychologist:

Prof. Kristof is Mensa International Supervisory Psychologist based in Budapest, Hungary. He was invited to attend Tribal Mensa Nurturing Program presentation by Dr. Narayan Desai and Dr. Devasena Desai. The presentation was organized by Csilla Fuszek, Director European Talent Centre, Budapest.

After presentation he showed keen interest in Underprivileged Giftedness Identification protocol and developing new tools for the same. Prof. Kristof Kovacs has agreed to support Tribal Mensa Initiative.

Visitors 2015-16: Dr. Chakraborti Ghosh and Dr. Paromita Roy

As TMNP approached other universities, we also had visitors who came to meet our young underprivileged Gifted students. Dr. Chakraborti Ghosh and Dr. Paromita Roy visited our Tribal schools. The exchange of ideas and interactions with them proved a great exposure for the students.

Giftedness publications:

We have published various Gifted research articles at both national and international conferences. This provides a platform for TMNP to showcase its work to the world and we hope to develop a good network of people who are able to appreciate our work and promote the same in their respective circles.

- ▶ Tribal Mensa Presentation at Kaunas Giftedness International Conference 2015.
- ▶ Tribal Mensa Presentation at University of Kiel, Germany on 6th Oct 2015.
- ▶ Prof. Konrad Ott, Chair Environmental Philosophy invited Dr. Narayan Desai to present his work "Tribal Mensa & Ecological Priest". The chair and Tribal Mensa agreed to have collaborative research project in coming years.
- ▶ Dr. Devasena, presented research paper at 3rd International Giftedness Conference: University of Kaunas, Lithuania 22nd Oct to 24th Oct, 2015. It was entitled "Challenges and opportunities in underprivileged giftedness in identification and nurturing". The paper narrates details of Tribal Mensa Nurturing Program with respect to the same. The paper was well accepted by conference participants.
- ▶ Tribal Mensa Nurturing Model was presented by Dr. Narayan Desai at Lithuania. "Pancha-Kosha: Implementation of ancient Indian human development model for giftedness nurturing".

The presentations were followed by acknowledgement through appearance of Tribal Mensa News in Lithuania Newspapers.



Gifted Interactions:

As one of our objectives of Mensa India is to encourage research in Giftedness, a neglected field in India, TMNP has sponsored a part of Gifted research for PhD of Ms. Sameena Manaswala. She is studying the self concept in Gifted. Her study population includes screening 1000 students from Chakan region.

Seniors or juniors, we have volunteers from different walks of lives who want to be a part of TMNP family. Akshata Joshi – is a 14 year old TMNP Volunteer, who helps underprivileged peers of her own age, by taking tuition classes of 8th Grade subjects.



Tribal Mensa Project can be made self sustaining by linking Urban Mensa Activities with Tribal Mensa. 30 students from Urban Mensa, visited Tribal Schools so that they can have first hand experience of the problem. Interactions between the privileged and the underprivileged proved mutually beneficial to students, who gained exposure to the other side of Gifted lifestyles.



Giftedness Administration:

Meeting Principal of Maval Area Schools:

Schools and teachers play an important role in our program. Their support in organizing TMNP events within their school premises, arranging for student's participation and managing correspondence between TMNP team and students, ensures logistical efficiency. This year Gram Prabodhini arranged a meet of 25 teachers and principals of Maval area schools, all of them requested for Mensa testing this year.

TMNP Offices– Talegaon and Pune:

This year we have established an additional office set up in Pune, this helps us manage our logistics better and also provides our children with ease of access and regular timings.



Launch of 'Nitya Pravah Yojna!'

This is an initiative to scale up the TMNP work from next year onwards. Through this initiative, TMNP will continue nurturing 300 underprivileged gifted students in next year (and continue doing so till the next 3 years).

One child requires INR 20,000/- (Twenty thousand) and this cost is split into four sections and Three years:

Giftedness Assessment: (34%)

Identify 300 Gifted students (Screen approximately 6000 students)

Helping the gifted through professional guidance (Aptitude tests, psycho profiling and career counseling)

Giftedness Nurturing: (35%)

Nurture 300 Gifted students (12 sessions of nurturing workshops, of 4 hours each)

Giftedness Support: (15%)

Scholarships portal, Employment portal facilities, Developing Mentor- Mentee network, and Gifted Students Follow up Program, nurturing workbooks and audio books

Giftedness Administration: (16%)

Providing Logistic support to schedule, organize and run all the on field activities.

TMNP Organization structure:

TMNP is bound together with a strong, energetic, gifted, and innovative team which strives to make TMNP achieve its objectives. TMNP works in a transparent and systematized organisational structure having divided into 5 main bodies namely, Executive Board, Apex Board, National Advisory Board, International Advisory Board and the specialized resources.

The executive Board consists of a team of gifted, dynamic youngsters who function in a borderless and paperless era of today. Operating from Pune location, members of this board take up the responsibilities for various departmental operations such as Finance, HR and Admin. They are assisted by a team of field staff.

Our Apex Board consists of various Mensa members who act as mentors to the gifted students. They guide the students in their skillset development, exploring various career options and help in gaining different experiences. These Apex board members also help in growing our network and adding more mentors to our TMNP tree.

The National Advisory Board consists of dynamic entrepreneurs, corporate legal advisors, and consulting psychologists. National Advisory Board meets on annual basis to discuss the progress of TMNP and the upcoming projects and policies. These members also promote the work done by TMNP and their network is also one of the sources for more funding.

The International Advisory Board is formed with members who are affiliated to Mensa International. They play an essential role of promoting the nurturing model of TMNP among the gifted community and contribute with different ideas, conferences, publications such as research papers and newspaper articles.

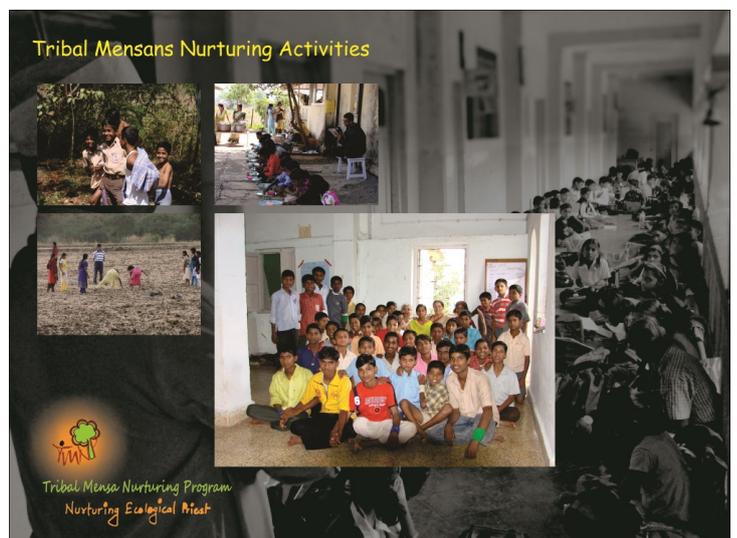
TMNP is also working with different psychologists who contribute through different tasks like, identification and assessment of gifted students, psycho-profiling, structuring nurturing workshops, conduct Gifted research and publications and conduct teacher training programs.





Our Partners:

- ◆ Angle Advertising
- ◆ Raghavendra Recording Studios
- ◆ Jnana Prabhodini Samshodhan Sanstha
- ◆ R.K.Travels
- ◆ Mr. Vinayak Limaye
- ◆ Seed Management Services
- ◆ Seed Infotech
- ◆ DSK Legal
- ◆ Rannaneeti Strategic Consultancy
- ◆ Prasad Jahagirdar (Auditor)



Our Team:

Executive Board	National Advisory Board	International Advisory Board	Apex Board	Specialized Resources	Field Staff
Shilpa Kulkarni (President)	Dr. Anand Desai	Prof. John Freeman	Anuja Date	Dr. Devasena Desai	Amod Shepal
Priyanka Shetti (Vice President)	Kishor Asthana	Prof. Lauri Croft (US)	Leenata Bankhele	Shweta Lobo	Pandurang Desai
Akshay Kulkarni (Principal Investigator)	Karthik Sharma	Mrs. Csilla Fuszik (Hungary)			Dr. Nikita Morwal
Dr. Narayan Desai (Secretary)	Gowri Shankar	Mrs. Rena Subotnik			Sayali Raut
Rohan Shetti (Joint Secretary)	Dr. Anand Godse	Prof. Kristof Kovacs			Viraj Sawai
	Sonavi Desai				
	Praveen Vepari				
	Milind Modak				
	Ashwini Joshi				
	Ratan Singh Rathod				

Our Dear TMNP Donors!

As TMNP tries to boost the self confidence of the underprivileged Gifted students, we have someone else looking after our backs. They are the people who provide us the strength to continue working. Their faith in our organization is what keeps our team motivated. They are the donors of TMNP, whom we can proudly state, are the backbone of our program. Here is a list of Donors from the year 2015-2016.

Mahindra & Mahindra Group

(Mahindra Vehicles Manufacturer Limited - Chakan):

They have been conducting CSR activity for underprivileged Gifted students from Chakan area for over 3 years. This project includes screening 1000 students and nurturing 100 Gifted students per year. These students also undergo aptitude testing as part of their nurturing activities. The Company shows keen involvement in not just sponsoring the students but overseeing the testing, certificate distribution and participates in the nurturing activities.

Anand Desai:

A mentor, an advisor, and a constant source of energy for the Tribal Mensa Family. A renowned lawyer by profession, he has stood by us for every occasion. From time to time he not only responds to our needs, but efficiently helps us through our journey. This year he donated office equipment worth INR 52,000/- to enable our team members function more efficiently.

Saraswati and Balgangadhar Kher Foundation:

One of our consistent supporters who have helped us with several donations over the years. This year, INR 3,57,000/- were donated to help us provide basic scholarships for our 10 Class students and conduct nurturing workshops for Maval schools. This scholarship was to aid them with basic study material for Class 10 exams.

Being Human, The Salman Khan Foundation:

This year they donated INR 3,00,000/- This helped us conduct screening tests at various locations in Maharashtra and Karnataka. We could start our new initiative of conducting psycho profiling tests, to understand Giftedness and their needs, which helped us provide customized nurturing to our underprivileged Gifted students. Along with nurturing workshops and psychological evaluations, Gifted nurturing encompasses of additional publications designed specifically for the underprivileged Gifted and scholarships to see our students achieve their academic goals too.

Akshay Charitable Trust:

Mr. Pravin & Geeta Vepari from Mumbai donated INR 4,00,000/- They have been providing a strong network support for TMNP several years. Their encouragement with new ideas has played a major role in our journey so far.

Narain Dharmartha Aushadhalaya Trust:

TMNP has been receiving INR 1,00,000/- every year from this Trust. We have not had any in person meeting between our two organizations, but feel a special bond of trust between us, developed over the years.

Anup Mokashi:

He has been a member of Mensa Pune since his school days and now helps mentor the fellow underprivileged mensans. A familiar donor, one amongst TMNP family, he donated INR 72,391/- this year to help more underprivileged Gifted.

Dr. Pratibha Nanak Kulkarni:

A senior gynecologist by profession, donated INR 5,00,000/- towards Gifted nurturing, in the fond memory of Late Nanak Kulkarni. Thus sponsoring 25 students under Nitya Pravah Yojna.

Dr. Milind Modak:

Donated INR 20,000/- towards 'Nitya Pravah Yojna', thus adopting one child for this year. In spite of his busy schedule, he has helped us to develop books on Suryanamaskar for our underprivileged Gifted.

Dr. Ashwini Joshi:

Adopted one child through 'Nitya Pravah Yojna' by donation of INR 20,000/- She has often provided guidance to our Gifted students on Good healthy lifestyle through her books and lectures.

Col. Arun Joshi:

A resident of Pune and a TMNP well wisher, donated INR 10,000/- on the occasion of his mother's 40th death anniversary.

Shweta Kulkarni Lobo:

Along with providing her professional expertise as a psychologist, Shweta donated INR 17,450/- to conduct screening tests at Vanavasi Kalyan Ashram, Mangaon for 156 students.

Midco Limited:

Through our partners, Ranneeti Strategic Consultants, we received a donation of INR 25,000/- from Midco Limited.

Smt. Rukmarani Education Foundation:

Since past 5 years this organization has been conducting Mensa testing for their partner school, Wisdom International, Nasik and needless to say, the money generated towards this testing is donated to tribal Mensa. This year they donated INR 87,500/-

Kanada Sangha:

As part of conducting Mensa testing at Dr. Kalmadi Shamrao High School, Kanada Sangha donated INR 84,900/-.

Shobha Kher:

A resident of Mumbai donated INR 10,000/-

Shilpa Gokhale:

A Talegaon resident and our TMNP well wisher donated INR 6,000/- this year.

Ashwini Angal:

Director of Go Holidays, Pune, donated INR 17,500/- to TMNP.

Sonavi Anand Desai:

She is a mentor to us and has been helping us through regular donations, advice and physical presence on various occasions. This year on the occasion of her 50th Birthday celebrations she raised INR 6,46,808/- as TMNP donations. We are thankful to the following well-wishers, who have joined our hands through this occasion:

Sr. No.	Name	Amount (INR)
1	Kiran Kanwar (Golf)	2000/-
2	Devita R. Saraf	11,000/-
3	Rusheed Rustom Wadia	1000/-
4	Patkar and Pendse	2500/-
5	Kiran Kapadia	2000/-
6	Hassanand Bodaram Chawla	11,000/-
7	Suibani Chakrabarty	501/-
8	Shakti Devi Saran	3001/-
9	Ras Resorts & Apart Hotels Ltd.	5000/-
10	Jayen Rajnikant Trivedi	11,000/-
11	Hetal Madhukant Gandhi	1000/-
12	Harish S. Mehta	5000/-
13	Narayana Foundation	5000/-
14	Shriniwas K. Kulkarni	5000/-

Sr. No.	Name	Amount (INR)
15	Nixie Engineers Pvt. Ltd.	25,000/-
16	Arshad Hidayatullah	10,000/-
17	Nikhil M. Desai	1500/-
18	Ferina Duggan	2000/-
19	Nihita Hemnabh Khatau	5000/-
20	Narendra Wadhvana Foundation	5000/-
21	Mrs. Nergesh Khurshedji Dady Charitable trust	3,00,000/-
22	Sharada Harihar	3000/-
23	Azar T. Ebrahim	3000/-
24	Bhart Shah	1,00,000/-
25	Varadachary Srinivas	2000/-
26	Mohit Shashi Kapoor	1500/-
27	Shaunak Jaswant Thacker	3000/-
28	Tikekar Aroon	3000/-
29	Alvira Agnihotri	10,000/-
30	Nafees Fashionz	2100/-
31	Aradhna Kapur	5100/-
32	Sujata Satchidanand Dabholkar	10,000/-
33	Mrinalini Kishor Kher	1,501/-
34	Mohana Nair	3000/-
35	Deviraj Dinesh Khare	2005/-
36	Kher Vishwas Bal	2500/-
37	Selina P. Shah	1000/-
38	Manali Yogesh Wadhvana	5000/-
39	Bhavesb Madhusudan Bhatt	2100/-
40	Pradip p. Shah	2500/-
41	Supriya vijay Rai	5000/-
42	Arun Kumar Pillai	25,000/-
43	Pradeep Nair	1500/-
44	Tushar Ravindra Ajinkya	10,000/-
45	Neelam Chandhok	500/-
46	R. K. Badani	2000/-
47	Narang Relators	11,000/-
48	Prdeep Udhas	11,000/-

Balance from 2014-2015: INR 2,57,899/-

Total Donations raised in 2015-2016: INR 46,79,817/-

TMNP Scholarships!

After the launch of TMNP online scholarship portal, we are able to address the financial problems of our underprivileged Gifted students. In some cases, we are able to instill the trust in TMNP support system for the students, but sometimes these students do not share their troubles. With scholarships, we are ensuring that the needy receive timely aid and we hope that the students are able to keep their end of the commitment and show good results in return. This year we provided the following scholarships:

Aishwarya Bhoj:

More than the worth of the scholarship, this young girl, taught us a wonderful life lesson in modesty. She had requested INR 7000/- for certain expenses towards her education. When TMNP offered her the stated amount as scholarship, in spite of her hardships at home, she returned a part of this scholarship amount and accepted only INR 4,500/- as she had managed the rest of the payment through some other source. Her values stood strong even under pressure situations and we couldn't be more proud to have her as part of our TMNP family.

Poonam:

who scored 99+ and is in 10th Class, has four sisters, lost her father recently and her Mother works on daily wages. Even though we met her more than a couple of times, she never mentioned about her problem at home. After noticing and asking her a couple of times, she broke down and started crying. How could she be motivated to appear for her 10 Class exams with no books, no guides, no notebooks and no school bag. Help extended to her worth INR 12,000/- is not huge, but cant help feeling helpless about the various hardships these young minds have to face.

Pranav Salunkhe:

Received TMNP scholarship worth Rs. 3000/- to pursue his higher secondary course in Commerce

Rajesh Dalvi:

Is pursuing a course in Interior Designing from Fergusson College, Pune. He has been working as a delivery boy in a departmental store, to repay his Fees. TMNP provided him with a scholarship of INR 13,500/- as requested.

5 Mensans from Adhale School of Maval Taluka were provided educational material worth INR 11,000/-.

Udyog Dham (Leprosy rehabilitation center):

A residential school for children belonging to Leprosy affected parents. We could identify 4 Gifted students – TMNP provided 2 students with scholarships worth INR 2000/- and 2 students received INR1000/- each.

Sarala Shinde:

Mensan (2007-2009 batch, scored 99+) from Awasari village is completing her diploma in Automobile Engineering. TMNP has provided Rs. 5000 scholarship for her last year project work on "Solar Pumps".



With help of generous funds provided by **Kher Foundation** and **Mr. Pravin Vepari-ji** we are able to achieve following Scholarship Goals:

250 gifted students from Maval and Chakan

area received scholarships to buy schools books and stationery.

1 student (Rajesh) received INR 13,500/- towards tuition fees.

Sustenance Scholarship: One tribal gifted is working with Pune based doctor and learning Hospital logistics and management. Rs. 1800 per month is provided to him for two time food.

7 gifted students appearing for 10th Class exam have been provided with books worth INR 13,000/-

Total Scholarship Provided: Rs. 107,000

Total Beneficiaries: 260 Gifted Students

Upcoming plans for 2016-2017:

Bal Yogesh:

Yoga asana for teenage Gifted girls, to help develop self discipline and as trained facilitators.

Launch of employment portal:

For the earlier batches, to help them rise from their academic goals to career goals. An opportunity to apply for interviews with good companies.

Giftedness audio portal:

An interactive platform where various audio books related to Giftedness and interviews of Gifted personnel, parents and teachers will be uploaded.

Paid Giftedness Nurturing Portal:

Gifted students across India can access this facility and undergo self nurturing through audio books and interactive activities. The funds generated through this initiative will be used for TMNP.

Nurturing Booklets:

Both Marathi and English nurturing booklets are being developed to help Gifted students create their own home assignments and sharpen their skills efficiently. This will ensure a greater outreach for TMNP.

TMNP Protocols:

Developing various protocols related to working style, eligibility of scholarship and other initiatives under TMNP.

Budhi:

Vedic and Puranic perspective on Giftedness

Ecological priests:

Developing traditional knowledge about surrounding Flora and Fauna and utilizing the same to conserve sacred groves and create a sustainable future

Surya Upasak:

Research on underprivileged Gifted characteristics.

Screening of 3000 underprivileged students.

Nurturing workshops for 300 students

Psycho profiling and Aptitude tests for 300 students

Mentor Mentee program:

A unique method of nurturing, where an expert/mentor adopts a younger Gifted underprivileged child, and nurtures him through structured year round, one on one interactions. The students will choose their mentors as per their subject preferences . The relationship developed between the Mentor and Mentee will be based on live experiences and discussions.

Bright future!

Developing several tie-ups with universities in India, abroad, and with experts from various fields, to ensure a bright future for our nurtured underprivileged Gifted students.

- ◆ Collaboration Agreement with European Talent Centre
- ◆ Collaboration Agreement with Kaunas Technical University, Lithuania
- ◆ Prof. Kristof Kovacs Visit Nov 2016
- ◆ Csilla Fusik Visit Sept 2016
- ◆ Belin Blank - TMNP Training Credit Course
- ◆ Prof. Laurie Croft Visit
- ◆ Adopting New International Giftedness Identification Test under Guidance of Prof. Kristof Kovacs

Nitya Pravah Yojna!

Now everyone can join our TMNP Family. Support 1 underprivileged gifted child and secure a bright future with INR 20,000/- to undergo an entire 3 year TMNP nurturing program. One small step from your side will give these young Gifted minds - wings to fly!



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