

MUKTANGAN IN THE SPOTLIGHT



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Building Futures through Education and Skill Development!



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At Muktangan, we are dedicated to transforming lives through holistic education and community-driven initiatives. From skill development programs to innovative learning strategies, our mission is to provide quality education and opportunities to every learner. Here's a glimpse of our latest updates and achievements!

Celebrating Our Learning Community

Tech for the Future

From robotics to cybersecurity and coding, Muktangan is introducing children and teachers to cutting-edge tech skills to prepare them for the future. These initiatives help students think critically, innovate, and embrace digital advancements.



Sports Festival – Learning Beyond Books

Our annual Sports Festival was a day of energy, enthusiasm and learning. Sports teach valuable life lessons, including teamwork, discipline, and resilience, which are essential for personal and professional growth.



Alumni-led Learning Workshops

Yoga for Well-being: Anjali Kanojia (batch 2020-21) led a yoga session promoting physical and mental health.

Dance for Joy: Alumna Trushna Dasgoankar and Preeti Udata hosted an exciting dance workshop, encouraging alumni to explore self-expression through movement.

Creative Arts: Alumni came together for a collaborative art session, showcasing creativity and teamwork.

ADVOCATING FOR QUALITY EDUCATION

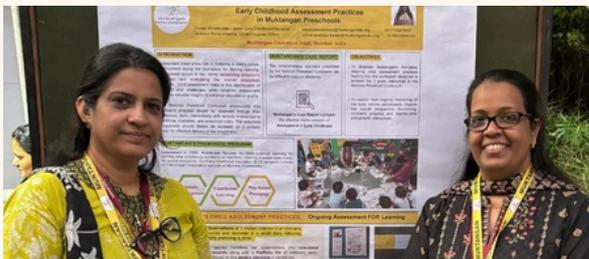
Our Chief Programme Officer, Ms. Jumana Rampurawala, participated in a panel discussion organized by Dharma Bharathi Mission (DBM INDIA). The discussion highlighted the importance of equipping individuals from underserved communities with skills essential for sustainable employment.



Our Mohalla Library community reading initiative was featured in Mid-day's Mumbai Diary: Saturday Dossier! This initiative, which started on Vachan Prerna Diwas (Reading Day) in 2021, has encouraged over 2,500 readers of all ages to develop a love for reading. Kudos to our team and parent volunteers who continue to make this initiative a success!



We are proud to share that our Founder, Mrs. Elizabeth Mehta was honored by the Association for Early Childhood Education and Development (AECED) at the National Conference themed "Policy to Practice: Navigating the Foundational Stage" held in collaboration with the University of Rajasthan in Jaipur.



We also presented two papers at the conference:

- Ms. Jumana Rampurawala (Chief Programme Officer, Mukhtangan) and Ms. Zainab Bhinderwala (Leader Early Childhood Education, Mukhtangan) presented a poster titled *Early Childhood Assessment Practices in Mukhtangan Preschools*.
- Ms. Kreena Gala (Faculty, Socioemotional Department, Mukhtangan) and Anushri Soni (Faculty, Department of Human Development, SVT College of Home Science, SNDT Women's University) presented a poster titled *Mapping Socio-emotional Learning Practices in Preschool Classrooms: Creating a Comprehensive Guideline for Teachers*.



We're excited to share that our initiative to enhance early childhood education was featured in Lokmat! Through active learning, capacity building of Anganwadi sevikas, and community engagement, we are impacting 500 Anganwadis in Nanded district. This recognition motivates us to continue our efforts and expand the reach of our programs to empower more children and communities in the region.

TRANSLATING VISION INTO REALITY!



Alphiya's journey at Muktangan has been transformative. Her family moved to Mumbai for better opportunities. Muktangan's inclusive approach to education provided a lifeline, offering a nurturing space where every child was accepted.

Beyond academics, the school fostered critical thinking, leadership, and creativity. The World of Exposure (WOE) program in Grade 8 further broadened her horizons, sparking her interest in public speaking, leadership, and social service. Despite financial and societal barriers, Muktangan remained her pillar of support. With scholarships, she completed her 12th grade in science and is now in her final year of a BMS degree specializing in Human Resources.

"We're also working with Muktangan to run a club focusing on debate, speech, and leadership skills for current students, giving me a chance to contribute back to the community that shaped me"

Her turning point came when she joined India's International Movement to Unite Nations (I.I.M.U.N.), the world's largest youth-run organization. Starting as an intern, she is now an Assistant Director, spearheading I.I.M.U.N. clubs in schools, including Muktangan, to develop leadership and public speaking skills among students.

BUILDING BETTER FUTURES

Mrunmay, our proactive parent volunteer, is driving change through Muktangan's Mohalla Library. Passionate about holistic education, she believes in guiding children beyond academics, especially in an era dominated by social media. Inspired by Muktangan's community-driven approach, she took the initiative to set up a library at home.

With support from her family, she spread the word among neighbors, gradually increasing readership. Despite space constraints, she created a welcoming reading area where children eagerly ask, "तुम्ही कधी आणणार नवीन बॅग?"

She engages children by discussing stories, characters, and illustrations, making reading interactive and meaningful. Muktangan's support and inclusive philosophy empower her to help all children, improving their reading skills and confidence.

For Mrunmay, every small effort counts. Being recognized as a Mohalla Library volunteer is a source of pride, reinforcing her commitment to fostering a love for reading within her community.



"I believe that every action counts, and change begins with active involvement of each and every individual. Today I am recognized as a Mohalla Library volunteer which is a matter of pride for me and my family."