



## SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER



Welcome to Antarang's September newsletter. This edition packs a punch with CareeReady batch completions, exposure visits, new batches, successful entrepreneurial ventures, CareerAware workshops, and not to forget, an upcoming graduation ceremony! But before you get reading, Team Antarang would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a very Happy Dussehra!

### Why we do what we do?

Ever wondered why we do what we do? Roughly 1,17,000 new jobs are created every single quarter, but an acute shortage of skills has been reported across all sectors to fulfil these jobs. Read the full Wall Street Journal on soft-skills shortage [here](#).

This is where we come in. Antarang Foundation envisions a world where every young person is passionately, productively and positively engaged in a vocation of their choice.

### CareerAware groups

The CareerAware program targets students who fall in the crucial 14 - 17 years age bracket. Through intensive career guidance and career planning sessions, CareerAware encourages teenagers to stay in education until they are 18 years old, thereby enabling them to aspire towards a better future. September saw us deliver several CareerAware workshops for our partner Teach for India in their schools, as well as in Sewree Cross School and Geeta Vidyalaya School.

### CareeReady batch completion



37 students graduated from our Govandi Apnalya, Mahalaxmi and Cuffe Parade groups this month. Our graduates' aspirations are as colourful as the rainbow! Some of them dream of becoming a chef, some a software programmer, while others want to pursue cost accountancy and video editing. One graduate even aspires to become a cyber security expert!

In order that these young graduates realise their dreams, as a first step Antarang connects them to computer courses with our partner, Aptech Institute. They are also linked with their choice of career and a mentor.

For these graduating groups, our students are available for immediate placements in the following fields:

<b>Sector</b>	<b>Job Type</b>
Beautician x 2	Full time
Accountant x 2	Full time
Office Admin x 3	Part time
Retail	Full time
Fashion designing	Full time
Chef x 2	Full time
Event management	Full time
Event management x 2	Part time
Artist	Part time
Finance	Part time
Bartending	Part time
Teacher	Part time

If you have requirements for young, enthusiastic, work-ready youth to join your team, write to [sweta@antarangfoundation.org](mailto:sweta@antarangfoundation.org). If you are interested in signing up as a mentor for our graduates, get in touch at [aneesha@antarangfoundation.org](mailto:aneesha@antarangfoundation.org).



## Expert speaker and exposure visit

An essential ingredient of our CareeReady program is for our students to immerse themselves into work environments through exposure visits, as well as gather pearls of wisdom from hearing industry experts speak of their journeys.

A huge thank you to Enrich Academy, Four Seasons, TCE and HDFC bank (Regal Branch) for hosting exposure visits for our students and sharing the essentials of working in these sectors. We would also like to express our heartfelt gratitude to Ms. Priya Bhimani and Ms. Sabina Shivdasani, for sharing their life's journey with our students.

If you want to sign up as an expert speaker or would like to host an exposure visit for our students, email us at [sweta@antarangfoundation.org](mailto:sweta@antarangfoundation.org).

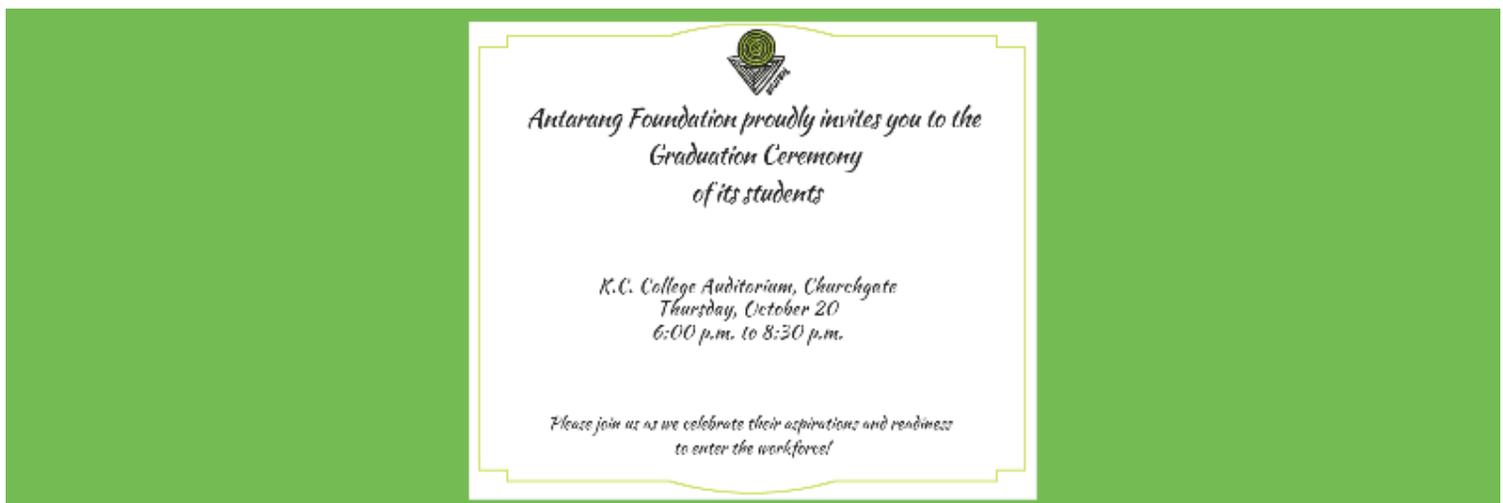


## Antarang graduate receives award

Why should we hire an Antarang Graduate? This is a question that we hear from potential employment partners now and again. And we will let our work speak for itself.

Pooja Yadav, an Antarang graduate from the Mahalaxmi batch, recently received an award from her employer in recognition of her positive attitude and work ethic. She is a shining example of why Antarang Graduates stand apart from other candidates. We are so proud of you Pooja! Keep up the good work.

## Graduation ceremony – block your calendars!



At Antarang we believe in celebrating every student achievement, however big or small. Especially when it involves work readiness.

Close to 200 students from our recent batches will receive their CareeReady graduation

certificates in a ceremony on 20th October at KC College. The highlight of this event will be an Antarang Talent Show! And it promises to be a powerhouse of fun and energy!! We would love for you to attend the event and support our students. For more information please write to [info@antarangfoundation.org](mailto:info@antarangfoundation.org).



### We have new batches!

Good news! We now have a new batch in Kurla running at the Hansa Cequity offices. A big thank you to Mr Ajay Kelkar for providing a conference room for our students.

We also have two new batches at PN Doshi College and one at Geeta Nagar. Go Team Antarang!



### Entrepreneurial sparks

CareeReady encourages students to explore entrepreneurship, and several groups successfully initiated various ventures as part of their training.

The Govandi Girls kicked off their Sunshine beauty services. Total income from the project was an impressive Rs.3230 with an investment of only Rs.980. The students plan to sustain this project as some of the girls aspire to be beauticians.

Students from the Dharavi group designed and sold bags made from used t-shirts. With Diwali round the corner, Mahalaxmi group saw a business opportunity in selling handmade diyas in the community.

### Alumni engagement



At the Ghatkopar East alumni meet, students shared what they are up to in their lives at the

moment. Students expressed their pride to be associated with Antarang. An important aspect of the forum was that it brought up some of the issues faced by students. We are looking at ways to address the highlighted problems.

Is it beneficial for all or beneficial to some or beneficial to the few that matter? This was the key question that Antarang graduates Raja, Sanjay, Jeesu, Priyanka, Kausar and Shahid asked all of us as they presented an insightful film on the online admission process. As part of a series that explores the many issues that impact youth of today, these young minds talked about the process that alienates thousands even as it makes the lives of a few urban youth easier. They interviewed, researched and collated myriad perspectives that helped them understand why the process was put in place, and how there needs to be revisions to make it universal.



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