

Antarang Foundation



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We have grown!

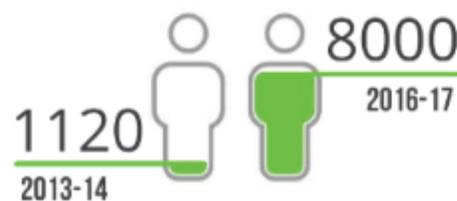
Communities - 24



Alumni meet -



Students reached -



Mentors -



Antarang Foundation was built on the belief that every young adult has the potential to make the best of his/her life; our exponential growth over the past three years is a reaffirmation of that belief.

We envision an India where every young person is self-reliant.

Antarang turns 4!



On 1 April 2017, Antarang celebrated its fourth year anniversary along with its graduation day. Around 350 students graduated that day and took another step towards self-reliance. On this day, 3 of Antarang's alumni spoke about their exceptional journeys – which we fondly named Safarnama.



Rajmohan shared his exceptional journey – from a low income community to a film set. He spoke about the importance of grabbing every opportunity that comes your way.

On the day, Shobha talked to us from a community college in the United States of America. She shared her experience of travelling alone to another continent, and how it is a dream worth living!



Vijay spoke about how throughout his life, he thought he was average, until he found something he was good at, Fencing! And, his Mantra of 'I can, I can, I can and I will'!

As another incredible year draws to a close in the Antarang calendar, we would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to each and everyone who has been by our side in our journey. And a very special thank you to our supporters who have very kindly shared their thoughts with us on this occasion.

Vivek Talwar – Chief Culture Officer, Tata Power

"Antarang has struck me in ways that I can only reflect upon and feel happy about. Happy to be associated with an institution which I can only describe as being small in size, but with a heart that is very large. I find that the employees are all passionate, and purpose driven. The sheer sense of joy and deep emotions that I saw on many occasions when they shared stories of success speak of a team that is passionate about their purpose. Meanwhile, if Antarang has to make a deep impact and leverage the demographic dividend that this country naturally enjoys, scale may be an important parameter of success. Funds for growth are also going to be relatively easy to tap into, given the reputation that Antarang enjoys, and the resources that are available in corporate India. So Antarang must grow, and unleash its potential to benefit scores of youth so that they join the bandwagon of the development story of India. I wish Antarang all the very best on their journey."

Unni Krishnan – Project Head, Corporate Social Responsibility, Great Eastern CSR Foundation

"Antarang Foundation is engaged in quality, result oriented and innovative work to support the youth from under-served communities in Mumbai. The most significant aspect of Antarang's work is their focus on making youth 'life ready' instead of limiting focus to relatively 'easy to achieve' outcomes such as skills development and job placement. One has to just visit any of the Antarang Community training centres to experience the full essence of their work. The passion and shared clarity with which the entire organisation works, and the effortless manner in which they have created a culture taking the best of corporate and development sector world, is perhaps the secret behind Antarang Foundation's achievements."

Vikram Akhaury – Co-founder, Crescat Advisors

"I have known Antarang Foundation from its inception, and have been keenly following their progress. The space they are operating in and the intervention they provide to less privileged youth in the city is much required, and to my mind was the beginning of 'Skill India' in its truest sense. Kudos to Priya and her team. I have hired a few candidates from amongst her students and am pleasantly surprised by their attitude towards work and willingness to excel and move up in life. We at Crescat Advisors are looking towards growing our business and employing a lot more Antarang Graduates."

The power of 'Innovation'!

We have grown as an organisation with the singular belief that no young person should be left out, and every young person should be productively engaged in a career of his/her choice.



**All the communities we worked with, in and around Mumbai in the previous year.*

In the current year, we plan on expanding our programmes to other vulnerable communities like the Transgender and Hijra community. We are also digitising our programmes in order to reach a larger proportion of the youth population. And to sustain all these initiatives, we are building a cadre of Community Youth Advocates, who will lead social change within their communities.

All in all – another year of youthful adventures to look forward to!

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