## Report of the Reading Inspiration Day (Wachan Prerana Diwas) in Ismail Yusuf College, Mumbai-60

Reading Inspiration Day is celebrated in Maharashtra, every year on 15<sup>th</sup> October which is birthday of our ex-president BharatRatna Dr APJ Abdul Kalaam. We celebrated it on Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> October 2021 online on Google Meet platform between 1.30 pm to 2.50 pm with permission and encouragement from our Respected Principal Swati Wavhal Madam. There were 100 participants and many more could not join due to limitation of admitting on Google Meet.

Library committee consisting of Dr Anjali Alekar from Dept of Commerce and Librarian Smt Swati Phadke decided upon the programme's schedule and structure. Ms Ruchira Sawant was invited and agreed to grace the occasion as the chief guest of this programme. Her brief introduction is as an avid reader and also Space science writer, educator, explorer, researcher and entrepreneur. A list of copyright free eBooks was prepared by the library and was distributed to groups of faculty members and students at the end of September so that they can get time to read a eBook and express themselves on it that is the takeaway from the book.

Some 6 students registered themselves for this programme. They were: Mr Vighnesh Shah- MSc-Part-I-Physics spoke on "The Little Prince", Ms Tannu Singh-TYBCom spoke on Hindi book – "Jaise vichar vaise jeevan by James Alen", Mr Aman Ansari TYBA-History spoke on Peter Drucker's book-Managing oneself, Mr Victor Misquitta TYBA-History spoke on "Little women by Louisa May Alcott", Ms Rakhi Singh TYBA History spoke on "The power of your subconscious mind by Joseph Murphy".

Chief guest Ms Ruchira Sawant spoke about her education and career journey and importance of books in her life. She mentioned "Tottochan", "Aamacha baap an amhi", and some more books and also spoke on interacting with personalities like Dr K Kasturirangan, Ramesh Raskar, Achyut Godbole, Shriniwas Laxman etc. Her curious mind, independent thinking ability, collaborative nature and finding one's own path rather than following foot prints was elaborated by her in her speech. She insisted students on expressing and sharing their thoughts with accuracy of information or data in one's own writings and expressing oneself on other mediums. Daily reading is must for at least 3 to 4 hours and according to her reading also is a basic need in human life!

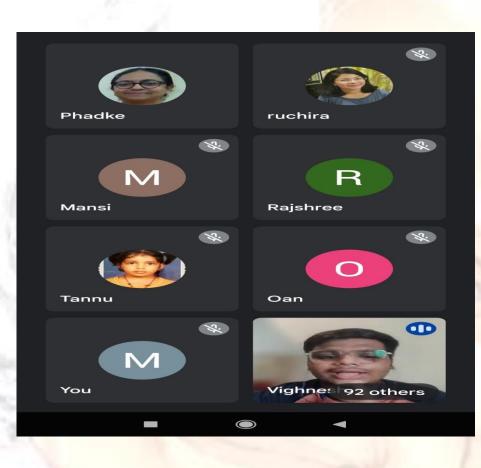
Dr Anjali Alekar madam expressed her thoughts on the theme and how Ms Sawant was just an appropriate chief guest for today's programme. She also wished Ms Sawant to be a part of college's future activities like workshops useful for the students.

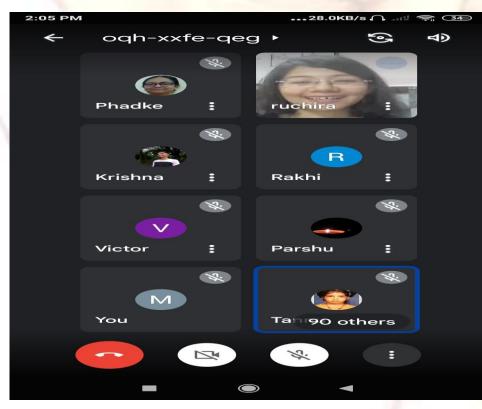
Mr Vighnesh Shah gave vote of thanks. He thanked respected Principal Madam for her encouragement and permission to conduct this programme. He thanked for support from faculty members, students and the Library committee and most importantly the narration and inspiration from the chief guest Ms Sawant madam's speech. He also announced that that the programme is ended. Watermark credit: https://images.app.goo.gl/yHqg59Q1cCtEwJMw9(peacockride)



# Screenshots of the programme:







Government of Maharashtra Ismail Yusuf College of Arts, Science & Commerce Jogeshwari (East), Mumbai 400060 Organised by the Department of Library

> IS CELEBRATING VACHAN PRERANA DIVAS

> > on 18<sup>th</sup> Oct, 2021 Monday, 1.30 PM On google meet

Joining info link: <u>https://meet.google.com/oqh-xxfe-qeg</u>

Chair person- Dr Swati Wavhal, Principal I.Y.College

Chief Guest: Ms. Ruchira Sawant (Educator/ Space science writer/ Explorer/ Entrepreneur)

Librarian Swati Phadke Library Committee Member Dr. Anjali Alekar Principal Dr. Swati Wahval

All are cordially invited for this program to be conducted on the online platform VACHAN PRERANA DIVA<mark>S PROGRAM</mark> MONDAY- 18<sup>™</sup> OCTOBER, 2021

# SCHEDULE

1:30 pm Welcome and Introduction of our Chief Guest

1:35 pm Speech of Ms. Ruchira Sawant

1:40 pmPresentations by Students participants on E-Books thatthey have read

2:10pm Vote of Thanks

#### Ismail Yusuf College, Mumbai-60.

List of eBooks for reading for students participating on Wachan Prerana Divas- 15<sup>th</sup> Oct 2021

\*\*Books in English\*\*

- 1. Little Women by Louisa May Alcott <u>https://www.gutenberg.org/files/514/514-h/514-h.htm</u>
- 2. The Jungle Book by Rudyard Kipling https://www.gutenberg.org/cache/epub/35997/pg35997-images.html
- 3. The Time Machine, by H. G. Wells <u>https://www.gutenberg.org/files/35/35-h/35-h.htm</u>
- 4. The Problems of Philosophy by Bertrand Russell https://www.gutenberg.org/files/5827/5827-h/5827-h.htm
- 5. A Tale of Two Cities by Charles Dickens https://www.gutenberg.org/ebooks/98
- 6. The Happy Prince, and Other Tales by Oscar Wilde https://www.gutenberg.org/ebooks/902
- 7. Around the World in Eighty Days by Jules Verne https://www.gutenberg.org/ebooks/103
- 8. A journey to the centre of the earth by Jules Verne https://www.gutenberg.org/cache/epub/18857/pg18857-images.html
- 9. Seeing the leader within you: the personal qualities of a leader by Carol Dalglish and Peter Miller <u>https://www.researchgate.net/publication/327416552\_Seeing\_the\_Leader\_in\_You\_The\_P</u>ersonal\_Qualities\_of\_a\_Leader
- 10. One Thousand Ways to Make \$1000 http://dl.rasabourse.com/[F.C.\_Minaker]\_One\_Thousand\_Ways\_to\_Make\_1000.pdf
- 11. Startup India Kit <u>https://www.startupindia.gov.in/content/dam/invest-</u> india/Templates/public/Startup%20India%20Kit\_v5.pdf
- 12. Startup. Smart. A handbook for entrepreneurs <u>https://publications.america.gov/wp-</u> <u>content/uploads/sites/8/2017/05/Startup-Smart\_A-Handbook-for-</u> <u>Entrepreneurs\_English\_20140322\_Hi-Res.pdf</u>

#### \*\*Books in Persian\*\*

- 1. Chakme [the boots]: http://newdelhi.icro.ir/uploads/Story\_chakme.pdf
- The Grocer & his Parrot: <u>http://newdelhi.icro.ir/uploads/daastan\_mard-e%20baghghal%20va%20tuti.pdf</u>
- 3. PDF of Hisab-E-Fauji of Maharaja Ranjit Singh https://kblibrary.bih.nic.in/Digitization/MILITARY\_ACCOUNT.pdf

#### \*\*Books in Urdu\*\*

- 1. Bachpan ka December by Hashim Nadim https://kitabdostpk.blogspot.com/2014/03/bachpan-ka-december-novel-by-hashim.html
- 2. Karakoram Ka Taj Mahal by Nimra Ahmed http://www.mediafire.com/file/5zukaykog/QKTM
- 3. Parwaz by APJ Abdul Kalam https://www.rekhta.org/ebooks/parwaz-a-p-j-abdul-kalam-ebooks
- 4. Namumkin se Mumkin ka Safar https://archive.org/details/namumkinsemumkinkasafarbyabdulaziz/mode/1up?view=theater
- 5. Power by Rhonda Byrne <u>https://ia803105.us.archive.org/3/items/powerurdubyrhondabyrne/Power%20Urdu%20By%20</u> <u>Rhonda%20Byrne.pdf</u>
- Bharpoor Khud aitmadi by Syed Irfan Ahmed <u>https://chagharzai.files.wordpress.com/2020/01/bharpoor-khud-aitmadi-by-syed-irfan-ahmed.pdf</u>
- 7. Divan-e-Nasir by Nasir Kazmi https://www.rekhta.org/ebooks/deewan-e-nasir-kazmi-nasir-kazmi-ebooks
- 8. Bang e Dara by Allama Iqbal https://www.rekhta.org/ebooks/bang-e-dara-allama-iqbal-ebooks-1
- 9. Baag o Bahar by Mir Amman https://www.rekhta.org/ebooks/bagh-o-bahar-mir-amman-ebooks-13
- 10. Ek Musafir Char Mulk by Hakeem Mohammad Saeed

https://www.rekhta.org/ebooks/ek-musafir-chaar-mulk-hakeem-mohammad-saeed-ebooks

## \*\*List of eBooks in Hindi\*\*

- Vitamin Zindagi by Lalit Kumar <u>https://indianpdf.files.wordpress.com/2021/05/vitamin-zindagi-hindi-pdf-by-indianpdf.com\_.pdf</u>
- 2. Jese Vichar Vesa Jivan by James Aalen translated Sudhir Dikshit https://indianpdf.files.wordpress.com/2021/06/as-a-man-thinketh-hindi-translation \_e0a49ce0a588e0a4b8e0a587-e0a4b5e0a4bfe0a49ae0a4bee0a4b0e0a4b5e0a588e0a4b8e0a4be-e0a49ce0a580e0a4b5e0a4a8-hindi-edition-allen-james.pdf
- 3. Saaye me Dhoop by Dushant Kumar https://boloshayari.blogspot.com/2020/06/saaye-me-dhoop-PDF-free-download.html
- 4. Vapsi by Bhisham Sahni https://ia600202.us.archive.org/33/items/Vapisi-Hindi-BhishamSahni/ala-26-vapisi.pdf
- 5. The Alchemist by Paulo Coelho <a href="https://indianpdf.files.wordpress.com/2021/05/the-alchemist-in-hindi-paulo-coelho.pdf">https://indianpdf.files.wordpress.com/2021/05/the-alchemist-in-hindi-paulo-coelho.pdf</a>
- 6. Nirmala by Premchand https://www.arvindguptatoys.com/arvindgupta/premchand-nirmala.pdf
- 7. Gyara varsh ka shayam by Premchand <u>https://ia802903.us.archive.org/30/items/premchand11varshkasamayhindihindiedition/PRE</u> <u>MCHAND-11%20Varsh%20Ka%20Samay%20%28Hindi%29%20%28Hindi%20Edition%29.pdf</u>
- 8. Ashok Vajpayee ki Kavitaye https://www.bookexpress.in/ashok-vajpayee-poems-in-hindi/
- 9. Madhushala by Harivansh Rai Bachchan http://kavitakosh.org/kk/%E0%A4%AE%E0%A4%A7%E0%A5%81%E0%A4%B6%E0%A4%BE% E0%A4%B2%E0%A4%BE / %E0%A4%B9%E0%A4%B0%E0%A4%BF%E0%A4%B5%E0%A4%82 %E0%A4%B6%E0%A4%B0%E0%A4%BE%E0%A4%AF %E0%A4%AC%E0%A4%9A%E0%A5%8D %E0%A4%9A%E0%A4%A8
- **10.** Rahasya by Ronda Byrne https://app.box.com/s/0c1dz1cg14oq1n43msxbd83wbgq70u32

## \*\*List of eBooks in Marathi\*\*

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# **Chief Guest information:**

# **RUCHIRA SAWANT**

Explorer | Storyteller | Educator | Maker | Innovation |Space science writer with hands-on

#### experience

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#### **Brief:**

I am a Co-founder at MakeShift - a centre for education design working on inculcating innovation and entrepreneurship mindset in individuals through experiential education. I have worked on several research and community projects like SatNogs, CFL Disposal. I have been a published writer in the field of STEM, Space Science, and many other topics in leading Marathi and English Newspapers and other mediums. I was also invited to share my journey at Akashwani, DD Sahyadri, US Consulate, Mumbai, leading Marathi newspaper - Loksatta and various youtube channels and facebook pages. I love meeting people, understanding different perspectives and exploring unconventional paradigms. I believe in creating my own path rather than following footprints. I am convinced that we all are changemakers in our own way and if we all come together then we can do wonders.

## Educational Qualification:

- BSc (Physics), K.C. College, University of Mumbai (2015 -2018)
- HSC Patkar College (2013- 2015)
- SSC K.M.P.D. High School (2013)

## Entrepreneurial ventures:

• MakeShift, Co-founder

Director, curriculum and pedagogy (August 2019 – Present)

MakeShift is working on democratizing innovation and making education a Public discourse through our research focusing on enabling educators and students to make a difference with Design Thinking and Innovation.

We are a team of passionate education enthusiasts who want to shift the way education is perceived in India. We believe that skills are the basis of 21st Century education and those who use their

innate abilities to create something meaningful for the world are going to be the next unicorns. Our objective is to help every child explore their creative potential to become the next generation of "Creative Leaders": Creators, Innovators, Entrepreneurs and Leaders.

Our vision is to make India a world leader in Creativity and Innovation by cultivating a right mindset driven by reflection, mindfulness, creativity, and responsibility in children, the next generation by democratising the spirit of creativity, innovation and entrepreneurship

Website: https://www.makeshiftedc.com/

Facebook Page: <u>https://www.facebook.com/makeshiftedc</u> Instagram Page: <u>https://instagram.com/makeshift\_edc?utm\_medium=copy\_link</u> Youtube: <u>https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCEED132ypdr1nDMxQg2pS9g</u>

## Discussion Programmes:

#### • Space Handshake:

One of it's kind initiatives by famous space science journalist Srinivas Laxman and Me where we have casual interactions with those representing the space sector and about space and space related events.

#### **Facebook Page:**

## https://www.facebook.com/Space-Handshake-110540767482324

## • Conversing with the Common Man:

This is an initiative by 'Laxman Legacy' to commemorate the 100th birth anniversary of legendary cartoonist 'R.K.Laxman' where legends from different fields who were associated with Laxman are invited. Along with that we host conversations which are useful for common man.

# Facebook Page: https://www.facebook.com/laxmanlegacy

Youtube Link: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3DMBRahiEeL\_K9XFX9b6Vw

## Projects Handled

Independent Educator & Facilitator - (2013 - Present)

- Space Science Educator
- Facilitating children on Innovational mindset, Design Thinking, Empathy, Compassion, Relationships, Communication and Confidence building
- Selected at Education Design Workshop in May 2019 at Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai organized by CLIx (Collaborative Learning Initiative of TISS and MIT seeds by Tata trust) for learning Design Thinking in Education with focus on Science Education

# > Co-conceptualizer and Senior Project Manager of Project "Dream On, India !" (2018 – 2019)

- The first and largest social project of a book of children's dreams
- This project was endorsed by Padma Shri Arvind Guptaji and Forward of the book was written by Nobel laureate and child rights activist Kailashji Satyarthi.

# > Core Team Member, Project SatNOGs, Mumbai (2014 - 2017)

- Part of the Antenna team of Asia's First SatNOGs open-source satellite ground station project.
- The project was featured by the Ministry of External Affairs, India for a promotional video of India's Maker Movement. Covered by national television, newspapers, and magazines and represented in national-level events/ conferences like Makers Mela, Autodesk event, Make in India, etc.

## Invited Speaker/ Panelist:

- National television- DD Sahyadri on 'Hello Sakhi' show for a talk on Design Thinking
- US consulate, Mumbai as one of the youngest panelists on 'Role of Satellites in Daily life'
- Akashvani FM Gold
- Various schools, colleges, and other live platforms.
- Youngest panelist for discussion in the upcoming documentary film based on the life of eminent physicist Dr. Jayant Narlikar (May 2018)
- Akashvani Yuva tarang
- Australian Tamil Radio Broadcast
- Bol Barva Interview show
- Various Youtube Channels and Facebook Pages
- Different schools and groups

# Writer :

- Literary contributor for makers movement magazine 'Jugaad'
- Penned the script of the documentary on ISRO's Chandrayaan-2 mission with Srinivas Laxman
- Guest writer at Loksatta, Mumbai Mirror for science and space science related writings.
- Science, STEM and other topics in Marathi for various online portals and magazines.
- Book Review of the book 'From Gulabjanun to the Stars' is preserved in the library of British interplanetary society
- Translated short version of "Around the world in 80 days" by Jules Verne and 2 other short ebook in Marathi under the guidance of Padma Shree Arvind Gupta, for website Internet Archive.
- Written forward of the the book 'The Celestial Rendezvous' by Srinivas Laxman

## **♦** Other experiences:

- Fellow at Jagriti Yatra: (2020) World's longest entrepreneurial journey
- Participated in the 1st National Conference on Technology Vision 2035 in April 2016 organized by TIFAC, NCSC and NCSM as a delegate in (area).

- Part of the team which conducted a research project (with the guidance of scientists at BARC ( Hydrometallurgy department), in 2018) in physics on Safe disposal of Compact Fluorescent Lights (CFLs) and Growth and structural analysis of NLO crystals under the guidance of Prof. Jyotsna Pandey of K.C.College.
- Visharad in Bharatnatyam
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