



Dear Sponsors, well-wishers, and friends,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the new academic year. I am looking forward to starting off a wonderful school year filled with learning and growth. Once again, we are committed to creating a safe, nurturing, and positive learning environment for all our children at the institute. We are able to meet our goals successfully due to the support and guidance of our advisory board and the generosity of our donors. This academic year, it is our goal to admit more girls who are from the rural areas of Gujarat through personal visits and interviews. It is our hope to place them in some of the top schools in Pune.

At the Visram Foundation, we aim to motivate the students to strive for excellence by encouraging creativity and critical thinking, and by promoting kindness and positivity. It is our belief that with your support, we can empower all our girls to thrive and succeed in all that they do.

Mrunalini Nelge  
Administrator, REACH



**VISITS TO PLACES OF WORSHIP**

In an attempt to encourage pluralism and tolerance, ITREB took our students on field trips to various places of worship at the beginning of the second term. The girls visited a temple, a Gurudwara, and a church. Students were excited to learn about different religions. They sat in quiet prayer and reflection at the church and participated in singing bhajans and chanting mantras at the temple.

**ACTING WORKSHOP**

We have found that having our girls participate in acting workshops helps foster self-confidence, imagination, and collaboration, in a fun-filled manner. The Youth Board invited Mr. Pravin Bhandare to conduct a two day theatre workshop for the grade 10 girls, in which he taught them how to get into character and perform in front of an audience.

**FIELD TRIP TO THE MUSEUM**

Museum visits enable our girls to broaden their horizons and learn about history and culture. During their trip to the Pimpri Chinchwad Science Park by the Ismaili Tariqah and Religious Education Board (ITREB), the girls browsed through a number of interactive and engaging exhibits. The Taramandal (an inflatable and portable planetarium) was their favorite. The museum is one of the latest tourist attractions and activity-based science centres of Pune.



**ARTS & CRAFTS**

Creative thinking has been identified as one of the most important skills of the modern world. For the girls in their primary years, our focus is on developing creativity and encouraging students to express themselves through art.

**ACHIEVEMENTS & ACCOLADES**

Our mission at the Visram Foundation is to empower every child to create a success story of her own. We were proud of all of our girls for their efforts and performance this year. Notable achievements in their respective Junior Colleges include: grade 8 student Mahima Orpe who was top of her class in Marathi language studies, grade 11 student Simran Khoja who scored 92% and was the top of her grade, and grade 11 student Saina Hirani who scored 84%.



**STUDENTS SCORING 80% & ABOVE**

- Grade 4 student Saniya Pathan scored 86%.
- Grade 4 student Prashansa Orpe scored 83%.
- Grade 5 student Soniya Panjwani scored 81%.
- Grade 6 student Sneha Popatiya scored 83%.
- Grade 8 student Reshma Roy scored 83%.



### NUTRITION

At the Visram Foundation we always focus on providing food that is both delicious and nutritious. We firmly believe in balancing a wholesome variety of foods, which the girls enjoy with healthy options like fruits and vegetables. We are consistently assessing our menu to ensure the girls are receiving all the nutrients they need in order to thrive.

We received a roti-making machine from one of our donors, which enables us to make rotis and parathas for the girls more often than before. The machine has helped us make the process less strenuous and much more efficient. We are very thankful to Mr. Aly Lalani for his generous and thoughtful contribution.



### CAREER COUNSELING

Many of the girls struggle to determine which career path they want to pursue after graduation. To help them evaluate their strengths, weaknesses, and interests, we arranged a career counseling session at the institute for the grade 10 students.

### FEMALE EMPOWERMENT

By: Saina Hirani  
Grade 11

Playing multiple roles in families, women have already proven their worth but still their condition on social and economic fronts has not been up to the mark, and in many parts of the world they are forced to lead a miserable life. Such a scenario, calls for immediate attention to empower women and create an environment conducive to their social and economic upliftment.

Female empowerment is necessary for the betterment of any country's future. Women play dual responsibilities of managing their families while simultaneously working to provide for their children. No one can ever deny the importance of the role of a mother, a sister, and a daughter in their families.

On an international level, women have successfully proven that if given a chance they can perform no less than their male counterparts, as recently proven at the Rio Olympics, which bears a testimony to this fact.

We are the ones who need to give women a chance to prove

### REPUBLIC DAY

In celebration of this glorious occasion, the staff and students assembled on the grounds of the institute. The celebrations commenced with the hoisting of the Indian flag by our supervisor, followed by everyone singing the national anthem with pride.

### NAVROZ

The students celebrated Navroz on March 21<sup>st</sup> with prayers, followed by a tasty meal and sweets.

### ANNUAL DAY

Our students had numerous opportunities to perform at concerts, assemblies, and gatherings throughout the year at their respective schools and colleges. It was wonderful to see our children actively partake in all the events.

### GIRL OF THE MONTH



**SANIYA BARKATBHAJI MARDHANI**

Saniya is from Rajula, Gujarat and was admitted to the institute this year. She is a grade 7 student at the Pune International School. Saniya is a quiet and well-mannered girl. Her father works in a mobile shop and Saniya's mother is a housewife. Saniya demonstrates strong leadership qualities. Her ambition is to become a Doctor and her favourite subjects are Maths & Science. She enjoys reading story books, playing badminton, and drawing in her free time.

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