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EVENT DOCUMENT

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Event Title	Group Discussion Sessions with 10th Class students of Dharavi		
Venue	Chhatrapati Shivaji School (Dharavi)	Conducted On	Nov-Dec, 2011; Jan-12
Participants	Deepti G., Dhiraj S, Ganesh P, Hippu SKN, Raunaq P, Shainendran V, Sushil K, Utkarsh C.		
Related Project	Dharavi Child Talent Enhancement Project		
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Remarks			

-Detail description of the event-

What is the difference between an 'informal chat' and 'group discussion'? Perhaps it is the latter which has a structure and follows a set of rules. The importance of structure and rules in life cannot be over emphasized. A song—howsoever well written may be—when sang improperly becomes unbearable. Similarly, an uncoordinated group dance spoils the mood and a play when unstructured, becomes a chaos. On the contrary, a song which follows the grammar of sur and tal can be very effective to tune the mood of the people by making them happy, sad, delightful, clam etc. A dance when performed with coordination with music and with each participant (in case of group dance) becomes a treat to our eyes. An organized play may glue us to the end and plant the idea into the viewers' minds.

Breaking rules may be fun, or sometimes can be a sign of creativity – but in serious business like Group discussion breaking rule can cost us an admission to an institute or a job. With the aim of exposing 10th class students to the art of Group discussion (so that they can pursue it later in the college days to improve their communication skills) PeFSSSED, together with UDAAN (the CSR wing of Geometric Global) organized in conjunction with "Group Discussion Event" at Chhatrapati Shivaji School of Dharavi area under the Communications Workshop of Child Talent Enhancement Program.

The event started with a one-hour lecture from Hippu on how important it is to speak in English. He emphasized the importance of English in the professional life and how the lack of it may deprive them of the opportunities to grow.



Lecture on importance of English Language

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During the lecture Hippu encouraged the students to speak in English by giving some fundamental tips on how to improve their spoken English. His lecture has primarily three parts – the wide popularity of English and its rationale, the use of English in daily life, and the importance of English in Indian context. This lecture was conducted for the non-English medium students –Hindi, Marathi, and Urdu.

The group discussion event was conducted for all the mediums. The participants were explained the rules that needs to be followed in the group discussion. Later the class was divided in the groups of approximately 10 each; while one group participated, others became audience. Topic was given to the students on the spot. The students were judged as per the contents of their discussion points (facts and ideas), style of presentation (presentation skills, body language), and the leadership skills (take initiation, orient the discussion).



These pictures belong to GD sessions conducted with Urdu medium students. As seen, students are making their points. When one group participated others were the audience. Ganesh and Haressha are seen judging a session on "Cities are better than villages to settle."

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Since the students were encountering this event for the first time, usually the first group of students from every medium was having no idea as to how to present themselves in the discussion. The judges had to intervene frequently to make the participant speak. Students were encouraged to speak in English during the discussion. After the first batch was done with the discussion the later groups did well as they got an idea of how a group discussion takes place.



Hindi Medium students final round GD Session about to begin.



A girl in Marathi medium making a point



Counter point



Participants giving an attentive ear



Feedback

After each batch complete discussion, a detailed feedback was given to each of the participant by the judges as to what all were his/her positive points and on what points he/she needs to improve. This was done by giving examples that they could have used or that they have wrongly used during the discussion. Enormous response was observed from the students as most of them wanted to sit for another round of group discussion.

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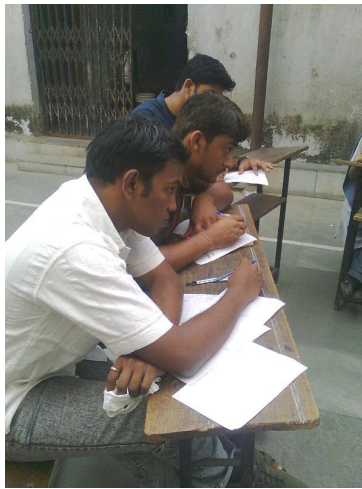
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**Judges for EM students—
Dhiraj, Sushi, and Shinu.**



**A student initiating. Chits
were given to note points.**



**Dhiraj boosting participants to speak out their
mind. Sushil stretches to hear a low pitch voice.**



Sushil shares his feedback sheet with the students



Shinu giving his share of thoughts



Dhiraj sharing his own experience in GD sessions



Participants crowded Dhiraj to take the tips

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After some encouragement and experience, participants came forward to speak out their minds confidently



Dhiraj was quite exceptional in giving feedbacks; he addressed to each participant individually.



The audience who are the classmates paid attention to the proceedings.

After the initial round of group discussion, two to three students from each medium were chosen as finalist and a final round was conducted for every medium. The final round for every medium was well performed by the students. Unlike quiz session, in this event all the student of the class participated. Having many preliminary rounds before the final round made this possible.

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Scoring in progress



A participant making his point



Judges had to sit through hours



Attention to details



Got the courage to speak



Hippu... Sharing his thoughts



Sushil and hippu share a light moment while Dhiraj in serious business



One last point

The best speakers were awarded on the occasion of Republic day (26th January, 2012). We are yet to obtain the pictures for the same. For purchase of these awards Deepti had supported financially. Also, Ganesh supported the logistics. In our next report, we will include the photograph of the award ceremony.
