

Ullas Trust Conducts Annual ‘Can Do It’ Workshop for Ullas Young Achievers in Mumbai

Mumbai, November 26, 2011: Ullas Trust, a Social Initiative by Polaris Financial Technology Ltd., conducted its Ullas Annual Workshop & awarded Young Achievers scholarships to 520 students across 14 schools in Mumbai. The “*Can Do It*” workshop was conducted by Ms. Sudha Kunkalienkar, Head – Corporate Banking, Polaris and Mr. Sandeep Mahimkar, Head – Remote Infrastructure Management, Polaris in the presence of **Smt. Nilambari Kundapur, Educationist / Social Worker & Founder Trustee of Shree Shant Sukhada.**

Ullas Trust was started by the employees of Polaris in 1997, to recognize academic excellence in students from the economically challenged sections of our society and nurture their “Can Do” spirit. Ullas focuses on High School students during the most vulnerable phase in their lives - adolescence. Ullas strongly believes that during this period, any positive intervention creates a huge impact in nurturing their dreams and aspirations.

To shape these young, fertile minds, Polaris employees run a unique weekend intervention program called SUMMIT, which comprises a personality development module and a technology skill development module. The SUMMIT Program is graded from Level 1 to Level 4, with Level 1 beginning for Class IX and finishing with Level 4 for Class XII. Between Standard IX to XII, each student undergoes at least 24 intervention programs in the form of SUMMITs and Annual Workshops that help in honing their self-confidence and ‘Can Do’ spirit.

So far, the SUMMIT programs were being conducted in Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai and Hyderabad, where Polaris offices are located. Last year, Ullas reached out to 4000 students across India through the Summit programs. Since its inception, Ullas Trust has awarded over 30,000 scholarships to students across India.

About Ullas Trust

Ullas Trust was started in 1997 with an aim to integrate the employees of Polaris with a larger community and nurture a “Can do it” spirit among the students. The Trust recognizes and rewards academic excellence through annual scholarships. The Ullas Trust has been organizing an annual workshop for the past 13 years, with the aim of exposing young minds to role models and achievers from the real world. Every year, the workshop culminates with the Trust awarding educational scholarships to students identified through a selection process from Corporation and Government schools in all districts of Tamil Nadu, Mumbai and Delhi. Going beyond scholarships, the volunteers in the Trust act as “Mentors” to the Ullas Achievers by engaging them regularly on interactive sessions. Over the last 14 years, Ullas Trust has awarded over 30,000 scholarships to young minds across India.

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