

Perfect Record In Tact

The second and largest class of AVANI 10th standard students all passed their exit exams with above average marks, surpasing the national average. Aruna (seated far right) achieved the highest marks with a total score of 85% in Science, Technology and English.

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7 from Avani clear SSC exam

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Kolhapur: As many as seven students from the Avani Children's home, a non-governmental organization (NGO) working towards the empowerment and welfare of orphaned and homeless children, passed in the SSC exam this year.

The SSC result announced on Tuesday not only brought smiles for the state with the increased passing percentage but also brought cheers for the first batch of seven students from Avani

Shirisha Yeotikar, a member of Avani, said, "One of our students, Aruna Torse, scored 85%, Of the



The seven successful students

seven, six received firstclass marks, while one student passed in the second class. However, their score does not matter, it is their dedication and hard work that led them to success."

According to Yeotikar, each of the students come from a background of pover-

ty, homelessness or abandonment and is first generation from their families to attend school

"It is our purpose to work alongside the children from the homeless, migrant and nomadic communities. We do this by conducting surveys to identify children at risk, rescue those in need, and provide them food, clothes, shelter, healthcare, rehabilitation and an education up to class X and beyond. These children will also be encouraged to pursue higher education," she added.

The Avani Children's Home has been working for the education of child labourers and homeless children since 1999.





Mayur

16 Years Old

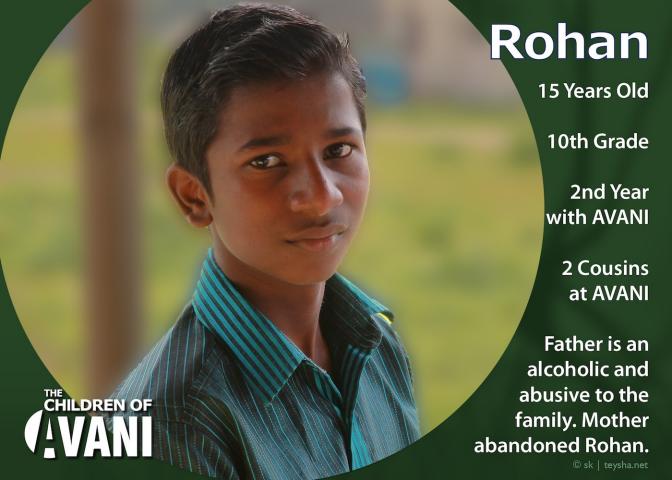
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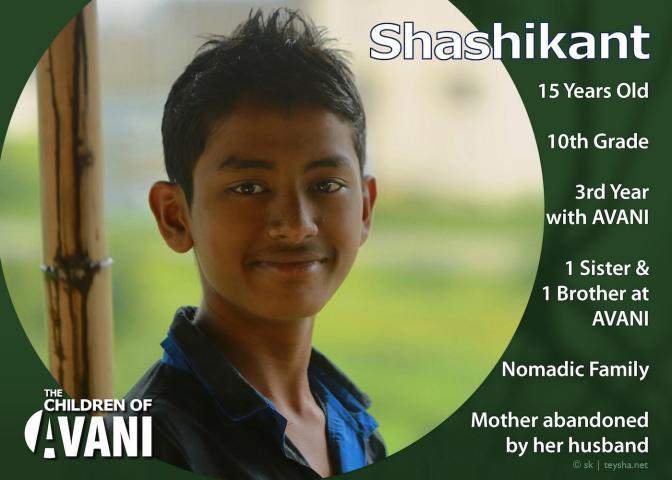
6th Year with AVANI

> 1 Sister at AVANI

Father died of HIV and passed it on to his mother

Mayur is not HIV+







Suraj

18 Years Old

10th Grade

6th Year with AVANI

1 Brother at AVANI

Family is Nomadic

Mother abandoned by her husband

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