Perfect Record In Tact

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

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 seven, six received first-class 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 poverty, 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.
Aruna
15 Years Old
10th Grade
3rd Year
with AVANI
Orphan

Father died of HIV passing it on to her mother who died this year.

Aruna is not HIV positive
Mayur
16 Years Old
10th Grade
6th Year with AVANI
1 Sister at AVANI
Father died of HIV and passed it on to his mother
Mayur is not HIV+
Rohan
15 Years Old
10th Grade
2nd Year with AVANI
2 Cousins at AVANI
Father is an alcoholic and abusive to the family. Mother abandoned Rohan.
Shashikant
15 Years Old
10th Grade
3rd Year with AVANI
1 Sister & 1 Brother at AVANI
Nomadic Family
Mother abandoned by her husband

The Children of AVANI
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Suraj

18 Years Old
10th Grade
6th Year with AVANI
1 Brother at AVANI
Family is Nomadic

Mother abandoned by her husband
Pallavi
19 Years Old
10th Grade
6th Year with AVANI
Family is Nomadic
Mother died
Her Father abandoned her