

# DARE TO DREAM

Official Newsletter of WinVinaya Foundation



## WinVinaya Utsav!

WinVinaya's 3rd Utsav event "Family Fun Day" - was all about unwinding ourselves. The 2nd wave of the pandemic has been harsh and with the lockdown being imposed again, work has moved home and social interactions had to be limited. The event was fun, relaxing and rejuvenating. Happy People make others Happy. Isn't it?



## WinVinaya Utsav!

Check out "Family fun Day"

[winvinayafoundation.org/winvinaya-utsav-may-2021/](http://winvinayafoundation.org/winvinaya-utsav-may-2021/)

## Recruitment of Candidates

Despite recruitment of PWDs being difficult in this Covid-19 situation, this month 14 students of WinVinaya got placed in various companies including Wipro, Zenta Mortgage Services LLC, Amazon, and more. We are hopeful to see more recruitments in the coming months. Hats off to all the inclusive companies, hard working candidates, our trainers for their efforts. .



Power BI Dashboard  
[winvinayafoundation.org/performance-reports/](http://winvinayafoundation.org/performance-reports/)

## Covid-19 Resources

In challenging times of a pandemic, getting the right information from trusted sources is critical. We collated COVID related resources - availability of medical resources, helpline numbers, FAQs, etc; from reliable resources all at one place. Check it out and share it with your friends and family.



COVID-19 Resources  
[winvinayafoundation.org/covid-19-resources/](http://winvinayafoundation.org/covid-19-resources/)

## Donate Eazily!

Thanks to inputs received from well-wishers, we have introduced a convenient way to donate with ICICI EazyPay, which allows donation through UPI/ Net Banking/ Credit Cards/ Debit Cards for many different skilling initiatives for PWDs. Kindly visit: <https://winvinayafoundation.org/donate/>



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Prachi Pradeep was determined to build a career despite being diagnosed with spinocerebellar ataxia at an early age. Training under SAMEIP helped her get into the IT department of Allstate India last year. Photo: Hudson Clay Consultants for Microsoft

## Reaching heights!

WinVinaya Foundation is a proud partner of SAMEIP program which is funded by Microsoft, SBI and program managed by AIF. Please read the story of Prachi (trained by WinVinaya Foundation, and working at All State Insurance), Views of Ms Manjula Kalyanasundaram (SBI), more impactful stories, published by Microsoft at <https://tinyurl.com/wvf-MS-Prachi>

Edu-Connect Program.  
[winvinayafoundation.org/  
our-programs/](http://winvinayafoundation.org/our-programs/)

## Project 1Inclusion

Societe Generale - the 7th largest bank in Europe, NISH college and WinVinaya have collaborated to train students with employability skills. Experts from SG are mentoring the candidates, training them in soft skills, in addition to training by WinVinaya. Candidates are getting the best of both worlds.



To Volunteer  
[winvinayafoundation.org/  
volunteer/](http://winvinayafoundation.org/volunteer/)



## Volunteering

Corporate Volunteers from an MNC conducted Mock Interviews which helped many WinVinaya candidates to crack their interviews. Volunteers from another MNC are co-creating training modules. Volunteers create a multiplier effect!

For Latest Updates  
[winvinayafoundation.org/](http://winvinayafoundation.org/)

## Upcoming events

In June, couple of events are planned! Activities on World Environment Day, WinVinaya Utsav, Event - Inclusive Storytelling where interesting stories will be narrated by different people from all walks of life. Stay tuned!



## Blog!

Check out the blog "Digital Games to improve learning for Children with Visual Impairment" to know about a research done by Microsoft and partners. Learning from experts and implementing it will amplify the social impact!

Blog  
[winvinayafoundation.org/  
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improve-learning-for-  
children-with-visual-  
impairment\\_](http://winvinayafoundation.org/digital-games-to-improve-learning-for-children-with-visual-impairment/)

# NEVER EVER GIVE UP.



**“Keep your face always toward the sunshine -  
and shadows will fall behind you.”**

**— Walt Whitman**



"A positive attitude gives you power over your circumstances instead of your circumstances having power over you." - Joyce Meyer

Rakesha Jagadi is a developer, currently working at Dell, Bangalore. A sports person by passion, he loves playing cricket, football and chess to mention a few. He is a person with locomotor disability.

He faced challenges including - not being a part of the college cricket team because of his disability, losing out on his first job etc; What kept him going was having a positive outlook and working towards his goal.

For Rakesha, his family was his biggest support. They stood by him in the highs and lows and encouraged him to aim higher. His father was his role model. He wishes to be like him someday.

On Lockdown... Although he misses going to work, hanging out with his friends, he is catching up on all the time that he had lost with the family after moving out for his higher education. He spends time reading books, a new hobby.

In the last 2 years, his life has changed drastically both personally and professionally. He thanked Winvinaya for all the help and support in training and placement assistance. He said, "If I have to say it in few words, 2 years back, when I was trained at WinVinaya I had a mentor but now I am a mentor"

In the future, he wants to be a better developer, excel in his job. He wants to help out the other Persons with Disability by providing career guidance something that he didn't get when he was in college and help them upskill.

His message - "Don't look at the outer disabilities but the inner abilities, attitude and capabilities."

Let us be positive in challenging circumstances and triumph over them.

**“I always  
looked  
at the  
positive  
side of  
things.”**

**- RAKESHA  
JAGADI**

