



## Students charmed by achievers' stories

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**Pimpri:** Students were mesmerised hearing the personal experience of real heroes who have achieved milestones in their respective fields.

These personalities addressed the students during a programme, Heroes for Change organised by Young Inspirators Network (YIN) at Aishwariya Shikshan Mandal College of Commerce, Science and IT at Chinchwad, on Wednesday.

Everest climber Anand Bansode; international level swimmer Arati Gharpade; young entrepreneur and former student of ASM College Siddhesh; Darshana Parmar of Parmar Developers; IT expert Dipak Shikarpur and E-waste management expert Manoj Mehat addressed the students. The secretary of ASM Group Asha Pachpande and Chairman of ASM group Sandip Pachpande were also present.

Anand Bansode said, "I used to be

a weak as a child, both physically and academically. My parents and teachers didn't have any hope in me. I failed in std IX, which was a turning point for my life. I decided that I will achieve something big so that no one can insult me. Next year, I stood first in the class."

According to him, he became the first Indian to climb four highest peaks in the world out of seven and played the national anthem on guitar. "I want to climb all seven peaks in the world. I always have a positive attitude and refuse to pay attention to negativity," he said.

International level swimmer Arati said that as a child, she feared water and during her initial days of swimming training, she used to return from the pool without swimming. "But somehow, I managed to overcome the fear of water. Thereafter, swimming became my passion. After winning many medals at the national level, I am now concentrating on 2020 Olympics," Arati added.

According to Parmar, she belonged to a very conservative Marwari family and pursuing a career was not on her mind. "But one day, an argument with her father became the turning point of her life. He had stopped my pocket money, which forced me to think seriously about my career. Despite being educated in IT field, I manage my father's construction business. It is a thing of pride for me that our firm is one of the top construction company in Pune," she added.

IT expert Shikarpur said that the need of the hour is skill-based education. "There is a difference between information, knowledge and skill. Our education system gives emphasis on memorising information and reproducing it during the examination. Our education system is unable to produce manpower required by the industry," he added.

Young entrepreneur Siddhesh made a presentation about his new startup which manufacturers innovative wall pieces that have multipurpose use.

### STUDENTS SPEAK



The speech of Anand Bansode was very inspiring. If one has dreams and dedication, nothing is impossible in life. It was a learning experience about overcoming the odds in one's life.

— KRUSHNA PATRA



The incident that Darshana Parmar narrated was indeed an eye opener of how one can reach their goal and become a successful businesswoman.

— RAUNAK SHEKH



Studying only for getting job is not enough and this is the message of this programme. One should get into a position through which they can also provide jobs for others.

— DEV DATTA

Event: Coffee with YIN Ministers  
Venue: SB Patil Institute of Management

Student: Shreyas Chavan