

Press Note

Govt. College of Engg & Research, Awasari(Khurd), Dist. Pune Students Join Chief Minister's Initiative to 'Transform Maharashtra'

'Transform Maharashtra', an initiative by the Hon'ble Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, has become one of the most dynamic platforms ever created in Maharashtra's history to promote inclusive governance. It is a state-wide competition which invited solutions from the college students across the state on 11 socio-economic challenges faced by Maharashtra such as drought issue, corruption, urban poverty, digital divide, etc. The initiative has twin objectives of crowd sourcing the innovative solutions to Maharashtra's long-term concerns as well as encouraging active involvement of youth in policy planning.

The competition witnessed around 2500 submissions from around 15,000 students across Maharashtra. The students from the Govt. College of Engg & Research, Awasari(Khurd), Dist. Pune also enthusiastically participated in the competition. A total of FIVE teams of FIVE students each from Govt. College of Engg & Research, Awasari(Khurd), Dist. Pune submitted their solutions in the competition. The students gave their solutions addressing the issues of "Reforming Rural Education", "Digital Literacy", "Development Of Sustainable and Livable Cities" etc .

The best solutions were taken out by the help of subject matter experts and online voting that created quite a buzz on the internet with more than 6 lakhs votes casted. Results were announced in early April.

The Team from Govt. College of Engg & Research, Awasari(Khurd), Dist. Pune comprising of Vaishnavi Ajay Thigale.(TE MECH)- Team Leader, supported by , Jidnya Vijaykumar Wagale, Akshay Shinde, Pornima Ekatpure, and Prajakta Akiwate as Team members , all from TE (MECH), were adjudged WINNERS by the eminent Jury. The Team submitted a solution to "Reforming Rural Education", through their presentation titled "Nanhi Si Aasha"

The winners shall be given prizes and an opportunity to present their solutions to the Chief Minister on Maharashtra Day i.e. May 1st, 2017. In the Event, Chief Minister will brainstorm with Opinion Makers, Business Intellects, Subject Matter Experts and 6000 college students for 'Maharashtra Vision 2025'. This is the first time in Maharashtra that students will discuss with the Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis on issues concerning the state. The Event will be graced by presence of Major General Anuj Mathur; Mr. Bhavish Aggarwal, CEO, Olacabs; amongst others, and will also witness musical performance by Kay Kay, a prominent bollywood and cultural singer. The Event shall include an exhibition which will showcase the innovative ideas / solutions / projects by other students of Maharashtra, who could not participate in the competition.

'Transform Maharashtra' initiative in itself, and the fact that on one of the most significant days for the state, the Chief Minister has given utmost priority to a youth and industry-oriented initiative, demonstrate his commitment towards his agenda of development. The intent of the Government, proven capability of the involved experts, and excitement of students assure us of a better Maharashtra in very near future.