Happiness equals growth. In this world where the quest for happiness is the primary driving force for all endeavors, learning this golden rule is very important if we want to lead happy productive lives. So how do we keep growing? We grow when we learn.

In our Skill centers, we prepare underprivileged students for work life - we educate them and teach them skills that will get them jobs. Over 40,000 students have transitioned to work life over the last 3 years. Most of these youth are contributing economically to their families and experience higher self-esteem and confidence. Yet, we cannot be sure that everyone is happy at work. Workplaces, as we might have experienced, don’t always offer a life nurturing environment.

At NIIT foundation, we are teaching our team how to work with emotions using the Grief Cycle tool from the Genuine Contact program. The Grief cycle helps us to work with emotions, acknowledging them, so we can start the process of healing. We hope that our students can be taught to use the Grief cycle every time they are upset after an event has occurred. From there we can perhaps teach them to work on their emotions, start the healing process, and seek to learn from the experience. We do hope to thus educate our students (and our team) so they can truly grow and become happy.

If we teach our students to use every single experience – especially negative experiences, as an opportunity to learn and thereby grow, we have taught them the secret to happiness. Of course, this is easier said than done. There are many things at play. Emotions stop us from seeing things in the light of learning. When confused by our emotions, our focus becomes who is to blame and how to avoid suffering. Handling emotions is then a precursor to learning.
Beyond Employability

NIIT Foundation recognizes the need for creating employability. The foundation has been working closely with agencies to offer industry aligned professional training at subsidized costs for youth, adults, girls, and people with disability. A detailed process is followed from beginning to end to ensure employability amongst the beneficiaries.

However, the success of the employability program at NIIT Foundation does not only lie in its thorough processes or its regular follow-ups. While this is a key feature of the program, which makes the employability program unique is that it focuses on the all round development of each student. In addition to providing technical knowledge and skills through professional customized courses and certification, each of the career development centers also focuses on providing a safe learning environment. It is here that students develop communication skills, career orientation, civic sense, helpful nature etc which adds to their confidence and overall personality.

The aim is to equip students with skills that will help them not only in their present but also enable them to grow at their workplace, in their careers and most importantly as individuals.

NIIT Foundation uses specialized tools of Genuine Contact Methodology to mobilize and provide career counseling to the students. These tools are used to create an opportunity for active and complete participation of the students before and after placement. This creates a sense of responsibility towards oneself and the larger communities which leads students becoming active Changemakers. It is with this vision in mind that the employability program at NIIT Foundation delivers every day.

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This is no ordinary success story. This is the story of Shailendra. He is 21 years old. He is in his final year, studying B.Com. He comes from a middle-class family residing in Noida, Uttar Pradesh.

Shailendra joined the Career Development Center in Noida which is being run by NIIT Foundation in partnership with EXL. He enrolled for the course in Tally. The reason for joining the center was not so much for himself alone but to learn about the functioning of an NGO. He too had aspirations of starting one of his own.

Shailendra always liked to help others. Before joining the center, he would spend his time helping and teaching the children from the slum community near his house. When he joined the center, he focused on improving not only his own skills and his knowledge in computers but also simultaneously picked up information on how to start and run an organization that would benefit others.

He finally was able to start his own organization in the year 2018. It is a five-six member NGO titled ‘Challenges Group Trust’. Shailendra’s well-wishers and friends are supporting it. His friends spend time at the NGO volunteering. They have opened up a center in Sector 25, Noida near Spice Mall and provide basic education to children who come from rag picker families and cannot go to school. The center reaches out to 50 children at a time. Till today, Shailendra and his friends have touched the lives of 200 children.

What started as an informal hobby to help others has now turned into a formal set up and a career for Shailendra. Most young people at Shailendra’s age would be focusing on themselves. They usually come to NIIT Foundation to be able to earn a livelihood. However, Shailendra’s story is different. He came with a vision to not only change his own life but to also positively impact the larger community around him.
Hindustan Coca-Cola Beverages Pvt Limited (HCCB) is the largest bottling partner of Coca Cola Company in India. As a part of its inclusive growth agenda, HCCB endeavors to partner with the local communities across its bottling plants.

It is under this that HCCB has partnered with NIIT Foundation and has carried out an initiative to set up Career Development Centers at selected locations. The first Career Development Center was set up in Dasna situated in Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh in the year 2011. The aim of the center was to tap into the potential of underserved and unemployed youth in the community and provide them with the required training to enhance their employability.

The experience and success of Dasna center gave the team at HCCB and NIIT Foundation the confidence to implement the program at other HCCB bottling plant communities. Since the year 2014, the program has expanded. More centers have been set up in Ameenpur in Telangana, Khurda district in Odisha, Pirangut in Pune and Bidadi in Karnataka.

Through these Career Development Centers efforts are being made to address the increasing demand for skilled force in IT, Retail, Service and Manufacturing Centers. The trainings have been designed to meet the entry-level job requirements of the organized sector. The project has been focused on targeting school/college dropouts, women and girls in the selected rural communities.

Since the start of the project, 6130 youth have been successfully placed in the job market across the locations. The project also aims to create a larger village impact. It aims to provide jobs, improve the overall income, enroll more females into the project and thereby empower women. This initiative aspires to be a model that can be replicated and scaled up, thereby reaching out to a large number of youth and creating maximum impact.

“The HCCB Career Development Center in Bidadi started 5 years back. Till date, the center, which is being run by NIIT Foundation has trained over 1500 students in various courses and placed over 1000 students. 40% of the students are females.

There is this one student, Nandini whose mother is a single parent. Nandini underwent free training at the center and was placed at Bosch India Foundation as a Bosch Animator. She is drawing a salary of INR 18000 a month. We are proud of students like Nandini.

It was a honor to have the Ramanagara District CEO- Mr. Mullai Mulian, IAS visit the center. He shared his positive feedback with the team. He was glad to see the center empower communities and create employability.

The growth of the center lies in its students, the committed trainers, center head and the entire team who are giving their best. I wish the center the very best.”
Volunteer Speak

"Like a lot of other people, I did a course with NIIT. When I heard about NIIT Foundation, I got a desire to contribute towards it and soon began volunteering at NF. I spent my time at the Shiksha Career Development Center situated in Dankaur at Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh. I am really glad that I got this opportunity, as it has been a truly enjoyable and very enriching experience for me. I enjoyed taking a session on the basics of insurance with the youth. I explained the importance of having insurance for a secure future. The students were eager to learn and actively participated in the session, which made it even more memorable. I hope to spend more time with these youth and volunteer more often at the center."

Volunteers’ Lead

On the occasion of Women's Day, a fundraising event was held for NIIT Foundation. Volunteers from SOIL (School of Inspired Leadership) organized the event at their college premises. Awareness about NIIT Foundation and the fundraising event was spread prior through mailers and posters. These posters were strategically placed in the college premises including the reception, cafeteria and notice boards.

Volunteers from the college motivated their peers to contribute. The aim was to reach out to underserved girls and women living in communities to enable them to access employability skills and have a better future.

During the event, students, especially boys, shared stories about how women play an important role in their lives and the need to respect and value every woman. There were speeches on women empowerment and the importance of girl's education as well.

At the end of the event, donations were collected by the volunteers from students and the trainers. This was handed over to NIIT Foundation. It was a memorable Women's Day and wonderful to receive a heartwarming response from the students, volunteers and trainers at SOIL.

Sanjay Kumar Sinha
Area Sales Manager at TATA AIG General Insurance, Delhi
NEWS & EVENTS

NF student receives an internship at IAG Australia

Mansi, a student of CDC - EXL Noida center was selected for an 11 months paid internship program with IAG Australia. Officials from EXL and IAG visited the center on the occasion of Women’s day and handed over the offer letter to Mansi. Mansi shared her gratitude towards NF, EXL and IAG for giving her this opportunity.

A Mega Job Fair was organized for over 300 students

A mega job fair was successfully conducted at the Career Development Center in Bidadi, Karnataka. Over 319 students and 14 companies participated in the job fair.

More than 285 students got shortlisted for subsequent rounds out of which 235 students got selected at various companies on the same day.

Volunteer activity at J.P. Morgan Mumbai Office

A volunteer activity was organized at J.P. Morgan's office premises in Mumbai. This was for the students of the Career Development Center in Pirangut in Pune.

Students learnt about interview skills, verbal-non verbal communication and more. They enjoyed the sessions and found it to be very knowledgeable.

Industry visit at HCCB Plants in Pune, Bidadi, and Khurda

A Career Guidance Session was organized by Hindustan Coca-Cola Beverages Pvt. Ltd. at their Pune plant for the CDC - Pirangut Center in Pune. This was held on the occasion of Women's Day. Students enjoyed the session and received wonderful goodies from the HCCB Officials after the session. Similar sessions were organized by HCCB Khurda Plant and HCCB Bidadi Plant for the students of the CDC's situated there.
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External pre-placement activity at CDC Mehdipatnam, Hyderabad

A pre-placement activity was organized by Outlook HR Solutions for the students of CDC - Mehdipatnam, Hyderabad. The students learnt how to prepare for job interviews, use job portals, present oneself in a work environment, etiquette, etc. The sessions was conducted using very interesting role-plays which made it interesting and easy to comprehend.

Mahindra Finance joined hands with NIIT Foundation

NIIT Foundation has partnered with Mahindra Finance for a Financial Literacy program. The program started in March 2019 and is a CSR initiative of Mahindra Finance. The course curriculum of the program has been designed to include equity, mutual funds, insurance, money management, savings, income, expense etc.
Over 1,69,181 students enrolled in Skill Programs
Over 16,284 students successfully Placed
Over 12,28,382 beneficiaries became Financially Literate
152 New Centers Setup (CDC & DLC)
95 New HiWEP Learning Stations Setup
789 hours of Volunteer effort to help students

PERFORMANCE AREA - FY 19

Dr. Kirit Somaiya & Dr. Nilay Ranjan at Jaadu Ginni ka felicitation event

Dr. Kirit Somaiya – North East Consistency, Mumbai and Dr. Nilay Ranjan - Head, Vodafone Idea Foundation graced the felicitation event of Jaadu Ginni Ka Financial Literacy program that was held in Mulund, Mumbai. The event was held in partnership with Guiding Souls.

CDC, Civil Lines, Delhi visit Westside Store

The Retail batch of CDC Civil Lines Center, Delhi visited Westside (Moments Mall, Kirti Nagar).
Students enjoyed the visit and learned about Retail management, customer relationship, job challenges, billing, visual merchandising and more.

We Welcome Our New Partners

GiveIndia - Skills
Mahindra Finance - Special Project
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Purkal Youth Development Society - NReach Project

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