



Be the change you want to see

18 years old Mangesh Patil resides with his family. Parents takes utmost care and efforts in upbringing the family members with several hardships. They are living in Tadiwala community in the past 25 years. Father works as a road cleaner, mother is a domestic servant, while eldest sister completed 12th standard and works as a reception in a pizza hut. Presently, Mangesh is studying in 12th grade in Poona college. In the absence of his parents and sisters at home he was roaming idle in the streets throughout the day. During this time, he befriended with the other children who were with bad tendencies. The scenario changed his mindset towards undesirable behaviour. He started interacting with the family very rudely, misbehaved with people and lack of interest towards studies.



In 2020, Mangesh was enrolled in community resource centre. Rather than remedial classes, his interests were towards extracurricular activities. Hence, to support and encourage the child in his interests, he was given the core responsibility in an activity called - Fun Day which is been conducted on every Saturdays. Mangesh was surprised and was not confident enough in holding such a responsibility. This was noticed by the project team and tried to convince the child. But things did not go well and team ensured not forcing the child beyond his interest.

TARANG, where students enjoy a lot, learn and have enhanced their skills. Mangesh was also a part of the TARANG program. He was paying more attention in all the sessions and found quite interesting. During the session bullying, Mangesh realized the behaviour he was having. Thereafter, he narrated his experiences about the behaviour. This session has strongly affected and brought a positive change in his life style. Post to the sessions, gradually he started paying attention in class, moved politely with family and friends. At the centre he grasps the learnings delivered. The sessions have built confidence in the child and he took initiative in conducting the activities during Fun Day. Apart from this, his interest was created in remedial education. Mangesh passed out 10th standard board exam with flying colors. He participated in many activities during Yuva Rang festival. Now he is a matured child. ***“He strongly says – I will study well and complete my education and in future I will support my family in all financial needs”.***