

About Aatmaja Foundation

Aatmaja foundation is a non-profit organization registered under the Bombay Public trust Act 1950. We @Aatmaja identify bright young girls from disadvantage background to give them wings to fulfil their dream and become confident professionals with strong values. In addition to providing financial support, we enable them by several interventions for personality grooming, enhancing confidence, motivating them and personal and career counselling.



Man Ki Baat

Foundation completed four year in this April. When I look back at these years, there is immense satisfaction. We started small supporting 20 girls in the first year. In the current year we are supporting 180 girls. Most of the girls have excelled in academics, are progressing well in their respective chosen fields. When we meet them, it feels my heart with pride to see the transformation from young shy girls to now confident teenagers, who are responsible and mature. Education is the key

for women to achieve economic independence. Although women in the majority of countries have the right to an education, equal access to education for women remains a problem. When girls are educated, their countries become stronger and more prosperous. At Aatmaja foundation, our effort is to ensure that we contribute to nation building by ensuring girls are professionally educated.



When you invest in a girl's education, she feeds herself, her children, her community and her nation.

Prime Minister Erna Solberg of Norway

The welcome function for 57 new Aatmajas was organized on 27 April 2019. This was an occasion when we felicitate girls by giving them badges and certificates. The journey which itself an achievement of the foundation was shared by senior girls and their parents. They relate how the foundation had made positive change in their life. All the newly inducted girls were excited and happy to be a part of Aatmaja foundation. The parents and teachers were equally thrilled and profusely thanked the foundation. Now there are total 180 Aatmajas getting benefited.



Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world- Nelson Mandela

According to study done by CRY (Child Rights and You) out of 1604 girls, 16 % were not going to school. Among drop outs majority of them were in the age category of 15-18 years and most of the girls belonged to socially economically deprived categories.

Disabling factors in girl's education-

- ❖ Family size and number of girl child in family.
- ❖ Among individual factor own decision to stop going to school(54%) is the main reason.
- ❖ In systemic factor distance from the school as the reason for discontinuing education.
- ❖ Around 45% girls believed that there is no use in studying if they cannot go for higher education.

Enabling factors in girl's education-

- ❖ Self-motivation (88%) for continuing education.
- ❖ Inspiration/motivation from Family (87%)
- ❖ Benefits like scholarship, fee waiver, free uniform etc.

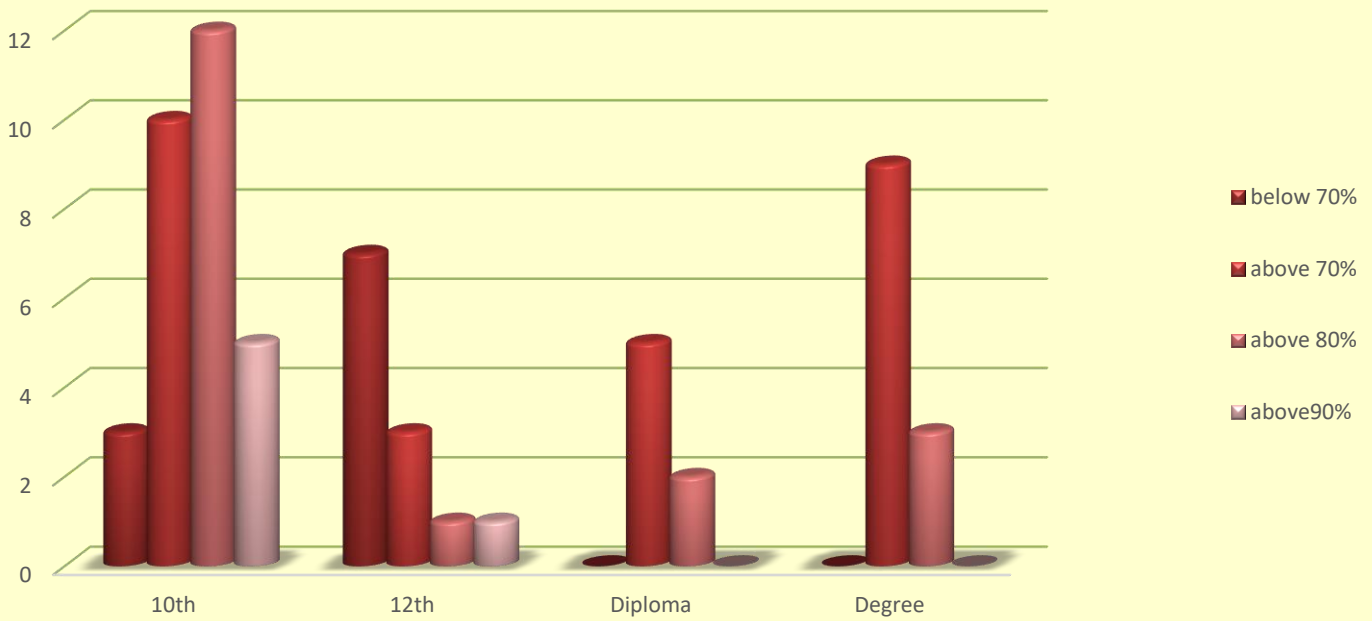
According to study done by CRY on girl's education it was found that receiving various incentives in terms of scholarship, fee waiver, free books etc. could possibly be one of the enabler for continuing education.

Thus reflecting on the fact that if implemented efficiently and benefit of incentives and/or schemes, being pro-poor can contribute significantly to continue and complete education among girls.

In the discourse around education, girl child education has always received separate attention and strategic importance nationally as well as internationally. This is due to recognized gaps in policy, implementation as well as socio-economic and cultural parameters associated with it. Also there are established linkage between investment in girl's education leading to overall development of girls, women and their families and its contribution in the growth and development of the nation.

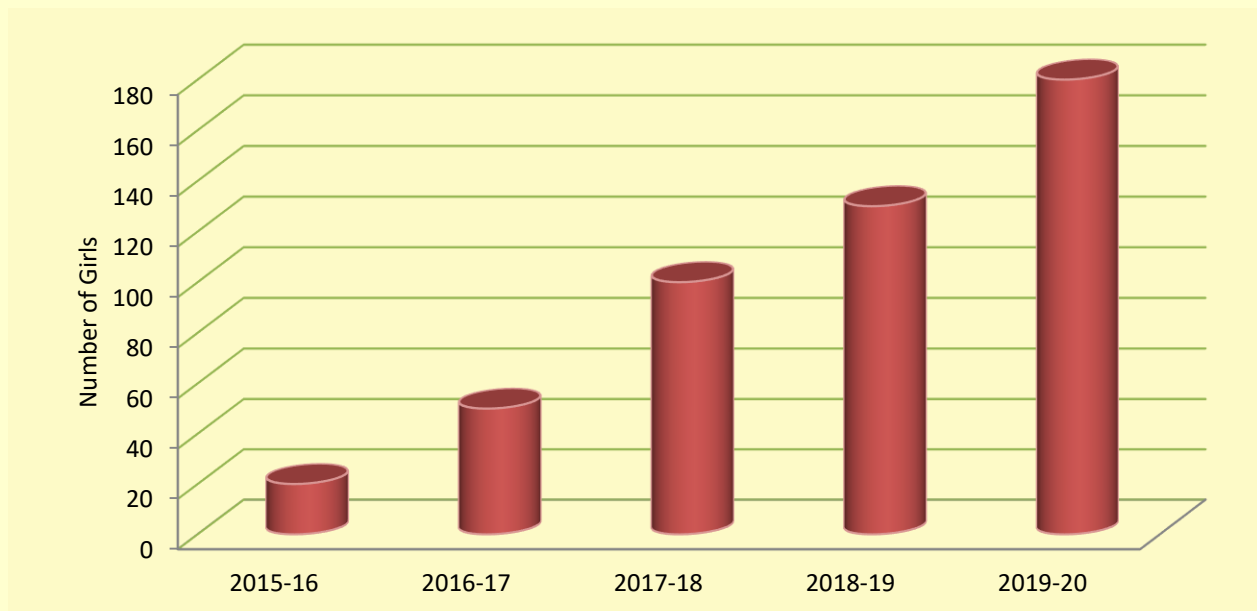
Performance of Aatmajas for 2018-2019

Below Graph shows Academics performance of Aatmajas for year 2018-19



Number of beneficiary girls added over the Years

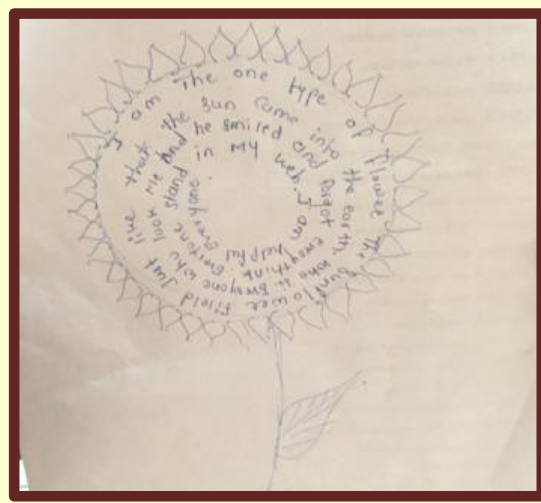
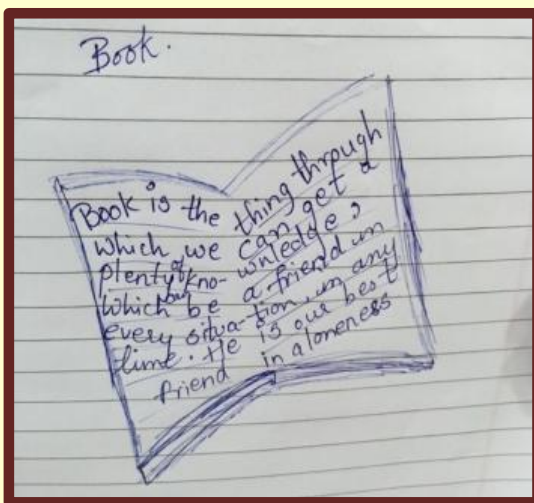
In 2015 we started with 20 Aatmaja currently we are supporting 180 Aatmajas .Every year we take 30-40 girls in Udaan Programme.



Books train your imagination to think big...

Keeping this in mind Mrs Bhakti Verma an Independent Education Consultant, Founder at Word's Worth Workshops conducted workshops to inculcated reading habit in Aatmajas.

Different activities like Book Talks, Reader's Theater, Literature Circle, Book Club Discussions and even Book Reviews were taken up during workshops. Girls specially enjoyed session on Shape poems.





WordsMaya helps Aatmajas improve their English communication via, exciting activities, interesting projects, quizzes, group chats and expert feedback from mentors.

It's all on their mobile!

WordsMaya brought learning literally to Aatmajas fingertips

We wanted to help Aatmajas from Non English medium to **speaking English confidently.**

When we came across Wordsmaya, we thought this was the right intervention, which combines **Technology and personal interaction**





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