

2400 Corporation and Government School Students say ‘Can Do It’ with Polaris’ Ullas Trust

...Ullas reaches to all 32 districts in Tamil Nadu

...Awards 500 additional scholarships this year

Chennai, Aug 29, 2009: Ullas Trust celebrated 12th Annual Workshop in Chennai with 1200 school students who participated in the ‘Can Do It’ workshop. The students were felicitated as ‘Ullas Achievers’ and awarded with scholarships.

Continuing its endeavor of recognizing academic excellence in students from Corporation, Government and Government aided schools, the Ullas Trust awarded scholarships to 2434 students across 254 schools in Chennai and schools from all 32 districts headquarters of Tamil Nadu. Amongst the 2434 Ullas Achievers, 139 students were awarded Higher Education Scholarships for pursuing professional graduation courses.

- Ullas Trust recently won the award for the **Best Corporate Social Responsibility Practice** at the Social and Corporate Governance Awards 2008 presented by BSE, NASSCOM and Times Foundation
- Last year, His Excellency, Honorable Former President of India, **Dr. A P J Abdul Kalam**, participated in the 11th Annual Ullas Workshop and inspired young minds to realize the ‘Power of Dreams’.

Earlier this year, ‘Ullas’ was launched in Hyderabad. Ullas Trust awarded scholarships to 375 students across 33 schools in Hyderabad and Rangareddy District. ‘Ullas’ chapter is also present in Mumbai and Delhi.

Speaking at the 12th Annual Ullas Workshop, **Mr. Arun Jain, Chairman and CEO, Polaris Software Lab**, said, “Ullas Trust has played an important role in integrating the company with the larger community. With Ullas completing a decade and more, it is heartening to see the senior Ullas achievers growing successful in their professional and personal lives. Even more gratifying is that many of them are now returning as mentors for the young Ullas achievers.”

Highlights of the Ullas Young Achievers for the year include:

- 63 Ullas achievers topped their schools in the 10th standard public examinations
- 37 Ullas achievers topped their schools in the 12th standard public examinations
- 3 Ullas achievers were district state toppers in the public examinations

Ullas Workshop – Igniting, Mentoring and Transforming young minds

Amongst the distinguished guests present at the event to engage and inspire the students were, **Dr. N.P. Karthikeyan, ENT Specialist** and **Mr. K. Radhakrishnan, IPS and Addl. DGP (Law and Order)**. Ullas achievers interacted with role models and were motivated by their learning and experiences.

Ullas Trust conducts an annual workshop with the aim of exposing young minds to role models and achievers from the real world. The Trust provides an opportunity to the Ullas achievers to *'touch and feel'* the corporate environment and interact with successful professionals from all walks of life including public administrators, doctors, scientists, artists and academicians.

About Ullas Trust:

Ullas Trust was started in 1997 with an aim to integrate the associates (employees) of Polaris with a larger community and nurture a 'Can do it' spirit among the students. The Trust recognizes and rewards academic excellence through annual scholarships. Ullas Trust has been organizing an annual workshop for the past ten years, with the aim of exposing young minds to role models and achievers from the real world. Every year, the workshop culminates with the Trust awarding educational scholarships to students identified through a selection process from Corporation and Government schools in all districts of Tamil Nadu, Mumbai and Delhi. Going beyond scholarships, the volunteers in the Trust act as "Mentors" to the Ullas Achievers, by engaging them regularly on interactive sessions. Over the last 11 years, Ullas Trust has awarded over 20000 scholarships to young minds across India.

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