L&T INFOTECH LAUNCHES ‘UDAAN’- A COMPUTER LITERACY PROJECT FOR THE UNDERPRIVILEGED YOUTH

‘1Step’ the flagship Corporate Social Responsibility program unveils its maiden initiative
Opens centers in Kopar Khairane and Panvel, initiates process to identify more locations in the coming months

Mumbai, December 19, 2014: L&T Infotech, under its flagship Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) program ‘1Step’, today announced ‘Udaan’, a computer literacy project for the underprivileged youths of Navi Mumbai and Panvel.

Under this program, students between the age group of 18-25 years who haven’t been able to complete their education due to various personal and financial reasons will be trained in basic computer skill free of cost in 2 batches of 10 students, 6 days a week.

Post completion of the three months training programme, these students will undergo a certification test to be qualified as ‘data operators’. The institute will also focus on ‘Personality Development’, ‘English Speaking’ and ‘Counseling’ classes to make them ‘employment ready’.

Teachers selected from the nearby community will teach these students and this training will be further supplemented by L&T Infotech volunteers during the weekends.

‘Udaan’ is a symbol of aspirations for students to scale greater heights. We would help them achieve it’ said, Mr. V.K. Magapu, Managing Director, L&T Infotech

While, the Kopar Khairane centre is situated near railway station, the Panvel centre is in the premises of Janakalyan Sevashram at Parapund in Panvel, thus making it convenient and accessible to attract most needy youth from nearby low income localities.
L&T Infotech has collaborated with ‘Pratham’ and ‘Janakalyan Sevashram and Warrior Foundation’ for their computer literacy project. These non-governmental organisations (NGOs) have been working extensively with the primary objective of educating underprivileged children & youth thereby creating employment and livelihood opportunities.

**About L&T Infotech ‘1Step’:**

‘1Step’ is the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative of L&T Infotech. Under ‘1Step’ the company intends unveil various community connect programs that will primarily focus on education. ‘Udaan’ is the 1st program which is set up to impart computer literacy programs near L&T Infotech Mahape office.

**About Pratham*:**

Pratham is an innovative learning organization created to improve the quality of education in India. As one of the largest non-governmental organizations in the country, Pratham focuses on high-quality, low-cost, and replicable interventions to address gaps in the education system. Established in 1995 to provide education to children in the slums of Mumbai, Pratham has grown both in scope and geographical coverage. *(Source: [http://www.pratham.org/about-us/about-pratham](http://www.pratham.org/about-us/about-pratham))*

**About Janakalyan Sevashram**

Janakalyan Sevashram is a registered public charitable trust which was incorporated under section 25 of the Companies Act in the year 1997 under the able leadership of its founding Chairman, Late Mr. K R Raman.

**About Warrior Foundation:**

Warrier Foundation is a non-profit Indian Charitable Organization and was founded with a mission of reaching out to the underprivileged and needy, to help them to face the world and live their lives meaningfully. In association with the like-minded people and organizations, Warrier Foundation has launched several initiatives on the social service front.
About L&T Infotech

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