

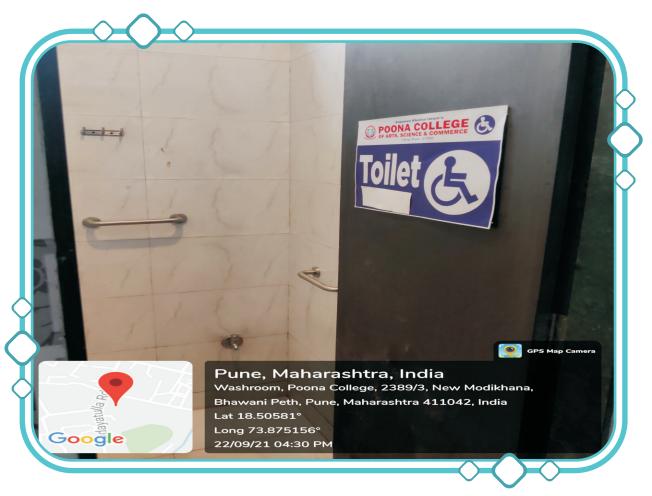
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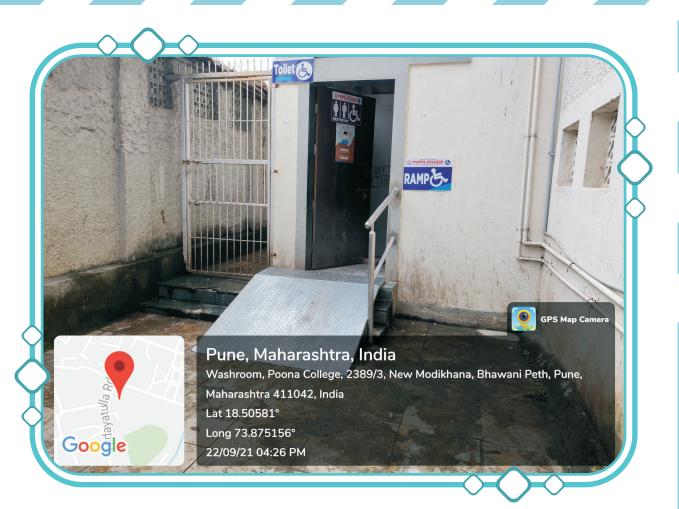
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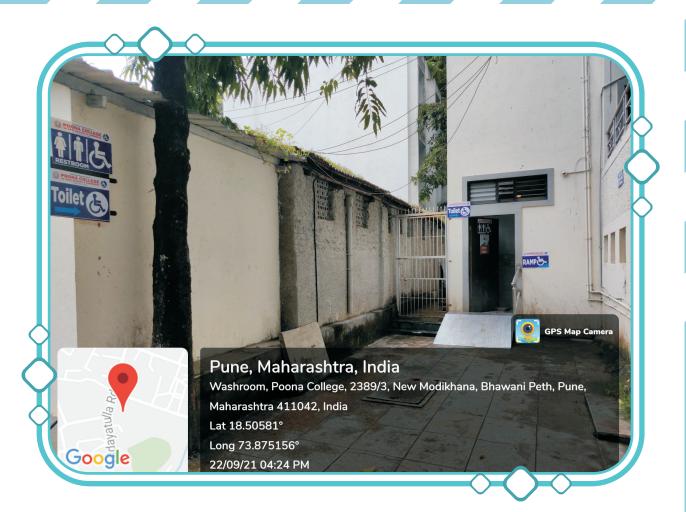




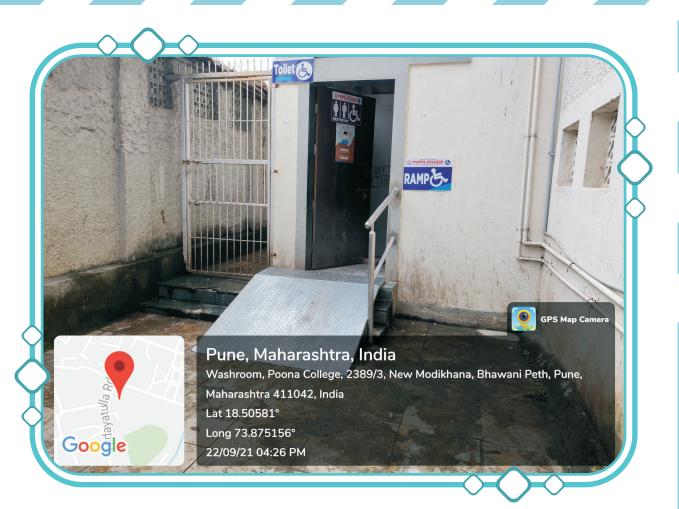








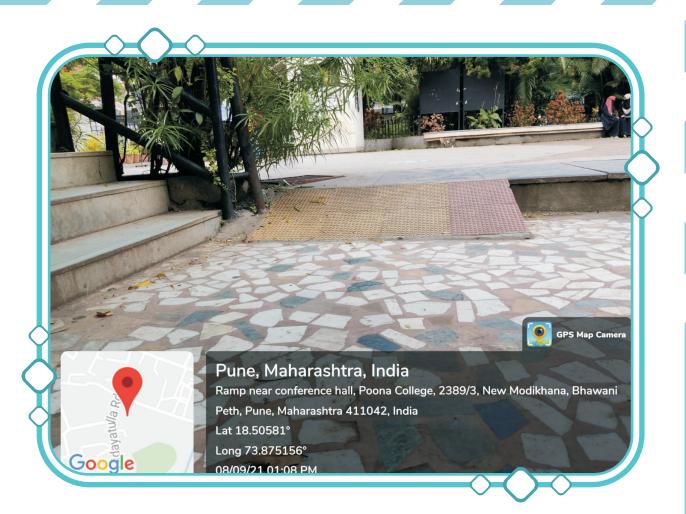
















पायाने उत्तरपत्रिका लिहिणारा साहिल...!

प्रतिनिधी, पुणे

चार वर्षांपूर्वी एका अपघातात त्याचे हात निकामी झाले... मात्र, त्यानंतरही जिहीने तो उभा राहिला. दहावीची परीक्षा दिली आणि सध्या बारावीची परीक्षा देतो आहे. त्या मुलाचे नाव साहिल शेख! साहिलची गोष्ट इथे संपत नाही, तर सुरू होते... साहिल बारावीची परीक्षा देतोय पण लेखनिक न घेता. तो स्वतःच उत्तरपत्रिका लिहितो... तेही पायाने!

चार वर्षांपूर्वी शाळेच्या स्नेहसंमेलनातील कार्यक्रमांचा सराव करताना साहिलचा अपघात झाला. त्या अपघातात विजेचा धक्का बसल्यामुळे त्याचे दोन्ही हात निकामी झाले. खर तर त्याच वेळी साहिलच्या भविष्याची आशा अनेकांनी सोडूनच दिली होती. मात्र, सगळ्या आव्हानांवर मात करून तो उभा राहिला.

हात निकामी झाल्यावर त्यांने पायाने लिहिण्याचा सराव सुरू केला. पायानेच लिखाण करून तो दोन वर्षांपूर्वी दहावीची परीक्षा उत्तीर्ण झाला. सध्या साहिल बारावीची परीक्षा देत आहे... तीही पायानेच उत्तरे लिहून.

साहिल वाणिज्य शाखेचे शिक्षण घेत असून बाहेरून परीक्षा देत आहे. त्याच्यासाठी परीक्षा केंद्रानेही स्वतंत्र सुविधा उपलब्ध करून दिली आहे. अगदी उत्तरपत्रिकेवर नीट ओळी आखून तो पायाने उत्तरपत्रिका लिहितो... तेही सुवाच्य अक्षरात! पायाने उत्तरपत्रिका लिहिणारा साहिल त्याच्या परीक्षा केंद्रावर इतर परीक्षार्थीं च्याही औत्पुक्वाचा विषय ठरला आहे. 'दहाती झाल्यानंतर साहिल्ला पुढे शिकायचे होते. मात्र, नियमित महाविद्यालयांत प्रवेश घेऊन शिकणे शक्य नव्हते. म्हणून बाहेरून वारावीची परीक्षा देण्याचे त्याने ठरवले.

तो पायाने उत्तम आणि वेगाने लिहू शकतो. असे असताना लेखनिक घेण्यापेक्षा स्वतःच लिहिणे त्याला योग्य वाटले. लेखनिकाने चूक केल्यास त्याल जवाबदार कसे ठरवणार, असाह विचार त्याने केला. बारावीनंतर पुढील शिक्षण घेण्याचीही त्याची इच्छा आहे,' असे साहिलचे आजोबा अझिज शेख यांनी सांगितले.

Hands lost to burns, teenager puts his best foot forward to score 73%

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Pune: Sahil Shaikh, 19, had to learn to accomplish what hands do with his feet. After losing the use of both arms below the elbow in an accident, this commerce student trained himself to write with his feet and took his HSC exam this February using them.

On Wednesday when the results were declared, he had proved himself by scoring 73.23% and a high 86 marks in accounts, his favourite subject.

Shaikh, a Vadgaonsheri resident, had fallen off the roof of his house while practising for Shiv Jayanti celebrations in 2009. The iron pole he was holding came in contact with a high-tension wire and he suffered severe burns on the top part of his body. When he went limp, his family thought he was dead.

"We were preparing for his burial and had taken him to Jehangir Hospital for a death certificate. During inspection, the doctors noticed small movements in his body and told us that Sahil was still alive. However, they told us that he had lost his hands due to the burns. After much treatment, he returned homeand almost three years later, he began studying again," his grandfather Aziz



BEATING ALL ODDS: Sahil Shaikh, a Vadgaonsheri resident, had fallen off the roof of his house in 2009. The iron pole he was holding came in contact with a high-tension wire and he suffered severe burns on the top part of his body

Shaikh, a vegetable vendor, said.

Sahil was entitled to a writer, but he decided he wanted to take his exams. Help came from several quarters_a family friend Kiran Bora trained him for the arduous feat and he was provided free education by his trainers impressed with his determination.

Two years ago, Sahil wrote with his feet and cleared the secondary school certificate (SSC, standard X) examination. He was granted one hour extra to complete his papers.

For the HSC examination, Sahil said he studied for 2-3 hours every day throughout the year, and doubled it as the exams drew close. An avid music fan, he listened to Bollywood songs during his free time.

Sahil was keen on Chartered Accountancy but now wants to complete his degree first. "I will decide my career after I graduate," he added.

The Shaikh family is looking forward to getting Sahil a mechanized set of hands for his day-to-day tasks. "It

Thergaon youth ends life after poor result

Pune: Sanjay Dattatray Vibhute, 18, of Bhordenagar in Thergaon allegedly committed suicide by hanging himself from the ceiling fan on Wednesday afternoon after checking his HSC result. He had performed poorly.

Wakad police have registered an accidental death case. Senior police inspector NJ Shaikh of Wakad police station said the family stays in a small bungalow located in Bhordenagar area. "He checked his results online around 1pm with his friends. He returned home and ended his life in the bedroom," Shaikh said.

The alleged suicide took place between 1.30pm and 2pm when he was alone at home, Shaikh said, adding that the youth had not left any suicide note. His father works in a private company while mother is a homemaker. He used his mother's sari to hang himself, TNN

will cost about Rs 16 lakh, but he will need it as he gets older. He would not want family members to help him with domestic tasks. I'm sure his motivation will attract some sponsors," his grandfather added.

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