

Inspiring Inclusion
for a Better World

Dear Friend,

Welcome to the February & March Edition of *Samvaad*. This year, the theme for International Women's Day (IWD) was 'Inspire Inclusion'. At Tech Mahindra Foundation, we have always prioritised equal participation of women across our skill development and education initiatives, and we are now poised to increase this even further. The launch of an All-women's SMART centre in Chennai last week is just one step in this direction. Read more about it below.

Since the inception of the Foundation, we have seen the grit, resilience, and hard-won successes of many of the women alumni. On the occasion of this IWD, we at TMF celebrated their journeys. Inspiring would be an understatement to capture the stories of individuals like Salma, who is setting up a small business in Hyderabad, or Shweta, who is now aspiring for an MBA degree against all odds. Read more about the women achievers in the sections below.

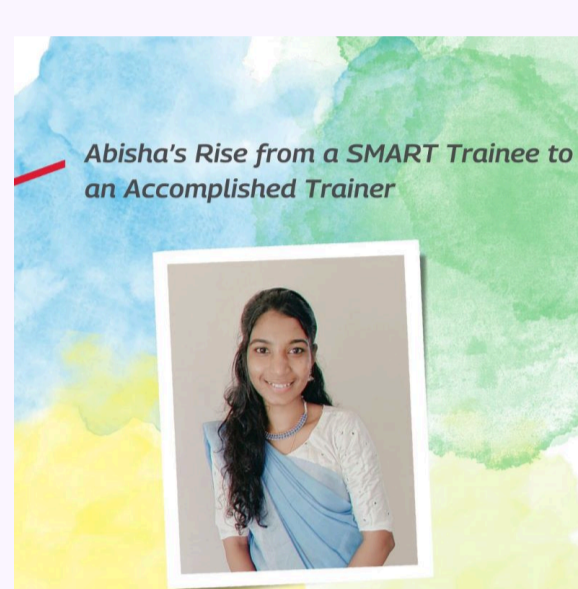
We also have a few updates about some exciting initiatives and a new section for the talented students of the **ARISE+** projects. More for you as you scroll down!

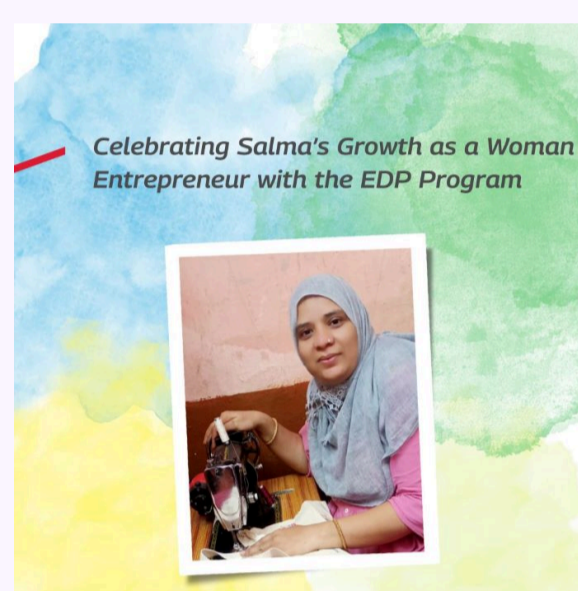
Celebrating Women Achievers



Arisha, an alumna of TMF-run **Delhi Healthcare Academy**, has travelled a long road of challenges to become independent. Now, as a Dialysis Technician, she is fulfilling her late father's and her own dream of contributing to the healthcare sector. Watch the video to learn more about her journey.

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TMF Corner



Launch of All-women's SMART Centre in Chennai

In collaboration with Don Bosco Vazhikaatti and Annai Violet College for Women, TMF has launched an all-women's SMART centre. **SMART** is TMF's flagship employability program for the country's youth. The centre will offer courses in Soft Skills, AI tools, Communicative English, Basic IT, and Workplace Readiness.

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Under **Project ASCENT** (Alliance for Skill & Capacity ENhancement with Technology) with GIZ India, Industry, Academia, and Skill Development Organisations came together at Visakhapatnam, Delhi, Mumbai and Pune to discuss workforce development in the Healthcare & Logistics and Supply Chain sectors.

Discussions at the event focused on knowledge sharing to understand skills gaps and leveraging technological interventions like Metaverse, AR, and VR to enhance teaching-learning experiences and prepare trainees for the industry.

AR/VR technology was introduced for MCD school teachers and students during Mobile Science Lab's Annual Event **IMPULSE**. [Know more.](#)

Learn how TMF's Shikshaantar team is supporting the MCD school teachers with **STEM** education training. [Read here.](#)

'Science Fiesta' was organised by SMART Healthcare Academies across Delhi, Mohali, Mumbai, Navi Mumbai, and Pune for National Science Day. [Learn more.](#)

New Partnerships



Partnership with AT&T

TMF has joined hands with the global telecom major AT&T Global Network Services India to establish the SMART Academy for Digital Technologies in Delhi NCR. This collaboration will bring in skilling excellence and career opportunities in the rapidly growing domain of digital technologies.



Tie-up with Karunodaya Foundation

TMF has collaborated with Karunodaya Foundation, an organisation specialising in library intervention to enhance Foundational Literacy and Numeracy (FLN), to set up a Community Library in the Child-Friendly Spaces of SNDAYP, our **ARISE+** partner in Bhubaneswar.

Young Artist Gallery

Children with disabilities from TMF's **ARISE+** project showcase unparalleled talent when it comes to art. Some glimpses are here for you below.



Pooja Katare, Class XII, C R Ranganathan ARISE+ School, Pune

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