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In this world, people will always throw stones on the path of your success. It depends on what you make from them - a wall or a bridge

Bandenawaz Nadaf:

‘If you learn to accept everything positively, life will shower you with happiness.’

He is - an artist whose paintings were displayed and sold at Jehangir Art Gallery, a Yellow-Belt Karateka, recognized as an artist par excellence by the Governments of Maharashtra, Jammu & Kashmir, Goa and Chhattisgarh, a recipient of- 3 Gold Medals, 5 Silver Medals and 3 Bronze Medals in Swimming Competitions, Dr. Batra’s Positive Health Award, Bharat Prerana Award, and many more.

This man is a real life hero, and an inspiration to all those who know him.

Bandenawaz Nadaf, born with a little stump in place of his upper limbs, would have been sold off, when he was just 3 months, to a Circus owner, had it not been for his mother, who was determined to make him stand on his feet, and achieve something in life. But realities of life soon caught up with her, when Bandenawaz was refused admission in all the schools that she approached, including those whom she approached with Government recommendations.

Life changed for Bandenawaz at 14 years of age, when he joined SEC. For 14 years he was taught to eat with his foot. It was at SEC that the Physiotherapist Dr. Pragna More taught him to eat with his upper limb. There was no looking back thereafter. Bande learnt to swim, play cricket and other sports, and also was a good student studying till class VII at SEC. It was a sad reality, that he was once again not admitted in any school

thereafter to study further, because of his disability.

Another life-changing twist came when SEC Executive Committee member Mrs. Zarine Chothia noticed a special talent of art in him and hired an art master to boost his artistic pursuits. Bande soared high thereafter. Zarine organized two art exhibitions at Jehangir Art Gallery, with paintings of Bande and other talented students of SEC. It was a sell-out, much appreciated by art aficionados.

Happily married, Bande has a 4 year old son, is associated with IMFPA (Indian Mouth and Foot Painting Association), runs a Tours & Travel agency, and also owns a gadget repair shop. He attributes his success in life to his very supportive mother, his wife, Mrs. Chothia and to SEC. ‘If not for SEC he would have had no meaning to his life’ says Bandenawaz.

His life mantra is ‘if you learn to accept everything positively, life will shower you with happiness.’

We, at SEC, are very proud of him.



Activities Galore!



Ms. Neelam Tapia our supporter and well-wisher



Calligraphy session in progress



A trip to Worli Sea Face



Mr. Marie and his family, our donors and well-wishers

SEC President Mr. Sunnil Mehra bidding farewell to the retiring Bus Attendant - **Prakash Chari**



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Prathmesh Phatke and Meghraj Sawant passed Class VII with 80% and 70% respectively



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Just **Colour** My World



Some of our ex-students, who were a part of the Art Exhibitions organized by SEC at Jehangir Art Gallery in the years 2010 and 2013, expressed a desire to revisit their artistic inclinations.

SEC appointed an art master Mr. Deepak Patil to guide them; under the able guidance/supervision of our Committee members Mrs. Zarine Chothia and Mrs. Homai Dhondy, our artists Nitin, Haseeb and Rahim have produced some beautiful pieces.

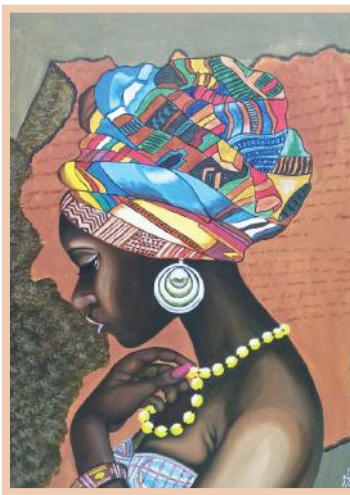
If anyone is interested in buying these, please let us know. A few pieces of their work are displayed hereunder.



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Size 18 x 24 Rs. 5,500/



Haseeb Chaudhary - Peace
Size 16 x 20 Rs. 4,500/



Nitin Bhise – Pearl Necklace
Size 16 x 20 Rs. 5,000/



Nitin Bhise – Royal Turn
Size 18 x 24 Rs. 5,500/

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