

FoCh Newsletter

2014-15 Quarter 4

1 Update of 2014-15 Quarter 4

It's time for our quarterly update, the final one of the financial year 2014-15 – an eventful one.

1.1 Mock Interview

We believe in assisting our students to be more confident when they face interviews and that confidence can be gained only by experiencing interviews. With this motive, we organised a Mock Interview for all the degree students.

To keep the interview process as realistic as possible so that the purpose could be met, we invited old students and externals for the Technical and HR rounds. We are very thankful to *Srinivasan Venkatakrishnan*, Consultant at *Forus Health Pvt Ltd.*, *Amitha Pai*, Founding member of *One Good Step* and *Soumya*, Business Analyst at *TCS* for making it as the panelists for the day.

The process included a pre- placement talk, aptitude test, group discussion, HR interview and Technical interviews. Each student faced all of the guest interviewers to get a feel of different interviewers and also to understand where they stand.

The Mock interview lasted the whole day and ended with the declaration of selected candidates and a general feedback by our interview panel. We wound up the process by 5 in the evening declaring the list of finalists followed by a small thanks giving session.



1.2 Academics

This time 6 students (2 Science and 4 Commerce) are appearing for 2nd PUC examination. Practice tests were conducted for them to make them exam ready.

2nd year and 3rd year degree students were made to make a presentation on "Planning Commission and its change to "NITI Aayog". It gave us a good opportunity to gauge the presentation skills of students and as well as understand the level of preparation the students are able to put to make the presentation.

1.3 Procedure change for generating Donation receipts

We have moved to a new on-line receipt generation application. This process is being tested and will be available for our use latest by 2nd week of May 2015. With this process, you will be getting only soft-copies of the receipts. We plan to run this process at least every two weeks and hence you should be able to receive your receipts within 2 weeks of your donation being received.

1.4 Outing

The tradition of taking the students on an annual outing was continued. Nandi Hills, 60km from Bangalore was shortlisted after discussion with the students. As Nandi Hills is very close to Bangalore, we decided to also visit the Devanahalli Fort and the Bhoga Nandeeshwara Temple at Nandi Village.

Everyone were awaiting with full of excitement and enthusiasm for the day. We had a turnout of around 80 people including the students, volunteers and yes we could see many old faces joining us and it was no less than a family gathering for us.

We are thankful to Baghirathi Travels for providing us the buses at actuals - we only had to bear the fuel expenses. The activities during the day planned by the student organising committee were interesting and their effort was commendable. It was an engaging day and everyone had fun singing, dancing and playing dumb charades among other activities.

The students section has a brief write-up on the outing by Sharmila Bai of II PU.

1.5 Logo finalized



As updated in the Q2 quarterly update, the logo designed by Jhancy, 3rd B.Com was selected among 25 logos submitted by students in a logo competition.

The logo underwent necessary customization to make it print friendly and visually effective and got finalized.

We would like to thank Ishita Bose Sarkar, The Head Mistress of Prakriya Green Wisdom School for doing the required customization.

1.6 Press Coverage

It is always good to see our work being recognized. We got covered in an article in the Deccan Herald titled "[A Push in the Right Direction](#)", 17th March 2015 in its Supplement "Spectrum".

1.7 Placements

We had 10 students who are appearing for their final year exams, out of which 8 of them would be completing their graduation and 2 of them will be completing their post graduation. We are happy to inform that 7 out of 10 students got placed through campus interviews.

Name	Course	Placement Status
Arvind	B.Com	Onze Technologies
Ayisha	B.A.	Looking out for a job
Gayathri	B.Com	ICICI Insurance, TCS and Ven India Pvt Ltd
Jhancy	B.Com	TCS and IBM Daksh
Kiran	M.Com	IBM Daksh
Lavanya	B.A.	Would pursue LLB
Pavan	B.Com	TCS, IBM Daksh and Cross Domain
Rajesh	M.Sc	Looking out for a job
Sowmya	B.Com	ICICI Insurance, Concentrix and Cross Domain
Veena	B.Com	Infosys and E&Y

If anyone can provide us leads or contacts to help place the remaining students it would be appreciated.

1.8 Joys



Sowmya, 3rd B.Com and Gayathri, 3rd B.Com participated in the intra college drama competition. Their play was awarded the 3rd prize and Sowmya won the 'Best Actress' award.

The play was selected for an Inter college competition and got the award for the 'Best costume'.

Two poems and an article written by Sowmya have been selected for publishing in the annual magazine of NMKRV College.

Our old student Saraswati, who completed her M.Sc last year got selected for Phd in Bangalore University. We wish her all the best.

1.9 Results

This quarter saw the results of the odd semester degree examinations.

- 1st semester examinations, 11 students out of 14 students secured 1st Class.
- 3rd semester examinations, 3 students out of 8 students secured 1st Class.
- 5th semester examinations, 7 students out of 9 students secured 1st Class.

Name	Course	%
Bhargavi	B.Com	85.33
Parveen Taj	B.Com	45.67
Renuka	B.Sc	53.63
Sahana	B.Com	67.83
Sangeetha	B.Com	70.17
Shabnam	B.Com	56.83
Shantha	B.Com	67.00
Shilpa S	B.Com	64.50
Shivshanker	B.Com	58.83
Simran	B.Com	79.00
Sindhu	B.Com	69.33
Sindhuja	B.Com	78.67
Sonu	B.Com	60.33
Swarnalatha	B.Com	70.00

1st Year Degree Results

Name	Course	%
Asha	B.Com	48.83%
Bhagya	B.Com	53.83%
Divya	B.A.	42.80%
Jacqueline	B.Com	48.67%
Manjula	B.Com	63.17%
Samreen	B.Com	68.00%
Sarah Jennifer	B.Com	60.00%
Shahbaz	B.Com	41.17%

2nd Year Degree Students

Name	Course	%
Aravind	B.Com	57.33%
Ayisha	B.A.	66.33%
Gayathri	B.Com	71.00%
Jhancy	B.Com	72.17%
Lavanya	B.A.	89.00%
Pavan	B.Com	82.00%
Sowmya	B.Com	73.00%
Uma	LLB	52.20%
Veena	B.Com	67.83%

3rd Year Degree Students

2 Financial Statement Year 2014-15

This being the final quarter of the financial year 2014-15 we present the annual expenditure of the organization for the financial year 2014-15. The summary is given below in **Table 1**

Opening Balance for 2014-15	2,55,354 Rs
Bank Interest	5,201 Rs
Donations	9,28,157 Rs
Total Expenses	9,81,762 Rs
Closing Balance for 2014-15	2,06,950 Rs

Table 1: Expense Summary

This year the total expenses 9,81,762 Rs is more than Donations of 9,28,882 Rs we received, we could manage the deficit using last year's balance. This year we are planning to take around 25 new students for the new academic year. In total we would be supporting around 70 students (45 existing and 25 new students), the average expense per student is expected to be around Rs 17,000. Hence, our total expenses for the year 2015-16 is estimated to be around 12-13 lakhs.

Looking forward for your continued support to enable us manage our expenses. We are also looking to initiate building our corpus with sustainability of the organisation in mind.

The breakup of total expenses for the year 2015-16 is graphically illustrated in Figure 1

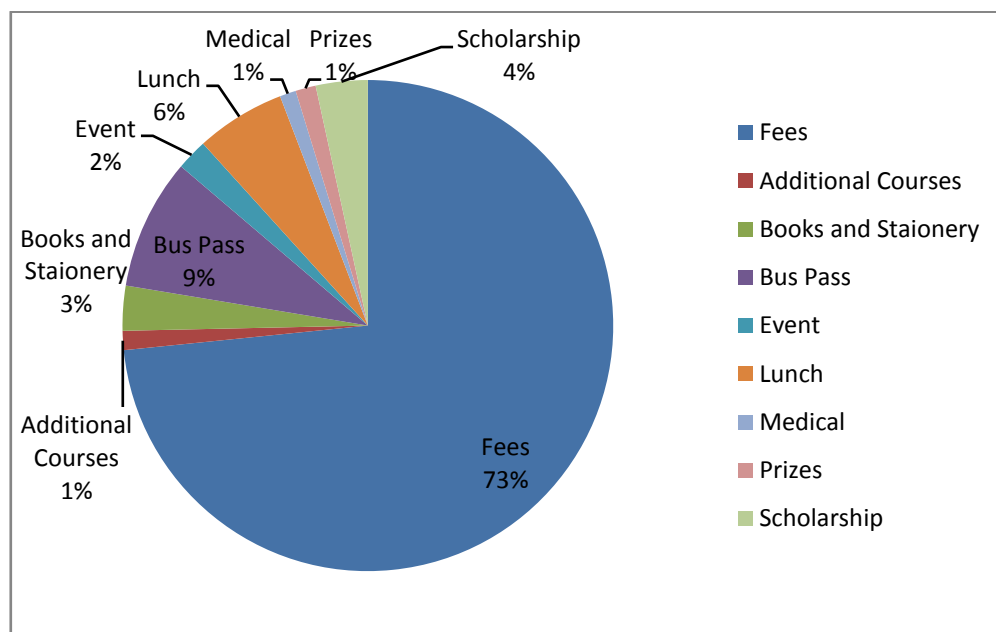


Figure 1: Expense Breakup

3 Year Ahead

As the academic year comes to an end, it was time for identification of new students. The process was initiated with visits to following schools

- Government School, Arlipete
- Government School, Byatarayanapura
- Government School, Chickpet 1
- Government School, Chickpet 2
- Corporation School, Chamrajpet
- Kasturba Government School
- Yediyur Government School
- Shardha School

We interacted with the students directly and informed them about the support they can get, if they were keen on further studies. We also invited them to attend a session on tips for their upcoming board exams.



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We updated the students about selection process, which involves discussion with students, parents and house visit.

To gauge the sincerity of students and identify their area of interests we will be conducting a few sessions for the new students in the coming weeks.

3.1 Session on Tips for Upcoming board exams

Over the years it has been noticed that most of the students identified in Government school visits don't turn up after exams for the selection process. So to build a better rapport with the students, we planned for a session which could give them some tips for their board exams.

Around 40 students attended the session. The session was conducted two months before the exam schedule. The students were given tips about improving their scores and revision methods. They were also taught about different stress handling methods. These students will join us in April for a few sessions to help us understand their interests and abilities and thereby enable us to guide them towards selecting the appropriate courses.

4 Fund requirements for financial year 2015-16

We intend to take about 25 students this year, while 10 of our students will graduate. Our funds requirement for the next year will be about Rs. 12 lakhs. Of this we would need around Rs.7- 8 lakhs in the next 2 months with the onset of the new academic year.

Contributions can be done to Friends of Children trust either by online transfer or by issuing cheque. In either case please send a mail to contact.foch@gmail.com indicating your contribution as it will help us in tracking your contribution. Also please do mention your PAN number in the email as this is needed by Income tax department, and also helps us in issuing receipt for your contribution.

4.1 Transfer funds online

This is a preferred mode of accepting donations for us. You may transfer funds to our account – details given below. Friends of Children Trust ICICI Bank A/c number: 000201038922 IFSC code: ICIC0000002 Branch: Bangalore – Commissariat Road (also displayed as MG Road on some internet banking pages)

Imp Note: While making an online transfer, please mention ACCOUNT HOLDERS' NAME in the transaction remarks. (Do NOT mention any other text – for e.g. Friends of Children). Having a/c holders' name helps us in correctly tracking online donations and for auditing purposes.

4.2 Payment by Cheque

Send us a cheque: Mail/Courier your cheque favouring 'Friends of Children Trust' to the below address. Friends of Children Trust c/o Akash Narayana No 3615, 6th Cross, 13th G Main, HAL 2nd Stage, Bangalore – 560008

Drop a cheque favoring 'Friends of Children Trust' at any ICICI Bank drop-box in Bangalore. Please specify the Account No 000201038922 on reverse side of the cheque.

5 Get in Touch with us

The best way to know more about our organization is to visit us on any Sunday between 11:00 am to 4:00 pm at Bhavan-Bangalore Press School, Chamrajpet (Google Map Link: <http://goo.gl/maps/YtpJ5>). We meet the students on every Sunday at Bhavan-Bangalore Press School.

You can also get in touch with us by either dropping an email at contact.foch@gmail.com, or calling any of the following numbers

Divya Prabhu: 9844Seven 61755
Sanjay Padubidri: 98452 One5050

6 Students Area

6.1 Write-Up on Outing by Sharmila Bai R, 2nd PUC

The spot fixed for the trip was "Nandi Hills". The date which was decided was 11th Jan 2015.

On 11th Jan we all gathered in the school premises and were first waiting with great enthusiasm to move towards Nandi Hills. As soon as the bus arrived we all just rushed into the bus. As the bus started to move we also started playing games which were different and interesting than the earlier games which we had been playing.

On the way to Nandi Hills we also saw the birth place of Tipu, and also the "Tipu's Fort" which had great architectural features. Our volunteers gave us more information about the history of Tipu (Tiger of Mysore) and also about the architectural features of Tipu's fort.

Next we went to the Bhoga Nandeeshwara Temple where we saw "Kalyani" the water bath, which was inside the temple and we captured one of our group photos there. After all these spots we went to "Nandi Hills". While climbing to the top of Nandi Hills we also saw "Tipu's Rest House", "Burial of Tipu's great soldiers and many other things.

When we reached the top of Nandi Hills, which is also called as "Tipu Drop", we were so surprised by looking at the beautiful scenery from the top of Nandi Hills. The day was a memorable day for all of us.

6.2 Sketches by Sonu, 1st B.Com



6.3 Nail Art by Asha, 2nd B.Com

