

# MVPM's Maheshwari Scholar 2017

*A Tribute to Academic Excellence*



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Dear Sir / Madam,

### **Greetings from Maheshwari Vidya Pracharak Mandal (MVPM), Pune.**

The mission of setting global benchmarks of academic excellence for Maheshwari community, inspired MVPM to institute Maheshwari Scholar Awards in 2012. The awards recognize extraordinary scholastic achievements of such Maheshwaris who can serve as role models for the youth of our community. For instance, Dr Dinesh Bharadia (Ph.D – Stanford University), recipient of *Outstanding Maheshwari Scholar Award - 2016*, has been included in the top '30 under 30' list of innovators by the prestigious Forbes magazine of USA.

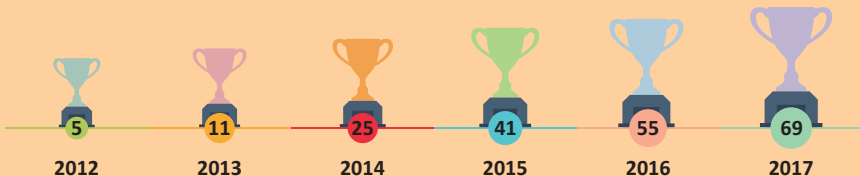
The applicants for Scholar awards come from all across the globe including USA, UK, Germany, Spain & Japan. Within India they come from various states like Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Karnataka Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, and of course Maharashtra. To begin with the awardees were from Engineering & Medicine. But now they include Ph.Ds, Management Post Graduates, Chartered Accountants, Company Secretaries, Lawyers, Social Scientists & UPSC qualifiers.

The Scholars are identified from among Maheshwari students with outstanding academic records in higher education. They are selected through a rigorous process carried out by an eminent jury. Beginning with five awardees in 2012 the illustrious Maheshwari Scholar Awardee family has grown to sixty nine over last six years.

This year the awards will be presented in a glittering ceremony on Saturday, 20th January 2018. Seven Maheshwari Scholar Awardees and an equal number of Promising Maheshwari Scholar Awardees will be presented a Gold Medal weighing approx. 20 gm & 10 gm respectively besides a citation.

We invite you to join this celebration of Maheshwari talent.

### **Number of Awardees (Cumulative)**



### **Maheshwari Vidya Pracharak Mandal**

**Atul Lahoti**, President

**Ramesh Dhoot**, Executive President

### **MVPM's Maheshwari Scholar Committee**

**Rajendra Tapadia**, Chairman

**Dr Vasant Bang**, Secretary

#### **Members**

Mrs Sulekha Nyati  
Nilesh Laddad

Amit Rathi  
Kishori Bharadiya

Ashish Rathi  
Dr Navin Kabra

Saurabh Sodani  
Govinda Jakhotiya

# Invitation



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Cordially Invites You to  
**MVPM's Maheshwari Scholar 2017  
Award Ceremony**

to be held in the august presence of



**Shri Arun Lakhani**  
Chairman & Managing Director  
Vishvaraj Infrastructure Ltd

Chief Guest



**Shri Bhushan Gagrani** (IAS)  
Vice Chairman & Managing Director  
CIDCO, Maharashtra

Guest of Honour



**Dr Aniruddha Malpani**  
Renowned IVF Specialist  
& Angel Investor

**Saturday, 20th January 2018 between 5.00 pm & 8.15 pm**

**Venue**  
**Modern College of Engineering Auditorium**  
Off Jangli Maharaj Road, Pune.

**Special Invitation**  
College going youth is especially invited to witness celebration of  
inspiring scholastic achievements of Maheshwari talent.

**Programme**  
High Tea : 5.00 pm to 6.00 pm  
Award Ceremony : 6.00 pm to 8.15 pm

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## Global Footprint



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## A Bird's Eye View of Six Year Journey

<b>Ph.D</b>	
Stanford University, USA	1
Cornell University, USA	1
Georgia Institute of Technology, USA	1
Massachusetts University, USA	1
Missouri University of Science & Technology, USA	1
Technical University of Madrid, Spain	1
Jacobs University, Germany	1
Tokushima University, Japan	1
Institute of Chemical Technology (formerly UDCT), Mumbai	1
IIT, Indore	1
IIT, Bombay	1
Central University of Gujarat	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>MBA / PGDM</b>	
IIM, Ahmedabad	4
IIM, Bengaluru	1
XLRI, Jamshedpur	1
IIM, Indore	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Union Public Services Commission (UPSC)</b>	
IRS & IPS	3
<b>Medicos</b>	
DM	4
M.Ch	3
MD	4
MS	2
MBBS	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Humanities</b>	
Cambridge University	1
London School of Economics & Political Science	1
New York University	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Engineers (B. Tech / B.E. / M. Tech / MS)</b>	
IIT, Bombay	6
IIT - BHU	2
IITs (Delhi, Kharagpur, Madras, Guwahati, Roorki)	5
BITS, Pilani	2
IIIT, Hyderabad	1
COEP	1
Georgia Institute of Technology	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>CA / ICWA/ ICMA / CS</b>	
CA (AIR 1, 3, 6 & 10)	4
CA (AIR 18, 22 & 43)	3
CA First Class	1
CS (AIR 2)	1
CS (AIR 23)	1
CMA (AIR 8)	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>69</b>

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## The Sponsors

Maheshwari Vidya Pracharak Mandal acknowledges financial support of sponsors who contributed INR 1,00,000 each towards MVPM's Maheshwari Scholar 2017 awards.

### 1. Alumni of MVPM Hostel

MVPM's Alumni Association is a proud group of past students. They connect with social causes & support fewer organizations with larger gifts in the form of time, talent & treasure.

### 2. Shri Kailashji Biyani of Haridattraai Balabux Biyani Charitable Trust, Mumbai

Shri Kailashji Biyani is a financial wizard. He sits on the board of many reputed companies. He is also advisor to many high net-worth individuals & corporates for their financial strategies.

### 3. D.J. Malpani Group, Sangamner

Shri Rajeshji Malpani and brothers are heading the Malpani Group of Sangamner. The Malpani family is known not only for its successful business but also for its social contribution in educational, medical, sports and cultural sectors.

### 4. Shri Shivnarayanji Ramnath Kasat Group, Pune

Shri Shrikantji Kasat is one of the torch bearer of renowned Shivnarayanji Ramnath Kasat family which has diversified interests ranging from packaging unit in Dubai to businesses in textiles, pharmacy & financial sectors.

### 5. Shri Mukundasji Purshottamji Lohia, Pune

Shri Lohia Pratishthan Trust is the philanthropic trust belonging to one of the oldest reputed firm of Pune with its wings spread in Financial, Construction & Infrastructural sectors.

### 6. Shri Shriramji Soni - Sau Kesharbai Hiralal Soni Memorial Trust, Pune

The trust has been rendering valuable support to several social causes. Soni family is also known for providing financial & moral support to budding entrepreneurs.

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Safepack Industries Ltd is a global leader in Transit Anti Corrosive Products with a imprint in 35 countries. Smt Jadavbai Tapadia Trust founded by Late Shri Bhagirathji Tapadia is involved in medical and educational support for last 30 years.

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## The Jury

- **Dr B L Somani** (Chairman of Jury)

Dr. Somani holds Ph.D. from the University of Pavia, an international center for biological research in Italy. He has worked as a Professor of Biochemistry and Senior Scientist at the Armed Forces Medical College (AFMC) Pune, & as a Distinguished Professor at Institute of Bioinformatics, Bangalore. He has developed and patented a kinetic assay for Ceruloplasmin. He has more than 50 research publications in national and international journals. He was a research guide for Ph.D. and M.D. students of University of Pune and Maharashtra University of Health Sciences.

- **Dr B N Jajoo**

Dr Jajoo holds M. Tech and Ph.D in Mechanical Engineering from Indian Institute of Technology, Mumbai. In his distinguished career, he has served as Principal at Government Engineering Colleges at Aurangabad & Jalgaon. He has presented & published 65 research papers in National and International journals & conferences and has chaired technical sessions in International Conferences in USA, Australia, UK and Portugal.

- **Dr Rajesh Tapadia**

Dr Tapadia is a well-known Physician with more than three decades of experience. After completing his MD in Medicine from BJ Medical College, he established a well-equipped hospital & multi-specialty polyclinic in Pune. He is a panel consultant associated with several renowned hospitals in Pune & has also been associated as a Hon. Medical Consultant with Pune Municipal Corporation and Pune Cantonment Hospital.

- **Shri G B Laddha**

Shri Laddha is a Cost & Works Accountant. He had successful inning in the industry spanning over more than four decades. During his illustrious career he has occupied many important positions such as Chief Investment Officer and General Manager of Finance at Bajaj Holdings & Investment Limited, Chief Investment Officer at Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance Company Ltd and Bajaj Auto Ltd.

- **Shri Mukund Rathi**

Shri Rathi holds BE in Civil Engineering from Government College of Engineering, Pune. Having topped MPSC examination, in 1992 he was selected as Deputy Collector. He had an outstanding career throughout the tenure in Government of Maharashtra and has held many key posts. Besides 15 years in government, he has worked with ESSAR and Hindustan Construction Company Groups as Senior Vice President. He is currently advisor to Lavasa Corp. Ltd.

- **Mrs Priya Maheshwari**

Mrs Maheshwari is an alumna of University of Pennsylvania from where she obtained Masters in Environmental Studies. She also holds a post graduate in Computer Management. She was a Co-founder and CEO of Properji.com, a research analytics platform which got acquired by Magicbricks.com. After acquisition, Priya headed Research Division at magicbricks.com. She has also worked as a Management Consultant for 5 years in USA.

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## The Maheshwari Scholars

### Madhur Badal Bahety, PGDM, IIM, Ahmedabad



Madhur did post-graduation in management from the prestigious Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad; where he stood in top 10% of the batch. Prior to this he obtained B. Tech in Electrical Engineering from the renowned Indian Institute of Technology, Roorkee. He had qualified KVPY fellowship examination. He has been actively participating in extra-curricular activities in his college days. He is currently working as a Consultant with Oliver Wyman. Madhur hails from Ghaziabad, UP.

### Ms Neena Avinash Gilda, PhD (Micro Electronics), IIT, Bombay



Neena did her doctoral research on the topic 'Electronic Nose for Vapor Phase Explosives Detection' at the prestigious Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay. She is currently pursuing post doctoral fellowship at Northwestern University, USA. She is a recipient of several awards and scholarships such as CSIR Travel Grant from Government of India, Young Scientist award from Outlook India, Gandhian Youth award from IIM, Ahmedabad and 3M – CII Student Innovation award. She has presented & published several research papers in reputed international journals & conferences. She has three patents to her credit. Nina comes from Satara, Maharashtra.

### Darshit Hariprasad Jaju, PGDM, IIM, Ahmedabad



Darshit completed post-graduation in management from the prestigious Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad; where he stood in top 10% of the batch. Prior to this he obtained B. Tech in Civil Engineering from the renowned Indian Institute of Technology, Roorkee with a CGPA of 8.9. He had won Gold Medal in design innovation by Ministry of Steel, India. He is currently working as Leadership Associate at Hindalco Industries, Aditya Birla Group. Madhur hails from Malegaon in Nashik district, Maharashtra.

### Ms. Archy Dinesh Kabra, B. Tech & M. Tech Dual, IIT, Bombay



Archy completed B. Tech & M. Tech dual degrees in Metallurgy & Material Science from the prestigious Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay with a CGPA of 8.12. She secured a CGPA of 9.8 in CBSC Xth class & 90 % marks in CBSC XIIth class. She has participated in various sports activities and has received many awards. She is working as a fellow at McKinsey & Company in Gurgaon. Archy comes from Indore.



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### Dr Akanksha Madhur Rathi, MD (Psychiatry)



Dr Akankash holds MBBS and MD in Psychiatry both from the renowned GS Medical College, Mumbai. During MD, she stood second in merit list in the university. She stood 2nd in entire Maharashtra state in HSC board. She has received several scholarships such as NTSE scholarship, Dhirubhai Ambani Undergraduate Scholarship, NMS Scholarship etc. She has also published research papers in indexed journals. She has also been participating enthusiastically in extra-curricular activities. Dr Akanksha is working as a Specialty Medical Officer at Lokmanya Tilak Municipal General Hospital, Mumbai. She is a native of Akola, Maharashtra.

### Rakesh Motilal Rathi, UPSC – IPS



Rakesh has qualified the challenging Union Public Services Commission examination with an all India rank of 234. He has been selected in IPS cadre. He is also a qualified Chartered Accountant (CA) & a Company Secretary (CS). He was awarded ICSI President's Silver Medal for standing second in all India merit list of CS examination. He stood first merit in B.Com in Rajasthan University and also holds MA in Economics. Rakesh hails from Jaipur.

### Dr. Ms Shraddha Somani, MBBS



Dr. Shraddha completed MBBS from the renowned GS Medical College & KEM Hospital, Mumbai with 74% marks. She has maintained outstanding academic record right from school till medical college securing a perfect 100 % marks in Xth & 98% marks in XIth class. She has received several awards and scholarships such as DBT Biology Scholarship from Government of India, Maharashtra State Board Scholarship for all 4 years of medical education, Dhirubhai Ambani Undergraduate Scholarship, Narottam Foundation Scholarship & JRD Tata Trust Merit Scholarship during MBBS etc. Dr. Shraddha is a native of Nanded, Maharashtra.

**Note:** Names of Maheshwari Scholars & Promising Maheshwari Scholars appear in the alphabetic order of their surnames.

The office of the scholar is to cheer, to raise, and to guide men by showing them facts amidst appearances. He plies the slow, unhonored, and unpaid task of observation. He is the world's eye.

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

# MVPM's Promising Maheshwari Scholars- 2017

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**Sahil Sanjay Bhattad, MA (Media, Culture & Communication), New York University**  
Sahil did MA in Media, Culture & Communication from the renowned New York University, USA, where he stood in top 1 % of the class. He is recipient of several scholarships like Michael Rosenberg Scholarship for Academic Excellence, Barbara Haum Scholarship, fully funded one year exchange programme sponsored by US government. He has launched debut TED Talks in India with Shahrukh Khan. He is currently working with A – listed women sportspersons for Roundglass Partners. He comes from Pune.



**Yash Sanjay Heda, CA AIR-22, CS AIR-9**  
Yash became a Chartered Accountant and a Company Secretary at a young age of twenty one with all India ranks of 22 & 9 respectively. He had secured all India rank 3 in CA IPCC for which he was awarded Sultan Chand Memorial Silver Medal. He has also cleared CFA level I & II examinations and is preparing for final. He is working with Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Services. Yash is a native of Amravati, Maharashtra.



**Ms Priyanka Ramawtar Loya, CMA-AIR 8, CA-AIR 36 & CS**  
Priyanka holds the rare distinction of having obtained three prestigious professional qualifications in areas of Cost & Management Accounting (CMA), Chartered Accountancy (CA) and Company Secretary (CS) that too at a young age of twenty two. She secured all India ranks 8 & 36 respectively in CMA and CA. She had also secured all India rank 17 in CS inter examination. She is a recipient of Pramila Jaisingh Gold medal in CMA. She has cleared CFA level I examination and is preparing for next levels. Priyanka hails from Jodhpur.



**Ms Zarana Dilipkumar Maheshwari, Ph.D (English Literature), Central University of Gujarat**  
Zarana obtained Ph.D in English Literature from Central University of Gujrat on the topic 'Negotiation of Modernity Study of 19th Century Gujrati Mores'. Prior to her Ph.D she completed M.Phil with A + garde. She has been a Gold Medallist in both BA & MA. She also holds Diploma in French language. She is a recipient of Dhirubhai Ambani scholarship. She is working as Assistant Professor in Central University of Gujarat. Zarana is a native of Palanpur, Gujrat.



**Ms Shashirekha Brajraj Mundhada, Ph.D (Immunology & Microbial Pathogenesis), Cornell University, USA**  
Shashirekha obtained Ph.D from the renowned Cornell University, USA on the topic 'Characterization of small molecules that enhance macrophage activation for host-directed therapy of tuberculosis'. Prior to this, she did M.Sc in Virology from the reputed National Institute of Virology, Pune and won Gold Medal. She has presented & published several research papers in prestigious conferences and international journals. She is currently working as Post Doctoral Fellow at Cornell Medicine, USA. Shashirekha is a native of Kolkata.



**Dr Ms Astha Pravin Sarda, MS (General Surgery)**  
Dr Astha did MS in General Surgery from the reputed BJ Government Medical College, Pune with 70% marks. Earlier she completed MBBS from Bangalore Medical College. She has maintained an outstanding academic record right from school days till her MS degree securing 91% & 95% marks in class X & XII respectively. She has presented & published several research papers in prestigious conferences and high impact journals. She is a native of Bangalore.



**Ms Shriya Purshottam Somani, CS-AIR 2 & CA**  
Shriya qualified as a Company Secretary with an all India rank 2 in CS final & all India rank 7 in CS foundation. She has also qualified as a Chartered Accountant, besides she holds B.Com degree from Mumbai University with 85% marks. She has maintained consistently good academic record securing 91% & 86% marks in Xth & XII th class. Shriya hails from Mumbai.

## MVPM at a Glance

Established Year	Branch Name	Description
	1929 R.B.H.R. Rathi V. Bhavan, Pune	Girls Hostel
	1929 MVPM Scholarship Yojana	Corpus 1 cr.
	1932 Late Manikbhai Kabra Kosh	Corpus 16 lacs.
	1940 Shri Murlidhar Sardar V. Bhavan, Ahmednagar	Boys Hostel
	1945 Damani Vidya Mandir, Solapur (Marathi Medium)	Jr.KG To 10th
	1962 V.N. Lahoti V. Bhavan, Pune	Boys Hostel
	1965 Smt. L.L. Mundada V. Bhavan, Mulund	Boys Hostel
	1991 Nirantar Prashikshan Yojana	Women / Children training
	1992 Mahesh English School, Solapur (English Medium)	Jr.KG To 7th
	1992 Mahesh Vidyalaya, Pune (Marathi Medium) Mahesh Balbhavan, Pune	Jr.KG To 10th Sports Activities
	1998 Late Dr Kalidas Malpani V. Bhavan, Loni	Boys Hostel
	2001 Santokiram Ramsukh Chandak School, Solapur (English Medium)	8 To 10th
	2001 Mahesh English School, Pune (English Medium)	Jr.KG To 10th
	2004 H.R. Rathi V. Bhavan, Pune	Girls Hostel
	2006 D.H.B. Soni College, Solapur	Science / Commerce Junior College
	2012 MVPM's Maheshwari Scholar	Annual Awards to recognize Academic Excellence
	2013 MVPM Civil Services Programme	Career Guidance
	2016 Laxmi hostel	Boys Hostel
	2016 Nyati hostel	Girls hostel
	2016 MVPM's Swavlamban Yojana	Career Support
	2017 Dream project of Girls' Hostel begins to take shape at Airoli, Mumbai.	

Applications are invited  
for  
**MVPM's Maheshwari Scholar 2018**

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**What is the award?**

- ✓ A Gold Medal worth Rs. 50,000 to Maheshwari Scholars & a Gold / Silver Medal worth Rs. 25,000 to Promising Maheshwari Scholars and a Citation.

**Who is eligible?**

- ✓ Maheshwari students who have completed or are likely to complete their graduation, post graduation or PhD from a renowned University / Institute between 1st October 2017 & 30th September 2018 and have exceptional academic achievements.
- ✓ Maheshwari candidates, who have qualified Civil Services (UPSC) examinations & have been selected for appointment, between 1st October 2017 & 30th September 2018.

**How are awardees selected?**

- ✓ The scholars are supposed to have consistently outstanding academic credentials & are selected through a rigorous selection process carried out by an eminent jury.
- ✓ The selection is highly competitive. Applicants are advised to have a look at the profile of awardees in the past.

**How to apply?**

- ✓ Fill the online application form on [www.maheshwarischolar.org](http://www.maheshwarischolar.org) & send a hard as well as soft copy to MVPM office **latest by 31st October 2018**.

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