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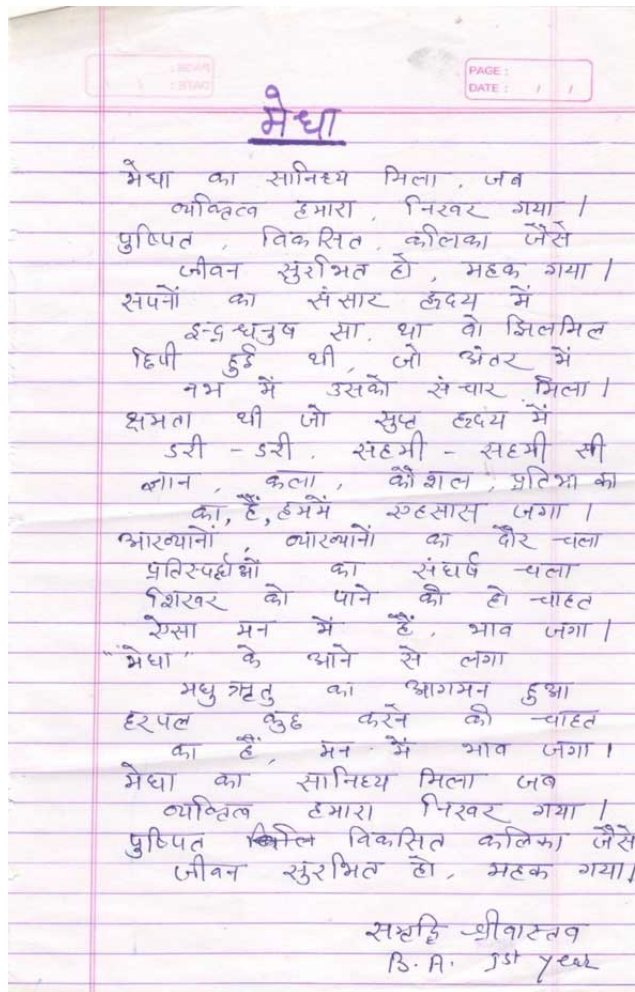
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Friends of Medha,

As we close out the academic year, and prepare for our biggest expansion yet, the last few months have been extremely busy here at Medha. We concluded the majority of our training in February and March, certifying 383 students across 11 colleges and polytechnics - an over 500% increase from this time last year, bringing our total alumni population to 440! 130 of these 383 students have already completed their internships, and the remaining students are scheduled to go over the summer break.

As we gear up to quadruple these numbers next year, we have spent a significant amount of time this quarter putting the systems and processes in place to manage this kind of growth, and are confident we can achieve our ambitious goal of **2500 students across 25 educational institutions** in 2015 - 2016.

But while a lot of our focus over the last several months has been on increasing our outreach and achieving our targets, we wanted to share a poem written by one of our students that was a strong reminder to all of us about why we do what we do. Sometimes it's easy to get lost in the day-to-day challenges of work, trying to reach our professional and personal goals, and constantly thinking about 'what's next.' And while all of these things are extremely important, it's also important to take a step back sometimes, be present in the moment and enjoy the process, and remember the purpose of your work, whatever that may be. We thank Samridhi for helping us do that and hope you likewise enjoy her poem: (apologies for the lack of translation, there was just no way to capture the essence in English)



As always, we thank you for your continued interest and support. We look forward to hearing from you and hopefully interacting with many of you soon. If you have any suggestions, ideas, or comments, please feel free to reply to this newsletter or comment on our [facebook page](#).

The Medha Team



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383 Students Certified

Medha certified 383 students from three Career Service Centers and eight Career Advancement Bootcamps this year. An over 500% increase from this time last year. 130 students have completed their internships across 7 industries.

MSDF supports Medha's expansion plans

Medha entered into a new collaboration with the Michael & Susan Dell Foundation to scale its employability education program to 1,500 students across Northern India. You can read more about it on [our blog](#) and in [PR Newswire](#).



Medha wins Dasra Girl Power Award

Medha was honored to receive the [Dasra Girl Power Award](#) in the category of Employability. We were selected out of 151 applicants across 20 states for our work to improve employment outcomes for adolescent girls and young women. You can read more about the award on [our blog](#) and in the [Hindustan Times](#).

Medha Education to Employment

Bridging^{the} gap blurring the line between Education and Employment

The second annual Medha Education to Employment (ME2E) workshop will be held on **May 23rd in Lucknow from 2:00PM - 7:00PM**. Our flagship workshop brings together leaders from industry and academia to work on one of the biggest challenges facing the country today - unemployability. Stay tuned for more details on our [facebook page](#).

In the news...

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[Medha's growth story](#) was featured in the [Social Story](#) section of [YourStory.com](#). The article was later published in [Rediff.com](#) and in Hindi in [Bhaskar](#).

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Medha was highlighted in the [Hindustan Times' feature article](#) on the Dasra Girl Power Awards.



New Team Members

We are excited to welcome **19 new employees to the Medha team this quarter!** Six of whom have already joined (see headshots above!), taking our total headcount to 35 full-time staff.

While most new team members are in front-line operations, we now have department heads for six key functions - Student Relations, Employer Relations, Monitoring & Evaluation, Marketing, Human Resources, and Finance. You can see more information on our growing [team page](#).



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