

Changemaker, Deepali Patwardhan

"We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give." - Winston S. Churchill

This is a quote that Deepali Patwardhan, who has been a part of erstwhile Patni/IGATE and now Capgemini journey for more than 15 years, lives by. She is a Project Manager - Operations in the FS BU and is passionate about contributing to social causes like child education, skill development and green environment.



Deepali has experienced philanthropy in many phases of her life, but she specifically recalls those instances, where some individuals and institutions supported her when she was pursuing her education. Giving back to society in whatever way possible, has been at the back of her mind since. She strongly believes that, no one becomes poor by giving, sharing or helping. If anything, we only get richer because of the goodwill we create and the smiles we spread.

Through WeKare, she has been associated primarily with initiatives in the areas of Education and Environment. "Project Akshara" has been close to her heart because of the opportunity it provided to interact and connect with school students.

There have been many memorable moments in her WeKare journey, but she recounts a few special ones. Last year, she was a part of a summer camp conducted in one of the Capgemini Adopted Schools and at the end of the camp, the children created personalized, handmade greeting cards to thank the WeKare team. The gesture touched her heart. Recently, for an International Robotics event, she anchored the participation, execution and mentoring of one of Capgemini Adopted School teams in Pune. She is proud to have represented Capgemini and be named amongst the top 5 teams at the event.

She believes that, while education creates a good foundation, knowledge and skills help an individual move up in life, financially and socially. As she continues to pursue her dreams of 'doing good', she has something to share with us - *"Any act of giving, irrespective of its form, brings joy and satisfaction to the donor and the receiver. I urge all of you to experience it, at least, once and I'm sure, there will be no looking back after that. So, step forward and make your life worthwhile by contributing your bit to the society."*

She sums up her thoughts with another favorite quote, by Mother Teresa: *"It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving."*

Makrand Satarkar, VP - Group IT, CSR/WeKare Location lead for Pune, speaks very highly of Deepali - *"I see serious commitment & honest effort being put in by Deepali in spearheading many CSR and WeKare initiatives. Those contributions have brought in rewarding achievements to us and our partners. Her contribution in Robotics competition was very special. It has provided the platform for school children from our adopted schools to compete at national level with never experienced exposure and learning, along with brand value to Capgemini."*