

Changemaker, Pravin Nade

Pravin Nade is a part of the India Operations Team and is based out of Pune. He is a Business Analyst and his role involves MIS Reporting, Data Analysis and Forecasting. He has a Masters in Computer Science and an overall experience of about 6 years.



Early on in life, Pravin had made up his mind to get involved in community service and 'give back' to the society. But he did not know where and how to start. When he joined Capgemini in 2014, he discovered WeKare and the initiatives being run under it. He was excited about the possibilities that it offered to fulfill his long-cherished dream. Very soon, he became an active member and started working with like-minded people, who inspired him and fueled his aspirations.

Pravin is keen to work in the areas of Education and Environment and is very proud about his association with Project Akshara. He has led Notebook distribution drives and helped organize many Blood donation camps at Pune. But his best memories are from when got the opportunity to organize school bag donation and old clothes collection drives.

One day, he noticed a poor child on the street, fondly eyeing the branded bag pack that he had on his shoulder. In stark contrast, the child was carrying a tattered school bag, which was barely able to hold his school books. The incident left him restless and that's when he came up with the idea of organizing a school bag donation drive. The drive was a huge success, but the joy of watching the children grab their new bags, stuff them with books and lovingly hug them, was beyond compare. He realized that day, that the things most of us take for granted, are the things that many children can only dream of.

Old clothes donation drive was his other brain child. The idea came to him when his flat mate got married and moved out, and left behind two bags of used, but very wearable clothes. Looking at the bags, Pravin decided to declutter his own closet and realized that he too had many clothes, which he no longer wore, but could easily be of use to someone else, since they were in extremely good condition. That's how the idea germinated and under the aegis of WeKare, it blossomed into a full-fledged initiative. It resulted in the collection of more than 10K clothes, which were handed over to a Pune based NGO, for further distribution to the needy.

Both these initiatives are very popular, and his colleagues eagerly await the next drives.

He has quite a few memorable moments from his journey with WeKare, but his favorite one is when a security staff member expressed his thanks by saying, *"WeKare is really doing an excellent job here! Through WeKare, we are getting stationery, school bags, and even scholarships for our kids, and we are grateful to Capgemini for this support."*

These words of gratitude really touched him and made him realize that, no act of kindness is big or small. Sometimes, we just need to see beyond our daily lives and grab opportunities to help those who are less fortunate.

Pravin has a few thoughts to share with all of us, based on his experiences. He says, *"No matter how small our contribution, it can make a huge difference in someone's life! Everyone should make attempts to do something for the society, for the people around them, to make their lives and the world a better place. And it is immensely satisfying and fulfilling when we do something for someone without any expectation."*

Makrand Satarkar, VP - Group IT, CSR/WeKare Location lead for Pune, is full of praise for Pravin - *"Pravin is the go to person whenever CSR or WeKare needs a helping hand to conduct community events. As a local site lead, he is leading by example with passion for contributing back to society. His enthusiasm has motivated many others to come forward to join WeKare."*