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# School dropouts made employable

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**Shivajinagar:** More than 100 school dropouts from the city who received skill-based training as part of a programme run by city-based companies Zensar Technologies and Thermax Limited along with the Pune Municipal Corporation (PMC) have got employment in the private sector during the last one year.

S Sanyal, Outreach Manager, Thermax Foundation told Sakal Times that tech companies Zensar, Vertex, Ace Data Solutions and Digicall have recruited youth from the centre. Youth hired from the Unnati Centre at Swargate, are receiving salaries between Rs 7,500 to Rs 11,000 per month, Sanyal said.

"Most of the trainees have been hired as administrative assistant, retail sales head and guest care executives. Within just a few months of being hired, the skilled youth have achieved quick recognition and grown quite well in the corporate ladder," Sanyal said.

According to Sanyal, the

seventh batch of the Unnati Centre will be completing their certificate course on April 13. Based on the feedback from the past courses, the skill-development course is being tweaked from being a 70-day course to a 50-day course.

"We plan to provide an opportunity to students from PMC schools run by Thermax Foundation to benefit from skills-based training. The foundation intends to take more such schools into its ambit and keep focusing on education and skill-development," Sanyal said.

Among its other social projects related to education and skill development, is support of Thermax Foundation to voluntary organisation Teach For India (TFI) from which students will also be provided an opportunity to undertake the Unnati programme, said Sanyal.

"Thermax is financially supporting 100 fellows from TFI and providing the organisation a continuous support in government liaisoning, infrastructure and logistical for their events and meetings," Sanyal said.

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**EMPOWERED:** Youth from the Unnati skill centre, Swargate, have received employment in the private sector.