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Dakshana scores its best result ever!

**87.02% of scholars who appeared for the JEE Advanced crack it in the first attempt.
Dakshana bags three ranks in the top 500 AIR; three ranks in the top 50 in categories!**

Dakshana's toppers:

Abhilash Kar - AIR 110 (Gen), Prashant Shisodiya – AIR 219 (Gen), Nirmal Rajput – AIR 327 (Gen)
Kiran Dapkar – AIR 1 (OBC-PwD), Pradeep Himirika – AIR 3 (ST-PwD), Satyabrat Naik – AIR 4 (ST)

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[Dakshana Foundation](#) is pleased to announce that its 9th batch of JNV Dakshana Scholars came through with flying colours and did exceedingly well in the JEE Advanced 2017.

An additional 26 Dakshana Scholars were successful in their 2nd JEE attempt and are on the Merit List. 415 Dakshana Scholars accepted by IIT in 2017!

A total of 378 Scholars, who were prepped for free by Dakshana for two years, appeared for JEE Advanced 2017. Additionally, 69 scholars, who were prepped by Dakshana for free for one year, also appeared for JEE Advanced 2017. Of these, 389 have qualified in the JEE merit list. Last year, 329 Dakshana scholars took the JEE and 233 scholars cracked the JEE – a success rate of 70.82%. This year that success rate has phenomenally increased to an impressive 87.02%.

Dakshana's topper is Abhilash Kar from Dhenkanal district in Odisha. Abhilash secured a JEE All-India rank of 110. Abhilash was intensively coached for the JEE by Dakshana's coaching partner, T.I.M.E., at JNV Kottayam (Kerala) from 2015-17. This year, Dakshana had four scholars in the Top 1000 JEE ranks:

1. Abhilash Kar, JNV Dhenkanal, Odisha - AIR 110 (Coached at JNV Kottayam)
2. Prashant Shisodiya, JNV Bulandshahr, Uttar Pradesh - AIR 219 (Coached at JNV Kottayam)
3. Nirmal Rajput, JNV Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh - AIR 327 (Coached at JNV Bundi)
4. Ayush Kumar, JNV Samastipur, Bihar - AIR 926 (Coached at JNV Rangareddy)

Around 2,20,000 students attempted the JEE Advanced this year. Dakshana had a hit rate of 83.92% - with 389 of the 447 scholars being selected. "I had made innumerable bad decisions for Dakshana since inception. However, we've also made five great decisions over the last eleven years. These five great decisions have trumped all the bad ones. They are: Decision to start to give away 2% of wealth annually after getting to \$50 million (2007). Start young! I was 42 when the giveaway started; Clone Super 30, Partner with JNV System/Govt. of India, Hire Colonel Sharma as CEO, & Buy Dakshana Valley for \$10 million! Dakshana's model of alleviating poverty and unleashing the tremendous lost talent in rural India has been successful beyond my wildest dreams. The best is yet to come! We are just getting started," said Mohnish Pabrai, Founder & Chairman, The Dakshana Foundation.

The 26 scholars who re-took the JEE did not get any additional support from Dakshana or the JNV

system for their 2nd attempt. They did, however, have the benefit of 2-years of intensive JEE coaching provided free of cost in partnership with the JNV system for their first attempt. We are excited about their results – it further demonstrates the hidden talent among Dakshana Scholars.

Dakshana is a charitable foundation that began operations in India in 2007. The foundation has a strong relationship and Memorandum of Understanding with the Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya system (JNVs) whereby Dakshana screens and selects the most promising JNV students for intensive preparation and coaching for the JEE. The 500+ JNVs nationwide graduate over 40,000 students every year. Dakshana also runs an independent one-year scholarship program after Class 12 for deserving and needy students from government schools to prepare for JEE/NEET, at Kadus, Pune Maharashtra.

Historically, only a small handful of them have made it to IIT. The Dakshana-JNV partnership is all about creating a level playing field where brilliant students from rural, impoverished families can reach their full potential. Today, the 2000+ Dakshana alums in various parts of the world are a strong force to reckon with. Dakshana's first two batches have graduated from the IITs and NITs. Many are employed by leading Indian companies and multinationals. Some are even pursuing graduate studies overseas.

Dakshana was founded by Mr. Mohnish Pabrai and his spouse, Ms. Harina Kapoor, in 2006. Dakshana is focused on providing world-class education opportunities for exceptionally gifted children from impoverished rural backgrounds in India. Every Dakshana Scholar who gets a world-class education successfully breaks the shackles of poverty for his entire family – permanently.

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