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Hello! A Lot of time has passed in the year 2013 and we have entered 2014 and wishing you a year in which you live each and every moment of your life the way you want it which will take you gradually to be a person who is moving towards a good human being. May you always be guided from within in becoming what you want to be.

The time between June to the present moment has been eventful on the LMAD front. Immediately after the youth conference 13, the Baramati team visited Asia Plateau and together we planned the Baramati regional conference. In the following months the local team worked hard in putting up the conference and for the first time we had one of the biggest Baramati conferences having more than 500 participants. Like always the entire local team was able to give their best and at the end the results were satisfying. Their unconditional quality of hard work without any expectation was the real force in gathering such a large strength for Lmad.

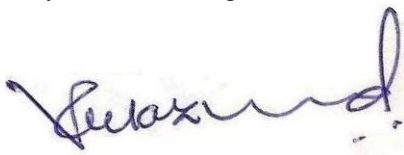
Baramati being the home town of Pawar's never before in all these years had they visited the conference venue, but to our surprise our agriculture minister Mr. Sharad Pawar patiently listened to the sharing of one of the participants and later on addressed the gathering and strengthening the hands of LMAD by assuring us the support and facilities to rejuvenate the moral fabric of rural youth. The following day the local Member of Parliament Mrs. Supriya Sule spent more than two hours at the conference venue appreciating the gender mix and complete ban on the gadgets. She too, like her father, appreciated the work done by LMAD and was willing to offer help and support towards ethical and moral programmes like LMAD which will help the rural youth.

End November my long cherished dream of doing a youth conference in Jamshedpur became reality, again like every place the local team played an important role of hard work, sacrifice and endless hours of toil to put up the conference. The feeling of listening to the deep sharing of the participants on the concluding day in front of the larger gathering which also had dignitaries, teachers, principals and parents of many participants. The joy of seeing the re-union of love between the kids and parents cannot be expressed in words. A visual pleasure to the eyes and the words of forgiveness falling into the ears was like the best symphony ever played. The magic and the connection which IofC-LMAD has to offer to the young people is mesmerizing. Since all of you have experienced the journey of LMAD it becomes so easy for me to connect with you and bring you on the same page of thought process.

In the last week of December, sixteen of us gathered at Asia Plateau for a time to introspect and learn from each other's sharing. Days were spent in long hours of silence where one was searching deep within to find the real self. The workshop was one of the finest and the value of sharing brought on the table is worth in GOLD. I hope someday a deep urge within you to find your real self will draw you towards this December workshop.

We have collectively started to prepare for the coming LMAD-14 and I need your help in all possible ways to get the deserving participants, to think of speakers, to think of innovative ways which will bring value addition to the conference and ways which can bring funds in the form of sponsorship and donations. Help in any direction is always appreciated. For the coming YC-14 devote time to get participants from across the country and let us together give the finest time of inspiration to all those who come for the YC-14 and when they step out into the real world they feel so empowered that the word impossible gets erased from their thinking. We have an unbelievable challenge in front of us as far as our country and its youth is concerned. The situation is worrying and the real hope lies on your shoulders along with many others who are involved for a long time. IofC-LMAD is a definite alternative to inspire the youth of our country and if you consciously look around you will spot endless of them who are directionless. Let's together save our youth before they become a liability and a burden. The hope is IofC-LMAD and carry this forward.

See you at the coming YC-14.



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