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It is our great pleasure to welcome you in the Launching Ceremony of 'Saahas Disability Research and Care Foundation, Kolhapur'.

You were born in an economically disadvantaged family in Jogeshwari, Mumbai. However, you always dreamt of becoming a doctor and you worked hard to realize your dream. You scored 92% marks in SSC Board Examination and chose the Science stream. While returning after your Class XI examination, you were pushed out from the Mumbai local train which ran over your legs amputating your legs, right leg from the hip and left leg below knee.

You had to undergo hospitalization for long duration. Your family stood firmly behind you. Your mother was your strongest pillar of support. You appeared for your Class XII examination sitting in a wheel chair and passed with distinction. In the medical entrance test you stood third in the entire Maharashtra State in the Physically Challenged category, expecting to realize your dream of becoming a doctor soon.

However, in the interview phase, you were refused admission in medical college due to your severe disability (89%) while the cut-off limit of disability was 70% for admission.

You were not to give up easily. In 2011, you challenged the system and dragged the Maharashtra State Medical Board to the High Court. A considerate judge after going through your case instructed the Maharashtra Medical Board to give you admission. You got admission in the prestigious KEM Hospital and Medical College. Your fight changed the admission rule for the disabled and removed the 70% disability limit which was prevailing for more than 20 years. This will definitely help other disabled persons to get admission in medical college irrespective of their severe disability.

You passed your M.B.B.S. Examination with First Class. You were the first (89%) disabled person in India to pass M.B.B.S. You wanted to do Post Graduation in Medicine but again your disability came in the way. A kind hearted politician took your case to the Health Ministry and you were granted admission for the M.D. course. Again, you are the first person in India with (89%) disability to get admission in Post Graduate medical course.

You are being invited to various institutions as a motivational speaker to the disabled, to the girl students, and general public. You have received several awards from various prestigious institutions. Notable among these are Advocate Association of Western India's Woman Achiever Award (2016), Maharashtra Times Award for Extra-ordinary courage (2016), Dena Bank Award for Bravery (2017), Woman Achiever Award from Hindustan Times (2018), CavinKare Ability Master Award Chennai (2018) and other awards.

You are aiming even higher achievements and want to become an IAS Officer and serve our country and people. Our best wishes to you.

In appreciation of your extra-ordinary courage and achievements, we are pleased to confer on you our '**Saahas – Role Model 2021 Award**'

Dr. Naseema Hurzuk  
President

Tej Satish Ghatge  
Secretary

