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## How to live better? Mumbai students have the best ideas

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Out of 500 schools across the country, three schools from Mumbai were short-listed for their teams' innovative ideas in a competition held by IndiaFirst Life Insurance as part of their social initiative 'Happy India'.

The city students' ideas based on education, health, energy conservation, security, environment protection and financial inclusion, were among the best. Three teams from Ryan International in Kandivli, two from Podar International School, Santacruz, and one from D G Khetan School, Malad, were among the winners.

The Khetan team called 'The Spunk' came up with an idea to make a portal named 'Arham' for struggling painters, wherein they bought the artists' paintings and sold them through an exhibition, the amount from which is being used to educate underprivileged children.

Ryan International's Vignesh Pai said, "We have been awarded Rs50,000 for sharing our idea; we have sought BMC's permission to build a 50m road in Thakur village out of plastic bitumen which will not develop potholes during the monsoon."

Podar's 'Team Next' came up with the idea to help the unemployed get jobs. The other team, 'We, change' came up with the idea to voluntarily transport fruits and vegetables from the farmers or wholesale markets directly to the customers.

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— Vignesh Pai,  
Ryan International student

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