



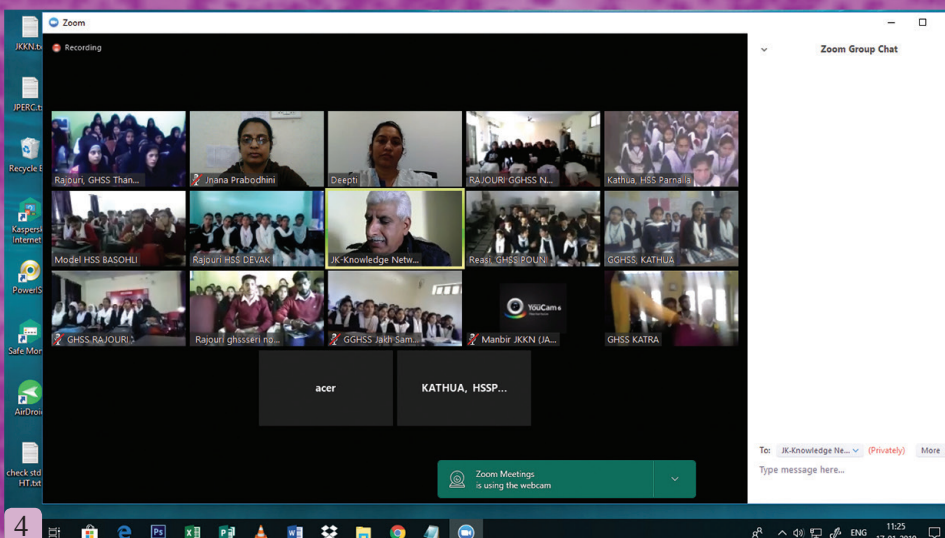
Jnana Prabodhini

Annual Report 2018-19





1. Mr. Sunil Dadhe (Director General ICED) in Roop Paltu (changing the face) Lecture series
2. Vivek Inspire Project - Visit of students from Arunachal Pradesh to Maharashtra
3. Dialogue with Victims of the Kerala Calamity by CEC students
4. Online video conferencing lessons for students in Jammu & Kashmir in the Jnana Wahini Project
5. Receiving a certificate at the hands of Minister of Education for creating video material for Deeksha Platform
6. Inauguration of Chhote Scientists - Training Project at J.E.S. College, Jalana
7. Students from Arunachal Pradesh painting a wall in Jnana Prabodhini, Pune under guidance of Ms. Abha Bhagwat



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- *Former Director General, CSIR, New Delhi*
- ◆ Shri. K. B. (Anna) Hazare
- *Social activist*
- ◆ Smt. Anu Aga
- *Former MP, Entrepreneur, Social activist*
- ◆ Dr. Jayant Naralikar
- *Former Director, IUCAA, Pune*

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Executive Committee

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| 1. Mr. S.B./ Ravi Pandit (Chairman) | 8. Dr. Vivek B. Kulkarni |
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◆ Members Appointed by the Director ◆

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| 15. Prof. Suvarna Gokhale | 18. Prof. Milind Naik |
| 16. Prof. Prashant Divekar | 19. Mr. Ashutosh Barmukh |
| 17. Prof. Savita Kulkarni | |

- ❖ **Main Centers** : Pune, Nigdi
- ❖ **Sub-Centers** : Pune Area : Shivapur, Velhe
- ❖ **Extension Centers** : Dombivali, Borivali, Ambajogai (district Beed).



From the Heart

The year 2018-19 marched on the tunes of the poem '*vikasata vikasata vikasave*' (keep flourishing and flourishing) by the founder of *Jnana Prabodhini (JP)*. In formal education, the excellent outcomes of the school examinations conducted at all five centers is just one aspect of education. This annual report may showcase a collective picture of all the varied activities in holistic education at all these centers. The recognition of our volunteers, who are the role models for our students, given by the society in the form of various awards, is summarised in the beginning of the report. We hope that you find the department-wise detailed reports promising.

Hon'ble Prakash Javadekar, Minister for Human Resource Development, Government of India, visited Prabodhini in September 2018 to review the effectiveness of the *Jnana Prabodhini* Prashala Experiment and to discuss further inputs in the education system of the country. He expressed satisfaction about the participation of the school alumni in taking care of the finances of the school and in running 'special purpose groups' in the education process. Prabodhini's schools at Nigdi, Pune and Harali are approved centers under the Central Government's experimental laboratories 'Atal Tinkering Lab'. The major fruition of this visit was nomination of JP's Hon'ble Vivek Ponshe, Dy. Secretary, Education, on the Advisory Board of 'Navodaya Vidyalays', the Central Govt. body.

This joyous moment was followed by a trauma. Within just six months, Prof. Vivek Ponshe mentioned above, who was at the helm of education initiative of Prabodhini, passed away on March 15. He was fighting cancer for 3-4 years. This year, we had to cope with the loss of this seer teacher who built a bridge of science-knowledge connecting the tribals in Arunachal Pradesh with urban students as well as connecting the formal education with complementary education. He was the senior resource person at the *Yashada* training centre for training of officers of Government of Maharashtra.

Prof. Ponshe worked as the Principal of Pune Prashala for 18 years. The respects paid by the school alumni to Prof. Ponshe have been summarised in the article 'We shall carry your mission forward'. Everyone has devoted to work with a renewed determination to fill the void created with the sad demise of Prof. Ponshe.

Brief reports of the 17 Divisions of Prabodhini, working at Pune are given separately in the report. The Japan visit of some students of Prashala and the study tour of the teachers of a few selected model schools within India, to Bengaluru, Ahmedabad and New Delhi both would contribute to the nature of Prashala in coming times. The newsletter 'Prashaley' depicting various activities of the Prashala in detail was published this year. The book 'Man Making for Nation Building' based on the compilation of articles and speeches by Hon'ble Girish Bapat, Director of Prabodhini, on education, was published this year.

Chhatra Prabodhan, the magazine popular among students continues its stride. The Diwali special issue had a whopping booking of 40,000 copies. During the recent years, the two new editions: *Subodh* (easy) for students from rural areas and the English edition for students in English medium schools also have crossed a respectable number of copies. We publish books of compilations of selected articles in these issues. This year, nine books went into their second edition, while two new compilations were published.

In line with the ten year perspective plan (Bhavitayva Lekh) of Prabodhini laid out since 2012, more and more activities are initiated for college students alongside those for school students. Leadership Development Centre is one such initiative. Evening classes are conducted by this Centre in order to imbibe the basic skills among undergraduate students aspiring for administrative services and leading in other walks of life. This year, 154 students enrolled. A course of 100 sessions organised exclusively for the volunteers of *Swaroopavardhini*, a social organisation in Pune, deserves special mention.

The Competitive Examination Center of Prabodhini, functioning since 1995, has earned a very good reputation in the country. During the reporting year, 157 students were benefitted with guidance of various types. The guidance within the four walls is well coupled with the 'know your society', experiential teaching methodology. These students imbibe patriotism by touring regions from Velhe block in Pune district to Hiware Bazar village and Snehalaya institute in Ahmednagar district and by counselling students in Arunachal Pradesh. Helping the victims of disasters and organising blood donation camps have now become regular features of their education.

The work undertaken by Prabodhini in the fields of water and energy in rural areas took the shape of provision of potable water to shepherd communities in remote mountainous regions. The main focus of this work was on the digging of wells and building of ferro-cement tanks. Youth from Pune contributed their time and effort alongside the villagers, for this project. In order to promote solar energy, solar panels have been installed on the various buildings of the Prabodhini centers reducing electricity expenditure. To spread this technology to rural areas, training sessions for the soldering and installation of small 3 watt panels were conducted at Pune and Shivapur last year. Attaching this subject to our Agro-Technic School, it is now called 'Skill Development Centre'.

We have been consistently pursuing Mobilisation of women power in urban and rural areas. Many women from the Velhe region are now engaged in the activities of Prabodhini as volunteers. In Pune city, various training programmes through 'Samvadini' group were conducted and regular get-togethers of women and young girls were organised through 'Urban Slums Study Groups'. 15 school groups and 6 college groups are currently being run by *Yuvak Vibhag* (The Department of Young Boys) with a regular participation of 500 boys. Regular sports activities and sports camps were coupled with field trips and sales experiential learning. *Yuvati Vibhag* (The Department of Young Girls) has named its three groups Kamlabai Sohoni, Kalpana Chawla and Ahilyabai Holkar, after eminent women achievers and social workers. Participation in the *Aashadhi* Procession (Part of the famous *Vaari*) and Ganesh festival celebrations are matters of great joy for all these groups.

To promote entrepreneurship over employment among young boys and girls, the Entrepreneurship Development Centre reached out to many in the last year. While 40 took the BEAM test, 8 budding entrepreneurs were offered business-related guidance through mentors.

Prabodhini's Nigdi Centre continues to flourish with great energy. The expansion of one of its buildings has started last year. The participation of parents in the various initiatives is a great reassurance.

It has been a constant endeavour of full time volunteers of Prabodhini to increase the footprint at various Tehsil places and villages in Maharashtra with the help of appropriate occasions. The extension centres generated out of this efforts at Ambajogai, Dombivali and Borivali are well stabilised now. The local volunteers are now initiating a number of Prabodhini activities with great passion and zeal.

While reviewing the work undertaken last year, on one hand it brings satisfaction about the growth of multifaceted work; at the same time, the volunteers are well aware of the rising expectations from the society. We look forward to continued support of readers, donors and well-wishers like you all, so that Prabodhini continues its journey with quality and continuity.

Yours sincerely,

Girish S. Bapat
Director

V.S./Subhash Deshpande
Secretary



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• **About the cover** - Under the able guidance of Ms. Abha Bhagwat, the renowned Graffiti artist of Pune, 160 students from 11 classes of Jnana Prabodhini Navanagar Vidyalay, Nigdi have painted these pictures on a 24 x 12 ft. wall each.



Main Programmes

◆ Awards ◆

- 1) **Bio-technology Award** - The Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India had organised a programme at Vidnyan Bhavan to celebrate the 20th Technology Day. On this occasion, Ms. Sangeeta Kulkarni, a researcher at Nigdi Prabodhini, was honoured with the 'Bio-technology Social Development Award' at the hands of the Hon'ble Minister Dr. Harshavardhan for creating interest about bio-technology among students and also for the promotion of the subject in the rural area. Ms. Kulkarni is in fact associated with Prabodhini as an ambassador of bio-technology. Under her able leadership, the subject of bio-technology is being offered at *Jnana Prabodhini*, Nigdi, since 2002. This subject is taught to class 8 onwards. Until now, it is taught in such an experimental manner, that more than 1500 students have developed interest in it. Also, the uses and benefits of bio-technology have been explained to farmers, women in self-help groups and villagers. The Central Department of Bio-technology has recognised these efforts.
- 2) **Shikshan Bhooshan and Durga Award** - This year's 'Akhil Bharateeya Shikshak Bhooshan Puraskar' (All India exemplary teacher award) was conferred upon Dr. Swarnalata Bhishikar at the annual conference of the *Akhil Bharateeya Shaikshik Mahasangha* on the 6th of October at Indore. Similarly, she was honoured with the 'Durga Award' at a programme organised at the Veer Savarkar Sabhagruha at Dadar on the 29th of October.
- 3) **Social Reform Award** - Chitra Chandrachood, Sunitee Gadgil and Dr. Manisha Shete were given an award within the subject matter of 'Woman in Temple – a Primordial Struggle' sponsored by the 'Kavita Rasik Mandali' and 'R.K. Sonagra' on the occasion of Women's Day.

◆ Visit of Hon'ble Prakash Javadekar, Minister for Human Resource Development, Government of India to *Jnana Prabodhini* ◆

Shri. Prakash Javadekar, Minister for Human Resource Development, Government of India visited *Jnana Prabodhini* on the 14th of Sept. at 12:00 noon to 1:30 pm. He visited the Exhibition and Tinkering Laboratory of *Jnana Prabodhini* and struck conversations with the students and teachers. He was briefed about the school's journey. In his speech, he mentioned that the true identity of Prabodhini is revealed in the tenet 'We shall change the face of the country' and assured that the experiences of Prabodhini would be referred to while devising the Central Education Policy. *Jnana Prabodhini* has been striving to shape gifted students for the sake of the country for the last 55 years. The contribution of the students of Prabodhini to social development makes this experiment unique. Efforts to make the education system of this country answerable are on, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. 'Learning outcome' is being emphasized. National Assessment Survey is another important step. A four-year integrated B.Ed. Course will soon be introduced for creating excellent teachers.

Dr. Girish Bapat, Director of *Jnana Prabodhini*, Shri. Subhashrao Deshpande, Secretary, Prof. Yashwantrao Lele, Dr. Ushatai Khire, Prof. V. N. Abhyankar, Dr. Vivek Kulkarni, Prof. Vivek Ponkshe, Dr. Milind Naik, Prof. Rambhau Dimble and Mr. Mohanrao Gujrathi were present for the visit. The students Vikram Jirgale and Chinmayee Khare presented their projects. Hon. Prakashji answered the questions of the students. The compere was Ms. Sanskruti Bapat. It was stated by the Director of *Jnana Prabodhini*, Dr. Girish Bapat, who concluded with the remark that Prabodhini has always striven towards development of bright students who would utilise their skills for the progress of the nation.

◆ Yearly 'Roop Palatu' Lecture ◆

The fourth session of the lecture series on "Roop Palatu (Changing the Face)" started in memory of the founder of *Jnana Prabodhini*, the late Appa Pendse, took place on the 18th of August. Mr. Sunil Dadhe spoke on 'Challenges in the Path of Sustainable Development'. The meeting commenced by paying respects to Late Atal Bihari Vajpayee, former Prime Minister of India. While Mr. Subhashrao Deshpande gave the opening remarks, Mr. Ajit

Kanitkar introduced the speaker. Mr. Sunil Dadhe, a student of the 1977 batch of *Jnana Prabodhini*, was selected in the Civil Services in 1988 and has since assumed various responsibilities of senior posts in the Government. He is currently the Director General of International Centre for Environment Audit and Sustainable Development (ICED), Jaipur.

While presenting on ‘Challenges in Sustainable Development’, he commented on the balance between environment and development, the Indian scenario, upcoming issues and challenges and the probable solutions to overcome these. He put forth the big picture of ongoing brainstorming on international level, steps taken by various countries and the complex planning to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) based on 17 parameters by 2030. Shri. Dadhe concluded with remarks and examples that one need not be bogged down with new things like artificial intelligence, as these things change with times.

◆ Dedicating a book to the Motherland ◆

The second edition of Dr. Girish Bapat’s work ‘Man Making for Nation Building’, a collection of the various educational experiments and techniques conducted at *Jnana Prabodhini*, was dedicated to the motherland rather than formal publishing of a book. The programme commenced with prayers to the motherland, followed by the offering of the book to the motherland at the hands of Mr. Vishal Solanki (Maharashtra Education Commissioner) and Dr. Sharad Kunte (Chairman, Governing Council, Deccan Education Society). Dr. Kunte presented the fourfold strategy called “Know India, respect India, belong to India and build India.” Mr. Solanki spoke about the need for good education in today’s times and expressed hope that *Jnana Prabodhini* will inspire others to do what it has done.

Dr. Girish Bapat has put together several educational techniques of *Prabodhini* in his book. He said that shaping volunteers who would shoulder every responsibility for solving issues in their own fields is the goal of education at *Prabodhini*. He stated that every volunteer should be like a pearl in a shell, that they should shine brighter with every completed task and that the society should benefit from the light of their knowledge. Dr. Bapat concluded with guidance to the volunteers expressing *Prabodhini*’s expectations from them.

University Examination Results 2018 – 19

Velhe Hostel Resident Students, Third Year Commerce

Sushma Renuse – 72 % Mangal Tupe – 71% Ashwini Khopde – 65.33%

Board Examination – Std. 10 Results 2018 - 19

✦ *Jnana Prabodhini Prashala, Pune* ✦

100 % Result

School Average – 92.05 %
First - Spruha Sarnaik – 98.2 %
Second - Aabha Marathe – 97.8 %
Third - Revati Divekar and Sakshi Kale – 97.6%
Sanskrit 100/100 – 28 students
Social Studies – 100/100 – 5 students
Mathematics 100/100 – 1 student
Science 100/100 – 2 students

Velhe Hostel Resident Students

Ashwini Kondhalkar – 66 %
Shutika Nangde – 66.6 %
Komal Shinde – 54.40 %

Jnana Prabodhini Navnagar Vidyalay, Nigdi

1) Gurukul – 94 % Result

First Sakshi Mane – 88 % Second : Shravani Limaye – 87 % Third : Jay Aherkar – 86.2 %

2) Kreedakul – 100 % Result

First: Gauri Dighe – 86 % Second: Shriram Dhumal 83.2 % Third : Vaishnavi Sherkar 82.2 %

3) Marathi Medium – 100 % Result

First: Radha Yelgaonkar – 99.6 % Second: Sakshi Kulkarni – 98 % Third : Vaibhavi Bhosle – 97.6 %
Sanskrit 100/100 – 3 students

Mathematics 100/100 – 1 student

4) English Medium – 100 % Result

First: Ravi Pawar – 96.4 %
Second: Shubhankar Pataskar – 92.6 %
Third: Rutuparna Sonna – 92.2 %
Sanskrit and Mathematics 100/100 – 1 student



We shall Carry Your Mission Forward



The former Principal of *Jnana Prabodhini Prashala, Pune*, Prof. Vivek Ponshe, passed away of cancer on Friday, the 15th of March 2019, merely at 58. A visionary volunteer and an educationist, who knew the kind of changes needed in education for India's progress in the post-independence period, there by bid farewell to the world.

Prof. Ponshe completed his schooling and B.Ed. at Dhule. After securing place in merit lists of both the board exams - 10th and 12th std., he moved to Pune to pursue further education in Physics. He completed his masters in Physics with distinction. During this period he got associated with *Prabodhini*. For two years of his youth he was a resident teacher at the Agro-Technical school at Shivapur in Pune district and then at Vivekanand Kendra's school in Arunachal Pradesh. He served as the Principal of *Jnana Prabodhini* for 18 years at a stretch. He was aware that in order to develop India in the real sense of the term, the people of this country would not only have to be taught science, but also have them imbibe a scientific approach. Despite himself being a physicist par excellence, he chose to devote himself to teaching science rather than working in a laboratory and writing research papers.

His skill at teaching science was unparalleled. He had achieved such a mastery over the subject that he never felt the need to carry any books to class. Knowing that talent can be found not just in urban, but also in rural areas, he did not merely devise the innovative Rural Intelligence Development Scheme for intelligent and bright students in rural areas, but also took special initiative for its implementation. *Prabodhini's Sakharshala* initiative undertaken for the children of sugarcane field-workers also saw his active participation. He started projects like Young Scientists, *GyanSetu* (Bridge of Knowledge) and Vivek Inspire for students in rural and tribal areas. These initiatives motivated several urban youth with the desire to do their bit for the society to turn their attention towards rural areas.

He was especially passionate about teachers' training. Every year, *Prabodhini* organises a workshop called 'Changing the Face of Education' for teachers who implement novel initiatives and teaching techniques to improve the quality of education and for young teachers aspiring to enter the field of education. A selected few teachers from Maharashtra fund their own participation in the programme. This workshop was Prof. Ponshe's brainchild. His contribution to laying the foundation of *Chhatra Prabodhan* magazine was also commendable. His recent initiative was to add video clips to the QR Codes in the text books of Maharashtra Government. He deserves all the credit for *Prabodhini's* collaboration with the Deeksha Portal. He was working as Maharashtra region's senior advisor of the *Sarva Shiksha Abhiyaan* of the Human Resource Development Ministry. He offered guidance to the teachers and principals of the secondary schools in Maharashtra through the medium of 'Yashada' on several occasions. He was a founding member of an association of students from North-East India, in Pune.

Several epithets such as born teacher, skilled leader, excellent orator, analytical researcher, volunteer, social worker, etc. can easily apply to Vivekrao. "The Assistant Secretary of *Jnana Prabodhini's* Education Department, the Head of the Research Department for Educational Initiatives, the Editor of 'E-Prashikshak' (the online magazine) run for teachers, one of the founding fathers of the Balavidnyan Initiative, the Chairman of the Rashtriya Balavidnyan Parishad, Pune, a member of the Central Government's Navodaya Samiti..." the list is unending. *Prabodhini* pays an emotional tribute to this volunteer who was devoted to his goals and committed to science!





Jnana Prabodhini Pune Centre

1. Jnana Prabodhini Prashala

◆ Golden Jubilee ◆

Jnana Prabodhini Prashala Pune was founded on the 9th of June, 1969. The year 2019-20 is the school's golden jubilee year. Various activities have been planned for the coming academic year. Let us look at the happenings of the reporting year.

• Director's Visit

Jnana Prabodhini's education system works with the aim of creating volunteers who will address the problems of the nation. The guidance of seniors is needed for smooth working. The Director's visit during 5 - 9 October was an opportunity for presenting the school's work to him.

✦ Study tours of students-teachers of the school

1) Japan Study Tour - Under the student exchange programme 'Japan Asia Science Exchange Programme', ten students and their teacher Mr. Pranav Pujari visited Japan during the period 7 to 12 April. They presented their science projects at the Hokkaido International Science Fair. Three students bagged prizes at the project competition. The tour was packed with a varied agenda of experts' lectures, group activities, visit to a school in Kosai, visit to the historical village of Hokkaido and the like.

2) Bangalore Study Tour – Six teachers visited Bangalore on a study tour between the 29th of January and 2nd of February. They visited the Rashtrathana Vidya Kendra schools in Bangalore area. Mr. Gajanan Londhe, Secretary, and Mr. Vasant Kumar, Principal, briefed them about the establishment, schools and other initiatives of the Kendra. The group interacted with the students studying under the *Tapas* scheme. Apart from the Rashtrathana Vidya Kendra schools, the teachers also visited the Aarohi Education Trust of Hosur functioning according to the principle 'Living in Itself is Education'; The Valley School based on the philosophy of J. Krishnamoorthy, the Poornapramati School, the National Institute of Advanced Studies, etc.

3) Ahmedabad Study Tour – Nine teachers, six from *Jnana Prabodhini-Pune* and three from Navnagar Vidyalaya-Nigdi went on a study tour to Ahmedabad between the 25th and 28th of February. They visited institutes like the Shreyas Foundation, the Tapovan Sanskaar Peeth, the Mahatma Gandhi International

School, the Institute of Rural Management and others.

4) Delhi Study Tour - Eleven teachers, four from Pune and seven from Nigdi, went on a study tour to Delhi between the 31st March to 5th April. They visited the Rajakiya Pratibha Vikas Vidyalaya, the Mirambika of Arvindashram, the Mother's International School, the Sardar Patel Vidyalaya, Salvan Public School, etc.

✦ Achievements

➤ The project run in urban slums by Prashala got the award of Rs. 25,000/- from The Natu Foundation.

➤ Niti Aayog of Government of India has launched Atal Tinkering Lab Scheme. According to the published report recently, *Jnana Prabodhini* is approved to establish an Atal Tinkering Lab (total 3437 schools).

✦ Various Initiatives

1) Vidyavrat – Workshops for girls and boys were organised at Sajjangad between 21st and 23rd of Jan. and between 23rd and 25th of Jan. respectively. 8th std. boys and girls took *Vidyavrat* (Vow of learning) on 8th and 9th Feb. respectively. Mr. Sanjay Godbole was invited to give his blessings to the boys, while Dr. Swarnalata Bhishikar was invited to bless the girls.

✦ Vidyavrat – Lectures

1. Introduction : Dr. Milind Naik
2. Physical Health : Mr. Saugandha Deshmukh,
Development Ms. Ekta Jadhav
3. Nutrition Science : Vaidya Prayag Sethiya

4. Science of Exercise : Dr. Mandar Akkalkotkar
5. Psychological Development : Dr. Anagha Lavlekar
6. Emotional Development : Dr. Pranita Jagtap,
Dr. Deepak Gupte
7. Meaning of *Vidyavrat* : Dr. Bhagyashri Harshe
Pothi (book)
8. Intellectual Development : Dr. Milind Naik
9. Social Development : Ms. Suvarna Gokhale
10. Development of virtues : Dr. Girish Bapat
of self

2) **Ganeshotsav** – *Ganeshotsav* was celebrated with a lot of enthusiasm during 13th and 23rd of September 2018. The *Ganesh* idol was installed on the 13th of September at the hands of Hon. Mr. Rajendra Muthe (Special Executive Officer). During the period between the 14th and 23rd of September, the following guests of

honour offered their prayers to *Ganesh* – Dr. Anantbhushan Ranade, Ms. Hematai Dole, Brig. Abhay Bhat, Dr. Nilangi Sardeshpande, Dr. Mrunmayi Sathe, Mr. Shashank Chandorkar, Mr. Rahul Khele (Real Estate Assistant, *Jnana Prabodhini*) etc.

✦ **Expression – Performances (std. 5th– 8th)**

Topic	Performer
➤ Dance	Madhuratai Aphale
➤ Tabla, Mohiniveena, Flute	Mangesh Karmarkar and co-artists
➤ Reading of Painters' Letters	Nitin Hadap, Amrut Samak
➤ Meet the author	Anil Avchat, Dr. Ashwini Dhongde

• **Special Lectures**

Co- curricular and other subjects lectures

Topic	Speaker	Topic	Speaker
☞ Research in Neuroscience : Ms. Uttara Tipnis		☞ Air Pollution : Bhavtal Sanstha	
☞ Opportunities in the Army : Col. Anup Barbare		☞ Sales skills : Mahendra Sethiya	
☞ Lecture on Yoga Day : Raghav Ashtekar		☞ Plastic and Environment : Rajeev Basargekar	
☞ Writing Research Proposals : Anjali Ranade, Sunila Gondhalekar		☞ Fire Brigade Demonstration : Demonstration	
☞ Book Publishing (<i>Kalyanche Ritu</i>) : Ms. Ashlesha Mahajan		☞ Cancer Awareness : Mr. Prashant Dube	

• **Special Purpose Groups** – This initiative has been continued for the last 8 years for std. 9th and 10th.

Topic **Facilitators**

- 1) Energy : Mr. Santosh Gondhalekar
- 2) Economics : Ms. Medhavinee Watve, Ms. Vedangi Patwardhan, Ms. Apoorva Abhyankar
- 3) Rural Development : Ms. Sunita Gaikwad, Ms. Suvarna Gokhale
- 4) Democracy Training : Ms. Mrunmayi Paralikal
- 5) National Unity : Mr. Sanatkumar Bhate, Mr. Makarand Supnekar
- 6) Psychology : Ms. Radhika Kulkarni
- 7) Social Health : Dr. Nilangi Sardeshpande
- 8) Journalism : Ms. Sujata Deshmukh



2. Educational Activities Research Centre

1) W.N. Dandekar Teachers' Training Centre –

- **Training in States** : Maharashtra, Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Goa
- **Training Days** : 106 * **Participating Schools** : 198 * **Trainees** : 1590
- **Publications** : E-Prashikshak : E-magazine for creative teachers – 11 issues published.

Different Subjects and Trainings conducted this year :-

♦ Project Methodology – A tool for Experiential Learning and Skill Development

Assam – 'Vivekanand Kendra' Shiksha Prasar Department, Assam 'Majuli' Vivekanand Kendra Education Dissemination Department	teachers and students from 25 schools 50 teachers 250 students, 20 schools	research project for teaching science Introduction to research methodology 60 out of 75 projects selected
Telangana – Paramita Group School, Karimnagar (Std 5-7) students from Std 3-4.	80 teachers from 6 schools 90 teachers	project-based learning and teaching theme-based projects
Maharashtra – Pune – 2 schools Wardha – 1 school Chiplun – 20 schools Pimpri-Chinchwad – 20 schools	50 teachers, 3 days 35 teachers, 3 days 42 teachers, 2 days 20 teachers, 1 day	collection based project creation of models project method introduction of project method

♦ Motivation Building Workshops for Teachers

'Roop Palatu Shikshanache', camp, Pune 'We shall change the face of education'	35 teachers	personality development and inspiration, education-related thought, learning-teaching methods
Shikshak Prerana Jagruati workshop, Chiplun A joint initiative by Chaturanga Pratishthan, Mumbai and Jnana Prabodhini	40 teachers partly training in 4 sessions	Inspiration, observational and reading skills, field visits, supplementary learning day, planning skills, project method, group work, motherland acquaintance tours, individual and group resolutions, shaping of educational interest, intellectual development, experience sharing of Samarth Bharat

• Self-Development and Appreciation of Arts

The new textbook 'Self Development and Appreciation of Arts' was incorporated into the syllabus of the Maharashtra Board of Secondary Education since last year. Two two-day workshops on this topic were arranged for 52 teachers from Pune, Satara, Chiplun, Ratnagiri and Kolhapur.

• E-Prashikshak Magazine and Mobile App

This year, 11 issues of the 'e'-edition of 'Pra'-shikshak magazine were published. 3,800 teachers subscribe to this magazine. Also, developing the 'Prashikshak' Mobile App was undertaken.

• Reviews and Evaluations of Text books

The evaluation of the syllabus designed by the Kanpur Education Department as well as that of a total of 34 primary school text books and work books on Mathematics, Civics, Environment and ICT was undertaken by the Centre.

• **Other workshops** - Classroom meetings effective teachings, subjectwise teaching self study skills

- 1) Classroom meetings - 80 schools - 38 teachers
- 2) Subjectwise teaching - 41 schools - 80 teachers
- 3) Self study skills - 25 schools - 165 teachers and students

2) Intelligence Development Centre

♦ **Chhote Scientists** - During the academic year 2018-19, the Young Scientists Initiative entered its eighth year. The initiative was run in Maharashtra as a four-fold model initiative with the funding support from the KPIT.

♦ **Atal Tinkering Lab** – *Jnana Prabodhini* works as a mentor on the Atal Tinkering Lab initiative along with the Central Government's Niti Aayog, with funding support from KPIT.

A problem-solving competition was organised for students from the participating schools. 48 students from 16 schools took part in this competition. The prizes were distributed by officials of the KPIT, Dr. Sarika Kelkar, Mr. Rahul Uplav and Mr. Satranjan.

♦ Adivasi Residential School, Padsare (Dist. Raigad)

The Young Scientists Initiative was implemented in the Adivasi Residential School at Padsare, Tal. Sudhagad, with the support of Shapoorji Pallonji Group (AFCONS). 100 students from the 8th and 9th std. participated. Two teachers' training sessions were conducted in Pune.

♦ **School Merit Development Programme** – Precient Technology Pvt. Ltd. and *Jnana Prabodhini*, jointly organised four lectures in the year for 8th std. students from Hanuman Secondary School at Chinchoshi, Tal. Khed, Dist. Pune.

♦ Pradnya Vikas (Intelligence Development)

• **Pune** – With the support of Bharat Forge Ltd, Pune, students from 6th and 7th std were selected after a test conducted at three slum areas of Janata Slum (Parvati Paytha), Vetalbaba Vasahat (Hadapsar) and Keshavnagar (Mundhwa). Evening classes were held thrice a week.

• Organisation of

Special Lectures :

i) 10th Std. Study Session and Career Guidance –

First batch of around 25 students from Janata Vasahat and Keshavnagar appeared for the 10th Board Examination this year.

ii) English Speaking

– The counselling for English Speaking was

conducted at Keshavnagar. It created interest for the same.

iii) **Project Competition** – A session on 'Problem Solving' skill was conducted at Keshavnagar.

iv) **To Explain Scientific Concepts** – Interesting scientific projects and toys like LED batteries, spooky spokes, string telephones and simple mouth organs were produced.

v) **Group discussions and activities** took place on various articles published in the *Chhatra Prabodhan* magazine.

vi) **The lecture on self-study** taught the students skills like study steps, reading, writing, interviewing skills, questioning skills etc.

• **Roha** - In the second stage, this year classes were held for students of Std. 8-10 from schools in rural, adivasi region with the support of Excel Industries Group, Roha. About 900 students from schools at Virjoli, Songaon, Ghosale, Shenvi, Khamb and Chile villages benefited.

• **Padsare** – With the help of the Shapoorji Pallonji Group of Mumbai, the Programme was started here along with the Young Scientists Programme. Std. 7 students were tested pre and post the programme. Seven two-day workshops were conducted for 7th std. students every month, where 70 students participated. Two 2-day workshops were conducted for 8th and 9th std students, where around 125 students participated.

♦ **Skill Development and Career Counselling** – These sessions were conducted for 9th and 10th std. students from the Maharaja Sayajirao Gaikwad Secondary School of Janaseva Gramvikas Sanstha, Teh. Shirur, Dist. Pune with Bansuri Foundation, Ms. Anupama Prabhu and Mr. Deepak Sondkar graced the inauguration.

Chhote Scientists (Young Scientists)

Model	Organiser (No. of Volunteers)	Venue	Participating Schools	Std.	No. of students
1	KPIT Engineers (300) (Teh. Maval-Mulshi)	Pune District	20	8 th , 9 th	1876
2	Vidnyan Mitra (teachers) (05) Pimpri-Chinchwad MC District Osmanabad	Pune M C PCMC	10 08 10	8 th 8 th 8 th , 9 th	486 390 847
3	Science Teachers (38)	Pune Dist.	38	8 th	2013
4	College Students (60) J.E.S. Secondary School (Jalna) (50)	Jalna Dist., Chiplun	25 05	8 th 8 th	1239 252
• Total Volunteer Teachers = 403 • Total Schools = 116 • Total Students = 7103					

◆ **Playway School (Khelghar)** – *Khelghars* have been started at the Madhyavasti and Gayran slums of Keshavnagar, Mundhwa and Mahatma Phule slum, Hadapsar, Pune, with the support of Bharat Forge, Pune. This initiative is being run for 120 students in the age group of 6-11 from deprived sections of the society. On the 'World Day Against Child Labour' and Gandhi Jayanti, students rallied for cleanliness drives in their respective areas. On the occasion of 'Reading Inspiration Day', the doors of the play centre library were thrown open to the students and an exhibition was organised.

◆ **Supplementary Learning Excursion** – On 25th of December, the students had a supplementary learning picnic to Rajeev Gandhi E-Learning School, Seven Wonder Park and Rajeev Gandhi Zoological Park, Katraj. On the 28th of Feb., students presented small projects on the occasion of the National Science Day.

◆ **Gyan Setu (Knowledge Bridge)**

Workshops in other States – Science workshops were conducted in Assam, Jammu, Meghalaya, Manipur, Arunachal Pradesh, Chhatisgarh and Jharkhand between April and December 2018.

Gyan Setu – Workshops

Period Year 2018	volunteers participated	No. of workshops	No. of students	States (place)
April– May	53	92	5500	Assam, Meghalaya, Jammu, Manipur, Arunachal Pradesh
July	4	Residential Camp	70	Assam (Parvatipur)
September	5	10	600	Jharkhand
Nov-Dec	4	8		Chhatisgarh
Nov-Dec	4	Residential Camp	20	Assam (Parvatipur)
Total	70	112	6430	

◆ **Vivek Inspire** – This is fifth year of project Vivek Inspire. The main objective of the project is enriching selected 450 students from 6th to 10th std. from 22 schools of Arunachal Pradesh's Vivekanand Kendra Vidyalayas through skill development and cognitive development and grooming them for school-level competitive examinations.

Six day workshops for students took place at the usual school centres (Balijan, Nirjuli, Roing, Ziro) during the last academic year, consisting of observational skill development and group activities - 7th std., project-based education - 8th std., preparation for the competitive examinations National Merit cum Means Scholarship (NMMS) and State Merit cum Means Scholarship (SMMS) - 8th and 9th std., Pune Exposure Visit 7th and 9th std. students and art appreciation plus narration of experiences of locals for - 7th and 8th std.

43 students and their 5 teachers from the schools of Roing and Ziro Centres visited Pune between 6th and 16th of December 2018.

3) Educational Resource Centre

Movement of Open Online Learning (MOOL)

◆ **Balbharati** : QR code videos were made for the 9th and 10th std. Geography and Sanskrit textbooks for Maharashtra State Bureau of Textbook Production and Curriculum Research. This material is available in Hindi, English and Marathi. Similarly, students from other States can watch and download videos produced by *Prabodhini* on the portal www.diksha.gov.in/explore by typing 'gyanqr' in the search field. 450 e-resources were produced this year. *Jnana Prabodhini* was declared as the "Champion Partner" by the HRD Ministry. Hence this material is made available for linking with the QR codes of other States. The CSR departments of Maersk Global Service Centres (India) Pvt. Ltd. and Precient Technologies, Pune, supported this work. *Jnana Prabodhini* and *Balbharati* made e-resources reached 36 districts and 32 lakh students in Maharashtra through textbooks.

◆ **Diksha Project** : On the 13th and 14th of March, a workshop on 'Student-centric Digital Content Creation Guideline for Maharashtra' was conducted jointly with the MSCERT and the Columbia University for Sustainable Development Centre. Experienced teachers, *Balbharati* experts and associated member institutions of Diksha participated.

◆ **Gyan Vahini** : Under 'Jammu Kashmir Gyan Vahini' project, 18 online career guidance sessions were organised for 9th to 12th std. students

from government schools, jointly with Jammu Kashmir Knowledge Network (JKKN). 11 to 20 schools attend a typical session. In the year, 3000 students from 200 schools of 22 districts including that of J and K participated.

◆ **Learn Prabodhini Way : A portal for online courses** www.learnprabodhiniway.com was developed for teachers.

◆ **Compete Prabodhini Way** : 100 practice tests were made available for students of 5th and 8th std. from the English and Marathi medium appearing for the scholarship examination on www.competep Prabodhiniway.com

◆ **TCS Project** : The course 'Identifying and Nurturing Gifted and Talented Students' was made available for teachers on the TCSiON platform.



3. Chhatra Prabodhan Magazine

• Chhatra Prabodhan at a glance

- Regular, Subodh and English Diwali issues – booking and distribution of 40,000 copies.
- *Chhatra Prabodhan* regular Diwali issue bagged the 1st prize for the Best Diwali Issue for Children and Youth and a Consolation Prize for the cover.
- Classroom Library Scheme – 159 new classroom libraries were added. Total 15,500 students from 351 classes in two years.
- Reader Scholarship Scheme – free yearly subscription to 68 deserving students.
- 3 workshops for skill development of the office staff of *Chhatra Prabodhan*.
- Youth Literary Festivals - 36 destinations, 1500 students participated
- State level ‘Skit Reading’ and ‘Manuscript Writing’ competitions – 118 teams, 1060 students
- Re-printing/edition of 9 books, new editions of 2 books

• Literary Festivals for the Youth

Youth Literary Festivals were organized to inculcate in the youth the love for literature and reading, and to develop their confidence to participate in group discussions. In 2018-19, Youth Literary Festivals were held at 36 locations.

• Calendar for the Youth

A calendar was published specially for youngsters to encourage hands on work. This includes the Gregorian as well as the National Solar Calendar and information regarding 200 important days of the year.

• Skit Reading Competition

A State level Skit Reading Competition was

organized by *Chhatra Prabodhan* in collaboration with *Rangmanch Kalasakt Nyasa*, Chalisgaon, for the students of class 7-10. In all, 66 teams with 510 students participated.

• Manuscript Writing Competition

Chhatra Prabodhan also organized a state level ‘*Tumhich Sampadak Vha*’ (Be the Editor of your own Publication) competition of handwritten magazines/ manuscripts preceded by workshops organized at Pune, Baramati, Nasik and Ambajogai. 55 teams with 550 students participated in the competition.

• Addition of QR codes to magazine :

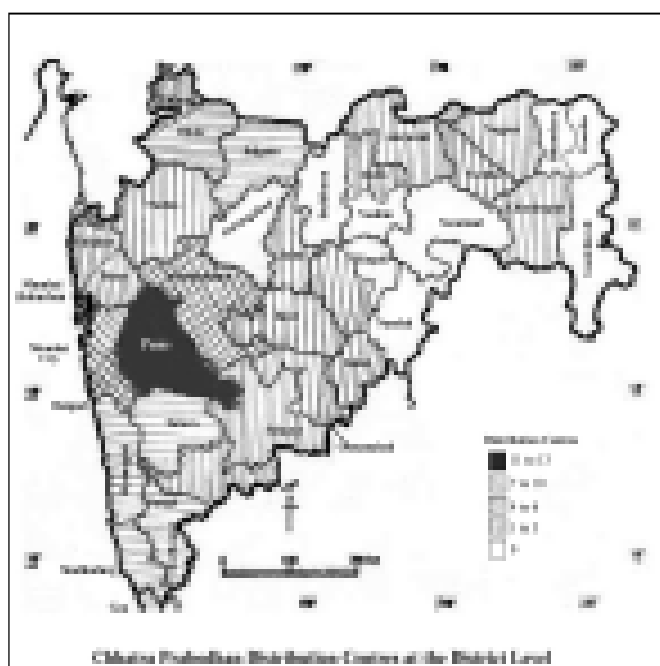
Beginning with the Diwali issue, the content of the magazine is supplemented with QR codes.

Let us take a look at
calendar 2020 :



Let us take look at the first prize
winning manuscript ‘Parijat’ :

Let us take a look at the skit reading
by the 1st prize winning group of the
competition:



4. Leadership Development Centre

• Leadership Development Centre at a Glance

Four batches of Administrative and Organizational Leadership Development Program successfully completed this year with a total participation of 154 students.

Gujrat Study tour, *Sankalp* lectures Series, *Great Bhet* Interview Competition, *Chhatra Prabodhan* Literary Festival were successful with the involvement and participation of more than 50 students.

The regular issue of *Yuvonmesh*, the magazine dedicated to 'leadership', reached 2000 members, and Diwali Issue reached 4000 members.

1) Report of Regular Work

Like every year, regular courses of *Jidnyasa* 12 & 13 (basic) and *Akanksha* 6 (advanced) batches for leadership foundation and for preparation for competitive exams respectively, were conducted daily from 6 to 8 p.m. and from 3 to 8 p.m. on Saturdays. 129 students from various regions of Maharashtra studying in Pune completed these courses along with their academic routine.

A district study tour was added to the regular curriculum of *Akanksha* class. 5 groups of the class completed the tehsil tours. A three-day district tour was planned as its next step.

During the summer vacation, the Gujarat Study Tour was organized to enhance social awareness among students. 10 students of the basic course and 2 guides participated. They visited Anand, Jamnagar, Bhuj, Kutch, Ahmedabad and Punsari. The aim of this study tour was to study government administration in Gujarat and to understand the functioning of social organizations.

2) Organizational Leadership Development

This year, for the very first time, a structured course was conducted during Oct. 2018 to May 2019 for youth wishing to do social work through self-built

organizations. 23 volunteers from *Swaroopvardhini* organization and two other members participated.

3) *Sankalp* Lectures Series –The lectures series was conducted by students in four colleges in Pune namely Modern College, Garware College, Fergusson College and PVG College of Engineering. The series included experience sharing and interviews with Mr. Prashant Patil (Administrative services), Mr. Vivek Velankar (RTI activist), Ms. Meera Badve (Founder of *Niwant*, an organization for blind students), Ms. Suvarna Gokhale (rural women empowerment activist, *Jnana Prabodhini*), Mr. Nipun Dharmadhikari (film actor and director), Ms. Vaidehi Vaidya (member of FIFA), Mr. Adhik Kadam (Founder of Borderless World Foundation working for education of Kashmiri girls and women), Mr. Santosh Gondhalekar (Founder of *Gangotri* that is working relentlessly in the energy sector) and Mr. Sarang Sathaye (Founder of the famous web channel BHADIPA).

4) *Great Bhet* Interview Competition – This newly event had 22 pairs competing. They interviewed stalwarts from various professions like Dr. Dhananjay Kelkar of Deenanath Mangeshkar Hospital, Ms. Sudha Kothari of Chaitanya Organization and Mr. Shrawan Hardikar, Commissioner of Pimpri-Chinchwad Municipal Corporation.

◆ Responses of some participants ---

- 1) Indrayni Apte (Jidnyasa 12) :** I have got much more than I expected from this course. Even my family members could witness positive changes in me. I have got the patience to work in the team, felt confident while communicating with the public.
- 2) Parikshit Nalavade (Jidnyasa 13) :** All activities of the Leadership Development Foundation Course made me understand the difference between talking about leadership development and actually practising leadership and I could change myself accordingly. I matured emotionally.
- 3) Chetan Dhotre (Unmesh batch) :** The skills I acquired in this course helped me in my work of *Swaroopvardhini*. I could achieve strong planning of branch activities and formulating goals. While doing it, there was tremendous growth not only in my social awareness but also in self-confidence.

5. Competitive Examination Centre

Character Building for Social Transformation

• Relief Work for Victims of the Kerala Calamity – Phase II (Psycho-Social Rehabilitation)

In the second phase of 'Helping Kerala Calamity Victims', Jnana Prabodhini Competitive Examination Centre and *Maitree* organisation, Kerala, jointly took up a programme offering psycho-social support to the victims.

The main aim of the programme was listening support (patient and empathetic listening) and give them required psycho-social support to overcome the psychological trauma due to the horrific calamity. 20 volunteers were trained for 20 hours, 3 days prior to the programme. They were introduced to the concepts of 'SALT Approach' and 'Active Listening' by the expert trainers. 14 students participated in the programme, out of them 3 stayed in Kerala for the entire month. In the first phase, 324 households were visited and a dialogue was initiated. Out of these, 60 suicide-prone members were shortlisted for the second visit. Several other hutments were visited in the third phase.

This experience directly or indirectly proved to be enriching for the students preparing for competitive exams. It was encouraging for their normal day to day life and helped them get a clear picture of the ultimate goals of their lives.

◆ Preparatory Classes

A) UPSC Facilitation Batch – A regular UPSC Facilitation Batch was conducted this year which included activities related to study skills, character building and capacity development.

B) Character Building Programme – Two classes of two months each were conducted for students preparing for the UPSC Main Examination and who had one or two unsuccessful attempts. They included various sessions on preparing time tables, yearly planning, revision, taking notes, managing emotions, stress management, study skills, organizing study materials, critical thinking etc., by Prof. Savita Kulkarni, Dr. Vivek Kulkarni, Dr. Kaustubh Bondre, Dr. Deepak Gupte and Mr. Nachiket Nitsure.

C) UPSC Interview Preparation Class (Prerana 18) – An interview preparation class was conducted for students having cleared UPSC Mains Exam. which included personality development, group discussion, group interviews, experience-based learning etc., and also village visits. Dr. Vivek Kulkarni offered personalised, bio-data based guidance to every student. 52 candidates were benefitted.

Classes in 2018-19 & number of participants:

Facilitation Batch	36
Aptitude Building (Prog. 1)	33
Aptitude Building (Prog. 2)	36
Prerana batch 18	52

◆ **Varsharambha Upasana (Start-of-the-year Prayer)** The *varsharambha-upasana* and *guru-*

pournima of the **Facilitation Batch** 2018 took place as a joint programme. Total 250 students from new class and study circle were present. Hon'ble Shashi Godbole graced the occasion as the chief guest. After the opening remarks, Dr. Vivek Kulkarni explained the concepts of *varsharambha-upasana* and *guru-pournima*.

◆ UPSC and MPSC Final Results 2017

UPSC – Civil Services 2017

➤ Posts – IAS, IPS, IFS, IRS ➤ No. of posts – 28

MPSC – State Services 2017

➤ Posts – Deputy Collector, Tahsildar, Block Development Officer etc.

➤ No. of posts – 30

◆ Study Tours and Experience-based Learning

1) Arunachal Pradesh Competitive Examination Class - *Jnana Prabodhini*, Pune, jointly with *Sevabharati*, Arunachal Pradesh, conducted coaching classes at Itangar and Naharlagun for candidates appearing for the Arunachal Pradesh Public Service Commission Mains Exam. 16 student instructors from Pune participated in 6 batches.

2) *Jnana Prabodhini Nagari-vasti*

Urban Slum Programme – Intelligence Development Initiative in *Janata Vasahat*, conducted a 3 month programme. 15 participants from the Facilitation Batch - 3 offered guidance to students on academic subjects, *Manache Shlok* (verses), *pranayaam* (breathing exercises), various skills, computers, *Prabodhini*-songs etc.

◆ SEVA

(Self Enhancement through Voluntary Action)

1) Outbreak of Fire at Patil Estate – Jnana Prabodhini Nagari Vasti Study Circle and Competitive Exams Centre jointly surveyed the damages caused due to the outbreak of fire at Patil Estate, Pune. They surveyed total 300 houses during 17th to 20th December. 42 students from the Competitive Examination Centre participated.

2) Bicycle Trip – The Jnana Prabodhini Competitive Examination Centre organized 4 cycle trips. A bicycle ride to Shivapur was organized to commemorate two important incidents that took place on the 26th of November - the acceptance of the Constitution of India and the terrorist attack in Mumbai. 20 boys and 3 girls successfully completed the 55 k.m. ride.

3) Village Visit – 7 students of Prerana Batch visited the Vadgaon Zanje village in Velhe Teh. on 25th and 26th of Jan. under Gram Bhet. They studied the functioning of the Grampanchayat, the economic status of the village, health facilities, cleanliness, transport facilities, availability of drinking water sources and self-help groups there. A women's meeting was organized on the night of 25th of Jan. with great efforts and persuasion. The women were also encouraged to attend the Gramsabha (Village Assembly). All the visiting students participated in the Gramasabha on the 26th of January and interacted with the villagers by visiting households.

4) Study Tour to Hivrebajar and Snehalaya (Dist. Ahmednagar) - A visit to Hivrebajar and Snehalaya was organized for the students of the regular batch. Mr. Mohan Chhattar, the Upa-sarpanch of Hivrebajar, narrated the story of his village to the students. The students were amazed to see the transformations in the village. At Snehalaya, students were exposed to a significant yet neglected class of our society. While exploring Snehalaya built by Mr. Girish Kulkarni, they strongly realized the need for social awareness and empathy in the administration they are desirous to be a part of.

5) Study Tour to Velhe and Ambavane – Field visits to various social institutions in Velhe-Ambavane region were organized for girl students of the study circle with the objective to study the village life and its challenges from administrative point of view. 27 girl students participated.

The students visited the Zilla Parishad School at Velhe. They performed a street play for the students there, as a medium to create awareness about health, cleanliness,

good habits and women's issues. Later, they visited the Jaswand Girls' Hostel run by Jnana Prabodhini.

6) Visit to Pimpri-Chinchwad Municipal Corporation - Mr. Shravan Hardikar (IAS, Commissioner PCMC) guided the students on Civil Administration. He informed the students about the *Sarathi* Scheme of the PCMC. He also offered them guidance on important topics like mobility, living environment, sports health, law governance, e-readings, economic growth etc.

7) Visit to PMRDA – Mr. Kiran Gitte, (IAS, Metropolitan Commissioner, CEO, PMRDA) shared information regarding urban infrastructure and also explained the significance of the Metro. He compared Pune with other big cities of India in terms of future needs. He added that, though useful to the common man, Government Schemes are hardly accessible to him.

8) Ganeshotsav – Interviews of the Volunteers of Jnana Prabodhini - 33 students from the Facilitation Batch interviewed 15 senior members working in various departments of Jnana Prabodhini to get acquainted with the ongoing activities in these departments.

9) Blood Donation Camp - A blood donation camp was organized to commemorate the death anniversary of late Dr. Appa Pendse. 57 bags of blood were collected and handed over to the Deenanath Mangeshkar Hospital Blood Bank.

◆ National Awards for Proud Achievements

A) Awards for excellence in MGNREGA Administration and other Rural Development Work - Students of the Competitive Examination Centre

- Mr. Prashant Vadnere (IAS–District Collector Thiruannamalai, Tamilnadu)
- Ms. Poonam Guha (IAS–District Collector, Rayagada, Orissa)
- Mr. Nilesh Kshirsagar (IAS–Chief Executive Officer, Raipur, Zilla Prishad and Administrative Officer, NRLM, Chhattisgarh State) received the Excellent Administrator Awards from the Government of India.

B) Mr. Prashant Vadnere successfully implemented the 'Tanneer Tanneer' Scheme as the solution to the water shortage in the district of Thiruannamalai, Tamil Nadu. Through the government–public partnership 4,555 bunds were constructed. Private companies

and NGOs carried out purification of several water tanks. The groundwater levels increased as all the dams overflowed during the first showers.

- C) Mr. Nilesh Kshirsagar at Chhattisgad State received the Excellent State Award from the Shyamaprasad Mukherji Rurban Mission. The state also received two National Awards in two other categories : Non-farm Livelihood Development and Institution Building under the National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM).
- 1) Ms. Poonam Guha received an award for the excellent implementation of MGNREGA (Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme) in Rayagada, Orissa.
- 2) Mr. Rahul Nangre (Upper Commissioner Customs) was honoured by the Government of India with the President's Award for 2018-19 for his

commendable service. Currently he is working as the First Secretary in the Indian High Commission, London.

- 3) Dr. Ayyaz Tamboli (IAS) – Excellent performance as the District Collector in the most adverse Naxalite-affected environment of Bijapur, Chhattisgad. He made arrangements to provide health facilities by constructing a large hospital there. The Indian Express Group recognized his work with the Ramnath Goenka award for Good Governance.
- 4) Mr. Gajanan Tompe (DYSP) – currently working as the Deputy Superintendent of Police in Khed, was first posted in Gadchiroli. During his tenure there, he wiped out the Naxalites in his area. As recognition for his work, the Director General's Medal was conferred upon him.

Eminent Personalities who guided Prerana classes on various topics :

- Mr. Paras Deshmukh (Khazad- Jaipur, Rajasthan), ➤ Mr. Abhijit Raut (IAS-CEO Zilla Parishad Sangli),
- Dr. Sagar Doiphode (IAS-Jammu Kashmir), ➤ Mr. Santosh Vaidya (IAS Advisor, World Bank, USA.),
- Mr. Mahesh Bhagwat (IPS Commissioner, Telangana),
- Mr. Akshay Hake (IPS, Karnataka), ➤ Mr. Nisarg Hivre (IAS,-CEO, Assam),
- Mr. Pravin Ingavle (IPS, Manipur), ➤ Mr. Mukul Kulkarni (IRS – IT),
- Mr. Harshal Patil (IRS – IT), ➤ Ms. Maithili Korde (IRS – IT)



Jnana Prabodhini - Current Scenario - 2019

◆ Education

1. **Jnana Prabodhini Prashala, Pune**
(A Secondary School for Identified gifted)
website : prashala.jnanaprabodhini.org
2. **Jnana Prabodhini Navnagar Vidyalay, Nigdi**
(Pre Primary, Primary, Secondary-Marathi & English Medium, Gurukul, Sports Academy)
website : jnanaprabodhininigadi.org
3. **Jnana Prabodhini Balvikas Mandir, Solapur**
(Pre Primary, Primary, Secondary)
4. **Shishu Adhyapika Vidyalay, Solapur**
5. **Gram Prabodhini, Salumbre, Dist. Pune**
(Secondary School, Hostel)
6. **Jnana Prabodhini, Harali, Dist. Osmanabad**
(Secondary School, Hostel)
7. **Krusha Tantra Padvika Vidyalaya, Harali**
8. **Educational Activities Research Centre, Pune**
(Nurturing Talent, Teachers Training, Resource Centre)
website : www.erc.jnanaprabodhini.org

9. Chhatra Prabodhan, Pune

(Magazine, Competitions, Publication, Development Programmes for Youngsters)

website : chhatraprabodhan.org

10. Informal Educational Project -Pune, Dombivali, Borivali, Ambajogai, Harali

11. Competitive Exam Centre, Pune (Central govt. Services exams guidance)

◆ Research

1. Institute of Psychology & Research, Pune.

(Research, Training, Mental ability Testing & development, Counselling) **website : jpip.org**

2. Sanskrit Sanskriti Sanshodhika, Pune

(Research, ceremonial Scripts, Priesthood, Lecture Series & Study Group)

www.santrika.org

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6. Rural Development

• Water Scarcity Alleviation Programme

Special emphasis has been placed by the department on the water scarcity alleviation initiative in the remote villages of the hilly areas from Bhore and Velhe Tehsils for the last five years. The Government's official list of villages facing water shortage has been referred for this purpose. Villages getting water by tankers for the last three years are given priority. Under this programme, revival of springs, digging of new wells, deepening and widening of existing wells, provision of tap water, repair of existing pipe water supply schemes, repair of water storage tanks etc., are carried out with people's participation. The participation of every village is ensured through public contribution of money and labour. Major part of the expenses are borne by the CSR funds of various Companies in Pune. This initiative is continued for many years with the help of villagers, groups coming for self-help labour, well-wishers and the support by various Companies.

• Spring Revival and Well-Digging Programme

Last year, protective walls were constructed on priority around newly dug wells at Barshicha Mal (Shenwad) and Wangniwadi villages of Velhe. New well-digging projects were undertaken and completed at Salungan, Bhore Teh. and Pimpri village, Velhe. Existing community well at Pimpri was widened and deepened. Protective wall was also constructed around it. The work of digging wells, at Dopekhind (Jadhavwadi) and Gelgane-Kachrewasti villages started earlier was completed this year. At Mirkutwadi village, wells were deepened. Well-digging has newly begun at Gunjawne-Dhangar wadi and is progressing as per schedule. The work of gift deed of these wells in the name of village grampanchayat was got completed with rigorous follow-up.

Villagers in all these villages participated actively in the digging of wells, with valuable support from Companies. This was supplemented by shramdan of youth of Jnana Prabodhini and some volunteers from Companies under their Employee Engagement Programme. They also participated in large numbers. All these initiatives received the financial backing of the CSR funds of Persistent Foundation and KPIT Technologies Ltd. Contributions were also made by Prabodhini's alumni, the honorarium collected by the priests working with the Santrika (Research Department for Sanskrit and Culture) and individual donors.

• Provision of tap water

Independent three-phased power supply was given in Guhini village, Bhore Teh., for the tap water scheme after rigorous follow-up. The electricity meter is in the name

of village Grampanchayat. This was the same village which boycotted the Zilla Parishad elections to attract the attention of the Government to its water problems. This village, which relied on tankers for water supply for 15 summers is now tanker free!

Kambre Khurd in Bhore Tehsil is one of the 40 dam-affected villages in the catchment area of Bhatghar dam. To free this village from water shortage, a tap water scheme was implemented this year. 1.25 km long pipeline is laid from Bhatghar dam reservoir and a submersible pump is in place. The villagers contributed Rs. 50,000/- for this work. This village is out of the Govt. list of villages affected by water shortage.

Six students from the Arizona University, USA had visited the Varoti Khurd village, Velhe Teh., twice last year through the organisation Engineers Without Borders. The tap water scheme is complete in Varoti Khurd with the partial help of funds collected in the USA. Now the follow-up is on with the Electricity Board for getting official power supply.

• Construction of Ferro-Cement Tanks

This year, ferro-cement tanks were constructed in two villages of Velhe Teh. viz. Khopdewadi (12,000 lt.) and Khildevwadi (15,000 lt.) for storage of drinking water. The speciality of these two tanks is their covers are also cast using ferro-cement technology. Seven tanks constructed last year have been covered using iron frame and tiles.

• Lokaarpan programme

The well built at Varoti Khurd village, Velhe Teh. was dedicated to the public at the hands of the Chairman of Persistent Foundation, Ms. Sonali Deshpande. This programme was attended by the CSR officials of the

Foundation, Ms. Yogita Apte and Mr. Vaibhav Nikam, similarly by the former Sarpanch Mr. Vilas Gandle, the Chairman and Treasurer of the Maval Committee of eighteen villages, Mr. Shankar Pawar and Mr. Lakshman Shinde respectively, and Mr. Bapu Kumkar. Mr. Vishwas Kelkar, who donated his land for the well, was also felicitated. The well at Dardigewadi of Gunjawane Grampanchayat (Velhe Teh.) to the public was dedicated at the hands of the HR Manager, Persistent Systems, Ms. Chitra Bujruk. Sarpanch Mr. Prakash Nidhalkar, former Sarpanch Mr. Gulab Rasal, and Police Patil Mr. Balkrishna Rasal were present. The dedication of wells at Kusarpeth (Velhe Teh.) to the public was carried out at the hands of Mr. Rajesh Rajurkar, the Finance Manager of Persistent Systems.

The well completed this year at Pimpri, Teh. Velhe was inaugurated at the hands of Mr. Anil Kulkarni of Pooja Casting Pvt. Ltd., Ms. Smita Pingle, National President, Innerwheel Club was the chief guest. Ms. Renu Gupta, District President, Innerwheel Club and Adv. Pratibha Joshi, President, Innerwheel Club of Nigdi Pride were also present.

The well at Kondgaon, Teh. Bhore was inaugurated at the hands of Mr. Sunil Sawai, Senior Manager, Tata Motors Ltd., Mr. Anantrao Abhang, founder - Maitri and senior member of Jnana Prabodhini was the chief guest. Also present were Mr. Krishnan, Mr. Atul Patwardhan and Mr. Vishwas Devare, other senior officials of Tata Motors, Mr. Achintya Singh and Mr. Mayuresh Kulkarni, CSR Heads, and Mr. Suresh Dighe and Mr. Satish Gore, the Presidents of Mumbai Gaon Mandal.

The tap water scheme at Kambre Budruk, Teh. Bhore was inaugurated at the hands of Mr. Ravi Pandit, President, KPIT Technologies Ltd., Jalapoojan ceremony before the inauguration was done at the hands of Ms. Nirmal Pandit. Mr. Anup Kamble, KPIT, Mr. Tushar Juvekar, CSR Head and Mr. Nathuram Sukale, Mr. Jagannath Swami and Mr. Sudam Ombale, Police Patil were among the guests. Mr. Prashant Divekar, Head of Prabodhini's Teachers' Training Centre inaugurated the tap water scheme at Umbarmal, Teh. Bhore. Also present were Mr. Tushar Juvekar, the CSR Head of KPIT, Mr. Lalasaheb Shilimkar and Mr. Jagannath Swami, former Sarpanchs, and M. K. Sonawane, Gramsevak. Umbarmal village raising contributions to Rs. 50,000 deserves a special mention!

● Watershed Development Programme

◆ Public Participation for farm bunding and Land Levelling

Farm bunding and land levelling work was undertaken in two villages of Bhore and Velhe Tehsils this year also. 74 farms completed, which includes four farmers from Dardigewadi (Met Pilaware) and 70 farmers from Kondgaon Teh. Bhore. 50% local contribution is remarkable! The balance 50% were donated by Innerwheel Club of Nigdi Pride. Several farmers constructed stone walls post the ground levelling on their own.

◆ Volunteer Work Initiative

Four Vanarai bunds at Khopdewadi and Shenwad of Velhe Teh. and Guhini of Teh. Bhore were erected with the initiative of Sinhgad College of Engineering this year.

The water collected in the rivulets of these four bunds would help raise the water level of the near by wells and provide water to animals for the next 2-3 months. 64 youngsters – 44 boys and 20 girls–participated. In Kumble, a Vanarai bund was erected by 32 boys and 22 girls of Jnana Prabodhini's Leadership Development Center. Apart from this, 47 villagers came together to erect one bund each at Met Pilaware and Varoti Khurd. All the volunteers were enthusiastic IT employees and youngsters. Yuvak Vibhag organised labour contribution activities in many villages of Velhe Teh. where 168 youngsters worked to remove the sludge from wells. 31 members of Persistent Foundation participated in sludge-removing work at Dopekhind.

◆ Solar Energy Project

Solar panel and solar light assembly training at Shivapur had participation of youths from Pune rural as well as from Beed and Osmanabad. The training was inaugurated by Manoj Rathod, Dean, College of Engineering, Pune. Six trainees joined the second batch at Shivapur. The Japanese solar trainers Mr. Tajima Toshio and Mr. Oki visited Prabodhini's Solar Training Centre and were briefed about the work.

Solar lamps were gifted to selected 150 volunteers for their drought-prevention work in association with Paani Foundation and for taking initiative in bringing villagers together. The programme was designed out of a donation of Rs. 80,000 from Ms. Kalpana Desai, Pune.



7. Skill Development Centre

- The Skill Development Centre (previously called Agro-Technical School) of Shivapur is working since year 1983. It has helped hundreds of youngsters from rural areas to find employment in their own region.

♦ Katari (Turner) Course

The Katari (Turner) class was in session this year also. Five students completed it successfully. Students have been offered job opportunities at nearby industries. As Principal Sanjeev Tagde, who successfully headed this project for many years, retired this year, the responsibility of this training was shouldered single-handedly by the demonstrator Mr. Dhotre. Working on CNC machines is taught here.

♦ Solar Cells Assembly Training

Two solar trainings were held last year. One was a week-long residential one, while the other was a fifteen-day non-residential one. Small businesses desirous of work in the field of solar energy have expressed their interest in this initiative. 15 students completed this training.



8. Mobilisation of Women Power (Rural)

♦ Adolescent Girls

1) Spring Meets : In April 2018, 35 young girls were trained to organize spring meets in different villages. They organized meets for 1127 girls and boys in 37 villages during 10-26 April. Out of these 37 villages, ten are from Harali Centre. This enhanced solidarity in the group that organized these meets.

2) Tasika (40 mins periods) : As a part of regular work, 20 *tasikas* of personality development were conducted in nine schools in the region. Training was given for the development of personality along with skills. Owing to the rapport built in *tasikas*, a tent camp on the topic of 'innovation' was conducted for adolescent girls at Borawale village during 22- 24 December with 107 participants including 95 girl students from nine schools and twelve supervisors.

3) Unique Donation to Schools by Rotary Club of Pune - Gandhibhavan and Cadence Company : 20 team members of Cadence Company visited schools conducting activities of development of adolescent girls. They donated sports and laboratory equipment to all these schools. They also demonstrated use of these equipments.

4) Jaswanda Girikanya Hostel of Velhe : This year, stal was provided for 34 girl students, out of these 23 were new admissions. The trustees of N. G. Paranjape

Pratishthan, Ms. Neha and Ms. Smita, visited the hostel this year also. They donated complete food expenses of the hostel for the whole year and expenses for the 'Saturday School' initiative.

♦ Yuvati (Young Girls)

Regular fortnightly sessions were conducted for 120 *yuvatis* at three Junior colleges this year, focusing personality development. Owing to the rapport built, an adventure camp for 35 *yuvatis* was held during Diwali vacations during 18- 20 November at Velhe. Also this year, we held one-day skill development classes for 187 *yuvatis* from 26 villages and taught small skills like quilling, bead work, which can be acquired within a day. Under the cleanliness drive, the group of *yuvatis* cleaned the village with villagers and youngsters. 35 girls visited Rajgad Sugar Factory and Paranjape Auto Cast Factory.

Yuvatis trained from *Samvaadini* members on 'Good touch bad touch' conducted a workshop on the subject for 1000 students from 16 schools in Shivganga-Gunjawani region.

1) Jeevanjyoti Women Empowerment Centre : The Centre guided by *Jnana Prabodhini* completed four years. 300 women successfully completed training in stitching, parlour, nursing and computers in two batches - June and January. Monthly check ups for

pregnant women were held. More than 160 women from 75 villages benefited. Anganwadi (play group) teachers were trained for quality development. 85-90 villages were represented. Sterlite Tech Foundation supported the initiative.

◆ **Nava-chaitanya Initiative**

We have been running Nava-chaitanya Initiative for students from stds 1 to 7 for the last three years. This year, it was running at 16 locations in 13 villages. Workshops for primary students take place during their school time, consisting of field games, exercise and singing songs. About 190 students participated.

◆ **Hirkani**

Mothers from rural areas with children aged 0-6 are trained in parenting. This year, 140 mothers from nine villages were trained. A meet was arranged for mothers who completed their training last year.

◆ **Balwadi**

We run play groups in such 7 hutments where Govt. play groups cannot be run due to insufficient numbers. Being mostly away from the main village, these children there were deprived of education. With this facility, they could come in the main stream education. Parents' participation due to regular parents' meeting is a special feature here. *Balwadi* of Devpal village was painted out of a donation from retired officials of Tata Motors. There are total 80 students in all the *Balwadis*.

◆ **Self-help Groups**

This year we ran roughly 200 self-help groups in 51 villages, out of which 33 are in Velhe Tehsil. Many are inaccessible by vehicles. Borrowing loans from banks in case of financial need is now common. Taking care of member women is also important now. Now, the self-help group is just a starting point. Once started, it is followed by self-employment training, health, leadership development. The same is summarised in the following part.

1) Single Women families : With financial help from the Maharashtra State Commission for Women, a survey of single women in our region was carried out. 52 women from ten villages were surveyed in three months. The report was submitted to the Government. Owing to this, the information of more than 300 single women in our region was collected.

2) Maherghar : *Maherghar* was started with a thought that if the stress, especially experienced by single women is to be relieved, they need a break of at least 2-4 hours from their daily household chores. The inauguration on 21 February was attended by 46 women

representatives from 23 villages. Ms. Nanda Kale, a USA resident lended financial support.

3) Self-Employment : We work in villages so that local women get a self employment opportunity, assisting them right from conducting stitching classes to marketing support.

4) Health : We conduct cancer awareness drives for senior women in rural areas. Dr. Shubhangi Kanitkar visits regularly as a social work. This year, 10 drives took place, lectures attended by 173 women and 114 underwent uterus checking while 82 got the PapSmear Test done.

Apart from this, health check-ups were conducted for pregnant women by Patankar Hospital twice every month, where at least 100 women participated. Thanks to volunteering by school alumni Dr. Vaidehi Kelkar and Dr. Anuja Mahajan, a dental check-up was conducted at Ambawane, while eye check-ups for senior citizens were conducted at nine locations with the help of Kamla Mehta Hospital, Shirwal.

5) Leadership Meetings : Monthly Leadership meetings of village representatives, were conducted with about 30 women participating in two independent monthly meetings at Ambavane Centre called as Navadisha and at Velhe Centre called as Navachetana.

6) Nav-ratra Meets : Nav-ratra meets were organised at village level as an opportunity of local leadership development. In seven days, 1347 women from 45 villages participated.

7) Pledge-Taking : A residential tent camp was held for 122 village representatives from 32 villages who are members of some group. On the second day, the pledge-taking ceremony took place. The Hon. Director offered guidance to all after two women taking the third pledge, six women taking the second pledge and 29 women taking the first pledge on this occasion.

8) Stree Shakti Jaagar : 11 events were organised in the period between Savitribai Jayanti on the 3rd of Jan. and Rajmata Jijabai Jayanti on the 12th of Jan. Biography narrations of Savitribai and Jijamata, some trainings and meetings were arranged.

9) Aarogya-Sakhi : The *Aarogya-Sakhi* Project was started in Jan. 2019 with the financial help from Bajaj. Under this project, health related awareness programme and health check-up camps are expected to be organised, in the Velhe block. Work started this year.

10) Telemedicine : This project was started with the financial support of the Rotary Club of Pune Pride,



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1. Family gathering on the 20th anniversary of womens' group - Samwadini
2. Mobilisation of women power : Diwali Issue publication of Samtol magazine
3. Study tour of Yuvati Vibhag to Narmadalay, Madhya Pradesh
4. Celebrating Savitribai Phule Jayanti by a march from Bhide Wada to Phule Wada, Pune
5. Sports camp of girls from Kamalabai Soni Dal, Pune
6. Young girls' meet at Velhe, dist. Pune
7. Rural adolescent girls (Kishoris) in a camp with tents



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1. Students Enjoying activities in Night Camps
2. Interviewing past students turned into cine-artists in Sankalp Lecture Series
3. Teachers' Training Course on Art Appreciation
4. A Grocery Kit distribution to affected families in disruptive incidence
5. Sports camp of Yuvak Vibhag (youth section)
6. Publication of book 'Story of Water' written by Shri. Prasad Chikshe
7. Sankalp lecture series arranged by Leadership Development Centre



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1. Consecration of drinking water well at village Pimpri under CSR assistance by Innerwheel Club
2. Introducing domestic water filters in a village
3. An alumni, dentist holding a camp at Ambavane village
4. Rural women volunteers taking oath to work for their own village
5. Shri. Ravi Pandit, Chairman of KPIT Technologies Ltd., inaugurates a drinking water scheme at Pimpri, Wajeghar, block Velhe, under CSR scheme
6. Inauguration of Training course at Shivapur for Solar Panel Assembly at the hands of Dr. Manoj Rathod, Dean, COEP, Pune
7. Students testing their solar panels during training



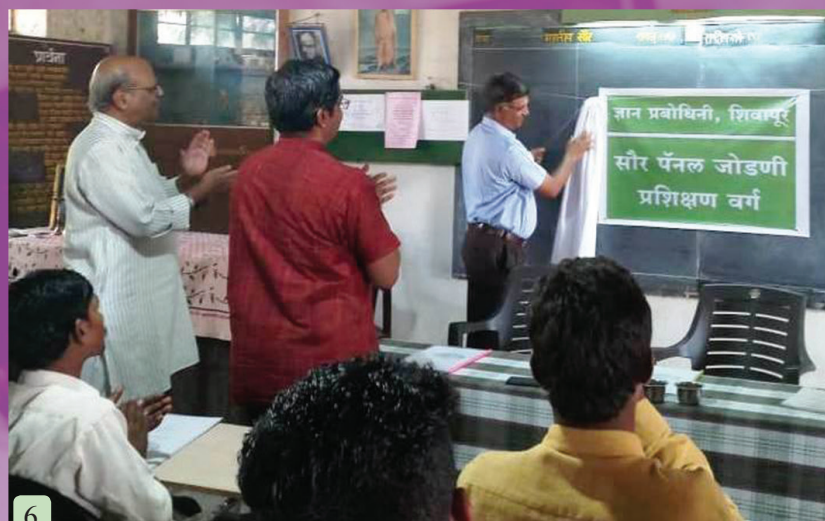
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1. Students from urban slums enjoyed games in Jnana Prabodhini head quarters
2. Helping the slum dwellers in Patil Estate after a fire disaster
3. Supplementary Education Programme for students at Mundhwa under CSR of Bharat Forge Ltd.
4. Teachers' Training based on project work in education
5. Skill training to young girls from urban slums
6. Teachers and parents on bicycles, ride upto Kanyakumari
7. Skit reading competition at Jalgaon arranged by JP's Chhatra Prabodhan magazine

involving 12 'ASHA' health workers of Karanjawane Health Centre. Haemoglobin, blood sugar, blood pressure and temperature tests were started in various villages.

11) Ram-Seeta Puranik Tantra-niketan, Shivapur

This year, 207 women participating in 28 training workshops including stitching, handicraft and special skills were trained. New additions in skills were

baking cakes, making chocolates and creating *origami* articles. Also, a two-month computer class was conducted at Khopi village for women. Apart from the Shivapur Centre, such classes are now being conducted at other villages also.

12) Leelatai Tambe Education Complex : This year, we bought a land for this project to be erected in Velhe.



9. Mobilisation of Women Power (Urban)

• *Samvadini* Special – 20th Anniversary Programme

Samvadini is a group of urban middle-aged women with about 200 members. Started in the year 2000, the group enters its 20th year this January. The special year was celebrated with the following –

Padayatra (footmarch) – A *padayatra* from Bhidewada to Phulewada was organised on the 3rd of January on the occasion of Savitribai Phule birth Anniversary. The *padayatra* was an unforgettable experience for every *Samvadini* out of 73 participated, with the street play 'Struggle for Existence' at Shahu Chowk and Phule Wada, Upasana (meditation) and the reigniting of the flame of revolution through 'Savitri Jyotibanche Sumbaran' written by Dr. Swarnalata Bhishikar.

Visit to Ghisar-Raidandawadi – On 3rd Jan., around 43 women visited Ghisar-Raidandawadi village near Velhe with the objective of increasing rapport with rural areas and unification of urban and rural women power. The women had conversations with rural social workers Ms. Sulatai of Ghisar, Ms. Kundatai of Raidandawadi (with two pledges) and Ms. Ashatai of Gaudara (with three pledges).

***Samvadini* Family Meet** – This meet was organised on 3rd February to connect the family members of *Samvadini* members with the *Samvadini* family, to get acquainted with other family members and the activities of *Samvadini* and also to strengthen existing interrelations among members. 13 groups of 3-4 *Samvadinis*' families were engaged in informal conversations and formal introductions. Family members spoke about the transformations they witnessed in the *samvadini* from their family after joining the 'Samvadini' family. The unique contribution of Sujata Gokhale, Parimala Pande, Samata Zawre and Sunita Bhansali, were recognised with the 'Active *Samvadini*' award at the hands of Subhashrao Deshpande, Secretary and Girishrao Bapat, Director.

Chakri Upasana (meditation by turns) – *Upasanas* were planned at the residences of *Samvadini* members between January 2019 and January 2020. A practice *upasana* took place on the 1st and 2nd Jan., while 3rd onwards, *upasanas* were organised at members' residences. So far, *upasanas* were held at 83 *samvadinis*' homes. 1222 *samvadinis* did *upasana* at *Samvadini* office, Madhyavarti-Samvadini, *Samvadini* -Paud Road, Shirur-Samvadini, *Samvadini*-Aundh and *Samvadini*-Dombivali in the period between January and March.

◆ *Pradeergha Baithak* (Marathon Meeting)

The *pradeergha baithak* was conducted on 16th and 17th June. On 16th June, after the start-of-the-year *upasana*, Hon. Kumud Bhagwat delivered a lecture on 'Family and Social Worker.' On 17th June, Mrs. Aditi Hardikar delivered a lecture on 'Nation and Bhagini Nivedita.'

◆ *Samatol* Bi-monthly

The *Samatol* Diwali Issue on 'Quality of Life' was published on 20th October in the presence of Smt.

Sunandatai Patwardhan, the founder member of Pragati Pratishthan of Jawahar, dist. Palghar who leads a quality life herself and has improved the quality of lives of many others. During the year, 48 new authors and poets wrote for *Samatol*.

◆ Coping with Blossoming Life

The initiative 'Coping with blossoming life...' creates awareness among adolescent boys and girls about sexuality in a scientific manner. Workshops are organised for parents and college students. A special workshop

was conducted for 80 girls from Balshikshan School on 3rd and 18th September, where a session on 'Panchakosh Vikasan' (Development of 5 sheaths) was conducted explaining the concept in easy language.

The details of the various workshops from April 2018 to March 2019 are as follows:

Name of Workshop	Work-shops	No.
Coping With Blossoming Life	19	1,124
Challenges faced by the Youth	3	358
Nurturing the Blossoms	1	47
Trainers' Training	3	72
Good Touch-Bad touch (for Parents)	1	250
Good Touch-Bad touch (for Boys)	36	5836
Good Touch-Bad touch (Trainers' Training)	2	203

◆ *Palavi*

Between July 2018 and March 2019, 28 and 15 sessions were conducted for students of 5th, 6th and 7th std. respectively at Dnyanada Gurukul and Nagarkar High School. 18 periods were conducted for 5th std. girls of Sevasadan Society's School on 18th and 19th September. 10 *Palavi* members participated and we could reach 70 students.



10. *Jijamata Dal*

- Several members read about the topic of the 13th chapter of the Bhagvad Geeta, 'What does it mean to be dead?' The fourth chapter of the Geeta was taught. Similarly, the recitation of *Purushasuktam* and *Kalabhairavashtakam* (Hindu prayers) took place.
- Three members of the group were present at Dr. Vanita Patwardhan's workshop 'Progressive Family'. Similarly, she also visited the group and struck a conversation with the members.
- On the occasion of the group's meeting with the Secretary, Hon. Subhashrao Deshpande, he offered the members guidance.
- During the *Varsharambha* (start-of-the-year) programme, Hon. Girishrao Bapat, the Director of Prabodhini, informed the members about the current and newly initiated projects of Prabodhini.

Special Project – All groups of *Samvadini* are organising a joint project in a school. The 5th std. class from Sevasadan School has been chosen for the project. Different *tasikas* will be conducted in this class for students till they reach 10th std.

◆ ***Vidyavrat Sanskar (Take the vow of Value Education)*** To bring the *vidyavrat* to non-*Prabodhini* students for the age group of 13-15, a lecture series was conducted at various schools on this topic by the *Vidyavrat Sanskar* Group of *Samvadini*. Under the trainers' training, periods on the *vidyavrat sanskar* were organised twice a month beginning with 1st September. Through this, we reached 370 students.

◆ ***Vikasika Gat (Supplementary education Group)***

The group started functioning mainly for the benefit of new members of *Samvadini*. The group's Vivekanand Study Camp took place on 30th August. It works to raise the level of civic sense among 5th, 6th and 7th std. students.

◆ ***Kaushalya Gat (Skills Group)***

Samvadini members who are already trained as professional counsellors have formed a *Kaushalya Gat*. This group conducted 58 sessions in three urban and 12 rural schools, thereby reaching 1075 students. We reached double the number of students than we aimed to reach at.



11. Urban Slums Study Group

- National Integration is one of the important directions of work carried out by *Jnana Prabodhini*. *Prabodhini*'s various departments are working closely with people residing in Border States. On the other side, the families residing in slum areas of Pune are a different lot. They come from various villages of Maharashtra. They are from different communities and religions. *Nagari Vasti Abhyas Gat* mainly works for such people.
- **Main 8 programmes :** 1) **Vasti Bheti** : Contact, conversation, social study, survey, needs, faith and problem study 2) **Counselling Training Centre** - Individual and group counselling 3) **Awareness and Inspiration Programme** – *kishori /yuvati dal*, meetings, melawe (get-togethers), training programmes, picnics, *Yuvak Vikas* : surveys, melawe , trainings, *Mahila Vikas* : Monthly Meeting, Annual Melawa 4) **Personality Development Programme** 5) **Leadership Development Programme** 6) **Cultural Programmes for Unity in the Society** 7) **Help Programme, Health and other Programmes** 8) **Entrepreneurship** – Art skills, Vocational Training and Guidance for income generation.

♦ *Vasti Bheti and Kutumb Sarvekshan* (Visit to Slums and Family Survey) :

Due to a natural disaster, relief work was carried out in three slum areas. To get the requirements, a family survey of 378 families from Dandekar Vasti, 308 families from Patil Estate and 35 families from Kashivadi area was conducted. In the process of adding a new *vasti* the survey was conducted for 300 families from Ambedkar Vasti (Market Yard).

♦ *Kishori Vikas* (Development of Adolescent Girls) :

Every week, a *dal* is conducted regularly in eight slum areas. This year, 150 *kishoris* participated in *Saptahik Dal*. Besides this, 209 *kishoris* from 8 slum areas took part in summer camps. The main focus was on the various decorative items prepared from paper i.e. Quilling.

♦ *Kishor Vikas (Development of Adolescent Boys)*

Total 50 *kishors* participated in the weekly *dal* conducted regularly in three vastis. This year seven camps were organized in *Jnana Prabodhini* premises. Total 292 *kishors* participated in these camps. These camps included programmes such as singing *padya* and *abhang*, ground exercises, *suryanamaskar*, *barchi-nrutya* practice session as well as intellectual teaser games.

♦ *Yuvati Vikas (Development of Young Girls)*

This year, five camps were organized for 145 *yuvatis* from different slum areas. The camp included various programmes such as games, *padyagayan*, *matrubhumi-poojan*, debates, discussion on career development and programmes to be carried out in future.

It also included an art session such as Origami, pen holder made from newspaper, a session having *barchi nrutya* and drama presentation.

♦ *Yuvak Vikas (Development of Young Boys)*

Two camps were arranged for *yuvaks* from slum area. One camp was arranged in *Jnana Prabodhini* premises and another in *BuddhVihar* from Gandhi Vasti. Total 29 *yuvak* participated in the above two camps.

♦ *Mahila Vikas (Development of Women)*

The name of this group is *Savitri Dal*. Every month a meeting is organized having various activities. This is the first important activity. The second important activity is vocational training given to promote entrepreneurs. Under this activity, two sessions were organized, one for hand embroidery and another was *rakhi-making*. A video consisting of a street play having a subject 'female foeticide' was shown and a group discussion was held on the same. A lecture was arranged on 'Insurance – Usefulness and Products'. In the entire year **468 women attended 12 programmes.**

A disruptive incident : In the year 2018, a disaster happened in Dandekar *vasti* due to rupture of Canal embankment. Another disaster took place in Patil Estate and Kashivadi due to fire-mishap. In all the three affected areas, *Nagari Vasti Abhyas Gat* is working for long time.

A *Vasti-Bhet* was done in Patil Estate *vasti*, after some days of the incident. A team of Competitive Exam Centre and *Nagari Vasti Abhyas Gat* volunteers completed a survey in three days. The same process was used for Kashivadi *Vasti*.

After, getting the requirements, an appeal for help was made to all the people in *Prabodhini* family. A flow of

necessary items as well as cash started coming from all the people.

As per the list prepared from the filled forms, a kit was prepared for each family having their name and number given as per the list. While filling the kit, care was taken while selecting clothes as per the ages mentioned and

other requirements as per the form. Eight kilos of grocery were given to each family. Blankets and two vessels were given to the people from Patil estate in fire mishap. On the day of distribution, a kit was given after checking the name in the list along with the identity proof.



12. Yuvak Vibhag

- **Yuvak Vibhag – Numbers at a Glance :** There are two important sub-sections of the *Yuvak Vibhag* – 1) school level groups and 2) college level groups.

School Groups				Collegian Groups			
No.	Name of the Dal and Area (Sports Group)	Average Attendance	Total scroll	No.	Name of the Dal and Area (Sports Group)	Average Attendance	Total scroll
1.	Bharat-ratna Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Dal, (Prashala) Sadashiv Peth	80	120	1.	Chandrashekhar Azad Dal Karvenagar-Kothrud	20	120
2.	Swatantryaveer Savarkar Dal, (Prashala) Sadashiv Peth	95	120	2.	Dr. Vikram Sarabhai (Vidnyan Dal) Pune City/ Sadashiv Peth	15	80
3.	Chhatrapati Shivaji Dal, Sahakarnagar	20	50	3.	Netaji Subhashchandra Bose Dal, Pune City/Sadashiv Peth	20	70
4.	Krantiveer Chaphekar Dal, Karve Nagar	22	60	4.	Lokmanya Tilak Dal, Sahakarnagar	05	20
5.	Lakshmanrao Kirloskar Dal, Warje (Yuvak Gat), Gokhalenagar	20	50	5.	Chanakya Dal	08	25
6.	Dr. Verghese Kurien Dal, Dhayari	20	40	6.	Shaheed Bhagatsingh Dal, Pune City/Sadashiv Peth	12	50
7.	Mahatma Phule Dal, Sangvi	15	50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Collegian groups meet every week normally. Ganesh Festival is a great annual occasion to come together. This year, 300+ youngsters participated with enthusiasm and vigour. 			
8.	Arya Chanakya Dal, Gokhalenagar	15	50				
9.	Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Dal, (Niljyoti) Gokhalenagar	20	45				
10.	Dr. Meghnad Saha Dal (Vidnyan Dal), Sadashiv Peth	12	32				
11.	Dharmaveer Sambhaji Dal, Shukrawar Peth	20	100				
12.	Field Marshall Sam Manekshaw Dal Bibvewadi	18	45				
13.	Rajarshi Shahu Maharaj Dal, Hadapsar	15	50				
14.	Gandhi vasti Vistaar Dal, Shivajinagar	08	18	Total 80 365			
15.	Nanded City Vistar Dal, Sinhagad Road	10	20				
Total		390	850				

♦ Beginning of-the-Year Programme

On the 1st of July, the Beginning-of-the-year programme and oath taking ceremony of the *Yuvak Vibhag* took place. A total of 12 dal conductors, 10 assistant dal conductors, 34 group leaders, 28 dal representatives and 13 *dalpramukhs* (heads of *dal*) were appointed to the school and collegian *dals*.

♦ Ganeshotsav (Ganesh Festival)

The *Ganeshotsav* is an important collective initiative of the school and collegian *dals*. 500+ school students, 300+ *yuvaks* and 50 + group leaders participated in the playing of *Dhol-Tasha* (musical instruments), *barchi-nrutya* (traditional form of Marathi dance with *barchi* sticks), installation of the

Ganesha idol, listening to educative lectures, etc. 20+ *barchi-nrutya* demonstrations were organised and a total of nine processions took place on the occasion of *Ganesh-chaturthi* and *Anant-chaturdashi* days.

The young boys from Savarkar Dal tried to breathe life into the idea of *Ganeshotsav* meets, by visiting housing societies and boards and organising meets in the form of poetry recitations and plays. 90 Kishor boys from 5th to 7th std. enthusiastically participated in the *Ganeshotsav* meets. One of the groups of this dal sold materials of worship to households for *Ganeshotsav* and turned this venture into a success.

The third annual meet of *Dhol-Tasha* performing groups took place at Ramanbaug Prashala on the 2nd of September this year. A total of 800 *yuvaks* from 58 groups performing *barchi-nrutya*, carrying flags and playing music instruments participated in this event. Similarly, the third meet of *Ganesh Mandals* took place on the 19th of August at *Jnana Prabodhini Bhavan*. A total of 31 *Mandals* participated in the meet.

Apart from this, school and college students' Science *Dals* collectively arranged the 14th science exhibition at the school, in the period between 18th and 21st of September. 'Heat' was the central theme of the exhibition. 40+ *yuvaks* participated in arranging the exhibition and 27 college-level projects were presented there. More than 6000 visitors enjoyed learning science in this exhibition. Apart from this, similar exhibitions were also organised at three locations at Kothrud and Gokhalenagar that are not part of the Prabodhinis campus-building. They also received a good response.

◆ Republic Day Flag-hoisting

The Hon. Director of Jnana Prabodhini had proposed the idea of all the college *dals* going out into the society and bringing about flag-hoisting sessions. According to this idea, all the college *dals* collectively organised flag-hoisting sessions at 25 locations in Pune and neighbouring areas. A total of 45 *yuvaks* participated in these activities. 30 school group leaders, with the help of the residents of those areas, brought about flag-hoisting sessions at those *dal* locations in their areas, where flag-hoisting had not been taking place before. More than 500 residents participated in these initiatives.

❖ School Dals ❖

As far as school *dals* are concerned, students from 5th to 10th std. take part in a total of 15 *dals* held at 12 locations. Students studying at various schools

in Pune and dal conductors gather at any given playground between 6:00 and 8:00 pm in the evenings as part of their daily *dal*. Exercises, sports and movement are usual parts of the daily programme.

◆ Study Camps

On the 16th and 17th of March, the 'Vivekananda Study Camp' of school group leaders took place. As a prior preparation, the booklet 'We welcome All thought currents' was read and discussed. The sessions that happened during the camp were 'India's Background Before Vivekanand', 'Vivekananda Biography' and 'Adhimitra Vivekanada' (Vivekananda as a mentor). Similarly, Vivekananda's lectures were read and discussed.

◆ Kumar Inter-dal Sports Events

On Sunday the 17th of February, inter-*dal* competitions were organised for youngsters from Pune, Nigdi and Harali. A total of 244 students – 38 from Harali, 35 from Nigdi and 171 from Pune – and roughly 45 of their group leaders participated in these events.

◆ Kishor Inter-dal Sports Events

On 29th of April, inter-*dal* sports events of *dals* of kishor boys took place. Tough competitions of three team sports and Marching took place between 325+ boys from 10 *dals* along with their 30 *dal* conductors. After the prize distribution ceremony, the events were concluded by the singing of the song 'Ya pudhe Yashakade' (Hence forth Towards Success).

❖ College Dals ❖

Youngsters who are done with their 11th std., and to a certain extent those who have taken up a job or have started their own business after having completed their education, usually come to these *dals* once a week. Other youngsters of the same age group and some who are older than them work for them. College-going youngsters are brought together by means of the following initiatives –

◆ Personality Development and Training of College Group Leaders

During this academic year, a camp on the lines of Academic, Career and Life Goals took place on the 24th of June for youngsters having recently completed their education and looking for job opportunities or opportunities of further education. It was organized with the intention of finding ways of staying connected with *Prabodhini*. A total of 20-25 *yuvaks* participated in the camp.

♦ Development of Civic Sense and Management of Yuvashakti (Youth Power)

1. On 10 weekends, 130 *yuvaks* conducted 55 *shramdan* drives, surveys and assemblies at Dopekhind, Pimpri, Gelgane and Salungan villages in Velhe-Bhor region in the months of March, April and May to help the villagers working for well-digging.
2. During *Diwali*, the Lokmanya Tilak Dal organized a fort-building competition for around 100+ competitors at Sahakarnagar through the medium of 19 *dals*.
3. **Residential Science Camp** : The seventh and eighth science camps took place in the period between the 28th of May and 1st of June and the 22nd and 25th of December respectively. 35 and 37 students participated in the first part of these camps respectively, while 10 and 7 students participated in its second part respectively. More than 25 college students were offered training in both the camps together. Part 1 consists of finding the correlation between factors associated with

normal events, while part 2 is all about finding the casual mechanism in these factors.

♦ Study Tours to other Provinces

This year, as part of seven study tours, 83 *yuvaks* from Sarabhai, Bose and Aazad *dals* visited 12 States of Chhattisgarh, Andhra Pradesh, Orissa, West Bengal, Jharkhand, Sikkim, Assam, Nagaland, Manipur, Meghalaya, Uttarakhand and New Delhi within a period of two months. The foundation of a future contact centre of *Prabodhini* was laid in Chhattisgarh, while in Assam, the collaboration with Vivekananda Kendra scaled new heights.

♦ Training in Sales

- 1) **Idol Selling** : *Yuvaks* from the Bose *dal* achieved a turnover of around Rs.1,38,000/- by selling more than 200 *Ganesha* idols.
- 2) **Kandil (Sky Lantern) Selling** : 20 *yuvaks* from the Chandrashekhar Azaad *dal* achieved *kandil* sales having a turnover of Rs. 1,80,000/-.



13. Yuvati Vibhag

• Different Centres together for Goa Study Tour

18 young women - guides and heads of departments for *kishori* / *yuvati* groups - from 5 centres of Prabodhini, namely Pune, Nigdi, Solapur, Harali and Velhe, went to Goa on a study tour from 4 to 9 May.

During 5 – 8 May, meetings with Dr. Dattaram Desai (Social worker), Mr. Ramesh Tawadkar (former Agriculture and Sports Minister), Mr. Dattaprasad Shirsat (Senior Deputy Accountant General – Goa) and Mr. Jitendra Amshekar (Teacher), Mr. Chinmay Amshekar (Volunteer of *Sanskrit Bharati*), were arranged. The National Institute of Oceanography (Mr. Govind Ranade, senior scientist), Matruchhaya Orphanage for Girls (Ms. Kalinditai Joshi, Secretary) and The Port Trust (Shri. Pradeep Bandhekar, Assistant Secretary, Human Resource Department and Shri. Vishnu Murudkar), were visited. In addition to this, the girls visited the residences of nine acquaintances in Goa in groups.

♦ Naming the Yuvati Dals

It was decided by the *sahvichar* committee that the *yuvati dals* should be named after role model women. The following names were confirmed.

- *Prashaley Yuvati* (school girls) (5th to 7th std.) :
Kamalabai Sohoni *Dal*

- *Prashaley Yuvati* (school girls) (8th to 10th std.) :
Kalpana Chawla *Dal*

- *Mahavidyalayeen Yuvati* (College Girls) (11th std. to undergraduates) : Ahilyabai Holkar *Dal*.

♦ Prashaley Dals

The Kamalabai Sohoni *Dal* and Kalpana Chawla *Dal*

conducted their regular activities including various activities like *kreeda dal* (sports activities) and *prasangik abhyas dal*, a situational study activity throughout the year. They were aimed at the development of group cohesiveness and leadership skills. The activities included coaching of different sports for four days of the week, *Saptahik Pathakshah Dal* (Weekly Activity), class meetings and several other activities. Some other activities of the *dals* were as follows –

◆ Study Tours of other Provinces

In May 2018, study tours to Karnataka and Madhya Pradesh were organized for the girls from *Jnana Prabodhini* who had appeared for the 10th exams. The girls visited Bijapur, Badami, Pattadakal, Aihole and Hubli in Karnataka. They also visited Dr. Deshpande Foundation in Hubli, Akshaya Patra Foundation and National Flag Manufacturing Unit.

Destinations like the *Dutta Mandir*, *Sahastradhara*, *Samadhi* of Bajirao Peshwa-1, Ahilyabai Holkar's Fort, the Handloom of Maheshwari Silk, the Ram Mandir and the Narmada Ghat in Mandaleswar, Roopmatimahar, Baajbahadur Palace, Jahajmahar, Phadke Art Gallery, Kamlabai Holkar Chhatra, Lalbaug Rajwada, the building of Jama Masjid in Dhar which was originally a Saraswatimandir, Sarafa Bazaar, Indore Palace, Neelakantheshwar Mandir as well as institutes like Agnihotra Research Institute, Jimmy McGilligan Sustainable Development Centre, Narmadaalay and Gayatri Ashram were visited during the Madhya Pradesh study tour.

◆ Vaicharik Satras (Thoughts provoking lectures) and some Prasangiks (Commenting on important current events)

- 5th to 10th std. – 4th International Yoga Day – Vidulatai Shende (Yoga Therapy Specialist and the Founder of the Institute of Yoga, student of the *Prashala*, Batch of 1987.) – Importance of and the correct way of performing different *aasanas* (Yoga positions).

- 7th to 10th std. – ‘*Sharadotsav*’ – Lecture by Meera Shete ‘Crossing the Boundaries’ – based on Kamlabai Sohoni's example.
- 8th std. – Veenatai Bedekar (former Secretary of *Yuvati Sanghatan*) - Sharing of experiences and Question-&-Answer Session about the work she has been doing for Rashtira Archana Vrat (Nation Worship Initiative) in Manipur.

◆ Winter Camps

1. *Kamlabai Sohoni Dal* – Sports Camp
2. *Kalpna Chawla Dal* – 8th and 9th std. – Tent Camp, Kusgaon.
3. Study Camp – 10th std. – preparation for school examinations.

◆ Other Initiatives

1. **Participation in *Vaari*** (Procession in honour of the Indian God *Vitthal*) – 8th and 9th std. – While participating in and walking along with this procession from Vishrantwadi to Pune, the students got to experience the *vaari* that has been an inseparable part of the Maharashtrian culture. They also interacted with the *vaarkaris* who, for the love of *vithuraya* (God *Vitthal*), have been walking together keeping aside social discrimination.
2. ***Ganeshotsav*** – 7th to 10th std. students and a college group – participated in 6 demonstrations and 3 processions with *lezim*, *barchinrutya* (traditional form of Marathi dance with *barchi* sticks), and music accompanying the same. To involve college girls this year, one demonstration was organized before the actual practice began.

Prabodh Shaleya Dal (Group of girls from various schools other than *Jnana Prabodhini Prashala*) – A weekly *dal* was organized this year at two places, namely Sneh Paradise Society, Paud Road and *Jnana Prabodhini Bhavan*, Sadashiv Peth. Mainly the groups from 5th to 10th std. from various schools participated in these *dals*.



14. Entrepreneurship Development Centre

In comparison with the year 2017-18, the number of candidates appearing for the **BEAM Test** in the reported year increased from 41 to 65. Some important improvements were made in the detailed post-test report. It has been started to give this in an attractive cover along with colourful graphical representations. Ms. Urmila Dixit and Mr. Sunil Bhavé counselled the candidates. The abilities assessed through the test as well as some other important abilities for entrepreneurship were discussed from time to time in the presence of Dr. Sujala Watve, Secretary, *Jnana Prabodhini* Research Institute.

Skill training for the utilization of solar energy is offered at *Prabodhini*. A feasibility report was prepared by the trainees to convert this technology into an enterprise. Assembly and sale of such LED lamps seems feasible.

♦ Propagation of the BEAM Test

- The Government Institution MCED was contacted for propagation of BEAM Test. A detailed article on the Test was published in the March' 19 issue of '*Udyojak*' the magazine published by MCED with its head office at Aurangabad.
- In October, Mr. Kotkar delivered a lecture before the students of JSPM College.
- A meeting of 12 alumni passed out around the year 2000, now entrepreneurs, was held in November.
- Mr. Subhash Deshpande, Secretary, and Mr. Deepak Kotkar attended the annual convention of vocational training institutes on December 14 and 15 at Wardha, organised by STARS FORUM. Some institutes expressed special interest in the BEAM Test.
- The Entrepreneurship Development Centre's Facebook Page was launched. Information about the centre was shared with approximately 33000 budding entrepreneurs. Till date the page has got about 2000 likes.
- A test festival was organized on 22 and 23 January. Pamphlets were distributed at various institutes and posted on the Facebook Page. Seven students availed the 50% discount offered. The experts counselled them in two batches, based on their test reports.
- On 22nd February, Mr. Subhash Deshpande, Secretary, and Mr. Abhijit Kapare visited the government training centre National Institute of Small Business Development at Delhi.



Jnana Prabodhini - Current Scenario - 2019

♦ Rural Development Centre

In 3 Districts of Maharashtra
1) Pune, 2) Osmanabad, 3) Beed

1. Natural Resources

(Valley based Watershed Development, Solar Energy, Agriculture.)

2. Mobilisation of Women Power (Rural)

(Self help groups, Health, Adolescent & Youth Development, Self Employment)

3. Technical Training Centre, Shivapur, Salumbre

4. Comprehensive Rural development Projects Salumbre, Harali, Ambajogai

♦ Health

1. Deenanath Hospital Management, Pune website : dmhospital.org

2. Eye Care Hospital, Shirval, Dist. Satara

♦ Leadership Development

1. Youth Wing for Boys & Girls - Pune, Nigdi, Solapur
2. Leadership Development Centre, Pune
3. Camps, Workshop & Regular Courses

♦ Mobilisation of Women Power (Urban)

1. Sanvadini -Pune, Solapur, Dombivli, Borivali, Bhaindar, Thane, Shirur
(Samatol Periodical, Monthly Events, Group Discussions etc.)

♦ National Integration

1. Slum development study group, Pune
2. North-East India Educational Extension Project
(study tours, Friendship Campaign, Training)
3. Gyansetu Project
(North-East India, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Jammu-Kashmir)

♦ Social Entrepreneurship

1. Entrepreneurship Development Cell, Pune



• Atal Marathon

A boot camp of five groups from different states that had emerged victorious in the Atal Marathon took place at the C-CAMP research institute in Bengaluru during 25 – 29 June. A group of three students who developed *Ayuspray* and their guides participated in this initiative. This project received the first prize in the category of 'Health' at a national level competition in Delhi. Teachers from Gurukul, Yogini Kulkarni and Medha Deolekar guided this project. Project presenters Jay Aherkar, Shravani Limaye and Shreya Gaikwad participated in this competition.

Results of the Atal Innovation Marathon organized by the Atal Innovation Mission were declared this year. Four school projects have been selected to be presented here. A project of Kreedakul was selected under the Design Category, while three projects from the English medium school were selected under the Categories Waste Management, United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (Food for All) and Smart Mobility respectively.

1. Centre Level Programmes

➤ *Ganesh Festival*

This year, festival at the centre started with new ideas of theme 'Cleanliness'. Manoj Lonkar, Assistant Municipal Commissioner installed the *Ganesha* idol.

1. During this month, 20 persons underwent the training for *Ganesh* idol installation as per *Prabodhini's* methodology.
2. A workshop for producing manure from waste was arranged for parents. About 200 parents participated.
3. Three new exhibitions - *Jnana Prabodhini's* activities, cleanliness and the contribution of revolutionaries-were developed with the assistance of the Palak Mahasangha (Association of Parents). Students, parents and residents of the area visited these exhibitions.
4. To cultivate the value of national unity among students and parents, 10 *matrubhoomi-poojan* (motherland worship) programmes were organised. The thought that, going beyond our own deities, religions and creeds, we ought to accept and venerate our motherland as our only deity, was thereby imprinted on everyone's minds. Lord *Ganesha* and the motherland were worshipped by people belonging to different religions and creeds. A senior member of the centre and a guest shared their thoughts. About 50 to 200 parent-residents were present.
5. During the *festival* lecture series, considering the cleanliness year, researcher Dr. Nilangi Sardeshpande presented the topic 'Uncleanliness, the Curse in Human Evolution'. Vinod Bodhankar,

the head of Sagarmitra Organisation, presented the monstrous problem of plastic by means of shocking maps and images. He also talked about how this issue can be dealt with on our level. Avinash Dharmadhikari, former IAS Officer, offered guidance through experience sharing on how cleanliness can be a second nature.

6. A classical and semi-classical Music concert of sisters Shilpa Puntambekar and Savani Datar was organised.
7. All the members and parents from the Centre undertook a cleanliness drive during *Ganesh festival*. About 200 people in 10 groups visited different areas of Pradhikaran (Nigdi) and cleaned streets and squares for an hour. They sold waste decomposition sets to several households. They appealed a large number of people to maintain cleanliness. Shravan Hardikar, Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Commissioner, addressed the group.

The Centre's *barchi-* and *lezim dance* demonstrations on the immersion day of *Ganesha* idols took place on the school grounds. The chief guests were Aniket Prabhu, who had taken the pledge of safeguarding public property at Thergaon Mitramandal, and Nitin Dhamale, who enlightens the public by means of his historical scenes at Sharay Mitramandal.

➤ *Tribute through 100 songs*

On the birth anniversaries of the great poet of Marathi 'Gadima' alias G. D. Madgulkar, master of musical notes Shri. Sudhir Phadke and Maharashtra's favourite personality Shri. P. L. Deshpande, a unique singing competition tribute of 100 songs based on the

music of these three personalities was organised by Muktisopan Sangeet Vidyalaya and sponsored by Matrumandir trust, between 5-19 January. About 300 competitors ranging from 7 to 82 years paid a tribute to these great personalities by singing more than 400 songs. The prizes of the competition were distributed by Mrs. Leenatai Madgulkar-Ambekar (Gadima's grand-daughter, writer and compere).

2. Department Level Programmes

1. Pre-primary Department

The true spirit of childhood can be experienced at the department's annual gathering on 10th February, a weave of dance, drama and music. Mastering not just the Marathi and English languages, but also Sanskrit, the tiny tots performed drama and dance in Sanskrit. The event was graced by Anujatai Bhandari and Sheetaltai Kapshikar.

2. Primary Marathi Department

The important initiative that is implemented every year in the Primary Marathi Department is the parent-teacher trip! This year, the group visited the Alibaug-Kihim Beach on 16 March. 46 parents and 6 teachers participated. The group had informal exchange with secondary level students of Wadke Vidyalaya on cleanliness.

3. Pre-Secondary Department

On 9th March, the programme *Natya-triveni* was presented. *Abhivyakti* training and *abhivyakti* performance were organised especially for the students from 5th to 7th stds. Teachers Manasitai Pathak and Mayuritai Jejurikar took great efforts for *Natya-triveni*, with students performing the plays '*Nadi Uwaacha*' (Spoke The River), '*Na Sampnaari Goshta*' (The Unending Story) and '*Shala Amchi ani Amhi Shaleche*' (The School Belongs to Us and We Belong to the School).

4. Secondary English Department

On 13th February, around 40 students from 9th std. and four teachers visited the Moshi Garbage Depot. The students tried to understand waste collection, management and disposal and interviewed the workers and officials there.

For the first time, students from the Secondary English Department visited a different State as part of introduction to the motherland this year. During 10-16 August, the girls' camp took place at Bhopal, while the boys' camp took place at Ahmedabad with an introduction to the working of Paryavaran Mitra of Gandhi Ashram, Safaai Vidyalaya, Manav Sadhana,

Gramashri etc., and of discussions with their employees. They also studied auto-drivers who ride for free and visited free canteens, saw amazing samples of textile art forms from all over the country at the Calico Textile Museum, visited the National Innovation Foundation, Dandi Kutir Museum and Khoj Museum, and experienced the Ahmedabad Heritage Walk.

The students realised the historical importance of Ahmedabad, thanks to the camp. The visit to SAI (Sports Authority of India) Pradhikaran and the discussion with Mr. Rajendra Singh, the Director of SAI, as part of the girls' camp, were inspiring. Visiting Bhimbetka (from the Stone Age), *Janajati Sangrahaalay* and *Maanav Sangrahaalay* (both museums) facilitated an understanding of the lifestyle of tribal communities residing in various parts of India. The history of Gautam Buddha was studied during the visit to Sanchi stupa. On visiting the *Shaurya-Smaarak* (Memorial of Bravery), they felt proud of the soldiers protecting the borders of India. The meeting and conversation with the IAS officer Dr. Sudam Khade was especially fun and gave the students a vision to fly high. The climax of this camp was the meeting with Ms. Bharati Thakur of *Narmadaalay* and an elaborate visit to Bhatyan village. The girls were acquainted with several individuals working with dedication and with the many faces of India.

5. Secondary Marathi Department

Four groups from the Secondary Marathi Department participated in the 'Become an Editor Yourself' manuscript writing competition of *Chhatra Prabodhan*. They wrote the contents of these manuscripts themselves and arranged them beautifully.

6. Gurukul Department

Reading sessions of *Dasbodh* (Work of Saint Ramdas) started at the Dnyaneshwar temple within the *Gaatha* temple campus at Dehu for 9th std. students, on 29 February. Within five days, all the students finished reading the *Dasbodh*.

7. Yuvati Vibhag

With the aim of creating opportunities for the leadership and group qualities of the *yuvatis* and acquainting them with the work of the department and *Prabodhini*, it was decided that this year, the *yuvatis* would visit Velhe in pairs or groups. A rural camp for 9th std. girls from the *Nirbhaya Dal* (8th-10th std. girl students) took place at Velhe on 4 and 5 March attended by 20 school girls from the 9th class of English medium

school, the two college students Rucha Mapari and Jai Joshi and two teachers Ms. Smita and Ms. Shweta. Similarly, five college students from the Prerana College *Dal* visited Velhe, two of them on the 17, 18 April and three on 22, 23 April. As group tasks, the college students arranged meets for 165 girls in all the villages of Velhe, Margasani, Vinjhar, Dapode and Ambavane. The tasks for girls included drawing water from wells and residing in villages, while those of the college-girls included getting surveys filled in Katkari communities, distributing tablets in villages in the interior and teaching English to girls living in hostels.

8. Yuvak Vibhag

On 14th April, on the birth anniversary of Dr. Ambedkar, five volunteers with responsibilities of the *Yuvak Vibhag* took Prabodhini's first pledge, while one volunteer took the second pledge at the hands of Subhashrao Deshpande, Secretary, Prabodhini.

9. Palak Mahasangha

This year, parents envisioning a bright future for their children, challenged themselves with Pune-Kanyakumari Cycle Trip and set an example in front

of their kids from whom they expect a strong mind in strong body. These 24 parents achieved a unique, record feat by traversing a distance of 1,600 km within a span of ten days, 14 to 23 December. The cycle tour concluded with a visit to the Vivekananda Memorial.

3. Special Mention

➤ Plastic Collection

In December 2017, for the first time, Mr. Vinod Bodhankar from the Sagarmitra Foundation delivered a lecture presentation at the school before the students about the gargantuan problem of plastic waste. Since the last few months, we have regularly been sending more than 300 kilos of plastic every month for recycling.

➤ Vastu Vistar (Expansion of the building)

The building work started on 3rd December 2018, at the hands of Mr. Nitinbhai Kariya. It includes construction of two more floors above Manohar Sabhagriha. The fund raising campaign for this work is running in full flow.



Extension Centres : 1. Dombivali

• Review of Regular Activities

Activity	Partici- pants	Volun- teers	Activity	Partici- pants	Volun- teers
Prabodhak Mandal (weekly)	25	7	Readers' meets	88	15
Vidyawrat Sanskar	25	5	Nurturing Vidyavrat	25	8
Srujan Gat Rural sector	12		Youth group-night camps (2)	150	20
Bale-waklan Std. 7 (weekly)	33	8	Samvaadini Four Groups (mothly meeting)	62	8
			Paurohitya Vibhag	1071	13

◆ *Paurohitya Vrata Sanskar* (Ceremony of the Pledge of Priesthood)

Paurohitya Vrata Sanskar was organized for **Paurohitya Gat** in Dombivli from June 1 to 3 between 1:00 to 6:00 pm. Out of 13 members, 11 participated in the ceremony. The main *vratsanskaar* was performed on 3rd June.

On 1st June, a senior expert from Dombivali, Latatai Namjoshi spoke on '*Bhikkhu* Ideology'. On 2nd June, senior member of Prabodhini Dr. Swarnalata Bhishikar held a session on meditation. The day was concluded with the guidance by Rambhau Dimble, senior member of *Prabodhini* on 'an ideal *Jnana Prabodhini purohit* (priest).'

On 3rd June, Vishvanath alias Visubhau Gurjar, *Santrika* Head, guided the *purohiths*. Dr. Manisha Shete and Dr. Arya Joshi were the trainers.

♦ Study Camp

The Centre's Study Camp was conducted at Gurukul – The Day School during 14- 16 June. 27 senior and new volunteers from Dombivali and Thane participated. The camp, perfectly planned by the Respected Director himself, was centred around the theme 'Education for Shaping Humans'.

Mr. Subhashrao Deshpande, Secretary, was present on the last and the pledge-taking day. Subhashrao initiated 16 volunteers into the first pledge and one volunteer into the second pledge. Gandhar Kulkarni of the Dombivali Extension Centre started his bicycle tour across India. He was flagged off with best wishes in a traditional way.

♦ Arogyabhan (Health Awareness) Camp by *Samvadini*

Arogyabhan, a special health check-up camp, was organized by *Samvadini* at the late Anand Dighe

Auditorium on 2nd October jointly with 'Nisarg Shikshan Sanstha'. 65 members of *Samvadini*, women volunteers, women parents and other women participated.

Various tests were conducted to assess the physical fitness using the method of Naturopathy.

♦ Night Camp

Like every year, this year too, the students' night camp was conducted during 15 and 24 December 2018 by the *Yuvak* and *Yuvati Gat* of *Jnana Prabodhini* Dombivali Extension Centre. The response to the camp was overwhelming. This camp is being conducted regularly by the *Yuvak-Yuvati Gat* since last 19 years. Various entertainment and skill-imparting sessions are conducted in this camp. The camp for 5th to 7th std. students was conducted on 15 December and the one for 8th to 10th std. on 24th December. 139 and 97 entries were registered for the camps respectively. The duration of the camp was 12 hours overnight – from 7.30 p.m. to 7.30 a.m.



Extension Centres : 2. Borivali

♦ Director's Visit

The Director's Visit for the year 2018-19 took place on 17th August. It started with the 'thought sharing meeting' with everyone expressing their thoughts.

The activities of the Borivali Extension Centre were reviewed.

1. Development centres were started on the occasion of International Yoga day on 21st June. Inspirational quotes, cleanliness songs, *shlokas*, thoughts of Vivekanand, Omkar, meditation, chanting of *Gayatrimantra* (Hindu prayer), information about Yoga Day, *pranayama* (Breathing exercises), *suryanamaskaras* (traditional Indian form of exercise), a few *yogasanas*, *shavasana* (relaxation technique in Yoga), sports and prayers were conducted in these development units throughout the year.
2. The first programme of the 14th year of *Samvadini* was organized at Jayrajnagar Garden. Anita Karve presented the report of the 13th anniversary.

3. At a meeting conducted in Shivaseva on 15th June, 3 out of 4 youngsters– Keval Muley, Gauri Kunwar and Ankita Pandit who visited Meghalaya in North East India under the programme '*Dnyanasetu*' shared their experiences.
4. An account of the Chitrakoot/ Khajuraho Study Tour was presented at Jayrajnagar Garden on 6th July. Anita Karve shared the information about upcoming 'Tiger Day' on 29th July. Smita Phadnis read aloud the article 'The Education of Intelligent Children' from the book '*Rashtra Devo Bhava*'.
5. Mr. Subhash Deshpande, Secretary, *Jnana Prabodhini*, visited the centre for the centre-wise extension meeting. He explained the committees structure of organisation in *Jnana Prabodhini*.

6. On 7th September, Deepti Gavde shared information about World Photography day, World Friendship Day, World Organ Day, Breast-Feeding Day etc. Archana Kore spoke about Sir Vishveshvarayya on the occasion of Engineers' Day.
7. Study tour : 11 members visited Chitrakoot during 28th Sept. to 5th October to see the working of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Research Institute founded by National Seer Nanaji Deshmukh.
8. On 19th October, in the 'Sports and Sports

Personalities' session, Sushamatai Sane spoke about 2 Indian sports, namely wrestling and *kabaddi*. She shared some very interesting information about the various types of wrestling and about *kabaddi* and *pro-kabaddi*.

9. On 25th July, from 4.00 to 6.00 p.m., programme of *Saarth Bhajan* (singing of devotional songs) by Borivali Extension Centre was organized at Saint Rocks School, Gorai. Approximately 35 members were present.



Extension Centres : 3. Ambajogai

• **Drought Relief work through Paani Foundation :** Through Paani Foundation's Watercup Competition, the Ambajogai Extension Centre offered work guidance and financial help to 30 villages. Out of them 16 won prizes, with total prize money of Rs. 1 crore 32 lakh. The first prize was won by five villages, the second by four and the third by three villages.

District	Tehsil	First	Second	Third
Beed	Ambajogai	Pathan Mandwa	Hatola	Mamdapur
Beed	Kej	Deepe Wadgaon	Anandgaon	Bawchi
Osmanabad	Parali		Indiranagar	Bhilegaon
Osmanabad	Paranda	Langotwadi	Sakkarwadi	
Osmanabad	Kalamb	Pimpalgaondola		
Latur	Ausa	Ekambiwadi		

♦ Beginning-of-the-year prayer

The academic year 2018-19 of the Ambajogai Extension Centre commenced on 21st July 2018 with the beginning-of-the-year prayer. Before that, the nursery had commenced on 15th June. 80 *prabodhaks* were present.

♦ *Ashaadhi Ekadashi Bhajansandhya* (evening with devotional songs)

On the 25th July, *bhajansandhya* was organised at Dr. Vishweshwar Chaudhari's residence, with 137 *prabodhaks* attending and 13 groups presenting. *Shishuvihar* school children had a tree procession.

♦ *Yuvak-yuvati Gat*

Summer camps had been arranged by *Yuvak-yuvati Gats*. 12th Jan., the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda was celebrated with various activities. Group Upasana in the morning was followed by

presentation of Mr. Abhijit Deshpande on Swami Vivekananda's perspective towards women. Former parent Seema Lomte presented the topic 'Vivekananda's thoughts about youngsters'. The groups of boys and girls ideated and implemented various events.

♦ Solar Energy

Solar lamps were distributed to selected families in backward villages of Beed district. 150 persons taking an initiative in bringing the villagers together for drought relief work were selected. 70% of the homes were illuminated. The solar training camp at Shivapur was attended by *yuvaks* from Shinganwadi and Nimbla.

♦ *Ganesh Festival*

On the 13th of Sept., the *Yuvak* and *Yuvati Vibhag* installed the *Ganesha* idol with a joint procession.

69 *prabodhaks* were present. The students thoroughly enjoyed the *Ganesh* celebrations.

♦ **Sharadotsav**

Sharada gat celebrated *Sharadotsav* on a grand scale with lectures, courtyard games from nostalgia, artistic performances, *keertans* (devotional songs), writing of God's name, etc. The festival concluded with a procession. Lectures by Dr. Anagha Pathak, Vaishali Goswami, Ambadas Chikshe and Dattaprasad Goswami were organised.

♦ **Matrubhoomi-poojan**

The *matrubhoomi-poojan* programme was carried out by the *Sharada Gat* and the self help group on the

15th of August at the residence of Ms. Kalpana Chausalkar, attended by 22 *prabodhaks*. A *matrubhoomi-poojan* programme was arranged on the 11th of Jan. for women parents. 36 parents were present.

♦ **Special**

On the 1st of December, Mr. Prasad Chikshe's book '*Panyachi Goshta*' (The Story of Water) on experiences from water-related work was published at Mulund, Mumbai. On this occasion, Hon. Satyajit Bhatkal from Paani Foundation and Subhash Deshpande, Secretary, Jnana Prabodhi, were present. This programme was attended by 400 people.



Extension Work : Contact Centres

♦ **Chiplun Contact Centre**

- 1) **Young Scientists** – This initiative was carried out for std. 8 students at Chiplun and Aambdas, Sati, Pophali and Makhjan villages in the Tehsil. A science meet was conducted at the end of the year. 250 students attended.
- 2) **Vidyavrat Sanskar** – As preparation for the *vidyavrat sankskar*, monthly *vikasika* (development classes) were arranged, attended by 25 students. *Yuvaks* from Chiplun conducted a three-day non-residential camp for them.
- 3) **Weekly Upasana and other Activities** – Members assuming regular responsibility perform Upasana every Sunday. This year, this was followed by reading of *Prabodhini's* literature and discussion.
- 4) **Shikshak Prerna Jagruti Wargha (Class to Awaken the Inspiration of Teachers)** – A five-day residential class took place in four stages for 40 teachers from 20 schools of Chiplun, Khed and Guhagar Tehsils.

♦ **Thane Contact Centre**

- 1) **Matrubhumi poojan (worshipping the Motherland)** – On the 15th of August, a *matrubhumi poojan* programme took place at the Wings Vocational Centre at Madhumalti Society, coupled with the experience sharing by Paani Foundation, Vivekwadi Pariwaar and Dombivali Mitra Pariwaar.

- 2) **Jopasana Gat** – The students were reacquainted with the 100-year old buildings in Thane during the Thane Excursion arranged by Mr. Sadashiv Tetvilkar.
- 3) **Vidyavrat Sanskar** – *Tasikas* are being conducted at Shiv-samartha School for three years now. On the 21st of April 2018, nine students from the school were imparted the *Vidyavrat Sanskar*. Ms. Shruti, the Head of the Dombivali Extension Centre, initiated the *vidyavrat* into the pledge.
- 4) **Vikasika** – 15 *tasikas* were conducted at Bedekar School. A readers' meet was arranged for 9th std. students of Vartak School, Brahman Vidyalyay based on *Chhatra Prabodhan*.
- 5) **First Pledge** – Shilpa Mhatre, Sukhada Karnadikar, Swarupa Dighe and Kavita Mokashi from the Centre took the first pledge. Thane Centre volunteers participated in the study camp at Dombivali.

♦ **Badlapur Contact Centre**

- 1) **Summer Camp** – A summer camp was conducted at Pimpoli under the *Kishori Vikas Prakalpa* (Adolescent Girls' Development Project) of New Pimploli High School during 9-11 April on the theme 'Knowing our Town- Badlapur'.
- 2) **Reading competition** – 4 schools from Badlapur participated in the State-level reading competition in October. Kulgaon-Badlapur Municipal Council School no.16, Eranjad from

the Dombivali Centre won the second prize. In the last round, the school won the consolation prize. *Shishuvihar Vidya Mandir*, Badlapur village, won the merit certificate.

- 3) **Vidyavrat**– The *vidyavrat* initiative began with *vidyarambha* (beginning of education) for the 7th std. students from *Shishuvihar Vidya Mandir* in July. The *vidyavrat sanskar* took place on 13th April at the *Gajanan Maharaj Mandir* at Kanhere village near Badlapur. 16 aspirants of *sanskar* were present. Chief guests Pratibha Swami and Mangal Tupe had a heart -to- heart conversation with the students.

♦ Bhayander Contact Centre - Samvadini

The new year started with the start-of-the-year prayer in June. Ten-day *Sharadotsav* was celebrated with knowing about the work of Savitribai Phule, making paper boxes and wallets, stitching cloth bags and actively supporting the plastic ban.

♦ Samvadini – Paud Road, Pune

Monthly Meetings – Nibban, *Prabodhini's* work in Arunachal, Meghdoot – the poetry of Kalidas, share-trading from home, the interview with Pratima Phadke who travelled 100-country tour with Veena World and the discussion with the writer of the movie Anandi-Gopal etc., were discussed in the meetings.

- 1) **Tasika** – Weekly *tasikas* for personality development were conducted throughout the year for 6th std. students of the *Vijaymala Kadam Kanyaka Shala*.

- 2) **Meets** – During 4 –12 Jan., between birth anniversaries of Savitribai Phule and Jijamata, four-hour meets were organised at nine different schools on the topics of friendship, memory, comprehension etc.

- 3) **Study Visits** – Visits to *Jnana Prabodhini* Velhe Hostel, *Jeevanjyoti*, and the Shivapur Centre took place.

♦ Samvadini – Aundh, Pune

This year, lectures of Dr. Manisha Shete (*Nibban - Life in the monasteries*) and Mr. Omkar Pradhan (lecture-documentary show on his stay at Arunachal Pradesh) took place.

♦ Samvadini – Solapur

Glimpses of monthly meetings : Discussion on environment and *vata-pournima* (tree worship), lecture on financial planning by Manjiri Kulkarni, *manglagaur* (traditional games for married women) performances of parents from the play group, discussion on the medium of education, Samvadini member Dr. Swati Korke's session on stress management, reading and discussion of the book *Sanjivani*, prayers, readings, discussions etc.

♦ Samvadini – Shirur

Topics of monthly meetings this year : My idea of vacation, modern life style and *yog*, Ms. Uma Bapat's guidance on multiple intelligence, discussion on 'Superstition : Traditional and Modern', discussion and reading of the articles in *Samatol* magazine etc.



Extension Work : List of Contact Centres

★ Pune Centre 1) <i>Pradnya Manas Sandhodhika</i> 1) Nasik 2) Shirur 2) <i>Samvadini</i> 3) Shirur 4) Solapur 3) <i>Yuvak Vibhag</i> 5) Chhattisgadha 6) Indore	★ Nigdi Centre : 1) Gurukul 7) Badlapur 8) Ambarnath 9) Ratnagiri 10) Naneej (dist. Ratnagiri) 11) Baramati 12) Vaduj (dist. Satara) 13) Phonda (Goa) 14) Karvenagar, Pune 15) Chikhali	★ Extension Centres : 1) Dombivali Extension Centre 16) Thane 17) Badlapur 2) Borivali Extension Centre 18) Bhayander ★ From Central Scheme 19) Chiplun 20) Karjat 21) Karhad
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- 2) Name of the Bank and Branch - Bank of Maharashtra, Bajirao Road
- 3) Address of Bank - Janamangal, 1177, Budhwar Peth, Pune 411 002
- 4) Account Number – 20097728834
- 5) IFSC Code - MAHB 0000001
- 6) SWIFT Code – MAHBINBOCP

☉ For Overseas Indians

2) Donation to *Jnana Prabodhini* by Indians from foreign countries may be deposited into the following account. Also, a copy of the passport with the name, address and Indian Citizenship should be mailed to jpco@jnanaprabodhini.org.

- 1) A/c Name - *Jnana Prabodhini*
- 2) Name of the Bank and Branch - Bank of India, Shanipar Branch
- 3) Address of Bank - Shanipar, Pune
- 4) Type of A/c - Current, GENERAL
- 5) Account Number – 051520100000286
- 6) IFSC Code - BKID0000515

☉ For Resident Indians Conditional or Unconditional

3) Donations, conditional or unconditional, to *Jnana Prabodhini* by resident Indians may be deposited into the following account. Also, the donors should fill in their name, address, PAN in the donor form.

- 1) A/c Name - *Jnana Prabodhini* Ex-student Donation
- 2) Name of the Bank and Branch - State Bank of India, Deccan Gymkhana Branch
- 3) Address of Bank - Shirole Bhavan, PMT Building Pune
- 4) Type of A/c - Saving Bank Account
- 5) Account Number – 30190368573
- 6) IFSC Code - SBIN0001110

☉ Donations to Departments

4) Apart from this, if resident Indians wish to donate to a specific department of *Jnana Prabodhini* for a specific cause, they may get in touch with the concerned contact person of that department and deposit the amount into the bank account informed by them.

Note : The donors transferring the amount into the bank account via NEFT/RTGS transfers are requested to mail their full name, address, amount of donation, the date, PAN No. and code of the NEFT/RTGS transfer and the purpose of donation to jpco@jnanaprabodhini.org.

◆ Request to Donors ◆

The donation receipts are used to create a summary of names and amounts of donations made during the corresponding financial year. To bring accuracy to the details, sharing your full name, address, PAN and e-mail address to the office in written form at the time of donation will be helpful.

The donations made to *Jnana Prabodhini* are tax free under Section 80(G) of the Income Tax Act, 1961.

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The Geographical Spread

1. Urban Centres

- 1. Pune - (020 - 24207000)**
A special school for intellectually gifted, Competitive exams centre, Youth wing, Chhatra Prabodhan, Samvadini, Psychological research and training, Research in Sanskrit, Ayurved & Education.
- 2. Nigadi - (020 - 27654380)**
A granted school from pre-primary to S.S.C., Special model schools like 'Gurukul' and 'Kreedakul'.
- 3. Solapur - (0217 - 2317782)**
A non-granted school from pre-primary to S.S.C., Preprimary Teachers' Training School, Experimental school for child labourers.

2. Rural Centres

- 1. Shivapur - Mitesh Achwal - 8007724233**
- 2. Velhe - (02130 - 221211)**
(Tehsils - Haveli, Bhor, Velhe and Purandar, Dist. Pune) Watershed development, Self employment, Technical education, Health Project, Nurturing Rural Talent, Adolescent Girls' development, Women self-help groups, projects spread over 220 villages within the basins of two rivers.
- 3. Shirval - (02169 - 244961)**
(Tehsil - Khandala, Dist. Satara) Kamala Mehta Eye Hospital – complete eye check up and operative measures.
- 4. Salumbre - (02114 - 287290)**
(Tehsil - Maval, Dist. Pune) A granted highschool (5th to 10th), yearly festival of *Pawanamai* river, clean hygienic village program, Training of farmers etc. implemented in nearby villages.
- 5. Harali - (02475 - 260102)**
(Tehsil - Lohara, Dist. Osmanabad)
A non-granted school–primary and secondary, Agricultural school, Horticulture project for demonstration and self-sufficiency.

3. Extension Centres

- 1. Ambejogai - (02446 - 248912)**
(Dist–Beed) Preprimary school, variety of programs for different age groups & social sectors, *Upasana Kendras* (meditation centres).
- 2. Borivali, Dombivali, Sangli**
Development Cells (Weekly) Samvadini, Various Camps for different age-groups.

4. Centres for Contact Sessions

- Distribution Centres for enrolling and distributing the 'Chhatra Prabodhan' diwali issue – 100 places in Maharashtra & Goa. Amongst them, 10 centres conduct programs for children & youth occasionally.
- Training and Supervision for the quality improvement in 'sugarcane schools run in the premises of 20 sugar factories. (These schools are run to educate the children of workers migrating to harvest sugarcane).
- Jammu Kashmir – Computer training centres in 4 villages through which various competitions and camps are organized.

5. Association with Other Organisations

- Extending expert help to various other organizations working in North Eastern states, training in self help groups (SHGs) of women in some N.E. regions.
- The Gurukul (Nigdi) is imparting the Indian philosophy of education in 12 such schools (*Gurukuls*) in Maharashtra by providing regular guidance.
- Various training programs for teachers and students in Goa.

6. Affiliated Trusts / Organizations

- Jnana Prabodhini Samshodhan Sanstha, Pune
- Jnana Prabodhini Shivapradesh, Pune
- Jnana Prabodhini Medical Trust, Pune
- Jnana Prabodhini, Solapur
- Gram Prabodhini, Salumbre

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1. Health check-up awareness drives for the women in rural areas
2. Felicitation of Volunteers in JnanaSetu Project
3. Paurohitya Vrat sanskar at Extension Centre Dombivali
4. Vivekanand Jayanti Programme at Ambajogai
5. Summer camp at Ambajogai Extension Centre
6. Vihir (well) Lokarpan Programme at Varoti khurd village





1. Students of CEC interviewed Shri. Kiran Gitte (IAS, Metropolitan Commissioner and CEO, PMRDA) in Pune
2. Students of CEC meet the Municipal Commissioner of PCMC, Shri. Shravan Hardikar
3. Visit of the Minister of Human Resources Shri. Prakash Javadekar to Jnana Prabodhini



4. Mrs. Sangeeta Kulkarni receiving Bio-technology Social Development Award
5. Shri. Gajanan Tonape (DySP), a past student of CEC receiving an Award
6. Shri. Vivek Ponshe receiving the 'Gurugourav' Puraskar for lifelong work in education



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