## Jnana Prabodhini

(Trust Registration No. F-254/Pune)

## **Annual Report**

1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022



### **Congratulations on Exceptional Achievements!!**



Shri. Mahendrabhai Sethiya accepting '*Karyakarta Gungaurav*' award by Matrumandir Vishwasta Samstha.



Shri. Omkar Banait received 'Adhyapakottam' award by Matrumandir Vishwasta Samstha.



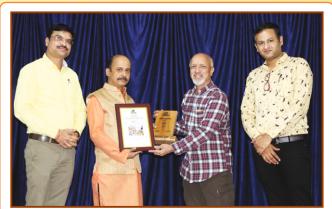
Smt. Dwarkatai Walgude was given the 'Dhanya Radhamata' award.



Sane Guruji Adarsh Shikshak Award by Board of Education, Karad, to Prof. Prashant Divekar.



Shri. Prasad Chikshe received 'Rotary Bhushan Award' from Rotary Club of Ambajogai City.



'Ani Parijatak Hasla' book by Shri. Shivraj Pimpude was honored with the 'Green Book Award'.



Principal of Jnana Prabodhini Prashala, Pune Dr. Milind Naik accepting the 'School Icon of Pune' award by Lokmat Media Pvt. Ltd.



On Women's Day
Smt. Parimala Pande
was felicitated by
Navneet Foundation.
Smt. Sunita Bhansali
also received an award
from the Sangini Nari
Association.

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- Smt. Anu Aga Former MP, Entrepreneur, Social activist
- Dr. Jayant Naralikar Former Director, IUCAA, Pune

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- 1. Dr Raghunath Mashelkar President
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- 3. Shri K. B. (Anna) Hazare Vice President
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- 5. Dr. Girish S. Bapat *Director*
- 6. Prof. V. S. /Subhash Deshpande Secretary
- 7. Prof. Vishwanath D. Gurjar Jt. Secretary

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### Jnana Prabodhini, Pune

### Elected Members

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- 5. Shri Ramkumar Rathi
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- 8. Dr. Sudhatai Kothari
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- 10. Prof. Mahendra Sethiya
- 11. Prof. Manoj Deolekar
- 12. Dr. Anagha Lavalekar
- 13. Prof. Suvarna Gokhale
- 14. Dr. Milind M. Naik

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- 15. Prof. Prashant P. Divekar
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- 17. Ms. Sharmishtha Chiplunkar

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- 5. Gram Prabodhini

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- 2. ACIC Jnana Prabodhini Foundation

### Registered Public Charity, USA

1. Jnana Prabodhini Foundation, USA.

### Centres of Jnana Prabodhini Main Centres

- 1. Pune
- 2. Nigdi
- 3. Solapur
- 4. Harali (Osmanabad)

### **Sub Centres**

- 1. Pune : Shivapur, Velhe, Shirwal (Dist. Satara)
- 2. Nigdi : Salumbre

### **Extension Centres**

- 1. Ambajogai Extension Centre
- 2. Dombivali Extension Centre
- 3. Borivali Extension Centre

(2) Jnana Prabodhini



Jnana Prabodhini is pleased to present a consolidated report of various departments and centres during the year 2021-22 (Saur Saka 1943-44). Many activities were put on hold in the previous year due to the Corona crisis. Some service departments worked under immense pressure. As a whole, the damage to the education sector has been irreparable. Compared to that, the schools of Prabodhini could continue on-line education throughout the year because they took care of it in advance. That is why the results of the final examination of all five schools of Prabodhini are satisfactory.

Special interest groups are now settling in the many ongoing experiments at Jnana Prabodhini Prashala in Pune for the diversified education of intelligent students. Shri. Ajit Pendse (Nephew of Appasaheb Pendse, Founder of Prabodhini) entrusted a fund, in the memory of his parents, so that a prize of Rs. 50 thousand can be given to a student who ranks first in the board exam. The Educational Activities Research Centre works to expand Prabodhini's educational experiments to other schools in Maharashtra and the country. During this year, the department conducted training sessions in more than 600 schools, benefiting about 500 teachers and 30,000 students. Activities were carried out in schools of Karnataka, Telangana, and Jharkhand on the lines of the 'Vikas Mitra' project, which is running in 46 villages of Velhe taluka of Pune district, for rural students. Prabodhini is associated with organizations in Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, and Nagaland for many years. Science workshops were organized by them.

Distant teachers training was undertaken by the Educational Resource Centre, in the state of Jammu and Kashmir. The department is also developing various educational tools for deaf children. On the occasion of Independence Day, such students presented the pledge from the textbook and sent its tapes to Prabodhini. Chhatra Prabodhan, a magazine published for adolescent children for the past thirty years, is now reaching a limited number in print and a larger number through audio-visual. It is heartening that Listen-Watch-Read-Do (Aipawak) scheme has reached 4,150 students. Chhatra Prabodhan's YouTube channel has started. Also, through a website, arrangements have been made for online purchase of Chhatra Prabodhan's publications.

The Leadership Development Centre for college students operates partly face-to-face and partly online. From this centre, students prepare for competitive exams. From the Competitive Exams Centre, we are pleased to mention that Mrinali Joshi, Shubham Jadhav, Partha Kashyap, and Divya Gunde got selected for administrative service during the reporting year. Alumni officers always come to JP to guide the new students. Now a branch of this Centre has been started at Roing in Arunachal Pradesh.

Prajna Manas Samshodhika took training sessions of college youths in various districts through the projects Yuva Saathi' and 'Saiyam'. The book 'Intelligence, Creativity and, Giftedness' written by Hon'ble Dr. Ushatai Khire and her disciple Mrs. Dhanashree Sovani was published by Himalaya Publishing House during the year. A comparative study of Indian and Western concepts of intelligence is presented in this book. A short film was created by researching the traditional customs of the Idu and Adi tribes of Purvanchal by the Sanskrit Sanskriti Samshodika. Prabodhini reached about 6,000 homes through conducting rituals last year, 35 of which were conducted in Indian families abroad. In the Social Science Study Centre, which started under this department, the study of Sri Aurobindo's philosophy and study of Islam is also going on regularly.

To combat water scarcity in rural areas, well digging and construction were completed in three Dhangar settlements last year. Ferrocement tanks have been constructed in sixteen villages for drinking water storage. 'Save Indian Farmers' had collected some funds in the US to remedy the damage caused by heavy rains in Kasrood village on the Mahabaleshwar-Poladpur road. Through that, Prabodhini completed the land development work. Prabodhini trains rural youth to build small three-watt panels that can be used in rural areas to spread solar energy. In technical skill training, arrangements were made to provide training in the trade of Turner at Shivapur. Various Start-ups are being guided by Entrepreneurship Development Centre.

In Velhe and Bhor, more than 80 villages are working on mobilization of women power. This department

completed the project 'Arogya Sakhi' for rural women. Some young women in the area are fighting for the education of the children of Katkari settlements in the Rajgad-Torna area. The construction of a hostel for college girls at Velhe has progressed satisfactorily. The work of making rural women self-reliant through savings groups and self-employment has now reached about 6,000 women. Samvadini is an initiative for middle-aged women in urban areas. Its volunteers go to various schools in Maharashtra and conduct various guidance sessions for adolescent boys and girls. Through the work of Urban Slums Study Group, 20 girls have received the required college education. Some of them were trained in making bamboo products and soldering skills to make solar panels.

The work of yuvak and yuvati vibhag is increasing. There are 17 groups of boys and 4 groups of girls in various parts of Pune city. About 70 volunteers are working for it. These groups are being run to cultivate the national spirit and personality development. It is from this process that volunteers are then prepared to continue the work of Prabodhini. It is gratifying to see an increase in the number of volunteers participating in the special occasion like oath taking ceremony.

Prabodhini's Nigdi Centre built Harshadrai Ratilal Karia Kalabhavan building, where separate halls for various arts and sports have been alloted. It is a matter of great satisfaction that the Parents Association has now taken initiative in many activities.

A well-equipped computer room is now set up in the school run at Salumbre under Gram Prabodhini Trust. Air Conditioner repairs training was imparted at the Vocational Training Centre there. Facilities are set up to run an introductory course on solar energy.

Prabodhini's Extension Centre operates at Ambajogai in the Beed district. Also, the activities of Prabodhini have been going on continuously for the last 20-22 years in Dombivali. Contact centres like Thane, Chiplun, Badlapur, Bhayander, and Shirur are now added to this list. As in Maharashtra, Prabodhini's activities and training programs have been going on for the past few years in Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Arunachal Pradesh, and Jammu and Kashmir. The work of building core groups of local citizens there went well in the last year.

On the occasion of Jnana Prabodhini Prashala's golden jubilee, the alumni of Jnana Prabodhini came together and established a Section 8 Company named Jnana Prabodhini Prashala Alumni Foundation (JPPAF). The work of Special Purpose Groups will be carried out through it. Also, a Jnana Prabodhini Foundation (JPF) was registered by former students studying or settled in America. These former students have started actively participating in various activities of Prabodhini and at the same time have started collecting funds from the local people and organizations. The last year's work of both these foundations is summarized in this report. Their websites are a must-see for the curious. Overall Prabodhini progressed rapidly during the reporting year.

There is a demand from various places to replicate the features of Prabodhini. For this, Prabodhini has chalked out its third Futuristic Perspective Plan for the next ten years. In the years from 2022 to 2032, Prabodhini's work will expand in every Revenue Division of Maharashtra and in at least six States of India. We solicit your active cooperation in the coming years too.

Sincerely yours,

Girish S. Bapat Director

V.S. / Subhash Deshpande Secretary

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- 4. Strings of Solar Lamps made under Tejomay initiative by the youth
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## **Central Programmes**

### Roop Paltu Deshache

The lecture series 'Roop Paltu Deshache' is organized every year in memory of the founder of Jnana Prabodhini Resp. V. V. alias Appa Pendse. This year, 7<sup>th</sup> session of this series took place. Hon. Shri. Anand Agashe had come to the dais to share his experiences of more than thirty years in journalism. Shri. Sarang Darshane interviewed him. A fascinating overview, of social changes brought about by the media and the impact of social change on the media and the technology change, and the value system was presented in a multi-faceted chat. Director Dr. Girish S. Bapat concluded the session.

#### Yashwant Gatha

The book 'Yashwant Gatha' is about the Founder member of Jnana Prabodhini and former Head of Sanskrit Sanskriti Sanshodhika Hon. Shri. Yashwantrao Lele. It was published this year, on his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. Articles written about him by various members such as his family members, his students, relatives, fellow volunteers in Prabodhini, friends, and acquaintances from outside organizations, are included in this volume. Yashwantrao's inspiring life story has been unfolded from it.

### • Young Women Organization - Sister Nivedita Memorial Program

Programs were organized from 13th to 28th October. Daily reading meetings were organized, to know the biography, thoughts, and actual writings of Bhagini Nivedita. Total 16 days of daily reading and discussion took place. 66 Young women from seven centres participated in this. On October 28th, school and collegiate girls sang the inspirational song about Nivedita at all centres of Prabodhini. About 350 young women participated in the singing. The biographical narration was made at eight places through both inperson and virtual modes. It is special that a group of young girls from Indore also participated in this. Seven girls gave lecture about her biography to about 275 girls. The 'Karmayogini Nivedita' quiz was arranged on Oct, 28th.

### Alumni Meet

The JPP and JPNV joint alumni meet was organized on December 19<sup>th,</sup> 2021 at Nigdi centre. The motive of the event was to create a network for contributing to Prabodhini's activities. In this event, the Arts and Culture SPG presented a cultural program viz. *Naandi*, in which the *Sutradhar* was Charudatta Buva Aphale, who engaged the audience with the history of 2000 musical dramas (*Sangeet Natak*) spread over 140 years, interspersed in the musical performance. JP and JPNV alumni performed the Naandi from musical dramas. Later, Nigdi Centre Head Shri Manojrao Deolekar shared his vision about the upcoming golden jubilee celebrations to honor the memory of late Shri Vamanrao Abhyankar alias Bhau. Dr. Vivekrao Kulkarni highlighted the importance of networking and using the strength to address the challenges faced by society. The chief guest Shri. Atulchandra Kulkarni appealed alumni to come together for greater purposes. Hon. Director Dr. Girishrao Bapat then addressed the audience. He mentioned that Late Bhau dreamt of the students who would become as hardworking and as strong-willed as '*Bhagirath*'. He also shared thoughts of the Late Appa Pendse, with the vision of *vidyavrati* getting together to transform society.

### • Padmashri Niveditadidi Bhide's Prabodhini Visit

National Vice President of Vivekananda Kendra, Kanyakumari, Padmashri Niveditadidi Bhide and Secretary Shri. Bhanudasji paid a visit to JP on March 9. Kendra volunteers Shri. Kiran Kirtane (Maharashtra Province-Director), Smt. Sujata Dalvi (Maharashtra Province-Organizer) and Shri. Jayant Kulkarni (Pune

Nagar-Director) were also present. After the introductory interaction, the work of the Urban Slums Study Group, work with the Katkari community in the Velhe area, collaborative skills development training for volunteers, work of the Youth Departments, and work going on in border states were further discussed. Niveditadidi informed everyone about upcoming programs of Vivekananda Kendra, work with various tribes, and ongoing work in Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

### • Prof. Dr. Ighosa Osaghe's Prabodhini Visit

Nigerian Prof. Dr. Ighosa Osaghe visited Prabodhini on 15th March. He was on his eight days India visit at the invitation by Govt. of India. The purpose of the visit was to get acquainted with Indian culture. He was advised to visit Prabodhini by the Indian Council for Cultural Relations of the Central Government. He was accompanied by his wife Dr. Veronica Osaghe along with Dr. Nishibala, Maharashtra head of the Indian Council for Cultural Relations. Selected presentations about Prabodhini's work were given to the guests. Prof. Ighosa expressed satisfaction with the work. In his remarks, he specially mentioned the work on the preservation of Indian culture and self-help groups. Director Dr. Girish Bapat concluded the program.

### Chiplun Flood Relief

Our volunteers carried hygiene supplies to Chiplun when it was flooded and more severe flood was predicted. The appeal for the help received good response in the form of grain and money. In the first round, eleven members from Nigdi went with materials. Around 1500 families in Chiplun city and the surrounding nineteen areas were provided with food grains, clothes, bedding, medicines, and hygiene materials. Actual work included house cleaning, area survey, home visit, and dialogue. Ten young girls went to Chiplun to do relief work. The purpose of the group was to distribute women's clothes and sanitary pads and to visit the local volunteers of Prabodhini. A total of 53 people including 17 members of the Chiplun centre, 35 volunteers from Pune-Nigdi spontaneously participated in this relief work.

### • Relief work during COVID - 19

**Yuvak Vibhag:** 25 volunteers worked in the Covid hospital started by PMC and Sakal Relief Fund at Ganesh Kala Krida Manch. Admission of patients, installation and training of hospital management computer system, keeping track of the number and status of patients, maintaining centre reception, and talking to relatives was done by them. About 140 volunteers from various groups worked to find the availability of beds, oxygen, and ventilators over the phone. Total 30 volunteers participated in two vaccination centres of Deenanath Mangeshkar Hospital.

**Stree-Shakti Prabodhan, Rural:** Single women in remote areas, senior citizens, and un-employeed families were identified, and collected information about those who need rations and whose children need some help to study next year. Distribution of groceries was completed for 522 families.

**Nigdi Centre :** Under Seva Vahini initiative 24-hour medical care was provided to the patients over phone. Yoga Pranayama, Physiotherapy Classes, Guidance in Mental Health, Home Sanitization, Blood / Plasma Supply, Free Home Delivery of tiffin Box, Antigen, RT-PCR Testing, Lectures by Medical Experts were included in the relief work. More than 1500 people were assisted through this. Also, 160 people of Harali village in Osmanabad district were guided through telemedicine.

**Jnana Prabodhini Foundation, USA:** A BiPap - 40 Ventilator was given to a hospital in Chiplun. High-quality oxygen concentrators were also provided to a hospital in Chiplun with the help of other foreign organizations. Also, five pieces of high-capacity ECG equipment were given to Deenanath Mangeshkar Hospital, Pune.

Ambajogai Extension Centre: Two BiPap - 40 Ventilators (Philips) and five high-quality oxygen concentrators were provided to both hospitals in Lokhandi Savargaon in Beed district. Three ventilators and one Aspirator 80 LPMA VPA 205 for surgical treatment of mucor mycosis were provided to Swami RamanandaTeertha Hospital. Food was arranged for almost 450 to 500 people. Financial and grocery help was given to people working in the crematorium and mortuary managing brothers in the medical college.

### **Congratulations on Exceptional Achievements!!**

- 1. Principal of Jnana Prabodhini Prashala, Dr. Milind Naik was selected on the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) Focus Group working on 'Reforms in Evaluation and Holistic Progress Cards'.
- 2. The Matrumandir Vishwast Sanstha honors individuals and organizations working in the field of education and social field. This year, the 'Karyakarta Gungaurav' award was given to Shri. Mahendrabhai Sethiya. Project Coordinator of Educational Activities Research Shri. Omkar Banait was given the 'Adhyapakottam' award and Smt. Dwarkatai Walgude of Stree-Shakti Prabodhan, Rural Division was given the 'Dhanya Radhamata' award.
- 3. Sane Guruji Adarsh Shikshak Award by Board of Education, Karad for the year 2020 was announced to Head of our Educational Activities Research Centre Prof. Prashant Divekar. It was distributed in the year 2021.
- 4. The book '*An Parijatak Hasla*' written by The chief administrator of the Nigdi centre of JP and Head of middle school Shri. Shivraj Pimpude, was honored with the 'Green Book Award' by the organization 'Alive'.
- 5. Shri. Prasad Chikshe, Head of Jnana Prabodhini Ambajogai Extension Centre, received Rotary Bhushan Award from Rotary Club of Ambajogai City.
- 6. Lokmat Media Pvt. Ltd. awarded Jnana Prabodhini Prashala, Pune as 'School Icon of Pune'.
- 7. In the Inter-School Puppet Presentation Competition organized by Shikshan Vivek, the story 'Journey of a Snail' presented by the teachers of pre-primary and primary sections of Jnana Prabodhini Navnagar Vidyalaya won the first prize from the teachers' group.
- 8. On the occasion of International Women's Day, Parimala Pande was awarded by Navneet Foundation. Sunita Bhansali also received an award from the Sangini Nari Association.
- 9. The Shirur Samvadini group was honored with the Shirur Icon Award by the Sadhana Sakhi Federation for their meritorious work.

## National Awards 2021 conferred on alumni of Competitive Aptitude Nurturance Centre

- 1. Ms. Mrunmayi Joshi (Election Commissioner, and Collector, Palakkad Kerala) National Award for excellent Election process.
- 2. Dr. Nitin Khade (Chief Election Commissioner, Assam State) National Award for excellent Election Process.
- 3. Shri. Rohan Botre (S.P. Kasganj, Uttar Pradesh) Gold Medal for Bravery.
- 4. Ms. Deepti Mehendale-Kanade (Deputy Secretary, Finance, Karnataka) Prime Minister's Award for excellent work, 2021.
- 5. Shri. Abhijit Bangar (Municipal Commissioner, New Mumbai) Tarun Tejankit Award for outstanding work during Covid 19 pandemic.
- 6. Shri. Sanjay Shinde, (Deputy Commissioner, Panvel Municpal Corporation) Chief Minisrer's Award.

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24 students from our Centre got selected. Following are the names of selected students.				
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7) Shubham Jadhav	13) Vinayak Narwade	19) Jayjeet Umaap		
8) Anamika	14) Nivrutti Aavhad	20) Omkar Pawar		
9) Nitin Puke	15) Pratik Juikar	21) Shrikant Kulkarni		
10) Sayali Mhetre	16) Sanket Waghe	22) Sachin Lande		
11) Pooja Kadam	17) Divya Gunde	23) Sayali Gaikwad		
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# Jnana Prabodhini Prashala

### ► Special Visits:

- On Sept. 1st, 2021, a five-member team including Jnana Prabodhini's Director Dr. Girishrao Bapat and Principal of Jnana Prabodhini Prashala Dr. Milind Naik, presented Prabodhini's Model of Education System in front of a Parliamentary Standing Committee which visited Pune. It included 30 members of the Indian Parliament and secretary-rank administrative officers and was headed by Hon. Vinayji Sahasrabuddhe.
- 2. Along with Dr. Yogesh Kulkarni (Director, Vidnyan Ashram, Pabal), 14 eminent educationalists visited Prashala to understand the working of the Maker's Space (Dhadpad Prayogshala). They visited the laboratory and tried to have an idea of the planning and working of Maker's Space with the view to implementing it at their institutions. The following dignitaries were a part of the team: Sheshgiri Madhusudan (Educational advisor, UNICEF, South India), Swati Deo Vasudeo (Representative, UNICEF & Samagra Shiksha Andhra Pradesh), Namita Rao (Educational advisor, Karnataka), Mohan Rao (Director, SCERT. Andhra Pradesh), Bageshriji (Educational advisor, SCERT, Andhra Pradesh)

### **▲** Special Programmes

- These lectures were held in virtual mode.
- 1. August 15<sup>th</sup> On the occasion of Independance day, Shri. Viraj Deochake from *Yuvak Vibhag* made a presentation for students on the topic 'Uniform Civil Code'.
- **2. January 26**<sup>th</sup> On the occasion of Republic Day, Shri. Shrikant Kashid from *Yuvak Vibhag* gave a lecture on 'India's energy policy in the perspective of global energy and technology developments'.
- Abhivyakti (Expression through Art): In Abhivyakti lectures, students choose one Art form, and learn to express themselves through it. Every year, annual camp and presentations take place. This year, Abhivyakti camp was held from 4<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> April. Then on April 26<sup>th</sup>, boys and on April 27<sup>th</sup>, girls' Abhivyakti performances were

During this academic year, the school experienced a blend of online-offline sessions due to the pandemic. As soon as the school reopened in offline mode, an attempt was made to cover all the experiential learning activities that could not be carried out in virtual mode. Here is a glimpse of the activities carried out throughout the year.

held. Former student of the school Mr. Shirish Joshi and Rucha Bondre-Pawar were the chief guests.

• **Study Tours:** Study tours offer the opportunity for immersion in real-life experiences. Visits to various places help students understand the ideas learnt in classrooms and help them explore in real-life settings. Following study tours were organized this year:

Std.	Place Visited	
5 <sup>th</sup>	Raja Dinkar Kelkar Museum, Pune	
6 <sup>th</sup>	Exploration of Bio-diversity of the surroundings – Lokmanyanagar, Navi Peth, Pune	
7 <sup>th</sup>	Gurudwara, Camp, Pune	
8 <sup>th</sup>	Science Park, Pimpri-Chinchwad	
9 <sup>th</sup>	Participation in Science teaching drive in 35 schools in Velhe region organised under <i>Vikasmitra</i> Project.	

- Groups are formed with the objective of stimulating the special interests of the students in a specific subject, and thereby enhancing overall knowledge and also to enable the students to achieve excellence in academic and professional work. This year German language, painting, *Dhadpad* lab (Atal Tinkering), artificial intelligence, astronomy and chess were the subjects chosen by the students.
- **Project Camp:** A project camp was conducted for classes 5<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> from April 4<sup>th</sup> to April 14<sup>th</sup>. In the camp, work was done to prepare tables, charts and other persentations and concluding the projects. Along with this, internal and external evaluations of the projects were conducted. During 17<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> April, next year's project topics were identified and determined by the students.

### **▲** Teacher trainings and meetings

Training is planned for all teachers through weekly meetings and monthly training classes every year. A few of the subjects included in this year's training were as follows-

- 1. Role of teachers in changing future and methods of evaluation, competency based studies.
- 2. Works of classteacher and mentors.
- 3. New Education Policy
- 4. Futuristic Perspective Plan of Prashala
- 5. Discussions of teachers teaching mathematics,

- science, social sciences, languages, computer subjects about competency based studies.
- 6. Career Guidance Training: A three day workshop for all full-time faculty members.
- 7. Student counselling.

### **►** Parent-Teacher Meetings

Parent-Teacher meetings were held at the end of every month. In this, decisions about fees, monthly review and planning, discussions about the future plan of the school and clearing of doubts of the parents were taken.

### ▲ Applaud

- 1. A Prize of Rs. 50000/- each in the memory of late Shri. Chintamani Vishwanath Pendse & late Mrs. Kamalatai (Sarojini) Chintamani Pendse, for the students who stand first amongst the boys division and the girls division in std. 10<sup>th</sup> is announced by Shri. Ajitrao Pendse. The prize distribution ceremony was arranged at Jnana Prabodhini Prashala on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2022. Shri. Manoj Deolekar (Head, Jnana Prabodhini Nigdi) graced this function as the chief guest. The Prizes distributed to the top achievers are:
- Year 2020: 1) Gautam Rajhans Rs. 50,000/-, 2) Tanvi Joshi & Mohana Barve Rs. 25,000/- each.
- Year 2021: 1) Krushanu Patki and Ranjit Kulkarni Rs. 25,000/- each, 2) Harshali Kunjir Rs. 50,000/-
- 2. Prizes for best Mathematics projects were distributed in memory of late Shri. Prabhakar Laxman Date.
- 3. Shrutika Ingole, Std. 10th, secured the prestigious National Talent Search Scholarship.
- 4. 10 students were selected in the top 50 students of State Scholarship Examination. (CBSE / ICSE Board) Std. 5<sup>th</sup> Pratham Dhokale, Varad Phalake, Pranav Retavade, Avani Bhattad. Std. 8<sup>th</sup> Arya Gujar, Siddha Dhole, Samruddhi Kanade, Swanandi Mohrir, Prachiti Dhokale, Utkarsha Mane.

SCHOOL RESULTS 2021-22

10th Exam - All Results 100%		English Medium Secondary • Jaswand Kanya Niv		ıs, Velhe	
• Jnana Prabodhini I	Prashala,	1) Chinmayee Ranade	96.00%	1) Nandini Bhavalekar	73.80%
Pune		2) Aayush D.	95.40%	2) Ujjawala Mahadik	73.40%
1) Khushi Rao	99.00%	3) Avani Sarda	95.40%	3) Roopali Jorkar	69.80%
2) Ishan Karwa	98.60%	• Jnana Prabodhini	Balvikas	• Urban Slums Study	Group
3) Aishwarya Abhyankar	98.41%	Mandir, Solapur		1) Aditi Ghorpade	75.80%
• Jnana Prabodhini N	lavnagar	1) Varad Badve	98.40%	2) Akshada Bhogate	71.80%
Vidyalay, Nigdi		2) Meghana Mate	97.00%	3) Sanskruti Menghe	66.40%
Marathi Medium Se	condary	3) kshitija Kulkarni	95.60%		
1) Malhar Ozarde	98.60%	• Jnana Prabodhini	Prashala,	H.S.C.Exam	
2) Prachi Dasharath	97.60%	Harali		• Gram Prabodhini V	idyalay,
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## 2. Educational Activities Research Centre

#### Chhote Scientist

To develop a scientific attitude and to improve understanding of science concepts through inquirybased learning, this project was initiated for students of std 8th and 9th. The sessions involving hands-on activities, experiments and toys were conducted for various groups of students. Selected 38 students from PMC and PCMC schools participated in science camp, conducted during summer vacation, for higher level inputs. The activities were expanded beyond the state with the help of Vanavasi Kalyan Ashram in Jharkhand, Rashtrotthan Vidya Kendra in Karnataka and Vivekanand Kendra Vidyalay in Assam. A new module on 'Skills required for learning science' was developed for upper primary students. A pilot teacher training program for the same was conducted and then trial sessions were conducted for 14250 students in 285 schools.

### Vikas Mitra

This project was initiated in 2019 to help the educational quality upliftment of students in Velhe block of Pune district. The weekly interventions in 38 primary and 12 secondary schools in 40 villages covering various topics for learning and life skill development were very useful for the students. A group of 65 facilitators was working for this cause. Monthly training of the facilitators helped them to deliver better. A special program for selected students, 'Prajna Vikas', had five monthly one day sessions which aimed to develop leadership qualities and social awareness. The science exhibition was organized in 7 secondary schools on the occasion of Ganesh festival, (Visited by 600 students). Science workshops were conducted in 39 primary schools on National Science Day, (Attended by 1100 students). Sessions on Technological literacy were conducted by Engineering college students from Pune, (Attended by 150 students).

### ► Prajna Vikas

Prajna Vikas is an initiative for nurturing talent amongst the students from urban slums. For students studying in 10<sup>th</sup>, special sessions on study skills were organized. Some practice tests were also provided to them. In a new batch, 90 students were selected

The department aims at expanding the educational systems, activities and processes, developed within Jnana Prabodhini across nation. Various initiatives for personality development, learning and life skill training, fostering intellect and scientific approach, leadership skills and all other facets of students were the key areas in this year. Following is the brief on projects conducted during the year 21-22.

from three different areas of Pune city. The sessions for them included basic learning skills, study skills, personality development, critical thinking abilities and life skills. The similar project was also initiated in 10 schools in Roha block of Raigad district. 'Sengati', a unique game designed for learning skills of students was provided to all the local schools which helped students to regain their interest in studies. *Chhatra Prabodhan* Diwali edition was distributed to students. The video lecture series named '*Vedh Yashaacha*' was created to give students an overview of preparation for board exams. These lectures are available on Youtube channel of the department.

### Anubhay Shala

This project is undertaken for the all-round development of primary school students from the deprived communities of the urban society. The main focus was on development of basic learning abilities - reading, writing and mathematical/ computational - which were largely hampered during covid period. Special worksheets were prepared and provided to students for the same. The fun-filled activities like singing, dancing, storytelling and various games were introduced to make the sessions interesting for children. Frequent parents meetings and home visits helped students to fetch support from their parents and neighbours and continue the momentum of learning.

### **▲** Gyan-Setu

This is an activity initiated to embark a sense of national integration to College going students in Maharashtra. Visiting challenging or border states in India to conduct science workshops in rural schools over there is the key activity. Two volunteers visited Arunachal Pradesh and conducted science camps for about 100 students. Covid 19 restricted the travel and hence various programs were organized through online platforms. Gyan-Setu Katta, was a monthly experience sharing platform

where government officers and senior volunteers from various organizations working in different states talked about challenges and opportunities. The team worked for 'National Integration' edition of *Yuvonmesh*, a magazine for youth.

### ► Prerana Setu

With an objective to generating a platform for the students across nation to understand new career opportunities in various fields, Prerana Setu program was started. Entrepreneurs and experts from various art forms shared their journeys with students from six States in India.

### **►** Teachers' Training

W. N. Dandekar Centre for Teachers' Training arranged various lectures, training workshops and educational seminars for teachers. Online sessions helped us to reach larger group of teachers from other states also. Lecture series 'Shikshan Vhave Chaitanyadaayi' guided the teachers through the

journey of self realization, self evaluation. The sessions and home assignments in sessions on 'Fostering High Intellectual Abilities' were well appreciated by all participants. Training sessions for teachers on Project Methodology was conducted in 6 schools of Paramita group in Telangana.

### ▲ Other Important

- Research : Gurukul, JP Nigdi organises the camps named 'Maatrubhumi Parichay Shibir'. The impact of these camps on the development of students' personalities and how much they became aware of the motherland was the key focus of research during the year.
- As a part of Special initiatives, variety of summer camps were organized for students in online format. Internal training programs for project team members were organized for skill development. A series of sessions on computer literacy helped many, particularly in current era.

Following table will give an overview of activities, geographical reach and numbers -

Total schools reached- 614, students reached - 29,617, teachers participated- 702

No.	Project and reach	Initiatives	Localities / schools	Beneficiaries
1.	Chhote Scientists - Maharashtra, Jharkhand, Assam, Karnataka	Science experiments, online sessions, science camp, teachers' training, competitions	531	Students - 26,606 Teachers - 295
2.	Vikas Mitra - Taluka Velhe 46 villages	Weekly Interventions (study skills, life skills), competitions, Prajna Vikas program, teachers' training workshops	51	Students - 2100 Teachers - 197
3.	Prajna Vikas, Pune - Parvati paytha, Hadapsar, Mundhwa	Study skills sessions, art skills, life skills, lecture series Total sessions -7 <sup>th</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> -100, 9 <sup>th</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> -100	5 centres	Students-129
	Prajna Vikas, Roha - Taluka Roha, Dist. Raigad	Study skills sessions(study planning, self-study techniques)	10	Students - 300
4.	Anubhav Shaala - Gayraan vasti, community centre (Keshav Nagar), Mahatma Phule Vasahat (Hadapsar)	Sessions, competitions, nutritional diet, Celebrations of Indian festivals, parents' meets Total sessions-1 <sup>st</sup> to 3 <sup>rd</sup> -205, 4 <sup>th</sup> to 6th -205	3	Students - 322
5.	Gyan-Setu - Arunachal Pradesh	Workshop, internship	2 villages	Students - 100
6.	Prerana setu - Maharashtra, Goa, Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Arunachal Pradesh	Experience sharing by various entrepreneurs and experts from the field of arts	12	Students - 60
7.	W. N. Dandekar Teachers' Training Centre - Lecture series and training workshops	Lecture series on 'fostering high intellectual ability, project methodology training	-	Teachers - 210

## Educational Resource Centre

### **►** Diksha Project

357 videos were created and released on the Diksha portal and app. This year, videos in Mathematics, Marathi, and EVS were prepared for normal students and also for Hearing impaired students of 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup>. Published videos were connected to government textbooks in 16 states of India. Diksha Knowledge Box was given to 50 schools in Maharashtra. In an event, 80 Hearing impaired students from 11 districts of Maharashtra spontaneously presented the pledge on 14th August by watching the video in sign language. Reach of these videos was - 17 states/2 million views.

### **▲** App Development

Megh and Sarita apps were developed this year. Different types of clouds and their properties can be studied using the Megh app. Through the Sarita app, one can experience the journey of rivers Ganga and Yamuna in a virtual way. Few Final year computer

The Educational Resource Centre has been working to create quality educational e-material and provide training through distant mode, using modern technology. Based on Jnana Prabodhini's education system and the new National Education Policy; videos, e-games, virtual learning app creation, and training workshops were carried out.

engineering and fine arts students took a lot of effort into both apps. This app was used by 1300 people and it won the state-level award of TECHCULT 2K22 by Nutan Maharashtra College of Engineering.

### **▲** Training

Workshops on digital tools and educational technology were conducted for teachers from the government and other teaching institutions in Maharashtra and the border state of Jammu. Its main objective was to disseminate the use of tools and connect with teachers. Reach of these trainings was - 2 states / 150 schools / 542 beneficiaries / 31 days of training.

Month	Workshop Subject and Location	Schools / Organization	Beneficiary Teachers
9 & 19 Apr	Use Of Knowledge Box : Maharashtra, 11 Districts	26 - Aided, Non-Aided Schools	122
6 Aug	Use Of Knowledge Box : Maharashtra, 5 Districts	22 - Aided, Non-Aided Schools	22
12 Aug 4 - 6 Oct	Digital Learning : Maharashtra, Pune	1 - Navnagar Vidyalaya, Nigdi	9
18 Aug	Digital Learning : Maharashtra		21 Volunteers
7 - 18 Sept	Content Licensing, Animation, Editing, AR, VR Cyber Security, AI : Jammu, Poonch	75 - Poonch- District-Wise Government Education	75
7 Sept	Digital Learning : Maharashtra, Pune	10 - Pune District Science Teachers Association	10
9 & 16 Oct 21 Feb 22	Digital Learning : Maharashtra, Pune	1 - Aided School	21
9-19 Dec	Foundational Literacy, Numeracy, Creating Worksheets, Gamification : Jammu, Poonch	55 - Poonch – District-Level Government Education	55
11-12 Dec	Digital Learning : Various Settlements In Pune	Urban Slums Study Group	35
1-12 Feb	Film Making : Districts In Maharashtra	25 - Teachers In Audio-Visually Impaired Schools	82
22-23 Mar	Gamification : Jammu- Poonch	20 - Poonch	35
23-25 Mar	Gamification, Film Making : Jammu	55 - Jammu Education Department	55

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### Chhatra Prabodhan (Magazine)

### **▲** Monthly and Diwali issues

11 monthly and one Diwali issue were published during the year and distributed to 1200 members in print form and about 300 members as an e-issue. A total of 14 thousand copies of the Marathi, English and *Subodh* Rural Diwali issue were pre-registered and distributed by volunteers in 60 villages.

• Audio Diwali issue: In association with Pune Nagar Vachan Mandir, Pune, an audio edition of the Diwali issue was published, which could be listened free for a month during October and November. A total of 40 literary works were launched, in the vocal format. More than 10,000 students listened to this 'Bolka Diwali issue'.

### **Publications**

Seven books were published from the literature of Chhatra Prabodhan. 13 books are in various stages of publication. Further editions, reprints of three books were published.

• Calendar: This is the sixth year of publication of the calendar, exclusively for school-going students. Along with the Gregorian date, the Indian national solar date, special days, ipuzzles, and audio-visuals are added to the calendar by 48 QR codes. A total of 8,000 calendars were sold at discounted rates.

### **▲** Online activities for students

- Read-Listen-View-Do: 'Kara' i.e. 'do' was added to the 'Aika-Paha-Vacha' initiative, launched last year. Around 4,150 members participated in this initiative through 23 WhatsApp groups. About 175 students who completed more than 20 activities were given prizes, and e-certificates through the donation of Shri Datta Tol. Editor of Maharashtra Times Shri Parag Karandikar and senior writer Shri Pravin Davane interacted with students in an online award ceremony.
- Read-Listen-View-Do for 'Self-Development': Four links were sent to the group every Saturday for a year. A total of 150 students participated in this group. A total of 25 parents participated as 'communicators' voluntarily.
- Abhivachan workshop and state-level

In this, the thirtieth year of Chhatra Prabodhan, senior journalist, retired editor of Sakal, writer Shri. Malhar Arankalle and an experienced teacher, and member of the Marathi Textbook Publication Board and School Examination Board Mrs. Swati Tadphale were a special addition to the editorial team of the magazine. Various activities were carried out in this year. Following is the brief report.

competition: In January 2022, two online workshops on 'How to Write Script' and 'How to Do Prose and Verse in Abhivachan' were conducted. Around 250 students participated in it. A total of 37 teams participated in the actual state-level competition. These competitions were held in association with Matrumandir Vishwast Sanstha, Nigdi. Teams from Pune, Ambajogai, Karad, and Nanded bagged prizes.

### **▶** Prabodhan Doot Scheme for Teachers

This scheme started in January 2022. 82 teachers from 23 districts of Maharashtra were selected for this scheme. All of them were sent free magazines, books, calendars, etc. worth Rs.750. It was planned that they should use these materials and plan activities to increase the taste of reading, motivation for learning and social consciousness among the students. The scheme was implemented with financial support of Shri. Vaman Parkhi, a student of the 1982 batch of the JP Prashala, and four others from his class. About 7000 students could be reached through it.

#### ► Prabodhan Samvadak Scheme for Parents

This activity started in March 2022 for parents. Selected books and issues worth Rs. 1500 were given to the parents. Monthly online guidance, lectures, and Q&A programs will be organized throughout the year to help parents contribute more actively to the holistic development of students. At the end of March, 50 parents have enrolled in this initiative.

### ▲ Other important report

- 1. A YouTube channel has been started by Chhatra Prabodhan. A system is now developed to accept donations via online mode.
- 2. Alumni who are abroad have donated around \$6500 through Jnana Prabodhini Foundation, USA for the department.

### 5. Leadership Development Centre

### ▲ Administrative Leadership Development

- Courses and Sessions: A two-day UPSC Introduction class followed by two 15-days UPSC training classes were held during the summer vacation. Jidnyasa 16 batch started through the virtual medium. Later, these sessions were conducted both virtually and in person. A total of 55 youths from 16 districts enrolled in the class. Sessions included guidance on Political Science, History, Geography, Science and Technology, Administrative Services Aptitude Tests, Ethics, Economics, Introduction to UPSC, Current Affairs, and Study Skills. Ten sessions on 'Leadership Skills', and eight sessions on 'Personality Development, were also organized. Rajgad Night Trek, Leadership Camp, and Village Familiarization Camp were conducted enthusiastically.
- Experiential Education: Fee concessions and scholarships are provided annually to meritorious and financially needy students of the centre. This year also, an experiential education scheme was implemented. Shri. Sanjay Joglekar provided financial assistance of Rs. 20,000/- for this and Rs. 40,000/- for the fees of needy students.

## ► Social and organizational leadership development

Social and organizational leadership development inputs were given through workshops and camps. Sessions were held on communication skills, teacher leadership training and leadership development for the professionals studying nurturance of highly abled students, etc. The session for students of the National Service Scheme at Fergusson College was held at Shive (Maval).

### ► Collection, research, and study

Ph.D. thesis to examine the effectiveness of a leadership training class was completed. Research papers were published in national-level periodicals studying the department's activities.

• A research brief of the Ph.D. thesis: The design of this research was to examine the changes in leadership skills and behavior among the

Alumni of the Leadership Development Centre, Mrunali Joshi, Shubham Jadhav, Parth Kashyap, and Divya Gunde got selected for the Indian Administrative Service in 2021.

trainees at the end of one year of training based on pre-test and post-training tests. Also, to verify that the changes in trainees are a result of this training class, a comparative study of the skills and behaviors of two groups that received leadership training and those who did not, was conducted in this research. The 'Leadership skills inventory' and 'Leadership behavior inventory' was used to study impact. Along with this, the feedbacks given by students after completing ten activities, was studied. The changes in the participating members were checked. Confidence in Prabodhini's methods of leadership development, was further strengthened through observations and data analysis during the research. The brief findings of this research were as follows:

- 1. The skills of selected students are developed through training classes.
- 2. The training class initiates the behavior change necessary for leadership. But its speed is low.
- 3. These skills and behavioral changes were seen to occur faster in rural trainees.
- 4. Positive changes were seen more among the young boys.

### **▲** Yuvonmesh Magazine

Yuvonmesh was distributed to more than 7500 youths in e-format. This year, Gyan-Setu Team (National Integration Special Issue), 'Swa'-Roopwardhini Volunteers Team (Organizational Leadership Special Issue) and Girls Youth Organization Team (Women Leadership and Girls' Organization Special Issue) participated in the publication process of Yuvonmesh.

### **▲** Construction of Leadership Training Centre

The construction of the Lt. Colonel Suhas Gogate Leadership Training Centre at Velhe continued as planned. The construction of this building is scheduled to be completed by December 23. For that purpose, necessary arrangements are being made.

### . Competitive Examination Centre

### **▲** Meets of Officers selected by UPSC

Participants who took their training under our centre are now working in different responsible positions in all the states of India and indeed in several other nations. In order to have regular contacts with them, we had organized online meets with them. Last year there were 10 such meets.

This year, the following meets were held.

- **Meet No. 11**: 'How politicians think about policy making and the politician-administrator interface functioning in various ministries.'
- **Meet No. 12:** 'Challenges in the implementation of Administrative and Police Reforms.'
- Meet No. 13: 'Concern Sharing by Officers and Experience Sharing by Mentors.' Various officers presented their views based on their experiences.

### **▲** Meets of Officers selected by MPSC

- Meet No. 1: New problems in regular working as a result of Covid-19 pandemic and changes required to be made in handling them.
- **Meet No. 2 :** Challenges of establishing Better Governance in Maharashtra : Law and Order.
- Meet No. 3: Maharashtra as seen through windows of Secretariat.

## ► Felicitation Ceremony of 'Successful Participants', in UPSC Examination of 2021

In the UPSC 2021 Examination, 24 of our aspirants were selected. Ms. Mrunali Joshi stood first in Maharashtra. On the occasion of the felicitation ceremony held for honouring their success, 25 of our past students and now working as officers joined the function and blessed the newly selected participants. On that occasion, 15 successful aspirants, teachers of the centre, and other members of Jnana Prabodhini were present.

### Contact tours and Meetings with Officials

On the occasion of celebrating silver jubilee of the centre, contact meetings with the officers of the centre working in various government departments are being planned this year. The objective being strengthening the bond with them, noting the One of the major objectives of the Centre is to establish a sound networking of government administrative officers. Various activities are undertaken for that purpose. A summarized version of the same is presented below.

splendid work that they are doing in their allotted fields and offering them the best wishes in their future career.

- Solapur-Harali Dr. Vivek Kulkarni and Dr. Savita Kulkarni visited our Centre at Solapur-Harali. They contacted six officers at District Collectorate, Superintendent of Police and Corporation.
- Sangli, Kolhapur, and Ratnagiri Meeting with ten officers from District Collectorate, Superintendent of Police, City Corporations, Food and Drug Administration, District Supply Officers
- Arunachal Pradesh At Roing, in Arunachal Pradesh, 'RIWATCH' organization started Competitive Examination Centre recently. It was inaugurated by Dr. Savita Kulkarni. This centre will function under our guidance in future. On that occasion, the Chief Guest was Shri. Prashant Lokhande (IAS, Planning Commissioner, Arunachal Pradesh), Shri. Dhananjay Ghanawat (S.P. Aasam) and Ms. Kasturi Sule (DFO, Digboi) All are members of our Officers Network.

JP centre is guiding local students for Arunachal State Public Service Commission examination for the past seven years. 13 participants of this year were successful and got selected for various posts. Of them, five students (Pujom Buchi, Mape Zirdo, Kalom Tasing, Asunam Perme and Ting Peron) were also present at the inauguration function.

Maharashtra Tour – This being silver jubilee year, we had planned visiting various officials and net working with them. Our past coordinator Shri. Ajit Shinde toured a number of districts on motor cycle. He contacted number of our officials and offered them a small memento. He also talked with them and updated them with our current activities. He visited 16 districts including Nasik, Dhule, Jalgaon, Gadhchiroli, Nagpur, Chandrapur, Akola, Amravati etc.

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## Jnana Prabodhini's Institute of Psychology

### Research

The Yuva Sathi project funded by HCL and Palladium Kyeema Foundation, Australia covered more than 80 enthusiastic youth from Pune, Aurangabad, Latur and Kolhapur. They underwent intensive training for inculcating positive attitudes towards sexuality and gender sensitization along with emotional regulation amongst the adolescents in their vicinity.

The SAIYAM project covered more than 26 schools and community organizations in Pune city through 85+ trainers, to propagate the anti-addiction drive with the backing of Tarachand Ramnath Seva Trust. Both these projects depicted a significant positive change in the attitudes of the adolescents who underwent the sessions.

A collaborative project funded by the National Commission for Women with Maharshi Karve Institute on the Mental Health of women officers in bureaucracy and police during Covid-19, engaged more than 350 respondents.

The covering 'Comparison of persons following and not following spiritual practices on their psychological well-being and quality of life' have given many guiding directions to be followed in future. The psychometrics section has been working to develop a special aptitude test for assessing Design Thinking which is now at the completion stage.

#### ▶ PhD centre

JPIP as a PhD research centre has shortlisted 20 applications for further processing. Mrs. Dhanashri Sowani and Mr. Ranjitsinh Bhogal received their PhD under the guidance of Dr. Anagha Lavalekar, while Ms Keerti Gohel received it under Prof. Alpana Vaidya. Seven research articles were published in renowned national and international journals.

### **▶** Potential Enhancement Cell (PEC)

During the Covid, PEC conducted its child development program with a blend of online and offline modes. Additionally, it conducted special input programs on positive engagement for emotional well-being for the children struck by Covid-19 in colaboration with Save the Children

JPIP reached out to 15000+ people through various activities in 2021-22. It includes indirect beneficiaries through research projects as well as direct beneficiaries and training programs conducted by the different verticals.

India. An interesting session was conducted which involved direct dialogue with soldiers on the front and children also responded to that with spontaneity and a hearty engagement.

Prajna Prabodhan program engaged its highpotential participants in various activities including field visits, research exposure and an online camp focusing on value building.

### **ATCG**

The aptitude testing and career guidance section covered 3500+ assessments for providing career guidance to aspiring students. A new collaboration with MKCL is set to reach out to the semi-urban and urban populations beyond Pune periphery.

### **▲** Guidance and Counselling

This section conducted special training on handling screen obsession. A newly started behaviour counselling service is also getting a good response. This year, the section has extended counselling for relationship and family issues as well.

### **▲** Human resource development

We could handle a spectrum of assignments right from rural government employees to open sector health care and automobile employees for assessment and training. In the Covid circumstances, a webinar on 'High tech to high touch' was organized.

### **A**cademics

Both the postgraduate diplomas in the academic wing ran successfully, despite the Covid restrictions by doing a blend of online and offline sessions. Many students contributed voluntarily to Covid relief counselling. The autonomous certificate course on adolescent psychology had an encouraging response.

2021- 22 was a year of challenge, but with the help of a dedicated team of 45+ psychologists and a strong administrative wing, we could catch up with the opportunities to grow and make a mark.

### Sanskrit Sanskriti Samshodhika

### **▶** Priesthood Training

• Workshops: On August 29<sup>th</sup> and September 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>, 2021, 'Shree Ganesh Pratishtapana' training workshops were conducted online. A total of 110 members participated in three workshops. Trainers from the Priests' group guided these workshops. Trainers training was conducted first and then, the newly trained trainers conducted the workshops.

Eight members from abroad participated in the workshop organized in collaboration with Juana Prabodhini Foundation, USA.

On the occasion of *Sarvapitri Amavasya*, *Mahalaya Shraddha* guidance was conducted online. Priestesses Vidyashree Purandare and Surekha Likhite guided a total of 45 members, who participated in this workshop.

• Lectures on 'Veda and Vedanga' were held in the weekly meeting for the priests.

### Video Production :

- 1. Videos of *Shree Mangalagouri Pooja* (Marathi) and *Deepavali Lakshmi Pujan* (Marathi and Hindi) were released so that these rituals can be performed properly even when no actual priest is available.
- 2. On the occasion of 'Shree Ganesh Pratishtapana', four guidance videos were released in Marathi and Hindi under the title 'Tvam Jnanamayah Vigyanmayah', which answers the questions frequently asked by society. All these have been made available on YouTube.
- **Special mention:** For the first time, marriage of a volunteer of the Urban Slums Study Group was solemnized in the Prabodhini manner. Priestess Dr. Manisha Shete performed the rituals. Various social groups in urban areas are not very aware of the rituals advocated by Jnana Prabodhini. Therefore, an attempt was made to achieve one of the main objectives of introducing this ritual to them.

### Research

Dr. Aarya Joshi presented three research papers at three different conferences.

About 6,000 rituals were performed online and in person through the priests of Santrika during the year. More than 35 of these rituals were performed online for Indian families abroad. Mainly the rituals of Marriage, Engagement, Vastushanti, Ekoddishta Shraddha, and Satyanarayan were included in the online rituals.

- 1. Manas Pooja Worship through the Mind.
- 2. Bhavani Bharati Sanskrit poetry by Yogi Shri Aurobindo Ghosh.
- 3. Feminism of the Earth and Rivers from Hindu Religion.
- Scholarship: Junior Research Scholarship under Social Sciences was announced to Dr. Aarya Joshi, by Asiatic Society, Mumbai. The subject of her research project is 'The study of post-death rituals and ancestral remembrance practices of Idu and Adi Tribes in Arunachal Pradesh.'

### ▲ Special Visit

On December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021, *Shankaracharya* of Yedtore Math Shri Shankar Bharti Swamiji visited Jnana Prabodhini and interacted with volunteers and Jnana Prabodhini Prashala students. Shri Shankar Bharti Swamiji is travelling across India to promote the hymn *Soundaryalahari* composed by Aadya Shankaracharya. In all his visits, he is interacting with the students in the Sanskrit language. Through these visits to various schools, he is encouraging the students recite this hymn regularly.

### **L**ectures

Subject and Speaker	Coordinator
Importance of Hindu	California State
Religion	University and
Dr. Aarya Joshi	Oberoi Foundation
Significance of Sharadiya	World Marathi
Navratra Festival	Parishad
Dr. Aarya Joshi	
Importance of the Diwali	Chinmay Mission
Festival	Youth Forum
Dr. Aarya Joshi	
Changes in Hindu	Associated Press
Religion and leadership of	(US)
women Dr. Manisha Shete	

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## Social Sciences Study Centre

### **▲** Important Activities

- 1. Six interactive sessions on Universal Human Values were conducted virtually for around 300 first-year engineering students from the Army Institute of Technology by Shri. Amol Phalke.
- 2. Initial meetings were conducted to create a structure for a course on 'Social Behaviour Change' through the collaborative efforts of Samajik Shastre Adhyayan Kendra and JPIP.
- 3. A workshop on 'Critical Thinking for Counselling' was conducted for the students of the PG Diploma in School Psychology. It was a nine hours workshop spread over 3 days.
- 4. Three sessions on mental development for the *Jidnyasa* 16 batch of the Leadership Development Centre were conducted.
- 5. A session on 'Gratitude' was conducted for the team of Sudhagad Taluka Tehsildar.
- 6. A visit was organized to Gurudwara on the occasion of Gurunanak Jayanti.
- 7. Shri. Amol Phalke wrote an article on 'Building

Lecture series are organized by the department on various subjects. In order to document all these lectures, it was decided to transcript the lectures. The first draft of transcript of 32 out of 50 lectures has so far been completed in a voluntary manner, with enthusiastic response from 26 members from various centres.

- social capital to enable environmental action' for ECOFUSION magazine by Climate Collective, Pune.
- 8. A report on 'Discussing immunity in the holistic context: A multispeciality, multidisciplinary approach' was created by a team of doctors and subject experts under the able guidance of Dr. Sanjay Mehendale. Shri. Amol Phalke contributed to this project as a team member.
- 9. Adivasi hamlets in Jawahar block were visited to understand the processes followed by tribal communities regarding dialogue and decision-making.
- 10. The Futuristic Perspective Plan for Samajik Shastre Adhyayan Kendra was created for the period from 2022 to 2032.

### **Study Groups**

Name and Count	Purpose	Duration and Programs / Outputs		
	(Status on 31st March 22)			
Morning Reflection	To read, reflect and dialogue on the	6:45 to 7:15 am online, throughout the year -		
Group: 11 Members	literature published in and related to JP.	Reading and discussions on 9 books.		
	(Continued)			
Tattvasaptak Study	To study and inculcate the core seven	14 Meetings (March to Oct. 21) - Creating		
Group: 11 Members	principles of Jnana Prabodhini. (Paused)	mind maps and discussions.		
Sri Aurobindo		6 Meetings (from June 21) - Five lectures to		
Tattvadnyan Study	Aurobindo's philosophy for national	create the foundation for the study, exchange		
Group: 63 Members	integration. (Continued)	of study material.		
'The Foundations of	To study this book by Sri Aurobindo from	8 Meetings (Oct 21 to March 22) -		
Indian Culture' Book	the perspective of national integration.	Presentations by a pair of group members,		
Study Group: 23	(Continued)	followed by a dialogue		
Members				
International Relations	To study the impact of international	17 Meetings (Aug 21 to March 22) - Creating		
and Foreign Policy	factors, relations, and foreign policies on	mind maps and presentations, Exchange of		
Study Group: 30	India's national integration and security.	study material, discussions, presentations by		
Members	(Continued)	experts on contemporary issues		
Islam Study Group: 29	To study the Muslim community from	10 Meetings - Introduction of books,		
Members	the perspective of national integration	Experience sharing, A session by Smt. Ila		
	(Continued)	Dalawai, Study of Sachchar Committee		
		Report, interview of Adv. Shahanaj Shekh.		

## IO. Rural Development (Natural Resource Management)

### **►** Water Scarcity Relief Program

- Well-drilling and construction: This year, the excavation of three wells and the construction of protective walls of the required height around them were completed. Digging and construction of wells were completed in three villages, Dhadvali and Moogaon in Mulshi taluka and Nalvat in Velhe taluka. Katkari and Dhangar together have about 72 families in the remote Moogaon village. In Dhadvali too, Dhangar families will benefit greatly from the well. Work in Moogaon got financial support from Jnana Prabodhini Foundation, USA and work in Dhadvali got financial support from the Innerwheel Club of Nigdi. The work at Nalvat was funded by KPIT Technologies. Kangurmal (Mulshi) well at inaugurated by Shri. Anand Deshpande, India Director of the sponsoring Clause Union Engineering India Private Limited. The well at Watunde-Nigdiwada (Mulshi) was inaugurated by Shri. Anup Sable, a senior officer of KPIT Technologies, which is sponsoring the well. The wells at Shilimb and Jayatpad-Gorewasti (Bhor) were inaugurated by Shri. Amol Undare, senior manager of the Persistent Foundation, which provided financial support.
- Ferrocement tanks construction: This year, ferrocement tanks were constructed in a total of 16 villages for drinking water storage. Of these, 12 tanks were constructed in the Pune district and two tanks each in Solapur and Satara districts. Tanks were constructed in nine villages of Bhor taluka, Shenwad, and Ghewande in Velhe taluka, Salumbre (Maval) and Birwadi (Mahabaleshwar), Ghadgewadi (Khandala). Polyone Polymers India Pvt. Ltd., Rotary Club of Shaniwarwada Charitable Trust, Innerwheel Club, Karuna Trust Pune, Jnana Prabodhini Foundation, USA, etc. helped Prabodhini for this work. Technical guidance for the construction of these ferrocement tanks was received from time to time by Shri. Ulhas Paranjape and Balkrishna Kulkarni of Jalvardhini Institute in Mumbai.
- Lokarpan of the storage tank: The tanks constructed at Cheravwadi (Mahad) and Bhandravli (Bhor) were inaugurated. President

Voluntary Labour Activities: About 30 male and female students of D. Y. Patil College of Engineering in Pimpri labored for three consecutive days to erect the skeleton of the ferrocement tank at Gram Prabodhini School in Salumbre. About 20 students of Shri. Chhatrapati Sambhajiraje Postgraduate Engineering College, worked hard to build the skeleton of the tank at Bhor. Seven youths from the Yuvak Vibhag worked hard to erect the wire mesh of the tank at Gunjegaon (Mangalvedha), the students of the local private industrial training institute enthusiastically worked for two tanks of 22 thousand liters each.

- of Innerwheel Club of Pune, Jayashreetai Kuber, Anjalitai Telang, and seven other members of the club, who sponsored the tank at Bhandravli, were present at the event at Bhandravli. Construction of a 30 thousand liter capacity tank was completed in Birwadi (Mahabaleshwar) village. About 76 families will benefit from this water tank. The President of the Rotary Club of Shaniwarwada Smt. Meeratai Bharveerkar inaugurated this tank and the tank at Shenwad and Ghewande in Velhe.
- Tap water scheme: For the Dhangar families of Ghadgewadi-Dhebewasti (Khandala), a piped water scheme was planned from the mountain spring to the tank and from the tank to the two settlements of Kacharevasti and Dhebevasti. One-inch diameter HDP pipe of 1075 meters in length was used for this. At Durgadi-Manatvasti (Bhor) too, water was brought from the well to the tank through 300 meters long GI pipeline and 1125 meter long HDP pipeline. A 200-meter-long and 1.5-inch diameter HDP pipeline was laid to bring water from a handpump to the tank at Akhadewasti of Parhar.

### **▲** Spring Development Program

A 18 feet wide and 10 feet deep tank has been constructed at Dhanep Khutekarvasti (Velhe) to store naturally available spring water. The work of removing the stone blasted by the landmine was done by the villagers at their own expense using JCB machines. It will benefit about 15 Dhangars and about 50 of their animals. A 13 feet wide and 11.5 feet deep water storage tank was dug in rock for spring water storage at



Science workshop by Educational Activities and Research Centre



Students of Golwalkar school who won Abhivaachan competition organized by Chhatra Prabodhan



Students of Leadership Development Centre along with candidates who secured high rank in UPSC 2021



Open air Session of Leadership Development Centre



Industrial Training by JP Institute of Psychology



Prajna Prabodhan Class session by JPIP



Publication of 'Yashwant Gatha' at home of Shri. Yashwantrao Lele



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Subhashrao Deshpande addressing villagers on the occassion of well inauguration at Vatunde (Mulshi).



Rotary President Smt Meera Bharvirkar at Birwadi (Mahabaleshwar) inaugurating the Ferrocement Tank for Drinking water.



Training of making solar lamps and solar panels



Survey during Covid-19 at Gunjawani by Stree Shakti Prabodhan (Rural) volunteers.



Tent camp for girls and women as a part of Aarogyasakhi project



Tree guard made by students of Vocational Training
Centre at Shivapur



Samatol Diwali issue publication programme



Participants in Rashtriya Ekatmata Mahotsav organised by Urban Slums Study Group



Volunteers at temporary Covid care hospital at Ganesh Kala Krida Manch, Pune



1,000 parents of Nigdi Centre undertook
Sinhagad campaign



Inauguration ceremony of Harshadraay Ratilal Karia Kalabhavan at Nigdi centre.



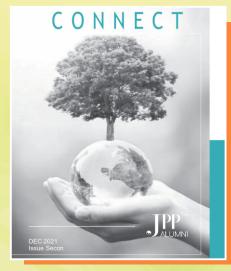
Workshop of Yuvak vibhag for making Shadu clay Ganesh Idol.



Naandi performance by artists and alumni at the joint alumni meet of Nigdi and Pune.



Inauguration of Recording Studio at Harshadraay Ratilal Karia Kalabhavan at Nigdi centre.



Cover page of Connect Magazine by Jnana Prabodhini Prashala Alumni Foundation (JPPAF).



Thane centre volunteers visit the Aangaon Balika Aashram



Rural field trip of Dombivali centre volunteers



Oxygen concentrators donated to a hospital at Ambajogai



Activities at Shikalkari settlement at Ambajogai



Chiplun Centre volunteers with Director Girishrao Bapat



'Chhote Kalaakar' initiative at the Chiplun Centre



Deepotsav by Yuvati Vibhag in Diwali

Met Pilawre-Jorkarvasti. The villagers laboriously scooped up the stones and soil and threw them out. The six tribal Mahadev Koli families and their around 60 animals will benefit from this.

### **▲** Land Levelling Program

Last year, due to heavy rains in Kasrud (in Mahabaleshwar) the soil of hilly areas was washed away in paddy fields, causing huge losses to the farmers. In this village, with the financial assistance of Save Indian Farmers, America, land levelling and farm repairs work was completed on an area of about 15 acres through the initiative of local farmers.

### **▲** Solar Energy Promotion Program

A solar panel making training class was conducted for six students from Skill Training Centre at Shivapur (Haveli) and also for four boys and six girls from Urban Slums Study Group. Based on the solar laminator made by Prabodhini under the guidance of Japanese solar expert Tajima Toshio, some solar panels were made in a demonstration form. The girls of the Urban Slums Study Group made 650 solar panels in three months. Under Solar Lamps propagation initiative, 60 solar lamps and 50 mobile chargers were sent by the department to Mr. Tajima Toshio, to distribute in the villages in Japan. Apart from this, 10 solar panels and 40 spare parts of solar panels were sent to him.

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## Skill Development Centre, Shivapur

In the year 2021-22, a total of four batches, three of 'Operating Lathe Machines' and one of 'Operating Automatic CNC Machines', were conducted. Two batches were completed this year and the remaining two are still in progress. Altogether, there were 40 students in the centre this year. A new workshop was set up at the centre for CNC Machines. Also, a workshop on solar work is newly set up in the centre this year.

### **Lathe Machines**

In this academic year, there were a total of three batches. Of which, one is completed and two are ongoing. A total of 28 students have enrolled in these batches. Last year's batch which was prolonged due to Covid, was completed this year. Along with this subject, other subjects are being introduced and small practicals are being conducted. A former teacher of this centre Mr. Khasbage gave a demonstration on 'Welding'. Afterwards, the students made some tree guards using this skill.

### **Automatic CNC Machines**

A batch of 12 students is running in this academic year. This demonstration began in the newly furnished workshop. Various demonstrations

are being carried out on the newly acquired CNC machines.

### **▲** Solar workshop

We have furnished a solar workshop in the centre so that solar-related subjects can be taught. In this, mainly two long-duration classes and three short classes were planned. The development of solar products also continued with the help of students. Preparation of educational material for the batches is going on and soon these batches will start.

### **▲** Company visits and relations

Four students from the centre are working in Private Companies under the 'Earn and Learn' scheme. Their proper observations are being conveyed to us by the respective companies. We are also in touch with five other companies that can give work to the students in the future.

### **▲** Other Activities

Apart from this, tree plantation was conducted at the centre. A total of 64 saplings have been planted by the students. Groups of students are taking care of these plants. Also, maintenance of the centre is done with the help of our residential students.

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### 11. Mobilization of Women Power (Rural)

### Arogya Sakhi Project

The Aarogya Sakhi project in Bhor-Velhe talukas was completed on 31<sup>st</sup>March 2022. This project was done in 80 villages with the financial support of Bajaj Holdings and Investments Ltd. to increase the awareness among women about their health issues. In this, 65 local volunteers worked as 'Arogya Sakhi'.

- Awareness Sessions: A total of 121 sessions were held on Menstrual Education, Cervical and Breast Cancer Awareness, Viral Infections, Healthy Diet, Tobacco, Mental Health, Health Insurance, and Identifying Touch. It was attended by 971 boys and girls.
- **Health Checkups**: Eye Checkup (16), Cervical Cancer Checkup (2), Pregnancy, Maternal Checkup (7), Dental Checkup (18), Hemoglobin Checkup (47), Child Health Checkup (7), Childhood Jaundice Vaccination (2). (Total 106 inspections and 1,386 participants)
- **Training**: Two trainings were organized for Anganwadi volunteers in Velhe. 115 Anganwadis participated in this. The training was conducted for 15 *Asha* volunteers.
- **Kishori Vikas**: 'Dal' was conducted for 225 boys and girls from 15 villages. In which, outdoor games and Sun salutations were emphasized. For personality development, Kishori Vikas Sessions were conducted for 100 adolescent girls in five schools. Sessions on study skills were conducted for the students of class 10. We have reached around 12,000 citizens through the project.

### **►** Work for disadvantaged groups

### • Development of the Katkari community

At present, a group of 11 volunteers is working in 18 settlements in Velhe. For 97 boys and girls aged 6 to 15 years, different activities were conducted in four settlements to increase the motivation of these boys and girls to study and also to inculcate good habits. Settlement-wise session numbers are - Kondhavli 54, Malvali 55, Dhanep 32, and Cheladi 44. A trip of 49 people including 38 boys and girls and 11 mothers from three settlements Malvali, Kondhvali, and Cheladi was arranged to Sajjangad. Diwali was celebrated with 200 families in 14 Katkari settlements. Diwali kits were distributed to them.

### **Covid Counselling Project**

The project took place from 4<sup>th</sup> May to 25<sup>th</sup> June with the financial support of B&K Company. The project aimed to provide psychological support to the Covid-affected persons and their family members by talking to them over the phone or in person. In this project, 24 people were trained as a counselor. Counselors spoke to 505 people from 64 villages. Due to this, the emotional and economic situation of the people in the village was understood.

Katkari Gathering was held on the occasion of World Women's Day. 42 women from nine settlements participated in it. The problems faced by the settlements were discussed. A list of work to be done for the settlement was prepared from the discussion. After that, five different competitions were held and prizes were distributed. Solar lights were given to everyone who participated in the gathering. Three women's self-help groups were started during the year. Due to the work started by our efforts, the number of regular school-going students has now increased to 38. Due to regular contact, changes are now being seen in the health and cleanliness of the area.

### Single women

This year, three women living below the poverty line who are single due to the death of their husbands, were given Rs. 20,000/- earned from Provident Fund Scheme. To date, 100 women have started getting Rs 1,000 per month deposited into their accounts through one of the schemes Shravan Bal or Sanjay Gandhi Niradhar Yojana. Scholarships for the education of daughters of single women were given. Working capital of Rs. 10,000/- each and guidance was provided to nine women this year to start their businesses.

### **▲** Self Employment

Rural women's self-employment work is carried out from Shivapur, Nasrapur, Ambwane, and Velhe. This year, 4,000 women from 100 villages underwent 250 sessions of training. These trainings were conducted as part of four projects namely Dhanashree, Ram-Sita Puranik Tantrariketan, Cybage, and Shashwat. This year's turnover is Rs. 20 lakhs.

### • Shashwat project

A project to raise the standard of living of the farmers of the village by supporting agriculture-based livelihood was started on 1st January 2021 in three villages Advali, Askavadi, and Margasani of Velhe taluka. 16 types of trainings for 121 women were conducted. It covered the topics of wood charcoal fuel making, maize kernel extraction, Making *Ukdiche modak*, *shankarpali*, *besan ladoo*, soybean milk and milk products, vermicomposting, and agricultural tourism.

In this project, a total of 48 farmer women have been provided Rs. 13,60,000/- loan. 270 sets of Diwali snacks were given to the Company under the project. Women of three villages earned Rs. 1,43,000/- from Diwali Snacks kits and Stall. Self-employment opportunities were provided to some by giving flour mills. Self-employment started in Askavadi by shelling maize kernels.

Women from Advali, Askavadi, and Margasani villages went on a study trip to Dapoli and visited Dapoli Agricultural University. The self-employment turnover of the department was as follows.

- Farm trip (49 families, Rs.5,000 each) = Rs. 2,45,000/-
- Diwali Snack = Rs.1,43,000/-
- Rice and Dry Snacks = Rs.27,511/-
- Soybean Milk Production = Rs.10,224/-
- Total = Rs.4,25,735/-

### • Self-Employment Movement

A company placed an order for quilling lamps on the occasion of Diwali. Due to this demand, the selfemployment movement started in the department! Training classes were organized at Shivapur, Khopi, Nasrapur, Ambwane, Karanjawane, Pabe, and Velhe. 225 women participated in this. Finally, 85 women from 31 villages produced 9000 paper quilling lamps in 10 days. The heads of 31 villages took the required decisions. There were 62 of them who earned this kind of income for the first time in their life. One order earned the women more than 4.2 lakhs. Some of them paid their remaining college fees while others saved their first earnings. Some raised capital from it for business, while others met the expenses of ongoing rice harvesting. One said that she applied to get her electricity meter! It was a true Diwali celebration for all!

### Rajasthan Study Tour

It is an experience to leave your home and visit places related to the subject of your work and to think outside the box. With this intention in mind, some women took a study trip to Rajasthan. A total of 55 women in two groups participated in the study tour. The group visited Barefoot College in Tilonia, Rajasthan, the Aajivika Bureau in Barwada village in Udaipur, and Rajasthan Mahila Mandal in Ajmer. The overall hard-working nature of Rajasthani women, and their determination had a positive effect on the group. All the members felt that we too should be able to stand in front of everyone and talk about our organization like these women. A special attraction was the one-time air flight! For that, many saved money from the self-help groups, and took loans but participated in the trip. 75% of women traveled by air for the first time and many travelled even in the train for the first time.

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## (12.) Jijamata Dal

The year 2021-22 was the era of Covid. As all the members are aged between sixty to ninety years, there were restrictions on in-person meetings. However, during this period, the members wrote and completed two projects on two important topics.

The members collected detailed information on each of the 'Bharat Ratna' awardees. The members also completed writing a comprehensive profile of all the 'Jnanpeeth' awardees.

Despite social restrictions, the group continued

to work online for a period of two years, without shutting down or taking a summer vacation. All members are very senior!! But the members of the nineties also embraced new technologies like Zoom, and Google Meet and were enthusiastically joining the team, which was a matter of special appreciation.

Prabodhini's volunteer Manaseetai Bodas was called into an online meeting. She narrated her journey in Prabodhini.

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## Samvadini (Mobilization of Women Power, Urban)

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We celebrate the modern Navratra festival every year, between January 3<sup>rd</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, which are the birth anniversaries of *Krantijyoti Savitribai Phule* and *Rajmata Jijabai*. This year, an initiative was taken, to know about valuable and unusual work done by seemingly ordinary women, thus finding out the 'Extraordinariness in the ordinary'. We realized that the Power of the Feminine/ Strength in Women is omnipresent and timeless. A book containing a study by the members was published by Bageshritai Ponkshe.

A lecture series was organized to understand the history and current departments of Prabodhini. Senior Prabodhini volunteers Shri. Ashok Kukde, Latatai Bhishikar, Nalinitai Gujrathi, Shri. Dnyaneshwar Sawant, and Shri. Rambhau Dimbale interacted with members. Heads of the Departments Mukulikatai Thatte, Sunitatai Gaikwad, Gauritai Kapre, and Amoldada Gangji were other invitees.

### **▲** Monthly meeting

An average of 75 to 100 members were present for the online monthly meetings. Various subjects were discussed and understood in these meetings. E.g. Sacred groves and village deities, Anaesthesiology: The history and the revolution in this science, Upcycling for a sustainable lifestyle, Contributions by women in Social movements, Mobilization of women power, Journalism: A challenge for women.

### **Paalavi**

Members from this group developed a curriculum for 'Development of Emotional Intelligence in Children'. They also studied the significance and reasons behind the traditions and rituals being followed in India. Presented ways in which, these can be made relevant to the modern lifestyle so that the younger generation develops an affinity towards them.

### **▲** Samatol Bimonthly

Five issues were published this year. The readership of Samatol increased due to its E-issues. Study Projects, Humour, Touch, Journey, and Transition were the themes for each issue respectively.

### **►** Vidyavrat Sanskar

Introductory workshop was arranged in May 2021 for 22 students from Pune, Konkan, Delhi, and Kolhapur and the actual Vidyavrat Sanskar Ceremony was held in December 2022, in which 11 students participated. Activities like Rakhi making, playing games, watching Panipat Light and Sound show, *Gopujan*, *Vasubaras*, and watching *Pavankhind* film were arranged in follow-up sessions.

### Olakh Sparshachi

Workshop was conducted for the children of 5th, 6th, and 7th standards of Rainbow International School, at Loni Kalbhor, in February.

### Vikasika

E-books on 'Inspirational Women' and 'Women Overcoming Barriers' were published by the group. A PDF presenting the planning and execution of the '*Chakri Upasana*' activity was also published.

### ► Koushalya (Skills group)

The group studied books like *Bhavananchya Pranganat*, for the identification, and regulation of emotions. Also, six online sessions for students of Rathi School were conducted. (Attendance - 28 to 35)

### ► Pradirgha Baithak

A marathon meeting was held on the 6th and 7th of March. The main concept was Samvadini's newly formulated six aims for the next 10 years. The honorable Director's guidance on Complementariness was a key highlight. 55 Samvadini members participated in this meeting.

### ▲ Coping Up With Puberty

Volunteers conducted workshops for various schools, colleges and organizations. Topics of these workshops were Challenges of youth, Coexistence, Complementariness, Personality development, Health Awareness etc. First workshop for Police personnel at Police Training Centre, Nanvij, Daund was memorable experience for the volunteers.

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### 14. Urban Slums Study Group

For need analysis, a survey was conducted by volunteers from 9<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> Aug 2021. They gathered information about 109 young girls.

### **▲** Individual and group Counselling

This year five sessions were designed for counselling and training for 15 young girls and 25 ladies. Counsellor Adv. Prarthana Sadavarte and respected Harshatai Kirve guided the trainees on how to solve problems with positive communication.

### La Cultural Program - Bhajan Upasana

Two years back, Savitri dal members decided to arrange a religious program every Ekadashi called Bhajan-Upasana. As a result of consistent practice for more than a year, the responsibility of arranging Centre level program of Ashadhi Ekadashi Bhajan at Jnana Prabodhini Pune was given to the department. For twenty days regular practice was held. A total of 50 volunteers from various departments of JP took part offline and 700 people took part online.

#### Relief Work

On behalf of the Educational Resource Centre help was given by MAERSK to people in slum areas in the form of grocery and Diwali snacks kit. In the first stage, the kit was given to 35 families. In the second stage, the kit was given to 70 families.

### **►** Skill Training and Work Experience

Skills	Period	Days	Partici- pants
Rakhi	17 to 21 Aug.	5	7
Mendi	17 to 21 Aug.	5	7
Diya	6 to 8 Sep.	3	8
Soldering	18 to 31 Aug.	10	7
Solar Pannel	21 Oct. to 22 March	6 months	6
Photography	31 Oct. to Dec.	12	16
Bamboo Articrafts	27 Dec. to 15 Feb.	10	24

► From Aug 31<sup>st</sup> 2021, skill training and practice sessions were conducted for girls with the aim of

### **National Integrity Program**

On 10th October 2021, Sharadotsav program was celebrated in a special way on the National Integration theme. In a meeting, two important ideas were finalized. The first idea was to make an exhibition of the cultural and social information of all states. The second idea was to arrange a cultural program including performances by students related to various States in India. Later in the program, Ms Veena Bedekar gave information about Manipur, Mr. Vishvesh Kulkarni gave information about Chhatisgad and Mr. Atul Belligai gave information about Arunachal Pradesh. Ms Mrunali Joshi (IAS) was the chief guest. A total of 150 people participated in the program.

self-employment and entrepreneurship. Rs, 4,19,999 /- were distributed in the way of Scholarship and tuition fee in the year 2021-22.

No	Type of work (Department involved)	Tuition fees (Rs.)
1	College education (Jnana Prabodhini Foundation)	2,63,350/-
2	Painting Diyas Natural Resource Development)	19,640/-
3	Soldering (Natural Resource Development)	7,500/-
4	Solar Pannel (Before Diwali) (Natural Resource Development)	40,480/-
5	Solar Pannel (After Diwali) (Natural Resource Development)	35,375/-
6	Bamboo Articrafts (Maharashtra Bamboo Promotion Foundation)	41,250/-
7	Bamboo Articrafts (Maharashtra bamboo Promotion Foundation)	12,400/-

From 27<sup>th</sup> Dec 21 to 15<sup>th</sup> Feb 22, members of Savitri dal, coming from different slum areas, took the training of making articles from Bamboo. Maharashtra Bamboo Promotion Foundation gave financial support. The training was coordinated by Matrumandir Vishwast Sanstha, Ratilal Bhagvandas Jaiv Tantradnyana Kendra, Nigdi and Urban Slums study group.

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## 15. Yuvak Vibhag

### **▲** School teams

Title	Details	
No. of school teams	17 Regular Teams (Sadashiv Peth, Shukrawar Peth, Bibvewadi, Sahakarnagar, Karvenagar, Warje, Sinhagad Road, Nanded City, Gokhalenagar)	
Attendance	5th to 7th - 200, 8th to 10th - 250 (Total registered 600)	
No. of mentors	67	
Treks and cycle tours	Rajgad, Torna, Raireshwar, Galgad, Rohida, Sinhagad, Malhargad, Aga Khan Palace, Various Temples and Historical Monuments in Pune	
Lectures	Sant Jnaneshwar, Rana Pratap, Ch. Shivaji Maharaj, Guru Gobind Singh, Babasaheb Ambedkar, Veer Savarkar, Mahatma Gandhi, Swami Vivekanand, Samarth Ramdas, Lokmanya Tilak, C. V. Raman, Marathi Day, Post-Independence Wars, Paramveerchakra Winners, Study of Movements, Hinduism, Experience sharing - Chiplun Relief Work	
Sports	Dodge ball, Langdi, Volleyball, Baseball, Football, Boat War, Scorpion War, Rooster War, Apparappy, Lagori, Hide and Seek	
Experimental activities	Work Experience Day, Sahadhyaya Day, Movie Watching, Skill Development Sessions, Matrubhoomi Poojan, Food Sale, Blood Donation Camps, Participation in National Anthem Singing Competition, Visit to Panipat War Show, Gurdwara visit	
Activities for mentors	Sports - Kabaddi, Football, Basketball, Handball etc. Lectures - Veer Savarkar Biography, Hinduttva, Shivcharitra, Prabodhini Literature, Leadership Development, Nigdi Centre Introduction, Afghanistan Situation, Pledge, etc. Workshops - computer skills, communication, debate, public speaking, etc.	

### **▲** College teams

A total of eight college teams met weekly throughout the year. Regular sessions for games, science studies and experiments, treks, various lectures, and motivational songs were held in these teams. The average attendance for all teams combined was 110-115 young boys per week. Out of 41 mentors assigned to college teams, 20 mentors met regularly for weekly meetings. Various camps, activities and trainings were organized for them.

- A total of eight times, volunteers went to Astittva Pratishthan in the village of Veer to conduct various activities. Astittva Pratishthan takes care of young orphans and destitutes.
- As a response to the scarcity of blood in blood banks, 12 blood donation camps were organized in the Prabodhini premises, Sahakarnagar, Kothrud, and Warje from May 21 to March 22. A total of 1080 bags of blood were collected.
- From July 29 to Sept. 10, Shri Ganesh idol sale was conducted. The total turnover was around

- four lakh rupees. A total of 45 young boys participated in the activity. Out of a total of 398 idols, 344 idols were sold. About 225 of these idols were registered online and 198 idols out of them, were delivered at home.
- During Diwali, the responsibilities were divided team-wise to improve the process of the Lantern sale initiative. Every year we buy lanterns and garlands from wholesalers and sell them at our stalls, but this year we made some lanterns from scratch and sold them. We received a very good response.
- During the year, study camps on various subjects were conducted. Some of the topics are as follows
   Babasaheb Ambedkar Biography, Lokmanya Tilak Biography, National Integration, A study of Gajanan Mehendale's book 'Shivaji Maharaj Naste Tar', Russia-Ukraine Conflict and International Implications, Indian Nationalism for the success of Globalization, etc.

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### Yuvati Vibhag

### ► Studies on Hijab and Girls' Education

Under Current Affairs Study, six young girls working at Prabodhini's Pune and Nigdi Centre studied the debate on 'Hijab and Girls' Education' for 15 days. What happened in reality?, social, religious, educational and judicial aspects and national and international reactions, were studied. A detailed presentation of this study was made in front of the youth volunteers from Pune, Nigdi, Harali, Ambajogai and Velhe. Prabodhini members Manasitai Bodas and Dr Manishatai Shete, who conducted a study project on Muslim women's education through their interviews, guided the group after the presentation.

### School Teams

(**Kamalabai Sohoni Team** of 5th to 7th class and **Kalpana Chawla Team** of 8th to 10th class of Jnana Prabodhini Prashala - Selective Report)

Both teams were structured with four days a week of sport-based group activities and one day of other group tasks. Various activities were organized for girls during the year in order to develop their personality, their team spirit and leadership. The mentors trained the girls from the Kalpana Chawla team in kabaddi, volleyball and basketball for several months.

A group task competition was held in Ganeshotsav. Five special group tasks were given to groups of 3-4 girls each. The girls did group activities that gave them new information and experiences about society. Apart from this, guests from other states were invited for the virtual *aarti* at the home of ten girls.

On Sept 27<sup>th,</sup> a group of 30 mentors conducted trips for four classes from 5th to 8th. The excursion destinations were Tikona, Ghangad, Rajgad and Velhe Centre and Nigdi Centre. The girls tried to improve their physical abilities through this trip. The 8th-grade girls went on a cycle trip which boosted their confidence. A trip to Pawankhind was planned for two classes. Class 9th-10th girls watched the movie Pawankhind which was released at that time and then went on a residential trip to Pawankhind from Feb 28<sup>th</sup> to March 1st.

### ► Prabodh School Team

Science Camp 2021: The Prabodh School Group works for girls studying in schools other than Jnana Prabodhini Prashala from 5<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>. This year for the first time a virtual science camp was conducted for girls from 6<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> of June. The main objectives of this camp were to inculcate and develop an interest in science among girls, improve their thinking process and enhance their observation skills. A total of 14 mentors from Nigdi and Pune organized this camp together. The number of entries were kept limited. A total of 25 girls from all over Maharashtra participated in this camp.

Projects were divided into six groups in the camp. The kits required for these projects were delivered to the participants at their address. An attempt was made to stimulate the thinking process by asking the girls why things in daily life work the way they do. With a total of five main sessions, the girls were given session-based supplementary activities daily. In the concluding session, the girls and their parents discussed aspects of the camp and various experiments with the organizing team.

### Ahilyabai Holkar Team : Collegiate Team

The class meeting of the 11<sup>th</sup> std. batch was held fortnightly throughout the year. There were various topics like reading and discussion on Prabodhini's literature, preparation of different subjects and presentation of studies, understanding futuristic perspective plan, etc.

This team met weekly either virtually or in person. Activities such as physical exercise, playing games, reading, discussion and study on various topics were conducted. Apart from that, special events like Deepotsav were held.

The girls interacted with and supported many people during the Covid period. During this period, the girls also did activities such as organizing guidance sessions by expert doctors on many topics such as precautions to take, food to eat, physical exercise to be done during the pandemic. They also prepared jingles about Covid awareness that could be used in rural areas.

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### . Entrepreneurship Development Centre

There are two types of work going on at the Entrepreneurship Development Centre. One of the tasks is to identify the potential for entrepreneurship and guide the person for the future. Secondly, to promote entrepreneurship development activities at various centres of Prabodhini. A total of five members took the BEAM Aptitude Test during the reporting year. Three senior members of Prabodhini solved this test and shared their experiences with the test developers. In the future we intend to take steps towards the measurement of attitude towards taking business risks.

On the occasion of Diwali, collegiate students conducted an activity of making lanterns and selling them. Before doing it, they received guidance about how to do this business. The Natural Resources Development Department of Prabodhini and the collegiate youth team started a venture called 'Tejomay', making and selling LED lights and garlands during Diwali. Through this activity, they earned a profit worth 1.25 lakhs. They used it for various study tours. Earlier, a different group also bought and sold Ganesh idols during Ganeshotsav.

Prabodhini has been selected for the Atal Community Innovation Centre (ACIC) scheme under the Atal Innovation Mission of the Central Government. An action plan and financial budget for that is sent to the government. This initiative, aims at supporting start-ups mainly based on innovative ideas in agriculture and biotechnology. We are now ready to register a company under Section 8 of the

Companies Act. Meetings with five entrepreneurs from these two sectors were conducted this year. Also, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed with the Post Graduate Biotech Department of Fergusson College. The students visit regularly the Nigdi Centre for biotechnology experiments.

Mr. Deepak Kotkar's Sungate Enterprises, the industry in solar power, has been mentored from time to time. Workshops have been set up at Shivapur and Salumbre sub-centres to conduct a one to three-month course related to this technology. We have the financial support of M/S GKN Sinter Metals Pvt. Ltd., Bhosari, Pune. Codex, an industry in medical devices run by a group of alumni, is rapidly growing. They have recently developed a DVT pump for use in the medical field.

The paper bag industry which started last year in Solapur centre has now expanded greatly. This industry has freed about thirty *bidi* worker women from handling tobacco. This is a good example of social entrepreneurship. In Velhe tehsil of Pune district, a centre for making pellets out of farm waste and using them in smokeless stoves has been started by the volunteers of the Stree-Shakti Prabodhan (Rural) Department.

An attempt was made to delegate some work of Melcon (a women's electronics industry in Mukundnagar, Pune) to the women in Shivapur. They have studied the technology required for it and also the financial aspects involved.

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### Tribute

- 1. Former Vice Principal of Jnana Prabodhini Prashala **Prof. Supriyatai Darp** passed away on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2021, after a long illness with cancer. She was known to all as an excellent teacher of English, a student-loving teacher, a translator, an editor, and also a guide who provided invaluable help to the English edition of Chhatra Prabodhan. A heartfelt tribute to Supriyatai.
- 2. Jnana Prabodhini's senior mentor and educationist **Dr. Prabhakar Laxman Gawade** passed away on 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2021 due to old age. Gawade Sir, who mentored many students, was on the Executive Committee of Jnana Prabodhini for 24 years. From 1993 to 2003, he held the position of Vice Chairman, and from 2003 to 2017, as Chairman. A heartfelt tribute to Gawade sir who always encouraged and appreciated volunteers of Prabodhini.
- 3. Founder member of Jnana Prabodhini and senior volunteer **Dr. Pushpatai Agashe** passed away on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2021 in Pune after a long illness. She received her Ph.D. in mathematics from the US and was teaching at a University there. She had worked initially as the Vice-Principal and Principal of JP's Kanyaka Prashala and then as the Principal of Junior College in Pune. A heartfelt tribute to Pushpatai.

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## 18. Jnana Prabodhini Nigdi Centre

### **▲** Centre Level Programs

- Sharadiya Navratra On 13th October 2021, a special program was organized to express gratitude towards the ex-teachers. The alumni of JPNV who are currently working in the centre expressed their gratitude towards these teachers. Some old memories of those teachers were brought to light on this occasion.
- Smt. Mai tribute meeting On 21st November 21, Smt. Indira Abhyankar alias Mai, wife of Vamanrao Abhyankar, passed away. A condolence meeting was organized in her memory on November 27 at the Matrumandir. Along with relatives and family members, many teachers, parents and alumni of the school also paid their respects to Mai.
- Hon. Bhau's first memorial service On 16th February 22, on the first death anniversary of Vamanrao alias Bhau, 'Prabhat Feri' was conducted from different places in Nigdi to the Matrumandir. Many parents, alumni and members of the Nigdi centre participated. In the evening, Mohanbuwa Ramdasi gave a discourse on 'guru-shishya'. A new edition of Bhau's book 'Chintanika' was published at this event.

### ► Pre-Primary Section - Individual Presentations

Between the 4th and 11th of April, a cultural programme of each class of the Pre-Primary section was organized separately. Every child was given a platform to perform something so that it boosted their confidence and developed language too. A total of 313 students from 14 classes had individual presentations. It was the first stage performance of their lives.

### **▶** Primary Section - Inaugural Ceremony

The third floor of the Manohar Auditorium building has been specially designed to accommodate primary section classrooms. The inauguration ceremony for this part of the building took place on June 22, at the hands of Shri. Nitinbhai Karia, Shri. Parth Mukherjee, Shri. Sanjay Kulkarni and Director Dr. Girishrao Bapat.

#### **▲** Middle school Division - Green Book Award

The chief administrator of the Nigdi centre of

### Harshadaray Ratilal Karia Kala Bhavan Inauguration Ceremony

On the occasion of World Yoga Day i.e. 21st June 2021, the fourth floor of the Manohar Auditorium building was inaugurated. Halls equipped for Yoga, Rifle Shooting, Kabaddi, Sports Ayurveda, and Physiotherapy were inaugurated by Hon. Mohan Gujarathi and Shri Dattatraya Nikam. Shri. Rajiv Ranade, retired Commissioner of Income Tax was also present as a guest. It also happened to be the World Music Day. In the evening, art rooms on the third floor were inaugurated by our alumni who work in the music field. Donors who donated one lakh rupees for the construction were felicitated. Shri. Anant Chincholkar from Kalyani Technoforge inaugurated the recording studio. Prabodhini's secretary Hon. Subhash Deshpande spoke to the gathering about the importance of art in education. The program concluded with a musical performance by our alumni.

JP and Head of middle school Shri. Shivraj Pimpude was honoured with the 'Green Book Award' by the organization 'Jaagar' for his book '*An Parijataka Hasla*'. Senior writer, historian and botany expert Professor P. K. Ghanekar, graced the occasion as the chief guest. Members of Jaagar Shri. Umesh Vaghela, and Shri. Chaitanya Rajarshi were present on this occasion.

### ► Kreedakul - Dhanvantari Yag

Dhanvantari Yag Pooja and Vastushanti ceremonies took place on 2nd November on the day of Dhantrayodashi. Shri. Shivraj Pimpude and Mrs. Pimpude and sports club coach Shri. Nikhil Sonone and Mrs. Sonone performed the Pooja. Shri. Nitin Karia, sports dignitaries of the locality, former students of Navnagar Vidyalaya who are now working in the medical field, parents and all department heads, teachers, and students were present.

### **▲** Gurukul - Silver Jubilee Celebration

While planning the silver jubilee year of the Gurukul, it was finalized to organize activities for the students, parents, alumni and other Gurukuls in contact. In the cultural program, the students paid tribute to legends like Sane Guruji, Shantabai Shelke, Babasaheb Purandare, and Lata Mangeshkar

through songs. Later, Dr. Anagha Lavalekar, head, JPIP, presented the topic 'Me and my child' to the parents. Soniya Parchure, a veteran Kathak Dancer, and her students presented the stories of revolutionaries through Kathak dance. Also, a chess game was presented through Kathak. On the occasion of Swami Vivekananda Jayanti on 12th Jan, students from other 'Gurukuls' that work with the Panchkosh philosophy participated in performing suryanamaskar. An attempt was made to reach 2500 people on this occasion.

### ▲ Atal Dhadpadalaya - Space Challenge

The project of Arnav Hiremath, Arnav Deolekar, and Atharva Gholap of our school has been selected among the top 75 projects across the country. Staying in zero gravity for long periods in space puts astronauts at risk of brittle muscles and possibly brittle bones. As a solution, the group came up with an idea of a small replica of a jacket that uses air pressure to continuously pressurize the muscles. These students completed this project during the Diwali vacation by themselves.

### **►** Yuvak Vibhag - Oath-taking ceremony

On August 19, the Oath taking ceremony was held. On this occasion, efforts were made to reach out to the parents of the volunteers. In the program, eleven boys and four family members took the first oath of Prabodhini. Four boys took the second oath

and one took the third oath. Director Girishrao Bapat guided all the members about the concept of Oath-taking in Prabodhini.

### Yuvati Vibhag - Aseema Vigyan Dal

Aseema Vijnan Dal is a group for eighth and ninth-grade girls in school. Six meetings were held to develop an interest for science in them. An average of 25 to 30 girls were regularly present for this. Some of the topics covered were - parachute experiments, importance of skills, observation skill, observation of persons, observation of objects, Science-observation treasure hunt, studying systems, and quizzes on general science.

### ► Parents Federation - Sinhagad Campaign

To revive the memories of Shivaji Maharaj, over 1000 parents of Navnagar Vidyalaya decided to visit Sinhagad Fort together. In this campaign, from enrolment to disaster management, many things were meticulously planned by parents. On Sunday, March 6, a total of 1350 parents and students reached the fort in 32 buses and enthusiastically climbed and reached the venue of the event. The meeting at the fort began with the presentation of *Powada* (inspirational songs about history). After this, the chief guests Shri. Avinash Dharmadhikari, Shri. Nandu Mate and Shri. Mohan Shete interacted with the audience.

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## 19. Jnana Prabodhini Extension Centres

### Ambajogai Extension Centre

### Anandishala on the road

Regular activities for boys and girls at the Shikalkari settlement started from June 26. Addition, subtraction, multiplication, recognizing small and large numbers, understanding how mathematical operations are used in practice, etc. were taught. They were taught to read short Marathi sentences. The trip to Vivekwadi, Muktangan on July 27th was the first trip in the life of these children. Raksha Bandhan was also celebrated at the settlement.

Many children are showing good changes in their cleanliness and daily bathing habits.

Girls of the Shikalkari Settlement make garlands, chandeliers and other decorative items. But they did not know about savings, expenses, buying, selling, profit and loss. Capital was not available to start the business. Surendra Patil and Karandikar family from Mumbai helped in this work. Now girls have started producing salable attractive items and they are learning how to do business.

- Science Technology Centre: Sessions were arranged for four groups. Namely, Kholeshwar Primary School, Khadakpura (60 Children), Vivekananda Vidyalay, Ambajogai (70 Children), Anand Group, Jnana Prabodhini (35 Children), Morewadi Gurudev Vidyalaya, Dipevadgaon (55 Children) and Morewadi Dipevadgaon Zilla Parishad Vidyalaya (47 Children).
- Yuvak Vibhag: A camp was conducted for 10 children of Shepwadi on 8th August. In another activity, there was a discussion on how to stay away from the challenges of using smartphones. Problems faced by students during the Covid period were also discussed. Two volunteers went to Harali for Anandshala training and visited five *Anandshalas*.
- Yuvati Vibhag: The Maa Sharda Group had a discussion about Vidyavrat Sanskar. 18 girls participated in it. From 7th to 14th Oct., on the occasion of Navratra, activities like dance, rangoli competition, monologue play, dandiya and trip were taken up. A play based on an acid attack was presented in a program organized at Sahitya Niketan Granthalaya in Ambajogai.

#### **▲** Other Important Activities

- On July 18, a discussion was held with Director Girishrao Bapat about the futuristic perspective plan. In the oath-taking ceremony, two girls took the first oath, and Prasad Dada Chikshe took the third oath.
- Shri. Machindra Nagare and Shri. Amol Ghogare were awarded the Experimental Teacher Award 2021.
- On the occasion of Yogi Aurobindo's 150<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary, Prof. Dr. Brinda Deshpande-Joshi (Aurangabad) gave a lecture.
- On 31<sup>st</sup> Oct., Deepotsav was celebrated and Prize distribution of *Balkumar Sahitya Sammelan* was also conducted.
- This year around 100 Diwali issues of Chhatra Prabodhan were distributed through the Ambajogai Centre.
- Members visited Paithan and Dharur villages and discussed development works there.
- The assistance of new blankets and sarees was sent to 102 families in flood-affected areas.

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#### **Dombivali Extension Centre**

- Memories of Appa: This program was organized on the occasion of the death anniversary of Dr. V. V. alias Appa Pendse, the founder of Jnana Prabodhini. In this virtual event, Dr. Swarnalata Bhishikar shared her memories about Appa. 100 members from all departments of the Dombivali centre and other centres of Prabodhini participated in this.
- Director Girishrao Bapat visited the centre. Various meetings and Varsharambh Upasana took place in his presence. The prize ceremony of the Essay Competition held on the occasion of the Silver Jubilee of the Centre also took place on that day. A total of 32 members from all departments attended this program.
- All volunteers went for a special trip to the Sonde Karle village in Velhe Tehsil.
- Yuvati Vibhag: An experience-sharing session of some young girls from Nigdi and Pune centres was arranged. They spoke about how they carried out relief work in the flood-affected villages in Chiplun. On the occasion of Sister Nivedita's birth and death anniversary in the month of October, a program on the biography narration

- of Sister Nivedita was organized. Volunteers from Thane and Badlapur also participated in this.
- September, an online Ganesh Pratishthapana workshop was conducted by Sanskrit Sanskriti Samshodika. Priestesses from Dombivali solemnized the marriage of the Tamil-Telugu bride and groom in Chennai. One priestess officiated the Engagement ceremony for the family members of the Himachal Pradesh Governor. Maharashtra Governor Hon. Bhagat Singh Koshyari was also present in the program. She got an opportunity to represent Prabodhini in front of important people.
- Samvadini: To understand Acharya Vinoba Bhave's thoughts on women, it was resolved to read and discuss Vinoba's books. The group met every Wednesday virtually and read the books 'Strishakti' and 'Saptashakti'. Three members from the Thane centre also participated in this. Lectures to create awareness about 'Physical and Mental Health' among women were also organized.

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# **Extension Activities: Contact Centres**

#### **Thane Contact Centre**

- *Vikasika*: Online sessions were conducted for Bedekar school and Anand Vishwa gurukul. Guidance about nutritional diet and exercise, observation skills, and developing scientific attitude were the main objectives of Vikasika. Total 12 online sessions were conducted. Average 15/20 students were present.
- Samvadini: During the year, various activities were conducted on the 3rd Saturday of every month. Around 15-20 members participated in them. Smt. Suchetatai Vartak from Dombivali guided on swayam paurohitya. A one-day picnic was arranged to Prabodhini's Nasrapur Centre. To celebrate International Yoga day, a lecture by psychologist Nandini Gore was arranged. Samvadini volunteers attended an online session on Understanding the history of Prabodhini. Volunteers visited the Anagaon Balika ashram. A total of 15 ladies spent some quality time with the girl residents at Ashram. Members also visited the neighbouring old age home.
- With the objective of group reading and discussion wachak manch started on 12th May 2021. Around seven meetings were conducted. Various articles from Samatol were read and discussed. Information about female saints was shared. Comic literature by female authors was also discussed.
- Other Acitivities: Varsharambh, Varshant Upasana, Sartha bhajan, Matrubhumipoojan was held at the centre. All the volunteers participated in most of these activities.

## **Chiplun Contact Centre**

- Hon'ble Director's visit: Dr. Girishrao Bapat's visit was truly inspirational. He explained the importance of 'Samuhik Upasana' and the necessity of continuous effort for personality development.
- *Chhote Kalakar*: To conserve and transfer our musical art forms to the students, the young artists from Chiplun conducted the activities in five rural schools. One presentation of

- classical singing, pakhavaj playing, percussion instruments playing, harmonium playing and naradiya kirtan each was held at each school. A total of 300 students participated in it. In the end, a musical workshop for children was organized.
- One residential meet was held where participants got introduced to Futurology. The structural design of the centre and responsibilities were assigned in the same meeting.
- Futuristic perspective plan of the centre was prepared. Five main objectives have been decided for the centre for the next ten years.
- Monthly meetings of Yuvati Vibhag are being held regularly. One new 'Dal' started at Dalwatne village by Yuvak Vibhag volunteers.
- Guidance for the educational policy was provided by Shri. Aditya Shinde at Makhjan High school. Two-day teacher's training was also conducted by Prabodhini. *Agrani-Pragrani* project was executed for the fifth year.
- A total of 116 students from three schools benefited from Chhote Scientist activity.

## **Badlapur Contact Centre**

- *Vikasika* Activity was conducted online, for 21 students in Shishuvihar Vidya Mandir. The main focus was to teach Spoken English.
- A five-day camp for school going children was conducted in April 2021. A total of 22 students participated in it. Stories, science experiments, drawings were taught.
- Anubhavache Bol was the online program started from June 2021. Persons from various fields were invited to share their knowledge and experience, including Corona Fighters working with 'Swa'-rupvardhini, Pune, Marathi News reader Mrs. Deepali Kelkar, Social Worker Ms. Varsha Parchure, etc.
- Environment Awareness: In association with Sampurnam Institute, Nashik, volunteers carried out the drives to collect the old photo frames, idols of God etc. It received a good response from citizens.
- **Studies :** The constitution of Jnana Prabodhini & biographies of Marathi saints were studied. Volunteers participated enthusiastically.

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#### **Shirur Samvadini**

- Various activities were taken up in the monthly meetings. Kalasangam, Vachu Anande, Rainbow of Freedom, Mathematics of Time, Guidance on Yoga, and How to listen were some of the topics for the monthly meetings. Film Appreciation Week was celebrated in the month of May and short films were watched.
- Shirur Samvadini got an opportunity to publish the issue of e-Samatol on 'Travel' theme.
- Online interview with writer Indumati Jondhale was arranged. In the month of september, volunteers met 75-year-old Pradhan Kaka at Nimone who is a progressive farmer.
- Information about different components of environment was imparted to 400 students in audio-visual format. On the occasion of Republic Day, biographies of patriots were presented. This activity reached approximately 1100 students. A seminar for 150 participants was conducted on mobile and goal setting in residential camp of NSS.
- A YouTube channel was launched in Navratri. 17
  people presented biographies of today's inspiring
  women on YouTube.

## Solapur Samvadini

Solapur Samvadini members attended the monthly meetings held online by Paud road Samvadini. According to this year's resolution, Matrubhoomi Poojan was performed monthly at each member's house.

In modern Navratri, volunteers interviewed Supriya More, a rickshaw puller and Madhuratai Kurulkar, a member of a group who was working hard during the Covid era.

A gathering of the women of Pranayama class was held at Shri Ram Temple in Junavidi Gharkul. Samvadini members participated in that gathering and in March, a Vidi Gharkul gathering for women was held in the Solapur Prabodhini premise. Some members of the group voluntarily helped the orphaned children by purchasing school supplies.

Since the Dasbodh reading activity is new, guidance is sought from Meghnatai Ghangrekar, reviewer of the Dasbodh curriculum, on how to read it and accordingly reading is going on in person or remotely.

#### Paud Road and Aundh Samvadini

- Paud road and Aundh Samvadini group arranged an official Director's visit for the first time.
- Experts from the fields of health, saint literature and yoga, culture, education and social work were invited in the monthly meetings. While explaining the objectives of the Mobilization of Women Power, Gauritai Kapre explained the meaning of self-reliance and self-respect more simply. Dr. Mridula Chaudhary's commentary on Bhakti Yoga, a discussion on 'Culture' with Hon. Mahesh Athawale stimulated thoughts of the volunteers. Dr. Aruna Chafekar made everyone aware of the changes in the mindset of patients. Introduction to Sister Nivedita's work, introduction to the literature of Vidushi Shubhangi Bhadbhade gave volunteers new insights.
- Bhajan was performed on Ashadhi Ekadashi. Reading and discussion of Prabodhini's educational publications took place in the weekly reading group.
- To understand the work of Stree-Shakti Prabodhan (Rural), a visit to the Nasrapur centre was conducted.

#### **Bhayandar Samvadini**

This year, two meetings were held in person and the rest through online mode. The group studied a Marathi book 'Vyaktivikasasathi Vidyavrat'. In the monthly meetings, there were various sessions on different topics. Shri. Adityadada Shinde explained the verse 'Aawhan He Jyotina' very well. Smt. Bageshreetai Ponkshe guided on the topic 'Understanding Yourself'. Dr Anandibai Gopalrao Joshi's autobiography reading, Anjalitai Railkar and Sadhanatai Sethia's session on complementarity and other important topics were included in meetings.

Modern Navratra: This year includes *Matrubhoomipoojan*, Women's Gathering, Crafts Sessions, etc. As it is the birth centenary year of Shri. Vasant Bapat, Pt. Bhimsen Joshi and Shantabai Shelke, reading their literature, understanding their lives, poetry readings, presentations were held. A blood testing camp was also held.

In February, volunteers understood the work being done through Sunandatai Patwardhan's organization in the tribal area of Jawahar.

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## . Extension Activities : Outside Maharashtra

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#### **Arunachal Pradesh**

A group of three members, consisting Head of Competitive Examination Centre of JP Dr. Savita Kulkarni, senior Prabodhini volunteer Smt. Bageshreetai Ponkshe and Youth Organization secretary Shri. Ashutosh Barmukh visited Arunachal Pradesh in December. They met various local volunteers and government officers during this visit. The team also reviewed the state of education in Walong. They also met officials from the Indian Army and the Indo-Tibetan Border Police Force.

A competitive examination centre was inaugurated on 12th Dec at RIWATCH in Roing, Arunachal at the hands of Savitatai. The senior volunteer of Jnana Prabodhini Late Vivekrao Ponkshe had played an important role in establishing RIWATCH organization. In his memory, a wall named 'Vivek Gallery' with pictures depicting the culture of the North-East is constructed at RIWATCH. Late Vivekrao's wife Bageshreetai inaugurated this gallery on the same day. During this visit, volunteers once again felt the intimate relationship with various families in Arunachal that JP has had for many years. Young students who came in contact through competitive exam guidance are an exciting addition to this Prabodhini family!

## Madhya Pradesh - Indore

On February 19 and 20, five young boys from the youth department visited here. JP has been associated with the Shree Swar Dhwaja Team at Indore for the last three to four years. Every year, the Marathi-speaking people here celebrate Shiv Jayanti on a grand scale. Prabodhini participated in this for the third year in a row. On the morning of Shiv Jayanti, the group participated in the Dhwaj Group's salutations and procession. After the morning program, in a small meeting members made a resolution to take up new social activities and to study more about Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj.

Two corporators from Indore Shri. Gajanand Gawad and Shri. Sudhir Kolhe, also the president of Marathi-speaking associations Shri. Yuvraj Kashid visited the group.

With the thread of national integration in mind, Jnana Prabodhini is reaching out to various Border-States and Challenging States of India. For this purpose, various training, teaching and teambuilding activities are designed by volunteers. Regular travels to these states to understand the cultural richness that manifests in Indianness are a must and despite the travel ban due to Covid, volunteers found many new ways to continue the interaction face-to-face and via online mode.

## Chhattisgarh

Since a group of youths visited the Naxal-affected areas of Chhattisgarh in June 2016, there have been six visits. This year, after a long gap of almost two years, two volunteers travelled and visited Chhattisgarh. The objective of this visit was to strengthen the old contacts and create new ones. They interacted with some IAS and IPS officers during the tour.

A group from Yuvak Vibhag studied about Chhattisgarh when travelling was restricted. Five members of this group presented various topics like Forest Naxalism, Urban Naxalism, UAPA and Elgar Parishad Case, Forest Act, and Cultural Introduction to Bastar at different forums. To create awareness about these issues, the study material of 35 hours is prepared for volunteers.

On Dec 21st, five volunteers of the Bose Dal of Yuvak Vibhag went on a study tour to Chhattisgarh. In different districts and villages of Chhattisgarh, these volunteers met local people, officials, organizations and social workers and also conducted camps for boys and girls in some places.

#### Jammu - Poonch

From 7 to 18 Sept, 21, an online workshop was organized for 75 teachers of the Poonch district to understand film production and technology. Also, online district-level training on basic literacy and numeracy, worksheet creation and gamification for 55 teacher trainers in Poonch from 9 to 11 Sept was conducted by Jnana Prabodhini. Dr. Swarnalata Bhishikar, Prof. Ragini Naik, Smt. Hema Honwad, Kiran Barve Sir, Mrs. Pallavi Paradkar and Mrs. Suvarna Karhadkar took these sessions.

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On the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> of March, hands-on district-level training on gamification was conducted for 35 teacher trainers in Poonch under the Samagra Shiksha Project of the Government of India. A hands-on state-level training for 50 teacher trainers in Jammu on Gamification, Film-making and Introduction to Augmented Reality (AR) and Visual Novels was conducted by the Directorate of School Education, Jammu from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> March. A group of ten members from the educational resource centre gave training. Volunteers from Prabodhini made some home visits. Relationships with local teachers were strengthened by these visits.

## Karnataka - Kalburgi

On 9<sup>th</sup> July, 19 activities for a group of students started at Kalburgi with initial participation of 20 students. During this year, 41 *Vikasika* sessions of four hours a day were conducted. The following activities took place during those sessions -

On various birth anniversaries or special days, students collected information about poets, writers, and musicians and other famous personalities related to it. Students celebrated Yoga Day, Environment Day and Science Day. Two workshops were held before Science Day. Science experiments were taught in these workshops. Later, on Science Day, the students presented an exhibition and gave information about it. A total of 61 students participated in this. Handicraft sessions involved creating useful things from waste materials. Outdoor games, intellectual games, group work, collaboration exercises, etc. were conducted. Along with these, weekly Upasana, reading sessions and discussions were also arranged. Parent communication was held from time to time so that Prabodhini's work could reach parents and families. Matrubhoomipoojan was also performed.

#### Cultural Exchange: Shri Ganesh Aarti

This year's Ganeshotsav was based on the concept of Ganeshotsav for National Unity. With the help of various communication channels, this year various dignitaries from all over the country could be virtually invited for Aarti. Students of Jnana Prabodhini Prashala participated in the Aarti via YouTube live and also interacted with the guests.

Shri. Atulchandra Kulkarni (Chief, Maharashtra Prisons), Smt. Padma Bandopadhyay (Retired Air Marshal), Shri. Praveen Ingwale (IAS, Manipur), Shri. Gaurgopal Das (Spokeperson and campaigner, ISKCON), Shri. Sandeep Kavishwar (Co-ordinating Officer, Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram), Shri. Jamyang Tsering Namgyal (MP, Ladakh), Shri. N. Biren Singh (CM, Manipur), Shri. Pema Khandu (CM, Arunachal Pradesh) were invited for virutal Aarti.

Apart from that, 78 guests from 18 states believing in four different religious faiths were invited by 75 families in Pune for a virtual online Aarti. Sweets and gifts were couriered to all the guests. Impressed by the way Ganeshotsav is celebrated in Maharashtra, a family from Haryana resolved to celebrate it every year at their home. Their host from Maharashtra guided them about rituals to be observed during Ganeshotsav. In a gathering, a group of students from Arunachal Pradesh performed their traditional dances and sang tribal songs. Participating members experienced commonalities between their various customs. Many formed long-lasting bonds with each other. A core group of five volunteers carried out the program over the ten days of the festival. A total of 40 volunteers participated in this activity as coordinators. The interaction after the Aarti was enlightening and enjoyable.

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# Jnana Prabodhini Prashala Alumni Foundation (JPPAF)

- **Membership**: JPPAF initiated annual and life memberships in June 2021, to raise funds for carrying out its activities for the alumni, and for support like maintaining an office, alumni portal, and other formal expenses. It was envisioned that the alumni will get several tangible and intangible benefits out of the membership. Some benefits like discounts on health and tourismrelated services of the alumni entrepreneurs were offered during the year. Till March 2022, 35 annual and 305 lifetime memberships have been taken. Several alumni have expressed to create more tangible benefits to justify the memberships.
- Special Purpose Groups and Professional **Groups**: SPG-ProG leaders met every quarter to review the progress of activities and discuss future plans. On 27th February 2022, an analytical report 'Discussing Immunity in Holistic Context' was published by JPPAF's SPG on Health. The analysis speaks about multi-specialty and multidisciplinary practices of medicine.
- Gurupournima: On 8th August 2021, JPPAF celebrated Gurupournima, although virtually. In the beginning, Kala SPG presented a musical program reciting various compositions of saints devoted to Gurus. They also presented an engaging interview of Pandit Suresh Talwalkar taken by Dr. Sameer Dubale, where Panditji enlightened listeners with his thoughts on "Guru-tatva". The highlight of this event was the special address by the Chief of Army Staff General Manoj Naravane (JPP 1976).
- Career Workshop: On 31st October 2021, JPPAF's Alumni Support Centre conducted a "Career Workshop" for the batches which recently cleared the 10th standard exam and the current batch of 10th standard from JPP. The first

A single number +919579900129 has been created for all communication, sharing, and asking queries to the JPPAF's Alumni Support Centre. Similarly, the website jppalumni.org has become the medium to celebrate the successes of our alumni, giving a platform to their creativity and informing them about job and internship opportunities. All the reports, magazines, 51@51 articles mentioned below and more details about all the events are available on the website.

part was a session conducted by Shri. Sharadrao Sunkar on the topic of 'what is a career? how to choose a career?'. The second part was subjectwise sessions, in which JPP alumni, who are experts from different fields, such as pure science, engineering, finance, foreign language, designing/animation, languages/liberal arts, law, journalism, etc. guided the students. A total of 130 students participated in the workshop.

- 51@51 series: An idea put forth by and guided by Shri. Ajitrao Kanitkar, 51@51 was a series of articles celebrating the remarkable journeys and achievements of 51 notable JPP alumni from the first 10 batches of Yuvak and Yuvati Prashala. Upon completion of the 51@51 series, a small get-together of the team which was involved in making the series was organized on 5th March 2022.
- **Pedal Mandal:** The group has been functional since 2019, and has carried out the following rides with the number of participants in brackets: 1. Assam: Bodoland-Manas National Park ride (19). 2. Deccan Cliffhanger Race: Pune-Goa in 32 hours (8) 3. Khadakwasala-Panshet Monsoon rides (20) 4. 'Ride Kashmir' rally (6) 5. Shirwal-Veer winter ride (12).
- Trekkers' Group: This group went to the Rohideshwar fort trek with 10 members in December 2021.

- If you want to donate to various activities/departments under Jnana Prabodhini Trust, details are available at the link given below. Online donation facility and links for Indian citizens and foreign nationals with accounts in India will also be available there. This facility is currently available for some departments. Contact numbers for other departments are available.
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# Jnana Prabodhini Foundation (JPF), USA

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Jnana Prabodhini Foundation, USA is working in Education, Rural Development and Mobilization of women's power. During this year, JPF worked on 26 different projects. In the calendar year 2021, JPF managed to raise funds of \$2,47,000 (Rs. 1.8 crores) which were utilized for 15 projects. Two campaigns namely **Covid Relief** and **Mukti** were implemented this year. With \$31,000 (Rs. 23.3 lakhs) raised for Covid Relief, JPF donated 20 life-saving devices to India. Under Mukti campaign, funds were raised to create alternative employment for women labourers.

- The project **Beyond Language Barriers** was initiated by JPF to improve English communication of students. Under this, 22 volunteers met 40 students virtually every week to improve their English.
- **Prernasetu** is another such project, under which different subjects for a career were introduced to children of 20 schools. 15 sessions on Entrepreneurship, Technology and Arts were conducted this year.
- Bal Prabodhini is a project to introduce our culture, history and heritage to Marathi children who have grown up outside India. 47 children aged 5-11 from America, Canada, England and Ireland participated in this. A fund of \$6150 (Rs. 4.5 lakhs) which was collected as fees for Bal Prabodhini was donated to Harali Kendra.
- **JPF Analytics** is a computational social science platform engaged in evidence-based research, analysis and policymaking to build a resilient future. The group was formed after the successful completion of the COVID KAP project in August 2021 and is under constructive upgradation.
- The **translation group** is working to expand the scope of Prabodhini's rich literature into global and regional languages. The team is currently focusing on a book titled Niyojan Kaushalya (Planning Skills) and Hatti Vha Hatti (Be Resolute).
- JPF's support of \$1,26,000 (Rs. 93 lakhs) helped 347 students from various schools and centres of Prabodhini to continue their education and also helped 425 students to receive mid-day meals for four months at Anandshala, Harali. JPF worked to raise \$10,000 (Rs. 7.3 lakhs) for personality

development activities at Gram Prabodhini, Salumbre and \$6,500 (Rs. 4.8 lakhs) for various activities in Chhatra Prabodhan. JPF raised \$36,250 (Rs. 27 lakhs) for seven projects of the Stree-Shakti Prabodhan Department. These include entrepreneurship, skill development, health reform and alternative employment for Vidi workers (women who make small cigars by hand), Arogya Sakhi and Swavalamban programs (Jaswand Varg). \$15,000 (Rs. 11 lakhs) for various watershed management projects were also raised.

- Jnana Prabodhini Global Network is the largest organization of JPF. More than 800 individuals across four continents have been connected through it. A total of 20 meet-ups were held during the year, including six in-person and fourteen virtual meetups. In April 2021, JPGN members in the Bay Area raised over \$5,000 (Rs. 3.7 lakh) through a virtual concert to support the Covid-19 relief effort in India.
- The first Vidyavrata Sanskar abroad was organized in the UAE by JPF Coordinators in collaboration with Nigdi Prabodhini.
- The JPF Career and Mentoring Forum is helping new graduates with guidance, accommodation, networking and job hunting.
- The Yuvati Vibhag Abroad is an open and safe space for young women living abroad to talk about any topic or seek guidance. Nine sessions on various topics have been organized so far.

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	Sai Educare Pvt. Ltd.		14,250/-		Durga Devi Charitable Trust	60,000/-				
	5. J. P. Sevak Sahakari Patsanstha Ltd.		15,000/-		Bio Ved Pharmaceuticals Pvt. Ltd.	63,100/-				
	6. Sharp Engineering		16,180/-		Seva Sahayog Foundation	65,500/-				
	7. Lions Club Of Poona Nigdi		16,500/-		Pradeept Bharat Foundation	86,500/-				
	8. Integrated Software & Systems		20,000/- 20,000/-		Basell Polyolefins India Pvt. Ltd.	90,000/-				
	9. Rama Purushottam Foundation 10. Sharada Vishnu Charitable Trust		20,000/-		FinIQ Consulting India Pvt. Ltd. Innerwheel Club Pune	1,00,000/- 1,25,000/-				
	Innerwheel Club Pune I		25,000/-		Pune Nagar Vachan Mandir	1,26,000/-				
					Rotary Club Of Pune Pride	2,00,000/-				
			25,000/-		Megger (India) Pvt. Ltd.	3,00,000/-				
			25,000/-		Rotary Club Of Pune Shaniwarwada	4,75,000/-				
15.			27,000/-		Raviraj Hi-Tech Pvt. Ltd.	5,00,000/-				
	Questern Tours		27,000/-	40.	Prabodh Arthawardhini Pvt. Ltd.	5,00,000/-				
	Kartavya trust		29,000/-		Dabake Trust	5,00,000/-				
	Innerwheel Club Of Pur		35,000/-		N G Paranjape Pratishthan	5,62,500/-				
	Dassault Systemes Found	dation	35,000/-		Persistent Foundation	8,33,728/-				
	Agcon Project Pvt. Ltd.		45,010/-		Prabodh Arth Sanchay	10,00,000/-				
	<ul><li>21. Cybage Asha Trust</li><li>22. Dhanwantari Medical Foundation</li></ul>		49,700/- 50,000/-		Prabodh Artha Sanchay Pvt. Ltd.	27,32,000/-				
			50,000/-		Matrumandir Vishvasta Sanstha A. V. Sathe Foundation	35,99,500/- 1,00,00,001/-				
	24. More Sushil Keshavrao HUF 50,000/-				Jnana Prabodhini Medical Trust	3,41,80,000/-				
CSR Donation										
1.	Bloom Combustion Indi	ia Pvt. Ltd.	1,95,000/-	9.	Globant India Pvt. Ltd.	9,14,000/-				
2.			2,80,000/-	10.	Coforge Business Process	10,00,000/-				
2	India Pvt. Ltd.		2.00.000/		Solutions Pvt. Ltd.	11.00.000/				
	3. NJS Engineers India Pvt. Ltd.		3,00,000/-		Bajaj Holdings & Investments	11,00,000/-				
4. 5.			4,70,000/- 5,00,000/-		Prescient Technologies Pvt. Ltd.	13,05,000/-				
<i>5</i> . 6.	Cybage Asha Trust	iu.	5,80,000/-	13.	KPIT Technologies Ltd.	41,00,000/-				
7.	Polyone Polymers India	Pvt. Ltd.	7,28,945/-		CSR Donation (Invoice)					
8.	Ador Digatron Pvt. Ltd.		7,30,000/-		Excel Industries Ltd.	1,42,190/-				
	0				Bharat Forge Ltd.	14,81,225/-				
Foreign Contribution										
	Deo Mugdha		250/- 700/		Dr. Gokhale - Godbole Abha	1,50,000/-				
	Ganpule Vijay		700/- 1,200/-		Sathe Prabhakar Maharashtra Seva Samiti Orgnisation	1,75,000/- 2,85,964/-				
•		1,500/-		Dr. Nene Ashwini	3,00,000/-					
			9,510/-		Bhagwat Savita	3,55,027/-				
			15,000/-		Greater Pacific Capital Management L					
			25,000/-		Indian Devlopment And Relief Fund	7,37,500/-				
8.	8. Kanetkar Madhavi		30,000/-	20.	Maersk Global Service Centres	17,17,435/-				
	9. Shirhatti Sachin		35,000/-		GKN Sinter Metals Pvt .Ltd.	17,50,000/-				
10. Dambal Sanjeev		50,000/-		Mahajan Jayashree	42,00,000/-					
	Uk Inline Giving Founda	ation	65,152.71	23.	Jnana Prabodhini Foundation	94,51,713/-				
12.	Karandikar Shrikrishna		1,00,000/-			***				

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Padmashri Nivedita-didi Bhide and Shri. Bhanudasji of Vivekanand Kendra visited Prabodhini.



Nigerian Prof. Dr. Ighosa Osaghe and Dr. Veronica Osaghe's Prabodhini visit.



Shankaracharya of Yedtore Math Sri Shankar Bharti Swamiji visited Jnana Prabodhini.



Members of Educational Resource Centre at Jammu, Poonch with trainee teachers there.



Dr Savita Kulkarni and Smt Bageshri Ponkshe with local students at RIWATCH, Arunachal Pradesh.



Vivek Gallery at RIWATCH, Roing in memory of Late Vivek Ponkshe.



Volunteers of Yuvak Vibhag interacting with members of "Swar Pathak" at Indore.



Volunteers of Stri Shakti Prabodhan (Rural) in Rajasthan Study Tour



Ms. Mrunmayi Joshi (Election Commissioner and Collector, Palakkad, Kerala): National Award for excellent Election process.



Dr. Nitin Khade (Chief Election Commissioner, Assam State) - National Award for excellent Election Process.



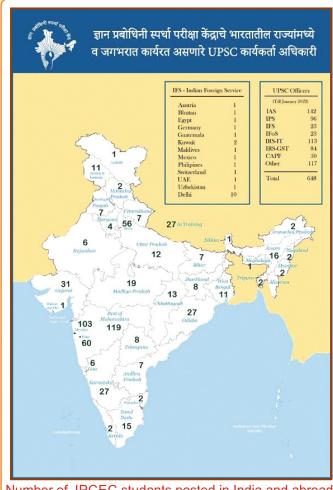
Ms. Deepti Mehendale Kanade (Deputy Secretary, Finance, Karnataka) - Prime Minister's Award for excellent work, 2021.



Shirur Samvadini received 'Shirur Icon' Award.



Meet of successful students of UPSC 2021 with Officers in Service



Number of JPCEC students posted in India and abroad

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