

Gyan-Setu

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About Jnana Prabodhini

A multifarious institution working in the fields of Education, Research, Rural Development, Women Power, Youth Organisation, National Integration and Health, with a view to Motivation Building and Attitude Formation of every person in all age groups to Change the Face of India for Better.

- Established in 1962.
- Spread over five main centres and three sub-centres.
- Has a presence in many districts of Maharashtra.
- Is active in many States including North-Eastern States.
- Works for all sections of society irrespective of caste, creed, sex etc.
- Human-centric approach with emphasis on personal integrity, ethical behaviour, transparency and accountability.

About Educational Activity Research Centre

The department, Educational Activities Research Centre (EARC) was established in 1992 as an initiative to spread Jnana Prabodhini's ideas and practices of man-making education across society. EARC works under three domains – Nurturance of Intelligence, Teachers Training, Research, and Resource Development. This center is working for the development of students, teachers, and schools to enrich their educational system.

About Gyan Setu

- JP initiated the Gyan Setu program in North-East states in 2013.
- It's been working in developmentally challenged states for the last 10 years. It's been implemented in a phased manner in respective areas.
- Gyan Setu's facilitators open the wonderful world of science to young pupils, kindle their appetite for learning by encouraging experimentation to explore the unknown and to expand their knowledge and also ignite and inculcate sense of national integration for volunteers by means of exposures like survey and interviews for volunteers

Gyan Setu at a glance



About Program Schedule

<p><i>Program Participation:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appeal for youth in Gyan Setu Participation • Program content readiness • E-resource and e-material for students 	<p><i>Program Implementation Phase 1:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordination with state local host • Planning about the visit • Content review • Travel plan finalization
<p><i>Program Implementation Phase 2</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gyan Setu workshops in different states • Feedback from school, teachers, students, local host • Continuous monitoring and evaluation 	<p><i>Program Implementation Phase 3</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feedback meeting of volunteers • Report annual event

Resource Development

1. As a part of the resource development, Gyan-Setu team worked on hands on activities from subject chemistry and biology as existing module contains majority activities from physics only.



2. Know our country - Exhibition Module

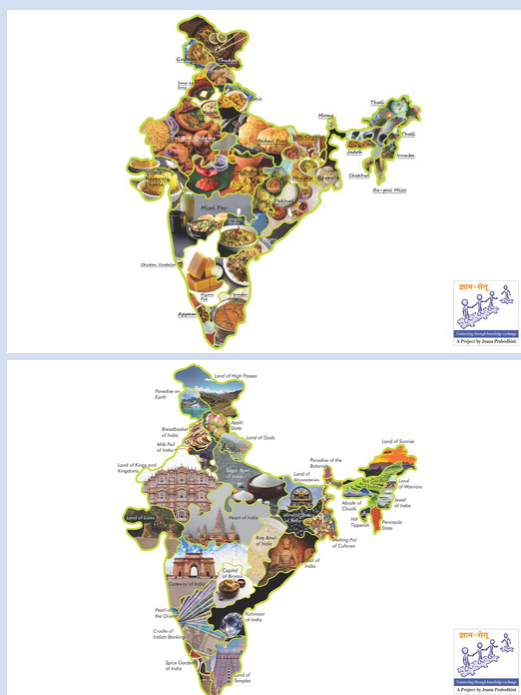
- Promoting Cultural Understanding and National Identity and Enhancing Knowledge and Awareness on various general topics through maps, activities, riddles and question and answers.

3. Survey of Place

- Survey activity on aspect agriculture, Culture, Education, History , Geographical factors was conducted at respective villages.

In the month of October, the Pilot Exhibition module and Survey activity was conducted in four States of North East India

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Appeal to Volunteers and Youth Mobilization

- Joining the Gyan-Setu project as a volunteer is an excellent opportunity to inculcate *scientific attitude in kids* and promoting *national integration* among youth.
- Volunteers get the opportunity to work on project that is aimed at enhancing *science education* and *cultural exchange* in the country.
- Gyan Setu is committed to providing opportunities for individuals to learn about different cultures and ways of life in India, which can help foster a sense of national unity.
- Volunteers can contribute in various ways, including organizing events, conducting surveys, developing resources, and participating in cultural exchange programs.
- Through their participation in the project, volunteers can *develop valuable skills* and gain practical experience in areas such as *project management, communication, and leadership*.
- Gyan Setu's projects aim to make education and resources accessible to all, regardless of socio-economic status or location.
- By joining the Gyan Setu project, volunteers can make a positive impact on the lives of individuals and communities throughout the country.

Activities conducted for Youth Engagement

- Social Media Post and Events
- 15 August Melawa Event
- 26 January Katta Event
- Experience sharing by Volunteers - Volunteers Katta Event
- Spreading the word about the mobilization efforts- Mouth Publicity
- Website and offline registration process

Training Workshops

One day long Gyan Setu training workshop was conducted at Jnana Prabodhini for volunteers. The workshop included hands-on science activities, games, icebreakers, and songs. The volunteers actively participated in the workshop and learned new skills. The hands-on activities allowed them to understand science concepts more effectively. Games and icebreakers helped them bond with each other and made the workshop more engaging. Training workshops were organized through out year for volunteers and selected volunteers after completing demonstration sessions conducted workshop in different states as per their planned visits.

Month	Place	No. of volunteers	No of Resource person
April	Jnana Prabodhini	10	1
September	Jnana Prabodhini	44	3
September	Jnana Prabodhini	25	2
December	Jnana Prabodhini	15	1
January	Jnana Prabodhini	15	1
February	Jnana Prabodhini	17	2
TOTAL		126	



Gyan Setu Visits

Total 104 Volunteers visited 8 different states under Gyan Setu, Jnana Prabodhini. These volunteers conducted one day science workshop in 108 Schools. Along with Science workshop Know our Country Exhibition was conducted at School and Village level. Few Interviews and local interaction was along with survey activity were conducted at remote places of India.



Month	State / Union Territory	Place	No. of volunteers	No. of schools reached	No. of students reach
May	Assam	Tinsukia	5	9	510
October		Parvatipur Dibrugarh	20	14	965
October		Tinsukia Naharkatia	10	10	2210
October	Arunachal Pradesh	Roing Tezu	14	12	700
October	Nagaland	Dimapur Doyang	10	11	1101
October	Meghalaya	Khasi Hills Jaintia Hills	11	14	874
October	Jammu and Kashmir	Kupwara	9	10	539
January		Samba	4	10	470
January	Madhya Pradesh	Gwailor	4	4	430
March	Manipur	Churachandpur Imphal	5	6	410
March	Odisha	Sambalpur Keunjhar	12	8	493
Total			104	108	8702

Gyan Setu Melawa - 15 August

Total Audience Present 120 +

Location - Jnana Prabodhini

Gyan Setu and Fergusson College, NSS-NIT (National Integration Tour) organized a joint initiative to celebrate India's Independence Day on 15th August called Gyan Setu Melawa. The program witnessed a gathering of around 120 enthusiastic participants. The event focused on showcasing the rich cultural heritage, traditions, and diversity of Northeast India, highlighting the various states and their unique cuisines.

The esteemed guests, including prominent dignitaries, graced the occasion and shared their insights on the significance of Northeast India. They emphasized the need of unity, respect, and appreciation for the cultural of the region. Smt Bageshree Ponkshe (also know as Guardian to northeastern students and advocate for north eastern communities for decades) delivered an inspiring speech, enlightening the audience about the vibrant aspects of Northeast India.

The event also featured a traditional attire showcase, where participants proudly displayed the attire representing various Northeastern states. The interactive session allowed attendees to engage with each other, fostering a spirit of camaraderie and understanding.

The informative session successfully achieved its goal of spreading awareness about Northeast India and its rich cultural heritage. The event concluded with heartfelt gratitude expressed by the organizers towards the guests, who shared their valuable knowledge and experiences with the participants.

The 15th August Melawa left a lasting impression on the attendees, inspiring them to continue their journey of knowledge and appreciation for the diverse cultures within India. The event served as a catalyst for the Gyan Setu initiative, motivating the participants to actively contribute towards national integration and social harmony.



Gyan Setu Katta - 26 January

Total Audience Present 110 +

Location - Jnana Prabodhini

The Gyan Setu program and its purpose, and achievements were introduced to the audience through various activities conducted by the organization in the past. Several volunteers shared their personal experiences, highlighting the impact and value of Gyan Setu in their lives.

The chief guest of the event was *Shravan Hardikar Sir, Inspector General of Registration and Controller of Stamps*, who graced the occasion with his presence. He delivered an enlightening speech on "The Role Of Youth In National Integration And Social Harmony," providing valuable insights and motivating the attendees.

Dr. Savita Tai Kulkarni, the Head of the Competitive Examination Centre at Jnana Prabodhini Pune, concluded the event, emphasizing the importance of educational initiatives like Gyan Setu.

Following the formal proceedings, an informal interaction session along with exhibition was held, allowing the volunteers and experts to engage in discussions and exchange ideas. The exhibition showcased the Gyan Setu's achievements, methodologies, and goals, giving the participants a glimpse into the impact Gyan Setu has made and continues to make in the education sector.

Overall, Gyan Setu Katta served as a platform to promote educational initiatives, encourage national integration, and foster social harmony. The event successfully created an atmosphere of learning, inspiration, and collaboration, leaving a lasting impression on all those who attended.



Collaboration Activity with NSS Group

Gyan Setu in Collaboration with NSS Group, Fergusson College visited in the states of North East India

- *Step 1*

Three Day's online webinar on "Know Our North East India " was conducted by Gyan Setu in collaboration with Fergusson College National Service Scheme group (NSS). About 100 Volunteers had participated in this webinar.

Day 1 – Know our North East India

Day 2 – How to study any state using different tools

Day 3 – Importance of North East India and Experience sharing

- *Step 2*

One hour of interactive session was held with the volunteers at the college to discuss the visits and plans.

- *Step 3*

State-wise team meetings were conducted to gather information about the regions they were visiting and rearranging it in suitable form e.g. series of videos or blogs.

- *Step 4*

The volunteers interacted with local hosts to gain knowledge about the areas they were visiting and the ground reality and to authenticate the information and know about local challenges faced by them.

- *Step 5*

15 August Program - A program named "Colors of Northeast" was organized on 15th August. (Detail Information Page No -9)



- *Step 6*

Gyan Setu Workshop for Volunteers

One-day long Training Workshop was conducted by Gyan Setu for 42 volunteers at Jnana Prabodhini Pune. The workshop included hands-on science activities, icebreakers, many more such things as a part of this training program that volunteers would conduct during their visits.

- *Step 7*

Photography and Documentation

A photography and documentation session were held at Fergusson College where the volunteers were introduced to the activities and tasks so that during visit, they could click good photos and videos and to present the data collected in the form of reports, documentary and presentations.

- *Step 8*

Demo session

As a part of Module, the Demo session of 1 Hour each was conducted by 44 volunteers in 12 batches for 7-8th standard students in Renuka Swaroop School and New English School, Pune.

- *Step 9*

Kit Assembly of 44 Volunteers and training for Exhibition- Know our Country was conducted at Upasana Mandir, Jnana Prabodhini. The activity was followed with guidance of Sharad Kunte Sir (Deccan Education Society Head)

- *Step 10*

Actual Visits in 4 States

Total 44 Volunteers, 4 staff members from Fergusson College and 5 Gyan Setu members visited 4 States (Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Meghalaya) and conducted Gyan Setu activities, Survey, cultural exchange program, exhibition etc.



Volunteer's Continuation Activity

In the month of December, A group of 11 Volunteers from Modern College visited schools in remote areas for conducting science popularization session in 10 Schools of Velhe Block in Pune District. Prior to this, the 11 Volunteers had visited Assam and Jammu-Kashmir to conduct Gyan Setu workshops in schools.

The enthusiastic participation of students and the warm reception from the local communities have made this initiative successful. The program aimed to bridge the gap between urban and rural education, facilitating knowledge exchange and promoting holistic development.

The interactive sessions fostered a sense of curiosity and enthusiasm among the students, encouraging them to explore new avenues of learning in the 10 Schools of Velhe Block.

The Modern College team is grateful to all the participating schools and the local authorities for their support and cooperation in making this initiative a grand success. The Gyan Setu program continues to strive towards creating a platform for equal educational opportunities and fostering national integration through knowledge exchange in remote parts of India.

- *Location - Velhe Block*
- *Number of Village - 5*
- *No of Volunteers - 11*
- *Number of Schools - 10*
- *Local Host (Shikshan Doot)- 5*
- *Number of Days - 3*



Celebrating a Decade of Progress...

Gyan Setu team visited schools in Assam, Manipur, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Odisha, and Jammu and Kashmir to conduct hands on Science Activities for middle school students. During our visits, we conducted interactive sessions and workshops, engaging students and teachers in discussions and knowledge-sharing activities. The schools welcomed us with open arms, and we were humbled by their warm reception and hospitality. We express our heartfelt gratitude to the schools and institutions for collaborating with us and supporting our mission to bridge educational gaps.

We are proud to have contributed to the Science Kit as a token of gratitude for these states and established a connection with 80 schools.

The interactions with the schools and local organizations have strengthened our resolve to continue working towards educational empowerment. We value the partnerships we have formed with these 15 institutions and look forward to further collaborations in the future.

State	No of School kits	State	No of School kits
Assam	22	Madhya Pradesh	5
Meghalaya	3	Odisha	8
Manipur	8	Chhattisgarh	7
Arunachal Pradesh	1	Jharkhand	5
Nagaland	1	Jammu and Kashmir	20

Total School kits - 80

Photos



**Interview of
Local Personalities**



**Know our Country
Exhibition**



**Demo Session of
Volunteers in Pune**



**Science Activities by
Volunteers in Schools**



Survey



Officer Visit and Interaction

Feedbacks

NIT (Gyan Setu - NSS FC) was a journey full of learning, exploring the unexplored, and something I'll cherish forever. We got to know a lot of things about the northeastern states of India, such as their food culture, lifestyle, agriculture, their dances, and most importantly, their education. We have come to understand what they have mastered better than us, which should be inculcated in us, as well as what those states lack and how we should take measures to improve them. It was also a great opportunity to know people closely, and I personally observed that every person has unique qualities from which we can learn. Before going to NIT, I had very little knowledge about the Northeastern states of India, but after NIT, I can assure you that I can help spread knowledge in an optimistic way about the Northeast, and I would love to work for such causes in the future as well.



Priyanka Kori
State : Assam



Every Journey and every step,
We learn and earn new things,
The world out is so beautiful and very young
They seem almost to glitter with perfection
We never get to stay with them for long,
but even so, I view them with affection

Through every Journey and every step I've learnt and earned new things. I wasn't there for long, but 5 days of teaching or should I say 5 days of learning got me thinking, a journey into myself of exploring a new venture. Developed a perspective towards life, I have also realised the abstract thoughts of us, which we don't really think about in everyday lives. The perspective of traveling through 5 different states by different modes of transport and eating different food and culture too, we were united and bound by our nation and science. Besides the tiniest moments of our lives make a huge impact on our lives, like wise this experience has made one on me!



Bela Pandharpure
Modern College, Ganeshkhind
State : Assam



"गर फिरदौस बर रूपे ज़मी अस्त
हमी अस्तो हमी अस्तो हमी अस्त"
(धरती पर अगर कहीं स्वर्ग है, तो यहीं है, यहीं है, यही है)

I consider myself fortunate enough to be a part of this programme. What I learnt, lived, explored is incredible experience and words can't describe it. we met so many people, had the local food, saw the heaven in real. Also, we cleared so many misconceptions and got a new perspective, perspective of the people who are living there since decades, their problems and the way they deal with them. Everything taught me something new and made me introspect myself. Though we were gone there to teach, but we ourselves learnt a lot from little things. It was a life changing experience for me. The motto which was established by Gyansetu is achieved by the team. I'm thankful for this wonderful journey and would definitely like to visit next year as well.



Pranali Nesneskar
Modern College, Ganeshkhind
State / UT : Jammu and Kashmir



NIT (National Integrity Tour) NSS FC-Gyan Setu October 2022, the first tour of this kind I have been on, definitely won't be the last for me.

This tour has shaped me in many ways (e.g., by helping me improve my soft skills). I came back with a changed perspective on many things: more love, patience, hope, empathy, and gratitude.

The journey of unlearning, learning, and a great deal of observing, understanding, and enlightenment (as a team) was very beautiful, fun, and new. The amazing hearts, smiling faces, and teary eyes (especially of students and hosts who aren't strangers anymore), the bonds (with people, nature, etc.), the environment—everything has in some way become a part of me. The tour has ended, but here I am with some new pieces of me that replace the ones I left there.

I was extremely pleased to see the team's efforts bear fruit I am excited to continue contributing to the enrichment and goal of this eternal idea. (Writing this feels unfair to all of the learning, growing, and fun because it doesn't express even a speck of it.)



Anusha Jaiswal
State : Assam



भारतातील विविध राज्यातल्या ग्रामीण व दुर्गम भागात 'विज्ञाननिष्ठित प्रयोग' विद्यार्थ्यांपर्यंत पोहोचवण्याची व त्या प्रदेशाशी एकरूप होण्याची संधी देणारं एकमेवाद्वितीय माध्यम म्हणजे 'ज्ञान- सेतु'.

छत्तीसगढ प्रवास अविस्मरणीय ठरला. तेथील सांस्कृतिक, शैक्षणिक, भौगोलिक परिस्थिती जाणून घेता आली.

'राष्ट्रीय एकात्मला बळ देणारा', 'विचारांचा आदानप्रदान करणारा', 'शिक्षकाच्या भुमीकेत राहण्याची संधी देणारा' हा उपक्रम देशासाठी आदर्श दिपस्तंभ ठरेल.



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Joining GYAN-SETU was one of the best decision my friends and I have taken. It has always enriched our perspective through different projects like visit to different states, Interactive sessions with bureaucrats etc. The visit to Chhattisgarh showed us standard of Life is much important than Standard of living. We are grateful to such a utilitarian Organization.




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