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About Us

Vidyarthi Vikas Prabodhini (VVP) is a registered organization working for improvement in rural education system in Kolhapur (MS) district since last 5 years. VVP is providing basic needs like computers, benches, library, laboratory and sports equipments, audio-visual devices to implement the structured syllabus in rural schools. VVP is also running the Educational Adoption Program for economically challenged students.

Balodyan is a residential hostel project governed by VVP for nomadic and orphaned children. This initiative was started in Jun 2009 and as on today total 10 children been enrolled for this year. Now VVP is taking big step and planned to expand the Balodyan for 100 children, separate hostel for Orphan Girls, rehabilitation Center for Orphan Women, Old age Home, Learning and Training center for Educational & Social Activities.



From Editor's Desk

Dear Balodyan Members,

We feel very happy & proud to present this second edition of quarterly newsletter to you. We appreciate your all the valuable feedback.

Recent visit of our chief mentor Mr. Dnyaneshwar Mulay and his valuable guidance to Balodyan was a memorable moment for us. Also it's our great pleasure to publish an article by Hon. Pradnya Pande under Writer's Dignity section in this newsletter.

Thank you for your kind contribution and hope to remain associated with you.

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Latest Updates

- Planning for intake expansion & fund raising drives for academic year 2010-11 of children is in progress.
- Computer donation request for 8 primary schools is expected to be completed in Apr 2010, through Infosys Foundation.
- Our mentor His Excellency Mr. Dnyaneshwar Mule visited Balodyan and provided valuable guidance.
- Mrs. Swati Raje, Director Bhaasha, visited Balodyan and spent time with children.
- Planning to start a library at Balodyan. Mrs. Pradnya Pande & Mrs. Swati Raje are mentoring this initiative.
- Conducted a Tree plantation drive in Balodyan campus

Readers Column

Thank you for the email and invite, I wish you and your team all the very best - **Sudha Murty**

During last monsoon I and other two Infoscions (Devesh Singh & Bhushan Buddhadeo) entered into a carpool arrangement. I and Devesh own a car and we used it alternately. Bhushan joined us on cost sharing basis. It was decided at that time to divert Bhushan's carpool contribution towards different initiatives taken by 'Balodyan' - **Purvesh Shah**

We as young sons of Indian soil should take a leading step in caring and building a literate and a healthy life to such abandoned children. I feel proud to be a part of such campaign which will imbibe a high diligence for the upliftment of such Orphaned children in our country - **Venkatesh Pillai**

This is a great initiative. Current batch of students seem to be doing well. Their faces tell the whole story - **Amod Bhate**

Writers' Dignity



Mrs. Pradnya Pande

Our writer, Mrs. Pradnya Pande is a Deputy Commissioner of Sales Tax – Pune since 2004 and working with Sales Tax department from 2000.

She is closely associated with Bhatkya Vimukta Shikshan Institute, Wagholi, and working as coordinator, fund raiser and guardian for their residential schools for mentally retarded, deaf and orphan children. She is also contributing for Rehabilitation of passing out children of Aashram Shala and Teachers Training programs.

While going through the project documents of the Vidyarthi Vikas Prabodhini and the 1st newsletter by Balodyan, I inevitably remember the 'Panchasheel' or 'Panchsutra' given by Dr. Raghunath Mashelkar, then president of the National Science Congress, held at Pune in January, 2000. Whenever I start something new, before actually executing it, I do refresh the said 'Panchsutra' in my mind. The Panchsutras are –

- **Child Centered Education**
- **Women Centered Family**
- **Human Centered Development**
- **knowledge Centered Society**
- **Innovation Centered India**

Much is talked about the child centered education today. With some revolutionary decisions by the union minister for human resource development, we should be happy that at least this subject is on national agenda. Some of the schools are even quite prompt about the stress free and informal/creative ways of child education. I remember and appreciate the slogan by one of the schools that 'Human race is the only race our children should be in'. In this era of competition, insecurities and the lost human dialogue when we adults face so many problems can we imagine how difficult it must have been for our little ones to manage the stress or cope up with the ever increasing expectations from parents when they don't even know the ways to express or manage the stress? The problem is multiplied when we have to manage children with troubled background. Keeping their spirits high, boosting their confidence is a real challenge. I think we need to give these children childhood first before we start giving them education. Our teachers /caretakers should be trained frequently how to manage these kids. These kids' definitely need special attention and affection from all of us associated with such projects. It is my personal experience that with our healing touch, we can arm them, make them competent and confident so that they fight the odds of the life on their own.

As a mother, whenever I observe the competition, our kids (unnecessarily) have to face today, I really wonder, why waste their energy in competing with each other when we have much bigger and urgent challenges to fight with. It's high time we imbibe the **Reduce, Reuse, Recycle** values in our children. It's high time we introduce them with 5E's

- **Equity**
- **Ethics**
- **Ecology**
- **Economy**
- **Environment**

(Concept courtesy Dr. Mashelkar).

We (teachers and parents together) need to act fast and be precise in nurturing these values in generation next. I am amazed to notice that you people, at Balodyan, are already following most of the sutras I am talking about. With girl education, women rehabilitation, and other educational and social projects clearly in sight, I am sure you will complete the circle. I can clearly visualize the comprehensive growth /or inclusive growth of the area in near future. It is said that 'WELL BEGUN IS HALF DONE', then (with Balodyan) half is already done friends. But still we have to go a

long way. Lets join hands, let's work together with fullest of our capacities to materialize the dreams of a great visionary we have amongst us our chief mentor, Mr. Dnyaneshwar Mulay.

Through this 2nd edition of the news letter, I take this opportunity to convey my good wishes to all of you associated with Balodyan, especially the teachers and other staff members, who actually execute the ideas. From the depth of my heart I convey my gratitude with the lines.....

**Om Sahanavtu | Sahanau Bhunaktu |
Saha Viryam Karwavhai | Tejaswinavadhitmastu |
Ma Vidvisha Vahai |**

Means, the teacher and student will share the simple relation, lets progress together, let us increase the 'Teja' together, and let us not hate each other ever.....

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