

STUDENTS' WELFARE ASSOCIATION, PUNE

(VIDYARTHI SAHAYYAK SAMITI, PUNE)

(Public Charitable Trust Srl. No. E-219,Pune)

Founder : Dr. Achyut Shankar Apte

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  12. Dr. Tej Nivlikar : Educationist.
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  4. Namdeo Khamitkar, 5. Namdeo Patil, 6. Suresh Patwardhan, 7. Ashok Patharkar.
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## VIDYARTHI SAHAYYAK SAMITI

Dear Sir/ Madam,

It gives me immense pleasure to have a dialogue with you as a donor, guardian and well wisher of Samiti. I would like to apprise you of Samiti's working and some changes during the current financial year.

1. Construction of the Indira Wing on the fourth floor of Sumitra Sadan was completed from the concept and donation of Shri P.B.Kulkarni, ex-Chairman of Bank of Maharashtra and a well wisher of Samiti. The wing has 7 rooms which can accommodate 25 girl students.
2. Shri Girish Bapat, Guardian Minister of Pune district, has helped Samiti to get wheat and rice from the Central Government quota through the food grains distribution section. This has resulted in a substantial reduction in expenses for Samiti.
3. Expenses on gas, electricity, water, employees were increasing as there were three kitchens in Samiti's four hostels. Since piped gas, which is cheaper, is available only in Lajpatrai Bhavan Hostel, it was decided to operate only one kitchen in Lajpatrai Bhavan and supply food to the other two hostels from there. This is expected to save Rs. 12 lakh per annum in expenses.
4. Since Samiti attaches great importance to the concept of personality development, a group of ex-students has started working with the present students. Many things in operations are becoming simpler as a result of the dialogue between the ex-students and the present students. Participation of ex-students in the operations has increased. With ex-students participating in Samiti's work as Karyakartas and trustees, it would not be incorrect to say that Samiti has become younger.
5. Referring to the Income and Expenditure Statement it would be observed that there is a surplus of Rs. 45 lakh. This amount is the interest on the term deposits over the last four years, hence it should not be considered as income of the last financial year alone. In fact, having regard to the increasing expenditure, there is deficit of Rs. 8.82 lakh during the last financial year. Karyakartas, employees and ex-students have been working continuously to bridge this gap. Keeping this in view, ex-students have pledged to raise funds by taking inspiration from Samiti's trustee and ex-rector Shri Ramakant Tamboli.
6. We have plans to start some project on the vacant land of Lajpat Bhavan. The idea is to supplement Samiti's income and make it stronger. Part of this land was under government reservation, but the process of withdrawing it has started. The idea is to use part of the land for a project which would get income for Samiti, part for skill development projects and part would be used as play ground.
7. In view of the increase in Samiti's work, a post of Chief Executive Officer has been created. Shri Prabhakar Patil, ex-student has been appointed in this post. Apart from looking after the day to day operations of Samiti, he is responsible for liaising with Charity Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Food distribution and other departments and all the pending jobs have been completed.
8. Samiti has complied with all the requirements of the minimum wages act for employees. Samiti attaches great importance to the employees' contribution in this social work.

9. With increase in the capacity of the hostels over the last few years the number of students has gone up. However, we are still unable to admit many more students. From this, we notice that many students are in need of the facilities provided by Samiti. Hence the management is considering whether it would be feasible to extend Samiti's work to rural areas. Proposals in that connection have been received from Ahmednagar and Baramati and are under consideration.

To sum up, the mission for education of rural students started 62 years ago is continuing day and night. We are conscious that this has been possible only due to the cooperation of many like you who are conscious of their social sensitivities. Your suggestions and feedback would always be welcome and so would be your contribution for the future projects .

Thanks.

Sincerely,  
Tukaram Gaikawad  
Managing Trustee

#### IMPORTANT EVENTS DURING THE YEAR

- Prin. Bhausahab Jadhav, Trustee of Samiti, was awarded Honorary D.Lit. by the University of South America for his contribution in the field of education and social work.
- Smt. Nirmalatai Purandare, Permanent Trustee, resigned from the board of trustees due to ill health.
- Samiti participated in NGO Expo held on 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at Mumbai.
- Shri Pradeep Mandke was elected to the Board of Trustees on 10<sup>th</sup> August 2017.
- Independence Day was celebrated on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2017 in all Samiti hostels. Shri Kishor Dhankude was the chief guest at Lajpatrai Bhavan, Dr. Madhavi Vaidya at Sumitra Sadan and Dr. Shruti Panse at Apte Hostel.
- Donations received on the occasion of Diwali : Lajpatrai Bhavan : Rs. 2,04,000/-, Dr. Apte Hostel :Rs. 1,75,000/- and Sumitra Sadan : Rs. 1,13,000/- Total : Rs. 4,92,000/-
- Shri Prabhakar Patil and Shri Kundan Pathare participated in the workshop for the rectors of Adivasi Ashram Shalas in Maharashtra in December 2017.
- 6 bicycles were purchased for girls from the bicycle fund.
- Officials of the German company M/s Murrplastik visited Samiti on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2018 and undertook the responsibility of the entire education of 5 girls doing professional graduate courses.
- Maj. Gen. Shashikant Pitre had a dialogue with the students on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2018 on the occasion of the memorial day of late Dr. Achyutrao Apte. Five students were felicitated for doing excellent work and were given prizes from the funds provided by Shri Subhash Apte.
- Shree Prataprao Pawar, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, had a dialogue with students on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2018.
- 26<sup>th</sup> January 2018 : Flag hoisting functions : Shri Vitthal Shirke was the chief Guest at Lajpatrai Bhavan ; Prof. and Corporator Smt. Jyotsna Ekbote at Sumitra Sadan and Dr. Abhijit Sonavane of Doctors of Beggars at Dr. Apte Hostel.

- A science exhibition was organised at Lajpatrai Bhavan on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2018 and was inaugurated by ISRO scientist Smt. Leena Bokil. The students exhibited 22 projects and 40 posters prepared by them on this occasion.
- Prize distribution ceremony was organised on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2018 and was attended by Shri Nagnath Manjule.
- 17 students visited the factory of M/s Thyssencrupp, Pune on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2018.
- Smt. Varsha Pansare from Shriyash Education Foundation gave a demonstration on Cake making on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2017 and Smt. Komal Parekh gave a demonstration on making spray perfume and room fresheners and Shri Sawant spoke about personality development and self employment on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2018 in Sumitra Sadan. These were attended by 25 girls.

### STUDENTS' ACHIEVEMENTS

- Pratiksha Kulkarni secured a Gold Medal in the District Level Wrestling Championship at Ahmednagar.
- Satish Aghav passed the IPCC examination.
- Atharv Kagalkar ranked second in the state level Tabla competition .
- Rohan Khomne was selected for the under-19 cricket team of Maharashtra.
- Mayuri Mane completed C.S. Foundation in the first attempt.
- Shubhada Khaval passed the examination on RTI in A grade and was selected as a trainer.
- Shweta Munde was honoured with the President's Medal for passing the National Jamboree Examination.
- 8 students passed the Common Proficiency Test while one student passed the Integrated Professional Competency Course.
- Nilesh Jaybhaye and Vijay Kanthale from Lajpatrai Bhavan participated in the Bharat Yatra organised by Jagruti Seva Samstha.

### THE EARN & LEARN SCHEME

The objective of this scheme is that students should earn some money by doing some work so as to reduce the financial burden of their parents. While working, they also get to learn conversational skills, self reliance and social awareness. A multicoloured guide was prepared under the guidance of Dr. Tej Niwalikar. The students earned Rs. 21,05,242/- under this scheme during the year.

Additionally, the students earned Rs. 2,19,655/- by doing occasional work for Sakal Social Foundation, Foundation for Ancient Indian Philosophy and Medicine, Nishant Publications, Vidyasagar Classes, Market yard Agri Solutions, Star Forum, Franklin Institute, Hitendra Advertising and others.

Rewards of Rs. 600/- each and commendation certificates were awarded to 10 girls in the memory of Smt. Usha Balwant Deshpande.

### OTHER IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS IN HOSTELS

- Conventional tube lights were replaced with LED tubes in Lajpatrai Bhavan and a Chapati making machine was installed in Dr. Apte Hostel from the donation given by Shri Vasant Kher.
- Construction of the 4<sup>th</sup> floor was started in Sumitra Sadan.
- Shri Biwalkar gave training of fire fighting under crisis management.
- A send off function was organised for the final year students on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

#### VIDYARTHI VIKAS KENDRA

- Eco-friendly Ganesh festival was organised in all the hostels.
- 60 Students participated in the “Rangaat Rangooya” project, on 27<sup>th</sup> August 2017.
- 42 boys and 48 girls participated in the cooking competition held on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2017.
- 18 students participated in the skill development workshop of LAHI on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2017.
- Engineers’ Day was celebrated on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2017 with Shri Mujtaba Lokhadwala as the chief guest.
- “Brand Me” workshop was organised on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2018 by Grass Roots through Smt Yogini Joshi and Smt. Savita Patwardhan. 25 girls participated.
- A Mumbai Darshan trip was organised on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2018 by Shri Nisar Choughule.
- The annual social gathering was organised on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2018 when 32 items were presented.
- A send off function for the final year students was organised on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2018.
- A felicitation function was held on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2017 for the team Karma which won the international robotics competition. The participants were felicitated by Shri Deepak Shikarpur.
- Dr. Babasaheb Jayakar Lectures were organised on 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> January 2018 jointly by Samiti and Bahihshal Shikshan Mandal of Savitribai Phule Pune University.
- An interview of Shri Arvind Jagtap, renowned author of letters from the TV serial “Chala Hava Yeoo Dyaa” was held on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

#### AROGYA KENDRA

In accordance with the practice every year, medical examination of all the resident and non-resident students was carried out. In general, the health was satisfactory. In some cases the height was less in relation to the weight and haemoglobin level was lower than normal. A few students were advised to get some special tests done. All the students were briefed about regular diet and exercise, personal and general hygiene, Ygasanas, Soorya Namaskar, Pranayama and meditation, skin diseases, adverse effects of junk food, stress and time management, menstruation, sex education, AIDS etc.

Ophthalmologist Dr. Varsha Kulkarni, Dermatologist Dr. Vidyasagar Ghate, Om Hospital, Ratna Hospital, Sahyadri Hospital, Deen Dayal Hospital, Sassoon Hospital, Tarachand Hospital extended cooperation during the year.

All the Health Centres in the hostels were renovated and new medical equipment procured from the donation given by Dr. Jagannath Vani was installed. Dr. Prasad Ambikar and Dr. Supriya Vyawahare are the medical officers. They are assisted by students from the medical faculty.

#### SAHAYYA SANKALAN (COLLECTION OF DONATIONS)

Presently, two plans are available : (1) Persons who offer donations of Rs, 1,000/- every year are called Guardians (Paalak), (2) Persons offering a one time donation of Rs. 5,000/- or more are called Special Guardians (Vishesh Paalak).

Some Paalaks express desire to have interaction with students regularly . In such cases, one or two students are deputed to meet them every month and they get guidance from them in various matters. As of end March 2018, donations received from Guardians totalled Rs. 37,63,922/- and other donations received were Rs. 1,65,77,416/- The total number of Guardians was 2204.

14 students, boys and girls, from Samiti hostel,s did a good job of collecting donations from donors from Pune.

During the last several years, a gathering of donors, guardians and well wishers of Samiti is regularly organised in the evening on 26<sup>th</sup> January. This year, the gathering was arranged at Lajpatrai Bhavan and was attended by about 250 to 300 guardians, donors and well wishers. The students had organised an exhibition of drawings, rangoli and science experiments on this occasion. The students also gave demonstration of yogasanas.

In November every year, a classical music concert is organised for Samiti's donors, guardians and well wishers. This year, a classical music programme of Smt. Veena Joglekar was organised on 11<sup>th</sup> November in the hall of Apte Hostel. It was attended by about 250-300 people.

It is only with the support of these people that Samiti has been able to carry on its work over the years. Sincere thanks to all the donors and well wishers. We are confident that their support would continue in future too. The list of donors and guardians is given elsewhere in this report.

#### ADMISSIONS AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

On line admissions were started from 1<sup>st</sup> December 2017. The number of new students admitted during the current academic year was as follows :

Lajpatrai Bhavan	Dr. Apte Hostel	Sumitra Sadan	Total
209	93	44	346

The Total Number of students admitted during the year was as follows :

Lajpatrai Bhavan	Dr. Apte Hostel	Sumitra Sadan	Total
429	173	110	712

#### MAJI VIDYARTHI MANDAL (EX-STUDENTS'S CLUB)

The felicitation function for the sons and daughters of ex-students and employees was held at the Modak Hall of Dr. Apte Hostel on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2017. Dr. Arvind Shaligram, ex-student of Samiti and Registrar of Savitribai Phule Pune University was the chief guest.

The annual picnic of ex-students and employees was organised at Aundh (former state) on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2017.

About 70 ex-student girls attended a gathering at Dr. Apte hostel on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

The annual gathering of ex-students was held on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2018. This gathering was sponsored by ex-students from Marathwada. About 350 ex-students –boys and girls – participated in it.

Snacks and meals on the occasion of Diwali were offered by Dr. Bhausahab Jadhav, Samiti karyakartas, employees and Maji Vidyarthi Mandal.

The ex-students have pledged to collect Rs. One crore through Tamboli Sir Prerana Nidhi to finance the deficit faced by Samiti.

Financial assistance was provided to 4 needy students of Samiti for payment of fees.

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