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From the President's Desk

Hello JPF Family,

The year 2021 has started on a positive note and with the good news of COVID vaccines. Hope you and your family are vaccinated or are in process of getting one. I am looking forward to the post-pandemic era, and I am sure you are too! Here, at JPF as well, it was a quite happening first quarter with the launch of three new projects related to education and a campaign related to women leadership.

Education is one of the major focus areas for JPF and is close to many of our hearts. Based on the continued research and experiments over 60 years, Jnana Prabodhini has developed its expertise in the field of education and all-round development of students – providing us great leverage when it comes to education projects. In the recent quarter, we successfully launched three such projects - Prerna Setu, Beyond Language Barriers (For Teachers), and a pilot for Baal Prabodhini. Also, project KAP has crossed a major milestone by publishing a policy paper on impact of COVID. Kudos and heartfelt thanks to all the JPF volunteers for making these programs successful!

This quarter, JPF launched a campaign '**Mukti**' to help at least **120 women** by providing them with financial support to permanently stop working in the hazardous cigarette rolling industry. Your donation of \$250 can help one woman to find **alternate employment and a sustainable income** for her and her family, for the life! I appeal to everyone to generously donate to this campaign and support this cause.

Thanks,
Pranav Kulkarni

Women's Day and Campaign Mukti

This quarter, on the occasion of Women's History Month, JPF launched a campaign in the vertical of Women Leadership. We are now working in the low-income areas to generate employment through the Women's Employment and Entrepreneurship programs. The program focuses on Cigarette rolling workers in Solapur. Solapur is a hub of handmade cigarette (bidi) rolling workers who risk their lives in this hazardous work to get a livelihood. It's estimated that there are such 50K women workers in Solapur. They work at their homes which also puts their families in danger.

With the campaign Mukti, Jnana Prabodhini is trying to help at least 120 women by providing them with the financial support of \$400 to permanently stop working in the cigarette rolling industry in Solapur. From last 20 years, we are also working in the Velhe region to provide support of \$150 to each woman to take initiatives in running small, seasonal businesses via Micro-financing for women.



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\$8000 Raised
53 Women Entrepreneurs

MUKTI

SUSTAINABLE EMPLOYMENT
&
MICRO-FINANCING FOR WOMEN

Goal \$30,000
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Program Updates

COVID & Pune - Project KAP (Knowledge, Attitude, and Practices)

We are pleased to inform you that the COVID 19 project KAP crossed a major milestone by publishing a policy paper on the social, psychological, and economic impact of COVID on the residents of Pune. It was published by Pune's Additional Municipal Commissioner, IAS Officer Ms. Rubal Agarwal.



The team studied 2,245 responses from Pune with different socioeconomic backgrounds, including neighborhoods with high poverty. We found a disproportionately negative impact on low socioeconomic (SES) groups. Participants from low SES reported six times more job loss and two times more COVID-19 cases than those from

high SES. Pune-kars overwhelmingly trusted the government and NGOs as sources of information on the pandemic and are enthusiastic about getting vaccinated. To read such interesting findings, you can visit JPF website for the detailed report.

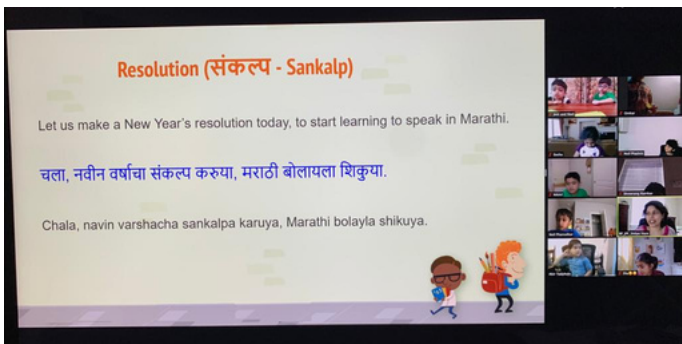
Beyond Language Barriers (BLB)

The BLB Program for Jnana Prabodhini Navanagar Vidyalaya (JPNV) teachers started in January 2021. This program aims to provide opportunities for interested teachers at JPNV to improve their Spoken English skills. Currently, 19 teachers are enrolled in this program. Each teacher is paired with a JPF volunteer.

At present, we have 16 volunteers from across the world- from India, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand, and the United States. Teachers and Volunteers meet weekly for sessions that typically last about 60 minutes. Our volunteers have found these sessions to be enriching, and are forging wonderful relationships with the JPNV teachers. We are hoping to continue and expand the program this year!

Baal Prabodhini

Baal Prabodhini is an all-round development educational platform offered by the JPF for the age group of 5-11 years from the US, UK, & Ireland. It is based on Jnana Prabodhini's fundamentals of teaching culture and life principles motivating intelligence for social change. Our motivation is to provide a learning environment for kids that is full of fun avoiding strict adherence to a pre-set syllabus.

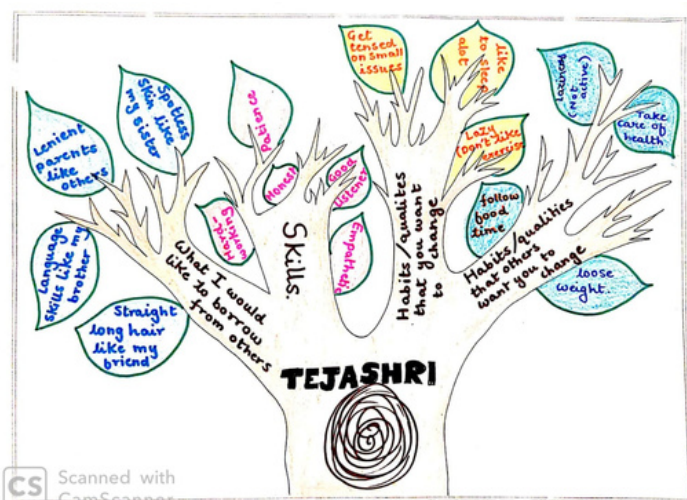


With the guidelines and support from the large volunteer capital of JPF, this program brings to you interactive sessions in Marathi and English to introduce kids to Indian Culture, History, Art, and Heritage along with all-round development activities. The Pilot program of 3 months has started on Mar 28th with an overwhelming response by 18 kids from 7 states.

Thinkaton for Teens

Jnana Prabodhini Foundation (JPF) along with Jnana Prabodhini's Institute of Psychology (JPIP) conducted two child development workshops for kids in the USA in January and March 2021. JPIP is a premier research institute in the field of psychology and has done pioneering work in identifying and nurturing human potential.

The first workshop, 'Thinkathon for Teens' aimed at kids from the age of 13 to 15 years. The emphasis of this workshop was on problem-solving skills and self-acceptance. The second 'Thinkathon' pivoted around developing thinking skills for the age group of 7-11 years. Tejashri Damame, a facilitator and trained psychologist from JPIP conducted these 2 day workshops for 19 kids.



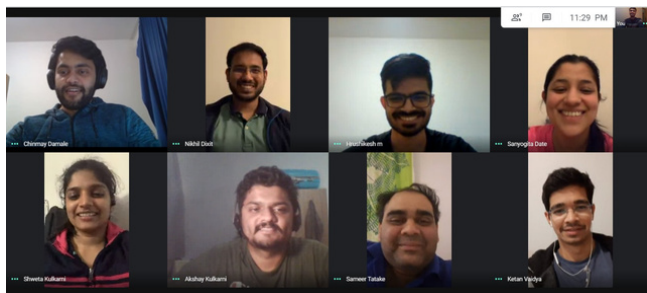
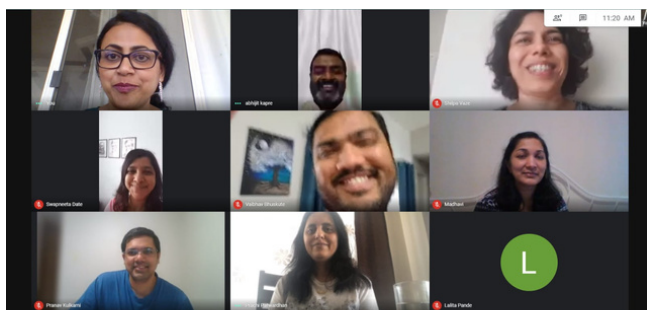
Prerna Setu (Building Bridges of Motivation)

JPF in collaboration with JP Educational Activity Research Center (EARC) has successfully launched a program Prerna Setu on the 14th of March. It has created a platform for sharing a journey of personal, academic growth, career choices, and its social impact by developing expertise in the respective field.

The program focuses on challenges and problems future professionals can solve to make this world better. The program connects 15 schools from 7 Indian states to professionals all over the world from diverse fields like technology, arts, and the environment.

JPGN

This was an exciting quarter for Jnana Prabodhini Global Networking Initiative with 11 meet-ups happening across various regional groups. Europe, US South and US Northeast groups have successfully set up periodic - monthly/quarterly - meetings, with rest of the groups in process of setting these meetings.



Various meeting formats have emerged leading to innovative project ideas (such as Bal Prabodhini) and growing engagement within the regional groups. Some of the formats that have been successful are inviting a JP leader and have a discussion with them (US-South), and organizing discussion/collaborative learning sessions focused on a relevant topic (Europe, UK, US-Northeast). With such an encouraging start of the year, we are looking forward to an amazing year with a strong community spirit and lots of initiatives!



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