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From the President's Desk

Hello JPF Family,

With more than half of 2021 already flew by, I am excited to share the six-month update of JPF's work through this edition of the newsletter.

JPF had started this year with a focus on projects targeting water storage management, women entrepreneurship, and supporting education. But, by April, the second wave of COVID19 was raging in India affecting a much larger population and creating a devastating impact. It spread much rapidly and caused a shortage of critical life-saving equipment, medical supplies, and oxygen. Given the urgency and severity of impact, JPF quickly realigned its focus to fight the second COVID wave in India.

After consulting with medical professionals and frontline workers, JPF decided to focus on supporting hospitals by supplying critical life-saving equipment. With the support of more than 350 generous donors, JPF raised \$63K and donated 6 BIPAP ventilators, 7 concentrators, and 7 advanced ECG machines used to monitor the life of critical COVID patients. We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to all of you who supported this campaign. You have directly helped in saving lives!!!

As education remains one of the most severely impacted areas by COVID, it's time to focus on long-term efforts to mitigate the impact of a pandemic. With the start of the new academic year, JPF will reenergize the Learn India Campaign this quarter to support the education of 350 students this year. For upcoming campaign and project updates, stay tuned with us on social media platforms!

Thanks,
Pranav Kulkarni

COVID Relief

India recently faced the second wave of the pandemic. Unfortunately, the impact has been extremely severe. With your firm support during the time of the pandemic, JPF was able to donate 1 BIPAP ventilator to Walawalkar Hospital in Chiplun, 3 BIPAP ventilators to Swami Ramananda Tirtha Hospital, and 2 to Dedicated COVID Hospital in Ambajogai. JPF also donated 7 ECG machines to Deenanath Mangeshkar Hospital, Pune which is used to monitor the health of critical COVID patients. Each of these is a life-saving instrument and saved many lives during the pandemic.



JPF partnered with multiple organizations to help rural India during the pandemic and received 7 oxygen concentrators(OC) through this initiative. Health4India helped with 4 OCs and India Town Seva with 3 OCs during the peak of the pandemic wave. Two of these were sent to Walawalkar Hospital in the Kokan region and 5 were donated to Dedicated COVID Hospital in Ambajogai. We will keep on assessing the needs and extend our helping hand in challenging situations.

We are immensely grateful to Saptak Music School for its fundraising event for our COVID-19 relief efforts. With its contribution, we have crossed the \$50,000 mark in our campaign. The concert was not only soulful but will go on to help the people in need in these dire times of the pandemic.

Sponsor a child

After sponsoring the 349 students for the year 2020, JPF has started the efforts for **2021 to raise \$129K to support 350** students facing financial difficulties. The second COVID wave along with the challenging last year has adversely affected these families and their livelihood. Paying for tuition fees has become a challenge for these families. Sponsor a Child is an initiative supporting these families and helping students to continue their education. Till the last quarter, JPF has supported 48 students from Gram Prabodhini Salumbre, Vocational Training Center Shivapur, and students from slums in Pune.

Program Updates

Translation

With the objective of widening the scope of Prabodhini's work outside Maharashtra, the team successfully completed the translation and launch of Chala Prakalpa Karuya in September last year. While some members of the team continue with Project-Based learning, this team has now undertaken the translation of two books: "Niyojan Kaushalya" (Planning Skills) and "Hatti vha Hatti" (Be Resolute) in small subteams. "Niyojan Kaushalya" is a guide that trains the reader to build planning skills through different activities and examples. Articles have been distributed and assigned to 6 subteam members. "Hatti vha Hatti" focuses on personality development and helps readers in self-assessment and self-motivation. With 2 members of this subteam, 7 articles are ready with their first draft of the translation.

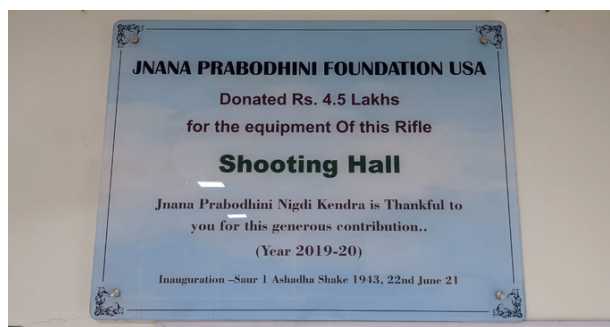
PBL (Project Based Learning)

To build further upon the translated book Chala Prakalpa Karuya, a new PBL team has been formed, with two subteams. The objective of the Audiovisual subteam of PBL is to convey the message of the book through various kinds of formats such as animated videos, PowerPoint presentations with voiceover. An individual will be able to learn what PBL is and execute a project after going through this course. The team decided to pick 12 titles that cover the overall content of the book and is working on converting them into scripts for the final videos. The Workbooks subteam of PBL is working on developing supplementary hands-on activities for the book that students can perform on their own and explore further.

Jnana Prabodhini Navnagar Vidyala (JPNV) Shooting Academy

Over the years, JPNV at Nigdi has excelled in sports education and working relentlessly to create future sports champions. Developing education infrastructure is JPF's one of the most important initiatives. JPF donated \$6,000 for the rifle shooting hall in Feb 2020 which was inaugurated on June 21st, 2021. The hall is well equipped with 9 shooting lanes on the range.

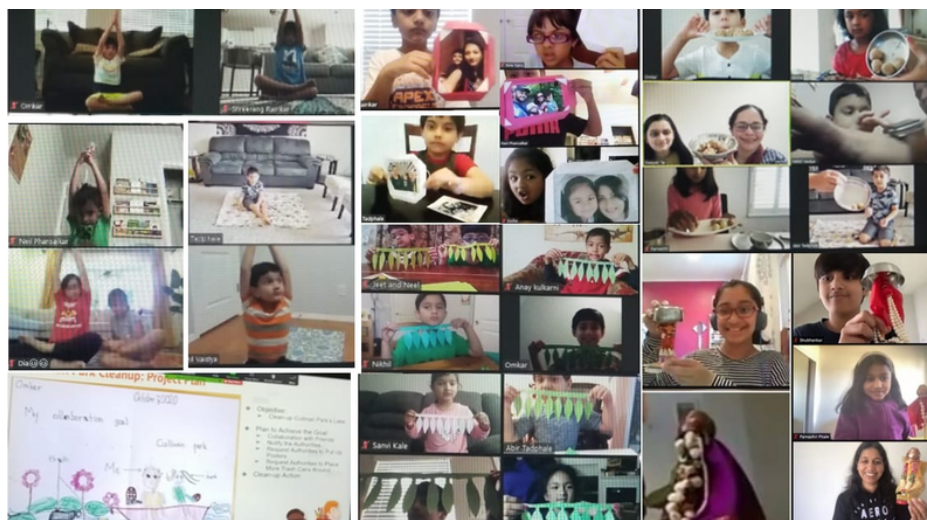
We are honored to have Ms. Disha Jadhav and Ms. Prajakta Gade (National Players & Trainees of Padmashree Anjali Bhagawat) as a coach for rifle shooting academy. In June 2021, the academy has conducted four Introduction batches and started running two regular batches. Thanks to everyone supporting this initiative last year.



Baal Prabodhini

Baal Prabodhini is an all-round development educational platform offered by the Jnana Prabodhini Foundation (JPF) for kids of age group 5-11 years from Marathi families from the US, UK, Canada, and Ireland to introduce kids to Indian Culture, History, Art, and Heritage. It is based on Jnana Prabodhini's fundamentals of teaching culture and life principles motivating intelligence for social change.

The Pilot program which started on 03/13/21 with an overwhelming response by 20 kids from 7 states in USA, has successfully completed 6 sessions. In these sessions, we introduced kids to topics such as: yoga, festivals, art & craft. In the concluding session of the Pilot program, kids will showcase what they have learnt in the form of a small performance. The Fall segment will start in August 2021. For enrollment, contact: BaalPrabodhini@jnanaprabodhinifoundation.org



Podcast initiative:

The podcast team stemmed from the women leadership wing of JPF. Podcasts are a great way to share Jnana Prabodhini's grass-root level transformational stories. The idea was conceptualized in late 2020 by JPF volunteers. The main intention behind starting this initiative was to reach out to a wider audience in their most popular audio format.

From January 2021, we have covered several initiatives such as the beginning of microfinancing groups for rural women, empowerment through small businesses, efforts led by Jnana Prabodhini throughout the course of the pandemic, the Education reform program, and a School for migrant workers, Sakhar Shala.

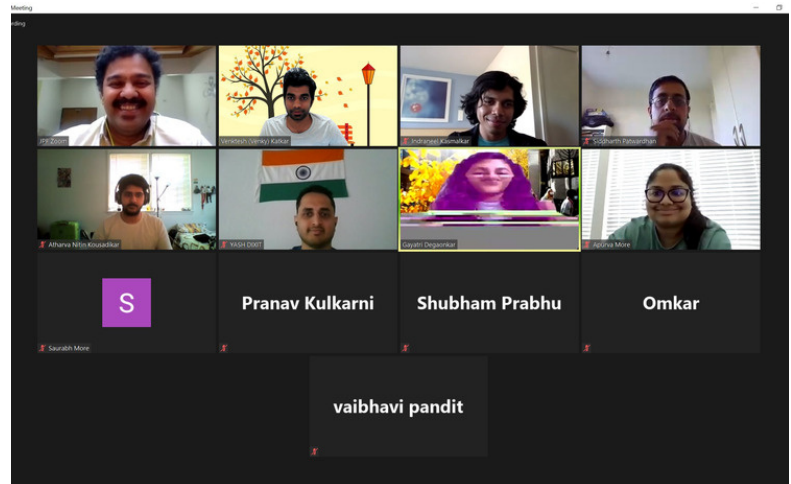
So far the team has released 6 episodes in the series, "Beyond Social Conventions", which is available on Spotify, Google Podcast as well as Apple Podcasts. To support this initiative, the team of 10 volunteers is actively working to research, design, script, record, and publish each of these episodes.

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Launch of Career Guidance Forum through a webinar : How to land your dream job

The goal of this webinar was to introduce the Career Guidance Forum for the JPF platform. Here, we presented the general concept of the forum which will involve 1-on-1 mentorship by fellow members of JPF, and other events which will help people from diverse fields and geographic region. This forum will allow people to leverage the Jnana Prabodhini Alumni network through JPF for the advancement in one's field of choice.

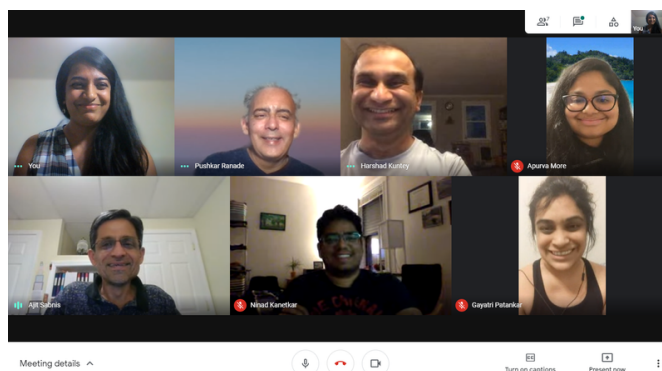
As a part of this session, we will also conduct a short teaser webinar on how to land your dream job, which will cover the following topics: Handy Tips on targeted job search, resume writing, preparing for interviews. Mentors, mentees, career guidance content creators, everyone is welcome!



Regional Groups Updates

With a bunch of other activities happening, this quarter was a little lighter on meet-ups. A handful of virtual meet-ups were organized in the regional groups such as UK, US-Northeast, EU. Wherever permitted, many regional groups are planning for in-person get-togethers over the summer.

With the pandemic getting under and in-person meet-ups planned - we are looking forward to an amazing year with a strong community spirit and lots of initiatives!



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