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From the President's Desk

Hello JPF Family,

As we move through 2025, I'm excited to share the substantial progress across JPF's initiatives. The year began with clear goals—advancing infrastructure, expanding community programs, and deepening volunteer engagement—and we're now seeing those plans take shape. The Rural Health Center in Velhe has completed its planning, with construction set to begin in October. Meanwhile, the Harali Center is undergoing its first significant renovation since 2004, aiming to create a safer and more inspiring space for students.

Our ongoing programs continue to have a significant impact. Aarogya Sakhi empowers women health workers to deliver healthcare and awareness in remote areas, while the Bicycle Project ensures students can safely reach school each day. Volunteer-led initiatives, such as JPF Analytics, utilize data to enhance their impact, and Bal Prabodhini continues to foster curiosity and leadership among children. Through the Jnana Prabodhini Global Network (JPGN), mentors worldwide guide students and young professionals toward personal and professional growth.

As we enter the second half of 2025, the focus remains on kicking off BLB, Prerana Setu for the new academic year, hosting the groundbreaking ceremony for the Velhe Health Center, and advancing the 'Learn India' campaign. Thank you for your continued support—together, we are building stronger communities through education, health, and service.

Thanks,
Pranav Kulkarni
President
Jnana Prabodhini Foundation

Program Updates

Aarogya Sakhi

From April to June 2025, under the Aarogya Sakhi initiative, 48 health camps were conducted across 86 villages in Bhor and Velhe, benefiting 935 individuals through services like child health, eye and dental check-ups, newborn assessments, and anaemia screening. These efforts led to 50 follow-ups and 7 surgeries. Nutrition and menstrual hygiene awareness sessions engaged over 400 women.



Menstrual hygiene awareness camp

Yogopachar sessions promoted physical well-being through yoga. A new milestone was achieved as 14 Arogya Sakhis received training under the Mother-Parent Development Program, setting the foundation for supporting cognitive growth in children aged 0–3.

Bicycle project in Salumbre

In partnership with The Femme Voice, a nonprofit initiated by high school students, JPF undertook a project aimed at supporting underprivileged girls. The core challenge addressed was the significant distance many rural girls in Salumbre near Pune must walk daily to access education, putting their safety, and schooling at risk.

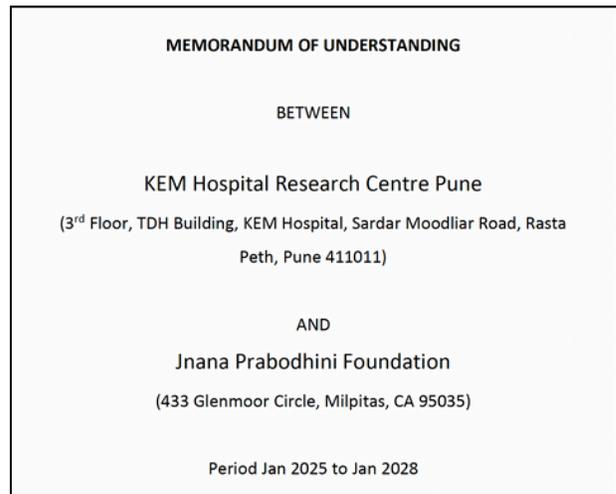


Girl students in Salumbre with Bicycles

Recognizing this transportation barrier, The Femme Voice raised funds for bicycles. Upon receiving their initial donation, we identified the needs in one of JP’s rural campuses, selected deserving students, and coordinated with local project teams to procure and distribute bicycles. Within three months, the initiative was completed successfully, and the bicycles were gifted to selected girls, providing them not just with a means of transportation, but a renewed opportunity to attend school consistently and pursue their dreams safely and confidently.

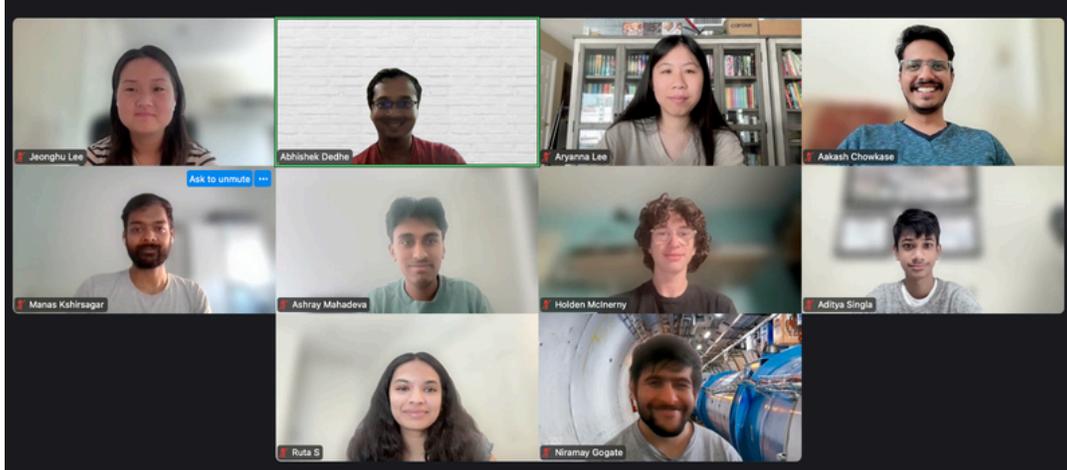
JPF Analytics

JPF's Analytics team has had a busy quarter, working on multiple projects that use data for socially-relevant research. Excitingly, the team signed a memorandum of understanding with the King Edward Memorial Hospital Research Centre (KEM HRC) in Pune for three years. The team has embarked upon their first collaborative project with KEM, aiming to analyze data from the Vadu Health and Demographic Surveillance System (VaduHDSS), located in the Shirur and Haveli blocks of Pune district.



MoU between JPF and KEM HRC.

JPF's Analytics team is focusing on evaluating the impact of COVID-19 on this rural region. This analysis will quantify the medical performance of this region and also assess its data performance, i.e., the ability to accurately record and fill gaps in health-related data.



Students participants of JPF's summer data internship program.

In other news, JPF Analytics launched its first-ever summer data internship program for high school and college students. 10 students took part in this initiative, learning to analyze large datasets using tools such as natural language processing and data visualization. This internship program aligned with the team's larger goal of promoting data literacy via education, training, and awareness activities. This program also helped the team expand beyond Marathi and Indian communities, in line with JPF's vision of building bridges across diverse communities for sustainable futures.

Bal Prabodhini

On this auspicious occasion of Gudhi Padwa, a festival of hope and new beginnings, Baal Prabodhini proudly celebrated its 4th Anniversary. What started with a simple vision to nurture young minds is growing into a vibrant community of students, parents, volunteers and supporters. This year's journey has been especially rewarding, marked by many milestones worth celebrating:

🌟 Our Winter–Spring segment again reached full enrollment with 30 students—a testament to the growing trust and enthusiasm of families joining BP.

💖 Together, we successfully raised \$4,625 to support the Sponsor-a-Child Program, enabling more children to access learning opportunities.

👏 We welcomed four parents as volunteers, with one stepping into the role of BP Co-Lead, further strengthening our community-driven spirit.

📖 For the first time, we introduced end-of-segment Marathi exams. The children participated with great excitement, and the results provided valuable insights for both teachers and parents to understand each child's progress and learning journey.

Each of these achievements reflects the dedication and collaboration of the entire BP family. As we welcome another year filled with new opportunities, we express heartfelt gratitude to our students, parents, volunteers, and supporters who have been an integral part of this journey.



Feedback From Parents

Baal Prabodhini is such a cherished class that they don't want to miss it at all. This is how they attended the class this morning from the airport 😊.

Jnana Prabodhini Global Network

In Q2, 40 regional events across the globe brought together 274 community members, further enriching the JPF community

In April, 12 members from the New England group gathered in Westport, Connecticut, enjoying warm, lighthearted conversations over dinner. In June, the Bay Area team hosted an in-person gathering in San Jose, drawing around 60 community members, nearly half of whom were first-time attendees. The event featured fun icebreaker games, a collaborative potluck, updates on JPF's recent activities, and engaging discussions on diverse topics ranging from current socio-political affairs to artificial intelligence.

We launched a new initiative this year—The Writing Group. This effort was created to encourage accountability and provide dedicated time for participants to focus on writing or other personal projects in a shared, supportive environment. The initiative gained momentum in Q2, with increased participation and engagement. Over the course of 14 weekly sessions this quarter, volunteers collectively contributed 216 hours of focused work. Each session saw attendance of up to nine participants.



Community Meetups - Top: Bay Area, Bottom: Connecticut

This quarter, members of the JPF community rose to the occasion during two unexpected medical emergencies—one involving a student injured in a road accident in Toledo, OH, and another involving a parent who suffered a heart attack at night in Cleveland, OH. In both instances, help came from compassionate individuals within our network who responded at odd hours without hesitation. These moments reflect the quiet yet powerful compassion that binds our community together.