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## From the President's Desk

Hello JPF family,

I am delighted to share with you the first quarterly newsletter for the year 2023. Through this year's "President's Desk" letters, I would like to share with you JPF's core principles that drive the volunteers, projects, and decisions made at JPF.

*Karuna* or compassion lies at the very heart of JPF's work, permeating every aspect of the organization's mission and initiatives. At JPF, we recognize that all human beings are connected by a shared experience of oneness. By embracing this common humanity, we seek to mindfully understand the challenges faced by those in need and build projects and sustainable working models to contribute toward their well-being. We believe compassion is a transformational force that can create long-term positive changes in our communities.

We firmly believe that compassion has the power to break down barriers, foster a sense of unity and humanity, and bridge divides. By cultivating compassion within our organization and among our dedicated volunteers and supporters, we are able to foster an inclusive and supportive environment where everyone feels valued and cared for. Ultimately, compassion is the driving force that propels us forward, guiding us in our relentless pursuit of making a positive impact and creating a more equitable world for all.

Thanks,  
Pranav Kulkarni, President  
Jnana Prabodhini Foundation

# Program Updates

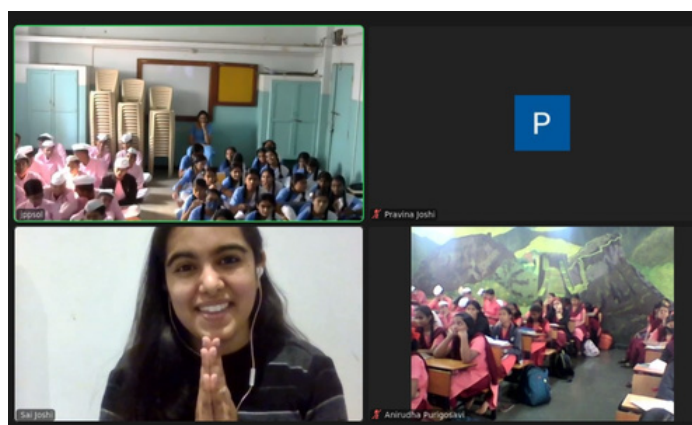
## Prerana Setu

Prerana Setu is an online learning experience that creates a bridge (or Setu) between subject matter experts from across the globe and high school students. The idea is to provide students with exposure to various fields, understand the requirements to enter those fields, explore different career paths, and become aware of the opportunities and challenges within each field.

In the third phase of this initiative, around 10 sessions were conducted in the first quarter of 2023, where entrepreneurs from different domains, such as design, psychology, forensic accounting, etc., interacted with students.



Dhruv Paknikar, Designer and Entrepreneur conducting a session on Product Design



Ms. Sai Joshi talked about different majors in Psychology and what it takes to be a Psychologist

Prerna Setu, the inaugural program of the Jnana Prabodhini Foundation, commenced on August 15, 2019. Over the course of three phases, we have conducted 50+ sessions, positively impacting the lives of 300+ participating students. The program has received commendable feedback, with students reporting increased confidence, improved study skills, and clarity in career goals.

We are excited to announce the upcoming launch of Phase 4 in July, which promises to introduce new learning modules and expand our reach to benefit even more young individuals. Prerna Setu continues to be a powerful platform for guiding and empowering students on their educational journey.

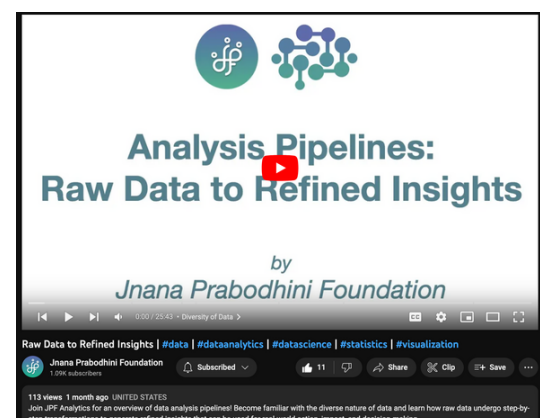
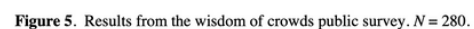
JPF Analytics has come a long way since it celebrated its first anniversary in October 2022 with a webinar attended by Padma Vibhushan, Dr. Raghunath Mashelkar, and Dr. Priya Nagaraj, the COO of Pune Knowledge Cluster (PKC), as chief guests.

JPF Analytics also launched a new education and outreach initiative. Each month, the team will host an open-to-all session on topics relevant to computational social science, analysis, research, and policymaking. The team has already conducted two sessions: one in February called "Analysis Pipelines: Raw Data to Refined Insights" and one in March called "Data for Social Good: Introduction to Computational Social Science." Make sure to check out these videos on JPF's YouTube Channel!

**Cumulative COVID-19 deaths as of 31 December 2021**

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Wards shown on the map: Yerwade, Nagar Road, Aundh, Ghole Road, Dhole Patil Road, KashiBhaya Peth, Wanjore Ramnagar, Wankore Ramnagar, Kothrud Bavdhan, Wagle Karve Nagar, Sinhgad Road, Shivajinagar, Deakshewadi Surajwadi Nagar, Khandwa, and others.



## Fundraising Team Updates

In the first quarter of 2023, we have witnessed inspiring milestones and heartwarming moments that exemplify the transformative impact of the fundraising team's collective efforts. From successful events to meaningful partnerships, we have been able to extend our reach and amplify our impact in various areas of need. Below are some of the highlights we would like to share:

- 2023 fundraising began in Austin, TX with a unique event. Nivi Panwalker organized a jewelry stall and created video clips to promote JPF to women in the area, resulting in a net profit of approximately \$3,500.
- Swapneeta Date, one of our volunteers, arranged a fundraiser to celebrate the arrival of her baby son, Rian.
- Vidya Tai Hardikar-Sapre from our fundraising team joined forces with Aakash Chowkase from the Sanghatan team, reaching out to nearly 80 people in the Bay Area, California, including some of our donors. Among them is our oldest donor and well-wisher, Mr. Prabhakar Sathe, who is 93 years old. His presence and blessings serve as inspiration for our volunteers and donors.
- In 2022, we initiated a new venture called "Partnership in Development" with the support of Bay Area Marathi Mandal and IDRF. These organizations are backing our projects such as Mukti and Anandshala.
- At the Bay Area Mandal Program, our volunteer Bilwa Bhanap organized a booth.
- Dr. Shubhangi and Dr. Jagdish Thakur generously donated a significant amount to our Jnana Prabodhini Prashala project in Solapur, and IDRF agreed to match their donation.

Our fundraising team aims to organize three campaigns this year. We kicked off our "Arogya Sakhi" campaign on International Women's Day and our next campaign will focus on "Sponsor a Child" for Guru Pournima.



# Jnana Prabodhini Global Network

Our San Francisco Bay Area community organized the biggest JPF meet ever. Team UAE continued to meet weekly for Upasana. And other small-group meets happened in the US.

## Regional meets

VidyaTai Hardikar-Sapre spent two weeks in February in the San Francisco Bay area, meeting over 100 JPF members, donors, and well-wishers of all ages. Her tour included stays with Aakash Chowkase (Berkeley), Kaivalyanand and Anupama Chandratreya (San Jose), and Rahul and Himani Kale (Pleasanton). The Bay Area team also organized a wholesome meet in the Las Altos library. Fifty members participated in the event, making it the biggest JPF meet ever. The attendees were divided into *experience pods*, with people of diverse experience levels. Everyone shared what support they needed from the community and realized many were willing to reciprocate. The sumptuous potluck made everyone like each other more!



## Vidyvrat Samskar and Other Updates

Vishakha Pandit of the UAE chapter continued meeting with the 10 *Vidyavratee* students for weekly upasana (meditation) sessions. In other updates, our members met in smaller groups in Phoenix (AZ), Murrieta (CA), and Hanover (NH) in the USA. The Midwest group is getting ready to meet in Chicago in April.



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