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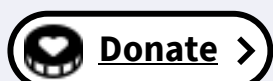
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From the President's Desk

Hello JPF Family,

I am thrilled to present the JPF's latest quarterly newsletter. This quarter has been exceptionally dynamic for JPF, marked by significant events, engaging seminars, and the resounding success of the Learn India campaign. The campaign garnered an impressive \$78K, ensuring continued education for over 200 students facing financial constraints. This achievement owes much to the dedication of our 15 volunteers and the support of countless generous donors.

In the current year's newsletters, we are going through JPF's core principles. Today I will describe JPF's third principle, "*Togetherness For The Greater Good.*" It has as a fundamental principle of the JPF since its inception. It embodies the belief that collective efforts yield transformative results. This principle not only amplifies our impact but also creates a sense of belonging and shared purpose among our diverse set of volunteers, donors, and beneficiaries. Together, we form a powerful force, capable of addressing complex challenges and effecting positive, sustainable change in the lives of those we serve. This principle remains at the core of JPF's ethos, reminding us that it is through unity and shared commitment that we can truly make a difference.

Together, we have already achieved remarkable milestones. Yet, our journey is far from over. Let us continue to build bridges, connecting hearts and minds, in our relentless pursuit of a sustainable, enlightened future.

Thanks,
Pranav Kulkarni
President
Jnana Prabodhini Foundation

Program Updates

WonderQuest Library

JPF has been dedicated to enhancing rural education, consistently providing financial support to its initiatives in this domain. One such recent endeavor is the "WonderQuest Library" program aims to foster a love for reading and enhance reading skills among children from rural India. It is conducted by highly motivated and trained teachers who have successfully established libraries in their respective schools. This initiative has now been implemented in 31 schools across rural Maharashtra, providing each with a set of 100 books and booklets. For many of these schools, this is their first library. Furthermore, student progress is evaluated through regional and state-level competitions, with the enthusiastic response from the children proving highly gratifying.



Aarogya Sakhi

Arogya Sakhis, female health workers, played a pivotal role in organizing health check-up camps in Velhe district aiming to raise awareness and detect potential health issues at an early stage. These camps targeted new-borns, children under the age of 5, and expectant mothers.



Additionally, menstrual health awareness sessions were conducted across three villages, actively involving 35 women in discussions about hygiene and the proper disposal of sanitary pads. Specialized medical professionals conducted crucial dental and eye check-ups for the elderly population, ensuring their well-being. Notably, four patients received expert guidance on cataract operations at the nearby hospital in Shirval, a significant step towards preserving their vision and overall health. These initiatives are a testament to our unwavering commitment to providing comprehensive healthcare within the community.

JPF Analytics Updates

JPF Analytics focused on various outreach activities this summer with the goal of promoting data literacy. Some activities that complemented JPF's ongoing Learn India Campaign include:

- Data and Analytical Thinking Summer Workshop with JPF Bal Prabodhini's Kumar Gat - this 7-session workshop provided 12-15-year-old students with an engaging and practical introduction to data analytics using Jnana Prabodhini's project-based learning methodology.
- AI and its Impact on Education - a 3-hour session for teachers in JP Pune, Nigdi, Harali, Salumbre, and Solapur with perspectives from experienced JP alumni. The session focused on introduction and history of AI and Big Data, as well as its impact on the field of education for today and the future. Audience had the opportunity to hear from Dr. Siddharth Dhomkar (Assistant Professor, IIT-Madras) and Dr. Subhash Lele (Emeritus Professor, University of Alberta) about artificial neural networks and machine learning.



ज्ञान प्रबोधिनी फौंडेशन आयोजित शिक्षकांसाठी webinar

AI and its Impact on Education
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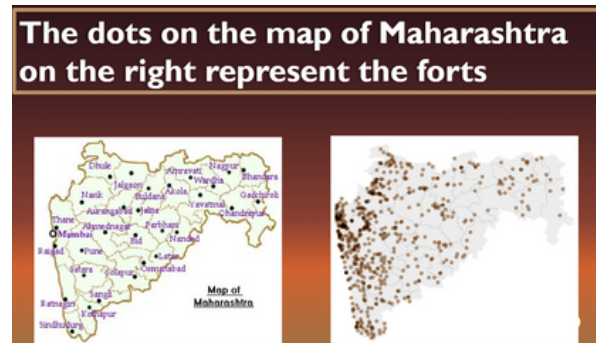


JPF Analytics had the honor of presenting a poster at the G20 Chief Advisers Roundtable Side Event on One Health, Disease Surveillance, and Pandemic Preparedness. This event, conducted at IISER-Pune, was organized by the Pune Knowledge Cluster and the Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser to the Govt. of India.

Baal Prabodhini Updates

Baal Prabodhini successfully completed 2 years in April 2023. In Summer 2023, the program expanded to include Kumar Gat (kids of age 12-years to 15-years). Towards the initiative of JPF's Learn India Campaign, Baal Prabodhini has successfully raised \$3,785.00 through three summer workshops for Kumar Gat and Fall Segment for Baal Gat and Kishore Gat. Below is the summary of Summer Workshops of Kumar Gat.

- Data and Analytical Thinking Summer Workshop
 - In collaboration with JPF Analytics, this 7-session workshop provided students enrolled from USA, UK and Canada with an engaging and practical introduction to data and analytical thinking using real data sets and applications with Jnana Prabodhini's project-based learning methodology.



- The workshop ended with kids presenting their projects using datasets "Forts of Maharashtra" and "US Energy Utilization".

3x3 Rubik's Cube Competition Results

Kishore Gat (6 years to 9 years)

1. Naman (50 seconds)
2. Omkar (1 minute 23 seconds)
3. Vedant (1 minute 30 seconds)
4. Reyansh (1 minute 43 seconds)
5. Neel P. (4 minute 04 seconds)

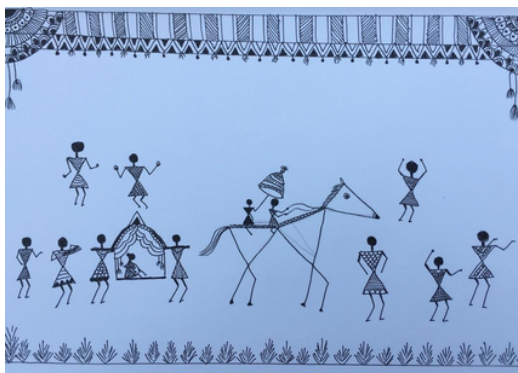
Kumar Gat (10 years to 15 years)

1. Shaurya (37 seconds)
2. Rushil (1 minute 39 seconds)
3. Tanvi (1 minute 49 seconds)
4. Neel K. (2 minutes 34 seconds)



- Rubik's Cube Summer Workshop
 - In this 7-session workshop, students enrolled from USA learned techniques to solve 3x3 and 2x2 Rubik's cubes.
 - The workshop ended with a competition for kids from age group 6 years to 13 years. Nine kids participated from USA and India.

- Indian Tribal Art Workshop (Workshop for Teachers and Kids)
 - This 3-session workshop was mainly offered for Baal Prabodhini's Art and Craft teachers. Along with the teachers, one student had enrolled from USA who thoroughly enjoyed the workshop.



Jnana Prabodhini Global Network

Q3 saw 50 regional and virtual events worldwide, bringing together over 300 people.

14 Bostoners got together for a summer retreat hosted by Samita Deshpande. Vidyatai toured the San Francisco Bay area, meeting several JPF members, donors, and well-wishers from different organizations. Meanwhile, Ganesh Kuber visited several Jnana Prabodhini centers in India, meeting with Prabodhini seniors and students. July also saw micro-meets in Kirkland (WA), Washington DC, Columbus (OH), Nashville (TN), Stockholm (Sweden), and Oxford (UK).



Boston Summer Retreat



Joshua Tree Star Gazing and Meteor Shower

In August, 11 members reached Joshua Tree National Park for overnight stargazing and to witness a magical meteor shower. JPF volunteers organized outreach events in Jersey City on the occasion of the Indian Independence Day and in the San Francisco Bay Area, Los Angeles, Austin, and San Diego on the occasion of Ganesh festival in collaboration with local Marathi Mandals. The team campaigned for *Learn India 2023*.

The **Student Support Group** organized its first virtual meet-up at the beginning of the Fall semester. 30 students from the US and Europe participated and discussed health, safety, legal status, academics, and social and mental well-being concerns. The next month, the **Career Forum** organized a virtual seminar for students and early career professionals. The speakers shared reflections from their recent job search experiences and provided insights on the process for software/data engineering professionals. 20 people attended this seminar.



Ganesh festival outreach event - SF Bay Area



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