



JNANA PRABODHINI FOUNDATION



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ABOUT JPF



About the Jnana Prabodhini Foundation

In late 2018, Jnana Prabodhini members living in the United States began informally meeting and discussing India and the contemporary nationwide challenges it faced. Aiming to mobilize finances and our diverse expertise, the Jnana Prabodhini Foundation (JPF) was established on Aug 9th, 2019. Similar to Jnana Prabodhini, JPF is a non-political and non-profit organization committed to building bridges across diverse communities around the globe, through education, rural development, and women leadership.

Mission

Jnana Prabodhini Foundation has identified rural development, education, and women leadership as the areas with the greatest challenges. JPF promotes activities for drought relief, energy sufficiency, healthcare, and women empowerment to fulfill basic needs in rural India. JPF also addresses the need for talent development, skill development, and teacher training programs to enhance the quality of education in India.

The JPF Logo

The logo, with the letters J, P, and F, depicts JPF's community-orientated approach. The three circles indicate people, and again illustrate the community orientedness of our work. Lastly, the symmetry within J and P letters weave together and symbolize the ties we have with our motherland.

About Jnana Prabodhini

Jnana Prabodhini, JPF's parent organization is a non-profit headquartered in Pune, India. Founded in 1962 as an educational and research institution, Jnana Prabodhini's work has now expanded to rural development, women empowerment, healthcare, and national integration. Jnana Prabodhini directly reaches over 100,000 people through its 5 main centers (Pune, Nigdi, Solapur, Harali, and Ambajogai) and several other concerted programs spread across Maharashtra, Goa, Chhattisgarh, Jammu and Kashmir, Jharkhand, and the North-East. Today it continues to grow as a dedicated, multi-faceted, non-partisan, and spiritually-guided organization.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Dear JPF Family,

In 2021, JPF raised 247,000 USD, donated 20 life-saving equipment during the deadliest phase of the COVID-19 pandemic in India, supported the education of 375 students, and helped 52 women and families find an alternate, healthy livelihood. Thanks to you! :-)

2021 was a year full of uncertainties, and at the same time, the year offered tremendous hope. It truly underscored the urgency to do more work in our focus areas of education, rural development, and women leadership. Moreover, it showed the strength and dedication of JPF's community. We faced greater challenges than ever and yet, with the support of our volunteers and donors, we were able to respond quicker and better. I express my immense gratitude to all the volunteers, donors, and well-wishers who continue to support JPF in its journey to create a sustainable future globally.

JPF is currently running 26 projects including 12 new initiatives that were launched in 2021. To sustain this expansion, we formalized the Programs team consisting of 20 leads and co-leads steering 10 different projects. Through this newsletter, I am excited to share with you the updates from all our projects and the positive impact these projects helped to create. In the upcoming year, we will continue to expand our scope, broaden the volunteer base, formalize our processes, and have a robust operational structure. We would love to see you become an active part of JPF's initiatives in 2022.

Thanks,
Pranav Kulkarni, President
Jnana Prabodhini Foundation

JPF CAMPAIGNS

JPF CAMPAIGNS: COVID RELIEF, INDIA

To support hospitals in India with life saving equipment

In April 2021, it was already a few months since the start of the pandemic. India had contained the outbreak with relatively low impact during the first wave. But, the second wave had a devastating impact.

Due to the extremely high rate of hospitalization combined with the overloaded medical system, there was a dire need for life-saving equipment. With the overwhelming support from the JPF community, we were able to provide seven ECG machines to Deenenath Mangeshkar Hospital, Pune, and six BIPAP ventilators to various hospitals in rural Maharashtra. This includes a donation of one BIPAP ventilator to Walawalkar Hospital in Chiplun, three BIPAP ventilators to Swami Ramananda Tirtha Hospital in Ambajogai, and two to the Dedicated COVID-19 Hospital also in Ambajogai.

In addition to these efforts, JPF partnered with **Health4India** to donate four Oxygen concentrators and with **India Town Seva** to donate three more concentrators during the peak of the pandemic wave. Two of these were sent to Walawalkar Hospital and five were donated to the Dedicated COVID-19 Hospital in Ambajogai. We are also grateful to the efforts of **Saptak Music School** for conducting a fundraiser for our COVID-19 relief efforts.



Three BIPAP Ventilators donated to Swami Ramananda Teertha Hospital



Three BIPAP Ventilators donated to Walawalkar Hospital, Chiplun



Multiple Press Releases

CAMPAIGN MUKTI

To provide alternate employment for women in cigarette rolling industry



Paper Bags Made by Women for Various Reputed Brands



Training for Paper Bags Production



Paper Bag Production at Home



Printing of Cloth Bags

Solapur in Maharashtra state in India is a hub of the handmade cigarette rolling industry. Workers in this industry are primarily women and face severe health issues due to continuous tobacco exposure. The business is also facing threats from competition and automation in the industry resulting in unemployment. Rolling 1,000 cigarettes a day provides workers merely \$2 a day while also exposing them and their families to tobacco as the work is carried out at their homes.

As a solution to this issue, Jnana Prabodhini Solapur started creating opportunities for alternate employment. To support this initiative, JPF launched Campaign Mukti to liberate cigarette-rolling women from this hazardous work. Now, 30 women craft paper and cloth bags instead. Initial monthly support of \$400 and **total support of \$1,250** provide permanent and sustainable employment for one woman. JPF is proud to have supported **13 women with the funds of \$16K**.

Initially, due to the second COVID-19 wave, JPF had to pause the campaign and completely focus on the immediate relief campaign. However, with generous support from Vidya Hardikar-Sapre who created a fundraiser in memory of late Mr. Ashok Sapre, JPF could revive this campaign despite the pandemic. JPF appreciates this kind gesture and the Sapre family's dedication to this cause.

JPF
PROJECTS
EDUCATION

SPONSOR A CHILD

Supporting students from financially weaker backgrounds to continue their education

Starting in 2020, Sponsor A Child remains JPF's flagship program. In 2020, JPF supported 418 students (for the academic year 2020-21) in five schools and two vocational training centers across different districts in Maharashtra, a girls hostel at Velhe, and from many urban low-income neighborhoods in Pune. The disbursements in 2021 are enabling uninterrupted education of at least 375 students in 2021-22.

Because of the broad scope and significant financial commitment of the project, JPF has released a separate and detailed report for Sponsor a Child on the occasion of last Guru Pournima (July Second week) and will continue to do so. Here we are glad to share the consolidated information on schools and the number of students this program intends to support.



Well equipped computer lab at the rural school of Harali



Thrust of JP schools on field visits, sports, and all round development



JPF is supporting 375 students in continuing their education in the year 2021-22 who may have otherwise dropped out of school.

Site	Category	Project Head	Amount(\$)	Students Sponsored
JP Navanagar Vidyalay, Nigdi	Primary & Secondary School	Aditya Shinde	30,000	60
JP, Harali	Primary & Secondary School	Abhijit Kapre	41,250	165
JP Prashala, Pune	Secondary School	Milind Naik	14,600	14
Gram Prabodhini, Salumbre	Secondary School & Vocational Training	Mitesh Achwal	11,500	49
Sponsor a Child, Shivapur	Vocational Training Center	Mitesh Achwal	15,000	64
Nagri Vasti Gat	Low-income Neighborhood Development	Harsha Kirve	8,000	23
		Total	120,350	375

How can you help?

You can help one student with an average sponsorship of \$350 per year.

Your gift can change their life forever.

ANAND SHALA

Education and nutrition program for kids of nomadic tribes at 9 different locations where schools are closed due to COVID-19



Mid-day meal distribution in
Anand Shala

Anand Shala means School of Joy. This program was started by Jnana Prabodhini, Harali (JPH) for students in nomadic tribes residing in nearby villages. All students from these tribes are first-generation students. Their education came to a halt due to the shutdown of schools in COVID and the lack of digital infrastructure and resources for remote education. And, unfortunately, for many of these young children, no school also meant no meals.



JPH's financial support of \$6K helped 425 students to get mid-day meals for the duration of 4 months.

JPH designed this program to run non-formal education centers to continue the education and provide meals to avoid the risk of malnutrition. It runs at **9 different nomadic settlements for 425 students from 1st to 8th grades**. We congratulate the team of 20 coordinators of JPH for running this program despite adversities.



Nutritious food distribution in
Anand Shala



First day of Anand Shala at the new
location of Murum Sugar Mill

With an overwhelming response from students and their parents, JPH plans to expand the program by adding six more schools in 2022. Now it will run at 15 locations and will provide nutritional snacks necessary for the all-around physical development in addition to the mid-day meals.

How you can help?

A donation of \$1500 can provide nutritious food for 425 students per month.

CHHATRA PRABODHAN

Supporting Chhatra Prabodhan magazine publication and their personality development initiatives

Chhatra
Prabodhan
Jan 2022
edition
sponsored
by JPF



Chhatra Prabodhan (ChhaPra) - This 30-year-old award-winner publication department at Jnana Prabodhini is dedicated to making holistic education accessible to all adolescents, teachers, and parents. It publishes a monthly magazine, and organizes various programs such as camps, training programs, and competitions for the holistic personality development of adolescents.

“Through a \$6,500 donation in 2021, JPF is currently supporting three issues of the magazine, the *AiPaWaK* initiative, and the *ReadAloud* competition. These efforts are benefiting over 6,500 students.

This publication house earns a major chunk of its revenues from the magazine's Diwali Edition. In 2021, this edition was severely hit due to the pandemic. JPF stepped in and decided to support three different initiatives. JPF is sponsoring the publication of 3 issues of the monthly magazine. In addition, JPF is currently sponsoring the new *AiPaWaK* initiative aimed at helping students to cope with remote education



Shilpa Kulkarni
congratulating all
the participants
completing 12+
activities

Mahendra Sethiya, Department
Head, conducting a session for
AiPaWaK participants

and loss of school interactions. *AiPaWaK* stands for *Aika* (Listen), *Paha* (Watch), *Wacha* (Read), and *Kara* (Do). It engages over 4,500 students across Maharashtra in personality development activities. Also, JPF will sponsor the upcoming state-level 'Read Aloud' competition through its 2021 grant. Stay tuned for the updates on these activities in our upcoming quarterly newsletters.

How can you help?

You can sponsor a monthly issue of Chhatra Prabodhan with \$1,500 that reaches over 1,200 families and AiPaWaK for a month with \$450 that benefits 4,500 students.

BEYOND LANGUAGE BARRIERS

Spoken English improvement project for students through virtual classrooms conducted by volunteers all over the world

JPF has partnered with *Jnana Prabodhini, Nigdi* to work with 7th-grade students to improve their English skills. 22 JPF volunteers are working virtually from around the world with these students in weekly sessions. These interactive sessions include games, reading sessions, and group activities. These sessions are aimed at motivating students to improve their verbal skills through live practice. After a successful run in 2020, JPF decided to run this as an ongoing program for 7th-grade students from *Jnana Prabodhini, Nigdi*.



“22 volunteers connect every week with 40 students to provide them a platform, opportunity, and encouragement to improve their English skills through discussions, readings, puzzles, and games.”

Lesson snapshots

Unscramble the Sentences

1. Are vegetable in there this shops area?
2. go us Let restaurant to a.
3. make unripe need mangoes You pickles to.
4. were today overcooked potatoes The.
5. bake a cake



✧ ENTERTAINMENT VOCABULARY

Happy	Competitiveness
Excited	Emotional
Fun	Action movies
Energetic	Movie Buff: Movie
Winning attitude	aficionado
Proud	Comedy
Sportsmanship	Horror movies
	Cheering your team



In 2021, the team decided to conduct thematic sessions. Each volunteer group contributed to designing lesson plans based on themes such as school, entertainment, travel, environment, and current events.

In addition, the program was extended in 2021 to include teachers. Over 10 volunteers regularly worked with 20 teachers to help them gain confidence with communicating in English.

How can you help?
Volunteer for one hour a week

JPF plans to expand this program to include more students and schools and to also introduce a special version for teachers.

PROJECT-BASED LEARNING

Promoting 'Project-Based Learning' (PBL) as an effective learning approach through the development of resources and tools.

After the successful publication of the book, *Learning to Explore ... Project By Project*, in the year 2020, a group of volunteers initiated developing a student workbook based on the book. The workbook will provide a handy resource for middle and high school students to successfully carry out different projects. The hands-on activities in the workbook will focus on nurturing key skills essential to carry out different steps of any project. The team will also develop supplementary audiovisual resources.

Next, we plan to develop a handbook that will serve as a generic step-by-step guide for working on any kind of project. The handbook will take a deep dive into different project skills and will explicate the interconnections within these different skills.

TRANSLATION PROJECT

Widening the scope of Prabodhini's rich literature in global and other regional languages

After completing the translation of the educational book "Chala Prakaalpa Karuya" in 2020, a team of 14 volunteers is currently translating two books--a personality development book named "Niyojan Kaushalya" (Planning Skills) and a thought-provoking book named "HaTTi Vha HaTTi" (Be Resolute).

"Niyojan Kaushalya" explains the different steps involved in event planning. Through several small hands-on activities, the reader learns to develop the critical thinking skills required to plan a successful event. "HaTTi Vha HaTTi" consists of different articles that help the reader self-analyze. The book guides readers on elevating their strengths and inspires them to be more determined when achieving their goals. Translating these books for readers in other languages will help expand Prabodhini's reach, nationally and globally.

How can you help?

Reach out to edu@jnanaprabodhinifoundation.org if you would enjoy developing educational resources for children

PRERANA SETU

Creating bridges of motivation with interactive learning sessions

To create an awareness about career opportunities and develop self-motivation in students, JPF collaborated with JP Pune's Educational Activities Research Centre (EARC) to design a series of virtual interactive learning sessions under the program called Prerana-Setu. After its success in 2020, the program continued with new exciting themes.

Technology	Entrepreneurship	Arts and Artists
5 Sessions	3 Sessions	4 Sessions
Space Technology Nuclear Research Biomechanics Robotics Emerging Technologies	Renewable Energy Sustainability Entrepreneurship Skills Startups in Arts	Acting Music Bharatnatyam Visual Arts

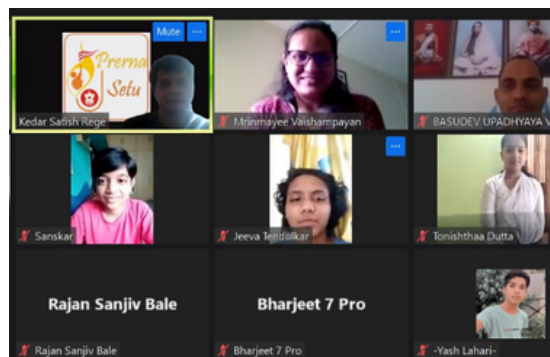


Over 60 students from 12 schools across India are currently enrolled in the program. Each meeting starts with a presentation from an expert speaker followed by a question-answer session.



The best time to nurture a tree is when it is a seed. And the best time to motivate a society is through its students.

To track the program's progress and outcomes, we ask students to present their learnings and conduct a brief quiz about learnings after each theme. We ask students about their career goals and the effect of the current theme on their career exposure. With more themes, we will continue to engage with the current students and enroll more students in 2022.



How can you help?

Be a speaker and share your expertise with students! Reach out to edu@jnanaprabodhinifoundation.org if you wish to participate in the 2022 Program.

BAAL PRABODHINI

A platform to introduce Indian culture, history, and heritage to Marathi children of ages 5 to 11 years, growing up in the USA, Canada, Europe, UK, and Ireland

Baal Prabodhini was launched in April 2021 as a virtual platform for children of Indian origin living abroad to inculcate ethnic culture and connect with their roots. This program aims to broaden horizons for children and help them embrace both Western and Indian cultures in a way that they will grow up feeling connected with their Indian heritage and making their multi-cultural experience their strength rather than a cause for cultural confusion. 100% of the fees paid by participants' parents go toward the JPF's "Sponsor a Child" program supporting education of children in India.



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Baal Prabodhini completed 14 sessions in 2021, with 2 Prajna Aavishkaar events where children showcased their learning from the program.

In 2021, 100% of Baal Prabodhini program fees were disbursed to support education of 16 children from Harali through Sponsor a Child program.

2021 Segments	# Sessions	# Kids	Locations	Funds Raised (Sponsor a Child Program)
Pilot, Spring	7	20	USA	\$1861.50
Fall	7	27	USA, Canada, Ireland, Europe	\$2224.00

How to enroll your child?

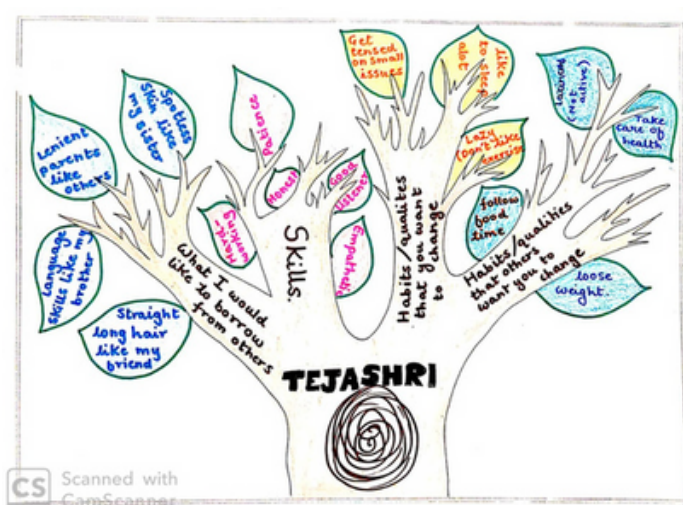
Reach out to baalprabodhini@jnanaprabodhinifoundation.org if you wish to enroll your child or volunteer to teach in this program.

JPIP - JPF THINKATHON

A platform to identify and nurture human potential using research-based practices for a positive social change

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

The first workshop, 'Thinkathon for Teens' invited children of ages 13 to 15 years. This workshop focused on problem-solving skills and self-acceptance. The second 'Thinkathon' pivoted around developing thinking skills for ages 7 to 11 years. Tejashri Damame, a trained psychologist from JPIP facilitated these 2-day workshops for 19 children.



How to enroll yourself and your child?

The seminars are not just limited to children. We conduct interesting sessions for parents too.

Reach out to edu@jnanaprabodhinifoundation.org if you wish to enroll yourself or your child in the sessions conducted by us in collaboration with JPIP.

JPF ANALYTICS

A computational social science platform engaged in evidence-based research, analysis, and policy-making to build a resilient future

JPF Analytics is both a “fact-tank” engaged in scientific documentation and inquiry, as well as a traditional think-tank providing public policy opinions and recommendations. The team was established in Aug 2021 after the successful completion of the COVID KAP Project.

What are we doing?

JPF Analytics has two core objectives:

- Produce original research and analysis relevant to social issues, and
- Provide evidence-based public policy insights to social organizations.

Why are we doing this?

Our long-term vision is to:

- Create a data culture in India,
- Improve the research culture in India, and
- Strengthen the democratic fabric of India.

Areas of focus

The 21st century will be dominated by many changes and challenges. Our immediate focus is COVID-19. In the long-term, we plan to tackle **public health, local economies, education, behavioral and attitudinal trends, cultural and political topics, climate and environmental issues, emerging technologies**, and more!

Gallant acts to uplift the nation cannot be possible without in-depth research of the current state of affairs



PANDEMIC, PUNEKARS, AND PERCEPTIONS

Preliminary findings of a COVID-19-related Knowledge, Attitudes, Practices, and Wisdom survey



Be sure to check out our perception report about the experience of PuneKars during the COVID-19 pandemic!

jnanaprabodhinifoundation.org/analytics

PERSONALITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, SALUMBRE

All-round personality development program for 5th and 7th-grade students at Jnana Prabodhini, Salumbre

At Jnana Prabodhini, we always focus on the holistic personality development of students including academic progress. This requires focused efforts on the various aspects of students. As a first stage, it's important to understand the strength and weaknesses with the help of different surveys and tests. Based on the results expert teachers will provide the respective activities for students.



Computer skills training at Jnana Prabodhini, Salumbre

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JPF's support of \$10K has helped appoint two teachers for conducting the holistic development program for the rural school at Salumbre.



Students learning mathematics and geometry through craft and origami

The major aspects of the project are physical, mental, and intellectual development, and developing an understanding of social issues. The project includes activities to enhance fitness, dietary habits, communication skills, interviewing skills, understanding society, sessions with successful people, career guidance, various mental skills training, leadership skills, computer skills, and many more. JPF is glad to support and extend this project in upcoming years.

How can you help?

With the help of \$10K, we can initiate this effort for two more classes at JP Salumbre.

**JPF
PROJECTS**

**WOMEN
LEADERSHIP**

WOMEN ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Developing women entrepreneurs by providing financial support through revolving capital



Farming
Businesses



Jnana Prabodhini is working in the field of women entrepreneurship for the last two decades in more than 80 villages. There is a widespread network of microfinancing groups. But they are limited in terms of providing simultaneous financial assistance to multiple members and also lending loans for big amounts.

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**JPF has contributed to this fund with \$6K in 2020 and \$8K in 2021.
This has helped 85 women to start their own businesses.**

To overcome this limitation, JP created a rotating fund that makes available the additional capital when needed the most and which can be disbursed quickly. With guidance, encouragement, and support, the rate of repayment is 100%, and there are no defaulters.



Women leading
livestock businesses



Loans for Vehicle
Repair and
Maintenance



Out of 85 women entrepreneurs, 20 were able to sustain and continue their business for more than 1 year. 40 of them are in the process of repaying the loans by running a successful business. We will share the many success stories with you in 2022 on JPF social media platforms. Stay tuned to watch these success stories.

How can you help?

\$150 can support 1 rural woman entrepreneur to start her own business.

NAV DISHA

Nurturing leadership amongst women in rural India for the social change



Medical camps in rural areas assisted by Nav Disha leaders

The Nav Disha initiative started in 2020 aims to foster women's leadership development in rural areas to tackle social and economic issues. The program started with 50 villages in 2020. The women leaders from this group received monthly training in leadership development, health awareness, public speaking, and microfinance.

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JPF's financial support of \$3,000 in 2020 and \$1,500 in 2021 has provided a stipend to Nav Disha leaders who worked in difficult and challenging environments.

Despite difficulties in 2021 and the second wave of COVID-19, Nav Disha leaders started new microfinancing groups, conducted awareness campaigns, and helped people in need of medical attention during the pandemic. They also worked as catalysts to help villagers with government programs. Nav Disha was able to provide them with the needed confidence to start new initiatives.



For the next phase, we have selected the most remote villages with the least exposure and very steep educational, economic, and social challenges. Some have a population of just a few hundred. This phase will include additional 25 women from 25 different villages from Velhe district for the year 2022.

Upcoming Project: Aarogya Sakhi

The project includes health awareness sessions and preventive health checkups of women from 50 villages. Pilot with JPF's support of \$1,500 will be conducted in 2022.

SKILL DEVELOPMENT

Providing skill development training to promote women entrepreneurship



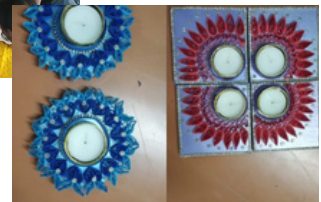
Jnana Prabodhini is conducting skill development training in Shivapur, Nasrapur, and Bhor areas through Ram Seeta Puranik Tantra Niketan. This used to mainly focus on tailoring workshops and training. Despite multiple challenges due to COVID-19, JP was able to conduct 6 workshops and train 85 women.

“ With \$5,000 JPF has supported the training program for 335+ women. Many of them have monetized their skills learned in this initiative, setting them on the path of financial independence.

In addition to tailoring, training is conducted in quilling, beadwork, chocolate or candies, and threading. Many of these women start their own businesses to become financially independent and to support their families. 250+ such women were trained in these skills in the year 2021.



Training at Shivapur for Quelling lamps



Skilled women earning their first income



In many cases, JP also helped to get the orders for these women and acted as a platform for production on a mass level. Of all trainees, 62 women earned their first income in life due to the skills they have gained. This is truly transformational, building their confidence, self-respect, and financial independence.

How can you help?

You can volunteer for product design, marketing, assistance, and mentorship to sell these products on e-commerce platforms.

SELF-RELIANCE FOR RURAL WOMEN

200-hours socio-economic, skill training and all-round personality development program for 30 women from 12 villages

This is one of the most challenging and rigorous JPF programs that started amidst COVID-19. It included 200 hours of all-round personality, skill, and health awareness training to make 30 rural women successful in their chosen areas. Three of them have started earning through the stitching business, and two are in the process of opening beauty parlors in their respective villages. In addition, two of them also had their first income from making quilling lights.



Training sessions for beautician skills



Training Areas

- Personality development: Communication, domestic violence, intro to Panchkosh Vikas
- Health basics: Hygiene, nutrition, gynec health
- Computer skills training - MS Office, mobile operations, introduction to the Internet
- Income-generating skills: Financial literacy and banking, medical and life insurance, food processing training, stitching training, basic beautician skills, art and craft, and baking



JPF's support of \$5K helped to conduct training sessions, travel, and purchase the training material in 2021. At the end of 2021, JPF has disbursed the amount of \$4K to continue the effort in 2022.

The program was concluded on 14th Dec 2021 with the graduation ceremony of 30 women in presence of Mr. Madhav Naravte from Life Insurance Company. He guided them on how to become LIC agents. It was the effect of this program that 13 of them showed interest and are looking into this opportunity. The program gave them the required training and skills, and most importantly the confidence to succeed.



Graduation in presence of Suvarna Gondhalekar (Project Lead), Mr. Madhav Naravte, and Mr. Kohli

HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, SOLAPUR

Health improvement program for women working in handmade cigarette rolling industry

The initiative to improve the respiratory health of women in the handmade cigarette rolling industry began in Solapur in October 2020. It focused on teaching and practicing Pranayama (cardiac coherence breathing) to women constantly exposed to unburned tobacco. This program has been a successful initiative in preventive health care.



JPF's support of \$3K helps to appoint Pranayama teachers and local coordinators and conduct health checkups for 150+ women in this industry

The number of women attending this program has gone up from 102 to 155 within a span of one year. We gladly share that the program is now run at 17 locations with the addition of 8 new locations in 2021. This program has created health awareness among many families in this region.



This program is also becoming a powerhouse to initiate and develop the next leaders and start many other important initiatives such as microfinancing groups and skill development workshops in Solapur.

How can you help?

With \$200 you can help expand the program to one new location for 15 women.

JPF PROJECTS

RURAL DEVELOPMENT

WATER STORAGE DEVELOPMENT

Construction of Ferrocement water tanks in remote villages in Maharashtra



Groundwork completed by villagers in Venwadi, Bhore, Maharashtra

Jnana Prabodhini (JP) is working in the field of water storage development and watershed management for the last three decades. JP has constructed 66 wells and Ferrocement tanks in four districts with people's participation and help from many organizations. JPF is proud to support two of these initiatives in the last two years. JPF's resolve in this program is to ensure not a single project stalls without financial support.

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After the successful completion of the tank at Cherawadi, JPF continued its efforts by initiating construction at Venwadi.

Jnana Prabodhini's thrust on people's participation ensures the maintenance and proper usage of these constructions at local levels. On the one hand, the village takes a unanimous decision to decide the site and complete the groundwork, JP and JPF provide the technical support and required financial support. The training given by us develops skills and creates future employment and entrepreneurship opportunities for the locals. Helping to fulfill the basic necessities of rural India has been a rewarding experience.



Construction completed for the tank in the remote village of Cherawadi, Mahad, Maharashtra

How can you help?

A donation of \$3,000 can help construct 1 ferrocement tank of 6,000 gallon capacity for a village of 200-250 families.

PODCAST: BEYOND SOCIAL CONVENTIONS

Listen to our podcast: <https://www.jnanaprabodhinifoundation.org/podcast>



Since the inception of the Podcast team, we have released 6 episodes focusing on stories about women leadership, rural development, educational reforms, and COVID-19 relief work.

JPF's podcast series intends to bring forth inspiring stories of people's survival and transformation who have beaten adversities. The intention is to leverage inspiring stories of JP's volunteers as a medium to reach a wider audience.

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With the rising popularity of podcasts, we have ventured into this new learning medium using a narrative format. Who doesn't enjoy good stories?

The first three episodes described a picture of rural India, how women are being empowered from being timid and voiceless to being able to start their own small businesses. The stories also narrated how microfinancing support groups have inspired these women to explore the world outside their villages and gain new experiences.



Episode 4 talked about JP's COVID-19 relief efforts in India. Episodes 5 and 6 portrayed JP's pathbreaking work in continuing education for migrant workers' children living in makeshift shelters around sugar industries in Western Maharashtra.

How can you help?

Join our team and help us create, edit, record, and release inspirational stories from JP and JPF's work. Reach out to edu@jnanaprabodhinifoundation.org.

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JNANA PRABODHINI GLOBAL NETWORK

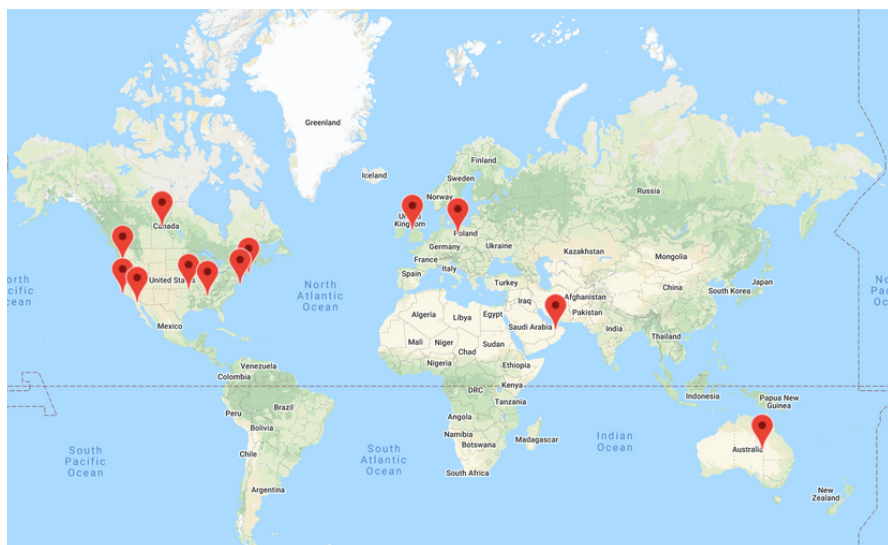
Building a global JP community

A dedicated community of volunteers and supporters is the biggest strength of JPF. Since its inception, the JPF community has grown to almost 650 individuals spanning four continents. More than 200 of these community members are actively volunteering with JPF through 25+ programs.

Region	Members	Coordinators
United States (7 Chapters)	500	12
Canada	37	2
Europe	91	1
United Kingdom	49	3
Middle East	30	3
Oceania (Australia/NZ)	37	1
Total	744 (642)*	22

*to account for the repeated entries across chapters

Our JPGN community has spearheaded a number of initiatives including fundraising, regional meets, and organizing interest-based groups. In April 2021, JPGN members from the San Francisco Bay area organized a virtual concert and raised over \$5,000 for COVID-19 relief in India. Another notable initiative includes *Vidyavrata Samskara* for the children in the United Arab Emirates. Another program that gained tremendous momentum this year was *Baal Prabodhini*, which is a child development program designed for children of ages 5-11 living in the USA and other countries.



JPGN World Map

In 2021, JPGN also spearheaded the fundraising efforts to establish the **Jnana Prabodhini Volunteer Medical Fund** in collaboration with Jnana Prabodhini Medical Trust. The goal of this fund is to medically support selfless volunteers of Jnana Prabodhini. You can make a generous donation!

This year also marked the launch of two focus communities.

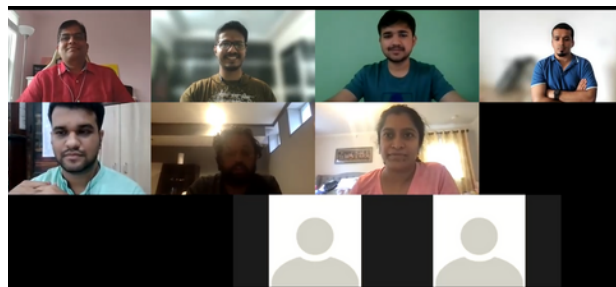
JPF Career and Mentoring Forum is a support group for international students living abroad, and

Yuvati Vibhag Abroad is a forum for women in the JPF community.

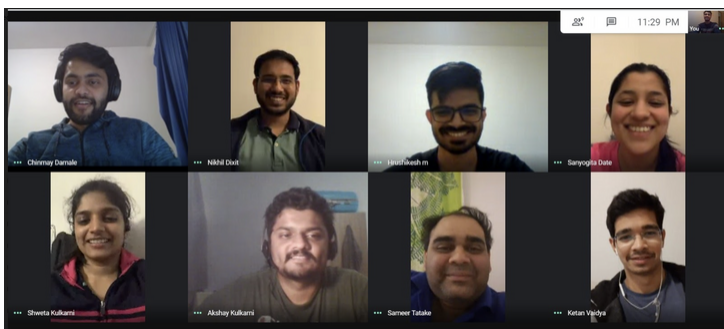
Other continued initiatives include:

- **JP Abroad Database** - A continuously expanding directory of JP global alumni
- **Regional Groups** - WhatsApp groups to connect members from the same region. Bi-monthly meetings were organized with regional coordinators and eminent JP leaders such as Swarnalata Bhishikar and Milindrao Naik for guidance and brainstorming.
- **Newsletters** - Periodic distribution of newsletters to the community describing JPF activities

Despite 2021 being a year of uncertainties and challenges, the global network itself has been very active. In 2021, regional groups organized 20 virtual/in-person meet-ups, while also offering support to the members as needed, strengthening the JPF bond.



JPF Bi-monthly Regional Coordinators Meet (August 2021)



JP Europe Virtual Meet (February 2021)



JP New England In-person Meet in Boston (July 2021)



You can join our network by filling out [this form!](#)

In addition, if you have any questions about volunteering opportunities or joining JP Global Network, please call +1(317)560-6098 /
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JNANA PRABODHINI VOLUNTEER MEDICAL FUND

JPGN driven fundraising effort to support the medical expenses of volunteers in Jnana Prabodhini and their families

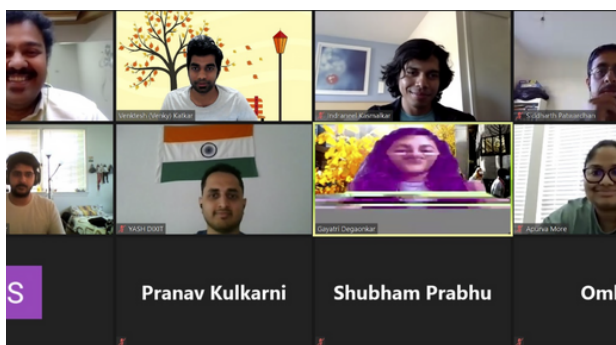
Jnana Prabodhini is working in the social sector for the last 70 years. It is known for highly accomplished, efficient, and selfless volunteers. Their passion for social change drives them without any financial expectations. On the other hand, medical costs are skyrocketing day by day.

In such cases, it becomes a responsibility of society to provide them with the required safety net. In response to this timely need, JPF has collaborated with Jnana Prabodhini Medical Trust to contribute to this fund for the medical expenses of volunteers and their families.

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JPF has raised \$4,400 for this fund. We will continue to raise funds to help provide medical security to the selfless volunteers of Jnana Prabodhini.

JPF CAREER AND MENTORING FORUM



Career and Mentoring Forum Launch Webinar

A large part of the JPF community is comprised of current and former international graduate students. JPF launched Career and Mentoring Forum to foster relationships between these two communities and help students land their dream job.

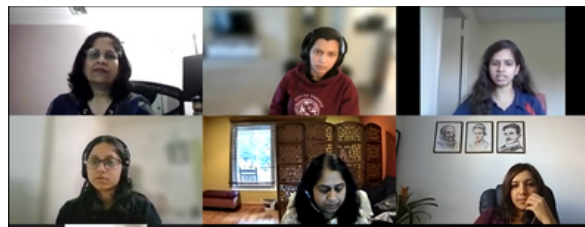
How can you help?

- 1. Volunteer for resume review and resume writing workshops*
- 2. Share information about career opportunities from your network*
- 3. Mentor students in your field*
- 4. Connect students with relevant people in your network*

YUVATI VIBHAG ABROAD

Yuvati Vibhag Abroad is a JPF initiative to connect women from JP alumna and affiliates who have immigrated from India to start a new life abroad.

Yuvati Vibhag Abroad caters to the needs of Yuvatis, facing challenges related to cultural uprooting, work-life balance, raising bicultural families, and seeking self-actualization at work and home.



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70 Yuvatis have joined the forum. 8 Sessions have been conducted so far.

Session

- 1 Mother's day
- 2 Nostalgia
- 3 Guru Pournima
- 4 Work in Darubandi and Rural Development
- 5 Ganeshotsav
- 6 Career Development
- 7 Surpiya tai Darp and Ashok Kaka Sapre Shradhanjali
- 8 Reining the Hormones

Discussion

Inaugural, general discussion, icebreakers, introduction

Participants revisited old memories.

Guests: Anuradha Tai and Vidya Tai shared their experience teaching at JP.

Guest: Bageshree Tai Ponskhe shared heart-rendering stories of her work against alcoholism in rural areas and her memories of Late Vivekrao Ponskhe.

Barchi Nrutya lessons from Pallavi and Ganpati Poojan

Themes explored: Graduate life, academics, career, immigration, Ph.D., & job search

Guests: Reva Darp, Mr. Avinash Darp. Participants shared memories of Late Supriya Tai Darp and Ashok Kaka Sapre.

Guest speaker: Dr. Asmita Tai Patwardhan. Discussions around topics: Hormonal balance, PMS, PCOS, menopause, and pregnancy.

What's next?

- Engage more Yuvatis from different walks of life to participate in Yuvati Vibhag Abroad sessions.
- Encourage more JPP alumna to be part of this group.
- Collaborate with Yuvati Vibhag Pune and be part of projects.
- Organize interesting sessions on a variety of topics ranging from social causes, health, and food to gardening and work-house life balance.

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JPF FINANCIALS

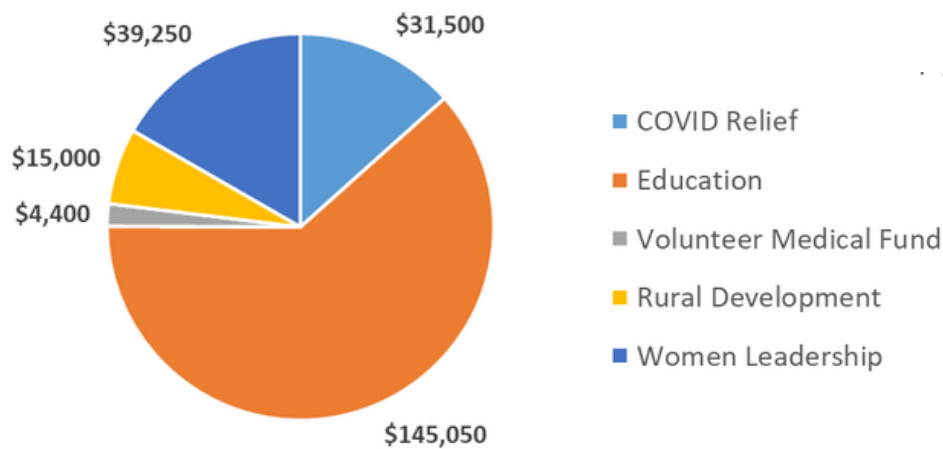
Income Statement

Income - Donations Cash	\$246,610.15
Operational Expenses	\$1,893.66
Program Expenses	\$235,200.00
Expenses Total	\$237,093.66
Income Statement (Surplus/Deficit)	\$9,516.49

Balance Sheet

Opening Balance	\$6,507.84
Income Statement (Surplus/Deficit)	\$9,516.49
Closing Balance	\$16,024.33

Allocation Chart 2021



Program Expenses

Program	Cause	Amount (\$)
COVID Relief Work	Relief Work	\$31,500
Watershed Management	Rural Development	\$15,000
Chhatra Prabodhan	Education	\$6,500
Sponsor A Child	Education	\$120,350
Personality Development Program	Education	\$10,000
Anand Shala (School of Joy)	Education	\$6,000
Mukti Campaign	Women Leadership	\$16,250
Women Entrepreneurship	Women Leadership	\$8,000
Skill Development	Women Leadership	\$5,000
Health Improvement	Women Leadership	\$3,000
Women Self Reliance	Women Leadership	\$4,000
Aarogya Sakhi	Women Leadership	\$1,500
Nav Disha	Women Leadership	\$1,500
Volunteer Medical Fund	Other	\$4,400
Other Earmarked	Education	\$2,200

DONATION PARTNERS

These are some organizations that donated money or matched employee donations to JPF.

- Abbott Laboratories - EGC
- Adobe Inc.
- Analog Devices Foundation
- Apple
- BMO Financial Group
- Cadence
- Charities Aid Foundation
- Citrix
- Dell Technologies
- eBay Inc.
- F5 Networks
- Fidelity Charitable
- Google
- Hewlett Packard
- IBM
- Intel Foundation
- LinkedIn
- Mastercard
- Match Group
- Microsoft
- Motorola Solutions Foundation
- MUFG
- National Instruments (NI)
- Netflix
- Network For Good
- Oracle
- PayPal
- Qualcomm
- Raytheon Technologies
- Salesforce
- SAP
- Schwab Charitable
- ServiceNow
- Survey Monkey
- Synopsys Inc. & The Synopsys Foundation
- USAA
- VMware Foundation

Help us get registered in new companies and double the impact of your donations by contributing through the Corporate Matching Program

FACEBOOK FUNDRAISERS

A shoutout to our friends who organized Facebook fundraisers for JPF:

- Aakash Chowkase
- Amita Brahme
- Archana Joshi
- Charuhas Gokhale
- Ganesh Kuber
- Mahesh Itraj
- Mihir Phatak
- Netra Inamdar
- Omkar Natu
- Revati Deshpande
- Rohan Chaudhary
- Subhagya A Wadekar
- Sushrut Ghotankar
- Susmit Joshi
- Swaraj Meher
- Swati Badwe
- Yash Dixit
- Yogesh Dixit

Would you like to become a patron this year and pledge a fundraiser on your special occasion? Connect & message us on Facebook to pledge a Birthday Fundraiser for JPF.

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We could not have done this without our dedicated volunteers, passionate task leaders, donors, supporters, advisors, and well-wishers.

Sincere gratitude to our individual donors, corporate donors, and fundraising superstars.

Shout out to the team of volunteers and task leaders for your contribution and accomplishments for the JPF!

Thanks to our advisors for your guidance, support, and encouragement.

**Thank
you!**

VOLUNTEER WITH JPF

Join the global community of 650+ members to change the world for the better!



Teams:

1. Projects Teams
2. Fundraising Team
3. Website Team
4. Social Media Team
5. Outreach Team

Opportunities:

- Lead a project (Education, Women Leadership Development, Rural Development)
- Contribute to a project (translation work, data analysis, career guidance, English teaching)
- Grant writing (corporate grants, educational grants)
- Handle technical aspects (website development and maintenance, build an eCommerce platform)
- Design and host fundraising events
- Be a JPF ambassador in your network

Benefits:

- Access to a global community
- Skill development assistance
- Experience letter
- Volunteer hour acknowledgment

Commitment:

Flexible (suggested 1-2 hours/week)



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