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Newsletter

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Pilgrims of hope.

The Palkhi passed through Chinchwad early this morning and the experience like each year in the past, to see so many people march for so many days, persistent, persevering, in faith and in hope was overwhelming, inspiring and humbling.

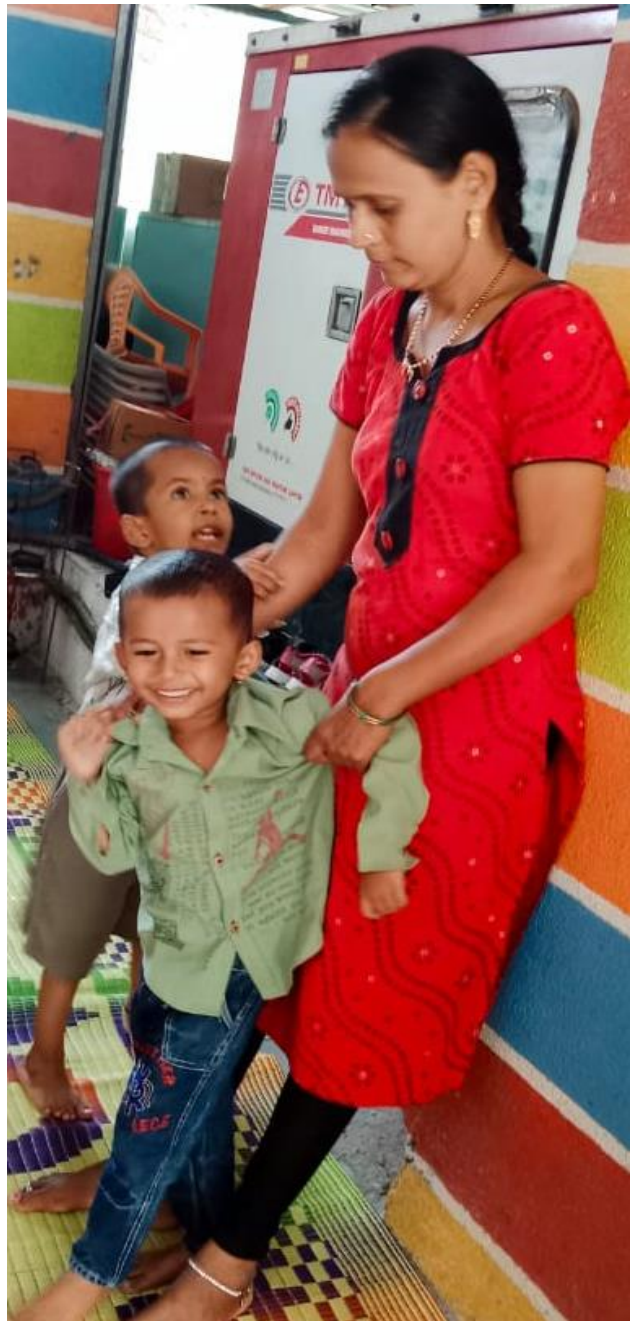
In this 15th year of Poveda, may we all, who work directly and who support the work, be pilgrims of hope every day and in every opportunity that comes our way, to the underserved in our country.

Poveda Kids

After a month's holiday in May, our teachers reopened the centre for admissions on 1st June. The team has spent a lot of time both in April and the first fortnight of June in researching contemporary methods of teaching young children and reopened classes on 12th June with a kitty full of new ideas, stories, songs, art and craft activities, display etc.

We have 30 children enrolled in the program so far.





Zilla Parishad Schools English Project

We are happy to welcome Mrs. Dipali Jagtap on board as a teacher from Bhor in the project.

The summer pause in the project helps us look at what is working and needs to be reinforced, what is not working and can be done away with or strengthened and what new elements can be added to the curriculum. And we did just that. We now have a curriculum that spans 3 levels or years, is progressive, systematic, ambitious and achievable. With clear year end objectives defined, we are sure that we will have a greater impact this year.

In June, we have already begun classes in 7 schools in the following villages:

1. Degaon (our third year) (1st to 8th)
2. Karandi Kheba (our second year) (1st to 7th)
3. Umbre (our second year) (1st to 7th)
4. Kenjal (1st to 8th)
5. Siddeshwarnagar (1st to 4th)
6. Wagajwadi (1st to 4th)
7. Pabe (1st to 7th)

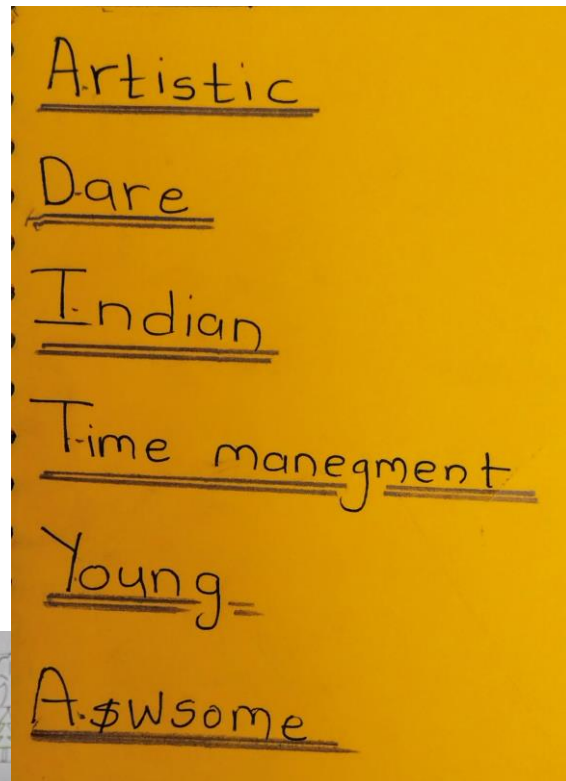
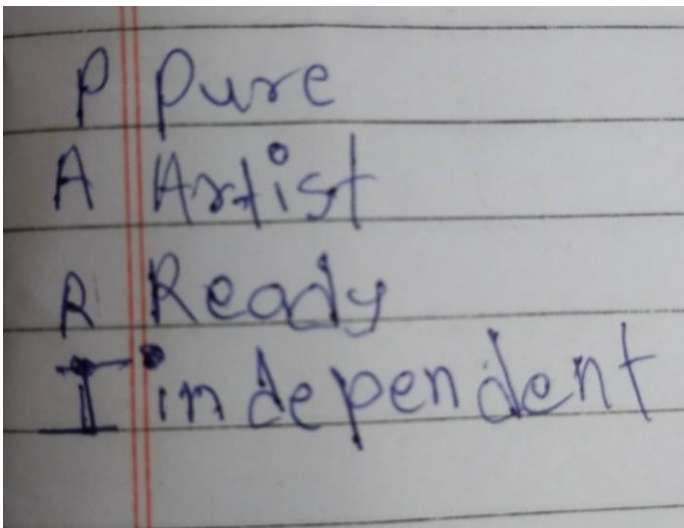
While the first 6 schools are in Bhor, Pabe lies in Velha taluka.

We are looking for teacher volunteers for this project.



Changemakers

Our leadership program for young children is back after the summer break and this year we plan to engage in service projects once every two months.



Poveda Meals

We are happy to have covered 4 Sundays in May and 4 in June, bringing not just meals but cold beverages also as respite from the summer heat.

Please let us know if we can replicate the meal distribution in another part of the city.

What we need is someone to prepare the meals and a team of volunteers that can take turns in the distribution.

On going support

Poveda continues its commitment to support girls in a shelter home in Rahata. We made a visit there both on school report card day in May and just after schools reopened in June.



Student Formation

Our director, was invited to lead a two day student leaders' retreat for the Dominican International School in Taipei at the end of May. He covered topics of self discovery and the skills of empathy.



Teacher Formation

Our director, led a half day teacher orientation at Vidya Bhavan School and Junior College, Shivajinagar in June. He helped the teachers discover the influence their past has on them in their roles as teachers and understand and practise the skills of empathy.



Ways to contribute:

- Your time,

- As a teacher or volunteer or resource person at our kindergarten, school project, Changemakers, Sakhi,
- As a volunteer at the office or with Poveda meals

- Your resources

- Rs. 1500 for 30 meals on a Sunday
- Rs. 10000 towards the ZP project staff monthly salary
- Rs. 10000 towards school fee scholarships

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