



Vardhishnu

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Dear All,

Hope everything is great at your end.

This is very special moment for all of us at Vardhishnu, firstly because Vardhishnu completed 4 years on 25th June 2017 (Happy Birthday to us 😊) and we are also giving in your hand the very first quarterly newsletter.

Since last many days we were working on the idea of publishing newsletter of Vardhishnu and now after much brainstorming, finally the first issue is coming out. I am very happy and pleased to give you the first ever quarterly newsletter of Vardhishnu.

The idea is to keep you all updated about the working of Vardhishnu and get your feedback about the same.

At this moment, I also want to take this opportunity to convey my sincere regards and thanks to all of you for providing support, guidance, mentorship at each and every moment. Without you this journey would be impossible.

Eagerly waiting for your responses, suggestions. See you in next issue....Till then....Take Care!

For team Vardhishnu,

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About us

Vardhishnu is not-for-profit organization registered with an aim to work on specific social issues through empirical research and implementation based on its findings.

Established in 2013, Vardhishnu soon started its activities with a socio-economic analysis of Waste Pickers working in Jalgaon city. Through this survey we got an opportunity to take a closer look at the problems of waste pickers. Among all such problems education, health and addiction were the three important issues on which there was a need to take a immediate step.

As an organization we thought that education is a way through which we can handle the issues of health and addiction also. For the same reasons we started evening learning centers 'आनंदघर (Home of Happiness)' in the area where these children reside. The intention was to help the children learn basic language & numericals and enroll them into the schools and to provide adequate support for their long term sustenance.

In last around 4 years more than 100 children went through the process and with some exceptions we succeeded in enrolling as well as sustaining majority of them in the schools.



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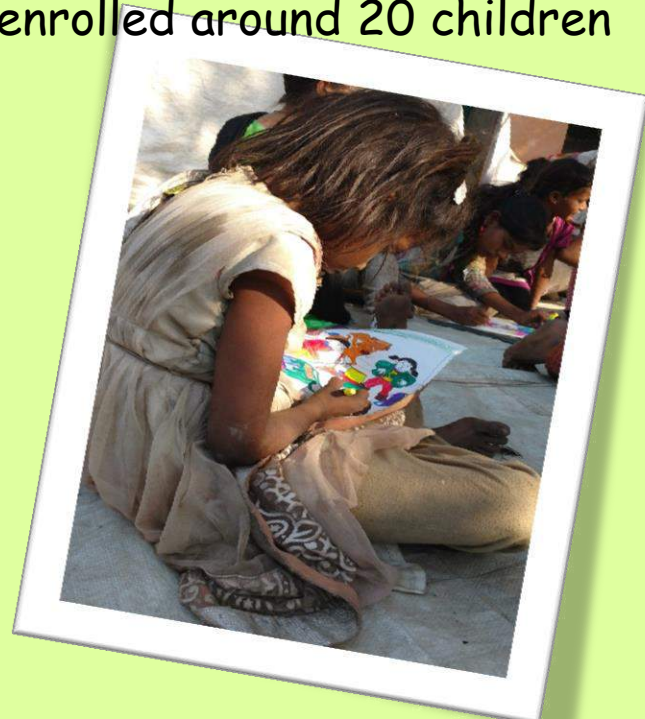
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Glimpses from the field



In March 2017 we started our second community learning center after Tambapura in the Tantiya Bhil *basti* of Mutton Market area. The majority people living here work as waste pickers and sanitary workers. In the need assessment we found that there are around 45 children ageing below 16. Surprisingly out of the these 45 only 9 children were going to the schools where as rests were either drop-outs or they have never went to the schools.

From the very first day more than 20 children attended this center and soon the number crossed 30. Currently around 35 children are attending this center regularly. We also enrolled around 20 children from this center into the schools.



Enrollment

With our experience of past three and half years, we have observed that it is not possible to take out the child from his/her profession unless we enroll them into the schools. For the same reason we make sure that we will enroll our children into the schools and work on their sustenance in the schools.

Last year we had enrolled around 16 children into 3 different schools. This year it was expected that the number will increase mainly because of second center.

Our target was to enroll at least 75% children from Anandghar into the schools. But to our surprise we succeeded in enrolling more than 80% children in the school. This year we enrolled more than 35 students this year. At the same time, from last years enrolment, not a single child dropped out from the schools.

Vardhishnu is taking major responsibility of their educational expenses.

We're Going Back To School



आनंदघर exhibits its work in Khelghar

Khelghar, is an initiative of Palakneeti Pariwar, Pune. It is working to provide quality education for the children coming from marginalized community since last 2 decades.

In May, we participated in annual event of Khelghar, Pune. There we present our work during a day long workshop and also exhibited our educational tools and crafts made by children of आनंदघर.

Around 200 visitors visited our stall and showed interests in our work.

This event became good opportunity for us to spread our reach and network!



From Children of आनंदघर

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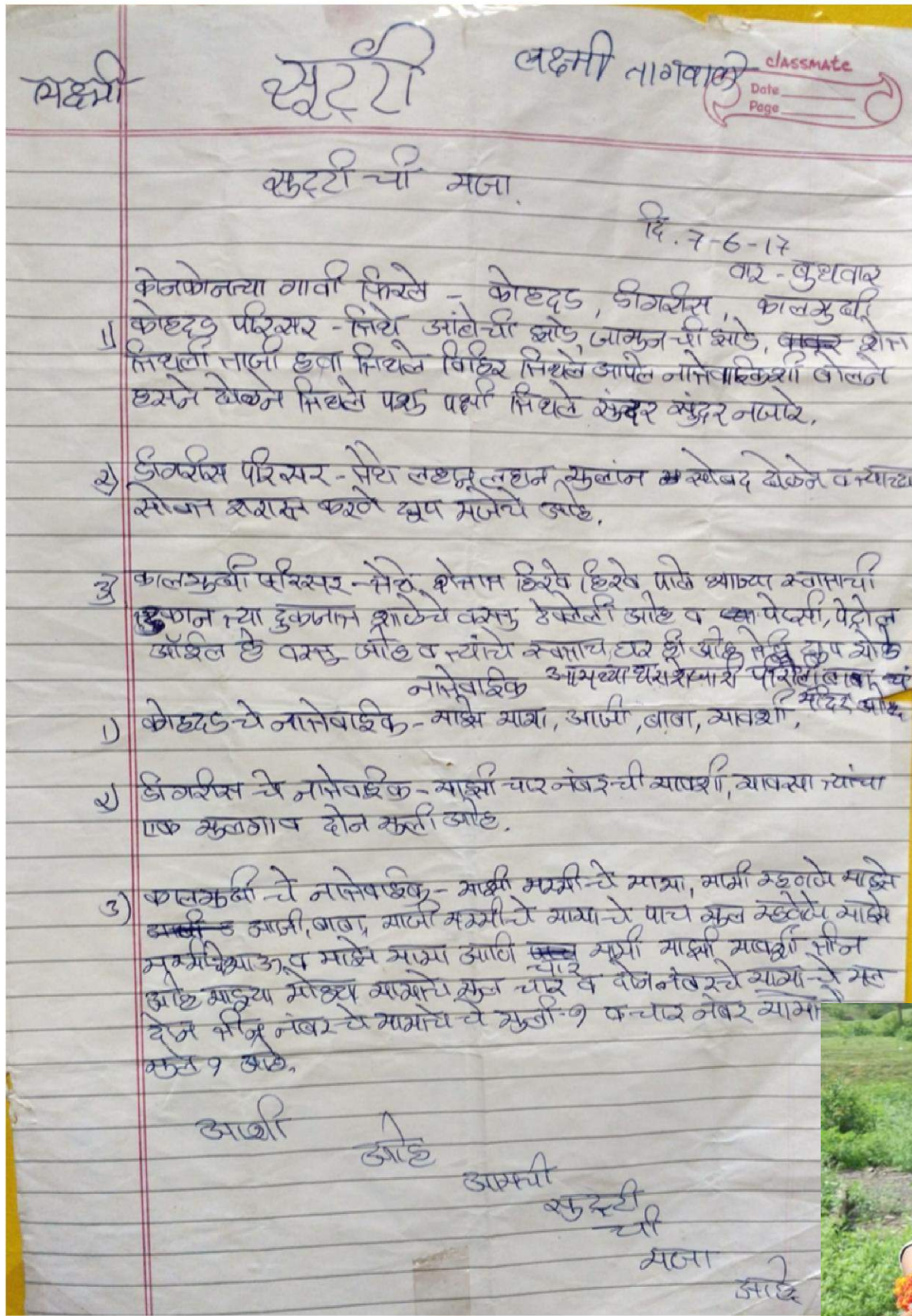
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