



# Vardhishnu

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Dear All,

Wish you all a very Happy & a Prosperous New Year. Hope this year will bring lots of happiness in all of your life.

At Vardhishnu, as we were being ready to welcome new year we got 2 excellent news.

First, our Founder & Executive Director Adwait is getting felicitated by Sayajirao Gaekwad University Baroda during their National Youth Conference 'Yugantar' in January. Secondly, we got selected under incubation programme offered by TFIx. These are the signs that slowly work of Vardhishnu is getting accredited by different organizations.

In October we initiated our 3rd community learning center at Samata Nagar, Jalgaon. Now more than 125 children are learning regularly at 3 different 'Anandghars' run by Vardishnu.

This journey was impossible without support from you all. Hope this bond will get stronger by each passing day. Like always, eagerly waiting for your responses, suggestions. See you in the next issue...Till Then...Take Care!!!

Team Vardhishnu

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### Initiating 'Anandghar—03' @ Samata Nagar, Jalgaon

Samata Nagar is one of the largest slums in Jalgaon with a population over 10,000.

We initiated our 3rd community learning center in Samata Nagar on 30th October 2017. Before that we did a survey to identify out-of-school children. The data reveals that majority of children are going to the schools but getting dropt-out at 8th standard. At the same time those who are still in the school are having problems of reading and writing.

The community is very responsive, they have given us a room which is at the exact center of the community. We have also recruited two females from the same community as Educators.

The batch is divided in two groups, first is of children studying between class 1 to 4 and second batch is for children studying between class 5 to 8. The center is running for 3 and half hours daily.

We have also started special coaching for students appearing for the 10th standard exams. Mr. Zakir Patel who is a teacher in a nearby school has taken responsibility of teaching this children and taking regular classes between 6 pm to 8 pm everyday.



## TFIx incubation programme

Teach for India (TFI) is a not-for-profit organization which is a part of Teach for All network. Initiated in 2007, TFI is currently working in 7 major cities of India. TFI places a fellow in Government schools. These fellows work with the school staff to provide quality education for the children. Currently TFI fellowship is among the top fellowships in India.

In the last year TFI started TFIx, which is a year-long Incubation Program for entrepreneurs working in the education space. TFIx aims to provide financial support, mentorship, networking for the organization's that wants to adapt and launch the Fellowship model in a way that suits their context.



After going through a rigorous selection process which included online application, proposal submission, presentation and personal interview, Vardhishnu has been selected for this incubation programme. We are the only organization in North Maharashtra University who has got selected under this programme.

With the help of TFIx we are hopeful to initiate our own fellowships from 2019. It is a step forward for realizing a dream of equal and quality education for all the children.

# Felicitation by Sayajirao Gaekwad University

Maharaja Sayajirao University, Baroda is one of the oldest universities in India. Institute of Leadership and Governance which is an independent department of the university has organized National Nouth Conference. Titled 'Yugaantar' the conference aims to awaken youth about the India's contribution to the world.



During this 3 day conference they are going to felicitate few individual who are working in the development sector under 'Unsung Heroes' category. We are really glad to let you all know that our founder Adwait is going to get felicitated in the same conference on 13th January, 2018.

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## Vardhishnu's staff attended 'Bal Saksharata Parishad', in Pune

Pragat Shikshan Santha, Phaltan in association with Tata Trusts had organized 2 days 'Bal Saksharata Parishad' on 1st & 2nd December 2017, in Pune. The intention of this conference was to discuss about challenges in early childhood literacy.

Many aspect of early childhood literacy such as how we can convert children from traditional languages to Marathi, different ways of continuous compressive evaluation as well as how cultural politics is affecting our educational system were also discussed during this conference.

From Vardhishnu, Adwait, Pranali & Jagdish attended this conference. During the same conference they had a brief discussion with Mrs. Shubhada Joshi, who is working as a coordinator for Khelghar, since last more than 25 years. She has agreed to come to Jalgaon during February to help Vardhishnu in strengthening its educational process.

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## Health Check-up Camps

Health is an important aspect of Vardhishnu's work. The children attending our learning centers live in somewhat unhygienic environment. As we try to inculcate clean and hygienic habits among children, we have experienced that children usually fall prey to contagious diseases. For the same reason we decided to conduct health check-up camps.

First camp for Anandghar—01 was conducted on 5th October with the help of Dr. Prashant Garg in which 58 students were checked. We also provided medicines to the children after the check-up.



Second Camp for Anandghar—03 was organized with the help of Rotary Club of Jalgaon on 14th November. Dr. Anand Dashputre along with his friends helped us in arranging this camp. He also checked students. Free samples of *Ayurvedic* medicine prepared Dr. Dashputre was also distributed.

Now it has been decided that we will conduct 3 such workshops in every year.



## Expansion Anandghar

The issue of out-of-school children is very big. It will only get resolved when different organizations and entrepreneurs working in the education domain will come together to create an eco-system which will make sure that every single child is getting enrolled into the schools. In Vardhishnu, we strongly believe on this thought. For the same reason, since some time we are trying to collaborate with the like-minded people, schools and organizations from Jalgaon district.

We already had invitation from Chahardi Vidya Prasarak Mandal which is govt. aided school providing quality education to the rural and tribal students of Chopada Taluq. Then we also received similar request from our friend Kalpatesh who lives in Chalisgaon and wants to initiate similar intervention in same city.



For all these teachers and educators a one day workshop was organized in Jalgaon on 10th November 2017. The intention was to discuss different aspects of out-of-school children and what we can do to stop this. The workshop was divided in 3 parts where in the first part Adwait gave overview of Vardhishnu's work. Later Pranali discussed about how children learns? In the second session we discuss about various techniques and methods conducting group discussion. Where as at the end we talked about importance of documentation.

Total 17 teachers participated in this workshop. Now it has been decided that we will conduct workshops in every month on different topics. It was also decided that members from Vardhishnu will visit atleast once in a month to all of them. This workshop has helped us developing a stronger bond will all of them.

## **Presentation by Kumar Nirman team during annual felicitation programme**

Kumar Nirman is an joint initiative of MKCL, Pune and SEARCH, Gadhchiroli. It aims to inculcate universal social values among school-going children through activities. Kumar Nirman has teams all across Maharashtra. We have also enrolled a team of students from 'Anadnghar'. Kumar Nirman's official cycle for the year 2017 ended felicitation programme held at 6 different venues. Our children presented their activities in a full-day fun event cum felicitation programme held at Jalgaon on 3rd November, 2017. Event was fully loaded with lots of fun activities, delicious food and most importantly presentation made by different teams. It was pleasant to see other children asking questions and befriending very easily. Children also received certificates and books as a gift from the Kumar Nirman team.



Public speech always helps to boost confidence of children.

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### **Students of 'Anandghar' enjoyed watching drama**

AASHA foundation Jalgaon had organized a Marathi drama called '*50 paiki 47 fakt*'. The theme was centered around school going children and how parents are pressuring them to get maximum marks in the exams.

Mr. Girish Kulkarni from AASHA foundation and Mr. Sushil Naval of Multi Media Marketing had given us free passes for our children. All the children attending '*Anandghar*' had went to watch the drama with their parents. They all enjoyed it.

One more important aspect of this event that some of the waste picker ladies who are associated with us got the responsibility for cleaning of the place. It helped them to get some extra money apart from their routine work.

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## Presentation of educational tools prepared by Vardhishnu

AASHA foundation, Jalgaon had organized one day exhibition of tools, devices, projects by different organizations, people, students during inauguration of Dr. A P J Abdul Kalam innovation center.

Jagdish, Anita & Bhavna represented Vardhishnu during this exhibition where we exhibited different educational tools prepared to teach and various other small objects prepared by students of Vardhishnu.



## Join our hands

As the work of Vardhishnu is expanding, so the funds required for it. The children and parents with whom we work are unable to contribute financially. Therefore we have to rely on generous contributions and donations from socially aware people.

- Come to visit and spend some time with our children.
- Make Yearly contributions for center requirements, such as books, toys, Snacks for children, Medical Expenses, Rents, Educational material.
- Adopt a child for an academic year (Rs. 7000/- per child per year)
- Donate to pay honorarium of the teachers (Rs. 3000 per month per teacher)
- Donate good conditioned toys, story and academic books, colors, note-books to us.

## For Cash Donations

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## Students' Corner

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આળા અપલી ઓફ આપલ્યાલાક છુ કક્લ  
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## Students' Corner

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तुकशी चे महत्त्व

एक होता अकबर एक होता बिखल ते एका शेतात असंय  
फिरायला गेले तेले ~~मग~~ बिखल खुप चतुर होता बुद्धी  
मान होता ते पुढे गेले तेका अकबर चा पाप तुकशी  
चा झाडाला लागला मग बिखलने अकबरला मागे  
ओढले बिखल म्हणाला अकबर महाराज ये काय केले तुम्ही  
तुकशी चा झाडाला तुम्ही लात मारली बिखल म्हणाला  
ही माझी आई आहे अकबर म्हणाला काय ही तुम्ही आई  
आहे तुम्ही पाया पडा अकबरला राग आला ते  
म्हणाला काय तुम्ही म्हणाला राजा होकिन एका झाडाला  
पाया पडत लावतो अकबरला राग आला ~~ते~~ त्यांनी त्यांना  
ते झाड उधुन काढले पोट पुढी गेले त्यांनी मुंयामुन मागे ओढले  
बिखल ~~हे~~ म्हणाला अरे महाराज तुम्ही काय केले तुम्ही तर  
मागे आमच्या आईला लात मारली आत वडिलांना मारली  
लात मारली ~~ते~~ आला तर तुम्ही गेले ~~म्हण~~ वडिलां  
खुप कडक आहे ~~म्हण~~ अकबरला अजुन राग  
आला ते ~~पण~~ झाड त्यांनी उधुन  
काढले त्यांच्या हातात ते पाने लागले तेका अशी  
मजा आनी कि अकबरचा हाताला काजु आली ते म्हणते  
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वाचवून शक्ते मगे अकबरने त्या तुकशी व ~~म्हण~~ चा पाया पडल्या  
मग बिखलने तुकशी पाने तोडून अकबरचा हाताला ~~काढले~~  
लावले तेका फक्त पण ~~हे~~ तुकशी दिसते तेका तेका  
बिखल चा व ~~म्हण~~ भाई अकबर पाया पडायचे.

## Glimpses from the field





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