

EDITORIAL DESK

The second issue of Disha, the Quarterly Newsletter of our Guruji Education Foundation, covers some salient achievements of our students. It also covers an interview of Mr Bhimrao Dnyanoba Chavan whose mind is always occupied with the thoughts of students' development, an edutainment visit to Shram Sanskaar Chhavani camp (Anandvan) where every student realised the meaning of labour, hard work and returned with a beautiful experience and a few briefs about the monthly meetings.

We hope you enjoy reading the newsletter.

Please do let us know your feedback on the newsletter and if you would like to contribute, in any way, to the DISHA.

We thank Ms. Chhaya Rohane for her creative help and constant support.

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ACHIEVERS OF GEF



Girish was a member of cricket team that won the Engineer's cup held at State Level Intercollege Engineering tournament, Nashik.



Meghana, a state level kabbadi player, has been selected as a referee for district level matches.



Vrushali was invited to read her poem at Konkan Marathi Sahitya Parishad. One of her poems was published in the opening issue of Disha.



Ruchika was adjudged as the best NCC cadet during the NCC camp held at Hyderabad house, Nagpur.

The journey of a man from being born in a farmer's family to retiring as the headmaster of Maharashtra Sant Vidhyalaya, Ter, Osmanabad to now serving for the betterment of students and GEF. He is a simple man with incredible thoughts. He has already set the example of hardwork, determination and perseverance by succeeding in The Maharashtra Public Service Commission (MPSC). Let's have a talk with the inspiring personality, Mr Bhimrao Dnyanoba Chavan better known as our Chavan sir.

So post retirement, what made you guide the students and get involved with GEF?

I have spent almost all my educational years living in a hostel which made me a social person, I have always been fond of helping students so when GEF happened I couldn't stop myself from joining this prestigious foundation.

What's your first memory with the foundation?

I am attached to GEF, "why don't you join us?"

Annual day 2018 flashes the first when I think about GEF. The students specially from rural areas were delighted as it was their introduction to "Mumbai-the city of dreams" which started with an educational and fun tour followed with such a motivational and inspirational annual day. It was a well organised and disciplined event where students interacted with many professionals and carried home a lot of memories and experiences.

What has surprised you most about working with GEF?

The bond which keeps Dr Pradeep Waychal and all the people, from young to experienced connected. GEF functions as a family with Mrs. Waychal and the alumni being like a pillar to the younger ones. His aspiration to give support to poor not only financially but also making sure that the student he develops personally.

So sir, could you tell me how and when you got introduced to GEF?

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I was getting retired as the headmaster of Maharashtra Sant Vidhyalaya, where I served for 33 years, from being a teacher, supervisor to headmaster. Dr Pradeep Waychal was invited as the chief guest of my farewell function where our President, Dr B.Y. Yadav introduced me to him. It was huge function attended by approximately 700 people. The next day Pradeep sir called me and asked me about my post retirement plans, I mentioned about my personal responsibilities and development of students of Osmanabad. He said "I am attached to GEF, why don't you join us?" and hence, I am a part of GEF. I look after the students of Osmanabad and also connect to our Mumbai team regularly.

So sir, some of the people you've met while working with the foundation?

Cast delight and live laborious days

There are many people I have met but some I would like to highlight, Pradeep sir, the one because of whom I got connected to this foundation and experienced Mumbai. I am always amazed by seeing Mrs. Sandhya Waychal's energy. She is never tired. She has the same energy and the smile which she carries throughout the day. Mr Sampat Ingale who inspired me totally by his work and experiences. I also remember meeting Amruta and Ankita Raut, their dedication towards GEF and their command over English. I also told my wife about these bright sisters.

Could you brief your life journey? Your journey from childhood to retirement.

I come from a farmer's family from Chavanwadi, a small village near Tuljapur. I did my primary education till 4th from my village and then did further education till 10th from Z.P. High school, Katgaon. My father died when I was very young, my brother nobly decided to support the family at the cost of his career. I then did my junior college, B.A. from Sangli and M.A. in English from Shivaji University, Kolhapur. I pursued my B.Ed. From Dayanand College, Solapur and then joined Maharashtra Sant Vidhyalaya, Ter, Osmanabad. I served as a teacher for 33 years, joined as a teacher, then a supervisor and retired as the headmaster.

I had also prepared for The Maharashtra Public Service Commission (MPSC) in 1986 and could successfully clear the Prelims. Due the deteriorating health of my mother, I had to miss History's main exam. Further due to the financial crisis and increasing responsibilities, I had to continue my journey as a teacher.

I am the Chairman of our housing society and I have been running a free library at my native place, a small hamlet, from 2008.

I joined GEF, Osmanabad – Barshi region, post retirement.

What all books are there in the library?

There are novels, newspapers and a few educational books.

Sir ,the person who has influenced your life is some way or the other?

I am also an active part of an institution "Shivaji Shikshan Prasara,Barshi" which has been established by Mr Karamveer Mamasahab Jagdale. I have always been inspired by his social and educational work. He encouraged the students in rural areas, specially girls to get educated. He had started schools in many districts where there has been an equal ratio of girls and boys. His selflessness influenced me greatly.

What do you do in your leisure time?

I am busy for almost 16-17 hours school activities and personal responsibilities. I also guide students in every possible way. I go for evening as well as morning walks too.

Thankyou sir for sharing your journey and thoughts with us.Any advice for the students?

Students should work hard to fulfill their dreams. GEF is always there to give you all a helping hand. At the end I would say, "Cast delights and live laborious days". It means to spread joy and happiness all around which can be earned by your hardwork and determination. This will give you real happiness.

Thankyou so much Chavan sir for your valuable time. It was a great opportunity interviewing an MPSC succeder, an English teacher and a great human. I personally learnt a lot from you in such a short span.



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Guidance from Rajshree mam and Arvind Dhupkar sir.
Some tips from Ms Shikha Hasilkar on hotel manners.

26th Feb '18



Guidance on Exam Preparation by Sampat sir

English speaking and writing sessions by Balu sir and Rajshree ma'am respectively.

Basic restaurant's etiquette and manners presentation by Chaitali didi.

11th March '18

MONTHLY MEETINGS 2018

13th May & 10th June '18

A personality development and career guidance sessions were conducted by Pradeep sir.

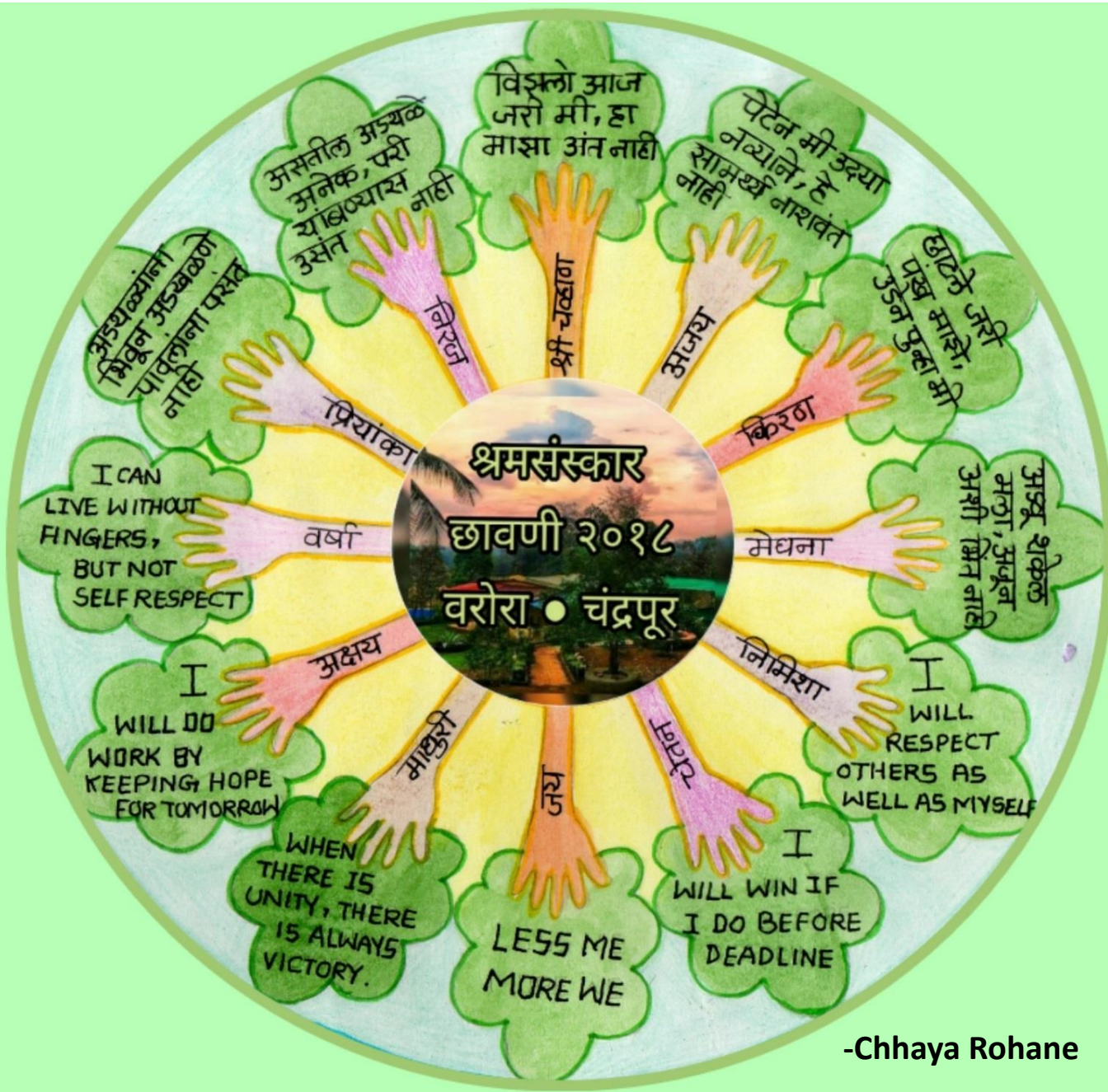


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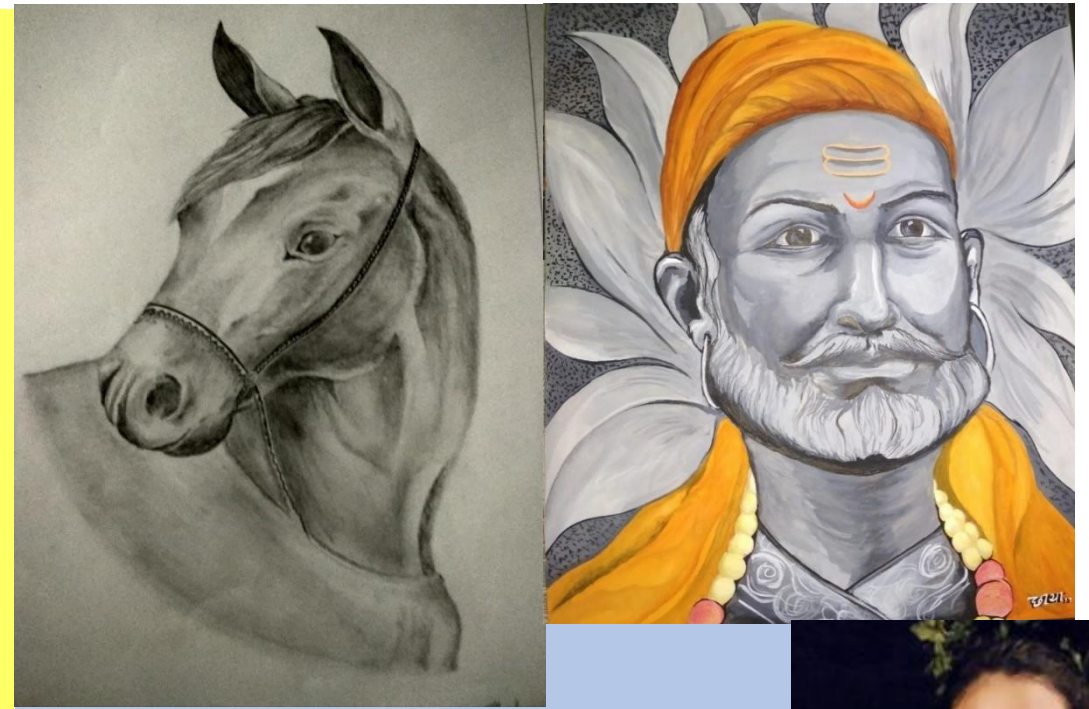
Career guidance for 11th 12th students.
Watched the life story of a German women who lost her eyesight at age 12, an inspiring story of actor Jitendra Joshi.
The best part, meeting was simultaneously conducted at Barshi centre led by Chavan sir. Both the centres were connected via video calls.



MISSION : EDUCATION FOR ALL



-Chhaya Rohane



The paintings are the replica of the girl, beautiful and confident.

- Chhaya Rohane



Why walk when you can dance?

Always enhance your hobby ,this will help you keep your mind fresh and face glow. In spite of my hectic office, I have started giving time to myself. To all the readers, I encourage you to take your hobby, now and start enhancing. Just take a deep breathe and get going. **Life will be more beautiful.** Here I am sharing the link of my videos. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qlzgUx9Fq2Q>

Do like, subscribe, comment and share.
- Amruta Raut



Our foundation's 12 member team, led by Chavan Sir, attended the 51st "Shram Sanskar Chhavani" (Anandvan), initiated by none other than BABA Amte.

Each member had a transforming experience and articulated that in a short phrase, which Chhaya has presented in a nice infographic.

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