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From Vulnerability to Voice:
Strengthening Every Child"

Annual Report

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Message from the Founder



It gives me immense pride and joy to share with you the journey of Baba Amte Village Social Service (VSS) over the past year. Our mission has always been rooted in the values of compassion, inclusivity, and sustainable change — values that guide every initiative we undertake.

This year, we have deepened our engagement with the communities we serve, strengthened our programs, and embraced new opportunities for impact. The resilience of the people we work with and the dedication of our team remind us every day why this work matters.

At Baba Amte VSS, we believe true development is not just about providing services but about creating spaces where individuals and communities can thrive with dignity. The progress we have made would not have been possible without the support of our partners, well-wishers, and the unwavering commitment of our team members.

As we look ahead, our focus remains clear — to continue building inclusive, empowered communities that reflect the vision of Baba Amte. Together, we can overcome challenges and create lasting change.

I thank each one of you for being part of this journey and invite you to walk with us as we take the next steps toward a more just and compassionate society.

With gratitude,

Anant Zende

Founder, Baba Amte (VSS)

Acknowledgement



We extend our sincere gratitude to everyone who has supported and contributed to the work of Baba Amte VSS throughout the year.

Our heartfelt thanks go to the dedicated team members and field staff, whose unwavering commitment and hard work have been the driving force behind every initiative. Your tireless efforts in reaching out to communities and implementing programs have made a meaningful impact.

We deeply appreciate the trust and collaboration of the community members we serve. Your participation and resilience continue to inspire us to strengthen our efforts for sustainable and inclusive development.

We also acknowledge the valuable contributions of our partner organizations, supporters, and well-wishers who have stood by us and enabled our vision to translate into action.

Together, we have made significant strides this year, and with your continued support, we aim to achieve even greater milestones in the future.

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About the Organisation

A group of socially driven youth, inspired by visits to NGOs like Snehalaya and Anandwan, felt a deep desire to work for the betterment of society. Motivated by the words of Dr. Girish Kulkarni, Dr. Prakash Amte, and Dr. Vikas Amte, we were encouraged to identify problems around us and start taking action. Their guidance lit a flame in us to stay socially alert and work on issues that make us uncomfortable.

Following this spirit, on 1st May (Maharashtra Day), we began the work of Vidyarthi Sahayak Samiti. Deeply influenced by Baba Amte's 'Jodo Bharat' movement and the Sanskar Prakalp under the Somnath Project at Anandwan, we formally established Mahamanav Baba Amte Bahuddeshiya Seva Sanstha on 23rd July 2008, with a mission to support children from nomadic tribes in the drought-prone areas of Shrigonda Taluka, Ahmednagar

"Every child is born with dreams in their eyes — it is our duty to ensure the world does not take them away before they learn to fly."





VISION

Swami Vivekanand would say, “Service of the deprived and downtrodden is the service of mother India.” We are determined to walk on the path shown by him.: Swami VivekanandRashtriyaAntyodaya Kendra’s vision is to empower the underprivileged people of nomadic tribes through our institute. We will be the pioneers for realizing the dream of SwamiVivekanand of an ‘Ideal India’ till the year 2050

MISSION

To establish a holistic center at Ghugal Wadgaon that empowers women, children, and youth through education, training, research, and social awareness — fostering equality, justice, and active citizenship across the southern Nagar district and beyond

KEY THEMATIC AREAS

● *Holistic Education and Learning Support*



- **Bridge Education Programs:** Facilitating the reintegration of out-of-school and first-generation learners into the formal education system.
- **After-School Learning Centers:** Providing remedial support to strengthen foundational literacy and numeracy skills.
- **Sadhana Balbhavan:** Located in Sasanenagar, Shrigonda, this slum-area learning centre has inducted 125 children into mainstream education, while also raising their awareness about addiction hazards.

● *Nutrition, Food Support & Hygiene*

- **Holistic care provision:** Since inception, 100+ tribal students in and around Shrigonda have received free food, clothing, shelter, and education.
- **Hygienic operations:** Meals are prepared under strict food-safety protocols and culturally-sensitive menu planning, fostering wellness and meeting basic nutritional needs.



● *Health Access & Medical Interventions*

- **Kashti Aarambh Balniketan clinic:** Organized regular medical camps, resulting in 38 free surgeries, addressing urgent healthcare needs in the Pardhi community.
- **Health screenings & follow-ups:** Ongoing diagnostic support ensures early detection and treatment of common tribal health issues.



● *Economic Empowerment & Livelihood Linking*



- **SHG formation and support:** Two Pardhi Self-Help Groups (Dombari subgroup) have been active for over four years, in micro-enterprise and financial inclusion—leading to community-level economic resilience.
- **Career pathway support:** Our library offers specialized resources for civil-service aspirants; 10 students have successfully achieved their goals



● *Child Rights and Protection* ↺

- **Awareness Campaigns:** Educating communities about child rights and the importance of child protection.
- **Child Clubs:** Establishing platforms for children to voice their concerns and participate in decision-making processes.
- **Advocacy:** Collaborating with local authorities to implement policies that prevent child labor and early marriages.



Project Highlights

1. Students Aid Committee (Vidyarthi Sahayak Samiti)

The Phase Paradhi community are an ancient tribe of India. They used to live in remote and inaccessible jungles and were very primitive in their lifestyle. They used to hunt in the jungles for their food. But when the British rulers implemented a ban on hunting in the jungles, this tribe was unable to integrate with the rural population. As a result, they resorted to criminal activities to feed their families. For generations, they have been involved in criminal activities and never been to any school. At times, they are unfairly blamed for crimes they have not committed. Mahamanav Baba Amte Seva Sanstha has taken up the noble cause of uplifting this community.

We have taken the responsibility of educating the children and stop the vicious circle of crime and give them a chance to life. We provide hostel facility, admission to local school, regular and nutritious meals, tuitions and most importantly inculcate values in the children. Along with academics, we teach the children to share and care for each other. We instill discipline and the importance of honesty and hard work. It is a fact that had it not been for Mahamanav Baba Amte Sewa Sanstha's intervention, these children too would have been labeled as criminals.



Project Highlights

1. Sadhana BalBhavan



Shreegoneda is a taluka and Sasane Nagar slum which houses over 1,500 residents is a part of this taluka. The women of these slums engage in occupations such as labourers on farm or domestic work. They are illiterate and are unable to guide their children with their studies. Mahamanav Baba Amte Bahuuddeshiya Samajik Vikas Sewa Sanstha started the Sadhana BalBhavan project to help the children of these slums with their studies and to mould these children into respectable citizens. Free tuitions are given to these children and workshops on health and hygiene, de-addiction, communal unity, prevention of underage marriages, dowry, etc are conducted by various experts to bring about a positive change in the society.

Thus Sadhana BalBhavan is a movement towards profoundness and nation building. Currently 80 kids are marching towards a bright future at Sadhana BalBhavan.

Project Highlights

1. Aarambh Bal Vidyaniketan



This is a unique project where youth of a village named Kashti are engrossed in nation building by educating the children of the poor, neglected sections and the Dombari community while building their own future at the same time. They are doing this out of a sense of patriotism and the urge to share their knowledge with the needy, poor and deprived section of our society. If these underprivileged children are not educated today, then they will be exploited as child labourers, beggars or resort to crime for their livelihood, thus proving to be a menace to the society. The need is to educate these children and change their mindset and guide them towards a bright future.

This positive change is being brought about through the medium of AarambhBalBhavan in the colony of the Dombari community of the Kashti village. This colony houses about 450 families living in very poor conditions. This underdeveloped tribal community lives a nomadic life, performing their traditional art and moves around from village to village. The youth of the Kashti village are performing the Herculean task of changing the destiny of 480 children living in such dire conditions.



Project Highlights

Mahamanav Baba Amte awareness lecture series

Inspired by internationally renowned social activist Baba Amte, his wife Reverend Sadhanatai Amte, Tribune Annasaheb Hazare and the Snehalaya family, Mahamanav Baba Amte Bahuuddeshiya Samajik Vikas Sewa Sanstha organizes lecture series on the occasion of the death anniversary of Baba Amte and the *birth anniversary of Saint Gadge Maharaj. Prominent speakers and leaders are invited to create awareness amongst the masses about various social issues. The NGO helps the youth today's needs to be guided with brightening thoughts along with academics in order to broaden their horizons. Hence the lecture series!! Thousands of students benefit by this initiative of the NGO towards a better future.



Project Highlights

Freedom Fighter Ramanlal Mehta Library

Mahamanav Baba Amte Bahuuddeshiya Samajik Vikas Sewa Sanstha provides library service to needy students and other citizens of Shrigonda taluka. The library also serves as a centre of study for various competitive exams viz. MPSC, UPSC, IPS, etc. The youth of Shreegonda taluka are inclined to applying for government jobs. The team of Mahamanav Baba Amte Sanstha started the Freedom Fighter Ramanlal Mehta Library to fulfill this need and help the youth get good government jobs. The library has over 3500 books and is visited by 125 students. Workshops are also conducted by experts to guide and prepare the youth for various competitive exams.



Project Highlights

Bharat Ratna Dr. A.P.J Abdul Kalaam Study Center

There was a need in Shrigonda for a center with an environment conducive to knowledge gaining where students could come to study and prepare for various competitive exams as well as overall personality development. The Bharat Ratna Dr. A.P.J Abdul Kalaam Study Center was thus inaugurated at Shrigonda by Hon. Anna Hazare and Mr. Popat Pawar on 26 Dec 2015 on the occasion of the 87th birth anniversary of internationally renowned social activist Baba Amte. Currently 52 students visit the center every day to study.



Stories of Changes

"The Girl Who Came Begging, Now Gives Hope"✦

Name: Divya

Age: 14 years

Current Education: Studying in 8th Standard

Aspiration: To become a Naturopathy Doctor

Duration of Stay at VSS: 9 years

Background:

Divya came to Mahamanav Baba Amte Vikas Seva Sanstha (VSS) at the tender age of four. Her childhood was marked by extreme trauma and deprivation. Her father was murdered when she was just a toddler. A few years later, her elder sister also lost her life to domestic violence at the hands of her in-laws. With no stable shelter, Divya's mother lived under an imli tree for nearly six years, struggling to care for her daughter.

During this time, Divya was exploited by her maternal uncle and was forced into begging on the streets. She was denied a normal childhood—without safety, care, or education.



Intervention:

It was during a Dahi Handi festival that Mr. Anant Zende, Founder of VSS, noticed Divya. Moved by her condition, he initiated contact and brought her situation to light. After multiple counselling sessions with her mother, VSS welcomed Divya into its care.

Support and Growth at VSS:

At VSS, Divya's life changed dramatically. She was enrolled in school for the first time. Over the years, she began not only catching up with her academics but also learning discipline, values, and moral behaviour. The nurturing environment, structured routine, and emotional support allowed her to rebuild her self-worth.

Now in 8th standard, Divya is a confident and curious learner. She actively participates in school and community activities and has discovered her dream of becoming a Naturopathy doctor. She is particularly drawn to natural healing because of her own life experiences with pain, survival, and resilience.

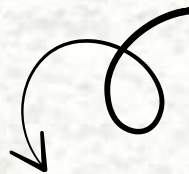
Stories of Changes

*"The Girl Who Came Begging, Now Gives Hope"**

Community Impact:

During school vacations, Divya visits her native village. Her transformation has become an inspiration to many children and families in the area. She encourages other children to pursue education and explains how VSS helped her break free from exploitation and abuse. Her lived example now motivates other families to send their children to school or residential homes like VSS.

"VSS changed my life. From begging on the streets, I now dream of becoming a Naturopathy doctor. I want to help others the way I was helped."
— Divya, 8th Std.



Looking Ahead"

📍 Geographic Expansion: New Villages & Districts

Current Reach: We are proud to serve over 150 children through a residential after-school and mentorship programs.

Our Aim: Double our impact to reach 300 children in the coming year.

How We'll Do It:

- **Map & Consult:** Identify high-need local communities using mapping tools and community discussions.
- **Pilot Launch:** Test our after school and mentoring approach in a new community to ensure quality and fit.
- **Scale Up:** Expand the pilot model across additional communities to reach our goal of 300 children.
- **Collaborate Locally:** Form partnerships with local schools, NGOs, and community leaders—an effective scaling method supported by global nonprofit strategies



Launch of VSS Learning Centre (In-House School)

We are excited to inaugurate the VSS Learning Centre, an in-house primary school on our premises serving 60 students across Grades 1–4. This initiative is designed to ensure consistent access to formal education for children from nomadic communities, with a goal of achieving 85% average attendance.

Looking Ahead"

To bring this vision to life, we are actively seeking funding through avenues such as government grants, CSR contributions, and philanthropic foundations. Like effective peer organizations, we'll build strong proposals and align with funding priorities in education and rural development to secure the necessary resources.



Why an In-House School?

- Improves access and student retention by removing travel barriers and offering consistent education.
- Encourages stronger community ownership, as local stakeholders contribute to and support the school's success
- Supports cultural relevance by delivering lessons in native languages and integrating local traditions
- Enables tailored learning experiences, adapting teaching to students' individual needs for better educational outcomes



Looking Ahead"



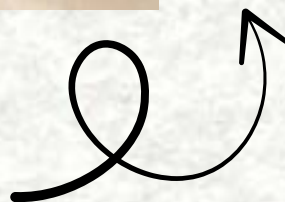
Strategic Partnership for Scale

We'll strengthen collaborations with local NGOs, CSRs, government schools, and community leaders in each expansion area. These partnerships will enable resource sharing and joint initiatives, aligning with best practices for scaling NGO impact

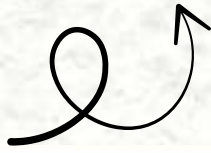


Enhanced Organizational Capacity

To support our growing programs and expansion plans, we are forming a new dedicated team focused on program implementation, community engagement, and monitoring. This team will include field coordinators, education facilitators, and outreach volunteers, ensuring better execution and follow-up across all operational areas. The new team structure will help us streamline our efforts, improve accountability, and create a stronger foundation for scaling our impact



Collaborations and Partnership



Baba Amte VSS receives valuable support from Bajaj Finserv. We appreciate their contribution towards empowering education and community development

Baba Amte VSS is proud to be supported by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India



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MINISTRY OF
TRIBAL AFFAIRS



Zomato Feeding India is proudly sponsoring nutritious meals for the children at our centre.

Baba Amte VSS shares a long-standing association with Snehalaya, whose work and philosophy have deeply inspired our journey. Their guidance and collaboration continue to strengthen our commitment to serving children from marginalized communities.



Collaborations and Partnership



Prayas Charlotte is supporting Baba Amte VSS in infrastructure development, helping us create a safe and child-friendly learning environment.

Ksb charitable trust has been a long standing partner in helping the organisation with all the immediate needs



Impact Stories



Akanksha, a girl who dropped out of hostel and college due to lack of money, became an architect



Student of Mahamanav Baba Amte Sanstha's Vidyavardan initiative..Study in Sinhagad College.

Akanksha was taken care of by the donors of the organization, Kirti Tai Gadre and Mrs. Ramyatai.

Today, Akanksha's mother and Akanksha brought the children to the organization. Akanksha wants to do her master's in Germany in the future, her dream is

Good luck Akanksha.

Impact Stories



The fight against crime must be eradicated from education

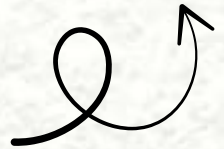


The fight against crime must be eradicated from education!

Rekha from the tribal Pardhi community stood firm..

81% marks in BA Special English

Rekha recently got admission in MA in Savitribai Phule University ...



Abhishek and Mahesh from Baba Amte Sanstha exercised their right to vote.



"Our participation in the development of the state, today we have truly become the people of India, citizens of India"



Impact Stories



Shubhangi Zhende, known as the mother and aunt of tribal children, was honored with the Ahilyanagar Social Service Award by the Debt Relief Organization for her social service.



The Mona Lisa and the
Kumbh Mela of
Maharashtra..



Impact Stories



Pragya's Light: A year-long living journey of Pragya Gurukul

The Pragya Gurukul project run by Mahamanav Baba Amte Sanstha is a simple but thought-provoking project.....

Over the course of a year, this project has transformed the lives of 150 tribal children of Mahamanav Baba Amte Sanstha. The children have experienced a different education system within the framework of education, culture, health and love. Behind all this, there was one goal and inspiration, which was "to create opportunities for those who do not have opportunities."



EVENTS AND WORKSHOPS

V Care Charitable Trust donates new laptops to Mumbai's Mahamanav Baba Amte Sanstha...



Fight bravely to prove yourself. -

**Mr. Ashok Kadus Saheb
- Education Officer,
Zilla Parishad
Ahmednagar**

तरुण देशाचे भविष्य : कडूस

औरंगाबाद, ता. १० : येथील असो किंवा प्रशासकीय सेवा, अतिवस्ती मर्यादांमधील मुले कापडोळीकडे पल मिळविले आहेत. वेगवेगळ्या क्षेत्रात या मिळविल्या मुले तरुण सेवा देण्याचे भविष्य आहे, असे प्रतिपादन जिल्हा परिषदेचे शिक्षणधिकारी अशोक कडूस यांनी केले.

आजकाल अतिवस्ती दिवसनिवसाने कडूस यांनी तरुणमंडळीत पुनर्वसन देण्यात महत्त्व वाढावा असे संकेत देत दिली. मुंबई येथील सेवा महत्वाचे पाहिलेला. विद्यार्थ्यांना देण्यात आलेल्या शैक्षणिक साहित्याचे वाटप कडूस यांच्या हस्ते करण्यात आले.

कडूस म्हणाले, कोटेशन-मोडेल मोठ्यापेक्षा थडे पेट प्रत्येकाचे व्यक्तिमत्त्व विकसित होत असले. बाळगणत घालण्या गोष्टी शिक्षणात विद्यार्थ्यांना आवुण्यात



पुनर्वसन : विद्यार्थ्यांची संवाद साधताना शिक्षणधिकारी अशोक कडूस.

सामाजिक दिला मिळून असुन कडूस यांनी अनेकांच्या आवुण्यात सामाजिक कट पडतून आणण्याचे काम महत्वाचे वाढावा असे संकेत करीत आहे.

यावेळी गटनिर्वाहिकांनी सापडित मर्यादा, विस्तार अधिकारी सुरेश दावडे, दत्तात्रय कावडे, संजये अंबेत रोडे, विकास फाटीर, अश्विनी बाबोले अदी उपस्थित होते.

EVENTS AND WORKSHOPS

**15 August 2024 – Independence Day celebrations
under the “Every Home Tricolour” campaign.**



**The auspicious hands of the third-party
Kamlesh.
Ganpati Aarti.**

**The lives of the underprivileged are
illuminated, the festival of lights is justified**



EVENTS AND WORKSHOPS

The inauguration ceremony of the "Navjeevan Project" hostel of Mahamanav Baba Amte Vikas Seva Sanstha was held.



Mahamanav Baba Amte Prabodhan Lecture Series – Year 12 First Flower



"Wings to Dreams: A New Journey Unveiling the World of Tribal Children" - A trip by tribal children from Mahamanav Baba Amte Institute.



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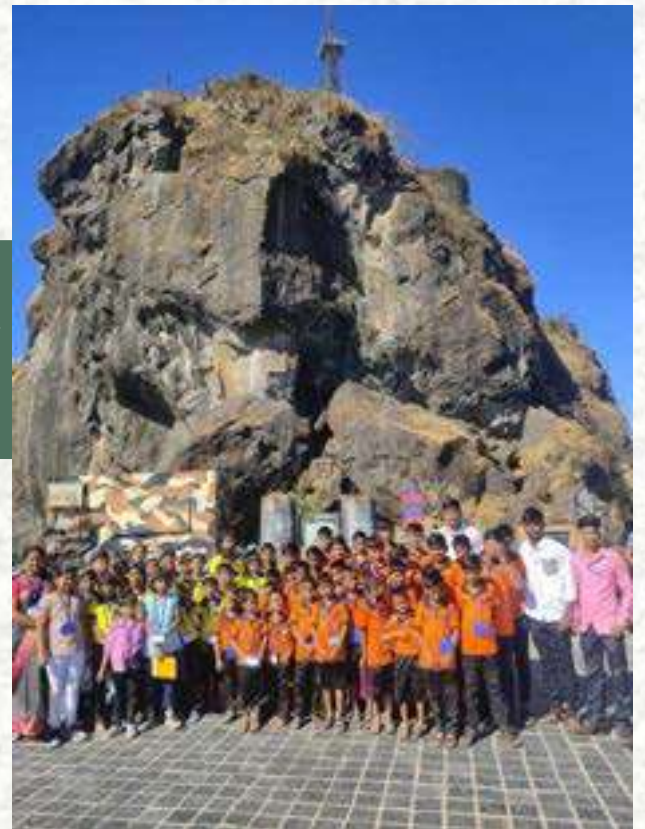
"Tribal Children's Dream Fulfillment Trip"



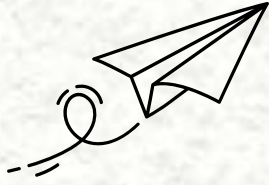
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Moments of Transformation: A Visual Journey Through Our Work



 "Educate minds,
empower the future."