



VaJaHa (Vana Jana Hakka) Foundation, Nagpur

Annual Report 2024-25

Introduction:

VaJaHa (Vana Jana Hakka) Foundation, Nagpur is Incorporated On 22nd August 2022 under section 8 of the Companies Act 2013 and the Company is limited by shares with Licence No. 120044. The Corporate Identity Number of the company is U85300MH2020NPL344235. VaJaHa Foundation dealing with the issues of rights of people and forest both. At present we are working in rural areas of Nagpur District and dealing with FRA awareness. Pursuant to sub-section(2) of section 7 and sub-section(1) of section 8 of the Companies Act, 2013 (18 of 2013) and rule 18 of the Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014. The main objects of the organisation to be pursued are-social welfare, education & training for deserving & under privileged, protection of environment, protection of child rights, don't waste food campaign, medical aid for needy, natural resource conservation etc Professor Keshav Walke and Dr Jyoti Walke are the Founder Directors of the Vajaha Foundation. The Company works towards fulfilling objectives without any discrimination of caste, creed, sex, colour or religion or any other thing.

Our Vision is:

To bring social welfare in India, promote “Don’t Waste Food Campaign”, provide education for deserving and under privileged, protection of child rights and protection of environment.

Our Missions are:

- To identify & strengthen local leaders and promote them into Panchayat Raj Institutions.

- To build network of like minded organisations to support and advocate struggle of socially excluded communities.
- To establish, maintain vocational training institutions, facilitate placement in appropriate jobs,
- to help adolescents and youth in deciding right educational and career path through various personality development and career guidance programs.
- To conduct research and document culture, biodiversity conservation of local or indigenous group.

Activities:

1. Awareness on Forest Rights Act, 2006

Fulzari village in Ramtek taluka of Nagpur District is in the process of displacement as it comes under the CORE area of the Pench Tiger Reserve (PTR). Founder Director of Vajaha foundation Dr Keshav Walke is associated with the awareness activities related Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Dwellers Forest Rights Act (ST&OTDFR), 2006. Through Vajaha Foundation these meetings and awareness activities are continued. Mr Pravin Mote and Mr Gautam Nitnaware, FRA Experts from Centre for People's Collectives (CPC) are supporting as knowledge partner. Dr Nishant Mate, Assistant Professor from College of Social Work, Kamptee, Dist Nagpur and Mr Pravin Uikey, Sarpanch from Pipariya Gram Panchayat are helping in spreading awareness on Forest Rights Act as a volunteer. Periodical meetings are conducted and helped the villagers in follow-up of the individual and community forest rights with the Nagpur District Collectorate.

2. World Environment Day on 5th June 2025

Vajaha Foundation has celebrated "World Environment Day" by organizing "Awareness Programme on Environment and Health Check-up Programme with free medicine" at Siddheshwari Gond Basti. In organizing the World Environment Day Programme, Vajaha Foundation has collaborated with Field Office, Central Bureau of Communication, Nagpur, Vidarbha Tribal Doctors Association and Rotary Club of Nagpur Metro. While celebrating

World Environment Day, Health Check-up, free medicine distribution, Guidance and Quiz on Environment and Prize distribution for the winners etc activities had been organised by Vajaha Foundation. During the Programme Guests and Doctors were welcomed and felicitated with the sampling. Shri Dinesh Masodkar from Zilla Parishad Nagpur was the Chief Resource person of the programme and Mr Pramod Kalbande, Resident Editor of the Marathi daily Sakal was the guest of Honour. Both Mr Dinesh Masodkar and Mr Pramod Kalbande guided the basti children on environment and study. Field Publicity Officer, Mr Saurav Khekde (IIS) from Field Office, Central Bureau of Communication along with other colleagues were prominently present. Dr Shyam Babhulkar, Dr Manohar Muddeshwar and Dr Vijay Akulwar along with Dr Vivek Gadge from Rotary Club of Nagpur Mentro and Dr Ashish Koreti, Dr Prashil Uikey and Dr



Dr Keshav Walke welcoming the Chief Resource Person Mr Dinesh Masodkar from Zilla Parishad, Nagpur



Dr Keshav Walke welcoming Dr Ashish Koreti from VTDA



Dr Keshav Walke welcoming Dr Prashil Uikey



Regional Publicity Officer Mr Saurav Khekde addressing the participants



Guests lighting the lamp



Mr Pramod Kalbande, Resident Editor, Sakal while addressing the gathering



Mr Dinesh Masodkar guiding the participants on Environment Day and Cleanliness (Sanitation)



Children in the Basti participating in Quiz Competition on "Environment and Cleanliness"

Tejram Bhalavi represented Vidarbha Tribal Doctors Association and Dr Balwant Kowe along with his team from Indira Gandhi Medical College and Hospital (Sickle Cell Check up) rendered their services in treating the patients from the Basti. More than 200 patients were checked and treated while more than 50 people tested for Sickle Cell. Volunteers Ms Shreya Suryawanshi,

Ms Dhanusha Kawalkar and Mr Shubham Pradhan from Vajaha Foundation worked hard for the success of the Programme.



Prize Distribution to the winners of the Quiz Competition



Prize Distribution to the winners of the Quiz Competition





People from the Community getting treated by the doctors



केंद्र सरकारच्या माहिती व प्रसारण विभागाच्या कार्यालय व वजह फाउंडेशनच्या संयुक्त विद्यमाने जागतिक पर्यावरण दिनानिमित्त मानेवाडा येथील गोंड वस्ती परिसरात आरोग्य शिबिर आणि प्रश्नमंजूषा स्पर्धा घेण्यात आली. कार्यक्रमाचे उद्घाटन माहिती व प्रसारण विभागाचे क्षेत्रीय प्रचार अधिकारी सौरभ खेडके यांच्या हस्ते करण्यात आले. याप्रसंगी जि.प. नागपूरच्या दिनेश मसोदकर यांनी 'पर्यावरण व स्वच्छता' या विषयावर मार्गदर्शन केले. आरोग्य शिबिरात इंदिरा गांधी वैद्यकीय महाविद्यालयाचे पॅथॉलॉजी विभागप्रमुख डॉ. बळवंत कोवे यांच्यासह मेयो रुग्णालय, मेडिकल कॉलेज, सीएनएमआय रुग्णालयाच्या डॉक्टरांनी नागरिकांच्या आरोग्याची तपासणी करून गरजूंना औषधांचे वाटप केले. याप्रसंगी फाउंडेशनचे संचालक डॉ. केशव वाळके, सदस्य श्रेया सूर्यवंशी व धनुशा कावळकर उपस्थित होते. मान्यवरांच्या हस्ते प्रश्नमंजूषा स्पर्धेतील विजेत्यांना पुरस्कार प्रदान करण्यात आले.

मानेवाडा में विश्व पर्यावरण दिन मनाया

केंद्रीय संचार ब्यूरो नागपूर तथा वजह फाउंडेशन नागपूर का संयुक्त आयोजन



नागपूर : दिनांक 5 जून 'विश्व पर्यावरण दिन' के अवसर पर केंद्रीय संचार ब्यूरो, क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय, नागपूर, तथा वजह फाउंडेशन, नागपूर के संयुक्त विद्यमाने 'पर्यावरण व स्वच्छता' विषय पर मार्गदर्शन किया। अपने मार्गदर्शन में श्री मसोदकर ने स्वास्थ्य के पर्यावरण को बचाने तथा नदी नालों की स्वच्छता के साथ ही परिसर तथा स्वयं की स्वच्छता आदि के बारे में मार्गदर्शन करते पर्यावरण को रखने के लाभ के बारे में जानकारी दी। इस अवसर पर वजह फाउंडेशन के निदेशक, डॉ. केशव वाळके, सदस्य श्रेया सूर्यवंशी, धनुशा कावळकर, तथा शुभम प्रधान मुख्य

भाग में कार्यक्रम का उद्देश बताया। इसके बाद श्री दिनेश मसोदकर माहिती विभाग व संवाद कक्ष, वि.प., नागपूर इन्होंने उपस्थितों को पर्यावरण और स्वच्छता विषय पर मार्गदर्शन किया। अपने मार्गदर्शन में श्री मसोदकर ने स्वास्थ्य के पर्यावरण को बचाने तथा नदी नालों की स्वच्छता के साथ ही परिसर तथा स्वयं की स्वच्छता आदि के बारे में मार्गदर्शन करते पर्यावरण को रखने के लाभ के बारे में जानकारी दी। इस अवसर पर वजह फाउंडेशन के निदेशक, डॉ. केशव वाळके, सदस्य श्रेया सूर्यवंशी, धनुशा कावळकर, तथा शुभम प्रधान मुख्य रूप से उपस्थित थे। साथ ही हेल्थ कॅम्प की टीम में इंदिरा गांधी मेडिकल कॉलेज, नागपूर के विक्रम शास्त्र विभाग प्रमुख व प्राध्यापक डॉ. बळवंत दशरथ कोवे, मेयो हॉस्पिटल के रिटायर्ड हेड एवं प्रोफेसर डॉ. आकलेश्वर, मेडिकल कॉलेज के रिटायर्ड हेड एवं प्रोफेसर डॉ. सुरेश्वर, सी.एन.एम. आय. हॉस्पिटल के न्यू सर्जन डॉ. बापुळकर ने सिद्धेश्वरी गोंड बस्ती के लोगों का स्वास्थ्य जांच करके जाबरामंदी को औषधी विधरीत की गई। अंत में वजह फाउंडेशन के निदेशक, डॉ. केशव वाळके इन्होंने आभार प्रदर्शन करते कार्यक्रम का समापन किया। 126 मई से 9 जून तक जारी जारी

नागपूर के डॉ. बाबासाहेब आंबेडकर अंतरराष्ट्रीय विमानतल से हज यात्रा के लिए यात्री 26 मई से 9 जून तक रवाना होंगे, इनमें महाराष्ट्र, छत्तीसगढ़ और छत्तीसगढ़ के हज यात्री शामिल हैं। 1 से 21 जुलाई तक यात्रियों की वापसी का सिलसिला आरंभ होगा, यात्रियों के निवास का प्रबंध शहर के हज हाउस में किया जाएगा।

Programme Coverage in Media

3. INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY on 21st June 2024

Vajaha Foundation in collaboration with Field Office, Central Bureau of Communication, Nagpur and L. A. D. College, Shankarnagar, Nagpur jointly celebrated the International Yoga Day on 21st June 2024 in LAD College's premises. The theme for this year's celebration was 'Yog for Self and Society'. Yoga training/demo was organized for the teachers and students from different colleges in the city and Dr Prince Ajaykumar T. Agashe, Librarian from Matru Sewa Sangh Institute of Social Work, Nagpur with Dr Vandana Jamkar, Librarian from Gudadhe Patil college of Arts and Commerce, Hingna, Nagpur functioned as a Yoga Teacher for the programme. Mr Sourav Khekde, Field Publicity Officer, Field Office Central Bureau of Communication, Nagpur, Prof Keshav Walke, Director Vajaha Foundation, Dr Pooja Pathak,

Principal, LAD College, Dr Kiran Patil, Vice Principal with Dr Varsha Bhujabal, NSS Officer and other teachers and staff were prominently present and attended the YOGA training. More than 140 teachers and NSS volunteers took benefit of the programme. Ms Nilima Waghmare, Head, Dept of Physical Education with her team took extra efforts for the success of the programme. All the participants enjoyed the snacks and tea served at the end of the programme.



"Field Publicity Officer Mr Saurav Khekde guiding the participants



Yoga Teacher Dr Vandana Jamkar with Dr Prince Ajaykumar T Agashe narrating the importance of YOGA in our life.



Yoga teachers demonstrating YOGA to the participants



Yoga Teacher Dr Vandana demonstrating YOGA



Participants enjoying the YOGA



Yoga teachers Dr Vandana and Dr Agashe demonstrating YOGA and its importance to the participants



Yoga teachers demonstrating YOGA to the participants



Organizing Team with Resource Persons

News Broadcast on AIR, Nagpur link:

<https://www.youtube.com/live/8sayX4zeirE?si=k1m15spuDrawzVXF>

News Broadcast on Doordarshan:

<https://www.youtube.com/live/--mIFM3jiXk?si=NLbe1NedTopG9RqI>

News Broadcast on NMC news:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/v/8W1maoCwGzvQLtUs/?mibextid=oFDknk>



केंद्रीय संचार ब्यूरो नागपुर ने मनाया अंतरराष्ट्रीय योग दिवस

स्वयं और समाज के लिए योग विषय पर आयोजित



नागपुर, दूसरा अंतरराष्ट्रीय योग दिवस आज 21 जून 2024 को पूरे भारत में मनाया जा रहा है. इस वर्ष के अंतरराष्ट्रीय योग दिवस का विषय स्वयं और समाज के लिए योग है, जिसका उद्देश्य नागरिकों में जागरूकता पैदा करना और नागरिकों, छात्रों को योग आनंदने के लिए प्रोत्साहित करना है. कोलैज, नागपुर ने 21 जून को अंतरराष्ट्रीय योग दिवस मनाया. इस कार्यक्रम में केंद्रीय संचार ब्यूरो नागपुर के क्षेत्रीय प्रचार अधिकारी सौरभ खेकडे, उर्जाम फाउंडेशन के निदेशक केशव वालके, एनएडी कॉलेज के प्राच डॉ. पूजा पाठक मुख्य रूप से उपस्थित रही. अपने परिचयात्मक भाषण में सौरभ खेकडे ने अंतरराष्ट्रीय योग दिवस कार्यक्रम के उद्देश्य को बताया और सभी को योग की ओर आ की शुभकामना दी. इसके बाद योग प्रशिक्षक डॉ. प्रिंस अगासे और डॉ. वंदना जामकर द्वारा विभिन्न प्रकार के आसन, योग आदि का प्रदर्शन किया गया. कार्यक्रम के अंत में डॉ. केशव वालके ने उपस्थित सभी लोगों को धन्यवाद दिया. इस समय डॉ. किरण पाटिल, उज प्राचार्य, डॉ. कञ्जुला बापट, वाइस प्रिंसिपल, डॉ. माया जाधव पर्यवेक्षक, डॉ. रुता धर्माधिकारी पर्यवेक्षक, महाविद्यालय के सभी शिक्षक, कर्मचारी एवं विद्यार्थी उपस्थित थे. इस कार्यक्रम के लिए नीलिमा वाघमारे, विभागध्यक्ष, शारीरिक एवं खेल विभाग एवं डॉ. वर्षा आर. भुजबल, एन.एस.एस. कार्यक्रम के सफल आयोजन के लिए केंद्रीय संचार ब्यूरो के तकनीकी सहायक संजय निवासी मींग टिप्पण, सहायक, चंदू चाडुके और नरेश...

लोकमत समाचार

केंद्रीय संचार ब्यूरो नागपुर

सूचना एवं प्रसारण मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार, केंद्रीय संचार ब्यूरो, फील्ड कार्यालय, नागपुर, सूरह फाउंडेशन, नागपुर और एल.ए.डी. कॉलेज, नागपुर ने संयुक्त रूप से अंतरराष्ट्रीय योग दिवस मनाया. इस कार्यक्रम में केंद्रीय संचार ब्यूरो क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय नागपुर के क्षेत्रीय प्रचार अधिकारी सौरभ खेकडे, वजह फाउंडेशन के संचालक केशव वालके, एल.ए.डी कॉलेज की प्राचार्या डॉ. पूजा पाठक प्रमुखता से उपस्थित थे. सौरभ खेकडे ने इस समय योग दिवस के महत्त्व को समझाया. योग प्रशिक्षक डॉ. प्रिंस आगारे और डॉ. वंदना जामकर ने योग, आसन



सिखाए. डॉ. केशव वालके ने आभार माना. इस समय डॉ. किरण पाटिल, डॉ. रिजुता बापट, डॉ. रुता धर्माधिकारी उपस्थित थे.

नेशनल संदेश

Programme in Media Coverage

4. RAKSHABANDHAN PROGRAM at JIVHALA on 19.08.2024

Vajaha Foundation in collaboration with Rotary club of Nagpur Metro celebrated Rakshabandhan with girls at JIVHALA: A shelter for the underprivileged girls located in MIG colony, Kukdey Lay Out, Nagpur. More than 40 girls are living here and taking their education. During the Rakshabandhan Program girls from the shelter tied Rakhis on members of the rotary club and representatives of the Vajaha Foundation. Vajaha foundation managed to provide with colour printer to the shelter as it was needed for printing required documents of girls when they fill some application or apply somewhere. Sweet was distributed among all the girls and guests and Rakshabandhan was celebrated. Dr Keshav Walke and Dr Jyoti Walke represented the Vajaha Foundation. Mr Satish Dande (Sponsored Colour Printer), Mrs Sandhya Dande, Prof Deo, Mr Avinash Deshpande (President), Dr Shyam Babhulkar, Dr Sachin Dhomane, Mr Patane, Mr Ahire and Mr Sunil Thakur represented the Rotary Club of Nagpur Metro.



5. All-Round Development Program for Tribal Girls in Nagpur

Under the Supervision of Prof Keshav Walke, Director, Vajaha Foundation Ms Apurva Rajankar, Volunteer of Vajaha Foundation and the student of Diploma in Youth Leadership and Social Change at Tata Institute of Social Sciences, TISS, Mumbai implemented All -Round Development Program for Tribal Girls in Hostel run by Mahila Mahavidyalaya, Nandanvan, Nagpur during September 2024 to March 2025. About 100 tribal adolescent girls basically from remote villages in Gadchiroli District and studying in post-10 classes in Nagpur are the inmates of this hostel. These girls are with inferior complex, lack of confidence, fear of English language, lack of communication skills and presentation skills. Total participant girls participated in the programme were 25.

Objectives of the program were; 1. Improve the **English proficiency** of tribal girls through structured lessons; 2. Build **confidence and self-esteem** to enable these girls to navigate their futures independently; 3. Teach essential **life skills** to make them self-reliant and capable of handling real-world challenges; 4. Foster a sense of **empowerment** and community belonging, encouraging the girls to take pride in their heritage while aiming for educational and professional achievements. Program was mainly plan for educational empowerment, Confidence building, self-reliance and life skills development of the tribal girls, promoting gender equality and empowering the tribal girls to preserve their culture while embracing new opportunities.

Activities conducted under the program:

1. English Language Lessons:

- Tailored English lessons, focusing on conversational and written skills.
- Sentence translation games,
- Regular assessments to track progress.

2. Confidence Building Sessions:

- Workshops on public speaking, teamwork, and leadership.
- Group activities designed to enhance interpersonal skills.
- Role-plays, public speaking drills, and storytelling

3. **Life Skills Workshops:**

- Sessions on basic financial literacy, decision-making, and problem-solving.
- Personal health and hygiene education.

4. **Mentorship and Role Model Development:**

- Inviting successful women from diverse fields to interact with the girls.
- Peer mentoring, where older girls guide younger ones.

5. **Extracurricular Development:**

- Encouraging participation in sports, arts, and cultural activities to promote overall development (The Diya Painting event).
- Special focus on balancing academics with creative outlets.

In activities 3- workshops and 9- classes were conducted.

Implementation Strategy

1. **Collaboration:**

- Begin with one hostel, identifying a group of 30 girls who are interested in joining the program.
- Identify their needs and shortcomings
- Hold initial orientation sessions for the girls to explain the project's goals.

2. **Duration and Structure:**

- The program ran for 6 months (September 2024 to March 2025), with classes and workshops being conducted [weekly/bi-weekly]. It was evaluated periodically to assess its impact and improve based on feedback.

3. **Monitoring and Evaluation:**

- Regular assessments to monitor the progress of the girls in both academic and personal development areas.
- Monthly reports to keep them informed of the progress and any challenges.

Outcomes

- **Improved Educational Outcomes:** By the end of the program, the girls have improved English proficiency, better enabling them to pursue higher education

and better job prospects. Enhanced reading skills.

- **Increased Confidence:** The girls have significantly enhanced self-esteem and confidence, helping them take charge of their lives and decisions.
- **Self-Reliance:** The life skills taught in the program made the girls more independent and capable of making informed decisions about their futures.
- **Community Impact:** The empowerment of these tribal girls have a ripple effect, inspiring other young girls in their communities to strive for similar achievements.
- **Awareness about menstrual health-** 99.99% better understanding of health and hygiene practices.

Challenges Faced:

Cultural Sensitivities (Addressing taboo topics required careful navigation), **Language Barriers** (Communication was challenging as the girls struggled with English a lot. So, common words like of course, obviously, etc were unknown to them) and **Logistical Issues** (Managing time and resources effectively with limited access) were the main challenges in conducting the activities. To overcome challenges initially more time was given for rapport establishment and making the girls comfortable, used multilingual approaches to bridge the gaps and prioritized flexible planning to accommodate unforeseen issues.

Learnings: there is a need to have culturally sensitive approach to taboo topics, interactive methods are needed in fostering engagement and learning the power of non-formal education and there is a need to have sustainable follow-up to ensure long term impact.

Vajaha Foundation is thankful to Ms. Apurva Rajankar, her college supervisor Dr Saigita Chitturu and Dr Vandana Bagadikar, Principal at Mahila Mahavidyalaya, Nagpur and the hostel in-charge Mr Prashant Ulabhaje and the 25 participant girls.

Activities in Photos







6. Track Shuit and Shoes Distribution:

In collaboration with Rotary club of Nagpur Metro, Vajaha Foundation has arranged 25 tracksuits and shoes for the girls from Siddheshwari Gond Basti playing cricket. In Gond Basti there is a team of 25 girls playing cricket which is the only tribal girls cricket team in India. Mr Khushal Dhok is training them but due to lack of resources like, shoes, tracksuits, cricket playing kits etc. Most of the girls and boys from the community didn't joined schools and some are dropouts but they are physically strong. Vajaha Foundation is trying to motivate them and rejoin with the school system through sports activities. This tracksuits and shoes distribution programme was one of the initiatives to motivate the children particularly girls towards education through Cricket. 50% of the cost was borne by Rotary Club of Nagpur Metro and 50% cost was borne by the Vajaha Foundation.





Dr Keshav Walke, Director, Vajaha Foundation along with the members of Rotary Club of Nagpur Metro Dr Shirpurkar, Adv Ashish Rwatkar, Mr Satish Dande, Mrs Sandhya Dande, Mr Khusal Dhok (Team Coach) and Dr Tundurwar from SBCT College with the beneficiary Girls.



Mr Kushal Dhok, Coach with the First Tribal Girls Cricket team in India

7. Health Checkup at Dhawalapur on 13.12.2024

Health Check-up Programme at Dhawalapur village in Parseoni taluka of Nagpur District was a joint project of Vajaha Foundation with Rotary Club of Nagpur Metro and Vidarbha Tribal Doctors Association, During the programme General Health check up, eye check-up, ortho related checkup, ECG and Blood Sugar testing, Free medicine and spectacles were distributed. During the camp more than 300 patients were treated, and free medicine was given to all. About 50 spectacles were given to the needy at free of cost. Team of Doctors and support staff from Shalinitai Meghe Medical College and Hospital, Vanadongri, Hingna, Dr

Shyam Babhulkar, Dr Manohar Muddheshwar, Dr Vivek Gadage, Dr Vijay Akulwar, Dr Dinesh Shirpurkar from Rotary Club of Nagpur Metro, Dr Ashish Koreti and Dr Prashil Uikey from Vidarbha Tribal Doctors Association and Dr Tejram Bhalavi, Taluka Health Officer (Parseoni) and native of



Dhawalapur Village rendered their services in treating the patients. Mr Sunil Thakur, Adv. Gaidhane, Adv. Mahesh Singh, Mr Ramesh Borkute, Dr Yeole and Adv Ashish Rewatkar from RC of Nagpur Metro, Mr Nilesh Uikey informal leader from the village and Dr Keshav Walke supported in successfully organizing the Camp.





Team of Doctors and Support Staff from SM Medical College and Hospital, Vanadongrari



8. Participation in Training

Director Dr Keshav Walke had participated in one day workshop on “Struggling to Successful NGOs) in April 2024 at Mumbai and three day Retreat Camp in August 2024 in Sonipat organised by NGO GURU PVT Limited, New Delhi

9. Help Desk at Government Boys Observation Home, Nagpur

“Children are the world’s most valuable resources and its best hope for future.”
- John F Kennedy

This report summarizes the Help Desk activities at the Govt. Boys Observation Home for the last quarter of Financial Year 24-25. The Help Desk project is an extension project of Resource Cell for Juvenile Justice (R.C.J.J) a Field Action Project (FAP) with the Centre for Criminology and Justice (CCJ), School of Social Work (SSW), TISS (TISS). The Project was conceptualized in 2005, with the objective of working on issues relating with children with a special focus on Child in Conflict with Law (CCL) and contextualizing them within the child protection arena. The Help Desk Project was extended to districts of Thane, Latur, Pune and Nagpur. The Nagpur Help Desk has been operated and managed by VaJaHa Foundation since January 2025. The Help Desk continues to serve as a critical support system for staff, juveniles, and administration by handling socio-legal queries, bail issues, probation support, and rehabilitation concerns. This quarter saw slow by a steady increase in service requests related to juveniles at the Observation Home.



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Key Statistics for 2024-25

Sl. No.	Category	Total No of Cases
1	Sources of Case to Help Desk by the Orders of JJB	08
2	Sources of Case to Help Desk by the OH	36
3	Number of General Quires	36
4	Number of Social Legal Guidance Provided	02
5	Number of Social Investigation Report (SIR)	04
6	Number of Bail Supervision	01
7	Number of Free Legal Aid	01
8	Number of referral for education	02
9	Number of cases referral for health	12
10	Number of cases referral for Children in Need Care and Protection (CNCP)	01

Highlights

- Help Desk was given the task of rehabilitation process for a CICL case for a heinous crime.
- Help Desk started conducting one on one meeting with juveniles at the OH from January onwards.
- A CICL case was declared as CNCP and handed over to a CCI.
- A CICL case was given a Free Legal Aid by the District Legal Service Authority (DLSA).
- Help Desk team participated in programmes organised by the District Women and Child Department.
- Help Desk team supported in organising and maintaining the daily operations and filling the pending work at the OH.
- Help Desk team received Juvenile Justice Act 2005 training by the Tata Institute of Social Sciences in the month of February 2025.

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लोकसत्ता प्रतिनिधी

नागपूर : महाभारत, रस्ते, पूल आदी पायाभूत सुविधांच्या उभारणीवर सल्लाचा भर आहे. परंतु, त्या तुलनेत प्राथमिक आणि उच्च शिक्षणाच्या बाबतीत होणारे प्रयत्न कमी पडत आहेत. चांगल्या शैक्षणिक सेवांचा अभाव हे गुन्हेगारीत मुलांच्या सहभागाचे एक कारण आहे. असे प्रतिपादन निवृत्त पोलीस आदरुत डॉ. भूषणकुमार उपाध्याय यांनी केले. बाल न्याय मंडळाच्या आणि सेवा अधिक साक्षर करावा याची, दारागुटी वन जन हक्क (वजह) संस्थेच्या वतीने पाटणकर चौक येथील

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या उपक्रमात बाल न्याय मंडळ (जेजेबी), बाल कल्याण समिती (सीडब्ल्यूसी), जिल्हा महिला आणि बाल विकास (डीडब्ल्यूसीडी), जिल्हा कार्यदेशीर मदत देणा (डीएएसए), बाल संगोपन संस्था (सीसीआय), परिसिस्ट फाउंडेशनचे सीएसआर प्रतिनिधी आदी संस्थांची भाग घेतला होता. या कार्यक्रमाला प्रधान नंदाधिकारी बी.एम. कोटावळे, छाया राजत,

अॅड. राजेंद्र राठी, रणजित खुरे आदींची उपस्थिती होती. ‘वजह’ संस्थेच्या उपक्रमांमुळे मुलांच्या गुन्हेगारीमध्ये सहभाग घेण्याची प्रवृत्ती कमी होण्यास, मुलांच्या हक्कांचे संरक्षण करण्यास आणि निरीक्षण गृहामधील किशोरांच्या गरजा पूर्ण करण्यास मदत होईल, अशा विन्यास डॉ. उपाध्याय यांनी व्यक्त केला. वजह संस्थेचे संचालक डॉ. केशव वाळके यांनी या मदत कक्षाच्या महत्त्वाविषयी प्रास्ताविकातून माहिती दिली. या प्रकल्पाला अजिमा प्रेमजी फाउंडेशनचे पाठबळ असल्याचेही त्यांनी सांगितले.

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बालगुन्हेगारांना समाजाच्या प्रवाहात आणण्यासाठी मदत कक्ष



कळत-नकळत गुन्हा घडल्यानंतर अल्पवयीन मुलांना सुधारण्याची संधी मिळावी आणि त्यांना समाजाच्या मुख्य प्रवाहात आणण्यासाठी मदत कक्ष मैलाचा दगड ठरणार आहे. पाटणकर चौकातील बाल सरकारी मुलांचे निरीक्षण गृह परिसरात नव्याने स्थापित झालेला मदत कक्ष सुरू करण्यात आला. यावेळी राज्याचे माजी पोलीस महासंचालक डॉ. भूषणकुमार उपाध्याय, बाल न्याय मंडळाच्या बी. एम. कोटावळे, छाया राजत (अध्यक्षा-सीडब्ल्यूसी), अॅड. राजेंद्र राठी, रणजित खुरे (अधिकारी-जिल्हा महिला आणि बाल कल्याण) यांच्यासह वजह फाउंडेशनचे संचालक डॉ. केशव वाळके उपस्थित होते. वन-जन-हक्क (वजह) फाउंडेशनतर्फे डॉ. केशव वाळके यांनी कापद्याच्या संपर्कात असलेल्या मुलांना आणि पालकांना कार्यदेशीर मदत करण्यासाठी सकारात्मक पाऊल उचलले आहे. त्यासाठी मदत कक्ष सेवा सुरू केली. आज शिक्षणाच्या बाबतीत मुले आणि तरुणांच्या प्रगतीसाठी फार कमी प्रयत्न केले जातात. चांगल्या शिक्षणाचा अभाव हा गुन्हांमध्ये मुलांच्या सहभागाचे एक कारण आहे. अशा उपक्रमांमुळे ही तफावत कमी होण्यास, मुलांच्या हक्कांचे संरक्षण करण्यास आणि निरीक्षण गृहामधील मुलांच्या गरजा पूर्ण करण्यास मदत होईल, असे डॉ. उपाध्याय म्हणाले. नवीन मदत कक्ष तीन वर्षांच्या कार्यकाळात हजारांवर कुटुंबांना मदत करेल अशी अपेक्षा आहे. वजह फाउंडेशन किशोरांच्या शैक्षणिक, व्यावसायिक आणि पुनर्वसनासाठी संसाधने आणण्याचा देखील प्रयत्न करेल. उपक्रमांच्या शाश्वततेवर मुख्य लक्ष केंद्रित केले जाईल आणि किशोर न्याय प्रणाली आणि बाल हक्कांमध्ये एक महत्त्वपूर्ण टप्पा ठरेल.

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अल्पवयीन मुलांच्या हातून कळत-नकळत गुन्हा घडल्यानंतर त्याला सुधारण्याची संधी मिळावी आणि त्याला समाजाच्या मुख्य प्रवाहात आणण्यासाठी मदत कक्ष मैलाचा दगड ठरणार आहे. पाटणकर चौकातील बाल सरकारी मुलांचे निरीक्षण गृह परिसरात नव्याने स्थापित झालेला मदत कक्ष सुरू करण्यात आला. यावेळी राज्याचे माजी पोलीस महासंचालक डॉ. भूषणकुमार उपाध्याय, बाल न्याय मंडळाच्या बी.एम. कोटावळे, छाया राजत (अध्यक्षा-सीडब्ल्यूसी), अॅड. राजेंद्र राठी, रणजित खुरे (अधिकारी-जिल्हा महिला आणि बाल कल्याण) यांच्यासह वजह फाउंडेशनचे संचालक डॉ. केशव वाळके उपस्थित होते.



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आणि संसाधने गुंतवली जातात. परंतु शिक्षणाच्या बाबतीत मुले आणि तरुणांच्या उन्नतीसाठी फार कमी प्रयत्न केले जातात. चांगल्या शैक्षणिक सेवांचा अभाव हे गुन्हांमध्ये मुलांच्या सहभागाचे एक कारण आहे. अशा उपक्रमांमुळे ही तफावत कमी होण्यास, मुलांच्या हक्कांचे संरक्षण करण्यास आणि निरीक्षण गृहामधील किशोरांच्या गरजा पूर्ण करण्यास मदत होईल, असे डॉ. उपाध्याय म्हणाले. नवीन मदत कक्ष तीन वर्षांच्या कार्यकाळात १००० हून अधिक कुटुंबांना मदत करेल, अशी अपेक्षा आहे. वजह फाउंडेशन किशोरांच्या शैक्षणिक, व्यावसायिक आणि पुनर्वसनासाठी संसाधने आणण्याचा देखील प्रयत्न करेल. उपक्रमांच्या शाश्वततेवर मुख्य लक्ष केंद्रित केले जाईल आणि किशोर न्याय प्रणाली आणि बाल हक्कांमध्ये एक महत्त्वपूर्ण पाऊल पुढे जाईल. सामाजिक क्षेत्रात अप्रेशर असलेले आणि अनेक समाजकार्य महाविद्यालयात विद्यार्थ्यांना मार्गदर्शन करणारे डॉ. केशव वाळके यांच्या नेतृत्वात सत्राचे कार्यक्रमाचा समारोह झाला.



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Centre for People's Collective (CPC), Nagpur supported in running FRA related activities. Vidarbha Tribal Doctors Association (VTDA), Rotary Club of Nagpur Metro, Taluka Hospital Parseoni, Shalinitai Meghe Medical College and Hospital, Vanadongrari, Gram Panchayat Piparia, Field Office, Central Bureau of Communication, Nagpur, LAD College, Nagpur, Azim Premji Foundation, Bangalore, District Women and Child Development (DWCD), Nagpur, Nagpur Juvenile Justice Board (JJB), Nagpur Child Welfare Committee(CWC), District Legal Aid Service Authority (DLSA) and Resource Centre for Juvenile Justice (RCJJ) at TISS, Mumbai.

8. Registration Under 12A and 80 G.

Vajaha Foundation has been registered for under section **12A** of the Income Tax Act, 1961 with Unique Registration Number – **AAHCV5478ME20221** and under section **80G** of the Income Tax Act, 1961 with Unique Registration Number – **AAHCV5478MF20221**. Now Vajaha can avail tax benefit and the donors also can get tax benefit for their contribution to the social cause. Validity of both 12A and 80G registration was upto 2024-25. Fresh Application for regular registration under 12A and 80G registration has already been submitted.

9. Other Details of Vajaha Foundation:

The Permanent Account Number (**PAN**) of the company : AAHCV5478M.

The Tax Deduction & Collection Account Number of the Company : NGPV06743C.

The CSR Registration number: CSR00018396

10. Our Banker:

HDFC Bank, Laxminagar, Nagpur Branch with Current Account no. 50200051667636.

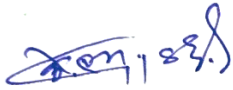
11. Our Auditor:

M/s C. N. Patel & Co. Plot no.12, Aradhana, State Bank Colony, Opp. Of Tidake Vidyalaya, Katol Road, Nagpur-440013.

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