Vígyan Ashram Status Report

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A] Open House Exhibition 2023:

An Open House Exhibition was organized on 29th & 30th July on the occasion of 20th Anniversary of Vigyan Ashram's founder Dr.S.S.Kalbag. On this occasion, we have displayed work done by VA on various technology projects, educational programs & products of VA entrepreneur alumni were displayed for visitors.

This year's YUVA UDYOJAK award was given to Mr.Vaibhav Konde (DBRT 2006-7). He runs safety hand-gloves manufacturing unit at Khed-Shivapur (Pune). The award was presented at the hands-of Mr.Namdev Lokhande (VA alumni & retired ACP). Dr.Arun Adsool (Chairman, Indian Institute of Education), Mr. Sachin Wabale (Sarpanch, Pabal village) and Mr. Dada Kunjir (owner Kunjir Dairy farms) were chief guest of the program. Some of the key highlights of this year exhibition -

- Technology exhibition on waste management technologies (BSF farming, sanitary pad incinerator, composters), 3D printer applications, E-Vehicle, food processing etc.
- EDP program beneficiaries participated in the exhibition with their innovative food products. The cumulative sales value of their product was Rs.56,410/-.
- 10 IBT schools participated with their students' projects & food products.
- Museum-on-Wheel by Nehru Science Centre & Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya (CSMVS) also participated with their Exhibition van.
- Representatives of our partner organisations La-fondation-Dassault systems, Unicef, Eaton India foundation, YCMOU, Jnana Prabodhini, Gram Vikas and many others visited the exhibition.
- More than 3000+ visitors visited the exhibition including Maharashtra times-Heritage Walk Group (Pune), IEEE students, farmers & schools' students. Newspapers gave good coverage of the event.







We are thankful to all visitors and supporters for their continuous support.

July 2023

B] Welcome DBRT-2023-24 batch students

'Diploma in Basic Rural Technology (DBRT)' course (2023-24) has started from 10th July. We have 54 students including 18 tribal students and 6 girls for this batch. Students will stay on campus for next 1 year to learn various skills in engineering, energy & environment, food processing and agriculture section. From this year, we are also introducing advanced courses viz. CNC machine, home appliance repair, tissue-culture etc.

We are thankful to ASHA for Educations, Eaton Foundation, La-foundation, Mahle Engineering, SPA foundation for providing financial support for DBRT program.



C] Fab23 conference@ Bhutan:

Vigyan ashram team attended Fab-lab conference (FAB23) during 16th to 29th July at Thimphu, Bhutan. Four members from Vigyan Ashram (Yogesh, Suhas, Prasad, Kishore and Siddharth) had participated in the conference. We have participated and conducted following sessions:

- Fab Challenge : Suhas & Siddharth had participated in 'the fabchallenge' from 15th to 21st July. They worked on different themes with international participants to design solutions to local problem.
- ii) 24th July : Workshop on design of Solar Dryer's by Yogesh Kulkarni and Prasad Patil
- iii) 24th July : Workshop on designing
 Solar operated UV water filters by
 Suhas Labade
- iv) 26th July : Talk on '40 years of
 Vigyan Ashram' in a symposium by
 Yogesh Kulkarni



Vigyan Ashram team and VA alumni's at Thimpu

- v) 25th July : Talk on 'Fab Village : Self-sufficient village' by Yogesh Kulkarni
- vi) 26th July : A presentation on Vigyan Ashram's work on Strengthening ATLs by Yogesh Kulkarni at Global Survey of Professional Development for K12 Digital Fabrication Educators
- vii) 27th July : Workshop on Kitchen and Agro waste composting by Yogesh Kulkarni
- viii) Kishore Gaikwad and Kiran Waghchoure got their Fab Academy diploma during graduation ceremony. Chetan, Pushkar and Sanjay received their diplomas through online participation. The conference was

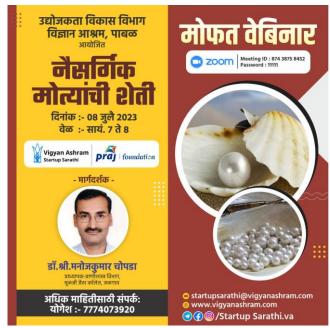
attended by 600+ participants from 47 countries. Details of conference, training workshops, fabchallenge results etc available on: <u>https://fab23.fabevent.org/</u>

D] Entrepreneurship Development Program (EDP) update (VATF):

- Two days training on 'Sliding-window fabrication & Door-lamination' enterprise was conducted on 3rd & 4th July at Pabal. Training was attended by nine potential entrepreneurs to learn on-site measurements, cutting & joining of tracks, glass cutting, using fibre-reinforced plastic (FRP) resin for door lamination etc. Trainee's learnt these skills while fabricating two windows shutters & a door. VA entrepreneur Mr. Vaibhav Rahane alumni conducted sessions on sliding window while engineering instructor Mr.Laxman Jadhav taught door lamination skills. Marketing & other soft-skill sessions were conducted by Yogesh Onkar & Ganesh Pingle.
- On-field training on 'poultry disease management' was conducted at Sakhar village (Tal-Velha, Pune on 5th & 6th July. Training was part of 'poultry farming' enterprise creation support to 50 farmers in 9 villages in collaboration with 'Raintree Foundation'. Farmers were facing heavy mortality due to Coryza infection to birds. Dr.Shirsagar (V H Group) guided farmers in control of infection & overall disease management.
- A webinar on 'Pearl farming' was conducted on 8th July 2023. Webinar was attended by 52 participants. Webinar introduced participants about natural pearl farming, site selection, spat collection, breading, grating, harvesting, marketing etc. Dr. Manojkumar Chopda (from KCES'S M.J college, Jalgaon) was resource person for the webinar.



Sliding window course trainees



Yogesh onkar & Mr.Kiran Inamdar visited S.S.
 fashion (Manchar) & 'Well-Done' marketing (Ale-Phata) on 4th July . Visit was part of 'On-field' expertmentoring support to EDP beneficiaries. (VATF)

Heros of the month:

Akshay Khalkar (DBRT 2017-18) started 'electrician service' at Manchar (Tal- Ambegaon,Pune). He has stared his business with four co-workers. They are taking labour & turn-key electrification contracts in Manchar & near-by villages. Akshay has made an investment Rs.35000.00 and started earning of Rs.10000 to 12000 from enterprise.

Mr. Pratik Jadhav (Batch 2021-22) started 'Shri Jyotirling fabrication' a metal fabrication enterprise at-Ambapwadi (Tal-Hatkangane, Dist.-Kolhapur). He has started this enterprise with his batch-mate Aniruddha Jadhav as working partner.

Mrs.Puja Kumbhar started 'Sahil Arts' a home based 'Pottery making' enterprise at At-Somatne Phata, Tal-Maval Dist.-Pune. She is presently making decorative clay lamps (Panati), idols (murti) and other decorative items. Apart from retailing, 'Sahil Art' also focusing on B2B trading & online marketing. We are providing mentoring, digital marketing and enterprise development support to her.



E] Design Innovation Centre (DIC) & Technology development update:

- Prathmesh, Pritesh & Abhijit completed modifications of 'LPG based sanitary incinerator'. The older version is modified with more robust burners & incineration chamber. Old water-heater based LPG burners was replaced with 'dosa plate' burners. They had also increased diameter of wire-mesh of incinerator chamber while doubling incineration capacity to 150 pads/cycle (earlier it was 60 pad/cycle). After successful lab trials team is planning on-field trials in the coming month.
- Soft rot disease on Black Soldier Fly (BSF) : 'Soft-rot' disease was observed on BSF and six batches of mature BSF larvae were lost. It was affecting raring cycle. From the research paper review, we found infected feed (old kitchen waste that was sourced from canteens) was the probable reason for larva disease. Corrective actions were taken to control diseases at Pabal campus.
- Soil microbiology lab : Akshada & Ashwini prepared 200 bacto-scope (H2S) strip bottles. They also prepared 25 lit hand-wash and kitchen waste compost



strip bottles. They also prepared 25 lit Living lab intern Diwakar kumar tested and experimented with hand-wash and kitchen waste compost Gasifier sytem using wood chips of different sizes at Pabal

culture (75 packets) for sale on 30th July exhibition. Ashwini started experimentation on multiplication of Napiergrass by tissue-culture.

- DIC intern Dinesh completed his internship on 17th July. He worked on the Polyhouse Automation to maintain temperature and humidity within the polyhouse. We did calculations of CO₂ requirements, exhaust fan runtime and necessary water usage on the pads. According to our calculations, a daily CO₂ requirement is 9.82 kg. To achieve this, the exhaust fan need to run for a minimum of 1.5 hours. In order to sustain humidity levels above 60% during the summer days, 1800 liters of water per day is required on the pads. For more information about the project visit the following link: https://vadic.vigyanashram.blog/2023/06/12/poly-house-automation-for-ambient-control/
- DIC intern, Kartik, worked on electric rickshaw and bicycle projects. The battery of an electric rickshaw was repaired by a vendor in Pune; however, due to cell imbalances, the discharging rate was fast. Kartik replaced this battery by borrowing from his college for short time. As a result, we are able to make one rickshaw operational. Another rickshaw has major issues with its motor, control board, and battery equipped with a Battery Management System (BMS). All project details available here : https://vadic.vigyanashram.blog/author/Kartik-Shingade/
- Following technology review books were published on 30th July.
 - i) कंपोस्ट वरचे आमचे प्रयोग आणि कंपोस्टरची यंत्राची शोधकथा : प्रसाद पाटील , महेश शिंदे , अरुण दीक्षित , अमोल खामकर
 - ii) Development of UV portable water filter : Suhas Labade and Arun Dixit
 - iii) सांडपाणी पुन्नवापरावर आमचे प्रयोग : प्रसाद पाटील
 - iv) Field guide for hydroponics farming : Experimental learning of Vigyan Ashram during 2018-22 : Ranajeet Shanbag



F] DBRT student learning updates (VATF):

DBRT batch 2023-24, started their training from 11th July. First week was introduction to all sections to understand their interest and attitude. Following are some of the highlighted learnings activities during July-

Agriculture & Animal husbandry section: During July month, farming activities are badly affected due to lower rainfall (65 % less rainfall than July-2022). Students learnt basic farming practices like making of nursery, soil analysis, seed sowing etc while planting



Plantation in hydroponics system

20 banana plants, 222 plants of Capsicum in polyhouse, 1 kg green-peas on 4 Gunta plot, 15 kg fodder-jawar on 10 Gunta and 15 kg fodder-maize on 3 Gunta plot. They had established new nursery unit of 546Ft² area for horticulture & forest trees while using scrape material. In poultry farming section they collected 74 eggs of Satpuda & Kaveri breed for hatching in egg-incubator.

Engineering section: Students learned basics of metal fabrication while repairing beds, safety-door

(Rs.14344.00) & partition wall (Rs.2920) in boy's hostel. Students earned community service of Rs.3047.00 through this work. Students also learned basics of civil work while doing PCC & fixing tile to 100 sq ft. area in the food-processing unit.

Energy & Environment section: In electrical section students learned basics of house-wiring skills while installing ceiling fan and repairing switch boards for boy's hostel. They fixed 15 new

extension boards for 30th July exhibition. Total value of electrical repair & maintenance work was Rs.21555.00 during July month.

Home & Health section: Students processed 28 kg bread flour for kitchen breakfast supply. They also learnt sugar syrup-based preservation while preparing 4 kg tamarind sauce, 16 kg Moringa-Peanut chikki & laddoo, 2 kg instant carrothalwa mix. Students also learned concept of pH, Acidity measurement while preparing cucumber pickle. Total community service sales was Rs.18340/- during July.

Pranay, Reshma & team of DBRT students, processed 300 kg Jamun fruit to manufacture 140 lit Jamun-juice, 13 lit Squash and 50 kg Jam. The processing was done for Jamun farmer Mr.Machindra Zodage (Pabal). Processing jamun helped farmer to earned extra revenue of Rs.37400.00 from very low-grade/non-marketable

jamun fruits. We are also helping him in getting FSSAI license, labelling, packaging & marketing of finished products.

G] IBT Maharashtra & Uttar-Pradesh updates:

IBT Maharashtra updates: During July month, IBT students learnt new skills & technologies through different hands-on activities. Following are some of the highlights

IBT program inauguration @ Nirgudsar School: On 13th July IBT Program is inaugurated at Pandit Jawaharlal Neharu High school, Nirgudsar (Tal-Ambegaon Pune). The program is implemented by STARs Forum with financially support of TATA Technologies CSR. Program is inaugurated in a small function in the presence of Mrs.Uma Krushnan and Sidharth Yavalkar (CSR officials TATA Technologies). On this occasion students of 8th to 10th standard demonstrated their learning enthusiastically to all guests.

IBT instructor training @ 3D printing technology: IBT instructors from 18 schools attended 3D designing & printing training during 2nd to 6th July at Pabal campus. Instructors learnt basic operations of 3D printer along

Inauguration of IBT @ Nirgudsar

Jamun processing



Preparing electric board



with common repair-maintenance of device. The 3D printer is provided to schools as educational tool under CSR support of Schaeffler India, MAHALE Engineering Services Pvt Ltd & TATA technologies.

IBT Coordinator training: A 3-day residential training program for IBT school coordinators was conducted

during 17th to 19th July at J.P Naik Centre, Pune. Training was attended by 30 school teachers from 29 IBT schools. During training teachers learnt new skills in engineering drawing, subject linkages with IBT, New Education Policy (NEP) provisions etc.

Employee volunteering by Scheffler India: Team of engineers from Scheffler India Pvt Ltd participated in 'Soil Analysis' activity at Kohinde (Tal-Khed) IBT schools. Total 11 employee volunteers participated in the activity. They also conducted 'personality development' activities for students & donated books for school library. IBT Home & Health department supplied tea & snack to

volunteers while exhibiting various IBT learning activities. (Stars)

Students learning activities:

- Blood Group testing: IBT Students are testing blood group for new I-cards in the school. Tulapur (90) and Hiware (30), Vahangaon, Nigade, Singise, Shivali and Navlakh-Umbre (225) did blood group testing activity.
- Students of 9th class engineering section @ Chikhali IBT School assembled 100+ study table. Schools purchased these study tables for Rs.425.00 as kit so that students can learn basic fabrication skills. Team of 6 student took this task to earn a community service of Rs. Rs.27500.00 for school. Students learnt tools usage, spanner, nut-bolt fixing and team-work, timeline management etc skill through this activity.
- Students of engineering section of Sangise, Shivane, Tung, Salumbre and Navlakh umbre IBT School fabricated flat-bed solar dryer. They learn metal fabrication skills like cutting, drilling, welding etc skills.

IBT Uttar-Pradesh:

- 'Learning-By-Doing' teacher's handbook: Vigyan Ashram's, Introduction to Basic Technology (IBT) program is implemented in Uttar-Pradesh state by STARs Forum. Program is supported by UNICEF. As a part of the program, Vigyan Ashram team worked as a resource person to write 'Learning-By-Doing' handbook for class VI-VIII. The handbook is formally published at the hands of Hon Chief Minister of U.P Shri.Yogi Adityanath on On 19th July. They will be implementing the program in 1772 schools in the state.
- Students learnt making of toy-car from waste plastic bottle, educational telescope, overhead projector for mobile phone, rain-gauge etc in 60 schools of UP. These activities were planned based on use of local material for making science projects. We have started conducting online session

CSR Employee volunteering @ kohinde





Dryer fabrication @ IBT



H] Atal-Tinkering-Lab (ATL) & DIY lab update:

ATL Andra-Pradesh:

Training of District Science Officer (DSO): A 3 days training workshop on 'design thinking' based learning was conducted at Pabal & JPNC,Pune during 10th to 13th July. Training was attended by 31 DSOs from Andra-

Pradesh and 4 DSOs from Telangana state. They learnt computer aideddesign using Tinkercad, 3D printing, laser cutting, application sensor & basics of electronics through Arduino board etc.

ATL Telangana:

 Delegates from UNICEF (Sweden) visited ATL hub lab at Karmanghat on 5th July to interact with ATL students.



ATL teachers workshop @ JPNC

Delegates appreciated the program and students learning activities. Students gifted 3D printed key-chain to guests & shared their learnings.

• As learning activity students fabricated ultrasonic Height measurement device, smart irrigation system, IR security Alarm. They also learnt use of sewing machine for bag making & carpentry tools for projects.

<u>ATL Karnataka:</u>

State level ATL hub and training center Public at Karnataka School, Narsarapura was inaugurated on 29th July by MLA of Byatarayanapura, Mr. Krishna Byre Gowda and MLA of Kolar, Mr. Kothur G. Manjunath. The inauguration event was attended by Mr. Sheshagiri K M Rao (Education Specialist, UNICEF), T. Krishnamurthy (DDPI, Education department, Kolar), Ms. Namita Rao (Education Consultant, UNICEF), Ms. Veena K



Foreign delegates @ Hydrabad ATL

Shashikumar (Education Consultant UNICEF) and Mr. Kannaiah S N, BEO (Block Education officer- Education Department, Kolar).

Do-It-Yourself (DIY):

New batch 12 enthusiastic students joined DIY lab monthly membership. Students are placed in 2 batches to learn different theoretical concepts through hand-on activities. During July, students learnt making of Robotic hand using Craft paper, making water dispenser and crushing water bottle on its own, introduction to electronics by paper-electronics, making a Hydraulic lift & Crane etc

I] Distance Learning Library (DLL) & Marathi Wikipedia updates:

Distance learning library updates:

- Prasad & Vanshita completed video editing, dummy voice-over work for 2 modules of 'water pump installation' module.
- Ranajeet completed final video edit work for 'bio-floc fish farming' training module.
- Bhakti & Prasad completed work on CAD images for TiG-MiG training module. First draft of 7 video module is received from tech-wisdom (videography) team.
- Team also worked on making 7 new videos of technology & skill training success stories.

Name / topic of video	YouTube link
Black Soldier Fly (BSF)	https://youtu.be/YU6nNC JnVk
based bio-waste recycling	
Instant Pooran-mix	https://youtu.be/HUm9Ab6kIh4
Using human urine for	https://youtu.be/amBzXIkc_cQ
hydroponics farming	
Wood gasifier	https://youtu.be/rXVdliNeCFI
Design Innovation Centre	https://youtu.be/ey6ebgIPmqA
Entrepreneurship	https://youtu.be/zDc2qC2Ebcw
Development Program	
Advanced sewing classes	https://youtu.be/RpFZqOGWG0Q

Wikipedia update:

- The work of Pabal Wiki-girls is selected for 'poster presentation' at 'Wikimani Singapore' conference to be held during 16th to 18th August. Link of poster - <u>Inspiring Rural Women to Create Free Knowledge</u> on Wikimedia Projects - Wikimedia Journey of Vigyan Ashram, India
- In July months, Wiki team completed scanning of 2 books with total pages of 348 pages.

J] Other tit-bits:

- i. Annual progress review of VA staff was held on 4th & 5th July. A progress review was conducted on
- various projects like DBRT, DIC and EDP etc. New course accreditation, student-staff safety & discipline etc were discussed and decisions were made for upcoming academic year.
- Engineering students installed new solar street lamp near new hostel building. The lamp was donated by Dr.Ranga , Gharda chemical's foundation .(VATF)



iii. Bhushan Rothe (BE Mech), Pranay

Solar lamp from Dr Ranga

Yaday (BSC Food Science) joined VA team as instructor for engineering, food processing. Komal Raut joined IBT team @ Pune.

- iv. VA Kitchen staff visited Shri.Bhagwanrao Naphate Institute of Education (Paud, Pune) on 7th July to
- learn operations of automated 'Roti Maker' machine. We are planning to purchase 'roti maker' for Pabal kitchen with the financial support of ASHA for Education.
- v. Weather record Rainfall of the month 77.97 mm (Total: 122.62 mm), Max temp-29.00°C, Min Temp –21.00°C, Humidity –81 %, Water height in well– 3.10 M.
- vi. Energy consumption record- Electricity unit – III Phase- 723 unit, I Phase import-26, Solar generation-2070. DG used – 4:00 Hrs.



Kitchen staffs visit to Naphate foundation

- vii. Animal Husbandry section update Milk production –381 Kg (Gross profit- Rs.3110.00).
- viii. Biogas produced-23.93 M³ (Dung used- 584.0 Kg)
- ix. Online visitors: www.dsttara.org 842 (New visitor- 819, Repeated-23), www.vigyanashram.com –
 1351 (New visitor-1275 Repeated-76). Campus tour visitors –1932.

K] Data Report: https://shorturl.at/dklnE

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Photo Gallery:



UV filter workshop by Suhas @ Fab23, Bhutan



VA Management committee with Chairman, IIE on 30th July @ Pabal





3D printing training @ Pabal







IBT co-ordinators training @ JPNC

Inauguration of ATL State training center @ Nasarapura, karnataka



Learning by doing (LWD) : Tod-Fod-Jod



DIY Lab @ JPNC

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