

**Empowering Today Enriching Tomorrow****From the CEO's desk**

Dear friends,

It is that time of the year when you make a pit stop. It is time to regroup, reflect, reexamine, and even rejig as you take stock of the year and firm up

plans for the coming year.

With great pleasure I present this last issue of the year 2013 that charts the wonderful year-long journey with you. It has been a busy year at BJS. The thrust has been predominantly on some of the big and serious challenges faced by the nation and BJS' response to them.

The year began on a somber note as the nation rocked in anger at the brutal gang rape of a student in Delhi. In response, we vowed 'zero' tolerance to violence, and stepped up a gear on BJS' 'Empowerment of Girls' initiative as a solution.

As summer advanced, around 16 districts of Maharashtra reeled under a dreadful drought caused by poor rainfall and poor water management. We took you through the journey of a challenging month-long campaign of desilting 115 water bodies in Beed district as a mitigation measure, and 100 days in managing 28 cattle-relief camps that were set up for 10,000 animals. I am delighted to say that farmers are now rejoicing as lakes are filled up, thanks to a good monsoon, and the silt spread over the fields is yielding a good crop!

While discussing quality issues in school education including Values Education, key to a better and sustainable world, I introduced you to our 'School Assessment and Accreditation' system, and 'Mulyavardhan' -- the school-based Values Education initiative, both of which have emerged as replicable models and potentially implementable on large scale.

Our dedicated corner on Jain minorities kept you updated about new legislations, scholarships, aid and such information pertaining to the community.

I now look forward to connecting with renewed vigour and enthusiasm- through a redesigned newsletter, social media channels and our BJS Network - with you in 2014.

In closing, let us together in the New Year resolve to "light a candle instead of cursing the darkness." Hope you enjoy this year-end edition. Like always, I look forward to hearing from you.

Happy browsing!

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Mulyavardhan highlights: 2013

- Jan 2013 : Release of Mulyavardhan concept & strategy document
- Feb 2013 : Visit to Mulyavardhan schools by Dr David Whitebread and Dr Sanjana Mehta of Cambridge University Technical Services (CUTS), followed by their intensive interactions with Mulyavardhan head office teams
- March 2013 : Constitution of inter-departmental Mulyavardhan content committee
Continuous dialogue with advisor Dr Sushma Gulati (formerly with NCERT)
- April 2013 : Report of quasi-experimental study of Mulyavardhan outcomes, conducted under guidance of Dr Brian Flay of Oregon State University, USA
- June-July 2013 : Review of NCERT's Mulyavardhan evaluation report
- Aug 2013 : Design of new Mulyavardhan strategy with integration of direct approach and whole-school approach recommended by NCERT
- Aug 2013 : Submission of integrated Mulyavardhan proposal to Govt of Goa
- Aug/Sep 2013 : Piloting of learner-centric Mulyavardhan transactions in upper-primary classes, in WERC, Wagholi and select ZP schools in Patoda, Beed
- Sep-Oct 2013 : Design of new framework of age-appropriate Mulyavardhan learning objectives
- Oct 2013 : 2-day sharing workshop at Aamby Valley with renowned education researchers and practitioners
- Nov 2013 : Internal capacity-building on principles and practices of constructivist approach
- Dec 2013 onwards : Generation of content according to new framework
- Nov-Dec 2013 : Brainstorming on whole-school transformation with focus on education quality and inculcation of Constitutional values



BJS School Assessment and Accreditation highlights: 2013

BJS SAA showcased in Chhattisgarh, MP, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Odisha, Tamil Nadu, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Daman & Diu, Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Haryana, and Gujarat.



BJS School Assessment & Accreditation
Ensuring Quality in Education

Promote your quality | Foster your performance | Continue to improve

- May to Oct'12 : 3 Assessor Training programs conducted at Indore and Nagpur with 2 assessors getting certified and 22 participating in pilot assessments
- July to Oct'12 : Madhya Pradesh pilot assessment conducted in 50 primary, secondary and higher secondary schools across 5 districts of Madhya Pradesh under the aegis of the State Planning Commission.
- Oct'12 : Chattisgarh pilot assessment conducted in 25 primary and secondary schools across two districts.
- Oct'12 : Meghalaya pilot assessment conducted in 8 primary and upper primary schools across 5 districts with the support of SSA, Meghalaya
- Oct'12 : March 2013 : Private and partially aided school assessments conducted in Delhi and Mumbai.
- Dec'12 : CBSE SQAA piloted in one school of Nagpur by BJS as an empanelled assessing agency for CBSE SQAA
- Dec'12 : BJS initiated handholding of 11 ZP Marathi medium rural schools of Baur cluster in Pune district with ZP approval, for School Quality Improvement starting with assessments followed by a string of post assessment interventions planned and a few conducted for School Heads, teachers and other stakeholders.
- Jan'13 : BJS SAA for CBSE schools conducted in two schools of North Delhi- by an order of CBSE
- May '13 : BJS SAA training team conducted four-day post-assessment awareness workshops for managing committee members, head of school, teaching and non-teaching staff of Hirralal Jain School, Delhi, an FJEI member.
- May-June'13 : District and State level report sharing presentations held at Bhopal and Raipur.
- Oct'13 : BJS SAA conducted in an ISO certified rural school at URSE on the request of the BDO (Maval block), Ms Suvarna Chavan.
- Mar'13 onwards : School Quality Improvement project initiated by BJS in BJS run schools starting with assessments followed by a string of post assessment interventions planned and a few conducted for SMC, School Heads, teachers and non teaching staff.

Social Development



Highlights

Empowerment of Girls

- Most powerful social awareness programs and a dire necessity for young girls
- Workshop conducted in 96 centers covering 10 states benefitting 3768 girls this year
- Present social environment not conducive to freedom and safety of young girls.
- Current program outdated in modern day environment.
- New program under development, applicable across all communities.
- Instills confidence in girls to defend themselves and understand use of technology and social media with caution.
- New program will be launched by early next year.

Empowerment of Couples

- Enlightens the minds of young couples
 - Negates materialistic and egoistic attitudes
 - Inculcates love, tolerance and value system.
 - Reduces marital discord
 - Creates Happy homes and Happy family
- Conducted in 7 states, 20 centers and benefitted 535 couples in 2013.

State Adhiveshan

- Congregation of community in the state
- Updation of information on the community as a whole.
- Sharing of current problems.
- Evolving research based solutions for mitigation of these hardships
- This year held by Uttar Pradesh (Agra) on 10th Nov, Maharashtra,(Nasik) on 30th Nov, Chhattisgarh will hold at Raipur on 22nd Dec,2013. Early next year, the state conference is scheduled at: Karnataka on 12th January 2014, Tamil Nadu on 16th January 2014 and Andhra Pradesh on 19th January 2014.

Parichay Sammelan

- A single platform for Match Making with multiple choices
- Comfortable and congenial atmosphere
- Comprehensive database of all candidates
- Open communication by participants as to choices
- Conducted for various sections of society, Shwetambar, Digambar, Gujarati, NRI,s etc
- In 2013 conducted at 5 states, 11 centers with 1921 participants

Plastic Surgery

- Dr Weinstein and Dr. Lala renowned surgeon of USA continued the legacy of Dr Dixit
- Large number of underprivileged children born with cleft lip, squint eyes, facial scars but cannot afford surgery being expensive.
- Corrective surgery is done free of cost.
 - Brings smiles on the faces of children and their parents.

- This year it is being organized in 6 centers of Maharashtra



events 2013

1. Empowerment of Girls Program (EOG)
TN- Chennai - 13 to 15 December 2013
Contact Person - Shri. Mahaveer Parmar, Trainer - Shri. Ganesh Oswal, Khopoli
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Contact Person - Shri. Mahaveer Parmar, Trainer - Mrs. Meenakshi Oswal, Khopoli
TN- Chennai - 13 to 15 December 2013
Contact Person - Shri. Mahaveer Parmar,
CG- Balaghat - 24 to 26 Dec 2013
Contact Person - Shri. Susheel Jain 9425875737
CG-Cuddalore - 27 to 29 Dec 2013
Contact Person - Shri. Vikassa Golchha - 7305305909
Trainer - Shri. Amar Gandhi, Chandrapur

2. Career Planning & Guidance Program
TN- Chennai - 15.12.2013
Contact : Shri. Kailash Jain 9940660514
Resource Person - Prof. Yugal Rayalu, Nagpur
3. Parichay Sammelan
Highly Educated Parichay Sammelan- Nagpur - 15th December 2013
Contact - Shri. Ramesh Kochar, 9423600259
MOC - Shri. Prafulla Parakh, Pune
NRI Parichay Sammelan- Pune ? 29th December 2013, O Hotel, Koregaon Park, Pune
Contact - Shri. Shashikant Munot, 9420477052 & Dr. Sunit Bhutada 9421018554
MOC - Shri. Prafulla Parakh, Pune
4. Free Plastic Surgery Camp for Cleft Lip, Squint eyes, Ptosis, Nose Deformity, Facial Scar - Dr. Raj Lalla, Dr. Vijay Mordiya, Dr. Larry Weinstein & Team
MH - Nanded - 10-12 Dec 2013, Contact - Shri. Laxman Sangewarkar 9325621050, Shri. Nithanand Mayya, 9823153640

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Contact - Shri. Laxman Sangewarkar 9325621050, Shri. Nithanand Mayya, 9823153640
MH - Aurangabad - 13-17 Dec 2013,
Contact - Shri. Ramesh Pokharan, 9049633111, Shri. Prakash Rathi, 9860014810,
MH - Ahmednagar- 18-19 Dec 2013
Contact - Shri. Shashikant Munot, 9420477052
MH - Kopargaon ? 20-21 Dec 2013
Contact - Shri. Yash Lohade, 8888888108
MH - Kolhapur ? 24-25 Dec 2013
Contact - Shri. Paras Oswal 982309574, Shri. Abhinandan Khot 9561917777
MH - Chiplun, Ratnagiri - 26-27 Dec 2013
Contact - Shri. Rupesh Jain 9823509599, Shri. Dilip Bhandari 8275455770,
MH - Nagpur - 7-8 January 2014
Contact - Shri. Rajneesh Jain 9373104897
MH - Pune - 9-13 January 2014
Contact - Shri. Shashikant Munot, 9420477052
5. State Conference -Rajya Adhiveshan
Chhattisgarh Raipur 22nd December 2013



Jain Minority

December 2013

During the course of the year 2013, our e-bulletin carried a Minority Box. Month after month, we kept you updated about developments, notifications, and benefits on Minorities pertaining to the Jain community. In this year-end edition, we present to you a consolidated inventory of information that will serve as a one-point reference and a ready reckoner.

Benefits and information for individuals:

- Doors to minority seat allocation in colleges open if the school leaving certificate states 'Jain' as religion. If the certificate is already issued, attach an affidavit stating 'Religion- Jain'. In Maharashtra, as on November 2013, a self attested letter stating the same is accepted.
- The respective State Commissions for Minorities, announce scholarships for students from Minority Communities in their states.
- Students and those self-employed, from the community can avail of financial schemes announced by states that have notified Jains as minority.
- All Jain students are advised to lookup the websites of their State Commission for Minorities for announcements regularly.

Benefits and information for Educational Institutes

- To get a Minority Status for your institute follow the guidelines given at the website:<http://ncmei.gov.in/>
- In matters of admission of students, minority educational institutions can have reservation of up to 50 per cent for students of their community.
- Schools managed by Minority trusts can select a head master/mistress of their choice and are not bound to select on the basis of seniority only.

In Maharashtra :

- Institutes who wish to apply for the Minority status can now do so online. The link to the facility is:
<https://mddapp.maharashtra.gov.in/Site/Login.aspx?MenulD=1235>

- Unaided Minority schools are exempt from the 25% reservations category under the RTE Act. Ref: Notification dated Mar 15, 2013, Sec 2(c): Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Rules 2011. Mah State Govt.
<http://www.rtemaharashtra.org/downloads/RTEnotification25.pdf>
- The Minority Development Department of Maharashtra has issued a comprehensive list of its notifications, procedures, formats, etc., relating to obtaining of minority status by educational institutes. Please use the link below to read:
<https://www.maharashtra.gov.in/Site/Upload/Government%20Resolutions/Marathi/201305291728004214.pdf>
- The Minority Development Department of Govt. of Maharashtra has issued the following important GRs in October 2013. Do read them.
- GR for Online Application for Recognition of minority status to minority educational institutions, in the State of Maharashtra: Procedure, Terms and Conditions of Recognition. Ref code: 201310031658059814 Release Date: 03-10-2013
- GR for Grants in Aid to Minorities Schools for Infrastructure Development and Basic Facilities. Ref code: 201309131541155214 Release Date:13-09-2013
- GR for Providing Grant for Scholarship Schemes for Minoity Students for pursuing Technical Professional Studies for 2013 - 14. Ref code: 201310291148267814 Release Date: 29-10-2013
- The GRs may be read at the following link:
<https://www.maharashtra.gov.in/1145/Government-Resolutions?DCode=14&MenulD=1081>

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The highlights of BJS processes

national concern

focusing on selected domains that contribute to nation-building

social sensitivity

researching in-depth issues to address needs across the society

developmental innovation

strategizing novel ideas to align development within established frameworks

participatory process

enthusing all stakeholders for involved implementations

sustainable solutions

implementing workable, scalable and replicable models

meaningful impact

touching millions through our work!!!

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