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Swami Brahmanand Pratishthan is a Voluntary Organization working to uplift Persons with Intellectual Disabilities (PWID). The trust was founded in the year 1989 by Mrs. Shirish Govekar Poojary, a professional in the field of Special Education with the objective of providing services to persons with Intellectual Disabilities in areas where needed. After conducting a survey in the villages of Belapur, Agroli, Shahabaz & Diwala of Navi Mumbai, Mrs. Poojary started her first Project at Shahabaz with just three students on 7th July 1990. Today the Trust carries out its activities from two Centres one at CBD, Navi Mumbai and the other at Uran.

MISSION

To develop services and programs to empower persons with Intellectual and Developmental disabilities and their families.

VISION

To empower Persons with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities with skills that will enable them to lead a life of Dignity and Respect.

The Trust conducts activities through its three units:

1. Disha Special School, CBD, Navi Mumbai (7th July 1990)-for PWIDs in the age group of 4 to 18

In this unit the students are divided in to eight different levels. A curriculum is designed and an Individual Educational Programme is planned for every student. The other support services provided at this unit are..

- Occupational Therapy
- Counseling and Guidance
- Computer Training
- Art & Craft
- Music
- Sports
- Dance/drama
- Various other Recreational activities for students, staff and parents.

2. Falguni Vocational Centre, CBD, Navi Mumbai (Inception 2003)-For PWIDs above the age of 18

The students above the age of 18 are transferred to this section. The objective of this unit is to impart training in vocational skills. The students here learn-

- Painting
- Jewellery making
- Making Food Products – chocolates, spices etc.
- Handicraft Items – door mats, torans, wall hanging etc
- Embroidery – Cushion covers, bead spreads, kitchen napkins.
- Seasonal Products – diyas, candles, rakhees etc.

- Paper bags and gift envelopes
- Home science and house keeping skills.

3. Seabird Special School , Uran (Inception September 1999)-For PWIDs

The centre has shifted to its own building at Bori, Uran. The Mirpuri family contributed to the cost of the plot. The two floor structure has nine class rooms in all. It caters to the needs of persons with intellectual disabilities from the rural areas of Uran in Raigad District. Initially named as Sweekar Special school the name was changed to Seabird after the donors who contributed towards the school building.

Various events and celebrations are held in the school. Events like sports, Annual Day, Christmas etc. are jointly celebrated with the students of the CBD centre.

SWAYAM (Self Help Group-Inception 2010)– A self help group of Parents and adult PWIDs engages in the production of various spices and flours. Products are sold by word of mouth and at various exhibitions and stalls put up at housing societies and corporate offices.

BRAHMAGIRI – Project Brahmagiri will be an extension of the Falguni Vocational centre. The services provided will be Vocational training, Sheltered workshop and a Residential home for the PWID. The Bhoomi Pujan of the plot , Plot no;38, Sector 5, Kharghar, was done on 1st April 2017. The cost of the Plot was donated by Mr. Sonu Vasvani of Koshambh Charitable Trust, Ahmedabad.

Holistic Curriculum

The training program that are planned provide opportunities to carry out and face real-life situations and challenges. The type of training the child needs will depend on the severity of the disability, the ability level and the presence of associated disabilities. The team approach which includes the child with special needs, the school, the parents, professionals and the community is vital. A special school curriculum is adapted according to the needs of every child. Multi-sensory teaching learning strategies along with real life experiences enable the child to develop the full potential of the students.

The school curriculum is holistic in nature, providing training in areas such as personal skills, speech and language, motor skills, social Skills and community orientation, functional academics, and various co-curricular activities like art and craft, music, dance, dramatics, sports, yoga etc. Every opportunity is given to the child with disability to participate in school programs to build a sense of belonging, self esteem and confidence. It is the responsibility of the head of the organization to make education a meaningful and engaging experience for children, teachers and parents.

At our centre the students are grouped into different levels, namely the pre-primary, primary, transition, secondary, pre-vocational, and vocational. The students are grouped on the basis of their ability, need, their chronological age and IQ. Every class has 8 to 10 students under a trained special educator.

Besides special education the students are exposed to various co-curricular activities. To inculcate good discipline, team work and an attitude to help others students, parents and staff conduct activities together.

The main activities of the organization are training, education and rehabilitation of special children.

Number of Beneficiaries in the three units:

Sr.no	Name of the activity	No. of Beneficiaries
1.	Disha special school, CBD	82

2.	Falguni Vocational centre, CBD	50
3.	Seabird Special School, Uran	39

The team of 45 staff members are employed in the three centres.

Board of Trustees:

Sr.No.	NAME	POSITION
1.	Mrs. Shirish Govekar Poojary	Founder and Managing Trustee Director and Project Coordinator
2.	Dr. Mrs. Pratibha Moralwar	Trustee - Nutrition and Health
3.	Mrs. Hansa Maru	Trustee -Coordinator of Swayam (self-help group of Parents)
4.	Mrs. Charu Shah	Trustee -Coordinator, Seabird Special School,Uran
5.	Ms. Pushpa Moorjani	Trustee - Coordinator (Funding and Finance)

Our Administration:

Sr.No.	NAME	POSITION
1.	Mrs. Sukanya Venkataraman	Principal and Educational Head
2.	Mrs. Sunit Marwah	Vocational Coordinator - Falguni Vocational Unit
3.	Mrs. Sujatha Bhaskar	Administration CSR
4.	Ms. Pallavi Pardeshi	Head Teacher - Seabird Special School, Uran
5.	Mrs. Madhuri Upadhye	Supervisor - Seabird Special School, Uran
6.	Ms. Chhaya Sawant	Office Coordinator
7.	Ms. Kavita Bhawe	Accountant
8.	Mr. B.A.Pai	Hon. Accounts Advisor
9.	Ms. Pallavi Mhatre	Accounts Clerk (Seabird)

DISHA UNIT	
CLASS	CLASS TEACHER
Play Group	Ms. Sarika Sakpal
Pre Primary I	Ms. Vidya Avasak
Pre Primary II	Ms. Shobha Phadtare
Primary I	Ms. Rupali Dhandore
Primary II	Ms. Grace Rekha Simoes
Secondary	Ms. Bhima Dhandekar
Pre Vocational I	Ms. Smita Waghmare
Pre Vocational II	Mr. Laxman More
Occupational Therapy	Dr. Charushila Nikose
Craft	Ms. Smita Vartak
Sports	Mr. Sarang Rathod

Computer	Mrs. Anita Punj (Part Time)
Music	Mr. Yashodhan Kadam (Part Time)
Dance	Mr. Bhaskar Bhane (Part Time)

FALGUNI VOCATIONAL UNIT		SEABIRD SPECIAL SCHOOL, URAN	
NAME	DESIGNATION	NAME	DESIGNATION
Ms. Aditi Kadam	Vocational Instructor	Ms. Pallavi Pardeshi	Primary
Ms. Nidhi Katare	Special Educator	Ms. Snehal Gawand	Pre Primary
Ms. Surekha Bhojane	Vocational Instructor	Mr. Dhananjay Pathare	Pre Vocational
Ms. Sunita Kadam	Vocational Instructor	Mr. Rakesh Mhatre	Vocational
Ms. Nishigandha Sawant	Class room Assistant	Ms. Mansi Panchal	Art and Craft

SUPPORT STAFF			
NAME	DESIGNATION	NAME	DESIGNATION
Mrs. Anita Mankame	Attendant - CBD	Mr. Shashikant Bandekar	Driver
Mrs. Kasturi Bhojane	Attendant - CBD	Mr. Prashant Kadam	Driver
Ms. Geeta Siddhu	Attendant - CBD	Mr. Laxman Mhatre	Peon
Mrs. Snehal Rane	Attendant - Uran	Mr. Shubhankar Sawant	Cleaner
Mrs. Mayuri Mayekar	Attendant - Uran	Mr. Ganesh Jadhav	Cleaner
		Ms. Monica Britto	Care Taker

OUR EX STUDENTS EMPLOYED	HONORARY CONSULTANTS
Mr. Sujit Phadnis	Dr. Prashant Moralwar
Mr. Vinod Munde	Tool Box- Mrs. Vijaya Balaji and Team
Mr. Ravinder Pal Walia	Mrs. Pranita Madkaikar

We share with you the major highlights of the academic year 2018-19

Our Units:

Disha Special School,CBD

Falguni Vocational Centre,CBD

Seabird Special School, Uran

THE academic year 2018-19 began on 4th June 2018 for the staff and 11th June for the students. On the first day a workshop for the staff members on the theme Saarathi by Sri. Yogeshji Bagdi was conducted and these sessions continued throughout the year.

11 new students were admitted in the Disha Special school, 1 in Falguni vocational section, CBD and 4 students in Seabird Special School, Uran . Five students who attained the age of 18 were transferred to the vocational section. Three students from the vocational, one student from Disha Special School and three students from Seabird left school.

Meetings

The Parents general meeting was held on 15th June at both the centres. The Principal, Trustees, Coordinators shared their thoughts and ideas in the meeting. Parent representatives were selected in the meeting. On 30th June Parents meetings were held class wise by the class teachers and the class program for the year was discussed with the parents. On the 21st July first meeting of the Parent representatives was conducted by the Parents Coordinator and the Management . It was an interactive session and parents discussed in groups and planned a programme schedule for the academic year. Swami Brahmanand Parents Association conducted a meeting on the 26th Jul regarding workshops for parents. During the year various staff meetings were conducted to discuss issues, plan event or for feedbacks.

Celebrations

A number of events were organized. This gave an opportunity to teachers to plan and create different learning teaching sessions . Teachers used innovative practices to impart information and train the students in various skills.

Birthdays of students and staff were celebrated on the last day of every month. In line with the theme **Saarathi –Sanskriti Ke Saath Rishtey**, the staff members in charge of the birthday event shared information about the Indian culture and relationship through skits and visual presentations. On 12th July the 60th birthday of the Founder was celebrated.

Eid was celebrated in school on the 14th June and information regarding the festival was shared with the students through visual presentations.

Swamiji's Punyathithi was celebrated on 19th June in the school premises. The students chanted Swamiji's mantra and sang devotional songs. Prasad was served to the students, staff and guests.

27th July- Celebration of Gurupurnima at CBD centre with Ganapathi Hom and Satyanarayan Pooja.

72nd Independence Day was celebrated on the 15th of August. The students expressed their patriotism to the nation by singing patriotic songs and paying respect to the freedom fighters through their speeches. Disha was invited as a Chief Guest by the Association of Senior Citizens, Belapur on 15th August and she was given the honour of hoisting the National flag. This was a proud moment for all of us.

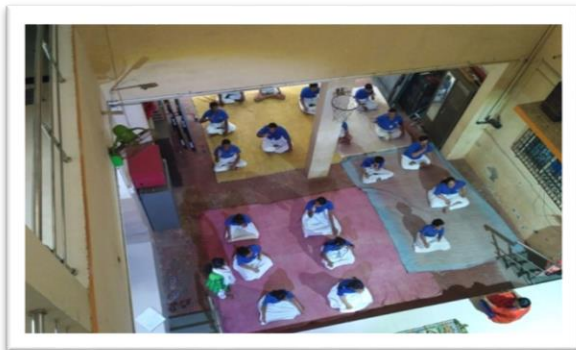
Other festivals like Raksha Bandhan, Janmashtami, Ganesh Chaturthi, Dusshera, Holi and Gudi padva were also celebrated.

Rangoli and Diya making competition was organized for the students as a part of Diwali celebration. On the same day staff members of New India Assurance Co. visited the centre and participated in the celebration. Christmas was also celebrated with a visit by Santa and distribution of gifts and snacks to the students. The staff members also received their gifts from their Secret Santa.

Food Festival was organised for the students as a part of Holi celebration on 15th March.

Yoga

Dr. Charushila Nikose and Ms. Maya Kolhe had attended a Yoga training program organized by Kaivalyadam in April and they shared the information and techniques with the teachers before the vacation. It was decided to follow the special yoga techniques with the students everyday at school. Dr. Charu took up the responsibility of conducting a pilot study on the effect of yoga on children with challenging behaviors. 30 students were part of this group. International Yog din was celebrated on 21st June.



Sports

3 rd July	The Young Athlete evaluation program(YAP) conducted by Special Olympics Bharat at Andheri sports complex participated by 6 students
11 th July	Young athlete evaluation program by SOB and IKEA for students of Navi Mumbai and Raigad District
25 th & 28 th Sep	The impact study of YAP program on the young at CBD unit and Uran unit
5 th to 9 th July	Special Olympics State games at Gujarat. Madhur represented Maharashtra and won a gold medal in the event of Table Tennis. Sports instructor Sarang Rathod selected as a coach for the games.
20 th July	SOB celebrated 50 th anniversary by organising a football match “kickathon” at Andheri complex.
25 th to 31 st July	SOB Net Ball training program at Ranchi attended by Tanaya and Sports Coordinator Bhima
24 th to 26 th Aug	1st National swimming competition for children with Autism and Downs Syndrome organised by SOB in collaboration with Rotary Club of Chinchwad, Pune at Pune. Ms. Shravni Ayre and Ms. Khushi Malwe won a gold and bronze medals respectively in the 25m freestyle swimming and Khushi also won a bronze medal in 50 m freestyle swimming.
11 th August	Maharashtra State table Tennis Tournament by AWMH in association with Rotary Club of Mumbai Versova. Pratik, Adnan, Shubham won First prize, Madhur, Neha Second Prize, Ishika and Dikshita third prize.
12 th August	8 students of Seabird Sidharth Patil, Sidharth Chavhan, Ameen, Adesh, Mehul, Rushikesh, Dipesh and Vicky participated in the Marathon organized by Dronagiri Sports Association
20 th Aug- 3 rd Sep	1st Unified International Net Ball tournament organised by SOB at Puduchery. Ms. Tanaya Patade participated in the match between India and Srilanka and the Indian team won the Gold medal. Ms. Tanaya was declared the Player of the Match and won the trophy.
22 nd to 25 th Oct	Harsh Nair, Pratik Tayde and Madhur Sonawane were selected to participate in the National Coaching camp held at Andheri Sports complex for swimming and Table Tennis
8 th Dec	District sports organized by the Social Welfare Department of Thane Jilla and Raigad District
31 st Jan to 3 rd Feb	The Maharashtra State sports meet was held at Amravati attended by Madhur, Ishika, Niyati, Gunnit, Tanaya and Khushi accompanied by Sports Coordinators Sarang Rathod and Bhima Dhandekar. Ms. Khushi won 3 rd prize in 50 m Swimming competition.
	Triumph Run organized by Rotary Club of Thane
16 th March	Trekking event was organized for the students and parents at Kharghar Hills by the school in coordination with Marathon runner Mr. K.Satish.



Felicitation

15th July- Mrs. Shirish Poojary was felicitated by Rotary Club of Malwan with a community service award, at Malwan. On 8th March she was awarded with a Hirkani Puraskar by the Jyeshtha Nagrik Sangh, Nerul.

Ms. Sneha Verma student of Falguni Vocaitonal Unit received the women achievers Award at Delhi in an event organized by the online newspaper "The Quint".

Medical

On 20th July a dental check up camp was organized by SOB at school to celebrate the 50th anniversary of SOB. A general medical check up of the students was carried out by the Trustee Dr. Pratibha Moralwar and Dr. Prashant Moralwar at their Hospital, Swarna Child Care hospital, Kharghar. Dr. Charushila. Nikose and Ms. Chhaya Sawant attended a meeting conducted by the Nodal Officer at Belapur, School No- 1 about a campaign initiated by the Govt. of India to eradicate Measles and Rubella (MR) virus by vaccinating children in the age group of 9 mths to 15 yrs and insisted on convincing the parents to vaccinate their child in the camp to be conducted in the school premises. The medical Team of NMMC appointed by the Nodal officer of the region carried out the MR Vaccination camp on 4th December.

On 22nd February Deworming medicine was administered to 50 students in the age group of 4 to 19 years by NMMC. World Health Day was celebrated By AMWAY INDIA by organizing an eye check up along with general health check up by Dr. Himika Gupta and Dr. Astha Belani . Ms. Shamal Shah gave a talk to parents on Child's Nutrition. Research studies were carried out by students of Nirmala Niketan College of Home Science. .

Government Meetings

Meetings were conducted by various Government departments. The Principal and head teacher of both the units attended the meetings:

4th July- Meeting at Social Welfare Department, Thane with the new District Social Welfare officer Mr. Yogesh patil.

24th and 27th July- Meeting at Social Welfare Department, Thane and Tehsildar office at Uran for awareness and enrollment of Persons with Disabilities in the voters list.

5th December – To discuss the roles and responsibilities of committee members during District sports meet.

1st August-meeting at Panchayat Samiti Uran for the SDMIS portal registration.

The District Social Welfare Officer Mrs. Salima Rafique Tadvī entrusted the duty of coordinating with special schools of Thane and compiling information on the availability of wheel chairs from the district for an accessible election to the Principal of the School.

Outreach Programs

31st July- An awareness program on child sexual abuse was organized in school in collaboration with Inner Wheel Club of New Bombay Hillside for the teachers of the special schools of Navi Mumbai. 51 teachers participated.

A similar program was organized for the Special educators of Thane special schools on 28th August at Jidd Special School, Thane in collaboration with the Inner wheel clubs. 50 teachers and 65 parents attended the same.

Workshops for parents

Various workshops were conducted during the term. Parents of all the units attended the workshops.

4th August, 2018- workshop on Behavior Management by Ms. Sadaf Parkar a Behavior Therapist and counselling Psychologist.

7th August “Empowering Parents’ by Ms. Gulshan Kavarana

12th August 2018 - workshop for Parents on the topic “What after me” was organised by Swami Brahmanand Parents Association at Kairali hall. 150 parents attended the workshop. The topics covered were “What after me” by Resource Person CDR. Sreerang Bijur, Presdient of AWMH and Parivaar, Financial planning by Mr. Singh and Niramaya health policy and Guardianship by Mr. Burde.

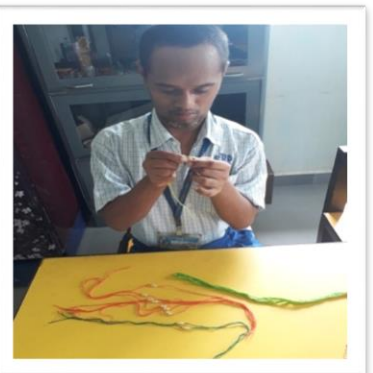


Exhibitions

The 29th Annual Exhibition cum sale of products made by Falguni Unit was organized on 20th October in the school premises eliciting a very good response. Through out the first term Stalls were put up at various locations and corporates like SBI, Galaxy Surfactants and Transworld shipping Co. The senior students of Seabird along with the Vocational Instructors put up stalls for sale of rachis and diyas at various schools. St. Mary, U.E.S Rotary School , Little Millennium School etc encouraged the sale.

Canteen

The students of Falguni Vocational Centre put up a canteen and prepared lunch. The staff encouraged the students by buying the food prepared them. This helped them to showcase the skills learnt by them.



Art & Craft

Photography competition on Mangroves organised by iNaturewatch Foundation, Navi Mumbai on 26th July, Soumya Wakpainjan participated in the photography competition and won the first prize.

Navneet Drawing Competition was organized in school.

Ganesh Idol making workshop was organized on the 11th September 2018 in the school premises by the school in collaboration with the Inner Wheel Club of New Bombay Hillside. Rtn. Gopal Dutt Sharma was the resource person. It was amazing to see the children come up with very good ideas as they created Ganesh idols of their imagination.



On 20th September the Gopal Krishnan Library at Uran organized a painting competition for the students of Seabird. Siddharth, Adesh and Purva won prizes in the competition.

Cultural

Students participated in various competitions and events to show case their talents and to promote awareness in the society regarding their abilities.

- Hyde park Senior Citizens Welfare Association at Hyde park Society , Kharghar on 29th August.
- Gandhar Wakurdekar won a second prize in the singing competition organised by Ashray special school, Sanpada on 24th August. Apeksha and Ashika also participated in the competition.
- Students performed a skit in the Inter school competition organized by the school on the occasion of World Disability Day and won a second prize.
- A dance on skates was performed on 25th November at CIDCO exhibition centre to promote awareness.
- Students also participated in a fashion show organized by Humanity First Foundation at CIDCO exhibition hall on 9th December.
- Ten students performed a group dance at Godhriwale Baba Ashram, Wagholi, Pune on 25th December organized by the Mirpuri Family. The students received a cash reward of Rs. 2000/- each and were felicitated by the grandchildren of the Mirpuri family.
- The 29th Annual Day program was organized on 13th January 2019 at Adya Krantiveer Vasudev Balwant Phadke auditorium, Panvel. Chief Guest Mr. Adarsh Nayyar, Vice President and Head of CSR of Galaxy Surfactants presided over the function.
- The 19th Annual day program of Seabird centre was organized on 2nd February at Uran Nagarpalika Maidan. Dr. Manoj K Bhadre superintendent of Indira Gandhi Rural Hospital was the chief Guest for the event

- Students won two second prizes in Lil champ dance competition organized by Inner Wheel clubs of Zone 4, Dist 314 on 17th January and in another competition organized by Lions Club of North Bombay on 27th January.
- A skit was performed by the students on 1st March in the office premises of Galaxy Surfactants, Mhape. A group dance was performed in the Navi Mumbai Food Festival organised by Earth Angels on 17th March.
- The students were invited by Inner wheel club of Deonar to perform a group dance on 23rd March.

Special Events

Parents and Grand Parents Day was celebrated on 29th September at both the units. Objective of the celebration was to give a day for parents to relax and have fun without worrying about their children. They displayed their talent through various games, skit and craft activities. This also gave them an opportunity to interact with others parents.

Navratri was celebrated with a dandiya program for the students, parents and staff members of the school on 13th October. Prizes were given to the students and parents for best costume, best dance and non stop dancing. The Nav Durga Nav Shakti Mandal of Uran organized a Dandiya program for the students of Seabird.

Children's day was celebrated on 14th November with cultural performances by the students and the event was sponsored by AMWAY India Ltd. Students were given gifts . Few students were invited to the main office of AMWAY on 20th December and were entertained by the Amway Team.

On the occasion of World Disability Day a Fun Fair was organized for the special children of Navi Mumbai and Raigad district on 7th December 2018 at Mangal Sabhagruha, CBD. 330 special children from 15 special schools attended the Fun fair accompanied by their parents and teachers. They participated in the cultural competitions and fun games. Gift hampers were given to all the students.

A one day Picnic and camp was organized for the students in the school premises on 14th and 15th of December. 70 students participated in the Picnic and were taken to Wonders Park, Nerul. 37 students stayed back in school for the camp. A four day camp to Malvan was also organized from 25th to 29th December for the students. 33 students of all three units participated in the same. 11 students visited Godhdivale Baba Ashram, Pune on 25th and performed for the audience before leaving for Malvan. At Malvan the students visited Swamiji's Samadhi and also were taken to the various tourist spots. It was a learning experience for the students.



Staff Development Workshop

During the term a series of talks with interactive sessions on various spiritual topics were delivered by Sri Yogeshji Bagdi. The topics focused around the theme “Saarathi”. Teacher’s Day was celebrated on 5th September in school by the students. The Management organized a staff picnic for all the staff members at a farm house at Badlapur on 7th of September.

A Theatre Workshop was organised for the teachers on 14th September in the school premises. Mr. Shivdas Ghodke from National School of Drama conducted the workshop for the staff. Many activities to develop listening, voice modulation, mirroring, expressions, working in a team, leadership skills were carried out by him. The workshop was carried out to enable teachers to make learning more interesting and fun.

Placement

3 Interns of NMIMS, Mumbai and Navi Mumbai were placed in the centre from 28th January to 20th February. Students of Pillai college of Management also were placed in the school in February. The trainees of NIEPID, Kharghar were placed in the centre for their practical lessons.

CSR Activities

Seth Bhojraj Hassomal Charitable Trust has been supporting the Falguni Vocational Centre since last year. The support continues with the contribution of Rs.9 lakhs for the year towards the fees of needy students.

AMWAY India supports the school unit with a contribution of Rs. 3,15,000/-for the year.

A new school bus was donated to the Seabird school by DKSH India Pvt.Ltd and the students started commuting in the new bus from this academic year.

A solar Project was initiated for Seabird school which was partially funded by Mr. Nikhil Jasuja, Amit Mirpuri and Mr. Jagat Shah.

The Disha Unit continues to get the Government Grant from the Social Welfare department, Maharashtra State.

The family members of Late Navalrai and Shanta Devi Mirpuri have been supporting the institution since its inception.

A projector worth Rs.25000/- was donated by Bank of Baroda Navi Mumbai Branch on 8th of August 2018.

16 stools were donated to the Falguni Vocational Centre by the New India Assurance Co. Ltd.

Sports equipments worth of Rs.44,000/-were donated by Galaxy Surfactants to Seabird Special School, Uran.

ONGC Officer's Mahila Samiti donated musical instruments worth of Rs.35000/- to Seabird Special School, Uran.

We thank all our donors and sponsors for their whole hearted support which has enabled us to conduct various event and activities and achieve the objectives of the organization.





In service to Humanity....

**Thank you
For Swami Brahmanand Pratishtan
Mrs. Shirish Poojary
Managing Trustee**

**Mrs. Sukanya Venkataraman
Principal**