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Dialogue

My dear, determined "Prabodhaks"!

I hope that this 20th English Diwali Issue of Chhatra Prabodhan, brimming with varied and eclectic literature, will bring you joy and enrich your Diwali!

This year, on behalf of Chhatra Prabodhan, we are publishing **three printed Diwali issues** (Marathi, Subodh Grameen and English), their **e-editions**, and the **AiPaVa** (Read, Listen, View) **Online Diwali issue**. In addition, we are also publishing a "***Bolaka*** Diwali Issue" (Audio Issue) for students living in rural and remote areas, which will be free of cost, and available for listening over the phone. (You too can call 9667715716 from 5 November to 4 December and listen to songs, stories, poems, stories of resilience and determination, activities and informative articles in Marathi).

We feel happy to have reached out to thousands of students living in urban and rural areas with a veritable feast of high-quality literature even in these challenging times of the coronavirus pandemic. We feel satisfied that Chhatra Prabodhan did not just put up with the challenging circumstances, but also overcame them. This led to all these innovative ideas, and we made this vision a reality!

In the last eight months, how did you deal with the uncertain times of the coronavirus pandemic? Did you just keep sitting in one place, scared? Or did you spend all your time irritated? Did you indulge in a lot of "timepass"? Or did you, along with online classes, end up chatting, surfing the internet, playing computer games, watching movies, and spend all your time glued to the screen? Or **did you do something entirely different?** Did you try to learn some new things? Did you try to strengthen your relationship with your family members by interacting with them, understanding them, and helping them with their work? Did you strive to learn new skills, gain new experiences and read and listen to a lot of literature? Did you conduct any experiments or start any projects? Did you try to understand the stories and problems of those who are less fortunate than you? Did you try to help them in your own way? We applaud all of you who tried something different and used your time constructively! I would definitely like to read, listen to and understand your experiences.

In the beginning, all of us found it difficult to deal with this sudden and unforeseen pandemic. The happiness of "No school!" lasted for a very short period of time, since even stepping out of the house was not possible in the lockdown. Slowly, emotions such as irritation, exasperation, boredom and laziness emerged. All those who were able to see this situation objectively, understand the limitations, accept them and then make changes in their attitude and routine, succeeded in turning this challenge into an opportunity. They did not merely adjust to the situation, but confronted it, and learnt many new things. For them, the sky was not full of dark clouds, it was a beautiful shade of blue. They freely soared into the clean, bright sunshine and scaled new heights! **I hope that all of you will be able to reach new heights, cope with the circumstances, and turn every challenge into an opportunity!** Chhatra Prabodhan will definitely accompany, encourage, help, and guide you in your endeavours!

May this Diwali be full of light, and may you always have the strength and motivation to brighten other people's lives. Our warmest and best wishes are always with you.

Yours Faithfully

(Mahendra Sethiya)
Editor

Strike, strike at the
root of misery in our hearts
Give us the strength
to rise above daily trifles

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The Seven Guiding Principles of Jnana Prabodhini's Work Culture

Excellence, Scientific Attitude, Organizational Solidarity, Development, Seeking God in humanity, Hindu view of life, Building a vibrant society

❋ Building a Vibrant Society ❋

Evolution of Culture in a society is necessary to add Meaning to Human life. Both processes – Continuing traditions as well as making appropriate and timely changes in culture – are essential for this evolution. To give Foundation of Thought to these processes is termed as Enlightenment of Thought, To inculcate these thoughts and make the society action-oriented means the Enlightenment of Action. Carrying out both these types of enlightenment frequently and on a continued basis for preventing deterioration of social values, leads to building a Vibrant Society.

Principles for Building a Vibrant Society and Examples of their Practice in Jnana Prabodhini

- **Material Prosperity and Ethics of Wealth:** **Sustainable Development can be achieved if modern science is coupled with concern for Humanity. A Scientific Attitude is to be built in every person along with spiritual pursuit. Only then will human culture survive for a long time. Seeking God in Humanity i.e. perceiving Divinity that exists in other human beings is the key principle while striving for heights of Excellence in material progress.**

  ❋ This ethical approach is valued a lot in Prabodhini. In its Training-cum-Production Units like Yantrashala (mechanical workshops) and Food Processing Centre, manual workers are treated as Members of the organization. While working for excellence in technologies like Tissue Culture of Bamboo and Medicinal Plants, encouragement is given to the budding entrepreneurs for self-sufficiency. Even school students are imparted skills in selling of lamps and lanterns in festivals, the monetary outcome of which is used for the welfare of the downtrodden sections in villages.

- **Meditation for Self-Reflection:** **This other-orientedness is imbibed only when one frequently reflects upon his or her behaviour and tries to contain ego. As per the Hindu View of Life, Upasana, i.e. Meditation is advised to be practiced individually every day and Prabodhini advocates it to be done in groups at least once a week. This practice needs to be spread widely with the objective of building a strong individual and a tolerant society.**

  ❋ Prabodhini's students and volunteers practice Upasana regularly which helps them to bring about their own all-round development and become socially-oriented. In the annual prayers, they get acquainted with Indian philosophy and ethos.

- **Respect for Other Faiths:** **It is the cardinal principle of the Hindu View of Life that it respects all faiths equally. The words Hindu and Indian are synonymous. They are used more in a cultural sense rather than in a sectarian spirit. In fact, amalgamation of all castes, creeds and denominations is essential.**

  ❋ Various ways and means are devised in Prabodhini to help the students and volunteers experience for themselves this process of cultural integration. They participate in festivals and processions of deities of different Hindu sects, conduct study tours to understand how this country has remained united irrespective of political ups and downs. They explore their oneness with Indian Muslims, Christians and Parsees by reading their scripts and mixing with them.

- **Unite to Combat Evil:** **The constructive forces in society can sustain only when they unite strongly to attain power to combat the evil forces. It is true for individuals and valid for social groups. Building up an Organization of positive minds to fight against wrong deeds in the society is essential.**

  ❋ In Prabodhini, volunteers have launched campaigns against illicit liquor in rural Pune, prevented injustice towards women like Sati tradition in Rajasthan and demonstrated peaceful ways to unite people in Punjab while facing the Khalistan Movement. This spirit of National Integration is imbibed through education by giving the students individual, paired and group tasks.

Read All Compiled Tatavasaptake together

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