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The Poona School and Home for the Blind

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A pioneer institution for the blind



Our story dates back to 1934, when Late Dr. S. R. Machave, a practising eye specialist was struck with a noble thought of working to uplift the lives of visually impaired students. He could see the hardships they went through in their daily routine.

Forty years after inception, the number of students enquiring for admissions had grown manifold. Hence, a separate school for visually impaired girls started functioning. A vocational training centre was established to make them self-dependent.

With two well-equipped campuses, a top-notch curriculum and a holistic development programme, both the boy and girl students now feel secure and are confident to compete with the mainstream.

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Our Mission

We are committed to bring about a positive transformation in the lives of visually impaired students through quality education.

Our Values

We live by our values in anything and everything that we do at Pune Blind School.

VIBRANT

We look at the positive side of life and transform energy to one another

INCLUSIVE

Everyone is welcome here irrespective of their backgrounds

SIMPLICITY

We believe in keeping things simple

INNOVATIVE

We are constant learners and like to stay relevant with changing times

OBJECTIVE

We are well defined in our approach

NOBILITY

We believe in our cause and work hard to strengthen the society



Areas of work

Education

147 students are currently admitted in our school.

Our school educates students about 8th standard and they are sent to a nearby school to pursue 9th and 10th standard.

All educational and residential facilities are given free of cost here. We use the Maharashtra State Bureau of Textbook Production and Curriculum Research syllabus for our students. Students are also trained to read and write in Braille script.

We also use adapted devices such as writing slate, Taylor frame and other low vision devices meant for education purposes.

We Provide Braille Books, Computer Training, Mobility Training, daily Living Skills, Sensory Training and Physiotherapy as a part of their routine.

Special classes are conducted for Scholarship Exams for 5th & 8th students.

We boast of being one of the few schools that have a 100% passing result every year in SSC Board examinations.



Health

Various Health Checkups are organized every year for students. They undergo checkups for Eyes, Skin, Dental, Blood, Hemoglobin and Heart.

Renowned Medical Institutions such as D Y Patil Hospital, Budhrani Hospital, KK Eye Institute, H. V. Desai Hospital, Noble Hospital and Sasoon Hospital graciously agree to partner with us.

2 of our students benefited from a cataract operation and 1 student for hole in a heart operation.

Various lectures and workshops are arranged to spread awareness about general health, personnel hygiene, sex education, different types of diseases, causes & prevention. Professionals are invited for these sessions.

We provide food to our students according to the Diet Chart. This is made by a professional dietitian.

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Sports

Students are encouraged to participate in multiple sports Yogasana, Mallakhamb, Lezim, cricket, running, shot put, long jump, swimming & chess.

Our students have made the school and the nation proud by competing and winning at district, state, national and international Paralympics sporting events.

One of our students has been selected in the Indian Blind Cricket Team and has been part of the World Cup winning squad in South Africa.

One of our students, Pandurang Jambe, has won Gold in Javelin throw at the National Sports Competition, New Delhi.

Two of our students, Swaraj Ghule & Rohit Bhargune were selected in the Under 18 & Under 14 Maharashtra Blind Cricket Team.



Cultural

Students undergo training in dance, drama, debate, one act play, enact play etc.

One of our performances, "Swatantryachi Yashogatha", has been officially named in the Guinness Book of World Records.

Apart from winning hearts, our students have won prizes and accolades in dancing and singing competitions, both at State & National level.

All major festivals and important days such as Sanvidhan Din, Gandhi Jayanti, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Jayanti, Teacher Day, Ganeshotsav etc. are celebrated here in its full glory.

Vocational Training & Placement

Since 1990, we run a Teacher Training Centre for those willing to work as a Special teacher for Visually impaired Children.

Around 500 teachers have been trained so far, of which, 200 were visually impaired themselves. Most of them are working in various special Schools, inclusive Schools under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan.

Students are trained on using new electronic devices and mediums such as sumitra, i-pod, Speech Software and android.

Students are also given assistance for searching jobs or being self- employed at Telephone booths, Stalls, Banks or Petrol Pump Announcers.

Music

Students are given special training in classical music including classical singing and musical instruments such as tabla, harmonium, flute, drum, synthesizer, bongo, etc.

Our students are professionally trained and are also prepared for examinations by Gandharva Mahavidyalaya.

We have our own Music Committee that organizes various musical programmes for the upliftment of music & to encourage students to listen to good music. Big names in the music fraternity are invited to our school to facilitate this.

Our students participate in various musical programmes and have won many prizes. Few of our alumni have also started their own music school and have a fully functional orchestra as well.



Safety

We follow a barrier free environment at Pune Blind School with easy access to classroom, dining hall, kitchen, passages and restrooms.

We have our own buses for travelling with caretakers appointed for the safety of students.

Diet

We follow a strict diet chart as suggested by a dietician. Maintaining hygiene is given top priority in both the kitchen and dining hall.

Sensory Garden

We are planning to set up a sensory garden soon.



Samaj Kalyan's Role in Blind School

We follow all rules and regulations laid down by the Social Justice & Empowerment Department, Maharashtra Govt.

This school is a government aided school. Aid is given by the District Social Welfare Department, Pune Zilla Parishad, Pune.

We got aid for 100 residential students, based on which grant is given to the teaching & non-teaching staff payment & 8 % subsidy amount other than payments.

The Social Welfare Department regularly inspects the quality of education, hostel facility, cleanliness, hygiene, student safety, diet etc.

The Social Welfare Department also gives various concessions & facilities such as Disability Identity Certificate, Scholarship to students.

Our Impact

5000+

Students
learnt to fight their fears and
face the world with confidence



300+

Teachers trained
to empower children
with special needs



8000+

Volunteers
have transformed themselves
having spent atleast a day at the
blind school

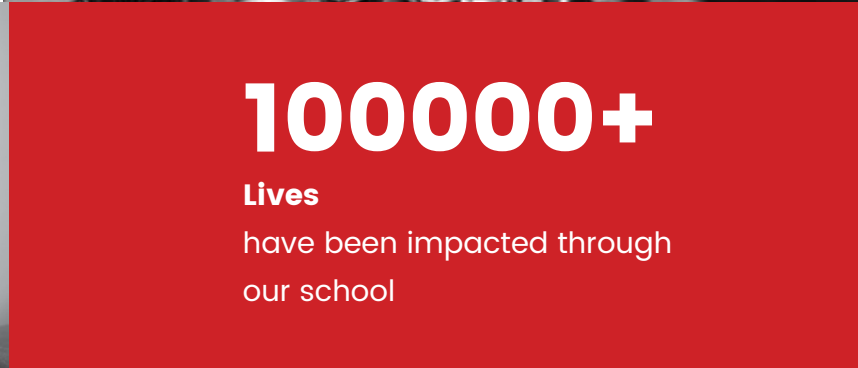
50000+

Donors
understood the true
meaning of gratitude



100000+

Lives
have been impacted through
our school



450+

Musical concerts,
our students have
performed at

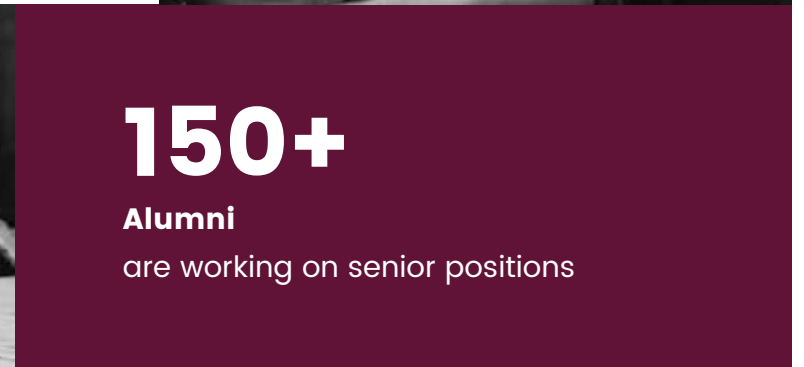
300+

Visually impaired
students now are working
towards financial freedom



150+

Alumni
are working on senior positions



Partners

Together, We Can Make Their World Look More Beautiful

We believe in the power of partnerships and look at it as a key driver to build a sustainable future for our students, teachers, stakeholders and society-at-large.





How we can work together?

The School and Home for the Blind is dedicated to education and holistic development of visually impaired students. However, there are times when we see certain limitations in bringing the best to our students. Be it understanding global scenarios, industry expertise or understanding where the world is heading. That's where you come in!

Your active and whole-hearted support helps us push boundaries, set higher goals and see newer horizons. Be it in the form of money, kind, time, volunteering or knowledge sharing, your participation can make a huge difference.

As a foundation looking after the needs of each kid, we spend approximately Rs. 30,000 annually on the care of each child. Your donations, however much, would allow us to maintain our infrastructure, our braille presses, kitchen gardens, handlooms and also the medical provisions for our children. Rs. 100 from you, provides one kid with a meal, make that Rs. 10,000, we feed the entire school. It is the basic necessities of the school that require your attention. Small donations across the year enable us to buy a braille press worth Rs. 3,00,000. We would urge you to donate towards whatever you are passionate about. Our kids wish to build lives and for that we require your support.

There are multiple ways we can work together and visual a better future for them. Act today, be a crusader to break the shackles for students with visual impairments.

**Working for others
is far more greater
than working for self**



“ It takes an
inspired soul
to help
someone. ”

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