

Vowels of the People Association

VOPA - A Journey in brief

AUG 2018 TO OCT 2020

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How did it start?

FROM VOPA DIARIES

Earlier, VOPA's team members were contributing in social sector at different places. With similar values, thought process, ideals and most importantly the passion to work for and with the underserved people we came together and started building a dream. The practical needs led us register a section 8 not for profit organization, 'VOPA'! i.e Vowels of the People Association.

VOPA started with a core objective to help the underserved to empower themselves. The Vowels AEIOU define the approaches which can empower people. VOPA is bound to help them uplift using these approaches.

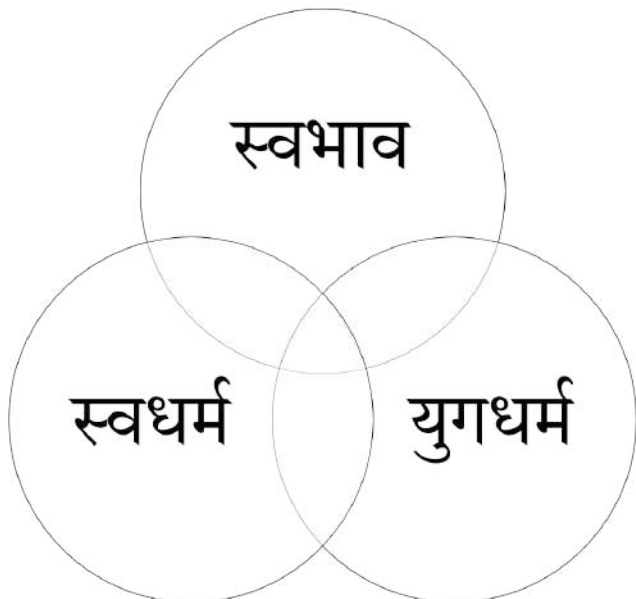


A #Agitate
 E #Educate
 I #Ignite
 O #Organize
 U #Usher

Our Inspiration

We are hugely motivated by the social challenges we see around us. The injustice, inequality and chaos inspires us to do something about it; and at the same time the life and work of great social reformers motivates us to work with speed and effectiveness while doing so. We intend to bring ethical, skilled and professional people and culture in development sector.

The simple Ikigai depicted by Hon.Dr.Abhay Bang led us choose education field as a primary intervention and hence the projects revolve around various forms of education.



What do we do?

This is a story of Kaveri, a female teacher in a primary school in Ahmednagar. Her school is special as the majority of the students studying at her school are HIV positive children, orphan children, and children from very poor families. She was a very shy and low confidence person. The main reason was her self doubt and awareness about her poor knowledge about her teaching subjects. Because of this, her teaching job was a secondary thing for her, if some guests would come home, she would simply stay absent.

Through our training, she has gained confidence in her knowledge and teaching methods. She has become innovative and feels proud of her unique content. She has read very latest books which she would have never thought of earlier. She even reviews the read books for other teachers at school. She now uses lots of new teaching methods, she has developed a sense of ownership towards school students. She thinks and develops her own methods, worksheets etc. This has also changed her image at her home, now she has a say in various domestic discussions, she feels empowered at home.



School Transformation

We work with the schools using a customized module to transform the learning culture



OUTPUT

Teachers trained

125+

Sessions conducted

400+

Learning Blogs

35

YouTube Videos

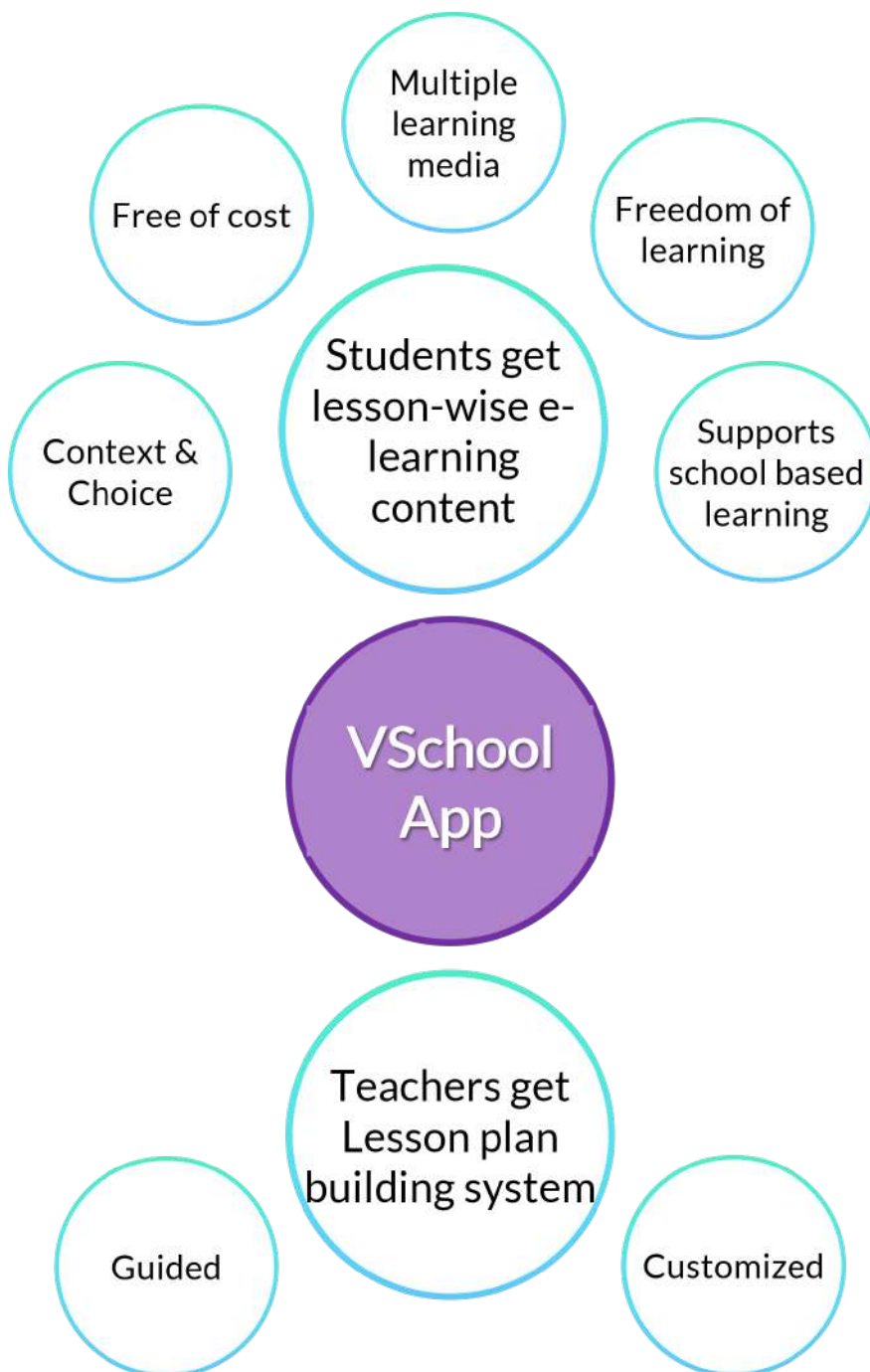
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VSchool

RATIONALE

School system is burdened with huge problems, one of it is poor knowledge, preparation and creativity of school teachers. This results in poor learning of children.

'V-School' is a free platform for online education, it seeks to overcome problems of access and availability of contextual teaching-learning resources for teachers and students.



I am Tai Santosh Kolekar. My father is a small farmer. I am a 9th std student, living in Sangola. Due to covid, my school shutdown and, so my study stopped. I was worried about my study, but I found one hope 'VSchool' platform. VSchool helped me a lot to study maths. I liked this platform very much. Thank you so much for providing quality online content freely.

VSchool App



VSCHOOL PLATFORM AT A GLANCE

Visitors

1 MILLION

Page Views

7.2 MILLIONS

Available for Marathi and
Semi English medium

Number of lessons

349

Volunteers mobilized

200

Worked with

**PUNE & BEED
ZP TEACHERS**

Covid-19 response

This year the world is facing Covid-19 challenge. Along with educational intervention through VSchool, VOPA responded to livelihood and health needs of poor families in Marathwada region.



Families helped

1000+

Funds raised

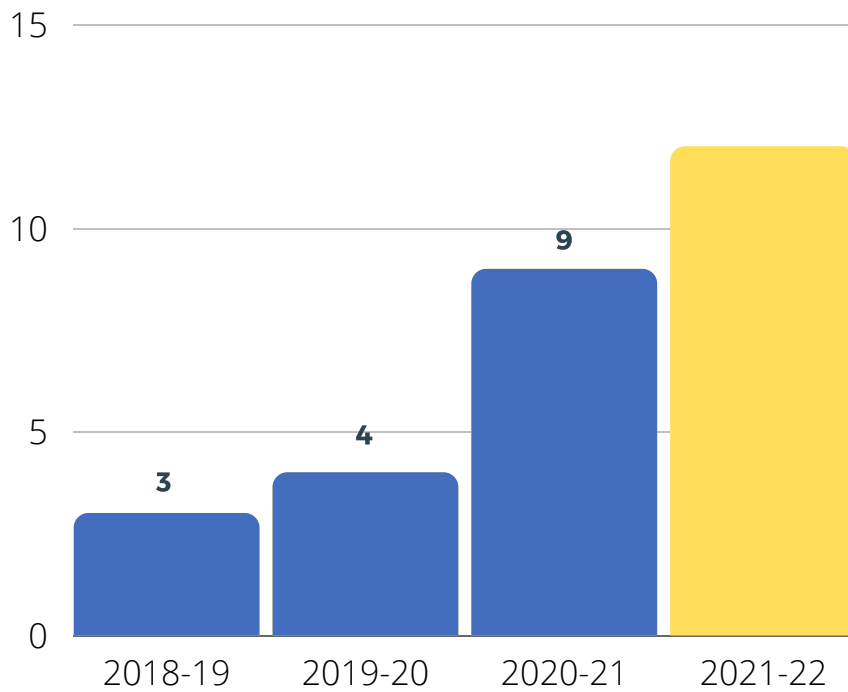
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Donors mobilized

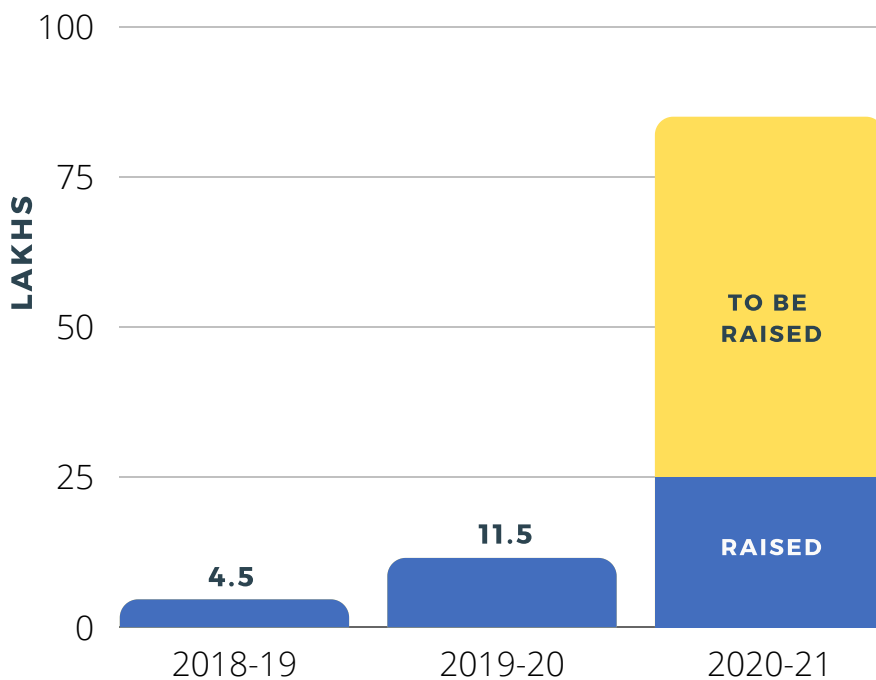
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VOPA at a glance

FULL TIME TEAM MEMBERS



BUDGET



OFFICES

VOPA's Office is at Ahemadnagar and Pune



Achievements

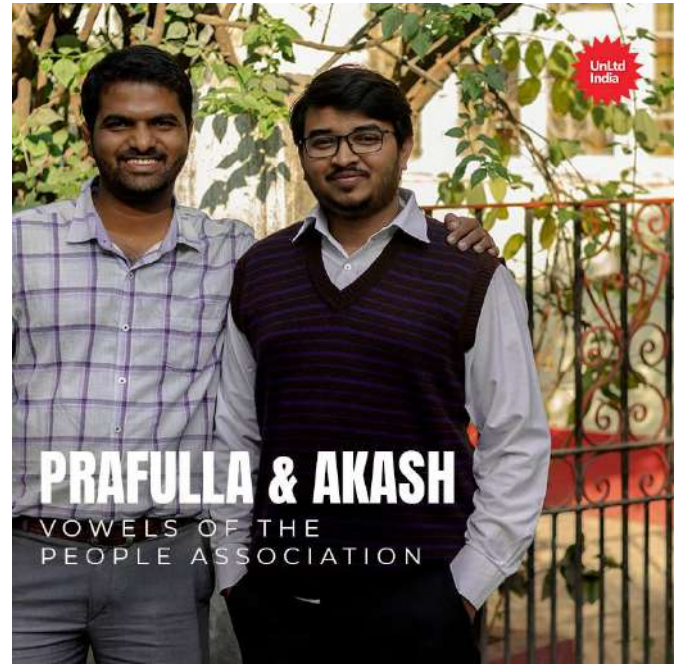
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WORKING WITH ZP



INCUBATED BY UNLTD INDIA



APPRECIATED BY THOUSANDS OF CHILDREN AND TEACHERS



APPRECIATED BY PUNE AND BEED DISTRICT COLLECTOR



FEATURED ON YUWAWANI BY AKASHWANI PUNE



FEATURED ON FRONT PAGE OF THE INDIAN EXPRESS



Appeal



While we saw this big dream with passion, we alone cannot bring it into reality. We have no doubt that many others like you share this dream with us. We are counting on you to help us bring it into reality.

WE HAVE WALKED OUR TALK THUS FAR. WE CANNOT WALK IT FURTHER WITHOUT YOUR SUPPORT.

Help us create history. As a matter of fact, help us create a future for lakhs of poor children

Donate here!

Link to online fundraising campaign - You may donate here

<http://m-lp.co/vopa2020>

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