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From the President's desk



Hello Friends,

We have just begun the second half of a year which has been so eventful till now. As a nation, we witnessed yet another milestone in the biggest democracy. This month connected the past with the future. BJS too has witnessed a handing over of a baton this year. Shri. Shantilalji-Muttha, Founder BJS officially declared me as the National President on the 31st March 2014 in a ceremony at Nagpur. One of the very first tasks as the National President

was to set out on a national tour to build connectivity with the field across all states as well as to connect the glorious past that Mutthaji has created for us with a more challenging future to fulfill the mission that he has set for us to serve the nation.

I have completed Phase I of the Parivartan Yatra – Nayi Peedhi, Nayi Soch, under which we have covered three states, namely Tamilnadu, Karnataka and Madhya Pradesh. In this month, I will start Phase II – the connecting phase of this Yatra comprising total 3 phases. All three phases will cover total 120 locations across 20 states, giving us an opportunity to connect to people as well as educational institutes through 225 meetings. In this second phase, Yatra will start with tour of Maharashtra from 22nd June to further cover Chhattisgarh, and Andhra Pradesh.

We decided to focus on "Connectivity" in this month of June to remind all of us to reflect upon the year that has gone by and to look afresh at the plans for next 6 months to come, to reflect upon the past and revise our approach for the future ahead, to connect with individuals, organizations, and newer geographic locations.

I am glad that the Yatra has given me the opportunity to revive our connectivity with the already existing network of BJS, community at large, and the huge number of educational institutions. I am extremely delighted at the overwhelming response that we have received from everyone across the three states of Phase I. It is quite fulfilling to know that we have established connectivity with the masses such that they have been able to relate to our thought process and are willing to be an active part of the cause that we have dedicated ourselves to.

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attempts to bring about social change. The dynamics of the current society have changed in the last one decade making numerous issues in the society more and more complex. At BJS we are constantly working to design pragmatic solutions to address these issues. However, the prior is not possible unless we establish connectivity with the youth and the masses to recognize the key areas that need to be worked on. In the next six months that we have before we end 2014, we want to utilize every opportunity to expand our horizon by reinforcing our connectivity with people who are already associated with BJS as well as with others.

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Educational Institutions -

the bridge between social organisations & beneficiaries

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For years, many small, medium and large social organisations have been passionately working on various social development areas. However, individual organizations trying to reach out on their own to make an all pervasive difference in these areas of social development has definite limitations looking at the scale of concern areas and volume of target beneficiaries.

We certainly need to look at newer platforms for outreach and it won't be wrong if we say that educational institutions are the most apt channel through which we can maximize the reach towards beneficiaries. One can reach a larger group of beneficiaries through educational institutions leveraging their ready infrastructure, facilities and human resources. Educational institutions on the other hand can go beyond their regular academic offerings to students and offer value added programs of social development to their existing student community as well as programmes relevant to wider community.

We have covered three states with Phase I of the Parivartan Yatra. With the educational meetings that we have conducted, we have been able to interact with managements of educational institutes across these states. With the positive response from the educational institutions and their willingness to be a part of the reaching out process, we have been able to tie up with at least 20 odd institutions for our two programs. These institutes have around 49 faculty members who are approved trainers of our Empowerment of Girls program and these institutes have been able to reach up to 1268 beneficiaries through them in just a couple of months. In the process, the institutes have gained a long term capability to implement this program for their new students in the coming years.

Educational institutions and organisations working in the social space thus can successfully join hands to play an impactful role for development.



SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

“We are hardwired to connect with others. That’s what gives purpose and meaning to our lives.”

Social development organisations in their various capacities are doing their best to provide sustainable solutions to help the society cope up with issues of immediate concern. Organisations put in a lot of effort in developing solutions to address these social concerns. While organisations are putting in their best to provide deliverables that will affect social change, one must not forget the significance of the connectivity aspect that one needs to establish at the grassroots level.

Because of economic policies of liberalization, privatization and globalization, the society that we live in has been undergoing a major change in its socio-cultural factors in the last two decades. The persistent and perpetual presence of digital mass media, internet, and mobile technology has drastically affected everybody’s lives. The individual aspirations are changing, family structures and patterns are changing and as a result profiles of progressive as well as orthodox communities are also changing.

Distinction between urban and rural mindsets is being equally influenced by mass-mono-culturization.

On this background, if one is passionately working to bring about change, it is absolutely imperative to go an extra mile to establish connectivity with the grassroots to understand what it is that the masses really need. Connectivity with the grassroots is all about establishing a rapport with different communities to get a deeper insight in their lives and issues.

Change is a combined effort that requires mutual effort of those who want to bring about change and those who will be affected by the change. Connectivity is that key which will accelerate this and that which helps you build and nurture a community for a better tomorrow. At BJS we try our level best to establish two-way dialogue through various forums and appeal all our readers to participate actively in building the knowledge-base for identifying real needs and conceptualizing required solutions. Let’s connect and contribute!

Young India: The Powerhouse of Change

One cannot deny that the future of the country lies with the youth. We all experienced the role played by young voters in changing the national scenario.

For the last three decades, Bharatiya Jain Sangathan has dedicated itself to the cause of creating a better tomorrow. BJS has made committed efforts at every level to facilitate nation building. We began with understanding the mindsets of the set of people that we are associated with and our efforts have borne fruit as we reflect at the connectivity that we share with the various groups that we interact with. Whether it is recognising and addressing the concerns of the masses or becoming familiar with the challenges faced by its dedicated set of office bearers and volunteers, BJS has always ensured that it is able to establish connectivity with everyone so as to work collectively towards achieving the objectives of BJS.

It is not going to happen overnight and BJS is relentlessly working step by step towards this goal.

Going a step further, we are looking forward to establish a strong connectivity with people at the grassroots level with the Parivartan Yatra. By associating and collaborating with institutions and individuals from across the states, we are positive about coming up with innovative solutions to resolve prevalent issues of national concern.

Within this scope of operation, our effort will be directed towards strengthening the already existent connectivity with all those associated with us and collaborating with as many youth as possible. Keeping in sync with the theme of the Parivartan Yatra, which is Nayi Peedhi, Nayi Soch, we are looking at pooling in young intellectual minds who will take BJS’ activities further and to a higher level with their novel approach towards prevailing concerns. BJS will have a committed focus in bringing in young volunteers together on BJS platform to facilitate the change for better tomorrow, their tomorrow.

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JUNE - EVENTS

1. Empowerment of Girls Workshop

MH-Kurundwad, Sangli 14th, 15th 16th June 2014

Contact-SagarPattkari 9890251008

Trainer - RatnakarMahajan

Rajasthan-Pali, 27th 28th 29th June 2014

Contact- Anil Chordia 09414120683

Trainer - Shri.Amar Gandhi

Madhya Pradesh- Khargone 26th 27th 28th June 2014

Contact- Devi Rukmini Mahavidyalaya 9685968584

Trainer Kusum Pandya

Madhya Pradesh- Ujjain 27th 28th 29th June 2014

Contact- Mrs. Sasha Jain 9425092016

Trainer - Mrs. Rajshree Choudhari

2. NEC Meeting, 13th and 14th June 24, 2014

Aamby Valley, Pune

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3. Tour by National President, BJS

Maharashtra- 22nd to 30th June 2014 (Educational & Community Meetings)

Chandrapur, Nagpur, Wardha, Yavatmal, Amravati, Akola, Hingoli, Jalna, Aurangabad, Dhule, Jalgaon, Nashik, Ahmednagar, Beed, Latur, Solapur, Sangali, Kolhapur, Ratnagiri, Satara, Baramati.

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