

**Bharatiya Jain Sanghatana will bring 300 children from farmer-suicide affected families from Marathwada for Educational Rehabilitation by 2nd December 2015 to Wagholi Educational Rehabilitation Center, Pune.**

Year by year the Marathwada drought problem is increasing. This results in increased number of farmer suicides in this region. Bharatiya Jain Sanghatana (BJS) is helping the children of agrarian suicide families by giving them free of cost education from standard 5-12. For this the first phase of a detailed survey was conducted and 104 children from the affected area (Beed, Latur, and Osmanabad districts) were brought to Wagholi Education Rehabilitation Center (WERC), Pune on 21st November 2015 for educational rehabilitation. Medical checkup was done for these children on 22 November 2015 to check their physical health. Children went for a one-day trip to visit different places of Pune on 25 November 2015. As 95% of these children had not seen Pune city before, Mr. Shantilal Muttha (founder BJS) organized a trip to various tourist attractions in Pune like Dagdusheth Halwai, Shaniwar Wada, Aga Khan Palace, Katraj Snake Park, and Saras Baug. At Dagdusheth Halwai temple, they prayed to Lord Ganesh for farmers' prosperity. (25th November - holiday for schools on the occasion of Guru Nanak Jayanti).

BJS is conducting a second phase of survey in the remaining districts of Marathwada. After finishing this survey more students will be brought to WERC on 2nd December 2015. A Department of Mental Health is opened for the children with Dr Kinjal Goyal as the Honorary Head of Department, to monitor the psychological health of these children.