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POONAWALLA  
FOUNDATION

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Villoo Poonawalla Foundation (VPF) takes forward the legacy of late Mrs. Villoo Poonawalla. It was founded by Dr. Cyrus Poonawalla in 2012, with an earnest passion to enhance the lives of communities around us. Now chaired by Mrs. Natasha Poonawalla (Executive Director of Serum Institute of India), VPF has showcased a cause above self to create a strong support system for the society in the form of schools, an ultra-modern multi-speciality hospital, a city-wide sanitation & waste collection project 'Clean City Initiative'.

At the Villoo Poonawalla Foundation (VPF) - The Cyrus Poonawalla Group's philanthropic arm is working to support communities with sustainable, impact-driven, actionable initiatives to affect large scale change on issues of global importance. We are an ever-growing team of change makers, propelled by local partners, collaborating with industry peers, domestic and international organisations, versed with decades of experience and driven by the passion to do more. Healthcare, education, environment & sustainability, empowerment of women, and marginalised communities are the essential elements of our foundation. We strive for tangible impact in the spaces we work.

In essence, VPF firmly believes that when children are better educated, sustainability is practiced, healthcare is affordable, resources are accessible - economies grow, communities thrive, and people live healthier and better lives.

## Message from Chairperson - Villoo Poonawalla Foundation



Mrs. Natasha Adar Poonawalla

The pandemic has shown us the fragility of our surroundings, and most importantly life itself. As we sit isolated in our home, the responsibility to do something more is stronger than ever. And it is during times like these that I feel proud to be a part of Villoo Poonawalla Foundation, which is working to advance equality, reduce disparities, and support communities across the world. For close to a decade, VPF has collectively addressed the most pressing issues of global importance and funded innovative solutions to drive transformational change.

Today, in a matter of 11 years, we have been able to meaningfully extend our support in areas of education, healthcare, and sanitation through projects with partners like Sindhu Tai Sapkal who runs orphanages for boys and girls in Manjari and Saswad, Muskaan with the Foundation for Child Protection, Saheli for sex workers in Budhwar Peth.

I take the position of being at the helm of an organisation that is founded in memory of Villoo Poonawalla's ideals and philosophies with a huge amount of humility and responsibility. This journey has been a memorable one, indeed. With Dr. Cyrus Poonawalla as our beacon of light, we have been able to bring alive her dream.

I am confident that together we will be able to exchange learnings and collaborate as we continue to fulfil our dream of helping people.

Yours truly,  
Natasha

## Enhancing Lives Around Us

*A healthier, cleaner and safer future  
Empowering Marginalised Communities*

"Enhancing Lives Around Us" is a program run by the Villoo Poonawalla Foundation (VPF). The foundation's mission is to improve the quality of life for people in India and around the world by providing support for a range of initiatives, including education, healthcare, and community development. Through the "Enhancing Lives Around Us" program, VPF aims to make a positive impact on people's lives by supporting programs and initiatives that address critical needs, such as access to education, healthcare, and clean water.

VPF works closely with local partners to identify areas of need and to design and implement programs that can make a real difference in people's lives. The foundation provides funding, technical expertise, and other resources to help its partners succeed.

VPF's "Enhancing Lives Around Us" program is an important part of the foundation's overall mission to create a better world by investing in people, communities, and causes that are in need of support. Through its work, VPF seeks to empower people, build communities, and create a more equitable and just world for all.



Education



Clean Drinking Water



Skills Development



Environment Sustainability



## Soli A. Poonawalla Memorial High School

The 'New Modern Education Society' was established in the year 1971 with a view to providing the pre-primary, primary and secondary schools, libraries and other educational facilities to the rural population.

The Society started an Un-Aided English Medium Primary School by the name 'Ujjwal English School' in the year 1972.

The school functioned for nearly a decade with the above name, then in the year 1981, Mr. Poonawalla donated the land for the school building. Hence, the present name of the school is SOLI A. POONAWALLA MEMORIAL SCHOOL.



## Dr. Cyrus Poonawalla International School (KOLHAPUR)

We are passionately committed to inspire and enable children to become lifelong learners, firmly rooted in Indian values... yet to be Global citizens. The school promises a good education and bright future to your child. "Life is not a set of instructions, but series of experiences that every individual gains".

To provide holistic and integral development to students enabling them to grow as a person of character, competence, conscience, compassion and commitment, who will take their rightful place in the society contributing to build a new and better India.



# Education

## Dr. Cyrus Poonawalla High School and Junior College (CAMP)

Dr. Cyrus Poonawalla High School and Junior College, we impart education that is based on conscience and we rear a breed of young minds that are bustling with self confidence, motivation and ever ready to take up challenges. In order to promote an internationally acceptable education, our key focus has been on faculty development by providing continuous teachers training.



## Dr. Cyrus Poonawalla English Medium High School And Junior College (CBSE) Rasta Peth

Education is not about the amount of information that is put into a child's brain. It is the system that cater the individual needs. We at Dr. Cyrus S Poonawalla English Medium High School and Junior College, CBSE strive to provide education that explores, challenges, and grooms every aspect of the child's personality by emanating and sprinkling an atmosphere where each child receives love, dignity and acceptance.

We are firmly determined to provide seamless learning targeted towards excellent academic performance through blending the modern teaching methods such as virtual labs smart classrooms and traditional approach which is conducive, explorative, challenging and grooms every aspect of the child's personality.

Our school is focused to achieve our aim by providing an exemplary infrastructure with a



plethora of extra - curricular activities such as yoga, gymnastics, taekwondo, skating, music, dance, tabla, djembe, abacus, vedic maths, fundamental sports, health education, vocational training, robotics & value education & learning clubs to work upon a child's physical, mental, social, emotional and artistic faculties moulding the character, morals, value system,

21st Century skills and spiritual training of our children.

The school believes in providing top quality education coupled with holistic growth of a child and aims to create a successful global citizen through exploration, experimentation and optimum exposure to innovate and think critically and lead the learning process.



# Education

## Dr. Cyrus Poonawalla English Medium High School And Junior College (SSC) Rasta Peth



Camp Education Society's Dr. Cyrus Poonawalla English Medium High School and Junior College falls under the SSC. The school offers indoor and outdoor sports facilities such as carrom, chess, table tennis, Taekwondo, skating, gymnastics and yoga. They're also equipped with labs to support computers, physics, chemistry, biology, math and SST, a library, language labs for English and German, as well as music and dance rooms along with tabla and djembe classes. Abacus and Vedic math are also a part of the curriculum.



## Villoo Poonawalla English Medium School (Camp)

Excellence, uniqueness and creativity form the bedrock of learning and teaching experiences at Villoo Poonawalla English Medium School. VPEMS is a place where students are shaped into caring, courageous, committed and capable citizens of the world.



## Villoo Poonawalla High School and Junior College (Nigdi)



Villoo Poonawalla High School and Junior College, We help students not only in academic achievements but we also guide them for personal and social development. School counselling interventions have a substantial impact on student's educational and personal growth and outlook.

School counsellor encourages students to share their emotions and experiences, being the first source of help. We built the rapport among the students-teachers and parents for the better and successful life of our students through orientation and meetings.



## Dr. Cyrus Poonawalla Industrial Training Institute (ITI, Nigdi)

Industrial Training Institute offers courses in Plumbing, Electrician, Draftsmanship and Welding. Well equipped labs, workshops along with qualified and experienced teachers. The Institute offers very conducive environment to learn and practice.



# Education



## Dr. Cyrus Poonawalla English Medium School (Nigdi)

Dr Cyrus Poonawalla English Medium High School and Junior College, learning is a process of constantly updating in an ever-changing world. Children develop rapidly during this time; physically, emotionally and socially.

We always have a deep sense of exhilaration and delectation when we witness the progress path of our young achievers. Our motto "creating intelligence" creating lifelong learners is our guiding force and we remain committed to our endeavour.

Imagination is more important than knowledge, for while knowledge defines all that we currently know and understand, imagination points to all we might yet discover and create.



## Dr. Cyrus Poonawalla Skill Development Centre (Camp)

Dr. Cyrus Poonawalla Skill Development Centre, our priority is student's intellectual & overall development & aim at grooming & nurturing students who work hard to build an independent and bright future for themselves and their families. The Centre offers courses such as grooming, bakery, cookery, confectionery, computers, graphic design, hotel management, foreign languages, personality development, interior design, tailoring, mobile repairs, fashion design and CCTV installation. VPF's support for this initiative is part of the foundation's broader mission to promote education and support communities in need. By investing in initiatives like this, VPF seeks to help create a better future for people and improve their opportunities for success and thus be self sustainable.



## Dr. Cyrus Poonawalla Primary and Secondary School (Karad)



The Jankalyan Pratishthan Trust is a non-profit organization in Karad, that works to provide education and healthcare services to the local community. One of the initiatives of the trust is the establishment of a new school in Karad, aimed at providing quality education to children in the area. The Viloo Poonawalla Foundation (VPF) has supported the Jankalyan Pratishthan Trust's initiative by providing financial and other resources to help establish and run the new school. VPF's support has helped to ensure that the school is equipped with the necessary infrastructure, resources, and faculty to provide quality education to its students. VPF's contribution to the Jankalyan Pratishthan Trust's new school reflects the foundation's commitment to promoting education and supporting communities in need. Through its support for initiatives like this, VPF seeks to help create a better future for children in India by providing them with the education and opportunities they need to succeed.

## Dr. Cyrus Poonawalla School for Hearing Impaired (Indian Red Cross Society), Pune

Dr. Cyrus Poonawalla School for the Hearing Impaired is a school for children with hearing disabilities, run by the Indian Red Cross Society. The school provides education and support to children with hearing impairments, helping them to overcome their challenges and develop their skills and knowledge. Founded in 1976, Indian Red Cross Society's School for the Deaf, is a unique project of the Branch of the Indian Red Cross Society. The school is recognised as one of the top schools for the deaf in Pune. The school offers therapeutic intervention along with academic activities. The Viloo Poonawalla Foundation (VPF) has supported the Dr. Cyrus Poonawalla School for the Hearing Impaired through financial contributions and other forms of support. VPF's contribution has helped the school to improve its facilities, resources, and programs, providing students with a better learning environment. Viloo Poonawalla Foundation is happy to be a part of this autonomous body that relies on donations given by members and patrons in Pune to help them build their infrastructure and set up facilities to serve these children well.



# Education



## Dr. Cyrus Poonwalla High School & Junior College (Round Table India, Naigaon Village, Purandar Taluka)

Shree Siddheshwar Vidyalaya is a secondary school located in Naigaon Village, Purandar Taluka, Maharashtra. The school is dedicated to providing quality education to students from the local community, helping them to develop the skills and knowledge they need to succeed in life. The Viloo Poonawalla Foundation (VPF) has supported Shree Siddheshwar Vidyalaya by providing financial support for the school's facilities, resources, and programs. VPF's contribution has helped the school to improve its infrastructure, technology, and equipment, providing students with a better learning environment. The school falls under co-ed and has facilities to teach 5th to 10th graders. Through its work with the school, VPF seeks to promote access to quality education and help 450+ students achieve their full potential. By supporting Shree Siddheshwar Vidyalaya, VPF is helping to create a better future for the students and the community they serve.



## Sant Yadavbaba High School, Shindawane

Supplementary education in the form of two day life changing workshops to benefit the lives of one lakh poor students by inspiring, igniting, motivating and empowering them to think, act and achieve bigger successes in life was the aim of this program. 1,250 workshops over a span of 16.5 years have been designed to achieve the objective of changing the lives of one lakh students. With the philanthropic support from VPF, this program will truly add magic to the lives of these underprivileged lot of children.



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## Dr. Cyrus Poonawalla English Medium School (Uruli Kanchan)



## Vidya Pratishthan's Dr. Cyrus Poonawalla School (BARAMATI)



## Utkal Gaurav Foundation (Education with Values)

The Utkal Gaurav Foundation is a non-profit organisation based in the state of Odisha, India, that works to promote and preserve the rich cultural heritage of the region. The foundation organises various cultural events, exhibitions, and programs to showcase the rich history, traditions, and art of Odisha.

The Viloo Poonawalla



Foundation (VPF) is associated with the Utkal Gaurav Foundation through its support of the foundation's programs and initiatives. VPF provides financial assistance and resources to help the Utkal Gaurav Foundation in its mission to promote and preserve the rich cultural heritage of Odisha.



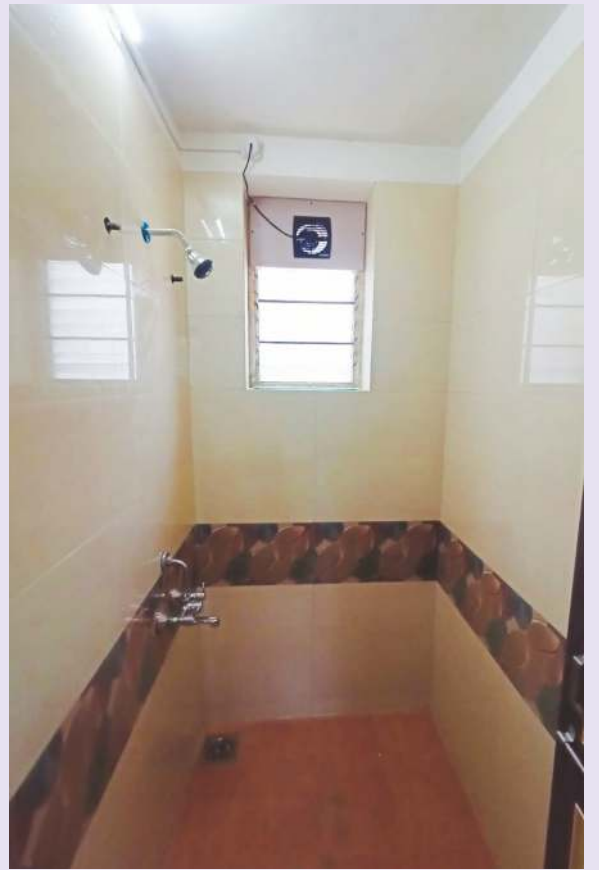
## SNDT Women's University, Pune

Shreemati Nathibai Damodar Thackersey (SNDT) Women's University is the first Women's University in India as well as in South-East Asia. SNDT Women's University is a women's university located in Pune, India. It is committed to providing quality education and empowering women.

The Villoo Poonawalla Foundation (VPF) has supported SNDT Women's University in its mission to provide quality education and healthy surroundings.

With commitment to enhance lives through a primary focus on education as one of the many factors, VPF has funded the renovation project of the two hostel buildings for girls of this century old University as well as the 1.5acre park that is a part of the campus. Both of these hostels post renovation will be named as Villoo Poonawalla Girls Hostel.





## Sanmati Bal Niketan, Boys Orphanage, Manjri

'Maai' as she is fondly called by children and all those privileged to know her, has been conferred the prestigious Padma Shri Award for her humanitarian work. Sindhutai Sapkal founded both, Sanmati Bal Niketan and Mamta Bal Niketan, orphanages for boys and girls respectively and at Villoo Poonawalla Foundation we aim to help these orphanages renovate with improved infrastructure consisting of restrooms, a library, a shower, and a computer room as well as provide the children with new study material, furniture, books, computers, ration, clothes and medicines, etc.



"Chhote chhote sankatse matt daro, bas chalte raho, sankatse dosti karna seekh lo."

*Sindhutai Sapkal*





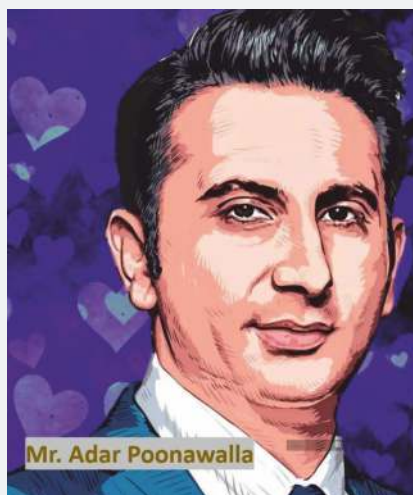
**Mamta Bal Sadan,  
Girls Orphanage,  
Saswad**



# Empowering Transgender Communities

## NATIONAL TRANSGENDERS CONCLAVE 2023 (Inclusiveness, Dignity and Rights)

Special National Event-the first ever conclave to engender inclusivity of transgenders and inclusiveness in our national mainstream. This was to deliberate and celebrate the community's immense potential, possibilities and talents which will contribute to our national cause.



## THE guardian Of the underprivileged

A million thank you(s) would be less to Express our gratitude for what you have done for us Sir.



## Vir Tarapore Amrut Minar (Commemorating 75 years of India's Independence)

Amrut Minar is a landmark Tower being built in Pune in honor of Lt Col Vir Tarapore who died a Hero's death on 16th September, 1965. The valor and bravery displayed by him was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Indian Army, for which he was posthumously awarded the Param Vir Chakra.

VPF support to build the tower will help to preserve and protect this important landmark, ensuring that future generations can enjoy its beauty and significance. Through its support for the Amrut Minar and other cultural initiatives, VPF seeks to promote a greater appreciation for India's rich history and cultural traditions.





## GST Building Garden

Gardens are a natural environment that can help stabilise soil and filter water. Gardens reduce landfill size, absorb carbon and release oxygen, and keep soil erosion in its place.



## Indian Deaf Cricket Association

The Indian Deaf Cricket Association (IDCA) is a non-profit organisation that promotes and organises cricket for deaf people in India. The IDCA aims to provide opportunities for deaf cricketers to participate in the sport at a national and international level, and to help develop the sport for the deaf community in India. The Villoo Poonawalla Foundation (VPF) supports the Indian Deaf Cricket Association (IDCA) by providing funding and resources to help the organisation promote and organise cricket for deaf people in India. The support from VPF allows IDCA to provide opportunities for deaf cricketers to participate in the sport, including training and equipment, as well as organising national and international tournaments. By working with IDCA, VPF aims to help create a more inclusive and accessible sporting environment for the deaf community in India.



## Saheli, HIV / Aids Karya Karta Sangh



Saheli — a community based Female Sex Workers Collective founded in 1998, based in Pune, Maharashtra, committed to resolving the issues and concerns of women in sex work with a rights-based approach. A community that was initially formed with 9 members, today stands strong with 1500 members and has successfully empowered over 1000 women. Committed leadership towards creating a conducive environment to eliminate all forms of stigma against people affected by HIV/AIDS, advocate for their inclusivity in society and a vision to empower female sex workers has led Saheli Sangh to be the only female sex workers collective active in 12 districts across Maharashtra.

The Villoo Poonawalla Foundation (VPF) has supported

Saheli in its efforts to empower women and promote gender equality. VPF has provided financial and technical support to help Saheli expand its reach and impact, and to develop and implement programs that address the needs of women in India. VPF helps create jobs for elderly former sex workers to promote economic and social empowerment, reduce vulnerability, and improve overall well-being. The children of these sex workers are offered education in Viloo Poonawalla High School and training at the Skill Centre.

VPF's support for Saheli is part of the foundation's broader commitment to improving the lives of people in India. Through its work with Saheli, VPF seeks to empower women and promote gender equality, creating a more equitable and just world for all.



## Foundation for Child Protection, Muskaan

Foundation for Child Protection-Muskaan is an NGO working to prevent Child Sexual Abuse (CSA) and help survivors since the year 2000. Muskaan is the only initiative in Pune whose entire focus is on the critical issue of CSA, addressing it with a multi-disciplinary approach, involving prevention, case work, counselling, police support, legal aid, healing Services and community intervention. We focus not only on children, but on all involved stakeholders, viz., parents, relatives, teachers, police, lawyers and child protection agencies. We also work with children staying in Child Care Institutions (CCIs) in need of care and protection as



well as children in conflict with the law at Observation Homes to expedite the process of rehabilitation and restoration of their lost childhood. Free legal aid- Our In-house lawyer and the dedicated law firms provide free legal assistance to CSA survivors till the judgement is given. They also prepare survivors for court appearances and support public prosecutors to handle the cases. Currently they are assisting 97 cases of CSA survivors legally.



## British Asian Trust, India

The British Asian Trust was founded in 2007 by King Charles 111 and aims to address immediate challenges that threaten the future recovery of vulnerable communities across the country. Their programmes work to reduce poverty and disadvantage for communities in South Asia. At all times, our focus is on outcomes and impact. The Trust helps children stay in school and maximise their potential, and are working with local partners on a range of programmes throughout the country. This trust works to tackle the wide spread poverty and hardships faced by the people in South Asia. It has positively impacted the lives of 6.6 million disadvantaged people in India. They also support



thousands of marginalised women to build resilience against poverty. As a philanthropic organisation, VPF provided support to the Trust in the form of donations to help further its mission and initiatives in India.





## Dr Cyrus Poonawalla Deccan College Art Museum

carried out front line research in heritage studies based on extensive excavations and explorations.

Over the past 84 years, vast material evidence has been extracted by the Institute in the form of stone tools, burials, pottery, coins, flora and fauna remains and other artifacts. These are preserved in the repositories of the Institute.

Deccan College Post Graduate and Research Institute is the third oldest educational Institute of the country. The Archaeology Department of the Institute, founded by the great visionary Padma Bhushan Dr H D Sankalia. This department has produced a galaxy of archaeologists who

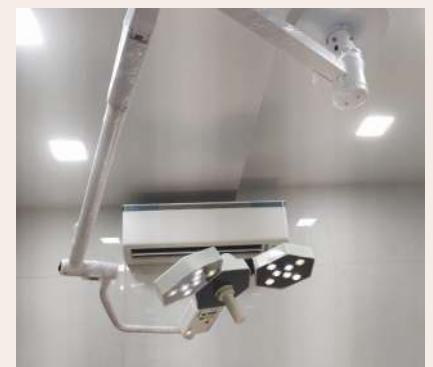
## Vasectomy Clinic

**Mumbai: Indian Medical Association**  
**Pune: Family Planning Association of India**



In India, there have been various efforts and campaigns to promote the use of vasectomy as a form of family planning, particularly as a means of reducing population growth and improving maternal

and child health outcomes. We believe that family planning isn't just the responsibility of women, men are equal contributors. The spread of awareness over the years amongst the men over the country has led to an increase in the number of males ready to undergo vasectomy and contribute towards birth control. The Vasectomy Clinic in Mumbai and Pune contribute towards this cause and help spread awareness about vasectomy and promote the same.



## Viloo Poonawalla Memorial Hospital, Hadapsar, Pune

Viloo Poonawalla Memorial Hospital, a tertiary care multi-specialty hospital located at Hadapsar, Pune is committed to providing ethical and affordable medical services of the highest standards.

Access to comprehensive, quality health care services is important for promoting and maintaining health, preventing and managing disease. The hospital has been constructed, equipped and commissioned by Welfare Medical foundation in association with and assistance from Serum Institute of India who have provided whole hearted financial and logistic support.





# Environment Sustainability Adar Poonawalla Clean City Initiative (APCCI)

The Adar Poonawalla Clean City Initiative (APCCI) founded in 2015, envisions a clean and green Pune. APCCI improves the city's environment with the help of a dedicated team of waste warriors and advanced machines. **Covering 455 km of roads**, these workers cover **roughly 60% of Pune city** each day and have cleaned **1044 chronic waste spots** in Pune.





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प्रधान मंत्री  
Prime Minister

**MESSAGE**

I am pleased to note about the continued contribution of Adar Poonawalla City Movement towards the cause of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan. Swachh Bharat is truly a mass movement. Jan Bhagidari makes it a unique initiative involving people from all walks of life.

I fondly remember my visit to Serum Institute of India in November, 2016. Steps towards timely and affordable vaccination of our children are always important for a healthy nation, and so is Swachhta. Your city movement will surely inspire others to take up the cause.

June has made a mark in the list of 'Smart City' initiative aimed at urban rejuvenation. We are committed to develop these cities by promoting healthy competition and creating an ecosystem of self-reliant and clean cities.

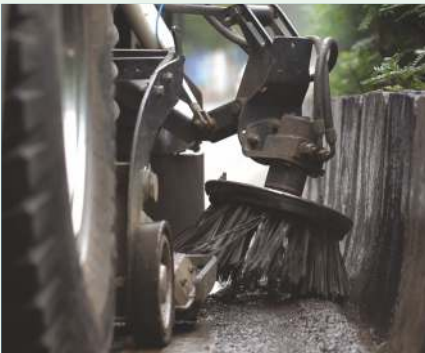
Our mission to dedicate a 'Clean India' to Mahatma Gandhi on his 150<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary can only be realised with these collective and sustained efforts.

Best wishes for your future endeavours.



(Narendra Modi)

New Delhi  
08 March, 2017

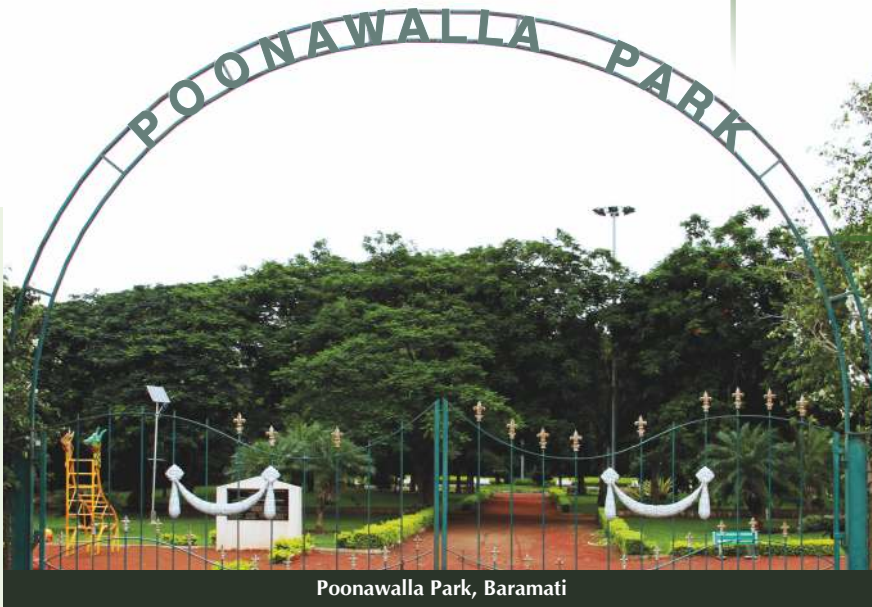


## Environment Sustainability Free Filter Potable Water Project

The APCC Water Project provides clean and safe drinking water to residents of villages, in Manjari, Fursungi, and Sadestra Nali, around Pune. Raw groundwater at the Manjari plant is treated and transported to be dispensed through dispensing units popularly called Water ATMs located in villages. These ATMs provide 10 liters of water per person each day using a smart RFID card. This sees more than 2000 families from the villages of Pune receive safe water.



## Environment Sustainability Green Spaces



Poonawalla Park, Baramati

Parks are a tangible reflection of the quality of life in a community. They provide identity for citizens and are a major factor in the perception of quality of life in a given community. Parks and recreation services are often cited as one of the most important factors in surveys of how livable communities are. Parks provide gathering places for families and social groups.

Gardens are dedicated to enhancing the quality of life of the community, with 1000 acres of space, with more than 500 trees, 2kms of jogging space, and 4 play areas for children



Mahatma Gandhi Udyan, Tasgaon



Gool Poonawalla Garden, Pune

## Gool Soli Poonawalla Building

**Supporting and Rehabilitation of Leprosy Patients**  
(Dr. Minoo Mehta Apangodhar Sahakari Auddyogik Utpadak Sanstha Maryadit)

Serum Institute of India has constructed a Leprosy Rehabilitation Center for accommodation and training of Leprosy cured handicapped persons enabling them to support themselves and live a dignified life, has now a factory where parts of Telco trucks are manufactured by those cured from leprosy. It has helped many of them see a new day. The road ahead for complete eradication of leprosy from India is not as easy as it looks, but a concentrated campaign and strategy will help it slowly inch towards that dream.





