



[From Editor's Desk](#) | [Latest Updates](#) | [Photo Gallery](#) | [Guest of Honor](#) | [Journey of Balodyan](#) | [Contact Us](#)



Balodyan is a residential hostel project governed by Vidyarthi Vikas Prabodhini for nomadic and orphaned children. This initiative was started in Jun 2009 and as on today total 16 children been enrolled. We have plans to expand the Balodyan for 100 children and separate hostel for Orphan Girls, rehabilitation Center for Orphan Women, Old age Home, and Technology based Knowledge and Learning Center for Educational and Social Activities.

Vidyarthi Vikas Prabodhini is a registered non-profit organization working for improvement in rural education system in Kolhapur district of Maharashtra, India since last 5 years. We are providing basic needs like computers, benches, library, laboratory and sports equipments, and audio-visual devices to implement the structured syllabus in rural schools.

We are also running the Educational Adoption Program for economically challenged students.

## From Editor's Desk

Dear Sponsors and well wishers,

Wish you a very happy and prosperous new year 2011. We are happy to share with you the Balodyan updates through this quarterly newsletter and we apologize the delay in publishing this edition of newsletter. Your feedback is extremely important for us to improve this initiative. If you have any suggestions/comments, please write us to [editor@balodyan.org](mailto:editor@balodyan.org) or visit our [facebook](#) page to leave your comments.

Your continuous support and contributions to Balodyan is inspiring.

With warm regards,

Balodyan Team

## Latest Updates

- Indian high commissioner to Maldives Mr. Dnyaneshwar Mulay, in his public Interview with Ms. Vinitaa Apte at event “Katta” in Pune, appreciates Balodyan’s efforts and also speaks about its way ahead.
- 2 Ekars of land donation was transferred from district administration to Balodyan for its future development.
- Infosys CMED-COX team contributes 5% of its team project party funds to Balodyan.
- Ms.Pradnya Pande and Ms. Geetanjali conducted the workshop for the students on Jan 2, 2011.
- Hon. Dnyaneshwar Mulay spent time with Kids and had lunch with them.
- Herwade family celebrated the birthday of their daughter (Priyanka) on 1st Jan 2011 with Balodyan Kids.

## Photo Gallery



## Guest Of Honor



**Mrs. Manjusha Ruikar, Director, Kinder Ranch.**

**Business owner in early childhood education based in Dallas, Texas.**

**Child Development Associate in USA and a Montessori certified CDA/PAC.**

**She has done B.sc. from Willingdon college, L.L.B. and B.C.J. from Pune University.**

I heard about 'Second Chance' in one of the newspapers in Atlanta. It was in the outskirts of Atlanta. Mary, the owner of the property is a dedicated animal rescuer and mother of all the animals who are injured, abused and deserted. Georgia is wooded state with so much hunting played as sports. Sometimes the animals just miss the death but still alive. Some are orphaned because their mothers get killed. Everyone has a distinct story but pain is same. Mary founded 'Second Chance', an animal rescue organization where she treats and offers them second home until cured. Sometimes the animals get perfectly adopted to their new home and they never leave her place. She has more than 100 animals with her including wild cats, python and so many in her 50 acre wooded property. She runs this place alone with her meager salary as waitress with a dozen of her volunteers. I was also one of them.

Everyone in life deserves second chance. Especially the future of our country -'Children'!

Someone rightly said 'Children are a nice way to start people'. The innocence, curiosity, sweetness, energy, laughter all these wonderful aspects of life we see in a child. But, how many children in our country get a second chance of living when they lose their first one?

A report of World Bank recently estimated that 451 million Indians live below the poverty line (less than US \$1.25 a day). That's a staggering number. It is very difficult for children in these families to have normal childhood. Often, in such families they suffer from poor nutrition, child abuse, parental death, domestic violence and such issues. Their childhood gets lost facing these challenges. As a child development associate here in the USA, I learned that a child's brain is developed 90% by the age of 5 yrs. From age 5 to 12 is the most critical period in their life where they learn life habits, trends and behavioral aspects. Later, their personality is developed till the age of 18 based on how they get treated in their teen age. In other words the treatment they get in their teenage becomes their mirror to look at themselves for their entire life. The entire personality is set at the age of 18 and you can't change it after that.

That tells how important the development of a human being in their early years is. If these neglected children are not tapped in their early years, then most of the times they get attention when they reach their adulthood and get caught in crimes. They become social nuisance and get a bad name.

Poverty, lack of emotional nurturing, low self-esteem, their daily struggle for livelihood lead them towards unending problems and they get a name of bad citizens and liked by none. Govt. pours down so much money when they get noticed by the police and authorities. But it is almost impossible to convert them back to 'good and responsible citizens' since it is difficult to change that person during adulthood.

When children have troubled childhood and teenage, their self-esteem gets crushed. Self-esteem is one's inner feelings of being recognized as good and worthy of other's attention. It is that overall feeling of being capable. Almost half of our population lives with low self-esteem.

They don't feel capable of others or for the country. So, even if we have population of over one billion, we have less numbers of good leaders and productive people.

This tells how important it is for us to give these young and innocent lives a helping hand. Balodyan is giving these kids a Second Chance to lead their lives in a fruitful way where good citizens will emerge. Such kind of projects should take place in each and every village. The caretakers and everyday working devoted people are jewels of such projects.

Each and every one of us must support them in one way or other in their efforts.

**Manjusha Ruikar (kinderranch@gmail.com)**



## Journey of Balodyan



## Contact Us

Balodyan,  
Village Lat, Kolhapur District,  
Maharashtra - 416160  
Mobile - +91 -9881201232/9766038899  
Email - [editor@balodyan.org](mailto:editor@balodyan.org)  
Web - [www.balodyan.org](http://www.balodyan.org)  
Reg.No.MH/25713/KOP

For your feedback, suggestions and contributions please send mail to [feedback@balodyan.org](mailto:feedback@balodyan.org) or visit our facebook page.

**facebook**

To change mailing address or to subscribe/unsubscribe newsletter please send mail to [editor@balodyan.org](mailto:editor@balodyan.org)

Copyright©2010 Balodyan, All rights reserved.