

Monthly Newsletter

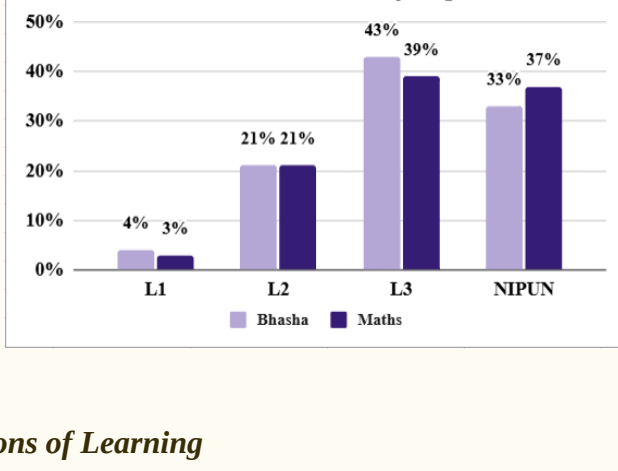
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Rising Student Performance In Academics

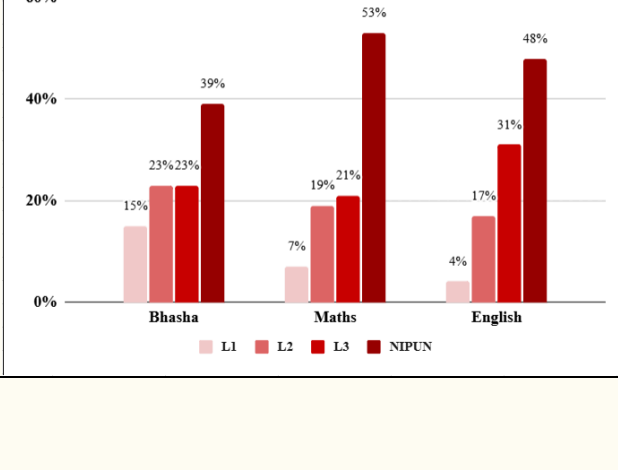
Steady Improvement in FLN Outcomes: Rajnandgaon Reports Progress in NIPUN Levels

- OLF conducted FLN midline tests for Classes 1 to 5, assessing over 39,201 students in Bhasha and Maths.
- Students have shown remarkable progress, with 33% NIPUN students in Bhasha and 37% NIPUN students in Maths.
- More than 40% of the students successfully demonstrated Level 3 learning outcomes across tested competencies.



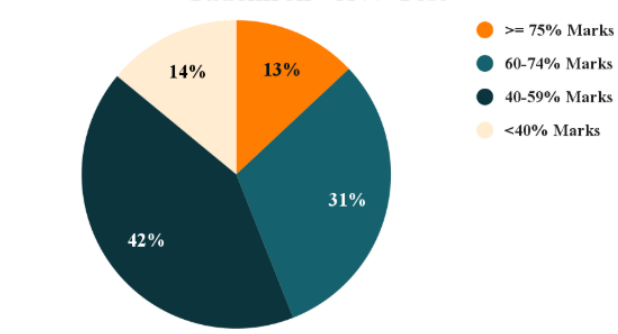
Promising Start: Raigad Strengthens the Foundations of Learning

- In Raigad, a baseline FLN assessment was conducted for 4,177 students across classes 1-8.
- The results show that 39% students are NIPUN in Language, 53% students are NIPUN in Mathematics, and 48% students are NIPUN in English.
- These insights will allow teachers and administrators to further plan and provide more tailored approach to improving students' foundational skills.



Building Skills and Confidence as Gadchiroli Prepare for JNV

- In the recent JNV practice test for Class 5, 4,096 students were assessed.
- The results show that 13% of students scored above 75%, 31% scored between 60–74%, and 42% scored between 40–59%.
- These outcomes reflect the dedication of both teachers and students in preparing for competitive examinations.



In November, OLF conducted 11 academic programs: 9 tests across four districts of Chhattisgarh and another 2 tests across four districts of Maharashtra.

More Than Marks: Nurturing New Talents and Creativity

In November, schools expanded activities in poetry, Spoken English, Spelling Bee, and library reading—especially in districts where OLF recently launched the program.

Nurturing Young Talents In Wardha

- **Poetry Recitation:** Participation saw a remarkable rise, from just 17 schools last month to 96 schools in November.
- **Storytelling:** The number of schools conducting storytelling activities increased from 31 to 64, with strong student engagement.
- **Spelling Bee:** The program expanded significantly, growing from 52 participating schools to 121 this month.
- **Library Reading Sessions:** Participation increased significantly, from just 54 schools last month to 122 schools conducting dedicated reading sessions to promote regular reading habits among students.



Beed (MH) District's Progress

- **Poetry Recitation:** The number of schools conducting poetry activities increased sharply from just 10 schools last month to 53 schools this month.
- **Spoken English:** Spoken English activities grew from 18 schools in October to 30 schools, helping more students build confidence in communication.

New Avenues to Connect and Learn

Nanhe Sitare - An Opportunity to Express; A Lifetime of Learning



Pune, November 25, 2025

- Pune's district-level Nanhe Sitare event, organized by Zilla Parishad and Open Links Foundation, brought together 149 students and 110 teachers for competitions in Spoken English, Spelling Bee, Poetry Recitation, and Storytelling.
- Students competed in three categories (Classes 1–3, 4–5, and 6–8), with 11 winners recognized for outstanding performances.
- The program depicted the commitment of teachers of the district in nurturing new talents from their schools—empowering both the students and teachers.

Bal Sahitya Sammelan: Unveiling the Creative Voices of Young Storytellers

To build self-expression and writing confidence, Open Links Foundation, District Institute of Education and Training (DIET), and Zilla Parishad Pune launched "माझी गोष्ट, माझे पुस्तक" (My Story – My Book), giving Class 2–8 students the opportunity to write and illustrate their own stories and create books.

On 14th and 15th November, Zilla Parishad Pune hosted Bal Sahitya Sammelan, where OLF showcased students' handmade storybooks. Students interacted with renowned author **Ms. Madhuri Purandare**, and district officials—including DC Chandrakant Pulkundwar, CEO Gajanan Patil, and District Officer Jitendra Dudi—visited the exhibition and praised students for their creative work.



A Day of Learning and Fun at Persistent Systems

For Children's Day, OLF organized an exposure visit to the Persistent Systems Pune Office for 43 students, 3 teachers, 5 parents, and SMC members.

The Persistent team warmly engaged students with interactive activities, games, and a live storytelling session, while answering questions about careers in IT—opening new perspectives on future opportunities.



OLF Shines as an NCSI Conference Finalist

The National Conference on Social Innovation was held on November 17th in Pune, providing a platform to identify, support, and celebrate social innovators. From over 250 applications across six thematic areas, 21 organizations were selected to present their solutions.

We are proud to announce that the Open Links Foundation was among the finalists featured in the Rural Social Innovations category, showcasing our efforts on how data-driven insights and teacher support are transforming classrooms across 36 districts.



Our Impact in Numbers - People, Progress, and Programs

Reach: 36 districts | 61,669 schools | 198,914 teachers | 4.3 million students

Teacher Hours Saved (Nov): 10,850 Hrs

Administrator Hours Saved (Nov): 26,668 Hrs

Programs completed in academic year '25-'26

Academic - 24 MH | 66 CG | 4 MP

Life Skills - Poetry, Reading, Storytelling, Spelling Bee,

Morning Assembly, Kitchen Garden, Library Reading

Teacher Recognition - 2,829 Teachers Recognized

Stage Events - 11



Impact Story

Vinoba App: Delivering Reliable, Detail-Oriented Insights

– Chief Executive Officer, Gariaband

Our students are bright, and our government teachers are well-qualified. What's missing is belief. Many children, and even teachers, assume that government-school students cannot compete with private-school students. In remote and backward regions, exposure is low. Children have heard of IIT and NIT, but most do not know what these institutions represent or how to get there.

We plan to start by helping as many students as possible fill out JEE and NEET forms. Then we will place them in weekly tests and, eventually, a crash course to prepare them for the exam. With Team *Vinoba's* help, we are preparing middle-school students for JNV and NMMSE through regular coaching and tests. The biggest advantage of having *Vinoba* as a partner is the ability to collect detailed, reliable data from across the district — something that is often very difficult within traditional government systems.

"A new energy was flowing into the school—through the continuous support of **Open Links Foundation (OLF)**, in the form of the *Acharya Vinoba Bhave Teacher Assistant Program* and the *Vinoba App*, which have brought new strength to teaching and learning."

- Teachers, Yavatmal district

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