

# Deep Griha Society

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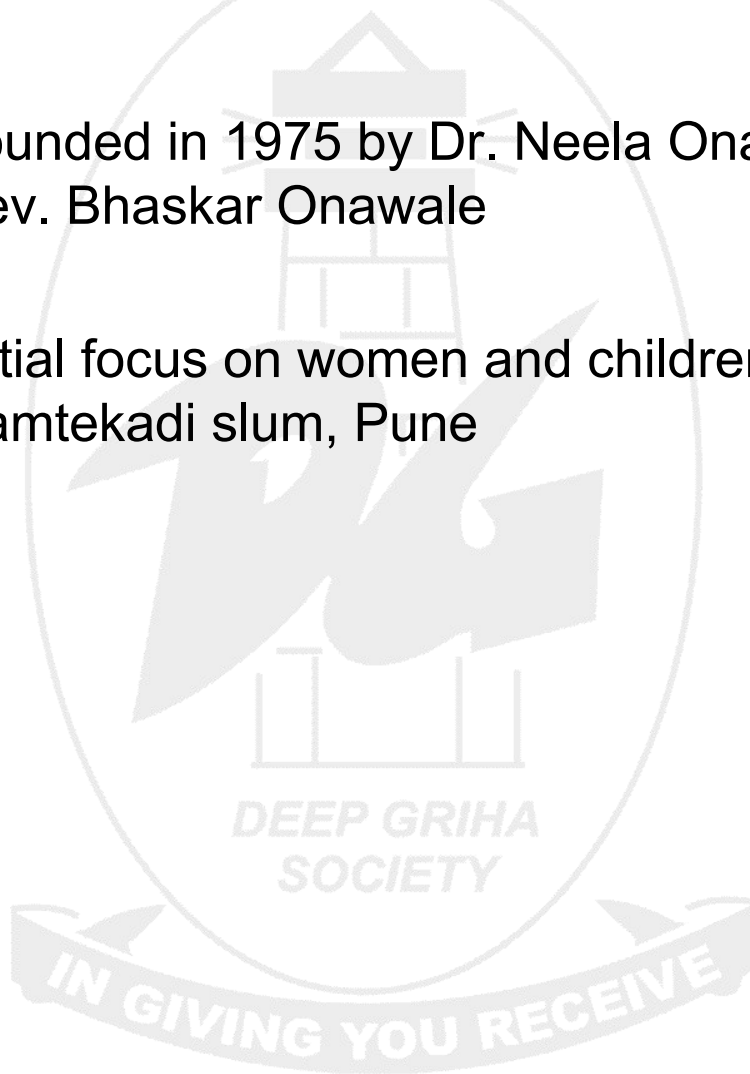


# Vision Statement

Empowerment of the marginalised through capacity building and sustainable rural and urban development programmes

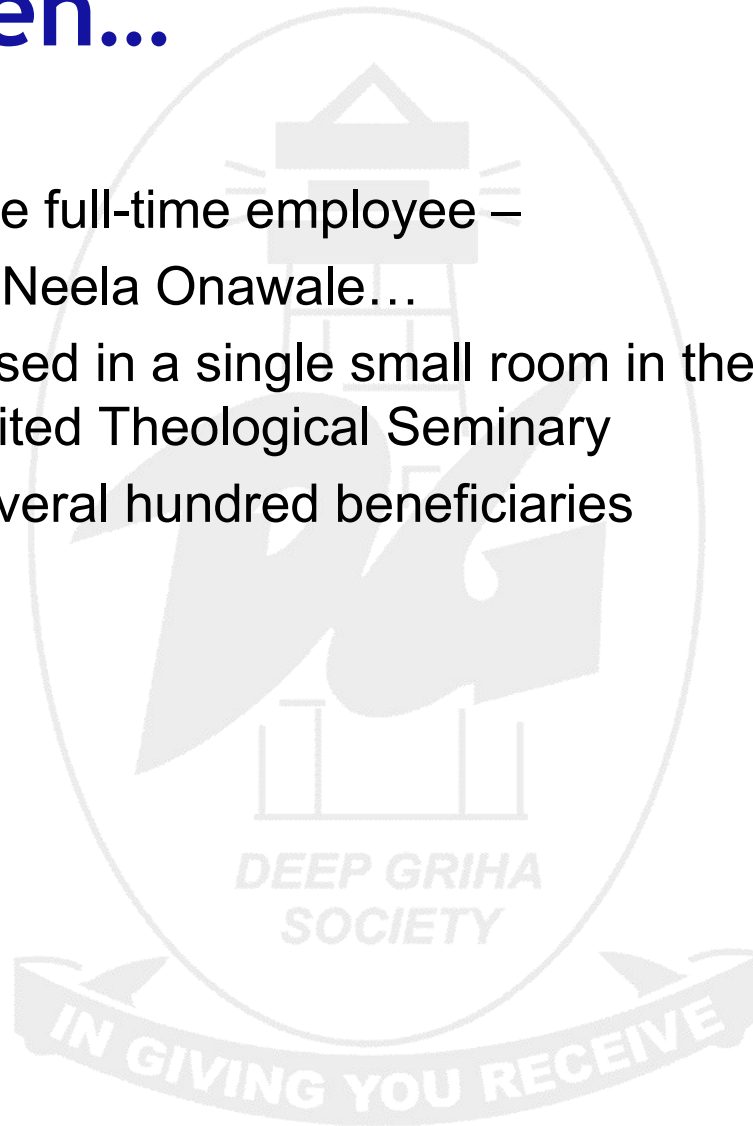
# Who are we?

- Founded in 1975 by Dr. Neela Onawale & Rev. Bhaskar Onawale
- Initial focus on women and children of Ramtekadi slum, Pune



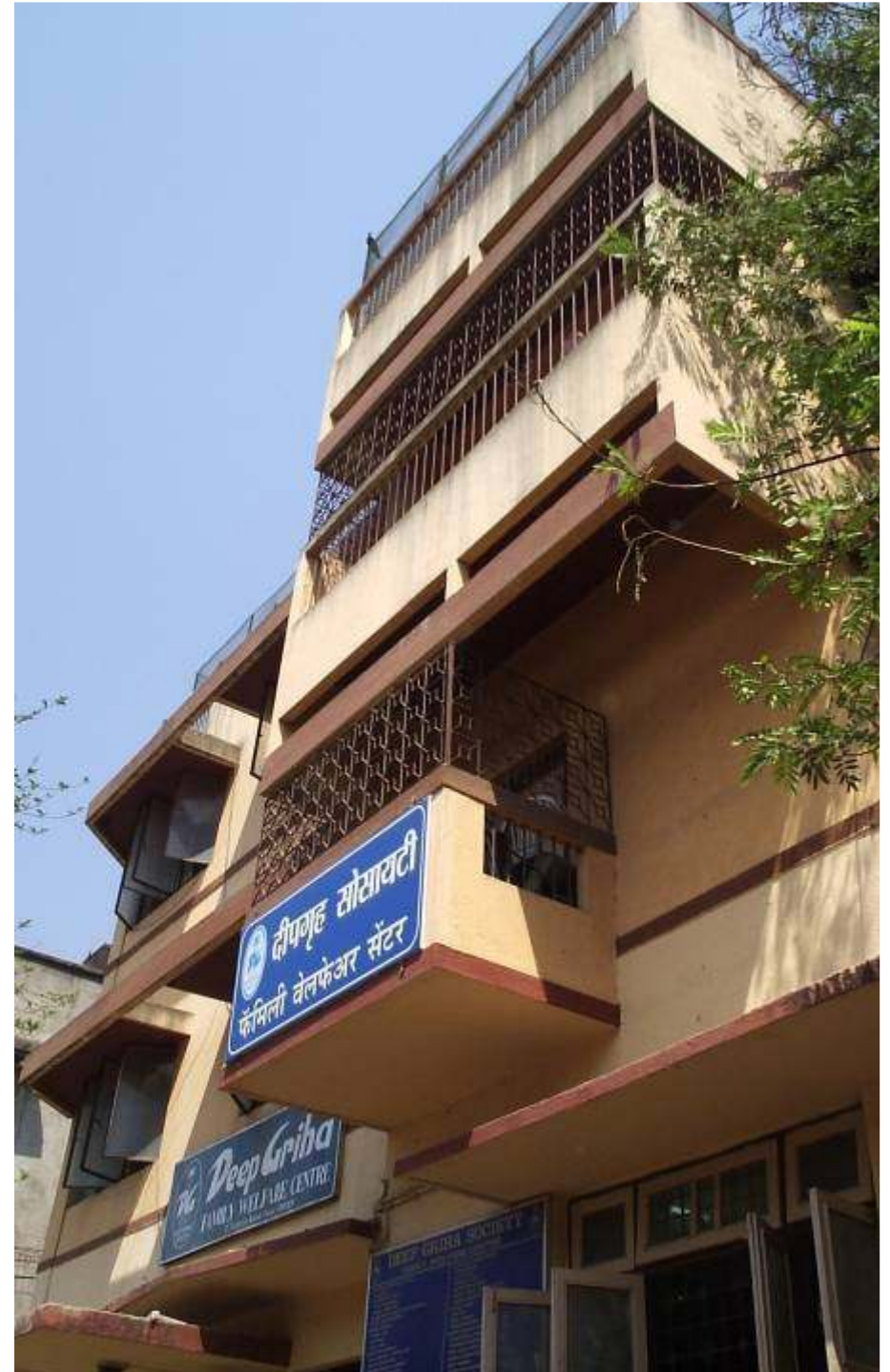
# Then...

- One full-time employee – Dr Neela Onawale...
- Based in a single small room in the United Theological Seminary
- Several hundred beneficiaries



# ...Now

- Over 100 employees
- Three urban centres  
**Tadiwala Road**  
**Ramtekadi**  
**Bibwewadi**
- City of Child, Kasurdi
- Vidyanagari, Choufula
- Rural Programmes



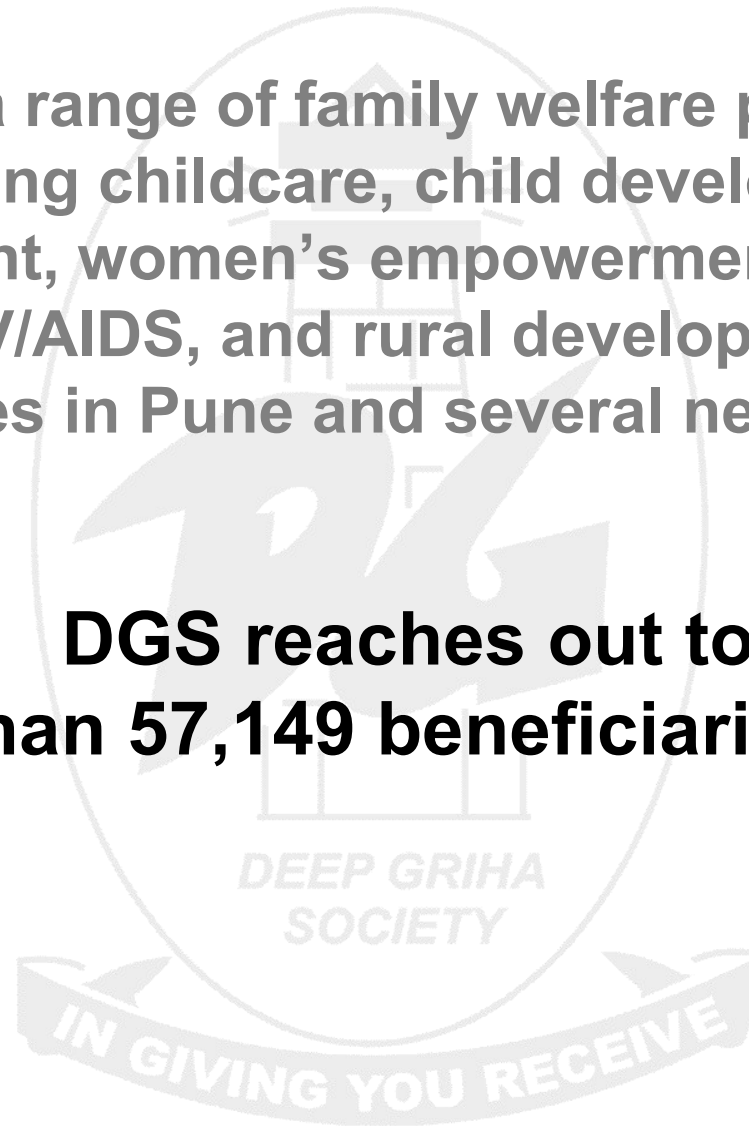


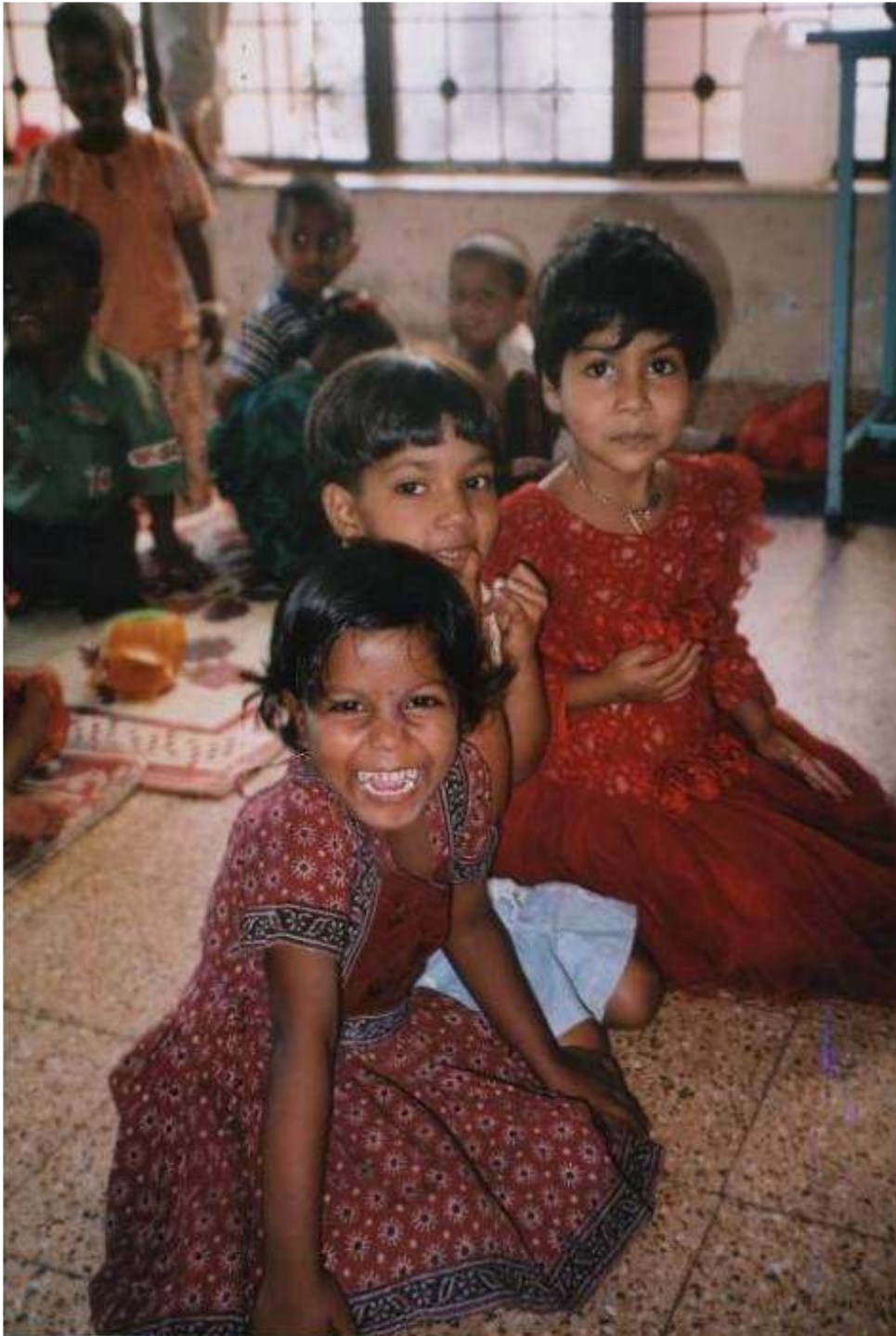
# Deep Griha Projects...



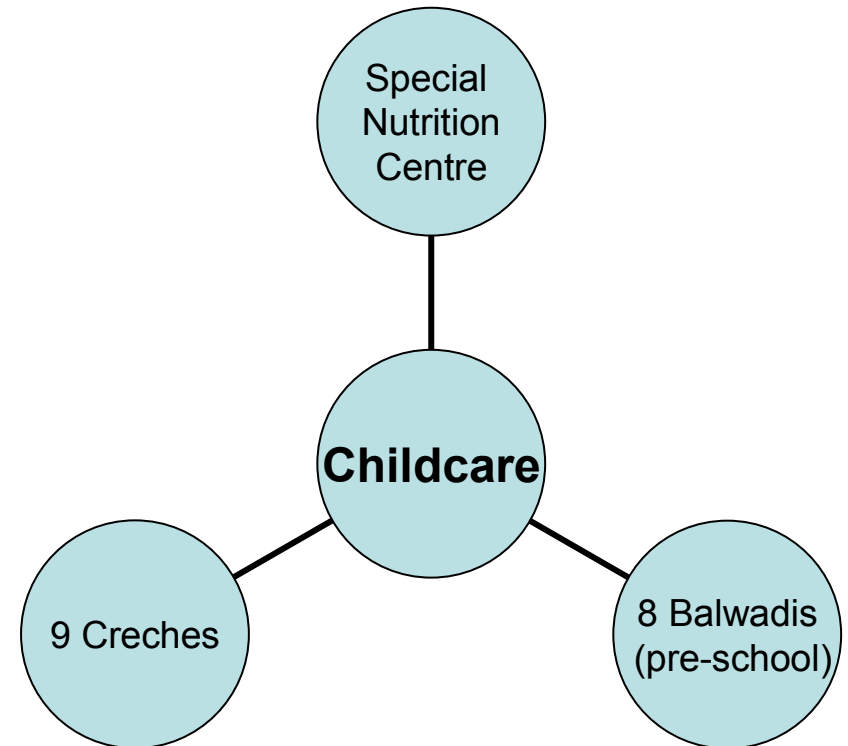
Through a range of family welfare programmes encompassing childcare, child development, youth empowerment, women's empowerment, medical and healthcare, HIV/AIDS, and rural development, DGS helps beneficiaries in Pune and several nearby villages.

**DGS reaches out to  
more than 57,149 beneficiaries a year**





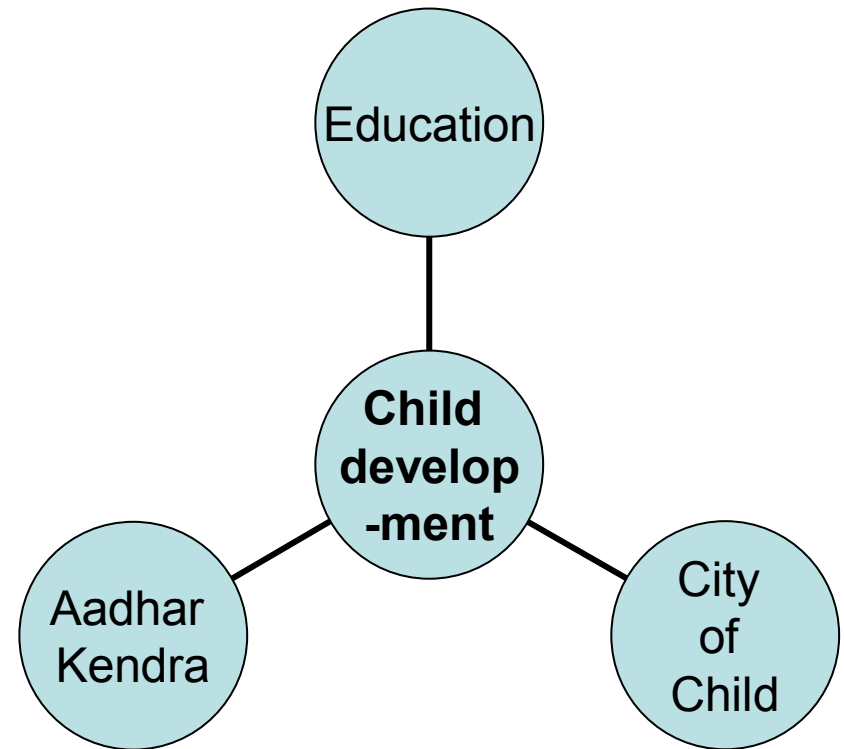
# Childcare



Over **815 children** are the direct beneficiaries of this programme



# Child development



Over **739 children** are the direct beneficiaries of this programme



# Youth Empowerment

## **Yuva Sphurti Kendra - IT School**

- Basic computer skills
- Spoken English
- Basic hospitality training

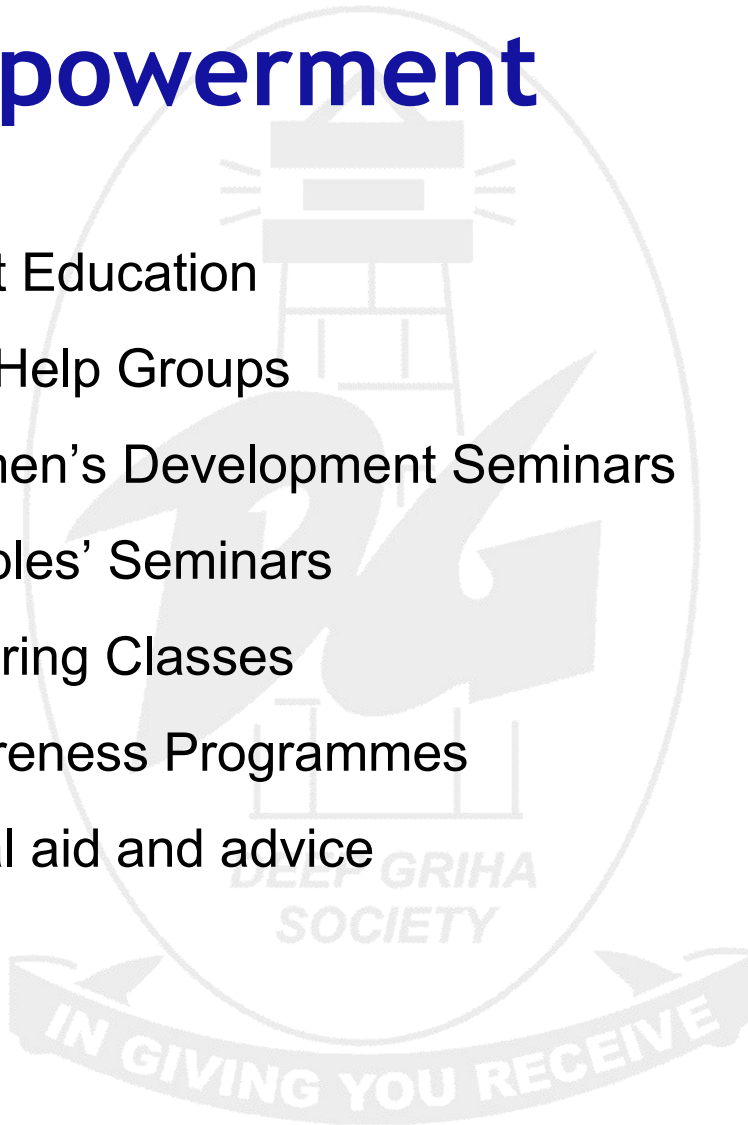
## **DIYA (Deep Griha's Youth Activity and Resource Centre)**

- Constructive recreational activities
- Counselling
- Skills Building and awareness  
workshops



# Women's Empowerment

- Adult Education
- Self Help Groups
- Women's Development Seminars
- Couples' Seminars
- Tailoring Classes
- Awareness Programmes
- Legal aid and advice



# Medical Programmes

- Urban Clinic
- Pathological Laboratory
- Eye Clinic (Tadiwala Road)
- Annual Eye Camps – with Vision Aid Overseas
- Rural Medical Services and health camps
- Nutrition Program to combat malnutrition
- Sure Start (maternal and newborn health)

Since mid-2007, Deep Griha Society has been partnering with Project Concern International (PCI) as the implementing agency in Pune for PATH's Sure Start project.

Sure Start is an initiative to support community action for improving maternal and newborn health (MNH) in India.





# DISHA

Deep Griha's Integrated  
Service for HIV/AIDS

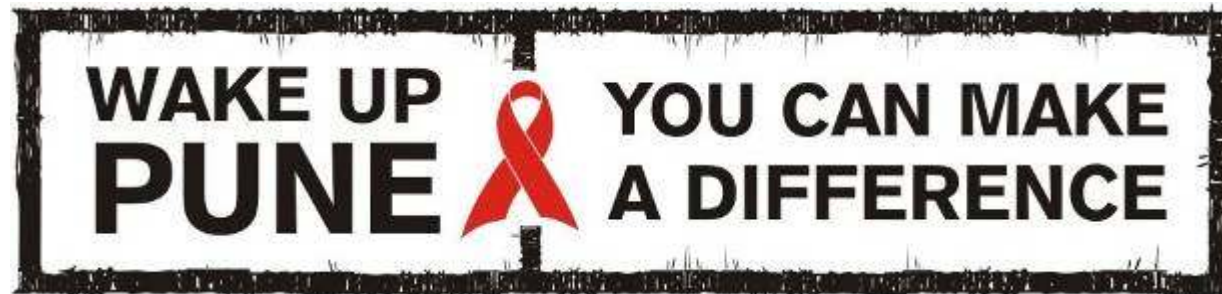
DISHA is an HIV prevention,  
treatment, care and support  
programme.

**197 PHIV** are registered on  
this programme

IN GIVING YOU RECEIVE

# DISHA

- Designed to meet the needs of people living with and affected by HIV and AIDS
- Prevention, Treatment, Care & Support Program
- Based at Tadiwala Road & Ramtekadi
- *Wake Up Pune* HIV campaign key partner

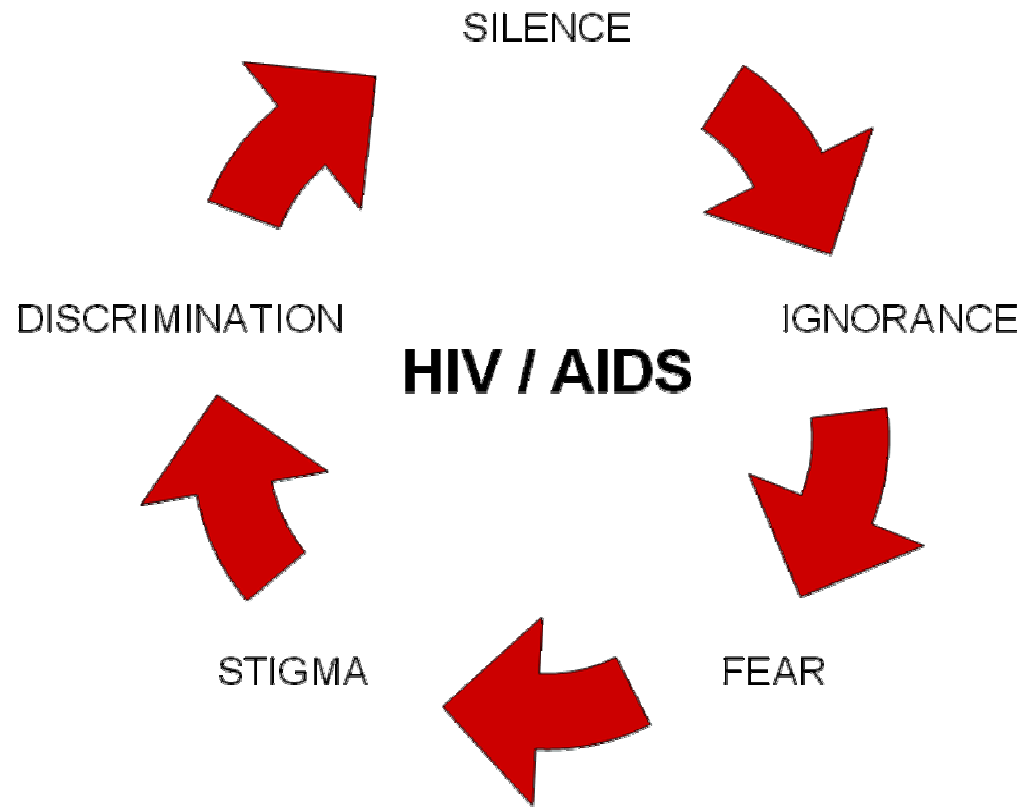




# Some of the DISHA activities

- Nutrition programme
- Drop-in centre with recreation facilities
- Counselling services
- Home based care and support
- Treatment of opportunistic infections
- Referral services
- Weekly outpatient clinics (courtesy of Dr Madhu Oswal)
- Shelter home at Vishrantwadi
- Income generation programme (helping clients to achieve financial security)
- Voluntary testing and counselling services
- 'Positive living' workshops
- Awareness programmes

For people living with an affected by HIV and AIDS, the stigma and discrimination surrounding HIV can be far more damaging than the effects of the virus itself.



**Deep Griha Society aims to tackle the SILENCE surrounding HIV.**



# Rural Development

- Special Medical Camps
- Women's Empowerment
- DISHA Mobile Awareness Vehicle (DMAV)
- Vidyanagari



# Vidyanagari - 'City of Knowledge'

Opportunities for the (traditionally marginalized) rural population

Appropriate, modern learning methods

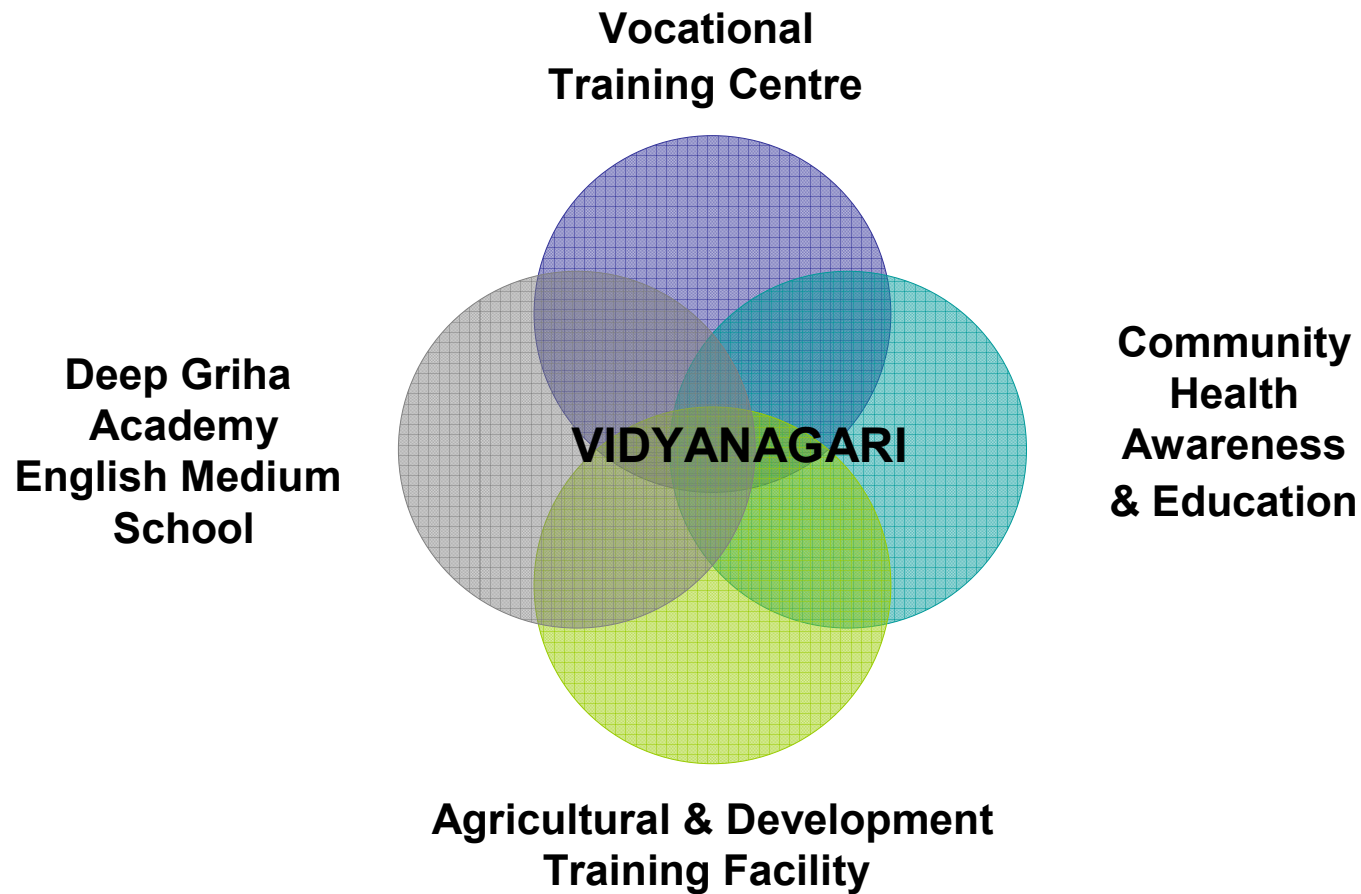
**'Access, progress and excellence  
in education in rural India.'**

Rural focus, meeting the needs  
of the local population

Top quality facilities, specialist staff



# About Vidyanagari





**In August 2006... 16 acre plot purchased in Choufula village, 55km outside of Pune.**

# About Deep Griha Academy



In September 2007, the pre-primary section of Deep Griha Academy was inaugurated.

This year we started the primary section with Std I

Currently we have 31 students.



# What makes the school different?

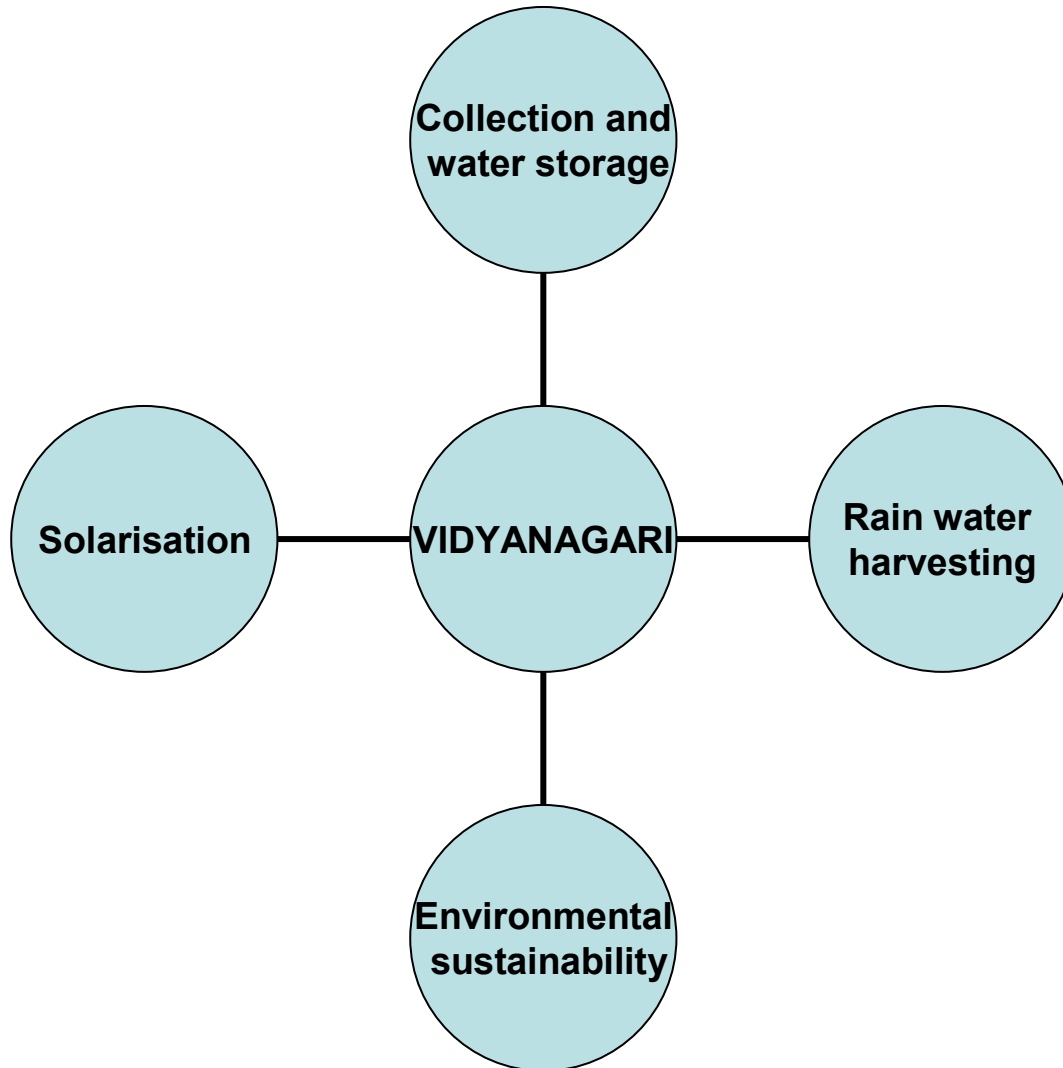
- Specially designed agri-based curriculum
- Project-based 'learning by doing' methodologies
- Child-centred teaching and learning
- Mathematical and scientific concepts are learned through play and exploration.



# Community outreach activities



# Other highlights...



The rain water harvesting aspect has been undertaken and the rest will follow in the years to come

# How will the Vidyanagari campus look in future?



# Benefits

- **Students will benefit from a quality English Medium education and training in skills, which will equip them well**
- **Parents will benefit in that they will no longer be forced to migrate into the city for this level of schooling for their children.**
- **They will also benefit from the knowledge that their children will also no longer be forced to move to the city after school in order to look for employment opportunities.**
- **The wider community will also benefit from the higher levels of education in the school, local people will also be preferred when recruiting academic and non-academic staff for the school.**
- **In the long term the community will benefit from the students leaving school with the skills, knowledge and education of an urban school but with the experience of adapting those to the rural experience. The school will be a celebration of the rural experience and as such it can only help alleviate some of the stigma associated with rural living.**

# Sustainability

- Vidyanagari will be self-sustaining.
- The site itself will be landscaped with native plants, trees and shrubs which will be utilised as a teaching resource in organic methods of agriculture; our power will be obtained from renewable sources as far as possible. Our 'learning by doing', locally rooted and agri-based education and training will mean that Vidyanagari will have its own biogas plants, water harvesting systems, drip irrigation systems, water recycling plants, vermiculture and composting pits.
- All of these systems will be built and maintained by students, giving hands-on experience to all in how to practically solve local challenges in an environmentally sustainable manner.

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