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MAHER ASHRAM

*A haven of hope, belonging, freedom, love and understanding
A home for battered, exploited, destitute women, men and children
A home where the society's vulnerable can rise to new life*

Maher (Mother's Home in Marathi) was founded by Sr Lucy Kurien in 1997 to provide care and shelter to destitute women, children and men, and to undertake various community development projects. The first Maher home was established in 1997 in Vadu Budruk near Pune. Since then, Maher has expanded its activities to various locations in Maharashtra, Kerala, Jharkhand, West Bengal, Karnataka, Bihar and Andhra Pradesh. Today Maher operates 73 homes across 7 states that provide an inclusive, loving, supportive home to 850 children, 289 men and 654 destitute women (numbers as of March 2026). In addition, our Teams work on 25 different outreach projects including 624 village self-help groups (SHGs). Over the years, Maher has provided shelter to over 50,000 women, men and children and impacted thousands through the various trainings and support offered to the self-help groups (SHGs).

Our Vision

No matter who we are we walk together towards wholeness.

Our Mission

- Create secure and loving homes for women, men, and children and enable them to find the power within and develop self-reliance.
- Provide women, men, and children with stability and unconditional love, thus raising kind and strong individuals.
- Assist members of impoverished villages in uplifting their communities and encouraging the use of sustainable agricultural practices.
- Embrace people of every religion, ethnicity, and social standing to bring love, compassion, and wellness.

Board of Trustees

Maher Board of Trustees are collectively responsible for the overall operations of the organization.

- Dr. Pradeep K. Sharma (President)
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Maher Annual Report

(1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026)

Sister Lucy Kurien

- Founder & Executive Director - Maher



I am pleased to present Maher's Annual Report for the year 2025–26. As Maher completes 29 years of dedicated service, I look back with gratitude on a year marked by meaningful achievements, new beginnings, and continued commitment to empowering women, children, and marginalized communities through compassion, education, and vocational training.

During the year, it was a great privilege to meet His Holiness the Dalai Lama, whose words of encouragement inspired us and strengthened our resolve to continue Maher's mission. I was also deeply honoured to receive the **Adarshmata Award**, which I humbly dedicate to the entire Maher family. In addition, I warmly welcome Dr. Pradeep Sharma as the newly elected President of Maher and wish him every success in leading the organization into the future.

Maher continued to promote self-reliance through 315 Self-Help Groups in Maharashtra and 215 in Jharkhand, while providing vocational training in tailoring, beauty parlour, chocolate and spice making, and Aari embroidery. We were delighted to see several girls from Maher begin a new chapter in their lives through marriage, and we celebrated remarkable educational achievements, including a 100% pass rate in the 10th-standard examinations and a 100% pass

rate among all 48 students who appeared for the 12th-standard board examinations, with one student securing 91%.

International Women's Day was celebrated across all Maher centres through rallies, awareness programmes, cultural events, and the felicitation of inspiring women and Self-Help Groups. Maher also organized numerous dental, eye, and general health camps, providing essential healthcare services to children, senior citizens, and staff members. The Interfaith Association for Service to Humanity and Nature (IASHN) celebrated its 8th anniversary, reaffirming our commitment to unity, peace, and harmony among all faiths.

This year also marked the inauguration of the Samadhan Men's Home in Karnataka. During the monsoon and winter seasons, Maher extended support to vulnerable communities by distributing tarpaulins and blankets. On World Environment Day, we conducted awareness campaigns promoting tree plantation, waste reduction, and water conservation, while also installing a solar power grid to strengthen our commitment to environmental sustainability. Our youth and summer camps continued to empower young people through leadership development, career guidance, yoga, meditation, and sports, including Taekwondo.

Maher's continued growth and positive impact have been possible only because of the unwavering support of our donors, well-wishers, volunteers, staff members, and friends. I express my heartfelt gratitude to each one of them for their trust, generosity, and dedication.

With sincere appreciation, I present this Annual Report highlighting Maher's work, achievements, and milestones over the past year. Together, we remain committed to building a more compassionate, inclusive, and empowered society.

Executive Summary

Cultural Program Kindergarten and Tuition Class

Maher hosted a vibrant Cultural Program filled with joy and laughter for all our kindergarten and tuition class students. The day was packed with cultural dances, fun games, delicious food, and thoughtful gifts for everyone. Watching the children showcase their talents and enthusiasm was truly heartwarming. A big thank



you to our staff, teachers, and supporters for making this event so special for the little ones. Together, we celebrate culture, learning, and happiness!

Empowering Young Leaders

Maher, in collaboration with Slum Soccer, organized an inspiring Shakti Girls Leadership Workshop filled with engaging games and activities. This workshop was dedicated to empowering girls, helping them build confidence, and encouraging them to become strong agents of change in their communities. By fostering leadership skills and self-belief, we're nurturing a generation ready to take charge and create a brighter future. A big thank you to everyone who contributed to this meaningful event! Together, we empower, inspire, and uplift.

Special Program for the Transgender Community



Maher organized a heartfelt and inspiring program for the transgender community at our Vadu Center. The event was filled with motivation, inspiration, cultural dances, and beautiful singing performances, making it a memorable and meaningful day for everyone present. We also shared gifts and food as a token of love and appreciation. Maher is

committed to spreading inclusivity, joy, and empowerment for all. Together, we celebrate diversity and humanity.

Celebrating Eight Years of Interfaith Service and Harmony

On February 1, 2025, the Interfaith Association for Service to Humanity and Nature (IASHN) joyfully celebrated its 8th anniversary at Maher Sanstha in Vadhu Budruk. The event brought together faith leaders from the Hindu, Muslim, Christian, Buddhist, Sikh, Jain, and Mahanubhava Panth traditions, along with hundreds of IASHN members, to honor this remarkable journey of unity and service.

Blood Donation Camp

On the special occasion of our beloved Founder, Sr. Lucy Kurien's 70th Birthday, Maher organized a Blood Donation Camp as a tribute to her lifelong mission of love and service to humanity.

Health - Dental check up

Dr. Carmen organized dental check ups at all of the Maher centers and provided instructions for all regarding how they can care for their dental health. All the children were also given deworming tablets and In Pernephata the doctor offered blood tests and counselling.

Eye Check-up camp

Maher remains deeply committed to the health and well-being of children and senior citizens through various healthcare and community initiatives. In collaboration with Budhrani Hospital and KK Hospital, an eye check-up camp was organized in Vadu, where children from the Vadu and Aпти centres underwent eye examinations,

while an additional 60 people were examined at Perne Phata. At the same time, Maher Kolkata proudly celebrated 29 years of dedicated service with a joyful gathering, cultural programme, and a Senior Citizen Eye Check-up Camp at Maher Shubh Aarambh Home. The programme commenced with the lighting of the lamp by the special guest Mr. Partho and his team from Apollo Clinic



Group, followed by prayer songs and vibrant cultural performances

by Maher members, who confidently showcased their talents through songs, dances, and self-expression. The free eye check-up camp for senior citizens was successfully conducted for 33 elderly participants, reflecting Maher's continued dedication to care, compassion, and community well-being.

A health check-up camp

A health check-up camp was successfully organized at Vadu by Dr. Amol Sir and the dedicated team from Shree Satya Sai Baba Samiti. During the camp, various essential health parameters of the children were examined, including blood pressure (B.P.), haemoglobin levels, height and weight as well as blood sugar also. Thank you staff your valuable contribution and support in successfully organizing this camp.

Medical Camp: On 30th January 2026 at Maher Neev, Reliance Foundation organised a Medical Camp for general check-ups of children and staff, such as blood pressure, height and weight, and sugar levels. They prepared medical cards for them and gave medicines such as calcium syrup, vit-C tablets, iron tonic, D-worm tablets and syrup for staff and children. All the children and staff were attended by a medical officer and their team. It was well an organised and successful camp.

Health Check-up Camp

Under the guidance of nurse Mrs. Rajeshwari, weight tests, health screenings and care for approximately 100 people were conducted for the men's home, Krishnapuram, Molakalapudi Sugar, BP.

A Legacy of Love and Commitment

Founded in 2017 by Sr. Lucy Kurien, Maher's founder and director, IASHN was established on the same date as Maher's founding, reinforcing its commitment to interfaith harmony and compassionate action. Those who take the IASHN pledge commitment to:

- Respecting all religions
- Observing a daily spiritual practice
- Performing at least one act of service each day
- Practicing wise stewardship of resources
- Caring for humanity and nature



MaHER Day (02.02.25)

The 28th Anniversary celebration of MaHER took place at Awalwadi, Pune where the children showcased their talents through vibrant dance performances. During the event, MaHER honored its dedicated staff members who have consistently demonstrated outstanding work with awards. Mr. Bapusaheb Pathare, MLA, delivered an inspiring speech about MaHER, praising the organization's incredible efforts in caring for children, men, and women in need. He described MaHER as a "holy place" that provides love and support to those who are vulnerable and marginalized. Mr. Pathare pledged his continued



support, assuring the audience that he would do his best to assist MaHER in its mission. He also highlighted the remarkable work of Sr. Lucy, emphasizing her dedication and commitment to the organization and the positive impact on many lives through her selfless work.

The event was a heartfelt celebration of MaHER's 28 years of service, with many people expressing their admiration for the organization's unwavering dedication to social welfare.

Incredible Milestone (21.02.25)

There's no greater joy than witnessing our children at MaHER give back with their first salaries, showing their heartfelt gratitude to the organization that nurtured and empowered them. We wish Girish all the best as he continues his professional journey. Your success fills us with pride and joy.

International Women's Day Celebrations

International Women's Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm and spirit across various Maher centres, including Vadu, Kendur, Vatsalyadham, and Shirur. The celebrations brought together women from different Self-Help Groups (SHGs) and surrounding communities, making the occasion meaningful, inspiring, and empowering.

The programs were graced by several distinguished women dignitaries such as Panchayat Samiti members, women Sarpanch (village leaders), bank managers, police officers, and other respected members of the community. Their presence added significance to the celebrations and served as motivation for all attendees.

Across all centres, women who have excelled in various fields were felicitated and appreciated for their dedication, perseverance, and achievements. Special recognition was given to inspiring women from SHGs (self help groups) and those associated with Maher for their valuable contributions to society.

At the Maher Kendur Centre, the celebration highlighted the achievements of tribal and rural women. Several Maher girls who have emerged as role models—serving as Police Patil (liaisons), social workers, police personnel, and nurses—were honored. Their journeys stood as powerful examples of how education, support, and determination can transform lives.

The event inspired many young girls and women to dream big and pursue a brighter future.

Similarly, the Maher Shirur Centre hosted a joyful celebration where courageous and inspiring women were registered and felicitated. The program also included fun games and activities, creating a vibrant and engaging atmosphere for all participants.



The program was attended by women dignitaries including a Panchayat Samiti (rural local government) member at Vadu, the woman Sarpanch of the Gram Panchayat, a bank manager, women who have made remarkable contributions in the police department, and other respected women from the community.

During the program, women who have achieved success in various fields were felicitated. Among them, women from self-help groups as well as Mini and Swati Patil from the 'Maher' organization were also honoured by everyone for their achievements.

All celebrations concluded with the distribution of gifts, refreshments, and meals, bringing the events to a warm and joyful close. The day truly celebrated the strength, courage, and achievements of women, while reinforcing the mission of empowerment and community support.

International Women's Day was celebrated with great joy and enthusiasm at Loni Maher, bringing together nearly 250 participants, including women residents, women from nearby villages, tailoring batch participants, and men residents from Samadhan Old Age Home. The celebration was deeply meaningful and appreciated by all who attended. While the occasion was filled with happiness and togetherness, everyone especially missed the loving presence of Sr. Lucy and Heera didi. A generous family from Chadchan lovingly sponsored a delicious lunch in memory of their late father's death anniversary. A special prayer service was held for the family and for the peaceful repose of the departed soul, adding a touching spiritual dimension to the celebration. We sincerely thank all the staff members and house mothers for their tireless efforts, dedication, and valuable contributions. Our heartfelt gratitude also goes to the benefactors whose kindness and support made the celebration truly memorable and successful.

MAHER Kolkata successfully organized a series of impactful Women's Day awareness and celebration programs across different locations during March 2026, with active participation from women, children, and community members. On 7 March 2026, an awareness and celebration program was conducted for nearly 150 women and

children at the Brick Field Area, Achipur Ghoshpara, Kolkata. The event began with a vibrant road rally promoting women's rights, safety, health, dignity, and self-care. The MAHER team conducted inspiring awareness sessions that encouraged women to recognize their strength and value in society. The celebration also included Holi festivities with eco-friendly colours, creating an atmosphere of joy, unity, and inclusion. MAHER extended its support by distributing snacks, lunch, clothes for women, sanitary napkins, and footwear for children, bringing smiles and hope to many families.

On 8 March 2026, International Women's Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm at Maher Shubh Arambh Home, Hatiyara, Kolkata. The program commenced with a Women's Rights and Safety Awareness Rally in which all residents actively participated, spreading powerful messages on respect for women and the urgent need to end violence against women. A healthcare awareness session followed, educating participants on important health and well-being issues. The celebration also featured vibrant cultural performances where women and children confidently showcased their talents. The event fostered a strong sense of joy, empowerment, and unity among everyone present.

On 8 March 2026, a special Women's Day program was organized for destitute women at Maher Mamta Niwas, Raxaul, Bihar. The event was graciously led by Hariya Police Station In-charge Mr. Kishan Kumar Paswan and Lions Club of Raxaul President Mr. Bimal Kumar Sharaf along with their team members. The celebration began with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp, symbolizing hope and empowerment, followed by a joyful cake-cutting ceremony. All the women were honoured with bouquets and gifts, making the occasion deeply special, dignified, and memorable.

On 14 March 2026, another inspiring International Women's Day celebration was organized at Dakhin Ashuti 2 Z.P. School, Kolkata, with around 150 participants including children, parents, and teachers. The program began with a rally highlighting women's rights, dignity, and safety. This was followed by a rich variety of cultural performances, including a prayer dance, a drama titled "Nari Shakti" (Women Power), recitations, and a lively women's game called

“Bombing the City.” Awareness sessions were conducted on women’s health, child nutrition, and joyful family living. Gifts for children, clothes for mothers, and snacks for all participants were distributed. Teachers and parents highly appreciated MAHER’s sincere efforts and expressed their desire for more such transformative programs in the future. All these successful programs were conducted by the MAHER Social Work Team under the dedicated guidance of Ms. Suprabha Alhat, Project Head – MAHER Kolkata. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Raju Dada, Tushar, Bandana Didi, Rani, and all the team members for their invaluable support and cooperation. Special thanks to Sr. Lucy Didi and Hiratai for their constant guidance, encouragement, and blessings.

International Women’s Day was also celebrated with immense joy and enthusiasm under the leadership of social worker Mrs. Rekhan Devi. Women from Ranichacho, Hutar, and Karkat villages gathered together to celebrate womanhood, unity, and empowerment. The event was filled with vibrant dances, exciting games such as musical chairs and ball passing, and moments of laughter and togetherness. Winners were awarded prizes, bringing happiness and encouragement to all participants. Every woman present also received a small gift from Maher as a token of love, respect, and appreciation. The celebration created a beautiful atmosphere of sisterhood, confidence, empowerment, and collective joy among all the women who attended.

International Women’s Day was celebrated with remarkable enthusiasm at the Maher Wardha Centre with the participation of nearly 400 women. The event featured inspiring dance and drama performances specially designed to motivate and empower women. These performances powerfully portrayed the strength, courage, dignity, and limitless potential of women in society. One of the most touching moments of the celebration was when many women came forward to express their heartfelt gratitude and admiration for beloved Didi – Sr. Lucy Kurien. They shared inspiring testimonies about how her guidance, compassion, and unwavering support transformed their lives and gave them renewed confidence and hope. The celebration was truly uplifting and empowering, leaving every woman inspired, valued, confident, and proud of her identity and strength.

More than 600 vibrant and courageous women from over ten villages gathered together to celebrate International Women's Day and honour the strength, resilience, and achievements of women. A major highlight of the celebration was the felicitation of 20 Self-Help Groups in recognition of their remarkable progress, leadership, and contribution toward women's empowerment and community development. The Lathi-Khati Prashikshan self-defence demonstration inspired confidence, courage, and awareness about women's safety and self-protection. Informative sessions on pre-natal and ante-natal healthcare were also conducted, equipping women with essential knowledge for healthier families and communities. The event was a grand success, filled with education, empowerment, inspiration, and celebration. It served as a powerful reminder of the immense strength and contribution of women in shaping society. We extend our heartfelt appreciation to all the incredible women who continue to inspire positive change and transformation in the world. Special gratitude to Sr. Lucy Kurien, Founder Director of Maher, for her visionary leadership, dynamic guidance, and lifelong dedication to empowering countless women with dignity, courage, and hope.

A large gathering of women came together to celebrate International Women's Day and reaffirm the values of women's rights, equality, dignity, and empowerment. The event featured inspiring speeches, vibrant cultural performances, meaningful street plays, and enjoyable activities that celebrated the achievements and contributions of women in every sphere of life. The program was attended with great enthusiasm and became a significant occasion for recognizing and honouring the invaluable role of women in building a compassionate and progressive society.

Celebrating Woman of Strength, Service and Inspiration

Outstanding women's self-help groups were felicitated for their remarkable efforts in uplifting their communities, demonstrating strength and resilience. Women excelling in business received badges of honor, recognizing their dedication and success. Women participated in fun-filled games, and gifts were distributed, spreading joy and appreciation for all. We shared a special moment of pride as our beloved Sr. Lucy Didi was honored by the Sarpanch (elected head)

of Shikrapur for her recognition as the 7th Most Inspiring Person in the World by CALL Magazine, Austria.

Fundraiser: Car Rally in South India

8th-21st Feb 2025 Chennai to Panjim Helen Hitchcock, brand ambassador for Maher in UK and patron for Safe in Sussex, UK had the idea to this awareness and fundraising drive: 19 people formed 7



teams (7 self-driven cars), all were from UK except for me; the whole trip was self sponsored, all expenses paid by the participants. The aim of this was to spread awareness and raise funds for two similar causes: helping destitute women in need. All funds raised were split in half for both NGOs:

Maher and Safe in Sussex, UK. The route: Chennai - Pondicherry - Thanjavur - Toothukudi - Trivandrum - Kochi - Coimbatore - Mysore - Mangalore - Shimoga - Hampi - Panjim; with stops at different sightseeing points: Hindu temples, churches, Buddhist temples, ocean, waterfalls, forests, wildlife parks, tea plantations, charming small towns, and important landmarks like Madurai, Kanyakumari. We all visited our Maher home in Ernakulam and all friends could get to know Maher's work first hand. Also everyone could meet Sr. Lucy in Hampi, when she talked about her mission and vision for Maher. It was a wonderful experience, we bonded very well, got to see the beautiful South of India and raised over 25,000.- £ for two good causes. Dr. Nicola Pawar

A True Act of Love and Humility by Sr. Lucy Kurien (18.04.25)

Sr. Lucy, our beloved Didi, continues to inspire us through her deep compassion and servant leadership. Every year, she honors Maher's dedicated social workers by washing their feet — a powerful gesture of respect and gratitude for their tireless service to the homeless, the mentally disturbed, orphaned children, the elderly, and the marginalized.

Even at the age of 70, she humbly goes down on her knees to wash and kiss the feet of those who serve. Her selfless love reminds us of the dignity in every act of service, and the profound strength in humility. We are blessed to walk this path of love, peace, and seva under her guidance.

Maher's 12th Standard Students Shine Bright!

We are thrilled to share that all 48 of Maher's 12th standard students have passed their board exams with flying colors. One of our boys even scored an impressive 91%. Coming from challenged backgrounds, it is no easy task to match the academic performance of children from more privileged environments. Yet, with hard work, determination, and the loving support of the Maher family, they continue to rise and shine. This success is a testament to their resilience and spirit, and we couldn't be more proud. Congratulations to our dear children and the dedicated staff who guided them every step of the way!

Maher 10th Standard Results – 100% Success!

We are proud to share that our 10th standard students have passed with good marks!. Maher children have achieved 100% results this year. This success reflects the hard work, dedication, and commitment of our students and the unwavering support and guidance from our staff. Congratulations to all our bright and hardworking children.

World Environment Day (5.06.25)

At Maher, we are dedicated to building a sustainable future through conscious action. From reducing waste and conserving energy to planting trees, promoting eco-friendly products, and spreading awareness, our commitment to the environment drives everything we do. Let's express our heartfelt gratitude to our planet, Mother Earth, who nurtures and sustains us. As we celebrate her beauty in abundance, let's renew our commitment to protect and preserve her for generations to come.

Maher NGO organized an Environmental Awareness Rally at Vatsalyadham, Vadhu and Sanasvadi, bringing the community together to advocate for sustainability and environmental protection.

“Taking Action for a Greener Future! Activities Included a rally with placards and slogans to spread powerful messages on environmental conservation. Pamphlets were distributed to share knowledge on sustainable living practices. Community involvement was encouraged by engaging people through interactive discussions and messages. Every small effort leads to a big change! Join us in making a difference and shaping a more sustainable future.



House Mothers – Three-Day Training & Reflection (9 to 12 Jun 25)

Maher NGO hosted a transformative three-day training program for its dedicated house mothers, strengthening their caregiving skills and emotional well-being. The sessions focused on:

- Learning activities – Enhancing caregiving approaches
- Spiritual reflection & meditation – Cultivating inner peace and resilience
- Trust-building & emotional support – Strengthening bonds within the community
- First aid & basic medical training – Equipping mothers with essential health knowledge
- Mental health awareness – Encouraging holistic well-being
- Legal guidance (POCSO & child protection) – Ensuring child safety and advocacy

These enriching days provided knowledge, healing, and connection, reinforcing the vital role house mothers play in nurturing lives with love, dignity, and compassion. The sessions were tailored to address

the current needs and evolving challenges.

A heartfelt thank you to Swati P, Samiksha M, Athena N & the team participants for their dedication and commitment!



Swavalamban – Earning Self-Respect through SHGs

The word ‘Swavalamban’ means ‘Self-Reliance’. The objective of a Self-Help Group (SHG) is to enable the residents of a village to form a small community whose members collectively identify problems and create programs and plans for the development of the village at the tertiary and grassroots levels.

From January to June 2025, we formed 39 new SHGs of women through this project. Women were given training in various skills, such as:

Cake making

Masala (spice) making

Chocolate making

Mehndi application

Tailoring

Beautician training

Aari (embroidery) work

This initiative was implemented in Maharashtra and Jharkhand.

As part of the project, Women's Day programs were organized in seven states, and women were given information on various subjects based on their specific needs.

Current Status of SHGs:

Maharashtra: 315 SHGs

Jharkhand: 215 SHGs

(across Bokaro, Hazaribagh, and Ranchi districts)

Swavalamban – Earning Self-Respect through SHGs, village at the territory.



TANTRA GYAN

Maher – Women Empowerment Training Report

Maher has always been committed to the empowerment of women through skill development and vocational training. In January to June 2025, we successfully organized various training programs aimed at helping women gain financial independence and confidence.

Below is the summary of the training conducted:

1. Tailoring Classes

Batches: 8

Participants: 116 women

2. Beauty Parlour Training

Batches: 3

Participants: 43 women

3. Chocolate Making Training

Batches: 4

Participants: 90 women

4. Mehendi Training

Batches: 3

Participants: 48 women

5. Cake Making Training

Batches: 4

Participants: 63 women

6. Cooking Training

Batches: 7

Participants: 121 women

7. Aari Work Training

Batches: 1

Participants: 11 women

8. Spice Making Training

Batches: 5

Participants: 121 women



Through these initiatives, Maher continues to support and uplift women by providing them with the tools and skills needed for self-sufficiency and growth.

Healing Together: GERI Session at Maher

At Maher, we believe in the dignity and equality of every human being, regardless of gender. In line with this vision, we were honored to host a transformative session by Gender Equity and Reconciliation International (GERI), an organization deeply committed to healing and reimagining gender relations within our global human family.

GERI convenes groups of women and men of all gender identities and expressions, creating brave and compassionate spaces for truth-telling, mutual listening, and deep healing. Their work is not only about addressing the wounds of the past, but also about planting seeds of understanding, respect, and unity for the future.

During the session at Maher, our community came together with hearts open our community came together, stories shared, and silences honored. It was a powerful experience that touched the core of our beings. Some tears were shed, some truths voiced for the very first time, and a new sense of solidarity began to take root among participants.



The beauty of this session was in its honesty and safety. It reminded us that healing is not linear and that genuine transformation comes from within — when we listen without judgment, speak with courage, and hold space for each other's truths.

At Maher, we are deeply grateful for GERI's presence and the healing they helped facilitate. Their work aligns so closely with our own mission: building a world where love, equality, and compassion lead the way.

As we continue our work of empowerment and care, this session will remain a beacon — showing us that reconciliation is possible, and that when we walk together with open hearts, a more just and loving world is within reach.

Children's Parliament at Maher: Nurturing Young Leaders



At Maher, we proudly organized a Children's Parliament, where children participated actively in elections to choose their own ministers. The elected children were felicitated for their leadership and enthusiasm.

Maher always provides a platform for children to showcase their talents and develop important skills.

Through this parliament, children learned valuable lessons in leadership, teamwork, responsibility, and work ethics.

This initiative empowers our young ones to grow into confident, responsible individuals ready to make a positive impact on their communities.

Save the water. (17.4.25)

A program was organized at Maher Hira Niwas, Sawangi Meghe Rajiv Nagar Sarodi Pura Wardha on the topic of water conservation. Under this program implemented in Maharashtra for proper use of water and water conservation, various measures are taken to ensure

that rainwater goes into the ground to increase the groundwater level and save water. All the villagers participated in the rally with slogans like "New technology for pure water, this is the true mantra of a happy life," "Use water sparingly so that the future will be sustainable," "A slogan in every village, be water efficient." Employees of Maher Hira Niwas Reshma Adam and Priyanka Kove also participated. The villagers were guided on how to save water, and asked to keep water for birds on their houses in summer.

Cyclothon Rally CISF (24.03.25)

Maher Andhra had the honour of hosting the CISF Cyclothon team and welcoming IPS Rewinder Singh, the Director-General of CISF, who expressed his gratitude towards Maher for their valuable service to humanity. The event was a huge success, with the team spreading awareness about the importance of nature and conservation.. The team's visit to Maher was a testament to the Maher's commitment to promoting environmental awareness and community engagement. Indeed, IPS Rewinder Singh's presence at the event was a significant acknowledgment of Maher's contributions to humanity. Overall, the event was a heart-warming display of appreciation and recognition for Maher's selfless service to humanity.

Earth Day Awareness Program

On Earth Day, an awareness program was held for 60 people in which she highlighted the importance of protecting the Earth. He explained how harmful air pollution is to our health and the entire planet. He specified the impacts on environment, such as reducing visibility and blocking sunlight, causing acid rain, harming forests, wildlife, and agriculture; also producing greenhouse gas pollution, the cause of climate change. He encouraged positive actions such as conserving water, reducing waste, and preserving oxygen. The program concluded with tree planting and a pledge to care for the plants, promoting a sustainable future.

House Inauguration - Samadhan Men's Home (20.06.25)



We are deeply honored to share the inauguration of Samadhan Men's Home, Maher's newest sanctuary for men in need in Manankalgi Gotyal, Taluka Vijayapur, Karnataka. The home was officially inaugurated by Mr. Vittal Katakadond (MLA, Indi), marking this meaningful step forward in Maher's mission of compassion, dignity, and service.

The occasion was graced by the presence of esteemed leaders and supporters who embody the spirit of community and care along with over 400 attendees, including children and local families, who joined in celebration and support. The Neelamma Girls Hostel students presented a graceful prayer dance and cultural performance. Certificates for the tailoring course were distributed by Sr. Lucy to graduates of our skills training program – a proud and empowering moment.

Samadhan House is more than a shelter. It is a place of renewal, belonging, and second chances. We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone whose love and dedication brought this dream to life. Special thanks to Gurulingappa Massali for generously donating the land to this home. Together, we walk the path of compassion.

Conclusion for Maher Kerala



The month of June 2025 at Maher Kerala was vibrant, meaningful, and transformative. Each programme was intentionally designed to promote growth, wellness, and social responsibility. From creative expression to emotional

empowerment, and from environmental consciousness to community mobilization, the initiatives made a lasting impact on the lives of the residents at Maher Snehabhavan and Maher Snehatheeram.

Maher Crane Satara

Maher Crane, based in Satara, is an organization dedicated to the rehabilitation and empowerment of women. Over the six months from January to June 2025, the organization successfully. This Program was implemented in Maher, a range of social, educational, and community-based initiatives that brought significant and positive changes to the lives of many women in crisis or distress.

Community Care and Development Projects in Kolkata

The Masti ki Pathshala Project focuses on children's health, education, and overall development. Through storytelling, rhymes, song, dance, drama, and creative activities such as drawing and clay modeling, children learn in a joyful environment. We emphasize health and hygiene education, including sessions on the use of sanitary napkins and water conservation. The children participate enthusiastically in sports and games designed to boost their physical health and energy. Health camps screen vital signs like blood pressure and weight, involving over 100 participants. Prizes are awarded in sports competitions to motivate and recognize the children's talents. We also provide clothing distribution to support their basic needs.

Community Engagement and Growth

On 27th April 2025, children and staff participated in the Shraddha Jali Pad Yatra organized by Maitri Bodh Parivar. This peace walk was conducted to condemn negative forces and stand united in honouring families who have lost their loved ones, instilling values of empathy and solidarity among the children.

We are also delighted to announce the arrival of our new shelter vehicle, ECCO. This vehicle will greatly support the transportation

needs of our children and staff, enhancing our ability to organize outings, attend events, and provide essential services.

Finally, we extend our sincere gratitude to all our supporters, including Didi, Hiratai and Stefano, whose generous contributions have been invaluable to the success and growth of Maher Neev Boys Shelter Home.

Maher Mamta Niwas Anniversary

Maher Mamta Niwas Anniversary and Achievements Since its inception, Maher Mamta Niwas has provided shelter to 123 women, facilitating their medical treatment and successful reunification with their families. In collaboration with Duncan Hospital, 17 girls and 3 boys who were abandoned were rescued, treated, and safely returned to their families.

On the 28th foundation day of Maher Sanstha, celebrated recently, Sr. Lucy Kurien highlighted these accomplishments. Organizations, officers, and journalists who have supported Maher over the years were honored with certificates in recognition of their contributions.

Field Visit : KVK – Agricultural and Technological Exploration

Location: Krushi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) Baramati

Number of Students: 29

Objective: To explore and learn about modern agricultural techniques, animal husbandry, innovative technologies, and sustainable practices in farming.



On our visit to Krushi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), the students were given a comprehensive tour of the center, focusing on various aspects of modern agriculture, technology, and sustainable farming practices. The main goal of the visit was to expose students to innovative agricultural methods and technologies, helping them

understand the importance of integrating technology with traditional farming.

Throughout the day, students were able to engage with various farming methods, animal husbandry and advanced agricultural technologies such as AI, automatic irrigation, and beekeeping fertigation systems. The visit was guided by Mr. Anand Sir, who provided valuable insights and explanations at every stop.

Activities and Observations:

1. Film – 25 Years KVK
2. Visit to IOT & AI Sugarcane & Exotic Fruit Plot
3. Visit to War Room AI
4. Visit to Automatic Irrigation & Fertigation Unit
5. Visit to Apiary (Bee Keeping)
6. Visit to Fishery
7. Visit to the Center of Excellence: Vegetable / Plant Nursery
8. Visit to Animal Husbandry (Poultry, Goat Farm)

Overall, the visit to Krushi Vigyan Kendra was an enriching experience for the students. It gave them a deeper understanding of the various facets of agriculture, from crop production to animal husbandry, and the role of technology in modern farming. The children thoroughly enjoyed the interactive demonstrations and were inspired to learn more about the innovations shaping the future of farming.

We extend our gratitude to Mr. Anand Sir for his insightful guidance throughout the visit and to KVK for organizing this informative and engaging field trip.

We are truly thankful to Sr. Lucy Kurien, Founder Director, and Dr. Nicola Pawar for organizing this educational exposure visit. truly thankful to Mr. Ramesh Dutonde & Meena Bhagvat being with the Children.

It was truly a joyful and enriching experience. We are grateful to Sr. Lucy Didi for organizing this memorable picnic. Such initiatives not only bring happiness but also deepen our understanding, unity, and purpose as a team.

Honoring Maher's Young Achievers (20.07.25)

Maheer extends heartfelt gratitude to Dr. Sharma for hosting a special dinner in celebration of our 10th and 12th pass students! This meaningful evening wasn't just a tribute to their hard work—it became a powerful reminder that every academic milestone deserves to be cherished and celebrated. Thank you, Dr. Sharma, for your warmth, generosity, and for inspiring our students to reach even greater heights.



Tarpaulin Distribution Drive – Bringing Shelter & Support



In response to the monsoon season, Maheer has been actively distributing tarpaulins across various communities to provide essential protection for families facing harsh living conditions. These coverings serve as a vital shield against rain, helping ensure safety and dignity for those in need. We extend our sincere gratitude to our dedicated supporters and staff, whose compassion and tireless efforts make these initiatives possible. Together, we continue to stand by the vulnerable with love, empathy, and action.

20 Years of Silent Service – Honoring Dr. Sadashiv Gadekar

For two decades, Dr. Sadashiv Gadekar has been a quiet yet unwavering pillar of strength behind Maheer's mental health efforts. No desire for awards. No presence on social media. No search for the



spotlight. And yet, his deep commitment to the emotional well-being of our women has brought light into countless lives. His care, wisdom, and dedication have been instrumental in the healing and transformation of many Maher residents. Thank you, Dr. Gadekar, for being a living example of selfless service. Your legacy isn't measured in

accolades, but in the peaceful smiles and renewed strength of the women you've helped.

World Senior Citizens Day at Maher (21.08.25)

On World Senior Citizens Day, we honor the elders in our Maher family — the mothers, fathers, and grandparents who have walked life's path with courage, grace, and deep wisdom. At Maher, our senior residents are not just cared for — they are loved, respected, and celebrated. Their stories teach us resilience, their presence offers comfort, and their blessings guide us forward.

Meditation & Anapan (24.08.25)

Maher organized a peaceful Meditation and Ānāpāna (Mindful Breathing) Session to help children, women, and community members connect with their inner selves and embrace emotional calm.

Through gentle breathing awareness and silent observation, participants experienced:

- Reduced stress and anxiety
- Improved focus and mental clarity
- Greater emotional balance and inner strength
- A deeper sense of mindfulness and compassion

Regular practice of Ānāpāna not only builds emotional resilience but also creates a strong foundation for spiritual and personal growth.

May we continue to nourish our hearts and minds with silence, breath, and self-awareness.

We offer a special prayer:

"O Lord Ganesha, guide us with wisdom, protect us with strength,

Bless our journey of seva, and fill our lives with peace and purpose."

We also thank our beloved donors and well-wishers whose generous support allows us to celebrate such sacred festivals with dignity and joy. You are part of every prayer and celebration at Maher.

Kicking Goals & Breaking Barriers

Maher's young Taekwondo warriors took Sanswadi by storm at the school-level competition and the results speak volumes!

Out of 23 fierce competitors, 10 emerged victorious with flying kicks and unstoppable spirit:

- 3 Golds – Champions of the mat!
- 3 Silvers – Grace under pressure!
- 4 Bronzes – Power-packed performances!



Their victories are more than medals—they're milestones of courage, discipline, and the Maher spirit of empowerment. From discipline to determination, these young stars proved that hard work truly pays off. Their triumphs reflect the heart of Maher—where encouragement meets opportunity, and dreams take flight.

Celebrating 70 Remarkable Years of Sr. Lucy Kurien (Didi)

From all of us at Maher — staff, women, children, and residents — we raise our hearts in gratitude and joy as we celebrate the 70th birthday

of our guiding light, Sr. Lucy Kurien .

Didi, your life is a radiant tapestry of courage, compassion, and love. You have embraced the broken, uplifted the forgotten, and built Maher into a true sanctuary of dignity and hope. You are not only the Founder of Maher, you are its heartbeat.

The Maher family celebrated this milestone with our Self-Help



Groups in Shikrapur, our Men's Home residents in Sanaswadi, and with grand gatherings at Vadhu and Vatsalyadham. The festivities began with vibrant Lezim and Dhol-Tasha, followed by prayers, lamp-lighting, and cake cutting. Children gifted handmade cards, former residents shared moving tributes, and ex-students offered a symbolic contribution to Maher's corpus fund. Songs, dances, and a special Kathak

dance skit portraying Didi's life added color and emotion to the day.

More than just a birthday, it was a festival of love and gratitude — honoring a life that turns pain into purpose and despair into dignity. As we celebrate you, Didi, we pray for your continued health, peace, and joy, and we thank you for being the living miracle that inspires us all.

Children's Day

This year, Maher's Vadu, Apti, Kendur, Shirur, Shikrapur, Bakori, Pune & Awhalwadi Centers came alive with laughter, energy, and joy



as we celebrated Children's Day with the children from village, slums & sugarcane cutter families. The day was filled with fun activities, games, and learning experiences that encouraged creativity, teamwork, and joy among the children. A special highlight of the celebration was a magic show, which kept all the little ones wide-eyed with wonder and excitement!

Alongside the entertainment, meaningful games were organized to help the children learn important life lessons in a fun and engaging way. Each activity was designed to build confidence, spark curiosity, and remind them that they are loved and valued. After the games, the children were treated to delicious snacks and received small gifts, spreading even more smiles across their faces. The entire celebration was a heartwarming reminder of Maher's vision — to nurture, educate, and empower every child with love, care, and dignity. We are deeply grateful to everyone who made this celebration possible — the staff, volunteers, and supporters who continue to walk with us in spreading light and hope in the lives of children.

Staff Picnic– Visit to Hampi

We are happy to share that a special picnic was organized for our staff to the historic city of Hampi, Sponsored by Dr. Nicola Pawar (*Secretary of Maher*) accompanied by our beloved Sr. Lucy Didi. The picnic was not only a time for relaxation and bonding but also served as a rich educational and cultural exposure for all staff members.



The team explored the ancient ruins and temples of Hampi, which is a UNESCO World Heritage Site known for its magnificent architecture and deep historical significance. Sr. Lucy Didi personally guided the staff throughout the visit, sharing her insights and creating an atmosphere of warmth and reflection. Her presence made the experience more meaningful and memorable.

Staff members were deeply inspired by Didi's thoughtful planning and her constant care for everyone's well-being. It reminded everyone how she always prioritizes the happiness, rest, and growth of the team. The picnic provided an opportunity to appreciate each other, strengthen bonds, and feel recharged.

Annual Trip Organized (26.4.25)

The annual trip of Maher Sanstha was taken to see the ancient Konkani beachside at Ganapatipule. Over 80 boys, girls, men and women learned about the rich traditions and lifestyle of Konkani. From there, they had a glimpse of the gods at Ganapatipule and enjoyed swimming in the sea, followed by games and refreshments at Aarey-Vare and the beach. From there, they had a glimpse of the gods at Bhagwati Fort and ate ice cream. After seeing the creation of Shiva, everyone visited the Zari Vinayak Temple at Bhate. Finally, at six in the evening, everyone returned to Maher having enjoyed this trip to their heart's content.

A Beautiful New Beginning for Rani (also known as Rosy)

Rani, also known as Rosy, one of our beloved Maher daughters, has begun a new chapter in her life as the wife of Nilesh. The Maher family joined together to bless the couple on this joyful occasion. It was a moment filled with happiness, prayers, and heartfelt wishes for their future.

We pray that Rani (Rosy) and Nilesh's married life be filled with love, understanding, peace, and endless blessings. May their journey together be brought and full of beautiful moments.

A New Beginning: Shubhangi's Wedding – A Journey from Maher to Matrimony



Shubhangi, one of Maher's beloved daughters, recently began a beautiful new chapter in her life as she married Kiran. Her journey is a true reflection of Maher's mission — to nurture, empower, and guide women toward a future filled with hope, dignity, and love.

Shubhangi came to Maher at a time when life had tested her strength. Over the years, with love, care, and support, she blossomed into a confident and graceful young woman. Maher didn't just provide her with shelter — it gave her a family, education, and the values needed to build a meaningful life. Her wedding to Kiran was a joyful celebration — simple, filled with blessings, love, and the warmth of community. Surrounded by her Maher family and well-wishers, Shubhangi stepped into her new life with grace and happiness in her eyes.

This moment is not just about marriage; it's about transformation. It is a reminder of what Maher stands for — giving women and girls not just safety, but a strong foundation to dream, to grow, and to create a future of their own choosing.

We wish Shubhangi and Kiran a lifetime of love, respect, and shared dreams. May their journey together be filled with laughter, strength, and endless blessings.

Congratulations Sangita & Aniket, and Kajal & Aananda!

On January 17, 2026, two of our beloved Maher daughters - Sangita and Kajal, stepped into a radiant new chapter of life as they began their journey of wedded bliss.

With hearts overflowing with joy, we wish you both a lifetime of love, laughter, and



togetherness. May your days be filled with understanding, harmony, and countless blessings as you walk hand in hand with faith and strength. The entire Maher family celebrates this beautiful milestone

with you, rejoicing in your happiness and new beginnings.

A heartfelt thank you to our dear benefactors, well-wishers and all those who were present for the wedding — your kindness and generosity make these cherished Maher moments possible, and we are deeply grateful.

Tarpaulin and Blanket Distribution at Maher, Shirur

Maher continues to spread warmth and care — tarpaulins and blankets were distributed to those in need at our Shirur center. This small act of love brings comfort and protection, reminding us that compassion truly makes a difference.

Maher's Annual Youth Camp – A Journey of Transformation!

We recently concluded our annual youth camp at the Maher Pune office, where 35 enthusiastic 12th & 10th -standard students embarked on an unforgettable journey of self-discovery, learning, and growth. Under the dynamic leadership of Sr. Lucy Kurien, and the unwavering support of our dedicated staff and Camp Director, the camp was a true celebration of empowerment, inspiration, and life-changing experiences. Highlights of the Camp included:

- Yoga & Meditation – Cultivating mindfulness and inner peace
- Seva (Selfless Service) – Inspiring a spirit of giving and selfless service
- Dance, Music & Drama – Unleashing creativity
- Fun & Sports – Building teamwork
- Career Counselling – Illuminating pathways to success
- Sex Education & de-addiction Awareness – Equipping for life's challenges
- Youth Rights and their duties – Empowering them to know their rights and duties.
- Goal Setting – Encouraging them to dream big and aim high.

The energy and enthusiasm were amplified by 4 vibrant teams working together under the camp's inspiring tagline: "I AM THE CHANGE"!

A heartfelt THANK YOU to everyone who made this camp a grand success! Together, we are shaping brighter futures for India's youth.

9th Annual Summer Camp for Slum & Tribal Children!

Like every year for the past nine years, Maher joyfully organized a five-day summer camp at our Shirur center for children from slums Pardhi and Bhil communities. The purpose of this camp is to instil good habits and discipline, Encourage creativity and showcase talents, Foster a love for education and sports plus Provide new experiences and joyful learning

The camp was inaugurated by our beloved Sr. Lucy Kurien, who lovingly guided and inspired everyone. Best wishes were extended to all the participating children. This marks the ninth summer camp of its kind organized by Maher for children from marginalized communities, and each year, the joy and energy only grows brighter!

6-Day Summer Youth Camp at Aboli House (26 to 31 May 25)

Maher organized a powerful 6-day camp for the girls of Aboli House, focusing on healing, confidence, and life skills. Key highlights included: Fun & team-building; Gratitude prayers; Personality & career sessions; Understanding emotions; and Menstrual Hygiene Day. There were also sessions for POCSO Act awareness (Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act.) The camp ended with a deeply moving foot washing ceremony.

From joyful outings to deep reflections, the camp was a journey of growth and inner transformation. Thank you Mangesh Pol, Swati P, Samiksha & Athena N. to all who supported with love and wisdom!

Sports Camp in Jharkhand – A Celebration of Joy and Team Spirit! (May 25)

Over the three days, Maher organized a vibrant sports camp in Jharkhand, filled with happiness, enthusiasm, sportsmanship, and leadership. The camp was not just about games—it was about

learning, growing, and building a spirit of togetherness. So much was learned, shared, and celebrated! A big thank you to Mangesh Pol , Prashant Gaikwad, and all the participants, volunteers, and supporters who made this camp a success

Winter Sports Camp – A Grand Success!



From 14th to 17th November 2025, Maher proudly hosted the Winter Sports Camp at Vadu, featuring 45 exciting sports where 560 children from all centers participated with boundless energy, enthusiasm, and true sportsmanship. The camp was a celebration of joy, teamwork, and unforgettable memories that will stay in

our hearts forever!

Heartiest Congratulations to each and every child who participated and to the winning houses:

- Red House – Championship Trophy
- Blue House – Runners-up Trophy
- Yellow House – Best Discipline Trophy

A huge thank you to the management team and every child whose passion and participation made this camp truly special. Special appreciation to our staff members, house mothers, and drivers who worked tirelessly to make this event a resounding success. Your commitment, dedication, and support made everything possible!

Three Days of Learning, Sharing, and Growing Together at Maher



The three-day national meeting in Pune concluded beautifully with enthusiasm, wholehearted participation, and meaningful connections. Staff members from all

Maher centers gathered under one roof to review the past year—sharing challenges, achievements, new ideas, and many inspiring stories from the field.

Each session became a space for deep listening, open dialogue, and mutual encouragement. Together, we not only reviewed our work but also celebrated the compassion and collective spirit that keeps Maher strong.

These days reminded us of what truly makes Maher special—the people behind it. The laughter, moments of reflection, and shared sense of purpose made this gathering much more than just a meeting. Everyone returned home with renewed energy, clarity, and a heart full of inspiration to continue serving with love.

At Maher, we are not just colleagues—we are one big family, learning and growing together every day.

Disability Awareness Program

A disability awareness program was organized in Shirur. Persons with disabilities were given gifts and games with prizes were arranged. A special get-together for persons with disabilities was also organized at Maher Institution in Vadhu Budruk.

Around 50 persons with disabilities from Perne Phata, Koregaon Bhima, and nearby areas participated. Didi gave her blessings and good wishes. Cultural programs, games, and a fellowship meal were arranged, and the program concluded with gift distribution.

Christmas Eve with Sugarcane-Cutter Families in Vadu



On this Christmas Eve, Maher celebrated the festival with migrant sugarcane-cutter families in Vadu, embracing the true spirit of Christmas—standing with a community that is often overlooked but fully deserving of love and joy.

The evening was filled with music, dance, and laughter. Nutritious meals and gifts were distributed, but the greatest gift was the warmth of togetherness and compassion.

By standing with the marginalized, Maher once again reflected its enduring spirit of healing, dignity, and unconditional love.

This Christmas season, let us all carry forward the message that giving heals and forgiveness sets us free.

Outstanding Achievements of Miss Beeshna Khadka Thapa

Miss Beeshna Khadka Thapa, a bright and determined young girl from



Maher, Ratnagiri, has been an inspiration to all with her excellence in academics, sports, and leadership. Currently studying in the Second Year B.A. at Gogate–Jogalekar College, Beeshna has been with the college since her 11th standard — and in these years, she has truly shined both in academic excellence and as a rising star in sports. Her passion for sports, especially Kabaddi (a contact team sport) has taken her to district

and state-level competitions where she has earned tremendous recognition including 7 Gold Medals, 10 Silver Medals and 8 Bronze Medals.

Beeshna has also participated in NCC camps and actively contributes as a trainer in the National Service Scheme (NSS). Her talent and leadership qualities are so strong that she is often invited as a coach at various sports competitions.

Heartfelt Congratulations for her remarkable achievements that reflect her hard work, discipline, and unstoppable spirit. The District Sports Officer of Ratnagiri, along with all teachers, office bearers, and the entire Maher family, warmly congratulated her. Beeshna's story is a shining example of what courage, opportunity, and encouragement can achieve. Maher is proud to support and witness her journey of excellence.

Value Education Class – “Love and Anger”

On 13 September 2025, Sister Annama Jeevanjily conducted a value education class for the children at Maher Snehabhavan on the topic “Love and Anger.” Through stories, discussions, and moral lessons, she conveyed that anger destroys happiness and creates distance among loved ones, whereas love brings peace, harmony, and closeness. The session inspired the children to practice kindness, patience, and empathy in their everyday lives.

Tailoring Class Graduation – 9th Batch

At the Karnataka Center, the 9th batch of the tailoring training program was successfully completed by 15 women trainees. Certificates were awarded by the Founder of Maher, Sr. Lucy Kurien, whose presence and guidance motivated the participants to pursue self-reliance and sustainable livelihoods.

This training program plays a crucial role in enhancing employable skills, promoting economic independence, and empowering women.

Solar Power Grid Installation – Maher Center

Maher Center has successfully installed a Solar Power Grid as part of its commitment to sustainable and eco-friendly practices. This initiative provides a reliable source of renewable energy and supports the organization’s efforts toward environmental responsibility.

Use of Solar Power

The solar power system is used to operate lighting, fans, office equipment, kitchen electrical needs, and other essential daily operations at the Ashram. It ensures uninterrupted power supply during electricity outages and significantly reduces dependence on conventional electricity sources.

The installation of the solar power grid has resulted in reduced electricity costs, lower carbon emissions, and increased energy self-sufficiency, marking an important step toward sustainable development at Maher.

Balika Din (3.01.26)

For Girls Day, Maher celebrated the birthday of Krantijyoti Savitribai Phule (3 January 1831 – 10 March 1897) a pioneering Indian social reformer, educationalist, and poet from Maharashtra, recognized as India's first female teacher. At Vadu, our former student Najuka Thorat presented a solo play, with a message about her endeavors and sacrifices made in opening the first school for girls in Pune. Also all the Vadu housemother conducted a cleaning program in the areas outside the compound and building.

Taekwondo exam

The Taekwondo exams were conducted at Vadu, involving a total of 99 children from Vadu, Kendur, Bakori, Pune, and Shirur . Prasenjit Gaikwad , Mr. Dhanjay Pokle and Swayambhu Pokle were conducted the exam

Certificate distribution

The Kendur team took the initiative and organized tailoring classes, which were very successful. Participants were given certificate by the hand of Local head of Alka Parhad, Ukla Shinde, Tejaswini Pawar.



77th Republic Day Celebration at Maher

The 77th Republic Day was celebrated with great pride and enthusiasm across all Maher centres. The day was filled with patriotic spirit, unity, and joy as children, staff, and families came together to honour our Constitution and the values it stands for.

Through cultural activities, flag hoisting, and shared moments of togetherness, the celebration reminded us of our duties as responsible citizens and the strength of unity in diversity. It was truly heart-warming to see our Maher family celebrate this special day together with love and respect for our nation.

Republic Day Celebrations at Maher – Inter-House Kho-Kho Competition

On the proud occasion of Republic Day, Maher organized an Inter-House Kho-Kho Competition at Vatsalyadham for both boys and girls. The day was filled with energy, sportsmanship, and patriotic spirit.

Boys' Results: 1st Place – Vadu, 2nd Place – Pune, 3rd Place – Shirur

Girls' Results: 1st Place – Kendur, 2nd Place – Vadu, 3rd Place – Vatsalyadham

All the children participated with great enthusiasm and team spirit, making the event a grand success. Heartfelt thanks to the organizers, staff, and all participants for celebrating Republic Day through unity, discipline, and sports.

Fomer Maher Children Return

There's no greater joy than seeing children nurtured at Maher return after their education abroad to uplift others in need — just as they once were. Meet Manali, a shining example of this beautiful cycle of love and hope. Growing up at Maher, she was given the chance to pursue her studies in the USA. Her story is proof that when compassion meets opportunity, lives are transformed, and hope multiplies. Her journey reminds us that every good deed we sow eventually finds its way back to us often in the most beautiful forms.



Tributes Paid in Memory of Respected Ajit Dada Pawar

With deep sorrow, the Maher family mourned the tragic passing of Respected Ajit Dada Pawar, whose loss was deeply felt across all Maher centres. Tributes were paid through prayers and moments of silence by children, staff, and



residents, honouring his life, contributions, and cherished memory. In respect for Ajit Dada, the 29th Maher Day was observed in a humble and simple manner, with all programs conducted within Maher homes without any external celebrations. We sincerely thank all our friends and well-wishers who stood with us in solidarity during this difficult time. Your prayers, presence, and unwavering support have been a great source of strength and comfort. May Ajit Dada's soul rest in eternal peace, and may God grant courage and solace to his family and loved ones.

Interfaith Association for service to Humanity 9th anniversary Celebration

The program was organized in Vadu. We invited the representative of Hindu, Muslim, Christian, Jainism, who explained how all religions are equal; the god is one for all and give guidance to all.

29th Anniversary Celebration



In Vatsalyadham 29th Maher day was observed with the chief guest of Mrs. Vandana Chavhan. The program began with a welcome song by the tailoring & beauty parlour teacher. Children, men & women presented a cultural program. We presented the awards for who are doing best during the year, Best House mother, staff, Driver, Girls, boy & best house.

Vandana Chavhan spoke words of admiration and thanks for all the great work for society offered by Sr. Lucy & Maher.

Session on Anger Management for Girls (14 years and above)

Ms. Sharmila Govande and Mr. Rahul Shinde facilitated a three and a half hour session on anger management for girls aged 14 years and above. The program began with a prayer, setting a positive and reflective tone.

The session was engaging and interactive, with fun-filled activities

that helped convey the message effectively. The impact of the activities was meaningful and left a strong impression on the participants.

A heartfelt vote of thanks was delivered by one of our girls, Nandini. As a token of love and appreciation, a handmade bag along with a candle was presented to the resource persons. The program concluded with a photo session.

Loving Seva at Vatsalyadham

11 boys and 23 girls from the Kendur Centre visited to Vatsalyadham and offered their loving Seva at Vatsalyadham, Priyata, and Suksandhya. With great dedication and compassion, they helped in cleaning the house and windows, serving residents by cleaning feet and legs, cutting nails, combing hair, and giving head and leg massages. After the Seva, we enjoyed fun games like musical chairs, followed by gifts, snacks, and delicious food. Heartfelt thanks to all the wonderful children for their kindness and joyful service. Special thanks to Ashatai and Raju Tayde for their encouragement, and to the entire Vatsalyadham team.

President of Maher

In addition to the celebrations, heartfelt congratulations were extended to Dr. Pradeep Sharma on becoming the President of Maher. Having been associated with Maher since its inception, his dedication and commitment have been invaluable. The Maher family wishes him great success as he takes on this important responsibility with passion, vision, and enthusiasm.



Chocolate-making Training

A chocolate-making training workshop was conducted at Vadu – Jhendu House by Athena Nair. The workshop included the preparation of dry fruit chocolates, cluster chocolates, and chocolate biscuits. At the end of the training, the house mothers were given the chocolates that were prepared during the workshop.

Mr. Ramesh Chaudhary, Ramesh Dutonde, Athena Nair and Mr. Sanjay Karpe visited Dipti & Pinkin, the girls form Maher. On our way back to Pune, these visits were made possible because of the support and coordination of Maher Staff.

Training

Tejaswini Pawar has taken the masala training for the self-help group women



In Vadu four batches of beauty parlour seminars were held where the women were given advanced training on keratin, highlight colour, butterfly cut, boy cut offered by two trainers, Amit chaitley and

Kalpana gurav.

In Maher Kendur we organized the chochlet making training for women form the villages.

Skill & Confidence certificate distribution ceremony

In Apati and Talegaon villages, women who completed the Mehndi training class (henna body art) came together for a special certificate distribution ceremony. Each certificate was more than just paper—it symbolized creativity, dedication, and the courage to learn something new.

The program was filled with inspiring moments as participants showcased their artistry and embraced the confidence that comes with new skills. Beyond enhancing talent, this training opened doors to self-reliance and livelihood opportunities, making it a milestone in their journey of empowerment. Organized with love by Maher

A guidance workshop

A guidance workshop was organized at Vadu for 10th, 12th & Graduation standard students, conducted under by Aunty Sinidih. During the workshop, students were guided on how to introduce themselves effectively, how to apply for jobs, and how to prepare a proper CV (Curriculum Vitae). She also explained the key elements that should be highlighted in a CV. The workshop proved to be highly informative and beneficial, contributing to the students' personal development and helping them build a strong foundation for their future careers

Maher Youth Camp

The inaugural session of Maher Youth Camp 2026 was a grand success, with enthusiastic participation from youth and overwhelming support from staff members. The camp, held from 20th to 26th March 2026, at Maher Karunalaya aims to empower and inspire young minds.



"We are thrilled to see our youth so excited and engaged," said Didi, expressing gratitude to staff members for their dedication. "Their

energy is infectious, and we're committed to nurturing it."

The camp featured interactive sessions, workshops, fun activities, and a unique experience of seva. making it a truly enriching experience for all.

Water and food for birds

During the summer season, we can see animals and birds everywhere searching for water and food. With this in mind, we decided to make small nests and arrange water along with grains for the birds. This initiative will continue until the next season. The children happily took part in making the nests, feeding the birds with grains, and ensuring that the water bowls are always kept full.

A Simple Act of Love and Humility

Our dear founder, Sr. Lucy Kurien (Didi), lovingly washed the feet of the caretakers, house mothers, and staff at Maher. They work hard every day to care for men, women and children. This kind act showed true humility, thanks, and selfless service. It reminds us that real leadership comes from love, respect, and care for those who help others.

Sr. Lucy Kurien set a beautiful example by washing the feet of all the employees of Maher Gomia, showing how special and close the people who work with us truly are. This humble act reminds us that we should treat one another with the same love, respect, and gratitude.

Sr. Lucy Kurien meeting with the Dalai Lama

A truly blessed and memorable moment when our beloved Didi, Sr. Lucy Kurien had the honour of meeting Dalai Lama. This special meeting was filled with warmth, blessings, and a shared message of compassion, peace, and service to humanity. It was an inspiring moment for the entire Maher family.



Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Birth Anniversary

All Maher centres came together to celebrate the birth anniversary of B. R. Ambedkar, remembering his inspiring teachings and lifelong dedication to equality, justice, and education. He was the architect of India's democratic constitution and fought against the caste system and for the rights of Dalits, women and laborers.

Children, women, and staff shared his thoughts, discussed his values, and reflected on the importance of dignity, unity, and social empowerment. His vision continues to guide us in building a society based on respect, opportunity, and hope for all.

A Heart-warming Reunion Story

A 50-year-old woman, now called Sunita, was found wandering near a temple in Ratnagiri and was brought to Maher by the police. She had suffered a serious head injury in the past, after which she developed mental health challenges and went missing from her home in Haryana for nearly five years.



At Maher, she received medical care, counselling, and loving support. Over time, she slowly began sharing details about her family. With the dedicated efforts of the Maher team and the police, her son was finally traced. When he arrived to take his mother home, the reunion was filled with tears of joy, gratitude, and relief. The family sincerely thanked Maher for giving her a second chance at life and bringing them back together. Stories like these remind us why compassion, patience, and hope matter every single day.

Respecting and Caring for Elders programme

An awareness program on the topic “Respecting and Caring for Elders” was successfully organized on January 5 at Saliya Tikra Forest for the villagers of the surrounding area. The program was guided by the resource person Ms. Aruna Kujur, who addressed the participants and highlighted the moral, social, and cultural values of caring for elderly people. She explained how elders are an important part of society and emphasized the responsibility of families and communities to ensure their dignity, care, and well-being, especially during old age. Additional support was offered through the distribution of blankets.

Cleanliness and Message of Religious Harmony

An awareness program on the theme “Cleanliness and Message of Religious Harmony (Sarva Dharma Sambhavo)” along with a small

rally was successfully organized on 14 January 2026 at Makloosinganj Dulli for the participants of Sarva Dharma Sambhava Sthal, Dulli. The main objective of the program was to spread awareness about cleanliness and to promote unity, peace, and harmony among people of all religions.

The program began with an introductory session offered by the resource persons Mr. Prasanjit and Mr. Om Prakash Bara. They emphasized the importance of cleanliness in daily life and explained how maintaining a clean environment contributes to good health and social well-being. They also highlighted that cleanliness is a common value taught by all religions.

The speakers further delivered an inspiring message on Sarva Dharma Sambhavo, a concept coined by Mahatma Gandhi, translating to "equal respect for all religions," stressing that all religions promote love, respect, equality, and peaceful coexistence. Participants were encouraged to respect all faiths and work together to strengthen communal harmony.

A Memorable Day of Inauguration

A magnificent building was inaugurated on January 4, 2026, led by Didi, who provided Bihar with prayers conducted according to the customs of all religions. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Didi for providing this new building.

Awareness Program

On the occasion of the birth anniversaries of Sant Gadgebaba Maharaj (mendicant-saint and social reformer) and Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj (17th century wise and progressive ruler), a public awareness program was organized at Paradise English Medium School, Kelzar. During this event, information was shared regarding the importance of old-age homes and the dangers of superstition. The students' grandparents were invited to the school and gathered with as



the orphaned and destitute elderly residents. The grandparents and the residents were honored with the traditional *Aukshan* (a ritual of reverence) and bouquets offered by the students. The emotions of everyone present ran high, and tears flowed uncontrollably. Everyone lauded this unique and distinctive program, expressing their appreciation for the efforts of 'Maher Shanti Niwas' and 'Paradise English Medium School,' and suggested that such programs should be conducted in every school. 'Pappu Baba' and 'Kalavati Aaji'—individuals who once wandered the streets—were seen seated on the stage as chief guests. Today's program was truly inspiring; seeing those who once roamed the roads now occupying the seats of honor as chief guests serves as the true validation of our Maher work.

A Tribute to Humanity and Peace

The Karmashreshta Award was given to Mr. Varghese Mathew by the JCI Mulanthuruthy for the Snehasparsham project (support for underprivileged unwed mothers) and services in the old age home.

The 78th Martyrs day of Mahatma Gandhi was observed with E.R. Vijayan delivering a speech on Gandhiji's life and contribution and playing Gandhi's favourite Bhajan Raghupati Raghav rajaram (devotional song). All staff and old age home inmates participated in the program.

World Religion Day

The residents of Krishnapuram MEN'S homes came together to respectfully and joyfully celebrate World Religion Day. The celebration reminded us that all religions share common values such as peace, love, compassion, and unity. It encouraged everyone to honour different faiths and live together in harmony, understanding, and mutual respect, strengthening the bonds within our community.

International Education Day.

We joyfully celebrated International Education Day at both Krishnapuram and Molakalapudi homes. Our children and residents actively participated in a small skit that conveyed an important educational lesson, highlighting the value of learning in our lives and



the profound power of education. The celebration was enjoyed by everyone and served as a meaningful reminder of the importance of education for all. Education is not just a privilege—it is a fundamental human right. It is the key that unlocks potential, empowers individuals, and transforms societies.

Education is also a powerful tool for peace and development. When children and adults have access to quality learning, they gain the skills, knowledge, and values needed to build harmonious and prosperous communities. It fosters understanding, compassion, and global citizenship, guiding us toward a more inclusive and sustainable world.

As we celebrate, let us embrace modern tools and technology, integrating innovation to enhance learning and prepare students to face future challenges with confidence.

Maher's 29th Foundation Day Celebrated with Great Enthusiasm at Ratnagiri



With great enthusiasm and pride, the Maher Sahityaratna Award 2026 (State Level) was presented at the hands of distinguished dignitaries, honouring excellence in literature and social contribution.

Around 30 award-winning litterateurs from across Maharashtra graced the program, making the celebration truly meaningful and inspiring. The gathering reflected Maher's continued commitment to promoting culture, values, and social awareness

Adarsh Mata Award 2026

We are proud to share that our beloved Didi, Lucy Kurien, has been honoured with the Adarsh Mata Award 2026 in recognition of special services in the field of rehabilitation of mentally challenged. The award was presented by Prabhatai Suryavanshi Shramik



Pratishthan, Sangli. This recognition celebrates her lifelong dedication, compassion, and tireless service for women, children, and the most vulnerable in society.

We congratulate Didi on this well-deserved honour and thank everyone who continues to support Maher's mission of love and care.

Congratulations, Dear Didi!

We are overjoyed to share that Sr. Lucy Kurien, our beloved Founder & Director of Maher, has been recognized as the 7th Most Inspiring Person in the World by Call 100 Magazine, Austria! This incredible honour is a testament to Didi's unwavering dedication, compassion, and tireless efforts in transforming lives and spreading love across the world. Didi, your journey continues to inspire millions, and we are beyond proud to stand beside you in this mission of love and service.

7.2.2025 -Suryadatta National Award by Suryadatta College Pune.

28.2.2025-Appreciation award for women empowerment by Rotary Club from Nayudpeta, Tirupati.

2.3.2025-Appreciation award for the contribution to the society by Bal Rangbhumi Parishad Pune arranged by Swapnapurti Foundation Pune.

8.3.2025-Award for the commitment to the society by Shikarpur Gram Panchayat Pune.

9.3.2025-Nari Shakti Award by Ratnadeep Social Foundation Wagholi Pune.

9.3.2025-Award for social service by Monika Rajdhan Founder and CEO of My Big Brand Story Pune.

19.3.2025-ward for social work by Mahila Vikas Manch Pune.

23.3.2025-Award for social service and outstanding contribution to the society and being ranked 7th as inspirational person list in the world by Jeevan Sadhana Foundation Prajakta Matimand Niwasi School Baramati

31.3.2025-Nari Shakti Puraskar district level by Lokmat Newspaper Nagpur

24.4.2025-Award for women's work by Manav Seva Ashram Nepal.

6.5.2025-Best institute for social work by Rashtra Seva Dal Kendra branch Ori Panchcroshi Shikshan Mandal, Ori.

10.5.2025-On the occasion of Mother's Day Sister Lucy was felicitated by Lay Bhari Puneri Vanitashray NGO Pune.



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- Missionaries of Charity for donating a house for our Kolkata project
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Looking Ahead

Maher has come a long way from the small home for women and children in a small village called Vadu, to homes in 7 states and 26 outreach projects today. We have reached the lives of thousands of women, men, and children in the past 29 years and we have a long way to go. We are thankful to the Almighty for guiding us in our journey to make a difference in the lives of people in need, and for the divine energy that inspires us to serve the people.

We are grateful to our friends, supporters, and donors for trusting us and believing in us for the past 29 years. Sr Lucy says 'Go further, see far'. As we celebrate the positive impact of our work so far, we are also aware of so much more that needs to be done.





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