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Preface – Founder & Chief Mentor

With deep humility and a sense of social responsibility, I present the vision of the *Dhammbhumi Kelzar Shraman Education Project*. This initiative was born from a sincere commitment to nurture education rooted in values, wisdom, and compassion. Inspired by the timeless teachings of Gautama Buddha and the transformative vision of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, this project seeks to empower young minds through knowledge, discipline, and moral development.

Kelzar, a land rich in cultural and spiritual heritage, holds immense potential for social transformation. However, many children and youth, particularly from marginalized and rural backgrounds, continue to face barriers in accessing quality education and holistic development opportunities. The Dhammbhumi Kelzar Shraman Education Project is our collective response to this need — to create a nurturing learning environment that promotes academic excellence, ethical living (Sila), mental development (Samadhi), and wisdom (Panna).

Our vision is not limited to formal education alone. We aim to cultivate responsible citizens who are self-reliant, socially conscious, and committed to building a just and equitable society. Through value-based education, skill development, community engagement, and cultural awareness, we aspire to create pathways for sustainable growth and dignity for all.

This project is a humble step toward building an enlightened society where education becomes a tool for liberation and empowerment. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all supporters, educators, community members, and well-wishers who believe in this mission. Together, let us work to transform lives through knowledge, compassion, and collective action.

With sincere dedication & service,

Shri P.S. Khobragade

Founder

Dhammbhumi Kelzar Shraman Education Project



ABOUT THE BHARTIYA BOUDHA SEVA SANGH

The **Bhartiya Boudha Seva Sangh**, in Dhammbhumi **Kelzar**, Wardha, is primarily associated with educational initiatives within the Buddhist community but now a days it is working for all the communities irrespective of caste, religion and creed. It is notably linked to **The Shraman Education Campaign**, which serves as a major project for the organization in the region.

Introduction: Our organization is committed to building a society based on the visionary principles of Lord Buddha and Dr. B.R. Ambedkar. we bridge the gap between modern academic excellence and profound moral values for the next generation.

Our Vision: To build a generation of **disciplined, ethical, compassionate, and socially committed**

Our Mission: To revive Shraman values through value-based residential education that integrates ethics, character, and leadership for future educators and community leaders.

Objectives

- To revive and strengthen Shraman culture in a contemporary and socially relevant form.
- To integrate education with ethics, discipline, and character formation.
- To create future teachers, social workers, and community leaders.
- To establish a replicable model of value-based residential education.



About the Founder:

Shri P. S. Khobragade
Founder & Chief Mentor –
Dhammbhumi Kelzar Shraman Education Project

A Life Dedicated to Dhamma, Education, and Social Transformation:

Shri P. S. Khobragade is the visionary founder and guiding force behind the **Kelzar Shraman Education Project** at Dhamma Bhoomi, Kelzar. A retired Sub-Engineer by profession, he has dedicated his post-retirement life entirely to the **revival and strengthening of Shraman culture through education, discipline, and moral living.**

Deeply inspired by the teachings of **Lord Buddha** and the transformative vision of **Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar**, Shri Khobragade firmly believes that **true social change is possible only through character-building, value-based education, and disciplined living.**

From Engineering to Nation-Building:

After serving with integrity in government service, Shri Khobragade chose a path of **complete dedication to society** rather than a comfortable retired life. In an extraordinary act of commitment, he has **devoted his entire pension and personal resources** to sustain and build the Shraman education initiative at Kelzar.

What began as a small effort with a handful of students has today grown into a **recognized and respected center of moral and value-based education**, nurturing more than **70 Shraman students**—with many more aspiring to join.

Programmatic Interventions

CORE PROGRAMS

The organization's core focus on the following areas:

- **Education:** Provides education from early childhood through higher education. The campus features facilities designed for both academic learning and extracurricular development for students.
- **Buddha Vihar:** A prominent Buddhist temple in the area, often listed as a focal point for the local Buddhist community. Organizing Dhamma shibirs (camps), conferences, and tours to Buddhist pilgrimage sites.
- **Social Welfare:** empower marginalized communities through awareness, training, workshops, field visits and lectures.

KEY INTERVENTIONS

1. Shraman Education Project: Value-Based Education
2. Social Reformer Development
3. Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Inspired Education
4. Buddha Teachings Based Education
5. Youth Meditation Camps and Retreats
6. Life-Skills Workshops
7. Youth Leadership and Volunteer Program
8. Youth Mentorship and Counselling
9. Community Living and Daily Mindful Activities
10. Nature-Based Mindfulness Activities
11. Community Outreach and Service



Shraman Education Project: Value-Based Education

Key Activities:

- Daily Value Education Sessions (ethics, conduct, duties, respect, social responsibility)
- Character-building workshops on honesty, self-control, empathy, and service
- Life-skills training: decision-making, emotional discipline, responsibility, teamwork
- Role-model storytelling (Buddha, Ambedkar, social reformers, national leaders)
- Self-reflection and guidance circles



Shraman Culture Revival

Key Activities:

- Structured daily routine based on discipline and mindfulness
- Training in Vinaya (code of conduct) and ethical lifestyle
- Mindfulness and awareness practices
- Cultural observance days related to Buddha and Shraman tradition



Social Reformer Development

Key Activities:

- Leadership development sessions
- Social responsibility projects in nearby villages
- Community service activities (cleanliness, awareness drives, helping elders)
- Exposure visits to social institutions and reform movements
- Reading and discussion on social reformers (Ambedkar, Buddha, Phule, etc.)



Ethical Education

Key Activities:

- Ethics classes & moral reasoning sessions
- Truthfulness & responsibility practice systems
- Respect, equality, and dignity education

Residential Education for Students

Key Activities:

- Free/assisted hostel facilities
- Nutritious meals and healthcare support
- Daily supervised study hours
- Mentoring & personal guidance
- Regular parent interaction & progress tracking



Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Inspired Education

Key Activities:

- Study of Dr. Ambedkar's life, writings, and ideas
- Constitutional values education (liberty, equality, fraternity)
- Anti-discrimination and dignity education
- Ambedkar Jayanti & social equality observances
- Debates, essays, and discussions on social reform



Buddha Teachings Based Education

Key Activities:

- Daily meditation / mindfulness practice.
- Dhamma classes (Four Noble Truths, Eightfold Path, Panchsheel)
- Moral stories from Buddha's life.
- Daily Chanting of Dhamma.



Social Activities

The Centre actively engages young people through a variety of social and spiritual activities that encourage mindfulness, ethical living, and community service. These programs aim to cultivate inner peace, moral responsibility, and leadership among youth in a nurturing and peaceful environment.

OUR STRATEGIES & MODEL

Approach & Strategy

Integrated Daily Schedule Model

Every student's day integrates:

- Study
- Discipline
- Meditation
- Service
- Ethics
- Physical activity
- Reflection

Holistic Development Model:

- Live a disciplined and simple residential life
- Study in nearby schools such as Yashwant Vidyalaya and Zilla Parishad Schools
- Follow daily routines based on:
 - Vinaya (discipline).
 - Study.
 - Meditation & reflection.
 - Service & cleanliness.
 - Ethical conduct.
 - Chanting of Dhamma.

We focus equally on:

- Academic excellence
- Moral character
- Social responsibility
- Emotional maturity



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