

**KUSHTAROG NIWARAN SAMITI'S**



**BALWANTRAI MEHTA PANCHAYATRAJ  
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**CHAIRMAN - Smt.Raksha Mehta**

**MEMBERS**

<b>Shri Vishnu Prabhudesai</b>	<b>Shri Sanjay Gulumbkar</b>
<b>Shri Jaywant Matkar</b>	<b>Shri Yogesh Mhatre</b>
<b>Smt. Usha Jadhav</b>	<b>Shri. Sanjay Wankhade</b>
<b>Smt. Falguni Mehta</b>	<b>Smt. Jayshri Patil</b>

Kushtarog Niwaran Samiti is registered under  
Society Registration Act 1860 & B.P.T. Act. 1950 ,Regn.  
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The most enduring and profound contribution of Late Shri Balwantraji Mehta was to give a concrete shape to the panchayatraj concept which is the foundation of Indian democracy.

This means states have to confer adequate powers to Gram Panchayats to function in an autonomous manner.

A true democracy is one where maximum power vests with people. Villages can conduct their activities through the panchayatraj system within available resources.

Mrs. Raksha Mehta accepted the responsibility of setting up the Balwantraji Mehta Panchayatraj Jagruti Kendra on the occasion of his birth centenary at Kushtarog Niwaran Samiti Shantivan, Panvel.

### **CENTRE - ACTIVITIES:-**

#### **1. Panchayatraj related activities :**

- a. Educating villagers to exercise voting rights (Adult Franchise)
- b. Empowering Gramsabhas, social awareness through training programs.

#### **2. Conferring Balwantraji & Sarojben Mehta Award for Ideal Gram Panchayat at the District level -Cash Prize Rs. 25,000/- with Trophy.**

#### **3. Rural Development Activities:**

- a. Cleanliness.
- b. Construction of Toilet Blocks.
- c. Sanitation Training Camps
- d. **Key Resource Center** appointed

by Maharashtra Government to survey villages under the 'Total Sanitation Campaign' and 'Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan' social awareness program. for 'Nirmal Gram Award' in Maharashtra.

e. Arranging residential camps on safe drinking water, cleanliness & hygiene, under 'Surakshit Jal Abhiyan campaign' & 'Nirmal Abhiyan Campaign'

#### **4. Organic Farming :**

- a. Demonstration model farm.
- b. Importance of Organic Fertilizers  
(i) compost (ii) vermi composting  
(iii) NADEP Compost guidance
- c. Organizing workshops.

#### **5. Drinking water projects: -**

- a. Drinking water for tribal village with active participation of villagers.

- b. Bore wells.
- c. Rain Water Harvesting projects .

#### 6. Women Empowerment Projects

- a. Organizing self help groups & vocational guidance in Agarbatti, Candle, Godhadi Quilt, Jewellery making.
- b. Conducting Training camps.
- c. Encouraging active participation in gramsabhas.
- d. Self employment and entrepreneurship

#### 7. Construction of community centers in villages.

#### 8. Residential Training Programmes

- a. Overseas students.
- b. N.S.S. camps
- c. Indian University students.

#### 9. Documentation Center of Late Shri Balwantraoi Mehta

#### 10. Sarojba Library

#### 11. Educational activities

a. Adivasi Ashramshala :- Shri Annasaheb Sahasrabudhe Adivasi Ashramshala was established in 1994 to serve the needs of the adivasi community which traditionally is not attracted to education and cannot incur expenditure on growing children without gainful work. Approximately 500 students from class 1 to 10 stay on campus. The adivasi children belong to the poorest strata of society, with a unique distinction of being the first generation to attend formal school. Given a choice, the parents would not like to send them to school, since they contribute to the economic well being of their families .Along with their parents, they work in brick kilns, coal mines, road building sites , farms etc. as a team and are paid on a piece meal basis by the contractor.

Immense persuasion was required initially before their parents released the children for education in a residential school.

- b. The school has a vocational training center.
- c. Language laboratory section.
- d. Computer laboratory section
- e. Library.
- f. Science Laboratory.
- g. Spinning wheel center.
- h. Dining hall & Kitchen with Solar Lights & Solar Water Heater.
- i. Residential Dormitories for girls & boys.
- j. Assembly Hall

The following facilities can be availed of at the Balwantrai Mehta Center for holding conferences /seminars by NGO's as well as corporate houses at the following rates per day

	<b>Amount</b>
1.Auditorium	1,500
2. Conference Hall	500
3.Guest Room	600
4.Dormitory (Lodging)	-Per Bed 175
5.Boarding	400
6.Kitchen Premises	500
7.Dining Hall	750

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Inner Wheel Public Services Committee, Bombay.  
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Seth Walchand Hirachand Memorial Trust.  
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World Hunger Project.  
Time & Talent Club.  
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Gandhi Smarak Nidhi , Mumbai.  
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Indus International.  
IMC Ladies' Wing  
Yashada ,Pune  
Raigad Zilla Parishad  
Government Of Maharashtra,Water & Sanitation  
Department .



Development Guidance



Panchayatraj Programme



Panchayatraj Melawa



Balwantrai Sarojben Metha  
District Level Panchayatraj Award



Drinking Water



Rain Water Harvesting



Sanitation Park



Cleanliness Training



S.H.G. Training



Cleanliness Guidance



Lift Irrigation Pump



Toilet Block Project



Community Hall Scheme



Organic Farming  
Research & Training



Cow Fodder



Nutrition Garden



Candle Making



Jewellery Making



Agarbatti Making



Godhadi Quilt



Adivasi Residential School



Language Lab



Weaving (Spinning Wheel) Center



Foreign Students Residential Camp