

## Background

In 1979, the Institute of Cultural Affairs: India (ICA: India) began a rural development project in Chikhale Village. Chikhale is located east of Mumbai, beyond major urban development. The village is surrounded by the Sahyadri Mountain range, part of India's western ghats.

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The Chikhale Ashram opened its doors to one class of 15 1<sup>st</sup> Standard students in 1989. Each succeeding year, another grade was added as the first students progressed. In 1999, the government authorized the school to expand up to 10<sup>th</sup> Standard. In 2010, the school got permission to offer junior college classes in both arts and science.

## Cultural Programs



Both national and religious holidays are celebrated by the students and faculty. During independence day celebrations distinguished guests come to the school for the festivities.

## Supporters



Lions Club members present blankets and school supplies to all students.

### Major Donors Include:

Government of Maharashtra, Ministry for Tribals  
Lions Club of Bombay – Mahanagar  
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## Adivasi Ashram School

Chikhale Village



### Celebrating 25 Years Of Excellence in Education

- A demonstration that all people have the potential to live full and productive lives
- A residential school for 700 adivasi tribal children – 1<sup>st</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> standards
- Located 40 km. east of Mumbai near the Panvel exit from the Mumbai-Pune expressway
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- Operated under the auspices of the Government of Maharashtra and organized by the Institute of Cultural Affairs: India

## Residential Accommodations



Daily meals and snacks are prepared in a modern up-to-date kitchen. Meals are served in the school's assembly hall.

The school also provides full housing facilities, school supplies and medical care as needed. Round-the-clock supervision is provided during the students' stay at the school. Daily attendance of faculty and students is automatically recorded on a biometric system.



## Educational Facilities



A science lab and computer room are available for higher standard students.



Classrooms are available for each grade.

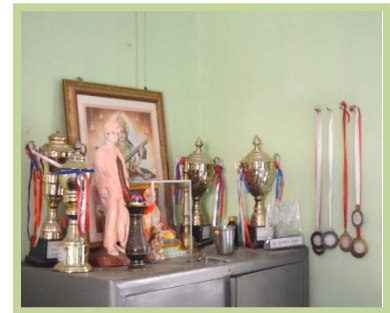
## Major Accomplishments



Above: English teacher and school graduate who became a primary school teacher in his local village.

- 1,400 students have completed studies at the school
- 100% of science students have passed end-of-year examinations
- 57 students have gone on to post-high school courses
- Seven graduates became teachers
- Three graduates became police officers
- One became an advocate
- Many students are working in different jobs

Sports teams from the school participate in district wide competitions. For the past five years, they have won



district-level trophies in kabaddi.