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*The kite gives us a message:  
Fly high, but stay connected to your roots!*



## Shobha Athalye

Born and brought up in Nagpur, Shobha Athlaye was a keen sports person, having won medals in Kabbadi and Kho-Kho. After her graduation and marriage she spent 10 years in London with her late husband Arvind and their two children.

Not the one for Coffee Mornings and Cards Evenings, after her return to India, she joined SEC as a social worker in the year 1986. Initially, given the task of raising funds for the School, she visited various companies, and gave presentations to create awareness about the school.



When her two children decided to go abroad for further studies, the Athlayes moved to Pune.

Around the same time, Tehmina Barma, one of the founding members of SEC, came up with the idea of setting up SEC Center for Independent Living in Maval Taluka in 1989, for rehabilitation of the orthopedically challenged children in the rural areas.

Shobha took charge, and dedicated herself to the rural project run for the children from villages and remote areas. Besides education, SEC, Naigaon, is involved in rehabilitation of the students, surgery, physiotherapy, speech therapy, occupational therapy, and also teaching various vocations, so that the students can earn their livelihood in their later life.

Naigaon, being a residential unit of SEC, food and all the living requirements are provided to the students through donations and sponsorships.

Shobha, in her younger days used to travel 46 km from Pune, 3 times a week to oversee the working of the unit. Her heart still beats for SEC; even at an advanced age, she still oversees the work at least once a week, even though a new younger member has been appointed to supervise the unit.

Shobha has also been a devotee in spiritual pursuits since 1990. A trustee of two projects initiated by her Guru, the Center has 'satsangs', which she attends once a week. This not only gives her a lot of joy and peace, but also in her words 'it is the 'seva' that is really satisfying and enjoyable and it makes my life GREAT!'

# SEC Annual Day



*Prize Winners*  
*At the Create Foundation*  
*competition our students*  
*won the first prize in Dancing*



# Christmas Celebrations - at all the units



## Picnic for Ex students and students of 4 units



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