

Pune Univ students undertake novel drive

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The University of Pune (UoP) has started work on an ambitious project called 'Samarth Bharat Abhiyan (SBA)'. Aiming at making students contribute to the development of society, the project is to be launched from June 2007.

"There is no link between students and society nowadays. Many people complain about this. But, the youth have a tremendous capacity that the society can benefit from in many ways. Keeping this in mind, the university for the first time in its history took 350 students to visit veteran social worker Baba Amte and

observe his work at Anandvan. These students have undergone tremendous change," said Dr Narendra Jadhav, Vice Chancellor of UoP.

A scheme called 'One Student One Tree', the first project under SBA, will be implemented from June onwards in all the three districts com-

ing under the jurisdiction of UoP, namely Pune, Ahmednagar and Nashik. "We aim to plant 5,35,000 trees in 2007," said Jadhav.

"The formulation of various plans for SBA has already begun. The university will try to undertake the development of villages through various activities such as cleanliness drives, construction of latrines, etc," said Jadhav.

