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# India

**World Water Day**  
**March 22, 2019**



Watts Water Technologies, Inc.

**Clean Water Access**  
**Ashram Primary and**  
**Secondary Schools**  
**Khambale**  
**Palghar District, India**



**Bringing Clean Water to  
Ashram Primary and  
Secondary School, Khambale  
(Palghar District, India)**

# Unfiltered Reality

Students attending the Khambale Ashram schools are from Khambale, Dabhle, Govne and Sakhre and combine to approximately 364 students who reside on school premises. Like most primary and secondary schools in the Palghar District, Khambale is a boarding school, with food and housing provided to the students by the school. The school has one bore well on site and the untreated water is stored in four storage tanks. This singular water source is utilized for all of their water needs – drinking, handwashing and cooking.

Khambale village is nearly 25 km from the main highway and villagers themselves built the road that it is in better condition than most. Farming is the main source of livelihood, but apart from farming, villagers also frequently pick up additional work to supplement their income.

The school headmaster, Mr. D.N. Khairnar describes life at the schools and their struggle with stored water that has contamination and is untreated when used, "I have been serving in this school for the past 3 years. We have 592 students in our school, out of which 364 are residential. My school staff also resides on the school premises. Here we have 18 people as staff of the school who are continuously taking care of every aspect of the students. We have a fixed daily schedule for the school activities such as exercise, academics, food requirements etc., which makes students more disciplined, and helps them to have a structured life.

As previously mentioned, we have water storage tanks in our school, but we do not have proper purification system to treat this water. During the rainy season, many times we notice that the students are getting sick more than usual – and this may be because of unhealthy or unsafe water. These tribal students have very low immune systems and a water purification system is a necessity for the school."

Teachers, administrators, students and their families are very excited to be receiving an AquaTower as their source for clean water in the schools and for the community at-large. Mr. Khairnar adds, "I am very happy and excited to have this AquaTower in our school. I would like to thank Planet Water Foundation for giving this facility to us. We assure to make the utmost use of the acquired facility."



"Thanks to your team and efforts, our students will have safe and healthy water access directly in the school. Such a facility is not available anywhere near our village."

— S.P. Londge, Teacher  
Ashram Primary School, Khambale



# COMMUNITY PROFILE

**School Name:** Ashram Primary and Secondary Schools

**Number of Students:** 592

**Community Name:** Khambale

**Community Population:** 12,000

**Number of Households:** 400

**GPS Coordinates:** 19052'32" N; 72046'40" E



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