

ACCOMPANYING EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT

*Annual Report of Maharashtra Prabodhan Seva Mandal,
MPSM, 2018-2019*

I. AREAS OF MPSM'S OUTREACH

Adivasi Talukas of Surgana, Peth, Dindori, Trimbakeshwar in Nashik District; and Mokhada in Palghar District of Western Maharashtra.



II. Adivasi Communities in MPSM's Ambit

From the Koknas, Mahadev Kolis, Warlis, Thakurs, Katkaris in Nashik District to the Korkus in extension programmes of Amaravati District. Subsistence farmers. Small land holdings.

III. EDUCATION

A. Children's Education Worked Through

1. 65 Tutorials in support of Primary Learners of Zilha Parishad Std. I-IV Schools in as many Adivasi villages covering 1500 children
2. Training of Adivasi Women to teach in their own village tutorials
3. Equipping the Tutorials with context related teaching-learning aids. Special focus on the English Learning Kit.
4. Logistical support for the Tutorials reaching teaching aids, stationery, providing inservice guidance to the Tutors
5. Ensuring contact and involvement of parents and village in the educational programme.



C. Computer Learning and Audio-Visual Education

1. Training and commissioning of 13 Adivasi youth to take laptops for learning to the above Tutorials daily.
2. Meeting the challenge of repairs and maintenance for village laptops.



D. 180 Adivasi Youth Hostel

1. Offers economical and adequate infrastructure for village students pursuing college studies and courses.
2. Hostel library had roof rotor fans installed besides upgrading the computers.
3. Students continue to attempt competitive exams for government posts.



E. Boarding for Adivasi Middle School Girls

1. 150 Adivasi Middle School Girls live and study in MPSM's Ambatha Boarding and attend the Jesuit Prabodhan Vidyalaya.
2. Repairs and Maintenance was taken up on "war footing" to improve the study hall, toilets, watersupply and staff quarters.
3. The one year old solar power system installed provides reliable lighting to the Girls' Boarding.



F. Training and Resource Centre

1. AV library, study hall, training with boarding and lodging facilities hosts educational programmes for students, teachers, staff, etc. The Centre offers educational and development resources to VOs in Raigad, Thane, Palghar, Nandurbar, Dhule, Ahmednagar, Aurangabad and Amravati Districts of Maharashtra.

2. MPSM is part of the all-India SANKALP movement for Educational Alternatives for marginalized learners.

3. MPSM involves expertise of media and educational professionals in designing its programmes and educational materials.



IV. ENVIRONMENT-AGRICULTURE-LIVELIHOOD

A. SEAD Project

Sustainable Environment-Agricultural Development (SEAD) programme successfully completed enabling farmers to increase their fruit tree cover, adopt organic farming practices, strengthening Women's leadership through awareness of progressive approaches to development.



B. Adivasi Community Managed Sustainable Livelihood Enhancement Programme (ACSLEP)

Included new areas of the Mokhada Taluka of Palghar District with programmes of tree planting, organic technology, livelihood – focusing on poultry, quality fruit tree supplies for monsoon planting, kitchen gardens.



C. AFARM-Indigo Project

1000 Adivasi Women were registered by MPSM field staff for implementing the AFARM-Indigo Project for Women's Livelihood Capacity Building. Orientations were organized, base-line surveys made, Women's aptitude and interest assessed, livelihood alternatives presented for Women to choose from. Technology for small scale domestic industry, organic agriculture, poultry and goatry units started, self-employment activity supported.



D. Farmers' Producer Organisation (FPO)

Post NABARD Wadi Project implementation MPSM is mobilizing Wadi beneficiaries to register an FPO for marketing their produce. The process of registration takes long and full functioning of the FPO is awaited.



E. Ambatha Adivasi Mahila Centre

MPSM's Mahila Team organized "knowledge is power" sessions for Adivasi Mahila representatives of 60 self-help Women's groups. The sessions covered health, livelihood, sustainable agriculture and everyday literacy skills. Mahila participation confirmed the purpose. Women took up the ACSLEP livelihood programme as well as the fruit tree planting programme.



F. Herbal Garden & Organic Farm

Our team of Adivasi vaidus nurtures medicinal plants and explores herbal remedies with other networks working at indigenous health. They also tend MPSM's organic farm. Our vaidus share their wisdom with other groups.



V. MEDIA FOR EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Audio-Visuals

1. MPSM added to its comprehensive Audio Visual resources with a health video for rural viewers to understand health services, participate in health related activities, use herbal remedies as first aid.

2. Given the need for such a video MPSM plans to produce a 30 minute video for training of grass root Tutors particular village Women (Adivasis in particular) to enhance their role as educators of their own village children.



VI. OTHER ACTIVITIES

1. MPSM Staff participated in the AFARM initiated MNREGA revival meeting held in Nashik
2. Staff were engaged as Resource Persons for YUWA's trainings in Sinnar.
3. Staff addressed farmers in Dhadgaon (Nandurbar District), Shirpur (Dhule District), Manor (Palghar District) on organic farming technology.
4. MPSM's programmes for environment and livelihood were visited by groups of students, urbanites and others interested in environment-agriculture issues.
5. MPSM's Audio-Visuals on Educational and Agricultural topics were used by institutions similarly engaged.



VII. FUTURE PERSPECTIVES

1. Further development of Audio-Visual Modules for Education meeting needs of village learners at various levels from primary students to agricultural technologies, livelihood and health issues.
2. Enhancing skills of rural and Adivasi Women for strengthening educational and livelihood programmes.
3. Developing innovative educational alternatives that are accessible and effective for the needs of village communities
4. Improving the extension services of the MPSM Centre for Educational, Research & Training (MCERT)
5. Greater collaboration with other VOs in the field.

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