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BAAL MELAVA AT TARA

In the beginning of January 2011 we looked at the programmes that had still to be done and planned for the quarter. The Baal Melava was the most exciting programme with about 250 children from the villages around as well as children from the 8 Bhonga Schools. About 21 youth from Mumbai came along to plan and help us for this event. They came from all walks of life from IT professionals, chartered accountants and management students.



There were snacks, action songs, dances, exhibits that the children made, plays that they put up and a whole lot of fun. Some came decked out in the costumes that they had to perform in others donned on masks for the play. The youth from Mumbai helped out in the games of skill and prize distribution. They also looked after the general management of the whole programme



WOMENS' DAY AT JANHIT VIKAS - TARA



The energetic females of the JVT staff kick-started the programme with an inspiring song about the greatness of Indian women, like the Rani of Jhansi, Savitribai Phule etc. who lead to the change in the status of women in India. Later the women from the wadis danced and sang traditional songs to celebrate their freedom from the fetters of dominations.



While Kavita, Mathura and many others spoke of and extolled the attitude of women, others spoke about the need to be educated to challenge the existing paternalistic society.

PANCHAYAT RAJ TRAINING



Many tribal women and some animators from the South Zone of Raigad (Kolad and further south) attended this training given by Mrs. Sushma and her companion from Disha Kendra Karjat. After some input there were group discussions and the women were asked to prepare a report of their group discussion. While some sang panchayat raj songs, other read out their report of their discussion. Their insights and the problems they mentioned made one wonder how they still had the will to still go ahead and set things



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WOMEN AND LAW

Advo. Sr. Annie was again back with to share her knowledge of the IPC. With the problems of atrocities against women and domestic violence, on the increase, there is a demanding need for knowledge of the legal action that a woman can take to redress her grievances. The women listened in rapt attention and were glad to



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know that the law was on their side and they could take action against the insults, beatings and derogatory treatment by the bullies.

PARTICIPATORY LEARNING AND ACTION

Ten Jesuit scholastics and Elton Moray, this year's regent from St. Pius College, came to Tara for training in non-institutional approaches. Fr. Godfrey D'Lima s.j., came from Nashik to give them the use of A/V Aides for use in non-institutional work. He showed them how to use charts that he



made and used in his work. The learners liked his approach and got their doubts clarified. Next Brian explained with practical's the intricacies of the technique and the participants remarked that for the first time they were exposed to this new manner of working. They had a live experience at the wadi



level and enjoyed the process. A follow-up is to be organized during the Divali holidays with more inputs on the Revenue Department, the Public Distribution System and P/L/A..

