

From Slavery to Life of Dignity:

Janseva Society Tala has been working for Kathkari Tribe in Tala block of Raigad Dist since 2013. The main focus of work is sustained education and creation for the opportunity for the alternative means of livelihood for the tribals.

After 70 years of independence the adivasis/tribals are pushed to the periphery of the society and they are deprived o basic necessities of life. The Adivasi/ Tribals are identified with land, forest and water. The Kathkari tribe do not have land of their own. As a result there is distress migration and education of children is at stake. In order to curb the distress migration Janseva Society is creating alternative means of livelihood such as papad making, candle and agarbatti making, group goat rearing, chicken farming, brick kiln, vacant land farming, tailoring and embroidery, jewelry making, pickle making etc.



Janseva Society has formed 30 Self Help Groups for implementing microfinance concept and livelihood activities. Since three years 8 SHGs were trained to cultivate vegetables and earned about 8 lakhs Rupees.

This year 14 SHG groups of Shenate, Charai, Kadkyachigaani and Kumble adivasi hamlets have planted vegetables such bitter gourd, brinjal, watermelon, chili, and tomato. So far 86 tons of bitter gourd, one and half ton of watermelon have been sold for more than 10 lakhs of rupees. Another 25 to 30 tons are expected within 30 days. Total of 32 acres of land has been used for the

cultivation. The personnel of Janseva Society is facilitating Tribal to get land from the owner on lease for 5 months and only for the purpose of cultivation.



There is lot of appreciation as the personnel of Janseva Society are reaching out to the adivasi for training even though there is no connecting road to adivasi hamlets. Because of their efforts and commitment there is curbing of distress

migration and hence there is sustained attendance of students in the school.

There is beautiful atmosphere for the education. From being age old bonded labourer the adivasis are living a dignified life. Janseva Society appreciate the collaborative efforts by ADA for their constant financial support and guidance.