
ANNUAL REPORT

2015-16





PREFACE

It's my pleasure to present annual report of Dishantar for the fiscal year 2015-16. A glance over past journey of Dishantar astonishes me when I remember starting point of our journey in a tribal hamlet and now we are scaling up across North Ratnagiri. While taking up wide range of activities like Course Book Banks in junior colleges, scholarship for bright and needy students, adolescent girls' capacity building, skill development workshops for students and last but not least hamlet development through initiative for pure and safe drinking water. Dishantar predominantly continued its presence in each of the activity and also endeavoured to enable creativity and quality in each of the activity. This is one of the several reasons for everyone who is part of Dishantar would feel proud. Shree Siddhivinayak Trust has continued to be a pioneer partner for Dishantar. Dominion Diamond (India) Pvt. Ltd. and Sai Swadhyay Trust contributed greatly in making this year a great success for Dishantar.

Visit of Shree Siddhivinayak Ganapati Temple Trust's Chairman, Mr. Narendra Rane was a token of appreciation of innovative implementation of Course Book Bank Programme with a better scope for making this activity sustainable. his year 3 new students joined the group of Dnyanyadnya Scholarship Recipients. Provision of educational kits for underprivileged children was a scaled up activity. This year, we have entered a new area of government schemes and programmes. We have enrolled for the empanelment of Skill Training Provider team of Maharashtra State Skill Development Society and also became Coordinator

Organization for Bio-diversity Management Committee formation at village level for Maharashtra Bio-diversity Board. Women empowerment wing continued activities like guidance workshops for women and adolescent girls' capacity building programmes. Incorporation of 100 families in Sujal i.e. pure and safe drinking water project gave us a sense of achievement.

Dishantar has initiated its journey in the voluntary sector on the issue of hamlet development. We feel that we are on right track. Responsibilities have increased. Community awareness and actions for protection of bio-diversity, working in the sector of water and sanitation as well as natural resource based livelihood would surely form the core of the upcoming activities of Dishantar along with the rest ongoing activities.

I am thankful to the Board members who commit themselves readily for ensuring transparent and accountable governance of Dishantar. I appreciate support of all the partners, volunteers and team Dishantar who are stakeholders of our contribution for social transformation for Patriot, knowledgeable, ethical, progressive society. Dishantar is marching ahead as a result of the trust, confidence and magnanimous support provided by all of them.

RAJESH JOSHTE
PRESIDENT

Registration Details:

Registration Act	Registration Date	Place of Registration	Registration No.
Society Act, 1860	14.03.2013	Ratnagiri	MH- 4982
Trust Act, 1950	06.05.2013	Ratnagiri	F- 4964
Income Tax Department PAN No.	-	-	AABTD8364 R
Income Tax Act, 1961 Section 12AA(1)(b)(i)	10.09.2015	Pune	PN/CIT(Exemp.)/Tech/12AA/Pune Rg./578/108/2015-16/2527
Income Tax Act, 1961 Section 80G(5)(vi)	30.09.2015	Pune	PN/CIT(Exemp.)/Tech/80G/197/2015-16/5716

Other Accreditations:

- **GuideStar Number (GSN):** 6320
- **Organisation Id as per Planning Commission's NGO Partnership System:** MH/2013/0058861

Other Registrations:

- Coordinator Organization for Bio-diversity Management Committee formation at village level, Maharashtra Bio-diversity Board
- Skill Training Provider Organization for Maharashtra State Skill Development Society.

Our Bankers:

Bankers	Savings Bank A/c
Bank of India, Chiplun Branch	141110110011839
Ratnagiri District Central Cooperative Bank	140111001100007

Funding Partners:

1. Dominion Diamond (India) Pvt. Ltd.
2. Sai Swadhyay Trust, Pune.
3. Container Movement (Bombay) Transport Pvt. Ltd.
4. Chiplun Municipal Corporation.

Programme Support Partners:

1. Shree Siddhivinayak Ganpati Mandir Trust, Prabhadevi, Mumbai.
2. Mamta Foundation, Pune.
3. H.D.F.C. Life, Chiplun.
4. Bank of India, Chiplun Branch.

Capacity Building Partners:

1. Maharashtra State Skill Development Society, Ratnagiri.
2. Samarth Gram Vikas Trust.

Institutional Partners in Activity Implementation:

1. 22 Junior Colleges from Rural Ratnagiri
2. 2 Village Councils (Nirbade & Ovali)

Quantitative Reflections

Siddhivinayak Book Banks commenced in 2015-16

S.N.	Name of Jr. College	Book Details
1.	Shree Ramvardayini Jr. College, Nirbade, Chiplun.	42 HSC Syllabus Books Sets
2.	Mohan Jr. College, Akle, Chiplun	35 HSC Syllabus Books Sets
3.	Mahadev Shirke Jr. College, Bhom, Chiplun	66 HSC Syllabus Books Sets
4.	R.C. Kale Jr. College, Pedhe Parshuram, Chiplun	98 HSC Syllabus Books Sets
5.	New English School & Jr. College, Vahal, Chiplun	67 HSC Syllabus Books Sets
6.	New English School & Jr. College, Pachad Shiral, Chiplun	16 HSC Syllabus Books Sets
7.	Kamlabai Vaman Pethe Jr. College,	131 HSC Syllabus Books Sets

S.N.	Name of Jr. College	Book Details
	Margtamhane, Chiplun	
8.	New English School & Jr. College, Patpanhale, Guhagar	116 HSC Syllabus Books Sets
9.	High School & Jr. College, Abloli, Guhagar	88 HSC Syllabus Books Sets
10.	Mohan Jr. College, Akle, Chiplun	40 sets of 11 th Std. Syllabus Books
11.	Mata Ramai Junior College Chiplun	41 sets of 11 th Std. Syllabus Books
12.	R.C. Kale Jr. College, Pedhe Parshuram, Chiplun	51 sets of 11 th Std. Syllabus Books
13.	Mahadev Shirke Jr. College, Bhom, Chiplun	31 sets of 11 th Std. Syllabus Books
14.	V.J. Bhagwat Vidyamandir & Jr. College, Borgaon, Chiplun	38 sets of 11 th Std. Syllabus Books
15.	Sahjivan High School & Jr. College, Khed	37 sets of 11 th Std. Syllabus Books
16.	Shivshankar High School & Jr. College, Kulvandi, Khed	22 sets of 11 th Std. Syllabus Books
17.	Varadkar - Belose College, Dapoli	51 sets of 11 th Std. Syllabus Books
18.	New English School & Jr. College, Patpanhale, Guhagar	32 sets of 11 th Std. Syllabus Books
19.	High School & Jr. College, Abloli, Guhagar	55 sets of 11 th Std. Syllabus Books
20.	New English School & Jr. College, Vahal, Chiplun	32 sets of 11 th Std. Syllabus Books

The above book banks consist 1089 Syllabus Books Sets consisting of 7774 books worth Rs. 534,944/-

Course Book Bank activity was initiated in 2013-14. The programme was being implemented by many NGOs and POs in partnership with Shree Siddhivinayak Ganapati Mandir Trust. Dishantar also implemented this initiative but differently. As the years went on functioning of this activity was made more pro-students. At the end of this year Dishantar is having a book bank in 22 Junior Colleges from Rural Ratnagiri where the students from remote areas

study. Form fee and non-refundable deposit is borne by Dishantar and students or colleges don't pay a single penny for these banks. Books once given to students are taken back at college level after completion of academic year and colleges give it to new students in new academic year. Thus, the book bank is being useful to many students. For colleges, this is a plus point for their goodwill.

S.N.	Student Name	Course Name	Scholarship Amount (Rs.)
1.	Simran Belvalkar	2 nd Year B.Sc Hospitality	22000
2.	Swapnadip Khapre	1 st Year B.Sc Hospitality	30000
3.	Rajashri Pevekar	1 st Year M.C.A.	15000
4.	Vrindavan Pawar	1 st Year Electrical Engineering	15000
Grand Total:			82000

Dnyanyadnya Financial Sponsorship was given to Pramila Sakpal (orphan girl) from Golavli village studying in 8th standard.

There are many students in rural Ratnagiri who are bright, have aspiration for higher studies but could not make this dream come true due to unavailability of financial support. This is our second year to provide Dnyanyadnya Scholarships. The process of selection of candidate, making the scholarships available is very transparent. This is not just a financial aid to the student. Dishantar team have developed emotional bonding with these students and there is a more or less parent-child relationship with these students. We

hope Dnyanyadnya will result in bringing up patriot, knowledgeable, ethical and progressive youth from rural Ratnagiri.

School Kits Recipients 2015-16

S.N.	Details of Children	Details of Educational Material	No. of Children
1.	1 st to 6 th Standard Children from unorganized workers families	School Bag, Water Bottle, Note Books, Pencil Box, Rubber, Crayons, Drawing Book, Writing Pad, etc.	22
2.	7 th to 10 th Standard Children from unorganized workers families	School Bag, Water Bottle, Note Books, Pencil Box, Rubber, Pen, Sketch Pen set, Drawing Book, Writing Pad, etc.	13
3.	Children from Dhamnand Rajwada (Tribal Hamlet)	Sweets on occasion of Childrens Day, Drawing Book & Crayons	19
4.	Children from Posre Rajwada (Tribal Hamlet)	Sweets on occasion of Childrens Day, Drawing Book & Crayons	32
5.	Children from Posre Rajwada (Tribal Hamlet)	Note Books, Pencil Box, Rubber, Crayons, Drawing Book, Writing Pad, etc.	35

The School Kit program aims at providing underprivileged children from the rural areas receive new & quality education aid at the beginning of academic year. This is an effort to encourage them to attend schools and reduce the dropout rates. A school kit contains a school bag with notebooks, fully equipped pencil or geometry boxes and other educational aides such writing pad, drawing kit, etc.. The School Kit program is a program, which helps socially conscious people to contribute back to society. Many of us have experienced the joy of having new school bags, books, pencil, geometry boxes on the very first day of the school. Through this initiative we aim to create the same happiness for the underprivileged children.

The theme 'Bring a Smile' - a philanthropic initiative started in 2012 in Hyderabad was taken up by HDFC this year as a CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility) initiative. Each one of the HDFC life, Chiplun team under the leadership of branch manager, Mr. Nilesh Mallik contributed in this initiative by

making available the stationery, books & learning tools that children would love to. They also displayed the collected material at office desk and made an appeal to all the HDFC life stakeholders to contribute in the initiative.

Children were very delighted and that was the outcome of “Bring a Smile” initiative. It was not just a stationery material for the children and community members but it was a warm hand holding support for their children.

Participation in Events (Capacity & Alliance Building during 2015-16)

S.N.	Date	Place	Event Organized
1.	17-19.04.2015	Sindhudurg-Belgaon-Dharvad-Kolhapur	Exposure Visit to Agri. Pilot Projects (Sindhudurg, Belgaon, Dharvad, Kolhapur)
2.	14.08.2015	Collector Office, Ratnagiri	MSSDS District Skill Development Executive Committee Meeting
3.	10.10.2015	Dishantar Office, Chiplun	Meeting of Community members from Kalkavne Khalipawadi with MSEB Officials
4.	16.10.2015	Collector Office, Ratnagiri	MSSDS District Skill Development Executive Committee Meeting
5.	22.11.2015	Pune	Participation in Dhyas Anniversary Event

Exposures and interactions with line departments or partner NGOs have always enabled us to build our capacities to work on our weak points. Participation in exposure visits to pilot agricultural projects of research institutes have given insights for strategic decision making regarding activities related to natural resource based livelihood enhancement. Participation in MSSDS meetings as a core team member was a great learning experience. It has also widened the scope for interactions with many development stakeholders of the district. Dhyas Anniversary Event is always a memorable event. This time it was special as we had an opportunity to interact with Dr. Kolhe and publication of Dr. Bharde’s autobiography.

Women Empowerment Initiatives

S.N.	Place	Event Organized	Participants
1.	Vehle, Chiplun	Women Farmers Meet	40

S.N.	Place	Event Organized	Participants
		(facilitation on Entrepreneurial Scope in Agriculture)	
2.	Vareli, Chiplun	Women's Meet (facilitation on overall women empowerment)	75
3.	Muradpur, Chiplun	Women's Meet (facilitation on Entrepreneurial Development)	35
4.	Posre, Rajwada (Tribal Hamlet)	Haldi Kunkoo Ritual for 38 Women (breaking the wrong tradition of honoring only married women & honoring all the women fraternity whether they are married, widow or single.	38
5.	Pedhe Grampanchayat	Womens Meet (facilitation on Entrepreneurial Development & Distribution of Sanitary Napkins)	57

Since time immemorial, women have played, and continue to play, a key role in conservation of basic life support system, such as, land, water, flora and fauna. Rural women play a crucial role in agricultural development and allied fields, including crop production, livestock production, horticulture, post-harvest operations, fisheries, etc. Without total intellectual and physical participation of women, it is not possible to achieve the goals of rural development. Hence, deliberate actions are taken to get engaged in their capacity building especially on health and livelihood.

It has been observed that interactions with women not only facilitate their capacity building but it also provides positive insights for the activities that need to be initiated. Although the present engagement of Dishantar with women is limited, we are hoping to initiate a sustained and long term engagement on this wing.

Adishakti (Adolescent Capacity Building Workshops)

S.N.	Place	Participants
1.	Pag Kanya School, Chiplun	225
2.	Ramvardayini High School & Jr. College, Nirbade	92
3.	R.C. Kale Junior College, Pedhe Parshuram	82

Adishakti activities are aligned directly with Dishantar’s vision of “Patriot, Knowledgeable, Ethical and Progressive Society. The activities create a space for girls to interact on their issues, the way they want to be. It instills confidence and better hope for the future in the eyes of the girls. It has been observed that the rural girls lack knowledge about menstrual hygiene and the issues adversely affect their menstrual health. Hence, this year, we have started dissemination of sanitary napkins in the girls’ workshop as a starting point on awareness about menstrual health.

Hamlet Development Activities

S.N.	Place	Event Organized	Participants
1.	Nirbade, Khindwadi, Chiplun	Distribution of Rupe Cards to Bank A/c holders	30 Katkari Households.
2.	Nirbade, Khindwadi, Chiplun	Follow up with Z.P. for rejuvenation of well	N.A.
3.	Ovali Grampanchayat	Demonstration of Domestic Water Purifier under “Sujal” Project.	59
4.	Nirbade Grampanchayat	Demonstration of Domestic Water Purifier under “Sujal” Project.	76
5.	Ovali Grampanchayat	Distribution of Domestic Water Purifier under “Sujal” Project.	46
6.	Nirbade Grampanchayat	Distribution of Domestic Water Purifier under “Sujal” Project.	54

Follow up initiatives are ongoing and part and parcel of Dishantar’s regular activities. This year there were 2 significant achievements as far as Nirbade tribal hamlet is concerned. One is availability of Rupe Cards and POS service on the hamlet in support with Bank of India, Chiplun branch and the other is sanction of funds from Zillah Parishad for rejuvenation of well that is the major source of water for the hamlet. Supporting Vishwasda, eminent leader from tribal hamlet of Nirbade for getting his wife operated for Cancer was indeed an important task and bravo to get her recovered soon. Overall, this year was more sweet than salt for Nirbade hamlet.

SUJAL PROJECT

Underprivileged community becomes the first victim of the water-borne diseases due to lack of proper hygiene and sanitation. Every year they suffer from water transmitting diseases like cholera, typhoid, hepatitis A and dysentery amounting to expenses around 2500 per family. Being economically weaker, diseases increase the borrowings of the community and they have to miss their daily wages too.

Hence, there was a need to provide domestic water purifiers (DWPs). DOMINION DIAMOND (INDIA) PRIVATE LIMITED, (a private company limited by shares incorporated under the Companies Act, 1956) supported Dishantar and made available funds for Sujal Project, a project for safe drinking water to 100 underprivileged community households.

Making the DWPs available was not a difficult task but making the plan successful and sustainable was a difficult task as we had to intervene in the day to day life of the community and make them cultured enough to follow the better hygienic practices at household level. This initiative was a step towards bringing health and joy to 100 underprivileged rural households, enabling and empowering them to improve their quality of life, offering them independence from the water borne diseases and providing substantial fiscal savings to them.

Capacity Building for Students

S.N.	Place	Event Organized	Participants
1.	Mata Ramai Jr. College, Chiplun	Skill Development Workshop for Jr. College Students	102
2.	R. C. Kale College, Pedhe Parshuram, Chiplun	Skill Development Workshop for Jr. College Students	121
3.	New English School & Junior College, Ambdas, Khed	Pradnyavardhan Workshop on Maths & Science for S.S.C. Students.	227
4.	Yashvant Vidyalaya, Dhamnand, Khed	Pradnyavardhan Workshop on Maths & Science for S.S.C. Students.	159

India's National Youth Policy seeks to ensure that youth needs and concerns are mainstreamed into overall national development policies, underscoring the need for the wholesome development of the young people and optimum utilization of their potential for national development.

We must work to obtain answers to questions such as, What is it that our local youth, especially the most vulnerable, are looking for? Does the current strategy for training and placement of youth address (if not in whole, but in part) some of the aspirations that youth have for themselves?

Creating such space for youth that allow for discussion and interaction on a wide range of subjects are just a starting point, but they are nonetheless a crucial step towards helping youth build confidence, ownership, citizenship and an understanding of both their rights and their duties. This will ultimately lead to a trained workforce in jobs that young workers want to be engaged in with prospects for their own development as well as that of the nations. Skill Development workshops were a step towards it.

Science and Mathematics has always been tough task for students especially for S.S.C. students. Pradnyavardhan workshop was an effort to bring the brain behind books in front of the students to release their tension about the subjects. Dr. Dilip Deshmukh had not only guided the students and boost their confidence but he has created a soft corner about the subjects in the minds of the students. A big thank you to Samarth Gram Vikas Trust for giving us an opportunity to work with such a great person who is not only intelligent but also worked with our very own missile man, Dr. Kalam. His sharing on working with Kalam Sir was an unforgettable experience.

Eminent Visitors

S.N.	Place	Event Organized
1.	Nirbade Khindwadi, Chiplun & 3 Junior Colleges from (Nirbade, Akle, Bhom & Pedhe)	Visit of Hon. Chairman, Shree Siddhivinayak Ganapati Mandir Trust, Prabhadevi to Adivasi Katkari Hamlet.
2.	Nirbade Khindwadi, Chiplun	Delegates from Sai Swadhyay Trust & Mamta Foundation, Pune.

Visitors have always proven to be an ignition for the new strategies of Dishantar. Insights of experienced and learned people have a great contribution in building Dishantar's future strategies.

In short, we can say, this year brought
“Chand Taron Ko Chhune Ki Asha”
for Dishantar.

Treasurer's Report

We indicate below the important details of the Audited Accounts of Dishantar for the financial year 2015-16:

(In Rs.)

Income	Year ended 31.03.2016
Grant Received	611000
Donation-in-kind	565744
Donation	179000
Donation for Earmarked Purpose	70000
Nehru Yuva Kendra Award	25000
Others	2130
Total	1452874
Expenditure	
Programme Expenses	1130150
Programme Support Expenses	214683
Administration Expenses	53018
Surplus	55023
Total	1452874

Treasurer, Dishantar

Financial Summary, 2015-16

(In Rs.)

BALANCE SHEET	As on March, 31, 2016
Funds & Liabilities	
Life Membership Fee	3500
Surplus	55023
Total	58523
Properties & Assets	
Deadstock	150
Computer	12000
Cash & Bank Balance	46373
Total	58523

Note:

Extracted from Audited Statement of Accounts 2015-16

Statutory Auditors:

M/s. Limaye Kale & Co.

Chartered Accountant (FRN with ICAI - 127119W)



Dishantar Sanstha, Chiplun