

SUSTAINABLE CHANGE

FOR

BETTER LIFE

ANNUAL REPORT

2017-18

Preface:

It's our great honor to share with you Dishantar's Annual Report for 2017-18. This report comes to you with pride, as it is a collection of our significant accomplishments from the past year. "Sustainable change for better life" was an underlying theme for Dishantar's work in fiscal year 2017-18.

Enhanced effort for women empowerment through livelihood intervention was ongoing and scaled activity this year. Annapurna activities were continued in Vehele Rajvirwadi, initiated in Kalvande Satinwadi & Mundhe Vikaswadi and primary meetings were held with SHGs in Dahivali Kumbharwadi. This was the second year of Annapurna project. In 2016-17 pilot project was implemented in Vehele Rajvirwadi. This year there was a doubled responsibility under this project - first was to continuing and improving the activities in Vehele Rajvirwadi and second was replicating the project in Kalvande Satinwadi. Local specific changes in activities, difference in behavioral pattern were the main reasons for introducing strategic changes in implementation. The experience was enriching as we have tried to link the farmers' activities with available government schemes and there was lot of work engagement with line departments. Replication with enhanced scale of activity can be stated as one of the phenomenon of Annapurna project. Workshops on entrepreneurial development were conducted to understand potential for agro based entrepreneurial activities for women.

New projects on water and sanitation - provision of water tanks, pipeline, water lifting pump in Devkherki Sutarwadi and setting up 12 toilet structures in Dalvatne village proved instrumental in solving prolonged problems of underprivileged communities in the region.

Dnyanyadnya project has continued its activities of educational kit provision, course book bank and scholarship along with provision of computer set for primary zillah parishad school in Akle.

Dominion Diamond (India) Pvt. Ltd., the pioneer partner contributed greatly to strengthen our effort of sustainable change for better life. We are also grateful to our funding partners - The Vidya Bhagwan Kotak Foundation, Late Dr. Tatyasaheb Natu Memorial Hospital and individual donors, programme support partners and institutional partners in activity implementation. Dishantar's journey in 2017-18 is incomplete without mentioning special thanks to Dr. Vikas Natu, Mr. Rajnish Khandelwal, Mr. Ramdas Jadhav, Mr. B.D. Kamble and Allscripts Pune,

Thank you all for your sustained support to our journey. Your support has strengthened our contribution for social and economic transformation i.e. sustainable change for better life.

Seema Yadav
Secretary

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 Act, 1961 Section 80G(5)(vi)	30.09.2015	Pune	PN/CIT (Exemp.)/Tech/80G/197/2015-16/5716

Other Accreditations:

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

Our Bankers:

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

Funding Partners:

- Dominion Diamond (India) Pvt. Ltd.
- The Vidya Bhagwan Kotak Foundation
- Late Dr. Tatyasaheb Natu Memorial Hospital

Programme Support Partners:

- Shree Siddhivinayak Ganpati Mandir Trust, Prabhadevi, Mumbai.
- Block Agriculture Office, Chiplun
- ATMA (Agriculture Technology & Mgmt. Agency), Chiplun

Institutional Partners in Activity Implementation:

- 27 Junior Colleges from Rural Ratnagiri
- 21 Village Councils from Ratnagiri district
- 19 women SHGs with 323 members
- 3 farmers groups with 104 members
- 3 Youth groups with 48 members

REFLECTIONS (QUANTITATIVE & QUALITATIVE)

Shree Siddhivinayak Course Book Banks launched in 2017-18

S.N.	Name of Jr. College	11th Std Book Sets	12th Std Book Sets
1.	Yashwant Vidyalay & Jr. College, Dhamnand, Tal. Khed	64	180
2.	Paisa Fund English School & Jr. College, Sangmeshwar, Tal Sangmeshwar	0	415
3.	New English School & Jr. College, Ambdas, Tal. Khed	0	319
4.	New English School & Jr. College, Pachad-Shiral, Tal. Chiplun	160	0
		224	914
1138 books worth Rs. 86048/- for 200 students			

Course Book Bank activity has completed 5 years of partnership with Shree Siddhivinayak Ganpati Mandir Trust. It's a pro-student activity. Book bank is being instrumental for rural students. Positive changes in academic results of colleges are indicating the efficacy of the course book banks.

**18558 students have taken benefit of 27
book banks consist 2366 syllabus book sets
with 16995 books worth Rs. 1211,807/-**

Dnyanyadnya Scholarship Recipients 2017-18

S.N.	Student Name	Course Name	Scholarship Amount (Rs.)
1.	Simran Belvalkar	Sixth semester - B.Sc Hospitality	15000
2.	Swapnadip Khapre	3 rd Year B.Sc Hospitality	30000
3.	Vrindavan Pawar	3 rd Year Diploma in Electrical Engg.	15000
4.	Ankita Zore	2 nd Year Degree in Electronics & Telecommunication	26000
5.	Namrata Bhuvad	F.Y.B.Com	45000
6.	Yojana Deshmukh	MPSC Coaching in Kolhapur	40000
7.	Puja Limbukar	Diploma in Hemodialysis Technician	22000
Grand Total:			193000

This was 4th year of Dnyanyadnya Scholarship Programme. Individual sponsors are primary source for this scholarship. Sponsors trust and support has strengthened the base of this programme. We suppose complete transparency, home visit for student identification, ongoing progress monitoring, sustained updates about students' progress and of course students' commendable response in terms of progress are the key to success of Dnyanyadnya. Dnyanyadnya is being appreciated across district.

School Kits Recipients 2017-18

The School Kit program aimed at providing underprivileged children from the rural areas 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 box and other educational aids such writing pad, drawing kit, water bottle 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. This year 61 students from remotest areas like Vehele, Mundhe, and Dahivali were given this support.

Annapurna Project

Annapurna project is being implemented in partnership with Dominion Diamond (I) Pvt. Ltd. and was initiated in 2016-17 on pilot basis in Vehele Rajvirwadi of Chiplun block from Ratnagiri district. For the first time in the history of district, Annapurna project brought forward a cadre of women farmers working professionally in agriculture activities. Group farming, organic farming, mechanized farming, improved package of practices, direct marketing of vegetables without any intermediaries were some of the project highlights.

This project empowered women farmers involved in the project and also mobilized farmers across district. Enhanced economic and social status, dignity, enhanced knowledge about improved POP and organic farming; were some of the privileges enjoyed by Annapurna members. In this year i.e. 2017-18, replication of Annapurna took place in Kalvande Satinwadi. Now, 108 Farm Entrepreneurs (Female 53 / Male 55) are engaged in the Annapurna replication intervention.

Key activities conducted:

- Training on improved Package of Practices
- Provision of Capital Fund for mechanization & eliminating hurdles in round the year farming
- Orientation on Resource Mobilization (Line Depts. & Other Sources)
- Resource Mobilization from Agriculture Department
- Training on crop management & protection measures.
- Training on developing market linkages

Provision for Farm Mechanization:

S.N.	Particulars	Amount (Rs.)
1.	Power Tiller - BCS MC 730 with 66 cm Rotary Hoe 8 hp petrol	160000
2.	Honda Make Portable Generator EU-30i with owners' manual & toolkit	86000

Appreciation:

This year was full of appreciations at various levels for Annapurna groups and individual members.

Appreciation of Vehele Group: Annapurna Group from Vehele received best farmers' group award at district level. They received certificate and prize of Rs.10,000/- It has been also felicitated by Sakal Media Group at district level. Akhil Maharashtra Kunbi Samaj Sanghatan's Pune division honored Annapurna group. Mr. Ganesh Ghanekar, local animator of Annapurna work at Vehele was honored by Suvarna Konkan organization from Mumbai.

Appreciation of Kalvande Group: Annapurna Group from Kalvande has been felicitated by Sakal Media Group at district level. Mr. Anant Udeg, local animator of Annapurna work at Vehele was honored by Suvarna Konkan organization from Mumbai.

Key outcomes:

- In Vehele, 15 acres of land has been brought under cultivation giving 78.5 ton production with a turnover of Rs. 12,71,000/-
- In Kalvande, 58 acres of land has been brought under cultivation giving 140.2 ton production with a turnover of Rs. 25,35,000/-

'Sanitation for All' Project - Dalvatne village

To accelerate the efforts to achieve universal sanitation coverage and to put focus on sanitation, the Prime Minister of India launched the Swachh Bharat Mission on 2nd October, 2014 that aims to achieve Swachh Bharat by 2019, as a fitting tribute to the 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, which in rural areas shall mean improving the levels of cleanliness in rural areas.

Many a time underprivileged communities fail to participate in such mission due to lack of funds. Those who struggle for their daily breads fail to give monetary contribution. Hence, Dishantar has initiated 'Sanitation for All' project. This year, Dishantar in partnership with Dominion Diamond (India) Pvt. Ltd. worked in Dalvatne village. In Dalvatne, 12 individual toilets have been set up for the underprivileged households. Selection process was conducted in partnership with village council.

'Sanitation for All' project made it possible for underprivileged community members to get rid of open defecation. This project was a step towards bringing health to underprivileged rural households, enabling and empowering them to improve quality of life.

'Water for All' Project - Devkherki Sutarwadi

This project was brought in operation in partnership with Dominion Diamond (India) Pvt. Ltd.. for 45 underprivileged families from Devkherki Sutarwadi with a population of 217 members. They were going through the water crisis since last 10 years. The hamlet land had been acquired by Water Irrigation department for Dam project before 10 years. So this community is presently dwelling in project affected area and they will be re-settled at some other place. Hence, village council or any other govt. dept. is not under any obligation to provide primary amenities to the hamlet.

Details of provision:

S.N.	Particulars
1.	Well desilting
2.	3 RCC water tanks with 3200 ltr. Capacity each
3.	1.5” HDPE Pipeline 250 mtr.
4.	1” HDPE Pipeline 150 mtr.
5.	Crompton make pump set 1.5 hp
6.	Shed for water tanks

Outcome:

This project has addressed the issue of water scarcity of 45 underprivileged families. This initiative was a step towards enabling and empowering them to improve their quality of life by resolving the issue of potable water.

Other supportive activities:

Visitors to Dishantar:

- *Delegate of Dominion Diamond (India) Pvt. Ltd. had visited Dishantar in April and in December 2017. Visit to Annapurna and other projects implemented in partnership with company have been visited by team. Every time delegates have given insights, appreciation and morale boosting experience to Dishantar Team. It's not just a visit it's a macro view from the external visitors that help Dishantar team to strengthen activities base for better performance at grass roots.*
- *Allscripts - corporate establishment in Pune visited Dishantar and its intervention village Akle. Members from the team of Allscripts under the leadership of branch manager, Mr. Rakesh Verma, Sr. Facilities Specialist were the visitors. The initiative was to make available the grocery items and educational material. 94 grocery kits were distributed to tribal community households. 22 primary education kits were distributed to tribal community students and 33 secondary education kits were distributed to tribal community students.*

- *Mr. Yogesh Prabhu from Lupin Foundation, Sindhudurg had visited Dishantar to explore the possibility of Dishantar's participation in Parivartan Kendra - concept of Hon. Minister of Commerce, Mr. Suresh Prabhu. Yogesh Sir enquired about Dishantar's present activities and also shared concept of Parivartan Kendra and activities of Lupin Foundation in Sindhudurg. It was really a nice experience. Dishantar has been then participating in Parivartan Kendra's Ratnagiri activities.*

Panchayat Raj Training in partnership with Lupin Foundation:

Dishantar had conducted 2 day workshop of Panchayat Raj representatives in partnership with Lupin Foundation, Sindhudurg and Parivartan Kendra, Ratnagiri. The workshop aimed at creating awareness amongst the representatives about 73rd Amendment, rights of Gramsabha, rights of elected representatives, Gramsuchi section 45 and 14th finance commission. This type of workshop is really important to create stronger base at third tier of governance.

Trustees' Achievements:

- *President, Mr. Rajesh Joshte received 'Best Journalist Award' from Rural Development department of Govt. of Maharashtra. This award was given for his effective work and writing on rural women empowerment.*
- *Secretary, Mrs. Seema Yadav received 'Shrimati Yamunabai Chintaman Malshe' Award from Lokmanya Tilak Smarak Library for her social contribution.*



Dishantar had tried hard this year to make it possible to achieve the better impact on society at large under the theme - sustainable change for better life. We really hope future would surely bring some more glorious effects on community's drive for sustainable development



Treasurer's Report

We indicate below the important details of the Audited Accounts of Dishantar for the financial year 2017-18:

(In Rs.)

Income	Year ended 31.03.2018
Grant Received	1682000
Donation-in-kind	86048
Donation	174620
Development Fund	150000
Others	19155
Total	2111823
Expenditure	
Programme Expenses	1781969
Programme Support Expenses	56917
Administration Expenses	66535
Depreciation	2880
	203522
Total	2111823

Treasurer, Dishantar

Financial Summary, 2017-18

(In Rs.)

BALANCE SHEET		As on
		March, 31, 2018
Funds & Liabilities		
Life Membership Fee		3500
Surplus		
Balance as per last balance sheet	40613	
Add: Current Year Surplus	203522	244135
TDS Liability		
Total		247635
Properties & Assets		
Dead stock		150
Computer		1920
Fixed Deposit		150000
Programme Exp. Reimbursement		8318
Cash & Bank Balance		87247
Total		247635

Note:

Extracted from Audited Statement of Accounts 2017-18

Statutory Auditors:

M/s. Limaye Kale & Co.

Chartered Accountant (FRN with ICAI – 127119W)