



ज्ञान, संस्कार, राष्ट्रनिष्ठा; मानवतेच्या उजळती दिशा

Annual Report 2020-21

Lighting the way for better Tomorrow



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The two words that we have heard repeatedly across the world in relation to the COVID-19 crisis were 'unprecedented' and 'uncertainty'. In India, we are seeing both the health and economic impacts play out in tragic ways, where large crowds of migrant workers are walking hundreds of kilometers just to see their families, people have no food to eat, and citizens are being penalized by the authorities for 'not observing physical distancing'. Some reports suggest that "this already seems likely to rival or exceed that of any recession in the last 150 years".

Lockdown period has been effectively used by Dishantar team to revisit our vision and bring about new strategies of work that would help the communities to sustainably develop natural resource based livelihood. We are thankful to Kansai Nerolac Paints Ltd. for partnering us in this crucial situation.

There is no question that now more than ever, we need strong leadership, and we need it at all levels. While swift action and decision making may be the need of the hour, in these times of living apart, we also need connection, community, and compassion.

This is the time when we have to rectify the past mistakes and reform the development structure based on the present situation. We need to make organized move. There is a need to provide employment to people at local level where they are living at present.

After spending almost half the year idle, every one of us should work hard at our best. Considering the education, skill and experience, we should start afresh where we are located at present. Considering the present global situation, it is quite obvious that the nations who would be able to achieve food security are going to be amongst the leader nations. That means the region where natural resource based livelihood is better developed would be amongst developed region and vice versa. The pandemic has shown us how the future might look with better environment, or it may just indicate the scale of the challenge ahead. Taking lessons from present situation we should take initiative to have responsible interaction with natural resources to have sustainable and environment friendly development. Giving back to nature is very important when we use natural resources for our very development.

To sum up, "There are absolutely lessons to be learnt that socially we can change and we can change quite quickly and it can have great benefits". The real longer-term crisis was climate change itself. "And ironically our response to a different crisis - the corona virus pandemic - indicates that it is possible for us to change our ways." We cannot afford to wait for the man who saved the Pumplesdrop but we will have to be the one

I am thankful on behalf of Dishantar team to all the partners who have provided support (May it be in cash or kind or just a moral support) to Dishantar team to keep up the good work. Their support meant a lot during this crucial period. Some days back I read fascinating positive quotes, "The world is closed for renovation, Grand reopening soon". I am sure this hope would bring better tomorrow so let's roll up our sleeves for lighting the way for better tomorrow!....

Seema Yadav

Founder 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 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
MCA Registration	22.04.2021	Delhi	CSR00003091

Other Accreditations:

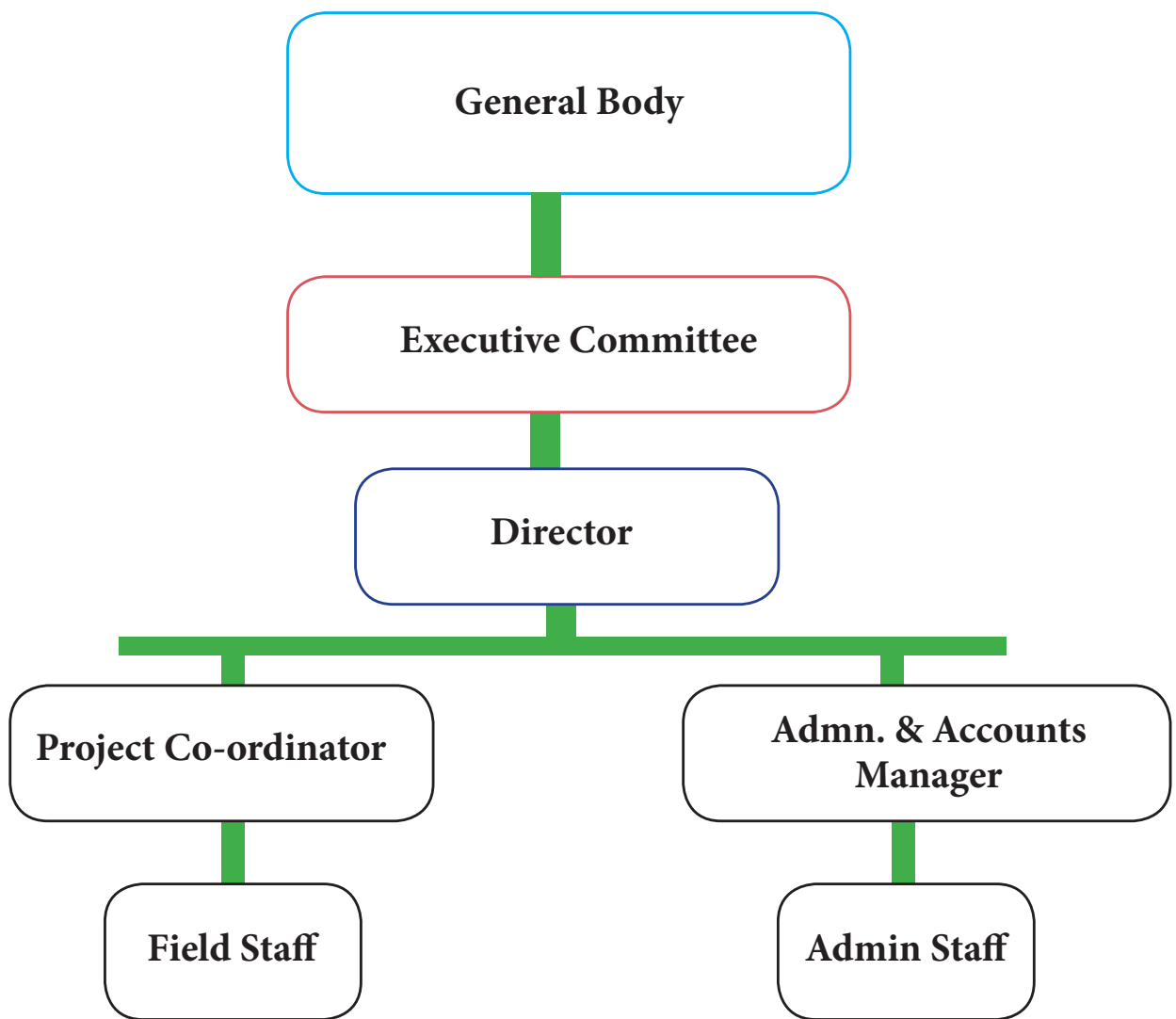
Organization Id as per Govt. of India NGO Partnership System : MH/2013/0058861

Guide Star Number (GSN) : 6320

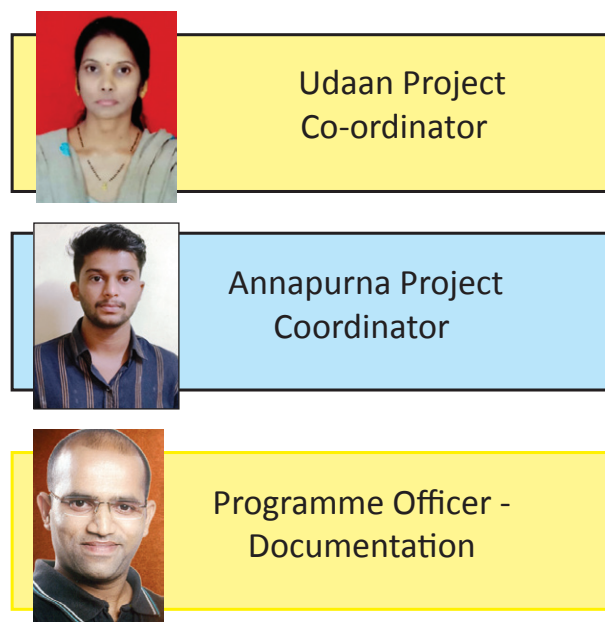
Our Bankers:

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

Structure & Organizational Chart:



Project Team Members:



Governing Body Members:



Name: Rajesh P. Joshte

Designation: Founder President

Occupation: Sr. Journalist

Contact No.: 9822987410



Name: Seema N. Yadav

Designation: Founder Secretary

Occupation: Freelancer

Contact No.: 9850562818



Name: Ajit R. Nachankar

Designation: Treasurer

Occupation: Bank Officer

Contact No.: 9850562818



Name: Altaf N. Sarguroh

Designation: Executive Committee Member

Occupation: Practicing Doctor

Contact No.: 9423047722



Name: Sharvari D. Sadvilkar

Designation: Executive Committee Member

Occupation: play school teacher

Contact No.: 9049811539



Name: Uday V. Bapat

Designation: Executive Committee Member

Occupation: Service

Contact No.: 9423294762



Name: Santoshi S. Chavan

Designation: Executive Committee Member

Occupation: Coaching Classes

Contact No.: 9421185965

Activities during 2020-21:

Pandemic Response Activities:

- ◆ Grocery Kit Distribution
- ◆ Mask Distribution
- ◆ Local Awareness

Annapurna & Udaan Project Activities (Women Empowerment):

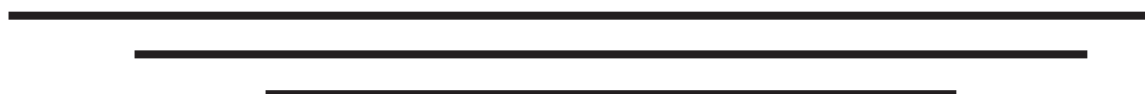
- ◆ Planning & Review Meetings
- ◆ Training & Exposure
- ◆ Liasoning with Line Depts. / POs / CBOs & Media
- ◆ Marketing

Dnyanyadnya Programme Activities (Education):

- ◆ Course Book Bank for Junior College Students
- ◆ Scholarship for Higher Education

Supportive Activities:

- ◆ Liaisoning with BARC, NABARD, Manav Sadhan Vikas Sanstha
- ◆ Training on Gender, Patriarchy and SRHR organized by Samyak
- ◆ Training on Livelihood organized by NABARD



Highlights:

Pandemic Response Activities:

Pandemic situation of Covid-19 has created havoc in the entire world. Most underprivileged were the most vulnerable in this situation. Hence considering the lockdown situation and its adverse effect on livelihood of the underprivileged daily wage labors, grocery kits were made available to 70 deprived families in remote areas of Ovli, Kalkavne and Nirbade villages from Chiplun block of Ratnagiri. Awareness about the pandemic and the possible pandemic management at household level as well as community level were discussed with local animators.

Annapurna Activities:

This was the fifth year of Annapurna project. Although there was no funding support for activities in Vehele and Moravne, the projects have been marching towards self-sustainability. Ongoing refreshers' trainings, workshops on new flagship programmes and enhanced rapport with the potential consumers have given boost to this project. Project target groups realized the significance of Annapurna activities during the pandemic as there was almost lockdown over a period of more than 9 months and people found it difficult to earn their livelihood. Agriculture was perhaps the only livelihood activity which had a very mild economic shock due to pandemic. This has positively encouraged members to focus on the project activities. This year project area was more than 82 acres, agriculture production was around 370 tons and market value of the produce was around Rs. 96 Lakhs. These figures itself are sufficient to interpret the project achievement.



Mandavkhari:

This was the second year of the project in Mandavkhari in partnership with Kansai Nerolac Paints Ltd.. Holding regular meetings was a tool to promote and facilitate communication and build trust within the group members. Kitchen gardens were instrumental in increasing household income either by sale of the food products grown in the gardens or by the consumption of the same food items that the families would have otherwise purchased from markets using a significant portion of the family income. This year Kaalkidevi women farmers' group has initiated activity of Mushroom production which served as an additional income generating tool. Exposure visit has enhanced rapport with Fruit Research center. Women got information about much advancement in agriculture and horticulture field as well as livelihood activities based on it.

This year Mr. Pankaj Korde from ATMA, Mr. Vinayak Mahajan from Kudavale, Dapoli guided the project activities especially field activities. Project area was 17 acres, agriculture production was around 21.29 tons and market value of the produce was around Rs. 5.3 Lakhs.



Constraint:

Hailstorm hit some parts of Chiplun taluka on 11th February 2021. After that, the temperature rose by 40 degrees Celsius between March 19 and 23. Over the next few days, it began to fluctuate dramatically. E.g. the temperature was 18 degrees at night and 38 degrees during the day. In contrast to cloudy weather and extreme heat and subsequent rains, the crop of cabbage, hybrid pea and cauliflower was completely destroyed or eliminated. Eggplant, tomato, cucumber in the second stage and watermelon in the third stage were completely damaged.

Udaan Activities:

Udaan project has strengthened the entrepreneurial base for the existing SHGs engaged in entrepreneurial activities and new individual as well as groups were linked with Udaan activities. This year entrepreneurial activities of selling value added food products (ragi malt, papads, pickles, flours, vermicelli, etc.) were carried out successfully by Udaan project. Women entrepreneurs participated in exhibition-cum-sale in Ratnagiri Grahak Peth and sold food products worth Rs. 26000/-





Dnyanyadnya Activities:

- Course Book Bank for Junior College Students

This year Dishantar has made available 1530 course books worth Rs.155517/- to 200 students from 6 junior colleges from rural Ratnagiri.

- Scholarship for Higher Education

This year scholarship for Rs. 690,000/- has been made available to 129 students from Ratnagiri district. Tata Education and Development Trust have made available financial support. This was the third year of sustained support by Trust.

Liaisoning with BARC :

Under the framework of DAE societal initiative, AKRUTI Tech Plus (ATP) has been designed and offered to encourage and promote techno-preneurship for deployment of technologies exclusively in Rural and semi-Urban sector. Dishantar had applied to utilize AKRUTI Tech Plus to demonstrate, deploy and adapt BARC technologies to create sustainable and income generating activities for rural communities. Dishantar has taken ATP for following selected technologies:

1. **Rapid Bio-compost – A rapid composting technology for decomposition of vegetative waste.**
2. **Fruit Cubes – Process for long lasting ready to eat (RTE) Intermediate Moisture Fruit Cubes**
3. **VTD – Vibro Thermal Disinfector**
4. **SD – Solar Dryer**



Liaisoning with NABARD:

Ratnagiri District Development Manager of NABARD, Ms. Shraddha Hajirnis had visited Annapurna project on 22nd February 2021. She had a farm visit, interface with women farmers and discussion with Dishantar team regarding activities of Dishantar. She had briefed the team and farmers about the latest scheme of NABARD and the ongoing initiatives in the district and state on lines of natural resource based livelihood. Her sensitive and concerned words have built farmers' confidence.

Liaisoning with Manav Sadhan Vikas Sanstha (MSVS):

MSVS has been implementing a unique model called the Parivartan Kendra Model- for the sustainable development of the country's backward regions for more than a decade and a half. MSVS facilitates the human resource in the under-developed regions to become economically self-reliant and empowered. It employs a community-led, participatory approach to development, and relies on community participation and creation of strong local relationships with all the stakeholders in the area. Dishantar has been engaged in grass root activities of MSVS in Ratnagiri district through Parivartan Kendra Ratnagiri.

This year MSVS has brought a new women empowerment project which aims at provision of bicycles' bank at school level for school going girls of std. 8 to 10 and provision of sewing machines to set up units of 10 skilled tailors. Accordingly provision for Chiplun block was for 200 bicycles' bank in 20 schools and 200 sewing machines for 20 skilled tailor units. MSVS delegation had visited intervened area of Dishantar for beneficiary verification. They had discussions with school authorities as well as women members from various groups. Hopefully, this project gets completed by next year.



Training programme on Gender (04 to 06 Jan 2021 & 16 to 18 March 2021):

SAMYAK – A Communication and Resource Centre organized a training programme 'Saksham Grameen Patrakaar, Maharashtra-1 &2' with 27 rural print and electronic journalists from 9 districts of Maharashtra and from Goa. This was the second batch. It was on Gender, Patriarchy, Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) and Access to Safe Abortion. It was organized in collaboration with the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication of Mumbai University. Mr. Rajesh Joshte and Mrs. Seema Yadav participated in the training. It helped to sharpen the vision of Dis-hantar team for women empowerment activities.



Virtual Training programme on sustainable rural livelihood (03 to 05 March 2021):

Objective of the training was to understand the concept of livelihood systems, list out different approaches, opportunities and practices of rural livelihoods and understand the functioning of various peoples' institutes in this regard. Discussions were held about

- ◆ Poverty Reduction Programmes - Lessons, Experience sharing
- ◆ Sustainable Livelihoods Approach (SLA)- Core concepts and practices
- ◆ Vulnerability issues in SLA
- ◆ Empowerment of social groups - Participatory approach for SLA
- ◆ Policies, institutions and processes in SLA • SHG, JLGs and Second tier institutions
- ◆ Financing for livelihood activities
- ◆ NRLM/LEDP

Study Tour (16-17 Feb 2021):

A study tour is a unique travel experience that combines learning with travelling. Vengurla Regional Fruit Research Centre of Kokan Krushi Vidyapeeth, 35 acres private farm of Mr. Prakash Desai in Banda and Konkan Bamboo and Cane Development Center (KONBAC) were the places visited. 22 women farmers participated in study tour having exposure of fruit plant nurseries, fruit processing unit, fruit orchard development system and bamboo processing activities. Women enjoyed being away from household chores, responsibilities and enjoyed their space with fellow Annapurna members.



Achievements:

- Annapurna project has covered area of 99.7 acres in round the year farming this year with a production of 393.72 tons with a market value of Rs. 101.66 lakhs and its outcome are fascinating various People Organizations. Model is also being preferred for learning and replication.
- 20 Families who have actively participated in demonstration of Kitchen Garden activity have gained additional average income of Rs.34,420/- per family and those who have additionally taken mushroom production activity have gained Rs. 46,920/- in a year.
- Udaan project has boosted up confidence of women entrepreneurs. 67 women are engaged in entrepreneurial activities and they have started earning average income of around Rs. 72000/- per year.



Eminent Visitors to Annapurna Project:

Annapurna project and its outcome are fascinating various People Organizations. Model is also being preferred for learning and replication. Some organizations are interested in appreciating the Annapurna members to boost their morale towards achievement of sustainable development goal.

Visit of Ex-Union Cabinet Minister:

Ex-Union Cabinet Minister for Heavy Industries and Public Sector Enterprises during 2014 - 2019 in Narendra Modi cabinet – Mr. Anant Geete visited Annapurna project. He had visited Annapurna Farm and had informal discussions with team Annapurna. While addressing farmers he expressed his urge for agriculture development and need for replication of Annapurna in other parts of Kokan region.



Visit of Block Development Officer & Extension officers from Chiplun:

Mr. Prashant Raut, B.D.O. Chiplun had visited Annapurna project with more than 75 block and village level officials from line departments. Village secretaries and extension officers were amongst the visitors. Mr. Raut had an objective to make line department field employees aware about the possible round the year farming options available in the region and possibility of its replication in their intervention area. He appreciated the effort of Dishantar and small and marginal women farmers. Village secretaries and extension officers' representatives shared their thoughts about appreciation of Annapurna and its replication in their intervened area.





Visit of Bharatiya Stree Shakti Members:

Bharatiya Stree Shakti (voluntary, autonomous, apolitical organization committed to empowering women, families and the society at large) visited Annapurna project. 11 members from BSS visited Mandavkhari farm, had discussions with Annapurna members and honored them with token of appreciation for their efforts. This visit helped build alliance with BSS.



Project Monitoring Visit by Team Nerolac :

Visit by Team Nerolac has always been a booster dose for empowerment. This time visitors were Mr. Santosh Deshmukh – Sr. HR Manager, Mr. Amol Deokar – HR Manager, Lote and Mr. Nandan Surve – Executive HR. Team members noted the positive changes in the Annapurna members' personalities. They appreciated the same. Field visit accompanied by group discussion was the schedule of the visit. Monitoring team has acknowledged the efforts of Dishantar team for the project activities and women empowerment process.

Recognitions :

- **ABP Maza and Lokshahi** : Marathi news channels broadcasted coverage of Annapurna project at Vehele. Highlight of the coverage was achievement of small and marginal women farmers.
- **DD Sahyadri Interview**: DD Sahyadri, regional channel dedicated to Maharashtra broadcasts Sakhi Sahyadri T.V. show showcasing efforts of female personalities for positive societal change. Sakhi Sahyadri telecasted Dishantar's founder secretary Mrs. Seema Yadav's interview for acknowledging efforts for rural development through Dishantar.
- BSS invited 3 Annapurna members as guest of honors on occasion of Women's Day celebration. Annapurna members shared their efforts for livelihood enhancement in adverse situations. It was a proud moment for the entire team of Annapurna. This was for the first time all these 3 members were sharing stage with eminent women leaders.
- Dishantar has taken a step forward on the front of rural development and women empowerment by participating in AKRUTI Tech Plus programme of B.A.R.C..



founder secretary Mrs. Seema Yadav's interview on DD Sahyadri

Treasurer's Report

We indicate below the important details of the Audited Accounts of Dishantar for the financial year 2020-21:

(In Rs.)	
Income	Year ended 31.03.2021
Grant Received	405142
Donation	66000
Bank Interest	10646
Income from other sources	200
Deficit	130462
Total	612450
Expenditure	
Audit Fees	9440
Depreciation	4327
Programme Expenses	314232
Programme Support Expenses	215779
Administration Expenses	57672
PM Cares Fund Donation	11000
Total	612450

Treasurer, Dishantar

Financial Summary, 2020-21

(In Rs.)

BALANCE SHEET		As on
		March, 31, 2021
Funds & Liabilities		
Life Membership Fee		3500
Unspent Grant		194858
TDS Liability		(1692)
Surplus		
Balance as per last balance sheet	773383	
Less: Current Year Deficit	130462	642921
Total		839587
Properties & Assets		
Dead stock		150
Computer		6491
Fixed Deposit		774109
Cash & Bank Balance		58837
Total		839587

Note:

Extracted from Audited Statement of Accounts 2020-21

Statutory Auditors:

M/s. Limaye Kale & Co.

Chartered Accountant (FRN with ICAI – 127119W)

UDIN – 21149243AAAADN5708

No. of target group members reached till 31.03.21:

S.N.	Target Group Details	Nos.
1.	Dnyanyadnya Project Students	26072
2.	Hamlet Development Activities	1440
3.	Health Intervention	3195
4.	Women empowerment initiative	241
5.	Water & Sanitation initiative	1306
6.	Child Health initiative	1275
	Total:	33529

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