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The month of April in 2021 saw the Corona pandemic playing havoc. Corona had engulfed the world in a deadly manner. The human life was shattered and their activities were disrupted. The functioning of our organization too came to a standstill.

During this period, the residents of the Telkhedi village of Dhadgaon taluka got together. They all volunteered to work towards building a water well in one month. In the scorching heat villagers got ample stock of pure and clear water.



➤ World Environment Day 5th June:

Our volunteers along with the women, men, youngsters and students from the village celebrated Environment Day on 5th June. Seeds of various trees and fruit bearing trees were acquired and sowed. The jungle and the surroundings were the source of the seeds of mango, cashew, tamarind, saag, ain, dhavad plants. Some regions received rains while some parts showed no signs of rain. Yet, the seeds were sowed on hot land. The life diversity was maintained during this exercise. Participants were in the age group 4 to 80, women too.



➤ **Help to the flood affected:**

Mahad and Karjat were worst affected by the heavy floods on 22 July, 2021. Many families lost their shelters around Karjat. The organization surveyed those places and provided help according to their exact needs. Grocery of all kind, mattresses and blankets were supplied to them.

Many

women from Karjat participated in the activity conducted by Shabari Seva Samiti. A batch of women volunteers has been formed. Many initiatives in Karjat are becoming a success because of those women volunteers. Training in the stitching activity is being provided smoothly by the same group of women.



➤ **Tree plantation:** During June to September every year, we help the farmers in their



plantation activity. This year too we provided help. Fruit saplings were planted in villages of nine talukas of Shirpur, Dhadgaon, Akkalkuva, Taloda, Navapur, and jawhar, Vikramgarh, Wada and Karjat. Varieties like mango, saag, bambo, jambhool, jackfruit etc were

planted. In 132 villages, 12000 saplings were planted, apart from 5000 bamboo, saag in forest. During the past 8 years, our organization has managed to grow 22000 mango grafts in Jawhar taluka. Many farmers are selling mangoes.

➤ **Stitching courses:**

The stitching courses offered by our organization is proving to be valuable for the women as it enables them to earn income. The courses are arranged at 8 places viz Karjat, Jawhar, Navapur, Taloda, Molgi, Dhadgaon, Sangvi and Palasner. In the past 5 years, 780 women completed the stitching course. Today 472 women are self-employed with this skill. They manage



the work while carrying out the household jobs. Few women have employed young girls to do the work.



Shabari Seva Samiti gave sewing machines to 15 women who completed the work.

➤ **Water for agriculture and Drinking water:**

Any development scheme depends on pure drinking water and water for agriculture as basic needs. We provided sizable financial aid for the well in Telkhedi taluka in the beginning of his year, but that was not the end. The wells were being built at Kelapani, Ghodbhag, Badewani



under the intense heat. The well at Kakadada was completed while the year was ending. We built 31 wells. Water supply was arranged in 5-6 villages like Kuktar, Junglepada, and Uxipada. The water flowing from the Satpura mountains has been pumped to the agricultural lands around. King Bhagirath manipulated the Ganges flow. Let us reroute the flows of streams and springs to the barren land and

convert it to fertile land (सुजलाम् सुफलाम् भारतमाता).

Efforts by our organization has enabled access to drinking water to the villagers and cattle. Nin e hundred (900) acres of land gets water supply round the year.



➤ **Kanyapujan:**

During the Navratri festival, Kanyapujan is done at many places. We at Shabari Seva Samiti treat this as an opportunity to empower women. Women population in rural and tribal area still receive secondary treatment. The education and health of girls is ignored. Boys enjoy freedom in many aspects whereas girls face unnecessary restrictions.



The development of girls should happen without obstruction. Society and parents should hold equal view for boys and girls. With this aim we arrange the Kanyapujan program. Apart from pujan, thought provoking sessions are held to emphasize the related points. Many parents and grandparents take lead to perform the pujan of their daughters. They convince themselves that our daughter is Adishakti and we must provide them honor, dignity, education and good health.





➤ **Aid to aged and disabled people - Humanity services:**

It is unfortunate but true that there are many people who are physically and mentally dependent on others. The family members must take care of them, but this does not happen everywhere. Shabari Seva Samiti is providing essential equipment and food grains to them since last two years. This year we made supplies to 460 individuals every two months.

➤ **Surya Namaskar competition:**

Surya Namaskar is an exercise that helps us achieve body balance and overall development. It assists in raising the power of different organs with energy, stamina, strength and flexibility. The whole world has experienced the importance of this exercise during the Corona pandemic. Suryanamaskar increases the capacity of the heart and lungs. Unfortunately lot of people from India have no knowledge about this age-old exercise.



Shabari Seva Samiti is attempting to spread the importance of this exercise in the rural and tribal locations for 4-5 years. We were forced to stop this during the Corona times.

From December 2021 we planned to teach

Suryanamaskar exercise to the students at schools and in villages, and it was implemented. Many volunteers from the urban areas travelled to remote places. Students practiced and participated enthusiastically in

the school level competitions. Participants came from the English medium urban schools as well as small schools in the mountainous terrain. The competitions were held at 318 schools in 14 talukas and participants numbered 9000. Cash prizes were given to the winners and certificates were distributed to every participant. Mangala Ila Valvi is studying in the 10th standard of the residential school at Surwani, Dhadgaon taluka, Nandurbar district. She stood first with 284 Suryanamaskars, a commendable fete.



➤ **World Women's day:**
Shabari Seva Samiti celebrates



women's day in different manner. The purpose is to make women staying in remote places feel that this day is special for them. Girls and women up to 80 year of age assemble, dance, play, sing and enjoy the function. They share their sorrows and joyous moments among each other. They

experience the mind getting free from burden. Their self-realization raises because of discussions and chats. The suppressed thoughts about oneself resurface on the conscious level of the mind. To emphasize the sense of equality in rights among the women we avoid provoking speeches, or felicitation of popular women. Yet the



minds of women are filled with might of Adishakti. Shabari Seva Samiti takes this innovative approach to celebrate World Women's Day regularly. We arranged such function this year at 95 places in 8 talukas.

➤ **Educational initiatives:**

Shabari Seva Samiti has helped schools in many ways.

Organization tries to raise the standard of education in the schools and children in the rural and tribal locations. We help the schools to carry out tasks such as constructing a hall, toilet blocks; providing drinking water; fencing, painting; purchasing apparatus for laboratories, sports equipment, books, online education facility etc. We have helped 64 schools to build large halls and other structures at Hedavali, Jamrukh, Kusavali, and Semalya. Many



initiatives and competitions were held at 350 schools.

Hall for secondary school at Mandavane: Hanuman Vidya Prasarak secondary school is located at Mandavane, Karjat taluka, Raigad district. A hall 50' x 30' (1500 sq ft) was constructed at a cost of 6.62 lakhs. It will be inaugurated on 6-4-2022.



➤ **Hall for Veli residential school:**

Veli is a remote village in the Satpura mountain in Maharashtra. There is a residential school in this village. There are 650 students studying from 1st to 12th standards. There was no facility for the large number of students to assemble,

dine and pray together in one place. We decided to erect a shed admeasuring 100' x 45' (4500 sq ft) which would cost 15 lakhs. It would be ready by end April 2022.

Our organization helped the downtrodden and disabled individuals. The determination of Smt Jenibai Gavit, born with crippled legs is amazing. She prepares baskets from bamboo sticks to support herself and her aged mother. Since she cannot move on legs, her house has become



abode for the rats and the likes. We have planned to build a house for her. It would be complete by end of April 2022.

This year saw many initiatives being carried out. Treating the malnourished children and arrangement of study groups are the ongoing ones. The government machinery failed to function during the Corona period. As a result the malnourished children grew in number. Schools were closed resulting in the down fall of the

education level in tribal zones. Those two are the serious matters.

Many people, institutions have assisted the organization amply during the year. Without their help it would not be possible to manage such a diverse range of work.

We have experienced during the 19-20 years that if we work with zeal and devotion, the society will provide immense help in financial terms and other supportive acts. We are grateful to all of you for your help.

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