



Brief Annual Report - 2009-2010

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URBAN INITIATIVE:

Year 2009-2010 came with new initiative in the history of Jeevantirth. For last more than 25 years Jeevantirth's main trustees mainly worked in the rural and tribal areas of Gujarat only. Having closely worked with St.XSSS, Jeevantirth got new insights for working with the Urban Poor and decided to work for them also.



UI of Jeevantirth started with “**Computer Training Centre**” in Rama Pir No Tekro – one of the biggest slums of Ahmedabad On 2nd October 2009, Gandhi Jayanti Day. Then “**Sewing Class**” for girls started. About 100 women joined in “**Saving Activity**” with Jeevantirth by saving Rs. 100 per month. We are planning to form SHGs once they become regular in meeting and savings. “**Bal Sanskar Kendras**” – for children are running in three batches now, one for the girls and one for the boys for Lower Primary students and one mixed for the Upper Primary students. Along with Support Education, we do lots of cultural and educational activities with them. The “**Celebration of Festivals**” helped us to come closer to the community and to bring out the hidden treasures from the slum children and youths. “**Free Eye Checking and Subsidized distribution of Specks Camp**” was a great success. More than 250 beneficiaries took

advantage of the camp. We also started “**24 hours Study Center**” for the students appearing for 10th and 12th Board Exams during the last month. We provided learning material like guides and question papers, coaching teacher, tea and snacks also to them.



Reputed national organization “Sneh Prayas” took happy note of our activities in the slum and showed interest in

partnering with us. In collaboration with them we have started “*Vocational Training Center*” also. At present we are focusing on four aspects – Computer Skill, Spoken English, Personality Development and Soft Skills of Business.

QUALITY EDUCATION PROGRAM IN GNKM – THAVA:

“Caring Friends”- formerly known as “Mumbai Group of Friends”- supports more than 25 grass root organizations in the country, and Jeevantirth is fortunate to be one of the three organizations selected from Gujarat. The other two are “Gram Nirman Kelavni Mandal – Thava” and “Vishva Nidam” from Rajkot.

At GNKM, Thava about 2600 tribal students are making their carrier by studying from Primary School to College. Caring Friends decided to help the institute in a big way by implementing QIP (Quality Improvement Program) at all levels under the guidance of Shree Kaushik Shah. Four major areas identified for interventions are Educational Development, Infrastructural Development, Financial Development and Management Development. Raju and Deepti is active member of the team, and Jeevantirth has taken responsibility for the Quality Education Program.

Throughout the year Jeevantirth team religiously visited every month for two – three days and supplied Science Kits, Math Kits, Educational CDs prepared by Gujarat Institute of Educational Technology, Library and other TLMs (Teaching Learning materials). We also conducted few training workshops by inviting resource persons and expert organizations in the field. Special “Coaching Classes” were also started by providing additional teachers. Now so far as GNKM is concern Jeevantirth has become representative and active member of “Caring Friends”!

Jeevantirth also fully supported Jitu and Rehana of “Vishva Nidam” for protecting housing rights of the slum dwellers of Rajkot, where they are working.

CLOSE ASSOCIATION WITH ST. XAVIER’S SOCIAL SERVICE SOCIETY:



All these years Jeevantirth was providing training and material development support to many reputed organizations of Gujarat, but this year was different. On request from Fr. Paul, director, St.XSSS, Jeevantirth helped in revisiting Vision – Mission exercise with the help of PSP (Participatory Strategic Planning). Then, Managing Trustee of Jeevantirth shouldered responsibility as a Field Director of the institute for the whole year! Throughout the year Raju Deepti motivated, guided, trained, supervised and gave new ideas to work upon to various teams of St. XSSS.

One of the biggest achievements was “VAGALE MAHOTSAV” in which an exemplary work is done by Teen Aged (Tin Tin Bal Neta”) local youths to spread functional literacy

and basic mathematic ability in the school going and non school going children of the area. About 250 volunteers gave literacy to 1500 children. Material Development was done by the two trustees of Jeevantirth, Priti and Raju.

SCHOOL ON WHEELS:

Jeevantirth's School on Wheels has become very versatile and it has participated in many district and state level programs of various kinds. During this year it was extensively used for mainly two purposes - one for the Environment Education and other for Tribal Development Initiative of Dediapada. "Working Models" of various Rain Water Harvesting Systems and Exhibition on "Tree Plantation" has become very popular in Gujarat. Exhibition prepared by Jeevantirth on "Global Warming" is also in great demand. Anand Krishi University, Gujarat Vidyapith, Lok Bharti – Sanosara, Gram Nirman Mandal – Tanchha etc. are few institutions who have copied it and using it extensively in their programs. School on Wheels also helped tribal people of Dediapada to reach in various part of Gujarat with their Indigenous Knowledge and Herbal Medicines.



DEDIAPADA - TRIBAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT:

Tribal development project of Dediapada taluka, district Narmada has entered in to an important stage now. About 1,00,000 saplings of different medicinal plants were prepared and distributed among the members of SHG members.

"Aadi Aushadhi Group" has come out with many products and throughout the year they were busy in attending or making preparation of one or the other event. As a Global Coordinator, Himmat of Jeevantirth worked tirelessly to serve the Traditional Healers of Dediapada. We also participated and won medal in "Traditional Food Festival" organized by Srushti at IIM Campus.



TRAINING AND MATERIAL DEVELOPMENT:



As usual Jeevantirth hosted and conducted various training programs at Jeevantirth Campus and in various parts of Gujarat. Toy making Workshop of Women's PTC Collage at Nardipur and Koba; various Non-formal Teacher's Trainings, Trainings of Field Staff in Anand and Kheda districts, Maths and Science Workshop, SHG Trainings, Youth Trainings etc. are some examples of our contribution to spread Joy, Love and Understanding in the society.

We also published small pocket book on Health Tips "Swasth Jivan" by renowned Dr. Ketan Zaveri. We also published Progress Card – "Pragati Patrak" to monitor children's progress in school.

ELECTION WATCH

Jeevantirth took active part in "Voters' Awareness Program" initiated by many voluntary organizations in Gujarat during General Lok Sabha election in 2009. As a part of Voters' Edication Program, small booklet



was published by Jeevantirth, designed for activists working for People's Politics.

JEEVANTIRTH IN PRESS:

Print and TV media has always took note of Jeevantirth's activity. This year also note about Jeevantirth and Raju Deepti has appeared on number of occasions. Hear we give three examples of the same.



Woman Bhaskar – 29 September 2009.



Divya Bhaskar – 9 March, 2010