

Vacham "A Mouthpiece of The Janaki Foundation"

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One Years Later...

We are embedded with the following achievements at our hand:

- Two Non Formal Educations Centers at our five adopted villages in Saraikela Kharsawan District in Jharkhand that mentors 54 adivasi child from families of working class of labourers.
- Five women Self Help Groups in five villages, comprising of a total of 56 women adivasi labourers whose saving as on date has accumulated to Rs. 850/= on an average.
- Painting Competition on topics related to social interventions organized among students at well off schools in Jamshedpur.
- Sale of Greeting Cards was taken up as part of fund raising exercise to meet up the expenses related to the working capital of *Janaki Vidyalaya*, our NFE Centers.

Board Meeting:

Held on May 13, 2001 at India International Center where the board members of JF met and unanimously decided that to improve the conditions and quality of life of the most disadvantaged people in selected rural and urban areas and the surrounding regions, the JF would act as a facilitator and work towards creating an enabling environment for successful implementation of development programmes through capacity and institutional development of community organizations and village level institutions.

The decision was taken that the prime geographic focus of JF development intervention at field level would henceforth be the state of Jharkhand. Regarding Management interventions JF would be crossing the state and national boundaries to service clients at fields related to evaluation, soft management, and capacity building and project formulation. It was further decided that JF henceforth would be delving in the following arenas of programme implementation.

- Participatory Governance
- Education
- Health
- Micro Finance and Micro Enterprise Development
- Gender and Development
- Advocacy and Networking
- Human Resource Development and Natural Resource Management
- Panchayati Raj Institutions

Programme Initiation:

Education



"Janaki Vidyalaya", our two Non Formal Education centers currently operating at village Sridharpur and Reghadih in Gamharia Block of Saraikela District in Jharkhand, houses a consolidated strength of 64 adivasi students. They are children of those adivasi parents who leave early to earn their daily bread and return late at night when the children are asleep. Our coordinator referred to as "Master Ji" and NFE teachers as "Didi" are serving as daily mentors trying to shape their fortunes.

Micro Finance and Micro Enterprise Development

The tool for the achievement of above mentioned ideal of JF has been the formation of Self Help Groups (SHG's) of women living in poverty, inform train and equip them so that they can have access to and control over their resources to improve the quality of their own lives, that of their families and community.

We have thus 05 SHG to our credit at our 05 adopted villages namely Reghadih, Bardih, Santhaldih, Sridharpur, Riyarda and Sudhapur where 45 women are being facilitated to inculcate saving habits. The habit of regular meeting for enhanced understanding of micro finance, fixation of interest rates, formation of by-laws and transparency in development issues is also being synchronized.



Advocacy Initiatives

Following by our ideals of an Intergrated Approach in Development process, JF has been instrumental in bringing the issue of lack of educational set up (school) in villages Sridharpur. Through the combined initiate of villagers and JF, District Coordinator, Jharkhand shiksha Pariyojana has promised a school for villagers in its proposed village of programme intervention.

Fund Raising Initiatives:

We take this opportunity to highlight that the donations and salaries of Friends and Associates of The Janaki Foundation purely support all above-mentioned development interventions. The interventions undertaken are thus more synonymous with feelings to serve rather than a mere regular development process. To meet up expenses at field level, JF organized the following events as part of fund raising initiatives:

Inter School Painting Competition in Jamshedpur.

The idea behind the exercise was to explore the underlying artistic skills of young patriots of Jamshedpur and in turn generate some funds for to support the noble cause of education of those 64 children at our NFE centers in village Reghadih and Sridharpur in Badabadamari Panchayat of Gamharia Block. The Topic for the event was nature and its silent message for students from class 01 - 04 (Group A), environment and us for students from class 05 - 07 (Group B) and current affairs - earthquake/ floods etc., for students from class 08 - 12 (Group C).

Schools that participated in the event were Loyola School, Rajendra Vidyalaya, Sacred Heart Convent, Moti Lai Nehru Public School, DBMS, DAV, Carmel Convent. The Panel of Judges who scrutinized the art scripts and designs on a transparent concern were Mr. Amol Chakravorty from TATA STEEL, Mr. Arvind Kumar from JF and Miss Priyanka Venna from Business Standard, Delhi. As per the jury's verdict, Master Sauvik Dutta and Master Charanjeet Ganguly from Loyola ranked first and third respectively. S. Shailaja from DBMS bagged the second position in Group B. Miss Priyanka from Motilal Nehru Public School and Master Prabhat Ranjan Mohato from DAV bagged places in Group C. *Recognizing the said noble cause of education we are thankful to Father Payes, Mrs nariyal urala and Mrs Midha of Loyola School who were gracious enough to include another session of the competition of sort in their action plan (Student Dairy) during the current financial year - 2002. The Date proposed is JULY 19, Friday.*



Sale of Greeting Cards to support JF's cause of development.

To meet up the increasing costs of JF development intervention, JF was fortunate enough to receive the support of its active volunteers, friends and associates to spearhead the task of promotion of New Year greeting cards. Shri Rakeshwar Pandey (trade union leader) graced the launching event for the

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cards. This year we came out with 25 shades against last years' 12 shades of greeting cards to support the issue and address the market needs. Some of the Institutions that recognized JF's collection of Greeting Cards this year were:

- Tayo Worker's Union, Jamshedpur.
- Bombay Dyeing, Mumbai.
- Bravo Security Pvt. Limited, Jamshedpur.
- Jumbo Engineering, Jamshedpur.
- Oasis, Orissa .
- P.K . Automobile, Orrisa.
- Tinline, Jamshedpur.
- Madhya Pradesh Manila Vitta Evam Vikas Nigam.
- Sharp Advertising, Jamshedpur.
- Srivastawa Associates, Jamshedpur.
- Pentagon Iron & Steel company, Orissa

Linkages:

The Janaki Foundation (JF) was successful in establishing the following linkages from the institutions/individuals.

- CAF (Charities Aid Foundation), New Delhi which was allotted the task of Planning Commission of India, has recognized the work of JF and enlisted it on its web site.
- CFI (Center for Family Initiatives) Tata Steel has identified and given place to JF in its regular network / institution's profile.
- RGF (Rajiv Gandhi Foundation), New Delhi has been gracious enough to include JF in its core list of trainers for its programme on Panchayati Raj Institutions and related issues.
- DRDA, Sarai Kela Kharsawan, communication has been commenced with respective authorities of district in context to support or assignments at respective state and central government programmes.
- GIVE FOUNDATION, Ahmedabad, has recognized the work of JF and registered the institution in its regular database for programme support and related affairs.