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.....A progressive future for indigenous communities

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In memoriam

Honouring the Enduring Legacy of Sri Nanjundaiah



Late NANJUNDAIAH **Founder of Nisarga Foundation** 01-Dec-1960 to 23-Dec-2021

Sri Nanjundaiah's contributions to the advancement of indigenous communities in H.D. Kote represent a paradigm of dedicated service and transformative leadership. Though his physical presence is no longer with us, his strategic vision and unwavering commitment to social justice continue to guide our organizational ethos and inform our strategic initiatives. His legacy serves as a testament to the profound and lasting impact of principled advocacy and selfless dedication.

Thirty-eight years ago, a decisive choice marked the beginning of a transformative era. Sri Nanjundaiah, demonstrating exceptional civic responsibility, transitioned from a stable career at the Central Silk Board to champion the rights of the Adivasi people. He empowered communities through education, secured land rights for thousands, and facilitated access to essential pensions.

In 1997, he established the NISARGA FOUNDATION, a sustainable platform for community development and food security. His visionary approach extended beyond immediate relief. With the enactment of the Forest Rights Act in 2006, he pursued his aspiration of securing land ownership for every Adivasi family. His dedication to education and health was equally profound, fostering pre-primary and evening schools, combating child labour and malnutrition, and championing higher education. Though his physical presence is missed, Sri Nanjundaiah's enduring influence reminds us that true progress is achieved through sustained, strategic action, and that "Effective leadership is not about making speeches or being liked; leadership is defined by results not attributes."

Message from the President



I'm glad to present you this year's annual report of the Nisarga Foundation. This time it's more than a summary of activities; it's a reflection of our deepening commitment to building bridges between communities and cultivating resilience in the face of persistent challenges. We recognize that true progress is not measured in numbers alone, but in the enduring capacity of individuals and communities to thrive. Our work in H.D. Kote taluk is driven by a fundamental belief in the inherent strength and potential of the indigenous people we serve.

We have focused on creating sustainable pathways to empowerment, moving beyond immediate relief to fostering long-term self-sufficiency. This year, our efforts have centred on strengthening community-led initiatives, empowering local governance, and promoting innovative solutions to address systemic issues. By investing in education, healthcare, and sustainable agriculture, we are laying the foundation for a more equitable and prosperous future. We have not simply delivered services; we have partnered with communities to build their own capacity to lead change.

Looking ahead, we remain committed to deepening our impact through strategic partnerships and innovative programs. We will continue to prioritize the voices of the communities we serve, ensuring that our work is aligned with their needs and aspirations. I extend my deepest gratitude to our dedicated team, our invaluable partners, and our generous donors for their unwavering support. Together, we are building a future where every individual can reach their full potential.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. M Indira
Retd. Professor Economics Department
President

Message from Executive Director



Presenting the Nisarga Foundation's Annual Report for 2024-25 fills me with a sense of both pride and anticipation. This year has been defined by our unwavering commitment to the holistic development of indigenous communities in H.D. Kote. We have not merely continued our existing programs; we have strategically adapted and innovated, ensuring our efforts resonate with the evolving needs of the communities we serve.

This year, we have embraced innovation to enhance our impact. Recognizing the critical importance of data-driven decision-making, we have strengthened our Goonjan MIS and data capture systems, ensuring transparency and accountability. We have also expanded our reach through initiatives like the Chiguru Shale (Bridge School) program, demonstrating our commitment to inclusivity and access. The invaluable training received from expert resource persons in early intervention and inclusive education has enabled us to better align our programs with the Sustainable Development Goals, ensuring a comprehensive and impactful approach.

Looking ahead, our strategic vision remains clear: to empower Adivasi communities through sustainable development and the achievement of 100% access to essential documentation. We are committed to building robust partnerships and advocating for the necessary infrastructure in Hadi. By amplifying the voices of the Adivasi people, we aim to ensure that our work is truly community-driven. I extend my sincere gratitude to our dedicated staff, our invaluable partners, our generous donors, and our committed board members. Together, we are building a future where every member of the Adivasi community can thrive.

Best Wishes,

Prabhu N
Executive Director

ABOUT NISARGA FOUNDATION

Founded in 1997 under the Indian Trust Act, Nisarga Foundation stands as a vital, registered, and voluntary non-profit organization. Its core mission is to ensure positive socio-economic transformation for indigenous communities and those who are underprivileged, downtrodden, and marginalized, achieved through a diverse array of impactful initiatives. Nestled in the tribal taluk of Heggadadevana Kote, situated within the Mysore district of Karnataka, the organization operates with a profound understanding of the region's unique challenges. A distinguished Governing Body, comprising six members of esteemed reputation, provides strategic leadership and oversight. From its inception, Nisarga Foundation has remained steadfast in its commitment to elevating the quality of life and dignity of the tribal community residing in and around Heggadadevana Kote.

Mr. Prabhu, the Secretary and Executive Director of Nisarga Foundation, assumes the pivotal role of guiding the organization's endeavours. He is a deeply dedicated individual, passionately addressing the complex issues facing tribal populations. His extensive experience, spanning 16 years, has been dedicated to working directly with the indigenous communities within the Taluk. This sustained engagement has afforded him an invaluable, in-depth understanding of the tribal way of life, their intricate socio-economic struggles, and their rich cultural heritage. He actively participates in numerous networks that empower tribal communities to exercise self-governance, fostering their autonomy and self-determination. Nisarga Foundation is an active and contributing member of several crucial networks, including the Adivasi Solidarity Council, Tribal Joint Action-Karnataka, Federation of Voluntary Organisations for Rural Development-Karnataka (FEVORD-K), Mythri, National Adivasi Council for Development of Indigenous People (NACDIP), Indian Social Action Forum (INSAF), and Tribal Joint Action (TJA).

In pursuit of its mission, Nisarga Foundation meticulously designs and executes a wide range of programs, forging collaborative partnerships with various government departments and voluntary organizations operating within the taluk and district. During the reporting period, the organization successfully implemented several impactful programs. These initiatives included the implementation of a comprehensive program addressing malnutrition through the distribution of Spirulina nutrition supplements, generously supported by Mission Inde, France, and Druv Technologies; the operation of the Nisarga Hadi Makkala Chiguru Shale, a community school providing essential education, with the support of Kluber Lubrication, Bangalore; the execution of the Adivasi Susthira Abhivruddhi Yojane, a sustainable development project supported by the Azim Premji Foundation (APF) and the provision of early intervention and inclusive education services, in collaboration with the Association of People with Disabilities (APD).

Nisarga Foundation's strong and positive relationships with the Taluk and District Department officials have resulted in consistent communication and active involvement of government officers in the organization's various programs, significantly enhancing the credibility and effectiveness of Nisarga Foundation's initiatives.

VISION

To enhance the quality and dignity of life of the indigenous communities.

MISSION

Our mission is to ensure positive socio-economic cultural and political empowerment in the indigenous, while protecting environment and nurturing its biodiversity.

OBJECTIVES

Nisarga Foundation's overarching vision centres on the comprehensive development socially and economically marginalized poor communities. This holistic approach is realized through a multifaceted strategy, encompassing the promotion of sustainable agricultural practices to secure food sovereignty and enhance livelihoods, the strategic deployment of appropriate rural technologies, and the implementation of effective and judicious natural resource management techniques. By fostering these critical elements, the foundation strives to empower these communities to achieve long-term self-sufficiency and well-being.

In the execution of its pro-poor initiatives, Nisarga Foundation adopts a distinctive action research-oriented methodology. This approach emphasizes the implementation of projects, ensuring that successful strategies can be adapted and scaled for broader impact. Furthermore, the foundation is deeply committed to building the capacity of these communities, empowering them to assume ownership of their own development trajectory. Through active and meaningful participation in the governance processes, these communities are equipped to advocate for and enact policy changes that directly address their specific needs and contribute to the sustainable well-being of both them and their surrounding environment.

ORGANISATION STRENGTHS

Nisarga Foundation benefited significantly from its participation in the Niranthara program, conducted by Dhvani Foundation, Bangalore. This valuable initiative provided essential support in establishing and maintaining robust records related to compliance and governance. As a result, the organization has achieved a perfect 100% score in its record-keeping practices.

Comprehensive policies, including Human Resource (HR) policies, the Prevention of Sexual Harassment (POSH) policy, and the Child Protection Policy (CPP), have been meticulously implemented and are rigorously enforced throughout the organization. The foundation acknowledges the invaluable contribution of its experienced board of trustees and dedicated staff members, who serve as the cornerstone of its operations. Their profound knowledge and unwavering commitment to tribal rights have been instrumental in promoting and strengthening crucial tribal community organizations, such as the Budakattu Krushikara Sangha (BKS) and the Vanavasi Mahila Sangha (VMS), fostering their ability to address sustainability challenges effectively.

Nisarga Foundation's distinctive approach to resolving tribal issues has garnered recognition and praise from both print and electronic media outlets, as well as widespread appreciation from the broader community. To amplify its ideologies and more effectively realize its organizational goals, Nisarga Foundation strategically utilizes a diverse range of digital and print media platforms. This includes a dedicated website, active presence on social media platforms such as Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, and a YouTube channel. The organization maintains a consistent and engaging presence across all these digital and print channels, ensuring effective communication and outreach

OUR BOARD MEMBERS & BOARD ACTIVITIES

For the fiscal year 2024-2025, Nisarga Foundation is fortified by a robust Board of six members, each possessing extensive experience in social work and a deep dedication to professional excellence. These individuals are the very lifeblood of the organization, providing the vital energy and strategic direction necessary for sustained growth and development. Their actions are consistently guided by Nisarga Foundation's core values and unwavering commitment to achieving excellence in the field of tribal development. Throughout the year 2024-2025, the Board convened for one Quarterly Meeting and one Annual General Body Meeting. These meetings served as crucial platforms for in-depth discussions and strategic planning, focusing on key initiatives such as the Adivasi Susthira Abhivruddhi Yojana, the Chiguru Shale community school, a comprehensive review of compliance documentation, the development of strategic plans, the establishment and management of the Nisarga Corpus, resource mobilization strategies, and detailed financial reporting. These sessions ensured the organization remained aligned with its mission and effectively addressed the evolving needs of the communities it serves.

Our Board Members are:

1. Smt. Dr. Indira M, President
2. Sri. Baburaj P P, Vice President
3. Sri. Prabhu N, Secretary
4. Smt. Devamma, Trustee
5. Sri. M V Narasimha Rao, Trustee
6. Sri. Kishore Udiaver, Trustee



Board meeting on February 8th, 2025

STAFF DETAILS

1. Sri. Prabhu N, Executive Director
2. Smt. Divya M R, Co-ordinator, Adivasi Susthira Abhivruddhi Yojane
3. Smt. Tanzila Naaz, Operations Manager
4. Sri. Chikkathimmanaika, Program Co-ordinator, EI & EE program
5. Smt. Nirmala, Co-ordinator, Malnutrition program & Susthira Abhivrudhi team member
6. Smt. Jyothi H R, Co-ordinator, Malnutrition program & Susthira Abhivrudhi team member
7. Sri. Nandeeshha, Adivasi Susthira Abhivrudhi team member
8. Sri. Shekhar Naika, EI & EE Program team member
9. Smt. Kanya Kumari H P, Office Assistant & Accountant

CHIGURU SHALE (COMMUNITY SCHOOL)

Nisarga Tribal Children's Community School: Fostering Educational Empowerment

The Nisarga Tribal Children's Community School is dedicated to cultivating an enriching educational environment that delivers value-based, high-quality education, ensuring accessibility and relevance for the tribal community. Recognizing the fundamental human drive to think critically, learn continuously, act purposefully, and express oneself freely and creatively, Nisarga Foundation has taken a proactive step to address the specific educational needs of Adivasi children. Through a collaborative partnership with the local Panchayat and the Education Department, the school strives to provide a transformative learning experience rooted in strong values. Nisarga Foundation's voluntary initiation of the Nisarga Tribal Children's School underscores its commitment to meeting the educational requirements of tribal children while simultaneously promoting and preserving their rich cultural heritage.

The school operates across several tribal hamlets (Hadi), including Hunasekuppe Hadi, Mahadeshwara Colony Hadi, Annuru Hadi and Prabhanagara Hadi. Local tribal volunteer teachers play a crucial role in educating the children. Currently, 135 children are enrolled and regularly attend classes, which are held in the evening from 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM on all working days. The school provides essential educational materials, supports cultural events, and offers small snacks to the children, fostering a nurturing and conducive learning environment. We express our sincere gratitude to Kluber Lubrication, Bangalore, for their generous support of the Chiguru Shale initiative.

Empowering Volunteer Teachers Through Comprehensive Training:

Recognizing the importance of effective education, Nisarga Foundation provides comprehensive training for its volunteer teachers. This training focuses on enhancing their teaching skills, covering subjects such as making lessons engaging and interesting, utilizing the children's mother tongue for effective instruction, and developing a structured curriculum that aligns with the school's educational objectives. The volunteer teachers are equipped with the tools and knowledge necessary to create a dynamic and culturally relevant learning experience for the children.

Mountains of Life Event (APU, Bangalore):

"Mountains of Life" is a climate festival hosted by Azim Premji University, Bengaluru, designed to foster awareness and understanding of vital mountain ecosystems and the pressing challenges they confront. This multi-faceted event showcases student research, art installations, cultural

performances, films, and interactive workshops, all highlighting the biodiversity, cultural significance, and sustainability of mountain regions. Open to students, teachers, activists, researchers, and the public, the festival aims to educate and inspire action, particularly among younger generations, regarding the importance of mountain conservation.

Chiguru Shale children, teachers and Nisarga staff participated in the event. The children understood the importance of mountains, the life of tribals amidst the mountain ranges, participated in the interactive activities and workshops.



Mountains of Life event – APU, Bangalore

Summer Camp for Students – Nisarga:

A summer camp program was organized by Nisarga foundation for the children of Chiguru School in Nisarga campus. Different types of drawing competitions, cultural programs, quiz programs, and sports programs were also organized for children in this program. All the children participated very happily. More than 90 children, Chiguru school teachers, and Nisarga foundation workers participated in this program.



Plantation with Chiguru Shale Students



Summer Camp Activities

Outcomes: Key Achievements in Children's Development

1. **Improved Nutrition and Engagement:** Children show enhanced nutritional levels and a greater interest in learning.
2. **Enhanced Educational Skills:** Children have improved literacy (word formation) and numeracy (tables 2-15, basic arithmetic), and demonstrate skills in art, crafts, and knowledge of various subjects (flora, fauna, languages, etc.).
3. **Reduced Dropout and Leadership:** School dropout rates have decreased, and students are showing leadership in organizing school events.
4. **Stronger Parent Involvement:** Regular parent-teacher meetings have improved attendance.
5. **Cultural Empowerment:** Children are learning tribal culture, medicinal knowledge, folklore, and traditional games, with tribal songs becoming popular.
6. **Tribal Language Preservation:** Volunteer teachers use tribal languages (Jenunudi, Bettakuruba) in instruction.
7. **Celebratory Events:** Special programs (Gandhi Jayanthi, Independence Day, festivals) are celebrated.
8. **Improved Hygiene:** Children show better personal hygiene practices.
9. **Increased Volunteer Support:** More volunteers are assisting the Chiguru Shale.

Mission Inde Visit to Chiguru Shale:

On 22-02-2025, Mission Inde, France visited Nisarga Foundation, HD Kote Taluk, Mysuru. Mrs. Catherine, Mrs. Isabelle and their team visited Prabhanagara Hadi and B R Katte Hadi, interacted with the Hadi children and Teachers of Chiguru Shale and distributed school kits to the children. The Mission Inde team got goodies for children which were distributed successfully to Hadi children when they attended the evening school classes.



Mission Inde, France Visit to Chiguru Shale

Some Glimpses of Chiguru Shale:



Learning Extra Curricular Activities



Lunch Hours



Learning Hours



Learning Activities



Play Time



Prabhanagara Hadi



Hunsekuppe Hadi

Tribal volunteer teachers experience:

"We are immensely grateful for the opportunity to serve as teachers at Chiguru Shale. Prior to this, we felt largely unrecognized within our Hadi community. Now, as Chiguru Shale teachers, we are actively invited to participate in all significant community events and are recognized by government officials. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Nisarga Foundation for providing us with this empowering opportunity. Not only are we educating the children, but we are also continuously learning and developing ourselves."

"We deeply appreciate Director, Mr. Prabhu N's dedicated supervision of this program. His comprehensive training has equipped us with the necessary skills to effectively teach and engage the children. We are also profoundly thankful to our generous donors, Kluber Lubrication, Bangalore, and Mission Inde France, for their invaluable support in advancing the education of tribal children."

Tribal Children experience:

"We are so thankful for Chiguru Shale! Before, we didn't have many chances to learn, but now we know so many amazing things. We can read exciting stories, count numbers, and sing beautiful songs in our own language. We are happy to learn about the animals and plants around us, and to learn more about our own culture. The teachers are so kind and patient, and they make learning fun and interesting. We feel very proud of all the things we're learning, and we thank everyone who makes this school possible."

"We are always excited to come to school every evening! We get to draw colourful pictures, make cool clay models, and play fun games with our friends. We also learn important things about keeping ourselves clean and healthy. We love celebrating festivals and learning about heroes like Gandhi and the importance of Independence Day. Our parents are so happy that we are learning so much, and we are too! We want to say a big thank you to all the teachers, volunteers, and donors who help us learn and have so much fun at Chiguru Shale."

ADDRESSING MALNUTRITION IN INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY

Recognizing the critical need to address malnutrition within tribal communities, Nisarga Foundation initiated the Spirulina Nutrition Supplement Program in 2014, with the generous support of Mission Inde, France. This program supplements the existing home diets of the target population with Spirulina nutritional capsules, effectively promoting healthy growth in malnourished children and providing essential nutrients to pregnant women and lactating mothers. The program benefits from the expert guidance and ongoing monitoring of Dr. Gerry Pais, Mysore. Over the past ten years, the Spirulina program has demonstrated remarkable success, earning commendation from esteemed institutions such as the Central Food Technological Research Institute (CFTRI), Mysore.

| Mission Inde (MI) supported beneficiaries | | | | | | Druv Compusoft Consultancy supported Beneficiaries | | | | | |
|---|-------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--|--------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Sl No | Hadi Name | P W | L M | Child | Total | Sl No | Hadi Name | PW | L M | Child | Total |
| 1 | K G halli Hadi | 3 | 1 | 3 | 7 | 9 | Masthigudi Hadi | 9 | 5 | 1 | 15 |
| 2 | Penjally Hadi | 3 | 1 | 3 | 7 | 10 | Bheemanahally Hadi | 5 | 0 | 1 | 6 |
| 3 | Ankanathpura Hadi | 4 | 3 | 4 | 11 | 11 | Kunteri Hadi | 3 | 2 | 1 | 6 |
| 4 | Maladahadi | 3 | 1 | 3 | 7 | 12 | Prabhanagara Hadi | 1 | 2 | 4 | 7 |
| 5 | Karapura Hadi | 0 | 2 | 5 | 7 | 13 | B R Katte Hadi | 1 | 2 | 3 | 6 |
| 6 | Anagatty Hadi | 1 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 14 | K.yedthore Hadi | 2 | 2 | 1 | 5 |
| 7 | Lakshmipura Hadi | 1 | 1 | 4 | 6 | 15 | Annuru Hadi | 1 | 2 | 2 | 5 |
| 8 | Marana Hadi | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | | | | | | |
| | Total | 15 | 10 | 25 | 50 | | Total | 22 | 15 | 13 | 50 |

During the fiscal year 2024-2025, the 19th and 20th phases of the Spirulina Nutrition Supplement Program were successfully implemented across 15 Hadis, benefiting 100 individuals. The foundation conducts thorough assessments of children within the working area to identify those suffering from malnutrition and maintains detailed records of pregnant women and lactating mothers. Comprehensive awareness campaigns are conducted within the communities, emphasizing the critical importance of nutrition. The program highlights the specific benefits of Spirulina supplements in combating malnutrition and ensuring a healthy start for children.

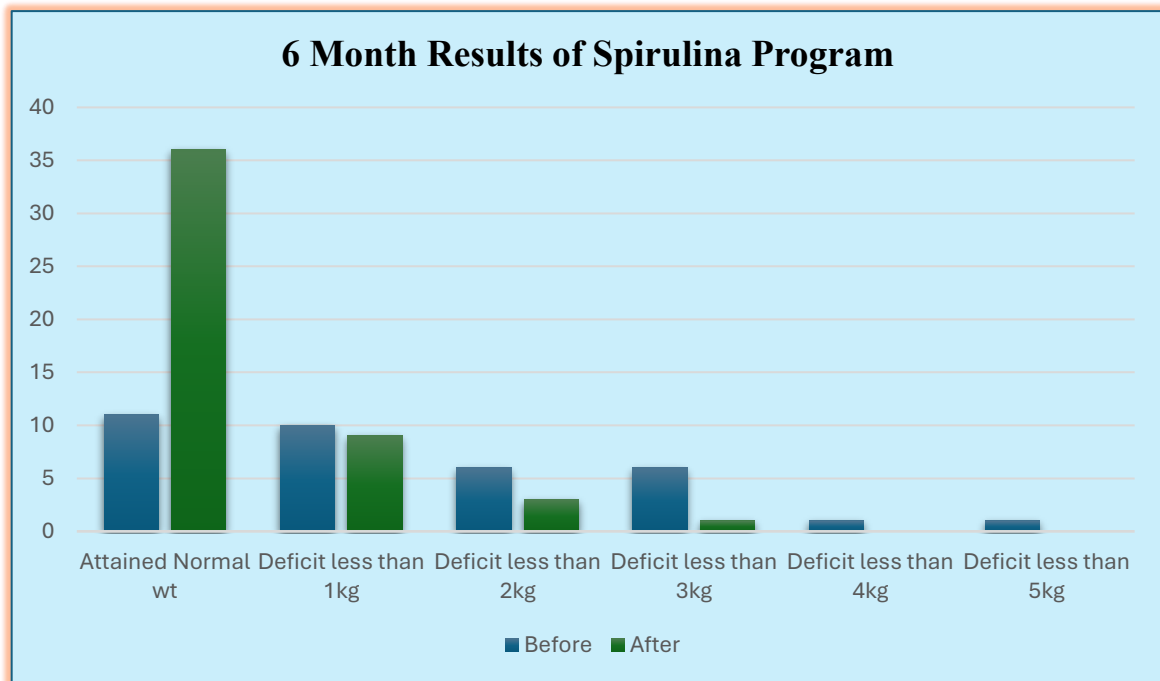
To further support pregnant women, the foundation facilitates timely pre-natal check-ups and ensures children receive essential vaccinations at government health centres. The health and nutritional needs of breastfeeding mothers are closely monitored, and young mothers are encouraged to administer periodic deworming treatments to their children. Additional health initiatives for indigenous communities include public health and sanitation awareness programs, nutritional training for parents, distribution of deworming tablets, and dissemination of information about available government schemes.

For Mission Inde:

At the start of 19th batch of Spirulina (MI)

Beneficiaries: 50 / Pregnant women: 15/ Lactating Mothers: 10 and 25 children.

Graphical Representation of Results after 6 months (Mission Inde supported beneficiaries):



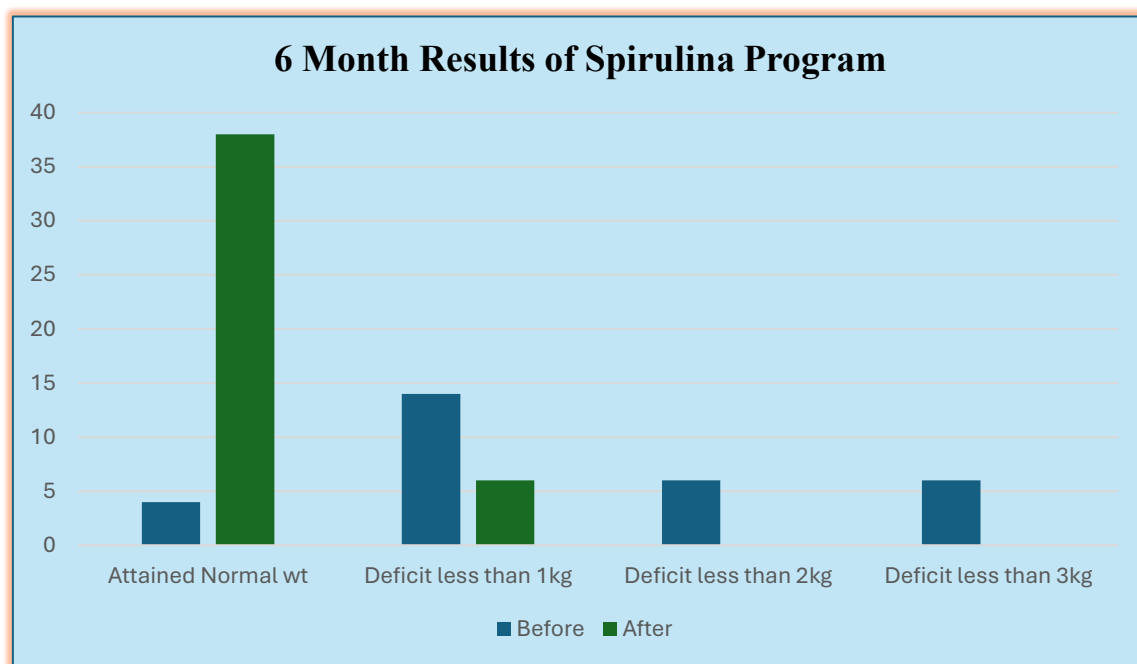
Pregnant women: Out of 15 pregnant women all 15 delivered during the reporting period and all children were born with normal birth weight.

For Dhruv CompuSoft Consultancy:

At the start of 19th batch of Spirulina (DT):

Beneficiaries: 50 / Pregnant women: 22/ Lactating Mothers: 15 and 13 children.

Graphical Representation of Results after 6 months (Dhruv Compusoft Consultancy supported beneficiaries):



Pregnant women: Out of 22 pregnant women, 4 women were still pregnant and remaining 18 women delivered during the reporting period and all children were born with normal birth weight.

MOTHERS MEETING

During the past months, monthly mothers' meetings were conducted, focusing on vital aspects of maternal and child health. Key discussion points included:

- 1. Pre-natal Care and Government Benefits:** Emphasis was placed on the importance of early registration with ASHA workers upon confirmation of pregnancy. Mothers were advised to obtain mother cards and utilize all available benefits from government hospitals. Information was provided on receiving tetanus toxoid (TT) injections, consuming Spirulina capsules before meals, and obtaining iron and folic acid capsules from government hospitals. The importance of hospital deliveries was stressed.
- 2. Lactating Mothers and Infant Care:** Awareness was raised regarding the critical care required for infants. The necessity of exclusive breastfeeding for the first six months was emphasized. Mothers were advised to continue breastfeeding while gradually introducing solid foods until the child's first birthday. After six months, children were encouraged to consume Spirulina capsules dissolved in milk or water.
- 3. Infant Nutrition and Family Planning:** Mothers were instructed on preparing nutritious solid foods for children using locally available ingredients, including ghee from the

Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group (PVTG) ration. The importance of timely immunization injections was highlighted. Mothers were educated on the benefits of maintaining a minimum 24-month gap between pregnancies.

- 4. Toddler Nutrition, Family Planning, and Hygiene:** Mothers of children aged 1-2 years were encouraged to provide Spirulina capsules before meals and were educated on promoting motor skills. The use of PVTG ration lentils, leafy greens, mushrooms, ghee, rice, peanuts, jaggery, and eggs was promoted, along with instructions on preparing cereals for toddlers. Family planning discussions focused on maintaining appropriate age gaps between children, and voluntary tubal ligation was discussed for mothers with more than two children. The importance of personal and Hadi (hamlet) hygiene was emphasized.



Health Camp:

A Health camp was conducted in Lakshmipura Hadi on April 15th, 2024. It was organized by Govt. Hospital, H D Kote. A nurse, Jayamma visited from the hospital and did check-ups of BP, Blood Tests of the Hadi people. They also tested from Sickel cell anaemia and gave awareness on Health and related issues. Mrs. Jyothi from Nisarga Foundation participated in the health camp and helped the staff of the hospital.



Health Camp

Donors visit:

On 22-02-2025, Mission Inde, France visited Nisarga Foundation, HD Kote Taluk, Mysuru. Mrs. Catherine, Mrs. Isabelle and their team visited Marana Hadi, along with Director Mr. Prabhu N, Mr. Chikkathimmanaika and Mrs. Jyothi, met the beneficiaries of the Spirulina Nutrition Program, spoke to them and expressed their happiness towards the good improvement of the beneficiaries.



Mission Inde Visit

Dhruv Compusoft Consultancy, Bangalore visited Kunteri Hadi on 19-12-2024. Mr. Venkatesh and Mr. Sangamesh were accompanied by Nisarga staff Mrs. Nirmala and Director Mr. Prabhu N to meet the beneficiaries. They spoke to the beneficiaries of Spirulina Nutrition Program, examined the results and appreciated the staff for the good work.



Dhruv Compusoft Consultancy Visit

Activities:



Awareness Programs



Capsule Distribution



Weight Checking

Program Monitoring and Collaboration: Ensuring Effective Implementation

To ensure the effectiveness of the Spirulina Nutrition Supplement Program, detailed monthly reports are submitted to Dr. Gerry Pais after the 10th of each month. These reports are meticulously reviewed, and Dr. Pais provides crucial feedback and recommendations, particularly focusing on children whose weight progress requires additional attention. His valuable insights are then translated into actionable steps at the field level by volunteers and program staff.

Regular Consultations with Dr. Pais:

Monthly consultations with Dr. Pais facilitate ongoing program adjustments and improvements, ensuring that the program remains responsive to the needs of the beneficiaries.



Discussions with Dr. Pais

Nisarga Foundation is pleased to have successfully completed the 19th phase and commenced the 20th phase of the program seamlessly. The organization extends its sincere gratitude to MISSION INDE, France, and the Sudheer Memorial Trust (Dhruv Compusoft Consultancy) for their unwavering support. Special thanks are also due to Dr. Pais for his expert guidance and invaluable feedback. Mrs. Nirmala and Mrs. Jyothi have played pivotal roles in leading this program, with the assistance of dedicated volunteers and the able stewardship of Mr. Prabhu N. The foundation also acknowledges the support of the Government departments of Women and Child Welfare and the Social Welfare department.

ADIVASI SUSTHIRA ABHIVRUDDHI YOJANE

The Adivasi Susthira Abhivruddhi Yojana is a rights-based, community-driven project, generously funded by the Azim Premji Philanthropic Foundation (APF), Bangalore. Its primary objective is to achieve the full implementation of the Forest Rights Act-2006 (both Individual Forest Rights (IFR) and Community Forest Rights (CFR)) across 20 Hadis. This initiative aims to empower tribal communities to achieve sustainable livelihoods through responsible management of natural resources.

Key strategies include:

- Raising awareness about tribal rights and access to government facilities and schemes.
- Providing legal training to community members.
- Promoting sustainable harvesting practices.
- Strengthening the functionality of Grama Sabhas and Forest Rights Committees.
- Building the capacity of Grama Sabhas.
- Engaging in regular follow-up and meetings with the Sub-Divisional Level Committee (SDLC) and District Level Committee (DLC) to secure IFR and CFR titles.

During the reporting period, significant progress is made. Regular Grama Sabha and Forest Rights Committee meetings are conducted, and government scheme orientation and basic facilities training are provided in Hadis. 03 Legal training were organized, and staff capacity building session were conducted. Regular monthly review meetings were held to monitor progress. As part of advocacy and lobbying efforts, staff and the coordinator engaged with SDLC and DLC officers to obtain necessary data on program implementation.

Gram Sabha Meetings:

Consistent monthly Grama Sabha meetings served as vital platforms for addressing critical issues within the Hadi communities. Through these meetings, a range of concerns were discussed and addressed, including water scarcity, housing approvals, road maintenance, alcoholism and tobacco usage, drainage cleaning, and ensuring regular school attendance for children. Recognizing the importance of inclusive participation, individuals who had reached the age of 18 were actively encouraged to participate in the Grama Sabha meetings, where their concerns were heard, and

actionable steps were planned. Local leaders and Gram Panchayat members also participated in these meetings, contributing to discussions and facilitating the provision of essential basic facilities.



Hosalli Hadi



Penjali Hadi

Forest Right Committee Meetings:

Forest Rights Committees (FRCs) have been established in each Hadi, marked by the inauguration of signage boards in each location. These committees are comprised of proactive individuals from the community, with 10 male and 5 female members selected for their dedication to Hadi development, strong communication skills, and proficient writing abilities. These individuals serve as the President and Secretary of their respective committees.



Aralikatte Hadi



Annuru Hadi

Individual Rights and Community Rights:

Of the 20 Hadis, all are eligible to apply for Individual Forest Rights (IFR). During the reporting period, 280 previously submitted IFR applications from 10 Hadis were resubmitted, and 286 new IFR applications were filed, A total of 566 applications is submitted. Information regarding previously applied and rejected IFR applications was collected from the Gram Panchayats. Discussions primarily focused on the processing of new IFR applications and the filing of Community Forest Rights (CFR) applications.

All IFR applications were submitted to the respective Gram Panchayats, and regular follow-ups were conducted to ensure their processing. To expedite the process, a Dharana (protest) was organized in front of the Gram Panchayat to urge the forwarding of IFR applications to the Sub-Divisional Level Committee (SDLC). Regarding CFR applications, 10 Hadis have successfully submitted their applications, and 5 Hadis have completed the necessary Ground Positioning System (GPS) surveys. The remaining 10 Hadis are prepared to submit their CFR applications; however, submission has been delayed due to document deficiencies and migration issues, which are expected to be resolved in the coming month.



GPS being done Veeranahosalli Forest Area

Furthermore, a letter, jointly issued by the Forest Rights Committees (FRCs) and Gram Sabhas, was submitted to the Tribal Welfare Officer. This letter requested an update on the effective implementation status of CFR applications and sought follow-up on previously submitted CFR applications from another Hadi.

Advocacy Work:

During the reporting period, field workers undertook various administrative tasks to support community development initiatives. Mr. Chikkathimmanaika (CTN) visited the Deputy Tahsildar to facilitate the issuance of caste and income certificates for residents of Chamenahalli Hundi B Hadi and submitted an application to the Block Education Officer (BEO) to establish a new school in the same area, leading to a subsequent site visit and report by the Education Coordinator. He also engaged with the Panchayat Development Officer (PDO) of Chikkereyuru and with the Padukote Kaval Panchayat to apply for a community hall site assessment.

Mrs. Nirmala visited the Taluk office to invite an officer for the Forest Rights Committee (FRC) board inauguration and submitted applications for K. Yedathore Hadi to the Annuru PDO. Mrs. Jyothi submitted FRC committee registration documents for Lakshmipura Hadi to the Nooralakuppe Panchayat PDO, applied for toilet construction in Penjalli Hadi at the Heerehalli Panchayat, and sought a birth certificate at the Taluk office. Lastly, Mr. Nandish submitted applications for drainage

cleaning and FRC committee registration to the Beechanahalli Panchayat PDO, and requested drainage improvements and FRC registration for K.R. Pura Hadi at the Hosaholalu Panchayat



Advocacy Works

Grama Sabha Capacity Building Programs:

Capacity building initiatives were conducted across 20 Grama Sabhas, leading to significant improvements in their functionality. Following the training, regular Grama Sabha meetings have been held, characterized by increased community participation. Grama Sabha records are meticulously maintained, ensuring accurate documentation of proceedings. All decisions related to Hadi development activities are thoroughly discussed within the Hadi prior to the submission of applications. Community members are now independently engaging with relevant government departments and officers, demonstrating increased self-reliance. Furthermore, special Grama Sabha meetings are convened in the Hadi, with the participation of concerned department officers, to discuss and address essential basic facilities.



Manti Hadi



KG Halli Hadi

Government Schemes Training Programs: Throughout the reporting period, government scheme training sessions were conducted across 20 Hadis. Following these training sessions, special Grama Sabhas were convened in the Hadis, where government department officials were invited to discuss and address development activities. Notably, three of these Hadis are located within the tiger reserve forest area, necessitating prior permission through the Parivesh website. It is imperative that the concerned government departments initiate and manage the application process for these permissions



Chamenahundi B Hadi



Aralikatte Hadi

FRC Board Inauguration: Forest Rights Committees (FRCs) have been established in all 20 working Hadis. The members are 15 in total with 10 male and 5 female individuals. The board inauguration is done after successful formation of the FRC.



Mahadeshwara Colony Hadi



Manti Hadi

Jamma Pooja: Jamma Pooja is a part of tribal culture. As a part of community rights, every tribal community deserves to worship their lord and have their own Jamma. They visit the forest and worship the god in the form of offering a pooja and remembering their lord.



Jamma Pooja in Veeranhosalli Forest

Legal Trainings:

During the current year, three legal training sessions were conducted to empower tribal communities with knowledge of their rights and available resources.

Legal Training 1: Forest Rights Act 2006 (18-06-2024)

- A legal training session was held at Nisarga Foundation, featuring Dr. C. Madegowda, Post Doctoral Fellow at ATREE, as the resource person.
- Participants included Forest Rights Committee (FRC) members from 20 Hadis, Hadi Presidents, senior tribal activists, and Nisarga Foundation staff.
- Dr. Made Gowda provided comprehensive explanations of the laws, rules, and regulations pertaining to the Forest Rights Act 2006.

Legal Training 2: Adivasi History, Culture, and Government Schemes (16-09-2024)

- A legal training session was conducted at Nisarga Foundation, with Mr. B. Nataraj from ANSIRD serving as the resource person.
- Mr. Nataraj discussed the history of Adivasi art and culture, emphasizing the importance of FRC meetings and Grama Sabhas.
- He also provided information on government schemes accessible through the Panchayat office.



Legal Training 3: Minor Forest Produce (MFP) and Sustainable Resource Management (09-11-2024)

- A legal training session was held at Nisarga Foundation, with Mr. B. Nataraj from ANSIRD as the resource person.
- Mr. Nataraj focused on Minor Forest Produce (MFP),



highlighting its significance, marketing strategies, and the diverse resources available in the forest, along with their uses.

Staff Training Programs:

To enhance the team's understanding of governance and forest rights, two training sessions were conducted.

Training 1: Panchayat Raj and Karnataka Gram Swaraj (16-05-2024)

- A training session on Panchayat Raj and Karnataka Gram Swaraj was held at the Nisarga Foundation office for team members.
 - Mr. Chowdappa from ANSIRD served as the resource person.
 - He provided explanations on Panchayat Raj and discussed strategies for effective collaboration with Panchayats on Forest Rights Act (FRA) related work.

Training 2: Forest Rights Act 2006 and Related Legislation (18-05-2024 to 20-05-2024)

- A comprehensive training and orientation on the Forest Rights Act 2006 was conducted over three days.
 - Mr. Nataraju, a tribal leader and ANSIRD resource person, led the training.
 - He provided detailed explanations of the following legislation: * Panchayats (Extension to Scheduled Areas) Act 1996 (PESA) * Indian Forest Act 1927 * Wildlife Protection Act 1972 * Biological Diversity Act 2002 * Forest Rights Act 2006

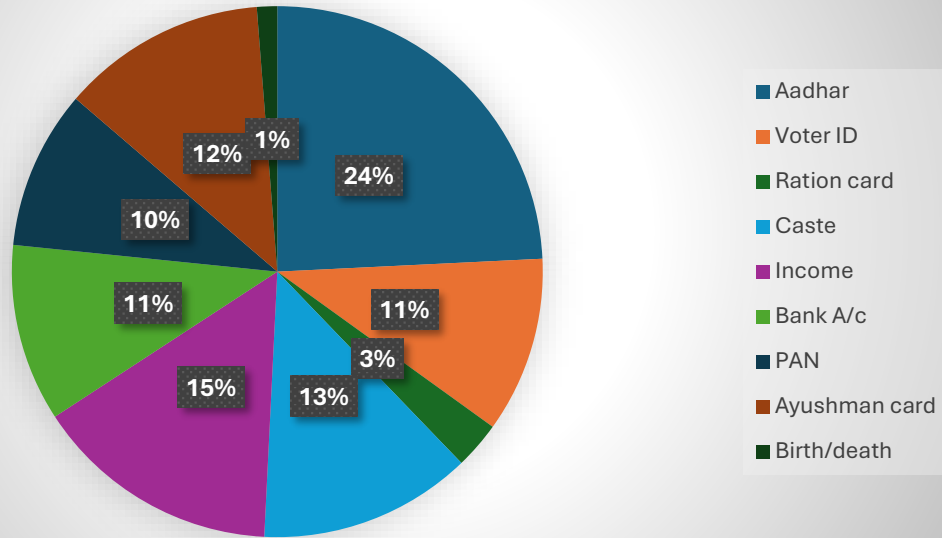


Basic Documentation Details:

Under the Sustainable Development Program, the program staff has strived to motivate and encouraged Hadi people to get all their basic documents done. Documentation process has successfully incorporated as part of one of the objectives of SDP program. A detailed table of data and its representation is mentioned below.

| Sl No | New Hadi list | Aadhaar | Voter ID | Ration card | Caste | Income | Bank A/c | PAN | Ayushman card | Birth/death |
|-------|------------------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|---------------|-------------|
| 1 | Hosalli | 9 | 2 | - | 2 | 7 | 10 | 8 | 20 | 1 |
| 2 | Annuru Rasthe Hadi | 63 | 15 | 5 | 38 | 55 | 45 | 45 | 25 | 6 |
| 3 | Rajegowdana Hundi Hadi | 18 | 11 | - | 22 | 23 | 25 | 20 | 15 | 4 |
| 4 | Mahadeshwara Colony | 35 | 20 | - | 12 | 6 | 15 | 11 | 18 | 1 |
| 5 | K Yedathore | 20 | 5 | - | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 29 | 4 |
| 6 | Penjalli Hadi | 130 | 85 | 12 | 100 | 92 | 57 | 45 | 28 | 4 |
| 7 | Marana Hadi | 83 | 22 | 10 | 61 | 77 | 52 | 40 | 23 | - |
| 8 | Hanagatti Hadi | 15 | 15 | 1 | 15 | 25 | 12 | 12 | - | 1 |
| 9 | Kollegowdanahalli Hadi | 35 | 11 | 3 | 14 | 38 | - | - | - | - |
| 10 | Lakshmipura Hadi | 35 | 25 | 5 | 14 | 3 | - | - | 8 | - |
| 11 | Chamenahalli A Hadi | 35 | 3 | 8 | 17 | 30 | 25 | 10 | 24 | - |
| 12 | Chamenahalli B Hadi | 23 | 11 | 5 | 20 | 7 | 24 | 15 | 42 | 3 |
| 13 | Padukote Hadi | 82 | 31 | 23 | 22 | 62 | 5 | 32 | 65 | 6 |
| 14 | Manti Hadi | 20 | 21 | 6 | 10 | 08 | 4 | 5 | 15 | 4 |
| 15 | Aralikatte Hadi | 30 | 21 | 5 | 5 | 10 | 6 | 7 | 21 | 2 |
| 16 | Mooleyuru Hadi | 35 | 12 | - | 8 | - | 12 | 12 | - | - |
| 17 | Thimmanahosalli Hadi | 7 | - | - | 7 | - | 2 | - | 8 | - |
| 18 | Machhuru Hadi | 3 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 19 | Ramenahalli Hadi | 28 | 8 | 2 | 8 | - | 12 | 11 | 19 | - |
| 20 | K R Pura Hadi | 20 | 3 | 1 | 7 | - | 11 | 10 | 14 | 1 |
| | Total | 726 | 321 | 86 | 389 | 450 | 324 | 290 | 374 | 37 |

Basic Document Detail's



Social Welfare Entitlements:

As part of social welfare entitlements, Nisarga staff has successfully helped Hadi people in construction of their houses, toilets, distribution of Old age pensions, Widow pensions and Jal jeevan machines.



House Constructions

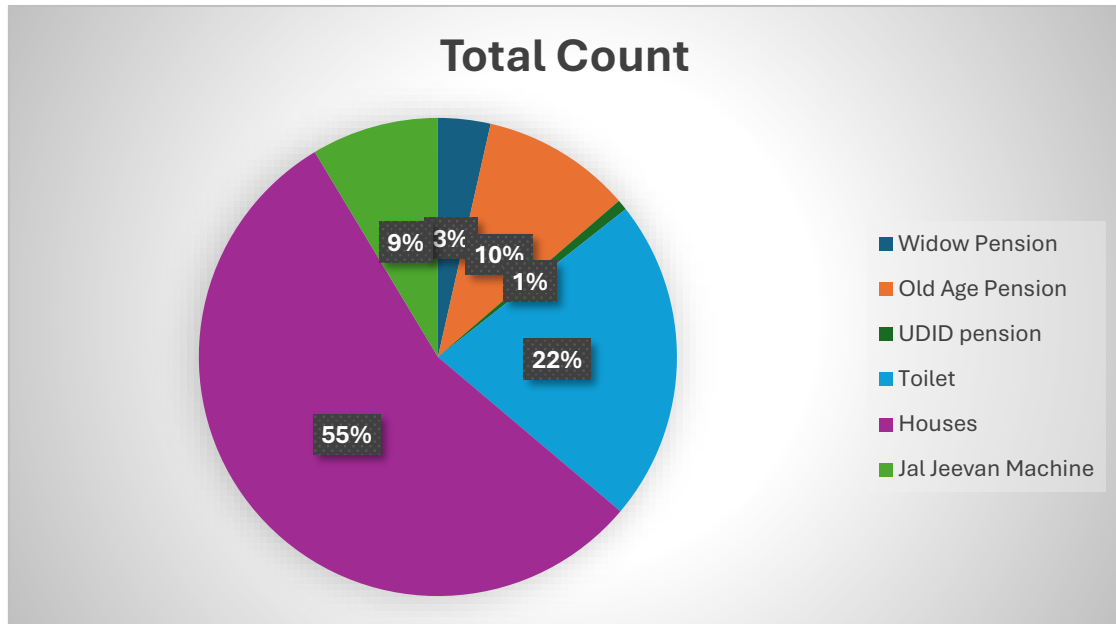


Toilet Construction



Basic Amenities

Graphical Representation of Total Count of Social welfare Entitlements



Exposure Visits:

With the consent of Team Leader Amit, a withdrawal of ₹50,000 was authorized to cover travel and food expenses for the digital democracy training held in Dehradun from February 12th to 21st.

The planned exposure visit to B.R. Hills, originally scheduled for November or December 2024, has been postponed to the following year. This decision was made due to the migration of community members to Coorg and Kerala, which would have significantly impacted participation.

Program Evaluation Visits:

As part of the program evaluation process, on February 6th, 2025, Mr. Uttiya Routh, Program In-charge from the Azim Premji Foundation, conducted a field visit to Prabhanagara Hadi and Aralikatte Hadi.



APF Program In charge Visit

During this visit, he actively participated in a meeting held with the members of the Forest Rights Committee, engaging in discussions and assessments of the program's impact within the communities. On February 7th, 2025, Mr. Uttiya Routh visited the Nisarga Foundation office, where he interacted with the APPI program staff. He also participated in a comprehensive meeting with the entire staff, during which a detailed presentation on the Yearly Program Report was delivered. Mr. Routh expressed his appreciation for the overall progress reflected in the report. Additionally, on November 14th and 15th, 2024, Mr. Mahesh K visited Nisarga Foundation to conduct a thorough financial review of the organization's operations.

Nisarga Foundation expresses sincere gratitude to the Azim Premji Foundation for their continued and timely support, which is deeply appreciated.

EARLY INTERVENTION AND INCLUSIVE EDUCATION PROGRAM

This project is a comprehensive initiative designed to address the critical needs of children aged 0-8 years who are facing developmental delays, disabilities, or severe malnutrition. Its core objectives are:

- **Early Intervention and Education:** To provide vital early intervention and early education services to 200 children, ensuring they receive the necessary support to reach their full potential.
- **Sustainable Ecosystem Building:** To create a sustainable ecosystem of support by building the capacity of parents and caregivers, empowering them to effectively support their children's development. Additionally, the project aims to sensitize frontline stakeholders, fostering a more inclusive and supportive environment for these children.

As per the MoU, the below table represents the details,

| Outputs and Activities | Target | Achieved |
|-------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Screening | 4000 | 4070 |
| Identification of CWD | 200 | 190 |
| Assessment | 190 | 190 |
| Reassessment | 190 | 190 |
| Anganwadi Enrolment | 50 | 79 |
| School Enrolment | 50 | 71 |
| Medical Diagnosis | - | - |
| No of service to children | - | 2396 |
| Social Security Scheme | 150 | 164 |
| Parents Groups | 02 | 02 |
| Sub Centre | 03 | 03 |
| Nutrition Food Support | - | 36 |
| Mobility Support | 50 | - |

Project Outcomes: Significant Progress in Early Intervention and Child Development

The project has demonstrated significant impact across various domains, achieving the following outcomes:

- **Child Identification and Screening:**
 - 190 children were identified for the early intervention program.

- Baby screenings were conducted for 4,070 children, resulting in the identification of 91 children needing further evaluation.



- **Assessment and Data Management:**

- Assessment camps were conducted, and 190 identified children underwent initial assessments and reassessments.



- Information on all assessed children was uploaded into the Goonjan database.
- Monthly service provision data for all children is also consistently uploaded to Goonjan.

- **Service Delivery and Infrastructure:**

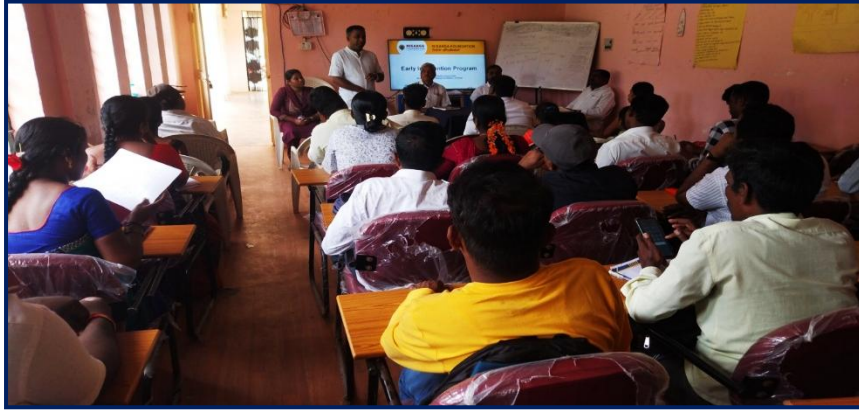
- Two sub-centres were established at each staff member's workplace, facilitating the delivery of early intervention services.

- **Educational Integration:**

- 71 identified children were enrolled in formal schools.
- 79 children were enrolled in Anganwadi centers.

- **Capacity Building and Awareness:**

- 45 Multi-Rehabilitation Workers (MRWs) received training on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act 2016 and the 21 recognized types of disabilities.



- Sensitization programs were conducted at various locations, reaching 320 individuals with information on the importance of early intervention programs and social security schemes.

- **Social Security and Documentation:**

- 45 children received Unique Disability Identification (UDID) cards and pensions through social security schemes.



- Additionally, 35 children received Aadhaar cards, 30 received caste certificates, 44 received income certificates, and 10 received birth certificates.

- **Developmental Improvements:**

- Observed improvements in children's developmental domains, including speech and hearing, locomotor skills, cerebral palsy management, and nutritional status for malnourished children.

Children's Developmental Progress: Observed Improvements Across Domains

The "Cradle to School" project has yielded positive developmental outcomes for participating children, with observed improvements in the following key domains:

- **Speech and Hearing:** Several children have demonstrated progress in speech and hearing abilities.
- **Educational Integration:** Some children have shown sufficient improvement to successfully transition into formal schooling.
- **Locomotor Skills:** Improvements in locomotor skills have been observed in a number of children.
- **Nutritional Status:** Children identified as malnourished have shown improvements in their nutritional status.
- **Developmental Delays:** Children experiencing developmental delays have demonstrated progress in various developmental milestones.
- **Cerebral Palsy Management:** Children with cerebral palsy have exhibited improvements in managing their condition.

Parent Associations and Support Groups:

To foster parental support and knowledge sharing, two parent associations have been established. These associations convene monthly meetings, providing a platform for discussions on critical topics such as:

- Parental responsibilities in child development.
- Available social security schemes for children with disabilities.
- Importance of child hygiene practices.



Case Study: Bhumika - Intervention Success

Profile: Bhumika, born 1/25/2017, female, intellectual disability, identified 8/5/2024. Lives in a nuclear family; parents are farmer and homemaker.

Initial Issues: Drooling, limited recognition, impaired speech, delayed responses, social isolation.

Identification: School assessment revealed developmental delays since birth.

Recommendations: Paediatric evaluation, increased home interaction.

Interventions: Parental counselling, interactive play, sound-based exercises, locomotor activities, social interaction.

Medical: Consistent verbal interaction, object naming, social monitoring.

Outcomes: Improved interaction, speech, and cheerfulness.

Progress: Intervention plan and parental involvement led to daily developmental gains.

GRAM SWARAJ ABHIYAN (GSA – K)

Background, Vision and Role of Gram Swaraj Abhiyan:

Azim Premji Foundation is working with civil society organizations (SVOs, unions, campaigns and coalitions of movements) in the state of Rajasthan through the Suchaya Aevum Rozgar Abhiyan, with a commitment to promote people's rights and the right to information. It is also working on a large scale to advocate for accountable governance.

Background of Gram Swaraj Abhiyan in Karnataka:

To improve the management of the work site under the Employment Guarantee Scheme and to facilitate the implementation of the programme, 50 civil society organizations from Karnataka have come together under this planned training programme for workers.

Azim Premji Foundation and civil society organizations have taken up the participation of civil society organizations based on their experience and interest in developing this concept in Karnataka. The coalition will be in regular touch with the state government to facilitate policy dialogues and to resolve issues arising during the implementation of the scheme.

The Civil Society Organizations Coalition plays a long-term role in having coordinated action plans for job creation and quality asset creation. Through experience and expertise, the Coalition assists wage labourers, front line workers, Panchayat representatives and government officials in all types of training and capacity building efforts.

Mission:

To ensure result-oriented performance and to identify high-quality institutional training processes for mobilizing Kayaka Bandhus under the Employment Guarantee Scheme in the State of Karnataka. To provide quality and effective training to Kayaka Bandhus for the implementation of the Employment Guarantee Scheme in all districts by providing trained resource persons (Master Trainers), to train Kayaka Bandhus in the respective areas to provide employment to the vulnerable communities as per their social needs and demands and to make them remunerated for their work.

To provide high-quality training to 15000 Kayaka Bandhus through 350 master trainers in 50 taluks with the close supervision and cooperation of a group of civil society service organizations, with the

aim of organizing activities at the district and taluk levels with the Executive Officers of Panchayat Institutions and officers of other implementing agencies for smooth coordination of the campaign.



➤ A training was conducted for mates and masters to reach the goal of the program. Mr. Chikkathimmanaika, Mrs. Jyothi and Mrs. Nirmala attended Mates training organized by Grama swaraj Abhiyana in Vidyadeepa college from 13-09-2024 to 22-09-2024 and achieved appreciation certificate on successfully completing the training.



Nisarga has actively participated in GSA – K program and successfully trained 185 mates out of 300 in 7 batches. 123 of them were male and 63 were female. The training was given in H D Kote taluk.



RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

Corpus Fund Mobilization:

- Nisarga Foundation's Corpus fund raised ₹1,29,000
- Contributions were made by Board members and staff.

CPP and POSH Committee Meetings:

- A joint meeting of the Prevention of Sexual Harassment (POSH) Committee and the Child Protection Policy (CPP) Committee was conducted on March 22, 2025.
- Discussions were made regarding the safety and security of women in workplace, Children abuse, recent cases that took place which come under violation of CPP.
- No complaints were lodged during the reporting period.



NETWORK ACTIVITIES

- In association with GUIDE/WFA, Nisarga Foundation conducted "SOUTH INDIA LEVEL FOLLOW-UP MEET OF FEMINIST CLIMATE ACTION ACTIVISTS ON WOMEN'S RIGHTS OVER COMMON PROPERTY RESOURCES AND CLIMATE JUSTICE" at Nisarga Foundation office on 13-04-2024. Mrs. Vasantha, Mrs. Sathya Bharathi, Mr. Gilbert Rodrigues from GUIDE organisation, Mrs. Indira, President of NF, Mr. Prabhu, Director of NF, Mrs. Kumudini, professor of JSS college and more than 70 women participate in this program.



Guide Foundation Meeting



Seva Sankramana Event

- “Seva Sankramana” is an initiative led by GRAAM and GSS, NIPM, and other Industry and Developmental organisations of Mysuru. Nisarga staff participated in the event on 01-03-2025 and gained useful insights and networking.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Mountains of Life Event: "Mountains of Life" hosted on 23rd Nov 2024 by Azim Premji University, Bengaluru, designed to foster awareness and understanding of vital mountain ecosystems and the pressing challenges they confront. This multi-faceted event showcases student research, art installations, cultural performances, films, and interactive workshops, all highlighting the biodiversity, cultural significance, and sustainability of mountain regions. Chiguru Shale children, teachers and Nisarga staff participated in the event. The children understood the importance of mountains, the life of tribals amidst the mountain ranges, participated in the interactive activities and workshops.

Independence Day, Gandhi Jayathi, New year celebrations, Republic Day, Ayuda pooja, Varamahalakshmi festival, International Women’s Day was celebration during the reporting period 2024-25.



VISITORS OF NISARGA

- ❖ Mr. Venkatesh from Shri Kaginale Mahasansthana Kanakaguru Vidyapeetha college of Education visited Nisarga on 10-04-2024 to get to know about the aims and objectives of the organization.
- ❖ Mrs. Sathyabharathi and team from GUIDE Foundation visited Nisarga Foundation on account of a special meeting on Feminists rights on 13-04-2024.
- ❖ Mrs. Pavithra from Sakhi Program visited the organization to get to know about the objectives and areas of working of N.F.
- ❖ On 27-05-2024, Mr. Kumar from Shankar Eye Hospital visited N.F with an objective of organizing a free eye camp and discussed the same with the Director and Staff of the organization.
- ❖ Mr. MVN Rao, Trustee visited the organization on June 20th, 2024, and interacted with the staff. Also, on Dec 16th, 2024, he visited again with Mr. Krishnegowda and shared his insights and knowledge with the Nisarga Staff.
- ❖ On 21-06-2024, Mr. Sambashivaiah, Chief Executive, JSS college, Mysuru attended the farewell function of JSS students who had been to N.F for a field immersion program.
- ❖ Mrs. Hema, Mr. Prasanna, Dr. Mohan, Mrs. Jayanthi Suresh along with their team visited the organisation on 20-07-2024 for MYTHRI Network meeting.
- ❖ Mr. Utthiya Routh, Program In charge, APPI visited Nisarga to supervise about the program to Nisarga Staff working in Susthira Abhivruddhi Program.
- ❖ Dr. Dhananjay and Mr. Srinath, Program Incharge, APD visited N.F on 13-08-2024 and 14-08-2024 to have a meeting with the Director and for the assessment of APD Program Camp.
- ❖ Ms. Shruthi, Ms. Neha, Ms. Aksa and team from Azim Premji University attended a two-week community learning & reflection program organized in Nisarga Foundation from 08-09-2024 to 21-09-2024.
- ❖ Mrs. Smitha M Gouda, SPM Officer, APD Belagavi came to the organization for a staff meeting on Early Intervention Program, MRW VRW Training and Home visit on 25-09-2024 and 10-01-2025.
- ❖ Ms. Amreen from Polinate Group visited N.F and had a meeting with the Director regarding the Partnership of programs organized by their group.
- ❖ Mr. Mahesh K from APF visited on 14-11-2024 and 15-11-2024 for Financial Review of 2nd grant of the SDP program

- ❖ Mr. Sangamesh and Mr. Venkatesh from Druv Technologies visited Nisarga Foundation on 15-11-2024 to know about the activities of NF and visited our working and to understand the need of beneficiary.
- ❖ On 10-01-2025, Mrs. Rajeshwari Dandin, APD Program visited the organization for a staff meeting on Early Intervention Program, Goonjan assessment and reassessment, data gaps impact and home visit.
- ❖ 32 students from Sri Kongadiyappa college, Doddaballapura visited NF on 28-01-2025 for Innovative Study and to gain knowledge on organisation work, Adivasi lifestyle, culture and heritage.
- ❖ On 07-02-2025, Mr. Utthiya Routh visited Nisarga for Program Evaluation and RLC visit in accordance with the SDP Program.
- ❖ Ms. Deepasaraswathi from Mysuru University visited N.F on 19-02-2025 for Research work on NGOs and had a brief discussion with the Director.
- ❖ On 22-02-2025, Mrs. Catherine, Mrs. Isabelle and a team of 7 members from Mission Inde, France visited NF to know the activities of Chiguru shale and Spirulina nutrition program.



FIELD IMMERSION

Nisarga Foundation facilitated a field immersion program for students of JSS college, Mysuru from first-year MA Development students from Azim Premji University, Bangalore, held from September 8th to September 21st, 2024. This field immersion, the initial component of the program's field engagement series, focused on providing students with firsthand experience and connection to the everyday realities of diverse social groups and communities.

During the immersion, students were oriented on organizational operations, interacted with community members, state institutions (Grama Panchayats, Tribal Welfare Officers, Social Welfare Officers, and Taluk hospitals), local markets, and civil society organizations. They observed social, economic, and ecological processes, and engaged in critical reflection on their interactions and observations.

Nisarga Foundation, deeply rooted within the communities it serves, played a crucial role in facilitating students' field learning. The organization provided logistical support (food and accommodation), assisted in planning daily activities, and offered mentoring, including debriefing sessions. Students concluded the immersion by preparing a presentation summarizing their learning experiences, which was highly appreciated by both Nisarga Foundation and Azim Premji University staff.



APU, Bangalore



JSS, Mysuru

STAFF CAPACITY BUILDING:

- Nisarga staff Mr. Chikkathimmanaika, Mrs. Nirmala A C and Mrs. Jyothi H R attended the Staff capacity building training for 3 days from 22nd to 24th of May 2024 on Early Intervention and inclusive education Phase 1 organized by the Health and Rehab Dept. (APD), Bangalore. Mainly to identify the disabled children in the early stage and how to do the early intervention.
- Mr. Chikkathimmanaika attended Master Training organized by Gram Swaraj Abhiyan from 13-09-2024 to 22-09-2024 in Vidyadeepa college, Bangalore.
- Mrs. Jyothi and Mrs. Nirmala attended mates Training organized by Gram Swaraj Abhiyan from 28-11-2024 to 07-12-2024 in ODP, Mysuru.
- Mr. Chikkathimmanaika attended KHPT Training organized by Karnataka Health Promotion Trust in ANSIRD, Mysuru on 24-01-2025.
- Staff Training programs on Susthira Abhivruddhi program were done on Panchayat Raj and Karnataka Gram Swaraj and Forest Rights Act 2006 and related legislations in Nisarga Foundation.
- Mrs. Kanyakumari attended Online Training on Finance Management by Dhvani Foundation 19-02-2025 and a training organized by APPI on the same topic.



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AWARDS:

- Nisarga Foundation has been the Member of - Adivasi Solidarity Council; Tribal Joint Action, Karnataka; Federation of Voluntary Organisations for Rural Development, Karnataka (FEVORD-K); Indian Social Action Forum (INSAF); Disability NGO Alliance (DNA); National Adivasi Alliance (NAA); National Adivasi Council of Development Indigenous People (NAC-DIP)
- Certificate of appreciation has been awarded to Nisarga Foundation for vibrant website, commitment to digital empowerment and amazing work by INGO
- Mr. Chikkathimma Naika, Mrs. Jyothi and Mrs. Nirmal has completed “Early Intervention Phase 1 training” organized by Health and Rehab Dept. from 22-05-2024 to 24-05-2024 in Bangalore and received certification on successful completion



LOOKING FORWARD:

In the fiscal year 2024-2025, Nisarga Foundation diligently implemented a range of impactful programs, all dedicated to fostering positive change within tribal communities. These initiatives were strategically designed to bring about tangible progress in providing enriching and fulfilling lives for tribal children, especially those facing educational and health disparities. Furthermore, the foundation remained steadfast in its commitment to safeguarding the land rights of indigenous populations, who are often unjustly deprived of their ancestral territories.

This critical work was made possible through the invaluable support of esteemed donors, including Mission Inde, France; Dhruv Technologies, Bangalore; Azim Premji Philanthropic Initiatives, Bangalore; Kluber Lubrication, Bangalore; and the Association of People with Disabilities (APD). We extend our sincere gratitude to these partners, whose contributions have been instrumental in our journey towards establishing improved and sustainable living standards for indigenous people. We also express our profound appreciation to our dedicated Board members, whose guidance and support have been essential in the systematic planning and execution of all our projects, enabling the organization to effectively roll out its programs.

Looking ahead, Nisarga Foundation is actively pursuing the re-establishment of our National Child Labour Project (NCLP) School as a State Child Labour Project (SCLP), aiming to further address the needs of vulnerable children. We are also seeking resource support for women's empowerment initiatives, specifically through skill training on the Spirulina Nutra Chikki project, and promoting sustainability among adolescent groups through climate change awareness and action.

The Board of Directors of Nisarga Foundation extends its heartfelt thanks to all our partners for their unwavering support and continuous guidance. The ongoing engagement of media outlets within the Taluk and District has been immensely encouraging, playing a vital role in disseminating information about our dedicated work on tribal issues to the wider public. Nisarga Foundation remains actively engaged with various networks and organizations, reinforcing our collaborative approach. We earnestly look forward to your continued support and well wishes as we strive to advance the well-being of tribal communities

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ನಿಸರ್ಗ ಘಾಂಡೇಷನ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಕಾನೂನು ಅರಿವು ಕಾರ್ಯಾಗಾರ



ಎಸ್.ಡಿ.ಕೋಟೆ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕಿನ ನಿಸರ್ಗ ಘಾಂಡೇಷನ್ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅರಿವು ಮತ್ತು ಸಾಮಾಜಿಕ ಜವಾಬ್ದಾರಿ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಗಾರವು ನಡೆಯಿತು. ಈ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಗಾರವನ್ನು ನಿಸರ್ಗ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರಾದ ಪ್ರಭುರವರು ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರವಾಗಿ ನಡೆಸಿದರು. ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮದ ಗುರಿ- ಅರಿವು ಹಾಗೂ ಅನಾಥ ಮಕ್ಕಳಿಗೆ ಸಾಮಾಜಿಕ ಜವಾಬ್ದಾರಿಯನ್ನು ಹೇಳುವುದು. ಅರಿವು ಹಾಗೂ ಅನಾಥ ಮಕ್ಕಳಿಗೆ ಸಾಮಾಜಿಕ ಜವಾಬ್ದಾರಿಯನ್ನು ಹೇಳುವುದು. ಅರಿವು ಹಾಗೂ ಅನಾಥ ಮಕ್ಕಳಿಗೆ ಸಾಮಾಜಿಕ ಜವಾಬ್ದಾರಿಯನ್ನು ಹೇಳುವುದು.

ಕನ್ನಡಪ್ರಭ

ಚೌಡಮಠ ಒಡತಿ, ದೊಡಮಠ ಒಡತಿಗೆ ಸಾಂಪ್ರದಾಯಿಕ ಪೂಜೆ



ಕನ್ನಡಪ್ರಭ ವಾರ್ತೆ ಎಸ್.ಡಿ.ಕೋಟೆ ಪಂಚಾಯತ್ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಗಾರವು ನಡೆಯಿತು. ಈ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಗಾರವನ್ನು ನಿಸರ್ಗ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರಾದ ಪ್ರಭುರವರು ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರವಾಗಿ ನಡೆಸಿದರು. ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮದ ಗುರಿ- ಅರಿವು ಹಾಗೂ ಅನಾಥ ಮಕ್ಕಳಿಗೆ ಸಾಮಾಜಿಕ ಜವಾಬ್ದಾರಿಯನ್ನು ಹೇಳುವುದು. ಅರಿವು ಹಾಗೂ ಅನಾಥ ಮಕ್ಕಳಿಗೆ ಸಾಮಾಜಿಕ ಜವಾಬ್ದಾರಿಯನ್ನು ಹೇಳುವುದು.

ಪ್ರಜ್ಞಾನಿ

ಮತದಾನಕ್ಕೆ ಕೋಟಿ, ನಂ.ಗೂಡಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಸಿದ್ಧತೆ

ಕೈ ಬೀಸಿ ಕರೆಯಲಿವೆ ಸಖಿ, ರೈತ, ಯುವ, ಸಾಂಪ್ರದಾಯಿಕ ಮತಗಟ್ಟೆಗಳು

ಪ್ರಜ್ಞಾನಿ ವಾರ್ತೆ ಎಸ್.ಡಿ.ಕೋಟೆ ಯಶಸ್ವಿಯಾಗಿ ಮತದಾನ ಕೇಂದ್ರವನ್ನು ಸಿದ್ಧಪಡಿಸಿ ಮತದಾನಕ್ಕೆ ಸಿದ್ಧರಾಗಿದೆ. ಈ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮವನ್ನು ನಿಸರ್ಗ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರಾದ ಪ್ರಭುರವರು ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರವಾಗಿ ನಡೆಸಿದರು. ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮದ ಗುರಿ- ಅರಿವು ಹಾಗೂ ಅನಾಥ ಮಕ್ಕಳಿಗೆ ಸಾಮಾಜಿಕ ಜವಾಬ್ದಾರಿಯನ್ನು ಹೇಳುವುದು. ಅರಿವು ಹಾಗೂ ಅನಾಥ ಮಕ್ಕಳಿಗೆ ಸಾಮಾಜಿಕ ಜವಾಬ್ದಾರಿಯನ್ನು ಹೇಳುವುದು.

| ಸಖಿ ಮತಗಟ್ಟೆಗಳ ವಿವರ | |
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| ಸರ್ಕಾರ ಹಿರಿಯ ಪ್ರಾ.ಶಾಲೆ | ಅಂತರಾಜಕೆ |
| ಸರ್ಕಾರ ಹಿರಿಯ ಪ್ರಾ.ಶಾಲೆ | ಕೊಳಗಾಲ |
| ಸರ್ಕಾರ ಮಾಧ್ಯಮ ಹಿರಿಯ ಪ್ರಾ.ಶಾಲೆ | ಎಸ್.ಡಿ.ಕೋಟೆ ಪ್ರಭು |
| ಜಿಎಸ್.ಡಿ ಹಿರಿಯ ಪ್ರಾ.ಶಾಲೆ | ಸರ್ಕಾರ |
| ಜಿಎಸ್.ಡಿ ಹಿರಿಯ ಪ್ರಾ.ಶಾಲೆ | ಎಸ್.ಡಿ.ಕೋಟೆ ಪ್ರಭು |

| ಯುವ ಮತಗಟ್ಟೆ | |
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| ಸರ್ಕಾರ ಹಿರಿಯ ಪ್ರಾ.ಶಾಲೆ | ನರಸಾಂಕುಳ |

| ವಿಳಲ ಬೇತರ ಮತಗಟ್ಟೆ | |
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| ಸರ್ಕಾರ ಹಿರಿಯ ಪ್ರಾ.ಶಾಲೆ | ಪೈಗೆ |

| ಸಾಂಪ್ರದಾಯಿಕ ಮತಗಟ್ಟೆಗಳು | |
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| ಅಕ್ಕಮಠ | ಛಾವಣಿ |
| ಅಕ್ಕಮಠ | ಬೆಂಜನು |
| ಅಕ್ಕಮಠ | ಬಸವನು ಹಾಡಿ |

| ಧೀಮಂತ ಮತಗಟ್ಟೆಗಳು | |
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| ಅಂತರಾಜಕೆ ಅಕ್ಕಮಠ | ಬಸವನು ಹಾಡಿ |

ಕಂಪೋಷ್

ಬಾವೇನಹಳ್ಳಿ ಹುಂಡಿ ಬಿ.ಹಾಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಹಕ್ಕು ಸಮಿತಿ ನಾಮಫಲಕ ಉದ್ಘಾಟನೆ

'ಹಾಡಿ ಜನರು ಹಕ್ಕುಗಳನ್ನು ಪಡೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕು'

ಬಾವೇನಹಳ್ಳಿ ಹುಂಡಿ ಬಿ.ಹಾಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಹಕ್ಕು ಸಮಿತಿ ನಾಮಫಲಕ ಉದ್ಘಾಟನೆ ನಡೆಯಿತು. ಈ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮವನ್ನು ನಿಸರ್ಗ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರಾದ ಪ್ರಭುರವರು ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರವಾಗಿ ನಡೆಸಿದರು. ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮದ ಗುರಿ- ಅರಿವು ಹಾಗೂ ಅನಾಥ ಮಕ್ಕಳಿಗೆ ಸಾಮಾಜಿಕ ಜವಾಬ್ದಾರಿಯನ್ನು ಹೇಳುವುದು. ಅರಿವು ಹಾಗೂ ಅನಾಥ ಮಕ್ಕಳಿಗೆ ಸಾಮಾಜಿಕ ಜವಾಬ್ದಾರಿಯನ್ನು ಹೇಳುವುದು.

ಪ್ರಜಾಪೀಠ

ವಿಭಾಗ ಮಟ್ಟದ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮ ಬಂಧುಗಳ ತರಬೇತುದಾರರ ತರಬೇತಿ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮ

'ಉದ್ಯೋಗ ಖಾತ್ರಿಗೆ ಪ್ರಚಾರ ಅಗತ್ಯ'

ಪ್ರಜಾಪೀಠ ವಾರ್ತೆ ಎಸ್.ಡಿ.ಕೋಟೆ ವಿಭಾಗ ಮಟ್ಟದ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮವು ನಡೆಯಿತು. ಈ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮವನ್ನು ನಿಸರ್ಗ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರಾದ ಪ್ರಭುರವರು ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರವಾಗಿ ನಡೆಸಿದರು. ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮದ ಗುರಿ- ಅರಿವು ಹಾಗೂ ಅನಾಥ ಮಕ್ಕಳಿಗೆ ಸಾಮಾಜಿಕ ಜವಾಬ್ದಾರಿಯನ್ನು ಹೇಳುವುದು. ಅರಿವು ಹಾಗೂ ಅನಾಥ ಮಕ್ಕಳಿಗೆ ಸಾಮಾಜಿಕ ಜವಾಬ್ದಾರಿಯನ್ನು ಹೇಳುವುದು.