



JANVIKAS

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Foreword

During 2008-09, the Leadership Forum of Janvikas (a forum of all unit leaders and CEO) came together to formulate broad strategies for next five years which was presented to the Board of Trustees of Janvikas. In the last five years, Janvikas and its units have focused on addressing the issue of communal conflict, fighting discrimination and enviro-legal issues as well as provided human & institutional development support to organizations & individuals. The broad strategies for the next five years have been formulated as follows:

Communal Conflict:

- ✗ *Engage with youth from marginalized community to address the issue through livelihood, sports & fun, media, perspective building programmes.*
- ✗ *Engage with large population mainly non-marginalized communities and college going students to sensitize them on these issues, provide information and guidance and create space for them to contribute meaningfully.*
- ✗ *Influence the mainstream media on the agenda of religious conflict and join their campaigns.*
- ✗ *Continue to support organizations and grass-root leaderships in addressing issues of communal conflict.*

Education:

- ✗ *Engage with children of mixed communities through education centres and camps.*
- ✗ *Increase access to primary education of Muslim children from Kutch district and from relief colonies across Gujarat.*
- ✗ *Develop pedagogy and educational material with use of technology.*
- ✗ *Influence government run primary education system from the point of view of diversity, democracy and citizenship through advocacy and teachers training in PTC colleges.*
- ✗ *Organize camps for children from mixed communities.*
- ✗ *Try and build linkages between other children, youth and marginalized children to engage in camps, education centres / support classes.*



Conflict based on natural resources:

- ✘ *Address the issue of conflict related to land and water resources due to industrialization by creating awareness and capacitating communities so they can negotiate and take decisions over the control of resources.*
- ✘ *Engage with State / Central government on policy dialogue related to environmental / industrial policies which affect the poor and marginalized communities.*

Human and Institutional Development Support:

- ✘ *Continue to build perspectives on relevant issues.*
- ✘ *Continue to provide human and institutional development support to organizations, networks working in favour of disempowered.*
- ✘ *Strengthening governance in organizations.*
- ✘ *Engaging with large population to sensitize them on various issues and create space for them to contribute as volunteers.*

Caste Conflict:

- ✘ *We will continue to work as before.*

After the communal violence in Kandhmal district of Orissa, Janvikas initiated process to support the local organizations and the victims of the violence. As part of the support, 11 organizations and 22 activists have been supported to conduct an extensive survey of affected families. The report of the survey has been published. At present we are facilitating the process whereby the affected families can access compensation from the government. Based on our experience of getting justice for the victims in Gujarat violence 2002, we have initiated to support a state level human rights organization in Orissa in legal interventions.

During the year, Yuvshakti went through a review and re-structuring process. Now Yuvshakti has evolved as a local organization working with youth in Panchmahal district. Our work with youth in other seven districts has been intensified through HID cell on youth. The HID cell on youth will take new form of an organization having its secretariat at Anand. The youth camp site near Anand has been fully developed and during the whole year, youth from all nine districts participated in perspective building workshop. Udaan launched mobile computer lab in Panchmahal district to make computer education



available to rural poor children of primary schools. Udaan as one of the leading partners of Videoshala programme, initiated a process of mainstreaming it with government. Videoshala is an intervention to ensure and enhance quality of education by integrating educational themes, values and use of ICT (Information, Communication, Technology). Paryavaran Mitra focused on building capacities of village level institutions and leaders for monitoring of environmental public hearing. It also used RTI (Right to Information) in its advocacy strategies and for proper implementation of environmental laws. One of its key achievements as a result of advocacy has been the launch of new website by the NCDMA (National Clean Development Mechanism Authority) which will enable CDM (Clean Development Mechanism) project proponents to file applications and upload their project documents. HIDRC (Human and Institutional Development Resource Centre) as a strategic arm/unit of Janvikas continues to provide HID support institutional field of Janvikas and others across the country. One of its unique programme has been a mid career course for women activists which took off during the year. Another unique programme of capacity building on NGO governance was launched through the Centre for Governance Studies.

The annual report of Janvikas covers the activities of the four units - Yuvshakti, Udaan, Paryavaran Mitra and HIDRC. It also covers the report by Governance & Finance department of Janvikas. The report of Centre for Social Justice (CSJ) is not included as it has become legally independent from Janvikas. CSJ now reports to its governing board.

I would like to thank our Board of Trustees for continued support and in giving critical feedback on programmes and on functioning of Janvikas. I would also like to thank our donors, individual supporters and organizations, well-wishers and partner organizations for their support and solidarity. I also request the readers of this annual report to give us feedback or suggestions to help us in our journey of contributing to build as well as strengthen just, democratic and secular society.

*Vijay Parmar
CEO, Janvikas*



About Janvikas

Janvikas is a web of decentralized institutions with several nodes of convergence and multiple leadership which keep defining and redefining their boundaries vis-à-vis each other. Janvikas supports and nurtures issue-based organizations; voluntary efforts at the grassroots; marginalized groups struggling to lead a life of dignity and equity; youth committed to nation building and development professionals, nationwide. Internally, Janvikas has a Governance and Finance department which also runs the training centre.

18 organizations are part of Janvikas's diverse institutional field. Once independent, by design the linkage between each other is not obligatory but strategic as each one of them specialize in different fields, which are unique but inter-linked in the larger development context. The units that function under Janvikas include:

Yuvshakti, set up in 2002 as a long-term systematic intervention for Conflict Transformation works on through Youth Empowerment in Panchmahal District of Gujarat. Yuvshakti focuses on youth identity, decentralization and good governance along with livelihood, access to justice, media and information communication. It creates opportunity for the youth to strengthen their leadership capacities.

HIDRC, a national level unit set up to provide capacity building and institution building support to individuals and organizations is a strategic arm of Janvikas. It enables organizations, networks, citizen initiatives and individuals to strengthen their resources, capacities, approaches, activities and skills. HIDRC covers a range of thematic issues like governance, leadership, conflict transformation, disaster mitigation, justice promotions, social inclusion and globalization.

Udaan, a resource centre that supports organizations to improve access and quality of education for children of Dalit, Adivasi, Muslim and other vulnerable communities. In its attempt to make education in the State of Gujarat, Udaan builds capacities of local youth as educators who influence the schools and community to imbibe values of democracy and citizenship. Udaan is using multimedia to improve the quality of education in its centres.

Paryavaran Mitra, started in 1997 as Enviro-Legal cell of Janvikas works across the State of Gujarat. Paryavaran Mitra focuses on social injustice, human rights violation and environmental imbalance in development projects. It has a crucial component on awareness on environmental legislation among people and organizations. It strengthens public participation in decision making process along with local self government. It supports forums and spaces that help surface the mission of environmental preservation and pollution control in Gujarat.



Yuvshakti



- *Work intensified in Halol, Kalol and Golgambha blocks of Panchmahal district reaching out to 100 villages.*
- *Yuvshakti is working with more than 600 adolescent girls in 21 villages and reaching out to adolescent boys in 44 villages.*
- *Two Youth Development Centres have been set up at Vejalpur in Kalol Block and at Ghoghamba Block Headquarter.*
- *The Ravlapura Camp site has been instrumental in hosting several perspective building camps for nearly 243 young men and women.*

This has been a crucial year in the evolutionary cycle of Yuvshakti as it endured an internal review thereby modifying its structural and programmatic shape. As part of programme strategies it was decided that Yuvshakti's core focus will remain on livelihood and sports; whereas other issue specific programmes (i.e. Jan Adhikar and Sakshi Media) will act as resource support programme to these core focus areas of sports and livelihood. Apart from this, the expansion of Youth programme in other districts will be taken care of by the HID cell in HIDRC. Under structural changes, it was decided that Yuvshakti will have local leadership and will focus only in Panchmahal. It was also decided that Yuvshakti has to be lead by the community, so someone from the local team will be identified and leadership will be handed over fully to him or her over the period of next one year.





Yuvshakti

*A youth movement for
development and conflict transformation*

And the youth have stepped out.....

Youth Centres have become the hub of youth development in the past year and hold a gamut of activities like sports, fun, recreation, vocational training, developing youth identity, helping youth voice their opinions through non-violent protest etc. Youth facilitators along with 20 youth group members participated in 'Youth for Peace Festival' organized by Young Voices Network at Vardha in Maharashtra. Some of the key activities were: Sports day; International Youth Day; Screening films like Lagan, Chak De, Iqbal followed by discussions; daily sports activities like volleyball; carom, cricket, created spaces for youth to interact, meet, channelize their energies and also explore unknown territories where they can play a role. The success was evident as 15 youth groups have come forward and applied to their village Panchayats for a common land for sports. The process was successfully completed with sports land being allotted by Gram Panchayats in Bhilod, Katu & Malu villages.

In July 2008, **UMANG** became the new facet of the adolescent girls' programme which was aimed at creating a separate space for girls of different communities such that they could interact, share, build life skills and take ownership of their future. The team conducted a base line survey of 325 girls from 26 villages to know about their status, aspirations, choices in life, issues they face etc. and designed activities accordingly. Umang held three Kishori Melas where 500 girls participated, debates, games, gender equality messages, and educational films being the highlights. Also Independence Day celebration; Exposure visits and daily activities like cycling, drawing, henna tattoo competitions, out-door sports, embroidery, book reading, film shows have helped to attract many young girls. Of course none of this has been easy as community at large is conservative about girls stepping out into such domains.

Yuvshakti has been able to develop leadership of around 100 youth, who are now taking leading role in **Panchmahal Yuva Nagrik Manch** as an effective platform for youth action, campaigns and initiatives. They have taken up the issue of land entitlement for hawkers and vendors by submitting memorandums to Halol & Kalol Nagar Palika. They also organized an Adventure Camp to Jambughoda wildlife sanctuary in which 47 youth participated.

Under the Livelihood and Employment programme, advanced goat rearing intervention reached out to 398 Adivasis from 29 villages of Goghambha Block such that they could revive their traditional occupation, improve trading, earn more profits, avoid migration and become more aware of their legal rights. Veterinary Health Camps and trainings, dissemination of Medical kits, legal advice camps, inputs on acquiring trading licence, forming joint association of goat traders, exposure visits were some key activities.



There have been series of **Vocational trainings** for 116 youth across 40 villages. These include: auto repair, mobile repair, computers, tailoring, beauty parlour, dairy, animal husbandry, vermi-composting and so far 15 people have been able to get placements. In order to strike a balance between the kinds of trainings that youth want and the kind of market viability those skills may have, surveys and researches were conducted. The team also faces dilemmas as technical trainings require longer duration while the participants want shorter durations; getting the right resource persons and placements after trainings has been a challenge. But overall, the youth have benefitted both in terms of their enhanced skills and confidence levels.

Nearly 86 women involved in the **Chikan embroidery** since 2002 have now reached a position that they step out of their homes, travel and contribute to the family income thereby gaining respect and an enhanced position in the domestic and societal domain. Though the Exhibition cum Sale at Godhra in collaboration with District Industries Center and Exhibition cum Sale in Bombay through the support of Rangoonwala Foundation provided opportunities, there is an urgent need to develop a team of marketers from among the women to ensure regular sales.

A niche for Media among the youth....

Sakshi, the youth and media initiative has been instrumental in reaching out to several youth. There is a great level of eagerness and creativity among rural youth to engage in work that involves technology and reaches out to masses. A team of community producers initiated a 'youth media club' called **Hum Rahi** to monitor local mainstream print media and use alternate media to promote awareness on various social issues. Community video unit has produced two video magazines on youth issues titled "Come on youth" and "Globalization & Employment Opportunities". Other key interventions of Sakshi across 23 villages were: video documentation of rallies and Kishori Mela organized by Umang; documentation of case studies, success stories & inspiration stories of goat rearers in Ghoghamba; exposure visit of local goat traders to Central Research Institute of Sheep Wool in Rajasthan; animal health camp organized at Ghoghamba. Apart from screening videos, documentaries and popular films across villages to motivate the youth, Sakshi also conducted training of young girls on operating video camera.



Transformation through the legal path.....

Jan Adhikar continues to provide legal assistance to victims of 2002 violence and also takes up everyday issues of the societal discrimination. Legal Awareness Camps reaching out to 220 youth across 20 villages were hosted covering topics like Panchayati Raj Act, Right to Food security, Right to Information, structure, roles & responsibilities of Police and Judiciary. Out of the 70 cases that Jan Adhikar took up, 30 have been on domestic violence while other interventions as follows:

- Pollution emitted by Gujarat Florocarbon Ltd has been adversely impacting the air, drinking water, land and crops of 6 villages in Halol. It was recorded that 12 children (aged between 8-10 years) died in the area suffering from water borne diseases. Jan Adhikar is mobilizing the youth to take steps against the company and safeguard their own rights.
- Vendors selling tea, food items, magazines & newspapers, clothes, wood articles on streets or in State Transport Depot are constantly harassed by police and local authorities. From surveys, to awareness camps to dialogue with municipalities, Jan Adhikar attempted to support them to acquire permanent common land, where they can trade without any fear of eviction or bribe. Jan Adhikar facilitated an 11 member committee of vendors to submit a memorandum to Nagar Palika of Halol demanding for their rights and livelihood security. It also helped in the registration of the vendor's association as "Self employed People's Rights Protection Association"
- The youth have also filed a case against the Nagar Palika of Halol for building a Community Hall in place of a public garden

Stepping into Baruch District.....

Bharuch is situated in South Gujarat and has a mix population of Muslims, Adivasis, Other Backward Classes, Dalits and other Hindu castes. After it witnessed communal violence, there was a great need for conflict transformation through youth development activities. Hence the work was initiated in September 2008 in 35 villages of three Blocks, Bharuch, Aamod and Vagra. 43 youth groups have been formed reaching to 527 young men and women whose interests to associate has been triggered through activities like sewing and embroidery, cricket tournaments, awareness camps on RTI & NREGA, exposure visits and interactions. After review and planning of Yuv shakti, HID Cell is directly supporting the Bharuch initiative.





Human and Institutional Development Resource Centre

*Planning, Management, Development & Transformation at the
Individual and Organizational level*

Human and Institutional Development Resource Centre



Communal Violence against the Christians across 12 Blocks of Kandhamal in Orissa killed 82 people, displaced 5000 families and destroyed several churches, prayer halls, hostels etc. While the condition of the 295 Relief Camps is abysmal, the hatred campaign against the Christians is just as rampant. As part of a one year plan, an office in Berhampur city has been set up and we are working with 22 grass-root level activists to conduct an extensive survey of all affected household. The intention is to facilitate effective implementation of compensation package and long term security to the victims.

Diverse support for organizations and programmes

HIDRC has been supporting diverse organizational development initiatives of Manav Garima, Antrik Visthapit Hakk Rakshak Samiti, Yuvshakti, Young Voices Network, Dalit Foundation, National Campaign on Dalit Human Rights, Sanand Mahila Vikas Sangathan & Bayda Mahila Vikas Sangathan, Drishti, Jagruti, who are committed to address discrimination based on caste, religion, gender in the society.

Documenting the journey of Manav Garima, supporting its pre-grant approval review by Sir Dorbji Tata Trust, strengthening its health and education interventions, mentoring its leadership and staff, setting up saving & credit cooperative society & streamlining systems, and strengthening two main programmes:

a.) challenging practice of manual scavenging enforced by Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation through cleaning of open dry public toilets, b.) Dignity, safety and social security of **sweepers in unorganized sector** in Bodakdev, Vastrapur and Thaltej area. From the housing subsidy to training on safety equipments to legal awareness to developing a community based leadership program, HIDRC has been playing a crucial role in the evolution of Manav Garima.



The compensation package for the year 2002 **riot victims** in Gujarat was announced in the month of May 2008 as a result of the struggle of Aantarik Visthapit Hakk Rakshak Samiti. As part of the package, the families of the 1,169 people killed in the riots will get an additional amount of Rs.3.5 lakh each; the 2,548 injured will get ex-gratia payment of Rs.1.25 lakh each (after deducting what has been given by the state). HIDRC helped AVHRS to set up institutional mechanism for executing the package but also plan for its organizational identity beyond working for the internally displaced.

Supporting youth in processes of conflict transformation along with youth development, HIDRC played a crucial role in facilitating a structural change in **Yuvshakti**. Also, it helped in building skills and capacities of the women associated with Chikan embroidery work as well as mentoring young girls who have started 'Umang' a program for adolescent girls. At present HIDRC as **Youth Junction** intervenes in 42 villages across three talukas of Sabarkantha district. Three Youth Development Centres have been set up at Modasa, Idar & Himmat Nagar. More than 800 youth have accessed these centres through one or more activities organized by youth facilitators. HIDRC has also set up HID Cell for Youth Development, where 2 members of HIDRC and 3 members from Yuvshakti & Sahyog played key role in strategic direction setting with partner organizations, capacity building of youth facilitators (34), facilitating Perspective Development Camps for youth, knowledge building and donor management.

HID Cell is reaching out to almost 10,000 youth from 28 blocks across nine districts. Of this, in seven districts 11 Youth Development Centres have been set up. 1076 young persons have participated in Perspective Development Camps and 12 Youth Facilitators are capacitated to facilitate sessions in these camps. HIDRC withdrew its membership in the Leadership Council of **Young Voices Network** so to promote another partner organization to play this role and supported the network in planning, organizing and documenting its first interface with all partner organizations.

From supporting the reviewing proposal document of Udaan, to helping Nazariya program of Drishti undergo programmatic review after three years of support, to facilitating the **organizational re-structuring** of Sanand and Bavada Mahila Vikas Sangathans to **capacity building and programmatic inputs** for Dalit Foundation and National Campaign on Dalit Human Rights, this year for HIDRC has been diverse as the following report will show.

Strengthening Civil Society at large.....

HIDRC played a crucial role in organizational development processes and strengthening programmatic interventions of Mahila Swaraj Abhiyan, Mahiti, HRIDAY, Laya, National Youth Foundation, Azad Foundation, Sahyog, RCTD, Vanangana, Abhivyakti, Kutch Nav Nirman Abhiyan, Setu, Himmat, FES Udaipur and Centre for Education





Udaan

*Creating access to meaningful
education to build a just and equitable society*

Communication. The support ranged from review, strategic planning, internal governance, leadership development, management and systemic modifications, gender mainstreaming and budget streamlining.

Also HIDRC's interventions to strengthen Civil Society have included the efforts of **Centre for Governance Studies** who launched a Capacity Building Programme on NGO Governance in January 2009, in which 13 NGOs from Gujarat, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Delhi participated. Also, CGS offered support in preparing the MIS for the Public Hearing Event for Paryavaran Mitra. CGS produced a 24-page bilingual (English and Hindi) quarterly newsmagazine on NGO Governance, "Sushasan" in January 2009 which covers Generic, Legal, Financial and Leadership related themes. CGS offered a 'One Credit Course' on Integrated Organizational Assessment for the Post Graduate Programme in NGO Management. Secondly, HIDRC initiated a professional course for women activists to upgrade their skills and knowledge base such that they can get a career boost. 17 women activists enrolled for this six month course titled Saamarthya Vardhan and have acquired computer skill, familiarity with English, Proficiency in articulation both verbal and written and advance perspectives on self development.

Regarding the VIRDA Network, HIDRC completed the evaluation report and discussed the findings in the committee meeting. As a forum, VIRDA is applying capacity building approach to reduce the impact of drought and this is where the key to its future lies. HIDRC also decided not to play a coordination role and supported the new coordinators to get oriented in their roles and responsibilities.

Social Security for the marginalized.....

The first draft of paper on HIDRC's understanding on Social Security was prepared and circulated among team members. After going through two Indian and six international **Pedal Rickshaw** models, Kuki, a model from China was selected. The model will be imported from China based on this model more pieces can be assembled in India while sources for fitting of battery and motor are being explored.

Ummeed, an HIDRC's collaborative effort with Saath and Vadodara Municipal Corporation (Government of Gujarat) to raise **employability of urban poor youth** in Vadodara city managed to, train over 1200 youth in the arena of Customer Relations & Sales, Hotel Management, Information Technology Enabled Services, Service Management, Computer Hardware & Software, Hospital Assistance. Out of these, nearly 1000 youth got placed. Strengthening the faculty as well as the infrastructure of the Vocational Training Centres was also in the pipeline this year.



Udaan



This is the third year of Udaan as a resource centre on primary education. This is one of the crucial years because it is the stage when Udaan is evolving, expanding and growing, and also engaging with itself. Udaan's journey this year has been through such areas of works which until now remained, untouched. Like work with children from manual scavenging community and children from internally displaced families; improving quality of education by use of Information Communication Technology and focus on content creation. Udaan also launched a newsletter this year.

Udaan reached out to more than 8850 children studying in 233 government schools and learning centers spread across 10 districts (Kutch, Panchmahal, Sabarkantha, Baroda, Bhavnagar, Rajkot, Amreli, Mehsana, Chota Udaipur and Ahmedabad urban) of Gujarat.

Udaan also conducted a survey of 60 hamlets and villages of Bhuj taluka of Kutch. The findings of the research will be used for advocacy to create access to education in the un-served areas.

Meghdhanush: providing quality education for children.....

And involving community

Meghdhanush, the direct intervention in Panchmahal district to improve quality of education in government schools was extended to 90 villages of Halol, Kalol and Ghoghamba and Godhra Talukas covering 3600 children of grade one to six.

Meghdhanush Centres: By taking education agenda to the Gram Sabha and regularizing the village education committees, there has been a considerable involvement of the community at large. From donating material to making direct monetary contribution to providing voluntary services, this year saw a good deal of community involvement. Also new centres have been initiated in the villages of Chantalavdi, Kakalpur and Medapur in response to the local demand and involvement. Summer workshops, remedial classes, interactive activities, storytelling, participatory lunch, celebrating diverse festivals have been



continued to keep the interest level of the children high. Simultaneously, educator's trainings focused to help the educators see themselves as change agents to trigger transformation in the education scenario in the village. 18 Meghdhaush centres were operational during the year and 583 children were covered. Out of the 583 children, 442 children have been able to learn the language, arithmetic and environment concepts.

Meghdhanush Schools: Udaan has set up two formal schools in Panchmahal district, one in Halol and other in Kalol. Both the schools cover grade one to grade five and are reaching out to 315 children. These are children from the internally displaced Muslim families. Both the schools located in the Halol and Kalol colonies, have come up after the 2002 communal violence and aim at providing good quality education as well as a secured environment for children.

Udaan is proud to see that the children who after completing class five at Meghdhanush have beautifully settled in new schools and their educational level is being recognized.

The **Meghdhanush Videoshala** created four educational video-kits for grade three and four and the community producers have produced 12 individual films reaching to 3000 children. 10 community-based facilitators were trained on effective processes to screen the video-kits for the children and six community producers were trained on technical skills of producing videos. To expand the reach of Videoshala, the unit has worked with 290 government teachers and 10 new government schools; organizations like Ghadtar, Yuvshakti, Alfazal and the District Department of Education.

To build relations with the government machinery and garner their support, efforts were made to collaborate with the District Primary Education Department of Panchamal, invite government school teachers in workshops where innovative teaching methodologies were covered, discuss the lapses in the current school practices and plan the possibilities for improvement.

ICT strengthens pedagogical practices & improves quality of education.....

Videoshala is an intervention to ensure and enhance quality of education by integrating educational themes, values and use of ICT. Pedagogy and content workshops were held for each unit to improvise their scripts and draft videos. Workshops were held to build perspectives on citizenship, diversity and democracy as well as strengthen knowledge base on pedagogy of interactive learning, sensitive use of technologies and principles of community media. About 13 workshops were conducted on varied issues for different partner organisations and three centralized workshops were conducted for all the community producers and facilitators.



While Udaan itself engaged in creation of video-kits for Panchmahal region, it supported Videoshala network partners Sahyog, Hind Swaraj Mandal and Navsarjan in creating 15 video kits on various topics of environment education, science, social studies and language for children from grades two to grade nine. The Videoshala network partners reached out to 102 schools and learning centers spread in Bhavnagar, Rajkot, Amreli, Mehsana and Ahmedabad districts covering 3624 children.

Mobile computer Lab: The mobile computer lab designed by Udaan aims at making computer education available in rural areas to children belonging to marginalized sections of society. The children will be provided a basic course on computers. The mobile computer lab (designed by Udaan comprises of a Van with six computers, one server and a seating space for 12) has made an outreach to 147 children. The schools selected for making an intervention through the lab are those in which the Panchmahal education Program is already working with. The children who have been selected to be a part of the Mobile Computer lab belong to Grade three to seven primarily from Dalit, Muslim, Adivasi community. Girl children are given priority.

Making Education accessible for the Dalit and Muslim communities.....

Udaan supported Manav Garima to setup educational centres in four slum pockets of Ahmedabad for providing good quality education to 112 children who belong to families of manual scavengers. Udaan collaborated with Antrik Visthapit Haak Rakshak Samiti to set up educational centres to reach out 372 children spread across 11 riot affected colonies in Sabarkantha, Panchmahal, Chota Udaipur and Baroda districts of Gujarat. The Jivan Talim intervention in Kutch, implemented in collaboration with Maktibs (centres imparting religious Islamic education) run by Jamiat-Ulema-I-Hind (JUH) reached upto 28 villages and hamlets making access to meaningful education available to more than 827 children from Muslim families. Mr Yoginder Sikand, a well known journalist agreed to document the work of Jivan Talim and travelled extensively to the Maqtibs. His report is ready and he contributed an article in Economic and Political Weekly on Jivan Talim this year.



Regular Capacity building inputs.....

It conducted trainings and workshop for more than 130 village level youth and 30 government teachers on the issue of education. The Educators at Meghdhanush and Jivan Talim received trainings on perspective building, content design (subjects like maths, gujarati and environment) and various inputs on art, craft, action songs, storytelling etc. All the Meghdhanush school educators, centre educators , Jivan Talim supervisors and the entire Udaan team made an exposure visit to schools run by Digantar in Jaipur. Udaan staff also spent three days on creating a collective understanding of the values of Diversity, Democracy, Equality, Secularism and Citizenship.

Appreciating Diversity.....

Three civil society organizations, Hind Swaraj Mandal, Sahyog Charitable Trust and Udaan came together to initiate diversity camps, for children. The diversity camps are planned to be conducted with a group of children of diverse backgrounds thrice over a period of year spaced across the vacations of children. The number of hours to be given to the concept of diversity is equivalent to the number of hours each subject gets in school. A total of 130 children have participated in the two camps held so far. A series of interesting activities like preparing a cultural programme, participating in theatre, song, dance, art & craft workshops as well as undertaking sessions on science, diversity etc . Group dynamics, adolescent feelings and striking a balance between freedom and responsibility have been some of the challenges.



Paryavaran Mitra

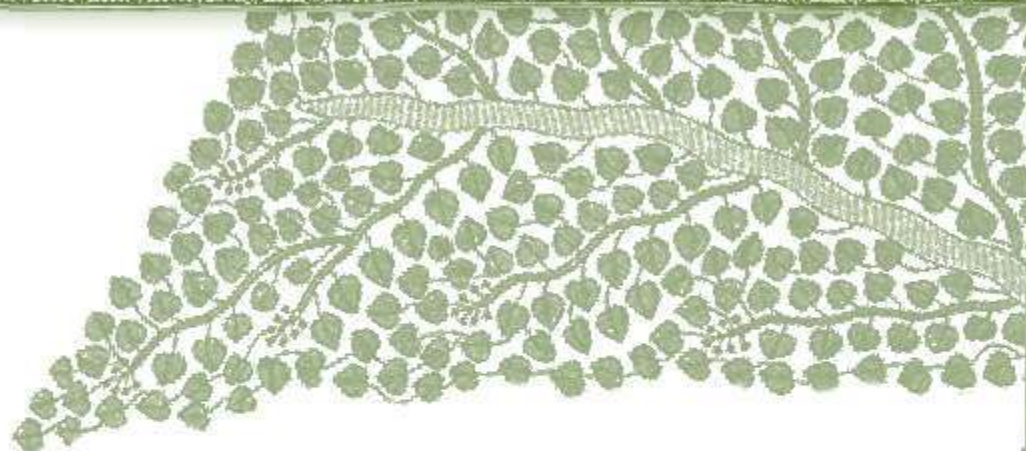


Believing that Public Hearing is an accountability mechanism, PM decided to subject itself to a Public Hearing and spent time preparing for it this year. The document to be given to the jury members and participants would contain information about PM, its activities and impact they have had and its financial details including budgets and expenditure over past 10 years. Center for Governance Studies, a joint program of Janvikas and Entrepreneurship Development Institute supported PM in preparing for and organize this.

Using the protective laws for people and environment

*Paryavaran Mitra (PM) got a landmark judgement regarding the **Environment Clearing Process (ECP)** which made many significant changes in the process of conducting an **Environment Public Hearing (EPH)** which increased effective public participation and made the EPH documents public. Looking at the principle and procedural incongruities, PM intervened in 77 EPH. By involving 14 different grassroots organizations and visiting 36 villages to mobilize the people, PM studied 73 Projects and wrote to the Ministry of Forest and Environment regarding the cases of violations. From halting construction work to preventing **Environmental Clearance (EC)** to ensuring corporate social responsibility, PM had significant impacts of its efforts. PM managed to challenge the EC Indian Rayon at the National Environment Appellate Authority and also file a PIL in Gujarat High Court for Ensuring proper functioning of the Eco-Development Fund. An important strategy that PM adopts in taking a legal recourse is to make advocacy efforts and have dialogue with the concerned state bodies before moving the court for legal directions. This helps to establish some credibility in the court about the Locas standi and intentions of the organization vis-à-vis the case.*





Paryavaran Mitra

*Voicing and Addressing social injustice,
human rights violation and ecological imbalance*

It is an important role of Paryavaran Mitra to intervene and bring changes in the policies pertaining to environment by studying and actively responding to the new environmental and industrial policies announced by the government; proposing modifications in existing policies; taking legal recourse for bringing amendments in policies; lobbying for amendments in policies; Suggesting the government to adopt public participation and transparent mechanisms for their announced plans and policies. PM provided assistance to Centre for Environment Education for public consultation on Draft Coastal Management Zone Notification; PM sent comments on Regulatory Framework on Wetland conservation, Hazardous waste rules 2008 and the new draft EIA notification 2009 and Environment and Social summary review Report prepared for International Finance Corporation. After a long dialogue with a Ministry of Environment and forest it became a mandatory provision for community welfare and Environmental measures by 2% of earning Certified Emission Reduction. PM also managed to get a rule of 10% of the market value compensation of grazing land for Panchayats *under Petroleum and Mineral Product Act*.

PM used the existing **Right to Information Act** (RTI Act) to dialogue with private industries and public authorities and in the process it also advocated for changes within the RTI Act itself to increase the accountability for better governance in Gujarat in the arena of access to information. PM formed Mahiti Adhikar Pagla Samiti comprising of people aggrieved by Gujarat Pollution Control Board (GPCB). The members met regularly to file RTI applications which proved very effective as the GPCB amended its format. Now the appellate authority gives order within time frame and they also mention address and designation where to make second appeal. Also, Chief Information Commission (state) gave an inquiry order to department of Environment and Forest against Public Information Officer (PIO) and the appellate authority of GPCB.

Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) projects are ignoring participation of people, especially those who are affected by industrial pollution. There is no transparency, accountability, checks, control or sharing mechanisms in the entire operation of CDM projects. While international norms are being flouted, what is at stake is colossal damage to the environment in exchange for exorbitant portions of money which can actually be used to alleviate the same & to the benefit of those affected by pollution. There are absolutely no data on implemented and upcoming CDM projects or awareness on CDM projects in public. PM aspires to ensure that public consultation for CDM projects are carried out as per laws with public participation and transparency. Also, that industries make the required efforts to install CDM & actually reduce emission of GHG and people living in surrounding areas are benefited in some way by the financial gains that industries make from selling their carbon credits as part of CDM. PM sent comments on 16 CDM project reports and also attended four public consultations and communicated constantly with UNFCCC (responsible for carbon credit accreditation).



Reaching to rural areas directly.....

Since 2002 PM has been working in Rajula Block of Amreli District and Jhagadiya Block of Baruch District as the pollution levels here were an area of concern. A team of local leaders and paralegals have been nurtured over the years. Today, *38 paralegals are covering 92* villages by mobilizing people on ecological vulnerability and legal rights. The paralegals participate in regular planning and review meetings, orientation and training programmes covering topics like: Role & need of paralegals, Environmental problems of Gujarat, effects of climate change, Alternative ways to solve problems, Public involvement, Role of Gram Sabha, Use of RTI etc. As paralegals of both field units were trained and able to handle most of the pollution problems in their region, in May 2008 it was decided to transfer both field offices at Paryavaran Mitra Ahmedabad office and work at the entire state level .

The main intention this year was to venture extensively in the mobilization process such that the struggle against environmental damage can be made more widespread and locally owned. People stood up against agricultural and forest land acquisition as well as deforestation for industrial development; against growing industrial waste causing land, air and water pollution; against health hazards to people and cattle; against unlawful exploitation of natural resources; and against the intervention that threaten traditional occupations. Regular meetings; participating in EPH; participation in Gram Sabha; Monitoring the social development work as per the conditions of environment clearance; Use of RTI to get information on government; Use of Employment Guarantee Act; Demanding corporate social responsibility have been the means to demand for rights of farmers, cattle rearers, saltpan workers and ecology at large.

Linkage with government, media and academia.....

On 49th Establishment day of Gujarat 1st May, the government organized a program in collaboration with PM at Rajula on environmental issues and for awareness. Hon'ble State level Minister of Environment, Forest department, a local MLA and local leaders and paralegals were present to give their valuable inputs. PM realizes that academic influence plays an important role in widening the critical mass so the team members provided inputs on various environmental and legal issues in academic institutes and organizations in Gujarat. PM also hosted nine lectures on different aspects of Climate Change delivered by eminent experts on the issue. Seven interns from different academic institutions learned from and contributed to the ongoing work of PM. Using, print and electronic media in its work for highlighting issues, information networking and advocacy, PM engaged with a number of newspapers, both vernacular and English by contributing articles, providing information on incidents of environmental aberrations and participating in panel talks on TV and radio shows. Also, the bi-monthly newsletter was circulated to 2200 people, organization, educational institutes.



Paryavaran Mitra interacted and made linkages with the following:

<i>Govt. Depts.</i>	<i>Academic & Civil Society Institutions</i>	<i>Media</i>
Gujarat Pollution Control Board; Ministry of Environment & Forest; Revenue Department; Industries & Mines Dept.; Chief Secretary Office; Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation; Gujarat Industrial Development Corporation; Gujarat Information Commission; and State Level Expert Appraisal Committee.	Entrepreneurship Development Institute; Indian Institute of Management; Department of Social Work Hemchandracharya North Gujarat University; Sir L.A. Shah Law College; University School of Law, Gujarat University; Prof S.P. Sathe Foundation, Pune; IIM, Ahmedabad; Senior citizen Forum, Anand; People's Learning Centre for Watsan initiative of Utthan, Bhavnagar; Kaira Social Service Centre, Ahmedabad; Kutch Nav Nirman Abhiyan, Bhuj; IRMA, Anand; National Environmental Awareness Campaign; All India Institute of Local Self Government; Pragati Prayas Kendra, Godhra; National Environmental Awareness Campaign; Sahaj Seva Sansthan and Dahegam, Gandhinagar.	Doordarshan, CNBC, A.I.R, Voice of India, The Indian Express, Times of India, DNA, Divya Bhaskar, Ahmedabad Mirror, Jansatta, Sandesh, Gujarat Samachar etc.



The kind of industries that PM has been engaging with, whether in a dialogue or in a confrontational manner include pharmaceutical, chemical, mining, textile, cement, power plants etc.

To name a few: Phillips Carbon Black Ltd, Bharat Chemicals Ltd & Krishna Chemicals, Budhnath Cement Industries, 2 x 800 MW Power Plants of Videocon Industries Ltd, Aniket Pharmaceutical Pvt. Ltd, Limestone mining of Smt. Nirmalaben S. Mehta, Nirma Ltd, etc.



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Compliances, such as Board Meetings, Finance and Monitoring Committee Meetings, Statutory and Internal Audit, Change Reports to Charity Commissioner, Foreign Contributions Regulation Act (FCRA), Provident Fund Contributions, TDS/Income Tax, Professional Tax, Service Tax Returns, Renewal of 80G, Renewal of Gratuity Scheme, Medical claims and Personal Accident Insurance, etc. have been met.

Feedback reports have been sent to respective donors.

The Credibility Alliance Certificate for 2008-09 has been obtained.

Janvikas Training Centre

The Janvikas Training Centre (JTC) functions under the supervision of the Governance and Finance Department. The Facilities offered by JTC include 3 air-conditioned Rooms, 6 non-air conditioned Rooms and 7 Dormitory Beds, a Training Hall, one Recreation-cum-Dining Hall and a full-fledged Kitchen. The Occupancy Ratio for 2008-09 was 44% (for accommodation) and 37% for the Training Hall. JTC manages Meetings and Training Programmes for various Units of Janvikas and allied organizations, a Lunch Club for Janvikas staff, a Crèche and a Women's Hostel. The Crèche provided day care services on an average for 5 children of Janvikas Staff. An average of 6 women staff of Janvikas Ahmedabad Office availed of the safe and convenient accommodation provided by the Women's Hostel. The Revenue earned during the year was Rs. 22,04,117 and Expenses were Rs. 19,61,259. Hence, the profit, as on 31st March, 2009 was Rs. 2,42,458/-.

Janvikas Staff Credit Co-operative Society

The Janvikas Staff Credit Co-operative Society (JCC) provides a means of small savings for Janvikas Staff members and also gives them financial assistance in the form of small loans at affordable rates of interest. It has a total 95 Members whose accumulated savings amounted to Rs. 6,15,518.69 as on 31st March, 2009. Out of these, 34 Members had availed loans amounting to Rs. 9,46,864.26 (including accrued interest). JCC, which had been given a Special Loan of Rs. 4,00,000/- from Janvikas, to start with, has refunded Rs. 1,00,000/- of this loan during the year 2008-09.



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PARTICULARS	^ CSJ	HINRC	** Governance & Finance	Udasa	Vasahadi	31.03.2009 Rs.	31.03.2008 Rs.
FUNDS AND LIABILITIES							
TRUST FUNDS	74,646,735	7,176,952	7,692,315	446,378	500,568	80,382,903	83,53,619
GENERAL FUNDS	90,207	5,406,200	24,801,704	1,000,000	267,214	32,344,492	24,137,765
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT	108		1,142,214			1,142,322	1,740,154
UNUTILIZED GRANTS		1,560,334	3,473,350	1,040,545	1,118,337	6,957,892	9,637,112
	74,743,108	17,396,187	37,209,583	5,336,980	739,415	133,127,504	129,186,608
ASSETS AND PROPERTIES							
NET BLOCK OF FIXED ASSETS	2,789,105	2,136,788	6,083,831	146,320	500,568	12,219,622	16,636,219
INVESTMENTS	70,081,853	5,120,583	14,610,038	5,000,000		80,663,453	82,423,147
CURRENT ASSETS, DEBTS & ADVANCES	1,672,143	8,177,136	15,570,713	2,383,651	798,977	26,748,627	30,246,305
	74,743,108	17,396,187	37,209,583	5,336,980	739,415	133,127,504	129,186,608

^ CSJ is held off from Janvikas during the year.

** Governance & Finance Department includes Payavaran Mitra & directly handled projects

FOR JANVIKAS

(VIJAY PARMAR)
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

PLACE : AHMEDABAD
DATE : 27th JULY 2009

FOR H. RUSTOM & CO.
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

(HRD DALAL)
FICP MEMBER
MEMBERSHIP NO. 31360
PLACE : AHMEDABAD
DATE : 27th JULY 2009

PARTICULARS	*15/04	31/03/09	** Government & Finance	Debit	Transfer	31/03/2009	31/03/2010
INCOME							
GRAN. FUND COM. DIVS	19,852,971	14,031,003	10,485,038	3,485,871	4,721,225	31,137,017	71,241,203
GRAN. FUND SHR		178,145	(178,145)			0	
DI. FUND INCORP. (D-I)	1,476,731	426,674	1,426,015	11,239	1,372	2,193,714	2,193,715
OTHER INCOME	467,736	754,020	1,147,016	1,782,780	1,000	2,544,026	1,461,251
EXCESS OF EXPENDITURE OVER INCOME	590,206	(241,001)	1,907,944	53		307,433	(64,745)
EXPENDITURE							
EXPENDITURE ON OBJECTS OF THE TRUST	50,185,095	11,512,662	9,207,573	7,126,776	3,562,769	51,371,451	60,619,207
GRAN. FUND TR. COSTS	127,430	239,774	1,321,535	12,716	329,827	2,811,673	1,219,550
REVALUATION TO TRUSTEES						-	1,200,816
AUDIT FEES	57,236	122,667	12,414			142,448	1,70,651
INTER. ON CA. / DEBITORS OF ADDITION	121,224	44,461	127,734			244,652	1,67,254
COLLECTION FEES	1,440,753					1,440,753	
UPWARD GRADATION OF CON. BLD. FUND			80,000			80,000	80,000
DEPRECIATION	230,727	568,667	1,017,178	17,264	172,878	2,152,485	1,107,646
SERVICE RENDERED / SERVICE TAKEN (NR)	4,015	128,752	2,052,364	269,545	80,526	-	
TRANSFERS TO SPECIF. FUNDS	(5,820,154)	292,627	9,145,012	1,409,175	41,220	5,125,085	1,124,437
	74,026,502	13,960,076	19,401,976	8,197,474	4,174,624	73,301,763	70,003,096

* See Particulars of Income and Expenditure of the Trust in the accounts for the period which have been rendered to ITR.

** Government & Finance Department includes Government's share of trust's portfolio projects.

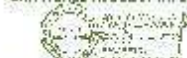
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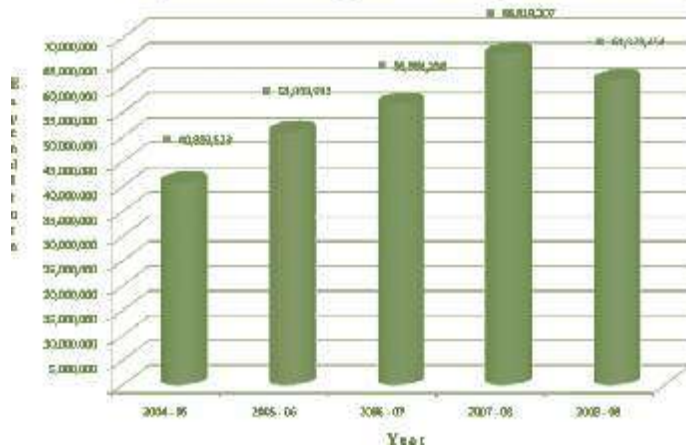
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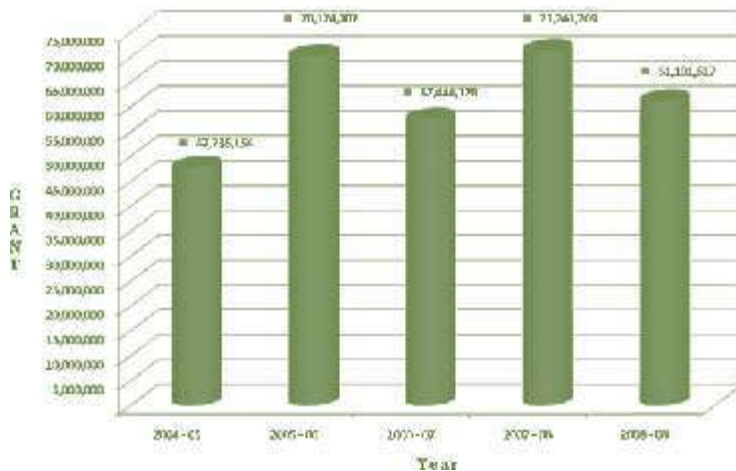


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