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Rejuvenate India Movement

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## Foreword

The initiative for a new paradigm of development in India started in the year 1999, during Dr. B.V. Parameswara Rao's visit to the United States of America. The idea of linking "Indians every where for India's development", to catalyze a mass movement for social change, was well received. Yet, on the ground, it has not been easy and we have had our struggles and hurdles translating the idea into reality.

In the early years, RIM functioned as an un-registered network through a Core group of Nodal and Mentor NGOs in various states. RIM was registered in January 2002 in India. As a voluntary agency, we are small in size in terms of our infrastructure, operating funds and still young in the voluntary sector in India. Our strength comes from our network of experienced member organizations and individual members of RIM. We have doyens of the voluntary sector who have committed to take RIM towards a movement. Unlike other networks, RIM's members take a lead role in the initiation and implementation of our activities in their states, rather than leaving these functions to the "central office". They raise funds and administer the programs that have been agreed to in the planning meeting. It is this commitment that has carried us through these first 8 years.

So, do we now know what it takes to create a movement for social change that India so obviously needs? An honest answer would be "yes and no".

The year 2008-09 was eventful and offered us important insights for the way ahead. We have completed all our Tsunami rehabilitation projects and have once again dedicated ourselves towards movement building efforts this year. RIM actively participated in several macro level campaigns and information dissemination initiatives such as Right to Information, National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, National Election Watch and the State Policy on the Voluntary Sector.

The Samaj Shilpi program has evolved from what it was envisioned. Once again this year we have seen the substantial resources that are available for development of a village just waiting to be tapped, if only we are able to mobilize people to quietly assert for what is rightfully theirs. Young persons in

the village and urban areas want change and are willing to give their time and energy provided we have the right leadership to guide them.

At the same time, the world has been changing dramatically in the last few years. Widening gaps between the rich and the poor, sky rocketing prices, deterioration of human values and ethos, commercialization of education, rampant corruption at all levels, politics without values; all this makes it more and more difficult to find committed individuals to work on social development at grass root level. In search of their livelihood, migration of poor is inevitable and significant human resources have already moved out of our villages. We find it very difficult to locate that "Samaj Shilpi" who can facilitate the process of change. RIM's motto of bringing in a movement by people themselves, through a facilitator, is indeed becoming a challenge.

Vision, Leadership and Strategies have to be right and aligned properly to achieve the goals of any movement.

We need to see how we can capitalize on our collective wisdom to galvanize a mass movement for social change by focusing on small groups in the community. The key lies in ensuring complete participation of the "last person in the society" towards their own development. We need to introspect and take this forward till such time we all find ourselves "redundant" in a future developed society.

I wish to thank our donors, partner NGOs, communities, Friends of the Movement and Samaj Shilpis for their untiring efforts towards a social change in their respective villages and communities.

All the good work done by RIM is due to the hard work of our committed staff and their leader.

Bangalore
24th June 2009

**Dr. H. Sudarshan**
President

## About Rejuvenate India Movement

Rejuvenate India Movement is an 8 year old organization with a goal of catalyzing a mass movement to strengthen democratic processes through voluntary action. It is a network of individuals, organizations, voluntary groups and institutions.

Since 2001, RIM has impacted over 500+ villages and urban slums through grass-roots volunteers called Samaj Shilpis. RIM identifies, trains and provides fellowship support to these Samaj Shilpis. Through the Samaj Shilpis, RIM works directly with the communities on their 'felt needs'; facilitating and mobilising people's groups to access their rightful entitlements and strengthening local self-governance. NGOs in RIM's network nodal and mentor these Samaj Shilpis. The network also helps address wider social development goals at the state and national level.

This is the 8th Annual Report of the organization. This year RIM continued with the Samaj Shilpi initiative in the states of Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu. A small beginning was made in Arunachal Pradesh, a state which has seen very little development action. By helping the communities articulate their needs and assert for their rightful entitlements, Samaj Shilpis have been to mobilize substantial funds from government schemes as well as other trust & societies.

Towards its goal of creating a movement for voluntary action, RIM has started a new initiative in Tamil Nadu called the "Friends of the Movement (FoM)". Under FoM, RIM Samaj Shilpis as well as village camps aim to build a cadre of volunteers in the panchayats who would work through community by inculcating the value of quietly asserting for that which is rightfully theirs.

This year RIM's networking and advocacy activities covered some important issues; including the RTI campaign, a state policy for voluntary agencies, electoral reforms, sustainable agricultural practices and quality education. RIM also played a facilitating role at state level on consultations, studies and reports on these issues.

The Tsunami rehabilitation work that started in 2005 in the aftermath of the Tsunami, has been successfully completed. RIM's work in schools in the Tsunami affected region has been highlighted as one of the best practices by Plan-International in its report. The following statement from the report sums up the outcome: *"The initiative is valuable as it is sustainable and has brought about changes in the perception of the community".*

## Samaj Shilpi Program- Development through Voluntary Action

The 'Samaj Shilpi' program is one of the first initiatives of RIM and the back-bone of the organization. The initiative was started with the objective of fostering a movement towards self-reliance in the community.

RIM identifies motivated individuals who would like to work as change agents for their communities. These change agents are called "Samaj Shilpis". RIM has a nodal NGO in every state. The identification of the Samaj Shilpis is done either by the NGOs who are part of the RIM network or through a process of camps held at the panchayat level. The nodal NGO guides the Samaj Shilpi through the various processes of development, community mobilization, raising funds from the community, government and other agencies. The Samaj Shilpis are provided a fellowship from RIM.

The activities of the Samaj Shilpis span a wide range: water-shed, food processing, solid waste management, ensuring access to schooling, quality education programs in government schools, educating the community on their right to information, and ensuring sustainable rehabilitation of those effected by the Tsunami.

Designed on the principle that people need to organize themselves to collectively assert their rights and get their entitlements, all Samaj Shilpis work on the process of community organisation.

RIM has impacted over 500+ villages and urban slums. Today, we have 24 Samaj Shilpis and 9 Associates working in the villages of Arunachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu, Annexure -1 gives the list of Samaj Shilpis and their villages of work.

**Table 1: Statewise distribution of Samaj Shilpis**

| State | Districts | Taluks | Panchayats | Villages | Samaj Shilpis | Associates[1] |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Arunachal Pradesh | 1 | | 10 + 1 Town panchayat | 11 | 2 | |
| Madhya Pradesh | 2 | 3 | 8 | 13 | 5 | 3 |
| Rajasthan | 1 | 1 | 4 | 10 | 4 | |
| Tamil Nadu | 10 | 13 | 40 | 83 | 13 | 6 |
| **Total** | **14** | **17** | **63** | **117** | **24** | **9** |

[1] Details of the work taken up by Associates are not documented in this report as they are not monitored by RIM.

## Arunachal Pradesh

This is RIM's first initiative in the eastern state of Arunchal Pradesh. RIM is supporting two Samaj Shilpis - Ajay Milli and Etalo Megha. Their work is mentored by Sri. Satyanarayanan Mundayoor from Vivekananda Girijan Kalyan Kendra (VGKK). The Samaj Shilpis have begun their work with strengthening the libraries in the area.

*A view of the 'Library Workshop' at Wakro; A class on a visit to Bamboosa Library*

Om Prakash Foundation has donated 5000 books, which were transported with the cooperation of Government of Arunachal Pradesh. Under the program of "Reaching the Joy of Library to Schools", a campaign was spearheaded to reach the library books to nearby schools.

VGKK runs AWIC Youth Library Network and is championing the cause of good reading habits to promote educational standards of the young people of this tribal Himalayan region. The network has 13 mini libraries, located in remote areas of the Lohit region, spread over the plains of Lohit and the steep mountains of Anjaw districts.

Related activities such as Story telling, Poetry Reading sessions, celebration of International Literacy Day, Home lending facility, celebration of Vijay Dasami, lecture cum demonstration on "Educational opportunities for students", workshop on "Library books for fun and learning", book exhibitions with the support of NBT, observation of National Science Day, days of National importance and National book week celebrations were organized.

The library program is indeed making a good progress and impact in the minds of children and youth in the state of Arunachal Pradesh. H.E. The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Gen (Retd) J.J. Singh during his visit to the Bamboosa library observed thus: "An excellent library for the future leaders of our country. May God Bless you with knowledge and wisdom to make India proud".

**Table 2: Library Timings**

| Library | Place | Distance from Tezu (District HQ) | Functioning time |
|---|---|---|---|
| CALSOM Youth Library | Tezu | | Saturdays & Sundays |
| Police Academy School | Tezu | | Saturdays & Sundays |
| Loiliang Youth Library | Loiliang | 10 km | Saturdays & Sundays |
| Namghar Youth Library | Tezu | | Sundays |
| BRTF Tiny Tots Library | Dimwe | 10 km | Monday to Saturday |
| Apne Library | Wakro | 50 km | Saturdays & Sundays |
| Latho Youth Library | Latho | 50 km | Monday to Saturday |
| Karuna Trust Library | Walong | 200 km | Sunday |
| Totochan Library | Hawai | 160 km | Monday to Saturday |
| Son Hu Son Chang Library | Chongkham | 40 km | Sundays |
| Changkum Library | Guna Nagar | 43 km | Sundays |
| Medo Children's Library | Medo Village | 65 km | Monday to Saturday |
| Tumba Children's Library | Tumba village | 80 km | Monday to Saturday |

Several other dignitaries and government officials have also been visiting the libraries. We need to see how we can use these libraries as an entry point to create a movement towards other developmental activities.

## Madhya Pradesh

Four Samaj Shilpis and a state coordinator are working under the aegis of Sahajeevan a local NGO as host institution. The Samaj Shilpis are working in Pushparajganj, Burhar and Shoagpur blocks of Anuppur and Shahdol districts. In 2008-09, the Samaj Shilpis worked on 2 initiatives: Watershed area development & management, and Food processing based sustainable livelihood for the most deprived people of the area.

*Watershed area development and management*

- In the 1st Quarter (April to June 08), an orientation of beneficiaries of the watershed program was conducted in 9 villages in the Kswhwahi area of Burhar block. The villages were- Jogiband, Harridih, Bairiha, Bijhatola, Gadhakund, Bacharwar, Baheradol, Chitraudi, Daukibudi.
- Village-wise meetings were held for the finalization of plantation strategy. In these meetings the sites for plantation and target of plantation was given final shape. An intensive plantation campaign was carried out from the months of July through September and around 18,000 plants were planted in Keshwahi area. Village-wise committees were formed to protect the plants planted in villages.

***Work in progress in the water shed villages***

- Detailed survey of the agriculture based raw materials available in Kshwahi area was carried out. This survey also helped link the water shed area work with the Food processing initiative.
- Premnarayan Mishra identified 10 farmers and motivated them to start the cultivation of organic turmeric.
- Two intensive trainings for the beneficiary farmers were conducted in Payari area (Pusharajgarh block) in the month of June 2008. The participants were around 120 and 128 in two trainings. Farmers learnt about proper maintenance of water bodies constructed under watershed program.
- Under the leadership of Mayank a two day *Shramdan Karyakram* was organized at Daukibudi village of Keshwahi area. This *Shramdan Karyakram* improved the level of participation of villagers in watershed program.
- Mayank conducted 4 video shows for school children and youngsters in three villages (villages are – Harridih, Chitraudi, Bijhatoal) in Keshawahi area. The topics were (1) *Hamari Pathshala* (our school) - this short duration movie is based on water conservation awareness creation in a school in Maharashtra. (2) Film – *Dosti* (in Hindi). This film motivates children to understand "friendship" and the value of working hard with minimal resources.
- Mayank conducted *Bal-Sabha* (children meetings and games etc.). The film shows and *Bal-Sabha* help us in organizing people in the village and in awareness generation.

*Food Processing*

- Samaj Shilpi, Manisha Matankar, is leading the food processing initiative.

- A detailed household survey was conducted in Shahdol in the months of May and June. This survey generated several innovative ideas about food products.
- In Sohagpur block 4 SHGs were formed and 1 day training was given to every group to help them plan the type and size of the food processing activity. Later these groups were actively involved in the production of many food items.
- A batch of 13 girls (mostly were from the tribal community and between 18 to 24 years) were identified in July 2008. Manisha Mathankar conducted a program where these girls were given rigorous training related to food product development as well as packaging of the products. The focus was to help these girls become master trainers for food processing based livelihood generation program. The long term goal is to help these girls graduate to field workers and product specialists.
- A second household survey was carried out in from July-Sept. In this phase around 450 households could be covered. This survey helped us in improving the marketing of the products.
- In the third quarter of the year, Anju Singh started working on strengthening the SHGs of Keshwahi area to help them choose a long term food processing based activity.

***Processing, Packaging and Marketing Food Items***

- Under the leadership of Anju Singh, one group of 13 women was sent to Nagod in Satna. The group was trained on washing powder production and Agarbatti making.
- The team of RIM Samaj Shilpis and volunteers participated in several district and local fairs to market their product and also to get an understanding of the market needs:
  - ❖ Bandhavgarg Mela (from 25th Dec to 31st Dec 2008): Sales of around Rs.10000. *Amla Ladu* and *Amla Supari* (mouth freshener, after meal) were popular items.
  - ❖ Ban-ganga Mela (from 14th to 18th Jan 2009) at Shahadol.
  - ❖ Mamtva mela- Jabalpur (from 16th to 20th Jan 2009) - This was a state level mela. Our stall got the 2nd price in this mela and *'Amla laddu'* got an Innovative Product award. Samaj Shilpi Anju Singh was leading this mela.
  - ❖ A one day workshop (31st Jan 2009) on orientation of rural agri-professionals was co-organized by Sahajeevan. Samaj Shilpis motivated

women of Keshwahi area and Payari area to attend this workshop. Around 200 women participated in the workshop from the Samaj Shilpi working areas.

- ❖ In the month of March from 1st to 8th there was an exhibition cum sale at Bhopal at Gauhar Mahal organized by Mahila and Bal Vikas Vibhag. This could also improve the level of confidence of our volunteers.

***Training and Exposures***

- Samaj Shilpis, Deependra, Mayank and Anju spent 10 days in 5 villages of Keshwahi area preparing village profiles. This provided them on-site training and exposure to the development activities already being carried out in these villages.
- A two day exposure visit to Payari, our earlier work area was organized, to observe and learn from the activities of watershed project.
- Two fellows- Deependra and Anju attended a national level convention of rural artisans held at Adilabad (A.P.) from 11th to 13th Nov.2008, on issues related to rural artisans.

The 4 Samaj Shipis and the State Coordinator were given fellowship by Gandhi Darshan Kendra, with support from IFA-California. Manisha Mathankar does not receive any financial support.

## Rajasthan

Four Samaj Shilpis are working in the Udaipur district of Rajasthan under the able guidance of Seva Mandir, Udaipur and a State Coordinator Heerendra Singh. This year they covered 10 operational villages in 4 Gram Panchayats. The villages are: Palana Khurd, Mandap, Bansliya, Redia Khedi, Red, Wangrodi, Bhimal, Gadwada, Wangroda, Veerdholia. These villages comprise several hamlets also called "*fala*".

The Samaj Shilpis work can be grouped under 6 broad initiatives: Education, Health, Agriculture, Government Benefit Schemes, Animal Husbandry and General Social Issues.

Village development committees have been formed in each village to shoulder various responsibilities under the Rashtriya Krishi Navonmeshi Pariyojna. Each committee consists of 4 male and 3 female members.

**Samaj Shilpi, Sri. Khemraj Meghwal was awarded by Akhil Bhartia Dalit Sahitya Academy, New Delhi for his work done for the benefit of marginalized people in the society.**

*Education*

A range of activities was carried out under education: from community monitoring of teachers, to raising contribution towards school infrastructure, enrolling drop outs to school and ensuring regularity of attendance of students.

- Through the community, a complaint was filed with the MLA to report vacancies, absenteeism, unpunctuality of teachers. Teacher vacancies were filled up in the schools in Bansilya and Reladiya. 270 students benefited from this.
- Several construction activities were carried out at the Bansaliya school with the help of villagers: a temple, and plantation work

*Meeting at Bansaliya*

- In Reladiya School the school boundary wall was repaired. Uniforms and stationery were distributed to 506 students. This was mobilized through Swami Vivekanand Seva Nyas Sansthan (SVSN).
- Samaj Shilpis encouraged and helped 24 women to attend a literacy camp organized by National Literacy Mission, New Delhi
- 30 children were regular absentees. Samaj Shilpis arranged a village meeting to motivate the parents to send the children to school regularly.
- Construction work of school boundary wall and floor was completed with the support of Hindustan Sansthan and village community at Rampuria Bhagal.
- Construction work of one room, school boundary wall and kitchen at Redia Khedi village under the scheme of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan.
- A school boundary wall was constructed through funds raised by the school through the Samaj Shipi from SVSN.
- There was a shortage of School benches in the Govt. School of Bhimal, Gadwada and Holi fala. School Teachers and Samaj Shilpis prepared a proposal and gave to the Swami Vivekanand Seva Nyas Sansthan (SVSN). 50 benches, at a cost Rs. 800/- per bench were distributed
- 15 Boys and 12 Girls have been enrolled to schools.

*Health*

- Samaj Shilpis encouraged/assisted people to attend the health camps organized by CMHO and SDO, Mavli. Medical camps were also held in Rampuria Bhagal with the help of the local home science college and SVSN,

Udaipur. 40 families and 45 children benefited from these camps. They distributed pamphlets, helped identifying serious patients, facilitated for referral services to Udaipur etc.

- Bhanwar Singh Rathore assisted officials of SVSN for organizing health camp at Jharna. He also helped in intimating villagers about the camp, registering patients and medicine distribution.
- Patients with snake bites and others with serious ailments like Malaria were referred to Udaipur hospital.
- B.S. Rathore and Khem Raj facilitated for the treatment of T.B. patients and old villagers suffering from eye ailments.
- Eye operations of six people were done at Alakh Nayan hospital with the help of SVSN.
- Samaj Shilpis arranged meeting at village level on heath and hygiene issues.
- Two pregnant women were referred to Mavli Hospital from Redia Khedi and they got benefit of Janani Suraksha Yojana
- Samaj Shilpis helped the Pulse Polio team in giving Polio drops to 0 to 5 years children, ANMs with health-checkup and immunization of children at the Bhagal hamlet.
- Samaj Shilpis arranged a meeting at Mandap Bhagal on health related issues and convinced two tribal families for a family planning operation and got Rs 600/- individual benefits under Rural Health Program.
- A proposal has been submitted to the Gram Panchayat for Sanitation work in Bansliya.

*Agriculture*

Samaj Shilpis took the following initiatives under the Rashtriya Krishi Navonmeshi Pariyojna:

- Distribution of plastic irrigation pipes (6338 nos. per Pipe costs Rs.130/-)in order to increase agriculture income and saving of water.
- Vegetable seeds for 35 farmers, saplings, maize, urad, groundnut seeds, storage bins.
- Distribution of improved farm implements for 35 farners : viz; spray machine, jhara, rake.
- Distribution of fertilizers(Super phosphate, DAP and urea), Food Grain Drums for Grain Security, Fruit plant for Horticulture, High Yielding seeds (Barley, Wheat, Gram, Mustard) .
- Submitted proposal to Govt. Agriculture Department on behalf of farmer for 20 plough, 20 seed-drill machine, 20 hoe, 20 disk heron, etc.

- With help of Samaj Shilpis, Agriculture Deptt. has given 20 reserve plough (Rs. 475/ per plough), 15 band former (Rs. 600/- per band former), 15 MB plough (Rs. 375 per plough), 15 Kalpa (Rs. 315 per kalpa), 15 Hal (Rs. 260 per hal) to 60 farmers on the 50 % subsidy
- Samaj Shilpis convinced 39 farmers to adopt improved Iron Plough in RIM areas. Each farmer contributed Rs 475/- for the plough and remaining was contributed by SVSN.
- Distributed high breed vegetable seeds to selected vegetable growing farmers. Each farmer contributes Rs 150 and the remaining is given by SVSN.
- Farmers were encouraged to grow pomegranate garden at Talai and Jharna- 6 farmers agreed to it.
- Kisan Mela organized at Jharna by MPUAT for awareness generation amongst farmers, exhibition, information sharing, water conservation and animal husbandry issues etc. 1500 farmers attended the mela.

***Animal Husbandry***

- A cattle camp was organized through the Animal Husbandry Dept. and 250 cattle were treated.
- Construction of Mansard under NAIP and with the help of Nyas to avoid wastage of fodder Construction of 14 kundies for animals.
- Two Sirohi breed Goats are kept in the village for improvement in local breed. A Goatary project is being managed under the guidance of RIM.

***Meeting on the Goatary project***

- Samaj Shilpis have given proposal to SVSN for organizing an animal camp in RIM areas, which were accepted. In that camp all the expenses were booked under Rashtriya Krishi Navonmeshi Pariyojna.
- Cattle Camps were arranged at Manyamangri, Dola ji ki Bhagal, Mandap, Jharna and Rampuria, Redia Khedi, Raildia, and Red respectively. 5080 animals benefited
- Mineral Mixture Powder was provided from the Animal Husbandry department to 45 farmers to increase milk production and for the health improvement of the cattle. Each Farmer was given 3 Kg for which he contributed Rs 50.
- 4 farmers who were interested in poultry farming were given one Unit (20 hen and 1 cock) and contribution amount was Rs. 350/- per farmer.
- 15 farmers were economically benefited by a grass cutting machine.

*Government Benefit Schemes*

- Samaj Shilpi Bhanwar Singh Rathore assisted a widow woman of Negadia village to receive the death certificate of her husband which, she was unable to get from Negadia Panchayat because of a number of procedure related complications
- A Jetropha plantation of 33000 plants has been done on the common land in Bansliya and Rediakhedi
- Villagers were helped in making of Bank passbooks under Smart Card Yojana, health cards, opening of Bank accounts for Small and Marginal farmers and Election identity cards
- Assisted beneficiaries in applications for Handicap pension scheme, Vradha Avastha Pension scheme.
- Information dissemination sessions related to Rajasthan Vishwakarma Pension scheme for non-organized labour, NREGA and on Pension scheme were organized.

*Social Issues*

- Samaj Shilpis played a key role of impartial arbitrators, resolving conflicts related to land, water and road between families/communities which resulted in mutual agreement between parties without taking the case to police/court and hence saved money and time.
- Deposited Rs. 4500/- in Gram Vikas Kosh as a penalty amount charged in the case of cutting trees from common land.
- Arranged meeting at village level on 'electricity connection' issue.
- Played an important role in establishing a statue in the school with the support of village community and SVSN.
- A case of illegal encroachment on the common property was judged in the favor of villagers with the help of Samaj Shilpi through court.
- Samaj Shilpi encouraged young people to play safe tilak Holi in schools. This was appreciated by the villagers of Veerdolia.

*Trainings and Exposure*

- Samaj Shilpis attended Seva Mandir's Annual Camp held at Riched from 22-24 June. They also attended training with other farmers on 'Fruit production with scarcity of water' e.g. drip irrigation by the Maharana Pratap University of Agriculture and Technology and on "How to use electronic Voting machine".
- NAIP beneficiary farmers attended a 9-day training program at MPUAT on raising nursery, grafting, seed preservation etc.

- Youth farmers attended a three days training on "Improvement in Agriculture Practices", organized by MPUAT
- Three months training on Handicraft under Capacity development training program organized by Ruda Sansthan – Jaipur in order to increase income for the women.
- Four farmers attended a 4 days training on "Poultry farming" organized by Rashtriya Krishi Navonmeshi Pariyojna.
- Selected farmers attended a training at Maharana Pratap Agriculture University and Technology on "How to improve Livelihood through Agriculture" . This was organized by SVSN
- 23 farmers attended 7 days training at New Delhi on the subject of vegetable and Flower cultivation. All expenses were paid for by Nyas.
- 4 Young farmers attended training on Poultry at Maharana Pratap Agriculture University and Technology.
- 30 women attended training on "Better management of work with less manpower" at Home Science College.
- 50 villagers went to Vighan Bhawan, Udaipur for one day training on Small Scale industry.
- 3 young farmers carried out a field visit to Chittorgarh and Bhilwara for nursery rising and agriculture technology through SVSN.
- Two farmers attended training on "how to increasing milk production of animals"at the College of Agriculture.

***Funds mobilized***

In addition to community contributions in kind and voluntary labour, the Samaj Shilpis mobilized a total of Rs. 14,00,964.00 from the community. RIM Samaj Shilpis also mobilized Rs. 34,40,738.00 from government schemes and SVSN to carry out various development activities in the villages and the hamlets.

**Table 3: Contributions Mobilized**

| | **Beneficiaries** | **Local Contributions** | **External Contributions** |
|---|---|---|---|
| Education | 1729 | 11000 | 263050 |
| Health | 1319 | | 9700 |
| Social Issues | 928 | 16500 | 7000 |
| Agriculture | 2816 | 1352039 | 3010213 |
| Animal Husbandry | 1032 | 21425 | 150775 |
| Government Social Benefit Scheme | 1266 | | |

Seva Mandir provided fellowship support to the 4 Samaj Shipis and State Coordinator and they were in turn supported by AID- Washington DC with a grant of Rs. 1,65,000. Another Volunteer from Canada Mr. Arora donated Rs. 25000 to Seva Mandir. The total expenses for the Samaj shilpi's activities in Rajasthan, with the suport of Seva Mandir for the year was Rs. 179769.

## Tamil Nadu

13 Samaj Shilpis are working in 7 districts covering 24 Panchayats comprising 55 villages.

The activities are categorized under the following major areas: Panchayat Raj, Health and Sanitation, Education, Agriculture, RTI Campaign, Friends of Movement and Capacity Building.

### *Panchayat Raj*

People's participation in Gram Sabha meetings has gradually increased. In all 24 panchayats 75 meetings were held. 3173 participants participated in the meetings because of the concerted efforts of Samaj Shilpis.

Panchayat Budgets 2008-09 were obtained and shared by the Samaj Shilpis in 15 Panchayats in order to provide transparency on the financial status of the panchayat. The budgets also provided information on Government schemes. These data could be used to ensure proper utilization of funds by the Panchayats. Accessing the information was not always easy; two of the Samaj Shilpis Ms. Esthar and Ms. Murugeswari had to use RTI to get the Budget information.

### *Health and Sanitation*

- Through awareness and education, Samaj Shilpis convinced 439 families to make use of individual latrines.
- 22 Rural health camps were held. 1993 women and children were facilitated to make use of health and medical facilities available under Rural health schemes. Village youth were mobilized to volunteer in Clean and Green village program by *shramdan* and related activities.

### *Education*

Under the Education initiative, RIM Samaj Shipis focused on improvement of quality of learning levels in the elementary schools. RIM's work in Tarangampadi under the Tsunami Rehabilitation project and the success of the approach, provided a model which was considered that was worth replicating at a larger scale in all RIM villages in Tamil Nadu.

Learning Assessments were conducted in 87 rural schools, covering 9357 students in 9 districts of Tamil Nadu. The main objectives of the learning assessments were:

- To assess the learning levels of the students in the elementary schools in the villages of our working area.
- To help the Samaj Shilpis formulate school level action plans in consultation with the Head Master and the PTA or VEC in order to improve the quality of learning in the village schools.
- To design a methodology for learning assessments which could be replicated across all government and aided schools following the state syllabus, and which could be used across subsequent periods to measure improvements.

Two types of tests were conducted: Reading & Comprehension Test and MLL Based Written Assessment.

The tests used common question papers and were conducted on the same day in all schools. Teachers and local resource persons of the villages helped conduct the tests and the guidance of the Samaj Shilpis. Each Shilpi had the responsibility of facilitating such tests in about 3 to 5 schools. The Shilpis also had the responsibility of studying the results, relating them to the situation in the villages under their charge and submitting reports on the status of education in his/her villages and recommending actions to improve the learning outcomes.

Reading & Comprehension: The tests were both in Tamil and English. For Tamil, we used the graded cards of Aid India and for English, passages from the prescribed text books. The abilities were judged by local resource persons and graded using a 5 point scale.

MLL based Written Assessments: As MLL based learning has been introduced in Tamil Nadu up to class VIII, the written tests were designed to capture performance of students with respect to the MLL for the subject and class. Common examination papers in Tamil, English, Maths and Science were framed by experienced teachers, and all questions were taken from the exercises given at the end of each lesson. The question paper pattern was also very similar to the half-yearly tests administered in schools.

***Students taking the written test***

Friends of Movement and volunteers were involved in the process.

Besides, Parent Teacher Association and Village Education Committee were strengthened for active community participation in the process.

Results: The analysis looked at the class strength, and the achievements of the class in each subject using 50% of the marks as a bench mark. The marks were communicated to respective schools.

35% of the students did not score the required marks under MLL and 50% did not meet the reading and comprehension levels set for the Reading Assessments. It was decided that such students can be helped improve learning levels through special remedial classes. 42 Special classes have been arranged for improving their reading and writing abilities of 30% of these students. We plan to cover all the students in the next academic year.

VEC/PTA meetings were organized for effective functioning towards improving the educational status in majority of the schools.

### *Agriculture*

For improving village environment and ecology; Land, water, tree plantation and Livestock, special camps were conducted with the help of Government Department- 2350 farmers were benefited. 221 Farmers were facilitated to get their entitlements to enhance their Economic status.

### *Friends of movement*

A cadre of volunteers called 'Friends of Movement' has been mobilised in each village. These volunteers are motivated to work towards overall development of the village by adopting participatory approaches. So far 249 volunteers have joined the FoM. 49 Village level meetings and 4 regional meetings were organized.

FoM volunteers of the respective villages are enabled to discuss and finalize the activities to be carried out for their village. The activities taken up are those based on the felt need and beneficial to all sections of the people. Activities aimed at development of specific group(s)/individual are not taken up.

*Friends of the Movement at Thiruvallur*

### *Right to information Act*

As a part of TNRTI campaign 2008, RIM has agreed to carry out District level campaign in Thoothukudi District. Although we did not have enough time to make preliminary arrangements, we made the best efforts possible under circumstances. Many NGOs and CBOs were invited for joint working of the campaign. Some well acquainted NGOs and people's forums like Farmers club, Women SHG federations and RIM - FoMs, joined the campaign. Almost all

taluks were covered. But the coverage of the southern part of the district was not expected due to shortage of time, distance and heavy rainfall.

Through this campaign, 92 villages, 2 towns, 4 town panchayats, 7 High schools were covered and 36 applicants were guided to file applications under RTI through the RTI Clinics. 2500 copies of printed materials and 200 posters were distributed. It reached out to more than 3000 people directly in the district. Besides 11 Shilpis in 7 other districts were given print outs and posters to create awareness among the public in their areas. 48 village level campaigns were organized by 13 shilpis in which 2133 people were participated.

***Self Development of Shilpis***

In order to enhance the capabilities and skills, Shilpis have been oriented in the usage of computers for Reporting and Communication. Due emphasis has been given on inculcating reading habits among Shilpis for better understanding of current trends on Social aspects and widen their knowledge. Shilpi Ms. Sermakani has been studying B.A. sociology through Correspondence Course for which 50% of the fee has been paid by RIM.

To help them improve their planning and for effective implementation, Shilpis meet was organized at Kodaikanal during November'08 where they were provided inputs in these areas.

***Significant Achievements***

- Shilpi Jeyaraj, has played crucial role in facilitating an amicable solution for various village issues/problems raised among different groups in all 4 Panchayats.
- Shilpi Sermakani, was instrumental in upgrading the primary school at Ozanuthu as middle school.
- Shilpi Rajalskhmi, organized a village level grievance meeting by inviting the Welfare Tashildar at Nattathi to sort out and receive applications from vulnerable. 73 applications were processed, 15 cases were immediately approved for sanction.
- Shilpi Saroja has developed a cadre of women volunteers to intervene in village level problems even in the absence of shilpi.
- A team of illiterate women, under the guidance of Shilpi Chellammal, were able to bring a ration shop to a remote village.
- FoM in the area of Shilpi Selvi collected money from the community itself to provide uniform, Books, stationery for needy poor students.
- Shilpis Murugeswari and Esthar succeeded in convincing their Panchayath presidents on the need to be transparent in sharing the Budgets and implementing schemes as stated

- Pitchairaja has utilized RTI extensively in his area for sorting out the grievances of many individuals, and preventing exploitation of vested interest in grabbing public properties. So far he facilitated about 30 cases and succeeded getting replies to solve the problems in 10 cases.

***Funds mobilized***

The Samaj Shilpis were instrumental in mobilisation of funds from Government, Bank, NGO/CBO for basic village amenities and facilitating the individuals to get their entitlements particularly for old age people, widow, destitute, group houses, pregnant women, Bank Loan for SHGs, Construction of sanitary latrines, Medical camps, Students scholarship, Subsidy for farmers, Veterinary camps,

In 9 Districts, 59 Villages were covered by 15 shilpis. 8520 Beneficiaries were benefited and the fund mobilized is to the tune of Rs. 2.66 Crores.

The fellowship for the Samaj Shilpis came from partner organization Gandhi Darshan Kendra using a grant given by the RIM-Flint City group.

**Table 2: Funds Mobilized by Tamil Nadu Samaj Shilpis**

| Area | Beneficiaries | Value in Rs. |
|---|---|---|
| Panchayat Raj | 3,833 | 16,641,291 |
| Health and Sanitation | 1,000 | 1,991,100 |
| Education | 995 | 1,893,950 |
| Agriculture | 1,869 | 2,292,060 |
| Friends of Movement | 823 | 3,821,000 |
| **Total** | 8,520 | 26,639,401 |

## Experiments in Tamil Nadu's Villupuram District

In Villpuram district in 2007-08, RIM embarked on a new experiment towards building a cadre of "Friends of the Movement" volunteers using a cluster level approach which would not need the facilitation of a Samaj Shilpi. This experiment was an attempt to create a critical mass of volunteers directly at the grass root level.

Two blocks, Vanur and Marakkanam of the Villupuram district were chosen for this intervention. Each block was divided into 5-6 clusters, covering 9-10 panchayats. Cluster level issues were identified and village camps were held focusing on these cluster level issues. The response received in these village camps was far beyond expectations and around 900 village youth voluntarily

signed up to be part of the FoM. All the clusters in a block were assigned to a Cluster Coordinator.

All the volunteers were new to development, it was therefore necessary to provide some formal inputs on development activities, community processes and local governance. The volunteers were given an opportunity to undergo a self-teaching Certificate course, aided by printed course material and a DVD, offered by the Gandhigram Rural University on Panchayat Raj and SHG management. RIM facilitated the process of enrolment to the course and 67 volunteers enrolled. All have completed it. Their success in imbibing the contents of the course and its subsequent impact on their work and their communities, is yet to be assessed to enable the participants to get their University certificates. 146 volunteers wish to pursue the PRI course and 338 were interested in the SHG course next year.

While we saw an enthusiastic response to the camps, we could not channel all that energy and enthusiasm into village level development activities. Many of the FoM volunteers did not take up activities, partly due to their own pre-occupation with their livelihood issues and partly due to lack of adequate leadership and coordination by the Cluster Coordinators. Further, the large size of block and the backwardness of the area made the work further challenging for the Cluster Coordinator. In many villages, the relationship, rapport and movement activities are very feeble.

By the end of the year, it was clear that using the current strategy and type of human resources, it was possible to create an effective FoM in a limited set of clusters and villages. This was much lower than the original target of covering the entire block, yet this experiment has been very useful in defining future strategies for a movement approach.

Currently, we have our presence in 31 villages in 18 panchayats of Villupuram district. This in itself is an achievement as we have not invested in any costs on Samaj Shilpis and worked through two cluster coordinators only. We also have a database of 900+ village volunteers, who if guided and mentored well could provide move the 2 blocks of Villupuram towards self-reliant development.

## Tsunami rehabilitation work in Tharangampadi Cluster

RIM completed tsunami rehabilitation work during the year 2008-09. Plan International supported Quality education program concluded by April 09. The project closure process included: close-out audit, final evaluation, attending the final partners' meet held at Kodaikanal in June 08 and contributing to the study on best practices etc.,

*Vasantha, a farmer showing her vermin-compost*

*Chandru's and Vasantha's paddy fields*

RIM's initiative has been chosen as one of the best practices for our approach on "strengthening existing institutions". Our strategy of strengthening government schools and Self Help Groups that existed during pre-tsunami times, has been appreciated by the evaluation and documentation team of Plan international.

Mr. Vijay Shankar, Ms. Girija Kumarababu, Mr. Livingston, Mr. S. Ramanathan, Ms. Mohana, Mr. Chiranjeevi Das and others from Plan International visited our operational areas from time to time.

RIM continued its work on agriculture, organic farming, strengthening common property resources and water bodies in villages with the support of Centre for World Solidarity. This work continued till December 2008. RIM's efforts in successfully motivating farmers to take up vermi-compost, panchakavya production by themselves were very much appreciated as it is more sustaining and leading towards consolidating of development efforts, making withdrawal from the area a possibility. RIM completed the following:

- Construction of two common thrash yards in the villages of Sangenthi and Marudhampallam benefiting 392 beneficiaries.
- 210 farmers were given training, exposure and encouragement to prepare organic inputs on their own.
- 140 farmers SHG members were trained.
- CBDP training provided to 938 school students (618 boys + 320 girls)
- CBDP information display board provided in 7 villages.

Several Center for World Solidarity (CWS) functionaries including Dr. G. Umashankar, Joint Director, Mr. Rama Rao, Secretary, Mr. V.K. Shivakumar, Trustee, Ms. Asuntha Dorothy Charles, Oxfam Novib, Ms. Girija Kumarababu Consultant visited the project operational villages till December 08.

RIM also participated in the partners meet and other events organized by CWS at Tirupati, Kakinada, Gandhigram and Karunagapalli (Kerala). In all these programs, our work was shared with other CWS partners and we could also learn from their experiences and efforts.

## Dialogue and Engagement

Dialogue and engagement with all our stake-holders as well as other voluntary organizations is an increasingly important element of RIM's work. This takes on many forms: organizing and participating in consultations on important issues, campaigning, networking with other NGOs, in-depth discussions with our partners and supporters worldwide on our approach and progress. Over the past year our networking and advocacy activities covered some important issues, including RTI campaign, a state policy for voluntary agencies, electoral reforms, sustainable agricultural practices and quality education.

### Workshop: From Rehabilitation to Development

A workshop on Tsunami Rehabilitation Initiatives

RIM with the assistance of Centre for World Solidarity, organized a workshop on 9-10 Dec 2008 at Tharangampadi with the following objectives:

- To consult, learn and share experiences on tsunami relief, rehabilitation programs in the last four years by various Institutions.
- To look at the possibilities for paradigm shift and road map for "from rehabilitation to development"
- To learn about various withdrawal strategies and sustainability mechanisms of good initiatives brought in as part of tsunami rehabilitation.

*Many NGOs created assets for themselves but RIM created only people's infrastructure.*
*- Mr. Aarangasamy, HM, Kuttiyandur*

Nineteen organizations participated in the workshop. The organizations and the community shared their experiences, best practices and non-desirables of the Tsunami rehabilitation initiatives.

The participants also discussed the activities that could be taken up in future to sustain the rehabilitation work carried out.

RIM's work especially in the agriculture, livelihood and education areas was appreciated by the community. In the words of Mr. Aarangasamy, HM, Kuttiyandiyur: "People should and NGOs should facilitate. Communities should realize that the money that came for relief is hard earned. Many NGOs created assets for themselves but RIM created only people's infrastructure. RIM need not give money to us, or give any resources, let RIM come to us often and give us the knowledge and linkages that we can grow organically and on our own. That is the essence of lesson from Rehab to development."

Two publications: "Eiyakkathin Nanbargal Enna Seyyalam?" (What friends of the movement can do?) "Children's hand book on Disaster preparedness" were released during the occasion by Dr. G. Umashankar, Joint Director CWS.

## Consultation on State Policy for Voluntary Agencies: Tamil Nadu

On Jan 28-29 2009, RIM organized a 2 day state consultation on the State Policy for Voluntary Agencies in Tamil Nadu, in partnership with Voluntary Action Network of India (VANI).

The National Policy on the Voluntary Sector was approved by the Union Cabinet on 17th May 2007. This policy was drafted by the planning commission with the help of experts and NGOs. The main objectives of the policy include: a) Creating an enabling environment for the voluntary organization (VO) that not only stimulates their effectiveness but also protects their identity and safeguards their autonomy, b) Enabling VOs to legitimately mobilize the necessary financial resources from India and abroad, c) Identifying systems by which the govt. may work together with the VOs and d)Encouraging VOs to adopt transparent and accountable system of governance and management.

The agenda of the state level consultation in Tamil Nadu was to share and discuss with the NGOs :

- Meaning and features of the new National Policy on Voluntary Sector
- Governments' and NGOs view on the Policy
- Partnership building between the Government and NGOs vis-a-vis proper implementation of this Policy
- Good governance and self-regulation system in the NGOs/CSOs.
- What could be the nature/structure/content of the state policy for voluntary sector and how can it be evolved as state policy document.

*Mr. Ashok Vardhan Shetty, IAS Principal Secretary, GoTN RD & PRI delivering his inaugural address*

72 NGO representatives participated in the consultation. A task force of comprising 9 representatives from reputed NGOs was formed on the 2nd day to draft a state policy. The task force was coordinated by RIM. The first draft of the state policy has been prepared and circulated to over 250 NGOs in Tamil Nadu.

## Election Watch: Karnataka and Tamil Nadu

RIM participated in the Electoral Reforms conference organized by the National Election Watch at Mumbai from 30th Jan to 1st Feb 09. This conference gave the opportunity to interact with other State Election watch units, understand the

kind of activities they are involved in and how the issues are tackled at each level.

The conference resolved on 3 main points:

- Demand that no criminals should be given seats by any political party during the Parliament elections in 2009.
- As Election watch network members are expecting transparency and honest functioning, they will be transparent and accountable.
- Demand for a separate button for "none of the above option" in the Electronic voter machine to vote under 49-O.

***Mr. Rangarajan, National Coordinator addresses the conference on Electoral Reforms***

RIM became a member of National Election Watch- Tamil Nadu and actively participated in the preparatory activities of the network headed by Dr. Sudarshan of IIT, Chennai. On the 10th March 09, Mr. K. Ananthanarayanan and Mr. T.K. Ramkumar participated in the Planning meeting of the network.

RIM President, Dr. H. Sudarshan was invited to be a member of the committee of National Election Watch- Karanataka Ms. Sindhu Naik, Joint Secretary of RIM co-coordinated the National Election Watch- Karnataka and assisted in the preparatory work of meeting the Chief Electoral Officer- Karnataka and setting up the control room facilities for affidavit processing.

## Other Networking Activities

- Mr. Rangarajan, National Coordinator attended PAN IIT Conference held at IIT, Chennai from 19-22, December 08.
- Mr. Rangarajan also participated in the International Conference on Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) in the Globalized Scenario organized by the Department of Commerce, Holy Cross College, Trichy from 22-24, January 09. He presented a paper in the conference on CSR and People's Perspectives.
- Mr. Rangarajan also made a presentation on Quality education initiatives and related issues at Aid et Action Stakeholders workshop held at Asha Nivas on the 12th August 2008. He outlined the concerns, issues and the justification for working on quality education as a measure to achieve the objectives of RTE.
- US Fulbright Scholars program presentation by RIM at Chennai: A group of scholars from the US were touring India under the group called "In search of Gandhi's India. The program was organized by Samanvaya at Chennai on the 3rd August 08. RIM made a presentation to the visiting US Fulbright Scholars

(numbering about 20) on the basic philosophy of RIM in creating a movement based core values of democracy, self reliance and rights based approach. We also explained various programs of RIM and how each of it is connected with people centered governance, from being a beneficiary to be a participant in the process of development".

- The group was very impressed with our work

## Communication with Partners

RIM has been constantly working to enhance the quality of our communication with its supporters world-wide with an objective of fostering an understanding of developmental issues and challenges and an exchange of ideas on areas of mutual concern. We have been making a sincere attempt to be transparent and provide timely information to our partners in all the activities we undertake.

### *Monthly Web-Conference Calls*

Since the last 2 years, RIM has started using "Skype" as a mechanism for monthly or bi-monthly conference with RIM Flint Group members. This continuous interaction has helped sustain volunteer interest. Volunteers get updates on the work being done in India and provide their inputs/ suggestions. They also take on tasks such as web-site review, data analysis etc. which could be done remotely. During the year 2008-09, these skype calls have helped RIM Flint participate in the work in India despite the physical miles that separate them from us.

Five skype conference calls were held on: 31st August 08, 28th September 08, 22nd November 08, 18th January 09 and 28th March 09.

Dr. Shantaram, Mr. Swaminathan Ganapathy, Mr. Vasu Iyengar, Mr. Sethil, Mr. Raj Krish, Mr. Arvind from the RIM Flint Group and Mr. K.Ananthanarayanan, Mr. T.K. Ramkumar, Mr. Shaswath, Ms. Sindhu Naik, Dr. S. Satyamurty and Mr. A.L. Rangarajan participated in these calls. Presentations are pre-determined and shared and discussed during these calls. Follow-up action at both ends have also been taken up.

### *E-group Discussion*

RIM's web based e-group called movement@rejuvenateindiamovement.org has a membership of 173 eminent people / organizations. Many important development issues like Election watch, seeking intervention on 49 O, opening of 6000 model schools by the Central Government, interesting press coverage on development matters, updates on RIM work, campaign to amend the Income tax act to assist voluntary sector, voluntary sector policy, ASER Report, RTI campaigns etc., are shared and discussed in the group.

Dr. TCA Srinivasa Ramanujan, Former DG of CAPART and NIRD , who is a member of the group wrote: "I am getting your group mail regularly. I find you, Ms. Sindhu Naik and others of RIM are taking some interesting initiatives and using the enlightened group as sounding boards for debating the ideas. The suggestions on education, right to say no to candidates etc. are clear leads to new paths for future development. You in RIM are unique in trying not to tread the beaten track but showing courage to think afresh. "

***RIM Website***

RIM is working on developing a new website which is more easily maintainable and can be kept up to date. Mr. K. Ananthanarayanan, Mr. Ramkumar, Mr. Shaswath, Ms. Deepa Kamath and others are involved in the process.

The website is yet to become fully operational but the basic framework is in place and the initial set of information has already been uploaded.

## Annexure 1: Samaj Shilpis and their Geographical Areas of Work

| S.No | Name of Shilpi | District | Taluk | Panchayat | Villages covered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Jeyaraj | Ramanthapuram | Kamuthi | 1.M.M.Kottai<br>2.K.M.Kottai<br>3.Neeravi<br>4.KilaRamanathi | 1.M.M.Kottai<br>2.K.M.Kottai<br>3.Neeravi<br>4.KilaRamanathi |
| 2 | Sermakani | Thoothukudi | Ottapidaram | Kulasekaranallur | 1.Kulasekaranallur<br>2.Ozanuthu<br>3.Pachaiperumalpuram<br>4.Sevalkulam |
| 3 | Saroja | Thoothukudi | Ottapidaram | 1.S.Kailasapuram<br><br>2.Jambulingapuram | 1.S.Kailasapuram<br>2.Savarimangalam<br>1.Jambulingapuram<br>2.S.Pudur |
| 4 | Rajalakshmi | Thoothukudi | Srivaikundam | Nattathi | 1.Nattathi<br>2.CinnaNattathi<br>3.K.K.Pottal<br>4.Pattandivilai |
| 5. | Chellammal | Sivagangai | Manamadurai | 1.T.Alankulam<br><br><br>2.Thoothai | 1.T.Alankulam<br>2.T.Paryankulam<br>3.Vaviyarenthal<br>1.Pappankulam |
| 6 | Pitchairaja | Theni | Andipatti | 1.Palayakottai<br>2.Ramakrsihnapuram<br>3.Palakomabai | 1.Vandiyur<br>1.Kozhinjipatti<br>1.Rayavelur |
| 7 | Valan Ilavarasu | Dindigul | Kodaikanal | Adulkkam | 1PerumalMalai<br>2.Thamaraikulam<br>3.Palamalai<br>4.Colonymedu |
| 8 | Selvi | Krishnagiri | Uthangarai | Singarapettai | 1.Singarapettai<br>2.Puliyanur<br>3.Kurugapatti<br>4.Narasampatti |
| 9 | George Stephan | Krishnagiri | Uthangarai | 1.Uthangarai<br><br>2.Gengapirampatti | 1.Bharathipuram<br>2.M.G.R.nagar<br>1.Appinaickenpatti |
| 10 | Murugeswari | Dharmapuri | Palakkodu | KarakathaAlli | 1.Kadamadai<br>2.Mekkalampatti<br>3.Kartharapatti |
| 11 | Palani | Tiruvallur | Tiruvallur | 1.Senrayanpalayam<br><br>2.Thirupper | 1.Senrayanpalayam<br>2.Greenvelnatham<br>1.Thirupper Colony<br>2.Bankarampettai |
| 12 | Baskar | Tiruvallur | Uthukottai | 1.Perittivakkam<br><br>2.Mambakkam | 1.BC cvolony<br>2.SC colony<br>1.Savuttu Colony<br>2.BC colony |
| 13 | Esthar | Tiruvallur | Uthukottai | 1.Nelvoy<br><br>2.Ramanathapuram | 1.SC colony<br>2.BC colony<br>1. Ramanathapuram<br>2.Kunjaram |

| S.No | Name of Shilpi | District | Taluk | Panchayat | Villages covered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 14 | S.R. Kannan & R. Ramalingam | Nagapattinam | Tharangampadi | 1. Chandrapadi | 1.1. Chinnurpettai<br>1.2. Chandrapadi |
| | | | | 2. Tharangampadi | 2.1. Tharangampadi |
| | | | | 3. Manickapangu | 3.1. Chinnamanickapangu<br>3.2. Perumalpettai<br>3.3. Manickapangu<br>3.4. Pudupettai |
| | | | | 4. Pillaiperumanallur | 4.1. Veppancheri<br>4.2. Thazhampettai |
| | | | | 5. Kalamanallur | 5.1. Sangenthi<br>5.2. Kalamanallur<br>5.3. Vadakattalai<br>5.4. Thottam<br>5.5. Kumarakudi<br>5.6. Chinnamedu |
| | | | | 6. Marudhampallam | 6.1. Marudhampallam<br>6.2. Chinnangudi |
| 15 | K. Irusappan | Villupuram | Marakkanam | 1. Keezhputhupattu | 1.1. Keezhputhupattu<br>1.2. Monnaiyampettai<br>1.3. Mudaliyarkuppam |
| | | | | 2. Koonimedu | 2.1. Koonimedu<br>2.2. Koonimedu kuppam<br>2.3. Muslim colony |
| | | | | 3. Chettikuppam | 3.1. Chettykuppam<br>3.2. Chetty Nagar<br>4.1. Cheyyankuppam |
| | | | | 4. Cheyyankuppam | 5.1. Anumanthai<br>5.2. Anumanthai kuppam |
| | | | | 5. Anumanthai | 5.3. Athikuppam<br>5.4. Kaliyankuppam |
| 16 | M. Narayanan | Villupuram | Vanur | 1. Kodur | 1.1. Kodur<br>1.2. Anbakkam |
| | | | | 2. Ozhindiampattu | 2.1. Andiyarpalayam<br>2.2. Ozhindiyampattu |
| | | | | 3. Vilvanatham | 3.1. Vilvanatham |
| | | | | 4. Nesal | 4.1. Nesal |
| | | | | 5. Appirampattu | 5.1. Appirampattu |
| | | | | 6. Kazhuperumpakkam | 6.1. Kazhuperumpakkam |
| | | | | 7. Kozhuvari | 7.1. Kozhuvari |
| | | | | 8. Mathur | 8.1. Mathur |
| | | | | 9. Pulichampallam | 9.1. Pulichampallam<br>9.2. Manthoppu |
| | | | | 10. Ravuthankuppam | 10.1. Pudur<br>10.2. Pappanchavadi<br>10.3. Ravuthankuppam |
| | | | | 11. Agasampattu | 11. 1. Acharampattu |
| | | | | 12. Irumbai | 12.1. Irumbai |
| | | | | 13. Thiruchitrambalam | 13.1. Poothurai |
| | **Tamilnadu Total** | **10 Districts** | **13 Taluks** | **40 Panchayats** | **83 villages** |
| 1 | Bhanwar Singh Rathore | Udaipur | Mavli | Palana Khurd | 1.Mandap<br>2.Palana Khurd |
| 2 | Nathu Singh Kikawat | Udaipur | Mavli | Bhimal | 1.Bhimal<br>2.Gadwada<br>3. Wangroda |

| S.No | Name of Shilpi | District | Taluk | Panchayat | Villages covered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3 | Bhanwar Singh Chundawat | Udaipur | Mavli | Bansliya | 1.Bansliya<br>2.Holi<br>3.Rediya Khedi<br>4.Wangrodi |
| 4 | Khemraj Megwal | Udaipur | Mavli | Veerdholiya | 1.Veerdholiya |
| | **Rajasthan Total** | **1 District** | **1 Taluk** | **4 Panchayats** | **10 villages** |
| 1 | Giridhar Mathankar | Anuppur | Pushparajgarh | Tarang | Tarang<br>Payari |
| 2 | Anju Singh<br>Mayank Bhalla<br>Ku. Shubha Marko<br>Ku. Gunja Soni | Shahdol | Burhar | Shahdol<br>Bachaewar<br><br><br>Rupaula<br>Dhummadol<br><br><br>Harridh<br>Jogibandh | Shahdol Town<br>Gadhakund<br>Bacharwar<br>Bacheradol<br>Chitraudi<br>Padaria<br>Bairiha<br>Bijhatola<br>Harridh<br>Jogibandh |
| | | Shahdol | Sohagpur | Kalyanpur | Kalyanpur |
| | **Total MP** | **2 Districts** | **3 Taluks** | **8 Panchayats** | **13 villages** |
| 1 | Ajay Milli | Tezu | | Tezu | Tezu Town |
| 2 | Etalo Megha | Tezu | | Loiliang<br>Dimwe<br>Wakro<br>Latho<br>Waloy<br>Hawai<br>Chongkhan<br>Guna nagar<br>Medo village<br>Tumba village | Loiliang<br>Dimwe<br>Wakro<br>Latho<br>Waloy<br>Hawai<br>Chongkhan<br>Guna nagar<br>Medo village<br>Tumba village |
| | **Total Arunachal** | **1 District** | | **11 Panchayats** | **10 villages + 1 Town** |
| | **Grand Total** | **14 Districts** | **17 Taluks** | **63 Panchayats** | **116 + 1 Town panchayat** |

## Annexure 2: RIM in the Media

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### Improvement in learning skills among tsunami-hit students

Porayar (PTI) : A survey conducted by an NGO in eight tsunami-hit villages in Tarangambadi taluk in Nagapattinam district has found a remarkable "improvement" in the learning skills of the students hailing from the regions.

The NGO, Rejuvenate India Movement (RIM), National Coordinator A L Rangarajan, told reporters on Friday that analysis of the reading and writing skills revealed that the results were best among students of class I and II.

RIM has published the results of its scientific study conducted to "assess the reading and learning capabilities" of over 1,700 children, from classes one to eight in eight tsunami-hit hamlets.

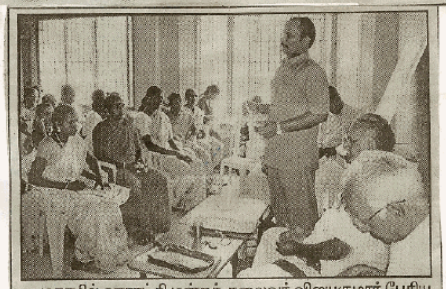
He added that similar studies were conducted in Tuticorin, Ramanthapuram, Villupuram, Theni, Sivaganga, Tiruvallur, Krishnagiri and Dharmapuri districts also.

The study has revealed that the students of tsunami-hit areas were performing better than the students of these districts.

The study was conducted based on a written test and reading ability assessment.

★ தினத்தந்தி, தஞ்சாவூர் 22-9-2008 15

# மயிலாடுதுறை வட்டார செய்திகள்



முகாமில் ஊராட்சி மன்றத் தலைவர் விஜயகுமார் பேசிய போது எடுத்த படம்.

திருக்கடையூரில்

## விவசாயிகளுக்கான பயிற்சி முகாம்

### ஊராட்சி மன்றத் தலைவர் தொடங்கி வைத்தார்

பொறையாறு,செப்.22- திருக்கடையூரில் தொண்டு நிறுவனம் சார்பில் விவசாயிகளுக்கான பயிற்சி முகாமை ஊராட்சி மன்றத் தலைவர் தொடங்கி வைத்தார்.

**பயிற்சி முகாம்**

திருக்கடையூரில் ரிம் தொண்டு நிறுவனம் சார்பில் இயற்கை வேளாண் இடுப் பொருள் தயாரிக்கும் முறை குறித்து விவசாயிகளுக் கான பயிற்சி முகாம் நடந்தது.திருக் கடையூர் ஊராட்சி மன்றத் தலைவர் விஜயகுமார் தலைமை தாங்கி பயிற்சி முகாமைதொடங்கிவைத்தார். ரிம் மற்றும் உலக தோழமை மைய திட்ட ஒருங்கிணைப் பாளர் எஸ்.ஆர். கண்ணன் வரவேற்று பேசினார். பயிற்றுனர் சத்தியன், திட்ட அலுவலர் ராமலிங்கம் ஆகி யோர் முன்னிலை வகித்தனர். பாகசாலை ஊழியர் மன்ற அமைப்பாளர் பாலசுப்பிர மணியன் சிறப்புரையாற்றி னார்.

**உரம் தயாரிப்பது குறித்த பயிற்சி**

தொடர்ந்து ஊராட்சி மன்றத் தலைவர் பேசுகையில், கடற்கரையோரம் உள்ள விவ சாயிகளின் நலனில் அக்கரை கொண்டு இந்திய பத்துயிர்ப்பு இயக்கம், உலக தோழமை இயக்கம் ஆகியவை சார்பில் சிறு-குறு விவசாயிகளுக்கு இயற்கை உரம் தயாரிப்பது குறித்த பயிறசி முகாம் நடத்தப்பட்டுவருகிறது.இதில் அனைத்து விவசாயிகளும் கலந்துகொண்டு பயனடையு மாறு கேட்டுக் கொள்கிறேன். இவ்வாறு அவர் பேசினார். முகாமில் திரளான வவிசாயி கள் கலந்து கொண்டனர்.

# बांधव उत्सव : पहले दिन 15 हजार की बिक्री

हरिभूमि न्यूज

उमरिया। मांधमगढ़ राष्ट्रीय उद्यान खल्ला में चल रहे हस्तशिल्प मेले बांधव-उत्सव में लोकगीतों लोकनृत्यों और लोक परम्पराओं की अनुपम छटा के आलावा हस्तशिल्प की बिक्री जोरों पर है। मेले में पहुंचे अधिकांश स्व-सहायता समूहों ने आशा से अधिक व्यवसाय किया है। सागर से आए राट पट्टी बनाने वाले एक समूह ने बताया कि उनका सारा माल खत्म हो गया, पहले ही दिन 15 हजार की बिक्री हुई। रविवार की शाम को दुकान खाली हो चुकी थी पर उन्होंने यह भी बताया कि और सामान सोमवार को सुबह पहुंच जाएगा, दुकानें फिर सज जाएंगी।

**आंवले के लड्डुओं की मांग ज्यादा**

उमरिया जिले के रक्सा का स्व-सहायता समूह मेले में पेपर मेशी का सामान बना कर बेच रहा है। रविवार को उनके बनाए आदिवासी थिंकि चिजें वाले म्यूरल्स सारे के सारे बिक गए। शहडोल से आए स्व-सहायता समूह सि सावती संगठन सहजीवन की मदद से अपने उत्पाद बनाते हैं। ये समूह आंवले से बने उत्पाद अचार चावड़ व रस से बने सामान बेच रहे हैं। दुकान की सदस्यों में से एक अंजू ने बताया कि आंवले के लड्डू आंवले की सौंफ और सलाजीत युक्त खूब बिक रहा है। शहडोल के छात्रावास से आए टीमों के कार्यालय भी मेले में संचालित है। डकेच उत्पाद, दंतिया पैनपेल, डोमेस्ट आदि खास बांधवगढ़ के शिल्पों में खूब पसंद किए जा रहे है। जंगल लॉज के मैनेजर श्री पुष्पेन्द्र सिंह ने बताया कि ऐसी टीमें हर सिजेंट के लिए उपयोगी है और वहां बेची जा सकती है ये स्वयं कई टीमें खरीद ले गए। इन्दौर से आए एक समूह द्वारा बनाए गए जामुन- खोपरे के आचार एवं समावती सुमन की दुकान पर महिला पर्यटकों की भीड़ देखी है। स्व-सहायता समूह प्रतिदिन खाने का सामान बेच रहे है। सुरवाही के एक समूह द्वारा बनाया गया महुआ-लाटा (आदिवासी व्यंजन) खास पसंद किया जा रहा है। वन समिति अमरकंटक की सदस्य गुलाब के एक समूह के गुलदस्ते, उमरिया के सुखदास के बांस शिल्प, सोनहे के समूह की चाय व समोसे की दुकान ऐसे स्टॉल थे जहां खूब भीड़ रह। बांधवमेला युं ते जिला पंचायत द्वारा आयोजित था पर अब इसने लगा पकड़ ली है और मेले में व्यवसाय हो रहा है एक दुकान दूसरे से होड़ कर रही है और ज्यादा से ज्यादा सामान बेचने की आपसी प्रतिस्पर्धा से रही है। मेले का समापन 31 दिसम्बर को रंगारंग कार्यक्रमों के साथ होगा।

## Annexure 3: Governance and Financials[i]

### Legal Status of RIM

- ✓ Registered as a Society under the Karnataka Societies Registration Act. Registration No. 894 / 2001 – 02. MoA available on request.
- ✓ Registered u/s 12 A(a) of the Income Tax Act, 1961. DIT (E)/ 12 A/ Vol. II/ R-171/W-2/02-03 Dated 18.07.2002
- ✓ Registered under section 80G of the Income Tax Act, 1961. Validity: 24/7/2008 to 31/03/2011
- ✓ Registered to receive foreign contribution for tsunami rehabilitation work alone vide File No. II / 21022 / 69 (0018) / 2008 - FCRA II Dated 28.01.2005.

### Name and address of the Bankers

1) Indian Overseas Bank, Kumaran Kundram Branch, Chromepet, Chennai – 600 044
2) City Union Bank, Tambaram Branch, Chennai – 600 045
3) State Bank of India, Malleswaram Branch, Bangalore – 560 003

### Name and address of Auditors

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# 12, 5th Cross, Malleswaram,
Bangalore – 560 003
Phone: 080 – 234 63 272; bn@macaindia.com

**Mission:**
**Rejuvenate India Movement (RIM)** is a network of individuals and partner NGOs working together for India's development;

- Through a common action program between voluntary organizations and individuals.
- By fostering a non-violent people's movement towards collective self reliance in the community.
- By channelising creative energy of individuals into voluntary action and assisting them with making a conscious commitment to serving the rural and urban poor.

**Mission statement:** To **bring together Indians everywhere** to **deepen democracy** and **equality**

**Our Vision:** A **people's movement** to rejuvenate India.

The goal is to catalyze a mass movement to strengthen democratic processes toward self-reliant development.

## Details of Board Members: (as on 31st March 2009)

| Name | Sex | Position on Board | Occupation | Meetings attended |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Dr. H. Sudarshan | M | President | Founder and President of Karuna Trust and Vivekananda Girijan Kalyan Kendra, Karnataka | 2/2 |
| Dr. S. Satyamurty | M | Vice President | Retired Engineering expert, Volunteering with Social organizations | 2/2 |
| Sri. T.K. Ramkumar | M | Secretary | Senior Advocate in Chennai High Court | 2/2 |
| Sri. K. Ananthanarayanan | M | Treasurer | Formerly Chief Electrical Engineer, Southern Railways | 2/2 |
| Ms. Sindhu Naik | F | Joint Secretary | Formerly a software professional, currently volunteering with social organizations | 2/2 |
| Ms. Neelima Khetan | F | Member | Chief Executive of Sevamandir, Udaipur, Rajasthan | 0/2 |
| Sri. Manohar Golpelwar | M | Member | Secretary of Indian Institute of Youth Welfare, Nagpur | 0/2 |
| Sri. Jagadananda | M | Member | Member Secretary of CYSD, Bhubaneshwar and RTI Commissioner of Orissa. | 0/2 |

- RIM Governing body meetings were held twice in the financial year 2008-09, 26th July 2008 for Annual Meeting at Bangalore and on 8th February 2009 at Chennai for half yearly meeting.
- Minutes of the Board meeting are documented and circulated to all concerned.

## Accountability and transparency

- No remuneration, sitting fees, or any other form of compensation has been paid since the inception of RIM to any Board member, Trustee or Shareholder.
- The following reimbursements have been made to the Board member.
  - Traveling expenses – Rs. 9008
  - No other reimbursements have been made to Board members.

**Remuneration of 3 highest staff members**
1) Rs. 9700 to the National Coordinator
2) Rs. 9680 to Project Coordinator (Tsunami Rehabilitation)

**Remuneration of lowest paid staff member**
- Rs. 2000 to Office Assistant (Tsunami Rehabilitation)

**Staff profile**

| Gender | National Coordinator | Project Coordinator (Tsunami) | Office staff |
|---|---|---|---|
| Male | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Female | 0 | 0 | 1 |

## Total cost of air travel

Rs. 3217 paid to the National Coordinator to attend National Election Watch meeting at Mumbai on 30th Jan to 1st Feb 09.

Total Cost of International level by Staff during the year (31st March 2009) : Nil

## Donors

- Plan International, New Delhi, India
- Centre for World Solidarity, Secunderabad, India
- India Friends Association, California, USA
- Aakash Ganga, Minneapolis, USA
- Voluntary Action Network India, New Delhi
- Pareto Technologies, Chennai, India
- Mr. Gopalakrishnan, Chartered Accountant, India.

## Financial Statements (extracts) from the Audited Statement

| Consolidated Balance sheet as at March 31, | 2009 | 2008 |
|---|---|---|
| **Sources of Funds** | | |
| Capital fund | 10,19,172 | 17,51,749 |
| **Total** | **10,19,172** | **17,51,749** |
| **Application of funds** | | |
| Fixed Assets | 3846 | 6040 |
| **Current Assets** | | |
| Cash & Bank Balances | 973,487 | 17,15,346 |
| Other advances | 41,839 | 30,364 |
| **Total** | **10,19,172** | **17,51,749** |
| **Income & Expenditure Account for the Year Ending March 31,** | **2009** | **2008** |
| **INCOME** | | |
| Grants | 623810 | 3242369 |
| Donations | 24300 | 18007 |
| Interest Income | 146894 | 100189 |
| Others | 600 | 0 |
| **Total** | **795604** | **3360565** |
| **EXPENDITURE** | | |
| Development Program expenses | 1528181 | 3501550 |
| **Total** | **1528181** | **3501550** |
| Excess of Expenditure over income | **732577** | **140985** |

All amounts are in Indian Rupees.

*Financial assistance received by RIM Partners for Samaj Shilpi work*

1) Rs. 19.92 lakhs was received by Gandhi Darshan Kendra from RIM Flint Group, Indian Friends Association and VANI , during the year 2008-09. of which they spent Rs. 16.98 lakhs for Samajshilpi fellowship in the states of TN, MP and for other activities to promote the movement.

2) Rs. 1,65,000 was received by Seva Mandir, Rajasthan from Association for India's Development-DC during the year 2008-09. They spent Rs 83,028 towards the Samaj Shilpi fellowship in Rajasthan.

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[i] Information provided here has been prepared using the checklist of minimum norms defined by Credibility Alliance. RIM is not yet a Credibility Alliance member.