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From the President's desk

In the year 1999, when Dr. B V Parameswara Rao visited towns and Cities of the United States of America and galvanized Non-Resident Indians to participate in India's development, RIM is born. In India too, we had several discussions involving pioneers in development work on the need for a movement, volunteer action and deepening democracy. The first batch of Samaj Shilpis started working in mid 2000 and going by that RIM has completed a decade by 2010. RIM will also be completing the 10 years as a legal entity by the end of 2011.

Ten years is quite a substantial period and have we grown? What are our lessons? What are our advantages and issues of concern?

RIM can take pride in being one of the networks that cherishes values of democracy, participation. It has been successful in getting the involvement of several long standing, credible organizations to think about and give time for movement related processes and to critically examine how synthesis can be brought within the development efforts of various voluntary organizations.

Recognizing that institution structures have limitations in working on certain issues as well as working in certain villages, and realizing the potential of individual grass-root workers in addressing the felt needs, today, in many states, several organizations which worked with RIM have either started their own fellowship program or are part of one. To name a few:

- Gandhigram Trust has started their Rural Youth Volunteer Program as part of Shri RV Centenary celebrations
- Gandhi Darshan Kendra has been working and improvising on the Samaj Shilpi concept designed by RIM.
- People's Science Institute / Karuna Trust is part of Himalaya Foundation Fellowship programmes
- Seva Mandir has been working on Thematic shilpis on region specific social issues
- Makkal Sakthi Eiyakkam has moved in to political changes through a group of them opting to work with Loksatta
- ExNoRa has its own fellowship programme called "Change Makers"
- IRCDS has started a Samaj Shilpi program (with a different set of goals towards social enterprise) with the support of Give2Asia
- NFI has also been working in its own way of Fellowship programs.

This proves that individual social activism has its value, contributions and making it meaningful; it has its own struggles, problems and issues.

We need to recognize the difference and realities from moving from a fellowship organization to a 'movement'. Will just bringing synergy with all these groups form a movement? Will having grass-root level volunteer groups in villages make a 'movement'? We need to introspect, identify the lessons learnt, internalize them and strategize our future directions. Some efforts have been taken in the last year in this direction.

Macro conditions of 2010-11 reveal mixed responses; space for civil society organizations was diminishing and Shri Anna Hazare's fast, Jan Lokpal Bill etc., brought the much needed fillip. If 2010 witnessed huge scams, 2011 saw a demand of change from the people: Jan Lokpal Bill, RTI, Lokayuktha, Anti vigilance, Judicial activism everything is to set things right. We need lot more thinking, discussion, due process and action to arrive at decisions on this.

RIM as an organization had its tough time during the year 2010-11. We did not get much awaited FCRA registration; fund raising for a movement has always been tough. Fellowships for Samaj Shilpis-is not a marketable product to lure attention for funding. The progress is rather slow, and the issues on the ground are complex. RIM Flint Group headed by Dr. R. Shantaram and Indian Friends Association, CA have been continuous force behind our working. Their support to Gandhi Darshan Kendra and work is what carrying us through the movement approach, Samaj Shilpi program etc.,

Our sincere thanks to all individuals and organizations to made this work possible, we are hopeful that our FCRA registration will get through, new funding support through NCRI, association with Himalaya Foundation and others will also help us to expand in the immediate future.

Bangalore
22 July 2011

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President

About Rejuvenate India Movement

Rejuvenate India Movement works with the goal of catalyzing a mass movement to strengthen democratic processes through voluntary action. It is a network of individuals, organizations, voluntary groups and institutions. The basic idea is to connect Indians everywhere to work for India's development for which RIM can provide the space and opportunity.

As a continuous process, RIM provided fellowship support for the 10th year. This year RIM continued with the Samaj Shilpi initiative in the states of Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu. By helping the communities to articulate their needs and assert for their rightful entitlements, Samaj Shilpis have been able to mobilize substantial funds from government schemes as well as other trust & societies for people's development needs.

Since 2001, RIM has impacted over 700+ villages and urban slums through grass-roots volunteers called Samaj Shilpis. Partner NGOs of RIM network provide mentoring support to these Samaj Shilpis and also raises financial support. RIM provides training and guidance. 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. The network also helps address wider social development goals at the state and national level in RIM's advocacy and lobbying related tasks.

During the year 2010-11, RIM Rajasthan Unit mentored by Seva Mandir has completed the 1st batch of 'Issue Samaj Shilpi Fellowship Program'. These shilpis worked on region specific social issues such as Mautana, Witchcraft, PRI and Native panchayats, protection of forests and management of supplementary nutrition programme in Anganwadis. The issues are decided by the Samaj Shilpis themselves. The review workshop was held in December 2010 and the efforts of two years have been documented. It is also easier to mobilize resources from campaigns, networks and other donor organizations working on similar issues across the country.

In order to ensure empowerment of local communities and sustain movement oriented action, RIM has strengthened its efforts on formation and formalization of "Friends of the Movement (FoM)" groups in each village where it works. Under FoM, RIM Samaj Shilpis, 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.

RIM also continued its mission on "Dialogue and engagement" towards important issues such as state policy for voluntary agencies (for Tamilnadu), Election Watch (both in Karnataka and Tamilnadu), Direct Tax Code and quality education. RIM also played a facilitating role at state level on consultations, studies and reports on these issues.

Samaj Shilpi Program- Development through Voluntary Action

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

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 process of development, community mobilization, raising funds from the community, government and other agencies. The Samaj Shilpis are provided a small support.

The activities of the Samaj Shilpis span a wide range: local self governance, watershed, food processing, solid waste management, ensuring access to schooling, quality education programs in government schools, educating the community on their right to information.

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 organization.

RIM has impacted over 700+ villages and urban slums. Today, we have 44 Samaj Shilpis and 1 Associate working in the villages of Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu.

In Tamilnadu, the Cluster Coordinator approach was started in 2009-10. Some experienced Samaj shilpis who were phased out from fellowship cycle, have been selected to work as "Cluster Coordinators" in a larger area. These Cluster Coordinators kept their earlier working areas as core and added more villages in its periphery. Four such Cluster Coordinators were working by the end of March 2011.

Through Friends of Movement (FoM), the operations by the Cluster Coordinators have spread to the new villages.

Table 1: State wise distribution of Shilpis as on 31st March 2011

Details	Madhya Pradesh mentored by Gandhi Darshan Kendra	Rajasthan mentored by Seva Mandir	Tamil Nadu mentored by Gandhi Darshan Kendra & Gandhigram Trust	Total
Samaj Shilpis	7		20	27
Cluster Coordinators	0	0	4	4
Thematic Shilpis	0	13	0	13
Associates	0		1	1
Total	**7**	**13**	**25**	**45**

State	Districts	Taluks	Panchayats	Villages
Madhya Pradesh	1	2	6	34
Rajasthan	1	1	4	16
Tamil Nadu	5	8	59	174
Total	7	**11**	69	**228**

Madhya Pradesh

Seven Samaj Shilpis and a state coordinator worked under the aegis of Sahajeevan Samithi, a local NGO as a mentor institution. The Samaj Shilpis work in Burhar and Shoagpur blocks of Shahdol district. They worked on various aspects of development such as Education – Bal Rang groups, Adolescent girls development, health and hygiene, micro finance, self help groups, livelihood and linking them to the overall movement.

RIM-MP has been focusing on creating a movement through emppwerment of adolescent girls. Named the Kishorisha Shaktikaran Abhiyan (KSA), this is a long term campaign aims to equip

adolescent girls with the necessary tools to become change agents in their families as well as in their villages.

The basic principles of the KSA are as under:

Education - Every adolescent girl must acquire a minimum of high school level of education. She must complete her 10th standard and acquire the necessary learning competencies in language and arithmetic.

KSA Meeting in Bartar Block, Madhya Pradesh

Health Every adolescent girl must acquire a minimum level of knowledge in personal health and hygiene, so that she can lead a healthy life and her family would also benefit from her expertise. Consequently, the family's annual expenditure on health related issues will be greatly reduced.

Self Reliance Every adolescent girl must acquire certain livelihood skills based on the natural and local resources of the area. She would be given training for minimum 2 to 3 food processing items, so that she can start a small food processing based production activity and earn an additional income for her family. This would earn her the respect of both her family and the society.

Formation of Friends of Movement (FoM) or RIM Mitras: Every SS is expected to identify active members in the village who would support the village level activities. These active members are called RIM Mitras. ***133 RIM Mitras have been identified in 30 villages.*** They have been trained and are involved in various stages of movement building activities. The participation level of the RIM Mitras is not uniform and has been assessed on four levels: *P1 – participating in programmes /meetings; P2 – Sharing personal resources and time; P3 – Pro active; P4 – Taking responsibility during programmes /meetings*

While all RIM-Mitras assist in organizing the meetings, many of them now participate actively in Balsabhas and KSA meetings. Now the Samaj Shilpis have more support in their villages and their acceptability has increased.

Achievements:

Education: In all the working villages a monthly Balsabhas is conducted. The village-wise schedule of Balsabhas is decided by the Samaj Shilpi in consultation with the school. Many innovative physical and mental games are conducted with children and experiments are demonstrated. The effort is to make Balsabha activity a joyful learning event. All children who are present in school attend the Balsabha. Balsabhas were conducted in 16 villages; 4640 children participated in the Balsabhas.

Many parents have confirmed the change in attitude and learning levels of children. Attendance in schools has improved. Parents have started attending Parent Teacher Association meetings. There is

a noticeable positive difference in the level of parental responsibility towards the education of their children.

Personality Development Camps: Two camps, one each in Kalyanpur and Bartar were conducted on 17-19, June 2010 and 15-17, June 2010. 45 Children at Kalyanpur and 65 children at Bartar participated.

KSA Meetings: With the help and active participation of 'Aanganbari Karyakata' (the worker at the ICDS center), the SSs conducted KSA meetings. In the initial meetings, the concept of KSA was explained to the participants. In 50% of the villages two rounds of KSA meetings could be conducted. On an average 25 adolescent girls participate in the KSA meetings. Parents are appreciative of the KSA effort. Panchayat representatives also participate in these meetings, which are held either in the Panchayat building or in Aanganbari centers. Adolescent girls want to be self reliant and help their families address the issues they face. They are keen on learning and adopting good practices.

BALRANG (a monthly bulletin of Balsabha) A monthly news bulletin is being published by the Sahajeevan Samithi, which has also become quite popular.

Health: During KSA meetings, health and hygiene related exposure is given to participants. There is a significant improvement in Personal Hygiene of girls

Agriculture and Livelihood - Kolmi Mahotsava: A two day ADIWASI MAHOTSAVA – at KOLMI, BLOCK BURHAR (2 day cultural events of tribal's) from 13 Jan. to 14 Jan 2011. In this Mela, the Samaj Shilpis-Asgari and Mamta Yadav conducted practical food processing training-cum-demonstrations for tribal women. Hundreds of people visited the stall and showed interest in demonstrations and the products made from locally available raw materials. Tribal women from 4 villages participated in the Mela as demonstrators.

MAMATVA MELA: A 5 day Mamatva mela (9th Mar to 13th Mar 2011) at state capital, Bhopal was conducted by Mahila and Bal Vikas Vibhag, M.P. Samaj Shilpis, Asgari and Dameeni took leadership for this state level exhibition cum sale. Thousands of people in Bhopal visited the stall and showed interest in the Amla based food products.

Self Development – Training of SS: At the beginning of every month SSs are given a two day training. In this training they are provided exposure on a variety of issues for working with villagers, improving effectiveness of the Balsabha, conducting KSA meetings etc. In addition, they also receive inputs in computer proficiency, language, mathematics.

Other Significant tasks

Independence day program: At Kalyanpur centre, Independence Day Programme was held. At this occasion Mr. Giridhar Mathankar (RIM-MP Coordinator), Mr. Rajesh Sinha (Vice President, Sahajeevan Samiti) and other senior members of Sahjeevan Samiti delivered their speech.

This programme was solely designed and conducted by SSs and children. Children presented cultural events, plays, speeches and group dance. The total strength in this function was 75.

Teachers Day celebrations: On 5th September Teachers Day Celebration was held at Bartar centre. Teachers from Chitraudi, Bacharwar, Gadhakund, Bartar, Kumhari and Baheradol joined this function. The Sarpanch (Panchayat President) of Bacharwar panchayat to presided over this function. The Head Master of Bartar Junior Higher Secondary School was the chief guest of the function. On this occasion 12 teachers (including 3 lady teachers) were honored. At this occasion Mr. Mathankar gave brief idea about RIM and future action plan of Bartar cluster. Many teachers delivered their views and made this event successful. The total strength of this function was 124 (including 85 school going children). Our SSs are in a position to conduct any function at their own with the help of local resources.

Shram dan: In Bartar village with the motivation of SSs and active participation of some villagers, children associated with BAL-SABHA conducted a SHRAMDAN on 2nd September 2010. Children completed procession in the village and cleaned all streets of the Bartar village

RIM-MITRAs played an effective role in making this event successful. The number of (children, RIM-MITRA and other youth) participated in this programme was 45.

Rajasthan

Seva Mandir started the Issue Based Fellowships from October 2008. The idea of the issue-based Samaj Shilpi evolved when Seva Mandir, realized that as an institution it has constrains to work on certain issues which are the felt-need of the community. Caste Panchayats, Witch accusation, Death compensation were all such issues which were identified in discussion with community leaders. Out of the 19 candidates selected by Seva Mandir , 16 worked on issues listed in **Table- 2**.

The first phase of the issue based Samaj Shilpi program was completed in September 2010, and a review meeting was organized at Udaipur on the 12-13, Jan 2011. ***The funding and mentoring support is fully coming from Seva Mandir.***

Learnings:

a. It was very strongly felt that two years is a short period to address and show impact on such complex, sensitive social issues. Sustained efforts for a longer period will be required.

Review Meeting of Thematic Samaj Shilpis in Rajasthan

b. Samaj Shilpis required more inputs on developing their understanding of the issues and skills in advocacy at various levels as well as in documenting and reporting the work done by them.

c. For better acceptance and identity in society and government an identity card can be provided which would increase their say in the panchayat meetings and other common gatherings.

d. More than one or group of Samaj Shilpis working on one issue covering bigger area (number of adjoining panchayats) may show better impact as experienced in case of Mautana and Caste Panchayat.

e. More platforms are available to the Samaj Shilpis being the local and part of community. They can even use the social platforms also being the part of local community.

Table-2 : Issues and Number of Shilpis working on the Issue

Issue	Name of the Block	No of Shilpis working
Reforming *Mautana*- the tribal system of fixing responsibility and payment for unnatural death	Kotada	5
Witchcraft (*Daakan*)- Countering the tradition of witch accusation thru' women's empowerment; Association or linking with government schemes.	Khairwada	3
Strengthening the linkages with local self-governing bodies	Badgaon	2
Working on proper implementation of the forest right act	Girwa	1
Tracking services at the ICDS centers	Jhadol	1
Monitoring the work under NREGA and analyzing validity of BPL List		2
Enabling Caste panchayats to become more gender equitable		**2**

f. In terms of project outputs, 16 Samaj Shilpis worked during the period 2008 to September 2010. Although each issue came with its unique set of challenges, over a period of 2 years, each of the 16 has made a difference. The changes brought about in practice of Mautana, Dakan (Witch accusation) or norms of caste panchahyats, were difficult but significant. Challenges remain and Seva Mandir seeks to enable the fellows undertake those challenges in the coming period.

g. The financial support provided to the Samaj Shilpis while not providing any substantive economic gain, helped meet the travel and other expenses of the fellows. Even this small support was a big enabler. The mentoring and association with Seva Mandir not only helped them personally but also help build their credibility amongst their community member, Caste Panchayats and state bodies like police & the Court.

The experiences of these two years shows that it seems the path of supporting community leaders to address some deeply enhanced social and political problems, is a path of hope and success.

Tamil Nadu

Tamilnadu RIM program two kinds of grass root level movement oriented interventions during the year.

- Cluster Coordinator
- Samaj Shilpis

The Tamil Nadu initiative was carried out under the mentor ship of Gandhi Darshan Kendra.

Cluster Coordinator Programme

i) Five Cluster Coordinators (CC) worked with Friends of Movement (FoM) as their key contacts in the villages.

A meeting of Cluster Coordinators was held at Gandhigram. Sri. Shivakumar, Jt. Secretary, Jt. Director of CWS - Dr. G. Umashankar participated in the discussions on review, planning etc.,

The work of the CCs in the last one year was reviewed. The thrust was: Friends of the Movement, how it can be strengthened, how all activities can be planned through them. Some basic formats for monthly reporting, community profiles, action plans were discussed and evolved.

Out of 5 CCs, two of them discontinued their services during this year. One more Cluster coordinator Sagadevan, who was one of the Samaj Shilpis in RIM's first batch was inducted as a Cluster Coordinator in Seyyur Taluk of Kanchipuram District.

Selection Process and Induction of new Samaj shilipis

Followed by good selection camps at Dharmapuri and Krishnagiri districts on the 15-16, Dec 2010, a selection camp cum interviews was held with SS applicants at Kovilpatty on the 22 Dec 2010. Cluster Coordinator Jeyaraj ensured that good, committed FoM and other deserving candidates attended the discussions. Mr. Ganapathy Raman, a senior NGO leader from these districts (RUSET), Masarpatti, helped us in the discussions as a panelist.

Observations

- Candidates who had joined in the FoM earlier, were found to be more suitable as Samaj Shilpis for movement related work, even when compared with those who had work experience with NGOs.

Table 3- Districtwise Selected of Samaj Shilpis

	Dharmapuri	Krishnagiri	Thoothukudi, Virdhunagar, Ramanad,Tirunelveli & Kankyakumari
No of applications received	18	7	11
No of candidates appearing directly (without submitting applications earlier)	21	6	10
No of absentee applicants	5	2	7
Total number of applicants interviewed	34	11	14
Candidates considered for induction training in January 2011	12	7	6
No of SS continuing by end of March 2011	10	6	6

- 25 new Samaj shilpis and one CC, Sagadevan from Kanchipuiram were selected under the fellowship scheme and induction training was given to them on January 2011.

- RIM SS induction training for the new batch at Gandhigram held from 19-22, Jan 2011. Dr. Kowsalya Devi inaugurated the Training program on the 19th.

- The design of the training programme emphasized self development of the Samaj Shilpi, gave them an understanding what a movement is, the need of the Friends of the Movement. The training was expected to enable them develop a action plan for one year. The first 3 months was a probationary period. The Samaj Shilpis were asked to complete their assignment on the following:

    1. Community profile of their operational villages
    2. Formation and organizing meetings of Friends of Movement in each village
    3. Exposure to the village of the 'Saha Shilpi' to learn from visiting different areas and mutual sharing
    4. Identified self development measures.

During the probation period, the Regional Coordinator visited the field area and assessed the ground reality of each Samaj Shilpi. Based on their performance, the Samaj Shilpis were selected to continue their work .

Out 25, 3 Samaj Shilpis did not continue their work due to various reasons. District, Panchayats and villages of 1 CC and 22 Samaj Shilips are given in Table - 4.

Friends of Movement (FoM)

In order to sustain the movement activities and ensure local participation, a cadre of volunteers called 'Friends of Movement' has been mobilised in each village where the Cluster Coordinator or SS is working. These volunteers are motivated to work towards overall development of the village by adopting participatory approaches. So far 1532 volunteers have joined the 189 FoM groups formed by both 20 SS and 5CCs. Village level meetings were organized in all the villages covering FoM.

They 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.

By the end of March, formation of FoM was completed by the new SS in their respective villages. Rajalakhmi from Krishnagiri Dt and Senthilkumar from Dharmapuri dt, did not form the FoM. 20 SSs have formed 105 FoM groups comprising 958 members.

Table 4-District-wise FoM group data

S. No	District	CC / SS	Panchayats	Villages	No. FoM groups	FoM members
1	Ramanathapuram	Jeyaraj	10	19	18	144
		Jagadeeswari	1	4	4	56
		Thiruselvendran	1	4	4	57
		Jagannathamurty	1	4	4	36
		Thangasamy	3	5	5	69
2	Virudhunagar	Anthony	1	10	10	84
		Muthuramalingam	1	5	5	50
3	Krishnagiri	Selvi	11	27	20	122
		Amutha	1	5	5	43
		Lakshmi	1	5	5	50
		Prabhakaran	1	4	4	27
		Sathish	1	4	4	28
		Raji	1	4	4	28
		Venkatammal	2	4	2	18
4	Dharmapuri	Murugeswari	7	25	21	126
		Valarmathi	1	4	4	28

S. No	District	CC / SS	Panchayats	Villages	No. FoM groups	FoM members
		Deivanai	1	3	3	22
		Ilakkia	2	4	4	41
		Gowri	1	2	2	20
		Vadivel	1	4	4	40
		Samikkannu	1	5	5	42
		Vediappan	1	5	5	47
		Lingan	1	5	5	46
5	Kanchipuram	Sagadevan	8	18	12	169
	Total	**20 SS + 4 CC**	**69**	**201**	**176**	**1519**

Activities of CCs

The activities carried out mainly by CCs Jeyaraj, Selvi, Murugeswari are categorized under the following major areas: Panchayat Raj, Health and Sanitation, Education, Agriculture, RTI Campaign, Friends of Movement and Capacity Building.

Panchayat raj

- In 20 Panchayats, 24 Gram Sabha meetings were held in which the CCs motivated 2450 villagers to participate.

- CCs were able to get copies of 15 Panchayat budgets for 2010-11. At Melaramanathi, the budget was analysed and discussed among FoM (14 participated) by organizing a meeting.

- Panchayat Budget analysis shows total income of a Panchayat ranged from Rs.10 to 30 lakhs per year except Singarapettai and Athipadi, which are big panchayats, and hence received development funds to the tune of Rs.65 and 55 lakhs respectively. Table-6 below gives a broad break-up of the income and expenditure.

Table 5-Panchayat for which budget was obtained

SS / CC	Panchayat
Valarmathi	Pikkanahalli
Lakshmi	Kallavi
Selvi	Munrampatti
	Pavakkal
	Singarapettai
	Vellakuttai
Prabhakaran	Govindapauram
Sathish	Athipadi
Venkattammal	Bevuhalli
Murgeswari	Belarahalli
	Katttampattii
Elakkiya	Elumichanahalli
	Kethanahalli
Gowri	Anumanthapuram
Sagadevan	Periyakalakkadi

Table 6: Income and Expenditure Break-up

Income			Expenditure			
By tax	Govt. Grant	Other sources	Administration	Maintenance	Development Schemes	Other
8%	85%	7%	12%	34%	50%	4%

Villagers are expected to discuss and verify whether the funds are utilized properly and explore the possibility of enhancing the income both from local resources and availing grants from state finance committee. A team comprising of FoMs, Village elders, Ward members were advised to approach Panchayat President to discuss and make it transparent to villagers.

- Special meetings were held in 4 Panchayats by involving 472 participants in CC Jeyaraj area for implementing Valnthu Kattuvom Scheme.
- RTI, Consumer awareness camps were organised in which 94 villagers participated.
- Village Library at Singarapettai is effectively utilized by Educated youth of the village.
- 10 Family ID cards were obtained by the effort of CCs

Heallth and sanitation

- 539 Participants attended the total sanitation awareness programme of which 376 persons have constructed their own toilets and utilizing them.

- 682 women participated in 42 Health Awareness camps on infectious diseases, infanticide immunization, malnutrition due to iron deficiency, mother and child health camps for pregnant women, adolescent girls and children.

- 9 Medical camps under Varumun Kappom scheme were organized covering about 36 villages by which 2276 patients were benefited.

- FoM were periodically involved in shramdan activities such as street cleaning and over head tank chlorination -both for Villages and Schools in 32 villages.

Education

2 PTA meetings were conducted in 2 schools at 2 panchayats. 19 members participated. MLL program was conducted in 7 schools by FoM for 90 slow learners. Effective functioning of PTA/VEC in 5 Villages helped 21 students to score good marks in the exam and got help from Lions club, Panchayat president etc to continue their higher studies. Prizes were distributed in 42 schools for first three rank holders of all classes by local contribution worth Rs.20000.

Educational scholarship was arranged to 20 students to the tune of Rs.3 lakhs.

CC	SE Centers run by FoM	# of children covered
Jeyaraj	17	448
Murugeswari	7	165
Selvi	9	343
Total	33	956

Para Teacher Support: RIM also provided Para Teacher support to three schools during 2010-11. **Pareto Technologies**, Chennai and **Mr. Gopalakrishnan**, Chartered Accountant have been continuously donating to RIM. At Marudhampallam school, RIM provided matching support (50%) to have Ms. Radha to work a teacher; the remaining 50% of the teacher's salary was met by the Parent Teachers Association of the school.

Similarly in the backward villages of Keezha Ramanadhi and Neeravi Veppankulam, in Ramnad district,two Para teachers were supported by RIM. One more para Teacher was supported for newly opened High school at Kodangipatti Tuticorin District. It is worth mentioning that this school registered 100% pass in the X exams held in March 2011.

Agriculture

- In 5 Villages, meetings were conducted to form Farmers club in which 25 farmers participated.

- 14 Farmers were guided to get Farmers ID in 4 Villages.
- Veterinary camps were held in Keelaramanathi ,320 cattle of 40 farmers benefited.
- Hybrid maize seeds were distributed at a subsidiary cost Rs.5400 to 1 Farmer in KM Kottai
- 13 milch animals were covered Cattle insurance at Ramasamypatti
- Agriculture implements were distributed at subsidiary cost to 13 farmers.
- Crop loan arranged for 16 farmers
- 9 Farmers meeting were held.in 5 Villages 245 participated in a meeting

Significant Achievements

- **10 Panchayat Level Federations of Self Help Groups were formed in 20 Villages and availed a bank loan to the tune of Rs. 97.65 lakhs.**
- Child marriages and infanticide practices are common in the Krishnagiri. CC Selvi fought against the practices effectively with the cooperation of FoM. Last year 3 Child marriages were stopped on the spot by the untiring intervention of CCs and FoM in these Villages.
- By the rapport created by Jeyaraj with IOB Ramasamypatti Branch, the FoM are recognised as agents to take up walk in Bank Scheme - a door- to- door campaign to open bank account at their door step in the villages. 70 such accounts are successfully opened by the FoMs.
- Right to food campaign, child rights, summer camps for children were organized by Murugeswari in Dharmapuri dt
- Selvi and a team of FoMs approached Krishnagiri District Collector and got on the spot appointment as Balwadi ayah for a destitute affected by HIV and a woman living under starving condition with her 3 children and ailing husband. Despite cut throat competition for the posts from politicians, considering the candidates' condition, the team effort for these deserving candidates succeeded at last.- Not clear
- The efforts of CC and FoM enabled 11 SHG women traders to get the allotment of 11 shops constructed by Singarapettai Panchayat in the bus stand on priority basis for a nominal Rent of Rs.500 per month.
- Village wise RTI campaign was conducted by Jeyaraj in his operational villages. 104 participants benefited in 10 Villages.

Entitlements mobilized:

The Cluster Coordinators were instrumental in mobilisation of entitlements from Government departments particularly for pregnant women, old age people, widow, destitute etc., They also acted as catalysts in harnessing group houses, basic village amenities and infrastructure. Their facilitation to the individuals and groups to get their assistance, Bank Loans, Construction of sanitary latrines, Medical camps, Students scholarship, Subsidy for farmers, Veterinary camps etc.,

Cluster Coordinators in alliance with FoM act as watch dogs on the implementation of schemes like Employment Guarantee program, functioning of Public Distribution System etc.,

In 3 Districts, 71 Villages were covered by 3 CCs. 5495 Beneficiaries were benefited and the fund mobilized is to the tune of Rs. 2.12 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 7: Funds Mobilized by Tamil Nadu Cluster Coordinators

Area	**Jeyaraj**		**Murgeswari**		**Selvi**		**Total**	
	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A
Panchayat Raj	2230	3636900	21	1475000	72	1861000	2323	6927000
Health & Sanitation	1623	287300	48	237600	157	512600	1828	1037500
Education	125	193890	201	1225550	56	308500	382	1727940
Agriculture	275	1075980	9	356000	29	349500	313	1781480
FoM	414	4465000	125	289000	110	240000	649	9765000
Total	**4667**	**9659070**	**404**	**6184150**	**424**	**5386600**	**5495**	**21229820**

B - # of beneficiaries
A – Amount of assistance mobilized.

Dr. R. Shantaram's visit: On the 6th November 2010, Dr. R. Shantaram, RIM Flint Group visited RIM office and had a detailed discussion on various activities undertaken, problems, issues, constraints and how future activities can be strategized etc., A presentation was made to him and he looked in to the new approaches suggested by Sri. K. Ananthanarayanan. He also glanced through various developments / achievements done by the Shilpis despite various constraints and problems. Dr. Shantaram reaffirmed his support for the work undertaken by RIM.

Dialogue and Engagement

Advocacy and lobbying is an integral part of social activism; networking is an essential to achieve RIM's avowed objectives. Thus RIM was involved in 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, 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, election watch, anti corruption, good governance, sustainable agricultural practices and quality education.

Voluntary Sector Policy related work in Tamilnadu

RIM had sent the Tamil Nadu Voluntary Sector Policy - the draft document worked out by the Drafting and Advisory committee to the Chief Minister, Dy. CM, Planning Commission VC, Chief Secretary, Principal Secretary of RD and PRI and SW Secretary.

We have received a communication from the Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Department of Government of TN that a file has been created (Ref. No. 5513 P.T. (2) /2010 Dated 4th August 2010). It cites reference to the Special Cell of CM vide Letter No. F/161214 /A 79/2010 Dated 28.6.2010 that the matter shall be taken up by the Government of TN Principal Secretary, Social Welfare and Noon Meals. We are hopeful that something positive would happen in this direction.

RIM National Coordinator also attended a meeting convened by Mr. DK Oza IAS with the Secretary, Social Welfare of TN Mr. Mohan Pyare, IAS on the 3rd Jan 2011 on the subject of Voluntary sector policy. In the meantime, elections were announced and now that the new Government had settled in, we expect it to move naturally.

Election watch related work in Tamilnadu

Tamil Nadu Election Watch took over the responsibility of hosting the National Election Watch Annual Conference at IIT, Chennai. RIM served as one of the members of the steering committee and participated in the preparatory meetings.

Our Election Watch team in Tamil Nadu

RIM also spread the message of National Conference on Electoral Reforms at IIT, Chennai held on 12-13, Feb, 2011. 19 RIM workers and 6 NGO representatives were participated in the conference based on the information given by RIM. Further follow up meeting was held on 6th Mar 2011 in Chennai. In this meeting 9 RIM workers got trained in taking up local monitoring of elections in the state.

RIM assisted TNEW in data entry related to financial and criminal backgrounds of the political parties of State assemblies pertaining to both 2006 and 2011 contestants. RIM also served as Co-Coordinator for Tamil Nadu Election Watch. Due to this, many press and media related queries were also handled by RIM office.

India Today Tamil Edition covered the statement of Mr. A.L. Rangarajan, RIM National Coordinator. Some of the coverage and reports could be accessed at:
http://www.latimes.com/news/nationworld/world/la-fg-india-election-giveaway-20110413,0,1100319.story

http://adrindia.org/files/tamil%20nadu%20v8_0.pdf

Facilitation for dissemination of innovation on energy saving bicycle

RIM facilitated Dr. R. Ramarathnam of Deltec, who worked in IIT Chennai and Mumbai visited Gandhigram and gave a demo on his e-bike. Dr. Ramarathnam has been involved in energy related research work. His work on solar power to be used for motors - especially for running AC, fans etc., is astounding. So far solar energy in India has been used only for heating and lighting. Dr.Ramarathnam is looking for support for commercializing it at the same time he wanted to involve grass root level NGOs in the process to popularizing.

Business Correspondent – can s/he be extended Samaj Shilpi?

National Coordinator made a presentation to City Union Bank Ltd., Kumbakonam. The Managing Director of the Bank, DGMs, AGMs, Managers involved in micro credit were also present on the 26th Aug 2010. The presentation was basically on the need for a movement kind of work, RIM's efforts so far, how Bank's financial inclusion concept can be widened, how the Business correspondents appointed by the bank can be made to look in to other aspects, how RIM can get involved in capacity building of the BCs etc., It was well received and the limitations both at RIM level and the Bank level could be appreciated.

Indian Community Activists Network

RIM is part of Indian Community Activists Network (ICAN) promoted by India Friends Association and other Activists group in India. Dr. Sudarshan is part of its Core committee and Mr. T.K. Ramkumar and Mr. A.L. Rangarajan participated in the ICAN Annual Conference held at Tezu, Arunachal Pradesh from 1-3, December 2010.

Sub groups were formed on anti corruption, community control over natural resoruces, state repression, empowering the un-organised sector and participatory governance. Each group has given their own facilitators to work with ICAN nominated coordinator and these sub groups work on their own on specific issues as per the action plan agreed in the 2 days discussions.

RIM also participated in the August 9, Common action program initiated by ICAN all over India. RIM facilitated its Samaj Shilpis to take up protection of “Community Ownership of Natural resources” by the villagers in their respective places and work on procession /dharna based on the ground reality in specific villages.

During Aug 2011, Shanti Ashram collaborated with Religions for Peace in making a plea to UN and all Governments to reduce the military expenditure by 10%. RIM Cluster Coordinators and Friends of Movement collected 3000 signatures from 6 districts for 'Arms Down Campaign' and forwarded these to Shanti Ashram for onward transmission to UN.

RIM also participated in petition online and issuing a statement in support of arrested activist – Dr. Binayak Sen.
http://www.hindu.com/2010/12/28/stories/2010122865091400.htm
http://www. petitiononline.com/sen2010/

Movement – E group discussion

RIM's web based e-group called movement@rejuvenateindiamovement.org has a membership of 182 organizations /individuals. During the year 2010-11, several important issues concerning development work were shared / discussed through this group.

Some of the issues covered in the postings and discussions include National Election Watch, Voluntary Sector Policy, Direct Taxes Code, Trusteeship and Development, support availability, Allocation of resources for education in the Union Budget, ASER Report, New FCRA Act 2010, FCRA Rules 2011, Gandhi Darshan yatra, Right to Education related articles, etc.,

RIM Website

During the year, RIM Flint Group team worked on developing a website www.rimsamajshilpi.org This was discussed during Dr. Shantaram's visit to India and then it was taken up for working through one of his Ph.D student Volunteer George Corser. The site has become fully functional now.

Annexure : Governance and Financials

Legal Status of RIM

Registered as a Society under the Karnataka Societies Registration Act. Registration No. 894 / 2001 – 02

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.

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

Indian Overseas Bank, Kumaran Kundram Branch, Chromepet, Chennai – 44
City Union Bank, Tambaram Branch, Chennai – 600 045
State Bank of India, Malleswaram Branch, Bangalore – 560 003

Name and address of Auditors

ASA & Associates chartered accountants
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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 2011)

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. K. Ananthanarayanan	M	Treasurer	Formerly Chief Electrical Engineer, Southern Railways	2/2
Ms. Sindhu Naik	F	Secretary	Formerly a software professional, currently volunteering with social organizations	2/2
Ms. Neelima Khetan	F	Member	Chief Executive of Sevamandir, Udaipur, Rajasthan	2/2
Sri. T.K. Ramkumar	M	Member	Senior Advocate in Chennai High Court	02/02
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 2010-11, 10th July 2010 for Annual Meeting at Bangalore and on 19th March 2011 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 – NIL
    - No other reimbursements have been made to Board members.

Donors

- Pareto Technologies, Chennai, India
- Ms. Sindhu Naik, Bangalore
- Mr. T.K. Ramkumar, Chennai

Financial Statements (extracts) from the Audited Statement

Consolidated Balance sheet as at March 31,	2011	2010
Sources of Funds		
Capital fund	649474	601481
Total	**649474**	**601481**
Application of funds		
Fixed Assets	2289	2826
Current Assets		
Cash & Bank Balances	601435	556491
Other advances	45750	42164
Total	**649474**	**601481**
Income & Expenditure Account for the Year Ending March 31,	**2011**	**2010**
INCOME		
Grants	-	0
Donations	113844	47163
Interest Income	35831	41797
Others	1400	800
Total		**89768**
EXPENDITURE		
Development Program expenses	103082	507451
Total	**103082**	**507451**
Excess of Expenditure or income	**51186**	**417691**

All amounts are in Indian Rupees.

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