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Dear Friends,

It is a great pleasure to present to you the Twelfth Annual Report of Rejuvenate India Movement.

Our community of village level Samaj Shilpis has been growing slowly but steadily. RIM has directly and through its network of NGOs supported around 150 Samaj Shilpis since its inception. During the last year, RIM supported 18 Samaj Shilpis in Tamil Nadu and Karnataka and has plans to expand it to twice the number the next year and also move into Madhya Pradesh .

As you will see in this report, these Samaj Shilpis have been significantly contributing to improving the lives of people, by empowering them with information, motivating them to participate in Gram Sabhas and organizing them to demand for services and infrastructure in their villages. These achievements of the Samaj Shilpis serve as examples of the immense impact that just one individual in each village can make. The experiment of 'Friends of the Movement' also shows tremendous potential to create a movement. This year, the Samaj Shilpis have been able to create a cadre of 2000+ such individuals who are giving their time for the development of their village without expecting anything in return. We need to take this experiment forward and strengthen the capacities of these volunteers so that they can work as empowered agents of social change.

The findings of an informal review of our earlier Samaj Shilpis, was also very heartening to note. Many of them are continuing in the field of development either by setting up their own NGOs or by joining other NGOs. Even those who have taken up jobs in other sectors to meet their livelihood needs, continue to play a lead role in their communities. We plan to formally document this impact in the next couple of years.

After a decade of work with the Samaj Shilpi Program, RIM, felt the need to restructure its work. The current social and political scenario also warranted some reflections on the relevance of the program. It was felt that learning from similar programs of other organizations through consultation with the experienced senior members of such organisations could truly help better the redesigning and strategizing the Samaj Shilpi Program. A two-day National Consultation of Grass Root Fellowship Organisations was held on 15th and 16th February in Bangalore to seek answers to several issues faced by such

programs. Being the first of its kind in India, the effort was appreciated by all participants. It was unanimously resolved to form a network of such organizations to promote, support and strengthen the idea of supporting grass-roots workers. It is my hope that together as a network we will be achieve RIM's mission of a 'Samaj Shilpi' in every village of India.

A mere thank you seems insufficient. Nevertheless, on behalf of RIM, I would like to thank all our donors and supporters for their unstinting faith in RIM and its mission. A special thanks to all my colleagues and the Samaj Shilpis for their commitment.

With Regards

Dr. H. Sudarshan

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.

RIM's aims are to build self reliant communities on a movement approach by their own participation, deepening democracy, harnessing entitlements and enabling communities to work on sustainable development.

This is achieved by channelizing creative energy of motivated individuals from the communities into voluntary action through a program called the 'Samaj Shilpi' program.

Since 2001, RIM and its partner NGOs have impacted over 1000+ villages and urban slums through grass-roots volunteers called Samaj Shilpis. RIM identifies, trains and provides guidance to these Samaj Shilpis. The Samaj Shilpis work directly with the communities on their 'felt needs'; facilitating and mobilising people's groups to access their rightful entitlements and strengthening local self-governance. Partner NGOs of RIM network provide mentoring support to these Samaj Shilpis.

Some partner NGOs have customised the Samaj Shilpi program to meet the specific needs of their areas. For example, learning from the experiences of the Samaj Shilpi program Seva Mandir in Rajasthan has designed a program, in which grass-roots workers called Vikas Mitras, worked on region specific social issues such as Mautana, Witchcraft, Panchayat Raj Institutions and Native panchayats, protection of forests and management of supplementary nutrition programme in Anganwadis. This program is wholly funded and managed by Seva Mandir.

Similarly Gandhi Darshan Kendra, an NGO in Tamil Nadu supports two 'Associates' , one working on the issue of solid waste management in the urban environment and the other working propagating Gandhian philosophy.

While both the above initiatives are wholly funded and managed by the respective organizations, RIM continues to receive updates from this initiative and sees them as an integral part of its vision to promote grass-roots social action.

Samaj Shilpi Program- Development through Voluntary Action

It is a well recognized fact today, that there are a plethora of government schemes at the individual level, community level and village level designed to meet virtually every need of a poor family in India. Yet as many studies have shown there are large gaps in the implementation of these schemes because of lack of awareness and lack of information on how to access them. This is compounded with bureaucracy, red-tape and corruption making it difficult for people to access these entitlements.

RIM identifies motivated individuals who would like to work as change agents for their communities. These change agents are called "Samaj Shilpis".

The identification of the Samaj Shilpis is done either by NGOs who are part of the RIM network or through other NGOs in the state or through a process of camps held at the panchayat level. All the selected Samaj Shilpis go through an induction training where they are provided basic understanding of the issues in the areas such as education, health, food security and livelihood and also information on the different government schemes and service delivery mechanisms.

The Samaj Shilpi determines what issue /she wants to work on. With guidance from RIM, an action plan is prepared by each Samaj Shilpi.

To ensure that the Samaj Shilpis has someone to turn to while working in the field, RIM tries to link the Samaj Shilpi with a local NGO or an individual who is experienced in community development and understands the philosophy of RIM. This NGO or individual reviews the work of the Samaj Shilpi on a periodic basis, acts as a sounding board, and helps the Samaj Shilpi refine his/her action plan.

RIM's National Coordinator also visits the field periodically to monitor the work of the Samaj Shilpis and guide them.

The activities of the Samaj Shilpis span a wide range: local self governance, good governance, enabling rightful entitlements, 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 to organize the community with the help of committed local volunteers.

RIM has impacted over 1000+ villages and urban slums through its partner NGOs. During the year 2012-13, RIM supported 18 Samaj Shilpis in the Karnataka and Tamil Nadu.

In order to ensure empowerment of local communities and sustain movement oriented action, RIM has further strengthened its working with formation and empowering of community based groups in each village through the Samaj Shilpis. RIM Samaj Shilpis also form “Friends of the Movement (FoM)” groups in each village. Under FoM, RIM Samaj Shilpis aim to build a cadre of volunteers in the panchayats who would work for the integrated development of their villages by mobilizing the community to quietly assert for that which is rightfully theirs.

In Tamilnadu, a 'Cluster Coordinator' approach was started in 2009-10 by Gandhi Darshan Kendra. The Cluster Coordinators were those individuals who had started as Samaj Shilpis in the Gandhi Darshan and could manage a larger area. These Cluster Coordinators kept their earlier working as core and in its periphery added more villages. Five such Cluster Coordinators were working by the end of March 2012. In 2012-13, RIM selected some of those Cluster Coordinators under the RIM Samaj Shilpi program.

Table 1 and 2 give the statistics of the State wise distribution of Samaj Shilpis and the working villages. Annexure 2, gives the names of the villages and the population data. Table 3, gives a gist of the issues covered by the Thematic Vikas Mitras in Rajasthan.

Table 1: State wise distribution of Shilpis for the period 1st April 2012 to 31st March 2013

	Funded and Supported by RIM			Funded and Supported by Other NGOs who are part of RIM Movement		
Details	**Karnataka**	**Tamil Nadu**	**Total**	**Rajasthan mentored by Seva Mandir**	**Tamil Nadu mentored by Gandhi Darshan Kendra & Gandhigram Trust**	**Total**
Samaj Shilpis	3	10	13			
Cluster Coordinators	0	5	5	0		0
Thematic Shilpis (Vikas Mitras)	0	0	0	11	0	11
Associates	0	0	0		2	2
Total	**3**	**15**	**18**	**11**	**2**	**13**

Table 2: Number of Villages Covered by RIM Samaj Shilpis

State	Districts	Panchayats	Villages
Karnataka	2	2	9
Tamil Nadu	5	40	145
Total	7	42	**154**

Table 3: Issues Addressed by Vikas Mitras

Issues	Number of Vikas Mitras	Blocks
Witch Accusation (Daakan), Common Lands and Child Marriages	3	Kherwara
Dowry by girl's family (Daapa), Feast after a death (Mrityubhoj), Linking families to Social Welfare schemes	3	Jhadol
Penalty for unnatural deaths (Mautana),	5	Kotra (20 villages)

Karnataka

Three Samaj Shilpis were supported in Karnataka during the period 2012-13. One Samaj Shilpi was from the previous batch and two were selected and trained in 2012-13.

Karnataka Samaj Shilpi Training Participants

Selection and Training Process: The selection of Samaj Shilpis was through a process of e-mail announcements about the the Samaj Shilpi program to NGO networks in Karnataka followed by interviews. Seven applicants applied to RIM to be considered for the Samaj Shilpi program. After an extensive interview in April 2012, four Samaj Shilpis were selected. A 5 day residential induction training was conducted in Bangalore, from 19th June to 22nd June 2012, in collaboration with Himalaya Foundation, another organization which has a grassroots fellowship program. The induction program was designed by RIM. The sessions provided inputs on the role of a community volunteer in facilitating citizens access entitlements under education, health and sanitation, public distribution system, role of anganwadis in addressing malnourishment, Right to Information and Citizen Charters. In addition to the 5 Samaj Shilpis from Karnataka, 9 Himalaya Foundation Fellows (6 from Karnataka and 3 from West Bengal) attended the program. At the end of the training two of the Samaj Shilpis dropped out because they felt that they would not be able to work independently. All participants presented an Annual Action Plan at the end of the training.

Coverage:

Two of the Samaj Shilpis worked in 6 slum settlements in Hospet, Bellary district and its periphery, while one Samaj Shilpi worked in four villages of two Panchayats in the Gadag district.

Key Achievements of the Samaj Shilpis:

<u>Kanaka</u>

Working Area: Anchanagudi (also called Ananthseshashana gudi), Kondanayakanahalli and S L Chowki, Hospet

Kanaka's strengths are her ability to empathize with young persons and women. Hence she focused her work with this segment of the population. She motivated school drop-out girls to complete their schooling. She conducted coaching classes for these children in the premises of a local NGO called Sakhi. 11 girls appeared for the SSLC and 8 appeared for the PUC (12th std) exams directly. 3 students passed their SSLC and 4 successfully completed their PUC.
She linked 7 girls to a tailoring class and ensured that they completed it successfully.
50 BPL families were helped to apply for BPL ration cards.

Basheera Banu

Working Area: Murthi Colony slum, Vidyanagar slum and Sirisinakalu slum

She focused her work with two target groups: Children and women.

Basheera involved herself in the special drive by the government to assess the growth status of children in and out of anganvadis. 6 children were identified as malnourished and 2 severely malnourished. She followed up with these children to ensure they got their additional food and medicines. She enrolled 6 new children to the anganavadi. 4 girls were counseled and encouraged to write SSLC direct exam. She motivated 3 young persons to get back to college and helped them get a scholarship from a local NGO to continue education.

Mallikarjuna Pujar

Working Area: Belleri, Kollapura, Bodihalla and Kappali villages of Gadag district

Housing for the Displaced: In one village, 15 Scheduled Caste families affected by the 2007 floods, were living in temporary homes in the school campus. The villagers and school teachers wanted to evict them from the school campus. Mallikarjuna organized them and appealed to tahsildhar and then to the Deputy Commissioner. As a result of this effort, the government has sanctioned 15 Ashraya houses to these families. He has facilitated the formation of 4 Bal Vikas Samitis for the development and strengthening of anganwadi centers. He tries to ensure that monthly meetings of these samitis are organized in all the centers. He also requests the Child Development Project Officer to be part of these meetings.

Entitlements	Received
BPL Cards	61
Widow Pension	8
Disability Pension	6
Senior Citizen Pension	16
Bhagyalakshmi Scheme	12
Madilu Kits	8
Toilets	5
BalaSanjeevani	8
Taayi Bhagya	6

Table 4: Entitlements Facilitated by Mallikarjuna

He has formed four children's clubs with a total of 62 children, Self Help Groups and Youth Groups. Besides, savings and credit, Mallikarjuana has made these groups aware of other services and entitlements. Most of the women have got job cards under MNREGA and also got some work under the MNREGA. He has informed them of the Bhagyalakshmi scheme and Maternity Benefits. During the elections, he encouraged villagers to go out and vote and pledge that their votes are not for sale. His work has also received visibility with the line department officials and panchayat members.

Village	Number of SHGs	Youth Group & Membership	Children's Club Membership
Belleri	3	Valmiki Youth Sangha (5 members)	12 children
Kollapura	6	Ambedkar Youth Sangha (21 members)	22 children
Bodhihalla	4	Ambedkar Youth Sangha (14 members)	18 children
Kapalli	3	Ambedkar Youth Sangha (8 members)	10 children

Table 5: Number of Groups facilitated in the Villages

Tamil Nadu

Tamil Nadu had three kinds of grass-roots initiatives

- Samaj Shilpis
- Cluster Coordinator: A cluster coordinator is a Samaj Shilpi who works with a larger geographical area and has had some experience in grass-roots social action with other NGOs
- Friends of Movement: This is a cadre of local volunteers identified by the Samaj Shilpis, in order to sustain the movement activities and ensure local participation. These volunteers are identified by the Samaj Shilpi and motivated to work towards overall development of the village, under the guidance of the Samaj Shilpi. They do not receive any stipend for their services.

During the year 2012-13, five Cluster Coordinators (CC) and ten Samaj Shilpis were supported by RIM in Tamil Nadu.

Training: A two-day training was conducted at Gandhigram in 11-12th Sep 2012. Five Cluster Coordinators and Ten Samaj Shilpis participated in the training program. RIM Treasurer, A.L. Rangarajan emphasized the importance of the Friends of the Movement and effective participation of the FoM and other CBOs in the development process. Prof. Eswaran, from Gandhigram Rural University talked about history of 'development' oriented work across the globe. He emphasized on the role played by population and literacy in the development process.

Mr. Ravi Mani gave the trainees an orientation on child rights and ecology. The Samaj Shilpis were urged to make energy saving, waste management, and environmental conservation an integral part of their activities. In the last session of the training all the Samaj Shilpis presented their action plan for the year.

Coverage:

i) 5 Cluster Coordinators and 10 Samaj Shilips worked in 40 panchayats of 5 districts comprising 145 Villages and covering a population of 1.23 Lakhs (includes 6000 brick kiln workers)

ii) 130 Friends of Movement groups consisting 2042 members have been organized by these CCs and SSs.

Activities of the Samaj Shilpis (SS) / Cluster Coordinators (CC)

The activities carried out by CCs and SS are categorized under the following major areas: Panchayat Raj, Health and Sanitation, Education, Agriculture, and Friends of Movement.

Panchayat Raj: The Samaj Shilpis worked to

- Enhance participation of villagers in the Gram sabha meetings both in numbers and quality of discussions

- Procure the panchayat budget statement, analyse it and enable discussions on the same at the Gram Sabhas. CCs/SS were able to get copies of Panchayat budgets for 2011-12. Budget discussion meetings were held among FoM. In some panchayats, Panchayat committee itself took part in the discussion.
- Explore schemes to tap more funds for development of the village and BPL and vulnerable families

S. No.	Cluster coordinator/ Shilpi	Gram sabha meetings		Special/scheme meetings
		Number	Participants	Number
1	Jeyaraj	49	655	16
2	Selvi	15	1514	23
3	Murugeswari	7	593	8
4	K.Sagadevan	14	510	14
5	Jagatheeswari	3	454	7
6	Tiruselvendran	2	131	8
7	Muthuramalingam	4	756	4
8	Lakshmi	5	1227	10
9	Gowri	4	252	5
10	Elakkia	3	190	0
11	Samikannu	2	430	5
12	Vediappan	3	1041	1
13	Vadivel	4	544	10
14	Lingan	1	30	2
15	Kuber	2	29	2
	Total	118	8356	115

Table 6: Gram Sabha Meetings and Participation

Health and Sanitation: The main tasks taken up were:

- Motivating the villagers to construct and make use of common and individual toilets
- Creating awareness particularly among women to participate in village level periodical health awareness camps conducted by VHNCs in their respective villages.
- Initiating shramdan by the FoM volunteers to ensure clean and green environment
- Motivating the mothers to make use immunization camps
- Organising medical camps for easy access to mother and child health assistance for pregnant women, adolescent girls and children.

Table 7: Health Camps Orgnized and Number of Families using toilets

		Families using latrines	Health camps
1	Jeyaraj	107	74
2	Selvi	41	30
3	Murugeswari	61	14
4	K.Sagadevan	104	19
5	Jagatheeswari	13	26
6	Tiruselvendran	104	35
7	Muthuramalingam	67	30

		Families using latrines	Health camps
8	Lakshmi	96	27
9	Gowri	2	41
10	Elakkia	10	24
11	Samikannu	74	14
12	Vediappan	193	10
13	Vadivel	298	22
14	Lingan	152	11
	TOTAL	**1322**	**377**

Education: The Samaj Shilpis focused their efforts on improving the reading levels of children in schools. This involved:

- Identifying and improving the learning level of slow learners
- Running evening classes through volunteers
- Conducting Reading Assessments
- Playing facilitator role for conducting School Management Committee meetings with active participation of parents
- Enabling deserving students to get scholarships
- Enhancing reading habits and encouraging the use of village libraries

Table 8: Reading Assessments and Classes for Slow Learners

	Slow learners identified			Reading Assessment		School management committee meetings	
	Schools	Slow learners	Even. Class	Schools	Students Assessed	Schools	No
Jeyaraj	11	186	11	11	186	6	15
Selvi	6	173	6	6	173	5	37
Murugeswari	7	220	9	6	220	2	4
K.Sagadevan	4	201	4	3	150	3	3
Jagatheeswari	6	65	6	2	25	1	1
Tiruselvendran	3	51	2	4	51	4	8
Muthuramalingam	4	71	4	4	71	3	5
Lakshmi	4	77	4	4	77	4	24
Gowri	2	10	1	0	0	2	5
Elakkia	2	35	1	3	35	2	7
Samikannu	2	33	0	2	33	2	6
Vediappan	1	24	1	0	0	1	4
Vadivel	2	70	2	1	33	1	5
Lingan	2	37	1	3	37	1	2
Kuber	5	56	0	0	0	1	1
Eswari PT*	1	44	1	1	44	1	2
Nagajothi PT*	1	35	1	1	35	1	2
Total	**63**	**1388**	**54**	**51**	**1170**	**40**	**131**

*Para Teacher

Para Teacher Support: RIM also provided Para Teacher support to two schools during 2012-13, in the backward villages of Neeravi and Veppankulam, in Ramnad district.

Eswari is working in Anna Primary school, Veppankulam and Nagajothi in Devangar PrImary School, Neeravi. They identified slow learners in the schools and priority was given to improve their learning level. Reading Assessment was conducted in all classes in alternative months by utilizing ASER Assessment tools for the subjects Tamil, English and Maths. Marks scored in quarterly, half yearly and Annual exams were taken into account for assessing their MLL in written exams.

Agriculture : Activities under this encompassed:

- Formation of Farmers clubs for effective cultivation practices.
- Emphasizing that farmers take up Soil test
- Facilitating the farmers to get Farmers ID and benefits thereof. .
- Organizing Agri/Veterinary camps
- Enabling the Farmers to tap the benefits under Agri. schemes announced by govt.
- Facilitating the farmer to get crop loan/KCC etc.,
- Camps providing information on organic farming, drip irrigation vermin compost and sericulture schemes were organized

Table 9- Farmers IDs and Agriculture/Veternary Camps

S. No	Cluster Coordinator/ Shilpi	Farmers ID	Agri/Vet camps
1	Jeyaraj	28	30
2	Selvi	102	27
3	Murugeswari	15	12
4	K.Sagadevan	52	7
5	Jagatheeswari	108	17
6	Tiruselvendran	2015	18
7	Muthuramalingam	35	3
8	Lakshmi	165	22
9	Gowri	0	0
10	Elakkia	0	0
11	Samikannu	23	46
12	Vediappan	111	19
13	Vadivel	25	8
14	Lingan	230	13
	Total	**2909**	**222**

Enabling Rightful Entitlements of Brick Kiln Workers

Kuber works for 6000 Brick Kiln Workers in the 40 brick kilns in Kattankolathur Block of Kanchipuram Dt. 70% of the workers here are migrants from Villupuram and Tiruvannanalai. They migrate during Jan – July every year. The remaining workers migrate from Madurai, Tirunelveli, Dindigul, Virudhunagar dts. of south Tamilnadu. He has formed Welfare Associations affiliated to the Labour Welfare Board in the kilns. This helps them get their

entitlements. He is also working on mainstreaming the children to schools under special schemes introduced by SSA.

Explaining welfare schemes to Brick Kiln Workers

Activities & Achievement

- 285 brick kiln labours enrolled as members in Tamilnadu construction workers welfare Association
- 152 children of brick kiln labourers are enrolled as regular students to continue their education under special SSA Scheme in both schools in their native villages and in brick kiln areas
- 492 children are provided noon meals in 20 centres opened in brick kiln areas under NRBC Scheme.
- A newly wedded couple was helped to get marriage assistance of Rs.8000 from labour Welfare Board
- Renewal of 304 ID cards provided by welfare boards to brick kiln labourers
- Got educational scholarships for 40 children under LIC-JBY scheme to the tune of Rs.48000. This is out of 250 applications submitted
- Rs.30,000 Insurance claimed for a brick kiln labour family
- Insurance claimed for 3 labourer families each Rs.17000
- Enabled a family to get Rs.75,000 as death accident benefit from LIC through court.
- 192 workers enrolled as members in brick kiln workers association
- 3 Brick kiln workers applications are under process for pension.
- Mobilized scholarship to the tune of Rs 54,500 from the Labour Welfare Board for 27 children who wished to pursue higher studies.

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. ***130 FoM groups, with a total membership of 2042 has been formed by both 10 SS and 5 CCs. Village level meetings were organized in all the villages covering FoM.*** *Together with the FoM formation, the SS and CS conducted several other activities to sustain their work*

- Formation of Friends of Movement groups in each village to discuss, facilitate, render services such as sharmdan for common cause under the guidance of CC/SS
- Strengthening CBOs, SHGs

- Conducting awareness camps on right based activities
- Enabling the needy to apply under RTI etc.,
- Organizing legal free aid camps

Table 10: FoM and other Movement Related Activities

		FoM			RTI/consumer rights		
		No. of FoMs	Members	Meetings	Campaign	Participants	RTI Applns
1	Jeyaraj	20	196	115	18	162	39
2	Selvi	12	253	34	15	956	401
3	Murugeswari	15	115	45	3	115	3
4	K.Sagadevan	10	501	20	7	173	0
5	Jagatheeswari	6	54	67	4	40	3
6	Tiruselvendran	6	83	29	5	162	4
7	Muthuramalingam	6	88	65	0	0	0
8	Lakshmi	7	174	39	20	1088	192
9	Gowri	3	39	8	0	0	0
10	Elakkia	4	0	21	4	45	0
11	Samikannu	7	62	59	6	172	0
12	Vediappan	10	87	43	0	0	0
13	Vadivel	8	67	53	6	200	3
14	Lingan	8	76	20	4	71	10
15	Kuber	6	192	12	1	10	0
	Total	**130**	**2042**	**630**	**93**	**3194**	**655**

Under the guidance of the SS/CC, the FoM volunteers discuss and finalize the activities, based on the felt-need of their villages. As a part of the programme, 3 Cluster level friends of Movement (FoM) meetings were organized by cluster coordinators Murugeswari, Selvi and Jeyaraj in their respective areas.

Krishnagiri cluster level meetings were held at Singarapettai on 24.1.2013. Mr A.L.Rangarajan, RIM Treasurer, inaugurated the meeting. 92 FoM volunteers participated in it. Mr. Ravi Mani, the National Coordinator delivered a special address.

Palakodu cluster level meeting was organized on 24th Feb 2013 at Somanahalli. Mr.Vasagar Gandhiji of Sevalaya inaugurated the meeting and National Coordinator, Mr. Ravi M. interacted with FoM. He delivered the Valedictory address. A thought provoking documentary film was screened, emphasizing the movement based approach for deepening democracy at Panchayat level. Around 170 FoM from the Palacodu area participated in it.

Ramanathapuram Cluster level FoM Meeting was held on 19th March 2013 at Kamuthi. There were about 250+ participants - comprising school teachers, students, youth, women and village elders. A small procession was organized from the bus stand before starting the meeting. Local martial arts were performed by the students and youth. RIM Treasurer, Mr. A L Rangarajan National Coordinator, Mr Ravi M, Regional coordinator, Mr. Kumaravelu and Samaj Shilpis from

other districts were special guests. Achievements of FoM volunteers, Samaj Shilpis and Cluster Coordinators were displayed in the Hall, using posters and charts. The FoM volunteers recognized and appreciated the movement based development aspects brought out into the village stream by RIM.

Entitlements mobilized

The Cluster Coordinators and Samaj Shilpis were instrumental in mobilizing entitlements from Government departments particularly for pregnant women, senior citizens, widows, destitutes etc., They also acted as catalysts in harnessing group houses, basic village amenities and infrastructure, Bank Loans, Construction of sanitary latrines, Medical camps, Students scholarship, Subsidy for farmers, Veterinary camps etc.,

Cluster Coordinators together with FoMs acted as watch dogs on the implementation of schemes like Employment Guarantee program, functioning of Public Distribution System etc.,

Table 11: Funds Mobilized

Area	Beneficiaries	Value in Rs.
Panchayat Raj	2278	2,93,93,550
Health and Sanitation	1328	83,46,885
Education	980	51,78,100
Agriculture	815	51,38,700
Movement	764	1,38,70,000
Total	**6165**	**4,85,27,369**

In 5 Districts, 40 panchayats 145 Villages were covered by 15 shilpis. 6165 Beneficiaries were benefited and the fund mobilized is to the tune of Rs. 4.85 Crores.

Other Significant achievements of CCs/SSs

In addition to the above activities, each of the SS/CCs made some significant contributions.

Murugeswari

She has formed children's parliaments in two schools. Life stories of national leaders, stories depicting patriotism are shared among the children. Discipline, health and hygiene are other topics discussed in the group.

Selvi

She organized the FoM group to meet the District collector for getting free house pattas for poor women and vulnerable families. Under her leadership,the FoM team took up shramdan to clean overhead tanks, drinking water points and sprayed bleaching powder in sewage channels**.** She met the Special Tashildar to expedite the process of issuing Farmers ID and Family card to the vulnerable.

Jeyaraj

Created awareness among 143 farmers for insurance coverage of their crops in 9 villages**.** This effort helped farmers get compensation for their crops affected by severe drought. FoM members participated in the All India cooperative Week, where they learnt about important schemes in the cooperative sector.

Muthuramamlingam
Facilitated 2 disabled persons to get a Tri cycle worth of Rs. 3500 each and enabled one OAP to get monthly assistance of Rs.1000.

Jagatheeswari
Participated in grievances day meeting conducted by the District Collector. Facilitated differently abled people, women and SC community to get their entitlements to the tune of Rs.1,60,000 as subsidy and loans of Rs.1,50,000. 25 farmers insured their crops under national Crop Insurance scheme. SS and FoM volunteer joined hands with the Health department to create awareness among villagers on the use of Herbal treatment for Dengu fever in her operational villages.

She worked on strengthening of natural resources, environment , organic farming and tree plantations. Created awareness on crop insurance and vermin compost. 2 Farmers clubs are formed at Udaikulam and Thirusiluvaipram.

Sagadevan
Sagadevan has been able to mobilize resources for his village from other donors and NGOs. For e.g he mobilized Rs.5000 worth of play materials for Angnwadi children of Vayalur village from "Q For" NGO in Guindy, Chennai. 10 Solar lamps were provided to villagers by a voluntary organization in Chennai. SPARKS, another Chennai based NGO is providing Rs 1000/month to a volunteer for conducting evening classes.

He organized FoM volunteers to create a pressure group against encroachment of tank land by vested interest.

He is facilitating the Irula tribals to get their entitlements such as house patta, free housing and power connection. He has submitted petitions to the RDO for getting house pattas and community certificates for villagers of Arcod village and Irula Tribals of Vedal village. The Panchayat President of Vedal village allotted one acre panchayat land for constructing free houses for these tribal families.

In order to promote Gandhian thought among the rural youth, 14 copies of Gandhiji's Autobiography "My experiments with Truth" was distributed in 3 villages. He also made arrangements to circulate the books among the youth in these villages.

Lakshmi
Submitted a petition to the District Collector through FoM volunteers for a new veterinary Hospital for their area. She is facilitating district level HIV affected patients to get proper medical and livelihood support.

Gowri
Stopped the production of illegal arrack in her area by the collective effort of FoM and Govt. officials. Rehabilitation measures were extended to the families for an alternative means of livelihood.

Samikannu
Organized the FoMs to approach the panchayat president to demand for putting up street lights at missing points. He facilitated the farmers to get turmeric and Onion hybrid seeds at subsidized cost. Necessary technical guidance was also provided by him for effective cultivation of cucumber under contract farming. He guided educated youth to get education loan and SHGs to get linkage loan from banks without delay.

Vadivel
He facilitated 10 youth to undergo driving training and got their driver licenses free of cost under government scheme**.** Two educated youth were guided to get education loan from Banks. 27 farmers got hybrid tomato seeds for cultivation. Some more farmers got cotton seeds at subsidiary cost. Milk collection centre with modern fat finding machine is established in their villages, providing a profitable occupation for educated youth. He facilitated the villagers to get "ADARSH" ID card. Guided one villager to apply under RTI to get his entitlement.

Vediappan
He facilitated 73 farmers to get hybrid turmeric seeds for cultivation at a subsidiary cost. He facilitated 312 villagers for eye test in a eye camp conducted at Papacode. Out of this 24 people were identified for cataract operation and they successfully underwent for cataract surgery.

Review of previous Samaj Shilpis

Mr. Ravi Mani, the National Coordinator, conducted an informal survey on the status of those who had joined and left as Samaj Shilpis. Some of these SS had been supported for a short period of time by NGOs who are part of the RIM network. It was heartening to note that many of the SS are continuing in the development field either by starting their own organizations or by joining other NGOs. Those who are not directly working with development organizations, get involved in their communities to address issues related to the community, help others access their benefits and are looked upon as leaders in their communities.

Guidance to other NGOs

RIM also provided advise, capacity building and technical support to IRCDS, Tiruvallur who worked on similar Samaj shilpi concept with funding support from another donor organization. RIM helped design the Induction Training program and the mentoring process for Himalaya Foundation Fellows.

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 conducted the first ever national consultation of grassroots fellowship organizations in Feb 2013.

National Consultation of Grass-roots Fellowship Organizations

After a decade of work with the Samaj Shilpi Program, RIM felt the need to reflect on its work in the current socio-economic and political context. It was felt that learning from similar programs

of other organizations through consultation with the experienced senior members of such organisations could truly help better the redesigning and strategizing the Samaj Shilpi Program. A two-day National Consultation of Grass Root Fellowship Organisations was held on 15th and 16th February in Bangalore with the following objectives:

- To discuss the relevance of individual fellowship programs in today's context.
- To enable a conducive atmosphere and create a platform for fellowship providing
- organizations across India
- To ensure mutual learning amongst major Fellowship organizations
- To evolve collective working and make use of effective strategies for own
- working.
- Inputs to RIM for re-strategizing Samaj Shilpi initiative

The participants felt that there was a need for a network of such fellowship organizations, which mentor grassroots social workers and social entrepreneurs. Such a network would facilitate creating a common list of potential fellows, pool of mentors, and common fund raising efforts. It was hence decided that a network of the nine organizations participating in the workshop to be formed immediately and could be expanded to include other organizations. An action plan was drawn up, with organizations and individuals opting to take up specific responsibilities for the coming year. RIM was selected to be convenor of the network for the first year. The next meeting of the network is scheduled to be held in February 2014.

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; no one from RIM could participate in the ICAN Annual Conference held this year.

Movement – E group discussion

RIM's web based e-group called movement@rejuvenateindiamovement.org has a membership of many organizations /individuals. During the year 2012-13, several important issues concerning development work were shared / discussed through this group. Some of the issues covered in the postings and discussions include the Food Security Bill, Right to Education , etc.

Annexure 1 : 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. This has permanent validity now as per the CBDT Circular # 7 dated 27.10.2010.

Registered under the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act, 2010. Permanent Registration Number: 094421491 dated 13/04/2012

Name and address of the Bankers

For Foreign Contributions, designated bank account by FCRA, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, New Delhi – SB A/c No. 1656 010 0000 03052
Indian Overseas Bank, Kumaran Kundram Branch, Chromepet, Chennai – 44

For Local funds in India:
City Union Bank, Tambaram Branch, Chennai – 600 045
State Bank of India, Malleswaram Branch, Bangalore – 560 003

Name and address of Auditors

ASA Associates
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11/1, Haudin Road, Bengaluru – 560 042
Phone: 080 – 4113 5109, www.asa.in

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 for period 2012-13

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
Ms. Priyanka Singh	F	Vice President	CEO, Sevamandir	'1/2
Sri. A. L Rangarajan	M	Treasurer	Development Consultant	2/2
Ms. Sindhu Naik	F	Secretary	Volunteering with Social Organizations Member, Karnataka State Council for Child Welfare	2/2
Dr. S. Satyamurty	M	Joint Secretary	Retired Engineering expert, Volunteering with Social organizations	2/2
Sri. T.K. Ramkumar	M	Member	Senior Advocate in Chennai High Court	2/2
Mr. R. Sastry	M	Member	Assistant Professor, PESIT, Bangalore	'2/2
Mr. N. Sashikumar	M	Member	Consultant, IT for development	'2/2
Mr. Ravi M	M	Ex-officio member	National Coordinator	'2/2

- RIM Governing body meetings were held twice in the financial year 2012-13, 18th August 2012 for Annual Meeting at Bangalore and on 18th February 2013 at Bangalore 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.

Financial Statements (extracts) from the Audited Statement

Consolidated Balance sheet as at March 31,	2013	2012
Sources of Funds		
Capital fund	227500	227500
Reserves and Surplus	1026190	195488
Current Liabilities	43420	11030
Total	**12,97,110**	**434018**
Application of funds		
Fixed Assets	1,722	1959
Current Assets		
Cash & Bank Balances	1,264,901	403674
Other advances	30,486	26286
Pre paid expenses		2100
Total	**12,97,110**	**434018**
Income & Expenditure Account for the Year Ending March 31,	**2013**	**2012**
INCOME		
Donations	1,65,001	176001
Interest Income	71,234	31866
Grants from IFA	1,913,668	
Grants from ASTI	1,94,192	
Others	1,200	1200
Total	**23,58,028**	**2,09,067**
EXPENDITURE		
Development Program Expenses	15,27,326	435553
Total		**435553**
Excess of Income over Expenditure	**8,30,702**	**-226486**

All amounts are in Indian Rupees.

RIM Network Funds for Samaj Shilpi program

Partner organizations of RIM network worked on the concept of Samaj Shilpi (considering it as a common action program) and worked through their own organizations with their own resources on the programme. These partners did not receive or give any funds to RIM as an organization

1) Gandhi Darshan Kendra supported two associates from funds raised from its donors. 2) Seva Mandir, Rajasthan supported 11 Issue Based Fellowships on their own funds.

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Annexure 2- Village-wise data for Samaj Shilpi Working Areas

District	Samaj Shilpi	Taluk	Panchayat	Village/Slum	Population		
KARNATAKA					Male	Female	Total
Bellary	Kanakamma	Hospet	Hospet Town	1. Hanchenagudi			
				2. Kadugondanahalli			
Bellary	Basheera Bhanu	Hospet	Hospet Town	1. Murthi Colony slum, 2. Vidyanagar slum 3. Sirisinakalu slum			
Gadag	Mallikarjuna Pujar		Sharola	1. Belleri 2. Kollapura 3. Bodihalla 4. Kappali	401 743 415 347	336 790 422 323	737 1533 837 670

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					Population		
District	**Samaj shilpi**	**Block**	**Panchayat**	**Village**	**Male**	**Female**	**Total**
1.Ramanathapuram	1.Jagatheeswari	1. Kamuthi	1.Mustakurichi	1.Mustakurichi	531	518	1049
				2.Perumalkudumbanpatti	425	403	828
				3.Asur	325	303	628
				4.Pudupatti	220	204	424
				5.Thirusilvaipuram	236	237	473
				6.Udaikulam	230	212	442
	2.Tiruselvendran	. Kamuthi	2.Mandalamanickam	7.Muthupatti	130	122	252
				8.Kodangipatti	140	129	269
				9.Kaluvanpottal	80	70	150
				10.Mandalamanickam	790	770	1560
				11.Moolakaraipatti	675	661	1336
				12.V.Moolakaraipatti	680	633	1313
	3. C Jeyaraj	Kamuthi	3. M.M.Kottai	13. M.M.Kottai	340	380	720
				14. Kottaiyur	202	154	356
			4. K.M.Kottai	15. K.M.Kottai	2568	1990	4558
				16. Singampatti	160	120	280
			5. Neeravi	17. Neeravi	689	738	1427
				18. Thoppanatham	158	168	356
				19. Coolipatti	1200	1083	2385
			6. N.V.S.Puram	20. N.V.S.Puram	481	334	815
			7. Ramasamypatti	21. Ramasamypatti	1424	2800	4224
			8. Melaramanathi	22. Melaramanathi	367	377	744
				23. Kavadipatti	254	187	441
			9. K. Nedunkulam	24. K.Nedunkulam	308	310	618

					Population		
District	**Samaj shilpi**	**Block**	**Panchayat**	**Village**	**Male**	**Female**	**Total**
				25. Pulichakulam	127	108	235
				26.Thalavanaickenpatti	187	177	364
			10. Keelaramanathi	27. Keelaramanathi	931	973	1904
			11. Mandalamanikam	28.Perumalthevanpatti	268	227	495
				29. Ayyanarkulam	282	306	588
				30 Edaichiyurani	460	320	780
				31. M.Pacheri	523	498	1021
				32.N.Karisalkulam	1333	1237	2570
2.VirudhuNagar	4.Muthuramalingam	2. Narikudi	12.Velanurani	33.Velanurani	239	266	505
				34.Ammanpatti	663	647	1310
				35.Udayaservaikaranpatti	335	327	662
				36.Valayapatti	188	211	399
				37.Ulagathevanpatti	216	208	424
			13.Muthuramalingapuram	38.Poomalaipatti	261	304	585
3.Krishnagiri	5.Lakshmi	3. Uthangarai	14.Kallavi	40.Kallavai	1036	962	1998
				41.Perumalnaickenpatti	344	328	672
				42.Duraisamynagar	135	150	285
				43.Panamarathupatti	657	689	1346
				44.Mettucolony	213	202	415
				45.Jaidayampallam	189	178	367
				46.Keel colony	156	163	319
	6. Selvi A	Uthangarai	15. Singarapettai	47. Singarapettai	2852	2779	5631
				48. Narsampatti	589	442	1031
				49. Avarankuttai	326	331	657
				50. Mallipatti	615	527	1142
				51. Puliyanur	425	455	880
				52. Vellakuttai	780	745	1525
			16. Naickanur	53. Naickanur	1278	1227	2505
			17. Moonrampatti	54. Kethunaickenpatti	482	377	859
				55. Bommadasampatti	400	378	778
				56. Kodukarampatti	582	534	1116
				57. Vanniyar Nagar	368	252	620
			18. Nadupatti	58. Nadupatti	769	756	1525
				59. Gandhi Nagar	142	120	262
			19. Pavakkal	60. Pavakkal	2854	2316	5170
				61. Nallavampatti	524	464	988

					Population		
District	**Samaj shilpi**	**Block**	**Panchayat**	**Village**	**Male**	**Female**	**Total**
				62. Nallavampatti Pudur	275	225	500
				63. Periyathallipadi	2065	2055	4120
			20. Mittapalli	64. Chinnathallapadi	398	300	698
				65. Onthiyam	318	205	523
				66. Mittapalli	2669	2015	4684
			21. Marampatti	67. Kondampatti	404	363	767
				68. Marampatti	540	472	1012
4.Dharmapuri	7.Gowri	4. Karimangalam	22.Anumanthapuram	69.Anumanthapuram	1370	1400	2770
				70.Sionnampatti	1907	1880	3787
				71.Mathinerikottai	262	245	507
				72.Iynthukottai	242	224	466
	8.Elakkiya		23.Kethanahalli	73.Kethanahalli	650	682	1332
			24.Elumichanahalli	74.Chinnamuthalihalli	258	292	550
				75.Elumichanahalli	590	618	1208
				76.Ettiyanur	664	678	1342
				77.Muthalihalli	520	498	1018
				78.Kottavur	344	330	674
	9.Vadivel	5. Palacode	25.Mothukulahalli	79.Saniyur	215	195	410
				80.Pathalahalli	585	590	1175
				81.Neralamaruthahalli	320	305	625
				82.Mothukulahalli	650	680	1330
				83.Mangalahalli	408	373	781
				84.Thomanahalli	435	407	842
				85.Chellankottai	91	71	162
				86.Gittankottai	168	147	311
	10.Vediappan	Karimangalam	26.Bekarahalli	87.Pattakapatti	297	254	551
				88.Bekarahalli	731	710	1441
				89.Kottavur	434	403	837
				90.Jothipatti	534	513	1047
				91.Savulukottai	180	163	343
				92.Sunnampatti	1314	1292	2606
				93.Kajalnaickenpatti	513	504	1017
				94.Mugaliyur	464	457	921
				95.Thonnayankottai	272	251	523
				96.Moosankottai	251	264	515
	11. Samikannu	Palacode	27.KollaHalli	97.KollaHalli	689	675	1364

					Population		
District	**Samaj shilpi**	**Block**	**Panchayat**	**Village**	**Male**	**Female**	**Total**
				98.Somanahalli	528	515	1043
				99.Kammanayagampatti	260	216	476
				100.Mottur	168	165	333
				101.Keelkollupatti	171	133	304
				102.Muthur	326	295	621
				103.Kammalapatti	464	433	897
	12. .Lingan	Palacode	28.Kattampatti	104.Seethiyampatti	860	845	1705
				105.Bolathampatti	720	732	1452
				106.Vanampatti	443	350	793
				107.Karukkumaranahalli	459	350	809
				108.Panangattanur	406	387	793
				109.Belarahalli	1687	1043	2730
				110.Kottapallam	356	321	677
				111.Erumampatti	485	407	892
Dharmapuri	13. Murugeswari V	Palacode	29. Harakathahalli	112. Harakathahalli	492	464	956
				113. Kadamadai	596	572	1168
				114. Mekkalampatti	661	619	1280
				115. Kovilurankottai	357	313	670
			30. Kattampatti	116. Kattampatti	596	578	1174
				117. Guthalahalli	615	594	1209
			31. Pelerahalli	118. Kavapatti	849	776	1625
				119. Mallasamudram	550	479	1029
				120. Chittraipatti	581	482	1063
				121. Semmanatham	181	188	369
			32. Erranahalli	122. Erranahalli	804	709	1513
				123. Moongapatti	550	576	1126
				124. Makkankottai	438	374	812
			33. Chelliyampatti	125. Pulikkarai	933	864	1797
				126. Poduthampatti	721	634	1355
				127. Sangampatti	545	492	1037
				128. Alliyur	329	312	641
			34. Jerthalav	129. Thimmampatti	685	681	1366
				130. Endapatti	483	448	931
				131. Makkankottai	438	374	812
			35. Arathahalli	132. Anganampatti	235	241	496
				133. Thodarthanahalli	583	572	1155

					Population		
District	**Samaj shilpi**	**Block**	**Panchayat**	**Village**	**Male**	**Female**	**Total**
				134. Chikarathnahalli	914	898	1813
				135. Kondasamanhalli	567	608	1175
5. Kanchipuram	14. Sagadevan	6. Chithamur	36. Amanthakaranai	136. Amanthakaranai	345	337	682
				137. Arcod	381	361	742
			37. Kalpattu	138. Kalpattu	476	345	821
				139. Panayadivakkam	318	280	598
			38. Kadukkalur	140. Kadukkalur	540	576	1116
			39. Pondur	141. Pondur	1155	1103	2258
				142. Vayalur	271	253	524
				143. Thenneripattu	266	199	465
				144. Sirukalathur	305	192	497
			40. Vilangadu	145. Vilangadu	324	312	636
	15. Kuber	7. Kattankolathur / Chengalpattu/ Thiruporur		-40 Brick chambers			6000