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Message from the President

It is our pleasure to share glimpses of Rejuvenate India Movement's activities for the year 2015-16 with various stakeholders including well-wishers, volunteers and supporters. This is the fifteenth Annual Report of Rejuvenate India Movement.

In our journey towards promoting self-reliant communities, enabling, empowering and enthusing local communities in their own initiatives, RIM Samaj Shilpis continued their mission in the states of Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh and Tamil Nadu.

The highlight of the year was RIM receiving the Jury Award in NGO category for Mera Terah RRun (MTR) 2014 at the Project Management Institute's Annual Award function on 10th September, 2015. The award was given for the innovative concept and good project management practices. MTR 2014 official video also featured on CNBC's telecast of PMI National Conference. All this enhanced the visibility and credibility of the organization among various civil society and runner groups. We are grateful to all the runners, volunteers and runner groups that gave support to MTR 2014.

MTR 2015, the 2nd edition began in Bangalore on December 17th ,2015from the Kanteerava stadium and travelled through Kanyakumari, Alleppey, Kannur, Kumta, Malvan, Chiplun, Alibaug, Dandi, Bhavnagar, Diu, Dwaraka and reached Koteshwar on December 30th, 2015. MTR 2015 has enabled RIM to mobilize donations of approximately Rs. 9 lakhs.

35 Samaj Shilpis worked in the states of Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Madhya Pradesh during the year, covering 110 villages and settlements. The idea of Shilpis working on the felt needs and priorities of the communities in enabling the villagers, empowering the needy by connecting them with government schemes and welfare programs – at individual level, group level and community level has indeed been paying dividends. During the year the Samaj Shilpis could mobilize individual and community level entitlements to the tune of Rs. 3.1 crores; this testifies the facilitating role played by our Shilpis.

We have many new initiatives on the anvil which will be implemented in 2016. In Gadag and Bagalkot districts of Karnataka, we plan to focus on MGNREGA. RIM plans to organize workers into groups called Coolie Karmikara Sanghas to ensure work and wages, proper work conditions, and community level benefits through MGNREGA. The program has been initiated in February 2016 using funds raised by MTR 2015. We have also approached a local foundation for support and we hope these funds will materialize this year to further enhance livelihood options at grass root level for most vulnerable groups in Gadag district.

There is a growing understanding that in order to realize their complete potential and to make them contributing members to our society, our adolescent girls must be healthy, educated and equipped with skills and confidence. RIM has designed an initiative called '*Sirigugal*'(wings), that will be implemented in Tirunalveli district. The initiative focuses on adolescent girls' education, health and life skills. We hope to do this either through schools or through community level interventions. Samaj Shilpis are connected with these efforts at their respective operational villages.

Our work through Samaj Shilpis working on issues of the disabled, has brought out another important need of persons with disability; the economic need to contribute to the family income. Barring a few in the category of mental disabilities, the rest can be contributors to their families and society. In response to this need, RIM plans to upgrade small scale or family based enterprises for persons with disabilities in the Ellapuram block of the Tiruvallur district, over the next two years. In the 2016-17, we will pilot a concept which would cover around 20 families in the Malandur village and simultaneously strengthen community based organization of persons with disabilities.

Our work in the Chennai floods: Chennai, Kanchipuram, Tiruvallur and Cuddalore districts would not have forgotten the worst hit floods of November - December 2015 wherein it rained more than 200% of the average rainfall in a few days. RIM coordinated its relief efforts with India Literacy Project (ILP), Integrated Rural Development Society(IRCDS), Tamil Nadu Flood relief and Education Services (TNFES). Our volunteers and staff were involved in providing food and clothes, doing initial surveys, assessing damage, connecting with like-minded groups who in relief distribution, assessing schools and anganwadis for rehabilitation work.

TNFES worked in Ashok Nagar, Thoraipakkam, Iyyappanthangal, Poonemalle Government Higher/High schools and other regions. Through ILP /IRCDS, RIM distributed materials to students in 9 schools benefiting 1886 students in most affected regions of Palar banks. The work of TNFES is also got covered in the press. This initiative has also been covered in the HE- The Governor's message on best practices by civil society on flood relief.

New funding partnerships are being explored and we have listed ourselves on websites like BSE-Sammaan, HelpYourNGO and applied for grants from Millenium Alliance and the Deshpande Foundation.

We wish to express our sincere thanks to American Support to India (ASTI) for their unstinting cooperation, RIM Flint Group, India Friends Association (IFA) and many individual donors who have faith in RIM's philosophy and approach. We are hopeful that our work with Safai Karmacharis in the state of Karnataka, the Samaj shilpi initiative in Mulbagal region and the new initiatives planned, would take the organization to the next level.

We wish to place on record the dedicated hard work by all our Samaj Shilpis, staff and National Coordinator, Sri. Ravi M., in making the organization more dynamic and creating an impact in the lives of real needy.

Place: Chennai – 64

Date: 1st August 2016

A.L. Rangarajan

President

About Rejuvenate India Movement

The concept of Rejuvenate India Movement (RIM), was inspired by Dr. B V. Parameswara Rao, a scientist turned developmental worker who has been working in rural India since the 1960's. RIM started its activities in India in March 2000 through a network of well-established Non-Government Organizations (NGOs). It was legally registered in India in 2001, and was led over a decade, by Dr. H. Sudarshan, a Padmashree and a Right Livelihood Awardee. Since inception, RIM and its partner NGOs have impacted over 1400+ villages and urban slums.

Samaj Shilpi Program- Development through Voluntary Action

'Samaj Shilpi', RIM's main initiative was started with the objective of fostering a movement towards self-help and self-reliance in the community.

Ever since independence, both the Central and State Governments have initiated a number of schemes and programs for the benefit of the poor at individual, community and village level. Yet, despite all these schemes and a plethora of officers and functionaries there are huge gaps in service delivery of programs in crucial sectors of education, health & sanitation, housing and livelihood. In order to benefit from the individual schemes, families need identification documents like caste certificates, income certificates, Below Poverty Line (BPL) cards etc. A variety of reasons ranging from lack of awareness, low literacy levels, complex, non-uniform procedures, make it difficult for beneficiaries to secure these minimum documents. To ensure better service delivery the government has built-in community monitoring structures and committees in the implementation of these schemes. But these statutory bodies and community monitoring committees such as School Management Committees, Mothers Committees, Joint Forest Management Committees etc. very often exist only on paper. Further, the lowest tier of the Panchayati Raj Institutions - the planning and implementing body, the Gram Panchayat which is expected to play a monitoring and a planning role is not effective. The Gram Sabha which is a key tool in ensuring people's participation in the Gram Panchayat, is not conducted in its true spirit. Participation of the villagers in Gram Sabhas is ineffective. All this results in poor quality of village development programs, poor service delivery and inefficient use of the funds allocated for the development of the village. It is thus critical to build the capacity of communities to more effectively demand for their entitlements, access them and enhance people's involvement with the gram panchayats.

RIM's Samaj Shilpi initiative tries to bridge this gap. RIM identifies motivated individuals who would like to work as change agents for their communities. These change agents are called "Samaj Shilpis". 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. They educate the communities about government schemes, work on strengthening community structures and statutory bodies and improving participation in local self-government.

To perform their tasks effectively the Samaj Shilpis are trained on various aspects of rural development. They also receive a stipend from RIM. There is no other 'project fund' as the Samaj Shilpis are expected to leverage government schemes. Each Samaj Shilpi is supported for a period of 2 years. Samaj Shilpis with some experience in rural development, who have the ability to work in larger geographical areas and also guide others where necessary, are called Cluster Coordinators. They receive a slightly higher stipend for their work.

Ensuring Sustainability

In order to sustain their activities, Samaj Shilpis create a cadre of volunteers called 'Friends of Movement' or 'Gram Mitras' in each village. These volunteers are motivated to work towards overall development of the village by adopting participatory approaches and take up activities that benefit all sections of the rural poor.

Mentoring

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.

The mentor helps in the selection of the Samaj Shilpis. They review the work of the Samaj Shilpi on a periodic basis, act as a sounding board, help the Samaj Shilpi refine his/her action plan and provide the institutional backing as needed. Samaj Shilpis are invited to meetings and training programs of the NGO and other networks in the region. Besides building capacity, this also helps the Samaj Shilpi place the local issues on the broader national canvas.

Geographical Coverage: 2015-16

In the year 2015-16, RIM covered 152 villages in Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Madhya Pradesh where Samaj Shilpis (Samaj Shilpi) worked on an integrated approach on education, health, disability, livelihood, social security benefits and strengthening participation in gram sabhas. Intensive work was done in 110 villages. In the remaining 42, we had to withdraw after six months because of lack of effectiveness of the interventions.

Table 1: Geographical Coverage of Samaj Shilpi initiative at a glance

State	Districts	Panchayats	Villages
Karnataka	4	14	40
Madhya Pradesh	2	12	20
Tamil Nadu	6	28	72
Total	12	41	142

Table 2: Number of Samaj Shilpis as of 31st March 2016

Approach	Karnataka	Madhya Pradesh	Tamil Nadu	Total
Integrated Approach	3	12	10	25
Thematic: Education, Health and Sanitation of Safai Karmacharis	2			2
Thematic: Disability			1	1
Thematic : Education			1	1
Thematic : Livelihood	3			3
Total	8	12	12	32

Karnataka

This year we started with 12 Samaj Shilpis. Six of them from Kolar left during the year, for better prospects. In February 2016, two new Samaj Shilpis were inducted in Gadag & Bagalkot to work on enabling livelihoods through MGNREGA entitlements.

All Samaj Shilpis disseminated information on schemes and social security benefits available from the government and helped households access them.

Thematic Focus- Enabling Livelihoods: Samaj Shilpis in Bagalkot and Gadag were able to make significant contributions by enhancing livelihood opportunities for those from the socio-economic weaker sections of society in their working villages. They focused on access to work and wages under MGNREGA and motivating youth to join the skill training programs conducted by the government.

Thematic Focus- Education, Health and Rehabilitation of Safai Karmacharis: Samaj Shilpis, Siddhagangiah and Venkatesh continued their work on the rehabilitation of the Safai Karmacharis in two blocks Pavagada (33 Panchayats) and Madhugiri (39 Panchayats) of Tumkur district. Four Education Centers were set up for evening classes of children of Safai Karmacharis.

The table below gives the district-wise coverage of our work.

Table 3: Karnataka Geographical Coverage

S. No.	District	Panchayat	No. of Samaj Shilpis	Focus	
1	Tumakuru	72 GPs in Madhugiri and Pavagada	2	Health, Education and Social-Security of Safai Karmcharis	Started with: 2 March '16 Status: 2
2	Kolar	Paddamagatta, Agara, Koladevi, Balla, Sonawadi, Gummlapura	8	Social Security benefits and entitlements	Started with 8: Left during the year :6 Joined during the year: 1 March '16 Status: 3
3	Gadag	Shirola, R Naganur, Menasigi, Bairanahatti,	1	Livelihoods: MGNREGA	Started with: 1 Joined during the year:1 March '16 Status: 2
4	Bagalkote	Kittali	1	Livelihoods: MGNREGA	Joined during the year:1 March '16 Status: 1
	Total		12		8

Training & Review

A five day intensive induction process was conducted in March 2015 in Indian Social Institute, Bengaluru for the newly selected Samaj Shilpis. Mr. Gopinath, a native of Kokar with a background in social work was identified and engaged to monitor the progress in Mulbagalu on a monthly basis.

In Tumkuru, Mr. Obalesh, who has extensive experience in working with safai karmacharis mentored and monitored the work of the Samaj Shilpis and the education support centers.

Mr. Ravi, the National Coordinator played the role of the State Coordinator in Karnataka and visited the field areas periodically to review the work and provide guidance.

Health and Sanitation

The Samaj Shilpis ensured that children and women attend the Health Camps organized by the Anganwadi, Public Health Center as well as those organized in the school. The focus this year was to spread awareness on the use of toilets and assist the communities to access the schemes for building of toilets.

Table 4: Health & Sanitation

Villages	Samaj Shilpi	No. of Toilets	Health Camps	
			Number	Participants
Manchiganahalli	Anjappa	20	1	40
Agara	Sudha Rani	5	1	50
Padmagatta	Ruksana	8	1	45
Dodda Madenahalli	Gangadhar	6	1	55
Gumallapura	Chalapathi	14	1	43
Shirola plot, Shirola R Naganur, Khanapur Bhopalapur	Chenamma	60		
Bairanahatti	Mahadevappa	7		
Kittali, Kalasa, Sulla	Hanumanthagoud	8		
Kamanadurga, Valluru	Venkatesh	23	1	
DV Halli	Siddagangiah		1	

Education

In the villages of Mulbagalu, Kolar, families were made aware of the importance of schooling. Hardcore dropouts were brought back to school. Samaj Shilpis have made the School Development and Monitoring Committee (SDMC), panchayat and the community leaders aware of the provisions under the Right to Free and Compulsory Education 2009 Act. Samaj Shilpis assisted students with the necessary documentation and follow up for admissions to residential schools, hostels and scholarships under the Social Welfare and other departments. They have also started evening education support classes for children with the help of local educated youth.

Meeting at the Padmagatta Middle School

Table 5: Education

	Panchayat/ Village	**Samaj Shilpi**	**Reenrol lments**	**Scholarships**	**Residential Schools/ Hostels**	**Enrollment in Evening Support Classes**
1	Sonawadi	Anjappa	1	30	2	20
2	Agara	Sudharani	6	3		37
3	Paddam agatta	Ruksar	8	30		56
4	Balla	Gangadhar	4	0	0	32
5	Sonawadi	Chalapathi	7	0	0	43
7	Madhugiri	Siddagangiah		78	22	60 (2 centers)

	Panchayat/ Village	Samaj Shilpi	Reenrol lments	Scholarships	Residential Schools/ Hostels	Enrollment in Evening Support Classes
8	Pavagada	Venkatesh	-	-		60 (2 centers)
9	Shirola plot, Shirola R Naganur, Khanapur Bhopalapur, Gulgundi	Chennamma	0	145	-	-
	Total		26	286	44	308

Tree Planting in School Premises

Trees were planted in school premises of a few schools with the help of SDMC, Panchayat members and students. The students took the responsibility of watering and taking care of the saplings. Around 375 saplings were planted in 5 middle and high schools

Enhancing Livelihood

While all Samaj Shilpis worked on livelihood enhancement to an extent, a focused intervention of livelihood enhancement through MGNREGA and linkage with skill training, was carried out in Gadag, Ron and Badami taluks. The Samaj Shilpis worked on a) Accessing work under MGNREGA b) Micro-credit through self-help groups for economic activities. c) Linkages to skill training programs

Coolie Karmikara Sanghas for MGNREGA: Sixteen Coolie Karmikara Sanghas have been formed and strengthened. These have a total of 268 members. In 2015-16, they received Rs.14,76,756/- as wages.

Linkages to Skill Training Programs: 150 young persons were motivated to enroll in the skill training programs under the state government's Rajeev Gandhi Chaitanya Yojana (RGCY). They received training in tailoring, basic computer skills, petty business and beautician. A couple of them have started their own businesses using loans.

MGNREGA Work in progress

Self-Help Groups for Micro-Credit: In most of the villages the Sthree Shakthi groups or Self Help Group (SHGs) formed by other organizations had stopped functioning. The Samaj Shilpis have helped reorganize them and linked them to loans and subsidies from banks and governments. They also help them maintain their books of accounts.

Table 6: Enhancing Livelihoods

	Name	Villages	MGNREGA: Members & Wages	RGCY: Skill Training	SHG : Members, Loans from Banks:
1	Chennamma	Shirola plot Shirola, R Naganur Khanapur, Bhopalapur Gulgundi	CKS: 11 Members: 193 Wages: Rs 14,45,340	100	SHGS: 17 Members: 222 Loan: Rs 10,00,000
2	Mahadevappa	Bairanahatti Madagunaki	CKS:2, Members:22 Wages: Rs 31,416	25	SHG; 2 Members: 20 Loan Rs 2,00,000
3	Hanamanthagoud	Kittali, Kalasa, Sulla	CKS 3; Members:53 Wages:0	25	SHG: 3; Members:39

Education, Health and Social Security of Safai Karmacharis

Two Samaj Shilpis continued their work in the 2nd year on issues of Safai Karmacharis and *Jhadmalis* (sanitation workers) in Madhugiri and Pavagada taluks of Tumkur district of Karnataka. Even though most of the municipalities and municipal corporations in Karnataka have purchased jetting and suction machines to clean underground drainages, workers continue to be employed with municipal bodies to enter manholes without any safety equipment. In semi-urban and rural areas, sweepers are employed as casual workers to clean soak pits, septic tanks of households, government offices, schools, hospitals, temples, mosques, religious places, and other premises.

Table 7: Safai Karmacharis in Madhugiri and Pavagada

	Madhugiri	*Pavagada*
Panchayats	39	33
Villages	295	175
Manual Scavengers/Safai Karmacharis	99 in villages 69 in municipalities 109 in Pvt. Establishments	33 in villages 54 in municipalities 75 in Pvt. establishments

A total of 255 Safai Karmacharis and Jhaadmalis work in the panchayats and the town municipalities and 184 work in private establishments in Madhugiri and Pavagada. Many workers are not paid their wages for months together by the local bodies. Unorganized and unassertive, the back wages continue to pile up from 6 months to 2 years.

The issue of backlog of wages of the Safai karmacharis and jhadmalis has been taken up at the state level. The two Samaj Shilpis, Siddhagangiah and Venkatesh, under the mentorship of Thamate a local organization, have motivated 195 Safai Karmacharis to join the union and form community based groups. As a result of community strengthening:

- 55 Safai karmacharis have become permanent employees of the Gram Panchayats
- 22 Safai karmacharis who worked with private firms have received certificates declaring them as Safai karmacharis. This certificate helps them access other entitlements
- 86 Safai karmacharis were given protective gear
- 15 Safai karmacharis in Pavagada received 3 months pending wages

Educating the next generation- Breaking the cycle: The Samaj Shilpis motivate parents to enroll children and follow up to ensure that children attend school regularly.

To help children with their home-work and studies in the evening, a total of four Education Support Centers; one in Madhugiri, one in Tumkuru and two in Pavagada were supported this year. Around 120 children attended these centers. Children were given schools bags and note books at the start of the academic year. Initially it was difficult to get a good place to conduct the classes, but after constant follow up with the departments, the Samaj Shilpis managed to get free space for the centers. The learning levels of the children have improved as is seen in their performance in schools and at the education support centers in Maths, Science and English.

The teachers and the Samaj Shilpis visited the Multi-Dimensional Learning Space, an initiative of the India Literacy Project in Gubbi, to learn from the activities and see if these could be replicated in the education centers.

The Samaj Shilpis also assist families to access scholarships and hostels set up by the Social Welfare Department. 78 children were helped with the necessary paper work and records for scholarships. 22 students were coached and guided for admission to Morarji and Kasturba Residential Schools. All the students are continuing their studies.

Skill Trainings: 8 young persons who had completed 10th class were motivated to take up skill and vocational training.

Two Youth Resource Centers (YRC) have been established using government funds, one in Madhugiri and the other at Pavagada taluks to guide youth to continue their formal education or join vocational skill training. The center also tries to counsel youth to build their self-confidence and self-esteem. There are 178 youths who are part of the group and more than 60% of them are girls.

Health and Sanitation: Two health camps were organized in Madhugiri and Pavagada. The camps were organized in government hospitals. Those with serious respiratory ailments were referred to district hospitals. 23 families were motivated to build toilets-cum-bath units. They received Rs. 18,000 per unit from the government scheme.

Electricity and Housing: Four families received electric connections to their homes. 12 houses were built at Rs. 1.5 lakhs /home.

Life Insurance Scheme: A total 175 members were enrolled to the life insurance scheme-Prime Minister's Jeevan Suraksha Beema Yojana.

Other Government Schemes: 43 Safai Karmachari families were linked to MGNREGA in both the taluks. They got 15 days of work and received wages of Rs.1,30,290/-.

One of the works taken up under MGNREGA was rejuvenation of land. The land belonging to 6 dalit families. The families received Rs.2,10,000 as wages to work on the land rejuvenation. The land is now being used for agriculture.

Environment

In Mulbagalu taluk, Kolar district, the Samaj Shilpis decided to work on the issue of clearing a 94 acre lake which was filled with brambles and nettles. The lake bed had gone dry. The nettled and thorny shrubs had become a place for illegal activities. Anjappa, Chalapathi, Krishnamurthy, were the three Samaj Shilpis who mobilised the community for demanding the clearing of this lake. A special Gram Sabha was organized on the lake issue a special gram sabha was organised on 11th August 2015. The Gram Sabha passed a resolution to take up the rejuvenation of the lake and the same was recommended to the tasildhar and to District Collector. An order for clearing up the lake was passed. The work is expected to commence in April-May 2016.

Ensuring Sustainability

Grama Sabha and Children's Grama Sabha

There is a slow but perceptible change in the Samaj Shilpi working areas. The Samaj Shilpis have made people aware of the importance of Gram Sabhas and are encouraging people to participate. The participation in the Gram Sabha has improved qualitatively, as more people ask questions and participate in discussions. In 2016, Makkala Panchayats or Children's Gram Sabhas in RIM working villages were organized in such a way that children participate and their demands for better school infrastructure are heard and sanctioned.

Samaj Shilpi Chennamma speaks at the Special Gram Sabha for Women

Through all the above interventions, Samaj Shilpis assisted villagers access social security benefits such as old age pension, widow pensions etc., and in harnessing group housing schemes, basic village amenities and infrastructure. A total of Rs.23,33,916/-in benefits reached the community because of the efforts of the Samaj Shilpis.

Tamil Nadu

In the rapidly urban state of Tamil Nadu, RIM has to contend with the changing demography that has a bearing on the attitude of the people. By the end of the year March, 2016, Tamil Nadu had 9 Samaj Shilpis. Samaj Shilpis focused in areas of: Health & Sanitation, Education, Livelihoods and Disability. Families were linked with social security benefits and government schemes. In order to sustain the work, the Samaj Shilpis also worked on strengthening gram sabha participation and movement building. The district wise break-up is as follows:

Table 8: Tamil Nadu Geographical Coverage

Sl. No.	District	Panchayats	No. of Samaj Shilpis	Focus	
1	Dindigul	Ethilodu Kullalagundu Kottur, Madur Jambuthoraikottai	4	Social Security benefits & entitlements	Started the year: 2 Joined during the year: 2 Current status: 4
2	Tirunalveli	Papankumal Melamboor	2	Social Security benefits & entitlements	Joined during the year: 4 Left during the year:2 Current status: 2
3	Tiravallur	Entire District	1	Persons with Disability	Started the year: 1 Joined during the year:0 Current Status: 1
4	Erode	P. Puliampati	1	Education	Joined during the year: 1 Current status: 1
5	Villupuram	Konai and Sitampundi	1	Social Security benefits and entitlements	Joined during the year: 1 Current status: 1

Sl. No.	District	Panchayats	No. of Samaj Shilpis	Focus	
6	Puddukottai	9 blocks, 35 villages, 17 High Schools and 22 Middle Schools	1	Education: Continuous and Comprehensive Evaluation (CCE) in primary schools.	Completed assignment October 2015

In Tamil Nadu, three Samaj Shilpis used a thematic approach while the rest worked on accessing entitlements and social security benefits using an integrated approach. The three Samaj Shilpis who focused on specific themes are:

Education: (a) Mrs. Usha Nandhini from Pudukottai district, continued her study on the effectiveness of Continuous and Comprehensive Evaluation (CCE) in primary schools and completed it on October 2015.

(b) Mr. Kamlakannan is focusing on education of children from poor families through education support centers.

Differently Abled: Mr. Livingston continued his work with the persons with disability.

Training & Review Meetings

A three day intensive induction process for the newly selected Samaj Shilpis was conducted from 19th April to 21st April 2015 in Gandhi Gram University. This time we had a session on Persons with Disabilities, a session on Panchayat Raj Institutions and one on health. Three Samaj Shilpis and FoM members from previous batches also acted as facilitators for the sessions.

Mr. Swaminathan was appointed as a part time state coordinator in November 2015. He has been visiting field areas, once a quarter to review the progress in the field. A mid-year review was carried out in December 2015 at Vivekananda Kendra, Kanyakumari.

Health and Sanitation

With more than 60% of our Samaj Shilpis being female, women's health is top on their priority list. Samaj Shilpis in Dindigul district mobilize people to avail free medical check-up at medical camps organized in their area. They refer cases that require specialized medical attention to district level hospital. The state government's free medical insurance scheme is made good use of. In one case a 5 year old boy having progressive hearing disability was referred to an ENT specialist at Madurai and a surgical intervention saved the boy from permanent hearing challenge. The value of the experience and services of our Samaj Shilpis are very much realized on such occasions. Samaj Shipli Berneth Philiminol from Tirunelveli is a trained nurse. Her training as a nurse equips her to advice and guide people particularly women on prenatal care and preventive measures like immunizations.

Samaj Shilpis have helped the community to improve the sanitary conditions in the habitations. From keeping the sewer lines unclogged, facilitating the drive for construction of toilets in dwelling units and their use, periodic cleaning of overhead tanks (OHTs) of panchayats, the Samaj Shilpis have made "Swachcha Bharat" a part of their mission. We still have a long way to go towards achieving comprehensive waste disposal and recycling, but the Samaj Shilpis on their part have raised awareness at the habitat level. The schools are also being targeted for providing toilets and importantly their upkeep. The State Government's recent notification for appointment of sweepers in government schools hopefully will help fill the gap in toilet maintenance of schools from the coming academic year.

Education

Scholarships: Support for pursuit of vocational or university studies is critical for students of financially disadvantaged background. Three of the Samaj Shilpis have been able to mobilize these support. The details are: A. Nirmala Mary, mobilized Rs.40,000 for 37 students of the parents holding "Farmer's Card"; K.Dhanaseeli, Rs.28,000 for 14 students of parents holding "Farmer's Card" and S. Neelavathi, Rs.20,000 for 9 students of disabled parents from a private charity.

Evening Classes: Many students from poor background suffer from absence of support from home for their studies. Many tend to be poor performers and frequent absentees. They gradually lose interest in studies and finally drop-out from the schools. Supplemental teaching with individual attention does help the students to retain interest in studies. A few of our Samaj Shilpis have managed to overcome the challenges to find part-time teachers and locations to provide these supplementary inputs during evening (after school hours): A. Nirmala Mary runs 4 centers, S. Rajalakshmi runs 2 centers. The centers are run with the help of local volunteer-teachers in community spaces or houses of the volunteers themselves.

Inspired by the living and teachings of saintly personalities, Kamalakannan is focusing on education of children from poor families. He has set up education support centers after school hours, basically to provide the poor village children with assistance in completing their homework, clarifying their doubts in their subjects and paying attention to subjects they are weak in. They run in five villages of Punjai Puliampatti, Erode district: 1. J.J. Nagar, 2. Maram palayam, 3. Paraipudur, 4. A.D. Colony, 5. M. Koundampalayam.

In Kamlakannan's centers, in addition to receiving homework support, children also learn other skills such as cultural activities, craft and drawing, eco-protection and community service. Yoga and physical exercises are part of the daily routine. Saturdays is dedicated for arts and crafts work and other extra-curricular activities. The center inculcates values of personal hygiene, good manners and general discipline. Educational tours are organized once a quarter to near-by points of historical or cultural interest in neighboring villages. An Annual day celebration is held where children show-case their talents.

A Study on Comprehensive Continuous Evaluation

A study of the Comprehensive Continuous Evaluation system in Tamil Nadu was carried out in 2014-15 by Usha Nandini with support from RIM a) To measure the awareness on CCE amongst the teachers and parents, b) To understand the challenges in implementation of the system, c) To assess the perceived impact of the system on schooling d) To identify/suggest devices to improve the system. The study was conducted in 71 schools across 11 blocks (out of 13 blocks) of the Pudukottai district.

The major findings of the study are: a)Majority of the teachers (93.5%) were of the view that CCE helps in identifying the unique strengths and motivation of each student. Moreover, it helps in bringing out the talents in other areas such as oration, sports, drama and social interactions amongst the students.

b) CCE provides scope for specific assessment of each student thereby enabling the teachers to focus on areas of deficiency.

c) Much more improvements are possible with greater availability of time.

d) 40% of the teachers felt CCE dilutes the value of examinations. Others felt that the system eliminates the fear of term end exams where students are always in anxiety over the nature of questions and from chapters they will examined.
e) For classes with higher strength, the number and frequency of group activities must be increased
f) 91% of teachers opined that, CCE aligns well with Active Learning Methodology (ALM).
g) 82% of teachers felt that text books are designed for CCE.

Usha Nandhini plans to continue further research on this topic as a part of her M. Phil.

Livelihood

Though agriculture is the mainstay of livelihood, the dependence on it is gradually coming down due to various factors. MGNREGA aims to ameliorate the rural distress caused by unemployment. RIM's Samaj Shilpis play a voluntary role in ensuring that wages as stipulated get paid within reasonable time under this Scheme. Importantly, our Samaj Shilpis identify deserving candidates for training under National Rural Livelihood Mission that is called "Pudu Vazhvu" in the State. Young persons receive training in earth-mover operations, heavy vehicle driving, para-medics. Post-training they receive certificates/ licenses and are placed in jobs immediately.

Persons with Disabilities (PwD) as Community Facilitators

The Samaj Shilpi concept was extended to PwDs in 2014. Able-bodied PwDs who show leadership quality were identified, trained and provided stipend to work in their own village panchayat and surrounding areas. Livingston has been working on the issues of PwD as a RIM Samaj Shilpi since 2014. He took up issues on mobility access, inclusive education, livelihood and social security schemes for the differently abled in Tiruvallur district. His views are sought by the district administration for devising ways for PwDs welfare and also elsewhere. The organization Vasantham Federation meticulously collects details of all PwDs and works for obtaining their entitlements and beyond. His views are also sought by the Madras Division of Southern Railways for providing amenities for the PwDs in railways. Nudging the society and the establishment to be sensitive to the needs of the disabled in all forms, Livingston's advocacy is growing in its influence. Resourceful as the Vasantham Federation was quick to mobilize relief for the needy soon after the heavy rains in November and December 2015.

Neelavathi addresses a community meeting

Neelavathi, is another PwD who works in the Dindigul district. A Paralympian, she now works for the upliftment of the differently abled, in the Ethilodu panchayat, assisting, organizing and inspiring other differently abled people in her panchayat to pursue their dreams and aspirations in various ways including participating in sports. Inspired by Neelavathi, Usha Nandini, who is affected by "dwarfism", participated in the 200 meter race and won a silver medal at the state level. Tavakumar , who studies in the 6th standard, is visually challenged. Even though he has vision in only one eye, he won a gold medal at state level swimming and has been selected for National level. Neelavathi helped him get a scholarship of 4000/year. Neelavathi has not limited her work to para-athletics. She

has organized 105 differently abled people in the panchayat to demand for housing, work under MGNREGA and has helped them apply for loans for small livelihood enterprises. Under Neelavathi's leadership and after a lot of struggle they were able to get 2 cents of land from the government for housing of 16 people. A petition was submitted collectively for right to 100 days work under MGNREGA for persons with disability. The panchayat has resolved to provide 100 days of work exclusively for the differently abled at Rs 183/- per day.

Striving for accountability at delivery end

The Right to Information (RTI) Act is viewed as an important empowering device that enables citizens to demand information One of our Samaj Shilpis, E.Raman from Villupuram District, with FoM members applied under the RTI Act seeking information on the status of public works undertaken in Sittampoondi village of Gingee taluk and a list of beneficiaries under Old Age Pension Scheme, Widow pension and Assistance for Disabled in the same panchayat. This comes in the background of alleged irregularities in awarding the benefits. A special audit has been ordered by the District Collector to verify the above matters.

Ensuring Sustainability

Friends of Movement and Community Based Organizations: To ensure that the work sustains beyond the period of support to the Samaj Shilpi, the Samaj Shilpis build a cadre of volunteers, called the Friends of Movement` and strengthen Community based organizations and Self Help Groups. The Friends of Movement (FoM) discuss, facilitate, render services such as sharmdan for common cause under the guidance of the Samaj Shilpi. They also organize awareness camps and help people apply under RTI.

Gram Sabhas: The Samaj Shilpi constantly encouraged the community to participate in the Gram Sabhas. In most Panchayats they were successful in getting the panchayat budgets. These budgets were analyzed and points raised in the gram sabhas.

Social Security Benefits and Schemes

Samaj Shilpis assisted villagers to access social security benefits such as old age pension, widow pensions etc., They also acted as catalysts in harnessing group housing schemes, basic village amenities and infrastructure. They also strengthened community monitoring systems for MGNREGA, Public Distribution System etc.

The Samaj Shilpis mobilized entitlements worth Rs.1,86,73,030. The details of the entitlements mobilized by the Samaj Shilpis in Tamil Nadu are given in the table below:

Table 9: Entitlements Mobilized in Tamil Nadu

Area	Panchayat	Samaj Shilpi	Beneficiaries	Amount
Health	Kullalagundu	A.Nirmala Mary	6	75000
	Madur	K. Dhanaseeli	4	240000
	Melambour	J. Berneth Philominal	7	840000
Total			17	1155000
Housing	Kullalagundu	A.Nirmala Mary	4	720000
Total			4	720000
Education	Kullalagundu	A. Nirmala Mary	37	40000

Area	Panchayat	Samaj Shilpi	Beneficiaries	Amount
	Madur	K. Dhanasheeli	14	28000
	Ethilodu	Neelavathi	9	20000
Total			**60**	**88000**
Livelihood	Ethilodu	Neelavathy	55	390000
	Jambuthuraikottai	D. Rajeswari	310	2551000
	Kottur	S. Alagurani	72	1610000
	Kullalagundu	A.Nirmala Mary	97	370000
	Melambour	J. Berneth Philominal	75	100000
	P. Puliampati	E. Raman	7	234000
	Pappankulam	S. Rajalakshmi	60	1066500
	Tiravalur panchayats	Livingston	8	90000
Total			684	6411500
Others	Ethilodu	Neelavathy	33	74000
	Jambuthuraikottai	D. Rajeswari	146	309100
	Kullalagundu	A.Nirmala Mary	103	1281000
	Kottur	S. Alagurani	179	68930
	Madur	K. Dhanaseeli	212	252800
	Melambour	J. Berneth Philominal	8	62600
	P. Puliampati	E. Raman	6	45000
	Pappankulam	S. Rajalakshmi	108	57640
	Tiravalur panchayats	Livingston	49	0
Others Total			844	2151070
Sanitation	Jambuthuraikottai	D. Rajeswari	58	725000
	Kottur	S. Alagurani	68	850000
	Kullalagundu	A.Nirmala Mary	157	1962500
	Madur	K. Dhanaseeli	124	1560000
	Melambour	J. Berneth Philominal	79	1880000
	Pappankulam	S. Rajalakshmi	23	1170000
Total			509	8147500

Area	Panchayat	Samaj Shilpi	Beneficiaries	Amount
Social Security Benefits and Pensions	Ethilodu	Neelavathy	70	
	Kullalagundu	A.Nirmala Mary	18	
	Melambour	J. Berneth Philominal	11	
	P. Puliampati	E. Raman	10	
	Pappankulam	S. Rajalakshmi	1	
Total			110	
Identification Documents	Ethilodu	Neelavathy	238	
	Kottur	S. Alagurani	126	
	P. Puliampati	E. Raman	5	
	Tiravalur panchayats	Livingston	12	
Total			381	
Grand Total			2609	18673070

Madhya Pradesh

RIM started its work in Madhya Pradesh (MP) in July 2013, with the support of Indian Friends Association.

In 2015-16, we extended the Samaj Shilpi initiative to 7 new panchayats in 2 districts: Chattarpur and Tikamgarh. There are now 12 Samaj Shilpis. All the working villages of the Samaj Shilpis are developmentally backward. They do not have approach roads, drinking water facilities, anganwadis function out of old dilapidated unsafe buildings, there are a large number of school dropouts or regular absentees, ANM visits are irregular, malnourishment among children is high etc. Lack of employment drives a lot of the young folk to the urban areas in search of jobs. Alcoholism is prevalent in many of the villages. There is very little awareness of government schemes.

The new Samaj Shilpis started their work in January 2016 with a baseline survey. They organized meetings with villagers and gave them information on government schemes. They have identified 10 members in each village who are willing volunteer their time for the development of their villages as Friends of Movement (FoM) or Gram Mitras. With the help of FoMs, they have set up community level monitoring processes in schools and anganwadis. The Samaj Shilpis coordinate with the service providers to mobilize schemes and were able to get a few sanctioned. Each of the new Samaj Shilpis have selected an area that they would like to focus on.

Braj Mohan, Kausal and Chhanulal are working on raising awareness on sanitation and water conservation. Dileep and his team of FoMs are planning to make their village 'open defecation free' this year. A few houses have toilets and they are planning to get the rest of the toilets built during the year in the villages and then create awareness on usage. Chhanulal was selected as Swachhata Doot for peripheral villages due to his commitment to village cleanliness.

Braj Mohan and his team of FoM members were successfully able to stop a child marriage in their village. The girl was 15 years old. The team spoke to the parents and the extended family on the ill effects of child marriage and the penal clauses in the anti-child marriage act. They were able to convince the parents to postpone the marriage. All the Samaj Shilpis kept a watch in their villages during the marriage season. They also held meetings with the communities to create awareness on the ill effects of child marriages.

Table 10: MP Geographical Coverage

Sr.No.	District	Block	Samaj Shilpi	Panchayat	Villages
1	Tikamgarh	Jatara	Bihari lal	Paitpura	Petpura, Balram ka Khirak
2	Chattarpur	Rajnagar	Jagdish Adivasi	Tikri	Kundarpura, Gadarpur
3	Chattarpur	BadaMalahera	Raj Kumari	Devran	Devran
4	Chattarpur	Chhatarpur	Nilam Tiwari	Bandhikala	Bandhi
5	Chattarpur	Rajnagar	Urmila Choubey	Ghunchu	Ghoonchoo
6	Chattarpur	Lovkushnagar	Mulayam Ahirwar	Devpur	Devpur
7	Chattarpur	Nowgong	Dileep Singh	Tindni	Tindni
8	Chattarpur	Rajnagar	Jagdish Ahirwar	Bamori Bahadur ju	Bamori Bahadur ju
9	Chattarpur	Bijawar	Chhannulal Ahirwar	Arora	Arora
10	Chattarpur	Bijawar	Shilendra Shahoo	Dilari	Dilari
11	Chattarpur	Rajnagar	Brajmohan Patel	Bila	Bila
12	Chattarpur	Chattarpur	Koushal Patel	Kendi	Kendi

Training & Review

An external review of the Madhya Pradesh initiative was conducted in July 2015, by Shri Kalyan Tanksale, an IIT Bombay alumnus with expertise in analyzing, designing and managing complex social-natural systems through collaborative learning and collective actions. The review included a SWOT analysis that provided us directions for strengthening the MP initiative.

A training of mobile Vaani was conducted in Oct 2015 by gram Vaani, a social tech company incubated out of IIT-Delhi that uses simple technologies to design tools to provide information and facilitate bottom-up communication in rural areas, Mobile Vaani is an attempt to create a social media platform for rural areas. It is an intelligent IVR (interactive voice response) system that allows people to call into a number and leave a message about their community, or listen to messages left by others. 20 members comprising RIM Samaj Shilpis, Gram Mitras and representatives of local NGOs attended the one and a half day training. A toll-free number was set up in Chattarpur. However it has not been used much, because the community, NGOs and the Samaj Shilpis are not comfortable posing their questions nor sharing their experiences on the platform.

Three Samaj Shilpis and the State Coordinator attended the annual meeting conducted by Indian Friends Association, the funding partner, in November 2015. They presented a report of their activities and achievements.

Induction training was completed in Feb 2016 to orient the Samaj Shilpi to development work, help them analyse the issues as well as provide them information on various schemes and programs. The Samaj Shilpis prepared their action plan with the following priorities: Education, Health, ICDS, MGNREGA/employment, PRIs/infrastructure, Social welfare, Agriculture.

They were also oriented on community mobilization processes. During the training, the Samaj Shilpis identified key areas of intervention and received inputs on various government schemes, allocations and methods of how to leverage funds

Review meetings are conducted on a bi-monthly basis. These meetings are also used to guide the Samaj Shilpi on how to handle challenges and local issues. Gram Mitras also attend these meetings.

Health, Nutrition and Sanitation

The Samaj Shilpis are focusing on infant and health care services of the public health centers. Newborn and infant care services are very poor. Home visits, follow up and counseling by both the Anganwadi worker and the ANMs is very irregular. The Samaj Shilpis are constantly following up with the ANMs. Counseling of mothers has resulted in regular Ante-Natal Care and Post Natal Care check-ups.

Samaj Shilpis are also organizing counseling of mothers of severely malnourished children. They motivate them to take their children to the state run Nutrition Rehabilitated Centers (NRC).for treatment. Niramal Bharat Abhiyan is a program to promote sanitation and to stop open defecation. The Samaj Shilpis have been leveraging funds under this for construction of toilets and soak pits.

Education and Early Child Care and Development

The Samaj Shilpis visit the schools and anganwadi centers regularly to ensure that these function. Samaj Shilpi worked on strengthening the School Management Committees (SMC) and Mothers Committees (MC) as they are statutory community monitoring bodies. The communities now realize the importance of schools and anganwadis. At the start of the academic year, Samaj Shilpi and GMs conducted an enrollment drive with the support of SMCs in their villages.

In all villages, anganwadis are slowly responding to the constant monitoring. They are now open during the scheduled times. Preschool education is a big challenge in the entire region. In the villages where the Samaj Shilpi have been working for more than a year, one can see the AWCs conducting cognitive development activities in pre-school education. The impact of the work can also be seen in rates of increasing immunization, growth monitoring, regularity of health checkup, Take Home Ration distribution, referrals to Nutrition Rehabilitation Center (NRC) and institutional delivery.

Livelihood

MGNREGA: The Samaj Shilpi are promoting and creating awareness on MGNREGA to generate maximum employment. 326 people could access MGNREGA work, generating around 4052 days of work.

Kisan Sabha in progress

Agriculture: Agriculture is the main source of livelihood. Due to drought, sowing pattern and practices need to be changed. Samaj Shilpi and GMs are educating the famers on new appropriate seed selection, seed sowing, irrigation, crop cycle etc. Samaj Shilpi are promoting bio farming- organic farming, practices in the area. Information on crop rotation, crop residue, organic manure, bulky organic manure, etc. is being provided. They also helped in conducting the Kisan Sabhas in their villages.

Beedi Cooperative: Over 90 families in Paitpura village are Beedi workers. Bihari Lal has got them organized and are in the process of registering themselves as a cooperative society or a cottage industry. Some bidi workers are switching to powerloom /handloom industry. The process of registration is still pending. There is now a discussion on whether they need form a powerloom cooperative.

Self-Help Groups: Rajkumari and Urmila Choubey are functionaries in SHG Federations. Besides savings and bank linkages, women in these SHGs also take up community issues. For example, they managed to regularise the supply of the ration at the PDS and are negotiating with the authorities to give the running of the PDS to the women SHG.

In Urmila's village, about 50 women collect and supply roots of a grass, called Gundala, from the river bed. It has got a good aromatic flavor (like the ice cream). Some traders come and collect from them, each women collect around 30 kg/day and roughly make around 200/day. Urmila was able to negotiate a better rate for the grass. They have also identified the place where it is being used. There was some discussion on whether the extraction unit can be set up in the village itself as a small scale enterprise. After much discussion, this idea was dropped as setting up forward market linkages would be very difficult for the communities.

Ensuring Sustainability

Gram Sabhas

In all the Samaj Shilpi villages, the mandatory 4 Gram Sabhas took place last year. Although the level of participation differs from village to village, the work of the Samaj Shilpis is witnessed in larger numbers participating in the Gram Sabhas. The number of participants, especially women were more than previous year.

Gram Mitra or Friends of Movement

The Samaj Shilpis in Madhya Pradesh have identified young persons interested in the development of their villages. As this is voluntary in nature, the contribution of Gram Mitras is based on their time availability. It also varies from village to village. The women's participation is very low because of the strong patriarchal structure still prevailing. Gram Mitras support the Samaj Shilpi during mobilization, data collection, monitoring and awareness generation. They also participate in the monthly meetings which are organizing at village.

A Gram Mitra meeting

Monitoring and Review

The State Coordinator visits all the villages and meets with the FoMs and the community. He also holds bi-monthly meetings to review the progress of action plan and guide the Samaj Shilpi to achieve the set target.

Kundarpura: Exploring alternative forms of livelihood

Developments through Samaj Shilpi intervention

There is a visible change in the village of Kundarpura, thanks to the community mobilization efforts of the Samaj Shilpi, Jagdish Adivasi. Many families have received houses under the housing scheme, the village is clean and schools and anganwadis open and close on time, those below poverty line have received their BPL cards, farmers have been linked to agriculture schemes, destitute and seniors are receiving pensions.

47 toilets have been built in the village under the government sanitation drive. The village is visibly cleaner than it was three years ago. Today, no child in the village is in the "severely malnourished category"- a great achievement considering that 16 children were identified in this category just 2 years ago. The biggest accomplishment is that the village has become free of alcoholism and has received the Chief Minister's award for the same.

Recognizing the need development alternate livelihood skills in the community, RIM has been exploring a few options in the Kundarpara village.

Paper bag making:

A paper bag manufacturing initiative has been set up. Besides providing some income to the poor women and families, this activity also helps develop entrepreneurial spirit.

Rural Tourism:

Kundarpura, is located just 6 km away from the world famous heritage site of Khajuraho. The tribal hamlet also has a few ruins. Foreign tourists visit the hamlet regularly during tourist season. As tourism does have a potential to provide an alternate source of income, over the last two years there have been lots of discussions around the idea of developing rural tourism in Kundarpura. With an understanding that only a community centric approach will ensure inclusiveness and sustainability these discussions have been held both with the community and with NGO- Kabir Foundation, the local mentor organization. Ideas included: building home stays, developing a cultural troupe, making and selling craft items both in the hamlet and at the tourist areas, a restaurant or a catering service to promote local cuisine. Discussions also included the need to prepare a plan, implementing it and finding the required resources for implementation. Mr. Ashim Jain, a volunteer visited the area and facilitated the discussions.

Keeping the long term vision of rural tourism in the village in mind an attempt was made to keep a count of the number of tourists in the village as well as understand the interests of these tourists.

However several concerns and challenges that have arisen in the last one year. There is a reduction in tourist foot fall in Kundarpura the last year. Hence families whose houses could have been reconstructed/ upgraded to home stays are reluctant to spend money. Poverty and lack of income also means that they do not have access to the capital needed for the reconstruction.

A research report last year, highlighted how children are exploited and have become victims of prostitution because of tourism in Khajuraho. This report has both angered and frightened the villagers. They have complained to the administration about this and a case has been registered. Elders in the village are silent on this issue. The local community also does not endorse rural tourism

based activities because of the social and cultural traditions of Bundelkhand. The initiative on rural tourism, especially homestay in Kundarpura, may need some more time.

Social Security Benefits and Schemes

A total of Rs.1,01,48,875 was mobilized through schemes and benefits because of the work of the Samaj Shilpis. The details are in a table below:

Table 11: Entitlements mobilized in MP

Area	Village	Samaj Shilpi	Beneficiaries	Amount
Health and Sanitation	Bamori	Jagdish Ahirwar	3	36000
	Bandhi	Nilam Tiwari	49	492600
	Bila	Braj Mohan	12	84000
	Devpur	Mulayam Ahirwar	7	84000
	Devran	Rajkumari Vishawkarma	32	193200
	Ghoonchoo	Urmila Choubey	168	374600
	Kundarpura	Jagdish Adivasi	23	203600
	Paitpura	Bihari lal Kori	28	185600
	Panagar	Vinod Sahoo	12	141400
	Tindni	Dileep Singh	0	0
Health and Sanitation Total			**334**	**1795000**
Housing	Bamori	Jagdish Ahirwar	6	620000
	Bandhi	Nilam Tiwari	3	360000
	Bila	Braj Mohan	7	480000
	Devpur	Mulayam Ahirwar	2	140000
	Ghoonchoo	Urmila Choubey	9	730000
	Kendi	Kausal Patel	3	0
	Kundarpura	Jagdish Adivasi	6	462000
	Paitpura	Bihari lal Kori	9	740000
	Panagar	Vinod Sahoo	3	360000
Housing Total			**48**	**3892000**
Identification docs	Tindni	Dileep Singh	86	0
Livelihood	Arora	Channulal Ahirwar	30	360000
	Bamori	Jagdish Ahirwar	16	329775
	Bandhi	Nilam Tiwari	57	252540
	Bila	Braj Mohan	3	150000
	Devpur	Mulayam Ahirwar	5	139000
	Devran	Rajkumari Vishawkarma	64	283325
	Ghoonchoo	Urmila Choubey	6	437000
	Kendi	Kausal Patel	54	670000
	Khuwa	Sheelendra Shahoo	42	42260
	Kundarpura	Jagdish Adivasi	44	831200
	Paitpura	Bihari lal Kori	17	290000
	Panagar	Vinod Sahoo	15	11775
	Tindni	Dileep Singh	91	0
Livelihood Total			**444**	**3796875**
Social Security	Bamori	Jagdish Ahirwar	16	0
(Pensions etc.)	Bandhi	Nilam Tiwari	4	0

Area	Village	Samaj Shilpi	Beneficiaries	Amount
	Devpur	Mulayam Ahirwar	9	0
	Devran	Rajkumari Vishawkarma	1	0
	Ghoonchoo	Urmila Choubey	5	0
	Kendi	Kausal Patel	5	0
	Khuwa	Sheelendra Shahoo	11	0
	Kundarpura	Jagdish Adivasi	68	0
	Paitpura	Bihari lal Kori	16	0
	Panagar	Vinod Sahoo	9	0
	Tindni	Dileep Singh	30	0
Social Security Total			**174**	**0**
Community Infrastructure	Arora	Channulal Ahirwar	0	145000
(Roads, community wells)	Tindni	Dileep Singh	0	0
Total			**0**	**145000**
Others	Arora	Channulal Ahirwar	22	10000
	Khuwa	Sheelendra Shahoo	2	0
	Ghoonchoo	Urmila Choubey	5	510000
Total			**29**	**520000**
Grand Total			**1115**	**10148875**

Flood relief

The state capital Chennai and the districts of Cuddalore, Kanchipuram and Tiruvallur were battered in November and December '15 by heaviest rainfall in recent times.

There was spontaneous help from many parts of the country. RIM not only chipped with its own modest contribution, but importantly channelized relief supplies from contributors to many affected interior parts of Kanchipuram and Tiruvallur district. RIM's direct contribution were facilitated by Samaj Shilpi Livingston and IRCDS for the disabled families in Tiruvallur. A dispatch of 320 toilets soaps, valued at Rs. 4864/- from Gandhigram Trust was effected swiftly thanks to efforts of Sri. C. Krishnaswamy. The soaps we included as a component of Family Kit assembled by a local NGO for Flood Relief in Tiruvallur district. To add to that, 1600 kgs of rice were purchased and each affected family was provided 5 kgs.

RIM with the former Samaj Shilpi Sri. Kuber was quick to identify flood-hit areas, particularly tribal colonies in Katankulathur block of Kanchipuram for Ennangalil Sangamam to distribute relief to unreached areas. Kuber played a crucial role in surveying flood-hit schools in the same block and in the adjoining block Uthiramerur. The India Literacy Project (ILP) came forward in providing assistance

to the schools. Non-cash support like teaching aids, library books, plates for noon-meals were provided. The materials were delivered in Jan.'16. The details are as follows:

Table 12: Education Supplies to Flood Effected Schools

No.	School	Articles
1	Erandankattalai, P.U. Middle School	Steel Plates: 210 nos.; Long size note books: 200
2	Tharapakkam, P.U. Primary School	Dictionary 23 Nos.; Pencil pouch: 25 nos. Geometry box 14 nos.; Sketch pen: 23 nos. Thirukural 23 nos.;
3	Govt. H.Sec. School Orakkatupettai.	Writing board 03 nos.; Chalks pieces A4 paper 2 reams; Note book 125 nos.
4	Govt. High School, Kayarambedu.	Wall hanging; Maps: 10 nos.; Chalk pieces

RIM worked with Tamil Nadu Flood – Education Supplies (TNFES), an initiative of volunteers formed for flood relief measures for schools and educational institutions. The following activities were taken up: post flood cleaning of Iyyapanthangal school, Drinking water sump repair at Thoraipakkam school, painting of Annai Fathima Child Welfare center and photocopy of text books. Renovation of Chemistry Laboratory of Government Girls Higher Secondary School, Poonamallee will soon be taken up.

Other Activities

Indian Community Activists Network

RIM is part of Indian Community Activists Network (ICAN) promoted by India Friends Association and other Activists group in India.

Movement – E group discussion

RIM's web based e-group called movement@rejuvenateindiamovement.org has a membership of many organizations /individuals. We continued to share important information on development issues in this group.

Web-site

RIM web-site www.rimsamajshilpi.org has been migrated to a Word Press development platform with the help of RIM Flint volunteers and Spar Solutions, India. Updates of the latest RIM activities are posted on the website as well as on social media.

Samaj Shilpi Updates

An e-newsletter, featuring significant achievements of our Samaj Shilpis is sent periodically to all our donors.

Local Fundraising

Jagdish Damania, a long-time supporter of RIM designed a creative fundraiser, called the Mera Terah Run, or 'My 13 Runs' in 2014. The endurance event entailed running 13 Half Marathons on 13 consecutive days in 13 places across India. The team repeated the event in 2015, from 18th

December 2015 to 30th December 2015. This time the run was along the western coastline of India starting from Kanyakumari to Koteshwar.

The event raised INR 10+lakhs, from 150+ individual donors in India and abroad and took the message of RIM to over 20,000+ people through city runs, fund raising appeals, crowdfunding platforms, active web-sites, social media and press releases.

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 is at 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

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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 2015-16

Name	Sex	Position on Board	Occupation	Meetings attended
Sri. A. L Rangarajan	M	President	Development Consultant	2/2
Ms. Sindhu Naik	F	Secretary	Social Worker	2/2
Mr. N. Sashikumar	M	Treasurer	Consultant, IT for development	2/2
Dr. H. Sudarshan	M	Vice-President	Founder and President of Karuna Trust and Vivekananda Girijan Kalyan Kendra, Karnataka	1/2
Mr. C. Krishnasamy	M	Joint Secretary	Director, Project Coordinator, Gandhigram Trust	2/2
Dr. S. Satyamurty	M	Member	Retired Engineering expert, Volunteering with Social organizations	2/2
Sri. T.K. Ramkumar	M	Member	Senior Advocate in Chennai High Court	1/2
Mr. R. Sastry	M	Member	Assistant Professor, PESIT, Bangalore	'2/2
Mr. Ravi M	M	Ex-officio member	National Coordinator	'2/2

- RIM Governing body meetings were held twice in the financial year 2015-16, 23rd Aug 2015 at Bangalore and on 3rd March 2016 at Bangalore.
- 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,	2016	2015
Sources of Funds		
Capital fund	2,27,500	2,27,500
Reserves and Surplus	27,71,134	11,95,188
Current Liabilities	10,000	10,000
Total	**30,08,634**	**14,32,688**
Application of funds		
Fixed Assets	1232	1369
Current Assets		
Cash & Bank Balances	28,89,390	14,00,624
Other advances	1,18,012	30,695
Total	**30,08,634**	**14,32,688**
Income & Expenditure Account for the Year Ending March 31,	**2016**	**2015**
INCOME		
Donations	13,87,033	11,67,824
Interest Income	1,04,560	1,02,885
Grants from IFA	10,24,350	5,61,000
Grants from ASTI	22,12,722	19,10,570
Others	17,950	1,400
Total	**47,46,615**	**37,43,679**
EXPENDITURE		
Development Program Expenses	26,88,390	23,39,316
Administration, fees and taxes	4,82,279	4,95,471
Total	**31,70,669**	**28,34,787**
Excess of Income over Expenditure	**15,75,946**	**9,08,892**

All amounts are in Indian Rupees.

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Annexure 2

List of Working Villages

S.No	Samaj Shilpi	District	Taluk	Panchayat	Village/s
	Karnataka				
1	Chennamma Pujar	Gadag	Naragund	Shirola	Shirola camp, Shirol
2				Radder Naganur	Khanapura
3					Radder Naganur
4			Ron	Menasigi	Gulagundi
5					Bhopalapur
6	Mahadevappa	Gadag	Naragund	Bairanahatti	Bairanahatti
7					Madagunaki
8	Hanumantha Goud	Bagalkote	Badami	Kittali	Kittali
9					Kalas
10					Sulla
11	Venkatesh	Tumkuru	Pavagada	Kamanadurga	Buddareddahalli
12				Valluru	Balasamudra
13				Valluru	Valluru
14				Kamanadurga	Meenaguntanahalli
15				Kodamadugu	Kadamalakunte
16	Siddagangiah	Tumkuru	Madhugiri	DV Halli	Belladamadugu
17					Thayagondanahalli
18					RN Roppa
19					DV halli
20					Achenahalli
21	Ruksar R	Kolar	Mulbagilu	Paddamagata	Paddamagata
22					Vadahalli
23					Sigenahalli
24	Sudharani D	Kolar	Mulbagilu	Agara	Bovihalli
25					Balupalli
26					Agara
27					Manuikal
28					K. Hosahalli
29					Asali Atthikunte
30					Kumudenahalli
31	Anjappa N	Kolar	Mulbagilu	Sonawadi	Kavathanahalli

S.No	Samaj Shilpi	District	Taluk	Panchayat	Village/s
32	Krishnamurthy				Khadripura
33					Manchiganahalli
34	Chalapathi GR	Kolar	Mulbagilu	Sonawadi	Gummalapura
35					Chikkabandahalli
36					Sangondahalli
37					Kelagani
38					Kagu Kachanahalli
39					N. Vaddahalli
40					Chikka Padmagatte
Madhya Pradesh					
41	Vinod Sahoo	Chattarpur	Bijawar	Panagar	Panagar
42	Surendra Ahirwar	Chattarpur	Bijawar	MahuyaJhala	Bamhori
43					Bamhori ka purva
44	Bihari lal	Tikamgarh	Jatara	Paitpura	Petpura
45					Balram ka Khirak
46	Jagdish Adivasi	Chattarpur	Rajnagar	Tikri	Kundarpura
47					Gadarpur
48					Puncha Khirak
49	Raj Kumari	Chattarpur	Bada Malahera	Devran	Devran
50	Nilam Tiwari	Chattarpur	Chhatarpur	Bandhikala	Bandhi
51	Sushma Ahirwar	Chattarpur	Nowgaon	Garroli	Garroli
52	Mohini Richariya	Chattarpur	Chhatarpur	Hama	Hama
53	Urmila Choubey	Chattarpur	Rajnagar	Ghunchu	Ghoonchoo
54	Mulayam Ahirwar	Chattarpur	Lovkushnagar	Devpur	Devpur
55	Dileep singh	Chattarpur	Nowgong	Tindni	Tindni
56	Jagdish Ahirwar	Chattarpur	Rajnagar	Bamori Bahadur ju	Bamori
57	Chhannulal Ahirwar	Chattarpur	Bijawar	Arora	Arora
58	Shilendra Shahoo	Chattarpur	Bijawar	Dilari	Khuwa
59	Brajmohan Patel	Chattarpur	Rajnagar	Bila	Bila
60	Koushal Patel	Chattarpur	Chhatarpur	Kendi	Kendi
Tamil Nadu					
61	A. Livingston	Tiruvallur	Ellapuram	Tamaraipakkam	Tamarapakkam
62					Mallandur
63					Venkal Kuppam

S.No	Samaj Shilpi	District	Taluk	Panchayat	Village/s
64					Kalapettu
65					Pagalmedu
66					Magaral
67					Punnapakkam
68					Vadmaudrai
69	Dhanaseeli	Dindigul	Shanarpatty	Madur	Pugayilai patty
70					Madur
71					Maniyakaran Patty
72					Kalathupatty
73					Metupatty
74					Velayuthapuram
75					Arunachalapuram
76					Bharathipuram
77					Gaundanpatty
78					Soundrapuram
79					Ramanchatty patty
80					Thevar nagar
81	A. Nirmala Mary	Dindigul	Nilakkottai	Kullalagundu	Kullalagundu
82					Chandalarpuram
83					Pottichrttypatty
84					Singampatty
85					Kandappakottai
86					Kalladipatty
87					Santhosapuram
88					Arumuganagar
89					Gopalapuram
90				O'.Alankulam	O'.Alankulam (Single
91					Pottikulam
92					Chettiyapatty
93					Kullanservaranpatty
94					kannarpatty
95					Murugathuranppatty

S.No	Samaj Shilpi	District	Taluk	Panchayat	Village/s
96					Chokkanchettipatty
97					Fathimanagar
98					Idranagar
99					Thomaspuram
100	E. Raman	Villupuram	Gingee	Konai	Vellakulam
101				Sittampoondi	Appampattu
102					Somasamudram
103					Nagampoondi
104					Kolathumedu
105	N. Kamalakannan	Erode	Sathyamangalam	P.Puliampatti	J. J. Nagar
106					Paraipudur
107					Maram palayam
108					A.D. Colony
109					M. Koundampalayam
110	S. Rajalakshmi	Tirunelveli	Ambasamudram	Pappankulam	Pattatheru
111					Periyatheru
112					Pappankulam
113	J. Berneth Philominal	Tirunelveli	Ambasamudram	Melambour	Povankurichi
114					Anna Nagar
115					Bangala kuriruppu
116					Indra Colony
117					Kasiviswanathapuram
118					Ponnagar
119					Muthuramalingapuram
120					Velam Street
121					Gowdamapuri
122	S. Neelavathi	Dindigul	Nilakottai	Ethilodu	Avaramapatti
123					Kamakshipuram
124					Karuthandipatti
125					Gongapatti
126					Pullakadupati

S.No	Samaj Shilpi	District	Taluk	Panchayat	Village/s
127					Muthalapuram
128					Meenakshipuram
129					Thatharaiyanpatti
130					Koilpatti
131	S. Azhagu Rani	Dindigul	Nilakottai	Kottur	Kangalapatti
132					Samathvapuram
133					Aachipuram
134					Michaelpalayam
135					Avayampatti
136					Sengottai
137					Kamelapuram
138					Sangaiyanayakanur
139					Azhagampatti
140					Jallipatti
141					Mettur
142					Uthupatti Colony