

Annual
Report

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Adivasi Mitra Welfare Society

2022-2023

About Adivasi Mitra

Legal Status

Registered under Societies registration act on 18th December'1996, Registration No : 1465/96

Vision

Accessibility of infrastructure facilities, education, health, forestry rights (Act 2006), Panchayat Raj Act (PESA), MGNREGS, Food security, Income generation and safe drinking water to all the tribal communities living in isolation.

Mission

Adivasi Mitra renders its services through all means to work for the sustainable empowerment of the tribe community through people's participatory role.

Goal

Self-sustainability amongst the tribal communities.

Thrust Areas

Right to Education, Right to information Act, Child Rights, Health, HIV/HIDS, Forestry Rights (Act'2006), Panchayat Raj Act (PESA), Tourism, MGNREGAS Program, Food security, Income generation and safe drinking water to all the tribal communities living in isolation.

Core values

Adivasi Mitra has been formed as a non-profit welfare society and all of its enterprises shall serve entirely for the social, economic, legal, cultural and educational and health improvements of the tribal people in Visakhapatnam district.

Objective

Work for the preservation and promotion of Adivasi culture customs, languages and traditions. Take up activities for the overall development and leadership building of Adivasi youth and children; Build awareness through writing, publishing, disseminating information and organizing cultural programs for the preservation, lobbying and protection of tribal rights and heritage.

Promote traditional sustainable forest protection and regeneration practices of the Adivasi's for conservation of the forest and natural resources and striving for Adivasi control over them for protection of environment and ecology of the hills of the Eastern Ghats.

Coverage

Barsing, Guttulaput, G.Munchingput, D.Gonduru, Vantlamamidi, Modapalli, Gondeli, Vanugupalli and Salugu panchayats in Paderu Mandal. Theegalavalasa, Sobhakota, Pathakota, Mottujore, Kotnapalli and Guda Panchayats in Hukumpeta Mandal. Pedakodapalli, Vanabhangi, Seekari, Galaganda Panchayats in Pedabayalu Mandal.

Activities undertaken during 2022-23

- Promotion of Community-Based organizations Adivasi Mahasabha and Manyam Adivasi Cooperative Society – for better voice for tribal, access to rights and entitlements, creating self-help, cooperation for enhanced marketing opportunities, financial assistance, livelihood opportunities among tribal farming community
- Awareness on 1/70 Act and PESA Act, Right Education Act, RTI Act, MGNREGS.
- Awareness on the roles and responsibilities of the PRI members
- Identification and facilitation to address individual, and village grievances
- Formation of FPGs. Training on Bookkeeping, marketing, business development
- Awareness and new claims for FCRA
- Youth Skill training & employment
- Culture – Conservation and promotion of tribal culture through documentation, preparation of educational material and utilization
- Community Plantation, Traditional Festivals organizing

Adivasi Mahasabha

Adivasimitra mobilized 5839 memberships (Men-3180, Women-2345) for Adivasi Mahasabha during 2022-23. 1754 Gramamitras are representing 877 villages of Paderu, Hukumpeta and Pedabayalu mandals.

They organize monthly village meetings facilitate identifying gaps in access to basic services to individuals and community, monitor implementation of government programs and schemes in their village. Adivasimitra provided trainings and awareness programs on PESA, 1/70 Act and, Right Education, RTI, MGNREGS, RoFR acts, Rythu Bharosa, Cheyutha, Amma odi, Jala siri schemes to Adivasi Mahasabha Members and community leaders. They are aware of



various welfare programs that the community members are eligible. They are identifying issues related to Ration Cards, Pensions, MGNREGS Job Cards, Housing, Drinking water, RoFR Titles, Prohibition of alcohol, Anganwadi building, Road, Electricity, Drainage, Toilets, SHG Loans, Crop loans and Irrigation facilities in villages. Adivasi Mahasabha members are able to approach appropriate authorities to resolve the household, village level problems. Consultation meetings with line departments enhanced coordination, communication and understanding between concerned officers and community and ease of resolving grievances. Gramamitra's network has become as bridge between project staff and community in creating awareness on Corona virus Pandemic for providing necessary assistance, communication during this crisis, lockdown

During the year Adivasi Mahasabha has identified 166 grievances and appealed to concerned authority. 26 grievances were resolved. AMS submitted memorandum to ST legislative chairman on grievances. Submitted memorandum to sub collector regarding LTR Act violations by non tribes in Bandaveedhi village. Assisted casualties of drinking water pollution in Donkinavalasa, Hukumpeta mandal in availing better medical service.

Grievance Resolutions 2022-23

| S.No | Related Type | Submitted | | | Sanctioned | | | |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|-----------|------|------------|------------|------|------------|-------------|
| | | Vill | HH's | Population | Vill | HH's | Population | Cost INR |
| 1 | Housing | 49 | 263 | 1315 | 29 | 126 | 632 | 22050000 |
| 2 | RofR | 70 | 546 | 2184 | 20 | 70 | 353 | 129 Acres |
| 3 | NREGS | 30 | 61 | 275 | 19 | 28 | 152 | NA |
| 4 | PDS | 42 | 89 | 342 | 21 | 30 | 134 | NA |
| 5 | Pension | 41 | 115 | 435 | 27 | 56 | 265 | NA |
| 6 | Electrification | 1 | 40 | 166 | 1 | 40 | 166 | 0 |
| 7 | Rythu Bharosa | 32 | 106 | 421 | 19 | 70 | 343 | 910000 |
| 8 | Cheyutha | 18 | 39 | 194 | 9 | 23 | 115 | 414000 |
| 9 | Education & School Infra | 8 | 395 | 1597 | 2 | 68 | 251 | 1500000 |
| 10 | Anganwadi & ICDS | 18 | 815 | 3143 | 1 | 54 | 182 | 2000000 |
| 11 | Drinking Water | 28 | 1118 | 4184 | 10 | 421 | 1459 | 5000000 |
| 12 | Roads, Building & Other Infra | 59 | 2454 | 9686 | 15 | 628 | 2187 | 1298000 |
| 13 | Drainage & Sanitization | 54 | 2035 | 8248 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Grand Total | | | 8076 | 32190 | | 1614 | 6239 | 3,31,72,000 |

Working through the Committees and Adivasi Mahasabha, out of the total 3612 identified grievances, 1318 petitions were submitted from the 150 villages, representing a population of 32,190 individuals. Directly benefiting 6,239 community members 471 petitions were sanctioned. Out of total 8076 households 1614 households have received the rights and entitlement benefits which is 20% at the end of the reporting period.

Problems raised in the conference were mainly...

1. Lack of proof of ownership by land owners
2. Un explained delay in processing claims
3. No information and communication to claimant after submitting claim application
4. Errors in survey, titles
5. non recognition of community rights and habitat rights
6. Clash between Forest, and Revenue departments and VSS in claim process
7. Titles are not issued to total land under procession though there is provision for claiming upto 4 hectares of processed land as per the act. Commonly no claims made for balance of land they own.
8. No titles sanctioned in R&R, Mining areas
9. Rights to Cultural diversity and biodiversity were not recognised.

Below are the resolutions taken by the participants in the conference

1. To advocate the discussed issues at district level.
2. Organise district level alliances with common groups that work on RofR
3. Demand district level cells for solving RofR claims related grievances
4. Obtain community rights for VSS
5. Organise campaign, create awareness in community
6. Utilise social media and other digital platforms to campaign on the issue to represent and state level.

Mutually Aided Cooperative Society (MACS);.

As of the conclusion of the reporting period, the project has made significant inroads, with active engagement observed across 96 farmer producer groups spanning 85 villages within 31 panchayats across three mandals. The total membership reached to 1065 individuals, showcasing a diverse and inclusive participation of men and women. The distribution across gender reveals a balanced involvement, with 601 male members and 464 female members, underscoring the project's commitment to fostering gender equality.



The impact of collective marketing initiatives is noteworthy, with 728 members actively participating from 89 groups across 83 villages. These dynamic groups have successfully marketed Coffee, Black Pepper, Turmeric, Tamarind, Ground Nuts, Ginger, Beans, and Hill Brooms. The collective efforts of these groups have resulted in a substantial total turnover of INR 1,53,01,965, highlighting the economic potency of the cooperative endeavors.

Youth Employment

Total 72 vulnerable members (M-50, F-22) of community were identified. Provided awareness on prospective skill trainings, entrepreneurship opportunities and support in mushroom cultivation, plant nursery growing, integral farming and floriculture fields. They were counseled to select their interested filed.



Adivasi Resource center construction almost completed. Due to unsupported weather and funding construction was delayed and no skill

trainings were implemented during the period. Integral farming model was developed.

Trainings



Minioutlet Establishment



Mushroom Cultivation



Support for Kodu Community

