

Bhartiya Gramin Adivasi Vikas Sanstha, Pardi, Dist Chandrapur



Progress Report

2020-21 to 2022-23

Bhartiya Gramin Adivasi Vikas Sanstha

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Introduction

Bhartiya Gramin Adivasi Vikas Sanstha (BGAVS) Pardi is working in Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh since last 33 years on the issues of the tribal and marginalised communities. The organisation has the mandate to work across India. Presently BGAVS is working in the rural and inaccessible tribal pockets of Maharashtra and Chhatisgarh states.

BGAVS PROFILE

Address

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At/Post: Paradi

Tehsil: Nagbhid

District: Chandrapur

Registration

Registered under Societies Registration Act

1860. No. 42/90 (ch) MAH

Date of Registration

08/03/1990 under Society Registration Act 1860

FCRA No.

083810035

Chief Functionary

Shri Dayaram Kannake, General Secretary

VISION-MISSION-OBJECTIVES

Vision: The vision of BGAVS is

“A cultured healthy dynamic Tribal community”

Mission: BGAVS works with tribal communities and most importantly with the most vulnerable and marginalised of this lot. It also works with other civil society groups for the capacity and resource sharing for the benefits of the tribal communities. The organisation works with the govt department/s for the purpose of the tribal development. All this is targeted at the tribal development. In lieu with this our Mission Statement is:

“Bhartiya Gramin Adivasi Vikas Sanstha works with the tribal children, women and youth to build their capacities so that these communities strive for their own development. It also works with other non profit organisations with commonality of purpose and values to influence the state government to bring about positive changes in the pro-poor and especially tribal communities policies”

Objectives:

In pursuit of the above Vision, the organisation shall work at the fundamental level of the tribal development. To achieve the vision and accomplish the Mission, BGAVS works with the focus on following objectives:

- To create an environment and lay a foundation for the tribal children’s development;
- To provide space and opportunities for tribal youth and women for their development;
- To create awareness and mobilise community towards collective ownership and responsibilities;
- To make access the health care services for the tribal communities.

GEOGRAPHICAL SPAN

The organisation has the mandate to work across India. Presently BGAVS is focusing in the tribal belts of Central India, more particularly in the states of Maharashtra, and Chhatisgarh.

In Maharashtra, the organisation's work is concentrated in the six districts viz. Chandrapur, Amaravati, Akola, Nandurbar Nagpur and urban area of Pune. The thematic areas are child development, women empowerment and tribal rights.

In the following pages, the projects implemented by BGAVS during the period from April 2020 to March 2023 are discussed.

1. Awareness Programs with the Target Groups:

The work of Bhartiya Gramin Adivasi Vikas Sanstha could be categorised in three stages. The first one is the work in the native districts of Chandrapur, Gadchiroli, Amaravati, Akola and Nandurbar which incidentally also has a high percentage of tribal population. The work here is manifold but all integrated towards the development of tribal.

1.1 Anti-Alcoholism Campaign: The main hurdle in the tribal development as seen by the organisation was the rampant alcoholism. The organisation works continuously to eradicate the evil. It organises events and through a tribal friendly interface, the fall outs in the field of education, health etc are spread across the communities. Some of the important National Days are celebrated across the villages and these are used to emphasize the importance of non-alcoholism. Songs and skits have been especially prepared with anti-liquor as the main theme and these being made popular in the field area.

1.2 Youth Leadership Development: As stated above, the main objective of this programme is to build the capacities of the tribal youth as a leader in village development. Under this programme, the youth are being oriented towards the concepts of development, the role of village bodies in the context of development, So far the organisation has trained about 300 tribal youth as a catalyst in the village development processes.

1.3 Community Awareness: Meetings are held in the urban slums of Nagpur to build awareness on the issues of health and sanitation among the women and adolescent girls.

1.4 Yoga and Sports: The organisation believes that the triumvirate of organic farming, yoga and sports makes a healthy community. BGAVS encourages the youths to form

collectives and carry out the sports activities. It also guides them through yoga classes and helps them to win away from the ills in the society.

1.5 Youth Participation in Local Governance: The youths from Chandrapur district meet regularly and discuss the governance issues of their area. These youth are working as a bridge between government and community for the better services for the poor.

1.6 De-addiction: One of the core areas of the organisation is alcohol free tribal community. The organisation with its limited resources, takes meetings in the villages on “freedom from alcohol”. In these meetings, the villagers urge and bring the addict to the meetings.

2. Empowering Domestic Worker Women and Girls for Gender Equality.

Bhartiya Gramin Adivasi Vikas Sanstha is implementing the project for the development of teen age girls and married women in ten localities of Ngapur City ,Maharashtra.

The organisation has been already working for domestic women and girls labours. Under this project we are trying to take this work ahead with more planning, dedication and force. During education for one or other reasons when girls are physically able to do domestic work, they take them out of school, and began working as a maid and thus become domestic worker. They start earning money and they become habituated to earn it. These girls then cook, clean, take care of younger children, preparing food, arranging goods and items and cleaning house, cleaning of utensils, washing clothes, watering kitchen garden, and car washing, cattle feeding etc. Thus become permanent domestic maid servant. We wish to bring some change in this.

Like adolescence girls, married women are also more in number as domestic workers. Some adolescence girls go on work and some stay at home on getting suitable life partner they get married. “ Molkarin Sanghatana” is working to organise, empower & strengthen these domestic women labours. Under this project we wish to take this mission ahead . The organisation has formed Study Circle Empowerment Group & Self Help Group of these adolescent domestic working girls & domestic working women.

The main objective of Bhartiya Gramin Adivasi Vikas Sanstha is to support and empower rural ,tribal and urban poor, Dalit communities, women and child and also unorganised workers. Organisation also works on the issues of education, health and human rights in Maharashtra ,The organisation is also concentrating in 20 local bastis in Nagpur.

Main Objective of the program is mainstream comprehensive sexuality education, including school-related gender-based violence in formal and non-formal education; Enhance access to, participation, transition and achievement in education and functional literacy, especially for adolescent girls and young women; Increase access for out-of-school, vulnerable adolescent girls and young women to sexuality and reproductive health information, services, life skills and other relevant programmes; and Create an overall safe and healthy environment with improved provisions of healthy food, clean water and sanitation, service delivery mechanisms and favourable societal attitudes.

Following activities have been undertaken in this program:

2.1 One Day Symposium: Social Justice to Domestic Woman workers and adolescent girls

Subject: Challenges faced during Corona period by Young girls and guys. Understanding the Effect of Corana Pandemic disease on Social, Economic and basic needs and ways to overcome it.

The symposium was organised on on 7th July 2021, the chief guest was Mr. Ashok Saraswati, Social Activist from Nagpur. Participants gave their introduction. Explore their details like Name, address, education, age, likes dislikes, working etc. All these participants belonging to age group of 15 to 30 years and were from various localities. Some were matriculate, and some were post graduate. In starting these girls and guys were hesitating to speak. But as the symposium going ahead, all these participants started expressing themselves.



2.2 Gender Workshop for Young girls:

Gender workshop was arranged at RakshakBagh Nagpur on 11th to 13th November for adolescent girls focusing mainly on gender expression and gender discrimination.

Girls from New Nehru Nagar, Rameshwari, Medical sqr, Untkhana, Ranbag, ChandanNagar, New Bidipeth, Kailas Nagar, Rama Nagar, 85 plot Area, Annapurna Nagar, Shravan Nagar, SawitrabaiFule Nagar etc had attended the workshop.

The workshop focused on gender discrimination at the household level, the restrictions put on the women and the health related issues. In the noon session, after lunch, elaborate the things related with gender. Gender expression and physical observance explained. Human physiology discussed. Understand the differences between male and female physical structure.

2.3 Symposium on Unorganised labors problems, laws and challenges

The symposium was organised on 4th November 2021 at Nagpur. 50 participants from different categories of unorganised sector such as Construction workers, domestic workers, wastage collection, cleaners, rikshaw drivers, painters etc. participated in the symposium. The focus of the discussions was on need for framing the concrete policies and programs for the unorganised sector by both Central and state governments. There is a need to provide social security, proper health benefits to the unorganised workers. Due to lack of these policies and programs unorganized labours have to face many problems.



2.4 Entrepreneurship Program:

Entrepreneurship workshop arranged at Pragati Centre Lonara on 19th and 20th January 2022. In this workshop following training provided to woman workers-

1. Beauty Parlour Training : Brides Make up, Party Make up, Different types of Hair styles clothing
2. Jewellery Making: Necklace, Ear Rings etc.
3. Skill Development
4. Entrepreneurship development, management

The programme helped the women in initiating the entrepreneurship interventions at individual level.

2.5 4th state Summit for Women Empowerment Policy

Bhartuya Gramin Adiwasi Vikas Sanstha organized discussion program on Woman Empowerment Policy draft proposed by Government. 35 representatives from various Organisation working for womans had attended the program. JyotiNichad, DinanathWaghmare, Prof. Nanda Pangul, PrachiSalwe, SujataBhongade, SeemaKulkarni, KuldipRamteke, RachnaGharale shared their experiences. Firsrt Empowerment policy was proposed during 1994 followed by 2001, 2004 and 2014. And now discussion started for Policy 2022. During this summit, collectively discussed that what points need to include

in this policy. Education, Health, Violence, Working woman, and their economic and social responsibility, Reservation, etc. topics were discussed to include in this policy.

2.6 International Woman Day:

Women's Rally organized on the occasion of 8th March International Women Day. Rally Started from Pariwartan Square. Street Dance, Cultural Programs were performed. SujataBhongade, KalpanaJoge, JananiShridhar, PrashikBhaisare, Maya Dhakne, RohiniBhalerao, Vilas Bhongade addressed the rally. After 5 Km of Walk, Rally Concluded near Vrundawan Lawn. 163 people participated in Rally.

2.7 Maharashtra state Domestic workers coordination committee:

BGAVS formed a coordination committee of organisations working for domestic workers all over the state. Meetings were held at Nagpur, Pune and Mumbai. We had prepared Memorandums to submit to Government regarding domestic workers welfare. Various demands included in statement like, common minimum pay included.

2.8 Corona affected widowed rehabilitation committee:

BGAVS distributed food grain kit, sanitizer at the local areas and needy people. The workers of organisation help these corona affected widow woman for submitting forms of various foundation seeking help. Following type of help received for these widow womans-

1. Child development deptment- Rs.13,200/- for 16 woman
2. Children fund- Rs.10,000/- for 9 woman
3. Maharashtra govt fund- rs.50,000/- for 40 woman
4. Sahyadri Foundation – Rs. 30,000/- for 35 woman
5. Tamgadge Foundation Rs.5000/- for 18 woman





3. Bamboo Craft Cluster Development Programme:

Government of India started the SFURTI scheme for the traditional artisans. It is a

scheme for

- Infrastructure Support for the traditional rural and tribal artisans
- Promotion of Rural Industries and Rural Enterprises
- It is a Scheme of Funds for Regeneration of Traditional Industries
- Organising the Rural Artisans in the Cluster Approach
- Micro and small enterprise-Cluster Development Programme

BGAVS has got the Bamboo Craft Cluster Development Programme from the Ministry of Small and Medium Enterprises Government of India on 17th February 2021. There are 945 Bamboo Artisans in the cluster. In the year 2021-22 15000 sq. ft. land was taken on lease for development of Cluster Facilitation Centre at Lavada in DMelghat area of Amaravati District.

Primary survey of the artisans engaged in Bamboo craft was conducted in March 2022. After the survey the construction of the CFC was started. Simultaneously, the exposure visit of artisans was conducted in 3 Bamboo clusters established under the SFURTI scheme. These clusters included Burhanpur, Khandwa and Betul. Through these exposure visits the Artisans could learn the technology being used by these clusters. The artisans could also learn about the production techniques.

3.1 Skill

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1. Information about toolkits
2. Preparation of raw material for finished goods.
3. New Designs
4. Product Finishing
5. Pacaging and Marketing of the Products



3.2 Interface Meetings with the Bankers

Interface meetings with the Bankers have been organised. The purpose of these meetings was to get to know about the account opening processes for the artisans, the financial schemes for the Artisans the insurance schemes etc.



3.3 Training on use of new and advanced equipment

2 weeks training for 3 batches was organised for the artisans. In this training the artisans were trained on the use of machineries. 250 artisans have been trained on the use of machineries for the production of finished goods.



The cluster has become functional and the production of Bamboo Art and Craft has started.

4. Turnover for the last 3 Years

The annual turnover of BGAVS for the last 3 years is reflected in the following table:

S.N.	Financial Year	Amount in INR
1.	2019-20	27,29,055.00
2.	2020-21	33,52,299.00
3.	2021-22	26,00,298.00

5. Funding Support

During the past 3 years BGAVS has received the financial support from:

1. COHAND,MSME , SFRUTI Programme Govt. of India
2. AJWS International Agency, New York USA.

Thanksgiving

We work with tribal communities for their holistic development. We firmly believe that all the issues of the tribal and marginalized communities viz. Livelihood, health, education, migration etc. are interlinked with each other and therefore, need to be addressed collectively. While doing this, we firmly believe that unless and until Gramsbha, the very basic but the most important unit of governance, is strengthened and that too with the equal participation of women, the other development initiatives become irrelevant. Therefore from the very beginning of the program interventions, we at BGAVS, ensure the equal participation of men and women at the every stage of development process.

I, along with the Board of Trustees, and the team, take this opportunity to thank all our partners, and well wishers. We have tried to put the gist of our work through this report, and hope to receive feedback from all of you.

Dayaram Kannake
Secretary