

CHINTHANA FOUNDATION

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About CHINTHANA FOUNDATION:

“CHINTHANA FOUNDATION” is a nonprofit organization emerged in the year 1995 by a team of likeminded social workers, educationist, professionals, with an aim to create a holistic emancipation and empowerment for sustainable development through social economy, education and health irrespective of caste, creed, color, race, and religion among the rural poor. An attention has given to call people participation in progressive developments in the field of children education, women empowerment, community health and sanitation, environment promotion, organic farming, safe bio-sand water technology to especially prioritizing on backward classes, minority, reserved community and tribal women and children.

Legal implications:

- Registered under Karnataka state societies registration act 1960 (Registration No: 64/1995-96)
- Registered under Foreign Contribution Regulating Act and renewal of FCRA is valid for a period of 5 years with effect from 01.11.2016 (Registration No: 094480030)
- Registered under 12A and 80G of Income Tax Exemption Act
- PAN No.AAATC2258E

Management Committee:

Name	Designation
Mrs.Anitha	President
Mr.C.P.Rajshekar	Vice President
Mr.G.Channappa	Secretary
Mrs.Vasantha Kumari.L.C	Treasurer
Mrs.Vanajakshamma	Member
Mr.B.Poovappa	Member
Mrs.K.C.Vijayakumari	Member

Objectives:

- To assist the underprivileged section of the community to learn and gain skills and capacities that will enhance them to plan for a collective efforts and increasing participatory leadership and action.
- To bring about quality, quantity change in enrolment among girls and boys, reduction of drop outs, that will lead to attitudinal change in teachers and local governance that make all local officials are accountable for the local development of that area.
- To assist the communities to become planners, implementers, replicators of their interactive learning that will bring social, economic change and strengthen local self-good governance to safeguard human dignity and harmony

Vision:

Organization envisions a society founded on justice and peace devoid of all forms of disparities where all the people enjoy equal rights and opportunities availing their rights, their rightful share in the abundantly available resources thus emerge and flourish economically independent socially dignified.

Mission:

Correlating with the vision accomplishment the organization embarks on a mission characterized by:

1. Creating enabling environment for the poor and under privileged to expose themselves for realities of life.
2. Discovering their own inherent potentials and exploring the avenues, opportunities to optimize these abilities and potentials.
3. Equipping them to apply their critical circumstances and strive to take charge of their own development thus become masters of their own destiny.

STRATEGIC FOCUS

Integrated community development approach through people's participation and with special focus on Environment, Sustainable Agriculture, Women & Children, Community Health, Education & Gender and Land Mobilisation.

OUR THEORY OF CHANGE:

Chinthana Foundation (R) seeks to engage socially committed individuals in bringing about a world in which each disadvantaged community enjoys a supportive family environment, opportunities for self-development and higher education, the dignity of self-reliance, and the ability and desire to give back to community or society.

OUR VALUES:

Empathy, Education, Empowerment: This progression is central to our belief of serving the underserved. Empathy for those denied. With a right based approach. Education for economic empowerment. Thus a life of dignity and self reliance.

Courage, Commitment, and Trust: These are the core beliefs of Chinthana Foundation; these values guide our actions and decisions as we work towards fulfilling our mission. We are dedicated to helping generations of children have a better life by nurturing lasting relationships with the communities in which we are rooted, with support from our co-workers and donors.

CHINTHANA Programme activities:

1. Tree plantation maintenance programme
2. Low cost bio-sand water filter for rural households
3. School planting environmental education for children
4. Improved status of Life among PooC (People of our concern) in Chikmagalur and Kodagu district
5. Krishi Aranya Prothsaha Yojane (KAPY)
6. Project Axya (Tuberculosis Control Programme)
7. Social mobilization

Activities- at a Glance:

1. Tree plantation maintenance programme

CHINTHANA Foundation has continued its dedicated work towards sustaining the green environment at schools through the programme "Tree plantation maintenance programme" with the support from People Progress in India, Seattle. So far 2841 agro forestry and horticulture plants were planted, grown and sustained in all 07 school plantations viz; Karadipura, Baggavalli, Channapura, Katignare, Benakunse, Tamatadahally and Gadihalli villages. A walk into the school corridor reflects us the green coverage, fresh air and cool environment. These trees grown and ensured the clean and green environment to school children. Flowering and fruits among the trees as part of short

impact of the intrusion was experienced. On the other hand, it has enabled to increase the carbon credit capacities of the earth at the same time restored the environment promotion. Timely monitoring with a focus on proper fencing, supply of manure and watering has increased the well growth of all plants.

Outcome and impact:

- The height of green coverage plantation has increased more than before in all 07 schools
- A well vertical and lateral growth was noticed in all the trees planted
- Flowering, seeds and fruits observed among the planted trees
- The fallen branches of the trees used as fire wood after regular pruning
- The shade of the plants utilized by children to read, relax and memorize study curriculum.
- It was also used to intake mid-day meal under the shade of these plants especially in the rising temperature during summer season
- The benches under the trees are the new progress seen in Baggavalli and Gadihalli schools.
- Number of fruits such as Mango, Sapota and Goseberry have grown in all 07 school plantations
- Many birds built their nests and found shelter on the top of trees
- Attracted the birds throughout the plantation



A view of Tree plantation at Gadihalli school



Growing Teak & Neem plants at Tamatadahalli school



Children watering the plants at Katignare school



Flowering mango plants at Channapura school area

2. Low cost bio-sand water filter for rural households

CHINTHANA FOUNDATION has continued the implementation of programme titled "Bio-sand water filter technology" in 03 villages (Javuru, Hirekanavangala and Javuru Thimmapur falls under the jurisdiction of Javuru Grama panchyath) with the financial assistance from PPI, Seattle. This programme approach received a well response from the community side and they are well accepted the innovative idea of accessing of safe water through this new and low cost technology.

Outcome and impact:

- Well response and cooperation from the rural beneficiaries
- Mass awareness at the community level in 03 working villages
- Better education on bio-sand notion has been promoted in all 03 villages in the mode of literature (handbills/posters).
- Acceptance and effective use of 50 bio-sand technology by the community
- Cordial rapport with government school and gram panchayths
- Curiosity among the general public who newly see the bio-sand filters installed in the gram panchayth
- Improved access to safe/purified water and substantial reduction in cases of water borne diseases among 50 families
- Market of 10 bio-sand water filters to general public in the radius of our project villages.



Bio sand water filters ready to be distributed to beneficiaries



Information and publicity about bio-sand water filter at Balayanahosur village



Beneficiaries washing sand before filling the bio-sand water filters at Balavanahosur village



Bio sand water filter being used at Mr.Thimmabovi and Mrs.Shobha's home

4. School plantings and environmental education for children

One more programme titled “School planting and Environmental Education for Children” was also effectively implemented by CHINTHANA FOUNDATION since 2014 with the financial assistance from People Progress in India (PPI), Seattle. Awareness generation, promotion of kitchen garden, soil and moisture conservation, watering, manure, pruning, maintenance and monitoring were key tasks contributed towards sustainability of all planted trees.

Outcome/Impact:

- 25 School children from and 04 teachers update the level of awareness on significance and maintenance of tree plantation
- 13 children and two teachers were given awareness on Bio-diversity Forest Zone and understood the significance and use of forest and ill effect of de-forestation.
- In statistics 770 plants such as Mango, Sapota, Guva, Amla, Neem, Jamun, Pongamia, Jackfruit, Cherry, Coconut, Heb bevu, Custard apple, Amte and Teak planted in 3 schools.
- 95% planted trees sustained in Katignare School, 92% in Thamataadahalli School and 89% in Benakunase School
- 03 kitchen garden units developed and production is well with cultivation of 17 varieties in 03 schools. The grown vegetables additionally added to the mid-day meals at the school



Environmental study tour of school childre at Kemmanagundi



Forest Officer giving information about forest conservation



School tree plantation at Banakunase school



A view of School tree planation at Tammatadahalli

5. Improved Status of Life among PooC (People of our Concern) in Chikmagalur and Kodagu district

CHINTHANA FOUNDATION is generating awareness and giving training to rural people on land rights, organizing and sensitization to Bagur hukum committees (BHC) and Forest rights committees (FRC) in order to ensure land mobilization for landless rural people. This programmes is effectively implemented in 150 villages of Chikmagalur and Kodagu district.



Press meet conducted on BHC and FRC at Chikmagalur



Training on Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) at Begur village



Legal awareness programme for BHC and FRC held at Muttinakoppa village



Village level meetings with BHC and FRC farmers held at Jodilingadally village

6. Krishi Aranya Prothsaha Yojane (KAPY)

To enlist the cooperation of farmers and general public in the noble task of increasing tree cover, the Krishi Aranya Protsaha Yojane is being implemented in Tarikere block with the support of Forest department. All together 54 farmers were supported for plantation of 19000 tree plants such neem, teak and silver. As a result, farmers are coming forward for tree plantation and environment conservation. The tree growing farmer will get a monetary benefit from Forest Department under this programme.



Farmers planting Teak, Silver and Hebbevu plants at different villages under Krushi Aranyya Protsaha Yojane in collaboration with Karnataka Forest Department

7. Project Axyaya (Tuberculosis Control Programme)

In order to promote awareness on Tuberculosis control, CHINTHANA FOUNDATION is implementing Project Axyaya in 20 villages of Tarikere block. As part of this project, we created awareness on symptoms of tuberculosis, methods of controlling the disease and pre-cautionary measures among 650 rural people. Household survey of more than 750 families covered and 25 suspected cases were referred to government hospitals for further treatment.



Tuberculosis control awareness programme at Ajjampura



Tuberculosis control awareness programme at Katiganare

5. Social mobilization

To mobilize the people participation in the development process, CHINTHANA FOUNDATION is supporting for the effective functioning of 115 Self help groups who are engaged with savings, thrift and repayment activities. The members of these SHGs can get easy loans available at any time for income generation programmes, health problems, agriculture and family management issues. All these groups are also stands for collective action, information dissemination, common sharing and common understanding under the same platform. Similarly, community organizations such as farmer's groups, village committees and youth groups have been formed and actively functioning in project villages.



Strengthening CBOs (Self help groups, Shree shakthi sangha and Village forest committee) at various villages

NET WORKS:

Apart from the project activities the organization also actively participating in the State and District level networks for lobby and advocacy. CHINTHANA FOUNDATION holding the District level membership with CACL-K.

- District net work with NGOs (District level)
- Tribal joint action (State level)
- National Adivasi Andolan(NAA) (National & State Level)
- Campaign against child labour-Karnataka (National, State level & District level)
- Right to food campaign –Karnataka (State level)
- Prajadhikara Vedhike- Karnataka (State level)
- Karnataka Peoples For Land Rights (KPFLR-K)
- Indian National Social Action Forum(INSAF) (National & State Level)
- Asian Rural Institute-Japan (International Network)

REPRESENTATION IN COMMITTEES:

Representation as NGO nominee in the district anti women and child trafficking committee of chikkamagalore district chaired by the Deputy Commissioner of the district and supported by the Karnataka state women and child development department.

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“Chinthana Foundation” (R) executive Committee convey thanks to social welfare board, Ministry of environment and forest, Karnataka vignyana parishath and Line departments of Chikmagalur district for their continued support in carrying out the activities of the Association. The executive Committee also takes this opportunity to place on record of appreciation for the dedication and hard work of the CHINTHANA FOUNDATION (R) secretariat.

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