



CHINTHANA FOUNDATION

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KARNATAKA STATE-577547]

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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.

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. Maintenance of tree planted under PPI supported projects
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. Economic empowerment of backward women through organic farming and resource conservation
6. Produce documentary film on school tree plantation of PPI projects
7. ASER survey
8. Krishi Aranya Prothsaha Yojane (KAPY)
9. Project Axya (Tuberculosis Control Programme)

Activities- at a Glance:

1. Maintenance of Trees planted under three PPI projects

To ensure sustainability of planted trees, CHINTHANA Foundation has continued implementation of project titled "Maintenance of Trees planted under three PPI projects" with the support from People Progress in India (PPI), Seattle. Timely monitoring with a focus on supply of manure, proper fencing, mulching, protection of trees plants, pruning, soil and moisture conservation, weeding and hoeing, tank silt application, drip irrigation

and watering activities has contributed for the well growth of all plants in 07 school plantation. A walk into the school corridor reflects us the green coverage, fresh air and cool environment. These trees grown fast 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. Children are enjoying the green environment and their interest increased towards environment conservation.



Green cover growth at Channapura school



Red soil application to plants



Fencing and rain water harvesting for soil and moisture conservation



Plants seen flowering at Gadihalli school plantation

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

The implementation of "Bio-sand water filter technology" continued by CHINTHANA FOUNDATION 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 have gained access to safe water through this new and low cost technology.

Outcome and impact:

- Mass awareness at the community level in 03 working villages
- Well response and cooperation from the rural beneficiaries
- 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



Bio sand water filters are ready to be distributed to beneficiaries



Bio sand water filter is being utilized Mahesh home at Balayanahosur village

4. School plantings and environmental education for children

CHINTHANA FOUNDATION has continued the monitoring of “School planting and Environmental Education for Children” programme with the financial assistance from People for Progress in India (PPI), Seattle. Awareness generation, promotion of kitchen garden, proper fencing, soil and moisture conservation, watering, manure, pruning, maintenance and monitoring were key tasks contributed towards sustainability of all planted trees.

Outcome/Impact:

- As per the statistics, 770 plants different species 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 survived in Katignare School, 92% in Thamataadahalli School and 89% in Benakunase School
- 03 kitchen garden units were developed and production is well with cultivation of 17 varieties of vegetables in 03 schools. The grown vegetables additionally added to the mid-day meals at the school



A view of tree growth at Banakunase school



Environment education to school children at Tamatadally school



School children enjoy eating fruits



School plantation at Katiganare

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

CHINTHANA FOUNDATION has continued efforts to creating awareness and giving training to rural people on land rights and organizing sensitization to Bagur hukum cultivators and Forest rights cultivators in order to ensure land mobilization for rural people. This programmes is effectively implemented in 150 villages of Chikmagalur and Kodagu district.



Press meet conducted on BHC and FRC and memorandum submitted to MLA, Revenue Ministers and Government officers



Conducting Legal awareness and Leadership training



Conducting meetings with BHC and FRC



Consultative meeting with Government officials on Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) strategies held at Mudigere taluk

6. ASER Survey:

The main aim of this ASER (Annual Status of Education Report) survey was to generate estimates of children's schooling status and basic learning levels among children at village and district level. As per the instruction and training given at state and district level, CHINTHANA FOUNDATION implemented ASER survey project 2016 in 09 villages of Chikmagalur district. As a result, the detailed survey information of children in 09 villages of 07 blocks of Chikmagalur district was collected, documented in the prescribed booklet and submitted to ASER Center, New Delhi for further process.



Orientation on ASER survey to volunteers



Conducted survey at Kallenahalli village



Children participation in National level Annual Status of Education Report -2016 at various villages

7. Economic empowerment of backward women through organic farming and resource conservation

To bring reduction in economical stress and continuous availability of better healthy food, CHINTHANA FOUNDATION has implemented the project titled “Economic empowerment of backward women through organic farming and resource conservation” in Balayyanahosuru village of Tarikere block, Chikmagalur district.

Outcome/Impact:

- 40 Farmers and women members upgraded their knowledge on organic agriculture
- 12 Farmers adopted chemical free and improved traditional organic farming techniques.
- 12 Bio-incentive kitchen gardens established, well managed and fresh and nutrition vegetables availed by beneficiaries
- Reduced 80% dependency and cost investment on local market for purchase of vegetables. Increased availability of fresh and nutritious vegetables
- Availability of food grains at 12 targeted household is secured
- Increased consumption of food corns
- Soil and water conserved in all 12 plots.
- Increased soil moisture condition as well soil fertility is getting improved
- 60 Fruit bearing trees planted in the land of households. Increased green coverage in 2 acres of land with 91% survival rate.



Mixed crop farming at Balayyanahosuru village



Conducting organic farmers meeting



Training on Preparation of organic Liquid manure



Distribution of Fruit saplings to farmers

8. Produce documentary film on school tree plantation of PPI projects

To record the stages of School Tree Plantation Project process and impacts, CHINTHANA FOUNDATION has produced a Documentary Film on School Tree plantation project process and impact with the support of PPI, Seattle. The primary objective of this project was to publicize and making people understand the life cycle of School Tree Plantation Project through a documentary film in Chikmagalur and neighbor districts of Karnataka. This documentation process has covered the plantation from 07 Schools of Ajjampura Hobli,

Tarikere taluk, Chikmagalur district. The final document has been publicized in 20 schools and 1353 children watched this video. They all understood the importance of school tree plantation and promised to develop tree plants in their own school. It has encouraged the other schools to adopt the same strategy of developing school plantation. Besides, the finalized video has also been uploaded in the social media like you tube and watched by the public. Simultaneously, we received well feedback and appreciation from many school, local line departments, public, well wishers and our network members.



"Our school Our Environment" documentary Film Shooting



CD release function on "Our School Our Environment" Documentary film



Students Watching tree plantation movie at Gadihalli school



Group photos after watching video Documentary

9. Krishi Aranya Prothsaha Yojane (KAPY)

In order to ensure the cooperation of farmers and general public in the noble task of increasing tree cover, the implementation of Krishi Aranya Protsaha Yojane was continued by CHINTHANA FOUNDATION in Tarikere block with the support of Forest department. All together 51 farmers supported for plantation of 10000 tree plants such neem, teak and silver. As a result, farmers are coming forward for tree plantation and environment conservation.



Movement of one crore tree planting campaign activity at Hannegudda hill



Campaign of Seed Ball preparation at Ajjampura forest nursery

10. Project Aakhya (Tuberculosis Control Programme)

To control spreading Tuberculosis disease among people and raise the level of awareness in backward villages, CHINTHANA FOUNDATION implemented GKS village meetings to Fight against Tuberculosis Disease in 25 villages fallen under Tarikere block of Chikmagalur district with the financial assistance from CHAI, Bengaluru under Project Aakhya. The selected target groups like women SHGs, youth group, village elders, GP members, Anganwadi workers and ASHA workers were made aware on these diseases and also they are spreading the information to neighbors. The basic symptoms of TB diseases, precautionary measures, referral services and medical services were known to the target community. All together 680 rural people from 25 backward villages of Tarikere block of Chikmagalur district were benefited from these programmes. Household survey of more than 750 families covered and 18 suspected cases were referred to government hospitals for further treatment.



Tuberculoses control awareness programme at Ajjampura



Volunteers training programme on tuberculoses at Chinthana office

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 for 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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people to make them self sustainable.

“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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