

# CHINTHANA FOUNDATION

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## Annual report-2017-18

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## **CHINTHANA FOUNDATION**

### **Brief About us:**

“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:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Designation</b>
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.

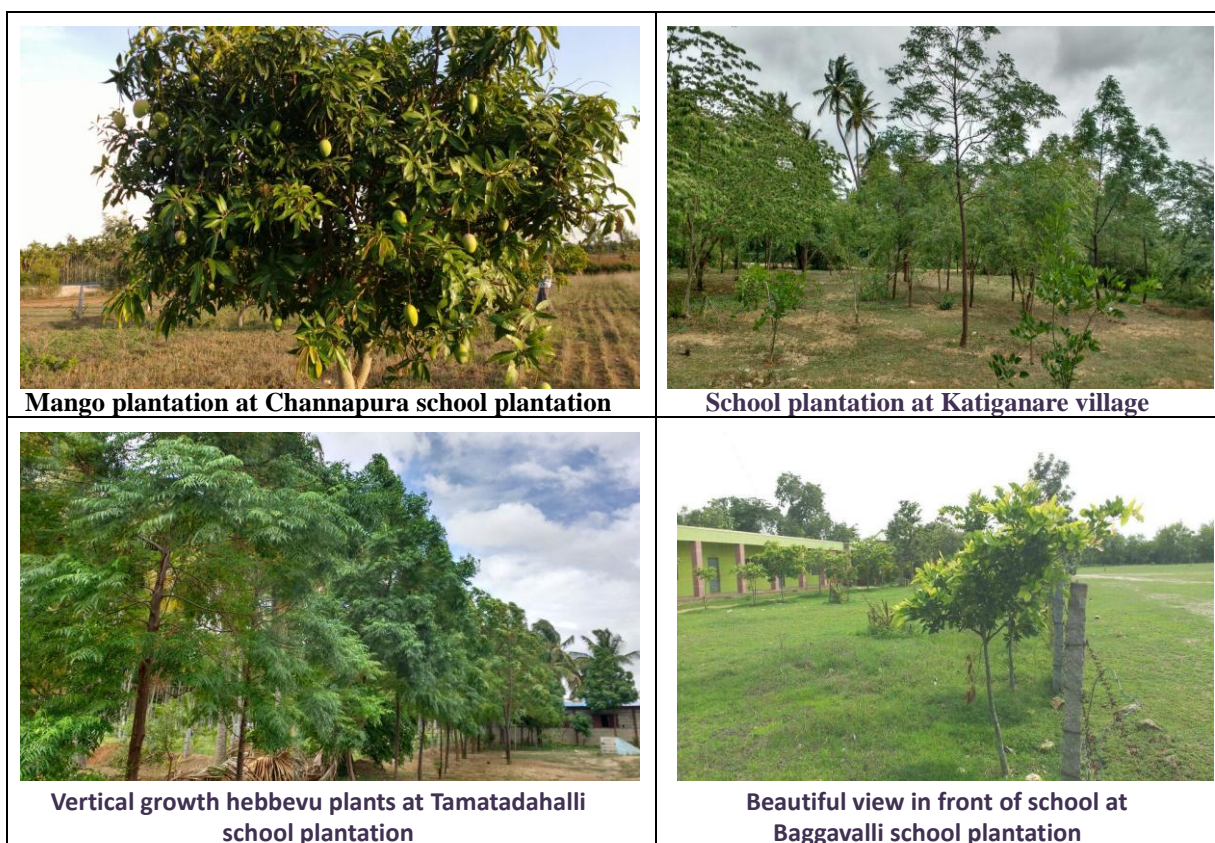
### **CHINTHANA Programme activities:**

1. Maintenance of tree planted under PPI supported projects
2. Improved status of Life among PooC (People of our concern) in Chikmagalur and Kodagu district
3. Ecology and Social Justice
4. Produce documentary film on school tree plantation of PPI projects
5. Krishi Aranya Prothsaha Yojane (KAPY)

### **Activities- at a Glance:**

#### **1. Maintenance of Trees planted under three PPI projects**

In order to ensure strong 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.



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

KPFLR-Chinthana 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. CHINTHANA is also putting its efforts of pressuring for land grants with government, people representatives and others. Regular meetings and delegations were organized with local MLAs since they are the presidents of Land Grant Committees. LGC members were took into confidence and consulted. This apart, Deputy Commissioners, Tashildars, Revenue inspectors, Village Accountants, were contacted regularly to update the plight of Bagar Hukum Cultivators and appealed to conduct regular LGC meetings and issue land rights. Number of memorandum were submitted, letter campaign was conducted regularly and press and media was utilized for the purpose. Wall writings were put-up in Chikkamagalur and Kodagu districts. As a result of this intervention, 201.02 acres of revenue land titles were issued for 100 farmers at Chikkamagalur District. Besides, 11.24 acres of forest land titles were issued to 45 farmers at Kodagu District.

Besides, CHINTHANA FOUNDATION was conducted a State Level Seed Mela on 28th December 2017 at Ajjampura with the support of KPFLR forum. Series of local/traditional varieties of seeds were displayed as part of this programme. A traditional folk dance from the Lambani group was conducted during this seed mela and their culture was highly represented. People from NGO network, local leaders, students, women group and general public were participated and made this programme successful.





**BHC and FRC cultivators memorandum submitted to MLA, Revenue Ministers and Government officers**



**Conducting Press meet at District press club**



**Conducting BHC and FRC district level forum members meeting**



**Conducting State Level Seed Mela at Shivananda Ashrama, Ajjampura**



## **5. Ecology and Social Justice**

CHINTHANA foundation is implementing the project titled "Ecology and Social Justice" with the support of Action Aid in 50 remote and backward villages of Ajjampura block with an objective of reclaiming self-reliant indigenous agriculture system of ensuring people's nutritional food security, by enriching soil health, since June 2017. This project is exclusively looking in to promote and establish best practices related to promoting the low cost ecological farming practices, increase the people attachment towards land and thereby improve the economical conditions of these low income families.



Due to series of awareness, training programmes and demonstration intervention 111 farmers adopted Diversity Based Ecological Farming Systems and successfully grown chemical free Ragi and other food crops (Uchchellu, Navane, Saame, Jovar, Sajje and Sasive). Farmers are happy to cultivate mixed crops and experienced high yield productivity compared to other farmers. 99 Farmers were received drums after training/orientation and now they are producing JEEVAAMRUTHA and PANCHAGAVYA (liquid manure). As a result, 60% cost invested in purchasing of chemical fertilizer has been saved. 10 School kitchen gardens are developed and continuously producing varieties of vegetables which used for preparation of mid-day meals. 230 Families are grown fresh and nutritious vegetables from their own kitchen garden which saved Rs.400 spent on purchase of vegetables every month. Besides, seed meal, makkala habba, jatha and street play shows were also implemented under the project. The programme team is also actively working for resolving local issues such as effectiveness in public distribution system, drinking water problems and connecting to government schemes for rural people are other key activities of this project.



Conducting healthy soil and organic farming related drama



Healthy soil jatha at various villages



Youth sensitization Training on Seed treatment and mixed cropping system



Demonstration of compost produce and training programme

## 6. Produce documentary film on school tree plantation of PPI projects

CHINTHANA FOUNDATION is still disseminating the documentary film on school tree plantation project process and impact ("Namma Shaale Namma Parisar") in Chikmagalur and neighbor districts of Karnataka state to publicize and making people understand the life cycle of School Tree Plantation Programme. This documentary film was developed by CHINTHANA FOUNDATION with the support of People for Progress in India (PPI), Seattle. Each stage of School Tree Plantation Project process and impacts were clearly recorded in this documentary.

So far this document has been publicized in 25 schools with active participation of 2048 school children and teachers. They all understood the importance of school tree plantation and promised to develop tree plants in their school campus. 175 Various participants such as BSW, MSW students, NGO friends, school teachers, head masters, SHGs members and farmers watched this document during their visit to CHINTHANA office. Around 1401+ viewers watched this documentary film uploaded in the popular social media which is you tube and made understand the life cycle and importance of school tree plantation. Besides, we shared this video to nearly 145 peoples through whatsapp application. We have also published this video documentary information in the Prajavani local news paper. This video documentary was also shared with other papers such as Kannada Prabha, Vijay Karnataka, Samyukta Karnataka, Udayavani, Vijayavani and local NGOs.

#### **Re-editing, 4 minutes video for the 40th Anniversary celebration of PPI, Seattle:**

The documentary movie on school tree plantation project process and impact (“Namma Shaale Namma Parisar”) was re-edited for 4 minutes with the support of SRUSTI Media, Bangalore to make it short and keep the attention of the audience. Later, we sent this short video to PPI, Seattle to publish as part of 40th Anniversary celebration of People for Progress in India (PPI). This short video was also uploaded in you tube, around 510 viewers watched it till now.

We have received well feedback and appreciation from many school, local line departments, public, well wishers and our network members who watched it. They were also inspired to develop tree plantation in their school campus. It has encouraged the other schools to adopt the same strategy of developing school plantation. Still CHINTHANA foundation is continuing its efforts to publicize this documentary in remained schools as well as sharing among local stakeholders to increase more tree plantation.



#### **Feedback lines from school teachers:**

*“This programme (school tree plantation) is really necessary at present for our society and it must reach all of us. Shared by Head master, Kudige, Government model higher primary school, Kodagu district”*

*“The documentary movie is most useful to our children and teachers. This has increased our student interest towards environment protection as well as making them to think tree plantation nearby their house. Shared by Head master, Government model higher primary school, Guddehosuru, Kodagu district.”*



## 7. Krishi Aranya Protsaha Yojane (KAPY)

CHINTHANA FOUNDATION continued the implementation of Krishi Aranya Protsaha Yojane in Tarikere block with the support of Forest department with a view to ensure the cooperation of farmers and general public in the noble task of increasing tree cover. In total 60 farmers supported for plantation of 11000 tree plants such neem, teak and silver. As a result, farmers are coming forward for tree plantation and environment conservation.



Vertical growth tree plantation under Krushi araya protsaha scheme

### 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.

### Acknowledgment

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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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