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## **Resolution**

The Annual General Body Meeting of Bhagya Abhivrudhi Seva Samsthe (BASS) Gulbarga was held on 15-03-2020 at BASS Central office Kotnoor (D). Mr. Pandurang Kotre (Secretary) Present the draft of annual report of BASS for year of 2020-21 and circulate among governing body member.

Mr. Hirabai Malkappa has proposed to finalize and approve the same. Smt. Sunita Shrishail seconded to this The organization have started Rural Development work in the Afzalapur, Aland, Chittapur, Jewargi, Gulbarga City & Gulbarga Rural and Yadagir District, Shahapur of Gulbarga 20 Villages from Afzalapur, 20 Villages from Aland, 20 Villages from Chittapur, 15 Villages from Jewargi 15 Villages Gulbarga Rural, 15 Areas from Gulbarga Urban, 10 Villages from Shahapur and Yadagir District 10 Villages & Raichoor District Devadurga 10 Villages Selected initially since from registration. The organization have developed good relationship with the local communication, Govt. Dept. and other voluntary organization in the District. The organization have and taken number of rural development work the brief details are as follows:

## **ABOUT BASS**

I am pleased to present the annual report for the year of 2020-21. From last 15 years BASS has been trying to completion of their objectives and obtain better result. It has only happened by kind support of Government, Funding agency and well wishers. The “Bhagya Abhivrudhi Seva Samsthe (BASS) Gulbarga” is a registered Voluntary organization working in the tribal region of Gulbarga District of Karnataka State in the field of rural development for more than 15 years. It has promoted self- help groups among farmers, women and youth. It has provided necessary training, motivation and skills to them for critically analyzing their problems and coming out with suitable plan of action for their development. The training is entirely based on participatory learning methods.

Hence, according to the local problems and issues, the development activities in agriculture, environment, health, education, collective employment, applied research etc. were all undertaken. The organization is working in more than 70 villages in Gulbarga block, 60 villages in Yadagir block and 10 villages in Devadurga block of Raichur District of Karnataka. It has established links with various NGOs, government and other agencies and is undertaking consulting, and training and support service.

BASS’s long term objective is to grow scope of work in the 200 villages of Gulbarga, Raichur, Yadagiri, block (in Gulbarga district, Karnataka)

We thanks to all Government agency, Private agency and well wisher who support to BASS for implementation of various programme.

**Mr.Pandurang Kotre**

# **Main Goal**

## **“Overall Rural Development”**

### **Objectives**

Economical, social, educational, cultural and  
Health programme

Sports and youth service programme

To arrange educational camp and discussion  
Term for regarding rural development

To avail accommodation of research and writing  
And hereby to collect books and to spread them

To arrange social educational class such as life  
Education, budget, family planning etc.

To prevalence and enlarge for development  
Respecting field

To give short term leadership training

To execute soil development,  
Forestation and watershed development programmed  
For to steady of peoples standard of life in the  
Area of natural adversity.

## **MAJOR ACTIVITIES OF THE YEAR 2020-21.**

The following were the major activities implemented by BASS

- 1) Dept. of Watershed Development, Govt. of Karnataka / India
- 2) Cresh Unit Centre (Balwadi) Project
- 3) General Training Awareness
- 4) Family Counseling Centre (FCC)
- 5) Night Shelter Programme
- 6) Women Employment Programme
- 7) Farmer Training
- 8) Matoshree Heerabai Primary and High School

### **1) General Training Awareness :**

Involved in general awareness activities with government departments and responsibility to create awareness among the public on pulse polio HIV / AIDS awareness, hepatitis B, Dowry, Bonded Labour System, Atrocities on women and daliths, Human Rights and other issue related activities during the year. Organization workshops, seminars, trainings, meetings regarding Government programme / schemes self employment / vocational trainings for rural youths schemes for women empowerment etc.

### **2) Women Employment Programme :**

The organization continued same programme during the year also through formation of new women's self help groups and continuation of old groups in Gulbarga / Yadagir district, Our group members are who have been coming under below poverty line / poor / landless agriculture labours. This programme will make women empowerment through participation in decision, making in community or society groups and to take collective decision, responsibility for their family, community sustainable development. The organization has been

taken responsibility to organize or mobilize resource persons and conducted deferent education, economic, political, and legal, leadership development and other empowerment related trainings, workshops, seminars and exposure for empowerment of women and their families.

### **3) Farmer Training :**

This program is an highlighted program in all our program as this is concerned on the villagers. Villagers were educated to increase their yield, they were given useful training in getting more yield in les water.

### **4) Matoshree Heerabai Primary and High School :**

Running under the name of Hirabai Higher Primary School at Kotnoor (D), Gulbarga, with 70 students, and running High school with 60 students. These schools are organized by our society.

### **5) Family Counseling Centre (FCC) :**

“Counseling begins with individual but broadens the contact with many to solve the problems of the individuals”.

The problems of the individual and families are common phenomena. To find solutions to the problem is not easy, because it basically involves attitudinal change in the individual in the individual and also it is well related to the community where the individual lives. With the experience with the grass root people of our target area for a decade also. Realizing the need of the people in rural and in urban areas for constant counseling requirement, started first counseling desk in Gulbarga in the year 2020 with the financial support from State Social Welfare Board at Blore Karnataka and in their Societies but Counseling is not only limited to the people who come with problems in their families and in their societies but counseling is very much in demand in cases like alcohol, mentally street children and distressed women. The family counseling department branched out in assisting all categories of people who deserve helping hand. Though we had very little response at the initiation of the programme, it rapidly grew up and has been a benefit to 05 client during the year 2020.

**6. Shelter for urban Homeless (SUH) :** Ensure availability and access of the urban homeless population to permanent 24 hour shelters (including safe and secure protection from the elements, access to water, sanitation and allied facilities, security, safety and allied services for dignified survival) Cater to the needs of especially vulnerable segments of the urban homeless like the dependent children, aged, disabled, mentally ill and recovering gravely ill, by creating special sections within homeless shelters and provisioning special service linkages for them. Ensure access to various entitlements, including to social security pensions, PDS, ICDS, feeding programmes, drinking water, sanitation, identity, financial inclusion, school admission etc., and to affordable social housing. Formulate structures and framework of engagement for development, management and monitoring of shelters and ensuring basic services to homeless persons, by state and civil society organisations including homeless collectives.

**7. Free Health Check up :** Many of the leading killers of Indians are chronic diseases that can be prevented with healthy habits like a good diet and plenty of exercise. But there's a key part of prevention that should not be overlooked: At every stage of your adult life, you should undergo routine screening exams to catch any health problems so you can try to nip them in the bud. This has taken on a new importance — and additional challenges — as we deal with the Covid-19 pandemic. Take the usual precautions (wear a mask, wash your hands, etc.), but try to maintain your screenings, physicals and vaccinations. Many doctors are doing teleconferencing, though of course for examinations and procedures, you'll need to be in person.

# Annual Report 2022-23

## Bhagya Abhivrudhi Seva Samsthe ( BASS )



### About us

Bhagya Abhivrudhi Seva Samsthe is a Karnataka -based organization working in nine districts of North Karnataka since 1998. It was started by a group of young people who had a vision for the social, economic and political growth of Karnataka based on their experience of working with communities in the most deprived and vulnerable areas of Karnataka . **BASS** is committed to creating a violence-free society based on equity, justice and peace. **BASS** works with youth and adolescents to address gender-based violence by enlisting their help as volunteers or agents of change. We create platforms through which youth can voice their opinions and integrate their needs with the process of social development.

### Vision

To create a violence-free society that will be based on equity, justice and peace. A social environment which can enables – Physical and mental freedom for all irrespective of caste, class and gender, freedom from gender-based violence, equal Opportunities for Girls and



Women and freedom from discrimination. Mission To create a platform where youth can voice their opinion and integrate their voice into the process of social development, thereby enhancing their capacities and co-creating opportunities for their meaningful participation in their communities' development leading to sustainable development. Our Strategy

- Conduct public campaigns led by volunteers, change-makers, and our partners
- Empower local communities and raise awareness about critical social issues
- Create linkages between local government, administration, politicians and other stakeholders to address issues of Violence against Women (VAW)
- Motivate local community members and involve youth to monitor their neighborhoods to encourage the maintenance of a violence-free society.
- Organizing villagers into Village Development Committees and capacitating them for village development
- Apply principles of participation in identification and prioritization of problems and also in identification of development program.
- Use regional and cluster approach in identification and solution of issues in the area
- Collaborate with the institutions, community organizations and individuals with similar understandings and approaches.

## **Our Approach**

BHAGYA aims to target the issues of gender discrimination and violence in a holistic way, including by:

- Conducting public awareness campaigns led by youth volunteers, change-makers and community partners
- Conducting discussion forums at the local level to build community awareness and capacity around preventing gender discrimination
- Advocating to local governments and community leaders on the issue women face
- Motivating community members to address gender-based issues through various networks and support groups, as well as links with government and other institutions
- Raising awareness in local media and increasing coverage on issues around violence against women
- Sensitizing men to the experiences and issues women face
- Holistically empowering survivors of violence, providing women with access to legal services, counselling, and regular follow-up
- Developing and encouraging self-respect and self-worth in women and young girls in order to assist women in recognizing their inherent value and strength.

## **Governance**

BHAGYA continues to be an organization with a small group of general body members. Presently, there are 15 members (7 are women) in general body including 7 (4 are women) members in the Executive Council (EC). The EC consists of the Chairperson, Secretary and seven other members. These members come from diverse backgrounds and include a social worker, activist, academic, media person and writer. The Executive Council meets twice a year and General body meets once a year to share programs, the annual report, audited accounts, new policies, and plan new programs. Elections of EC members are held every two years. Upon withdrawal of any member from membership of the general body, new name/s is suggested by the board members, who are then sent an invitation to join the general body .

## **Staff**

There are 22 staff members (including 10 women) in BHAGYA working on different programs. These staff members having expertise and qualification in -- Masters of Arts (M.A.), Bachelor of Education (B.Ed.), Masters in Social Work (MSW) and graduate from different disciplines. Composition of staff are followed by caste and religious diversity viz; SC, ST, OBC, Minorities. Planning and Monitoring BHAGYA Sansthan conducts monthly staff meetings to review activities and budget. The organization also conducts quarterly meetings to review program budget and planning for next quarter. Senior staff visits the field area frequently for program monitoring. Representatives from donor agencies make visits twice in a year. Accounting and Auditing BHAGYA uses Tally accounting software to maintain accounts standard and prepares a statement of accounts to fulfil donor agency requirements. An external auditor conducts an audit of the accounts on a regular basis. The auditor provides a final statement of accounts once a year and prepares Utilization Certificates (UCs) and need-based statements as per the requirements of donor agencies

## **Activities**





## **YOUTH FOR EQUALITY**

**BASS** believes that in patriarchal prevailed societies engaging men and boys to stand by with girls and women to end up gender-based violence is one of the most successful achievements in itself. Our youth for equality is one such initiative putting special emphasis on engaging men (Parents, teachers, husband, in-laws and influential male personality) and boys (bother, son) in the promotion of equal and positive gender roles. They are encouraged to identify forms of structural discrimination, challenges power hierarchies and undergo critical self-reflection, examining their perception on gender and identifying the roles they play in perpetuating inequalities. Fulfilling the aims of this program men and boys are actively participating in programs, meetings, sharing experience and deeply began to discuss by creating open space to end up the social evils (child marriage, disrespect of women, violation of freedom of speech, molestation, sexual abuse), number of follow up sessions, the participants are trained and equipped with the necessary knowledge, resources and skills to begin acting as an effective role models, agents of change and change-makers within their own communities and through leadership and education, these young men are promoting positive change and reshaping social norms in their families, schools and communities and are also contributing to create inclusive societies by being agents of change, models for family and communities.



### **HELPLINE AND SUPPORT CENTRE**

**BASS** Observed that the cases against the women and girls are increasing day by day and proper care and services are not available to them, they are speechless to share their problems with others for fear of not being believed or being shamed, and proper care and counselling services are not available to them. Existing resources were inadequate or women are unable to use them because they are threatening for divorce and compel to get out from house. Getting all these issues as huge challenge **BASS** thought to get in and introduced helpline and support centre for survivors in the month of April 2017. The centre consists of a helpline telephone number women and girls from anywhere in our intervention area can call. The centre employs two full-time counsellors, which answer the helpline, manage the cases that come to the centre, and conduct field visits to check on those who have previously received support, in addition to many other duties. In addition to their work with survivors, our counselors also do partnership and training with organizations doing similar work, police, and referral departments. They also conduct gender related workshops in schools, colleges and hostels to generate awareness on various gender related issues. At the Centre, **BASS** provides social, legal and psychological support as well as counseling and assistance .

## WOMEN EMPOWERMENT



**BASS** believe working with women and empowering them is as essential as education for life because women are equal stakeholders for nation building and development. To bring peace and harmony within the family and in the lives of women and young married girls it is quite prominent awakening women from ignorance and for that **BASS** is sensitizing them through regular meetings, workshops, camps and trainings. Women's collective meeting Women's regular collective meetings is being conducted to accomplish vision of filling gender gap and bringing peace, harmony and equality in the society therefore, women's group were formed in almost all the villages of Mahagaon Cross and Katoli blocks in which different issues related to women were discussed and tried to bring solutions of the issues by adopting different innovative ways. Mainly discussion issues were like physical violence, verbal abuse, and importance of education, different laws and schemes related to education, livelihood and health. In year 2019- 2020 total 446 women's meeting were conducted in **BASS** and total 3882 women participated and raised their voices against many issues related PDS, Water scarcity, Alcohol shops etc. Block level meeting with Young married girls 15 young married girls have participated in the meeting. During this meeting we found that many of young married girls were married when they were less than 18 years old and have 23 lost all their rights, childhood liberties and happiness, no mean of their own consents in front of the parents that they should enjoy. Many have shared their experience of problems being faced like not allowed to talk with other boys, not allowed to go to schools, roam in the streets, play outside, can't speak in front of elders, can't do jobs. But after the consecutive meetings a handsome shift have been seen among the behavior of parents as well as girls to stand against the atrocities happening with them and other like them. Empowerment Workshops for change Since inception **BASS** has adopted Workshop method as an essential tool to make access to large number of people

regarding ending persisting social evils like child marriage, Sexuality, manhood, molestation, rape, domestic violence, snatching girls' legal rights etc. to bring about change in the behaviour of people to create a space where girls, boys, men, women can stand with each other to feel the notion of togetherness. Several workshops with different names like Village level workshop- Intensive and interactive workshops were conducted which covered topic of child marriage, education, violence, dreams, and sexuality. Through different stories and group activities girls and boys realized importance of education, received answers like why someone's marriage is fixed by her father at such an early age, what are consequences of early marriage, what one could possibly do to stop child marriage. Around 256 participants have been benefitted from 18 village level workshops.