

PROGRESS REPORT



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- **Registration No.** 838 Dated 31.10.2002
- **Working area** Bilaspur division of Chattisgarh
- **Mission and vision** To create awareness among the backward people for there socio-economic upliftment, education, health, land and agriculture improvement etc. With there own cooperation as well as through the help of organization, they can overcome their poverty

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Introduction

Janmitram is a voluntary, non-profit making, non-political, and non-religious organization working in selected districts of Chhattisgarh state. It is working with community and government for development and welfare of rights of the poor and disadvantaged groups, in both rural and urban areas.

Janmitram came in existence in the year 2000 with an aim and object for providing services to poor, weaker and marginal section of society, including women, and to strengthen them through education, training, vocational rehabilitation and self reliance. The organization works without any discrimination of caste, creed, sex, age, religion and community. The headquarter of the organization is located in Raigarh, Chhattisgarh.

In October 2002, Organization got legal legitimacy after registration under Societies Registration Act of Chhattisgarh state. Soon after registration it was given responsibilities for preparation of micro plans of village forest committee/forest protection committees constituted under joint forest management scheme of government of Chhattisgarh.

Organization has three distinct divisions that shoulder different kind of responsibilities. Project implementation division carries out day-to-day operations of long-term project and is looked after by Dr. M.G. Goswami. Dr. Ranjeet Barik heads research and Evaluation division. He has six years experiences of survey activities that enable him to shoulder the responsibility of conduct short term assignments related to survey, PRA, training programs (capacity building and skill up gradation), Micro planning, monitoring and evaluation etc.

Miss. Ritu Sharma (MA (Sociology), M. Phil, SLET) heads social services division. This division is successfully addressing social issues. Social services division emphasizes on Peoples rights, women empowerment child Labor etc.

We are affiliated with Chhattisgarh Voluntary health association, (CG-VHA) and Indian social action forum (INSAF)

ACTIVITIES AT A GLANCE

(Sector wise achievements) 2002-03

1. Social Services Division

Drinking water stalls - (May 2002)

Samiti started two cold drinking water stalls (*Pyaaau*) in busy public places of Raigarh city, one in chakrardhar nagar chowk and other in station chowk. It was objected to provide people some relief in hottest summer of recent times.

Plantation on World Environment Day- (June 5th, 2002)

Janmitram is strongly committed to create awareness for environmental protection and ecological balance. On the occasion of world environment day, Samiti conducted a programme in Govarhdhnpur village of Raigarh block where 25 plants of religious and medicinal importance were planted on the banks of newly excavated pond and nearby ground. 25 plants were given away to villagers to let them plant it in their courtyard.

World literacy Day - (September 8th, 2002)

We were invited by Block Education Officer of Kharsia block to participate in various programmes on world literacy day. Mr. Manoj Agrawal, Secretary Janmitram and his team attended the programme and contributed in direction of BEO.

World AIDS Day- (December 1st, 2002)

Acquired immune deficiency syndrome, better known as AIDS, is posing a great threat to mankind. Since no cure of this disease has been searched yet, thus only way of security is prevention. Janmitram organized a mobilization campaign on world AIDS day, in villages of Gopalpur , Tarpali and Patrapali villages of Raigarh block. Where leaflets containing information about AIDS was distributed among villagers, especially youth. A cricket match was also organized between Patrapali and Gopalpur. Better performers were awarded by trophies and cash prizes.

World Human Rights Day - (December 10th 2002)

Education alone creates awareness in the people and helps them to understand the environment and society around them. Thus there is no better way to then education to raise awareness about human rights. With such an approach we had organised an essay competition at girls collage Kharsia on 10-12-2002. It was on the occasion of world human rights day. Topic of essay was " Human rights and terrorism". Meritorious student were awarded with cash prizes and trophy on 26th January, Republic Day. Prizes were given away by the hands of Hon. Mr. Vishnudev Sai, MP, Raigarh.

Veterinary camp at Kotmaar village- (December 25th 2002)

On special demand villagers of Kotmaar village, a Veterinary camp was organized on December 25th. Various animal disease were recognized and cured by specialist doctors. Over four dozen cattle were cured and 32 were castrated. Peoples of adjoining villages like Karichhapar, Bhagora, Tilaga, also brought their cattle and got benefit of camp. Hon. Dr. Y. K. Shukla himself attended the camp and appreciated the effort of Janmitram.

Pulse Polio Movement -(January 5th and February 9th, 2003)

In past few years, government of India is running pulse polio Abhiyan to completely uproot the cause of polio, to save our children from being victim of polio virus. Volunteers of Janmitram also participated in the program, Along with officials of state health department. In first round of the movement (January 5th) we have covered six villages, Bhagora, Tilga, Kotmaar, Patrapali, Tarplai and Goverdhanpur and three railway station - Jamgaon, Koterlia and Kirodimal Nagar. Over 900 children were benefited from these booths.

In the second round we covered seven villages and two-railway station Badpali, Bhagora, Tilga, Kotmaar, Patrapali, Tarplai and Goverdhanpur two railway station - Jamgaon, and Koterlia. This time over 1000 children benefited by our efforts

Women health and Awareness Week at Girls Arts and Commerce Collage, Kharsia : (January 20-22, 2003)

Gender discrimination and Gender inequalities persists all over in India and Chattisgarh is not an exception. Due to poverty, Lack of basic services, malnutrition and ignorance; women face peculiar situation of neglects in social life. Only way to avoid such situation is to let the women know about her rights, her true necessities and to enable them to bring about her own welfare.

With such an approach, Women health and awareness week was organized at Girls Arts and Commerce Collage Kharsia, in between 20-22 January 2003.

On the inaugural day, Hon. Dr. Mrs. Kakoli Patnayak gave her speech on women health and hygienic. Dr. Patnayak, who herself is an icon of a self sufficient and aware women of new age, emphasized on the nutritional requirements of women. However, She has also given some beauty tips to enthusiastic girls.

Discussion on women rights and related legislation was organized on next day. Miss Ritu Sharma, (Director Social Services, Janmitram) was there to discuss the matter. Social evils like dowry, women discrimination and other relevant topics, which are still haunting women cause in modern era, dominated the session.

On 22nd January, District level essay competition was organized at similar venue. Topic essay was "*Indian Women in 21st Century*". Competition was commenced in two categories- collage and School level. 39 boys and girls participated in competition. Miss Sharda Patel was Chosen first as Miss Nitu Agrawal stood Second in Collage

level. In School level, Mr. Arjun Devkurrey and Mr. Sukhdeo Ram were selected first and second respectively.

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2. Research and Evaluation Division

This division of Janmitram is responsible for commencement of training programmes, workshops and field surveys, data collection and data processing for our capacity building and consultancy work. Activities of this division can be summaries as follows.

(2.1) Workshop on gender equity and women empowerment .

1. Chattisgarh voluntary health association organized workshop on women empowerment. Programme officer Ms. Anupama Tiwari was present in the workshop. Janmitram participated and contributed in the workshop. (November 10th).
2. Two-day workshop on Gender awareness and women empowerment was organized by DANLEP at Agrasen Bhavan , Raigarh. Janmitram participated and contributed in the workshop. (December 14-15th 2002)
3. Two-day workshop on women health care and nutritional requirement was called by CG-VHA. Hon. Mrs. Mira Shiva from VHAI, was herself presented her lecture on various topic. (March 10-11th ,2003)

(2.2) Training on watershed management (February 9-12th 2003)

Samaj Prgati Sahyog, A subsidiary organization of CAPART organized a training under capart drought eradication *jalagum* programme. Training commenced on 9th February 2003 at Baba Amte Peoples Empowerment center, Gadhi , Bagli, (District Devas). Dr. Mukesh Goswami and Miss. Ritu Sharma Represented Janmitram and attended the workshop.

(2.3) Seminar on Biodiversity conservation (march 11-12th 2003)

Two day Seminar on biodiversity conservation and environment protection was organize in PG building, KG collage, Raigarh. Members of Janmitram actively contributed to make this seminar successful. We also got opportunity to express our concerns on biodiversity conservation in presence of recognized scientists and professors , including Dr. J L. Nayak, Principal director of Chattisgarh council of science and technology, Raipur.

(2.4) RRA (Rapid Rural Appraisal) (15 to 17th Sptember 2002)

RRA was conducted in Vishvanathpali, Ranisager, and Lakha villages of Raigarh district. It was a questionnaire survey . it was to find out extent of the causes of forest degradation under joint forest management . We have successfully conducted our program and submitted our report to Guru Ghasidas university , Bilaspur, Forestry department

3. Project Implementation Division

This division of Janmitram is responsible for execution/implementation of project assign by various government and non-government agencies. Achievements of this division in the year 2002-04 are as under.

(3.1)Micro-planning of VFC/VFCs of Raigarh and Jashpur forest division

It is a well-known fact that forest resources are shrinking day by day despite of repeated efforts of government and environmentalists. In later stages it was established that sustainable management and protection of forest could only get success when these people get participation in forest management. With such an approach, joint forest management scheme has been started in Chattisgarh state.

Village forest committees and forest protection committees have been constituted to ensure grater participation of peoples in forest management. Forest department is willing to make these committees as a strong forum for community and infrastructuruel development of these villages. This will need a intensive planning at micro level.

We conducted 11 intensive survey campaign including six villages of Jashpur and five villages in Raigarh forest division for preparation of micro plans. It was an interactive survey based on **PRA** (*Participatory Rural Appraisal*) and **PANR** (*Participatory Appraisal of Natural Recourses*).The object of PRA and PANR was to bring about an understanding and learning from villagers. This was to put foreword their points of view about any issue and enabling then to do there own analysis, identification of problems and to let them search there solutions. This created a sense of belonging and dependence of each other for development. We have successfully conducted the program and submitted report to respective DFOs.

List of villages in Raigarh division

(i)Temtema, (ii)Adpathra (Forest Range Kharsia)
(iii)Urba (iv) Pelama (V) Hinjhar (Forest Range Kharsia)

List of Villages in Jashpur Division

(vi) Orkela (vii)Gullu (Viii) Jhargaon (ix)Borokona (Forest Range Manora)
(x) Bukna (Forest Range Duldula)
(xi) Jhiki (Forest Range Bagicha)

(3.2)Renewable energy sources.

It is worst kept secret that conventional energy sources are drying day by day ,and sooner or later ,they will be no longer available. Besides conventional energy sources are creating hazards for environment and chiefly contributing to global warming. in forest dominated district of Raigarh, fuel-wood extraction from forest is one of the main responsible factors for degradation fo the forests, as evidenced by case study , conducted by JANMITRAM.

With affiliation to CREDA (Chhattisgarh Renewable Energy Development Authority) JANMITRAM has started a movement to rise awareness about alternative sources of energy, and has been successfully installing “Unnat Chulha”, domestic Gobar gas plants along with solar equipment. We have kept our target to install 200 Gobar-gas plants in the year 2003

(3.3)New agronomic practices

Conventional method of farming and inconsiderate introduction of modern technologies viz. Chemicals, is reflecting in reduction of productivity and degradation of soil. This will pose a great danger before innocent farmers. Our experts are trying to create awareness among farmers for new agronomic practices having a “Biotechnological approach”. Our project for research and technological extension about VAM, vermiculture and organic farming is under consideration of CG-COST(Chhattisgarh Council of Science and Technology). Projects having similar aspects of agro-forestry and medicinal plants are under consideration in commission rate, Tribal Welfare Department of Chhattisgarh.