

Activity Report 2019- 20

Annual General body meeting

The 16th annual general body meeting was held at Kakkavayal on 30th April 2019. 32 members participated in the meeting. Annual report, audited statement of accounts and budget were approved. The meeting reviewed the functioning of different departments of Neethi Vedhi and necessary arrangements were made to monitor the project activities.



Governing body meeting

Governing body meeting was held on 11th July 2019. The meeting reviewed the activities of the first quarter of the reporting year. It was decided to plan the details of the collaborative ministry proposed to initiate between SCN sisters and Neethi Vedhi.

Legal aid

With the active support of three lawyers, 350 people were given legal support during the reporting year. 67 petitions were prepared and submitted to different departments. Legal counseling, mediation talks and handling court cases were part of this program.

Service provider

As Service Provider recognized by the Social Welfare Board, Neethi Vedhi took up 57 cases of domestic violence. Considerable amount of time was spent for legal counseling, mediation talks and settlements to help the families from breaking apart. The subcommittee meeting as per PWDV Act was held on 28th May 2019.

Parihara- Counseling

Parihara, the counseling wing of Neethi Vedhi provided psychological counseling support to 92 persons during the year.

Legal clinics

Legal clinics were organized in 7 Panchayats. 96 petitions were considered in the legal clinics and appropriate steps were taken to resolve the complaints.

Niyamavisesham

In collaboration with Community Radio Mattoli, two programs were broadcasted regarding legal news and judgments beneficial to the marginalized sections of the society.

Legal awareness classes

92 legal awareness classes were conducted with the help of Anganwadi teachers, Kudumbashree and Panchayat officials, which 2584 persons participated. The classes were mainly regarding legal provisions available for tribal communities, women and children.



International Human Right Day celebration

International Human Rights day was celebrated on 10th December 2019 at Kalpetta with active involvement of District Peace Forum. 48 persons participated in the program. There was class on Human rights and peace building.



International Women's Day celebration

As part of International Women's day celebrations, an interactive session was conducted at Lakkidi Oriental College on 4th March 2020 in which 76 students and teachers participated. On 8th March 2020, women's day celebration was held at Don Bosco College, Bathery in which 60 BSW and MSW students along with their teachers participated.



Unarvu – tuition centres

5 remedial centers with the name 'Unarvu' study centers were conducted with the help of SCN sisters. 125 students benefitted through this program. The tutors were given training and review meetings were held every month.



Kanal – Enhancing the tribal children

Two day 'Kanal' camps to promote tribal talents were organized in September and October 2019 for selected 50 Adivasi students.



Youth harmony clubs

18 youth clubs were formed in Wayanad and Nilambur region in which 464 youngsters are actively involved. Sports and games items were distributed to the clubs. The youth are actively involved in social service activities in their locality.



Students Harmony clubs

15 students Harmony clubs were formed during the reporting year and 711 students are part of this program. The orientation training for selected teachers and Neethi Vedhi staff was held on 26th July 2019 facilitated by World Fellowship of Inter Religious Council. The district level inauguration of students' harmony clubs was held at Kakkavayal school on 27th July 2019.



Conflict analysis

Conflict analysis sessions were conducted in 18 Panchayats to discuss the root cause, severity and urgency of various issues faced by people in their locality.



Peace committees

Peace committees are functioning in 21 Panchayats in Wayanad and 4 in Malappuram district. Around 700 peace committee members are involved in this endeavor. Review meetings are held once in three months to ensure timely intervention for resolving conflicts.



Training for Peace committee members

5 trainings were conducted to refresh the peace committee members regarding their role as mediators in helping the people to settle their grievances and to bring back happy relationship. 284 members participated in these sessions.



District Peace Forum

Wayanad District Peace Forum was inaugurated on 22nd October 2019 at Kalpetta. 46 members participated in the deliberations. The executive committee meeting of District forum was held at Kakkavayal on 8th November 2019. The office bearers were selected and given charge.



Action research

A preliminary action research was initiated regarding the historical role of Adivasis in the origin and development of Valliyoorkkavu temple. Mr. Jinoy Alexander interviewed a number tribal village heads. A focus group discussion with Adivasi leaders and office bearers of the temple was conducted on 3rd March 2020 at the office. Preliminary data regarding the origin and role of Sabarimala temple was collected by Ms. Chithra Nilambur by interacting with Adivasi leaders of Southern Kerala.

A dissertation on ways and means of resolving conflicts among Paniya and Kattunaikka tribes was done by Mr. Jinoy Alexander for Neethi Vedhi by interviewing leaders from both tribes. Focus group discussions on the findings were held on 21st January and 14th February 2020, involving Paniya and Kattunaikka leaders respectively. The study is to be continued.



Peace Day celebration

District level Peace Day was celebrated on 25th January 2020 commemorating the 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi and his Martyrdom day. The function was inaugurated by the Mr. Sasindran MLA and many dignitaries participated along with him. “Building up strong communion for Peaceful Coexistence” and “Gandhi, the Prophet of Peace” were topics for the symposium. Magic show on Peace was a great attraction. Prizes were distributed for the winners of competitions on the theme of the day. Around 350 persons from different walks of life participated in the celebrations.



Youth conference

Two day youth conference was conducted on 3rd and 4th February 2020 in collaboration with Mary Matha College, Mananthavady for college student's representatives from Wayanad district. Fr. Bobby Jose, Fr. Skariya Kalloor, Sr. Caroline and Dr. Joslin were the main resource persons. Mr. Praveej, Mananthavady Municipal Chairman inaugurated the conference. 79 youth from 13 colleges participated in the conference. The follow up seminar was conducted at Dwaraka Pastoral Centre, Mananthavady on 6th and 7th March 2020. There were 60 participants.



Befriending meetings

Befriending meetings with government officials and Adivasi leaders were organized on 27th and 30th January 2020 at Bathery and Mananthavady respectively. Petitions were submitted to the officials and they promised to take up matters urgently. Similarly petitions were collected and submitted to officials of Vaithiry taluk.



Adivasi leaders meeting

Interactive sessions were organized in 17 Panchayats between Adivasi leaders and representatives of mainstream communities. 347 persons participated in these sessions altogether. Lot of misunderstandings and preconceived notions were clarified through these discussions.



Flood relief work

Neethi Vedhi staff members were actively involved in the flood relief works during August 2019 in Wayanad and Malappuram districts. With the financial support of SCN sisters, financial support was given to 50 youth for professional training and 50 women for self-employment programs. Beneficiaries were selected with the help of Peace committee members.



Iftar fest

Iftar gathering was held at Padinjarathara in view of the Ramdan celebration on 13th June 2019. 95 persons belonging to different religious communities participated and felicitated the Muslim brethren during the gathering.



Staff training

Staff training programs were held thrice during the reporting year. The office bearers participated in the review meetings of SAP held at Bangalore. Neethi Vedhi hosted the partners meeting of SAP in November held at Dwaraka Pastoral Centre.

News bullettin

One issue of News bulletin was published during the year. Documentation of relevant materials related to target groups was continued as usual.