

Activity Report 2020-21

Annual General body meeting

The 17th annual general body meeting was held at Kakkavayal office on 8th July 2020 after the lockdown period. 16 members participated in the meeting. Annual report, audited annual account and the budget was approved by the general body. It was proposed to consider online programs to help the target groups and well wishers of Neethi Vedhi. The practical difficulties faced by adivasi students for online education came up for discussion in the meeting and staff members were urged to bring into the notice of authorities regarding them. The difficulties faced by farmers because of the attacks of wild animals were also discussed in the meeting.



Governing body meeting

A special general body meeting was convened on 20th January 2021 at the office, in view of the new provisions of FCRA act and the need of opening new account in SBI Delhi branch. The new governing body members were elected and entrusted the responsibility of opening the new FCRA account.

Core team meeting

Online core team was held on 26th October 2020 to discuss about the new vision and approach of the donor agency. The Indian representative of the agency also joined the meeting and clarifications were made on the topic. An offline meeting was held in the office on 2nd November 2020 to finalize the approach of Neethi Vedhi regarding the project of the upcoming year.

Legal aid

Legal aid was provided to 288 persons who approached the office with the help of three lawyers associated with the office. 15 petitions were prepared and 22 cases were filed to support Adivasis and women victims.



Service provider

Neethi Vedhi intervened in 90 complaints from women on domestic violence as Service Provider under PWDV Act. 62 cases were resolved amicably through mediation talks. The subcommittee meeting under the above Act was held on 23rd November 2020.



Parihara- Counseling

Parihara, the counseling wing of Neethi Vedhi provided counseling support to 42 persons especially women.

Legal awareness classes

32 legal awareness classes were conducted with the help of different stakeholders like Anganwadi teachers, Kudumbashree members and PRI personnel on various beneficial legislations for women, adivasi communities and children. 931 persons participated in these sessions.



International Women's Day celebration

International Women's day was celebrated at WMO College, Muttill and in all women groups on 8th March 2021.





Youth harmony clubs

11 Youth Harmony clubs were active during the reporting year in which 183 members participated in various activities conducted by them. Sport kits and other articles for games were distributed to the clubs. On 3rd July 2020, an awareness program about Disaster Management was organized at Kottathara Yuvachethana club. Mr. Shibu Kurumbemadam was the main resource person. A class on religious harmony was organized by Pakkam youth club on 28th July 2020. Online meetings of youth club office bearers were held on 5th and 11th October 2020. Taluk level meetings of office bearers of youth clubs were conducted at Kalpetta and Bathery on 16th and 23rd November 2020 respectively. Puthiyidam youth club has organized a tuition center for 28 students. One day training for youth leaders was conducted at Kalpetta on 25th February 2021. All clubs organized celebrations on the occasions of Onam, Christmas and New year.





Students Harmony clubs

8 students' harmony clubs were organized during the reporting year. 196 students participated in different programs organized for the students clubs. Games articles, notebooks and other study materials were distributed to the students' clubs. Leadership programs, classes on adolescent growth, competitions and celebrations were organized by the clubs on different occasions.



Women harmony clubs

7 women harmony clubs with 98 members were active during the reporting year. They got opportunity to come together for games, sharing and celebrations on many occasions. Games articles were provided to the groups. They organized classes on women friendly laws, yoga classes, celebrations during Onam, Christmas and new Year etc on behalf of the clubs besides women's day programs.



Peace committees

25 Peace committees were active with 490 members at Panchayat level. 4 among them were in Malappuram district. Due to Covid restrictions we could conduct only two review meetings in each Panchayat during the year. Online meetings at taluk level were organized in October 2020. 115 conflicts could be amicably resolved out of 341 issues identified.



Training for Peace committee members

Training programs for Peace committee members were organized on 28th January, 16th and 23rd February and 16th March 2021 at Nilambur, Bathery, Kalpetta and Mananthavady respectively. Alternate methods for conflict resolution, was the focus of the training. 143 members participated in these training programs.



District Peace Forum

Wayanad District Peace Forum was active during the reporting year amidst covid restrictions. The executive meeting was held on 8th July 2020 which finalized the priorities of interventions for the time being. Care for senior citizens, Adivasi land & housing related issues, Attack by wild animals etc were proposed to be the focused during the year. An online meeting of District Peace forum members was held on 4th August 2020. Dr. Thomas Joseph presented the legal provisions regarding Wild Life Act. It was decided to start a help desk at Neethi Vedhi to help farmers who are suffering from attack by wild animals. On 25th March 2021, the district forum conducted a press conference at district headquarters on the

importance of protecting communal harmony and mutual respect during the election period in the state. It was well carried out in all media and appreciated by all.



Adivasi leaders meeting/training

District level training programs for Adivasi leaders were conducted on 22&23 November 2020 at Mananthavady, 18th December 2020 at Nilambur and 21st December 2020 at Kakkavayal regarding their role and mission to empower tribal communities. 143 leaders participated in these training programs. A state level training was conducted from 1st to 3rd January 2021 at Mananthavady. 40 leaders from 8 districts participated in the program. It was decided to strengthen Kerala Adivasi Forum to take up issues affecting tribal communities.



Review meetings

Review meeting on the Collaborative ministry of Neethi Vedhi and SCN sisters was held on 28th December 2020 and it was decided to strengthen the work in spite of difficulties due to Covid in the coming months.

Reception for newly elected tribal PRI members

A reception was organized for newly elected tribal members to PRI of Wayanad district on 4th March 2021. 117 members participated in the program which was inaugurated by the District Panchayat president Mr. Samshad Marakar. Mr. E G Joseph took class on Tribal Sub Plan and possibilities. Dr. Nitheesh Kumar and Mr. Manikandan shared their experience as Adivasi faculty members. ITDP officer Mr. Cheriyan felicitated the gathering. Mementos were distributed to all participants.



Staff training

Training programs for staff members were held on 16&17 and 30th June 2020 regarding the project orientations and mediation skills. The key staff members participated in the project workshop held at Bangalore with other partners organized by the donor agency, on 11& 12 December 2020 and 5&6 February 2021.



Covid relief work

Neethi Vedhi has been actively involved in relief works during covid pandemic. Food kits were distributed to 6240 persons in 2200 families of 225 areas. Covid awareness programs were conducted in 24 places in which 5230 persons benefitted. Medicines were distributed to 59 families. Along with health workers our staff and peace committee workers helped 544 people who were in quarantine. 6000 masks were distributed in 35 areas. Besides these, all the staff members and a good number of our volunteers worked day and night along with government and PRI personnel to help the families of covid affected persons by helping in the community kitchen, distributing vegetables and other food items, distributing pension amount to senior citizens, making data entry of migrant laborers etc. 249 persons were given counseling over phone.





Other benefits

Through the intervention of Staff members, very many of our target people could receive help from government agencies such as pension, housing aid, scholarship for tribal students, medical help, flood relief, road facility, television sets for Adivasi students, income generation programs etc.