

ACTIVITY REPORTS 2018-19

Annual General body meeting

The 15th annual general body of Neethi Vedhi was held on 27th April 2018 at Kakkavayal. 42 members participated in the meeting presided over by Adv. Maria. The annual report, accounts and budget for the current year were approved by the general body. New office bearers for the year 2018-19 were elected. The internal complaints redress committee as per the provisions of PWDV Act was reconstituted. Core committees to take up issues affecting different target groups were formed for intense intervention. It was proposed to organize awareness programs regarding rights of women at work place.



Governing body meeting

The governing body meeting which was held on 5th July 2018 reviewed the functioning of the organization during the first quarter. It was decided to file Public interested Litigation regarding the tribal land issue in the district of Wayanad. Governing body meetings were held on 5th December 2018 and 7th March 2019 to make periodical review of the organization. A subcommittee was formed in the last meeting to take up issues related to Forest Rights.



Legal aid

Free legal aid was provided to Adivasis, women, children and other marginalized sections of the society by two lawyers attached to the organization. Mediation was used as an effective tool to resolve issues between parties. Various petitions were prepared and submitted to the Ministers, government officials and other concerned people on behalf of the marginalized people who approached the office.

Service provider

Neethi Vedhi continued to work as the Service Provider to support women survivors of domestic violence in collaboration with the State Social Welfare Board. 56 women in distress approached Neethi Vedhi and they were given legal counseling besides other helps for mediation and amicable settlement.



Parihara- Counseling

Parihara, the counseling wing of Neethi Vedhi, was active during the reporting year. Psychological counseling support was given to 59 persons during the year.

Legal clinics

Legal clinics were conducted in two tribal hamlets. 78 petitions were considered during the legal clinics and necessary interventions were done to resolve the issues.



Niyamavisesham

Nine radio programs were presented through Community Radio Mattoli, regarding the rights and legal provisions available to the marginalized sections of the society.



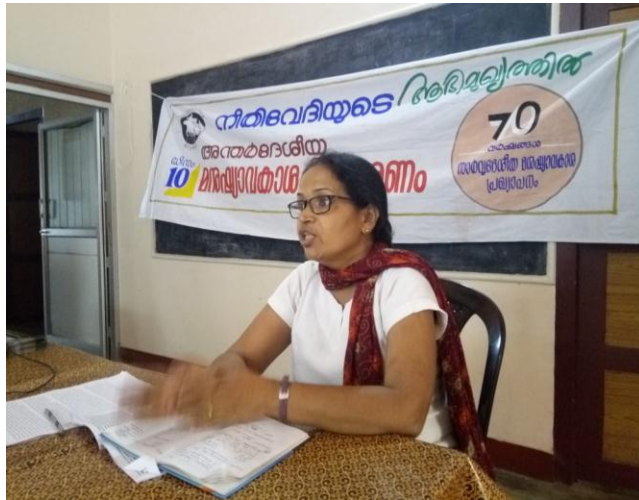
Legal awareness classes

48 legal awareness sessions were conducted in various Panchayats and tribal hamlets with the support of Anganwadi teachers, Kudumbashree members and tribal promoters regarding the beneficial legal provisions available to women, children and adivasis. 1206 persons participated in these programs altogether.



International Human Right Day celebration

70th International Human Rights day was celebrated on 10th December 2018 at the office with 25 representatives from different organizations. Class , sharing and planning sessions were part of the program.



International Women's Day celebration

International Women's day was celebrated on 7th March 2019 with a day long program including classes, sharing and inaugural session. 42 persons participated in the program. Classes were mainly on women empowerment and law related to women at workplace.



Unarvu – tuition centres

14 'Unarvu' remedial study centers were organized during the reporting year in tribal hamlets. 281 students were part of the program. Sessions were organized for parents in the hamlets. A special training for the tutors of these centers was also conducted in the office.



Kanal – Enhancing the tribal children

Monthly two days 'Kanal' training program for tribal students were conducted regularly with the help of Sisters of Charity of Nazareth. Three days program during Onam and Christmas holidays, summer camp, picnic etc were also organized for these students. Special coaching in selected subjects, arts, leadership training, etc. were part of the program. It was mainly conducted by selected tribal youth of the district.





Trainings for youth

Special orientation program for tribal youth who were selected to Police and Excise departments was conducted on 25th July 2018. It was inaugurated by the district collector and sessions were taken by Retired Assistant Commissioner of Police. 38 selected youth participated in the program.

One day leadership training was conducted at Chungathara for the tribal youth of Malappuram district on 20th September 2018. 31 youngsters participated in the program.



RTI meeting

In collaboration with NCPRI, three Panchayat level meetings of stakeholders involved in promoting Right to Information were conducted on 26th April, 3rd May and 7th May 2018 respectively. 102 persons participated in the meetings.

Conflict analysis

Conflict analysis sessions were conducted in 23 Panchayats during the first quarter of the reporting year in view of forming Peace committees at Panchayat level. 558 persons participated in these sessions and discussed the nature, seriousness and urgency to resolve these conflicts.



Peace committees

Training programs for newly selected Peace committees were conducted in 16 Panchayats including 4 in Malappuram district. 393 committee members participated in the trainings and have taken up responsibility to deal with the issues in their respective areas. A review meeting of the office bearers of these committees was held in the office on 10th January 2019.

Training for Peace committee members

5 training programs on Alternative Redress for conflict resolution were conducted for selected Peace committee members focusing on mediation. 225 members participated in these trainings.



Befriending meetings

Three befriending sessions were organized with government officials and tribal leaders to deal with the issues faced by adivasi communities. 233 persons participated in these interactive sessions and a number of issues were resolved.



Adivasi leaders meeting

A meeting of Adivasi leaders was held in the office on 27th September 2018 to review the flood relief activities among Adivasis in Wayanad district. 32 leaders participated in it. A sharing session of Adivasi village heads belonging to different communities was held on 15th November 2018 to discuss various customs and practices among Adivasis to resolve conflict in their communities. 36 leaders participated in the program.



National Conference of Priests and Religious Lawyers

Annual meeting of National Conference of Priests and Religious Lawyers was organized by Neethi Vedhi at Cochin from 8to 10 November, 2018. 102 participants from 17 states of India came together and shared their experiences of legal ministry for the marginalized people. The presence of High Court judge, Bishops, and other eminent lawyers as resource persons was the highlight of the conference.



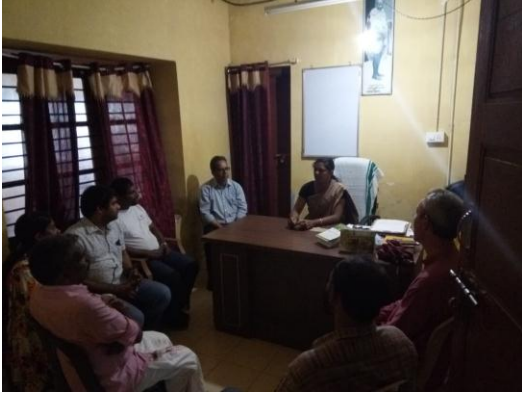
Valliyookavu stall

A stall with leaflets depicting the activities of Neethi Vedhi was set from 18th to 28th March 2019 at Valliyookkavu, Mananthavady during the famous temple festival. Thousands of people visited the stall and got familiarized with the involvements of Neethi Vedhi for the marginalized people.



Flood relief work

Neethi Vedhi staff members were active in the flood affected areas in August 2018 and the following months, visiting 17 Panchayats and 35 tribal hamlets in Wayanad and Malappuram districts. In collaboration with different organizations and Panchayat officials, food kits, medicine, clothes and other essentials were distributed to hundreds of families. Neethi Vedhi was part of the team to provide counseling and relaxation programs for the children in relief camps. The office bearers participated in the Inter agency meetings organized by the district collector and conducted sample survey of Thavinjal Panchayat regarding the situation of flood affected areas.



Documentation

Documentation of articles, news and other information regarding Adivasis, women, children and related topics, printing of leaflets on beneficial legislations, Posters on peace building etc were regularly done to help the participants and other stakeholders. One news bulletin was published and distributed to participants of different programs organized by Neethi Vedhi.



Staff training

Training programs were conducted for staff members of Neethi Vedhi in April and July 2018. The office bearers and key staff members participated in a number of trainings and exposure visits organized by the agency supporting the project.

