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Foreword

The Jamsetji Tata National Virtual Academy for Rural Prosperity (NVA) represents in the words of our former President Dr A P J Abdul Kalam “the celebration of rural India’s core competence”. The Academicians are grassroots workers who have mastered ICT for addressing their day-to-day needs. In addition they serve as Master Trainers and Managers of the Village Knowledge Centres and Village Resource Centres. During 2007 Fellows from abroad have also been inducted so that there could be mutual learning among grassroots ICT leaders in our region. The first foreign Fellows of NVA numbering 25 come from Afghanistan, Nepal, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Kenya and Nigeria. The Academy now has 1010 Fellows who are the torch bearers of the Rural Knowledge Revolution. 593 of the Fellows are males and 417 are women. The present publication contains information on the new Fellows. I am grateful to Mr S Senthilkumaran, the dynamic leader of NVA for his untiring efforts to compile and disseminate such valuable information. Our gratitude also goes to Ms Tara Gandhi, Dr L Vedavalli, Mr P Sivakumar and Ms Ganga Vidya for their dedication and significant assistance in work relating to the NVA. The NVA Fellows are role models and sources of great inspiration for all of us.



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1. Ms Abbagoni Santhosha

Rudraram Village
Patencheru Mandal
Mesdak Dist.
Andhra Pradesh

Ms Santhosha comes from Rudraram Village of Patencheru Mandal, Mesdak District in Andhra Pradesh. 30 year old Santhosha passed Intermediate and is associated with Manjeera Aksharaprabha since 8 years.

She was appointed as Prerak 2 years ago and since then has been dedicatedly working on Adult Literacy Programmes. She has completed educating 5 batches of 15 learners so far through this programme. She very actively participates in all State Government sponsored health programmes.

2. Mr S K Abdul Rahaman

Near Masjid, Older Muslim Village
Karlapalem
Guntur Dist.
Andhra Pradesh - 522 111
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support_org@yahoo.com

Mr Abdul Rahaman is working as Project Coordinator of SUPPORT. He is in charge of all the projects at the village level taken up by the organization. He is 38 years old and has completed his Intermediate course. He comes from the coastal area of Andhra Pradesh. He has had 8 years of experience in doing voluntary service.

Mr. Abdul Rahaman has worked in the Coastal Development Project for 4 years and did wonders with this project by getting the fishermen to form groups and also successfully tapped the government funds for their benefit. During periods of disaster he provided good service towards disaster evacuation and disaster rehabilitation activities. In the '2002 cyclone' he saved 4 lives and in '2007 floods' he saved the property of a number of weavers and agriculture farmers thus ensuring they did not completely lose their livelihood. He was greatly appreciated by the local officer for the services he rendered during these calamities.

He within 6 months mobilized 2 lakhs of rupees from the government for the benefit of 150 minority groups. He created awareness among the youth group about HIV/AIDS and coached them on preventive methods to reduce the AIDS in the rural villages.

He has promoted environment conservation in the village by organizing 'tree plantation' and by promoting the vermicompost pit by re-utilization of the solid waste and thus ensuring the 'clean and green' policy in all areas. He has under taken the tree plantation activity and distributed 5600 plants in the villages. He got a certificate of appreciation from the MRO on proper use of water saving methods.

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He conducted group meetings and coordinated with the local banks thus procuring the bank fund of 7 lakhs for income generating activities. He imparts skill training especially in tailoring and embroidery through the vocational centre on tailoring and embroidery. He has provided this skill to a group of 20 women who are getting their daily income by working from their own houses. Now there are 30 more members who are getting trained under his supervision.

3. Ms Adapa Venkata Ramana

Palapadu Village

Narsaraopet Mandal

Guntur Dist.

Andhra Pradesh - 522601.

Ph: 9440751761

Ms Adapa Venkata Ramana hails from the plains of Andhra Pradesh. 25 year old Venkata Ramana is a graduate with B.Sc. in Computers. She has also done typewriting. She is associated with Akshara Deepthi since 2000 and has been working for literacy programmes. Adult Education Department has appointed her as a Prerak and since then she has been running the CEC centre in her village. She has educated nearly 80 of her villagers and she has motivated the school dropouts to continue their studies.

She actively participated in Government organized health programmes. She has motivated her people to participate in programmes such as HIV/AIDS awareness, Pulse Polio, etc. She encouraged the village

women to form SHG groups. She is an able and enthusiastic motivator and organizer.

4. Mr Adimulam Nagalingachari

Panakalapalem Village

Vinukonda Mandal

Guntur Dist.

Andhra Pradesh - 522647

Ph: 9866814805

30 year old Mr Adimulam Nagalingachari hails from a hilly and forested village of Panakalapalem and he is a graduate in arts. He is associated with Akshara Deepthi and Adult Education Department, Guntur since 2001. He was appointed as Nodal Prerak in 2004 and since then he is running the CEC centre in his village. He spares no effort in teaching the children of his village.

He is actively motivating villagers to participate in Prajapadam, Janmabhoomi, Jalayagnam and other government programmes such as the Pulse Polio and HIV awareness programmes.

5. Mr Akepati Vara Prasad Reddy

Hastavaram Village

H.Cherlopalli Post

Rajampeta Mandal

Kadapa Dist

Andhra Pradesh

Ph: 9440381477.

Mr Vara Prasad Reddy of Hastavaram village is 40 years of age and is a diploma holder. He has been practicing agriculture since the last 15 years. The area is famous for Banana and Papaya cultivation.

He is a hard working farmer and always tries to find out innovative practices in agriculture and helps the other farmers in maximizing the returns and minimizing the cost of cultivation. He also helps the farmers in maintaining good rapport with the Department of Agriculture. He has taken up community activity since one year. He has attended many training programmes, and has organized Farmers Field School.

Taking the help of the Department of Agriculture he guided many farmers to equip themselves with the latest knowledge in agriculture. He is up to date about WTO and its implication on Indian agriculture. He practices organic farming. As a farmer field school facilitator, he has guided many farmers in the district to go for organic farming. He also acts as a resource person for farmers training programmes. Recognizing his contribution in the field of agriculture, the government has given him the Best Farmer award on the eve of Sankranti festival. He also participates and helps in organising eye and other medical camps in the area.

6. Mr Akkala Srinivasa Reddy

Pedpuluguvaripalem Village

Karlapalem Mandal

Guntur Dist.

Andhra Pradesh - 522111.

Mr Srinivasa Reddy is from Pedpuluguvaripalem Village, a forest area near the coast. He has completed his Intermediate.

He is a good organizer and also a good social worker. He is associated with Akshara Deepthi since 2001 and is involved in literacy works. Adult Education Department appointed him as Prerak in 2007 to run the CEC centre. As an activist in Mandal Cultural Organization he is motivating people to participate in Government welfare programmes with songs, dramas and through Kalajatharas.

He encouraged his village women to form self help groups. He actively participated in health programs like HIV / AIDs, Pulse Polio and CHARAKA sponsored by the Government.

7. Mr S Ameer Basha

D.NO.12/228, Kadapa Road

Mydukur

Kadapa Dist.

Andhra Pradesh-516172,

Mr Ameer basha is the chief functionary of the Society for Health and Education Development (SHED). He is a science graduate and hails from the drought prone uplands of the Kadapa District. He is 43 years old and is committed to serving the rural poor at the grassroots. He has been involved in community services over a period of 16 years.

He has been striving for the upliftment of the rural and urban poor in several ways-promoting self-employment schemes for poor women, schemes for the protection of the destitute and helpless women, and initiating and carrying out government

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projects for health care, computer training and educational development of slum children in the interior villages of the Mydukuru mandal of the Kadapa district.

Promotion of self-employment has been achieved through livelihood promotion of women in 20 villages of the Mydukuru Mandal through skill development, promotion of handicrafts and providing marketing support. Welfare of the women have been carried out through running For over the last ten years a short stay home for 30 destitute and helpless women is run each year and also training, counselling and legal help are provided.

He has also been taking care of supplying nutritious food and ensuring education for preschool (about 150 children each year) through childcare centers over the last eight years. By conducting health camps, basic health care is taught in 40 villages of the Mydukuru Mandal. The youth is given training in basic computer operations so that they can take up self employment ventures or find jobs in various concerns. He also is active in ensuring education for children of the poor parents in ten villages.

8. Mr K Ankaiah

Medikinduru Village
Guntur Dist.

Andhra Pradesh - 522438
SPh: 9347073705

Mr Ankaiah is an arts graduate. He hails from Medikinduru which is partly hilly and partly plains and the plains are arid in nature. He

has a Diploma in Computer Applications (DCA). He is 37 years old.

As a sports person he developed good relationship with the youth of the village. Using his rapport with the youngsters, he organized many health awareness programmes with the help of the Lions Club in his village. He is motivating his villagers to participate in programmes like HIV/AIDS awareness and Pulse Polio and CHARAKA programmes. Since 1996 he has been associated with Akshara Deepthi and Adult Education Department of Guntur District and as a Prerak he is fully involved in all the literacy programmes. He was given a TCS donated computer to run the CEC centre in his village.

He offers voluntary services and is actively involved in RWS and Velugu surveys and Janmabhoomi, Prajapadam programmes

9. Mr Annem Rami Reddy

Udijerala Village
Ipura Mandal
Guntur Dist.

Andhra Pradesh - 522658
Ph: 08646 258310

33 year old Rami Reddy is an arts graduate. He is a good organizer and motivator. His village is located in the forest area of the state and is also very backward in literacy. Though he could have entered any private or public sector service, he decided to work for the upliftment of his community.

He believes that the root cause for the backwardness of his village is illiteracy. So

started a night school and motivated the villagers to become literate. His night school serves as a bridge school for the school dropout students also. He has been associated with the Adult Education Department, Guntur since 1998. As a Prerak he is running the CEC centre in his village.

Due to Rami Reddy's tireless work and efforts the villagers have become aware of government welfare schemes and started availing them. He has helped women form self help groups and has motivated them to take part in government healthcare programmes such as HIV/AIDS awareness. He has taken part in Indiramma, RWS and RIAD surveys.

10. Ms Ayeluri V V N Satya Vani

Tungapadu Village
Rompicherla Mandal
Guntur Dist.
Andhra Pradesh - 522659

Ms Satyavani, 27, is an arts graduate. She has also done her Diploma in Computer Application (DCA) and has completed Hindi Pravina exam. She has been a social organizer even from her college days.

She is well aware of the absolute necessity of education and is associated with Adult Education Programmes since 2003. As a Prerak she is running the CEC Centre in her village. In the beginning she started a night school and motivated village women to come to her school. She also helped school dropouts to get admission in bridge schools.

She is working against child labour including bonded child labour in and around her village. She herself is a member of a SHG and has encouraged other village women to form SHGs. She organized income generating programmes with the help of Jana Shikshana Samithi and conducted tailoring, candle making, washing powder making and soft toys making classes in her village. She motivated people of her village to participate in government sponsored health programmes. Ms. Satya Vani is a role model for the village youth.

11. Ms P Baby Sitomani

Malle Padu Village
Guntur Dist.
Tendi
Andhra Pradesh – 522 202
Ph: 223937

Ms Baby Sitomani is from a village called Malle Padu situated in an arid region in the Guntur District. She is a B.Com graduate and is 33 years of age. Her involvement with the community activities began in 2006 and she has been a very active participant in various programmes. Manjeera Akshara Prabha, especially those involving literacy and also in programmes like Pulse Polio, Janma Bumi and other social service programmes. She is also a volunteer in the Vidya Volunteer Programme. Her vast experience is of particular help in various educational programmes.

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12. Mr Battula Balaiah

Perurupadu Post

Bollapalli M.D.

Guntur Dist.

Andhra Pradesh - 522657

Mr Battula Balaiah (B.A.) is 30 years old. He hails from the forest region of Andhra Pradesh. His village is called Perurupadu and it is in Guntur District. His area of competency lies in games, rural development activities and dealing with issues of health. He is a good organizer and a motivator. He has been working in literacy and social programmes since 2001.

13. Ms Bellam**Venkataratnamma**

Gangireddypalem Village

Bellamkonda Mandal

Guntur Dist.

Andhra Pradesh - 522411

Ph: 08641-314948

38 year old Venkataratnamma discontinued studies Intermediate level due to financial problems. Since 1990, she has been associated with Akshara Deepthi and Adult Education Department of Guntur. As a Prerak, she is running the CEC centre in her village and has been actively involved in literacy promotion activities.

She is involved in organizing SHGs in her village and is herself a leader of one of the SHGs. She has organized income generation training camps on tailoring, soft

toys making and candle making for SHG members. Many of the SHG members have benefited enormously by participating in these training camps.

14. Ms S Bhagyamma

Yellareddypet Village

Toguta Mandal

Medak Dist.

Andhra Pradesh

Ph: 9908002528

25 year old Bhagyamma (SSC/Intermediate) has been appointed as a Nodal Prerak by the Adult Education Department of Andhra Pradesh. Since then she has been actively motivating the village illiterate women to become literates. She has succeeded in educating 10 women so far. She motivated the working women in her village to form self-help groups and save money out of their daily income. She organized income generating training programmes with the help of Jana Sikshana Samasthan in her village. She has proved to be a good motivator and encourages her village people to participate in all the health programmes.

15. Ms Boga Rajitha

Raghunathapuram Village

Rajapet Mandal

Nalgonda Dist.

Andhra Pradesh -508105

Ms Boga Rajitha, 26, has studied upto Intermediate level. She is a good social worker and an excellent community mobilizer.

She is associated with Zilla Saksharatha Samithi. Nalgonda District Adult Education Department appointed her as Prerak and allotted one TCS donated computer to run CBFL program in CEC centre in 2005. She is also educating school dropout students and trying to admit them in bridge schools.

She is very good at motivating other villagers to take part in government sponsored Pulse Polio, HIV/AIDS awareness programmes.

16. Mr Brahmam

Krishnapur Post
Khanapur
Kalherman
Nizampet (via)
Medak
Andhra Pradesh – 502 371
Ph: 944151 2917

Mr Brahmam has completed his Intermediate and has also undergone T.P.T. training. He is 36 years of age and hails from Krishnapur village in Medak District. He has been a dedicated community service worker since 2002. He also participates in all the programmes in the field of education and agriculture and mobilises people to take part.

17. Ms Challa Hemalatha

Nagireddypalli Village
Mulugu Mandal
Medak Dist.
Andhra Pradesh -502279
Ph: 9849579183

27 year old Challa Hemalatha has completed

class x. As a Prerak she is associated with Manjeera Aksharaprabha and has completed teaching three batches of 15 learners. She has motivated women in her village to form self help groups. Through her effort, 30 SHGs were formed and the turnover of the groups is about one lakh rupees. She is very dedicated in her efforts to promote adult literacy and is a committed social worker.

18. Mr Chebrola Sivaprasad

Angalur Village
Ipur Mandal
Guntur Dist.
Andhra Pradesh - 522658
Ph: 08646 258364

47 year old Chebrola Sivaprasad is a B. Sc degree holder. He is knowledgeable in computers and is also an artist.

Even though he could have got any government job, he settled as an agriculturist in his village doing social service for the benefit of the rural community. He is helping old people and widows in getting pension from the government institutions. He is helping heart patients to get admissions in Satya Sai Institutions. He conducts rallies to create awareness on AIDS, HIV and Pulse Polio programmes. He organizes health and veterinary camps in and around his village and also doubles up as an agricultural advisor.

He is associated with Adult Education Department since 2001 and works for literacy programs. He is involved in RWS services, Badi Bata, PHC People Activities and is a

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Nodal Prerak.

19. Ms Chennaganu Sudharani

Peddakakani Village

Peddakakani Post

Guntur district

Andhra Pradesh - 522509

34 year old Chennaganu Sudharani hails from the plains of Andhra Pradesh from a village called Peddakakani Village. She is an Arts graduate.

Sudharani has organized income generating programmes and conducted training camps in tailoring, candle making and preparation of washing powder with the help of Jana Shikshana Samasthan.

Since 1996 she has been associated with the Akshara Deepthi and Adult Education Departments of Guntur District. As a Prerak she is running the CEC centre in her village. She motivated women in her village to form self help groups. Her areas of activity include literacy, health, creating HIV/AIDS awareness and SHG training.

20. Mr Cherukuppalli

Srinivasulu

Tulluru Village and Mandal

Prakasam Dist.

Andhra Pradesh- 523264

Mr Cherukuppalli Srinivasulu, 37, is a BA, BEd. He is 37 years old. He is a good organizer and a good motivator.

He has been associated with Zilla Saksharatha Samith since 1998 and was appointed as Nodal Prerak in 2000 by Adult Education Department, Prakasam District. He is running the CEC centre successfully in his village. An evaluation team visited his village and adjudged him as the best Prerak in the district. He has achieved 65% literacy rate in his village within a short period.

He has organized health and medical camps with the help of the Lions Club, income generation programmes with the help of Jana Shikshana Samithi, Prakasam District and has conducted other training camps. In these training camps people were trained in the preparation of washing powder, phenyl and making soft toys. He motivated the women in his village to form nearly 25 self help groups by which more than 250 women have benefited from this.

21. Mr Cheuri Teekalaiah

Venkatayapalen Post

Bellamkond M.D

Guntur Dist.

Andhra Pradesh - 522411

Mr. Cheuri. Teekalaiah (10th & I.T.I.) is 27 years old. He hails from the forest region of Andhra Pradesh from Guntur District. His village is called Venkatayapalen Post. He has been working since 2001 on literacy programmes, HIV / AIDS programmes, CHARCA project and R.W.S. survey etc. He is a dedicated social worker.

22. Mr Chiluka Rajaramesh

Lemalle Village

Amaravathi Mandal

Guntur Dist..

Andhra Pradesh - 522016.

Ph: 9290198362

Mr Chiluka Rajaramesh comes from Lemalle village of Amaravathi Mandal, an arid zone, in the Guntur District. He is an arts graduate.

Since 1996, he has been involved in conducting literacy programmes in his village. As a Prerak he is associated with Akshara Deepthi and Adult Education Department, Guntur and is running the CEC centre in his village. As a youth leader of his village he organized mandal level sports competitions in the Amaravathi Mandal head quarters.

He motivated his villagers to take part in the government sponsored health programmes like Pulse Polio, AIDS Awareness Programmes and other social activities.

23. Mr Chinababu Gaddiparthi

House No.3-212, S.C.Colony

Bellamkonda Village & Post

Guntur Dist..

Andhra Pradesh - 522411

Ph: 9963228495

Mr Chinnababu is from Bellamkonda Village which is located in a hilly area. Intermediate passed Chinababu is a good organizer and a committed social worker. It is economically backward and its literacy rate is very low.

He firmly believes that only literacy can change the conditions of this hilly area population. So he is running a night school for the school dropout children and motivates them to join in bridge schools. Since 1996 he is associated with Adult Education Department, Guntur District and is trying to spread literacy by promoting its advantages among the poor villagers. He was appointed as a Prerak in 1998 to run the CEC centre in his village. He is involved in village development activities and is deeply concerned about the health of his community.

24. Ms Chinnamma Thomas

H. No: 14-42-509

Vengal Rao Colony

Wanaparthi

Mahabubnagar Dist.

Andhra Pradesh

Ph: 9346311169, 9440073189

Ms ChinnammaThomas, a 47 year old graduate hails from Wanapathy, a village in Andhra Pradesh. She has been working in the voluntary sector since 1982. In 1982, she joined a leading voluntary organization in Andhra Pradesh –Comprehensive Rural Operations Service Society (CROSS) and worked as SHG Training and Health Programme Coordinator. In addition to that, she was instrumental in organizing women and men SHGs in CROSS-operational areas, which influenced the government of Andhra Pradesh to initiate and organize SHG movement in the whole state in 1995.

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In 1990 she joined the Society for Development of Drought Prone Area (SDDPA) as Women and Gender Coordinator. Here she looked after Health, Education, Community mobilization of Women and Training for Income Generation Activities for women. From 1995 onwards, while working in SDDPA, she helped the UNDP to organize women SHGs in Mahabubnagar District and till 1997 she was associated with them for organizing about 6000 SHGs in Mahabubnagar District, which are still functioning under IKP programme.

With all the experience and expertise, she organized a new association called Rural Development Society (RDS) at Wanaparthy in the year 1999 and has been working in 5 mandals of Mahabubnagar District which are highly remote and under developed. In these 5 mandals her concentration is on community mobilization, livelihood activities for women, value addition to agro products and awareness generation on HIV/AIDS. The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh along with Central Rural Development Minister Sri Raghuvamsh Singh Prasad, State minister Ms Sabitha Indra Reddy, Vice-Chancellor of Agriculture University of Hyderabad, the State Agriculture Minister Mr.Raghuveera Reddy and many other important personalities have visited her value added agro products stall at NIRD in Hyderabad.

In addition to the above, her organization is concentrating on child labour eradication, organic agriculture, and environmental

promotion activities and is also supporting micro finance for SHGs. In the field of child labour eradication she and her colleagues have enrolled 200 children, mainly girl children, in their RBC center supported by SSA Mahabubnagar and helped them to join the regular schools subsequently. In the year 2005, she got the Best Social Worker award in Mahabubnagar District from the Minister Ms Sabitha Indra Reddy.

25. Mr Dabbakuti Venkata Subba Rao

**Door No.5-42/1
Nizampatnam Post
Guntur Dist.
Andhra Pradesh - 522314
Ph. 9347304127**

Mr Dabbakuti Venkata Subbarao (40 years old) is from Nizampatnam Village in the sea coast of Andhra Pradesh. He is a commerce graduate and did a diploma in computer programming. He is also good at accountancy. He could have joined any commercial institution but instead he organized Mother Theresa Rural Development Society and is doing social service to the rural community.

He is associated with Zilla Saksharatha Samithi and Adult Education Department, Guntur. In 2001, he was allotted a TCS donated computer with CBFL software to run CEC centre in his village. He said it has become easy to attract illiterate people to CBFL centre due to attractive new technology. He is not facing any difficulty in

motivating illiterate population of his village to come to the CEC centre.

He organized income generating programmes and conducted training programmes through his Mother Theresa Rural Development Society Organization. He conducted training camps in Home Crafts Making, Chalk Piece Making, Photo Lamination and in Screen Printing with the help of Jana Shikshan Samasthan, Guntur. With the co-operation of N.G.Ranga Krishi Vignanakendra, he organized Vermicompost Training Programme by which the community of the Rytu Village greatly benefited. He organized health camps for livestock and poultry.

He is actively involved in government sponsored HIV / AIDS awareness and Pulse Polio and other health programmes. He has motivated the people to participate in these programmes.

26. Mr Deekala Yesupadam

Chennayapalem Village

Piduguralla Mandal

Guntur Dist.

Andhra Pradesh - 522437

Ph: 9963394340

28 year old Yesupadam comes from Chennayapalem Village, Guntur District. Intermediate passed Yesupadam is a good organizer and a good motivator.

Since 1998 he has been associated with the Adult Education Department, Guntur and is now running the CEC centre in his village. He

was given a TCS donated computer by the Adult Education Department to run the CBFL programme in the CEC centre in his village.

He is actively participating in Jalayagnam, Janmabhoomi, Badibata and Gramdanam programmes. He is motivating his villagers to participate in government organized health programmes. He is working against child labour and bonded labour in his village. He is encouraging people to build ISLs in their houses. He is greatly involved in HIV/AIDS awareness programmes and forming SHGs. He has proved to be a very good organizer and motivator and is an asset to his fellowmen.

27. Mr V Dilli babu

G.N.T Road

Tadakandirga Village

Tada Mandal & Post

Nellore Dist.

Andhra Pradesh - 524 401

Ph: 9440390922.

40 year old Mr Dilli Babu hails from the coastal area of the Nellore district. With a postgraduation in the humanities, he has been working at the grassroots for over a period of seventeen years. Serving as part of the voluntary sector mainly among the fisher people he is particularly concerned about their welfare and in preserving and safeguarding the environment of the Pulicat Lake. He is the President of the Community Development Society, which is a voluntary organization.

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He serves the people of the coastal areas through activities like Rural Development Programmes, environment protection programmes and organizing the minorities. His other areas of activities include Pulicat Lake biodiversity protection, creating environment awareness, vermicomposting,, solid waste management and liquid waste management.

He has organized fifty Self-Help Groups for the women from the Minority communities. With a total membership of five hundred, the women are being trained in the Self-help Group Management, book keeping and these have been linked with the commercial banks for availing the loan facilities. He is deeply involved in the protection of the Pulicat Lake with people's participation. To save the lake from chemical pollutants organic farming is promoted through initiating and setting up vermicomposting demonstration units and encouraging people to take up farming through natural inputs. Involved in the conservation of biodiversity of the area he goes about it with the help of people's participation in planning and implementation of conservation activities. He has also taken up a solid waste management program and along with this he conducts programmes to create awareness in the towns surrounding the lake to avoid dumping solid and liquid wastes in the lake.

The lake fisher people from the 10 villages have been organized and mobilized to enable them to fight for their rights related to their livelihoods and to be able to make necessary

policy decisions. He is a great coordinator and mobilizer and the organization and the community have indeed benefited by him.

28. Ms Eadara Vijayakumari

Uppalapadu Village
Peddakakani Mandal,
Guntur Dist.
Andhra Pradesh - 522509.

Ms Eadara Vijayakumari is 39 years old and hails from Uppalapadu Village of Peddakakani Mandal. She is an arts graduate.

She is a committed and dedicated social worker. She is associated with the Adult Education Department since 1996 and as a Prerak she is running the CEC centre in her village. In 2004 she was given a TCS donated computer with CBFL software to educate the village 'illiterates'. With the aid of the CBFL software she has achieved 67% literacy in her village.

She motivates the village women to actively participate in all the government sponsored health programmes. She is the main activist in propagating the HIV / AIDS awareness programmes in surrounding villages. She mobilized village women to form self help groups. She has successfully organized training programmes in income generating activities with the help of Jana Shikshana Samasthan, Guntur. She is helping the village poor and the old people in getting old age pensions and other grants from government institutions.

29. Ms Epuri Nagamalleshwari

Kishtayapalem Village

Mangalagiri Mandal

Guntur Dist.

Andhra Pradesh - 522503

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Intermediate passed Epuri Nagamalleahwari is from Kishtayapalem Village of Mangalagiri Mandal, Guntur District. The terrain there is partly hilly and partly plains. She is a very committed and is an active social worker not only in her village but also in the surrounding mandal villages. 35 year old Malleshwari has become a role model Prerak in her Mangalagiri Mandal.

She is associated with Adult Education Department and Zilla Saksharatha Samith, Guntur District, since 1990. She was appointed as Nodal Prerak in 2000 and was given one TCS donated computer with CBFL software. Since then she is running CBFL centre very successfully in her village. She has achieved almost 75% literacy in her village with the help of this CBFL software. Because of her success in this field many persons visited her CEC centre. In 2004 this centre was visited by a team of TATA & Sons headed by Mr R. Gopalakrishna, Chief Executive Director and Mr J.J. Irani, Director and other V.I.Ps consisting of Mr Romith Chatarji, Vice President, Nitin Chopra, General Manager, Mr Sarosh Botliwala, Secretary to Sri Dorabji TATA Trust and Mr Ananth Nadkarni, TCCI. In the same year a research team in developing countries from Michigan University, USA has visited her

centre. In 2005 a team from the National Knowledge Commission headed by Dr Menon visited her CEC centre and evaluated this CEC centre as the best CBFL centre in the district

She motivated her village women to form self help groups and nearly 30 SHGs were formed. Total turnover is about Rs.15,00,000/=. She organized health camps with the help of the Rotary Club of Guntur. With her motivation almost all her villagers took part in the government sponsored health programmes like HIV/AIDS Awareness Programmes and Pulse Polio health camps.

She organized income generating programs and organized training camps in tailoring, wax candle making, soft toy making and preparing of washing powder etc., with the help of Jana Shikshana Samasthan. She is a committed and devoted social worker.

30. Ms Gali Jyothi Lakshmi

Kandlagunta Village

Nakirekallu Mandal

Guntur Dist.

Andhra Pradesh - 522601.

40 year old Jyothilakshmi is from Kandlagunta Village of Nakirekallu Mandal, Guntur. She is an arts graduate. She is also very good in type writing in English and Telugu languages.

She is associated with Akshara Deepthi of Guntur District. Since 2001, she has been associated with Adult Education Department of Guntur. She was appointed as Prerak and

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since then she is actively involved in Literacy Programmes.

She is a good motivator and inspires the villagers to participate in village social activities. She actively participated in RWS survey and Pulse Polio and HIV Awareness Programmes.

31. Ms Guntupalli.**Venkataramana**

Pulladiginta Village

Komepadu Post

Vatticherukuru Mandal

Guntur Dist.

Andhra Pradesh - 522107

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Mr Venkataramana hails from Pulladiginta Village situated in the plains of Guntur District. She passed intermediate and is a good social worker in her village. Since 1996 she has been associated with Akshara Deepthi of Guntur District and is working relentlessly to spread literacy by creating awareness about the advantages of educating oneself.

She was appointed as Prerak by the Adult Education Department, Guntur. As a prerak she is running the CEC centre and motivating the village illiterates, particularly women, to become literates. With her efforts and her motivation nearly 150 illiterates have become literates.

She also encourages the neo literate women to form self help groups and save their earnings to build financial security for their

family. Ms Venkataramana is continuously encouraging her villagers to construct ISL in their houses. She actively participates in all the government sponsored health programmes and is always motivating the villagers to make use of the programmes. She has endeared herself to her villagers because of her tireless and dedicated work.

32. Mr Hanmanth Rao

Maikode Village

Manur Mandal

Medak Dist.

Andhra Pradesh

Mr Hanmanth Rao hails from Maikode Village in the Medak District, a forest region. He has passed his Intermediate and is 42 years of age. He is actively working in Aksharaprbha. As a Prerak he is working in literacy promotion programme since 8 years. He is also an active social worker and much interested in implementing adult literacy programme in his village.

33. Ms Hazarathamma

Podalakuru Mandal

Srinivasapuram

Opposite Nagarguna School

Nellore

Andhra Pradesh

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Ms Harzarathamma is 45 years old. She hails from Lingampalli village of Podalakuru Mandal in the Nellore District. She studied up to Intermediate and started Uma Mahaswari Mahila Mandali with the passion

and inspiration to promote social development activities. She is running a Printing and Dyeing Center since 2001 and has provided training to 250 members and enabled them to have a better economic status through self employment. She says that this method is very attractive for the village women. She is a good and efficient coordinator and has been in the field of social service for the last 9 years.

As a part of the society's activities she formed 30 DWACRA groups in the working areas and mobilized loans from the government schemes. She organized income generating programmes with the help of Jana Sikshana Samasthan which has trained the rural women in marketing items like wax candles, washing powders and phenyl. She actively involved herself in social activities like pulse polio programme, HIV health awareness activities and Government sponsored Prajapadam, Indira Gramina Vikas Yojana programmes.

She provides help in writing project proposals, auditing, documentation, coordinating with both government agencies and the Press. And thus she is an invaluable asset to the organization. She commands respect from her village community because of the service she continues to do for them.

34. Mr Inja Prabhakar

**Kalvapally Village
Rajapet Mandal
Nalgonda Dist.
Andhra Pradesh – 508105**

32 year old Inja Prabhakar, who has passed his Intermediate exam, is from Kalvapally Village of Nalgonda District. His village lies in the arid zone of Rajapet Mandal.

He is associated with formal education department as a Vidya Volunteer since 1999. He is also associated with Zilla Saksharatha Samith and Adult Education Departments, Nalgonda District. He was appointed as Prerak in 2001 and given a TCS donated computer to run CBFL program in his village. With the help of the CBFL software, he is running the CEC centre successfully and has achieved 65% literacy level.

As a village youth leader he organized mandal level sports competition in his village. He motivated villagers to participate in village social activities. He actively participated in health programmes sponsored by the Andhra Pradesh State Government. He is very helpful to the village old and poor widows and helps them to get their old age pensions. He also participated in Chaduvu Velugu, Prajapadam, Jalayagnam and Gramina Vikas Yojanas.

35. Ms Ipparla Satyavathi

W/o. Pwageswara Rao
Agraharam Village
Narsaraopet Mandal
Guntur Distrit
Andhra Pradesh- 522601.
Ph: 08647-324666

Aged 32 years, Ms Satyavathi hails from K.M. Agraharam Village of Narsaraopet Mandal. She is a graduate and during her college days she used to organize many social activities and participated in NSS.

She is working as a Prerak since 2000 and is associated with the District Adult Education Department. As a Prerak she is actively involved in literacy promotion programmes.

She motivated her village women to form self help groups and the turn over of the SHG is 10 lakhs of rupees per year. She organized income generating programmes with the help of Jana Shikshana Samasthan, Guntur. She has also organized orientation camps in areas like tailoring, handicrafts and candle making and in preparing washing powder to enable her village people to improve their living conditions and to become self-sufficient. She is a good motivator.

36. Mr Janjanam Hema Sankar Rao

Ilavaram Village
Bhattiprolu Mandal
Guntur Dist.
Andhra Pradesh - 522259
Ph: 9849977031.

Mr Sankar Rao, 40 years old hails from Ilavaram, a coastal village which has a very poor literacy rate. He had to discontinue his studies while doing his Intermediate due to financial problems.

With the intention of developing the rural community he established Vivekananda Educational Rural Development Society and is carrying out developmental activities through this organization. He helps school dropout students to get admission in bridge schools, educate them through his night school.

He has actively been involved in Total Literacy Campaign (TLC) since 1996 and has been appointed as Nodal Prerak in 2001 by Adult Education Department, Guntur. As a dedicated social organizer he is fully involved in literacy programmes working in whole of his Mandal area.

He motivated people to take part in Janma Bhoomi, Prajapadam, Jalayagnam and other Government Welfare Programmes. He has actively participated in health programs such as Pulse Polio and HIV/ AIDS Awareness programmes. As a social worker he has become a role model to his villagers.

37. Mr K Jayasimha Reddy

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Mr Jayasimha Reddy (45 years old) belongs to a remote village called Ganganpally, which has a very low literacy rate and is a very backward mandal. He is a post graduate in Sociology

He started a voluntary organisation named VIKAS in 1993. He is very good at community mobilization. He formed 600 women self-help groups in the Gadwal and Gattu Mandal of Mahabubnagar District. He conducted meetings for women and motivated them to open accounts in banks. He established contacts between the group members and various banks and other financial resources like F.W.W.B.

He conducted training courses for the self help group members on personality development, management skills and book keeping and also started classes on tailoring, wool netting, Jerdosi, preparation of nutritious food and dairy farming. These trainings have helped to improve the economic situation of the villagers dramatically. He has also established learning centres (April 2000) for women to improve and increase their literacy levels.

He is running National Child Labour School for children to abolish child labour and has

main streamed 1100 children in Government Schools and hostels with the help of the Central and the State Governments. He has conducted meetings to enlighten the people regarding the various Government activities like National Rural employment Guarantee Act and also to create awareness regarding the evils of untouchability and child marriage and has conducted anti-arrack campaigns.

He conducts training sessions for the farmers to create awareness on bio fertilizers, and improved agricultural practices. He is also involved in protection of environment and sustainable agricultural activities.

Since 2002 he has been running RCH Programmes in Gadwal mandal. Through this programme he is motivating pregnant women to opt for institutional deliveries, educates them regarding the importance of immunization and creates awareness on AIDS.

38. Mr Jerra Narsimlu

Muthyampet Village
Surampally Post
Medak Dist.
Andhra Pradesh - 502247

Mr Jerra Narsimlu hails from Muthyampet Village in Medak District. 36 year old Jerra Narsimlu is a very famous artist and a cultural activist.. To propagate all the government programmes his cultural skills as an excellent singer and a powerful and good dramatist were utilized. He has been elected as the best singer, best actor and best folk dancer. Due to his financial conditions, he could not

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continue his higher studies and had to be contented with SSC, but with his superior artistic qualities he has become the most sought after person in the Divisions of Medak and Siddipet. He has been a volunteer for the past 10 years.

Since 1992 he is actively participating in Literacy programmes and is associated with Manjeer Akshara prabha. With his artistic skills he could propagate the programme very successfully. He was very helpful in creating health awareness with regard to HIV and AIDS and participated in Pulse Polio programmes. He has received many certificates and awards of appreciation from the government and other NGO organizations. He is a well-known person through out the district.

39. S K Jhonpeer

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Twenty-two year old Jhonpeer (Intermediate) hails from Mulapet which is on the sea coast. He is a member of Health Educational Awareness of Rural Area Development, a non governmental organisation. He is working with farmers and he promotes the use of vermicompost in the Vidavalur Mandal. He encourages the poor people to develop their livelihood skills. He gives training in computers and subsequently highlights the

placement opportunities, which in turn helps improve the economic status of their families. He has been providing his invaluable service for the last 4 years. He is the field coordinator for the organization UJVALA

He conducts IT awareness programmes at his centre to emphasize the importance of computer education through which the participants can benefit both socially and economically in future. He throws light on the internet boom in the present era, which acts as a boon for information acquisition and assimilation. He collects information from the Internet on self-employment activities and opportunities open to the villagers. He also trains women in capacity building so that they can implement them in their respective villages.

He has dedicated himself towards working for the development of the downtrodden communities and women's rights. His main area of work also lies in the area of child labour, mother & child health care, disaster management, beeddi workers welfare, creating awareness on HIV/AIDS & TB and in rehabilitation activities. He is indeed an asset to the community.

40. Mr Kalaga Narasing Rao

Ugganapalem Village
Kasinkota Mandal
Visakhapatnam Dist.
Andhra Pradesh

Mr Kalaga Narsingrao is from Ugganappalem Village a hilly region in the District of

Visakhapatnam. 25 year old Narsingrao has completed his S.S.C. but due to financial conditions he could not go in for higher education. He has the deep urge to improve his village socially and economically. He shows great interest in promoting literacy.

He is involved in adult literacy programmes conducted in his village. He was appointed as a Prerak by the Deputy Director Adult Education of Vishakhapatnam District in 2003 and since then he is doing his best to educate illiterate people in his village. He was given one TCS computer donated by the D. D. Adult Education to improve literacy through CBFL programme in his village.

He also educates his village people on health issues and involves them in activities that will promote good health. He actively participates in health awareness programmes sponsored by the Government of Andhra Pradesh.

41. Ms Kancherla Padmavathi

Vemarru Village

Guntur Mandal

Guntur Dist.

Andhra Pradesh - 522261

Ph: 9391182830

Ms Kancherla Padmavathi is from Vemarru, a coastal village of Guntur Mandal. She is a graduate and has also passed her typewriting exam.

As a Nodal Prerak she is associated with Adult Education Department, Guntur District and has been with it since 2006. She involves herself in village social activities and

government sponsored health programmes with great vigour.

As Akshara Deepti Prerak she is involved in literacy programmes. She motivated village women to form women SHGs. She has participated in Pulse Polio, AIDS and Jamma Bhumi campaigns.

42. Ms Kareti Vijayakumari

Jaggadiguntapalem Village

Tenali Mandal

Pedaravuru Post

Guntur Dist.

Andhra Pradesh - 522202

Ph: 699172

Ms K. Vijayakumari, 38 years old, is a graduate and he is a native of Jaggadiguntapalem Village of Tenali Mandal. This village, located in the arid zone of the state is a backward one with poor literacy rate.

She is associated with Zilla Saksharatha Samithi since 1998 and appointed as Prerak in 2000 by the Adult Education Department, Guntur District to run the CEC centre in her village. As a Prerak she could educate 85 persons who were illiterates in her village.

She motivated the village women to construct individual septic lavatories (ISL) in their houses and around 80% of them have benefited by this scheme. She encouraged villagers to participate in Prajapadam, Janmabhoomi, Jalayagnam and other Government Welfare and Health Programmes such as the Pulse Polio, HIV,

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AIDS, and ISL programmes. She is a good motivator and mobilizer and the success she has achieved stand testimony to her efforts.

43. Mr Karlapudi Bhushanan

Katheuaram Post

Tengal Mandal

Guntur Dist.

Andhra Pradesh – 522 295

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Mr Karlapudi Bhushanan is a graduate from Katheuaram, a village in the arid zone of Guntur District. He is 45 years old and has been involved in community services since 2001. His competency lies in areas of promoting awareness on health, HIV/Aids, Pulse Polio, adult education and Praja Padam programmes.

As he is aware of the importance of literacy and education, he has involved himself wholeheartedly in promoting literacy among his people. He is not only an efficient organizer but also a very good motivator. He has made a mark in the field of 'literacy' and the people have benefited immensely because of his tireless work.

44. Mr Karra Souri

Pothumarru (via)

Vemuru Mandal

Guntur Dist.

Andhra Pradesh -522 261

Mr Karra Souri has involved himself with the various community activities. He has been associated with voluntary sector since 2001.

He hails from the plains of Andhra Pradesh and is from a place called Pothumarru in Guntur District. He has passed his Intermediate exam.

He has enthusiastically participated in literacy, Pulse Polio, HIV/AIDS, ISL, SHG, Akshara Sankranthi and Akshara Bharathi programmes.

His awareness of the importance of education has motivated him to work actively in the various literacy programmes since the time he joined the community activities. His village and the neighbouring villages have benefited greatly through his efforts.

45. Ms S Kavitha

D.NO.12/286, Kadapa Road

Mydukur

Kadapa Dist.

Andhra Pradesh -516172

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Ms Kavitha aged 34 years and a graduate in arts has been serving the women for the last ten years. She hails from the drought prone area of Mydukur in Andhra Pradesh. She heads a women's organization called Swathi Mahila Mandali which is serving the rural and poor women in the forty villages of the Mydukur Mandal.

Ms Kavitha works towards the welfare of the women and children, promoting self-help groups, providing basic health care, and education for poor children. She strives to promote the welfare of the women by providing training in tailoring, embroidery

and vocational training to enhance their incomes She helped 120 women to take up self employment by promoting alternative livelihoods and protecting traditional livelihoods..

Through the Swathi Mahila Mandali, Ms Kavitha has promoted 100 self-help groups for 1000 poor and needy women. For meeting the credit needs of the women she inculcated the habit of saving and also linked them with the commercial banks to take up small enterprises

She is concerned about women and their health. So she encourages them to participate in the training programmes on basic health care and promotion of alternative healing systems. She also shows a lot of interest in child education and takes up activities related to to pre-school and school going children and school dropouts.

46. Mr Kesari Lingam

**Mirdoddy Village
Mirdoddy Mandal
Medak Dist.**

**Andhra Pradesh – 502108
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36 year old Mr Kesari Lingam is a graduate and he comes from Mirdoddy Village in Medak District. He is the Nodal Prerak appointed by Adult Education Department, Andhra Pradesh to run the CEC centre. He has attended the training programme in CBFL organized by State Resource Centre (SRC), Hyderabad in 2003.

He has been actively involved in this field since 1998. He was awarded an appreciation certificate for his selfless and meritorious service in achieving high levels of literacy in his village. He has also received a certificate from the Azim Premji Foundation for providing his services in Andhra Pradesh Randomized Evaluation Study organized by the Azim Premji Foundation. He is a Vidya Volunteer and a dedicated social worker.

47. Mr P M KHAN

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Mr P.M. Khan is 41 years old and has completed his M.Com. He hails from Nellore in coastal Andhra Pradesh and has been in community service for 18 years. He has been working as the District Coordinator of Nellore Organization of Voluntary Associations (NOVA) District Network.

Mr Khan has varied experience of working with many organisations. From 1989 to 1991 he worked for PREPARE in Chennai. He was the General Secretary in PASI (People Alliance to Shrimp Industry) during the years 1994 – 1996 and worked for environment protection in coastal villages. From 1996 to 1998 he was the Project Coordinator of Mangrove Project Protection Promotion and Preservation of Mangroves Forestry, Kakinada which was carried out in collaboration with

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the M S Swaminathan Research Foundation. From 1998 to 1999 he worked as cluster coordinator of HIV/AIDS Trucker Project, from 1999 to 2001 he worked as Manager of Gramina Mahila Jyothi Bank to improve the economic status of women through Thrift and Credit Activities, in SNIRD, Ongole in Andhra Pradesh. During 2001 to 2007 he was in COVA – Hyderabad, worked as the District coordinator of Nellore District Network providing services to strengthen women through trainings programmes.

Presently he is coordinating 35 Member NGOs in the district and provides his services in proposal writing, documentation, resource mobilization, group promotion and other organization development activities. He helps the NGOs to reach the target people at the grassroots level and enables them to provide good services to the needy. In order to ensure a good rapport he is liaising with the government and the press. In addition, he mobilizes the local resources to provide good governance and administration.

He conducted training programmes on Perspective and Capacity Building. He offers his services to other upcoming organizations to strengthen their activities. He mobilizes network and member organisations for raising funds by lobbying with the government and other funding agencies so that they can be utilized for various social infrastructure.

48. Mr Kodam Subbarao

Komarole Village

Praksam Dist.

Andhra Pradesh - 523373

Mr Subbarao hails from Komarole Village in Praksam District. . His village is in the arid zone of the state and is backward. He is a commerce graduate and is 36 years old

He has been associated with Zilla Saksharatha Samithi, Prakasam District since 1998 and was appointed as Nodal Prerak by Adult Education Prakasam District in 2002. He could achieve 65% literacy in his village within 8 years. He has been motivating his villagers to participate and avail the benefits of the health programmes sponsored by the Andhra Pradesh Government. He also organized income generating programmes with the help of Jana Shikshana Samasthan and conducted training classes in making candles, soft toys and preparation of washing powder.

49. Ms Kodamala Sukanya

Vengalarao Nagar

Neam Nambur Railway Station

Pedaakani M.D

Guntur Dist.

Andhra Pradesh

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Ms Kodamala Sukanya hails from the arid zone of Guntur District from a village known as Vengalarao Nagar in Andhra Pradesh. She is a 24 year old graduate. She has been

working since 1999 on various areas like literacy (particularly adult education) and health (especially HIV/AIDS) programmes. She is very good at motivating people and is also a good organizer.

50. Mr Kolakaluri Kristu Raju

Gudivada Post

Tenali, Guntur

Andhra Pradesh– 522307

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Mr Kolakaluri Kristuraju aged 38 years is from Gudivada village situated in the plains of Tenali Mandal, Guntur District. He is a science graduate. As a college student, he had taken keen interest in social activities and enthusiastically participated in NSS activities. During his college days he had actively participated in NSS activities. He is a committed social worker and a good organizer.

He is associated with Adult Education Department. He was given a TCS donated computer to run the CBFL centre in his village. He is running the CBFL centre very efficiently. Zilla Sakshratha Samith Guntur appointed him as Nodal Prerak in 2001. He has been involved in this work for the past 11 years.

He was involved in RWS survey and other Government sponsored health programmes. He motivated village youth to take part in HIV / AIDS awareness activities. He is also interested in promoting adult education and has taken part in workshops on literacy programmes.

51. Ms Kolasai Subbayamma

Annaparru Village

Pedanandipadu Mandal

Guntur Dist.

Andhra Pradesh

Ph: 294057

36 year old Subbayamma is from Annaparru Village of Pedanandipadu Mandal, Guntur District,. Her village is in the arid zone of Andhra Pradesh. She is an arts graduate.

Since 2001 she has been associated with Akshara Deepthi Department, Guntur. Her area of competency is in adult education and is working hard to spread literacy through various literacy programmes in her village.

She is also concerned about the health of her villagers. So she is actively involved in the health awareness programmes (such as HIV/AIDS) sponsored by the Government of Andhra Pradesh. She has also motivated the women in her village to form self-help groups.

52. Ms Komarisetty V Ramadevi

Inavolu Post

Nuzendla M.D.

Guntur Dist.

Andhra Pradesh - 522659

Ph: 9908952726

22 year old Ms Komarisetty V. Ramadevi is a graduate in science. She hails from Inavolu Post in Guntur District of Andhra Pradesh. She is well versed in computer operations and tailoring. She actively takes part in all

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literacy programmes and involves herself in conducting house surveys. She is a good worker and a motivator. She has been working as a social worker since 2003.

53. Ms Konduru Anuradha

Adapur Village
Nandalur Mandal
Kadapa Dist.
Andhra Pradesh
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Ms Konduru Anuradha aged 34 years hails from Adapur Village, Kadapa District. Anuradha, who has passed her intermediate exam is a committed worker and her involvement is mainly towards adult education. But she also focuses on school drop outs in the age group of 17 to 35 years and teaches them, organizes farmer field schools, conducts soil health camps and works towards creating awareness amongst the farming community, especially the farm women, about various technologies in agriculture, and helps in maintaining good rapport with the Department of Agriculture for the implementation of various programmes. She is attached to the Continuous Education Center and is also a voluntary anganwadi worker. She acts as a resource person for many training programmes. Recognizing her contribution in the field of adult education the Government of India has presented her Satyan Mytra award in September 2006.

54. Mr Koppula Somaiah

Edlapadu Post
Guntur Mandal
Guntur Dist.
Andhra Pradesh

34 year old Koppula Somaiah is from Edlapadu Village situated in the hilly terrains of Guntur Mandal in Guntur District. He is a graduate in arts. He has been working as a Prerak since 1995 and is associated with Akshara Deepthi Guntur. With the help of Adult Education Department, Guntur, he is working in literacy programmes.

He is an artist who participates in Kalajataras in different Mandals like Bellamkonda Mandal, Achampeta Mandal and Krosur Mandal. He with his Kalajataras team is also involved in Prajapadam, Janmabhoomi and other Government Public Social Service Programmes.

With his songs he motivated the village people to actively take part in various Health and Social Programmes (RWS, HIV Awareness, Pulse Polio programmes, forming Self-Help Groups, etc.).

55. Ms Kothapalli Rajitha

Tallapalli Village
Shabad Mandal
Rangareddy Dist.
Andhra Pradesh
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Ms Rajitha has studied up to seventh standard and is 44 years of age. She lives in

the village of Tallapalli, which is in a semi-arid zone. She is an active member in DWACRA. Since 2005 she has been operating and maintaining a dhal mill.

She has the potential to mobilize women in her village by motivating them to take up activities that help add value to their agri-produce. This has helped the families augment their income. She has good leadership qualities and organization skills. She is able to convince and motivate her village women to try innovative ideas. Her presence in villages has helped KVK to put many of its ideas into practice. She is an asset to the village of Tallapalli.

56. Ms Kotta Palli Sunandamma

Dechavaram Post

Nakarikallu

Guntur

Andhra Pradesh – 522615

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31 year old Ms. Sunandamma is from Dachavaram village of Nakirekallu Mandal, a back ward hilly and remote region. She has studied upto Intermediate. She is a committed social worker and good organizer. She is a Prerak doing literacy programmes since 2001 and was given a TCS donated computer by the Zilla Sakharatha Samith, Guntur to run CBFL programme in her village. She feels, since the CBFL software is attractive and new to the villagers it has become easy to motivate village women. She says that even school dropout students are attending her CBFL classes. She has been an

active social worker for the past 6 years.

She is actively involved in government organized social and community programmes. She is motivating people to participate in HIV / AIDS awareness programmes. With her initiation nearly 20 SHG groups were formed in her village. She is a good motivator. She is also associated with the DWACRA programmes and has formed DWACRA groups.

57. Ms P Latha

Chandpur Village

Gavalpally Post

Narsingi (via), Mekak

Andhra Pradesh – 502 248

Ms Latha from Chandpur Village in Andhra Pradesh has been actively involved in community service for the past 4 years. She has completed her studies upto Intermediate level and is 24 years old. She is a sincere worker and participates enthusiastically in all health programmes and executes her duties with dedication. She disseminates information about various government schemes to all the village people of Chandpur and neighbouring villages too.

58. Mr Madhava Reddy

Vemulghat Village

Thognta Mandal

Medak Dist.

Andhra Pradesh – 502 301

Mr Madhava Reddy comes from a village known as Vemulghat in the district of Medak,

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a forest region in Andhra Pradesh. He has completed his Intermediate and he is 20 years old. He has been involved in various programmes since 2003. His special interest lies in promoting literacy programmes, and helps in establishing village schools. He also takes efforts to ensure that various schemes and programmes provided by the government reach his villagers as well as the people in the adjacent villages. He also participates in all the programmes that will benefit his village people.

59. Ms Madhuramma

Nandikandi Village and Post
Sadarhipet
Medale Dist.
Andhra Pradesh

Ms Madhuramma, has completed her 10th standard and is 27 years old. She has actively been involved in community activities since 2002 in her village of Nandikandi. She has participated in the various health programmes organized by Manjeera Akshara Prabha organization and in the various government programmes/schemes. Her special area of passion is the literacy programmes and has been an active motivator to ensure that many benefit by these programmes. She also dedicatedly works towards creating awareness regarding the various health schemes and other governmental schemes available to the villagers for their benefit and upliftment.

60. Mr M Srinivasa Rao

Manduvaripalem Village
Throvagunta P.O.
Ongole Mandal
Prakasam Dist.
Andhra Pradesh
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Mr Manduva. Srinivasa Rao, who is a Sanchalak, is 47 years old, has completed his 10th standard, and belongs to Manduvaripalem Village. He has been involved in community activities since 1998. He cultivates dry land crops and uses modern technologies to increase the yield.

He is the convener of farmers group organized by the Department of Agriculture, a member of the Farmers Club and is also a Farmers Advisory Committee member of Agricultural Technology Management Agency (ATMA). He is one of the progressive farmers and contact farmer for the Village Level Coordination Committee. The neighbours frequently consult him for finding solutions to their problems in any aspect of agriculture. He is cultivating more than 30 acres with dry land crops like chickpea, redgram, blackgram and tobacco. He experimented in chickpea with six varieties obtained from ICRISAT and finally selected KAK2, Bold and JG11 as the suitable varieties for the district and popularized them through the press and has convinced his fellow farmers to cultivate them. Due to his persistent efforts today the KAK2, and JG11 are the two ruling varieties in the district and

chickpea is a major rabi crop that is grown in more than 80,000 ha.

61. Mr C. Malla Reddy

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Mr C.Malla Reddy is highly qualified (M.Com, DISM, MBA) and is 34 years of age. He hails from the village of Pagidala a very remote village of Gandeed Mandal. He belongs to an agricultural family.

He has been working in the field of voluntary sector since 1996. In 1996, he joined a leading voluntary organization in Andhra Pradesh –Villages In Partnership (VIP) - and worked as Administrator and General Coordinator. In this organization he was instrumental in organizing a very strong Mandal Mahila Samaikyas and Mandala Grameena Bhagaswamy Samasthas (MGBS) in Mahbubnagar District, which are the role models to the present day IKP Samaikyas in the district. He initiated Shramadan programmes in a big way to ensure peoples participation in developmental activities, which are appreciated by the District Administration. He was invited to explain about Shramadan programmes in the District and State level meetings, workshops, seminars etc. Now the State Government is also insisting on 'Shramadan' as peoples contribution towards developmental activities. He was

instrumental in asset creation like, land, building etc for the communities at the village and mandal levels. He is one of the pioneers in community mobilization and the District Administration used to take advice from him on activities concerning this area.

The then Governor of Andhra Pradesh, His Excellency Sri Krishna Kanth and later the Vice President of India, visited his operational areas to see the development initiatives. While working in VIP, he supported UNDP in organizing women SHGs in Mahbubnagar District and all SHGs organized at that time are still functioning under IKP Programme.

With his experience and expertise he along with other VIP members organized a new association called Village Reconstruction Society (VRS) at Mahbubnagar in the year 2002. He is the Administrator and General Coordinator of VRS and he has been working in 3 mandals of Mahbubnagar District which are highly remote and under developed. In these 3 mandals, his concentration is on community mobilization, agriculture, promotion of environment and facilitating implementation of government programmes such as EGS, child labour eradication, RCH, and watershed activities. In addition to the above, he and his organization concentrate on education, child marriage issues, caste discrimination etc.

In the field of child labour eradication he with the help of the other members of VIP have enrolled 150 children, mainly girls in their RBC centre supported by SSA Mahbubnagar and helped them to join the regular schools

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and have also helped them avail hostel facilities.

62. Ms Manchala Dayamma

Pothareddypalem Village
Chebrolu Mandal,
Guntur Dist.
Andhra Pradesh -522212

A B.A. Graduate Manchala Dayamma comes from Pothareddypalem Village of Chebrolu Mandal, Guntur District. 36 year old Dayamma is a good social worker and a good organizer.

She actively participated in Total Literacy Campaign (TLC) in her Mandal. As a Prerak she is working for Adult Education Department to propagate literacy and create awareness regarding the importance of education and its advantages. She was appointed as a Prerak in 1996 and since then she has achieved good results in improving the literacy rate in her village.

She motivated her village women to form self help groups. She organized income generating training programmes with the help of Jana Shikshana Samasthan.

63. Mr. Manda Janardhana Rao

Angalakudur Village
Tenali Mandal, Guntur Dist.
Andhra Pradesh
Ph: 9247538033

A graduate Mr Manda Janardhanrao (38 years old) comes from Angalakudur, a village

in Tenali Mandal, Guntur District. His village lies in an arid zone.

Since 1996, he is working as a Prerak and has participated in Total Literacy Campaign (TLC) organized by National Literacy Mission. He is associated with Adult Education Department and with Zilla Saksharatha Samithi, Guntur. He is working with the village Youth Association and is sincerely working for village community upliftment through various programmes. He was given one TCS donated computer to run the CBFL programme in CEC centre in his village.

With his organizational skills he could mobilize village youth to take part in government sponsored health programmes. He is very active in propagating HIV / AIDS awareness programmes in his village. He has taken part in various programmes such as HIV, AIDS, Pulse Polio, Janma Bhoomi, RWS, Non-formal Education, Adult Education, Akshara Deepthi and Praja Padham to name a few. He is a very dedicated worker.

64. Mr Manne Eashwaraiah

Vehoor
Sadasipet Mandal
Medak Dist.
Andhra Pradesh – 502 291
Ph: 9963078735

Mr Manne Eashwaraiah comes from Vehoor in the Medak District of Andhra Pradesh. He is 36 years old and has been involved in community work for the past 2 years. He has passed his SSC. He is working as a Prerak

and he has participated in all the social activities of his village and governmental programmes. He is an excellent motivator and is particularly keen to motivate people to join and benefit from the literacy programmes.

65. Mr Marpula Srinivas Reddy

Madala Village

Muppalla Mandal

Guntur Dist.

Andhra Pradesh - 522403

Ph: 9885283715

Mr Srinivas Reddy is from the plains of Andhra Pradesh and hails from a village called Madala in Muppalla Mandalam, Guntur District. 30 years old, Mr Srinivas Reddy is a Commerce Graduate.

Since 1998 he has been associated with Akshara Deepthi of Guntur District and has committed his services towards adult education. He is running the CEC centre in his village.

He is actively involved in health awareness programmes too. He is motivating his villagers to participate in all the government sponsored health awareness programmes like HIV and AIDS, CHARAKA and Pulse Polio programmes. He participated actively in Velugu survey and RWS survey programmes.

He is a dedicated worker. He helps the old and the poor people of his village to get old age pension and other benefits from the government. He creates awareness on

government schemes/programmes and their benefits.

66. Ms. Masa Padmaja

Godicherla Kotturu

Masaiahpeta,

V.B. Agraharam

Nathavaram Mandal

Vizag Dist.

Andhra Pradesh

Ph: +98481 45440

Ms Padmaja is 30 years of age and has a master's degree in Economics. She comes from a very poor agriculture family and is the only person who is well educated in the family. She belongs to a very remote village, Godicherla Kotturu which is one of the most backward villages with a high density of agriculture migrant workers. The village comes under arid zone and is a drought prone area. Since there was no school, she went to another village to study. She was able to complete her graduation and post graduation courses by utilizing the scholarships provided by the government. She has also completed basic level computer education and is now able to operate systems on her own.

Ms Padmaja is an active social worker and identifies the local problems of the people in her village as well as neighbouring villages. She has been involved in community activities since 2004. She tries to mobilise resources for the needy people. She is also involved in identifying the HIV afflicted people, taking them to support organisations and

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government departments and for mobilising medicine, nutritious diet and support system. One of her major contributions in the literacy field is identifying the 'never enrolled' and school dropouts and bringing them back into the normal school system. She took the lead in organizing SHG movements. In addition, she worked for women empowerment by instilling leadership qualities in them and ensuring their well being in the society.

Ms. Padmaja has a habit of extending free tuition facilities to the children in her village and organizes classes on a daily basis. She apprises the students about the outside world and the trends in education and other events; this information she collects mostly from the daily periodicals and magazines. She also discusses the available information of various government schemes with the community leaders and the needy people and writes applications and complete the formalities required by the concerned departments. She also follows up the matter with the concerned authorities till it is sanctioned.

Padmaja has also been a volunteer and has attended several camps during cyclones, floods and tsunami. Padmaja was specially trained under Community Based Disaster Programme by CEAD and APARD in Hyderabad. She is very active in day-to-day village development activities and is particularly concerned about the upliftment of people from poor economic back ground.

67. Ms Mekathoti Samrajyam

Kopalle Village
Tenali Mandal
Guntur Dist.
Andhra Pradesh - 522202

Ms Samrajyam comes from Kopalle Village of Tenali Mandal, which lies in the arid zone of Guntur District in Andhra Pradesh. She is a graduate and is 33 years old..

As a Vidya Volunteer she has participated in village educational programmes. She is associated with Adult Education Department since 2001 and is working as a Prerak in her village. She workd tirelessly for the village people and strives to improve the literacy rate of her village.

She actively participated in government sponsored health programs like Pulse Polio, AIDS and HIV awareness programmes. She also actively took part in Janma Bhoomi programme.

68. Mr Mekathoti Suguna Rao

Epura Lanka (via)
Epura Post
Kolluru Mandal
Guntur Dist.
Andhra Pradesh – 522 324

37 year old Mekathoti Suguna Rao hails from Epura Lanka Village which is in the Guntur District in the coastal region of Andhra Pradesh. He has completed his Intermediate and has been involved in various projects since 2001.

He is a very good organizer and also a good motivator. He participated in various programmes such as awareness creation on health, HIV/AIDS, pulse polio, literacy and various other social activities of his village. His organisational skills prove to be of great help in conducting and participating in the above activities particularly in the field of literacy.

69. Mr D Mohan

**Pondichanapally Thanda Village
Mandal Papannapet
Medak Dist.
Andhra Pradesh
Ph: 502125.**

Mr D. Mohan hails from Podichanapally Thanda Village from Medak District. 26 year old Mohan is a graduate. He belongs to a Schedule Tribe known as Lambadi and lives in his remote village, doing his level best for his couplifment. Even though he got job opportunities with good remuneration he preferred to live in his village.

He was appointed as Prerak in 2004 by the D. D. Adult Education Medak District and since then has been associated with adult education. He has been organising literacy programmes successfully.

He is motivating his villagers to adopt family planning and participate in health awareness programs like Pulse Polio, HIV and AIDS awareness.

70. Dr K S Moses

**MIG-36, APHB Colony
Jadcherla
Mahabubnagar Dist.
Andhra Pradesh - 509 301
Ph: 233652**

Dr K. S. Moses belongs to a remote village named Jadcherla located in Jadcherla Mandal which is backward and very low in literacy levels. He is 55 years old. He is a postgraduate in M.A Sociology. He is qualified in Ayurvedic and Unani Medical Services.

He started a voluntary organisation named Depressed Rural Development Social Organization in his village in 1988 and has been working in this organization as its president. He is mainly concentrating in Midjil Mandal of Mahabubnagar District which is a remote and dark area as declared by the Government of India. In this mandal, he has been carrying out activities such as eradication of child labour, education for school dropouts and adult education. By occupation he is a health service provider and provides Ayurvedic and Unani Medical Services for the rural poor. He is a life member of the Red Cross Society and renders good service to people in remote areas by conducting blood donation camps, eye and nutrition camps. He also participates actively in Programmes like Reproductive and Child Health, Mother and Child Health, Child Education and Adult Education programmes and facilitates implementation of

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government programmes such as EGS, Eradication of Child Labour, RCH, and watershed activities, Rural Health Care (Ayassu) and immunization .

71. Mr Mulpura Israeh

Mulpuru Post

Amartha Beru Mandal

Guntur Dist.

Andhra Pradesh – 522 313

Ph: 9949449471

Hailing from the plains of Andhra Pradesh, Mr Mulpura Israeh, who is 35 years old, belongs to a place called Mulpuru in Guntur district. Having acquired a bachelor's degree in Arts he associated himself with Manjeera Akshara Prabha organization in 1995 and has since been involved in various activities. He has actively participated in Pulse Polio, HIV/AIDS and health awareness programmes, and other programmes involving Adult Education, Janmaboomi, SHGs and various youth activities of Nehru Yuvakendra. He advises people regarding government schemes and loan facilities. He also conducts English typewriting classes in his village.

He has concentrated mainly in literacy programmes from the time he joined the community activity programmes of this organization. His participation in various social programmes has always been very good and useful to the villagers.

72. Mr Mohammad Musthaq

Near Mosque Street

Narayanareddypet

Nellore Rural

Nellore

Andhra Pradesh

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39 year old Mohammad Musthaq hailing from an agricultural family he belongs to the village of Narayanareddypet in the coastal area of Nellore District. He has a postgraduate degree in commerce and has completed his legal education and is a practicing lawyer dealing with women's rights and legal entitlements. He has been of great help to the poor and needy. He is a legal advisor to the grassroots NGOs working among the poor people in Nellore District. Through these NGOs and in his individual capacity he is serving the poor and needy by offering legal services over a period of five years.

He has organized legal awareness camps in association with other voluntary agencies in the district, provided free legal counseling, and has helped provide free legal aid for the poor numbering upto 150 people. He has secured bails for the poor languishing in the jails for years together for want of money and unable to furnish any security bond to move bail applications for committing petty crimes.

73. Mr S K Muthahar

Kaluvoya
Nellore Dist.
Andhra Pradesh
Ph : 08628 235200

Mr Muthahar 24, a graduate, belongs to Kaluvoya Village a hilly area of Nellore District. He is a dynamic and active social worker and has been involved in social service for the last five years. He is associated with Arya Dayananda Mahila Mandali. He started community development activities from a very young age. He is also knowledgeable about computers. He is actively involved in eradication of child labour in the villages and has motivated the dropout school children to attend schools. He has conducted Awareness Programmes on Child Rights as well as HIV/AIDS. He is a member in Advocacy an international organization which has adopted five 'hilly' villages for the eradication of T.B. He supervises distribution of medicines by health workers to T.B. patients and ensures that the patients are given proper care by the nurses. He is a volunteer in RNTCP and DOTS programme. He actively took part in programmes like pulse polio, HIV/AIDS conducted in the villages. He is interested in eradication of illiteracy in villages as he strongly believes that it is the root cause of poverty.

74. Mr E V S NAIDU

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Nellore
Andhra Pradesh -524 004
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Mr E.V.S. Naidu aged about fifty-eight years is the founder of the DRUSS Society - a grass roots level voluntary organization based at Nellore. He hails from an agricultural family from the uplands of the Nellore district.

Some of the services for his community include striving for the development of the poor and needy through rehabilitation of scavengers and rehabilitation of leprosy affected people, organizing environmental education camps in the schools and conducting seminars on the protection of the Pulicat lake, working in close association with the government at the district level, rehabilitation of children freed from child labour and educating the people about the harms of child labour and also identification of TB and HIV affected people and sending them to the Voluntary Counselling and Testing Centers. He has undergone many development training programmes and participated as a resource person for trainings organized by the local government and NGOs in the district.

He was instrumental in the upliftment of the scavengers through rehabilitation of forty-six families. He established a colony for the leprosy affected people and got sanctioned fifty acres of land from the Government for the same. He organized

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Environmental Education Programme in 25 Zillah Parishath High Schools and trained 150 teachers and 15000 students in three years!

He also organized environmental and conservation seminars with the participation of scientists and environmentalists from India and abroad for evolving ideas for the protection and conservation of the Pulicat Lake, worked in close association with the local Government in organizing the Flamingos festival, seminars on child labour, participated as a resource person in the trainings related to the violence against women and trafficking.

As the convener of the NGO Networks representing the NGOs in the Government programmes he has organized TB & health awareness and counselling programme in association with other member NGOs in the network in the thirteen mandals of the district. He has organized Pulse Polio programme in the town of Nellore every year. He runs two schools to rehabilitate children rescued from 'child labour'. He is a member of the A.P. Pollution Control Board, member of the Youth Welfare Board and an Awardee of the Independence Day in 2005.

75. Mr Nakka Pothu Raju Reddy

Pandurangapuram Village
Bapatla Mandal, Guntur
Andhra Pradesh – 522101
Ph: 9290617207

Mr Nakka Pothuraju Reddy is 37 years old and hails from Pandurangapuram Village

.This village is situated in the coastal region. He is a graduate and has learnt typewriting in English and Telugu.

He has been associated with Adult Education Department, Guntur since 2000 and was appointed as Prerak in 2003. He was given a TCS donated computer to run CBFL programme in the CEC center in his village. Since 2003 he has educated 180 persons through CBFL software.

He motivates his villagers to participate in all social welfare activities. He initiated and organized income generating programmes with the help of Jana Shikahana Samastan and conducted training classes.

He was in the forefront in helping in the evacuation of people in the aftermath of the Tsunami . With his motivation his village youth have rescued many people during the Tsunami disaster. He actively took part in Janma Bhoomi, Prajapadam and Jalaygnam programmes. He worked for some time as Vidya Volunteer without any remuneration. For atleast 4 years he actively involved himself in organizing self help groups and creating credit linkages with banks for them.

76. Ms Naladi Roja Ramani

Ravipadu Village
Narasaraopet Mandal
Guntur Dist.
Andhra Pradesh.

Ms Rojaramani comes from Ravipadu Village located in the arid zone of Narasaraopet Mandal. 31 year old Rojaramani is a

graduate. She has also qualified in Typewriting in English and Telugu scoring high grades. She also has a diploma in computer applications.

She has been associated with Akshara Deepti Office since 2001 and has since then been participating in literacy programmes. She was appointed as Prerak by the Adult Education Department and she is running the CEC centre. As a Prerak she is involved in literacy programmes organized by the Adult Education Department of Guntur.

She is motivating village women form self help groups and to participate in health programmes organized by the State Government. She has helped the elderly in the village by enabling them to receive their old age pensions and has also helped her villagers in procuring home loans. She has been involved in the RWS survey. She is committed worker.

77. Ms Narmadamma
Vemula (Post and Village)
Addakal Mandal
Mahabubnagar District
Andhra Pradesh.

Ms Narmadamma (42 years) of Vemula Village is a dynamic social worker, and is a member in Adarsha Mahila Samaikya (AMS) since 1995. Her abilities in organising the villagers to better themselves and her management skills helped her to take up the responsibility of the post of secretary of AMS for two years. She has successfully been

mobilizing women forum and enlightens them with social and welfare governmental programmes such as Akshara kiran, Akshara Bharathi and Indira kranthi Padakam. She acquired skills by attending training programmes such as the co-operative Sangham Dairytraining, and took part in the Velugu community training programme as a resource person. She was motivated to organize and train self-help groups and introduce livestock management practices successfully. She also actively participated in Pulse Polio drops programme and some villge panchyat meetings.

She has been working as a Village Network Assistant (VNA) at Vemula Village Knowledge Centre and has facilitated daily educational training programmes for children and basic computer training for youth and children. Being a trained in computer application skills, she manages agro-advisory system with the help of ICRISAT experts and online content management system. With her tremendous energy and considerable self-confidence, she is helping farmers to organize experimental micronutrient plots in castor crop, NPV production and also provides services like weather report, comprehensive information on agricultural practices and market prices. She is a role model for many women in her locality and is a well-regarded leader.

78. Mr Narra Parameshwar Reddy

Bandaram Village
Kondapur Mandal
Medak Dist.
Andhra Pradesh.
Ph: 9949384863

Mr Narra Parameshwar Reddy hails from Bandaram village of Kondapur Mandal, Medak District. His village is situated in the plains of Andhra Pradesh.

He has been associated with Manjeera Akshara Prabha since the last 10 years. As a Prerak he has provided literacy skills to 60 people in his village. He motivated his villagers to construct ISL (Individual Septic Lavatories). Around 75% of his village houses have ISLs now. He motivated people to participate in government sponsored health awareness programmes.

79. Mr G Narsimulu

Haridaspur Village
Kondapur Mandal
Medak Dist.
Andhra Pradesh – 502295

Mr Narsimulu hails from Haridaspur village in Andhra Pradesh. He is a graduate in microbiology and is 25 years old. He has been involved in community activities for the past 9 years. He has also participated in various government programmes. He helps the villagers by creating awareness among them about the various government schemes and

helps them avail the benefits of the same. He takes sincere efforts to promote literacy among the villagers. He enthusiastically participates in all the literacy programmes and also motivates his people to take active part in them.

80. Mr B Naveen Kumar
Umamahewari Mahila Mandali
5th Line, Lakview Colony
Nellore
Andhra Pradesh
Ph: 0 9440101284

28 year old Naveen Kumar from Nellore is a graduate and an experienced farmer who has been practicing SRI method of rice cultivation for the past 3 years. He is the first person to successfully adopt the SRI method in the district. An innovative and dedicated farmer, Naveen Kumar has been using bio-fertilizers for a long time. He has designed new implements and helps the N. G. Ranga University to spread these technologies to neighbouring farmers for the betterment of the farming community. In addition, he assists in conducting training programmes for farmers on various crops and is the convener of the Nandishwara Rythu Club.

He has struggled tirelessly for the welfare of the small farmers and agricultural wage labourers. He is very efficient in forming farmers groups and strengthening the same. His organizational and mobilization skills bring people on to a single platform. Because of his efforts, the small agricultural farmers are made aware of the various government

schemes and programmes and now they are getting the benefits out of them. He is interested in biodiversity conservation and promoting organic farming. The farmers have great respect and regard for him and appreciate his dedication.

His community services started 5 years ago. He is the Coordinator of the Umamaheshwari Mahila Mandali in Nellore. His social work includes organizing medical camps and eye operations

81. Mr Nizampatnam Veeranjanyulu

Kollimarla Village

Kakumanu Madal

Guntur Dist.

Andhra Pradesh - 522212

Ph: 9849593473

A commerce graduate, Mr Nizampatnam Veeranjanyulu is from Kollimarla village of Kakumanu Madal, Guntur District, a coastal region in Andhra Pradesh. He is 31 years old. Since his college days he has been associated with NGOs and involved in village welfare programmes.

Since 2005 he is working as a Prerak and running the CEC centre in his village. The Adult Education Department has entrusted him to work in literacy activities in and around his village. He is motivating his village people to take part in the literacy programmes and to become literates.

He plays a significant role in spreading awareness of HIV / AIDS in and around his

village. Because of his efforts his villagers have actively participated in all the government sponsored Welfare and Health Programmes like Pulse Polio, Janma bhoomi, Jalayaganam and Prajapadam.

82. S K Noorjahan

Older Muslim Village

Karlapalem

Guntur District

Andhra Pradesh -522 111

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support_org@yahoo.com

39 year old graduate, Ms Noorjahan is from Karlapalem, Village which is on the sea coast. She is the treasurer of SUPPORT (Society for Upliftment of People Participation on Rural Transformation) and is also working as the women coordinator. She deals with all the Women Development and Rights based activities. She has 10-year experience in various social service organizations and 6 year in the SUPPORT organization.

She guides people on all aspects of life-social and economic. She gives good orientation to the villagers on women's rights and deals with family issues of women. She has strived to strengthen the women sanghas to work on women issues and rights. She has participated in different training programmes related to women like on domestic violence, physical abuse, atrocity and is therefore aware of the Harassment at Work Place Act. She is keen on imparting skills to women to improve their livelihoods.

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She, as an expert provides valuable advice on nutrition and personal hygienic to children and ANC & PNC Mothers She has conducted medical camps for the Mother and Child programme and for awareness programme on secrets of good health. She created awareness among women on the importance of savings, using the money judiciously and disseminated knowledge on other skills for augmenting and saving their earnings.

She has worked hard to improve the social and economic status of women wherever she has taken charge especially by providing education. She is humble, talented and a great motivator.

83. Mr S K Nowraj

Narasareddy colony
Podalakur (V) & (M)
Nellore Dist.
Andhra Pradesh
Ph: 09440190032

A dynamic social worker and teacher with a great determination to elevate the status of women in the rural societies Nowraj has toiled for that cause from 1992 onwards. He is 38 years old and is a postgraduate in science and has completed B.Ed. He is involved in different community activities in his area, which is Podalakur in the Nellore District. He protested against child labour prevalent in the district. He is associated with the organization named Training Reconstruction Education Society (TREES). He assisted in sending school dropouts back to

school and has helped in the renovation of school premises. He rendered his service to the tsunami-affected people of the coastal villages in Nellore District.

He has organized many health and eye camps and is also responsible for the formation of many SHGS and provides training in Accountancy and Book Keeping. He is running a Girls Hostel for the VI class to X class Girls students where they are provided with free boarding and lodging facilities.

84. Mr Pachala Yedukondala Rao

Chemalamarri
Nekaikallu M.D.
Guntur Dist.
Andhra Pradesh - 522615
Ph: 08647 246496
9908087364

Mr Pachala Yedukondala Rao (S.S.C.) is 33 years old. He hails from Chemalamarri in Guntur District of Andhra Pradesh. He has been actively involved in literacy programmes and veterinary programmes and since 1999 he has been a First Aid worker. Since 1996 he has been actively participating in various programmes and schemes such as CEC, HIV/AIDS, RWS survey, Indiramma scheme and other literacy and health programmes organized by both governmental and non-governmental organizations. He is a good worker and organizer..

85. Ms V Padmavathi

Chejarla village
Nellore Dist.
Andhra Pradesh
Ph: 08628-234642

Ms Padmavathi aged 42 has had her education up to Intermediate. She hails from the coastal region of Andhra Pradesh. She has been actively involved in the field of social service for the last 12 years.

She has participated in community development work in various rural mandals of Nellore District and is an ardent worker for the cause of woman and child welfare.

She began to serve the community through Lakshmi Mahila Mandali. She motivated women to form nearly 100 self- help groups including those supported by DWACRA. She is today the Secretary of this organization. She imparted skill trainings to women with the support of DRDA and other agencies and helped a number of women to start self-employment and earn a livelihood. She also took an interest in helping elderly women, destitutes and widows and organized assistance for them. Padmavathi has played an effective role in promotion of women rights and issue-based campaigns and in environment campaigns, for which she received appreciation from government officials and local people. She is an excellent worker who always volunteers to offer her services to the poor and is a source of inspiration to the community.

86. Ms Pamu Vanisri

Renikunta Village
Rajapeta Mandal and Post
Nalgonda Dist.
Andhra Pradesh – 508105

Ms Pamu Vanisri, 29 years old, belongs to the village of Renikunta in the arid zone of Andhra Pradesh. It is in the mandal of Rajapeta in Nalgonda District. She has completed her Intermediate. She lives in a joint family with her parents-in-law. During her college days she actively participated in NSSU social activities especially in rural-based programmes. She organized with the help of other college students (girls) many awareness programmes in her surrounding villages.

She was appointed as a Prerak by the Adult Education Department of Andhra Pradesh in 2002 and was given a TCS donated computer to run the CBFL programme in the CEC centre.

There is a good response from the people to this programme that focuses on promoting literacy. She says, "CALP and CBFL programmes make my job easy and there is no problem in motivating the learners to come to the centre. These programmes attract many persons to the learning centre." She adds that she finds it interesting and satisfying in running the centre.

She has coached 6 batches of 15 learners each. She has been a Vidya Volunteer since 2005. She was awarded the Best Prerak

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Award by the mandal officials for achieving high percentage of literacy. She also conducts health awareness programmes. She is an asset to her community.

87. Ms Panadi Sailaja

Kakani Village,
Narsaraopet Mandal,
Guntur Dist.
Andhra Pradesh - 522601
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Ms Sailaja hails from Kakani Village of Narsaraopet Mandal in Guntur District. . 31 year old Sailaja is a graduate. She had to discontinue her postgraduate studies due to financial problems.

She has been an active social worker since her student days. She is associated with Adult Education Department of Guntur since 2001. She was appointed as Prerak by the Akshara Deepthi Office and was given training in organizing and running CEC centres. She has taken part in the Total Literacy Campaign (TLC). She organized many rallies to propagate the importance of literacy.

She is helping old women in her village to get old age pensions from the government. She organized income generating programmes with the help of Jana Shikshana Samasthan. Training in tailoring, and wax candle making were organized by Sailaja. She helped in conducting the RWS survey and motivated her village women to construct individual septic lavatories (ISL). She has participated in AIDS awareness

programmes. She also helps her villagers in getting house loans from the government. She is a very good motivator.

88. Ms S Parveen

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Kadapa,
Kadapa Dist.
Andhra Pradesh
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Ms Parveen is a NGO leader heading Sarvajana Seva Sadan (SSS), a grassroot level organization based in the Kadapa district. Aged about forty years and educated up to the tenth class, she hails from the arid Rayalaseema region of the state.

Her vocation is serving the poor and the needy and striving for their development through implementing programmes for their self-employment, Women and Child development, along with programmes for the care of destitute and helpless women, providing health care, vocational training and child education which she has been doing for the last five years.

She has been working among her village people for the last five years. She strives for the social and economic development of the poor and the needy by using various government schemes and programmes related to self employment, women and child development, destitute women, vocational training, child education, health care etc,.

She takes sincere efforts to improve the conditions of women by promoting self-

employment of the poor women through skill development and by providing linkages with banks to meet their credit needs along with providing assistance in marketing. She has also worked for the development of women through promotion of micro-entrepreneurship development programmes for increasing production and marketability of locally made products. She has ensured preschool child care through childcare centers for sixty children from four villages. She has arranged Youth Vocational Training courses for about one hundred youth in various trades for procuring them gainful employment. She has promoted child education for fifty-drop out children through five schools.

Care has been provided for twenty-five destitute and helpless women every year for the last four years through short stay homes, counseling, health care, skill development and rehabilitation. She ensures that health care is provided through promotion of alternative health care and through health education. She is a dedicated worker and an able leader.

89. Ms S K Parveen

C/O Priyanka Mahila Mandali
Thirumalammampalem Village
Venkatachalam Mandal
Nellore Dist.
Andhra Pradesh
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Ms. Parveen, who is 21 years of age, has passed her Intermediate and is very much

interested in community related activities. Her village is in the coastal area of Andhra Pradesh. She has been involved in social service for the last 3 years and always helps the sick and the poor. She coordinated assistance relief work during Tsunami. She is associated with PES and has been instrumental in organizing rural women to join self help groups and has also assisted them in skills development.

She has undergone training in Medical Laboratory Technology. She has been helping the poor and neglected sections in getting bank assistance for starting various income generating activities for the last three years. She has sufficient knowledge in computer operations and has encouraged women to undergo training in computer courses. She is keen to introduce ICT enabled service for dissemination of information and communication technology to the people at the grass root level. She is a promising social activist with the zeal to work and transform the community.

90. Ms S K Parveen Begum

Padala Palli Village
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Andhra Pradesh
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Ms Parveen Begum, 42 years of age hails from Padarupalli Village from the arid zone of Andhra Pradesh. She has had school education upto 9th Standard. She is a grass root social worker who is dynamic and is also

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very hard working. She has been associated with PES for the last five years.

Though she is not a graduate thanks to her wisdom she has started a Crèche for the children of ailing women. She has also encouraged girls to join computer courses and gain education in computer technology. She has participated in health programmes, HIV/AIDS, Pulse Polio, and welfare programmes related to mother and child.

She is especially interested in working with physically handicapped children. She has also arranged loans, aids, and pensions to elders. She is popular among self help groups. She opened a cottage industry for envelope making, vermicompost, and mushroom cultivation.

91. Mr Pasumarathi Seetharama Sastry

Valaparala Village

Marthru, Prakasam Dist.

Andhra Pradesh - 523260

A Graduate in Science Pasumarathi Seetharama Sastry hails from Valaparala Village of Marthru, Prakasam District. This village is situated in the arid region of the state and is very backward. He is 30 years old and holds a MPC degree too.

He is associated with Zilla Saksharatha Samith since 2000 and was appointed as Nodal Prerak by the Adult Education Department of Prakasam District in 2002.

As a Nodal Prerak he is running the CEC centre in his village. With his motivation nearly 120 illiterate people in his village have become literate. He is helping the poor, school dropout students to join bridge schools. He conducts counselling classes to 10th passed students and guides them to take suitable subjects in colleges.

He has encouraged his village women to organise themselves into self help groups and these SHGs are functioning well. With his motivation the village people are taking active part in government welfare programmes and government sponsored health programmes.

92. Mr Pendlimarri Premanand

Gaaliveedu Post

Kadapa Dist.

Andhra Pradesh

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Mr Pendlimarri Premanand is a farmer practicing agriculture for the past 21 years. He belongs to the village of Gaaliveedu in Kadapa District. A majority of the population depend on rainfed farming. He has completed his intermediate in the 10+2 system of education and is 48 years old.

He is an innovative farmer and an in flouriculture, organic farming and vermicompost. preparation With a view to uplift the farming community he established a farmers club and renders service to them by organizing health camps, inviting crop experts to share their expertise and

knowledge. He also invites other government department officials in order to have better understanding of the functions of the various departments and have better rapport with the officials at all levels. He imparts computer education to children,. He is also president of Garugupalli Progressive Farmers Club. He guides many farmers on low cost cultivation and about improved practices in agriculture. He also conducts health camps and animal husbandry camps. He is aware and knowledgeable about recent developments in agriculture and adopts them. He is a farmer facilitator in the Farmer Field School and helps farmers regarding various issues in agriculture, horticulture, and animal husbandry. He is genuinely passionate about helping the farmer community. Mr Pittu Kodandu Murthi Reddy

93. Mr Perkula Krishnaiah

**Nallamalla Forest Area
Macharam Village
Amrabad Mandal
Andhra Pradesh**

Mr Perukula Krishnaiah is 30 years old and belongs to a remote village named Macharam in Amrabad Mandal, Mahabubnagar District. It is located in a hilly and forest area. It is a backward village with low level of literacy. He is a graduate in arts.

He started a voluntary organization named SPACE in 1998. He mainly concentrates on Amrabad and Achampet Mandals of Mahabubnagar District which are highly

remote and under developed. In these 2 mandals, his area of concentration is on Child Labour Eradication, Reproductive Child Health Programmes, Child Education, Adult Education and facilitating implementation of government programmes such as EGS, Child labour Eradication, RCH, and Watershed Activities. He is the member of Red Cross and has carried out many programmes such as Eye Camps and Blood Donation Camps in rural areas

Since 1998 he has put his heart and soul in child labour eradication and has mainstreamed 300 children in Government Schools. And more than 1000 Adults have benefited through the Adult Education Programmes organised by him.

Since 2001, he is running R.C.H. programmes in Amrabad Mandal and through these programmes he is motivating pregnant women to go for institutional deliveries and for immunization. He has also spread HIV/AIDS awareness among them.

94. Mr Pittu Kodandu Murthi Reddy

**Piltuvanipalem Village
Khaji Palm (via)
P.V. Palem Mandal
Guntur Dist.
Andhra Pradesh**

Mr Pittu Kodandu Murthi Reddy is a resident of a coastal village known as Piltuvanipalem village in the Guntur District. He is a graduate in Arts and is 36 years of age. He has been

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involved in community activities since 1996 and has participated in AIDS awareness programmes and conducted many camps. He has also participated in literacy and family planning programmes. He is an excellent motivator. He has motivated people to go in for family planning. He conducted Ashradeepti programme successfully. He has organized literacy programmes and motivates people to participate in these programmes.

95. Ms K Ponnama

Annaram Village

Jinnaram Mandal

Medak Dist.

Andhra Pradesh - 502313

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Ms Ponnamma, 35 years of age, hails from Annaram Village in the Medak District of Andhra Pradesh. She is a commerce graduate. Even though she had the opportunity to join any public or private sector services, she decided to work for the people in her native village. She is engaged in doing some social service with in her means for the local people

She has been with Manjeera Ashara Prabha since 1997. She was appointed as Prerak by the Adult Education Department of Andhra Pradesh. As a Prerak she is actively involved in literacy programmes and non-formal education. She has achieved considerable success in improving the literacy rate in her village.

She has been motivating the village illiterate women to participate in all the health programmes organized by the Government of Andhra Pradesh.

96. Mr T V R V Prasad Rao

K. Raju Nagar , Anatha Sagaram

Nellore Dist.

Andhra Pradesh

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Aged about twenty-nine years, Prasad Rao hails from the drought prone uplands of Nellore District. He is a graduate in Science and is technically qualified as a teacher, serving in the development sector for over a period of fifteen years. He is the founder of Rural Poor Development Society, a grassroots level voluntary organization based in the up land zone of the Nellore district.

He strives to work for the upliftment of the poor and vulnerable people through various programmes and activities. He organized an environmental sanitation program in ten villages. He also demonstrated vermiculture techniques in the interior villages

He has taken up in a big way HIV/AIDS awareness programme in the fifteen villages of one mandal in his district. He has implemented entrepreneurship development programmes for hundred women in five villages and has promoted twenty-five Self-Help Groups for two hundred poor and needy women for taking care of their credit needs. He has imparted training for the

groups in capacity building and he is also keen on strengthening the federation of self help groups. He is involved in an awareness programme for national integration of the youth in ten villages.

97. Ms M Rajamani

Pedd Rajamoor Village
Devarakadra Mandal
Mahabubnagar Dist.
Andhra Pradesh
Ph: 9441166852

Ms Rajamani, is 34 years old and has completed 10th Standard. Pedda Rajamoor is a remote backward village with low level of literacy.

She started a voluntary organisation named Jeevan Jyothy Volunteer Organization in 1995 and is working in this organization as President without any remuneration. She has held training sessions on personality development, management skills and book keeping. She also conducts classes on tailoring, wool netting, preparation of nutritious food, and saree rolling, jerdosi and dairy farming and these trainings have helped the people to improve their economic conditions. In 2005, she has opened learning centres for women to promote literacy among them. She conducted meetings to educate people on different governmental schemes such as the National Rural Employment Guarantee Act and also sensitise them on the evils of untouchability, child labour and child marriages. She has also educated them against arrack consumption

through antiarrack awareness programmes. She is very good at community mobilization and a sincere worker. She also is involved in environmental promotion activities and is keen on providing health education to the people of her village.

98. Mr Manne Rajashekhar Reddy

Ervapalem Village and Post
Rajupalem Mandal
Kadapa Dist.
Andhra Pradesh -516359
Ph: 9949479259

54 year old Mr Manne Rajashekhar Reddy, from Ervapalem village is M. A., B.Ed with Diploma in Public Administration. He left his teaching profession in order to render service to the distressed farming community. He has been involved in agriculture for the past 26 years. He adopts the very latest practices pertaining to agriculture and demonstrates them to the farmers in his own field. He has specilized in paired row system of planting in sugar cane and is the first person in the entire district to do so. He is a farmer facilitator for the Farmer Field School. An expert in organic farming, he is also the chief coordinator of Krishi Rythu Club, and has succesfully conducted many programmes including health camps and training programmes.

He established Rythu Club (Farmers Club) voluntarily especially for the benefit of the Farmers and invites crop experts to educate them on the latest technologies. He takes

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interest organizing health and eye camps. He thus helps the farmers in various ways. He is a committed worker, does wonderful service to the farmers and works tirelessly towards their upliftment.

99. Ms Rajeswari

Peravali Palem (via)

Guntur Dist.

Vimuru Mandal

Andhra Pradesh – 522 261

Ph: 9963397043

38 year old Rajeswari lives in the coastal village of Peravali Palem in Guntur District. She has passed Intermediate. She joined Manjeera Akshara Prabha organization in 2006 and has since then been an active participant in various community activities. She has vast experience in social work and has participated in Pulse Polio and AIDS programmes. In addition, she took active part in RWS and ISL surveys. Her community has benefited a lot from her efforts.

100. Mr P V Ramanaih

Udyagiri Village & Mandal,

Nellore Dist.

Andhra Pradesh

Mr Patteda Venkata Ramanaih, aged about forty years, hails from the drought prone uplands in Nellore. He is a postgraduate in Sociology, with a Diploma in the Natural Resource management. He is serving as the team leader of the Forests and Uplands Development Society, based at the Udayagiri, Nellore district.

An expert in the forest management he has also undergone many training sessions in Forest Management from various institutes in Andhra Pradesh and other states. He is working for the welfare of the downtrodden people. He addresses the concerns of dalits, tribal people and minorities and takes up land issues of the vulnerable people.

He was instrumental in forming Forest Management Committees (VSSs) in 53 villages. He did this in association with the Forest Department to protect the forests and to ensure the local people's rights over them. He has implemented livelihood promotion activities like vermicompost, honey production, Tassar silk units for improving the living conditions of the VSS members. He has also organized a Federation for the VSSs in the project area.

He has promoted 750 self-help groups in six upland revenue mandals of the Nellore district for addressing the credit needs of the poor women. He has also been instrumental in implementing income generation activities for improving the living conditions of the poor rural women.

He has also organised and participated in awareness programmes on sanitation HIV/AIDS and has also implemented a programme on sustainable agriculture among 15 villages from three mandals. He has promoted agricultural practices with non chemical pesticides in the project villages.

He is the recipient of the Bharath Excellency Award and also received a Gold Medal

through the Friendship Forum of India. Forest Department, Nellore has declared him as one of the best persons of NGOs

101. Mr Ramavat Knonda Nayak

Hanumapuram Village
Marripalem Post
Bollapalli Mandal
Guntur Dist.
Andhra Pradesh
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Intermediate passed Ramavath Kondanayak hails from Hanumapuram village of Bollapalli Mandal, Guntur District. His village is in the forest zone of Andhra Pradesh. He is 24 years old. He has done his Diploma in Public Health and Sanitation Technology. He comes from Lambada tribal community, and he wants his community to develop and be at par with the other advanced communities. He has dedicated his life to the development of his community.

Since 2001 he has been working as a Prerak and taking active part in educating his community people. He was given a TCS donated computer by the Adult Education Department, Guntur District to run a CBFL centre. Through this CBFL programme he is trying to achieve 100 per cent literacy in his village.

He is a powerful motivator and has motivated his tribal people to take active part in all government sponsored welfare schemes. Due to his efforts his village people are also actively involved in government sponsored

health programmes like Pulse Polio, HIV and AIDS awareness programmes. He has become a role model to his villagers.

102. Mr G Ranga Reddy

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Village Shadnagar
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Andhra Pradesh – 509 216
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Mr Ranga Reddy (49 years old) is the President of NAVODAYA SEVA SANGAM (NSS), a non-governmental organisation. He, with the cooperation of the dedicated, skilled and educated staff and executive committee members of the organization has been working for the development of the community.

He hails from a marginal farmer's family from the Mahabubnagar District of Andhra Pradesh. He is a Post-graduate in Sociology. He has been involved in service and charity activities since his childhood and was honoured by the college staff and students on several occasions for his contribution in the field of sports and social service activities.

Mr. Reddy has been observing the situation and people of the drought prone Mahabubnagar, which had been suffering due to nature and man made calamities since his college days. His unquenchable thirst for people's development of this backward district prompted him to set up an NGO

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without profit motto. As a result Navodaya Seva Sangam was formed in the year 1988 to benefit the downtrodden.

NSS initiated installation of 50 bore wells in 5 remote ST villages and BC colonies in Midjil Mandal. 300 poor ST people are benefiting from these bore wells. It has also established non-formal education centers in 4 Lambada Thandas. Due to the efforts of NSS, so far 300 women and 100 men have become literates.. These persons are able to read and write. In order to promote saving habit among the ST women 16 self help groups have been formed and the organization has created a revolving fund with the help of Rashtriya Mahila Kosh, New Delhi. 50 ST women have benefited and their economic conditions have improved by starting their own economic enterprises like sheep rearing, fertilizer shops, fancy shops, embroidery and Banzara wear shops. This institution under his leadership has constructed 132 low cost Sanitation Units in 10 ST villages. 590 children have been saved from the clutches of drudgery and mainstreamed in education through RBC and NCLP schools. Short Stay Home has given shelter to 32 women in distress - divorcees, widows, exploited women – and they have been rehabilitated. Their Old Age Home is giving shelter to 250 old age helpless people who have been deserted by their family members. A CBO was initiated with sex workers and presently 53 have enrolled themselves as its members. Thrift savings and vocational training courses are in progress to switch over their profession

to a more respectable and hazardless occupation.

He is also concentrating on welfare of tribal people, anti –arrack movement, prevention of HIV/AIDS and Care and Support services for neglected women, children and wounded animal population. Ranga Reddy is positive that all the above mentioned activities will continue and he will work relentlessly for the socio and economic development of the rural poor until his last breath.

103. Mr Raparathi Sankara Rao **Godicherla Village** **Nakkapalli Mandal** **Vizag Dist.** **Andhra pradesh**

Mr Sankara Rao is 32 years of age and belongs to a remote village called Godicherla Village, which has very limited infrastructure facilities. He is a graduate with a Bachelor's Degree in Commerce and belongs to an agricultural labour family. He has been involved in community activities since 2002. After graduation he has become a tuition teacher in his native village and organises free classes to those who cannot afford. His intention is to send more children from his village to schools in nearby townships. He takes sincere efforts to secure seats for these needy children and offers free services to those who are in need of his assistance. For about 2 years he worked as a teacher in National Child Labour Project run by CEAD and got the best teacher performance award and claimed the distinction of sending all the

children for mainstream courses! Now there are about 175 children, and a few students who have now completed the 10th standard were earlier frequent dropouts! . He counsels parents and children and tells them about the values of education with success case studies as examples to convince them. He believes more in counselling the parents than the child! In a span of 5 years nearly 470 children have been enrolled in schools including residential hostels.

He also concentrates on his native village development. He discusses various developmental programmes published in daily periodicals with the village people and the leaders and organises similar events in his village. He takes up the task of completing the formalities of clerical matters. He also takes the responsibility of negotiating with respective departments for sanction of schemes and allocations. He was involved in different training programmes and participated in various development activities at district and state levels. He is very actively involved in organizing health and eye camps,, pulse-polio, camps for physically challenged, veterinary camps etc.

He was also a volunteer and has attended several camps during cyclones, floods and tsunami, Sankara Rao was specially trained under Community Based Disaster Programme by CEAD and APARD in Hyderabad. He takes interest in organizing village events for changing the attitudes of the communities towards holistic development and conducts food for work

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104. Ms Repaka Bhagya Laxmi

Rajapeta

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Nalgonda Dist.

Andhra Pradesh – 508105

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Ms Repaka Bhagya Laxmi comes from Rajapeta Village which is also the head quarters of Nalgonda District. She is a 30 year old B.A. degree holder and a Hindhi pandit (Vidwan) too. While working as an Anganwadi voluntary teacher, she is also simultaneously working for Balkarmikula Ashajyothi, a NGO organization, since 1999. She has been actively associated with early childhood care and education since 2001. She is a certificate holder in awareness generation training programme. She was awarded the Best Anganwadi Teacher Award for the year 2004

Since 2005 she is working as a Prerak in Adult Education Department and was allotted a TCS computer to impart literacy through the CBFL programme by which she could complete educating 10 batches of 15 to 20 learners each. She says that it has become very easy to make more people literate in a short period of time. She adds that because of the new technology which makes learning interesting process school dropouts are very

less when compared to the traditional method of teaching.

She continuously motivates people to participate in Governmental Social Programmes like the Pulse Polio, Janmabhoomi, Prja Padam and AIDS / HIV programmes. She is a role model not only to her village people but also to those in the surrounding villages.

105. Ms. Md Rokhya Begum

**Nellaturru Village
Muthukuru Mandal
Nellore Dist.
Andhra Pradesh
Ph : 0861 – 2377809.**

Md. Rokhya Begum, 45, a graduate with computer knowledge, is very much interested in community related activities. She hails from the rural village of Nellaturru which is situated in the coastal region of Nellore District. She is associated with Polymers Educational Society and also with Kavitha Mahila Mandali. She has actively participated in community development activities in coastal rural Mandals of Nellore District for the last five years and is an ardent worker for the cause of women and children.

She has formed 10 self help groups and has conducted skill development programmes to women with the support of DRDA and Minority Finance Corporation etc,. She has encouraged women to take up self employment and has thus helped a number of them to secure a livelihood through

mushroom culture, wormiculture, floriculture etc.

106. Mr Rudrapati Rajanand

**Haafpet Village
Khazipet Post
Tenali Mandal
Guntur Dist.
Andhra Pradesh – 522 307
Ph: 9397339525**

Mr Rudrapati Rajanand, 37 years of age, is from Haafpet village located in an arid zone in the district of Guntur. He holds a bachelor's degree in Science. He joined Manjeera Akshara Prabha organization in 2006 and has since then been participating and actively working in various programmes such as the AIDS, Clean and Green campaign, RWS and ISL. He has been a member of the youth organization in his region and participated in various activities related to the youth.

107. Mr Salimeta Anjaneyulu

**Chepyal Post and Village
Mirdoddi Middle
Medak Dist.
Andhra Pradesh – 502 247
Ph: 08457-241506**

Hailing from Chepyal village in Andhra Pradesh, Mr Salimeta Anjaneyulu (36 years of age) has passed his S.S.C and has completed his 1st year in bachelor degree course through Open University. He has been a part of community activity programmes since 1998 and is a very keen and dedicated social worker.

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Zapti Linga Reddy Village

Thegutu,

Medak

Andhra Pradesh

Ph: 9985987245

29 year old Satya Narayana hails from the village of Zapti Linga Reddy in Andhra Pradesh. He is working as a Prerak and has participated in all government programmes. He is a dedicated social worker. He has passed S.S.C and is very keen on promoting literacy in his village.

109. Mr. Satya Vendantha**Baburao**

Parlipadu Village

Karlalalem

Guntur District

Andhra Pradesh - 522111

40 year old Satya Vendantha Baburao who is a graduate, hails from Parlipadu Village of Karlalalem, Guntur District. His village is situated in the forested area on the coast of Andhra Pradesh. During his student days he was associated with the NSS. Since his student days he has been interested in doing service to his village community. As a student leader he organized Gramina Welfare programmes with the help of his college friends. He is an artist and an excellent singer.

He is associated with the Adult Education Department and Zilla Saksharatha Samith, Guntur since 1999. As a nodal Prerak he is

working towards improving the literacy level in his mandal. He was given a TCS donated computer in 2004 to run the CBFL centre in his village. Since then he is running the CBFL centre successfully and has achieved 65% literacy in his village.

Since he is a very good motivator he has been able to influence and encourage his village youth to participate in social and community welfare programmes. He is helping the old and poor widows in getting old age pensions from the government.

110. Mr Savalam Lincoln Babu

Mannesulthanpalem Village

Papayapalem Post

Bellamkond M.D

Guntur Dist. Andhra Pradesh – 522411

Mr Savalam Lincoln Babu (10th pass, I.T.I.) is 28 years old and is an electrician by profession. He hails from Mannesulthanpalem Village in Guntur District of Andhra Pradesh. This is a forest region and is very backward. Since 2002 he has been working in various programmes and schemes like the literacy programme, HIV/AIDS programme, RWS Survey, CHARCA etc. He is a self-motivated and dedicated worker.

111. Mr Sayed Bellam Konda Bihari

Pinnelli Village
Machavaram Mandal
Guntur Dist. Andhra Pradesh
Ph: 9849292053, 9885352847

Mr Bihari, aged 43 years, is from Pinnelli Village of Machavaram Mandal, a forest zone, in Guntur District. Intermediate passed Bihari is a committed social worker.

In 1990, which was International Year of Literacy he travelled throughout India on cycle covering almost all the states to urge people to educate themselves and become literates. In this tour he submitted memorandums to district collectors of those states that he went to. He received blessings from the then Prime Minister of India Sri. P.V. Narsimharao. He started his 'Literacy' vocation in 1990 and has served as an Adult Education Organizer.

He has been associated with Akshara Deepathi since 1995. He was appointed as a Nodal Prerak by the Adult Education Department, Guntur. He was given a TCS donated computer to run the CBFL programme in CEC centre. He is successfully running the CBFL centre in his village and aims for cent percent literacy.

He does not stop with the promotion of literacy programmes but also motivates his village people to participate in government health programmes such as HIV/AIDS awareness programmes. At present he is

working for the eradication of child labour and bonded labour in rural areas. He does social service on voluntary basis

112. Ms P SHAHENA

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Ms Shahena is the Executive Secretary of the UJVALA organization. She is a housewife and has completed her graduation as a private candidate. She is 35 years old and lives in the coastal area of Andhra Pradesh and has been involved in community activities for the past 7 years.

After graduating she has turned her attention to the social status of women. She read books on the status of women and news relating issues on women. She is motivated to work for the welfare of the most vulnerable people in the society - women and children. She was encouraged to start UJVALA to work for the welfare of women and children rights. UJVALA focuses in the following areas - working for the development of the downtrodden communities and women's rights, working for prevention of child labour, mother & child health care, disaster management, beedi workers' welfare, HIV/AIDS & TB awareness and rehabilitation activities

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She is taking up issues such as domestic violence and trafficking. She helps the women to get subsidies and is creating awareness in areas like child marriages, family counselling facilities, girl child education and child labour. She has participated training programmes related to women development and education. She is very good at organizing people and conducting various programmes. Through UJVALA promotes self help groups and 600 families have benefited by the income generating activities. With the formation and strengthening of TB patients Network, TB patients are getting good health service..

113. Mr S K Shahid Ahmed

C/O Nellore Rural Awareness and Development Society
Kothuru Village
Nellore Dist.
Andhra Pradesh

23 year old S. K. Shahid Ahmed, is a graduate with Computer education. He comes from Kothuru Village, which is in the arid zone. He works in facilitating ICT related activities in rural areas as per PES formula and programmes of PES. He is trying to organize similar activities in coastal areas. He has given computer training to students and also engages himself in social activities like participating in programmes like HIV/AIDS, Pulse polio, T.B. Awareness and in distributing TB drugs of RNTCP and DOTS in rural areas.

He is very good at social mobilization and is passionate in his work for the poor and

downtrodden people. He has been involved in social work for the last three years. He has also motivated his fellow villagers to built individual sanitary latrines and involved himself in other social work like helping the elderly to get old age pensions from Government and in assisting with issuing of voters photo identity cards.

114. Mr Shaik John Sahub

S/o. Meeravali
Gwmalapadu Post
Dachepalli Mandal
Guntur Dist.
Andhra Pradesh

Mr Shaik John Sahub hails from Gwmalapadu, situated in the forest region in Guntur District. He is a 29 year old Science graduate who also holds a Diploma in Computer Applications. He has participated and involved himself wholeheartedly in various programmes such as HIV, AIDS and Pulse Polio as well as in RWS and SHG programmes. He has been involved in community activities through Manjira Akshara Prabha Organization since 2001 and has made significant contribution in various awareness programmes he has participated in.

He is currently engaged in various literacy programmes conducted in his area. He is very good in organising and mobilising people. Since he is a good motivator he is very good in mobilizing resources and this is a tremendous asset that he uses to good effect in these programmes.

115. Ms Shaik Nasimunnisa Begam

Bellamkonda Post
Guntur District
Andhra Pradesh – 522411
Ph: 9949830803

Ms Shaik Nasimunnisa Begam is from Bellamkonda Village in the Guntur District. Inter passed, 27 year old, Begam is a hard worker and is doing social service for the benefit of the economic development of her community.

She has been associated with Zilla Saksharatha Samit, Guntur since 2001 She runs the CEC centre in her village and was given a TCS donated computer to use the CBFL software.

She is very actively involved, in the last 5 months, in implementing the National Programme for the education of the Girl Child at the elementary level. She is also relentlessly mobilizing her community to take part in HIV / AIDs awareness programme.

116. Ms Sidam Bheembai

Bheemangondi
Kerameri Mandal
Adilabad Dist.
Andhra Pradesh

Ms Bheembai belongs to the tribal (Kolam) community and hails from Bheemangondi. There are 30 Kolam families residing in the village. All are marginal farmers and agriculture is their source of

livelihood. Though she was an illiterate to begin with she later joined the night school to educate herself. She has been working in the community since 2002 and is 48 years of age.

She is at present the President of Kerameri Mandala Mahila Samakhya (KMMS). There are now 300 Self help groups (SHGs) and 32 Village Organisations (VOs), covering 5000 families under this society. KMMS is financially supported by Indira Kranthi Patham (IKP), under the guidance of a Project Officer (who is an IAS officer) and the Integrated Tribal Development Agency (ITDA). Community Investment Fund (CIF) is distributed to VOs, which is then rotated within the society. Before the Mandal Samakhya formation, the tribal farmers were dependent on money lenders to meet their agricultural expenses. The money lenders charged 50 to 60 % for inputs like seeds, fertilizers, etc. The farmers were thus forced to sell their produce to the money lenders and were thus struggling to make ends meet.

Under her leadership the members of KMMS have improved their livelihoods. Special Projects like the Non-Pesticide Management Project implemented by BASIX with the support from SERP and organic cotton cultivation were successful in this area because of her efforts and commitment towards community development and also due to the full participation of the local people. She started implementing NPM practices in Cotton in 2004 in the 2 acres of agricultural land that she had. Based on the

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NPM experience she realised the benefits of organic cotton cultivation and has motivated others to join this programme. So far, 600 families from 13 villages in the Kerameri Mandal have benefited from organic cotton cultivation.

She has learnt and adopted new marketing techniques as in value addition for red gram. Instead of selling red gram as such, the Samakhya purchase the red gram from their members and convert it into Dhal and then sell. Red gram that was purchased by local traders for Rs/14 to 18 per Kg now as 'dhal' fetches a price of Rs. 26 to 30 per Kg. The members of the KMS get a benefit of Rs. 300 to 600 per quintal. Her role in coordinating and motivating the community in the remote tribal areas with the help of various institutions and ICTs is commendable.

117. Mr S K Siraz

Alhuda Educational Society
Sri Nethaji High School
Near MRO Office
Podalakur, Nellore District
Andhra Pradesh
Ph: 09848154348

Mr Siraz (H.P.T) is also a B.com graduate from Podalakur Village. He has been involved in community work for the last 13 years. He has dedicated himself to the cause of spreading education in his target areas which consist not only his village but also the surrounding ones. He is running a free English medium school for the poor and the needy children! He is providing education for

all the poor children which is on par with the other private schools in the quality of education provided. Nearly 300 children's are getting free and quality education at his school. He has undergone several training courses including computer training and in organizing self-help groups. He is the president of Alhuda Education Society. He has also organized vocational training for the unemployed youths in the rural areas.

He has conducted various meetings at the grassroots level to spread awareness about the importance of water and gets his message across effectively using simple tools like paintings and wall posters in his cabin on water saving methods. He also works on health issues and explains the significance of female and child health and discusses all the aspects with the women in his community. He is proactive and always on the move talking to people and working towards the development of his community. Though only 37 he has done a lot for his people.

118. Mr Sirigiri Venkata Siva

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Guntur Dist.
Andhra Pradesh - 522408
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Intermediate passed Sirigiri Venkata Siva Rama Mohan Rao (35 years old) hails from the arid Dammalpadu Village, Guntur District.

Since 1995 (that is for the last 15 years) he has been associated with Zilla Saksharatha Samithi and implementing the literacy programmes. He was appointed as Prerak and subsequently promoted to Nodal Prerek. He was given one TCS donated computer to run the CBFL programme in the CEC centre. With this CBFL programme he has turned 150 of the villagers into literates.

In Total Literacy Campaign (TLC), he motivated the school children to teach their parents in reading and writing at least their names. He was adopted by the government as village coordinator, later on as AMLO to spread the Government programmes for two years. As an activist in CHARAKA organization he motivated the village youth to participate in HIV / AID awareness programmes. Because of his efforts the primary school of his village was upgraded to upper middle school and later on to High School. He helped the village farmers to get subsidized fertilizers like Zink Sulphate and power sprayers through government welfare schemes. He educated the farmers about the importance of soil testing and using of right kind of seeds. With his own resources and efforts, he repaired the bund of the village tank that had been breached in the floods. He conducted the RWS survey and motivated people to construct the ISL under the Indiramma Scheme or the Indira Awas Yojana. He was awarded as the Adarsha Rytu by the government.

119. Mr V Srihari

J.R. Peta
Athmakur
Nellore Dist.
Andhra Pradesh – 524322
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Twenty Seven years of age, with a graduation in the Humanities, Mr Srihari has been serving at the grassroots for over a period of eight years. He hails from the coastal area of the Nellore District. Serving as part of the voluntary sector, Society for Rural Education and Development (SRED), he is mainly involved in training the people in the forest areas in honey bee rearing and honey collection.. He is the President of the Society for Rural and Environment Development,, which is a voluntary organization. He is serving the people through activities like rural development programmes, environment protection programmes, organizing the minorities, environment awareness programmes, vermicomposting, solid waste management etc..

He has organized thirty-five women self-help groups from the minority communities. The women are being trained in the self-help group management, book keeping and they have been linked with the commercial banks for loan facilities. He is actively involved in the conservation of biodiversity of the area by enlisting people's participation in planning and conservation. A solid waste management programme has been taken up and along with this awareness is being created in the towns surrounding

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the Pulicat Lake to avoid dumping solid and liquid wastes in the lake. In order to save the lake from chemical pollutants organic farming is being promoted through initiating vermicomposting demonstration units. His yeoman service is being deeply appreciated by the people in his region.

120. Mr V Sudhakar Reddy

5th Lakeview Colony
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Nellore
Andhra Pradesh
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52 year old Sudhakar Reddy has been involved in social welfare activity for the past 18 years. He is the advisory committee member of Uma Maheswari Mahila Mandali. He has completed his Intermediate. He is from coastal Andhra Pradesh. He has a very good knowledge of the social sector and is interested in spreading knowledge through Knowledge Awareness Programme and public meetings. He is providing his services to motivate people on good lifestyles and ethics in contemporary situations. He is particularly targeting the youth in his area regarding lifestyle choices. Sudhakar Reddy has participated in many training programmes and is trying to help the poor people in rural areas to develop their skills. He is conducting Training on Yoga and other Knowledge Development Training Courses to get the people to lead a peaceful and healthy life. He is also a good farmer and believes in implementing biointensive agriculture. He imparts knowledge to other

farmers about this system and motivate them to follow the same. He is always looking for viable market for farmers' products to save them from going in for distress sales which may lead them to commit suicides. In addition, he is taking active part in environment programmes, ground water recharging and health initiatives with special emphasis on TB.

His selfless service for the betterment of the marginalized and neglected sections deserves admiration and he stands as a role model for the present day youth.

121. Ms K Sujatha

Duddeda Village
Mandal Kondapur
Medak Dist.
Andhra Pradesh - 502277

Ms Sujatha is a graduate from Ambedkar University, Hyderabad, in Andhra Pradesh. She hails from Duddeda village of Mandal Kondapur, Medak District, Andhra Pradesh. Her village is situated in the plains of Medak District.

30 year old Sujatha was appointed as Prerak 3 years back by the Adult Education Department, Andhra Pradesh. Since then she has educated 4 batches of 15 learners each and has helped them to become literates. She motivated her co-villagers to form SHGs. By her efforts nearly 25 self-help groups have been formed in her village.

122. Ms Sukoja Maheshwari

Burgupally Village

Parupally Post

Mandal-Rajapet,

Nalgonda Dist.

Andhra Pradesh - 508105

Ph: 08685 248758

Ms Sukoja Maheshwari hails from Burugupalli village of Rajapeta Mandal, Nalgonda District. This village is in the arid zone and is backward. She has passed her SSC. She is a good_organizer and has leadership qualities. After her marriage, she started and has been running a night_school motivating the illiterate people to educate themselves. She has even been able to attract some school dropouts to attend her night school! Many female school dropout students who have attended her night school have been admitted in bridge schools. She is just 28 years old.

Seeing her performance, the Adult Education Department appointed her as Prerak in 1999 and has provided her with one TCS donated computer to run the CEC_centre using the CBFL_programme. Now she says that she is very happy to have this computer and the CBFL programme because the dropout rate has come down and success rate in achieving the literacy percentage has increased. She has so far coached 8 batches of 'students'.

She is also actively participating in government_sponsored_health_programmes like pulse polio and awareness programmes on HIV and AIDS. She also organized income

generating_programmes with the help of Jana Sikshana Samasthan in her village. Through these programmes many of the women neoliterates were given training in wax candle making, in making soft toys and in making washing powder etc.

123. V Suman Kumar Reddy

Chejerla

Nellore

Andhra Pradesh

22 year old Suman Kumar, belongs to Nellore in coastal Andhra Pradesh. He is a postgraduate. He learned the importance of Information and Computer Technologies and the revolution it can make in rural areas for increasing the opportunities for small and marginal farmers, fishermen and women development. So, he took up a mission to create awareness and sensitize NGO's to start computer training programmes and offered free services to many institutions. This benefited hundreds of boys and girls who were able to learn computer applications. He is associated with Lakshmi Mahila Mandali.

Suman Kumar also helped rural women to form self-help groups and start microcredit activities and assisted youth in skill development. He helps the women's groups and social organizations in many ways with an aim to empower and bring change in the lives of poor people. He has been involved in social service activities for the past 4 years. His interest in community development and disaster management work and the sincerity

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and integrity of his actions make him a model for other social activists.

124. Ms G Sulochana

Jyothi Nagar, 3rd Street
Vedayapalem
Nellore
Andhra Pradesh

Ms Sulochana has been working as the Tailoring Instructor of the Swathi Mahila Mandali Tailoring Centre. She is from the coastal area of Andhra Pradesh. She is 30 years old and is a graduate. She has been an active community worker for the last 9 years. She is an expert in tailoring and has got a certificate in Tailoring from the Government Puritanical College of Nellore. She is very good at training the people in tailoring and turns the trainees into experts within a very short time. She has provided her service and trained close to 300 members in a period of 8 years as trainers. Most of those who have been trained by her are also income holders in their own right and some of them have become teachers in other institutes! She also linked up the trainees to ST, SC welfare societies and mobilized the capital and machines for them. Last year she took initiative to get orders for the women from the SC, ST, BC hostels to stitch dress for the hostel children and helped the groups to earn an income of Rs.35000/-

She involves herself in social work in the evenings and during her leisure.. She has attended many training programmes on women welfare activities like Health

Education, and economic development with small skills. Due to her personal interest she conducted adult education classes in the evenings in her house and even turned her house into a tuition centre to give free tuition to the children. She identified 6 orphaned children and helped them join the Rehabilitation Centre. She also rescued 3 children working as child labourers in a hotel. She is a very dedicated worker and has a very helping nature

125. Ms G Sumathi

Jyothi Nagar, 3rd Street
Vedayapalem
Nellore
Andhra Pradesh

Ms Sumathi is the Executive Member of the HART organization. Though she has done her BA she is basically a housewife and is 29 years old. She comes from the coastal area of Andhra Pradesh. She underwent training in tailoring. When she attended the classes she interacted with women from different walks of life and would have personal discussion with them about their issues and problems. She realized most of them faced different types of problems such as family, economic and social problems. This inspired her to take up social service especially for the welfare of women and children. Thus she joined the HART Organization. She has been involved in community activities as a social service worker for the last 4 years

She has so far counselled 5 families and has rescued 5 girl children from homes where

they were working as house maids and has taken care of them and enrolled them in schools. She has provided shelter to women who are divorced or had to be protected from their husbands and does this as a social service. She personally takes them to the short-stay home at her own risk. Initially she faced some problem from the family regarding this but she has convinced her husband to support her who now gives her a helping hand! She works hard for the upliftment of the downtrodden.

Now she has become a very good social worker and has got good recognition from the society and other women leaders. If any woman has a problem it is first brought to her notice and her advice and suggestions are heeded to by the concerned person and most of the problems get solved.

126. Ms G Sunitha

**D.No.26/124, Vasantha Peta
Proddatur Village
Kadapa Dist
Andhra Pradesh -516360
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Aged about twenty-three years Ms Sunitha has completed her BSc in computers and hails from the drought prone Kadapa district of Andhra Pradesh. She is the chief functionary of WORD a grassroots organization based at the Proddatur village of the Rayalaseema region.

Ms Sunitha is serving the poor and needy over the last five years. She is promoting self-

employment among poor women through skill development and by arranging credit linkages through banks along with assistance in marketing. She promotes awareness on gender issues to improve the condition of women. She disseminates knowledge about women and children health care. She also works for the children by creating awareness regarding child rights and by mainstreaming of school dropout children from ten villages.

During the last 4 years she has imparted livelihood training for 25 youth every year in computers, repair and maintenance work in television and videocassette recorder.

127. Ms V S L Suprja

**Chejarla Village,
Nellore Dist.
Andhra Pradesh**

A post-graduate in Sociology, 25-year-old V.S.L. Suprja comes from Channuru Village of Chejarla Mandal (a coastal village) in Nellore District. She is working in the Lakshmi Mahila Mandali as a woman coordinator. She is the Leader of the Young Women's Association of the village. With the help of the young village girls, she organized health camps, family planning, Ophthalmic and blood donation camps in her village and surrounding villages. Her youth and energetic enthusiasm inspires the youngsters of the village. She has been serving her community for the last 5 years.

She is motivating the women on Women's Rights and Educational importance, has

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conducted more Rallies and Awareness Programme on various issues, especially on health education related issues. She is good and dedicated worker and has achieved a lot of success in her work. The local government has implemented all the programmes in her target village through her services. The local leaders are very much appreciative of her services. When there were 'hunger deaths' among farmers she did a very good job of preventing the suicides and hunger deaths by creating awareness and mobilized the support of the Government. She informed the government officials of the current status of the people and mobilized the relief help from the Government as well as the local people.

She is a very good social worker. The administration of the organization commended her on her work abilities and awarded her two increments within the space of 6 months. The local people too are deeply appreciative of her good services.

128. Mr C Suresh

Dubbaka Village

Medak Dist.

Andhra Pradesh - 502108.

Mr. Suresh (S.S.C) hails from Dubbaka Village in the Medak District. This is in an arid zone and is very backward. 47 year old Suresh is an experienced social worker in his village. He has solved many disputes among his villagers and prevented them from proceeding to courts. He is actively involved

in literacy programmes in his village. As a Nodal Prerak of Akshra Prabha he is running the CEC centre since 2002. He has turned nearly 125 people of his village into literates (who were initially totally illiterate). He has actively participated in government sponsored health awareness programmes like Pulse Polio, HIV/ AIDS and CARAKA.

129. Ms Suseela Vuribindi

Chowdary Nagar

Ligamgunta Village

Narsaropet Mandal

Guntur Dist.

Andhra Pradesh - 522601.

Ph: 9885751068

Ms Suseela hails from the plains of Andhra Pradesh. Her village is Ligamgunta in the Guntur District. She is an Arts Graduate and is 29 years old. She has also undergone computer training in MS-Office from Aptech Institution, Narsaraopet.

Since 2000 she has been actively involved in literacy programmes. She is associated with Akshara Deepathi and Adult Education Department, Guntur. As a Prerak she is running the CEC centre in her village.

As a member of Mahatma Charitable Trust she distributed 200 rugs (bed sheets) to 200 poor people in her village. Every summer this organization is distributing mineral water to Narsaraopet and Lingamgunta Village people free of cost. She was instrumental in the distribution of books, pens and nutritious food to school children and medicines and

footwear to poor village people with the help of Lions Club and other Charitable Trusts.

She has organized many health camps with the help of the Lions Club in the rural areas. She has motivated her villagers to participate in programmes like the Pulse Polio and HIV awareness. She is actively involved in Government Social Services Programmes.

130. Ms K Swaroopa
Bandposanipally Village
Veldurthi Mandal,
Medak Dist.
Andhra Pradesh.

26 years old Swaroopa is from Bandposanipally Village of Veldurthi Mandal, Medak Distict,. She has completed her SSC.

She is working as a Prerak in Manjeera Akshara Prabha since 9 years. She enthusiastically takes part in all the literacy programmes. She was awarded as best Prerak in the whole of Veldurthi Mandal. She is running the CEC centre in her village very successfully. She has also contributed significantly to the society working as a volunteer for 2 years.

She is also a motivated worker in the mahila sangam in her area. With her efforts and motivation nearly 30 self help groups were formed in her village. She is very helpful by nature. She is an asset to her community.

131. Mr Syed Boor Saida

Butehipapanapalem Post
A.Muppala V.K.D.
Guntur Dist.
Andhra Pradesh - 522661

30 year old Mr Syed Boor Saida (B.A., P.G.D.C.A) hails from Butehipapanapalem Post in the Guntur District of Andhra Pradesh. He has been active in literacy, health, and agricultural programmes. He has been a Vidya Volunteer between 2001 and 2006. He has organized SHGs and has helped in setting up micro-enterprises. He has worked in HIV/AIDS awareness programmes. He started serving his community in 2001. He is a good motivator.

132. Mr Syed Musthafa

Narayana Reddy Pet
Nellore Rural Mandal
Nellore District
Andhra Pradesh

Mr Syed Musthafa (23) is a Commerce Graduate working in the Polymers Educational Society as field coordinator. He belongs to the coastal area and hails from Narayana Reddy Pet. He is looking after two-mandal villages implementing HIV/AIDS and economic development activities. He is very active and enthusiastic in implementing the development activities in his area and is good at coordinating ensuring efficient and smooth working of the staff members in these activities.

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He is managing 15 villages in the two mandals and maintains good relations with the government officials and the local leaders. Due to his efforts, around 250 self help groups in his area are getting the benefits of government schemes. He is also concerned of HIV/AIDS patients. He has already mobilized Rs 12,000/- to meet their medical expenses.

He got a certificate of appreciation from the Organization officials and got good recognition and had been deemed the best worker. The local government people have awarded him the honour of good social worker during the last Independence Day celebrations.

Presently he has undertaken the task of improving the economic conditions of poor women. He conducted the Mandal Level Rally on Women's Rights and Economic Freedom for women. In this rally he involved 300 women self help group members and submitted the memorandum to the MRO on these issues. The people in his and the neighbouring villages have been fortunate to avail his services. He has been with them for the past 4 years working for their development.

133. Ms Syed Nilofar**Treasurer****Swathi Mahila Mandali****Venkatareddy Nagar****Vedayallem, Nellore District****Andhra Pradesh**

Ms Syed Nilofar, 29 years of age, has passed Intermediate and is in charge of the Swathi Mahila Mandali Craft Training Centre. She comes from the coastal region of Andhra Pradesh, which is economically backward. She is a good trainer and knowledgeable about various aspects of the craft training. She is also efficient in the maintenance of Children Home and Crèche units. She is very good at communication, which is an asset to her in her field of work. It is only after she became interested in social service that she changed into a full time social worker from a full time housewife; she manages both areas efficiently. She is conducting craft training classes and even lobbies with other agencies for providing good craft trainees. She mobilized machines from the Minorities, ST/ SC Corporation to give it to the craft trainees. Due to her tireless efforts now they are able to earn Rs. 70-80/- per day-. She has been working among the people particularly women during the last 9 years. The people are now treating her as the saviour of the poor families.

She is planning to start another Centre to teach Printing & Dying and Chumki work to the women in other places in Nellore. Through this training centre she wants to

provide training to 50 women members in a year and plans to start a garment production centre with the help of the trainees who take the training in the centre.

134. Ms Talakondapati

Vijayalakshmi

Kandipadu Village

Bellamakonda Mandal

Guntur Dist.

Andhra Pradesh - 522411

Ph: 9948199893

Ms Talakondapati Vijayalakshmi, 39 years old, hails from the plains of Andhra Pradesh. She has completed her 10th class and has been involved in village community welfare activities for a very long time.

As a Prerak she has been associated with Zilla Saksharatha Samithi, Guntur since 1990. In 2003 she was allotted one TCS donated computer by Adult Education Department, Guntur to run the CEC centre using the CBFL programme in her village. She said that it has become very easy to run the CEC centre. She uses CDs on health awareness programmes for creating awareness among the villagers.

With the help of Vijayalakshmi the village women have formed nearly 25 self help groups. She mobilized the villagers to take part in government sponsored HIV /AIDS awareness programmes and other health programmes like the Pulse Polio and village sanitation.

135. Mr Tanguturi Venkat Rao

Woollapalem Village

Singaraya Konda, Mandal

Prakasam Dist.

Andhra Pradesh - 523104

Mr Venkat Rao is a postgraduate and hails from Woollapalem Village, situated in the arid zone of Andhra Pradesh.

With his educational qualification he could have joined in any academic institution very easily. But with the intention of doing social service to his village community he settled in his village and is running a night school for school dropout students and illiterate people.

He has been associated with the Zilla Saksharatha Samithi since 1998 and was appointed as a Prerak in 1999 and as Nodal Prerak by the Adult Education Department in 2001. He is running the CEC centre to promote and sustain the literacy level among the Neoliterates and school dropout students as well.

He has organized many health camps with help of the Rotary Club in his Mandal. He is the main motivator in his village and is responsible for the good response and participation of people in all the government organized health programmes.

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136. Mr Thammali Siddanna

Konpur Post
Sadasivpet Mandal
Medak Dist.
Andhra Pradesh – 502 291
Ph: 9396260460

Mr Thammali Siddanna is 30 years of age and hails from Konpur Village in the Medak District. He has completed his S.S.C and is now actively involved in all community activities in his village. He also participates in all governmental programmes. He disseminates information about various government welfare and entitlement schemes and helps his village people to make best use of the same. He explains and guides his villagers in this regard and thereby helps his village people to get the benefits entitled to them.

137. Mr Thota Sathaiah

Chebarthy village
Jagdevpur Mandal,
Medak Dist.
Andhra Pradesh

Mr Thota Sathaiah comes from Chebarthy Village, which is located in an arid zone of Jagdevpur Mandal, Medak District. Even though he has passed only SSC he has got good leadership qualities and organizing capacity. 30 year old Sathaiah is a Nodal Prerak appointed by the Adult Education Department, Andhra Pradesh. Since last 5 years he is running the CEC centre and as a Vidya Volunteer he has got good reputation

among the villagers. Through CBFL programmes he achieved good results in literacy programmes.

He has also actively participated in all the health programmes organized by the Andhra Pradesh Government.

138. Mr Thraka Ramesh

Valiveru Post
Tsunthur Mandal
Guntur Dist.
Andhra Pradesh – 522 211

Mr Thraka Ramesh has had education upto Intermediate level and is 35 years of age. His village, Valiveru, is in Guntur District. He has been an active participant in social programmes since 2002 and has been involved in programmes concerning literacy, HIV/AIDS, Pulse Polio and also in Janma Bhoomi, Akshara Bharathi and Akshara Sankranthi. He is a good motivator and his effort has been invaluable in a number of social programmes, especially those concerning literacy.

139. Ms Uppala Swapna

Rajampeta
Nalgonda Dist.
Andhra Pradesh – 508105
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Ms Uppala Swapna (B.A., DCPA) is 27 years old. She hails from Rajapeta, situated in an arid region in the district of Nalgonda She is working as a part time computer operator in MCR, Rajampeta.

She has been associated with the Adult Education Department since 2001 and is a Prerak. She is very active in conducting and promoting literacy programmes. Because of her active participation in literacy programmes, she was allotted a TCS computer in 2004 and since then she has educated 10 batches consisting of 15 learners each. In her village she has achieved 75% literacy with great ease!

She has good leadership qualities to mobilise and encourage her village people to participate in various activities such as social and health programmes sponsored by the state Government and other agencies.

She organized income generating programmes with the help of Jana Shikshana Samasthan. She has organized ophthalmic camps throughout the mandal with the help of the Lions Club.

140. Mr K Usman Ali

**Vanipeta (V&PO)
Mydukur (Mandal)
Ravalseema Dist.
Andhra Pradesh - 516173**

Aged about 27, Mr Usman Ali, with an academic qualification of Intermediate, is the chief functionary of the grassroots level NGO Jagruthi Rural Development Society based in one of the drought prone districts of the Rayalaseema, He hails from an interior village called Vanipenta in Mydukur Mandal.

Mr Usman Ali is serving the poor and needy in the Mydukur mandal through promotion

of self-employment, women and child development, health care, vocational training and child education programmes etc.

He is promoting self-employment through promotion of livelihoods in 10 villages, by imparting skills through training, linking the villages with banks to avail credit facilities and providing assistance in marketing. For the youth, he provides training in vocational skill development, training in computer operations and other allied skills, which could fetch decent employment in the job market. He strives to promote child education through two schools that have been opened for 72 children belonging to poor and vulnerable families.

For the upliftment of women he holds gender sensitization programs and awareness promotion camps etc. and for the development of children he has ensured pre-school education facilities for 50 children. He also serves by arranging health care to the vulnerable through health camps, providing consultancy and supply of medicines.

141. Mr Vadla Balaraju

**Hanmanthraopet Village
Narayankhed Mandal,
Medak Dist.
Andhra Pradesh - 502286**

29 year old Mr Vadla Balaraju is a Postgraduate in Telugu and hails from Hanmanthraopet Village. Even though he could have joined any government service or any academic institution he preferred to

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stay in his village with the intention of working for the development of the villagers. Even during his college days he organized many health awareness programmes not only in his village but also in his surrounding villages with the help of NGOs Lions Club and Rotary Club.

He was appointed as Nodal Prerak by the Adult Education Department of Andhra Pradesh 10 years ago. Since then he has been actively involved in literacy activities. He runs the CEC centre in his village. He strongly believes that only total literacy would eradicate the problems in the villages and help in their prosperity and upliftment.

142. Mr Vadla Sailer

Uthloor Village

Shankarampet Mandal

Medak Dist.

Andhra Pradesh - 502271

Ph : 9949782124

Mr Vadla Sailer, hails from Uthloor Village, in the forest terrain of Andhra Pradesh. He has completed his graduation and is 27 years old. He is working in Aksharaprbha since 1998. As a Prerak he is working in literacy programme since 8 years. He shows immense interest in implementing adult literacy programme. He is also an active social worker. He is a role model to his villagers and is a good motivator and a sincere worker.

143. Ms G Vanaja

Nagi Reddy Palli Village

Mandal Molugu

Medak Dist.

Andhra Pradesh

Ph: 055055

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Ms Vanaja is from Nagireddypalli Village and is 29 years old. Due to her financial conditions she discontinued her education after passing SSC, but later with determination and commendable effort she pursued her studies and graduated from Ambedkar University, Hyderabad. She has been actively involved in social service work since last 2 years.

In her village she started a night school for illiterate women and for the dropout girl students. With her motivation most of the dropouts have appeared for bridge schools and have continued their higher education.

She was appointed as Nodal Prerak by the Adult Education Department, Andhra Pradesh in 2004 and was allotted one TCS donated computer to run the CBFL programme in her village. With in three years she could complete 10 batches of 15 learners each. With the help of the computer and CBFL programme she also educates school dropout students during their leisure.

She is helping her village old women to get their old age pensions from the government. She is very active in motivating people in adopting family planning in her village. She would be always in the forefront in all health

awareness programmes sponsored by the Government of Andhra Pradesh. With her leadership qualities and good organizing capacity she is very successful in whatever work she undertakes. She has become a role model in the surrounding villages also.

144. Mr T Venkata Ramana Murthy

**Surepalli Village
Battiprolu Mandal
Guntur Dist.
Andhra Pradesh
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38 year old Mr Venkata Ramana Murthy is an arts graduate. He is from Surepalli Village of Battiprolu Mandal, Guntur District. He did his ITI and typewriting in English and Telugu and scored high grades in both. After his graduation in the college, Venkata Ramana Murthy preferred to live in the village and do some social service to help his village community.

He is conducting tuition classes for six poor students every year with out charging any fees and also financially helping four poor children from labour families to continue their high school education.

As a Nodal Prerak he is associated with Adult Education Department since 2001 and actively participating in Akshara Deepti Programmes. He was given a TCS donated computer by the Deputy Director, Adult Education Department, Guntur District to run the CBFL programme. Now with the aid of

CBFL he is not only running the CEC centre but also helping school drop outs to get admission in bridge schools. He said that he is happy to have the TCS's computer and CBFL software by which he is able to render more service to the students and village illiterates. It has now become very easy to attract the village illiterates to the CEC centre.

He is the General Secretary of the Sri Satya Sai Seva Samith Organization and is conducting health camps once in every two months. As an active member of Sri Vasavi Arya Vyasya Yuvajan Sangham, he collects donations from affluent families and utilizes the donations for procuring medicines for 15 old aged poor people.

He is conducting free counselling classes for the 10th pass students on the importance of the technical education and about the self-employment schemes. . Many students have got admissions in technical institutions and a number of others have opted for self-employment schemes.

He is helping the old people to get government pensions. He has motivated the women to form self help groups in his village. He helps people not only from his village but also to the surrounding ones.

145. Ms Yachem Sobha

Tallapalli Village
Shabad Mandal
Rangareddy Dist.
Andhra Pradesh
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Ms Sobha has studied upto 7th standard and is 31 years old.. She is from Tallapalli Village, which is in a semi-arid zone of Rangareddy District in Andhra Pradesh. Ms. Sobha's ability to adopt income generation activities and also to share her experiences with other women and rural youth has made her a role model in the village. By organizing training courses on her own she has not only been able to increase her income but also impart skills to others. This has led to other women and youth to start their own small enterprises. (For example she has trained women in tailoring and embroidery.) KVK regards her as a valuable opinion maker when it comes to popularizing off-farm enterprises in the village. She heads the DWACRA group in her village.

146. Mr P Yadarigi

Narsapur Village
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Mr Yadagiri (39 years old) hails from Narsapur Village in the Medak District. Having graduated long back he preferred to live with his villagers sharing their socioeconomic

problems equally and working for their betterment. He was appointed as Prerak in 1990 by the Adult Education Department of Andra Pradesh and became the Nodal Prerak in 2001. He was honoured with the Best Nodal Prerak Award last year. With his active involvement, his village has achieved considerable success in improving the literacy rate through the Literacy Programmes.

He is always in the forefront in motivating his fellow villagers to participate in all the various health awareness programmes sponsored by the government. He contributes a lot for successful implementation of these programmes.

147. Mr Yallavula Ankamma Rao

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Mr Ankammarao is from the coastal village of Muthupalli in Nizampatnam Mandal, Guntur District. 34 year old Ankammarao is a graduate.

As the Nodal Prerak he is associated with the Akshara Deepthi Programmes and has been with this organization for the past 7 years. He was given a TCS donated computer for literacy programmes through CBFL software. He has achieved good results in his village through CBFL programme.

As a good sports person, he could create good rapport among the youth of the village and has motivated them to participate in village social activities. He actively participates in government sponsored health programs like AIDS awareness program, Pulse Polio etc.

148. Ms Yanamadala

RajaKumari

Chnapulivarru Village

Kolluru Mandal,

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Intermediate passed Yanamadala Rajakumari comes from Chnapulivarru Village which lies

in the arid zone of the state. 40 years of age, Ms Rajakumari is an active social worker in her village.

She is associated with the District Adult Education Department since 1998 and has been appointed as Nodal Prerak. As nodal Prerak, she has worked towards educating her village people and has produced nearly 80 literates.

She actively participated and motivated villagers to participate in Pulse Polio, HIV/AIDS awareness programmes and Janma Bhumi. As a social worker she got her village people to build Individual Septic Lavatories (ISL). She is also working as a Vidya Volunteer and for the RWS.

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149. Ms Amoya Roy

Batabari Village
Abhayapuri Post Office
Bongaigaon Dist.
Assam

Ms Amoya belongs to Batabari village, which is a remote area. It is predominantly an agricultural area with large area under local crops and fruits cultivation. She has studied upto her 10th Standard. 33 year old Amoya was previously a literacy activist. In 1998 she joined Prochesta, a self-help group. She formed self-help groups in her village and after proper training she became a Panchayat Coordinator and now she is a Block Coordinator. She looks after 150 groups consisting of 1500 women members. She is also an ICDS worker. She told us that she has to be up to date with different kinds of information because she has to provide relevant and right information to various types of queries of the villagers. She has good leadership quality. She is a good leader and a committed worker.

150. Ms Anati Roy

Rangapanipara Village
Srijangram Block
Bongaigaon Dist.
Assam

33 year old Ms Anati Roy hails from Rangapanipara Village situated in the

foothills of Bamungaon Hills. A majority of them are engaged in different Government and Semi -Government Services. Some are also engaged in agriculture.

Ms Anati who was illiterate till recently took advantage of adult literacy programme conducted in her village and learnt to read and write. She has been with Zilla Saksharata Samiti Bongaigaon since 2000. She comes from a poor family and her childhood was spent in poverty and she was not able to get education though she yearned for it. She worked at the village teacher's house as a domestic helper for 11 years from the age of nine. Then she worked in a Yarn Mill at Manikpur for Rs 25/- per day. Later she went to Abhayapuri to work in the Weaving Mill and later to Agia of Goalpara District to work in the silk farm. Thus she became a proficient weaver.

While returning home from Agia she heard about Bongaigaon Zilla Saksharata Samiti. She heard the Kalajatha songs of the TLC. The songs struck a chord in her heart. The songs seemed to tell her woeful tale. There was a song that went like this, 'When I was a little girl father did not send me to school, mother would not allow me to go—'. This song motivated her to take advantage of the Total Literacy Campaign and learn the letters. She bought the books and quietly tried to study at night. In the year 2000 she collected

some village women and started a learning centre. Every evening after finishing their household tasks they used to gather at that centre. Their Volunteer Teacher was Mr Monoranjan Roy of their village. He taught the women with all sincerity and devotion. Seven out of ten completed the 3rd primer.

Anati and her groups are very enlightened and empowered. Anati can read and is very fond of the Gyan Vigyan Barta (a neoliterate fortnightly news paper). She reads and helps others to read as well. She writes for Barta and encourages others to write.

Anati has collected some neoliterates and formed Prochesta Self Help Group and maintains its accounts very efficiently. They had taken Rs 10,000 as loan from Prochesta Central Committee. They have successfully returned the loan. After that they took a second loan of Rs 40,000 and have bought cows. She has helped the members to buy tin for roof to cover their houses. Anati has helped others to buy building materials. She herself has bought yarn to weave cloth. She has helped Makoni Roy to build a low cost sanitary latrine. Anati has rebuilt her house under the Indira Awas Yojana. She has helped people through various developmental schemes for installing hand pumps, electrification (domestic/farm), etc.

Anati is liked by the villagers. She is the Prochesta Coordinator of Srijangram Panchayat. At present she is taking advanced training in weaving. Anati is now looking forward to a bright future. Anati is simple

but very strong and determined person. She is a good role model to other women.

151. Ms Anurupa Rajbanshi

**Barbila Village
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The village of Barbila Ms Anurupa (45 years of age) belongs to Manikpur, Bongaigaon District. This area is well developed and the people are also literates. She studied upto class X. Ms Anurupa is a Panchayat President. She is involved with Prochesta since its inception. She is a good leader with excellent communication skills. She has good relationship with everyone from high level government officials to grassroots level workers and maintains a good rapport with them. She has a good position in the society. Ms Anurupa is outspoken and a committed worker.

152. Mr Bhaben Boruah

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Mr Bhaben Boruah has been with NIC since 2005. He is the President & Administrator of self help group & Village Knowledge Centre(VKC) managing committee; advisor of Dhalpur Regional Student Committee;

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President of SHG FORUM and the Assistant Secretary of Dhalpur Vibgyor Club. He is presently running a computer training and printing technology centre for the rural poor. He helped to setup a Village Knowledge Centre for the rural 'connectivity' on the 30th of March 2005. He is also a volunteer of VKC and helps the rural people. He runs a Music and Fine Arts institution and has also set up a library for the rural people. Every month, he helps in conducting talent exams, drawing, oratorical (inter school & inter village) and drama competitions for rural students.

He has helped the rural people to form SHGs and have introduced them to local banks and helps them procure bank loans. He tries to promote the concept of small savings among his people. He formed the SHG FORUM consisting of 180 SHG members. The members go from door to door to demonstrate the fruitfulness of self-employment. They get people involved in jobs like fish farming, poultry, cow & pig rearing, cultivation in waste-lands. A few uneducated boys were given jobs like distributing news-papers, jobs in rice-mills etc.

He organizes training camps for the improvement of their economic condition. He also setup a Morning School for poor students of the Greater Dhalpur area. Here educated but unemployed boys and girls are employed as teachers. Total student population in the morning school is 700. He not only organizes but also participates in

various community development works in rural areas. He has been working tirelessly for the development of his society. He is a person with a strong will deep commitment towards society and is also technically sound.

153. Mr Bhushan Ch. Saharia

Bheruadol Village

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Darrang Dist.

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Mr Bhushan (Masters Degree. B.Ed. Hindi Praveen) is from Bheruadol Village in Assam. He is 43 years old. Most of the people are agriculturists and some have their own business enterprises.

Bhushan is a teacher of Burha Lokpriya Higher Secondary School. He is the Secretary of the Teachers Association of the school and also the advisor to the Eco Club. This club conducts awareness camps on environment. He is involved in the publication of the District Sahitya Sabha Magazine. He had been the Secretary of Duni Sahitya Sabha. He has also been the secretary of the Krishak Milon Sangha (Farmer Association). This organization is engaged in socio-cultural activities. He fights against superstitions and works towards creating environmental awareness. He has been associated with Gyan Vigyan Samiti Assam since 1991. He dedicates his services not only to his panchayat but also to the entire district. He was a Resource Person in the Literacy Campaign of the district. He has also been

a Resource Person in DPEP at the District Level. He rose from Panchayat Secretary to Block Secretary and was also the State General Secretary of Gyan Vigyan Samiti, Assam. He does a lot of rural reporting for newspapers. He is very good at creative writing and is the author of three books.

Mr Bhushan is a good organizer, a motivated and committed person. He is humble and has a good conceptual clarity of social activities. He is also committed to social service. The organization considers him to be a reliable person and is very proud of him.

154. Ms Bina Chutia

Samarajan Village

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Ms Bina belongs to Samarajan Village, of Dhemaji District. Sericulture is the main occupation of the village. Almost all the households have a loom. Dhemaji is famous for its hand woven designs.

Ms Bina Chutia is a 36 year old graduate. She was active in the literacy movement and has been with Gyan Vigyan Samiti, Assam since 1992. She was a Volunteer Instructor and successfully completed her job. Later she worked for women empowerment and now works for SHG groups. She organized campaign meetings for SHG members with training and awareness on women

empowerment and several other activities with the help of SHG members and worked for strengthening the SHG in her Panchayat. Ms Chutia is a Block level SHG Coordinator and has competency in SHG group formation. She has been working hard to strengthen SHG movement since 1998.

Bina worked with nearly 152 SHGs and has enrolled more than 1900 members into SHGs in 15 Pncahayats. She is a good leader with effective communication skills. She has good organizing capacity. Bina is a confident person. She tries her level best to keep up her word and commitments. Bina is a hard worker and a highly motivated person.

155. Mr Binanda Bora

Amguri Village

Mornoi Khora Post

Lakhimpur Dist.

Assam – 787054

Mr Binanda Bora is 27 years old and is a graduate. He hails from Amguri village situated in the plains of Assam. He has not only passed Shorthand and Typewriting but also holds certificates in PGDCSA and DTP. He has been with NIC for the past 3 years. He is the Secretary of Ankur Self-Help Group, Assistant Secretary, Prantik Natya Samaj, Amguri and the D.T.P. Operator.

As the Secretary of Ankur SHG, he has been working for the overall benefit of the rural people by introducing them to modern technology. He organized a seminar titled “Village Knowledge Centre” at Amguri on

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21 July 2005 in which a large number of educated rural youths participated. He was one of the delegates for the seminar on Employment Opportunity through Village Knowledge Centre organized by North East Hi-Tech Society on 7 May 2006 at Guwahati Silpagram. He was instrumental in organizing a one month training camp on Computer Awareness Programme among rural youths of Pub Dikrong Anchalik held from 1 November to 1 December 2006 at Amguri. As the Assistant Secretary of Prantik Natya Samaj, he organized "Training in Self Employment Project" for the rural youth in association with Nehru Yuva Kendra, Lakhimpur under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India, during 24 October to 5 November 2006 in which several SHGs and Rural Youth Clubs participated. In this training programme opportunities for self employment in various sectors like fisheries, agriculture, poultry, handloom, banking etc. were provided. He has organised a "Youth Leadership Training Programme" supported by Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan, Lakhimpur from 19th Feb to 25th Feb 2007. He has also organized the celebration of the 'environment day' with the faculty of Khora Higher Secondary School.

He has been motivating people in Sampurna Anamay Abhijan, an adventurous programme to provide well equipped sanitary system. He has organized a one month Drama Workshop for the larger benefit of the rural children during July 2005. He also actively participated in the All Assam Drama Workshop at Sobansiri Sewasram,

Lakhimpur. He has organized a street play in association with District Administration to celebrate Disaster Reduction Day. He has participated in a number of workshops on drama. He is hard working with good leadership quality and with a commitment towards social activities.

156. Ms Binapani Barman
 Mulagaon Village
 Mulagaon Post office
 Bongaigaon District
 Assam

Ms Binapani (33 years) belongs to a remote village which is located in the hilly terrain of Assam. Agriculture is the main occupation in this village. She has completed her 10th class. This village lacks road transport and communication facilities

Ms Binapani is an ICDS worker. She has formed some SHGs in her village. She joined Prochesta (SHG) in 1998. The Central Committee of Prochesta (SHG) imparted training to the group leaders. After receiving the training Binapani became the panchayat level leader and now she is the Block Leader of 200 SHGs with 2000 members. She believes in economic independence of women. She is a good leader and a committed worker.

157. Ms Deepti Bora
 Koch Gaon Village
 Dhemaji Block
 Dhemaji Dist. Assam

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Ms Deepti Bora belongs to Kochpara Village, Bishnupur Panchayat of Dhemaji District. The village is located in the foothills and the border area of Arunachal Pradesh. The main occupation of the villagers is agriculture.

Ms Bora is a 12th passed diploma holder in Computer Applications. She is a Computer Instructor. She is the panchayat level SHG Coordinator. She was a literacy movement activist. She was a Volunteer Instructor and successfully completed her job. Later she worked for women empowerment and still works for SHG groups strengthening the existing ones and forming new groups. She started to work in the year 1998. Since then she has organized meetings for SHG members, conducted training and awareness programmes on women empowerment and several other activities with the help of SHG members. She has enrolled more than 2000 members in her own village and has formed 26 SHGs. She is a good leader with excellent communication skills. She is 34 years old.

158. Ms Janmoni Saikia

Kalita Gaon

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26 years old Janmoni Saikia (M.A, B.Ed) hails from Kalita Gaon in Assam where the main

occupation of the people is agriculture. She is a dynamic person involved in activities concerning her village.

Ms Janmoni Saikia joined the SHG 'DIANA' in 2004 and since then has been working for this SHG. The members are trained in DTP, Screen Printing, Digital Photography and Data Entry. She has actively participated health awareness campaigns. She is concerned about the health of rural women and she motivates them to participate in these programmes. She has been involving herself in numerous other social activities in her locality.

159. Ms Kanchan Bhanu

Bharalipara Village

Lengtisinga Post Office

Tapatari Block

Bongaigaon Dist.

Assam

Ms Bhanu hails from the village of Bharalipara. The village is located near the River Manas. Agriculture is the main occupation of the people. It is a flood prone area. Literacy rate is very low and it is economically backward.

Kanchan Bhanu studied through Zilla Saksharata Samiti of Bongaigaon in 2000 and is now a neoliterate. She collected 10 women and formed Prochesta or Self-Help Group. Now she has become a leader of her group. Kanchan was bent on becoming economically independent. Initially her group took a loan from the Prochesta Central

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Committee and started a poultry farm. The group repaid the loan and earned a profit of ten thousand rupees. The group has taken another loan and bought cows and livestock. Now economically Kanchan Bhanu is in a better position. She has bought one and a half bighas of land. She is conscious about her health and that of her other family members.

In this area there is a lot of pressure on the neoliterate women from the men folk, especially from the village leaders. The male leaders even wanted to punish Kanchan for attending total literacy programme because she was guilty of openly interacting with men and men in this village are not generally supposed to see women faces. Soon they had to change their mind when the village leaders happened to see a picture with one of the leader's wife sitting in the midst of the group attending the literacy programme.

Today Kanchan Bhanu is Taslima Nasrin of Bharalipara. Her only aim in life is to help the poverty ridden women and lead them in the right path. Kanchan Bhanu is a bold woman and a good leader.

160. Ms Mamoni Basumatari

Dhekidol Village
Ghoramari Post office
Sonitpur District
Assam - 784105

Ms Mamoni hails from Dhekidol Village, Ghoramari Block. Presently she is based at Balipara, Sonitpur, Assam. She has

completed her 12th Standard and is 36 years old. There is no proper transport facility and the village is yet to be electrified. Overall literacy rate is very low in this area. Most of the people belong to the Boro community. Agriculture is the main occupation.

She has been with Gyan Vigyan Samiti Assam since 1992. Mamoni has the ability to strike an instant rapport with people of all age groups in her village. She has tremendous self confidence and follows a path of least resistance so long as it leads to development of her village and economic prosperity of the people. Mamoni volunteered to be the Instructor during literacy movement conducted by Gyan Vigyan Samiti Assam. She was involved with DPEP in her village. Now she is with Prochesta (SHG). After undergoing the required training she now looks after 151 self help groups in 5 Blocks of the District. At present, Mamoni is Executive Member of Gyan Vigyan Samiti's Central Committee. She excels in imparting training to members of different SHGs. She goes from one district to another in this endeavour to train the women. She has good management skills which helps her a lot in her work. Mamoni owns a poultry farm. She also has a small agricultural farm adjacent to her courtyard. Though Mamoni is soft spoken she is a woman of strong conviction.

161. Mr Md. Mazibur Rahman

Moirabari Village
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Mr Rahman is a Graduate and Visharad in Hindi and is 41 years of age. He hails from the village of Moirabari. It is by the side of the River Brahmaputra and prone to floods. It is an agricultural area. Communication facilities are very poor. It is economically and socially backward.

Mazibur has been engaged with Gyan Vigyan Samiti, Assam (GVSA) since 1991. He has begun working in the literacy campaign as a member of the Moirabari Panchayat. Because of his sincerity he became the Secretary of Moirabari District. Since 1994 he has been an active Executive Committee Member. Recently, he has been selected as the General Secretary for the State of Assam. Besides Gyan Vigyan Samiti, Assam he is involved in a number of organizations. He was a student leader. He was the General Secretary of the college where he studied for two terms. He was involved in all the social welfare activities in Moirabari Block. He was the Joint Secretary of the Moirabari Public Library. He had been Secretary of a local club called the Rising Club. He was a member of the District DPEP Committee for four years. He was the Assistant Secretary of a drama group called 'Luitparia Natya Gosthi'. He has been involved with the Krishak movement and has helped in solving their problems. He is also an Executive Committee Member of Moirabari College. He has also published a magazine called 'Anweshan'. He has produced and written dramas for the upliftment of the society. He

has helped in the formation of self-help groups and building of low cost sanitary latrines. He has proved to be very efficient in disaster management and is committed to improving the literacy levels and the general health status of his community.

His progress chart in the organizational involvement shows that he is respected and much needed member who contributes a lot to the society in a very positive manner. He is a simple and straightforward person. His criticism is always constructive.

162. Mr Prasanna Kalita

Hazarika Para Village

Hazarikapara Post Office

Darrang Dist.

Assam - 784145

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Mr Prasanna Kalita is 50 years old and has passed 12th Standard. His village has been named after the freedom fighter Late Gethie Hazarika. He is competent in proof reading, an expert in handicrafts and has also written a book on Bamboo handicrafts.

He has been involved with GVSA since 1992. He has been engaged in the developmental activities in the village. He is a good worker and took part in all the activities of the village including repairing bridges across streams and waterways. During the literacy campaign in Sipajhar he was involved with GVSA. He was a Volunteer Instructor in TLC in 1993. Then he became a Resource Person to train volunteer teachers of the TLC. Because of

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his sincerity he also became a Resource Person for activities related to Women Empowerment and Panchayat. He became a resource person for all the activities under publication of GVSA as well as for TLC, PLC and CE. He has had exposure to Pre-Primary Teachers Training Programme since 1996. He took up the work of teaching the participants to prepare teaching-aids for the training course conducted by GVSA. At present he is a Coordinator of the Pre-Primary Teachers Training of GVSA. This training programme is in great demand. He is also an expert in Origami. At present he is helping in preparing a dictionary for GVSA. He is employed as a Coordinator of Publication in SRC, Assam. He is a great asset to his organization.

163. Ms Sonmoni Gogoi

Bharatpur Village

Duliapathar Post

Lakhimpur Dist.

Assam: 784164

Ms Sonmoni Gogoi (B.A, PGDCA, BEd, and M.A in Hindi) is 24 years old. She is from Bharatpur Village in Assam. Her passion is to serve her society. She is a teacher in Sankardev Sisu Niketon. She is also simultaneously running a self-help group. She is keen on starting a textile shop which will be run by widows. She wants to dedicate herself to the rural poor and develop backward villages.

She has been with NIC since 2005. She is the President of Pattitdhani Music & Fine

Arts; Secretary of Namoni Subansiri Cultural club; Assistant Secretary of SHG FORUM; Member of Jygasa VKC at Kamalpur, Narayanpur and last but not the least Technical Assistant & Cultural Secretary of Sadhana SHG. She is a dedicated social worker.

164. Mr Subhon Ch. Bora

Kachua Village

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Mr Subhon belongs to Kachua village of Nagaon District, Assam. The village is located near the Kapili, a small tributary of the Brahmaputra. The village has school education upto Primary level. He is a 39 year old graduate with a Diploma in Computer Application. His areas of competency include adult literacy and microfinance. He is a creative writer.

Mr Subhoan took up the position of a Block Coordinator for self help groups and has worked towards strengthening them since 1999. He has organized campaign meetings, awareness programmes on savings etc. Mr Subhon is a good leader and he has good communication skills. He worked with 103 SHGs in Raha Block and has motivated more than 1000 members to join from his Block. He is sincere, hard working and competent worker with positive attitude. His mobilisation and organisational skills

encourage many to become members of self help groups. During the floods in Raha Block in 2005 Subhon volunteered himself as a flood relief worker and rescuer.

165. Mr Utpal Saikia

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28 year old Utpal saikia hails from the plains of Assam from a village called Amguri. He is a M.A. B.Ed. with a diploma in Computer Applications. He has been with NIC for the last 5 years. He is the President of Ankur SHG and Secretary of Prantik Natya Samaj, a non governmental organisation, Amguri,

As a President of Ankur Self-Help Group, he has been working for the rural people by providing computer literacy. He organized a seminar on "VISION 2007- Every Village a Knowledge Centre" on 21 July 2005 at Amguri. As the Secretary of Prantik Natya

Samaj, a leading NGO, he has organized "Training on Self Employment" for the rural youth in association with Nehru Yuva Kendra, Lakhimpur from 24 October to 5 November 2006. Several SHGs and Rural Youth Clubs participated in this training programme where training in self employment opportunities in sectors like fisheries, poultry, agriculture, handloom, banking etc. was provided. He has organized a street play in association with District Administration on Disaster Reduction Day. He also organized a Youth Convention for Rural Youths on 24 January 2007. He organized a Youth Leadership Training Programme where 60 youth leaders from various SHGs and Rural Youth Clubs participated. He has been providing education on agro-technology & marketing concept to small rural farmers. He is interested in the development of arts & folk culture and has organized several workshops for children and the youth. He is involved in Sampurna Anamay Abhijan, a programme to provide well equipped sanitary system to rural people. He has organized literacy camps and vocational trainings. He took part in the long journey undertaken from Merrut to Red Fort, Delhi, to commemorate 150 years of Sepoy Mutiny. He is a sincere and hardworking person with deep commitment to social development.

CHHATTISGARH

166. Mr Ishawar Gaikaward

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Mr Ishawar Gaikaward, 34, hails from Dipaka, a tribal village, which is situated in a hilly terrain and a mining area. An undergraduate, he has completed a leadership training course organized by Bharthiya Adim Jati Sevak Sangh, Nagpur and sponsored by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India in year 2006-2007. In the course of this training, he also underwent practical training on organic farming. He has also gone training at Govigyan Kendra, Deolapar in agriculture extension, water management and environmental education. He is working in the mining area of Korba District. His field of competency is in capacity building. Since the last 5 years he has been working towards the proper rehabilitation of families displaced from mining and their self-empowerment through land and non-land based income generation programmes.

167. Mr Khemraj Aouzhuram Dehari

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21 year old Mr. Khemraj Aouzhuram Dehari belongs to a tribal community and resides in a remote tribal area in Kankar district. The terrain is hilly and forested. He has completed his 12th standard and has completed a leadership training course organized by the Bharthiya Adim Jati Sevak Sangh, Nagpur and sponsored by Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India in the year 2006-2007. During this training programme, he has also learnt about PRI and women empowerment issues.

The leadership training programme has motivated Mr. Dehari to work among tribal population for their development. He has been able to mobilize tribal women to participate in Panchayat Raj Institution and village development work, agriculture extension and water management and he promotes environmental education.

168. Ms Mamalwathi Ghiruram Korati

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Ms Mamalwathi Ghiruram Korati, 28 years old belongs to a tribal community and has completed 12th standard. She hails from Gram Warchegondi in the hilly, forested area of Chhattisgarh.. She completed a leadership training course organized by Bharthiya Adim Jati Sevak Sangh, Nagpur and sponsored by Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India in the year 2006-2007. During this training programme she also underwent practical training on SHG formation and strengthening. For the last 3 years she has been motivating women to form SHGs and take part in agriculture extension and water management. She also strives to create awareness through environmental education.

169. Ms Savitri Charansingh Salam

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Ms Savitri Charansingh Salam, 28 belongs to a tribal community and has studies upto class 12. She resides in a remote tribal area which is hilly and forested. She has completed a leadership training course organized by Bharthiya Adim Jati Sevak Sangh, Nagpur and sponsored by Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India in the year 2006-2007. During this training programme, she underwent practical training on SHG formation and strengthening. She has been working for the last 3 years in this field and is also getting the women involved in agriculture extension and water management and in environmental education. She is committed and eager to work for the development of her village and community.

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170. Ms Jayshree Deshmukh

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Ms Jayshree Deshmukh 26 belongs to Aahva which a backward tribal village. She has completed her S.S.C. being a tribal woman herself, she understands the problems faced by the tribal women of her village very well. She has been associated with the NGO JANVIKAS for the last 5 years she does counselling and works for tribal welfare.

She is also a paralegal working on behalf of Kanuni Sahay Kendra (KSK), Dang, since 2003. Interested in reading legal books, she initially went to Kanuni Sahay Kendra to read the legal books there. Inspired by the work done by KSK, she underwent paralegal training and qualified as a paralegal worker. She makes people aware about their basic and fundamental rights. Jayshree has also taken training given by Working Group for Women and on Land Ownership and motivated women to ask for their rights in Dang. Women like Ms Kakduben Pawar living in Linga, who got her share of paternal land, and Ms Pushpaben Prajapathi, residing at Shamgahan, who realized she could go to court to demand justice and so has filed a case against her husband and in-laws who were ill-treating her are standing examples of Jayshree's contribution to society in

creating awareness among the women about their rights and helping them fight their cause.

171. Mr Narangbhai

Kacharabhai Kharadi

Motipanduli Village

Meghraj Taluk, Sabarkantha Dist.

Gujarat

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Mr Narangbhai Kacharabhai Kharadi (B.Com), 30, is from Motipanduli, a tribal village situated in the forest region of Gujarat. Narangbhai undertakes multipurpose village development activities. He has been working to motivate the tribal people to organize themselves to participate actively in various developmental programmes of the World Food Programme. He has excellent leadership qualities promoted 'dairy farming' in this village for the first time. He is actively involved in protecting the forest and carries out various activities for the same.

He is very good at public relations; contribute in liaising with various agencies, and at persuading and convincing people to contribute local resources expertise etc. Mr Narangbhai has been associated with ICECD organization in various activities like micro credit, income generation, rainwater harvesting, food bank and formation of SHGs. He has shown excellent knack of

handling local problems. He has the credibility and can be very helpful for establishing linkages for various programmes for benefiting the people in the village. He is an asset to the organization and to the village community.

172. Mr Palat Jayantibhai Dhuljibhai

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Mr Jayantibhai, 30, is an Adivasi (Hindu Dingari Garasia). He passed 12th standard, but being the eldest son had to leave his studies to take up farming. He hails from Ambabar village which is backward and in the interior region of Sabarkantha district, a forest area, reasonably good in natural resources. He has good leadership qualities and villagers follow his example and involve themselves in all the activities.

In 2002 when VIKSAT (Vikram Sarabhai Centre for Development Interaction) called a gram sabha for implementation of a World Food Programme (WFP) initiative, he was one of the participants of the gram sabha. He took keen interest in the work and soon became one of the executive members. He played an active role in implementation of the following activities through under WFP project: nursery raising (women group), JFM training, constructing check dams, building low cost bunds (Gabion), lift irrigation, cattle camp, supply of horticultural saplings,

vegetable plots, fodder plots, compost units, training and awareness camps/exposure trips, health education camp, hand pump installation, medical camps and tribal welfare work.

He is a good, dynamic and healthy person, interested in taking initiatives for village development, willing to take time for travelling, training people and conducting workshops, which can help for his own development as well as in the development of his village.

173. Ms Pannaben Patel **Mu. Chotila Kampa** **Rajpur Post, Himatnagar Taluk** **Sabarkantha Dist.** **Gujarat**

Ms Pannaben Patel 32, resides in a small village in Himatnagar Taluka in Sabarkantha district. She is a B.R.S. in Khedbrahma. Associated with Kanuni Sahay Kendra, Khedbrahma she is better known as a 'justice provider' performs her duties in the villages of Khedbrahma, Idar, Lambadia, Vadali and Himatnagar Taluka. She provides legal aid on cases involving violence against women and issues related to tribals and dalits. She joined the NGO- JANVIKAS in November 2002. Working for society, she says gives her immense satisfaction. After joining Kanuni Sahay Kendra, Khedbrahma she has undergone several training, such as Paralegal training on legal rights, documentation, computer training etc. In Khedbrahma bonded labour is a major issue fearless and

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confident, in one instance Pannaben fought for a group of labourers and got them their wages. In another instance she fought on behalf of a young Muslim girl and, in spite of receiving threats from the girl's husband, got her divorce as per Muslim customs, rules and regulation so that the girl does not face difficulty later on.

174. Ms Premilaben Varmora

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39 year old Ms Premilaben has studied upto class XI and is working with Centre for Social Justice (CSJ), Bharuch since last 9 years. Her village is in one of the backward areas of Bharuch district. She has seen many ups and downs in her life. Ill-treated by her in-laws she even tried to commit suicide; but after taking paralegal training at CSJ, she is today advising people to live and fight against injustice. Nobody can substitute Premilaben as far as counselling is concerned, be it an incident of domestic violence, rape or kidnapping, atrocity on Dalits or Adivasi labourers. She also acts as a paralegal volunteer in some instances.

Ms Jagruti Rathod a rape victim who received justice (and is today leading a happy life with her husband) is a living example of how Premilaben fights for justice against all odds. Even when National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) failed her and she

received threats on her life from the rapist Premilaben did not give up and ensured, after a determined fight, that the rapist was imprisoned. This case, she recollects, gives her immense satisfaction. She frequently visits the district jail. One day, by sheer chance, she met a farm labourer Mr Shailendra Patel a victim of police brutality, she fought for him and got him justice in the form of medical treatment and getting the concerned sub-inspector suspended. There are numerous such incidents in which Premilaben has helped people get justice and she gets immense satisfaction with her work. During the post-Godhra riots, Premilaben was given special permission by the DSP to move in the affected areas and help the affected people.

175. Ms Pushpaben Jamanabhai Bhil

Koyari Village
Pochamba Post
Naswadi Taluk
Vadodara Dist.
Gujarat

Ms Pushpaben Jamanabhai Bhil aged 23 has studied upto 8th Standard. Koyari village from where she hails is in a hilly area near the forest region with 22 households and comprising of 100 % tribal community.

Three years ago Pushpaben was engaged in only household work. Thanks to in the two year project activity sponsored by the World Food Programme, and implemented by BAIF, Vadodara she has developed very good

leadership qualities. She is a hard worker, honest, having good grasping power and has the skill of making good presentation at the village level. She is a member of the Self-Help Group-Jay Vishwanath Swasahay Juth and has become president (pramukh) of the group. She also got training in tailoring through the project support and has started her own income generation activity of stitching clothes. Right now, she is working as an Aanganwadi worker in the village.

176. Ms Shabana M Kazi

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Ms Shabana, 22, hails from Chauhan Vada village from the arid zone of Sabarkantha District. Associated with JANVIKAS since 2003, she underwent training as a paralegal. Through Indian Institute of Paralegal Studies she underwent English improvement training course and a course for training as a Nyay Pracharak. She has developed skills to deal with conciliation, court matters and police matters. She encourages people to join the Asilmach (Litigants Forum) and to become volunteers. When they come to know about any case of Human Rights violation they inform KSK and the organization takes up the matter. As a part of her duty, she regularly visits villages in her district, she creates awareness about the rights of the citizens and looks out for proper implementation of government schemes. In

the interior village of Sabarkantha the issue of witchcraft came out as a major issue for domestic violence and social boycott. Campaigns and village visits were done to create awareness about witchcraft. Cases from villages on witchcraft have been dealt with successfully.

She has also ensured (using the help of the media) that the new and larger sub-jail with more space and better facilities in Modasa, which was not operated due to administrative issues, was opened so that the prisoners could benefit.

177. Ms Shobhini B Vora

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31 year old Ms Shobhiniben Vora is a MA in sociology and Paralegal with Amreli unit of Centre for Social justice. She comes from the arid zone of Amreli district in Gujarat. She joined for paralegal training in February 2004 and underwent a series of trainings like paralegal training, women's laboratory training, training for Nyayapracharak, documentation training etc. Ms Shobhiniben has developed skill in counselling, research and advocacy, computers and legal representation for local issues. She visits villages in her district, identifies cases and advocacy in the matter pertaining to the case is done. Amreli is an area where atrocity

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against Dalits is a major issue. People are encouraged to become volunteers for the organization and inform the centre about any human rights violation incident. She ensured justice for a girl who was gang raped and also procured the custody of two children for the mother in a domestic case of violence. These are but two of the long list of successful cases handled by Shobhiniben.

178. Mr Vinod Parmar

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Mr Vinodbhai Parmar 36, graduate and ITI diploma holder is a paralegal worker in the

Centre for Social Justice, Bharuch, (CSJ) since 2003. He comes from Parmar Falia Village in the arid tribal zone.

He has undergone trainings in Human Rights, Paralegal, Nyay Pracharak (Media Man), Right to Food, Right to Information, Documentation, and computer training. He was inspired to join the development sector by media campaign and by the Sarpanch of Umarvada village. He fought for the widow Ms Najiraben of Soneri Mahal area of Bharuch and got her the custody of her two children. He is at present fighting the case of a Dalit boy who was beaten up by people of the upper caste. It is due to his fearless and valiant effort that the case has reached the courts.

HARYANA

179. Mr Saheed Ahmed

Ghagas Village

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Mr Saheed Ahmed 39 hails from Ghagas Village located in the hilly terrain of Haryana. He has studied upto class x and is a farmer.

Mr Saheed Ahmed is a 'Village Champion' of the Sehgal Foundation, a NGO working in Mewat District of Haryana. He is trained in and responsible for the grassroots implementation of the Integrated Sustainable Village Development (ISVD) model in Karheda Village. He has been with the Foundation for 5 years and has over 2.5 years of experience as Village Champion. Having himself benefited from the Foundation's expertise in farming techniques, he motivates others to adopt the same in their farms.

He continuously strives to educate villagers to adopt better ways of agriculture and contribute to the development of this backward area through the ISVD programs which primarily focus on water harvesting, income enhancement, rural Health, family life education and alternative energy.

His expertise lies in mobilizing the community making the villagers aware of various initiatives of the government and the Foundation and encouraging people to participate in the programme of the SEHGAL Foundation. Saheed conducts monthly meetings with villagers to understand their issues and sets his next milestone. He insists that the villagers take-up development work themselves instead of relying on the government or other organizations.

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180. Mr Javed Ahmed Tak

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Mr Javed Ahmed Tak hails from the Pamposh Mohalla, Bijbehara in the hilly terrain of Jammu & Kashmir. He is 33 years old and has a Master's Degree in Social Work. He has been associated for the last 8 years with Humanity Welfare Organization. He specializes in the Disability sector of social work. He gives free tuition to children, enables people to avail welfare schemes, works at creating health awareness among his people and is dedicatedly and tirelessly involved in peace activism.

181. Mr Rahi Riyaz Ahmad Mir

Gund Hassi Bhat

Srinagar

Kashmir

Mr Rahi Riyaz, 31 year old graduate, is from Gund Hassi Bhat, a village near Srinagar. He had a keen desire to seek higher education since his childhood. After graduation in science he started to help the poor people of his village. At the age of 18 he established a small school under the name of "Rahi Public

School", so as to provide basic educational facilities to the children of his village. Till date, hundreds of children have been educated in this institute up to the elementary level.

His village is situated on the banks of the world famous lake, Hokarsar, where lakhs of migratory birds come during winter from far off places especially from Siberia and other parts of Russia. He loves nature and strives towards protecting the environment and wild life. He has organized numerous awareness programmes on wildlife for the general public in collaboration with the departments of environment and wildlife highlighting the importance of migratory birds to the people living around the lake.

Mr Rahi Riyaz has conducted numerous free Medical Camps, Health and Hygiene Awareness Programmes and Blood Donation Camps at Gund Hassi Bhat, Soozthi, Mirgund, Khushipora, Shalimar, Lawyapora and Hokarsar. He is also working as Divisional Warden in Civil Defence Department on a voluntary basis. He is a poet and has written some songs and prayers too. He has good leadership qualities and is always open to change and adopts new ideas and concepts easily, if they are for the betterment of his community.

182. Mr Sajad Ahmad Tak

Pamposh Mohalla

Bijbehara Jek

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Mr. Sajad Ahmad Tak is a 35 year old diploma holder in Electrical Engineering and is working as a Junior Engineer in Power Development Department of Jammu & Kashmir. He hails from the hilly terrain of Jammu and Kashmir and belongs to Pamposh Mohalla in Bijbehara Jek. He is a member of Humanity Welfare Helpline (NGO). He is inspired with the work of the said organization in disability and rural development sector. He also works for WISCOMP, in the areas of women empowerment and Conflict transformation. He has attended a lot of workshops conducted by a number of NGOs including the 9 days Conflict Transformation Workshop at New Delhi at IICC. He brings the knowledge acquired in these workshops into his day to day activities of social work.

183. Syed Amin Hussain Shah

Dani-Sayeedan Village

Tehsil Uri

Jammu & Kashmir

Syed Amin Hussain Shah (42 years of age) hails from the village of Dani-Sayeedan of Tehsil Uri which is declared a backward area and is located in the mountainous region of Jammu and Kashmir. He graduated in Science and is instrumental in promoting

literacy in his area. The literacy rate of his village as per census 2001 was only 8%. A majority of the women folk of this village are illiterate, sick with chronic diseases and physical disabilities. Women face gender discriminations and they are shy to express their problems. No effort has been made to empower them socially and economically.

Soon after the village was damaged by earthquake in October, 2005, it was adopted by Voluntary Health Association of India for Relief and Rehabilitation Work. Syed Amin Hussain came forward and got himself associated with Jammu & Kashmir Voluntary Health Association (JKVHA) as a volunteer and worked day and night with the team of JKVHA in taking up relief and rehabilitation work such as distribution of blankets, household items, tents, tools and kits; providing medical facilities and arranging free medical camps for curative and preventive treatment, arranging cultural activities and entertainment for orphan children; supporting construction of 50 residential houses for vulnerable families particularly that of women headed households; conducting volley ball tournament for school children for entertainment purposes. It was thanks to his sincere efforts that the very useful link road was constructed.

Syed Amin Hussain has been instrumental in motivating Ms Mureed Fatima, whose own house was also damaged due to earthquake, to donate one Kanal of her land for construction of a Community Hall. The two storied Community Hall has been

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constructed by VHA and will be utilized by the community for common functions and for vocational training of young girls and boys in computers. He is a member of the Village Defence Committee (VDC) constituted by the JKVHA. This committee oversees project implementation and provides feedback to the JKVHA Project Staff stationed at Dani-Sayeedan. Syed Amin is playing a pivotal role in dealing with most of the issues raised by the community. He is a good sportsman and is also a good musician and is fluent in Pahari and Urdu. He is well known in his area as Master Amin.

184. Mr Syed Javed Hussain

Wattergam Village & Post,
Vagora
Baramulla Dist.
Jammu & ashmir

Mr Syed Javed Hussain (40 years of age) hails from a remote village Wattergam of District Baramulla which is situated in the foot hills. This is an arid area and is dependent on the rains for cultivation. The principal occupation of this village is agriculture and horticulture. Syed Javed could only study up to matriculation due to financial constraints. He was oriented towards social service right from his childhood. He has been helping the poor people of his village by organizing Medical and Blood Donation Camps in collaboration with the Sub-District Hospital in Kreeri in the district of Baramulla. He has been a member of the Ali Asgar Relief Trust and Blood Bank since 1990.

After the earthquake on 8th October, 2005, he immediately joined the Jammu & Kashmir Voluntary Health Association of India and carried out the relief and rehabilitation assignments given to him by JKVHA at Kamalkote, Dani-Sayeedan and Dara-Gutlian villages of Uri Tehsil. He helped in the distribution of relief items like blankets, food items, household items, including utensils; providing of tents and tool kits; provision of medical facilities and free medical camps; construction of shelter sheds for earthquake affected families; organizing cultural activities and entertainment for the orphan children; arrangement of psycho-socio interventions and mental health counselling; setting up play school activities for small children of earthquake affected families; supply of supplementary food for children, pregnant and lactating mothers; support for construction of earthquake resistant permanent residential houses for vulnerable women headed families and arranging livelihood programmes for vulnerable families. As regards community development activities he supervised actively the construction of link road and community centre and arranged for water and improved sanitation facilities to the vulnerable families. He also organised a two day workshop on Disaster Management and Preparedness for the Future.

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185. Mr Anup Kumar Verma

Sabjimandi, Barharwa
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Anup Kumar Verma is a 34 year old post-graduate diploma holder in Information Technology. He works as a Knowledge Centre facilitator and provides information on several livelihood options to the villagers. He imparts awareness on technologies related to agriculture, and animal husbandry. He also provides information on various government welfare schemes for people below the poverty line.

He also conducts meeting with youth club members and adolescent groups regarding reproductive sexual health. He has so far formed 25 Youth clubs. He also sensitises the tribal communities and provides information on nutrition, immunization, safe motherhood and health related government schemes.

186. Mr Ashok Ramani

Tiljori,
Devipur Block,
Deoghar,
Jharkhand

25 year old Ashok Ramani is attached with a Social Organization, named Vikalp. He is a facilitator of a Knowledge Center. He imparts computer education to SHG members &

school going children. He screens documentary films for the benefit of SHG members and also provides

agriculture related information to the farmers. He has organized several awareness programmes with regard to the importance of immunization for pregnant women and children.

Mr. Ashok Ramani is a devoted social worker with good communication skills.

187. Ms Barnali Chakraborty

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Ms Chakraborty B. A., L.L.B. is 35 years old. She hails from the forest region of Haludbani Village, East Singhbhum District in Jharkhand. She joined "YUVA" in 2004. She is now a 'spearhead team leader' and has organised training for the members of the community/WSHG members for their capacity building. She has organised training for members of the WSHGs in project villages in East Singhbhum under the IFAD – WFP

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assisted Tribal Development Project in Jharkhand. She has organised agriculture related training for farmers. She is receptive to new ideas and has undergone some basic training. She has been associated with WFP since 1998. She is associated with many other social organisations as well including Women Cell, East Singhbhum; Legal Aid Cell, East Singhbhum and Indian Red Cross Society.

She has a good communication skill. She mobilises and motivates the village women to form groups (active WSHGs) and take up enterprising income generating activities and motivates members of the WSHG's for saving their earning and procures credit facilities from banks for them.

188. Mr Barun Rana

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Mr Barun Rana comes from the plateau region of Jharkhand from a village called Pakdih. He is 31 years old and has done his B.A., D.C.A. He has been working in Dridh Sankalp as a Computer Operator. The village Resource Centre (VRC) was established in his village in 2006 and since then he has been assigned to manage this VRC. He is fully committed to community service and has also involved himself in community activities such as forming SHGs, Microplanning, arranging

for Microcredit, Capacity Building, Skill Development etc. and hopes to continue to do so in future too.

189. Mr Birendra Kumar

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Mr Birendra Kumar (35 years old) hails from Atkadih village which is a forest area surrounded by hills in the district of Giridih, Jharkhand. He is a graduate in Commerce. After graduation he involved himself in community development. He first concentrated in improving the lot of the dalits in his village. He mobilized the community for getting their rights and availed the facilities of the governmental scheme. In 1997 the Organisation Naya Sawera Vikas Kendra was founded. He is presently the Secretary on this Organisation. The main aim of this Organisation was to secure livelihood, empowerment of women, deal with issues of land rights, development of agriculture, health, education and bring about awareness. Between the years 2001 and 2007 he has participated in various 'foot marches' and 'cycle yatras' regarding various local issues.

He has helped 45 families secure their livelihood. He has organized community

groups and brought about awareness in various schemes and their rights in 110 villages. By mobilizing local communities and the government he helped his organization collect funds for securing the Irrigation System. From this activity about 15 hundred acres of land will be irrigated. Another important achievement is that the water table of this locality will be maintained. The capacity of dalit and tribal community and deprived people has been enhanced due to his capacity building efforts. 400 to 500 acres of forest have been protected by mobilizing women and men. And last but not the least the livelihood of 26 families of Primitive Tribes which were dying due to lack of food has been secured.

190. Ms Chami Murmu

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Ms Chami Murmu is from the arid and forested area of Saraikela-Kharswan District from a village known as Bagraisai. She is 35 and has done up to Matric. She has been involved with WFP since 1992.

She is a tribal lady and a very good community mobilizer. She motivated a number of WSHGs to take up entrepreneurial jobs. She plays a significant role in the empowerment of village women. Her involvement in IFAD – WFP assisted tribal

development project in Jharkhand to form women self help groups (WSHGs) and build the capacity of the members of the WSHGs is noteworthy. She is a true village level leader accepted by all and a committed worker. She also acts as the spokesperson of the team and is a ‘visualiser’ - visualises welfare activities for the village. She is also involved in activities relating to Plantation and Environment Protection and Land and Water Management.

She is a dedicated social worker. She leads the NGO – Sahayogi Mahila and is involved with many social organizations working for the development of tribal communities. She has undergone several training courses. She is wholeheartedly into empowering women through micro-credit. She is the recipient of many awards including National Alliance of Women 2000 (Bihar Jharkhand Chapter) award, Agrotec 2006 award by Birsha krishi Vishwavidyalay, Ranchi, NYK (social and Youth Development) award 2002 and Indira Priyadarshini Award for environmental protection in 1996.

191. Mr Chandranath Bhagat

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Village Sonchippi, from which Mr Chandranath Bhagat hails, is dominated by Oraon Tribes in Chanho Block of Ranchi

District. Agriculture forms the primary occupation of all families. Though cultivation of cash crops is being undertaken by all, they firmly believe in the age old traditional cultural practices of farming and are very reluctant to adopt any new methods. Villagers sell their farm produce at a *haat* in block headquarter Chanhoh. Uncertainty of price and exploitation by the middlemen is the bane of their existence. Mr Chandranath Bhagat is 32 and has passed his Intermediate.

Initially when he started farming he faced various problems which he discussed among his villagers to find a solution for all. He got associated with Ram Krishna Mission and underwent various agriculture orientation training at its Krishi Vigyan Kendra. He soon graduated into a progressive farmer and in the last 14 years has helped many others in his village. In the beginning it was difficult for him to bring all farmers of his village to discuss and find a solution to the common problems faced by all. He then learnt to use Gram Sabha as a platform and for solving villagers' problem and worked towards strengthening this traditional system of local self-governance. As a good extension worker he ably disseminated the acquired knowledge on cash crop cultivation to all his fellow farmers and in a short span of time he was able to convert his village into a marketable surplus vegetable growing area from a predominantly cereal based cropping system. Thereby under his aegis many farmers were able to increase their income by adopting various cash crop based cropping system.

Slowly he started realizing that credit and market linkage were becoming the weak link in scaling up the cash crop production for sustainable income generation. It was at this time he came across personnel from BASIX and learnt about its Livelihood Triad Strategy for Rural Livelihood Promotion. He found a solution for the woes of his villagers and introduced BASIX to its village. In a span of 4 years he has been able to link over 119 farmers from his village as well as neighbouring villages not only for availing door step credit facility but also for market linkage of Potato to Pepsico India Ltd for production of chips of Brands like Frito Lay and Uncle Chips. He has taken unto himself for training all farmers on scientific cultivation practices of Chip Grade Potato Production and overseeing their plot from time to time for recommending Integrated Nutrient and Pest Management Practices for maximizing yield and thereby returns. At present he has started reorganizing his groups to form a producer group with an objective to link them directly to Pepsico as well as other agri-input companies. He is a self-motivated and keen community mobilizer and a good communicator..

192. Mr Dhanajay Pathak

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Mr Dhanajay Pathak is 39 years old and has passed his Intermediate exam. He hails from

Barsot Village which is in a hilly terrain and is in the forested area. He has been with the Jago Mahila Jagriti Kendra for the past 9 years. He works in areas concerned with women's awareness of their legal rights and preventing crime against women. He is also a free lance journalist.

193. Mr Himanshu Shekhar Guddu

**Sonaraithari
Sarwan
Deoghar
Jharkhand**

Mr Himanshu Shekhar Guddu is qualified in the field of medicine as well as computer application holding diplomas in both these fields. He is 25 years old and lives in the village of Sonaraithari. He is a good communicator and works in NEEDS as a counselor. He interacts with the newly married couples and imparts knowledge on family planning methods. He also provides awareness on various health related and literacy based programmes to the villagers and to adolescents in particular. He operates a knowledge center in Sonaraithari village. As a facilitator of this center he provides information about various Government schemes. He also imparts computer education to school going children.

194. Mr. Jay Kumar Mishra

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Mr. Jay Kumar Mishra was born in Leda, an arid zone and is a graduate with geography as his subject. He is only 28 years old. The subject related field work and mapping created an interest in him to work with Samjik Parivartan Sansthan in the year 1998 and he was formally associated with them as a volunteer from 1999 onwards for the next 5 years.

This enabled him to associate with Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan and the Janshala programme where he acted as a District level Trainer and one of the Resource Persons for Diagnostic studies in the status of primary education in Giridih District. Overall involvement in community development and literacy projects increased his full time involvement with SPS and ultimately he joined the organization as Supervisor and finally was promoted as the Project Coordinator to look after the project for schooling of at-risk children in rural areas of Giridih District.

Micro-planning and community development activities have been of keen interest to him and he has facilitated micro-planning exercises in the local community in 120 villages of Bihar and Jharkhand. That also

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made him realize the exact extent of the need of information and education that could strengthen the community empowerment process which has further increased his interest in ICT and SPS initiatives in this regard.

195. Mr Kailash Pati Singh

Bandajori,
Manigori,
Sarwan Block,
Deoghar District,
Jharkhand

Mr. Kailash Pati Singh is 21 years old and has passed his class 12. Kailash is the President of J.B.D Youth Club of Bandajori which was formed in 1996. As a President of the club his activities involved bringing awareness to people on issues related to agriculture, fisheries, health and sanitation. Kailash is a good communicator and is a devoted social worker.

196. Mr. Lal Mohan Prasad

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Mr. Lal Mohan Prasad hails from Jhurjhuri Post situated in a heavily forested hilly area. He is 39 years old and a graduate. He has been associated with Jago Mahila Jagriti Kendra for the last 5 years. He is capable of handling a number of issues. He has formed an environment group which has taken up

fruit tree plantation, deals with issues of water management, creates awareness about the evils of dowry in the society and helps to get assistance from banks for women.

197. Ms Meena Kujur

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Ms Meena Kujur hails from Juriya Village which consists of mainly Muslims, Mahlis and Tribal communities. She is 34 years old and has passed Intermediate. She knows Hindi, Sadri, Mundari and Oraon (Tribal language). She is a trained nurse. She has been with ASHA (Association for Social and Human Awareness) since the last 5 years. She is actively involved in various issues such as health related problems of pregnant women and children, immunization, children's rights, implementation of governmental programmes on social welfare. She also is deeply concerned about alcoholism and striving to create awareness about its ill effects and strives towards eradication of poverty. She represents the organization in the government and in other NGOs as well as in other neighbouring villages.

198. Ms Meera Bej

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Ms Meera Bej is 26 years old and hails from the village of Hutu. This is surrounded by mountains and is a tribal village. People depend on forest resources and agriculture for their livelihood. Accessibility to the village is very poor. She has completed her Matriculation. She knows Hindi and Bengali.

She joined ASHA (Association for Social and Human Awareness) in 2000. She is a good leader. Creating awareness about the importance of education, ensuring that the families enroll their children in school and that all the children go to school are her primary duties that she does with diligence. She has also helped form self-help groups. Educating the people about their rights is her other responsibility that she carries out faithfully. She ensures that people avail of the governmental schemes and welfare programmes.

In the year 1999-01, she was associated with FLAC (Free Legal Aid Committee) as Field Coordinator; has worked on the issue of education with TSRDS's education Project during 2001-03 and with ASHA she has worked for 'We Can End All Violence Against Women' Project (Oxfam project).

199. Ms Neepa Das

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Ms. Neepa Das is 26 years old and is highly qualified with PGDRD and L.L.B. She hails from Tatisilwai in the district of Ranchi, Jharkhand, which is hilly and forested. She has been associated with Jago Mahila Jagriti Kendra since the last 4 years and she is very active and is capable of handling any kind of issues with full competency. She is self-motivated.

200. Mr Pokhraj Kumar Pandit

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Harzaribag Dist.
Jharkhand

20 year old Mr. Pokhraj Kumar Pandit lives in Konhara which is in a hilly area in Harzaribag District of Jharkhand. He has passed his matriculation. He has been with Jago Mahila Jagriti Kendra for the last 3 years. His area of service lies in women empowerment, creating legal awareness among women and preventing crime against women.

201. Ms Punam Toppo

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Ms Punam Toppo hails from Naya Bhusur village. This is a tribal village and the people are yet to see development here. She is 28 years old and has passed Intermediate. Some of the problems Punam has to tackle has been illiteracy, violence against women, health related problems and witch craft.

Punam was associated with ASHA since the year 2000, when the organization started working in her village. Since she was involved in the same line of activity as ASHA, she was called upon by the secretary and selected to work for ASHA in her locality as Field coordinator. Her involvement and dedication to the work elected her as one of the Governing Body members of ASHA (NGO). Today, she is one of the invaluable members of ASHA. She is dedicated and sincere in her work. She has been given the Best Changemaker's Award by the then Sports Minister, Late Shri Sunil Dutt Ji.

202. Mr Rajesh Bose

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Mr Rajesh Bose a B.Com graduate is 38 years old. He comes from Tisri Village a remote,

hilly and forested area. He is a young social activist with three years involvement with Samajik Parivarthan Sansthan, Srikrishnan Nagar, Giridih. He has developed a good basic knowledge and understanding of the local conditions besides having first hand knowledge of what it is to be an 'underprivileged'. This led to his social involvement and working with the local youth that started initially with some social and cultural activities and then culminated in organized larger events like Book Fair in Giridih.

While working with the local people to restore peace within the society he had exposure of working with voluntary organizations that started with 'youth volunteerism'. The 5 day 'Youth Volunteerism Workshop' helped him to communicate better and look at the local issues with some introspection. This further helped him in managing youth initiatives for the schooling of children who have limited access to schooling facilities.

Over the past six months he has been actively involved in managing the ISRO Virtual Resource Centre that intends to provide tele-learning and extension of basic knowledge inputs for the rural communities of Pirtand Block and ICT using V-SAT. As the person in-charge of the centre this experience has been challenging and has changed his outlook on dissemination of technical knowledge and information. He is very committed in his work.

203. Mr Ritesh Chandra

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Mr. Ritesh Chandra is a 27 year old B.A. graduate. He hails from Maheshiadighi Village. This is an arid area of the state. He has been actively involved with National Cadet Corps and later on participated in the Pulse Polio Campaign of the District Health Department. His interest in Art and Culture has made him sensitive to social development issues and under the youth leadership programmes of Abhivyakti he acquired the necessary skills and competency to plan various community activities that would make his home town a place worth living in.

Recently he has also joined as one of the fellow volunteers in the TARA Kendra of Abhivyakti at Giridih to acquire computer literacy skills that has become a most important medium of information and education and has good potential to increase people's knowledge and understanding of updated technologies and useful information that can make significant change in their life style.

He has been a key agent who has mobilized the youth and motivated them to actively participate in developmental initiatives that builds up self-esteem and keeps them out of emotional disturbances. He has good commitment and determination to serve the community with his knowledge and skills.

204. Ms Santi Devi

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Ms. Santi Devi is a 30 year old, matriculation passed social worker living in the village of Barkatha. Her village lies in the forest region. She has been with Jago Mahila Jagriti Kendra for the last 5 years. She believes in women empowerment and so helps create legal awareness in women and works towards preventing crime against women. She is capable of undertaking any work which is helpful to the organization.

205. Mr Santosh Kumar Pandey

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Mr. Santhos Kumar Pandey, a B.Com is at present, appearing for his M.Com examination. He hails from Kayesthapara which is a plateau region in Jharkhand. He has been with Dridh Sankalp, an NGO, as an Accountant & Computer Operator. He has a good command in Accountancy and Book Keeping as well as in computers. He has also involved himself in community activities such as forming self help groups, micro-level planning, micro-credit, capacity building, skill development etc. He is good

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at conducting awareness programmes. He has been with NEEDS for the last 3 years.

206. Ms Sapna Jaiswal

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Ms Sapna Jaiswal, 34 years old, is a graduate in Sociology and hails from Khairachater Village. This village has now become a Naxalite region. The tribals live in the adjoining areas of the villages. They were working like virtual slaves for the rich of the villages. Money-lenders and big farmers/landowners used to exploit them. Now the situation is better. Sapna is good at counselling. She loves children. She is well versed in Hindi, Bhojpuri, Khortha (Local Language) and Bengali. She is working with ASHA (Association For Social And Human Awareness).

She has been working since 1996, even before ASHA (Association for Social and Human Awareness) was registered. Her main responsibility is to counsel persons. Cases of domestic violence, quarrels between neighbours that come to ASHA to be settled are handled by her successfully. She finds out the root cause of the problem and solves it. She looks at conflict resolution as one of the huge challenges that has to be faced and eradicated by ASHA. She tries to ensure all

round development of children. She knows the importance of education and wants education to be provided for each and every child. Whenever she finds a child not studying, she leaves no stone unturned to get him or her to school. Another important ability is her leadership quality to form self help groups and she ensures people get the benefit of the welfare programmes offered by the government.

During 1997-2000, as counsellor, she worked with AINA (NGO), and successfully handled around 1,200 cases of child marriage, second marriage, dowry, domestic violence etc. After 2000, she became a member of District Legal Aid Cell and started representing ASHA, as counsellor and providing legal help to the aggrieved. Other experiences include advocacy and lobbying with Police and Media.

207. Ms Sita Mani Oraon

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32 year old Ms Sita Mani Oraon hails from a tribal village called Chigari which is in the forest area of Jharkhand. She has had education upto Intermediate level. The main occupation of the people here is agriculture. The main problems faced by the villagers are issues like witch craft, trafficking, migration,

alcoholism etc. She is fluent in Hindi, Sadri and Mundari.

Sitamani joined ASHA (Association for Social and Human Awareness) in the year 2001 and being a grassroots worker, she works among the villagers. Despite having a family, she has been a full time worker since the beginning. She is changing the mind-set of her area about witchcraft, migration and trafficking and violence against women. She has formed several Self Help Groups in the various villages in the Ranchi District. She capably coordinates the government, police and the people and ensures overall benefit is accrued to the village people. She has formed SHGs in her village. She has 5 years of experience in working with Bharatiya Kisan Sangh (NGO) as Field Supervisor. She is presently working in Angarha Block of Ranchi District in association with ASHA as Field Coordinator.

208. Mr Ujjwal Prasad Azad
Narayanpur,
Jamtara District
Jharkhand

Mr. Ujjwal Prasad Azad has completed his Intermediate and is currently enrolled for an undergraduate course with the Indira Gandhi National Open University. He is 24 years old and is attached to a Social Organization "Dridh Sankalp". Ujjwal has also taken training in journalism and reports from Narayanpur in "Dainik Hindustan", a renowned Hindi daily.

He works as a facilitator in the Knowledge Centre in Narayanpur village. Every fort night SHG Members visit the E-village and he disseminates relevant information on different schemes pertaining to agriculture, livestock and policies of the government to them. He also screens several documentary films specially made for the rural women on rural empowerment. Every morning computer classes are also being conducted in the Knowledge Centre. Till date, there are 24 students enrolled in the computer classes.

209. Mr Vijay Kumar
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Matric passed Mr. Vijay Kumar is 25 years old and has worked for 6 years in Jago Mahila Jagriti Kendra addressing the various issues of women empowerment, self-employment (Women) and preventing crime against women. He hails from the forested and hilly Konhara Village in Hazaribagh District, Jharkhand. He is capable of handling any issue on behalf of the organization.

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Mr Basavaraj Ganganal, 27 years of age, has passed his PUC. He hails from Jumalapur Village in Karnataka. His village is situated in the hilly terrain of this state. He has been with Samuha, an NGDO, since 1998. He has worked as watershed coordinator in People Participatory Watershed Development Project for ISPWD-K. He is working with information support group and is training the ISG and imparting knowledge with respect to computer literacy. He has worked in other projects such as NABARD Watershed Project (worked as Technical Quality Control in charge); in LEAD International (worked as Data Base Administrator); and in Ford Foundation (worked as a Community Knowledge Centre Coordinator). He is a sincere worker.

Rural Knowledge Centre (Nagendramatti Grameena Gyana Kendra) and has facilitated the empowerment of more than 100 women and youths who are members of the centre.

She has organized computer classes for girls who have just studied up to 8th standard and has become an instrument for spreading ICT related programmes. She propagates its importance through knowledge dissemination to the doorsteps of all. She is regularly organizing training programmes for various skills for the members of the community and the women who are poor are able to eke out a living once they get trained in tailoring, embroidery, saree printing, candle making, making camphor and other products to enable 'life with a dignity', for all. She has taken up the mission of empowering every woman and youth with skills and knowledge. She liaises with financial institutions to organize back end support and facilitate even marketing of the products. A selfless social worker who is capable of carrying out more interventions through ICT, she is a worthy 'Role Model'.

211. Ms Geeta R.Kumkumyar

Karnataka

Geeta, 19 years old, completed her PUC and got trained in computer and Internet usage. She is the elected President of Nagendramatti

212. Ms Lalitha Bai

H. Muddenahalli Tandya

Halkurike (Post)

Tiptur Taluk

Tumkur Dist.

Karnataka

Ms Lalitha Bai, aged about 45 years, resides in H. Muddenahalli Tandya Village. About 69% of the village population are literate and 26% of the total population belong to Scheduled Tribes. Main occupation of the people is agriculture. Her family has one acre of land where crops like ragi, jowar and Mustard are grown. Earlier she used to work as a labourer in the farm fields and when farm work was not there she used to work in quarries

Lalitha Bai, joined the NGO BAIF as health worker in 1998. She was involved in the BAIF project for forming SHGs and was trained by the NGO in activities related to – health, agriculture, forest, preparing traditional medicines, nursery etc. She was also trained in doing transactions with the local Banks. Her job now is to train SHG members in preparing traditional medicines from locally available resources, First Aid and growing medicinal plants. She has also participated in programmes such as awareness campaigns related to growing trees, Women’s Day celebration, summer camps and others. Later she was employed in BAIF as a Field Assistant for which she was paid a small amount as honorarium. She started producing vermicompost and selling;

the financial position of her family started improving from these activities.

In the year 2001, TIDE provided her training in making improved household cooking stoves. She was able to make and sell more than 1000 stoves in about 3 years and earned about Rs. 50,000/- in from this activity. This income helped her in providing good education to her children. She applied for loans from the SHG to buy cattle and sheep. BAIF provided the villagers various seedling of fruit plants, which helped them a lot.

Recently the women in the villages in association with BAIF protested against the supply of liquor and closed the operations of the liquor shop in their village. Lalitha Bai has participated in the programs such as applying chlorine to wells and bore wells in their village, *Swacha Grama*, etc. She has become the member of the local milk producing cooperative and the welfare committee of the village..

213. Mr Lingaraj S. Patil

Karnataka

37 year old Lingaraj S. Patil of Basweshwara Nagar, Haveri, Karnataka is a postgraduate in English literature and a member of NICE Academy for Computer Education. He is a dedicated social activist pioneering the cause of education of children, women and rural folk. He has established a NGO named ‘Ankura Grama Vikasini’ in Haveri district of Karnataka with the aim to serve the people. He had his inspiration from Medha Patkar’s

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National Integration Camp conducted under Narmada Bachao Andolan. He is a member of Gandhi Peace Foundation, Coordinator of Rotary Club, President of LIFT Education (Life Changing Ideas for Future Time), Adviser to National Hitha Rakshana Samithi of Kaginehalli Village, Founder member of Career Seekers Club and a freelance writer in Kannada.

He has made immense strides in the ICT education of rural people, assisting in sustainable livelihood options, and conducts free computer classes for poor students. He is an active participant of Smile India Project and assisted PEN India to organize Village Knowledge Centres in more than 25 villages. He has done yeoman service for the upliftment of the poor and marginalized people and helped farmers in distress. He is an example of a selfless and mission oriented personality whose only aim is the betterment of community.

214. Ms Manjula R.Yaluvigi Karnataka

Ms Manjula Yaluvigi an intermediate student is the President of the Haveri Knowledge Centre and is serving 50 women to acquire various skills for fetching a livelihood. She organizes classes on 'computer education' especially for women and plans to strengthen this knowledge by incorporating all the components of knowledge dissemination.

She has undergone training in Computer and Internet Operation and is helping the rural

people to gain knowledge in ICTs. She interacts with the panchayat and takes their help in planning. She takes part in various community based initiatives and environmental activities. Due to her selfless service her name is synonymous with 'Village Development' and people are fond of her.

She is a good role model and torch bearer helping the needy and poor in all aspects of their life, and trying to bring about social transformation.

215. Mr Manjunath G Admani Karnataka

Manjunath G.Admani, 31, is a graduate in English and Library Sciences. A ST he started an organization called the Uttara Karnataka Swami Vivekanand Yuva Jagruta in Bedge Mandal of Haveri District in Karnataka, to generate awareness and protest against oppression.

He has started five Rural Knowledge Centres in and around Bedge and nearly 250 rural women are given training in various skills, attend classes on 'income generation' and computer education. He has helped women groups to get computer literacy and regularly helps them access better life situations.

He has helped women to form Self-Help Groups and undertake micro-credit activities. He has special interest in assisting the farmers especially in the villages where farmer suicides took place.

Working more than 18 hours a day, he conducts 'awareness meetings' and tries to find solutions for the multitude of problems faced by the rural masses. He is a good role model, committed, and works dedicatedly for the upliftment of the poor and the neglected sections of the population.

216. Mr Maqbool H Hubballi Karnataka

Maqbool H. Hubballi, 27, with Intermediate education, and got a Diploma in Computer science, facilitates spread of ICT in villages. He has pioneered 10 Grameen Gyana Kendras (Rural Knowledge Centres), with assistance from PEN India, to impart vocational training and ICT education and nearly 500 women and youth have benefited.

He also helped the rural people by ensuring they get safe drinking water, sanitation facilities and other welfare benefits from the Government by liaising with the various Departments. He also continuously informs the farmers about the agricultural commodity prices and assists them to procure good quality seeds for farm cultivation. He is a friend of the farmers and rural people and is a grass root level torch bearer worthy of being emulated.

217. Mr M Nataraja Karnataka

40 year old Nataraja from Shimoga in Karnataka is a committed social worker who has transformed the lives of hundreds of rural

women and men in the outskirts of Shimoga and enabled them to lead a life with dignity. Armed with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management and Diploma in Cooperation, he began his career as a Social Worker. He was trained by the G.B.R.Net Work of Women and Child Development and acts as a Resource Person for 'Panchayat members' training. He is also the leader of physically handicapped people and does a lot of work for their rehabilitation.

His work in agriculture and allied field and for the cause of the rural women has won him accolades from everybody and he is constantly contributing towards the betterment of the villagers. He facilitated formation of many Self-Help Groups and a few cooperative societies. He assists the people with his managerial skills towards fetching better livelihood incomes.

He also helps the villages to avail health schemes, education, loan from Banks and other types of technical inputs. He has taken special care to propagate the importance of ICT and he is a promising 'transformer' and creator of knowledge based communities.

218. Mr Rajshekhar Gaddad Madanhipparga P.O Aland Taluk Gulbarga Dist. Karnataka

33 year old Mr Rajshekhar Gaddad is a B.Com graduate. Hailing from the drought prone Aland Taluk in Gulbarga District, he is

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a progressive farmer and has adopted innovative “Diffuser” method for growing grapes on his 2.5acre land. He is very good in learning new technologies and practices organic method of farming. He is a role model for other farmers and teaches them about water conservation and its utilization. He has travelled to many other places to learn new technologies and also disseminates it. His excellent communication skills coupled with his leadership qualities make him a good motivator.

219. Ms Seema K Kwandwad Karnataka

Seema K. Kwandwad, 20, is the Secretary of a Rural Knowledge Centre in Haveri Mandal in Karnataka. She facilitates learning of ICT applications and education of computer with the firm conviction that ICT can transform the life of the rural people especially the poor and the downtrodden.

She helps the illiterate people of the area by conducting free literacy programmes. She is involved in tree plantation and forestry activities, and facilitates tuition for the poor students.

She collects donations through her own personal efforts for public relief issues and even for the Prime Minister Relief Fund. She with her friends have formed a team to assist people in difficulties. She helps the farmers in various ways and her help is much appreciated by the poor farmers and destitute women. Her qualities are really an

inspiration for the others and she is a true role model of a village social worker who is prepared to sacrifice her comfort for the betterment of others.

220. Ms Suma G. Madiwalar Karnataka

22 year old Suma is a graduate with Diploma in Computer Science. She plays a vital role in N. Matti area of Haveri in North Karnataka where she established a Rural Knowledge Centre and is providing skill training to more than 100 women members. With assistance from PEN India, she has helped 20 women develop skills in handicraft and they are now earning a reasonably good livelihood. She also pioneered to teach the girls from her village to undergo training in computer and motivated others to follow suit.

She gives information about selection of crops, seeds etc. to farmers and also helps them to get information regarding the prevailing market prices of various commodities. She has facilitated training of women in dairy farming and other businesses enabling them access better livelihoods.

She also takes special interest in health related activities and helps the rural women to get immediate access to health facilities. A multifaceted personality with calibre and sincerity, she is respected by all the people and she does not hesitate to approach even government officials and NGOs to ask for their support if it is for the ‘cause’ of the community.

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221. Mr K V Anu

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Mr Anu (19), hails from Paniya tribal community in Puthoorvayal Village, Kalpetta. He is a student of Every Child A Scientist Programme. He joined them in 2001. He passed SSLC with good marks. He is the only one who has passed SSLC from his community in that locality. He is now studying for VHSE. At the same time he is working as a tribal volunteer in ECAS Programme, which he joined in 2001.

Anu is an active participant and motivator in all the exposure and training programmes organized by the ECAS programme. He has a thorough knowledge of all the green leafy plants, fresh water fishes and birds in his area. He is an expert in herbarium preparation, craft making using grass and also in documentation of traditional knowledge. He is a very hard working person and is actively involved in social activities.

222. Ms Aysha Haneefa

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Ms Aysha Haneefa is a 46 year old lady, who has studied up to matriculation. She hails from Meppadi Post, Kerala, which is a hilly terrain. She is a committed social worker. She has worked as a member of the Biodiversity Conservation Corps in the aegis of the Community Agrobiodiversity Centre in 1998. She is also a notable resource person in the field of herbal home remedy preparation. Aysha has provided trainings for several SHGs at Chooralmala in both home remedy preparation and SHG monitoring. For the past 5 years she has been working as the Chair Person of Kudumbasree Programme at Meppady Panchayat. Now she is serving as an elected ward member of Meppady Gram Panchayat.

Mostly women belonging to Muslim Community face lot of restrictions in social work in orthodox communities. But Aysha survived all these restrictions and came forward to empower the Muslim women through SHG formation and educating them. She has attended several seminars and meetings and implementing development projects in various places at Meppadi Panchayat.

223 Ms Bagyalakshmi

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40-year-old Ms. Bagyalakshmi has completed her pre-degree course and joined as a volunteer in RASTA, a non-governmental organization in skill training programme. Her active involvement and commitment with the organization has resulted in providing more responsibilities on women development programme of the organization. She is now serving as the coordinator of women development programmes.

She underwent a training conducting Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA) in villages. After the training, she has conducted nearly 25 PRAs in villages. These PRAs have helped the villagers to develop micro planning for the development of their village in 5 panchayaths

She took the initiative to form Jalajagratha Samithis in 2004 in the villages. These samithi members were trained on water harvesting and conservation technologies by her. As a result, 50 groups have taken 1000 "rain pits" in the villages to harvest rainwater.

In 2005 Bagyalakshmi along with other SHG leaders have taken initiative to form a women's organization called SNEHITHA.

Since then, she is acting as the secretary of the organization. Through SNEHITHA, Bagyalakshmi is mobilizing resources for improving the livelihoods of women. She has taken efforts to address issues of human rights. Through this organization the members have opened an organic agricultural products market outlet in the district. The products of the women groups are sold through the outlet.

Ms. Bagyalakshmi is a committed grassroots trainer and works hard for women's empowerment.

224. Mr T A Girish

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Mr Girish is a young enthusiastic social worker who is 26 year old, belonging to the Kuruma Tribal community. He comes from Thachampath, a tribal hamlet, in Meenangadi Panchayat. He has completed MCA. He is also an excellent farmer. He is very keen to explore the folk arts and traditional knowledge. At present he is associated with MSSRF to setup Village Knowledge Centre in Thachampath tribal village. He has taken the initiative in setting up career guidance centre in the tribal hamlets, promoting literacy programmes etc.

225. Mr K C Haridas

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22 year old Haridas has completed his degree course in Mass Communication and hails from Thrikaipetta village, situated in a hilly area and forested region in the Wayanad District. He is working as a tribal volunteer in an educational programme for tribal and rural children at CAAbC, Wayanad, since 2006. Haridas has shown interest in uniting the rural communities through community development activities. He motivates and assists the village folks in raising nutritional garden in their own colonies. He is good at making crafts. Haridas belongs to the Kuruma tribal community.

226. Mr Joby Varghese

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Mr Joby Varghese (MSW) is 40 years old. He hails from S.L. Puram in the sea coast of Kerala. He has been with Gandhi Smaraka Grama Seva Kendram since 2005 and is the Programme Officer- human resource department. He executes a number of duties

in his job towards capacity building/ human resource development especially for the SHGs members through field training, Resource Mapping, Participatory Rural Appraisal, and Bank Linkage Training Programme for Micro Finance. He exhibits confidence in effective decision-making, has clarity about direction, mandate and methods, shows sound analytical ability, is a good trainer and a team worker, can handle administration of routine activities independently and is committed towards welfare of common goals. He is very hard working.

227. Ms B Latha

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Ms. Latha is a 27 years old B.Com graduate. She hails from a backward village in the panchayat of Pallikar where literacy rate is only 40%. After completing her studies she worked as "Saksharatha prearakh" for two years, from 2000 to 2002. She was responsible for educating the illiterates in the panchayath so as to achieve 100 % literacy. She was also responsible for conducting awareness classes about the importance of literacy. From 2002 to 2004 she worked as the Vice president of C.D.S and from 2004 May she was elected as the C.D.S President for a period of 3 years. She is involved in the 'Kudumbasree' Kerala State Poverty Eradication Mission She is responsible for the formation of SHGS and helping them in

starting bank accounts and to create a savings scheme by weekly contribution from each member. The total amount from all the SHGs (thrift amount) comes to 68 lakhs.

She is responsible for helping the SHGs in identifying income generation activities and making project reports for them. She also helps the groups in getting bank loans to start new activities. She works in conducting medical camps in the panchayat with private sponsorship. Identifying cancer and AIDS patients and helping them to get free medical treatments with the help of NGO's is also her responsibility. She also helps the poor people in the village by getting some well wishers to sponsor food and shelter. She has been trained for conducting "Ashraya" programme, a state Government sponsored programme for the purpose of rehabilitation of the destitutes. She is a sincere worker.

228. Mr Mathew Parakunnel

Bappanam Mala

Varambatta Post

Padinjarathara, Wayanad

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Born to a traditional agriculture family, 46 years old Mathew Parkunnel is a highly committed social worker. He has studied up to 8th standard. He hails from an interior hilly village Bappanam Mala in Padinjarethara Grama Panchayath. This is a hilly area and the main occupation of people is agriculture. He is considered as a very knowledgeable and innovative farmer as well as an extraordinary community mobilizer.

He is the secretary of Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development Association (SARDA), Panthipoyil. SARDA is a farmer's association formed by community Agrobiodiversity Centre as part of their Bio-Village development activities in Panthipoyil village of Padinjarathara Panchayat. Besides this, at present he is working as the chairman of the Water User's Committee in Bappanammala. He has expertise in water conservation and soil health improvement programmes. He has converted 30 cents of his land into an on-farm conservation plot of fruit species. He is serving as a member of the Joint Forest Management Programme and ensures the support of Forest Department for the successful completion of Drinking Water Project in Panthippoyil.

He has attended lot of training courses and seminars in the fields of biodiversity in general and sustainable agriculture in particular. He is very enthusiastic to disseminate the traditional and innovative knowledge among farmers. He practices organic farming. His farm is a typical example for in-situ conservation. 34 varieties of fruits are being conserved in his plot. He is an active member of INFARM.

229. Mr M G Prasad

Mangavayal

Puthoorvayal Post

Kalpetta

Wayanad

Kerala: 673121.

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Mr. M.G. Prasad, 21 years old, comes from Puthoorvayal village in Wayanad District, located in one of the biodiversity rich forest areas in the country. He belongs to the Kuruma Tribal community. He is a graduate in Botany and plays a significant role in the empowerment of village women and literacy for tribal and rural children. He has been a student of Every Child A Scientist Programme since 2001. He is one of the active members of the Biodiversity Core Conservation Corps (BCC).

He is an expert in plant identification especially wild food plants, fresh water fishes, and has a good traditional knowledge and is good at crafts.. He has good communication skills and leadership qualities and is skilled in computer operations too.

230. Ms M Santha

Mangavayal Colony
Puthurvayal Post
Kalpetta
Wayanad
Kerala-673121

43 year old tribal lady, Santha from Puthoorvayal, Kalpetta Village has studied up to 4th standard. She took up occupation as an Anganvadi helper near her home from 1998 to 2002. Now she is working as a part time sweeper in the State Bank of India's Kottapady Branch office. For the past 7 years she is a member of the SHG promoted by MSSRF.

She practices traditional medicine, the knowledge of which she got from her forefathers. She is a member of the 'Akila

Kerala Nattuvaidya Practitioner's Association'. She was a frequent visitor of the Community Agrobiodiversity centre. These visits helped her to gain much knowledge about medicinal plants, their uses and such related topics. Later she got a rare opportunity to share her experience with All India Radio, which made her famous in the area of holistic healing. Now she is treating patients who come from even remote places of the state. She is an expert in treating cancer, skin diseases, fertility related matters, gynecological disorders etc. She interacts with women and is serving as a resource person in training programmes and health related awareness programmes.

231. Mr K T Satheesh

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Mr Satheesh, 20 years old, from Kuruma Tribal Tharamangalam Colony. He is a good organizer with leadership qualities. He is an enthusiastic and motivated person and has basic computer knowledge. He is a student of Every Child A Scientist Programme, ECAS, since 2001. He is actively engaged in the ECAS education programme for tribal and rural children.

He is one of the active members of Biodiversity Core Conservation Corps (BCC). He studied up to SSLC. He is a very good

field assistant with basic taxonomic knowledge with innovative ideas and assists professional taxonomists during plant collection trips. He is able to identify many RET plant species for the preparation of the herbarium.

232. Ms Sheeba Jhony

Kambalakkad post
Kaniyambetta village,
Kalpetta,
Wayanad, Kerala - 673 121.

Ms. Sheeba Jhony, 32, has completed her pre-degree. She has shown a lot of interest in the development of her people. She formed self-help groups in her village. Her involvement in group activities inspired RASTA, a non-governmental organization to select her as a volunteer for SHG promotion.

She joined as a volunteer in RASTA in 1999. In the following year SHE WAS PROMOTED as a field technical assistant to assist the group members. As part of her responsibility she trained many village women. Her active involvement and commitment with the organization has resulted in providing more responsibilities on women development programme of the organization.

She has formed around 50 self-help groups involving 560 poor families. She also conducted nearly 70 entrepreneurship training in the villages motivating rural women to start appropriate income generation programmes. She has been serving also as the secretary of the village

level federation of self-help groups since 2003

233. Ms N V Usha

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Meenangady
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Ms Usha, 25 years of age, has completed B.Sc with B.Ed. She comes from Wayanad District, situated in the hills that are the home land of various tribal communities. She has good computer skills and assists in educating tribal and rural children. She is working as tribal volunteer in an educational programme for tribal and rural children. Usha learns new techniques with ease and confidence and teaches patiently. Usha belongs to Kuruma tribal community. She is also good at sports and in drawing.

234. Mr C K Vishnudas

Karikutty post
Kottathara village
Kalpetta, Wayanad Dist.
Kerala - 673 121

Mr. C. K Vishnudas, 35, (B.Sc., Dip. Field Ornithology, Dip. Computer Application.) has been interested in birds and nature since his school days. He was the secretary of Nature Club in Secondary School. While he was studying in the school he had an opportunity to have the blessing of Shri. Sunderlal

Bahuguna, the founder of Chipko movement when he made a visit to Wayanad. This meeting was a great motivation for him to work for the conservation of nature.

Mr. Vishnudas is a keen ornithologist and conservationist has been working with the RASTA organization since 1997. He has contributed much for designing and implementing several natural resources management projects especially in organic and ecological agriculture with community participation. His service has been widely utilized by educational institutions and conservation organizations for awareness creating among people and scientific research.

After completed his graduation in mathematics and then turned to ornithological studies. He was selected as a member to the district level Paryavaram Vahini at an early age. Paryavaram Vahini was a group of volunteers selected by ministry of environment and forest at district level for taking up environmental action at grassroots level. As a volunteer of this group he took active part in conducting several awareness programmes at village level to create awareness about the dwindling natural resources of the region and ways to protect the same

He joined RASTA as Research and Documentation Associate in Natural resources management programme in 1997

and implemented several projects on sustainable natural resources management with community participation. He prepared a handbook for sustainable black pepper production with active participation of farmers from various parts of the state in content development, design and production process.

He also participated in several bird Censes Programmes conducted in wild life sanctuaries and national parks, which covered all south Indian States, and some from north India. This survey provided ample information on bird taxa of the country. He is the recipient of Swadeshi young scientist award in 2003 for the outstanding studies conducted on the subject "Environment degradation and population decline of bird species in wayanad district of Kerala. The Award was presented in the presence of eminent scientist Dr. M. S. Swaminathan.

In 2006, he rediscovered the breeding of Jerdons Baza (*aviceda jerdoni cylonensis*) a rare hawk seen in south India and Sri lanka after 110 years from Wayanad district and it is significant scientific contribution to the field of ornithology in India. He has also contributed articles on bird conservation in general and owls conservation in particular in leading dailies and other notes and research findings in Journals on natural history. He has made a short film on conservation of heronries of Wayanad in 2006.

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235. Mr. Amar Singh Dhurve

Mukkam Amagahan Mall
Anjani Post
Vikas Khand Mavai
Mandla District
Madhya Pradesh.

Mr. Amar Singh Dhurve hails from Jamgaon Nainpur Gram in the Mandla District of Madhya Pradesh. He is a 32 year, old tribal youth from a remote forest area. Agriculture is the main occupation of the people. He has been with NIWCYD for 9 years. He has been very practical in using water management techniques and disseminates the knowledge about its advantages to his fellow farmers. He is a very good rural social worker. He is having a spiritual attitude and deep affinity for children.

236. Mr Anil Bhauraoji Khiradkar

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Mr Anil Bhauraoji Khiradkar (M.A.) is 33 years old. He hails from Mukkam Chakara in Chhindwara District of Madhya Pradesh. The terrain is hilly and covered with forest. He

has been associated with NIWCYD for 5 years. He has been teaching for 3 years. He is also experienced in land management. He is a good social worker.

237. Mr Bansilal Nagar

Kodyakhedi Village
Paldya Anjana Post
Sarangpur Tahsil
Rajgarh District
Madhya Pradesh- 465683

Though Bansilal Nagar's major occupation is agriculture, he also serves as JSR (Jan Swasth Rakshak), providing basic health amenities for his village. He lives in Kodyakhedi Village in Madhya Pradesh. High School educated, 45 year old Bansilal is a reputed farmer and has been associated with ITC-IBD since the last three years.

He utilizes computer facilities to provide FAQ rates of Soya Choupal of ITC and other mandis to the other farmers in his village and in the neighbouring villages. He thus helps them to sell their agri-commodities at remunerative prices. He actively participates in all the meeting of ITC-IBD and shares his knowledge.

He is doing an excellent job by providing quality products to his villagers. He emphasizes the importance of organic farming. He himself practices organic farming and persuades his fellow villagers to do the

same, which helps to keep the fertility of soil intact and to overcome the residual effects of other inorganic inputs.

Bansilal Nagar arranges insurance for farmers in his village, educates them in the use of computers and shares his knowledge related to better farm practices.

238. Mr Basant Baraskar

Mukka

Katamgi (Baridhana)

Baitul Dist.

Madhya Pradesh

Mr Basant Baraskar is 30 years old and has studied up to 10th standard. He hails from the hilly and forest terrain of Madhya Pradesh. His village is known as Mukka. He has helped form many SHG groups. He is a good communicator which helps him when he disseminates knowledge to the groups. He is hard worker. He likes to work with people. He has a deep sense of social justice. He has equipped himself with various social skills and knowledge which is very useful to him and to his community. He has been associated with NIWCYD for the last 3 years.

239. Mr Bipin Tomar

Mohana Village & Post

Near Water Tank

Gwalior, Gahri Dist.

Madhya Pradesh

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Mr Bipin Tomar (BS.c & PGDCA) was born in Mohana Village, Gahri District, Madhya

Pradesh. He is 30 years old. In Mohana village people face many problems related to health, education, water etc. Every time they have to travel to Gwalior for medical facilities and for good education.

He wanted to bring quality education to his village. While doing his PGDCA he came across the activities of TARAhaat. He realized that he could turn his dream into reality and started working with TARAhaat, an IT-based community and learning centre. He started a Tarakendra in his village. Within one year more than 200 students passed out under his instruction in various courses. His Tarakendra is offering many high-level courses like Basics in Information Technology, Tally, Hardware, Diploma in Information Technology, Internet etc. for a nominal fee. Now he is a well-known person in his small village due to his initiative in enabling various activities in educational and health related programs. He is the IT education coordinator. He is also involved in social work like health & sanitation through Abhiyan, an NGO. He has been with TARAhaat since a year and has been with Abhiyan for a much longer time.

240. Ms Chameli Dhumketi

Harra Gram Post

Mahendwani Block

Sahapur Tahsil, Dhindori Dist.

Madhya Pradesh

24 year old Ms Chameli Dhumketi has passed her 12th standard. She lives in Harra Gram Post in the hilly area of Dhindori District in

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Madhya Pradesh. She has been with NIWCYD for the last 4 years.

She is good at liaising with the government and has good reporting skills. She advocates vermicompost to the villagers and the use of NTFP. She is a good social worker and works especially hard for women empowerment.

241. Mr Chandrabhan Singh Dhurve

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Mr Chandrabhan Singh Dhurve is 49 years of age and has completed schooling up to 7th standard. He lives in Mukkam Sodha Mall, in the hilly and forested area of Mandla District in Madhya Pradesh. He has worked for NIWCYD for the last 12 years. He is very good at organizing events. He is a good social activist and he can work with people at the grass-root level with ease. He has educated himself on 'land rights' and disseminates this knowledge to his villagers. He works hard to bring about social and economic development in his community.

242. Mr Deepak Baliram Somkuwar

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Mr Deepak Baliram Somkuwar (M.A. (Economics)) is 31 years old. He hails from the plains of Madhya Pradesh from a village known as Mohagaon in Chhindwara District. He has been with NIWCYD for the last 4 years. He is good at 'youth mobilization' and has worked for AIDS Control Project. He is an outreach worker and is deeply concerned about community health and Primary Education. He is a good and dedicated social worker.

243. Mr Dharmendra Sonvani

Jamgaon Nainpur Gram
Mandla Dist.
Madhya Pradesh
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Mr Dharmendra Sonvani hails from Jamgaon Nainpur Gram in the Mandla District of Madhya Pradesh. The terrain is hilly. Agriculture is the main occupation of the people. He comes from a backward family. He has been with NIWCYD for 3 years. He uses vermicompost as manure and disseminates the knowledge about its advantages to his fellow farmers. He is a very good social worker.

244. Ms Dhnywati Paraste

Luhari Gram Post
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 Vikas Khand Niwas
 Mandla Dist.
 Madhya Pradesh
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Ms Dhnywati Paraste of Luhari Gram Post, Mandla District in Madhya Pradesh has been with NIWCYD for the past 5 years. She has been involved in mother and child development work, women empowerment and in forming SHGs. She has completed her 12th and is 24 years old. She has a good temperament suited for social work and is a good communicator. She is capable of dealing with various social issues in her village.

245. Mr Dilip Sant

Kalgitola Gram
 Mrvari Post
 Mahenwani Block
 Shahapura Tahsil
 Dindori Dist.
 Madhya Pradesh

29 year old Mr Dilip Sant is a graduate. He comes from the hilly areas of Madhya Pradesh from a village called Kalgitola Gram. He was earlier in a government service but quit that to join RCH Reproductive and Child Health (RCH) programme. He has also been a teacher, teaching high school students. He is presently with PACS (The Poorest Areas

Civil Society) programme. He has been associated with NIWCYD for the last 5 years. He is good at liaising with the government and has good reporting skills. He advocates use of vermicompost and NTFP (non-timber forest products) and believes in women empowerment and works towards enlightening people about these. He is a good worker.

246. Mr Ghanshyam Nagar

Rasulpura Village
 Bakhed Post & Tahsil
 Rajgarh Dist.
 Madhya Pradesh – 465687

Ghanshyam Nagar, 27 years of age, is well known in his village of Rasulpura both as a Sanchalak and as the Jan Swasth Rakshak (community health worker). He has been involved in all the activities of ITC-IBD for the last three years. He has completed his Higher Secondary Education. He provides information to his villagers on weather forecast, seed treatment, deep ploughing, weed control as well as integrated pest management. He also provides the rates of Soya Choupal and other mandies by using the website www.echoupal.com to help the villagers sell their commodities at better prices. Being JSR he has made farmers aware of malaria, AIDS and family planning. A good social worker, Ghanshyam has received awards for his efforts.

247. Mr Ghanshyam Yadav

Bijadehi Gram Post

Shahapur Tahsil

Baitul Dist.

Madhya Pradesh

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Mr Ghanshyam Yadav is a graduate and is 26 years old. He hails from the forest area of Bijadehi Gram Post, Baitul District in Madhya Pradesh. He has worked for NIWCYD for the past 7 years. He is sincere in his work and has proved his ability by giving positive results in the field. He has established women SHGs, Farmer Clubs, Youth Clubs and formed a Labourer's Group for creating a link between the villagers and the different government departments. He has established good rapport and mobilizes people to enlist their participation for village development programmes. He also involves the surrounding villages in these activities. He has educated himself about land rights and disseminates this knowledge to others in his village and in the neighbouring villages.

248. Ms Heravanti Somraj Ukey

Mukkam Sonpur

Dhanegaon Post

Bichuwa Taluk

Chindwar Dist.

Madhya Pradesh - 480111

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Ms Heravanti Somraj Ukey is a 32 years old social worker who is educated up to 12th

standard. She lives in Mukkam Sonpur in Chindwar District of Madhya Pradesh. The terrain is hilly and the main occupation of the village is agriculture. She has helped form SHGs, has promoted Income Generation Schemes and is good at mobilizing women. She is a motivated self- confident woman. Her capacity to make decisions is good and she enjoys working with the community.

249. Mr Hrudesh Singh

Shahapur Gram Post

Shahapur Tahsil

Baitul Dist.

Madhya Pradesh

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Mr Hrudesh Singh (M.S.W.) is from the forest area of baitul District in Madhya Pradesh from a village called Shahapur. He is 27 years of age. He is a hard worker willing to travel. He likes to work with people and is always planning various activities for the development of the people. He utilizes his knowledge for community welfare. His areas of specialization are Organic Farming, EDP development and identifying various income generation activities. He has been with NIWCYD for 3 years.

250. Mr Jagdish Yadav

Dhumaka Rayyat Gram Post
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Baitul Dist.
Madhya Pradesh
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Mr Jagdish Yadav is 27 years of age and is a graduate. He hails from Dhumaka Rayyat Gram Post, which is a forest area in Madhya Pradesh. He has been with NIWCYD for the last 2 years. His area of specialization lies in Organic Farming and Horticulture. He is deeply concerned about and working for social welfare. He is sincere in his work. He understands the task in hand and implements it with dedication.

251. Mr Jitendra Singh Parteti

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Junnardev Post
Chhindwara Dist.
Madhya Pradesh - 480551
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Mr Jitendra Singh Parteti (B.A.) is 34 years of age. He hails from the forest region of Chhindwara District in Madhya Pradesh from the village of Mukkam Cavada. His area of specialization is NTFP Collection and Marketing. He has been associated with NIWCYD for the past 5 years. He is very quick in understanding the objectives of the various schemes and implements them well. He is good at liaising with people.

252. Mr Kaluram Yadav

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Mr Kaluram Yadav hails from the forest area of Madhya Pradesh. He has completed his 12th and is 36 years old. He has been associated with NIWCYD for the past 9 years. He is well liked in his village of Malehari. He has been working in various social organizations for the last 12 years. He is a good social worker with the ability to communicate in Hindi and English. His temperament is well suited to social work. He is good at Process documentation, SHG formation and NRM (Natural Resource Management).

253. Ms Kamalathi Kalhasinha Dhurve

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Ms Kamalathi Kalhasinha Dhurve (23 years of age) belongs to the tribal community in the remote tribal and hilly area of Sangram Banjara Post, in Dindor District of Madhya Pradesh. After passing her 12th standard exam she has completed the leadership

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training course which was organized by Bharthiya Adim Jati Sevak Sangh, Nagpur in the year 2006-2007 and sponsored by Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India. During this training programme she has had practical training on Formation of Women SHGs. She has also learnt about Panchayat functioning in Tribal Area and about Women Participation in Gram Sabha for Participatory Planning and Development. She is capable of mobilizing the tribal women for participation in developmental work and for their socio-political and economic empowerment. She has been associated with BAJSS for the last 3 years.

254. Mr Kapil Sudama Prasad

Bhimpur Post
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Madhya Pradesh
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Mr Kapil Sudama Prasad hails from the hilly and forest area of Bhimpur Village in Baitul District of Madhya Pradesh. He is 27 years old and has passed his 12th standard. He has been working with many organizations in various positions before joining Pradipan, a network partner of NIWCYD, and has served three years in the PACS programme. He is knowledgeable about herbal medicines. He knows to work with the Panchayat Raj. He is also capable of organizing SHGs.

255. Mr Karansingh Tekam

Amarpur Post
Bahera Tol
Dindori Dist.
Madhya Pradesh

Mr Karansingh Tekam is 41 years old. He has passed 10th standard. He is from Amarpur Post in Dindori District of Madhya Pradesh. This is a hilly and forest region. His areas of specialization are Joint Forest Management, Vermicompost production and use, SHG formation, and Horticulture. He has been with NIWCYD for the last 4 years. He is an honest social worker.

256. Mr Kishor Chandekar

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Mr Kishor Chandekar has been with NIWCYD since 3 years. He is 27 years old and has completed 12th standard. He is from Chhindwar District of Madhya Pradesh. He has specialized in Youth Mobilization, PRA, Micro-Planning, Running of Community Radio and Software Operation. He is a very good worker with zeal to work. He is capable of managing an office as well as doing field work.

257. Mr Komal Bairagi

Kalgitola Gram
Mrvari Post
Block Mahenwani
Shahapura Tahsil
Dindori Dist.
Madhya Pradesh

Mr Komal Bairagi is a 35 year old graduate. He hails from Kalgitola Gram, Dindori District, Madhya Pradesh. He comes from a hilly region. His areas of competency are Liaising with Government, Reporting skill, Vermicompost production, Women empowerment and NTFP. He was working in rural social development for SC / ST/ OBC. He is at present working in the PACS programme in NIWCYD.

258. Ms Ku. Kalpana H. Irpachi

Ghusavani Gram Post
Tamiya Tahsil
Chhindwara Dist.
Madhya Pradesh
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23 year old Ms Ku. Kalpana H. Irpachi has passed her 10th standard. Her village, Ghusavani Gram Post, is in the hilly terrain of Chhindwara District in Madhya Pradesh. She is competent to work in the field of SHG Formation and Strengthening and Women and Child Care. She has been with NIWCYD for the past 5 years. She is capable of tackling any issue related to community care.

259. Ms Ku. Savitri Padam

Mukka
Hirapur Post
Forest Hirapur
Madhya Pradesh

Ms Ku. Savitri Padam belongs to the Gond Tribe residing in the forest region of Hirapur, Madhya Pradesh. Her village is called Mukka. She is 20 years old and has studied up to the 8th standard. She has had Advocacy Training for Land Right of the Tribals. She works on SHG formation, Women participation in Gram Sabha and disseminates knowledge about Tribal land Rights. She has been with NIWCYD for the last 3 years. She is sincere and honest and deeply committed to empowering women in her area and especially in her tribe.

260. Ms Ku Shanti Yadav

Jamgaon Nainpur Gram
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Madhya Pradesh
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Ms Ku Shanti Yadav (M.A. Economics) is 25 years old. She hails from Jamgaon Nainpur Gram in the hilly district of Mandla in Madhya Pradesh. She belongs to the backward class and is keen on working for the welfare of her community, especially the women. She is a very good organizer and motivator (particularly of the youth).

261. Ms Ku. Kusum Cabulal Yadav

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Ms Ku. Kusum Cabulal Yadav (M.A.) hails from the remote Kevlari Post in a hilly, forested region of Madhya Pradesh and belongs to the tribal community living there. She is 29 years of age. She has completed leadership training course which was organized by Bharthiya Adim Jati Sevak Sangh, Nagpur in the year 2006-2007 and sponsored by Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India. During this training programme she has also undergone practical training on Formation of Women SHG, Panchayat functioning in Tribal Area and Women Participation in Gram Sabha for Participatory Planning and Development. She has been with BAJSS for the past 3 years. She is highly motivated and is capable of mobilizing the tribal women to participate in all the developmental work which will lead to their socio-political and economic empowerment. She has also had training in Agriculture Extension and Water Management and in Environmental Education.

262. Ms Ku. Maya S. Maraskole

PTC colony near Union Bank
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Chhindwara Dist.
Madhya Pradesh
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Ms Ku. Maya S. Maraskole (M.A. (Economics)) is 27 years old. She comes from the hilly region of Chhindwar District in Madhya Pradesh. She has been associated with NIWCYD for the last 5 years. Her areas of specialization include SHG Formation, Community Organization, Media Training and Gender Training. She is a very good social worker.

263. Mr Kuwarlal Lwane

Gram Adarsh Pipariya,
Bhaisdehi Taluk
Baitul Dist.
Madhya Pradesh
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Mr Kuwarlal Lwane hails from Gram Adarsh Pipariya in Baitul District of Madhya Pradesh. This is a hilly terrain with forest covering. 41 year old Mr Lwane has studied up to 11th standard. He has experience in SHG formation, PRI work, forming JFMC linkage with government and working in PACS programmes. He is a good community worker and works for the upliftment of the down trodden and exploited, especially the women. He has been with NIWCYD for the last 6 years.

264. Mr Lakhan Singh Solanki

Gila Khedi Village and Post
Narsinggarh Tahsil
Rajgarh Dist.
Madhya Pradesh

40 year old Lakhan Singh Solanki, educated up to 11th Standard has been involved with the ITC-IBD e-Choupal since 2003. He hails from Gila Khedi Village in Rajgarh District of Madhya Pradesh. He is known as a very good sanchalak among all the e-choupals. He has won the best sanchalak award in rural distribution of quality FMCG products for the year 2004-2005. He is competent in agriculture and in water management. He takes initiatives to share all the training inputs and knowledge provided by ITC e-choupal with other farmers in his village.

Mr Lakhan Singh initiated and developed Nadep compost pit in his own field and educated villagers and farmers on bio-farming. He has also started "Kisan Sangharsh Samiti" against water pollution caused by a local industrial area. His knowledge in the core area of agriculture is appreciated in his village and he commands the respect of all the farmers.

265. Mr Lalsingh Dhurve

Dhanvasi Post
Dindori Dist.
Madhya Pradesh

34 year old Mr Lalsingh Dhurve is a graduate. He is from the hilly and forest covered

Dhanvasi Post in Dindori district of Madhya Pradesh. He has specialized in Joint Forest Management, Vermicompost Production, SHG Formation and Horticulture. He is an honest social worker. He has been with NIWCYD for the past 4 years.

266. Ms Leena Tayade

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A 33 year old graduate, Ms Leena Tayade hails from the plains of Chhindwar District of Madhya Pradesh. Her village is known as Mukkam Belgaon. She is proficient in counselling in health and in motivating and mobilizing women. She has worked in a number of social projects. She has been with NIWCYD for the last 2 years. She is a very committed and hard worker.

267. Mr Lokeshwar Prasad Warkde

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Mr Lokeshwar Prasad Warkde (31 years) belongs to the tribal community residing in the remote tribal area of Bhaiswahi Post in the district of Dindori in Madhya Pradesh. He is a postgraduate in Hindi. He has

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completed the leadership training course which was organized by Bharthiya Adim Jati Sevak Sangh, Nagpur in the year 2006-2007 and sponsored by Ministry of Tribal Affairs Government of India. During this training programme he has also had practical training on Organic Farming, Agriculture training at Go-vigyan Kendra, Deolapar. He has been with BAJSS for the last 3 years.

He is capable of training the farmers and will organize campaigns for promoting sustainable agriculture. He will also be able to motivate the farmers and establish Farmer's Clubs for collective action. His other areas of expertise are Agriculture Extension and Water Management as well as Environmental Education, Horticulture and Organic Farming.

268. Mr Mahesh Yadav

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Mr Mahesh Yadav, 40 years old, has passed 12th standard. He lives in the village of Kotha Gram which is a forest area in Baitul District of Madhya Pradesh. He is a very good social worker. He has been working for the social development of his own village and the neighbouring villages for many years. At present he is working in the PACS programme for community organization and giving advocacy to the people on their 'rights'. He has been with NIWCYD for 3

years. He is also promoting organic farming. He competently conducts meetings for income generation between the SHGs and the bank forming fruitful linkages.

269. Mr Maheshkumar Ayam

Mugdura Post
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Mr Maheshkumar Ayam belonging to the tribal community is 25 years old and has completed his 12th. He resides in the remote hilly, forested tribal area of Dindori District, in a village called Mugdura Post. He has completed the leadership training course which was organized by Bharthiya Adim Jati Sevak Sangh, Nagpur in the year 2006-2007. This was sponsored by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India. During this training programme he has also had practical training on Organic farming, agriculture training, at Go-vigyan Kendra, Deolapar. He has been associated with BAJSS for the last 3 years.

Mr. Maheshkumar Ayam is very motivated and keen on working for the development of the tribal people. He will train the farmers and organize campaigns to educate them about sustainable agriculture. His other areas of expertise lie in Agriculture extension and Water Management, Environmental Education, Horticulture and Organic Farming.

270. Ms Maina Yadav

Alone Gram
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Ms Maina Yadav (12th, T.S.W.) is a 25 year old committed and good social worker. She hails from the Alone Gram, Dindori District, Madhya Pradesh. It is a hilly area covered by forest. She has had training in Joint Forest Management, Vermicompost Production, SHG formation and Horticulture. She has been with NIWCYD for the past 4 years. She has great patience and tolerance which is an asset in her job as a community worker.

271. Ms Mamta Dhurve

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 Mukkam Block
 Anjani Vikas Post
 Khand Mavai
 Bhuva Bichhiya Tahsil
 Mandla Dist.
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Ms Mamta Dhurve belongs to Tola Bilgaon in the forest area of Mandla District in Madhya Pradesh. She is an Adivasi and her village is very backward in economic development. Main occupation of the village is agriculture. Therefore the 11th passed, 34 year old, Mamta is keen to work for the upliftment of her village. Her area of interest

is SHG formation and Women's Rights. She has been with NIWCYD for the past 8 years. She is a good field worker. She was elected as the Panchayat member and is doing a lot for her community.

272. Ms Meena Burman

Pipariya
 Dindori Dist.
 Madhya Pradesh

Ms Meena Burman comes from the hilly, forest area of Pipariya, Dindori District in Madhya Pradesh. She is an honest social worker. She is 40 years of age and has passed her 12th standard. Her areas of expertise lie in Joint Forest Management, Vermicompost Production, SHG formation, and Horticulture. She has been with NIWCYD for the last 4 years. She is a good and dedicated worker.

273. Mr Mithailal Sigrore

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Mr Mithailal Sigrore (B.A.) is 37 years old. He has been working in various community organizations and social institutions for many years. He is from the forest area of Madhya Pradesh. His village is Khadevri Gram Post. He has been with NIWCYD for the last 3

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years. His area of expertise is in formation of SHGs and strengthening of CBOs.

274. Mr Motilal Yadav

Githari Nainpur Gram
Mandla Dist.
Madhya Pradesh

Mr Motilal Yadav has studied up to 8th standard and is 34 years old. He has been working for NIWCYD for the past 3 years. He comes from a hilly area in Madhya Pradesh from a village known as Githari Nainpur Gram. He is from backward class. He has been working in the community as a social worker for the past 7 years. He is very sensitive towards the people's problem. His area of competence is in forming SHGs and enabling the villagers to link with the banks to avail credit facilities etc.

275. Mr Mukesh Singh Dhurve

Amarpur Post
Bahera Tol
Dindori Dist.
Madhya Pradesh

Mr Mukesh Singh Dhurve (B.A.) is 31 years old. He has been working for NIWCYD for the past 4 years. He is an honest social worker. He is an expert in Joint Forest Management, Vermicompost Production, SHG Formation and Horticulture. He is from Amarapur Post in Dindori District of Madhya Pradesh. This region is hilly, forested and backward in development. He is committed to his work and is good at it.

276. Mr Munnalal R.Goutam

Pipariya Gram
Chikatbarri Gram Panchayat
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Mr Munnalal R.Goutam hails from Pipariya Gram, a village in Chhindwar District of Madhya Pradesh. This is a hilly terrain covered with forest. He is an expert in Joint Forest Management, Vermicompost Production, SHG Formation and Horticulture. He is an honest social worker. He has been with NIWCYD for the past 4 years. He is 33 years old and is educated up to 10th standard.

277. Mr Natwar Lal Patidar

Khokhra Kalan Village & Post
Kala Pipal Tahsil
Shajapur Dist.
Madhya Pradesh

A 42 year old ex-army man, 12th Standard educated Natwar Lal Patidar has taken the initiative to create "Mahila Bahu Udeshiy Sahkari Samiti" for the development and independence of rural women. He is the founder of "Jay kisan" self-help group for information sharing and to provide solutions to any agriculture related problems in his village. He lives in khokhra Kalan in Shajapur District of Madhya Pradesh.

He has been involved with the ITC-IBD e-choupal since 2003. He accesses the Internet

to gather and provide information about the weather, prices of agri-commodities across the mandis and prices offered by the different companies. He shares information about the latest agri-practices with the villagers.

Natwar Lal was ex-president of the Water User Association of the village and takes initiatives for better water management, rain water harvesting and is trying to build a dam in the village with the help of villagers. He is liked by the people of his village for his helping nature. He commands the respect of all the farmers because of his knowledge in his core area of agriculture.

278. Mr Pankaj Babu Agrawal

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Mr Pankaj Babu Agrawal (M.S.W.) is 28 years old. He has been with NIWCYD for the past 3 years. He hails from Ghisibagala Gram Post, a village in Baitul District of Madhya Pradesh. He is working in a Tribal Area and has six villages under his wings. This region comes under the category of the poorest area. He is implementing the project under PACS (poorest area civil society programme). He has undergone PRI, local advocacy, EDP and gender training etc. He is also trained in competency building and Panchayat Raj Institutions. He is sincere in working and has

proved his ability by producing positive results in the field. He has established women SHGs, farmer clubs, youth clubs and formed labourer's group for creating a link between the labourers and the banks to get the benefit of credit under different schemes. He has established good rapport and has mobilized the people for their participation in village development programmes.

279. Mr Pannalal Sigrore

Khadevri Gram Post
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Mr Pannalal Sigrore is a graduate and is 41 years old. He belongs to the village of Khadevri in the forest region of Mandla District of Madhya Pradesh. He has been with NIWCYD for the last 3 years. He has had training in Ground Water Recharging and Harvesting, Panchayat Raj and micro-finance. He is a member of JFMC. He creates awareness among his fellow villagers regarding the advantages of using vermicompost. He is a hard working and devoted social worker.

280. Mr Parvat Rao Dhote

Borgoan Village and Post

Betul Tehsil

Betul Dist.

Madhya Pradesh

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A 36 year old graduate, Mr Parvat Rao Dhote belongs to a village, Borgoan, where most people are dependent on agriculture. He has been involved with the ITC-IBD e-Choupal / Community activities since 3 yrs. He has been trained by ITC in the areas of computer usage, Internet browsing, quality parameters of agri-commodities and their pricing, knowledge on various quality agri-inputs and fast moving consumer goods. He has brought awareness about the importance of Life and General Insurance into his village and takes the initiative in getting the villagers' property insured. He has contributed towards wheat and soybean cultivation and enabled the farmers in his village and surrounding villages to get a remunerative price for their agri-produce.

Being young and energetic, Parvat Rao Dhote is always anxious to do something new and constructive. Using his good influence in the area, he motivated villagers to carry out water harvesting and to construct a dam by themselves with their own effort. Other social work to his credit are banning a liquor shop in his area, collecting donations for constructing a village girls high school and getting government sanction for a 10-bed hospital. He is one of the active members of the village panchayat.

281. Mr Pratapsingh Dhurve

Mukkam Samanapur

Amarpur

Dindori Dist.

Madhya Pradesh

Mr Pratapsingh Dhurve has completed his 11th standard. He is 34 years of age. He hails from the hilly and forested region of Dindori District from a village called Mukkam Samanapur. He has undergone training in Joint Forest Management, Vermicompost production, SHG formation and Horticulture. He is a very good worker. He has a good deal of tolerance and patience and this endears him to the people he interacts with. He has been with NIWCYD for the past 4 years.

282. Ms Punita Jaysingh Paraste

Gram Kutka

Malga Post

Bypass Rajnagar

Rajnagar Taluk

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Madhya Pradesh

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Ms Punita Jaysingh Paraste is 29 years old and has passed her 12th standard. She belongs to the tribal community living in the remote forested, hilly, tribal area of Gram Kutka, Anuppur District, Madhya Pradesh.. She has completed the leadership training course which was organized by Bharthiya Adim Jati Sevak Sangh, Nagpur in the year 2006-2007 and was sponsored by the

Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India. During this training programme she has also undergone practical Training on Formation of Women SHGs, Panchayat functioning in Tribal Area and Women Participation in Gram Sabha for Participatory Planning and Development. She will be able to motivate and mobilize the tribal women to participate in all the developmental work for their socio-political and economic empowerment. Her other areas of competency lie in Agriculture Extension and Water Management and Environmental Education. She has been with BAISS for the last 3 years.

283. Mr Rajaram Imrat Dhurve

Khamarajethu Gram

Lahagdhaha Post

Tamiya Taluk

Chhindwar Dist.

Madhya Pradesh

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Mr Rajaram Imrat Dhurve is from Khamarajethu Gram, which is situated in the hilly terrains of Chhindwar District in Madhya Pradesh. 29 year old Rajaram Imrat Dhurve has completed his 12th standard. He has been with NIWCYD for the past 4 years. He has undergone training on agricultural and horticultural procedures, soil and water management techniques, SHG formation, Panchayat Raj, advocacy principles. He has also undergone technical training on lac insect development.

284. Mr Rajendra Ramchandra Dhepe

Lohangi Mukkam

Lohangi Post

Sounsai Taluk

Chhindwara Dist.

Madhya Pradesh

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Mr Rajendra Ramchandra Dhepe hails from the hilly and forested terrain of Lohangi, Chhindwara District, Madhya Pradesh. He is a Postgraduate with 12 years experience in teaching. He has worked with old people and can get along with young and old alike. He is involved in Agricultural Development and Water Management and in the PACS programme in his village.

He is a great community worker and is very versatile. He has been with NIWCYD for the past 10 years.

285. Mr Rajendra Singh Parmar

Sonpur Mukkam

Dhanegaon Post

Bichuwa Taluk

Chhindwara Dist.

Madhya Pradesh - 480111

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Mr Rajendra Singh Parmar has studied up to 11th standard. He is 46 years old and has been with NIWCYD for the past 10 years. He hails from the hilly, forested terrains of Chhindwar District, Madhya Pradesh, from

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a village called Sonpur. Agriculture is the main occupation of the people there.

Mr Parmar has had training in Land management, Field crops and their cultivation, SHG formation and Water management. He is a skilled resource person and is committed to rural development. He is knowledgeable in agro-forestry and allied subjects. He is very active and has the ability to complete the task he undertakes very successfully. He is popular in the community.

286. Mr Rajesh Khanna Kironde

Dhappa Gram Post

Shahapur Tahsil

Baitul Dist.

Madhya Pradesh

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Mr Rajesh Khanna Kironde (30 years old) has studied up to 12th standard. He is from the forest area of Dhappa, Baitul District, Madhya Pradesh. He has been with NIWCYD for the last 3 years.

He is trained in Agro-forestry and in establishing and running Cottage Industries, Micro-enterprises and Income Generation Schemes. He has been a field worker for the last three years. He has the ability to work with the rural people. He conducts meetings and acts as a guide to SHG groups, conducts demonstration in vermicompost production and use and also discusses other income generation activities. He is associated with the PACS programme. He will continue to

work in the field (training the people in his village and in the neighbouring villages) even after the programme gets over. He is an asset to his community.

287. Mr Rajesh Yadav

Nandana Gram Post,

Junardev Tahsil,

Chhindwara Dist.

Madya Pradesh - 480-554

Mr Rajesh Yadav has studied up to 12th standard and is 38 years old. He hails from the forest region and belongs to a village called Nandana Gram in the district of Chhindwara. He is trained in Joint forest management, Vermicompost production, SHG formation and Horticulture. His area of work comprises of awareness generation in the community regarding various pertinent issues, SHG formation and strengthening of government — village linkages so that the villagers can benefit from the various schemes floated by the government and ensuring the proper functioning of the panchayat. He has been working with the community for the last 20 years and has carried out various social activities on a voluntary basis. He has been associated with NIWCYD for the last 15 years.

288. Mr Rakesh Nagar

Raipuria Gram
Samli (Dhakad) Post
Madhya Pradesh

At the young age of 25, High School educated Rakesh Nagar is one of the best Sanchalak of the district. He hails from Raipuria in Madhya Pradesh. He has adopted the latest technology in the field of agriculture. In his area the villagers are shifting towards organic farming and are adopting vermicompost and biogas plants, all because of his efforts..

He has been involved with ITC-IBD for the last three years. In addition to his main farming work, he has a small farm of medicinal plants. He is the first to grow *safed musli*, ginger and *ashwagandha* in his village. He has grafted more than 500 mulberry trees with a better and high-yielding scion.

He is very active in his village and takes the initiative for the dissemination of agriculture related information to fellow farmers in his village. Using the Internet website www.echoupal.com he also gives the mandi rates one day earlier so that the farmers can decide whether to sell their produce for the prevailing price or not.

In addition, Rakesh also organizes NCC camps in his village. He has boosted the morale of the young children and has also developed in them the passion for rural development.

289. Mr Ramadhar Parasram Naure

Niwari Mukkam
Khamarpani Post
Bichuwa Taluk, Chhindwara Dist.
Madhya Pradesh
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Mr Ramadhar Parasram Naure is 40 years old and has studied up to 8th standard. He hails from the hilly, forested region of Madhya Pradesh and belongs to a village called Niwari. He is a mature rural social worker and he has deep roots in the rural society. He is strongly motivated and committed to upgrading his community. He has participated in Plantation programme, Vermicompost production and Income generation programmes. He has been trained in forming SHG farmer groups. He has been with NIWCYD for the last 5 years.

290. Mr Ramesh Ganesh Naure

Chichgaon Mukkam
Ghorad Post
Bichuwa Tahsil
Chhindwara Dist.
Madhya Pradesh
Ph: 07162-279250

Mr Ramesh Ganesh Naure (12th, T.S.W.) is 24 years of age. He hails from Chichgaon Mukkam, in the hilly and forested district of Chhindwara. Agriculture is the main occupation of the people of this village. He has been with NIWCYD for the past 2 years. He is capable of forming SHGs for farmers.

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He has also undergone training in Plantation Programme, Vermicompost production and Income Generation Programme. He shows great maturity in his approach to his work and is deeply committed.

291. Mr Rameshwar Prasad Banjara

Mendha Vikas Post
Khand Mavai
Bhuva Bichhiya Tahsil
Mandla Dist.
Madhya Pradesh – 481996
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Mr Rameshwar Prasad Banjara, 28 years old, has completed his 10th standard. He belongs to the minority Banjara community. He is from the very backward area of Mandla District, Madhya Pradesh. He is from a village called Mendha Vikas, where agriculture is the main source of livelihood. He has undergone training in Panchayat Raj Activation and SHG formation. He is a good motivator and ensures the participation of women in the Panchayat Raj. He is also a committed social activist. He has been associated with NIWCYD for the past 6 years.

292. Mr Ramvruksha Ayam

Amarpur Post
Dindore Dist.
Madhya Pradesh

Mr Ramvruksha Ayam (B.A., T.S.W.) is 34 years old. He is from Amarpur Post, Dindore District, Madhya Pradesh. This is hilly,

forested terrain. Mr Ayam has undergone training in Joint forest management, Vermicompost production, SHG formation and Horticulture. He is an honest social worker. He has been with NIWCYD for the last 4 years. He is very committed to his job.

293. Mr Ravendra Parteti

Guddam Mukkam
Junnardev Post
Dindori Dist.
Madhya Pradesh - 480551
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Mr Ravendra Parteti hails from the forested, hilly terrain of Dindori District in Madhya Pradesh. He belongs to the village of Guddam Mukkam. He is trained in forming Village Development Committees to carry out various developmental activities. He trains the groups in various livelihood activities. He has been with NIWCYD for the past 3 years. He likes community service and is a committed worker. He is experienced in field work having worked in 15 panchayats for 2 years.

294. Mr Rumakant Bapuraoji Chandankar

Chivadhi Mukkam
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Sounsai Taluk
Chhindwara Dist.
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Mr Rumakant Bapuraoji Chandankar is 36 years old and is a graduate. He hails from

Chivadhi Mukkam, Chhindwara District of Madhya Pradesh. The terrain is hilly and forested and agriculture is the main occupation of the people here. He has been associated with NIWCYD for the past 4 years.

He is a good worker and sincere in his work. He is skilled in PRA. He has undergone training in microplanning and management of Panchayat Raj and its activation as well as in advocacy. He has had agrobases training. He is an entrepreneur and is very knowledgeable in agriculture. He is an asset to his community.

295. Mr G. S. Salame

Bhaisvahi Gram
V.K.Amarpur Post
Dindori Dist.
Ph: 07644-280953

Mr G. S. Salame (B.S.W.) is 29 years old. He hails from the forest area, Bhaisvahi Gram, Dindori District of Madhya Pradesh. He has been with NIWCYD for the last 4 years. He is involved in SHG formation activation, Vermicompost production and horticultural activities of the Gram Sabha. He is a trained social worker and has undergone the training of Tribal Social Worker of BAJASS. He is also good at motivating people especially youth.

296. Mr Sandeep Sheshrao Bhoge

Devndi Mukkam
Lohangi Post
Sounsai Taluk
Chhindwara Dist.
Madhya Pradesh - 07165-277271
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Mr Sandeep Sheshrao Bhoge (29 years old) has completed his 12th standard. He has been with NIWCYD for the past 5 years. He comes from the agricultural village of Devndi in Chhindwara District of Madhya Pradesh. The terrain here is hilly and covered with forests. He has been trained in Land development, Land treatment and Water Management. He provides invaluable service to his community and works hard for their upliftment. He brings zeal and enthusiasm into his work.

297. Mr Santram Chandan Parteki

Sonpur
Dhanegaon Post
Bichhua Tahsil
Chhindwara Dist.
Madhya Pradesh - 480111
Ph: 07162-279250

Mr Santram is from a poor tribal family and his native place is Sonpur in Betul District of Madhya Pradesh. This is a forest region and agriculture is the main occupation of the villagers. He has studied up to 12th and has completed the 10 months training at Bhartiya

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Adim Jati Sevak Sangh, Nagpur. He has also had the experience of working for Green Earth, Pune in Dharni field area. He is attached with Gram Kalyan Sewa Samiti since the last 4 years. He is 27 years old. He has had training in Ground water conservation, formation of SHGs, establishing Panchayat Raj, Documentation, Conservation of forests, PRA work and in Village micro-planning. Thus he is very versatile and an asset to his community. He is a very hard worker and is capable of handling any task assigned to him. He is very sincere in his work and committed towards working for the upliftment of the tribal community.

298. Ms Sarita Sable

Bakka Chikhali Gram Post
Vaya Adarshnora
Bhaisdehi Taluk
Baitul Dist.
Madhya Pradesh - 460322
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Ms Sarita Sable is a 31 year old graduate. She hails from Bakka Chikhali Gram Post, Baitul District of Madhya Pradesh. This is a hilly region covered with forests. She is a skilled social worker. She is very good in SHG formation and management of the SHGs. She has also had PRA training and training in Organic farming. Health and Gender issues are her other areas of competency. She has been with NIWCYD for the past 6 years.

299. Ms Shamali Rai

Nichitpur Gram
Chikhalpari Post
Shahapur Tahsil
Ghodadongri Dist.
Baitul
Madhya Pradesh

Ms Shamali Rai is 38 years old and has had her education up to the 8th standard. She hails from Nichitpur Gram which is in the forested region of Ghodadongri District in Madhya Pradesh. She has been provided training under various fields of work such as Livelihood promotion, Agricultural training, Micro-enterprises and Income generation activities. She has been with NIWCYD for the last 3 years. She is a good community worker and she has the ability to work calmly under any circumstances.

300. Mr Shandar Sonaba Rajuke

Radhadevi Bisala Mukkam
Lohangi Post
Sounsai Taluk
Chhindwara Dist.
Madhya Pradesh
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Mr Shandar Sonaba Rajuke is 39 years old. He belongs to Radhadevi Bisala Mukkam, Chhindwara District of Madhya Pradesh. This is a hilly terrain and is also covered by forests. The main occupation of the villagers is agriculture. A postgraduate in Hindi he has had training in land management. He is very good in communication. His social behaviour

and public relation is excellent. He has been with NIWCYD for 7 years now. Community Education, Land Development, Land treatment and Water Management are some of the activities he is involved in. The villagers benefit tremendously from his skill, knowledge and experience.

301. Mr Shankarsinha

Kusharam

Gram Kutka

Malga Post

By pass Rajnagar

Rajnagar Taluk

Anuppur Dist.

Madhya Pradesh

Mr Shankarsinha Kusharam belongs to Gram Kutka, anuppur District in Madhya Pradesh. This is a tribal area in the hilly, forested region of the state. He belongs to the tribal community living there. He is 26 years old. He has completed 12th standard. He has been with BAJSS for the last 3 years. He has also completed the leadership training course which was organized by Bharthiya Adim Jati Sevak Sangh, Nagpur in the year 2006-2007. This was sponsored by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India. During this training programme he has also had practical training on Organic Farming and Agriculture Training at Go-Vigyan Kendra, Deolapar. Agriculture Extension and Water Management, Horticulture and Environmental Education are his other areas of expertise. He will train the farmers and educate them on sustainable agriculture through campaigns.

302. Mr Shiv Prasad Bhavedi

Chargaon Gram

Bhaisvahi Vikas Khand

Amarpur Tahsil

Dhindori Dist.

Madhya Pradesh

Mr Shiv Prasad Bhavedi had his education up to high school (12th standard) and later on completed the one year certificate course 'Adiwas Social Worker' of BAJSS. He served in BAJSS for 2 years and then joined PACS later on. He is 33 years old and hails from the hilly region of Chargaon Gram, Dhindori District, Madhya Pradesh. He liaises with the Government. He is a trained reporter. He has been trained in Vermicompost production and Women empowerment. He has been with NIWCYD for the past 7 years. He is an 'Adiwas Social Worker' associated with NTFP too. He is an asset to his community.

303. Mr Shivprasad Poyam

Amarpur Post

Dindori Dist.

Madhya Pradesh

Mr Shivprasad Poyam (B.A. (T.S.W.)) is 41 years old. He has done a one-year certificate course in social work. He is from Amarpur Post in Dindori District of Madhya Pradesh. He is trained in PRA, Micro-planning, CBO formation, JFMC and communication, and Process Documentation. He has been associated with NIWCYD for the last 4 years.

MADHYA PRADESH**304. Mr Somnath Kunjam**

Harisigorimal Gram Post

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28 year old Mr Somnath Kunjam (12th standard) hails from Harisigorimal Gram, a village in the forest area of Mandla District in Madhya Pradesh. He is skilled in CBO formation, Advocacy training, Panchayat activation, Liaising with government and Mobilising people. He has been working in various social organizations. He has high tolerance capacity. He is very patient. He is keen to develop his own village. He is a dedicated social worker. He has been with NIWCYD for the last 9 years.

305. Ms Sunita Ketavas

Tamarumal Mukkam

Tamaru Post

Baitul Dist.

Madhya Pradesh

Ms Sunita Ketavas (M.A. (Economics)) is 23 years old. She comes from the hilly and forested terrain of Madhya Pradesh from a village called Tamarumal. Her area of specialization is Information Dissemination and Community Organization. She is very active, enthusiastic about learning new skills and is highly motivated. She organizes and

conducts meeting, liaises with the government departments and creates SHG – bank linkages.

306. Mr Suresh Kumar Mahale

Borgaon Post (JEN),

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Mr Suresh Kumar Mahale is 34 years old and has studied up to 12th standard. He hails from Borgaon, which is in the hilly, forest region of Madhya Pradesh. He had been working in many organizations in various positions before joining Pradipan, our network partner, where he has served three years in the PACS programme. His knowledge of health herbal base medicine is very good and he knows to work with Panchayat Raj. His field of competency includes forming SHGs, advocacy on various issues and forming Bank- – SHG links for availing various credits etc. or the last 6 years he has been with NIWCYD. He is a capable and sincere worker.

307. Mr Sureshsinha Iwnati

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26 year old Mr Sureshsinha Iwnati has passed his 12th standard. He belongs to Humdasiwni, in Chindwada District, Madhya Pradesh. This

is in a hilly and forested terrain and is very remote. He has been with BAJSS for the last 3 years. He has completed the leadership training course which was organized by Bharthiya Adim Jati Sevak Sangh, Nagpur in the year 2006-2007. This was sponsored by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India. During this training programme he has also undergone practical training on Organic Farming, Green Manuring Training at Go-vigya Kendra, Deolapar. The other areas of expertise are Agriculture Extension and Water Management, Green Manuring and Environmental Education, which will be of help to the farmers in his area.

308. Mr Tikaram Yadav

Amarpur Post

Bahera Tola

Dindori Dist.

Madhya Pradesh

Mr Tikaram yadav (12th (T.S.W.)) is from Amarapur Post in Dindori District of Madhya Pradesh. He is 32 years old. This is a hilly, forested area. His areas of competency include PRA, Micro-planning CBO formation, member of JFMC, Communication and Process documentation. He has been with NIWCYD for the last 4 years. He understands the problems in the area as he hails from there and is able to find solutions to them. He interacts very well with people. He is a good, dedicated worker.

309. Ms Vandana Ramraoji Dhawale

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Ms Vandana Ramraoji Dhawale (BA) is 27 years of age. She hails from the plains of Madhya Pradesh - from Beradi Mukkam, a village in the district of Chhindwara. She has been with NIWCYD for the last 3 years. Her areas of expertise are Community health and Women empowerment. She is a motivated social worker, working with STD problems of women and other women issues. She is deeply interest and involved in social issues and tries to find solutions as early as possible.

310. Mr Vijay Domaji Bhalavi

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Mr Vijay Domaji Bhalavi belongs to a farmer's family and hails from the agricultural village of Sonpu Mukkam, in the hilly and forested region of Chhindwara District in Madhya Pradesh. He has passed B.A. 1st year and is 24 years old. His competency lies in the areas of Micro-planning, PRA, Land development and Field Crops. He is also good at preparing

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Village development plans. He is a good motivator, sincere and hard working. He has been with NIWCYD for 4 years.

311. Mr Vijendra Mandare

Jamundhonga Gram
Kursidhana Post
Tamiya Taluk
Chhindwara Dist.
Madhya Pradesh

Mr Vijendra Mandare is 29 years old and has completed his 12th standard. He is from Jamundhonga Gram in Chhindwara District of Madhya Pradesh. He is very good at forming and strengthening SHGs and he has good deal of experience in the formation of farmer's group seed bank. He has been with NIWCYD for the past 4 years. He is very motivated.

312. Ms Vimla Lavkush Waghmare

Godhakidhana Gram
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Bhaisdehi Tahsil
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Ms Vimla Lavkush Waghmare (30 years old) has completed her high school and passed her 12th standard. She comes from Godhakidhana Gram, Baitul District, Madhya Pradesh. This region is hilly and forested. She is skilled in dealing with Gender issues, Women health, Forest JFMC work and EDP.

She has been with NIWCYD for the last 6 years. She works harmoniously with the women SHGs. She is a hard worker with long experience and is very dedicated to her work.

313. Mr Yashwant Sonawani

Kalgitola Gram
Mrvari Post
Mahenwani Block
Shahapura Tahsil
Dindori Dist.
Madhya Pradesh

Mr Yashwant Sonawani (M.Sc) is 28 years old. He hails from the village of Kalgitola Gram in Dindori District of Madhya Pradesh. This region is hilly and is covered with forests. He is good at liaising with the government, reporting and producing Vermicompost. He has been trained to work for Women Empowerment and has worked for NTFP. He has also worked for the RCH programme and later on for the PACS programme. He has been with NIWCYD for the past 5 years. He is a good worker and interested in serving the community.

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314. Mr Ashok Kachare

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Mr Ashok Kachare hails from Mukkam Iralad. At the young age of 18, Ashok Kachare has organised several educational activities and general-knowledge camps for the village youth. Skilled in all computer operations as well as peripheral gadgets, he has been using computers and training youth in computers for the past 3 years. He started a campaign and information drive for using IT in his village, Iralad. He worked with a team of 23 trainees and created a 'village web site' and 'people's database'. He has completed 12th standard.

Ashok studied and familiarized himself with government schemes such as the National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA). He is also working towards implementing various schemes for water harvesting projects in Iralad. He created posters and presentation on NREGA and distributed them to several villages. He helped to manage the disaster of floods in Marathwada at various levels, especially to counter frauds in giving compensations to poor farmers. Ashok wants to join the social movement as a

dedicated worker leaving any main stream career that he could avail of.

315. Mr Baliram Anandrao Bhumbe

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24 year old Baliram Bhumbe has been active in his village Takarvan since 1998. Takarvan located in the backward Beed district has limited opportunities for employment as it lacks irrigation facilities. Most of the villagers migrate to western Maharashtra and Karnataka to work as labourers for sugarcane cutting. The education of children in these migrant families always gets neglected.

Since his family also suffered from problems of unemployment, Baliram studied the issues of migrant landless labourers and worked with them to organize them. He has been an active participant in the Maharashtra Employment Guarantee Movement to ensure to stop migration of labourers to other districts for employment does not happen. He has also been active in rainwater harvesting and watershed development in his village since the last two years. He

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arranged and hosted a camp by experts (From Maharashtra Knowledge Corporation Limited) for facilitating rainwater absorption by land and also created rainwater conservation facilities. His leadership was appreciated by his fellow villagers.

Having studied for his B.A. L.L.B, Baliram uses Internet very well and has been part of IT initiatives in his village and surrounding areas since 2004. He conducted IT training camps and has been part of several information drives. He has worked on exchanging information and knowledge on health issues, and was successful in getting people to lobby with government officials for setting up a Primary Health Centre in their village.

316. Mr Bharat Chandrakant Shinde

A/P Vadi

Maval taluk

Pune Dist.

Maharashtra

Mr Bharat Chandrakant Shinde is a smart young boy, who could not educate himself beyond class 10, but takes keen interest in helping others to get educated. He is 22 years of age. He has been working with Jankidevi Bajaj Gram Vikas Sanstha (JBGVS) since 2005, as a KIRAN (village volunteer), organizing non-formal educational classes for the school drop outs and week students as part of the World Bank Project on 'Rural Education and Information Network'. Presently, he is a JBGVS Training Centre

Manager at Vadeshwar village. He has informally trained himself in computer skills through JBGVS (from PRATHAM Institute at Kanhephata). He now teaches other boys and girls to appear for MS-CIT. He organizes tailoring classes at JBGVS centre. He also teaches elementary spoken English to the students of a tribal school. People of about 8 to 10 villages visit the centre managed by Bharat Shinde. He is a promising, young, dynamic promoter of education and training.

317. Mr Bharat Harling Pachange

Kendur post

Shirur taluk

Pune Dist.

Maharashtra - 412403

Mr Bharat is 33 years old and hails from Kendur in Pune District. He is a B.Com, I.T.I holder and is proficient in Typing, Computer usage (MS Office), Photography and Video shooting. He started his Internet kiosk in 2004. The kiosk was established by Vigyan ashram. He used his personal saving and started the Internet kiosk. Before starting he completed a computer course using multimedia CDs developed by Vigyan ashram. Through the kiosk, he has provided a number of services to the villagers. He is one of the main kiosk operators, who actively took part in development of agriculture portal www.aaqua.org (Discussion forum for farmers) developed by IIT, Pawai, KVK and Vigyan Ashram. In a small village like Kendur he started photo copying service, video

photography etc. Each of the above activity was new to the village and many thought they were not viable. But Bharat did it successfully. He started a spices grinding machine. He also started video shooting in village and appointed one youth to help him. Later on Bharat helped him to purchase a camera and start his own business. He started publishing photos of his village problems in newspaper. Local newspaper 'Loksatta' offered him job as 'local representative'. Later on he joined Sakal newspaper as its 'Local representative'. He always writes on the problems faced by villagers. He followed up extensively on the Thitewadi dam that was delayed and was going on since 1979. Finally through his effort it was completed in 2003 and draught in Kendur came to an end.

The village was getting water through tanker and they were pouring the water into the well. He extensively wrote against discharging tanker water into the well and again fetching it by women using ropes without pulleys. Indian Express Group and DSK Builders and some entrepreneurs in Pune took up the issue seriously and constructed Ferro cement tanks in the village to store water. Bharat is an entrepreneur and a social worker with deep commitment. He proved it is possible to earn money and a better living without shifting to cities. He mobilises the youth for tree plantation, He finds a donor for 500 plants every year and plants them before the monsoons. Though Bharat

works closely with people, government officials and political leaders he maintains his distance from politics. He communicates well with people and uses this to the advantage of his community.

318. Mr Bhaskar Murlidhar Ghanghav

**Dongargaon Post
Badnapur Taluk
Jalna Dist.
Maharashtra**

Mr Bhaskar Ghanghav (32) belongs to Dongargaon village, Jalna District and is a B.Com graduate. He made a choice in life by not accepting an offer from a powerful political party in his village and he chose to dedicate his life to his own village and work towards the development of his village.

He is the President of the Samiti in his village. He has taken full responsibility and has involved the people in order to execute the strategies in developmental activities and these have proved to be highly successful.

Bhaskar's idea of development involves innovative ways to curb social issues that are harmful for the lives of his people by using theatre as a powerful medium of communication. He makes sure that people get the benefits from different governmental schemes. He has good leadership qualities. Bhaskar has also been nominated for the prestigious Nirmal Gramin Award.

319. Mr Charandas Devaji Tofa

Mendha (Lekha)

Hetti Post

Dhanora Taluk

Gadchiroli Dist.

Maharashtra

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Mr Charandas Devaji Tofa is 26 years old and hails from Mendha village in the Dhanora Taluka of Gadchiroli District, Maharashtra. This is an extensively forested region. Mendha village is a tribal village of Gond community with a population of 400. This village has seen a series of sustainable natural resource utilization initiatives over the last 15 years. This village is well known for community based management of natural resources. Mr Charandas has participated in all the initiatives. He can speak Gondi, Marathi and Hindi. He can understand English.

He knows the use of computer. He is a competent organizer and can manage events, meetings etc. he can communicate his ideas to people effectively. Has a background of working with outside scientists. He participated in the preparation of People's Biodiversity Register (PBR) during 2003-2005. Charandas is an active member of the Gramsabha and various forest related study groups. He is a natural leader and can lead a team effectively.

320. Mr Dipchand Shripatao Dhurve

At Post Pipaldhara

Thasil & Dist Nagpur

Maharashtra

Mr. Dipchand Shripatao Dhurve, 19, hails from a remote forested tribal area and has completed his 12th Standard. He has interest in organic farming and horticulture. He has undergone a leadership-training course, which was organized by Bharthiya Adim Jati Sevak Sangh, Nagpur in the year 2006-2007 sponsored by Ministry of tribal affairs Government of India, New Delhi. During this training programme he had the opportunity to get a practical training on organic farming. He also participated in training at Go-vigyan Kendra, Deolapar, MS. His leadership train motivated him to take up tribal development activities and he encouraged others also to get involved in these activities. He is always ready to work for tribal development in the area. He organizes and conducts meetings to highlight the benefits of sustainable agriculture and has trained some tribal farmers in this. He also creates awareness on water management and environment protection.

321. Mr Eknath Sitaram Rathod

Sunderwadi post, Parundi,
Paithan (Taluk)
Aurangabad

30 year old Eknath belongs to a village called Sunderwadi in Aurangabad district and has passed 12th Standard. He has been involved in social activities from the age of 12.

Mumbai based CASA, an NGO organized and conducted a play titled 'Do away with corruption and eradicate 'poverty' written by Eknath where he also played a main role. He won the best actor award, which was presented, to him by the then Governor of Maharashtra, Dr. P. C. Alexander. He has also been actively involved in watershed management activities for nearly 18 years. He has also been actively involved in promoting awareness among the villagers about various government entitlements and welfare programme / schemes. Eknath has good communication skills and motivates his people to participate in the developmental activities of his village. He has the ability to mingle freely with everyone and is good at getting his job done easily. He is self-motivated, confident, hardworking, committed and a dedicated social worker

322. Mr Gangadhar Ramrao Ghodekar

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21 year old Gangadhar Ramrao Ghodekar who has studied up to SSC, comes from Maldhamani village in a dry zone, in Hingoli District of Marathwada region, where infrastructure is poor and unemployment is a problem. He has been working on issues concerning youth since almost a year now. He arranged meetings of youth and labourers to organize themselves into a group so that they could work as a team. He asked for the employment rights (through NREGS) at Gram Panchayat and Block Panchayat levels. His village meetings, which are popular, are intended at positive community development and brainstorming on social issues. This has been a trigger for his ever expanding group.

He guided a campaign for IT enabled NREGS implementation locally and educated people about the scheme. He lead the negotiations at block office, since a lot of paper work is needed to do even small things and villagers do not understand how to do it.

He coordinates with the administration in five neighbouring villages, which is his area of work now. He has voluntarily filled and distributed NREGS job cards in two villages

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and filled in applications with active participation of the villagers.

Ever since 'One Village One Computer' movement reached him in 2005 Gangadhar began his social activism as a real leader, elaborating on importance of information and networking.

323. Mr Gopal Mchindra Sirsam

Gram Pipra
Motwani Post
Tumsar Taluk
Bhandara Dist.
Maharashtra

Mr Gopal Mchindra Sirsam belongs to a tribal community and resides in a remote tribal area which is hilly and forested. His village is Gram Pipra in Bhandara District of Maharashtra. He is 26 years old and has passed 12th standard. He has completed a leadership training course which was organized by Bharthiya Adim Jati Sevak Sangh, Nagpur (BAJSS) in the year 2006-2007. During this training programme he has received practical training on SHG formation SHG strengthening, agriculture extension, and water management, environmental education etc. He has been with BAJSS for 3 years.

324. Mr Govind Rokade

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Govind Rokade who is 23 with 12th standard education belongs to Iralad village where most of the families are landless labourers and lack good prospects of employment. Govind has great skills in communication – public speech as well as one-to-one dialogue. He is an artist and uses his skills to involve people in social causes. He arranged a meeting with the students to sensitize them on social issues and then went from house to house in his village several times disseminating the information. He has been a core team member in organizing events for knowledge exchange. His oratorical skill and ability to sing group songs also helps to attract people.

He has in-depth knowledge of the Employment Guarantee Scheme and the hurdles that are to be faced in its implementation. He works on employment guarantee projects in his village during summer months and is very active in dealing with administration, organizing people and having social audits. His team now is waiting for his district to be brought under the NREGS and they hope this will do away with the poverty and farmers' suicide on the strength of social activism.

Govind has been active in the Information Technology movement since the last two years. He has good organizing skills; he knows documentation and administration of the village at grass-roots level very well. He is good in representing issues, demands and village problems in Marathi and these he then translates into English to be put in web pages. He conducts IT training camps for young village boys.

325. Ms Jyoti Krishna Shinde

Pabal Post

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Ms Jyoti (I.T.I , B.A (final)) comes from Pabal which is a drought prone village in Pune District of Maharashtra. She is 24 years old. From 2004, Jyoti has been working with educating nomadic tribes. She is working on a joint project of IIT-Powai and Vigyan Ashram (VA). Under the project she is conducting schools in the nomadic camps with the help of a laptop. Vigyan ashram is developing a 'life skill educational strategy' for nomadic children using ICT.

She stayed in the nomadic camp and encouraged them to send their children to school. She travelled wherever the camp went and developed a good relationship with them. Jyoti is very committed. She travelled long distances without any complaint. She stayed in the nomadic camp (huts), ate with them and lived as part of that community. She earned the respect of the women and

the elders in the camp. Whenever she goes, children accompany her everywhere till she leaves. They call her the 'T.V tai' (Sister carrying T.V i.e laptop). She sings songs for them, tells stories and develops good communication with children. She even bathes the very dirty children to instill the concept of cleanliness in them. Efforts of VA and IIT-Powai to bridge the gap between the deprived community and modern ICT may not bear fruits but for the service of people like Jyoti.

She gave valuable feedback to IIT and Vigyan ashram for content development. She plays the role of communicator between IIT/VA and nomadic community. She also helps in locating instructor from the community to continue the project afterwards. The main credit for the success of the project goes to Jyoti.

326. Mr Kaluram Barku Patare

A/P Inglun

Maval Taluk

Pune Dist.

Maharashtra

Mr Kaluram (30 years old) hails from the village of Inglun which is situated on the banks of Andra Lake in Andra Maval area. It is a catchment area for the dam. He has studied up to 8th Standard. He is a simple low-profile farmer, who is very concerned about the improvement in the living standard of his fellow villagers. He has been working as Village Link Worker, with JBGVS for the last 12 years, leading the implementation

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drive of developmental programmes. He has been advocating and demonstrating improved agricultural practices, good hygiene and sanitation, organic farming, water and soil conservation, forestation and crusading against HIV/AIDS in his village of Inglun. He is an active member of Model Village project of the State Government. He had started a sapling nursery of fruit and medicinal plants, to help villagers develop their waste land. He has also started a Grain Bank. He is a budding Agricultural Extension worker with a lot of initiative and drive.

327. Ms Kiran Shivaji Mane

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Ms Kiran Shivaji Mane hails from Tambhol Village, located on the north-east of Akole Taluk of the Ahmednagar District, Maharashtra. Nearly 34% of the village population belong to the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes. Thakar is the main tribe while the rest belong to the Maratha community. Today, Kiran holds several posts, which speak volumes about her commendable journey including the post of village sarpanch, vice-president of the Mahila Samiti, president of the village education committee (primary school), president of Tulja Bahavani women's SHG.

With her willingness to help women gain momentum and understand their

fundamental and constitutional rights, she organized and motivated women and youth groups. This in turn resulted in the keen participation of women to vote during the last Lok Sabha elections. This initiative was given recognition by E-TV by interviewing her.

Also, she started a primary health care centre with the help of other gram panchayat representatives in her village. She, along with her contemporaries, took the tedious task of cleaning a piece of land in front of the Anganwadi for children (in her village) and curbing the menace of infectious diseases. Now this ground is used by the anganwadi to organize cultural programmes, children's events and for other activities.

With the help of a local MLA, they (she and other villagers) got an approval for the construction of road in their village. This needed a lot of meetings with other officials, which gave positive results and led to the construction of a stable path for commuting purposes. Kiran's openness to new ideas can be brought to light by her willingness to promote vermi-compost for farming.

Kiran played a vital role in starting a revolution and putting a permanent stop to 2 liquor stores and a gambling centre in the village, with complete participation from the village youth and women from the village.

It is her innate wish to see every house in her village with a toilet to put an end to open defecation and promote sanitation along with hygiene. She envisages having a gym to promote health in her village and

encourage construction of tar roads in the village to make commuting easier.

Kiran is a determined, diligent go-getter, meticulous and enterprising. She has outstanding leadership qualities and has a strong will to work with dedication towards development of her village.

328. Ms Sadhana Dayaram Kannke

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Ms. Sadhana Dayaram Kannke belongs to the tribal community residing in the remote hilly and forested tribal area of Pardi village in Chandrapur District. She has completed her MSW and currently doing her post graduation in Sociology. She is 24 years old.. She has completed leadership training course which was organized by Bharthiya Adim Jati Sevak Sangh (BAJSS), Nagpur in the year 2006-2007. She has been associated with BAJSS for the past three years. During this training programme she gained practical training on formation of women SHG, Panchayat functioning in Tribal Area, Women Participation in Gram Sabha for participatory planning and development. She is capable and can motivate the tribal women to better their life.

329. Ms Ku. Sharayu M Moudekar

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Ms. Ku. Sharayu M. Moudekar is an M.A. in Economics and is 30 years old. She is from the forest region of Maharashtra. She has been associated with NIWCYD for the last one year. She has experience in various community level activities like community mobilization, awareness creation of various social issues, SHG formation, forming Bank linkages with the villagers, micro-finance etc. She has a good temperament and ability to communicate to local people. She is very concerned about the health issues of women and children especially the neonatal children and works towards creating awareness regarding this among the women.

330. Mr Mahesh Padmakarrao Shrikhandkar

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Mr. Mahesh, 19 years of age, is from Sonegaon village. He is currently associated with M S Swaminathan Research Foundation as a MUPP Instructor in one of the Village

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Knowledge Centres. Earlier he worked as a member of "Gram Swachata Abhiyan". He provides information to the farmers on various types of crops and schemes of State Bank of India by organizing meeting on a monthly basis.

He also provides guidance for Self Help Groups by inviting resource persons. He participated in many social activities held in village. He has formed SHG comprising of male members in the village. He also gives information on Pranayam, Yoga and other exercises for the rural youths. He is also running a gym for students and youth in the area.

He has knowledge of Music and passed two exams in instruments such as Tabla. Apart from providing information on issues related to agriculture, health, education and employment, etc. he also provides general counselling to prevent suicides.

331. Mrs Malatai Kamalakar Bhojar

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Mrs. Malatai Kamalakar Bhojar is about 39 years of age and has studied upto class 12. She is from a village called Chinora situated near Anandwan. She is the President of Gram Swachata Abhiyan and a member of

Management Committee of the Village Knowledge Centre. She motivates women into forming self help group. She also leads a SHG and manages its various programmes. She helps in conducting various programmes of the VKC in the village.

332. Mr Manoj Hanumanthrao Chandurkar

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Mr. Manoj Hanumanthrao Chandurkar is a resident of Waifad village and his main occupation is farming. His father was working in Amravati as Professor. He lost his father when he was 18 years old and being the eldest son of the family he had to accept entire responsibility of the family. He had to shift from a town to a village in 1988 as his father had land in the village.

During his 20 years experience he understood various problems of the farming community and how they manage the constraints, etc. He said that the rural community faces more problems compare to urban. He started helping the rural people whenever they come to him and solve their problems through interaction with higher officials. He welcomed all the people of the village for any kind of consultation. He used to go with them to any officials and try to help them solve their problems. He wants to help the community in whatever way he can and he feels that by this way he can educate the

villagers. Like this he becomes a social worker in the village and known to everybody.

In 1999 people requested him to play an active part in the Gram Panchayat and he became Deputy Sarpanch of the village panchayat. More people started approaching him for all kind of complaints, suggestions, etc. He solved as many as problems as he could within the village without taking it to police and court.

He has been associated with Shri. Vijay Jawandhiya a well known personality of the region who

Currently he has been associated with Village Resource centre of M S Swaminathan Research Foundation as a Management Committee member. He disseminates the information through the center by interacting with farmers and understands their problems and informs Centre to organise programme accordingly. He also helped the Foundation in identifying the suitable location for establishment of VRCs and VKCs in Amravati and Yavatmal Districts. Through VRC of Waifad, he had an opportunity to directly interact with the Prime Minister of India and also the President of India (Through Video Conference) and addressed the problems of Vidarbha region. He feels proud to be associated with this kind of work which will benefit the community.

333. Ms Nanda Balakrishna Kale

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Ms Nanda Kale, 41 years, 9th standard pass, belongs to Mhaswandi village in Sangamner Taluka, Ahmednagar. She is an agricultural labourer and she has a small retail shop. Nanda is a good community mobiliser with communication skills and is known as an active social worker on issues related to women. She started a movement that led to drudgery reduction for women. She is also involved in SHG formation and promotion of varied income generating activities including setting up small units of businesses within the village. Through her SHGs, she instigated the concept of having LPG for cooking in order to help women overcome a massive problem of the stoves emitting harmful gases leading to a number of respiratory diseases. She has been actively involved with Watershed Organisation Trust (WOTR) for the past 13 years.

Nanda is the president of Shree Maladevi Mahila Vikas Samitee (SMS), an apex body of all SHGs in the village. This has given her a commendable platform to promote SHG formation with activities including health camps and employment generating schemes. The SMS that she is involved with gives books to students at a subsidized rate. Infact they do not charge any fee for books given to those who are homeless/ destitutes. In short,

it is her personal belief to help those in need of support and love. She wishes to inculcate the idea of freedom of expression and thought amongst women involved in this endeavour with her. She says, *"Our village organization sells seeds and fertilizers at lower rates. Our focus is to improve conditions in the village, to encourage and improve literacy and to make ours a model village for other villagers to follow"*.

Nanda is the epitome of determination, which came to life during the Kissan Melawa held in Pune in 2004 where in she discussed the life changing story of her village. She is resolved to never give up and succumb to unpleasant circumstances under pressure. She vows to continue to walk down this path and bring about a positive impact in the lives of those around her. She never loses focus and never gives up despite the magnitude of any big hurdle along the way.

334. Mr Narayan Jadhav Maharashtra

Mr Narayan Jadhav (27 years old) has been working for Ashta No Kai-India (ANK-I) since 2002. He was not able to continue his education because of his financial situation. Today, he is one of ANK-I's senior staff members and has participated whole heartedly in promoting the aims of women empowerment and village development for which ANK-I is working.

Mr Jadhav has supported Ashta No Kai-India in various ways. He was instrumental in the

success of the Bicycle Bank Project that Ashta No Kai-India launched in 2002. ANK-I's Bicycle Bank gives free bicycles to girls who live far away from school. Mr Jadhav helped to indentify girls who dropped out of school owing to the distance and encouraged them to join school by telling them about the Bicycle Bank Scheme. Further more, he supervised and monitored the distribution of bicycles. Thanks to his support in implementing this ANK-I project, 450 girls in the villages are today completing at least their high school education.

Mr Jhadhav also supports ANK-I in many other ways. He coordinates one of the vocational training programmes ANK-I offers, which are tailoring classes. He encourages women to enroll in the classes and maintains the machines in good condition. He also conducts Dnyan Din, another one of Ashta No Kai-India's projects, along with other staff members. The Dnyan Din project promotes a love for reading among school children. Once a week village children get an opportunity to read a storybook or have a story read to them. Mr. Jadhav enjoys reading stories to the children and encourages the older children to read more storybooks. He also helps the Self-Help Groups to maintain accurate accounts.

335. Mr Ranjit Todsam

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Yavatmal Dist.

Maharashtra

Mr. Ranjit Todsam resides in a tribal area, of eastern Maharashtra. This extensively forested region is inhabited by five tribal communities, namely Andh, Pardhan, Gond, Pardhi and Kolam, the last being classified as a primitive tribe. Ranjit is 28 years old.

Mr Todsam, himself belonging to a tribal community, has been associated with the documentation of People's Biodiversity Register working as a volunteer for Society for Rural and Urban Joint Activities (SRUJAN) in his own village for the last four years. Although he has formally studied only upto 12th standard, he has acquired the knowledge of handling computers. He did an excellent job of documentation of natural resource management issues for his locality. He has been actively working with the community in this region based in his village at Mahadapur. He was also involved in computerisation of the data collected from his village. For this purpose he underwent a three day training at Ballarsha organized by IISc, Bangalore.

He has been actively involved in a Non-Timber Forest Produce initiative of Srujan wherein he has mobilized people to scientifically harvest, store and process NTFP so as to have better realization of returns

from these produce. Significant amongst them has been the creation of Mahua banks in his own village and 10 neighbouring villages. Similarly he has mobilized people in scientific collection of Lac and Gum, a lifeline for people of this region.

He has been active in seeking information by utilizing the Right to Information Act to the benefit of people in his region. He has been actively pursuing National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA) to generate employment in his village. He has undergone training on of social relevance various themes conducted by the organization from time to time.

336. Mr Ravishankar Ronge Kasdekar

Toranwadi Post

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Amrawati Dist.

Maharashtra

Mr. Ravishankar Ronge Kasdekar is 22 years old. He is from Toranwadi in Maharashtra which is a hilly, forested remote area. He belongs to the tribal community that lives there. He has completed the leadership training course which was organized by Bharthiya Adim Jati Sevak Sangh, Nagpur in the year 2006-2007. During this training programme he has also learnt on SHG formation and strengthening of SHGs . He is an able and committed worker. He motivated the village women to form SHGs to better their income and lifestyle. He is also working towards empowerment of tribal women in

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village counsel, agriculture extension and water management, environmental education etc.

337. Mr Sangram Shriram Gadekar

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Nanded Dist.
Maharashtra

Mr Sangram Shriram Gadekar is from Dhawari in Nanded District. He is 27 years old and is a graduate. He has been associated with ITC-IBD e-Choupal since the last two and a half years. He is a sanchalak and an active member of the village. He has established a Krishi Mandal by involving a few active and progressive farmers of the village. He also deals actively with the Government Agencies and utilizes their facilities for the village development. Recently with the help of the State Agricultural Department he has opened a Krishi Library and started to keep books to guide farmers on various aspects of agriculture. He is knowledgeable about Agriculture, Livestock, Micro-finance, Functional Literacy, Water management, Health, Craft Training, etc and advises farmers and village people on all these topics. He is keen on leading the village towards development at a fast pace.

338. Mr Sanjay Maruti Jagtap

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Mr Sanjay Maruti Jagtap (B.C.S. M.C.M.) is a computer science graduate from Pune University and has 15 years experience in software development and project management. He comes from Vidyanagri – Baramati, which is in the arid, hilly area in Maharashtra. He is 37 years old. Since 1999 he has been associated with Vidya Pratishthan's Institute of Information Technology. He is the key member in all the projects executed by VIIT in the rural areas. Some of the projects he is involved in are as follows: to empower the poor through ICT programmes, setting up the pilot information kiosk in Baramati taluk, operating Community Training and Learning Centres (CTLS) for creating computer awareness especially for rural women from SHGs; Pilot Telemedicine Project in the Baramath Taluk, the setting up of computer laboratories in the rural schools in Pune District and using mobile van to spread computer education in remote rural villages. He is one of the team members for organizing all the six international conferences.

339. Mr Santosh Tukaram Wagh**Veer Post (Malwadi)****Purandar Taluk****Pune Dist.****Maharashtra – 412312****Ph: 9325011325**

Mr Santosh Tukaram Wagh is a 28 year old graduate. He hails from Veer (Malwadi) and is basically an agricultural village. He has been doing social service since 1995. He worked for '100days school programme' of Jnan Prabodhini from 1995 – 2003. In 2003, he along with his other friends started a separate organization 'Astitva Pratishthan'. He is working as the secretary of the organization. It worked mainly with education of children of the migrant population. This helps the children to continue their education. This year he has got 172 children in his hostel in Pathardi and Pokari. He involves the community in developmental programmes and is also interested in training teachers. In 2003, he along with his other friends started an organisation 'Astitva Pratishthan'. He is working as 'Secretary' of the organisation. It worked mainly with conducting schools for children of migrant population. He is instrumental in developing concept of temporary boarding school in the village for children when their parents migrate for earning livelihood in lean period of the year. He gave his own land to start the boarding school in his village. This helps the children in continuing their education. This year he got 172 children in his hostel in Pathardi and Pokari.

Santosh is young and has a dynamic personality. His rural background is his asset to get support from the local people. He can talk to the Government authorities with ease and never hesitates to demand and fight for his 'right'. His understanding with ground realities and people's psychology helps him in his job. He is a good motivator and also a good teacher.

340. Mrs Sanyogita Sunil Jadhav**A/P. Wather,****Karad Taluk,****Satra dist.****Pincode - 415 110.****Telephone: 09423867507**

28-year-old Mrs. Sanyogita is a B.Sc graduate and comes from a forested region of Satra district. She is working for Suraj Nasscaom Gram Dnyan Kendra. She has been actively working amongst small Self Help Groups. She is interested in farming. She has good leadership qualities and is actively involved in empowering village women.

341. Mr Shafik Sheikh**Kinhola****Manvath Taluk****Parbhani Dist.****Maharashtra****Ph: 02451-284062****shafiks1v1c@gmail.com**

Mr Shafik Sheikh's village Kinhola is located in a dry zone with partial irrigation from a canal. Roads, primary healthcare and rural

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infrastructure are absent in the village. 21 year old and educated up to 12th Standard Shafik has been involved in social activism as a key campaigner since year 2005. He was a leader for conducting mass IT training in Kinhola and other villages. Hailing from a landless labourer's family, he was perfectly aware of their sufferings and in no time he chose RTI & Maharashtra EGS as means of his activism in Kinhola. He directed his work in Manvath Taluka, and has tried to spread the success formula in neighbouring villages since the last year and half.

The young man realised the importance of IT, received basic training in camps and worked as instructor in rural mass IT literacy campaigns. His skill extended to organizing people as well as in developing content relevant for the local area.

Shafik worked in NREGS campaign for unemployed youth; he has worked on all the projects implemented in his village. He has managed ICT centre in Manvath, 9 km away, along with his team working for Maharashtra EGS registrations. This extended his work to the surrounding villages and he has become popular there too.

Shafik has been effectively creating Marathi reports and taking documentation to local media and newspapers. On the one hand he has been writing RTI applications to his seniors and on the other has been working for publicity. His well drafted reports on his local experience have become a good instrument for spreading success formulas to other small groups. Shafik is a good public

speaker. He was also a keen team member for creating the village web site of Iralad village.

342. Mr Shitalkumar Shankarrao Joshi

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Shitalkumar Shankarrao Joshi (B.A. IInd Year) hails from Sagroli, a village in the Nanded District of Maharashtra. It is socially and economically a very backward region, drought prone, semi-arid and rocky with landless labourers constituting a high proportion of the population. Poverty is high here, and the patriarchal structure of society contributes to the low status of women in the area. Likewise, the scheduled castes and other weaker sections of the population live a marginalized life. The literacy rate in the district is only 36%, which is the lowest in Maharashtra. Mr Shitalkumar Shankarrao Joshi is only 23 years old but has bravely taken on the task of bringing literacy and development to his village. He has been with Kanad Village Knowledge Centre at Sagroli since 2006. He is the coordinator of the centre. Because he is from the rural area and has exposure to computer, his understanding of using a computer and the Internet for the development of the community is good. His ability to mobilize community is also good.

Shital Joshi is very enthusiastic, dedicated and active in spreading knowledge of new technologies among the rural people. He takes initiatives and is always exploring ways to use ICT for development.

343. Shri Hemant Vasantrya Shendre

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Shri Hemant Vasantrya Shendre, 40, hails from a small and remote tribal village Sawargaon. He comes from an agricultural family.

He is a progressive farmer. He took lot of efforts to conserve water by building bunds in his lands By doing like this he could brought the land under dry land paddy cultivation. Afterwards he built Kolhapuri Bandhara (dam / Nallah) near his farm by forming Co-operative society and he could raise the water level of this dam with the help of irrigation department of Maharashtra state. Now 25 farmers (including Shri Hemant Vasantrya Shendre) are benefiting by this. Now all the fields (about 100 ha) are under irrigation. He is a good role model to the farmers in this area.

344. Mr Subhash Bhagoji Ithape

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Subhash, 53 years old, 7th standard pass, belongs to Mhaswandi Village, Sangamner Taluka, in the district of Ahmednagar. It is a forest region and the main occupation of the people is agriculture. He is an extremely good orator who plays a vital role in spreading the good work undertaken by Mhaswandi village with reference to watershed development to other NGOs. He comes from a family that has been involved in the profession of tailoring but he was able to outshine his contemporaries by doing commendable work. He has been with and actively involved in the activities of the Watershed Organisation Trust (WOTR) for the past 20 years.

His journey started with his constant desire to bring about a conspicuous change in the lives of the people of Mhaswandi. He saw the relevance of a movement like organised by WORT in his village. This program brought work to the people in the village and has curbed out migration from the village.

His understanding of the 'requirements' of his village to develop paved the way towards his tireless effort to 'open different closed doors' and his urge to change things around him helped him to gain the highest position as village sarpanch. His natural ability to gain respect came to light. As he rose to the stage

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of being the sarpanch, his decision to involve people and work cohesively towards a common goal came into being. This involvement gave the entire village a sense of participation and increased the momentum of the watershed movement through their collective efforts. The villagers recognized his valuable efforts and nominated him as the President of the Village Watershed Committee. He ensured a ban was placed on free grazing and tree felling and dug bore wells.

His innovative approach to include women in every aspect of the programme has brought about a prominent change in the outlook of women towards the watershed work and also to the outlook of men towards women.

Subhash is respected very much in his village. He is still actively involved as the president of the village development committee and travels extensively to other parts of Maharashtra to spread the positive impact of 'watershed'.

345. Ms Sujata Dattatrya Pingale

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Ms Sujata hails from the village of Dahuli. The village is situated on the banks Andra Lake, in Andra Maval area.

Sujata is 30 years old and has studied up to class 10. She has been tirelessly working with JBGVS for the last 9 years (since 1998) as Village Health Worker in her village of Dahuli. She is an effective motivator for the village women. She educates the women on hygiene and sanitation, child and mother health care, family planning, immunisation and vaccination, gives medicines provided by doctors of JBGVS, for minor illnesses. She has formed 2 Self-Help Groups in the village, one of which is operating a fair price shop of the PDS. She has now motivated all the villagers to work with JBGVS to make their village an 'Ideal Village'. A plan has been prepared by them to achieve this goal within the next 3 years. She has attended various training programmes such as 3 days training programme of Dr.Rani Bang, Search, Gadchiroli regarding health and hygiene; Dai Training at Talegaon General Hospital; training courses for making agarbattis, pickles, woolen mat making and detergent powder making. These trainings help the women in SHGs to augment their income. As an able woman leader she works tirelessly for women empowerment.

346. Ms Sukarai Kashiram Jambekar

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Ms Sukarai Kashiram Jambekar hails from Mansudhavadi Village, which is in a hilly

forest area located in Satpuda Mountain Ranges. There is no tar road or bus service to the village. She is 32 years of age and has passed 7th standard. She has been associated with Mahatma Gandhi Tribal Hospital, Karmagram, for the last 3 years. She is a good village health worker. She has saved many lives during last 2 years. Due to her efforts, there is not a single death of children under 5 years of age in the village during in the last one & half years. She has saved cases of pneumonia, malaria, diarrhoea, low birth weight neonates, premature neonates, etc. She has good leadership qualities, contacts and she commands respect in the community. She has the strength to fight the evils in the system for the upliftment of her community. She is honest and committed in her work. She is not a computer literate but she is confident if provided training she can learn it. She is a quintessential grass-root health worker.

347. Mr Sunil Sambhaji Bhise

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Sunil Sambhaji Bhise is 30 and has studied up to the 11th standard. Having started work in a student's movement, he and his team created a social organization around the villages where he works. His team runs a small self-help group for women which helps

village women with small credits as well manages the Anganwadi School activities like distribution of food. They also arrange camps for specific tasks like Netra Chikitsa (eye treatment) or Pulse Polio drives. In his village Goleshwar, Sunil is active in the implementation of several government schemes and is a participant in Panchayati processes. They have constructed 30 toilets, one in each house and often carry out activities like Shramdaan for community projects.

Himself being a stamp vendor and having small computer set up for providing legal services in block office at Karad, he is aware of the benefits of information exchange and awareness of the services being offered to people by the government. He linked his understanding of computers with community development to make people IT literate. Introducing villagers to IT services usage for day-to-day activities, he also trained the villagers in IT operating skills and conducted data/Information drives on social issues. He had even sent illiterate women from his villages to Mumbai for basic IT literacy. This gave those women great confidence. One of them has become village Gram Panchayat member now.

Sunil has the persona of an achiever at local level and hence inspires young minds that are underprivileged, backward and unorganised without any social activity.

348. Mr Sunil Shankar Jadhav

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Mr Sunil Shankar Jadhav hails from the village of Wathar in Maharashtra where agriculture is the main occupation of the village. He is 29 years old and is a Postgraduate in agrochemicals. He is an agroconsultant and has been associated with NASSCOM since 2003. He has formed farmers club in his own village. He also manages Suraj NASSCOM Foundation Gram Dnyan Kendra at Wathar. Sunil has been responsible for the changes that are taking place in and around his village. He uses the Internet extensively for getting the latest information on agriculture and disseminates it among his club members. He also has a good collection of VCDs on agriculture which he uses to train farmers in various aspects of agricultural practices. He has adequate knowledge about computers and trains the village youth on computer operations. He also runs a library which contains magazines on agriculture which are distributed among the club members. Young and enthusiastic he instils enthusiasm in others. He has helped the farmers sell their produce through the Internet.

349. Mrs Vandana Avinash Dhengle

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Mrs. Vandana Avinash Dhengle is currently the Sarpanch of the village Chinora since November, 2006. She is about 27 years old and has studies upto class 12. She is very active, enthusiastic and brings all the development Scheme of Panchayat Samiti and Zillah Parishad for the village.

She organised various Rural Development Activities for the rural youth and SHGs. She provides awareness to on health and hygiene. The village was awarded the Nirmal Gram Prize at Taluk level for this year. Now this village is well known at the District level and the credit for this lies with Vandana.

350. Mr Vilasrao Dnyaneshwarrao Deshmukh

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Mr Vilasrao Dnyaneshwarrao Deshmukh, aged 28 years from Tuljapur is a farmer. Earlier he worked as a chemist and teacher. While working as a teacher he developed the interest in farming and rural development

and become farmer. He is associated with Shetkari Sanghatana. He established Gurudev Sewa Mandal to bring the ideas and concept of rural development of Saint Tukdoji Maharaj.

He cultivates in his field a new variety of Banana, Tapioca, Sugarcane, turmeric and vegetables. He prepares vermicompost and organic manure and provides information to farmers about his new initiatives. He has been selected as "Agriculture Organiser" by Agriculture Department of Maharashtra. He gives guidance to surrounding villagers on for agriculture related issues and Self Help Groups (SHGs).

He has completed training of WALMI (Water and Land Management Information) in Aurangabad organised by Rastriya Chemicals and fertilizers (RCF), Agriculture Department, Nagpur and shared the knowledge with farmers. He has given in News Channels (ETV-Marathi) on agriculture related programme and Agrowon newspaper. He has been honored by the State for successful

cultivation various vegetables and fruits. He writes articles on agriculture related issues.

351. Mr Vishwas Shamrao Aatram

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Mr. Vishwas Shamrao Aatram belongs to the tribal community residing in the remote tribal area of Borgaon Village. The terrain is hilly and forested. He is 29 years old.. He has completed leadership training course which was organized by Bharthiya Adim Jati Sevak Sangh, Nagpur in the year 2006-2007. During this training programme he has also learnt practical training on Organic Farming, Agriculture training at Go-Vigyan Kendra, Deolapar, in Maharashtra. He is keen on promoting sustainable agriculture. He is capable of motivating his village people. He is a dedicated worker.

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352. Ms Banaja Mohanty

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27 year old Ms Banaja Mohanty (BA, PGDRD and DCA) has been with WFP since 2004. More than 75% of the households in her village are BPL. The rate of illiteracy, more particularly among women, is very high. Villagers depend on traditional farming for their livelihood for a few months of the year.

Ms Mohanty has attended a number of training programmes on social mobilization, community health and sanitation, PRA etc, to gain skills on social development, which she has been very productively applying while working with the community. She is now working as cluster Coordinator with "LAVS" – a NGO implementing WFP assisted "Food for Human Development (FFHD)" project in pursuit of the community development agenda. She has been involved both in formal and informal capacity with the component of the FFHD project related to community health, nutrition and child care. As a participatory trainer and resource person, she has facilitated the training courses on social mobilization, nutrition and health in FFHD project villages. In community health work she deals with making people familiar with

the causes, symptoms and preventive measures for common diseases, coordinates with local dispensaries, grass-root level health functionaries and the community for better delivery of health related services, facilitating timely immunization of pregnant women and children and development of IEC materials.

She has leadership qualities and can work in a team environment without any problem. She has been trying hard to mobilize the WSHGs in the FFHD project villages for women entrepreneurship. She is very good in communication with tribal communities and can operate in any situation.

353. Mr Chitrasen Gamango

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Rayagada Dist.

Orissa

Mr Chitrasen Gamango, 24 has studied upto class XII. The main occupation of the people in his village is agriculture. He comes from a Scheduled Tribe family and knows Oriya, Sabar(tribal), Hindi and English. Gamango practices organic farming and fishery. He has attended training on fishery cultivation and better governance.

Mr.Chitrasen Gamango is associated with OPDSC, since 2003, as village animator to take care of the activities implemented at

village community level. He mostly takes up the responsibility of mobilizing the area 'target community' for various activities such as income generation for livelihood security and forest protection activities. He has a positive attitude and discharges his responsibilities with great dedication.

354. Mr Debaraj Das

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Mr Debaraj Das, 43, is native to the village of Chandanpur, a small village of 70 households all belonging to scheduled caste community and situated in a hilly terrain. He has studied only up to 4th class. His main occupation is agriculture which consists of paddy, betelvine and vegetables like brinjal, tomato and bhendi. He has been involved with BASIX since it started its operation in the village 3 years ago.

His leadership qualities came to light when BASIX started its intervention to convert 10 acres of fallow land that had been fallow for 10 years into cultivable land in the year 2005. There was continuous pressure from the adjacent village to sell the land to some influential persons and most of the villagers wanted to sell. Since the land was upland type with a small perennial river nearby, there was enough scope for vegetable cultivation. BASIX conducted a village meeting to to

make them start the work. Debaraj was the first person to take the initiative to organize group meetings and convince 5 villagers to start vegetable cultivation. The intervention was a great success.

Again when BASIX started the initiative to implement SRI (System of Rice Intensification), a new technique of rice cultivation to increase productivity, Debaraj motivated 4 farmers to take part, followed by 3 more. Simultaneously he facilitated SRI implementation work in 2 nearby villages. They got 1.5 to 2 times more production due to SRI with same cost of cultivation. He highlighted this to his own villagers and also to the visitors from the other villages. Now entire Chandanpur village is ready for SRI, and Debaraj has played lead role in the formation of a producer group to make strategic plan to implement SRI. His latest call to the villagers is "Aamar dhan amme khaiba" – 'we will eat our own rice' – a step towards self-sufficiency in food grain for the village.

He has contributed a lot in other welfare activities also. He approached the Berhampur Central Co-operative Bank with the villagers and his subsequent follow up resulted in getting Kissan Credit Card for the village farmers. Responding to his persistence, the district administration finally agreed to expand the canal flowing in the village, which was not planned earlier, and a drinking water project approved for the village is in the final stage of completion. To get a good price for betel-vine leaf, he travelled to Patna, Varanasi

and Jaipur and finally succeeded in getting a direct market linkage with the Varanasi buyers. The benefit not only went to his own village but also to 3 other villages of his area. With his active involvement, a Water User Group has been formed with 15 members of the village, to revive a defunct irrigation system. He is the president of the group.

355. Mr Hare Krushna Mohanthy

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Mr Hare Krushna Mohanthy, 35, (M.A., L.L.B.) has been associated with M S Swaminathan Research Foundation for 15 years. He has participated in 150 workshops for social mobilization and eco-development programmes. He has helped form 82 women self-help groups among the tribal community and the groups have been linked with the banks for credit and loan facility; some groups have started income generation activities with bank support. He has also worked towards creating awareness regarding sanitation and health.

He has worked towards strengthening the identity and self-worth of women through capacity building initiatives like leadership training, village meeting exposures, skill development training, encouraging participation in gram sabha and palli sabha

as well as helped them to fight against social injustice, social taboos, social stigma etc. To empower the farming community, he has generated awareness on improved variety and conservation of local traditional paddy and educated them about the utility of organic farming system.

He has helped in the formation of sixteen-nature and science clubs with affiliations with Vignyan Prasar, (S&T) Government of India in different institutions. He has created awareness among villagers for protecting the forests, to regenerate the lost forests, and for protecting the environment. Six food and seed insecure villages were identified and food grain banks were started by him with storage house. Under his initiative and effort, 4 youth clubs were started with support of Nehru Yura Kendra, income generation activities introduced through microfinance support from Rashtriya Grama Vikas Nidhi, Bhubaneswar and commercial pulp wood clone plantation promoted by Ballarput Industries Ltd. H. K. Mohanthy is a well known figure in the tribal, rural area of Boipariguda region.

356. Mr Jhanka Sabar

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Mr. Jhanka Sabar, 35, has passed Matriculation and is proficient in Oriya, Sabar (tribal) and Hindi. He is from Tambaguda

which is surrounded by hills and forests. He has attended training on Quality Primary Education and SHG management conducted by CYSD, Koraput, Panchayati Raj training conducted by OPDSC. He has been involved in community activities through Orissa Professional Development Service Consultants (OPDSC), a prominent social organization of Rayagada district since 1996. He takes care of activities that are implemented at village community level. Mr. Sabar has excellent skills of community mobilization. Mostly he takes the responsibilities in mobilizing the 'target community' for socio-economic development through Self Help Groups, Panchayat Raj Institutions and sustainable livelihood promotion. He has a positive attitude and discharges his responsibilities with great commitment.

357. Mr Labu Pujari

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Mr Labu Pujari, 26 has passed 10th standard. His village is in a hilly region and agriculture is the main occupation of the people. He underwent the 'driving skills' training conducted by the NGO LEAD in 1998 and also took active part in their awareness building programmes. As LEAD required cadres to assist in their project work, he

joined the LEAD project in 2004. Through social mobilization done by Labu and other members of LEAD, Community Based Organizations were formed improved facilities like drinking water, environmental awareness, better sanitation facilities, and housing under the government schemes have come to the area.. As an impact of the training and exposure programmes, the traditional mono-agriculture practice has changed. Due to his efforts in environmental awareness preservation of old trees and planting of new trees it is seen that the animals and birds that had disappeared have reappeared in his forest area. The nutritional status of the community has improved owing to the awareness programmes, and knowledge regarding fodder for domesticated animals, energy sources like fuel wood, nutrient sources like dung and leaf manure, and structural material such as bamboo, cane and timber has improved. The increase in income is also enabling the villagers to save through SHGs to take up more activities of common community concern. Awareness has also set in regarding the danger of caste discrimination and early marriage.

BMS (a federation of 40 villages promoted by LEAD) nurtured his potentiality by rendering him the needed exposure and it has helped him build his self-confidence to fight for issues such as tax and liquor, ultimately winning the hearts of the people of his area.

358. Mr Laxman Saraka

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Mr Laxman Saraka, 25, is a graduate and belongs to the Konda tribe. His village is situated in a hilly and forested area, and the villagers depend on Podu cultivation and on forest produce. Mr Laxman Saraka is proficient in Oriya, Hindi, English, Telugu, and the local tribal language. He is an expert in floriculture and in preparing village micro-plan. He disseminates to the community the knowledge and information acquired by him from the various trainings he has undergone in organic farming and seed preparation from different institutions. Being from the Scheduled Tribe himself, he is well versed in the local language and therefore is able to communicate with ease.

He has been working in PRAGATI, a grass root voluntary organization, since April, 2005. He is working for establishing and strengthening four SHG Federation. He takes the help of the SHG Federation for dissemination of his training inputs.

Mr Laxman Saraka, is a hard worker and an asset to the organization and to the community as well. He has good rapport with his community. He is well acquainted with basic computer knowledge

359. Mr Nageswar Meleka

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Mr Nageswar Meleka, 22 is a graduate and proficient in Oriya, Hindi, English, Telugu, and the local tribal language. His villages is a forest region and most of villagers depend on agriculture and daily labour. All the families are from the Kondha tribe.

Mr Nageswar Meleka is an expert in report writing, giving training to PRI members and is also a good farmer. He has been associated with PRAGATI, a grass-root voluntary organization since April, 2004 as a community mobilizer for promotion of sustainable agriculture and off-farm IGP in the area for alternative livelihood.

Mr Nageswar Meleka is a good community motivator and a hard worker. He has promoted one Farmers' Co-operative in Pitamahala Gram Panchayat of Rayagada. He is an asset to the organization.

360. Mr Phutukar Munda

Kamarnali
Pandapada
Keonjhar
Orissa

Mr. Phutukar Munda , 30, passed his High School against all odds and even attended

college half way. His village is in a hilly and forested region of Orissa and he is an agriculturist. In his spare time he does social service too. He is the president of Banajyosthna Youth Club and secretary of the Village Development Committee. Under his leadership, the youth club of UDC is actively involved in village developmental work such as planting of trees, monitoring village construction work, awareness creation on HIV/AIDS, malaria and other communicable diseases. . He has been with WOSCA since 2004. He is very well respected in his village and people look up to him as he always helps them in times of need. He has very good leadership qualities and a good motivator and is a good counsellor.

361. Mr Prafulla Kumar Padhi

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Mr Prafulla Kumar Padhi (B.Com., B.Ed.) is 47 years old. He has worked with different groups of tribal communities like Paraja, Bhumia, Bhatu, Durua etc. for their upliftment. He has also worked with various NGOs such as BCA, SOVA, HARSA TRUST and MSSRF. Sri Prafulla Kumar Padhi is basically a teacher and is conversant with different tribal languages. He has the ability to pass on messages through tribal folk songs, music and also through dance and

street plays. He has knowledge of herbal medicines and can treat many diseases using available local herbs and plants. He acts as a resource person to various NGOs and government departments. He is also associated with M S Swaminathan Research Foundation and involved in various programmes since last 3-4 years.

He has strived hard to bring the school drop out children into the mainstream education. He has involved school children in planting fruit trees to cultivate love for nature in them. He has helped in the formation of SHGs and educated them as to how to meet the emergency financial needs and also how they can use different microlevel activities to enhance their income. He has organized cultural groups to preserve the traditional music, song and dance of the tribes. He has supervised the pulse polio programme since 1995. He provides technical knowledge on seed selection, purification and preservation to the tribal farm families.

362. Mr Pramod Kumar Ojha

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Mr. Pramod Kumar Ojha (D.B.M, D.H.M.Sc.) is 41 years old and has been associated with social development activities from school days. As a boy scout and NSS volunteer, he

has cleaned roads, organized health camps for leprosy patients and eye camps even during school and college days. In his 20 years of social service, he has worked with many organizations like Banawasi Seva Ashram, CYSD and is presently working with Utkal Sevak Samaj, Cuttack. As a social activist, he has taken leadership in promotion of values of Gram Swaraj and mobilization of community for Shramdan to build community infrastructure. He has taken on the challenge of uplifting the tribal economy, promoting Gram Kosh, self- help groups among farmers and women, protection of forest, organizing rural tribal people and sensitizing them about their socio-political rights. He has also led anti-alcohol movements. Under his leadership many came forward and protested against alcoholism.

Mr Ojha was actively involved with emergency relief and rehabilitation operations during the 1999 super cyclone flood in 2001 and 2003, Gujarat earthquake in 2003 and Tsunami 2004. Under his leadership a St. John Ambulance Brigade is working in the organization to serve at any disaster situation. He is extraordinarily committed to his work and has received many awards such as *Samaj Sevak* by Mahatab Jayant Committee; *'Sachetak'* by Nilachala Seva Pratisthan; *'Utkal Shree'* award SCART; received fellowship from Banwasi Seva Ashram of Uttar Pradesh to work for promotion of Gandhian values and practices of rural development and Kala Ratna Dr Giridhar Gamang Seva Samman by SCART. He is a life member of Indian Red

Cross and St. John Ambulance. He inspires the youth in his village. He has amazing capacity to work and has dedicated himself to the upliftment of the marginalized and vulnerable people.

363. Mr Prasant Bebria

Laiguda Village
Guluguda Post
Padmapur Via
Rayagada Dist.
Orissa

Mr Prasant Bebria, 23, has passed 9th standard and proficient in Oriya, Sabar (tribal language) and Hindi. His village is the most remote village of the Guluguda Gram Panchayat of Padmapur Block. There is no communication facility to the village of 58 households.. The villagers mostly depend on shifting cultivation and agriculture. He has attended Mason Training through IPDP and Better Governance through OPDSC. He practices organic farming and is a good mason. Belonging to the Scheduled Caste of that area, he realizes the need for education and awareness about technologies in his village. He is associated with OPDSC as the village animator in order to take care of the activities implemented at village community level. Mr. Bebria is a local youth and has excellent skills of mobilizing people. Mostly he takes the responsibilities in mobilizing the area 'target community' in

activities like community health and sanitation, forest protection, Panchayat Raj and sustainable livelihood promotion. He has a positive attitude and discharges his responsibilities with great dedication.

364. Mr Prasanta Kumar Sahoo

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Mr Prasanta Kumar Sahoo, 27, has completed XIth standard and is from an economically backward family. He is fluent in Oriya, can speak, read and write Hindi for functional purposes. He is comfortable with reading and writing English but lacks the confidence to speak in the language. Since his village lies on the border of Mayurbhanj and Balasore districts, it is neglected by the officials of both the districts. It lies on the banks of the Subarnarekha river and is prone to floods during excessive rainfall.

Prasanta has been working with Unnayan since 1998. In the beginning, he was the office assistant. In 2002, Unnayan started a puffed-rice (*Mudhi*) cooperative of Mudhi producers in his village. Initially, he was involved in assisting the cooperative members in weighing their produce and

writing down the details in a notebook.

He started developing a system of production, collection and marketing wherein the women members would have a greater stake and would be able to manage the enterprise. He now plays the role of the accountant of the cooperative and manages the godown for storage. He has played a vital role in motivating individual women Mudhi producers to join the cooperative.

Seldom does one come across someone who is as committed to his work as Prasanta is. If someone leaves him a task, they can be certain that it will be completed in the stipulated time.

365. Ms Racheal Raykumari Thomas

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Ms Racheal Raykumari Thomas, 42, is highly educated with a Masters in Business Administration and Post Graduate Diploma in Community Water Supply and Sanitation (U.K.). Her small tribal village is in a very backward district of Orissa.

Ms Raykumari is leading an NGO “WORD” since 1995 and is associated with the tribal communities in the peripheral villages of Semiliguda and Laxmipur Blocks in Koraput.

She is a community mobilizer. She has been implementing village development plans with assistance from donor agencies including WFP. She has implemented one village development microplan with WFP's support and is currently implementing two more micro plans and the Food for human Development project in Semiliguda. In the micro plan projects implemented by "WORD", she emphasizes on the livelihood enhancement of the community through income generating activities and establishment of grain banks.

Ms. Thomas has good communication skills. She works closely with tribal communities and mobilizes resources for development activities, motivates the village women to form active WSHGs, and take up enterprising income generating activities. She is also working for literacy for children through Jan Shikshan Sansthan of Gol.

366. Ms Rita Parida

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Ms Rita Parida (B.A.) 28 is fluent in Oriya, can manage in Hindi and knows a little of English. Her village on the coast is low-lying and hence prone to flooding. There is no motorable road and the only connecting walkway becomes submerged by the back

flow of the waters of small rivulets that flow into the Bay of Bengal during the rainy season. Balikuda was one of the worst affected areas when the super cyclone struck coastal Orissa in 1999.

Rita has been involved with Unnayan since 1999 after the super cyclone. Under her leadership, women and girls were motivated to work together to plant trees and raise nurseries to restore their ecology following the devastation of the cyclone. Rita was instrumental in restoring agriculture in the area by organizing 15 Water Users' Associations and worked on building bunds around fields to prevent saline water infiltration. She was also a part of a group involved in counselling women suffering from post-disaster trauma syndrome.

Post-super cyclone, Rita was involved in organizing 525 women into 35 self-help groups. She trained all of them around issues of 'saving and credit' and she took the initiative to find an avenue for livelihood for women. She identified weaving of golden grass as an option. Weaving golden grass is a handicraft that has been practiced for time immemorial in her area. Women traditionally weaved baskets, fans and other items for domestic use. Rita has now organized 300 women into a federation that works in promoting this handicraft that is gradually dying out.

Recently, she attended a training organized by a Bihar-based NGO called Shrambharati. She is now a part of the movement of

women called Mahila Shanti Sena (Women's Peace Corps) that is working towards the building of a peaceful neighbourhood. She has taken up issues of empowerment in her village especially in the field of domestic violence and caste discrimination and bringing in 'development work' to the village. At present, Rita is the leader of the team in Jagatsingpur involved in the capacity building of the Federation.

She has the ability to put in effortlessly eighteen hours of work each day. An instinctive leader, she has a gift of motivating people to work with her in any adverse situation. She has also played a major role in developing new designs for golden grass items. She is an asset to her community and the organization and it is a privilege to know her.

367. Mr Shiba Prasad Naik

Bijayramchandrapur Village
Ward No – 22
Baripada Post
Mayurbhanj Dist.
Orissa - 757038

Mr Shiba Prasad Naik, 52, has passed Matriculation. He joined in Department of Welfare in 1974 in the tribal underdeveloped district of Mayurbhanj. As a Head Sevak (Head Master) in the Boarding Residential Sevashram, he has taught in classes 1 to 5 with commitment. His hard work and dedication has made him famous in the Block as well as in the district. The Commissioner-

cum-State Project Director OPEPA, Sri Madhusudan Padhi, IAS, considered the school an ISLAND OF SUCCESS in Thakurmunda.

When MYS (Mahavir Yubak Sangh) started their intervention on L2R (Learning to Read) in the above block, Thakurmunda partnership with PRATHAM and OPEPA (Orissa Primary Education Programme Authority) an agency of the Government of Orissa during 2006-2007, Mr Naik joined the programme in a mission mode and was able to achieve success within the stipulated time period. He is involved with MYS and is considered as a role model for others. His sevashram itself is held as a role model in Mayurbhanj district. He has dedicated himself to the education of the tribal people and is the voice of the voiceless.

368. Mr Sidhartha Sankar Behera

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Mr Sidhartha Sankar Behera (B.A., L.L.B.) is 36 years old. Main occupation of the people in his village is agriculture. He has been a Social Worker in SAMANWAYA organization for 6 years. He is a very active member of this organization and has organised eleven Science and Environment Clubs and fifty Consumer Clubs in Nabarangpur district in the rural areas; played an active role in

organizing district wide campaign for renewable energy; has helped in the formation of Self-Help groups for women; organized Observation of Consumer Day to create awareness and has participated in various workshops such as Rural Health, Sanitation, Watershed, HIV, Journalism Electronic Media etc. He is a member of the Orissa State Disabled Network (OSDA) and works towards creating awareness among the disabled about their rights; member of the Dowry Prohibition Advisory Board, under the chairmanship of the sub-collector, Nabarangpur and brings to the attention of the Government authorities the issues pertaining to the 'needy' of the society through the daily newspaper.

369. Mr Sri Ratu Melaka

Badacheka

Kutuli Po

Via: Rayagada

Rayagada Dist - 765002

21-year-old Mr. Ratu Melaka studied upto 8th Standard hails from a tribal community-Kondha in the district of Rayagada. Though he has interest in studies he could not continue due to the sudden demise of his father. As he was inspired with the activities of "ARUNI" in the area for the promotion of livelihood and Governance he joined this organization and has been working for it for the last 2 years. He is involved in motivating the people to participate in the developmental activities. He had undergone training on youth leadership training, rural development and self-Governance during

different period of time. He is inspired to take a lead in creating awareness on Right to information, Self Governance and government schemes/ programmes. As he comes from a tribal area he finds it easy to interact with the local people and motivates the tribal youth. He is working hard to strengthen the livelihood of the poor tribal people He is sober, honest and hard working who realizes the problem of the people and takes suitable steps to solve them. He is a good social mobiliser with excellent leadership qualities.

370. Mr Srinivas Patnaik

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Mr Srinivas Patnaik (B. Sc (Math), PGDCA, SCGA (AAI, Allahabad)). He is 38 years old... He knows Oriya, English and Hindi (speaking and writing) and Telugu (speaking).

Mr Patnaik leads a good and cohesive team under the banner of an NGO "IAEET" who work for the tribal people in Boipariguda and Koraput blocks in Koraput district. He has attended many workshops and training programmes. He has the ability to analyse the causes of poverty of the people he works with and develops suitable means to overcome it. He is a promoter of organic farming practices. He has motivated and

assisted the villagers for making vermicompost pits. He shares his knowledge with other villages even if they do not come under this project. He takes interest in forming and strengthening the WSHGs. He has implemented WFP microplans and a pilot initiative of Food for Human Development. He is a computer literate and is Internet savvy. He has been with IAEET since 1993.

Mr Patnaik's involvement for the development in about 20 tribal villages in Boipariguda and Koraput Blocks is commendable. His analytical approach to deal with the problems of the tribals and ensure a sustainable livelihood in 3 to 4 villages in Koraput is highly appreciated by his organization. He can complete and deliver the assignment on time.

371. Mr Sukadev Sabar

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Padmapur Via
Rayagada Dist.
Orissa - 765025

Mr Sukadev, 32 has studied upto intermediate level, and is proficient in Oriya, Sabar (tribal) and Hindi. Agriculture and labour work is the mainstay of the livelihood of the villagers. He is an agriculturist. He has attended training on horticulture development, advanced agriculture, SHG development and management, soil conservation and Panchayati Raj system. He has been with OPDSC since 1991. He is particularly concerned with water

management and soil conservation. Apart from these he also involves himself in other activities like socioeconomic empowerment of women, formation of SHGs, community health and sanitation issues, forest protection, Panchayat Raj and sustainable livelihood promotion. He has a positive attitude and discharges his responsibilities with great involvement and dedication. He is very good at mobilizing people especially youth.

372. Mr Susanta Miniyaka

Kutuli Village
Via Rayagada
Rayagada district – 765 002

Mr. Susanta Miniyak is a 20 year old, belonging to a Tribal community of Rayagada District named 'Kondh'. He is educated up to 10th. He is inspired with the activities of 'ARUNI' at Kumbhikota area has been involving himself in the activities since 2004 after his education. He has the leadership quality and has under taken different youth leadership training and Rural Development trainings. Now he inspires with his leadership, for organic farming and improvement of production in vegetables, paddy and other eco-friendly cash crop in the area. As he is a tribal youth his acceptance in the area is very good and he is interacting with the people in their local language and has easy reach with the people. He is very sober to people and realizes the need and problem of the people and acts accordingly to solve their problem.

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He ensures that all the people in Kutuli, Kumbhikota & Nakiti G.P. of Rayagada Block of Rayagada district are motivated towards the organic farming and properly utilizing their land, production increased in vegetable, paddy and eco friendly cash crop to meet the food security in the area. Our expectation from Mr. Susanta Miniyaka is he will motivate to the people of Kutuli, Kumbhikota & Nakit Gram Panchayats of Rayagada Block of Rayagada District covering 42 No of Tribal villages within 3 years. The farmers are practicing organic farming, Organic Manure and their use in fertilizer decreasing, land use pattern increased, and all family members are secured with food and the level of income increased.

He has been working in PRAGATI a grass-root voluntary organisation since November, 2002. He works with the community for Self-Help Group Promotion and its strengthening. He provides training to community on vermicompost and vermiwash. He is a very hard worker.

373. Mr Trilochan Jayasingh

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Khurdha Dist.

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Mr Trilochan Jayasingh, 23, has studies upto class x.. He is proficient in Oriya, Hindi and English and has a basic knowledge of computers. He is a good community motivator and is knowledgeable in organic farming.

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374. Ms V R Bharathi

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30 year old Ms V. R. Bharathi comes from Karasur, a coastal village in Pudhucherry. She has been associated with M S Swaminathan Research Foundation (MSSRF) since 2000. She is a good community worker. She has studied upto 12th Standard and has completed a certificate course in basic computer applications through Microsoft Unlimited Potential Programme conducted by the Village Resource Centre (VRC), MSSRF.

She helps the community to avail the government schemes by coordinating between the people and government departments. She takes initiative to form SHGs and promotes the habit of saving among poor women. As her village is located near an industrial estate she is concerned about the local environment and she is actively working towards 'green environment and pollution free village'. She is also working towards creating awareness on Chikun Gunya, Filariasis, women literacy and skill development in computers etc. She has mobilized NSS volunteers for community development activities (tree plantation, free eye camp, free legal camp, HIV awareness

etc), mobilizes women to take active part in trainings on legal rights, women literacy, leadership, rights and duties of Panchayat Ward Member etc. She encourages students and others to make use of the various facilities available at the VRC and motivates SHG members to participate in programmes like skill development in computers, livestock maintenance, livelihood programme etc. She discharges her duties effectively as a Biovillage Council member in Biovillage Programme of MSSRF. She has been elected and serves as a Ward Member in the village Panchayat.

She is involved in other activities such as temple renovation, street cleaning, and organizes awareness programmes on clean and safe environment, adult literacy and nutritious food for pregnant women etc. She also helps old women to get their pensions.

375. Mr N Chandrasekaran

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 Koonichempet
 Pudhucherry -605501

Mr Chandrasekaran, aged 31, is a graduate in and has a Diploma in Teacher Training. He hails from Koonichempet, a dalit village. He is working as a teacher in the Government Primary School. He is a dynamic social worker and is sincere in his efforts to uplift his dalit community. He is the member of the village

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level Management Committee for the Village Knowledge Centre. He is the member of Ilampoorakkal Youth club in Koonichempet and also the Vice-President of the Pudhucherry Science Forum. He volunteers his services for eye donation camps and blood donation camps, Hepatitis – Diabetics camps, HIV/AIDS camps etc. He has been involved in IPP (intense Pulse Polio immunization programme) for the last 5 years. He is also the adviser to the village SHG movement. He is an Adult Education programme manager and member of NSS committee. He is also a writer. He is also concerned about environmental issues and very active in various programmes like the ozone protection programme and in creating awareness about air pollution etc.

He bagged the best “District Youth Award” –2000. As a Teacher he is very interested in shaping the life of the children. He encourages them to use the computer programmes in the Village Knowledge Centre and tries to bring social change among the people.

376. Ms S Indira Gandhi

21, Pillayarkoil Street
Embalam Village and Post
Pudhucherry – 605 106

Ms S. Indira Gandhi, 31 years, has studied up to 9th standard and hails from a middle class farming family in Embalam Village. She is a Knowledge Worker of the Village Knowledge Centre (VKC) set up by M. S. Swaminathan Research Foundation (MSSRF).

She has been associated with the VKC activities for the last five years and takes sincere efforts in helping the needy in her village. She is interested in empowering destitute women, widows and handicapped persons. She helps the poor, aged women, widows and physically handicapped in getting monthly pensions and financial assistance. She is also a small micro-enterprise entrepreneur. She prepares soap oil and phenyl. She is giving training in micro-enterprises for self-help group members. She also gives training in tailoring for girls in her village

She was one of the Directors of her village Milk Cooperative Society and at present she is a member of the milk society. She is also a member of Tank Rehabilitation Society in her village. She shares her knowledge on various Women and Children health issues with her fellow self-help group members. She takes the group members to various institutions like MSSRF and Pondicherry Co-operative Milk Producers’ Union Limited (PONLAIT) to know about new cultivation practices and animal health care. She is committed in spreading awareness on AIDS, Malaria and Leprosy among villagers.

377. Ms S.Jothi

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Vambupet, Sellipattu Post
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32 year old Ms S.Jothi hails from the coastal agricultural belt of Pudhucherry. She comes

from a village called Vambupet and has studied up to 8th standard. She has very good leadership qualities and is highly responsible person.

She has promoted SHGs in her village, initiated savings and started natural resource management (NRM) based enterprises such as dairy and community aquaculture activities in the village. Acting as a volunteer, she educated old people and organized medical camps on eye care. She mobilized credit facility to the villagers from the Banks for different enterprises and organized awareness camps (Animal Science and General Medicine) by inviting experts. She mobilized people to participate in programmes like Clean Environment, the Nutritious Food Campaign etc. She is an active member of the Pudhucherry Women Commission and also an active member of the Biovillage Programme of M S Swaminathan Research Foundation since 2000.

378. Ms D Malathi
12, Murugan Koil Street
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Pudhucherry – 605 106

Ms D. Malathi, 26 years old, studied up to, class 12 is a resident of Embalam Village in Pudhucherry. She has been associated with M. S. Swaminathan Research Foundation for the past five years and has been a Knowledge Worker of the Village Knowledge Centre (VKC) since two years.

She is passionate about empowering destitute women, widows and handicapped persons. She is responsible for five people getting employment in a leather company. She is concerned about the health of the villagers and gives tablets to people for Elephantiasis (Filariasis) by going door to door. Thanks to her personal attention a boy was cured of Tuberculosis. She is also a small micro-enterprise entrepreneur and prepares soap oil, phenyl and blue liquid for whitening cloth. She gives training in micro-enterprises to self-help group members. She takes tailoring classes for her village girls. She is interested in creating awareness on AIDS, Malaria and Leprosy among the people.

She was one of the Directors of her village Milk Cooperative Society and at present is a member of the milk society. She is also a member in Tank Rehabilitation Society of her village. She helps the poor, aged women, widows and the physically handicapped get their monthly pensions. She shares her knowledge on various issues related to women and child care with her fellow Self - Help Group members.

379. Ms E Pakkirichi
No.9, Mariamman Koil Street
Sorapet
Pudhucherry

Ms E.Pakkirichi is from Sorapet, a coastal region of Pudhucherry. She is 30 years old and has completed her 10th standard. She belongs to Schedule Caste and therefore understands their problems. She has been

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associated with the activities of M S Swaminathan Research Foundation (MSSRF) since 1998. She has helped solve many problems among the various sections of the society. She good leadership qualities and is respected by the villagers. She is a good mobilizer. She initiated SHG concept in her village. She is the pioneer in introducing livelihood activities in the dalit area. She organized training on accounts for SHGs and health camps (Eye, HIV & AIDS) for the villagers.

380. Mr M Ramajayam

6, Therodum Veethi

Veerampattinam

Pudhucherry - 605007

58 year old Mr Ramajayam hails from fishermen community. He is from Veerampattinam Village and has studied up to S.S.L.C. He is a good writer and lyrist. In 1987, he started his social service activities through the youth club, 'Twinkle Star Youth Club' and through this club he took efforts to get civic amenities like road, water, and electricity and a night school to his village. Then he started 'Pondicherry People Awareness Club' in 1996 in collaboration with Shanthidan Foundation, Kaniyakumari and established micro-credit saving groups in his village. In association with Hose, an NGO he organized communal and religious peace movement. With Nehru Yuva Kendra he organized many programmes on drug abuse, AIDs awareness camps, evils of dowry, untouchability, gender issues, women drudgery and prevention of child labour etc.

Through his oratory skills and publication of bit notices etc. he implemented his views through the movement called 'Vidi velli'.

He also promoted education by rewarding the students who scored high marks through the Srimathi Manimozhi Trust and also moved the Government to concentrate on environment and sanitation facilities in his village. He has also been associated with M S Swaminathan Research Foundation (MSSRF) for the last 9 years. He participated in National Integration Programmes in many places in and outside Pudhucherry. He is a member of the All India Drug Prevention Committee. He bagged National Social Integration Award for his social service and commitment. His books - 'Meenavar Varalarum Vazhkaiyum' (History and life of Fishermen) and 'Mugathuvaram' (Estuary) received good appreciation.

381. Ms R Suseela

59, Mariamman Koil Street

Senthanatham, Koodapakkam Post

Vazhudavur Via

Pudhucherry - 605 502

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Ms R.Suseela, 36 years of age, has completed her 9th Standard. She is from a village called Senthanatham in the coastal area of Pudhucherry. She has been involved in community activities since 1996. She has good leadership qualities and is a leader of self help group Federation. She has been instrumental in forming SHGs in and around her village. She initiated and promoted the

habit of savings among the villagers. She acts as a catalyst for all village developmental work. As she is aware of the importance of education she takes interest in promoting adult literacy. She created awareness about insurance of livestock in her village. She is a good mobilizer and participates in all village development programmes. She facilitates linkages among banks, NGOs and the villagers to get the benefits of new schemes and credit facilities to the villages. She is an active member of the Biovillage Council of M S Swaminathan Research Foundation.

382. Ms L Uma

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Ms Uma, 35 years of age, is a graduate in chemistry. She hails from Kuruvinathan Village, in Pudhucherry. She believes in women empowerment. She has helped establish about 50 Micro-credits and saving groups (Self-help groups) in her village. She has been focusing her efforts on this for more than seven years. She took efforts to arrange for a loan of nearly Rs. 24 lakhs for the SHGs through the State bank of India to enable her fellow members of the society to start some micro enterprise on their own and

become economically independent. This has helped the poor and the needy women to start their own enterprise like Fodder Shop. She became the first woman Director of her village Milk Cooperative Society and retained the position for about three years.

Apart from her interest in women empowerment she helps old women, widows, and physically handicapped to get their monthly pensions. She helps the community to get the benefits of various government programmes and schemes. As a dynamic woman leader she approached the Government to release housing loan to 150 families @ Rs.50000 per family under Kamarajar Housing scheme.

She shares her knowledge on various issues related to women and child health care with her fellow SHG members and takes them to various institutions like M. S. Swaminathan Research Foundation and PONLAIT to get awareness about animal health care and farming practices. Due to her efforts many families of below poverty level (BPL) got their Red Ration Card and thus enabled them to get their entitlements/benefits through various government schemes meant for BPL people. She has been associated with MSSRF for the last 5 years. She bagged the best SHG president award from the Government.

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383. Mr Kalm Hardeep Singh

Gahoon Village
Tehsil Balachaur
Nawashahar Dist.
Punjab

25 year old Mr Kalm Hardeep Singh (10+2, Diploma in Computer Applications) lives in an agrarian village located in a very remote area of Nawashahar district. He is the Master Trainer of Microsoft and , Master, Computer Hardware of TARAhaat Information & Marketing services Ltd. He has been with the organization for the last 4 years. Though handicapped, he has a very positive outlook on life. He is very knowledgeable about various aspects of agriculture, livestock management, microfinance, functional literacy, water management, health issues, and craft training, etc.

He was learning computers when he came across the activities being conducted by TARAhaat. He graduated out of TARAhaat and took up a job in the Tarakendra. During

his tenure there, he visited every school, college and other educational institutions propagating that people, especially children, should learn computers. He educated them on how it could change their lives.

His evening chore after his work in the organization is teaching poor children in the Gurudwara. He also guides these children in their careers. He is actively involved in teaching children, especially girls, in the rural areas under the Microsoft Unlimited Potential Programme.

He is the President of the Doab Sports & Welfare Club, where young people also learn about the merits of good work and good behaviour. The club has Reformation Programmes too for the youth. He is a lyricist, and he also writes articles for newspapers and for magazines on how to make this world a better place to live in. Hardeep is very talented, hard working and always ready to help others.

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384. Mr Ajay Kumar Singh

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Mr Ajay Kumar Singh (Post Graduation in Rural Development and M. Phil. in Social Sciences) is 44 years old. He hails from a remote village Bhorugram in Churu District of Rajasthan. Drought is the common phenomenon of this region.

The nominee is an effective team leader and a good manager of the community development events, activities and projects. He has 16 years of experience in the field of rural development. He has worked in different capacity starting from village motivator, community organizer, trainer, researcher, project implementer and has been an NGO manager. He has good insights about the issues of rural development and participatory approaches to community mobilization. His core competency is in team management during project implementation. He is a good trainer on different aspects of rural development. He has conducted more than hundred of training programmes on the subjects like Panchayat Raj, project planning and management, SHGs and microfinance, gender issues, participatory rural appraisal, Right to Information, community health, rural

sanitation, compost and vermin-compost, rural entrepreneurship, team building and management etc. The nominee is well-versed in using Information and Communication Technology (ICT).

He is also a good writer. He has written many research based reports as well as project reports. He is committed to socio-economic empowerment of the marginalized community and weaker sections of the society. He has worked at grass-roots level living in the tribal villages and still continues to do the same in backward areas.

He has been working with Bhoruka Charitable Trust (BCT) for about two years as a Project Manager. He is involved in providing support and guidance for effective implementation of projects like SHGs-Microfinance, Common Interest Groups (CIGs) microfinance, water harvesting, drought proofing and desertification, universalization of birth registration, HIV/AIDS, total sanitation campaign and drought relief. Worked as a Social Scientist in the ODA (DFID), England, supported Rainfed Farming Project located in the Tribal areas of Palamau District, Jharkhand.

385. Mr Dharmchand Parmar

Vasela Village

Mamer Post, Kotra Tahsil

Udaipur Dist.

Rajasthan

Mr Dharmchand Parmar has passed IX Standard and is 40 years old. He is from Vasela, a village in the Udaipur District situated in a hilly region. He has been with Seva Mandir since 1986 and joined the organisation as an Instructor, and then worked as a volunteer for 3 years. He has helped in forming village committees. He worked for women empowerment and increased their participation in various meetings. He oversaw the construction of a community hall, represented the village community and carried their issues to the higher authorities, helped in construction of tanks, bathrooms and sheds for the livestock, has had training in pisciculture and prime motivator for organizing Gram Sabha. He has worked in literacy programmes too. He has a good understanding of socio-economic issues and deep knowledge in this field. He is honest and hardworking.

386. Mr Ganesh Lal Ahri

Warad Village

Adgalia Post

Jhadol Tahsil

Udaipur Dist.

Rajasthan

Mr Ganesh Lal Ahri hails from Warad Village (situated in the plains of Udaipur District, with

hills surrounding it) in Rajasthan. He is 39 years old and has passed his Senior Higher Secondary Exam. He has been with Seva Mandir since 1992. His area of competency is natural resource development. He has worked as Van Sahayak (looked after forest protection, natural resource management). He has been managing SHGs, conducting meetings, sharing information with Seva Mandir regarding the workings of the groups, discussing problems and alternate solutions, etc. He also managed grazing lands, joint forest management, and was involved in building anicuts etc. He has helped in programmes run by Seva Mandir like Gram Vikas Kosh, health programmes, education programmes, Women and Child Development, etc. He is involved in raising awareness about the advantages of common property resources and how they affect the daily lives of the people in the villages. Other areas he has been active in are JFM, watershed projects, dairy programmes, pastureland development, lift irrigation and afforestation programmes and horticulture.

387. Mr Himmat Lal Gameti

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Mr Himmat Lal Gameti (M.A. Social Science, PGDCA) is from the hilly terrains of Aravalli in Rajasthan from a village called Sisrama Gram in Udaipur District. He is 27 years old. He has conducted awareness camps

especially for women regarding health, education, saving and augmenting their income etc. He has helped form SHGs and worked for women and child development programmes. He also facilitates coordination between the government, semi-government, NGOs and the villagers. He has conducted literacy campaigns and organized public awareness meetings. He has helped in various surveys conducted in the village and also helped in evaluation and inspection work in Non Formal Education centers run by Seva Mandir. He has been working in Seva Mandir-MIT research CTAE from 2000. He is willing to work in any field of social service.

388. Mr Jawan Lal Rebari

**Barawa Village, Khamnor Post
Nathdwara Tahsil
Rajsamand Dist.
Rajasthan**

Mr Jawan Lal Rebari is from Barawa village and the terrain is hilly. He is 48 years old and has passed 6th Standard. He belongs to the Rebari community and depends on agriculture and livestock for livelihood. He has been involved with the organization from 1986. He has helped in the establishment of village and (tribal) community level organizations; has played a major role in taking various schemes of the government to the village; has organized health camps in the village; worked in various aspects of healthcare services in the village like immunization and reproductive health; worked on a watershed programme of 335

hectares; developed common property resource in 140-bigha lands; has helped in forest protection and its management. He is an asset to his community.

389. Mr Kamal Lal Aahri

**Madla, Post Madla
Jhadol Tahsil
Udaipur Dist.
Rajasthan**

Mr Kamal Lal Aahri comes from the rural village of Madla, a hilly terrain. He is 35 years old and has passed VIII Standard. He has been with Seva Mandir since 1982. His area of interest is rural development.

Kamal was a group coordinator from 1982 to 1986 in Seva Mandir. He worked in the wasteland development project from 1986 to 1988. After that he worked in the adult education programme. In 1989 worked in the watershed development project and strengthening of SHGs. Since 1995 he took the responsibility of Gram Vikas Kosh as its secretary and is responsible for the maintenance of records and the SHGs. He worked in the Joint Forestry Management project in the year 1993; worked as an assistant in Panchayat in the Employment Guarantee Scheme in the year 1996 and has worked as a trainer in the Kaya Training Centre of Seva Mandir. He has a good knowledge of health issues and creates awareness among the villagers on its various aspects. He is also very helpful in providing vital inputs to the villagers for water harvesting and irrigation. He has got good

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experience in maintenance of the cash book and the transactions. Further, he has also given training to other Gram Vikas Kosh members.

390. Mr Keshu Lal Vadhera

Amlia Post (Kherad)
Jhadol Tahsil, Udaipur Dist.
Rajasthan

Mr Keshu Lal Vadhera is 38 years old. He has completed his 9th Standard. He hails from Amlia, a hilly but dry area of Rajasthan. He has been with Seva Mandir since 1992. He is a para worker for Seva Mandir. He has conducted workshops to bring about awareness regarding advantages of education. He works towards aforesation and forest protection, women empowerment, child welfare and has helped set up balwadis. He is a ward member in the Panch. He is working in the village library and motivates everyone to read.

391. Mr Manna Ram Damor

Daulpur Village
Depur Post, Kherwada
Udaipur Dist.
Rajasthan

55 year old Manna Ram Damor has passed his 9th Standard. He comes from Daulpur, a hilly and arid zone. He has been with Seva Mandir since 1976. He is very good at 'group organization'. He has been involved in adult education programmes, forest protection activities, anicut building activities and in lift construction work. He has worked towards

creating awareness regarding health and hygiene. He has been instrumental in the formation of SHGs. In 1995, he was promoted to the post of zonal worker. He is very good in communication. Since he is from a rural background he has been of help to the organization in implementing various programmes and interventions at the grass roots. He is a good motivator.

392. Mr Panna Lal Rebari

Ghodach Village (Khadeta Ki Dani)
Khamnor Post
Nathdwara Tahsil
Rajsamand Dist.
Rajasthan

Mr Panna Lal Rebari, 52 years of age has studied up to 7th Standard. His village of Ghodach is in a hilly area in Rajsamand District. His family depends, like many others in his village, on agriculture and livestock for its livelihood. He has been with Seva Mandir since 1984. He has established community level organizations. He has implemented various schemes of the government and has been involved in health care and watershed programmes. He is the upsarpanch of his village. He is a dedicated worker.

393. Mr Phool Singh Ranawat

Khetpal ka Guda Village (GP-Nedach)
Nathdwara Tahsil
Rajsamand Dist.
Rajasthan

Mr Phool Singh Ranawat (52 years) has passed his 8th Standard. He is from Khetpal

ka Guda, a village situated in a hilly and dry terrain. He has been with Seva Mandir since 1980. He has started a dairy farm in his village. He has also started adult education centres and conducted meetings. He has organized rallies and padayatras to bring about awareness and educate the people on afforestation and the importance of protecting the forests. In addition he organized street plays in villages and increased awareness regarding the advantages of community forests. He is the head of the forest protection committee. He helped check migration of villagers to urban areas and has played a significant role in releasing common property resources of the village from encroachers. He educates the villagers in natural resource development. He encourages women to involve in the conservation and protection of biodiversity. He helped in systematising the revenue records of each and every village. He is at present working on pastureland development. He is a sincere and dedicated worker.

394. Mr Prem Singh
Nayakheda Village
Ushan, Devon ka Guada
Ghodach Post
Nathadwara Tahsil
Rajsamand Dist.
Rajasthan

Mr Prem Singh has studied up to 8th Standard and is 48 years old. He is from Nayakheda Village in Rajsamand District of Rajasthan. This is situated in a hilly terrain. He has been

with Seva Mandir since 1986. He is involved in afforestation work, income generating activities, natural resource management (especially common grazing lands, wells and bawdis, etc.) and managing SHGs. He conducts meetings and uses these occasions to disseminate knowledge and information. He has worked for the welfare of the tribals and freed the common land encroached by politicians. He has immense experience in natural resource management and great understanding of land related matters. He is an asset to the organization.

395. Mr Rajendra Kumar Sen
Lunkaransar
Bikaner Dist.
Rajasthan

Mr Rajendra Kumar Sen (B.A.) is 22 years old. He hails from Lunkaransar, Bikaner District of Rajasthan. This is an arid region with desert climatic conditions. He has been working for Urmul Setu Sansthan from 2005. He is currently working as a facilitator in the media project of Charkha Development Communication. The job involves introducing the rural youth to media, developing their writing skills, organizing workshop for the youths and adolescents about various media tools. He is also handling all the public relations and communication related work of Urmul Setu. He was the editor for rural news in Dainik Lokmat between the years 2001 and 2005 and the reporter in charge of rural news for Dainik Navjyoti. He writes in local newspapers in Hindi especially about

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issues related to agriculture, environment and economic, political and social status and problems of rural areas. He is also involved in documenting the workshop organized by the Hunger Project, New Delhi for Training of Women Panchayat Leaders and Representatives. He is a very hardworking, sincere and proactive person. His knowledge and understanding has helped the organization (Urmul Setu Sansthan) to use the media and advocacy for its programmes.

396. Mr Rajendra Sen

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Mr Rajendra Sen (M.Com, Diploma in Journalism) is 46 years of age. He hails from a place near Kakoda Raly in Jhunjhunu District. This is an arid area frequently prone to droughts. He is involved in social development issues. Since 1995 Mr Sen has been running a non-formal education centre (Sarthak School). He is also involved in promoting awareness on women's reproductive health and conducts state level campaigns. He holds the position of Master Trainer Reproductive Child Health (for ASHA and Sahyogni), is involved with ICDS programme, takes up development issues with various governmental departments, writes articles to create awareness on environment and water management, and

provides support to dalits and nomads on human rights issues. As a member of community liaison group, he helps in resolving differences to create social harmony. He has worked on processing of minor forest products namely Kachri, Kair, Sangri for economic development of nomads namely Bawaria and Gadia Luhar with the support of the Department of Science and Technology. He is at present working on water resource management in view of depleting ground water level and issues of excess fluoride in water. He is also working for improving the economic conditions of small and marginal farmers.

397. Mr Ramesh Chandra Meena

Jhabla Village (Sasri)
Paduna Post
Girwa Tahsil
Udaipur Dist.
Rajasthan

Mr Ramesh Chandra Meena (28 years) is from Jhabla Village in Udaipur District of Rajasthan. The terrain is hilly and arid. He has studied up to 12th Standard. He has been with Seva Mandir for the past 5 years. He has worked for HIV/AIDS awareness programmes, joint forest management programmes and motivated the villagers to take up income generating activities to improve their economic condition. He started a primary school in his village. He is sincere and hardworking with good leadership qualities.

398. Mr Shambhu Lal Kharadi

Som Village
Som Panchayat
Jhadol Tehsil
Udaipur Dist.
Rajasthan

Mr Shambhu Lal Kharadi is 42 years old and has passed 8th Standard. He comes from the hilly Aravalli region of Udaipur District from a tribal village known as Som. The region is covered by forests. He has been with Seva Mandir since 1982. He is involved in promoting education, especially adult education, and creating awareness on health related issues. He disseminates knowledge regarding environmental issues. At present he is the librarian of the village library. He motivates the people, particularly youngsters, to avail the facility of the library.

399. Mr Shankar Singh Chandana

Bhutala Village (Samavatn ki Bhagal),
Girwa Tahsil
Udaipur Dist.
Rajasthan

Mr Shankar Singh Chandana is from the hilly region of Udaipur from the tribal dominated village of Bhutala. He is 42 years old and has passed his Senior Higher Secondary Exam.

His main source of livelihood is agriculture and livestock rearing. He has been with Seva Mandir since 1986. He also played a major role in releasing the common property resources from the encroachers. He is managing the community based organizations, organized meetings and works towards bringing the people from different sections of the society on to a single platform. He is working on issues like local self-governance. He motivates people to take up income generation activities. He is a sincere worker.

400. Mr Shanti Lal Heda

Pargiya Pada Village
Madadi Post
Jhadol Tahsil
Udaipur Dist.
Rajasthan

Mr Shanti Lal Heda, 42 years of age, has passed his 8th Standard. He lives in his village of Pargiya Pada. This is in the hilly and arid zone of Rajasthan. He has been with Seva Mandir since 1994. He has fought against encroachment of forest land, worked in projects like wasteland development projects and joint forest management. He also worked for afforestation and pastures development projects and was able to motivate the whole community to get involved in these activities. He has worked as Van Sahyogi. He is a frontline worker of the village.

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401. Mr A.Allimuthu

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Mr Allimuthu, 38, has been involved in the cultivation and marketing of organically grown pineapple. He assists his people with any basic infrastructures and mobilizing farmer groups for marketing. He was instrumental in mapping farmers' fields for eco certification. In the area of education, he supports the children with tuitions in his evening classes. He works to create awareness about special Tribal Laws and Acts, and has been interacting with government agencies to help the farmers. He is good in mobilising public support for the village's development.

402. Ms V. Amsavalli

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Valavandhi Nadu
Kolli Hills
Tamil Nadu

Ms V. Amsavalli is dedicated to working for the community. She has studied till the 10th Standard. She has gained skills in

Entrepreneurship Training. She is also a computer literate. She is an excellent public speaker. She is a sincere and efficient in carrying out the tasks assigned to her. She is good in mobilising people to work for their own improvement. She monitors the Self-Help Groups in Kolli Hills. She is very dynamic in her work, and progressive in her outlook.

403. Mr R Anbulagan

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38 year old Mr. Anbulagan, a post graduate, is from a small hamlet in Kothakottai village Panchayat. The villagers are involved mainly in agricultural activities. They are mainly small farmers or work as wage labourers. The female literacy rate in this region is very low.

Being a committed social worker Anbulagan has been involved in the social activities from 1991. He is an effective communicator, good community organiser and a trainer. He is an excellent resource person in the organic farming and has participated as a resource person in various seminars and training programmes. Currently he is in charge of a Village Knowledge Centre as a boundary partner with the M.S.Swaminathan Research Foundation. He started his community

activities as a volunteer with the Nehru Yuva Kendra (NYK) and was involved in various activities till date. He has received several awards, like the Best Youth Award in 1995 from the Ministry of Human Resource Development youth Affairs and Sports GOI, an appreciation certificate from the District Collector, Pudukottai, for best performance in the project 'Namadhu Grammam' implemented by the Rural Development Department 2005-2006. To work toward a better literacy rate, Anbulagan has associated himself with the project for adult female literacy and has been awarded Best Worker for his good performance in the female literacy programme.

404. Ms. A. Anthoniammal

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Ms. A Anthoniammal, 54, from Thiruvallarcholai, is a progressive and innovative marginal farmer who is a dedicated champion of organic farming techniques, and an expert in vermiculture. She is in fact the pioneer of vermicompost production in Tamil Nadu. She has studied upto 10th Standard.

This enterprising farmer learnt the concept from a training programme organised in 1996 by the Department of Agriculture under the DANIDA aided Tamil Nadu Women in agriculture (TANWA) programme.

Subsequently she has experimented in her farmland for almost three years. She has been invited by the state Department of Agriculture to conduct training programmes for Agricultural Officers at the state level. She also offers training on request to district level Government and Non Government Organisations, private persons and farmers groups, and shares her knowledge and teaches the methods and technology extensively. She produces excellent quality worm castings and supplies to the farmers' market or '*Uzavar Sandai*'.

Anthoniammal continues her work, and innovates every time through experimentation, improving her knowledge and skills on a continued basis. She is willing and eager to impart the knowledge to others, and spread the message through training programmes. Her service to the farming community has been valuable and outstanding.

Anthoniammal was selected as the best woman farmer by the Women's World Summit Foundation based in Geneva. She was felicitated with a citation, medal and a cash award of 500 dollar in a function held at Trichi. She has also won an award from the Bharathidasan University.

405. Mr. B. Arokya Sibiu

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Twenty two year old Arokya Sibiu has completed the 12th standard and DCT (Diploma in Computer Technology). He lives in the coastal village of Erayumanthurai. He worked as a service engineer in a private concern for a year. He is an active member of the Youth Club, and is also in a Library. His interest in social service led him to attend several awareness programmes on HIV/AIDS and alcoholism organized by an NGO. He uses this knowledge to talk to peer groups and thus help others with his valuable time and service. Since 2007, he has been working at the Village Knowledge Centre, where he assists in various capacities, like the Focus Group Meetings, CALP, and MUPP training

406. Mr. K. Arumugam

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Mr. Arumugam, 37 years old, is a teacher with a mission. He comes from the coastal village of Alapakkam. He has a Masters

degree, and also has a degree in Education. Being an educator, he has committed himself to the service of the villagers by taking free tuitions, and counselling school dropouts. He involves himself in Adult Literacy Programmes.

Mr. Arumugam worked with the National Leprosy Eradication Programme, where 50 persons were identified and sent to Primary Health Centre. He has also taken up work for pulse polio immunization. He has been involved with the Mass Literacy Programme near the villages in Chidambaram, which also educates people on health and hygiene, savings and other useful aspects. He worked for the school dropouts during these programmes, and 74 students went back to school. He also worked for 3 years in a programme to educate the 'Erular' community. He has worked in 10 Panchayats concentrating on Adult Literacy Programme, and 300 people were educated through this initiative. For the benefit of students who are engaged in other occupations during the day, Arumugam conducts free tuitions for nearly 90 students in the night time. He is committed to working for child rights.

Due to its proximity to the sea coast, his village often gets flooded. The recent tsunami has also been a major disaster. During floods Arumugam immediately begins mobilising the relief efforts and organises assistance from all over. With his deep humane concern for the welfare of his villagers, Arumugam has taken up the task of working towards closing down the arrack shop in his village.

He helped in getting 10 houses sanctioned by the government for his village people. He is a dedicated worker and works with commitment for the development of his people.

407. Mr. I Asokraj
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Mr. I Asokraj is a committed social worker with vast field experience. He is from Pudur village, in Thiruvallur district, where the people are mostly small vendors and construction labourers. Asokraj, who is 55 years old, is a senior Community Health and Development Worker. With experience in decades of Leprosy control work in very remote and hilly terrains of Koraput, Malkangiri Districts of Orissa and other rural areas. Asokraj completed both his graduation and post graduation through correspondence by University of Madras.

After completing his schooling he underwent training as a Paramedical worker for Leprosy patients in 1971 at the Scheffelin Leprosy Training and Research Centre in Vellore. For about 16 years from 1971 to 1987, he was worked as a Field Worker with several Leprosy Control Programmes in Tamil Nadu. In 1987, from June to 1989, he worked in programmes for the physically handicapped,

in the city of Chennai. He helped in conducting camps for the handicapped and in free distribution of support materials and equipment. In the year 1989, he again joined the Leprosy Programmes in Hyderabad working, as a Supervisor till 1992. From 1992, he was promoted as a Field Officer and posted to Orissa in charge of the Leprosy Programmes. He worked in the Tribal Districts of Koraput and Malkangiri in Orissa State. Working with the Tribes proved to be extremely challenging work, and Asokraj gained experience and knowledge of the life and conditions of the Tribals. He took part in the community programmes of Emmaus Community Welfare Fund (ECOMWEL), Chennai. He coordinates the community programmes at ECOMWEL-LIFE Rural Development Programme in Thiruvallur District.

He underwent training in several health related work in Chennai, Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh. He has also worked in programmes for tuberculosis prevention, and counseling. At present, in Thiruvallur, he is conducting free medical camps, eye camps and dental camps. He is also coordinating and conducting mental health camps, In consultation with the Schizophrenia Research Foundation (SCARF – India), Chennai. Asokraj is skilled in the use of computers, and is interested in organic farming.

408. Mr Ayyappan

Arippilapatty
Dhevanur Nadu, Kolli Hills
Namakkal District
Tamil Nadu. 637 411

33 year old Mr Ayyappan studied upto 10th Standard is from the Eastern Kolli Hills. He is trained in prevention of livestock diseases, especially in poultry management, and offers his assistance to farmers. He takes several responsibilities at the Farmers Club, monitoring activities and managing accounts. He also manages Self-Help Groups. He is a good public speaker, and has expertise in construction of buildings and tailoring.

409. Ms C. Baby

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Ms. C. Baby who is 20 years of age has completed her S.S.L.C. Her village is located in a dry zone of Kancheepuram district and the main occupation is agriculture and the literacy level is low.

She was identified out of her commitment and dedication as a field Worker by National Agro Foundation. She is functioning at the field level where she has good rapport with the people. She took one day training programme for running Computer Based Functional Literacy programme and motivated people in her village by going each

door to ask them to attend the classes. She identified the illiterate villagers and trained more than 100 who are now functionally literate and have seen the difference in their day to day lives.

Baby is committed towards community development and has taken initiatives to organise general medical camps, eye camp etc for the people, as well as some steps for laying streets in their village with the help of the organisation.

410. Mr. A. Bharath Kumar

Chennatara Puram
Karur District
Tamil Nadu

Mr. A. Bharath Kumar, 28, a B.Sc graduate hails from Karur district. He is a very enthusiastic and dynamic person. He had dedicated his life for social service for the betterment of his village.

Most of the villagers are illiterates and they are engaged in agricultural activities.

The Computer Based Functional Literacy was started in the year 2004 and he had completed three batches and 45 people have been benefited. He is mainly focusing on Schedule Castes and Schedule Tribes as the rate of illiteracy is high among them. He feels that people are able to learn faster the alphabets and words through the computer based education than the convention mode of teaching. Due to his efforts many are able to read and write. In addition, he is involved in organising many awareness programmes

like AIDS, formation of SHGs, self-employment and income generation activities.

411. Mr. C.R.Chandrasekaran

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49 year old Mr. Chandrasekaran of Chitrakudy village was born into an agricultural family. He is an enthusiastic organic farmer, and very interested in all aspects of environment protection. He regularly attends meetings convened by the District Administration to address farmers' grievances. In this way, he is able to assist the farmers, and redress their grievances. As a result of his commitment and service, he has been nominated to various committees at all levels, like the State Agriculture Labour Committee (Kolappan Committee), District Agriculture Productivity Council, State Level Environment Monitoring Committee, Parliament committee on Petroleum and Chemicals – to mention a few.

412. Mr R Chinna Durai

Suyaperi,
Nalاراikinaru
Thoothukudi District
Tamil Nadu.

Mr R Chinna Durai has enthusiastically participated in many social work activities for the improvement of the community. He has

been involved in conducting many awareness programmes like healthy and clean environment, HIV – AIDS, sanitation, etc. and is willing to continue these activities to for the betterment of his community.

Chinna Durai is 31 years old and has completed his education till X standard. He hails from Nalاراikinaru, Thoothukudi District. His family occupation is farming and most of the villagers are illiterate. This village is a coastal area and considered to be a very economically poor colony.

He is a good facilitator of TCS-CBFL centre and has educated many people since the classes were started in the year 2004. He feels that computer based education has attracted the villagers and the participation is high in this method of education.

Chinna Durai is a popular figure in his village because he uses up-to-date newly implemented Govt. policies for the villagers so that the villagers can avail the benefits of these policies. He is the leader and the animator of 16 men Self Help Groups and helped them to get loans from the banks to start some businesses of their own. He has even made the men attend some of the income generating programmes. He has convinced 16 of them to under go family planning operation to control the population in the village. In addition he has motivated the villagers to build rain water harvesting tanks to save rain water and also motivated the villagers to build individual house toilets through various campaigns and home visits.

413. Mr. C. Chinnappan

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Mr. Chinnappan, 42 years old, is from Veeradharmapuram, in Virudhunagar district. He is well known and greatly respected in and around his village. He is involved in a whole range of social service activities. He is an excellent communicator, and a good folk singer.

Chinnappan has promoted 80 women's self-Help groups in Rajapalayam block, Virudhunagar district, and continues to oversee the working as an adviser. He organised an informal Federation known as "Rajapalayam Vattara Vasantham" - with the 80 SHGs. He has initiated many programmes for the SHGs, and they include herbal pesticides, Panchkavya preparation, and other environment friendly agricultural practices. He is also a volunteer in 'greening' of the Rajapalayam area, working together with local NGOs. He organised a Village Forest Committee in 6 villages, in collaboration with the Forest Department. He has also been documenting indigenous knowledge and works with herbal healers, in association with SEVA, an NGO, for the past ten years.

414. Mrs J. Devaragasiyam

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 Ramanathapuram District
 Tamil Nadu

Mrs J. Devaragasiyam, 43, is from Manthoppu, a coastal area where 600 families are living in and around this area. Fishing is the main occupation of the people. Educated till the 6th Standard, she is a fish vendor. She is a committed social worker devoted to the cause of women, especially widows and destitutes and assists them in availing the benefits of government schemes and basic amenities with the help of Panchayat and concerned Government Departments.

It was Devaragasiyam who took the initiative to set up a Noon Meal Centre and Anganwadi in Manthoppu village with the support of SMSSS, an NGO. She has been a member of the Fisherwomen Cooperative Society and also leader of Jhansi Rani Self-Help Group (SMSSS – NGO) since 1992 and leader of 120 fisherwomen for the last ten years. Her areas of activities include helping the women and men of the fishing community to avail the benefits of Government schemes, empowerment of women, and rehabilitation of handicapped, awareness on health and hygiene and family counselling. In association with the Consumer Federation, she has created awareness in Iodine deficiency and free check

up for blood group. She has arranged for micro- enterprises activities like ornamental shell craft, tailoring and other income-generating activities with the help of NGOs. She works for the overall betterment of her community.

In association with M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation, Thangachimadam, she has helped to create awareness on computer education and health, micro enterprises activities among fisherwomen. She participated in all training and awareness programmes organised by Village Resource Centre, Thangachimadam since 2006, and she has sent 15 girl students from Manthoppu area for the Microsoft Unlimited Potential Programme conducted at the Resource Centre.

415. Mr R Dhakshanamurthy

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Mr. R. Dhakshanamurthy from Chunnambedu village, Kanchipuram, TN is 28 yrs old and completed his B.A Economics in Chennai. He was trained in the CBFL in the year 2002 and started conducting classes for the village people. He identified the down trodden and illiterate villagers and selected them to attend the CBFL classes for their benefit to help them become functionally literate.

After completion of his graduation, Dhakshanamurthy worked as a teacher in a government school in his village. During that period, he also made efforts to bring down the number of drop out students who were dropping out of school. He is the leader and the chief architect of five men's Self Help Groups and helped them to avail loans from various banks to start small businesses and generate income. With the SHG team members, he was able to be part of the rescue efforts during the floods.

A dynamic and enthusiastic person, Dhakshanamurthy is an active member of the Panchayat system of his village and has solved many social and public problems. He had helped many youngsters to get into various jobs in Chennai and even coached the youngsters of his village on computer education. He had helped install public toilets in his village. He has helped physically challenged people to get vehicles and monthly pension from the government. With the help of the youth of his village he has brought about many social changes in his village and wants to continue his social activities for the betterment of his village as a whole.

416. Mr K Gajendran

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Mr. K. Gajendran, who is 32 years old, belongs to a tribal community in his village Padirivedu in Thiruvallore district where most of the people belong to backward community and some are from scheduled tribes. He has successfully completed his Bachelors in Maths and is working as a field worker for National Agro Foundation covering some selected villages in the district.

He motivated farmers to attend Farmers Training programme which is organised by the organisation with the objective of improving the fertility of the soil. He introduced TCS-Computer Based Literacy Programme in 2003 and has been the key facilitator of TCS-CBFL classes. He said that it is easy to approach people for taking up CBFL classes.

He has helped people in reclaiming their property documents when they were denied access to those documents. He has also monitored self helps groups for both men and women. He identifies people with distinctive skills and trains them in their respective fields and motivates them to be self employed.

Gajendran is involved in many community development activities. His future plan is to make people understand and identify the resources available to them and sustain these resources to get empowered in their development process.

417. Mr Ganesan

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 Dhevanur Nadu, Kolli Hills
 Namakkal District
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Mr Ganesan's comes from Eastern Kolli Hills a region rich in biodiversity. The main crop cultivated in his village is millet. Ganesan has been a diligent community worker. He manages Self-Help Groups, and helps them with interlinking with banks and government departments. He organises training programmes and public meetings. With great dedication, he helps children by offering tuitions free of cost. He came up with an idea to offer training to parents in order to help them inculcate good qualities and behaviour in children. Ganesan is interested in environmental protection and conservation of valuable plant resources. He has taken up cultivation of medicinal plants.

418. Mr S Ganesan

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Mr. S. Ganesan is a 36 year old B.A Graduate and belongs to the village Srivaikundam

located in a forest region in Thoothukudi. The villagers' primary occupation is agriculture and they are mostly illiterate. When TCS - Computer Based Functional Literacy was started in the year 2004 in this village, Ganesan became a facilitator. He feels the computer based education is the easiest mode for educating villagers and that the introduction of multimedia (audio and video) has attracted the villagers and has enabled them to grasp the lessons faster.

He is an active member of the 'Arivoli lyakkam' and has participated in many community development activities. He has re-admitted the drop-outs from schools by counselling their parents and regularly visiting their houses. He is a member of the men's Self Help Groups and has helped them to get loans from the Government to start small business.

With the help of his friends, Ganesan eradicated alcoholism in his village using methods like a cycle rally to create awareness. He has conducted several awareness programmes on family planning, sanitation, environment and self-employment. He is a very dynamic and enthusiastic person, participating in many social welfare activities.

419. Ms G Geetha

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Ms. G. Geetha is 23 years old and has completed her education till Higher Secondary level. Her village is a colony with very poor economic background. She has undergone beauty care training organised by National Agro Foundation in Taramani for 2 months and presently she is a qualified professional beautician in her beauty parlour, earning decently and contributing to her family's well being.

She initiated many community welfare programmes for her village people by organising medical camps and awareness campaigns. She has organised and conducted income generation programmes for the women to get self employed. Some of the programs she has organised include soap powder making, phenyl and tailoring for disabled persons. Geetha is a sincere facilitator of TCS-CBFL. Conventional methods of teaching adult illiterates seemed to be very difficult in the long run and time consuming for the beneficiaries, but after attaining computer literacy, people motivated themselves for attending class. Till date she has trained over 80 participants who are functionally literate and are using the skills learnt in their day to day life. She says, "I am satisfied to teach others and make them at least functionally educated".

420. Mr K. Gopikumar

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Mr K. Gopikumar, 39, from Thangachimadam has completed his high school education. His occupation is jasmine farming. He is President of the Coconut Cultivators Association, as well as the Jasmine Cultivators Association. He is a good social worker and is committed to the development and welfare of the farmers.

He was the first person to start Self-Help Group comprising men in 2002. In the year 2003, he started Jasmine cultivators association in Thangachimadam with 50 farmers. At present 50 farmers are the members of the Association. He is always willing to help the needy and the poor. He takes efforts to help people from below poverty line through various government schemes and programmes. He also arranges for counselling and awareness about health and hygiene. He helps in organising the religious festivals in the village.

He is associated with Village Resource Centre of M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation at Thangachimadam since 2005, and attended various camps, workshops, training programmes, interactions, video conferencing for Jasmine cultivators etc. He is also one of the members of Village Management Committee member of Village

Knowledge Centre at MGR Nagar for the last two years. During the tsunami, he organised relief operations like emergency assistance, materials, food supplies and health care.

421. Mr R Govindaraju

Naduppadugai
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Thanjavur. Dist

Mr. Govindaraju, 54 years old, is a graduate farmer from the village of Thirukattupalli. He owns 20 acres of land, which is very fertile owing to the proximity of the village to the rivers Cauvery and Kodamuruti. The crops he cultivates include sugarcane, pulses, gingelly and coconut.

Govindaraju takes keen interest in the new methods of organic farming, and produces vermicompost and 'panchakaviya' for use in the farm. Not only does he practice new methods of agriculture technology, but he also encourages his fellow farmers to implement the same for their benefit. Having officiated as the President of the Town Panchayat, Govindaraju has contributed his valuable service for the improvement of the village and its people, and to the farming community in particular. He has also equipped himself with the skills to operate the computer in order to be up to date in his knowledge.

422. Mr. S. Gurunathan

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 Tamil Nadu

Mr. S. Gurunathan, belonging to Arasakulam Village, is from a family that carries on agriculture as the main occupation. He has studied till the 9th Standard. Due to financial constraints, he was unable to continue his studies. He now resides in a joint community of 20 families called Maiapillai Nagar.

Gurunathan is the Treasurer of a Farmers Group-Surabhi Farmers Group-consisting of 20 members. This farmers group, set up with the help of the Family health & Development Research Service Foundation, Kariapatti aims to develop and improve farming practices. He has also attended many agriculture conferences and in turn he explains and advises the important points to the other members.

He has attended the Horticulture Conference held at the Agriculture University, Madurai, and also collected the salient points to inform other members. He has taken part in the conference in Cultivation of Chilies and its Varieties, under SPICES, undertaken by the Government of India and Tamil Nadu Agriculture Regional Research Station, Aruppukottai. Gurunathan is interested in organic farming, which he has implemented.

Family Health & Development Research Service Foundation introduced Gurunathan to the Village Knowledge Centre run by M. S. Swaminathan Research Foundation (MSSRF), Sempatti, through which he has gained a lot of valuable information on agriculture. Gurunathan helps to distribute a bimonthly Newsletter on Agriculture brought out by MSSRF among the villages. He also teaches school students in his free tuition classes in order to encourage young children to study well.

423. Ms A Hemalatha

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Ms. A. Hemalatha is a 28 year old B.A History graduate. She is from Kovilpatti, a forest region in Thoothukudi district. She is working in Computer Based Functional Literacy programme of TCS started in her village. She has completed two batches of TCS-CBFL classes and says that it is a useful programme for illiterate people to become functionally literate. She has received an award in the year 2005 for participating in the 'Arivoli Valar Kalvi'-adult literacy programme. She has engaged herself in many social service activities like participating in awareness programmes and campaigns.

Hemalatha is the leader and animator of women's Self Help Groups and has taught

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the group members how to maintain records of accounts. She helps them to get loans from the banks to start micro-economic enterprises. She has been a member of School Association for one year and has carried out many activities for the welfare of the school students.

424. Ms. J. Jamuna Rani

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28 year old Ms. J. Jamuna Rani is a commerce graduate working for her villagers for more than three years. She is actively involved in literacy programmes and other social activities. Starting from September 2003, she has been working in Ayegoundan palayam Continuing Education Centre. Mr. R.G.V. Menon and Mr. Gangadhar from National Knowledge Commission visited Ayegoundan palayam ALP Centre and congratulated her involvement in the programme. She is working for TCS Adult literacy program and other programs conducted by the Continuing Education Department of Erode District Administration. She undertakes teaching of literacy through computer with the help of Tata Consultancy Ltd, Chennai and Kongu Arts and Science College, Erode from January 2005 onwards. Even though Kannadam is her mother tongue, she taught Tamil to her

relatives through TCS Adult Literacy Program. She also conducts evening classes. She participated in a 2 day training program on adult literacy education. She distributes newspapers to the learners in the morning and books in the evening for creating the habit of reading among them. She is also running a part time library.

In addition to her contribution in the field of literacy she has been also involved in other activities for the village development. She has been an active member of a Self help Group and promoted formation of 4 such women groups. She has rendered help to tsunami affected people. She participated in pulse-polio health campaign and Post office Recurring Account Campaign. During Chikungunya period, she took steps to spray mosquito killer throughout the village. She helped for a TB patient by giving money and food with the help of their self help group members. She is also concerned about the physically handicapped people and help to get fund from Government. She is a dedicated worker.

425. Mr B Joseph Jeromias

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Mr B. Joseph Jeromias, 28, from Olaikuda Village is dedicated social worker. He has a

degree in Philosophy. He decided to work for his people, rather than seek a post in the Church. He is a sincere person with leadership potential and determination to work for the development of fisher folk and other people in Thangachimadam, Olaikuda and Pamban villages, in Ramanathapuram District

Olaikuda Village is known for its natural beauty. It has a fairly long coastline, with the village naturally protected from the sea. Most of the people in the village are engaged in traditional fishing and cattle farming. Joseph is a managing trustee of Pulse Trust, a non governmental organisation and helps the community in healthcare, education, emergency relief services, and he works as the boundary partner of the Village Knowledge Centre, Olaikuda.

In 2000, he volunteered to help for a charity based in U.K. called the 'Pappa Fund' which supported health and educational programmes in Rameswaram. A year of dedicated work here only made him more eager to work for his community. He soon organised to streamline the several benefit programmes, and he makes sure that financial support is provided to people only on the basis of their need and urgency. He gives guidance and advice regarding medical facilities. The Trust helps around 10 heart patients every year. Apart from the heart patients he also arranges for financial assistance every year for nearly 50 major surgery cases irrespective of caste and creed.

With regard to education, Joseph worked organise assistance to the most deserving students, by helping them with school and college fees, stationery, notebooks and uniforms. More than 500 benefit from this programme every year. Students who drop out of school are identified and given proper guidance, with personal attention. He also organised relief programmes after the tsunami affected families. Working with those who are close to his heart, Joseph is a veritable guiding light in his community.

426. Ms Kalaiselvi

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Ms Kalaiselvi, 31, hails from a fishing community and has completed her 8th Standard. She is a leader of a Self Help Group organised by Awai Village Welfare Society, a non-governmental agency. In addition, she also serves as a Secretary in the Panchayat Level Federation (PLF) of self-help groups. She was posted as the Secretary of the PLF after the tsunami. She is totally committed to community work, and has mobilised people to take part in various programmes that help maintain the cleanliness of the streets, and the environment.

The Women's Welfare Department requested Kalaiselvi to organise and mobilise more Self Help Groups. Following the request, she

organised 20 groups from her village, and 9 groups from the neighbouring village of North Poigainallur. Being a community member she was chosen to organise groups as it would stimulate the community members to join in the Self-Help Groups and work for their mutual welfare. Such involvement and commitment to the community made her the ideal candidate to hold the post as Secretary to the Panchayat Level Federation, a federation of fifteen to twenty SHGs. The group members were also involved in activities like the clearance of ponds in the neighbouring villages. Kalaiselvi's is well organised, in an exemplary manner, that can be held as a role model for other groups to function. Her proper adoption to the rules and regulations and organised functioning and method, make it a way to emulate

Kalaiselvi is also a member of a six member committee for the maintenance of the desalination plant constructed and managed by Thirumalai Charity Trust. She assists in all the community activities and works in close coordination with similar agencies and organisations like Tata Relief Committee, Avvai Village Welfare Society and other similar organisations, to serve the common man, especially the farmers. With the establishment of the Village Knowledge Centre through M.S.Swaminathan Research Foundation, the Kalaiselvi was trained in the preparation of Phenyl, Soap oil and blue water. Having participated in the training, she is now involved in production of these items as a micro enterprise.

427. Ms T Kalpana

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Ms. T. Kalpana, 35 years hails from K.R Puram, Karur district and had completed her 12th Standard. She is working in Computer Based Functional Literacy programme started in her village. So far she had completed taking classes for three batches and 45 people have been benefited. Like many others working on this programme, she also feels that this method of teaching is very effective in attracting people to learn to read and write the alphabets than traditional education. With her many of the villagers are able to read and write.

She had encouraged the drop out students to re-join the school by counselling them. She had conducted awareness programmes on family planning, AIDS, and healthy environment, sanitation and build separate toilets at their houses She had even motivated the villagers to build rain water harvesting tanks to save the rain water. She was involved in programmes such as self-employment, formation of SHGs and income generation activities. She is keen to see her village developed and she is working earnestly towards this

428. Ms K Kanniyammal

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Ms. K. Kanniyammal is 30 years old and has completed her education till XII standard. She is from Vengai Kurichi village, Trichi District, TN. Most of the villagers are engaged in cow rearing and dairy production.

The TCS Computer Based Functional Literacy programme was started in the year 2003. She took up training in the software and currently she is well versed and is proud of being an expert in computer operation. She felt that the computer based literacy is very attractive and it was much easier to handle the classes than that of the conventional methodology.

She worked hard to fight against the caste discrimination problem which was hampering the progress of her village and arranged inter caste marriages and widow re-marriages. With her efforts, she was able to bring about change the condition of her village. Another issue she took up is infant mortality in her village. With the help and coordination of her village women companions she made the programme successful. For the development of her village Kanniyammal motivated the villagers to build individual house toilets.

Kanniyammal is the leader of the Self Help Group federation of her village and the member of the Education Committee. She believes in the spirit of women and says "Women's groups are worth more than a golden blocks".

429. Ms P N Kavitha

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Ms. P. N. Kavitha is currently operating from Trichy conducting literacy class through computer and good trainer (TOT). Kavitha has three sisters in the family. She has born in a poor and most deserving family. They were engaged in collecting grass which is used to make mats. Such grass collectors gathered together to form a mass. In the process of collection and cultivating grass, they faced problems. That time she engaged herself in collecting grass after she comes back from school. In spite of various problem, after 12th standard her parents could not send to school for her higher education. In the midst of all these problems, she was married to a lorry driver from Unniyur village. He was also working as a coolie daily wage earner in the same village. She has two children. In this condition, she joint as an animator in women Self Help Group. So she had lot of opportunity to know many things about various functions of panchayats and bank in this condition, through Unniyur Panchyat, she

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came to know that there is a vacancy for the post of education development. She later joined as an educational project coordinator. Before marriage since she had already got the experience of working as a voluntary, social worker/ helper in Arivoli lyakkam. After joining as education development in charger, she feels that have developed self confidence and interest and she had also inculcated special interest in studies. She completed B.A history last year in correspondence. Through education development scheme, she is working wonderful job with fulfilment and satisfaction. In the functional literacy she is doing very effective way. She is giving great services to people.

430. Mr Kolapandi Malaiyasamy Gounder

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44 year old Mr Kolapandi Malaiyasamy comes from the eastern part of Kolli Hills and is a farmer. He studied upto primary school level. He has been a traditional Panchayat leader – a village level decision maker, and an important member of the community. Besides taking part in several community activities in the village, he is also a good folk singer and dancer. He is deeply committed to the cause of forest conservation. He is also interested in minor millet cultivation and conservation. He encourages people to grow medicinal plants to carry on the traditional

healing practices. He organises village festivals and competitive games during the season.

431. Mr N Kumar

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28 year old Mr Kumar hails from the Kolli Hills, an area rich in biodiversity. He is an M.A. and M.Phil with a PGDCA (Post Graduate Diploma in Computer Applications). Besides agriculture and livestock, he has involved himself in the study of medicinal plants. In association with several organisations, he has worked to create awareness about HIV and AIDS in the community.

Being an excellent public speaker, Kumar has been able to reach out to people with regard to various issues. He has helped establish interaction and networking with NGOs, local leaders and Government Departments. He is well read, and is committed to his work in remote villages to bring about progress.

Since 2006, he has been involved in training as a field assistant in millet survey conducted by M S Swaminathan Research Foundation. He imparts computer training for free to students under the 'Arivoli lyakkam' scheme.

He has worked as Junior Research Fellows at Department of Animal husbandry Economics, Madras veterinary college He is also good at writing reports and Economic analysis

432. Mr J Lahirdeen

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Mr J. Lahirdeen, 61 years old, is from Thangachimadam, a fishing village in Mandapam Block and is a farmer. He officiates as the Treasurer of the Coconut Cultivators Association in Thangachimadam. He has been involved in social activities.

He is a Muslim Jamat President from 2003 – 2006 and has worked for the welfare and development of the people of Thangachimadam. As an Advisor of the Traders Association, he has participated in various trainings and legal programmes, farmers' trainings, and health awareness programmes on AIDS, Pulse Polio Immunisation, eye camps, Blood Donor camps etc. He has worked with dedication to help people who need medical treatment. He has provided educational and economic assistance for underprivileged school children and economic assistance for AIDS patients, the aged, and helped in getting the 'patta' or land documents for poor and needy persons.

He is also involved in the activities of the Village Knowledge Centre. As a coconut cultivator, he was involved in Cultivators Association for the past ten years, and organised meetings and video conferencing in association with the Village Knowledge Centre. By working in association with Muslim Jamat, he has done a lot for the welfare and development of various sections of population in Thangachimadam. He is a committed worker.

433. Ms S Lingakani

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Ms S Lingakani, 23, has studied till X Standard and hails from a village by the sea coast in the Thoothukudi District. She is an active facilitator of TCS-CBFL in the village and says that computer based education is very clear and audible and people can grasp the lessons easily and quickly. A keen social activist, she had particularly committed herself for the upliftment of rural women both economically and socially. In her capacity as s the leader of the Self Help Groups for women she has persuaded the members to participate in social work activities.

She has motivated the drop-outs from school to re-join by counselling their parents by regularly visiting their houses. She had also conducted tuition classes for students and

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tailoring classes for girls in the evening without charging fees.

Lingakani engages herself in many social service activities like conducting awareness programmes on AIDS, sanitation, polio immunization, etc. She wanted to continue her activities for the betterment of the villagers and for the development of the village as a whole. She has been recognised by the villagers for her commitment towards social service.

434. Ms M Mahakani

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Ms. Mahakani belongs to Kamikudi villae in Kariapatti in Virudhunagar district. Her parents are labourers engaging in firewood cutting and collection. She is 21 years of age, and studying for a Diploma in Nursing. From a very early age, Mahakani was keen on serving the rural people and bring about improvements in the village community.

Mahakani sees the need to encourage young children to study well at school. For the past five years, on her own initiative, she has been distributing prizes to the students in the village who came within the first three ranks in their 10th Standard. She spends her evenings taking free tuitions and imparting health education to educate and increase awareness among villagers. She says, "My only aim is to make my village a well

developed one, especially in education, for which I am taking more efforts. I am poor but I will help my villages as much as I can. All the students who attend my tuition class, who are from 6th to 10th standard, have got good marks and passed in their subjects till this date."

435. Mr T Mahendran

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30 year old Mr. T. Mahendran is a graduate from Virusampatti Village located in a forest region Agriculture is primary occupation of this village and most of the villagers are illiterate. He is the leader of the youth association in his village and motivates the youth to participate in awareness programmes on AIDS, alcoholism, drug addiction, family planning, sanitation, healthy environment, etc. He also takes up non formal educational classes for children who do not go to schools and also gives free computer classes to them.

Mahendran is an active facilitator of TCS-CBFL and says that computer based education is the easiest mode of teaching as the people can grasp easily the lessons. He is the leader of the educational association in his village and has made some changes in the school premises. He has also taken a lead in cleaning the school surroundings. He

is the leader of men's Self Help Groups and help the men to avail loans from the banks to start new economic enterprises.

He has taken steps to educate and bring awareness among his people on the evils of female infanticide. He has also convinced the villagers to stop such brutality against female infants. With the help of his Youth association members he explains the importance of individual house toilets to the villagers and motivates them in this regard. He wants to help his fellow villagers to earn more and wants his village to be developed.

436. Ms S Maheshwari

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Ms. S. Maheshwari, 40 years old hails from a village located in a forest region in Thoothukudi, and is educated till X Standard. She is committed worker of the TCS-CBFL which was started in the year 2005 in this village. So far, she has completed ten batches and the numbers of beneficiaries are 108. She says that computer based education has attracted the villagers and they are learning the lessons with great interest. She has helped the villagers to write their names and read newspapers and route boards of buses.

She has committed herself to many social work activities like motivating the villagers

to build 110 individual house toilets and to keep the surroundings clean. She has motivated the drop out students to re-join the school by counselling their parents. She has conducted some awareness programmes on family planning, AIDS, sanitation, etc. and has also helped the elderly people in her village to get their monthly pensions.

Maheshwari is the leader of Self Help Groups in her village. She has formed a separate SHG for physically challenged persons and has arranged to get loans from the bank for them. For the women members of the SHG she has conducted computer classes and tailoring classes without charging fees. She has helped the girls to join the garment industry after finishing the tailoring classes. As she is a very dynamic and enthusiastic woman, she is a role model for many of the girls in her village and has received good recognition for her social activities from the Panchayat leader and the villagers.

437. Ms K Mala

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Ms. K. Mala, who is 27 years of age has completed her S.S.L.C. and works as self help group monitor for National Agro foundation covering Chunapedu area location. Since she had a good rapport with the people, she is able to implement the

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programmes easily and can measure the impact among the people as well. She monitors self help groups and helps the members in availing loans from banks for future development. She identifies people's skills and puts them into income generating programmes for self employment.

Mala has been running TCS-CBFL classes for the past 3 years. She separated people into batches according to their flexible timings. She had taken CBFL classes to scheduled tribe communities who have never known education. She took various steps to make the people come and attend classes regularly in the evenings. All the functional literacy beneficiaries are able to read newspapers, bus boards, news headlines etc.

An active resident in Chunapedu village, she participated in many awareness campaigns organised by National Agro Foundation. She conducted general medical camp, eye camp, disability camp, etc and works hard to reach people who are in real need. She engaged herself in identifying people who are in need of housing and helped school going children for availing free bicycles from government. She even helped the handicapped people to get their pension as well as wheel chairs and vehicles for their transportation, as well as helped the elderly people of her village to get pensions from the Government.

Mala's ultimate aim is to help people to help themselves with their available resources, and so assists people in identifying such resources.

438. Ms. M. Malika
Vaigainallur Agraharam,
Kulithalai (P.O)
Karur
Tamil Nadu

Ms. M. Malika is 29 years aged and she is a B.A History graduate. She is from Karur district. The Computer Based Functional Literacy has started in the year 2004 and she had completed three batches and 45 people are benefited. She had said that Computer Based Functional Literacy is useful to the illiterates to become functionally literates. She had made the villagers to write their names and to read the news papers and bus boards.

Moreover she involved herself in some activities like creating awareness programmes, healthy environment and build separate toilets at their own houses, to avoid open – defecation. She is a very dynamic person. She had also taken initiative to gather villager for CBFL classes and she was recognized for her work towards for the improvement of the village. She had told that she is happy in participating in all these activities and to see her villages improving. She is the active member in the Arivoli lyakkam and participated in many community development activities.

439. Ms Malliga Athinarayanan

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Erumapatty Block,
Namakkal District,
Tamil Nadu
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Ms Malliga Athinarayanan, 42, studied upto 11th Standard has been involved in community work for nearly a decade. She has been instrumental in forming Self-Help Groups, assisting them with bank linkages. She is a motivator for micro enterprise development, and trainer and facilitator in a spinning mill. Malliga is good in mobilising public support for the village development. Her marketing skills are noteworthy, and she is receptive to new ideas and techniques.

440. Mr G Manikandan

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Sattankulam (Via)
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Tamil Nadu
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Mr G Manikandan is 25 years of age and has studied till XII standard. He is from Sathankulam village on the sea coast of Thoothukudi district. He is a very enthusiastic and dynamic young man and has actively participated in many social service activities in his village.

He has completed four batches of TCS-CBFL classes and says that women are grasping lessons faster than men in his village. He has also said that TCS-CBFL classes are very helpful for the illiterate people to enable them to become functionally literate. He has been the facilitator in the 'Arivoli Valarkalvi Thittam' and with the help of the village leaders he has conducted classes for the villagers, helping them to read and write through the syllabus.

His efforts to motivate the community people to construct rain water harvesting tanks in all the houses to save water in the rainy season was appreciated by the Panchayat leader, and he has also engaged himself in motivating the villagers to build individual house toilets.

As a member of the school association Manikandan he has conducted many activities for the benefit of school students. He has also taken computer classes for the school students as he felt that computer literacy is important for the younger generation. Along with his team members he motivates school drop outs to go to school regularly.

Manikandan has done excellent work for his community members. He has participated in many awareness programmes like self-employment, AIDS, health, environment, etc. He is the leader and the animator of a Self Help Group for men. He has become the role model for the youngsters in his village.

441. Mr. R. Manikandan

s/o. M. Ramar
 Maniyapallai
 Arasakullam Village
 Kurandi Post
 Kerriyapatti Taluk
 Virudhunagar dist
 Pincode : 626106
 Tamilnadu

Mr. R. Manikandan, 20 years old, belongs to Arasakulam Village. He is now studying in the final year for his B.A. degree in History. He comes from an agricultural family. Jointly with 20 other families, they have formed an agri-horticultural centre, Maniapalli,

He helped the Family Health & Development Research Service Foundation, at Kariapatti, in charge of village development to form a Farmers Group with 20 members, in the name of SURABI FARMERS GROUP in order to carry out development work. With the help Foundation, Manikandan attended many agricultural conferences, where he was able to learn a lot and exchange ideas and information.

He helped to organise a conference in Maniapillai area on information on Water Resource Management, with the help of M.S.Swaminathan Research Foundation (MSSRF) in which many farmers participated, and learned more about water resource management. Manikandan took over the responsibility of contacting people to collect information and to clear any doubts and questions on agriculture.

Manikandan also helps students attend computer classes and motivates them to make use of the Village Knowledge Centre, Kariapatti. He has also attended a Rural Awareness Programme at SIT Engineering College, Kariapatti and a Veterinary Medical Camp organized by MSSRF. He has also taken active role in the inauguration of Gramin Vikas Andolan and Block level training programme for two days at Arasakulam village.

442. Mrs. L. Maria Lona

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Mrs L. Maria Lona, 35 years old, hails from Saveriyar Nagar, a coastal village consisting of 200 families and main occupation of the people is fishing. She is a social worker and her areas of interest include education, health and family counselling.

Maria Lona has worked in Kolkata from 1991 to 1994 as a Village Nurse, helping the poor and downtrodden. She started the Infant Jesus Primary School in 1995 with the help of one Dr. Gunasekaran, and served as a teacher for three years. From 2003 to 2005, she served as a teacher in St. Anne School and worked for the betterment of the fisher folk.

She is a leader of the women's Self-Help Group in Saveriyar Nagar. In 2003, she

started Thendral Women's Self- Help Group with the help of Village Resource Centre (VRC), M S Swaminathan Research Foundation (MSSRF) at Thangachimadam. She has helped to start micro enterprises, improve educational facilities, and also offered various types of assistance for SHGs. She also works for women's rights.

She volunteers her services to the Village Knowledge Centre(VKC) of MSSRF. She participated in the Microsoft Unlimited Potential Programme conducted by the VKC and also joined a degree course - BA Tourism-through the Tamil Nadu Open University – which has the Study Centre at the VKC. She has been actively involved with the activities of MSSRF at Thangachimadam since 2006, and attended all the training programmes, awareness camps, interactive sessions, and video conferences. She helps disseminate knowledge and information to all SHG members. She also offers counseling for widows, women, the aged, and arranges for their monthly pensions and other assistance in association with the Panchayat. She has been nominated as a Ward Member of Thangachimadam in 2006.

443. Ms. S. Mariyaye

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Tamil Nadu
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Ms. S. Mariyaye is 29 years aged and she is a B.Lit graduate. She is from Karur district,

Tamil Nadu. The Computer Based Functional Literacy has started in the year 2004 and she had completed three batches and 50 people are benefited. She had said that Computer Based Functional Literacy is useful to the illiterates to become functionally literates. She had made the villagers to write their names and to read the news papers and bus boards. Now she started fourth batch and total people are 20.

She had made the drop out students to re-join in the school by counselling them. She had conducted some awareness programmes on Family Planning, AIDS, and Sanitation, healthy environment and build separate toilets at their own houses, to avoid open – defecation. She is a very dynamic person. Then she is also the leader of the SHG and provided loans to start the small business.

She is a very dynamic person. She had also taken initiative to gather villager for CBFL classes and she was recognized for her work towards for the improvement of the village. She had taken initiative to gather villager for CBFL classes and she was recognized for her work towards for the improvement of the village and also conducting the games, cultural programmes, reading games these are the functions conducting and motivating the village people. She has given AIDS awareness training for the youngsters, in order to decrease the ignorance level and create awareness. She had even motivated the villagers to build rain water harvesting tanks to save the rain eater.

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She is distributing newspapers to the learners in the morning for creating the habit of reading among them. Similarly in the evening, she distributes books to the learners in Continuing Education Centre.

444. Ms. Mekalamuthu

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Ms. Mekalamuthu, aged 39, is from a village where the main occupation is agriculture. After her B.A. degree, she took up work related to women's welfare and education. She motivated the women to form Self-Help Groups and created a forum to spread information and awareness of the Government Schemes and benefits. With her excellent communicating skills, she was able to educate the villagers on health and sanitation, and also about women's rights and empowerment.

She is in charge of the Village Knowledge Centre, and is actively involved in all facets of its work in and around the villages. As Union Coordinator in the Continuing Education Programme she has achieved success in several programmes, and she has been awarded for her participation in the National Rural Water Programme – TWAD. She also received a Merit Certificate for organising and coordinating a Rural Farmers Club in association with TNSRO, Arimalam.

She has also been chosen the Best Block Level Project Coordinator for her excellent community and social service.

445. Ms. Mesa

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Twenty seven years old Ms Mesa has completed B.A. and possesses a basic knowledge of computers. Having the ability to speak well, and being also well read, she is able to teach others to use the computers. She has attended the awareness meeting on HIV / AIDS, Mother and Child Health and Hygiene conducted by others

From August 2006, Mesa has been working in the Village Knowledge Centre, assisting in the Focus Group meetings, Community Newspaper, Needs Assessment, MUPP & CALP. She has also worked as a watershed coordinator in People's Participatory Watershed Development Project, and is excellent in basic information and working with information support group and training the ISG with respect to computer literacy.

446. Mr. G. Moghanraj Yadhav

Sangamangalam village

Sikal (via)

Nagapatinam Dt

Tamil Nadu 611108

Mr. G. Moghanraj Yadhav, 52, belongs to the village of Sangamangalam located in the Cauvery delta. A post graduate in History, he developed a deep interest in agriculture. To further his study, he attended several courses to learn the expertise of seed production, and accomplished a great deal of field work in plant breeding and research trials. He has promoted 23 varieties of rice and is engaged in plant breeding with the assistance of a Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU) scientist. He is a traditional seed saver, grower and conserver.

In 1998, Moghanraj Yadhav established a seed bank, and from 1990, he began a programme to educate farmers on organic farming. He initiated a Farmers Club in 1994, with the assistance of NABARD. Even though NABARD had stopped assistance three years after its inception, he continued his efforts to run the Club successfully.

Through his efforts, he has created linkages with government agencies and agricultural scientists to enable direct interaction. He has also created linkages with various financial institutions. In 2007 this club was selected as the 'Best Club in the State' by NABARD, and the prize was awarded by Dr M.S. Swaminathan in a function held at the Regional Office of NABARD in Chennai.

In 1998, he started a farmers' participatory breeding centre and maintained a community bio diversity register. He has also started a Village Seed Bank the same year.

Mohan attended a biodiversity conference in Nairobi, Kenya, in 2004. He has written a number of articles in various magazines on the subject of seed production. He has also participated in various programmes on electronic media. He was selected for the Krishi Ratna award by ICAR. He is serving the farmers with conviction, with a commitment to save the earth and share the growth.

447. Mr Mooligaiselvaraju

PeriyaKovilur

Valappurnadu, Kolli Hills

Namakkal District

Tamil Nadu.637 411

Mr Mooligaiselvaraju, from the Eastern Kolli Hills, is 40 years old and has studied upto 8th Standard. He is an important member of his community. He is keenly interested in the management and monitoring of Self-Help Groups, and includes many beneficial programmes in the activities. He organises the village festivals. He works for the conservation of crops like millet, and also to preserve the traditional healing system and medicinal plants, and popularises them among the villagers. He is good in mobilising public support for the village's development. He is good in marketing. He is capable receiving new techniques and disseminating.

448. Mr. D. Murugan

S/O Dharmalingam
Balasamudram (PO)
Union Office Backside
Thottiyam- TK
Trichy District

Mr. D. Murugan is currently operating from Trichy conducting literacy class through computer. He is working as an education development project cluster coordinator in Bala Samudhiram panchayat. He was not able to study beside 12th standard. So he engaged himself in agricultural and earning money. He got money from in the field of agricultural, with that money he completed I.T.I and he has passed two year in Tamil Nadu Government Kumbakonnam division II. He was appointed for the same with the help of trained those people who are at the age group 6 to 14 and 15 to 45. Among those people who were trained, he has admitted these two recipients in school. Besides these among the disadvantaged unprivileged section of the community a few people were selected namely cheering female candidates, physically challenged, orphans and widows. They were trained in tailoring and they were given certificates. Among those people who got trained and who were given certificates, one went through the free tailoring examination and has been given a tailoring machine for free of cost. He has given AIDS awareness training for the youngsters in five Panchyats, in order to decrease the ignorance level and create awareness. So people, after thoroughly knowing all the Government

schemes, he have helped a few people to get old age pension. Three wheelers for the physically challenged, tailoring training for a dumb and brought up in a deserving family, fully he involved in development to education and he had given the salary is inadequate to meet all the family expenses, he is finding very difficult to think of and arrange his sisters marriage. He believes in the sayings, "Service to humanity is service to God". He has great pleasure for the service that he has been doing for the past 5 years.

449. Mr K. Murugesan

S/o Karuma kounder
Thirupuli Villege
Thirupuli (po)
Thirupuli Nadu
Rasipuram T.K
Namakkal Dist
Kolli Hills
Tamil Nadu

Mr K. Murugesan comes from a village in the Kolli Hills of Tamil Nadu. He has studied till the 10th Standard. He is the leader of the Thirupuli Farmers Club, and participates in the meetings with Panchayat leader and MLA to redress the grievances of his village people. He also helps the people by informing them about various government schemes.

Whenever people in distress need any money, either for marriage or any emergency, Murugesan offers financial assistance, and does not charge any interest. He is the Secretary of the SSA, and ensures that all the students get their school uniforms and

notebooks for the academic year. If there is any vacancy in the school staff, he requests the graduates from the village to offer their services. Murugesan was instrumental in the construction of a new building for the school, as the students were crowded in a single room. This shows his commitment to child education and welfare.

450. Mr. R. Murugesan

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Tamil Nadu

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51 year old Mr. R. Murugesan belongs to Thangachimadam, a fishing village in Mandapam Block. He has had school education upto higher secondary level.

For ten years, from 1982–1992, he has worked as the Secretary of Ramanathapuram District Traders Association and Deputy Secretary of Thangachimadam Traders Association. He took active interest in development work. He has served as a Ward Councillor in the Thangachimadam Panchayat from 1993 – 98, and worked to improve the basic facilities in and around his village.

During his service period he took efforts to set up a Primary Health Centre in Thangachimadam, arranged for basic civic amenities like electricity facilities and upgrading a Secondary School to a Higher Secondary in the village. At present, he is

working as the Vice-President of Thangachimadam Traders Association. He has served as a member of Nesakkarangal Disabled Rehabilitation Association MGR Nagar, Thangachimadam, served as Health Welfare member in Primary Health Centre since 2002. Murugesan is a photographer, and a member of the Photographers Association.

He has participated in different workshops and created awareness among the public on environmental protection, eradication of usage of plastics, planted tree saplings etc, arranged medical camps for physically and mentally challenged people and Iodine awareness programme.

Through Varumun Kappom Scheme, he organised awareness camps related to Malaria and Pulse Polio Immunisation. He took efforts for the appointment of more number of doctors and ensured ample supply of medicines to the hospitals. He organised for planting of flowering trees in the hospital premises. In association with AIRD, Ramanathapuram, he worked to create awareness about HIV – AIDS, and as a member of the support group, he has serviced a lot for HIV patients in Thangachiamadam Island

He has been associated with Village Resource Centre and Village Knowledge Centre (VKC), of M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation at Thangachiamadam. He helps in organising trainings and awareness programme as a volunteer and also participates. He has also participated in video conferencing at VRC.

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He disseminates knowledge and information about the same to the people and creates awareness. He is also a member of the Village Management Committee in the VKC, MGR Nagar, Thangachiamadam.

451. Mr P. Muthapillai

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Chinnasalem Block,
Villupuram
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39 year old Mr P Muthapillai is an excellent social worker, and was Vice President of the Village Panchayat from 2001 to 2006. During this period he had taken initiatives to develop the infrastructures in and around the village. He is interested in micro irrigation, organic farming, rainwater harvesting, and formation of Self-Help Groups, helping with bank linkages, and setting up of micro enterprises that benefit the people.

452. Ms. V. Muthulakshmi

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Pudukkottai district
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Ms. Muthulakshmi, 32 years old, has been a Knowledge Worker in the Arimalam Village

Knowledge Centre since 1995. She is enthusiastic and committed in her work for community welfare. She uses her work at the Centre to popularise science and mobilise children to form a Science Club, and to create social awareness about women's education. She has also initiated the formation of a Farmers Club, whereby the local farmers can share knowledge and experiences, with several innovative measures available to them. Other areas where she has worked are in solid waste management and water conservation. She has attended a 10-day training programme for rural women at the University of Gandhigram. Muthulakshmi is keen on studying alternative technologies. Conservation of medicinal plants is also a main concern.

453. Mr N Muthusamy

S/o. P. Nagarajan, Kurandi Post
Kariapatti taluk,
Virudhunagar District
Pincode : 626 106
Tamilnadu

Muthusamy, 21 years old, is from Kurandi village, and belongs to an agricultural family. He studied till High School in the village, and Higher Secondary studies from nearby town of Kariapatti. He is now studying for his B.Sc degree in S.N. College, Perungudi, Madurai.

He has taken a keen interest in his family's occupation of agriculture. He knows the market prices for agricultural products, and always advises farmers to sell their commodities at good prices. He is also skilled

in Electronics and does repair work of Radio and Television. He is always ready to help people, and obliges whenever someone asks for anything. Muthusamy takes tuition classes for the students studying 5th -8th Standards in the Evening Centres. He teaches students operate the Computer through Village Knowledge Centre which was established by the Family Health & Development Research Service Foundation, Kariapatti. He is always at hand at the Centre, helping students and clearing their doubts.

NSS camps was organised in Kurandi village by Sethu Institute of Technology, where 30 students participated, and Muthusamy rendered assistance to them, and accordingly a free eye camp was also organized, in which he played an active role. He has also assisted during the Free Medical Camp conducted by Dr. Ambedkar Cultural Academy in collaboration with DALA, and taken efforts to conduct the same Camp his own village again. Family Health & Development Research Service Foundation, Kariapatti, and MSSRF jointly conducted Free Veterinary Camp for which Muthusamy helped in many ways. He is now taking steps to get a Government Scholarship for a handicapped person. He participated in a conference on Cultivation of Chilies conducted by SPICES and Regional Research Station, Aruppukottai. Later Muthusamy was able to share the knowledge and experience with others.

454. Ms A.Nachammal

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T.Edianpatti, Palakurichi
Manparai Taluk
Trichi District
Tamil Nadu

Ms. A. Nachammal is a 23 year old lady who has completed her education till XII standard with a Dip in Co-op. She hails from Edaianpati Village, Trichy district where most of the villagers are agricultural labourers having very low literacy rate.

Nachammal is a good trainer of TCS-CBFL classes and she has facilitated nearly 30persons to become literates. She says that the TCS CBFL methodology had made her work very easy to promote functional literacy among her villagers as the methodology is very attractive to the villagers. She is in-charge of the village library. She reads out 'Thina Thandi' news paper for the illiterate people every morning. She has conducted awareness programme on polio immunization and made all the parents to take their children to the camp.

She has also engaged herself in creating awareness on various developmental activities and has mobilized people to take part in the village development work Spreading awareness about HIV- AIDS is also part of her work. She is also the leader of Self Help Groups in her area and helped in the formation of SHGs. Initially, it was difficult for her to take up the work as her parents

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were illiterates and not supportive. But when they heard about her work from the villagers, they were very happy and also started motivating her. She was greatly appreciated by the village Panchayat head for her social activities and by other Government Officials for her initiatives and for conducting the Adult Literacy Classes.

455. Mr K. Nadesan

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Padasolai,
Thirupuli PO
Thirupuli Nadu,
RasipuramT.K,
Namakkal District
Kolli Hills

Mr K. Nadesan hails from Padasolai and is a member of the men's Self-Help Group in his village. Through the activities in the Self-Help Group, he is able to organise various community activities that are aimed to improve the lives of the people. He is concerned about the conservation of millet, a vanishing variety today. He educates the people and he also practices the traditional Siddha System of medicine, free of cost, to benefit the people.

Nadesan sometimes takes up the task of acting as a village headman when he has to settle altercations among villagers or settle any disputes arising in the village. He is teaching the people to use millet in their daily cooking. He also strives to help the people by making use Government Schemes. Through the Self-Help Group he started a

stationery shop in the village. He is also the financier for the Farmers Club. He makes sure the village roads and water supply function properly.

456. Ms K. Nambulakshmi

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Ms K. Nambulakshmi, who is 30 years old, is a social worker as well as the leader of the Fisherwomen Society in Chinnapalam, a fishing hamlet in Mandapam Block, Ramanathapuram District. By occupation, she is a fisherwoman. Due to a retinal problem, she underwent an operation in Sankara Nethralaya. As a result of her eye problem, she had to discontinue her education. She is unmarried, and very motivated toward community service. She began her service from Arivoli lyakkam – an adult educational programme.

She dedicated herself to social work, concentrating on health issues. In order to disseminate awareness, she participated in health awareness meetings. In association with the Healthcare Nurses, she organises vaccination camps, pre-natal care, prevention of malaria etc.

She earns money by crab trading. From her savings she started a seaweed vending unit. With the help of women in her village she

has for arranged seaweed collection, shellcraft ornamental making, and fish vending in her area, and 40 families are being employed through her. She has facilitated for self-employment opportunities of fishermen and women, arranged for economic, education and healthcare assistance. She has provided economic assistance for fishermen and helped them get benefits from other government schemes. With the help of the Police Department she has introduced sports activities in order to keep them away from wasteful habits like gambling and drinking. She takes interest in the activities of Village Knowledge Centre in Pamban. In association with M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation since 2006, she has arranged for an Adult Literacy Programme for fisherwomen, shell craft training, and has attended various training and awareness programme with commitment.

457. Mr. A. Narayanan

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Mr. Narayanan comes from Maligaimedu, an agricultural village in Cuddalore district. He is 29 years old, and has a Masters degree in Commerce. He has been involved in serving his village community for more than a decade. He is skilled in capacity building,

and trains the youth on creating awareness about the government schemes, and assists villagers to avail the benefits.

Narayanan set up a study centre in his village, where he conducts free tuitions to school students. Seeing the need for similar assistance to students in other villages, he started tuition centres in 4 villages nearby, and successfully manages them with the help of some volunteers. During the tsunami, Narayanan immediately went to the spot to help people. He is involved in flood relief programmes, and helped in getting supplies and materials for several villages. When ten houses in his village were burnt in a fire, he made immediate arrangements to bring in volunteer support groups from Chennai. Besides imparting HIV/AIDS awareness training to the youth in ten villages nearby, he has also been involved in Filariasis control measures, and has referred some villagers for treatment in the Government Hospital.

458. Ms. S. Navamani

D/o Navamani
 Manmagalam
 Karur District
 Tamil Nadu

Ms. S. Navamani is 25 years old and had completed her education till 10th standard. She hails from Manmagalam, Karur district. She has been actively involved in the Computer Based Functional Literacy started in the year 2004 and completed three batches and 45 people have been benefited.

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According to her this programme enables people to learn fast as they find it interesting and easy to pick up the reading and writing skills. She had also taken initiative to gather villagers for CBFL classes and through her efforts today many villagers are able to write their names and read the bus routes.

She is a very dynamic person. She is recognized for her work towards the improvement of the village. She is willing to continue these activities to improve her community.

459. Ms. Navaneetham

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Ms. Navaneetham, 40 years old, is an expert clam collector and a clam marketing agent. She herself collects the clams from the river, creeks and canals near Kovalam and Marakanam, in Kancheepuram district of Tamil Nadu. She also collects clams from other women's groups and serves as an agent for the clam supply. Navaneetham is a role model for other women who work in clam collection. The work is tedious and demanding.

An enterprising and hard working woman, Navaneetham has also given several talks on the All India Radio, Chennai. She also rides the motor bike and travels 80 kms a day to

supply clam meat to hotels and hatcheries. She provides employment for more than 100 women in the village through her own clam meat collection network. She is very prompt in service and delivery of supplies of fresh clam meat. The job also requires that women to wear very light clothing to make it easy to remain in the water for more than six to seven hours a day. Sometimes the feet hurt with injuries from sharp mussel shells. For women like Navaneetham, such hardship is insignificant because it is the way they earn their daily bread! Here is a woman with strong leadership qualities who has changed the course of life for many women in her locality through her enterprise.

460. Ms. R. Neela

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Ms. Neela, from Mangalapuram, is an active social worker. She has learnt typewriting in both English and Tamil. She has accomplished excellent work as a volunteer in several Adult Literacy Programmes, and is a good singer. Since 1995, she has helped in organising self-help groups for women, and is a skilled resource person for training. She is constantly involved in many community activities, and motivates learning and education through several street plays. She also imparts communication skills, and spreads the

awareness about information and education. She is also a member of a Blood Donation Society. Neela is the Union Coordinator in the Continuing Education Programme for Pudukottai district. She has also published four books in Tamil. She works with dedication in improving women's education.

461. Ms J Padarunisha

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Ms. J. Padarunisha is 34 years old and has completed her S.S.L.C. In her agricultural village Peruvalppur in a dry zone of Trichy district, half the population are labourers.

After acquiring proper training, Padarunisha who is a widow has been a facilitator for TCS Computer Based Functional Literacy which was started in the year 2005 . She is also a member of the education committee of her village. Her aim is to make the villagers literate and for that she mobilized people to attend the classes regularly. She made home visits and motivated people to make use of the village library, to encourage the reading habit of the villagers. The sub collector of the district on his visit appreciated Padarunisha's efforts in conducting the computer based functional literacy classes and for the maintenance of the village library.

She has been creating awareness among the villagers about proper sanitation facilities and motivated the villagers to build individual

house toilets to keep the surroundings clean. She has also been involved in conducting AIDS awareness programmes.

462. Mr S.T. Palanichamy

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Tamil Nadu.

Mr Palanichamy is from the Northern Kolli Hills, which is an area rich in culture with rich biodiversity. He is adept in hill driving, and has excellent communication skills. He teaches children free of charge, and helps the people with infrastructure and facilities such as water supply and electricity and transport. He participated in a training programme on the production of vermincompost under the Integrated Wasteland Development Programme. He also monitors and maintains men's Self-Help Groups. Working with the aged, he helps them access the benefits and government pensions.

463. Mr P Pandiselvam

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Mr Pandiselvam of Kurandi village in Virudhunagar district comes from an agricultural family. He is a graduate. He has always been interested in social service and

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community welfare work. He formed a Farmers Group consisting of 10 members. He was able to identify farmers' needs, and assisted them in availing benefits and bank loans, and purchase of fertilizers from nearby towns. As the members are agriculturalists, he convenes a meeting once a month to clear their doubts and offers advice on crops and related cultivation practices. He explains the benefits of organic farming and encourages the villagers to use only organic inputs.

Pandiselvam enrolled in Dr. Ambedkar Cultural Academy has taken classes in the evening centre for 30 students. He also helped to arrange free medical camps organised by DALA in collaboration with CERAC Medical Centre. He is regular in attending the meeting of Family Health & Development Research Service Centre, held at Periakulam, Sempatti and Kovilangulam, and share shares his experiences with the villagers.

He is always at hand to help the handicapped, offering his services to get their Government benefits by filling their forms. Recently he attended the inaugural function of Gramin Vikas Andolan and Block Level Training organised by family Health & Development Research Service Foundation, Kariapatti held at Arasakulam village on 7th & 8th May 2007. In the Training, the importance and need for information on Water Conservation and Rainwater Harvesting was emphasised by the concerned Government Department personnel and proved extremely beneficial to everyone.

464. Mr K Paramasivam

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Mr. Paramasivam is 35 years old, and comes from the village of Athani. He has been a keen and committed social worker in his community, working in areas like health and sanitation, women's welfare, formation of self-help groups, facilitating government schemes and education – especially the Adult Literacy Programmes. He was chosen the Best Cultural Team Worker by the District Collector, and has won the Dr Malcolm Adiseshiah Award for Best Field Worker in CEP in 2002. In 2003 he won the Best Field Worker Award for Arivoli Iyakkam, and was selected Best Block Level Project Coordinator.

465. Ms S Parvathi

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Ms. S. Parvathi is a 31 year old woman who has studied upto XII standard. She is in-charge of the Public Continuous Education Programme and the facilitator for the TCS-CBFL Programme which was started in the year 2006. She feels that computer

education is more interesting than traditional education because the people are attracted by the use of technology. Also the alphabets are more clearly visible in computers than on black boards.

She is the leader of an SHG and helps people to avail loans from banks for marriages, cultivation, for buying cattle or to start some small business. Conducting tailoring classes for the women was also one of her activities. She has also participated in building public toilets and in conducting awareness programmes on clean environment, including planting 250 saplings for the betterment of the village. She has taken part in polio awareness programmes and in AIDS awareness programmes.

A very dynamic person, Parvathi gets good recognition by the villagers and became popular in the village panchayat level because of her excellent participation in community activities as well as for her efforts in abolishing alcoholism in her village.

466. Mr P.PaulRaj

S/o Periyar,
Padasoli,
Thirupuli (po),
Thirupuli Nadu,
Rasipuram T.K.,
Namakkal dst,
Kolli Hills
Tamil Nadu

37 year old Mr P. Paul Raj is a practitioner of alternative therapy of Siddha medicine in

his village. He treats the people free of cost. He offers his assistance to the needy, often helping them with obtaining the basic needs from the Government welfare schemes. He interacts with the various departments for the public services, and if there is any problem related to electricity and water supply, he makes sure they are promptly solved. He also helps treat livestock in case of any illness.

467. Mr Puvai S Kanthasamy

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Yadhavar street
Prathabaramapuram
Keelaiyur block
Kilvellur Taluk
Nagapattinam district
Tamilnadu

Mr Kanthasamy, 46 years old, is from a coastal village, which was one among the widely affected areas in the recent tsunami. Agriculture is the main occupation of the village.

Kanthasamy is a farmer involved in the cultivation of crops like coconut, cashew, casuarinas, vegetables and medicinal herbs and tubers. He also shares his expertise and experience with fellow farmers on the cultivation practices. Kanthasamy is also skilled in hand bore pump digging and plumbing work, and he also helps the fellow farmers in these areas and guides them.

After the tsunami, Kanthasamy was more actively involved in the community service work, helping the farmers and the

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department in assessing the affected fields and thereafter engaged in organising Farmers Self Help Groups. He is also the President in the SHG organised by the Horticultural Department. He was engaged in the distribution of the tsunami relief and rehabilitation materials (farm Inputs) distributed through the Department to the farmers. He also participated in the collection and distribution of horticultural nursery such mango, coconut and cashew nut through the Horticultural Department.

Kanthatasamy is also a member of the group organised by Bharathi Women's Development Centre, a non governmental organisation, and has also trained in various cultivation methods. He was specially trained in the agronomic rehabilitation and land reclamation in the tsunami affected fields. He always shares all the information with the fellow farmers among his groups and others in the land reclamation aspects.

He mobilised financial assistance, seeds and agricultural inputs from MASS, another non governmental organisation, for the farmers affected by the tsunami. He also mobilised the farmers for the training on the preparation of vermicompost organised by Ektha Parishad and supplied materials required for the process. He works for his community representing their needs with government departments, NGOs and other similar forums.

468. Mr S. Rajapandi

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Tamil Nadu

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44 year old Mr Rajapandi is from Ponnagaram. Hailing from a traditional Palmyra tapper family he has a B.Sc. degree. He was Student Secretary in the Department of Zoology at college.

From a very young age he had an urge to serve the people. He decided to dedicate his life to serving the community. He has been involved in activities for the development of fisher folk and Palmyra workers. He has accomplished a great deal of work with regard to village development. He has facilitated in getting benefits and other help through the government schemes and entitlement like old age and retirement pensions for the eligible people. He is always concerned for children's education and their development. When he became the President of the Educational committee in 2002 he sought to work for the intellectual and cognitive development of the children. He also takes interest in the conservation of the marine eco system and welfare of the coastal people and their future development.

469. Mr. K. Rajasekar

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Twenty six year old Mr. Rajasekar is from Kathazhai, an agricultural village in Cuddalore district. He has a B.A. degree, and for over a decade he has been involved in community and service activities. He came up with the idea to help the children of his village improve their general knowledge by conducting several competitions every year. He involved himself as a volunteer in executing many government schemes in his village. He has taken some initiatives for the benefit of his village like arranging a training programme on HIV/AIDS, organising pure drinking water for his village etc. He has helped to conduct medical camps.

470. Mr S. Rajasekar

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Mr Rajasekar, 34 years old, is a law graduate, and works as a Legal Advisor and member of the Free Legal Aid Committee in Thangachimadam. He belongs to Saveriar

Nagar, a fishing hamlet in Thagachimadam Village. Though he is engaged in the legal profession, he is also interested in agriculture. During his student days, Rajasekar took part in the Boy Scouts, NCC and NSS. He helped to organise many programmes for the development of his people.

He is the Legal Advisor for the Fishermen's Community Welfare Association at Thangachimadam and he offers free service and helps solve their problems. As a Legal Advisor in consumer forum, he has concentrated on the fair supply of goods in the public distribution system (PDS) and other departments, especially in Primary Health Centres. Along with Consumer Association, Thangachimadam, he has created awareness about Right to Information Act, Consumer Protection Act among school students. He has created awareness about Right to Information Act to School Teachers in association with Consumer Association. He has accomplished a lot for the cause of education, and has arranged guideline awareness programme for 10th, 12th Standard and college students, and provides guidance to the participants for higher education.

He has participated programmes organised by M. S. Swaminathan Research Foundation (MSSRF), Thangachimadam and worked to create health awareness, especially in eye care, and malaria prevention. He has also participated in the Microsoft Unlimited Potential Programme (MUPP) and other training and awareness programmes

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conducted by MSSRF. As a coconut cultivator he has maintained a coconut farm on his family land for the past 20 years and attended Video conferencing on coconut cultivation at the Village Resource Centre, Thangachimadam

As a volunteer in the Village Knowledge Centre, he helps disseminate information and knowledge among the village people.

471. Mr. M. Ramakrishnan

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Keelaiyur block
Kilvellur Taluk

Mr.Ramakrishnan, 47 years old, is from the coastal hamlet of Prathabaramapuram, an area which was devastated by the recent tsunami. Agriculture is the main occupation of the villagers.

Ramakrishnan who has passed S.S.L.C, is a farmer involved in the cultivation of horticultural crops like coconut, cashew, casuarinas, groundnut and vegetables. Basically he is more interested in organic farming. His ardent interest in organic farming helps him participate in the training programmes in organic farming conducted by various agencies.

Ramakrishnan today is deeply involved in the process for reclamation of the agricultural fields that were inundated by the tsunami. With this prime motive, he takes part in all the programmes that forge ahead in this

direction and goal. He also shares his expertise and experience in organic farming with fellow farmers. Sometimes he may even take the farmers to his field and explains and teaches them. He took part in a training conducted by M S Swaminathan Research Foundation on the preparation of vermicompost, organic pesticides and organic plant growth promoters like Panchakaviya and Amirthakaraisal. He uses these inputs in his fields. With regular use of the organic inputs, he feels that he will be able to cut down farm expenses.

He began to involve himself more actively in the community work after the tsunami, helping farmers and various departments in assessing the affected fields, and thereafter in organising Farmers' Self-Help Groups. Ramakrishnan is also the President in the SHG organised by the Horticultural Department. He was engaged in the distribution of the relief and rehabilitation materials (Farm Inputs) that were given through the Department to the farmers. He also participated in the collection and distribution of horticultural nursery with saplings of mango, coconut and cashew, through the Horticultural Department. He organised the fellow community members to form a team and voluntarily took charge of the burial of the tsunami victims in Velankanni, a neighbouring village. He also motivated the farmers to make a joint effort for the reclamation of the public irrigation pond.

He is serving as an Assistant Guardian in the Help Age India project. Help Age India is

servicing the elderly in the rehabilitation process. Being the Assistant Guardian, he attends various trainings and meetings, and disseminates the information to the elderly. He is also a member and an active volunteer of Dhan Foundation, an NGO working with the same community. He is also a governing member in Dhan Community Radio project. Besides his affiliation with the civil society organisations, Ramakrishnan also actively represents the issues and the needs of his community in the Village Panchayat. His strengths are his commitment and his accessibility to the people in need.

472. Mr A. Ramasamy

S/O Arian

Moolavalavupatty

PeriyaKovilur (po)

Valappurnadu, Kollihills

Namakkal District

Tamil Nadu.637 411

Mr A. Ramasamy aged 36 years, comes from the North Kolli hills, a forested area, rich in agro biodiversity. He has been keenly interested in agriculture, minor millet cultivation and conservation. He has worked in the development of sericulture from tapioca leaves, and the culture and production of mushrooms

With his competence in community mobilisation and active interest in children's education, he is able to be of immense help to the people. Whenever there is any land dispute or other confrontations among

villagers, they approach Ramasamy to mediate.

He has been involved in various activities of M S Swaminathan Research Foundation such as monitoring and managing Self-Help Groups, creating awareness among people about basic infrastructures like water, electricity and child education, and about the special laws and rights for the Tribal people.

Ramasamy is good in mobilising public support for the villagers' development. His work is valuable as many of the remote villages and residents are benefited. He is capable understanding and teaching new techniques in farming and other activities.

473. Mr K. Ramesh

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41 year old Mr Ramesh from Varagur is a graduate with interest in agriculture. He has expertise in poultry farming, afforestation and hybrid seed production. Besides being dedicated to community service, he is also interested in sustainable micro enterprise development, organic farming and veterinary care. He is involved in mobilising Self-Help Groups and takes over the responsibility of assisting them with bank linkages. He is good

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in mobilizing public support for the village development. With his social commitment and determination to work for development in remote village areas, Ramesh can make a difference in the lives of many.

474. Mr. S.P. Rayappan

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Tamil Nadu

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Mr. S.P. Rayappan, 42 years old, is a fisherman from Pamban village. He had his school education only upto class 3. He is interested in social work and has been working for the development of the people in his area.

He is the leader of non-mechanised Fishermen's Welfare Association in Pamban village and has been working for their welfare since 1994. He has helped in regularising their fishing, and concentrated in organising economic assistance for them through government schemes such as loan facilities with subsidy, Vallam (mechanised boat) and Vathai (non-mechanised boat) distribution, diesel subsidy and help organising emergency relief to fishermen in sea during cyclone.

He is also a member of the Village Administration Committee and Biosphere Research Committee, Pamban. Rayappan has created awareness about the significance of Biosphere Reserves, biodiversity conservation, protection of environment and Fishing

Regulation Act among the villagers. He has been involved in arranging economic assistance to underprivileged children, orphans and the disabled. He has also worked for tsunami relief and economic assistance to the affected people in the areas of Kodiyakkarai, Vellanganni, and Nagapattinam. He has motivated the fishermen through the Fishermen's Association to insure their lives and boats. He helps to get relief during cyclonic storms. In the event of any calamity he also helps to arrange for the claims of the bereaved, and helps in the construction of free housing for fishermen.

He has started a small library in Francis Nagar in association with the district Non Mechanized Fishermen Welfare Association. He offers economic and educational assistance to disabled people in association with Christian institutions, health assistance for fishermen in association with Pulse Trust and SMSSS, and offers family counseling for fishermen.

He has been associated with M S Swaminathan Research Foundation (MSSRF) since 1994 and has worked to create awareness of Village Resource Centre (VRC) and dissemination of its activities among the people. He is also a member of Village Management Committee of Village Knowledge Centre (VKC), Pamban. He also contributes articles for the newsletter published by the VKC.

475. Ms A Reginamary

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Ms. A. Reginamary is a 39 year old woman who has studied upto XII standard. She is from Sarkaar palayam village located by the river Cauvery where most of the villagers are agricultural labourers, living below the poverty line. She is working as a facilitator in the TCS Computer Based Functional literacy programme which was started in the year 2004 and has completed two batches since then. She is of the view that education through computer helps illiterate people to learn and write sooner than the conventional education.

She is also involved in conducting awareness programmes on HIV- AIDS for the youth, health, environment and the need to build separate toilets in the houses. She is also an SHG leader and arranges loans to buy sewing machines for girls to take up self-employment. Reginamary is a very dynamic person who has taken initiatives to mobilize villagers to attend the CBFL classes and has been recognized for her work towards the improvement of the village.

476. Ms. Renuka Sakthivel

W/o, Sakthivel
West Street,

**Soorakottai (Po)
Thanjavur. (Dt)**

Ms. Renuka Sakthivel, 45, studied upto class x is an enthusiastic woman farmer. After attending a DANIDA sponsored 'Women in Agriculture' training programme conducted by the Department of Agriculture she began taking a lot of interest and initiative in farming. She assists her husband in agricultural activities, and learnt the process of vermicompost production from a co-trainee in Trichy.

Renuka started the production of vermicompost initially for her own use in the farm, and now she also sells it to her fellow farmers. She also produces Trichoderma viridi and Pseudomonas - a bio-control agent. In this way she is able to earn an income. She is keen on setting up a Village Knowledge Center in here village.

477. Ms. K. Salva Rani

C/o Kannadasami
Alathur (P.O)
Thogamalai (Village)
Karur District
Tamil Nadu

Ms. K. Salva Rani is 29 years old and studied up to 12th standard from Karur district, Tamil Nadu. The Computer Based Functional Literacy has started in the year 2004 and she had completed three batches and 45 people are benefited. She had said that computer based education is very attractive to the villagers and they leaning the lesson with

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great interest. She had made the villagers to write their names and to read the news papers and bus boards.

She is a very dynamic and enthusiastic women and she is the role model for many of the girls in that village. She is the active member in the Arivoli Iyakkam and participated in many community development activities.

478. Ms. Saraswathi

Solaryamman nagar
Thiruvallore
Tamil Nadu

Ms. Saraswathi who is 42 years old has completed her 8th Standard. She belongs to Scheduled Caste. As her caste people were neglected in the village she has been motivated to work hard for their development.

She aims to improve the conditions of the villagers and has started promoting literacy among them. After following the conventional method for some time, she got introduced to TCS Computer Based Functional Literacy programme in her village. She found it easy to operate CBFL software and has developed a good rapport with the community motivating more and more people to make use of the soft ware. According to her, the impact of CBFL among rural masses is quite good because of the design of the software and its attractive user friendly features. In addition, she introduced entrepreneurial development programme for

the functionally literate. It was her biggest challenge to introduce CBFL classes to people who speak only Telugu, Malayalam etc.

She holds a good position in Panchayat Level Federation, Thiruvallore. Because of her real commitment and dedication at Panchayat level, she was honoured by Tamil Nadu Chief Minister as the Best Woman Leader. Her ultimate goal is to make her village completely literate so that it acts as a role model for other villages.

479. Ms K. Saritha

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Ms K Saritha (23 yrs) is from a scheduled caste family whose basic occupation is agriculture. She was interested in completing her higher studies but some economic issues prevented her, so after a great struggle she has completed her education up to 12th standard

She was identified as an active and committed person in her village who has initiated sustainable development in her village. She started her work by making people literate, following a different approach. She visited villages in groups to bring awareness about the importance of literacy through street plays and some awareness songs. After participating in these programmes, people started attending the

computer based literacy programme very seriously. Till now, 60 participants (both men and women) have been benefited from CBFL software.

Saritha monitors self help groups and helps the members for availing loans from banks. She has identified women who are interested in self employment and has helped them engage in producing soap powder, baking powder and milk products. She has volunteered in general medical camps and many other camps. She gives priority for disabled people by getting scholarships from government scheme.

480. Mr. M.Sauarimuthu

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Mr. M. Sauarimuthu, 52, is a farmer from the coastal village of Prathabaramapuram. He has had his education upto 8th Standard and is involved in the cultivation of various crops like coconut, cashew, casuarinas, mango and vegetables. He also shares his expertise and experience with fellow farmers on the cultivation practices.

After the Tsunami that devastated most of his village areas, Sauarimuthu led the affected farmers to organise into a Farmers'

Self-Help Group. He also liaised with the farmers and the government departments to assess the damage caused by the tsunami. He mobilised the farmers in organised sections, and entrusted them with different duties to ensure proper distribution of various assistance provided by the government departments and other non governmental agencies. Saurimuthu has also attended various training programmes and shared his knowledge with the fellow farmers, while offering practical guidance to work within the stipulated time frame.

When the Horticultural Department provided 2000 mango saplings and 500 cashew saplings to the Farmers Self-Help Group, Mr. Sauarimuthu involved himself in purchasing and distributing the saplings among his group members. After attending the training on Drip Irrigation, Soil Preservation and Organic Farming, he was able to share his skill and expertise with the fellow members. Through the Thanjavur Multipurpose Social Service Society (TMSSS) he arranged for distribution of vermicompost and groundnut seeds. Along with the same agency, he ensured proper distribution of the same to the tsunami affected farmers. He helped to get financial assistance from TMSSS for farmers to reclaim the farm ponds, affected by salinity after the tsunami and Rs. 2500 as financial assistance to 50 to 60 farmers for groundnut cultivation.

481. Ms K Savithri

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Ms. K. Savithri is a 33 year old B.A. Sociology graduate. She is from the Ayyampatti Village, Trichy district, TN where there are many leather and iron industries in and around the village and half the people are involved in agriculture.

She is the motivating facilitator of the TCS computer based functional literacy programme and made many people literate through the classes she took in her village. She also conducted classes for inmates of the Trichy Women's Prison and said that it was a very challenging task.

Savithri is very happy and proud that she can do so much for the people and for the development of the village. She is the leader of 35 Self Help Groups and helped the group members to avail of loans from the banks to start small businesses. She is also the trainer for the "Our Village" programme of the State government.

She has received an award from the District Collector for the Best Woman of the year. She has also been serving as the National Service Volunteer in the Kendra, through which she can meet many people and learn many issues for the development of the rural community. She meets young people of her district and conducts many programmes such

as AIDS awareness, income generating programmes, national integration camps and entrepreneurship development.

482. Ms C. Sellakkodi

W/o. Chinnasamy
 Nariyankadu
 Sithur nadu, Kolli Hills
 Namakkal District
 Pincode : 637 411.
 Tamil Nadu

Ms C Sellakodi, 39 years old, is from the Kolli Hills region of Tamil Nadu. She has studied upto class X. For the past seven years she has been involved in mobilising her people to form Self-Help Groups, and monitoring and managing them successfully. She organises many programmes to give agricultural and entrepreneurship training for the improvement of the people.

Sellakodi is an expert in mobilising people for public support in schemes for the development of their villages. She is a good speaker and takes over the responsibilities in the village administration. She organises the account monitoring for the Self-Help Groups, and is committed to bring about improvement in the lives of people in the remote villages. She is open to changes, new techniques and methods, and always shares her knowledge and information with others in a convincing way. She is skilled in networking with other organisations so that the Government benefits are availed of by the villagers. Her goal is to work for the welfare of her people.

483. Mr D.Selvaraju

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Selur Nadu
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Tamil Nadu

Mr D Selvaraju, 33 years old, hails from the south-eastern Kolli Hills, an area rich in agro biodiversity, with forests and mines. He has completed his higher secondary level education and is a dedicated worker who strives to bring about development in the villages. He has taken up the formation, monitoring and managing of women's Self-Help Groups in the villages. He also supports the groups in interlinks with banks and government offices.

He is also interested in agriculture, livestock and herbal medicine. He organises people for various public meetings for dissemination of information and knowledge. The villagers take his help for various basic infrastructures for their living needs.

Selvaraj realises the importance of education, and encourages children to study by offering free tuitions. He also trains villagers in tailoring, and treats livestock with herbal medicine derived from local plant varieties.

484. Ms.G. Selvi

D/o. Gurusamy
Sornakadu Village
Merpanaikadu Post
Peravurani Taluk
Thanjavur District.

25 year old Ms Selvi from Somakadu Village is a health worker and is trained in community nursing. She has learnt many herbal healing practices for humans and livestock. Selvi was trained as paravet (herbal healing practices for animals) by SEVA. She is a good herbal healer and has a wide practical knowledge in this field and she is uses them in treating humans and the livestock in and around her villages. She has participated in several workshops and seminars on herbal healing practices for livestock as resource person organised by NGOs. She prepares herbal recipes for treating animals against digestive disorders, foot and mouth disease, mastitis, Ranikat disease, etc. People in her village and surrounding area take her advice and medical prescriptions to treat their cattle. She is also running a nursery school in her village. She is sincere and dedicated.

485. Mr D. Senthilkumar

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Mr D Senthilkumar, aged 39 years is involved in vermincompost and hybrid seed production. He is a B.Sc graduate. He helps with formation of Self-Help Groups, and assists them with bank linkages. He works with traditional system of medicine and uses his knowledge to heal animals. He is also an advocate of organic farming. He organises veterinary training camps and aforestation programmes.

486. Mr Sethuraman

Kidathalaimedu
Mayiladuthurai taluk
Nagapatinam Dist

Mr. Sethuraman, from a village near Mayiladuthurain, is a 62-year-old retired employee of the Electricity Board. Even while in service, he took active interest in cultivation and farming activities. After his retirement, he has taken up agriculture, and has also adopted integrated farming techniques. During a visit to Erode in Tamil Nadu, he was able to learn all about the benefits and methods of organic farming. He switched over to organic agriculture. He is also an expert in horticulture.

Sethuraman attended an International Conference on Organic Farming held in Italy in 2004. He has organised a district-level meeting for farmers in order to increase awareness about organic farming techniques. He distributes organic food products to consumers in the nearby town of Mayiladuthurai.

By including cow and goat, he has also taken up integrated farming system. He travels widely, meets practising farmers, and exchanges ideas, opinions and expertise. He is adept in the use of the computer, and is keen on acquiring knowledge through the internet, and to communicate with his fellow farmers in order to keep in touch with their activities.

487. Ms K Shanthi

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Tamil Nadu

Ms. K. Shanthi is 28 years old and has finished XII standard. She belongs to a coastal area in Thiruchendur, Thoothukudi district. Most of the villagers are manual labourers and are illiterate.

She is the active facilitator of TCS-CBFL. She has motivated the SHG women members to join in the TCS-CBFL classes. Along with the SHG members she went to each of the

houses in her village to create awareness on the importance of education. She feels that the villagers are interested in the new method of education and are attending classes regularly. She also says that the integration of multimedia has made in more attractive for the villagers.

She was recognised by the villagers and the village leaders because of her courage and for the social activities she has done for the upliftment of the villagers. Her important achievement is that she had convinced and motivated the villagers to build 575 individual house toilets to avoid open-defecation. She is the leader of five women Self Help Groups and animator of eight men Self Help Groups. She has helped the SHG members to get loans from the bank to start small business like a vessels shop or to buy sewing machines.

Shanthi has participated in the 'Pulse Polio Camps' conducted in her village and has been awarded the G.H certificate by the TCS-Hospital. She has conducted many campaigns on AIDS, sanitation, SHGs, polio immunisation and maternity hygiene. She also organizes a public meeting every month on AIDS prevention techniques and has convinced 24 women to undergo family planning operation. Her objective is to continue her social activities till her village becomes well developed.

488. Mr. A. Shunmugavel

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Periyar nagar

Karipatti

Virudunagar dist.

Tamil Nadu

Mr. A. Shunmugavel of Viravantham Village is 37 years old, with a B.A. Degree in History. He started his career in 1994 as Programme Co-ordinator in an NGO called Centre for Rural Development (CRED), Vadipatti, in Madurai district where he worked on AIDS awareness, imparting general health education, formation of self-help groupsetc. In 1998 he joined as Supervisor in VASIN Project run by Aravind Eye Hospital, Madurai, in collaboration with Johns Hopkins University, U.S.A., studying a Vitamin A Project. He was involved in activities such as imparting immunization awareness among people, Ante Natal Care, Post Natal Care, and Nutrition awareness. From 2002 to 2004, he worked as a Supervisor in a Health Education Project at Kariapatti, Virudhunagar district, dealing with Eye Care and Nutrition Awareness.

Since 2004, he has been working as Supervisor in Family Health and Development Research Service Foundation, Kariapatti. Here his responsibilities included the formation of Self-Help Groups and monitoring Bank Loan facilities for group members, and processing of the recovery. His other tasks were engaging in community problem solving, creating awareness in Health, Nutrition,

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Through his efforts, Shanmugavel was able to minimise the presence of usurious moneylenders who give loan to the Self-Help Group members at exorbitant rates of interest. He was able to make the SHGs members repay the loan promptly within the stipulated period of time. Health Insurance coverage is a must to those SHG members who avail of loan facilities. He also assisted the SHGs members in availing of Government Schemes. He ensured that women utilised the ante-natal and post-natal care facilities provided for them. He works for the education and economic development among SHG members, arranges training for self-employment, and encourages the members of self-help groups to become health volunteers.

Shanmugavel is committed to values of education, and help the needy children obtain scholarships for their study. He plays an active role in forming ward-level committees to impart information and assistance to the community, and coordinate with the administration for various tasks. He motivates people to make best use of the Village Knowledge Centre functioning in the area.

489. Mr Sivalingam

Pudupattu Gramam
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Mr. Sivalingam who is 25 years of age has completed his education up to S.S.L.C. He

is a resident at Pudupattu village in Chunapedu, Kancheepuram district and comes from a very backward community. He had to stop his education due to his financial problems and is now working with National Agro foundation.

He underwent a one day training programme on Computer Based Functional Literacy software and found it easy to operate. It seemed to be very attractive and user friendly compared to the conventional methods he used to employ. He goes to each door step for motivating people to attend the classes and the response from the people is good when the classes are conducted using the soft ware.

Sivalingam helps in organising medical camps and encourages people to participate and get benefited by them. Being the animator of a self help group, he has arranged for banks loans. He has also identified people to participate in workshops on agriculture related aspects and income generating programmes. He is very successful in promoting small economic enterprises which ultimately help the members to bring additional income to their families.

490. Ms C. Sumitha

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Tamil Nadu

Ms. C. Sumitha (20yrs) comes from a deprived community with more than 100

families and resides in a colony with poor access. She comes under BPL (Below Poverty Line) category and she struggled hard to complete her S.S.L.C.

With the help of TCS, she surveyed people in the colony to analyse their literacy level, and the results showed that 60% of them were literate which includes both men and women. The people are all engaged in Self Help Groups, but found it difficult to impart literacy.

Sumitha brought computer Based Functional Literacy programme with the help of the organisation. She says, "Computer based literacy programme is 100 times better than conventional method which makes them to be functional literate within a very short span of time". She is also an animator for one self help group and she helps other groups in their village to avail bank loans, and to utilise them in an effective manner. She engages people in income generation programme for their own benefit. At present people in her colony are doing livestock business, coir making and agriculture.

She aims to bring some social change for the colony people and strives hard to reach her goal which is to help the whole colony to get empowered.

491. Mr A.G. Sundara Manickam

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Tamil Nadu

55 year old Mr A. G. Sundara Manickam is from the village of Thangammalpuram. He is from an agricultural family, with five sisters and one brother. He completed his B.Sc. degree from St Joseph's College in Trichy.

Functioning as the President of the Island Trust, and an active member of the Village Knowledge Centre (VKC), Sundara Manickam has accomplished many things. He has arranged for the construction of lavatories in every house in the village. He has taught people to write accounts. Being a member of the Planning Group, he has brought about awareness about healthcare and hygiene among the people. He has also taken efforts to bring drinking water facility to the village and with the help of PAD, a drinking water tank was constructed.

He has shown interest in the education of the local people. As many students, especially the girls, discontinue their studies very early, Sundara Manickam worked to upgrade the village school to High School level. He also promotes education among adults and women's education. He arranges for special adult education classes in the school.

492. Mr P. Suresh

Vellaga Konda Agaram
Chunabet post, Cheyur Taluk
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Tamil Nadu – 603401

Mr. P. Suresh (19 years) has completed his education upto 12th standard and resides in a village located in a coastal area, considered to be colony with very poor economic background.

He started to facilitate TCS-Computer Based Literacy programme from the time when he was doing his schooling. Initially he faced many difficulties in conducting the classes and making people study because of his young age. But he took it as a challenge and motivated people through street plays and awareness songs stating the importance of literacy. He made flexible timings according to the villagers' availability and allocated people into batches, sometimes taking classes in the late evenings.

Suresh is responsible for taking initiatives for the upliftment of the community. When his village faced many problems during November 2006 with floods all around, Suresh volunteered for relief work with the help of the organisation. He approached the Panchayat head for lighting their streets with street lamps and now his village is seen full of light. He is very good in sports especially in football and has won many awards in various events. His aim is to work for the community and maintain equal sustainable growth for all the people.

493. Ms. Susammal Nazareen

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Ms. Susammal Nazareen, 45 years old, comes from the coastal fishing village of Punnakayal. She is a pioneer in mud crab farming, and has 15 years experience in the same. She had education upto primary level. Susammal receives support and encouragement from her husband in the farming activities. She is involved in forming women's self- Help groups, through which she helps women with capacity building and employment opportunities. She has a good traditional knowledge in crab farming. She started mud crab culture in 1992.

She is dynamic with a good knowledge in every aspect of crab farming and marketing. She is self confident and perseverant in nature. Her ambition is to develop and improve this enterprise among all the other women self-help groups in the village and she has already taken initiative in this regard. The most important observation is that.Sussammal is a courageous woman, operating along on her farm without any fear. She also walks many miles in and around her farm every day, supervising the crabs in the farm. The exporters like Madras Sea Food Exporters and Crescent Sea Food Exporters, Chennai, collect the harvested crabs for their exports. She is also a fish trader and an agricultural farmer.

494. Ms. Tamil Selvi**Eraniyappan**

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Tamil Selvi Eraniyappan, 34, is a versatile personality with excellent leadership qualities. She is the Manager of Periyar Mud Crab Hatchery, Mugaiyur in Cheiyur Taluk. The unique feature of Periyar Hatchery is that it employs only women. Fifty women work here, and Tamilselvi has made it possible for them to feel empowered and self confident.

Tamilselvi is also popular for her expertise in seed production and culture of fresh water prawns and mud crab hatchery management. Besides successfully managing the enterprise, Tamilselvi is efficient in brood stock maintenance, induced maturation, spawning/hatching, larval rearing, live-feed culture, post-larval rearing, maintenance of biological materials, sea water supply system, air-supply system, cleaning of brood stock and larval tanks and monitoring water quality parameters. She empowers and builds capacity of rural women. A remarkable facet is that Tamilselvi supports the rural women in the neighbouring villages by giving employment in her hatchery and enhances their self esteem.

495. Ms .A. Thayammal

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Ms A Thayammal, 29 years old, has been involved in community service and the development of Self-Help Groups. She has been educated till the 10th Standard. Being naturally skilled in communication and public speaking, she has been active in mobilising people for various training programmes.

She has also taken a deep interest in agriculture and is an expert in the production of vermi compost. She has been monitoring the Self-Help Groups in Kolli Hills, and she conducts sessions to impart entrepreneurship training, and also teaches accounts monitoring.

She is a valuable asset to the Village Knowledge Centre. She a good facilitator of SHG and has taken training in the prevention of HIV/AIDS and is able to disseminate the information and knowledge with great dedication.

496. Ms. M Thayammal

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Tamil Nadu

Ms. M. Thayammal is 40 years old and has studied till XII standard. She hails from Kayatharu village in a forest region in Thoothukudi District in Tamil Nadu. Most of the people in her village are illiterate.

She motivated the villagers to attend the CBFL classes regularly and has enabled the villagers to read the letters received from their relatives. In addition she joined in 'Arivoli' and participated in many awareness programmes and campaigns. She is a member of a Self Help Group for women and she has helped the women to get loans from the banks, to start businesses like paper making, mat making, pickle making, etc. She took the responsibility of helping these women to start these small businesses.

Thayammal has motivated all the women in her village who have two or more children to undergo the family planning operation and has participated in polio immunization camps and awareness programmes.

497. Ms. Thenmozhi Rathinaswamy

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42 year old Ms. Thenmozhi Rathinasamy was born in a remote village in the dry tract of Thanjavur district. Though coming from such a background, her eagerness to study made her travel from her village to the nearby town. From an early age, she realised her passion for community service. Her leadership qualities stood her in great stead in all her efforts to bring about progress in the village, and in the areas around. Although she has a post graduate degree, and could have applied for a job, she wanted to remain in the village and serve the community in order to bring about some changes and progress among the people.

Some of the initial efforts she made were to improve the educational opportunities for all the children in and around her village. The idea was to provide better education, with facilities easily accessed by one and all, and hence she started a school in the remote village. She has been at the helm of affairs successfully for the past 23 years as a correspondent of Sastha Subramanian Nursery School, providing an opportunity for all the younger people to acquire knowledge

.So her initial work pioneered a knowledge revolution.

As a vice chairman of the Panchayat union for 5 years, she was instrumental in providing better rural communication to all the interior villages with concrete roads. Since the village is situated between Cauvery and Coleroon rivers, she took to construct check dams to prevent flood. A number of rural schools are now equipped with proper buildings, thanks to her yeoman efforts. By virtue of her service to the society as a vice chairman, she has been again elected as a Councillor.

As a Director of Sastha Voluntary Organisation, she was instrumental in starting more than 200 Self-Help Groups, and constantly assisted them in their various efforts to gain empowerment for women. She was also the Vice President of the Red Cross, and in this capacity she has brought about various improvements in child welfare and childcare facilities, and has worked towards AIDS control, rainwater harvesting and also been of assistance to people in distress. Whenever any disaster struck, she was the first person to help the people in the villages. Today, Thenmozhi's daughter is a graduate in engineering. With the help of her daughter, she is learning to use the computer, and very soon her village will have a Knowledge Centre. Women like Thenmozhi, who work with a passion for the upliftment of the community, are an asset to the society.

498. Mr M.P. Thillaipackiam

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51 year old Mr M. P. Thillaipackiam belongs to Sudukattanpatti Village, a fishing hamlet in Rameswaram, Ramanathapuram District and is an LIC agent. He is a social worker. He was instrumental in setting up Mechanised Fishermen Labour Association at Rameswaram in 1986. He formed in 1988 a committee comprising members from both the Associations and has been working for 20 years for fishermen empowerment. He also started a Farmers Association at Ramanathapuram in 1987 for their economic development. He is the President of Fishermen's Rights Association which he started in January 2004 to improve the lives of fishermen. He was a President in Consumer Federation at Rameswaram since 1989, and an Advisor from 1991 till date. In 1987, he assisted in the Centenary Celebrations of Swami Ramakrishna Paramahansa, in association with Vivekananda Kudil, and lighted a 'Jothi' or lamp, brought from Dhanuskodi to Kundhukal in a sea route.

He started the Rameswaram Disabled Rights Foundation in 1995, and worked for the

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physically challenged people and helped in getting identity cards to help in their economic development. He also conducted Eye Camps in association with Jones Hospital, Ramanathapuram in Rameswaram. In association with AIRD He also worked to create AIDS awareness among the island people.

He was the Secretary to the Parents Teachers Association in the Girls' Higher Secondary School and Education Committee Member in Jeyendra Saraswathi College and Saraswathi Primary School, in Rameswaram. He worked for women's empowerment, (Dowry, Family Counselling) in association with Family Women's Empowerment Committee.

In association with Consumer Rights Association, he worked to create awareness about Tsunami (2004) and y helped the affected people by collecting money from the public. For the above services he was awarded by the Collector of Ramanathapuram in 2006. In association with Gandhi Museum Rameswaram, he worked for the development of the institution and arranged vocational trainings for the students. He served as the Ramanathapuram District Joint President and Secretary of the Rameswaram Branch in Tamil Thai Foundation. In association with this Foundation, he took efforts to create awareness about the Tamil language among the public and worked for the promotion of Tamil language. He has participated in training and awareness programmes

organised by M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation, Thangachimadam. He participates in interaction meetings at the Village Resource Centre, Thangachimadam.

499.

Mr. D Thirugnanasambandam

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Mr. D Thirugnanasambandam, 57 years old, is from the village of Thiruvidadamaruthur, situated near the river Cauvery and Coleroon. He has completed his high school education. He owns 15 acres of land, which he cultivates, together with an additional 7 acres taken on lease. He has been practising organic farming from 2003, and he constantly encourages other farmers to adopt the new methods. He is keen on learning innovative farming skills, and with equal zeal, he imparts his knowledge and teaches the techniques of organic farming to all his fellow farmers.

Thirugnanasambandam participated in a '*padayatra*' - a 'march to create awareness' - in which he went from Poompuhar to the Grand Annicut, covering 750 villages and 150 schools along the way. Because of this '*padayatra*' many people became aware of the concept and practice of organic farming.

The scientist from Tamil Nadu Rice Research Institute, Aduthurai, often visits Thirugnanasambandam's farm. He appealed

to the research scientists to work out a strategy to produce maximum yield with minimum usage of water, and to conduct experiments for popularising organic farming.

He is a committed farmer, and strives to be self-sufficient in all capacities. He feels that his farm should be able to produce all inputs and resources needed for its upkeep, and thus prevent the need to make purchases from outside.

500. Ms A Thirupati

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36 year old Ms. A. Thirupati has studied till Xth Standard. She belongs to Malavarayanitham Village located in a forest region in Thoothukudi district where agriculture is the primary occupation of the villagers.

She is working in Computer Based Functional Literacy programme started in her village. She has completed four batches of TCS CBFL classes and feels that computer based education is the fastest means of educating the villagers since they are able to learn the letters fast. She has enabled many of the villagers to write their names, sign and read bus routes. She has convinced some villagers

to participate in the CBFL classes.

As a leader of the Self Help Group Federation in her village, she has started many SHGs. She struggled hard to get bank linkages and helped in arranging bank credits to many SHGs. Many awareness programmes on AIDS, self-employment and income generating activities have been organized by her. She has also motivated the villagers to build individual toilets in the houses and around 170 toilets have been constructed with the help of their Panchayat Leader. Thirupati is a good public speaker and very enthusiastic in working for the development of her people. She has dedicated her life for the development of the local community.

501. Mr C.S Vallal

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Mr Vallal is from Murungkakollai an agricultural village with many small farmers. Many work as wage labourers and cultivation is very seasonal. Literacy rate among the women is very poor.

With his good communication skills, Vallal is successfully involved in many community service activities like formation of Self-Help Groups, and the Adult Literacy Programme. He is committed to serving the villagers and

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improve their standard of education and living.

502. Ms S. Vennila

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Ms S. Vennila is a 30 years old. She is from Kolli Hills, and has studied till the 12th. She has been a dedicated community worker. She is good in mobilising people to take part in various training programmes. She has been monitoring Self-Help Groups in the Kolli Hills, and organises activities for them. For over five years she has been managing the accounts monitoring for the Self-Help Groups. She has initiated Entrepreneurship Training Programmes, public meetings, and other community activities. She has also conducted classes for tailoring.

503. Ms V.Vijaya

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Ms. V. Vijaya is 42 years old and is a native of Tindal village in a dry zone of Erode district where the majority of the village people are

illiterate. She is a skilful facilitator of TCS-CBFL programme and usually takes classes for two hours a day. She takes four days to complete one lesson and has made the classes interesting to draw the attention of the villagers. She joined as Prerak of the Continuing Education Centre in 2003 and still holds this position through which she is she is working hard to promote literacy among her villagers.

Vijaya participated in the Gross Domestic Programme organised by the Erode Collectorate and addressed the public about CBFL programme and the other activities carried out by Continuing Education programme. She organised a vocational training course for Continuing Education participants to help them get self employed .She took initiative to form many women Self Help Groups to help them avail loan facilities from the banks to start micro enterprises. As one of the members of the village educational centre she had conducted a rally on environmental awareness with the help of other members, and also participated in a three day AIDS awareness camp. In addition she has also assisted handicapped and aged persons.

With the aim of improving her village and make her village a fully literate one, Vijaya pledges that she will continue to participate in all the social welfare activities.

504. Ms. Vijayanthimala

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Ms. Vijayanthimala is an expert in fish meal production. She is 35 years old, and has made a name for herself, working to develop and improve the enterprise among women. She started a women's self help group named 'Sakthi Women SHG' consisting of 18 women. Vijayanthimala is in charge of this group, and under her leadership, the group members are involved in fish meals production at Thonirevu village, Thiruvallur district, Tamil Nadu.

She employs a group of women from the same village and produces the fish meal. This fish meal production is carried on with the money invested by the whole group of women, and the profit is shared among the group. Fish meal production process involves trash fish drying, storing, powdering, sieving, drying and packaging. She and her group members are involved in all the above activities. An in-depth case study on Vijayanthimala was conducted by a scientist of the Central Institute of Brackishwater Aquaculture. On the basis of the study it is found that Vijayanthimala possess a strong expertise in the fish meal production technology

Her ambition is to develop and improve this enterprise among all the other women Self-Help Groups, and hopes and prays that the enterprise will stand the test of time. She makes a strong representation by visiting all the research organisations and departments to seek their support in the development of this technology. The fish meal developed by Vijayanthimala and her group was also tested at CIBA, and test report certifies that the fish meal quality is up to the standard.

The fish meal is supplied to ornamental fish units at Kolathur and Tropical Industries, Red hills, Oothukottai and Southern India Company Ltd. at Rs. 40/kg. The group led by Vijayanthimala works hard every day in the hot sun, collecting the trash fish, drying them and process them to fish meal. She has acquired a strong personality, and attributes like good leadership qualities. She is dynamic in character, with a good knowledge in her subject of fish feed preparation, and has self confidence and immense perseverance.

505. Ms F. Vijila

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Ms Vijila is 23 years old, and has completed her B.A. in English Literature. She has three brothers and two sisters. She has worked as a teacher in a primary school in Thuthur during 2006- 2007. She is proficient in

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computer applications like MS Office and Tally.

Vijila has completed a training programme conducted by an NGO on HIV / AIDS and counseling. She has the ability to mobilize the community and to conduct small meetings where she can interact with them and provide any information and assistance. Since December 2006, she has been working at the Village Knowledge Centre, and taken part in the awareness meetings, Computer Aided Learning Programme (CALP) and Microsoft Unlimited Potential Programme (MUPP).

From December 2006 she has been working in the Village Knowledge Centre, and takes part in its activities, like focus group meetings, need assessment, Computer Aided Learning Programme (CALP) and Microsoft Unlimited Potential Programme (MUPP) programmes. She has a keen interest in painting, and is good at interacting with people.

506. Ms. Vinnarasi

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Ms. Vinnarasi, 26 years of age, is from the Kovalam, situated on the sea coast. She completed her Masters degree, and underwent a course in computers (COPA). She has worked as a computer teacher in a local school. She has participated in many awareness programmes (health and hygiene, entrepreneurship) in the village.

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507. Ms Sukhri Devi

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Ms Sukhri Devi is a 34 year old woman of Lata Village in the Nanda Devi Biosphere Reserve Region in the Indo-Tibetan Border in Uttarakhand. She has studied up to 8th standard. She lives in a highly male-dominated society. Sukhri Devi has been deeply influenced by Gaura Devi of the Chipko Movement.

In the year 2000, Pragya, an NGO initiated activities in Chamoli District and Sukhri Devi was an early and active participant in the Pragya programmes. She established the first aromatics and spices enterprise to improve the conditions of women. She has now begun working on the crafts enterprise, education and information programmes of the organization..

She is a leader of a well established self help group. Encouraged by the SHG's success she began to form more such women's groups in Lata and in the neighbouring villages. She is quick to capitalize on any opportunity for skill development, including training programmes and workshops held outside the region as well. She motivates other women from Lata and neighbouring villages to attend and improve themselves.

She actively participates in the Panchayat meetings and even raise her voice regarding village needs and requirements at the Block and Tehsildar's offices. She has successfully campaigned against local liquor brewing and promoted social forestry programmes. She constantly educates the younger generation in the local schools on their social and environmental responsibilities. She has been a keen participant in social forestry programmes organized by the NDBR management.

Her extraordinary capabilities have been recognized in the village and in the entire area. She is the current President of the Mahila Mandal and is a key resource person for NGOs and various government programmes. She is also a keen community participant and opinion shaper with respect to the Nanda Devi Biosphere Reserve.

She has exceptional commitment to social, economic and environmental concerns. Her natural leadership qualities make other women look up to her for any help and assistance. She is a good role model to her villagers.

UTTAR PRADESH

508. Ms Abha Singh

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Ms Abha Singh (40 years of age) is a postgraduate in sociology and works with rural women. She comes from a farmer's family in the remote and most backward parts of Uttar Pradesh. She strongly believes that only knowledge can empower rural women. NEFORD has also helped her to run a School Dropouts Education Program for girls and the elderly illiterate women who cannot attend regular schools.

She worked as a school teacher and later got the chance to work with IRRI on gender-related issues. This helped her understand the issues and needs of the rural society. She realized that primary education and health and hygiene awareness are two important and basic needs of the society in eastern Uttar Pradesh. She heads the IRRI sponsored studies on "Impact of Male Migration" and "Farmer Participatory Technology Dissemination".

She has also worked with the NDUAT, Fakirabad and participated in their gender-sensitive programs. She is in charge of the agriculture program of the Enfolded and has

been working among the community for more than 10 years. She is a self-made, hardworking woman social scientist with immense experience on gender-related rural problems including male out-migration and risk management strategies in agriculture.

509. Ms Amrita

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Ms Amrita, 30 years of age, hails from a very remote village known as Itoura in Mau District. Being a relatively backward area, literacy for girls and women is even considered a taboo! Having completed her postgraduate studies in IRPM, working for women labourers in unorganized sector has become the most important agenda in her community service. Her work is primarily associated working with rural women, the illiterate and the oppressed in the community. For the last 5 years she has been working as a community worker. She strongly believes that only if each and every woman in the society is educated, will development in any field be possible. She also believes that only knowledge can empower rural women. NEFORD has helped her to run an out-of-school education program for girls and elderly women who cannot attend regular schools. She also leads the "Pregnancy Management

Awareness Programme” of NEFORD, which has become popular among the poor rural women. Working for the welfare of women labourers in unorganized sector, education of their children and betterment of their social status is her passion. She is associated with NEFORD since last two years and is working mainly in the area of labour employment and development of the rural women.

510. Ms Anjali Shukla

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Ms Anjali lives in Konch village, in the district of Jalaun. She is a postgraduate with an additional PGDCA diploma. After completing her education, she joined her grandfather’s NGO “Gyan Bharti” which focuses in the field of education, SHGs, water, health etc.

She is keenly interested in spreading information technology education among the village girls/women which is why she chose a TARAhaat TARAkendra to deliver a special course for rural girls/women (Microsoft unlimited programming) and within a year has helped more than 40 girls and boys to graduate from this course.

Now she teaches various IT courses such as Basic Information Technology, Tally, Hardware and Diploma in Information Technology and

non-IT such as Usha sewing courses to her community charging only nominal fees for the courses. She is a committed social worker and is only 24 years of age.

511. Mr Anjani Kumar Pandey

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Mr Anjani Kumar Pandey (M.Sc Agriculture) is 32 years of age. He lives in Chhangurpur Mishraulia Village in the agricultural belt of Uttar Pradesh. He is well versed in PRA and community mobilization activities.

He is competent in the use and demonstration of new improved technology of IPNM, IPM, Low Tunnel Polyhouse, Machan Cultivation of vegetables crop and other horticultural crops. He also disseminates knowledge about other allied activities pertaining to sustainable agriculture for better livelihood opportunities for the rural community. He is an expert in the use and promotion of non-conventional energy sources, organic farming and natural resource management. He is very positive and optimistic and well regarded by the other farmers.

He is working as a Community Team Motivator since April 2000. He is a very good team leader and motivator. He serves the rural community with commitment and determination.

512. Mr Arvind Kumar Singh

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Mr Arvind Kumar Singh (B.A., L.L.B.), 32 years old, belongs to Shahpur Village in Ballia District which is very backward. Literacy among women is very low and youth unemployment is very high.

Mr Arvind Kumar Singh, a Law graduate, joined a NEFORD few years back as an active worker to spread knowledge of agriculture particularly of rice, non-rice and other crops to improve rural livelihood opportunities. He received special training on production and trade of aromatic rice. He had worked earlier on his farm and tried his hand at other professional jobs, but now devotes his full attention towards rural development through available resources using the new agricultural technologies. After undergoing many training programs organized by agricultural universities and other developmental agencies, he is now trying to grow new seeds along with other farmers. He takes the lead in other developmental works too. He not only earns his own livelihood, but also empowers other farmers to get their share through their own effort. He adopts and popularizes new innovative agricultural practices for the benefit of the community. He also tries to disseminate knowledge regarding livestock to his fellow villagers.

He is associated with NEFORD since the last two and half years as an active worker for knowledge dissemination regarding agriculture, livestock, health and education. He is active and dynamic and has excellent influence among the communities in his area. He utilizes his professional knowledge in legal matters to help and support his community. His desire now is to work in the area of plantation of medicinal/ aromatic plants for conservation of environment and for income generation. He also wants to educate each and every child in his community. Today Mr. Singh is looked upon as a successful role model for all farmers in the area.

**513. Mr Chandra Prakash
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Mr Chandra Prakash (B.Sc. M.Sc. Agro-forestry, Diploma in Computer Application) is 26 years old and hails from Jhansi, a semi-arid zone in Uttar Pradesh. Mr Chandraprakash is coordinating and implementing the lifeline project in the Bundelkhand region. He is one of the active workers of Ek Duniya team of volunteers and he leads the team. The team visits the farmers

and resolves any agriculture-related problems. In the last 6 months more than 5000 farmers from 251 villages have benefited from this project. He also travels to far reaching areas of Bundelkhand region to promote the project activities.

Over the last two years he has been successful in developing a close rapport with the village farmers in order to provide proper assistance to all the affected farmers. He is also associated with ISRO-Village Resource Centre activities in Jhansi.

514. Ms Kalindi

Ararhi Village
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Uttar Pradesh

32 year old Kalindi is a graduate. She hails from a remote village called Ararhi, She began her career in the field of rural development as a school teacher. She has been associated community development activities since 1998. She has had the opportunity to work under the supervision of an eminent social worker engaged in the enhancement of education and health of children and women in village. She is now trained in child welfare, health and education and many other developmental activities. Since last few years she works with NEFORD and runs its programme on girl's literacy, child health and women's role in agriculture. She organizes and conducts meetings for rural women to sensitize them about the importance of health and education. She has organized farmers' groups and also organizes

training and awareness camps with the help of NEFORD.

Kalindi has excellent leadership and communication skills. She has trained many village girls as teachers and encouraged them to earn their living for their own economic self-sufficiency and independence and for the community development.

515. Ms Neetu Jha

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19 year old Neetu Jha hails from the arid village of Baruasagar. She is also proficient in basic computer applications. She is also pursuing her B.A. Simultaneously she works as an EDV (Ek Duniya Volunteer) in the Bundelkhand region. Her job is to motivate and help those farmers facing agricultural problems. She facilitates the farmers by helping them obtain solutions through the mobile phone provided to her. She travels extensively to and visit all the villages and areas near her natal village. She covers 30 villages. She started working as a community mobilizer. She works as community mobilizer for SHELL project and is working as a volunteer to generate agri-based queries for the lifeline India project. Though people in the villages still don't permit girls to go out of their homes, Neetu showed courage and

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was among the few first girls to be educated and start earning. She has been a community worker for the past one year. She is courageous and greatly motivated.

516. Mr Pradeep Tiwari

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Mr Pradeep Tiwari (B.Sc. Fisheries) was born in Lalitpur and belongs to a very poor family. He is 26 years old. He hails from Azadpura but now lives in Rampura, a village in the arid zone of Uttar Pradesh. After graduation he got a job in Tanzania and was the first person from his village to go overseas. But he came back after a few years and he came in contact with TARAhaat's ICT initiative of creating rural entrepreneurs.

He attended ICT-based Enterprise training on Poultry and Enterprise Development Programme (EDP). Now he owns a goat rearing farm in the village and is about to set up a vermi-compost research unit in the village. To overcome the challenges of corruption and development barriers, he has reorganized his own organization (a non governmental organisation) for social advocacy and youth integration among communities.

He has a good understanding of rural problems and has the strategy formulation capability to troubleshoot them. He is a visionary and an entrepreneur. He has a good

knowledge related to agriculture, animal husbandry and fishery. He has been continuously involved in youth integration, community awareness and other developmental activities, and has participated actively in the local Panchayat elections.

He takes the opportunity to provide free consultancy services to farmers and villagers about agriculture, animal husbandry and fisheries by NABARD and RRB and works as a volunteer.

517. Ms Pratibha Rawat

TARAKendra
Near officers hostel
Lalitpur
Uttar Pradesh

Ms Pratibha Rawat (M.A, Basic IT) is 24 years old and is handicapped. She belongs to a lower middle class family. She hails from Lalitpur, which is a very backward place with very low level of literacy.

After completing her 12th class, Pratiba joined a sewing course because she wanted to provide financial support to her family. After completing the course, she started sewing clothes for other people, joined graduation classes as well as a computer course in a TARAKendra. After a year she was offered a job as a sewing instructor at the TARAKendra (TARAhaat's franchised IT based community and learning center) in Lalitpur.

She is involved with TARAhaat for one and half years as a USHA sewing course instructor. Now she is a postgraduate and in

addition to providing financial support to her family, also helps other girls in her village start their own careers. She has proven that physical problems do not come in the way of strong determination.

518. Mr Purusharth Singh

Tajopur Village

Mau Dist.

Uttar Pradesh

Mr Purusharth Singh is a graduate and is 30 years old. He hails from the agricultural village of Tajopur, a backward region in the state. Mr. Singh is also a journalist. He is 'in charge' of the NEFORDs programmes in the district of Mau. In a short span of two and half years, he has been able to carry out programmes in the area of agriculture extension, rural health and out-of-school education. The health programs include free health camps, pregnancy management and delivery, eye camps and health of school children. In agriculture, on-farm demonstration of high-yielding crop varieties, farmers training and promotion of organic cultivation of medicinal plants are the main activities. Mr Singh has been able to link up the NEFORD's activities with the research institutions like NDUAT in Faizabad, Directorate of Seed Research in Mau, Indian Institute of Vegetable Research and KVK in Mau and the National Horticulture Development Foundation. In addition, the NEFORD has established a Village Resource Centre and a single window information dissemination centre. This is a new initiative towards agricultural

transformation in this remote backward rural area dominated by poor people practising rain-fed agriculture. He is very enthusiastic about these programs and mobilises the community to participate and take full advantage of them. He is always ready to help anyone who seeks his assistance and help.

519. Mr Rajesh Namdev

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Mr Rajesh Namdev (M.Sc., IT) belongs to a middle class family in the village of Lalitpur. His village is very backward in education. After Rajesh passed class 12, his father was unable to send him for higher education due to financial problems. So he started to earn by giving tuitions to students of class 10th and 12th and simultaneously sought admission to the B.Sc program. After B.Sc, he joined M.Sc-IT. In the middle of his M.Sc.-IT studies, he got an opportunity to work as a part-time instructor for TARAhaat. After six months he became a full time employee and is now employed as a TARAKendra Manager.

Currently, he runs various IT and non-IT courses like Basic in IT, Tally, Hardware, Diploma in IT, Internet, USHA sewing courses etc, for girls and boys at a nominal fee and more than 500 students have passed out from Lalitpur TARAKendra in the last 2 years.

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Besides providing IT education in Lalitpur Tarakendra, he also works as a MMT (Mobile Master Trainer) to provide IT education to girls living in remote areas who are unable to come to the Tarakendra. He has trained more than 196 women. Now he also works as a volunteer in the rural areas to support NISG (a UNDP project) focusing on entrepreneurship development. Rajesh is just 24 years old.

520. Sanjay Singh

Tajopur Village
Mau Dist.
Uttar Pradesh

After graduation, Sanjay Singh (33 years of age), decided to stay back in his village of Tajopur in Uttar Pradesh and assist his father in his agricultural activities. His village is still very backward economically. He started taking keen interest in the village social and cultural activities and became the Secretary of the Tajopur Dhanush Yagya Committee which organizes a 7-day dance/drama version of the Sita-Swayamber every year. His activities have helped the villagers to live amicably together irrespective of caste and creed. He has good contacts with the district officials and always updates the villagers about new governmental programmes which would benefit them. He is a good organizer with management skills.

521. Mr Shashi Kant Singh

Tajopur Village
Mau District
Uttar Pradesh

A dropout from high school, Mr Shashi Kant Singh (32 years) turned to agriculture for his livelihood. He is always on the lookout for new tools, techniques and new seeds. Quality seed production is his main focus and he generously shares this knowledge with his fellow farmers. He regularly visits KVK, Mau and the ND University of Agriculture and Technology, Faizabad to enquire and learn about new developments in the field. He also grows seeds for NEFORD's cooperative farmers. He is now planning to diversify his farm activities and encourages fellow farmers to go into goat rearing, poultry farming, dairy produce and fodder production to ensure higher income and employment in rural areas. He is an enthusiastic farmer, who is genuinely interested in trying out new innovations and developments and disseminates the information among the farmers for their benefit.

522. Mr Tassadduk Hussain

Padri Khalilpur Village
Khalilpur Post
Siddharthnagar Dist.
Uttar Pradesh

Mr Tassadduk Hussain (45 years of age) decided to stay back in his village of Padri Khalilpur after his graduation. This village is

situated in the district of Siddharthnagar (the rice bowl of eastern Uttar Pradesh). In his village, female literacy rate is very low and womenfolk lack knowledge of health and hygiene. Family planning is not practiced in his area as a result of which each family has a large number of under-nourished children. Most of the males including young children often migrate to metropolitan cities in search of livelihood opportunities.

He strongly believes that infrastructure must be well developed for villages to prosper. Therefore he felt it was better to stay and work for the welfare of the rural society. NEFORD helped him with new seeds of fine aromatic rice lines suited for rain-fed areas. Kalanamak is a leading rice variety. Mr. Hussain is committed to large-scale

promotion of cultivation and trade of scented rice varieties which are on the verge of extinction. He works as a cooperative leader in the village and the people irrespective of caste and creed appreciate his work. He played a key role in the social development of the minority community. He helps the villagers start small-scale income-generation activities to augment their earnings. He has been working as a leader in rural development since the past several years but got involved with NEFORD only in the last two years where he serves as a farmer co-operator. An educated farmer, he is genuinely interested in trying out new innovation. He is always ready to help his farmer colleagues and is a leader in the true sense.

WEST BENGAL

523. Ms Chandana Sengupta

Para Village & Post.

Purulia Dist.

West Bengal

Ms Chandana Sengupta hails from Para Village, which is a remote village in West Bengal. She is 38 years old and is a graduate. She has worked as a school teacher in a small English Medium school for 4 years. She is a dedicated teacher with good motivational skills. With her leadership qualities and close links with villagers, she has proved to be a key person in spreading education in her village. She has been associated with the organisation called Nanritam for the last four years.

She came forward to take charge of a small primary school for, which Nanritam had just started the village children. With her organizing capacity and motivational skills, she could bring in 36 children from the poorest families, all being first generation learners. With her teaching aptitude and innovative capabilities, she succeeded in educating these children to the standard of any reputed school. Now she is working with 86 children, 50 of whom were working. These children have come under her care through the NCLP projects launched by the Government. Her perseverance is the prime moving force behind the school. A very dynamic personality, she has over the last four years, involved herself in various community

development programs taken up by Nanritam. With her unique leadership qualities, she has proved herself as the nodal person in various activities, from health camps to vocational training programs. Her enthusiasm is exemplary and she is a good role model to the villagers.

524. Ms Mamata Mondal

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Ms Mamata Mondal is 42 years old and has completed High School. She is from a remote village of Bolpur in West Bengal. She is a talented lady with special skills in embroidery. She has proved her entrepreneurship by training and employing more than 300 girls from nearby villages, which is indeed a big step towards women empowerment. She has deftly utilized her skills in building up a mini-industry and thereby has arranged for sustenance of not only her own family, but also for many other needy families. Mamta's endurance and perseverance has pulled her through many an obstacle to her present status. She strives to fight, not only for herself, but also for the needy women around her. With her leadership capabilities, she is confidently heading her team of

artisans towards self-sufficiency. Today she is a full-time professional and a successful business person, providing for herself as well as for three hundred or more under-privileged village women in her village and surrounding areas. She has been doing this service for the last 13 years.

525. Ms Mita Sengupta

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Born and reared in a rural setup in the arid 24 North Paragana District of West Bengal, Ms Mita sengupta completed her schooling from Ichhapur. She has passed Higher Secondary. She is 38 years old. She has been associated with the health wing of Nanritam organisation since 2001.

She underwent a Health worker training in 2004 under IIMC and has since been working as a dedicated health worker, both in suburban slum areas and rural areas of Purulia.

With her technical knowledge, coupled with a loving and compassionate heart and a rare dedication to the cause, she is an asset to the organization, in the health care delivery system. She caters to a population of 3000, with regular home visits, monitoring & evaluation, community meetings etc. She has motivated more than 1000 mothers to obtain proper antenatal, natal, post natal and newborn care as well as family planning. She

is also doing commendable work with platform children from squatter colonies. It is only her rare loving attitude and perseverance, that has enabled her to build a rapport with this community, which is otherwise, very difficult to penetrate.

526. Mr Rana Sengupta

Para village & Post
Purulia Dist.
West Bengal

Mr Rana Sengupta (B.A.) is 30 years old. He hails from the remote village of Para in west Bengal. After job hoping for a couple of years, he has taken up community development work in his own village as a full-time commitment He understands the needs of the local people and with his leadership capability, he is also a very efficient peer educator. He has good organization skills and helps in organizing health camps, community meetings, school health programmes and the like.

He has successfully implemented various projects in the villages with updated technological support, which include Solar Electricity, Rain Water Harvesting, Bamboo Plantation etc. Inclined towards social service, he knows how to reach out to people and be by their side at their hour of need. An organized individual, he is instrumental in maintaining records and accounts. He has been associated with Nanritam since 2004.

527. Ms Sikha Roy

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Ms Sikha Roy, M.A. (Political Science) & Master of Social Work is 38 years of age. Her village, Chandra, is located in the arid Bankura District. It is one of the poorest districts of the state with tribals constituting thirty percent of the population.

The specific issues she works on include women's land rights in rural areas and challenging the violence against women. She has formed 50 groups which has 750 members. She has trained women in leadership skills and helps them to acquire access to land resources thereby stopping migration of landless women. She has also advocated for change in land policy in West Bengal.

It is her wish to be the best performer in sustainable development work and serve the community by gathering and sharing the knowledge from various development and research based work. She is very experienced in conducting surveys and doing research work, organizing community development programmes, conducting and formulating training programmes especially on income generation activities. She is responsible for evaluating & monitoring community based development programmes and documentation.

Ms Sikha is a sincere and hard working woman, demonstrating courage and leadership skills in organizing women in the rural areas of Bankura, to fight for their land rights and work towards reducing violence against women in the locality. She is also associated with Sanhita's project 'Gender & Rights: Leadership Training for Young Grassroots Women' in the districts of West Bengal. She has been a community worker since 1998. She has good communication skills and the ability to motivate young women to participate in the community development activities and training programmes.

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AFGHANISTAN

1 Mr. Farid Wahab

Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock,
Kabul,
Afghanistan

30 year old Farid Wahab lived in Kabul through one of the most challenging periods in the history of the city. During the late '90's, in spite of considerable disruption, he managed to obtain a core diploma in veterinary medicine, and joined the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock first in the planning division and later during 2004-2007 coordinated a project on the use of ICT mediation in agriculture, hosted by the Ministry. In this project, he led the programme to bring in the participation of various experts in the Ministry to attend to queries from farmers across Kabul province and lately from Mazar-e-Sharif Province in the north. Upon completion of the project, he will move to work with NGO sector.

Wahab is a person of impeccable integrity and good credentials as an organiser of information sources and with competency in veterinary extension using ICT mediation. He faced immense challenges in developing this new wing in the Ministry at a time when it battled with minimal infrastructure. He received excellent support from his peers because of his commitment and credibility and managed international finances with a high level of integrity. He has travelled to India and visited field sites where ICT4D

projects take place and has imbibed the spirit of this action. He has displayed remarkable cultural and gender sensitivity in enabling a wide variety of experts to join a new program when scepticism was rife.

2. Mr Nad Ali Sadiki

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Nad Ali, 26, has been the chief trainer of the staff of the Ministry since 2003 when the post-war reconstruction just commenced in Afghanistan. He has trained ministry staff in Kabul, as well as in distant Herat and Mazar-e-Sharif, and the number has crossed 200 advanced trainees by now. This has enabled the Ministry to deliver information services to farmers using ICT mediation.

Nad Ali's family was displaced out of the country for over a decade that led to many personal and family privations. He faced considerable challenges in maintaining an adequate level of education while supporting his family efforts to secure a livelihood in conditions of displacement. He acquired an intermediate level of education and taught himself essential operations on the desk top PC. When the reconstruction commenced, he was practically the only one with a level of IT skill that the Ministry work with. Since

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then, Nad Ali has visited India several times, and acquired close and first hand knowledge of many ICT4D projects and their community orientation. This led him to organise a series of hands-on training programs at the Ministry in 2003 after which he joined a team of young workers involved in building a national pilot on ICT mediation in support of ICT for agricultural development.

Nad Ali has proved his leadership qualities in an abundant fashion. He has displayed remarkable zeal to learn in highly adverse conditions in personal life and has succeeded in retaining a spirit of continuous learning. His skills as a trainer in ICT have been much appreciated by many officials in the Ministry, young and old, and a number of women participated in his training programs.

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3. Mr Nawroz Hashmi

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26 year old Nawroz has college intermediate level education and is a leader in networking in Afghanistan as a whole and has been specially retained by the Ministry since 2004 to play a key role in the project on ICT mediation in support of ICT for agricultural extension. His leadership abilities and

competency in ICT network management have earned him a special position in the Ministry now.

Nawroz' family was displaced for a decade during the war in Afghanistan in the '90s. He persevered in his educational quest and obtained a college degree in computing, and taught himself many advanced techniques in network management. He was brought into the Ministry in 2004, and played a significant role in generating a plan for effective use of ICT in rural development. He visited many ICT4D projects in India and was given much exposure to advances in mobile telephony in South Korea recently. He has set up one of the first few bilingual web sites of substantial content in Afghanistan, for the Ministry and has further developed a price information system online covering a number of tradeable crops. His work quality has led the Ministry to offer him the post of head of IT for the entire Ministry in 2007.

Nawroz is one of the most successful practitioners of ICT4D in Afghanistan and has great leadership qualities in him. He is self-taught in many ICT matters and has the enterprise to apply them in highly challenging circumstances. He is willing to share his expertise and knowledge gained through immense personal efforts with many others. As a person, he combines capability with humility and is thus liked by peers and superiors.

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4. Mr Kennedy Edwine

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27 years old Kennedy Edwine Onyango has been involved in community development work through the use of information and communication technologies (ICT's) and has served in a number of projects as a specialist in Content Design, Development and Deployment using low-cost and high-end media such as radio's, TV, computers, mobile phones and print newsletters.

Over the past 3 years, he been working in a Commonwealth of Learning (COL) supported Grassroots Socio-economic multi-stakeholder partnership bringing together a total of 4 NGO's, 1 university and 1 government institute. This project involved

working with poor women living in the Lake-Victoria basin, Kenya , deploying successful activities based on the use of Technology-mediated Open and Distance Education in order to reach the underserved, hard to reach rural communities. It has promoted farming among the target groups hence increasing food security and nutrition among the previously malnourished and hunger stricken households.

Besides this, Kennedy Onyango has been a champion in the organizing of rural peasant farmers in Mbita to start a self-help group that in turn has supported them in their farming activities along the shores of Lake-Victoria, Kenya. He has also coordinated an international programme that has brought students from UK, Ireland, Canada and USA to work with the farmers in Mbita.

Being the founder of Community Initiatives and Social Support Organization (CISSO), Kennedy Onyango has spent the better part of his life reaching and working with the poorest of the poor in Kenya.

NEPAL

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Mr Arjun Prasad Khatiwada, 22, holds a diploma in Computer Application. His home is in the hilly area in Nuwakot District. He worked as a computer operator in a computer institute and has actively participated in hardware and software computer trainings. Presently he is working as manager of Devighat Telecenter and actively taking part in the telecenter activities.

He has worked untiringly for the development of rural community and has the capacity to face any obstacles and tackle them. For his continuous effort and support to the slogan "IT for All", he was awarded with Grassroots Fellow Award by FIT Nepal on 22nd of February. He is particularly known for his capacity of youth mobilization.

6. Ms Laxmi Khanal

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Ms Laxmi Khanal, 36, hails from Dhulikhel the smallest municipality of Nepal in terms of population. It is in the lap of the greenwood forest and is called the "Queen of the hills".

She has passed Intermediate in Law exam. Ms. Khanal is involved in the Dhulikhel Jaycees, Rotary Community Corps, Chambers of Commerce, Dhulikhel and Women's Co-operative Dhulikhel. She is experienced in social welfare activities. She is involved in community mobilization for welfare of women and has good leadership potential. She has been associated with social organizations since 1989 and engages in mass communication and journalism, awareness programs on HIV/AIDS, women welfare, sanitation and health, remote campaign for sanitation, maintenance of school building, and in child rights issues.

She participated in Youth Exchange Programme in Canada for three months in 1990; participated in R.I. Zones 5&6 A.R.C.C Conference 17-19/12/ 2004 held in District 3290 of Kolkata, India and attended JAYCEES National conference held in

Chitawan Sauraha in 2005 and in Itahari 2006. She works untiringly for the development of the rural community.

7. Mr Madhusudhan Guragain

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38 year old Mr Madhusudhan Guragain is a graduate. He hails from the

Panauti Municipality, which is surrounded by hills and the main occupation of the villagers is agriculture. He is fluent in English and Nepali and can speak good Hindi and Newari, which is an asset in his work.

Mr Gurgain is a rural knowledge worker spearheading the knowledge revolution in rural Nepal. He has sound knowledge of operating ICT tools which he uses for the betterment rural livelihoods by means of agro information, livelihood information etc. Besides he is also a rural journalist and an investigative journalist. Knowledge.

As an Executive Member of Rural Information Center (RIC) Mr. Madhusudhabn Guragain is performing day-to-day management of the Centre, creates linkages between the RIC and other service providers to rural people to disseminate the knowledge in the areas

where RIC is very active. He has strong commitment to serve his community and is committed to allocating a lot of time for the betterment and upliftment of the telecenter. He has the ability, drive and the knowledge to enhance livelihood opportunities and empower the vulnerable people to make better choices and have better control of their own development.

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Mr Rameshwor Adhikari, a Grassroots fellow is 31 years old He holds a diploma in Computer Application and has been a teacher since 2003. He is a scout trainer and also the vice-president of "National Youth club" since 2005. He took training on 'Primary Eye and Ear Care' from Bir Hospital. Presently, he is working as an executive member of Kakani Telecentre. He is very good at youth mobilization and undertakes IT training for his people to promote IT development.

Mr Rameshwor Adhikari has been working untiringly for the development of rural community. He can easily tackle any obstacle he faces while working for the welfare of the community. He has been recognized as a Grassroots Fellow by FIT, Nepal!

9. Mr Sundar Lal Shrestha

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39 year old Mr Sundar Lal Shrestha has done his M.B.A., B.Ed. He hails from Dhulikhel (known as the “Queen of the hills”). He is with the Social Welfare Council of Nepal and

a member of various organizations such as the Nepal Red Cross Society, H.M.G. Animal Sector, Nepal Jaycees, Rotary International, Rotary Club of Dhulikhel, Mission International, FIT Nepal, NTC Association, and H.M.G. Ministry of education. He has been working as the telecentre coordinator since 2006. His areas of competency lie in teaching, advocacy, youth mobilization, coordination with committees and imparting basic Computer knowledge to the youth. He has been recognised as Grassroots Fellow by FIT, Nepal.

NIGERIA

10. Ms Kazanka Comfort

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Kazanka is a member of the community she serves. She is a founder of an NGO, Fantsuam Foundation which took a strategic decision to work in a rural, underserved area and to begin with peoples needs. In this instance, micro finance was understood to be the necessary foundation which would leverage other livelihood and educational development. This ground breaking project shows that both rural financial and information and communication systems can be managed effectively by rural poor people and are not something only for the 'urban elite.' In addition the project provides training and access to the global digital world .

Through her role in providing connectivity to underserved and remote communities , rural communities have become among the first

to facilitate online students registration. Before now they have to travel to nearest big cities for this basic service. Their microfinance service has grown into a holistic service in which the Field Officers are able to provide ICT-enabled information on health, market intelligence for farm produce, civic rights and responsibilities.

Kazanka's commitment to Nigeria's rural women is total. She has pioneered an organizational model of integrated community development, which is replicable throughout Nigeria. This has meant working long days, long hours, living and working in the rural community, that has made her an authority on hands-on rural mobilization and integration in this part of the world. Kazanka has through her efforts created a Women-Led, Women-Informed, Women-Inspired integrated rural development Initiative for Nigeria and Africa. Her efforts also shows that women in Africa can be fully engaged in the promotion and implementation of ICTs for development.

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11. Mr Dann Diez

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Dann is a community worker serving as a vocation and youth director. He has planned and implemented projects with the local community in Barangay Guba for sustainable livelihood projects especially with regard to water for irrigation.

He is also a trainer and organization consultant conducting training and leadership workshops

As a mentor and life coach , Dann acts as confidante for young people to be empowered and to have a sense of values and direction. He is very well organized and committed to his work as community developer . He maintains good public relations and achieves his goals with patience and determination.

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Jimmy Calata, 48, who has graduate and post –graduate degrees in Business Administration and Public Administration, is currently Chief, I.T. Division, Office of the Governor and Core Group Chairman and Manager, Nueva Vizcaya Community e-Centre.

Jimmy Calata who works both in the public and private sectors has a wide array of professional qualifications, skills and experiences. He has the capacity to handle several tasks concurrently and at this point, he is a Career Service Executive, Certified Public Accountant, Management Consultant, ICT Specialist as well as Associate Professor - College and Graduate School Levels

As the Core Group Chairman and Manager of the Community e-Center of the Province of Nueva Vizcaya, Philippines, he accomplished more than what is expected. He coordinated, among others, the (a) successful forging of academic exchange agreements between (b) sourcing of funds

abroad for the Indigenous Peoples Hospital; organization of a cooperative for ethnic groups in his province. With his close coordination he was able to increase the number of municipal-based e-Centers in his Province, and raise the level of participation among his province's component municipalities in the various ICT programmes.

He has the potential to be an excellent catalyst for ICT adaptation and utilization and dreams of the possibility of having functional networked e-centers all over his province.

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Mr Romarico Medel Cabellon, 49, licensed civil engineer, hails from a 3rd class municipality located in the north of Cebu Province. The area is flat though situated in a hilly terrain.

Since 1993 he has been the District Director - Fourth congressional district of the League of Local Planning & Development Coordinators of the Philippines Inc., (LLPDCPI) - Cebu Chapter. From 2001 he has been the Sub-Project Coordinator - Community-Based Resource Management Project (CBRMP), a World Bank and Government of Philippines assisted project

which focuses on Natural Resource Management. Ten people's organizations (PO) were duly trained and empowered to manage natural resources in upland and coastal area under the project and provided with alternative livelihood support.

During 1995 to 1999 he was engaged in organizing for 15 barangays for water and sanitation programme that eventually became the Water and Sanitation Service Cooperative. The project was under the Central Visayas Water and Sanitation Project (CVWSP) and was assisted by the Australian International Development Assistance Bureau (AIDAB). To date, the water system in urban and rural areas is managed by the community through a cooperative. Between the years 1980 to 1984, he was the Peer Facilitator, University of San Jose Recoletos-Cebu City.

For past five years, Community-Based Resource Management (CBRMP) implementation has been under his leadership. San Remigio was recognized as the outstanding LGU in fishery sector in the Province of Cebu in October 20, 2003 and was declared the 2006 Outstanding Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources partner, LGU, in October 2006. This was attributed to good performance of the LGU in CBRMP project implementation. In fact during the CBRMP "World Bank Terminal Review and Final Evaluation" the municipality of San Remigio got the "Very Satisfactory Rating" and rank number one LGU in the Province of Cebu with CBRMP projects, and rank number two in the whole Region VII.

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He has undergone various trainings and attended seminars such as Local Development Planning for children sponsored by Department of Social Welfare and Development (March 2005) and DENR and natural resource management, paralegal training sponsored by Department Finance-CBRMP and DENR, Legaspi City (December 2004) to name a few.

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34 year old Polcomar P. Canonce who has a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering and Master in Management is assigned as CeC Manager and he handles the Community E Centre's over all management and arranging free Information and Communication literacy programmes. He is currently working in the Local Government of Barugo as a Project Development Officer III and has extensive background in urban and rural planning, community organization and research and development study. As a Civil Engineer, he had also experience in cost engineering, construction project management and project study of several infrastructure projects.

As an employee of the Local Government of Barugo, Polcomar is very much involved in community organizing. He was also an officer of Young Professional organization in Barugo in the late 90's and had also joined in several

cooperatives within the Municipality. Presently, he is the Vice President for Education on the cooperative organized by the Municipal employees.

Having served the private sector in the field of Construction Management and the government in the field of Project Planning and Development, Community Organizing, and Infrastructure Services, he very committed to delivering quality services to the community.

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35 year old Virgilio Padilla Oliva is well qualified in ICT, with a Bachelors' degree in Computer Science and Masters in Information Management. At present he works as Director – Information and Communication Technology Centre and as Asst. Professor, College of Engineering and Computing. He is also involved with the Open Academy for Philippine Agriculture that provides e-extension services, on-line training and distance education through ICT and is a Consultant – Network Design and Implementation and Agricultural Credit Policy Council. In the past he has also worked with agriculture and fisheries research and development information system

Having undergone GIS – remote sensing training as well as training on computer networks and design, Virgilio's areas of competency are with networking in rural areas, network design and management, network cabling and wireless technology, web development, geographic information system (GIS), network security, E-learning, ICT for development. He works in a highly challenging, militancy-prone area and has succeeded in technology deployment in rural locations through the medium of persuasion.

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16. Mr Bandu Jeewa Srimal Janaka Aluth Patabendige

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year old Mr Bandu Jeewa Srimal Janaka Aluth Patabendige, 38, has done Advanced Level (Bio Science). He hails from a remote village called Hingurukanduwa. He and a few of his village people are conducting the organization called "Aruna Computer Club" in their village since 2002 for developing fluency in English among the village students and enhancing their computer skills. Mr Bandu is the founder of this organization and some of the youths of his village are holding other administrative positions. He also designs web pages. He has been involved with using ICT since 1999. This year he participated in a 5 weeks e-learning training programme in the University of Colombo School of Computing with support from the Japanese Government. As this is a rural area there are no resource personnel or even proper IT personnel. So Mr Bandu plans to improve his knowledge further and become an IT personnel to help his village youth.

Mr Janaka is a very reliable and capable social worker, who has taken a great effort in making his village a model in the field of ICT. Owing to his involvement his village located in a very deprived area has gained national recognition. Thanks to this, a small KUWAIT based donor organization impressed with the achievement of the children, is looking at taking the village under its wing for supporting the children's education. His work has been entirely voluntary and has benefited a large number of children.

17. Mr Gunathunga Arachchige Chandrasena

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42 year old Chandrasena has received his degree from the university of Colombo in Sociology, Political Science, and Sinhala Language. His inherent flair towards social services, his education in social sciences and the experiences in community development acquired working with marginalized and poor people in villages in Hambanthota district in the deep South of Sri Lanka, have combined to make him a down to earth and outstanding social worker for people. Other than his commitment to support the

communities in their livelihoods and day to day lives, he also contributes as an officer in many rural associations of farmers, women and also children.

Since joining the EEFA foundation he was engaged in income-generation, environmental development, child development, women, and farmer empowering programs. He also has contributed his knowledge to develop ICT and English literacy of the children in the area.

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An energetic and capable young social worker, 18 year old Ishan Gamage is conscientious in whatever he undertakes. Having completed Secondary Education and acquired an Associate Diploma in Computer Studies, he has competency in developing web pages, creating presentations and in software development.

He is running the village telecentre which serves as a Business Development Service centre for the community and also as an IT education centre. Through the centre, local people are served with IT education, advice, answers relating to their business needs and

introducing many support systems on business development.

A keen nature lover, Ishan is an active member in the Dambadeniya Development Foundation's Green Circle Organization since 2005

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Mr Krishnasamy Kandeegan is 23 years old and hails from a region full of tea estates in the hilly terrain of Badulla. He has a Bachelor of Marketing degree with a Diploma in Computer Science and Java Programme. He has been closely involved with the ICT Agency for over two years and has been recognized as a very active ICT Centre operator working with commitment towards empowering the community and its youth by making use of ICT tools. He works among the estate workers who are below poverty line with no opportunity or access to IT education. He also spares time and offers his services for maintaining an orphanage in his area.

He hopes to do a lot more with the assistance of the government as well as the non-governmental organizations. He has trained over 3000 students from both Sinhala and tamil communities who live around the

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Nenasala Centre on IT. He has been a mobile teacher in ICT for 10 Primary Schools in different backward areas and expects to improve IT knowledge of rural people.

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After having completed her Secondary Education; the University Entrance Examination - G.C.E.Advance Level, 21 year old Sanjeewa scored a "Distinction" pass in the Associate Diploma in Computer Studies conducted by Dambadeniya Development. She runs the village telecentre of Narammala, which serves as a Business Development Service centre for the community. Through the centre, the people are served with advice, answers to queries, business development facilitation programmes and with many other support systems.

She is interested in environmental activities and is an active member in Green Circle Environmental Society at Dambadeniya Development Foundation as well as in their IT-club. She has good interaction with local youth and is active in youth training programmes and outdoor camping programmes..

Sanjeewa is an outstanding young woman who uses her knowledge and practicality for superior community oriented work.

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Mr Mohamed Sakariya Mohamed Asneer, 27, has G.C.E.(O/L) and G.C.E.(A/L) certificates. He comes from a predominantly agricultural belt on the coast and has been closely involved with the ICT Agency for over two years. He is recognized as a very active ICT Centre operator who has worked with commitment towards empowering the community and particularly the youth by making use of ICT tools. He works in a predominantly a Muslim community dominated area where the total population is 4123 belonging to 975 households. His village was very badly damaged during tsunami. So far, with his initiative he has improved the IT literacy in his village and become a recognized social worker for his hard work towards improving the knowledge of his community. Mr. Asneer is an active entrepreneur who operates Nenasala (Tele-center) in Kinniya. The area lacks many of the infrastructure facilities and he is trying hard to improve the lives of the community

by providing ICT services at an affordable price. He is also working on women empowerment activities.

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Ms W. A. M. K. Priyanganie, 32, is a graduate in Economics. She has been closely involved with the ICTA Agency for over two years and has been recognized as a very active ICT Centre operator working with commitment towards empowering women through ICT and self-employment opportunities. She has also been working with children and is involved in several activities in the community in order to improve the economic status of the villagers

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31 year old Saman Udaya Kumara who has graduated with a special degree in Business

Management Accountancy is a grassroots worker possessing leadership qualities and social consciousness with a commitment to serve the community. Presently working with a farmers company in Sri Lanka in the field of community development, he is also familiar with the use of information and communication technology in community development.

He is a very capable and enthusiastic person who deals with farmers in a professional and also humane way. He has promoted many programmes to increase the farmers & villagers income. Saman is an exceptional person in community development field.

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33 year old Mr S. Srikanthan hails from Koslanda ('Grove of Jak Trees') a middle-sized village in the hill country of Badulla district. He has passed his O Levels and is proficient in ICT: Excel, Word, Photoshop, e-mail, project networking via Internet, etc. Since 2005, he is the Founder/Proprietor of Koslanda Nanasala (Rural Knowledge Centre) Animator of Badulla District Nanasala Telecentre Family, Founder/Chairman of the Hill Country Disability Group. He was Coordinator, Isuru Micro-Finance Poverty Reduction Project (2005-2006); Trustee, Sri

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Lanka Children's Trust ;BPO partner with New Delhi-based voice transcription and translation service; Coordinator, Telegenetic Project of ICTA & Faculty of Medicine, U-Colombo; Facilitator, Wheelchair Project of Colombo Rotary Club East and National Secretariat for Persons with Disabilities to import and distribute 560 wheelchairs nationwide (2007); Facilitator, Lanka Bell – National Secretariat for Persons with Disabilities CDMA Project to empower handicapped families of the Hill Country using CDMA phones (2007); nominated Administrator, first Rural Vision Centre of Joint Project by the International Center for Eye care Education (ICEE) of Australia and the Ministry of Healthcare to provide comprehensive eye care in remote areas.

In 2005 he learned that the Information & Communications Technology Agency (ICTA) had launched an initiative to create privately-run Nanasalas or ICT-based Rural Knowledge Centers in economically backward areas. He applied and in April 2005 the Koslanda Nanasala (website: www.nanasala.org) opened its doors to villagers, most of whom had never before seen a computer. Since then, his Nanasala has introduced hundreds of villagers to IT and (as BPO partner with N Lingua Services of New Delhi) a voice transcription and translation service employs Koslanda residents to translate and transcribe audio files from Tamil to English.

As Founder and Chairman of the Hill Country Disability Group, he aims to leverage ICT to break the vicious cycle of physical isolation,

social stigma, and educational and economic handicap (website: www.hcdg.org) of the disabled. Since January 2006 he has been associated with Sri Lanka Children's Trust on projects to benefit handicapped children of the east coast and the hill country of Sri Lanka. Despite being handicapped himself, or perhaps because of it, Srikanthan's sociability and diplomatic nature are matched only by his driving ambition to help others like himself, particularly in remote hilly areas where handicapped families are especially impoverished and where educational, health, and livelihood opportunities for the handicapped are next to non-existent. Srikanthan excels as a social worker who uses every means at his disposal, including Information Technology, to empower needy families by networking them with each other and with project partners (like national NGOs) to introduce lasting change to the way those families view themselves such that they take a pro-active stance to change their circumstances. Srikanthan is an individual who will continue to play a central role in empowering the handicapped by opening up opportunities that never before existed.

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31 year old Weerasinghe Mudiyanselage Chaminda Rathna Kumara Dissanayake has completed the external degree examination and is awaiting his results. He hails from Nenasala Village in the arid zone of Ambalanthota State.

He started a computer centre in 1998 with one computer and expanded it to 128 ICT centres throughout the district. This programme facilitates more than 4,000 school children and school leavers in the district. Currently he is involved in developing

a web site to publish all the information about the district. He has played a significant role in taking ICT to the villagers through his own initiative. He is doing yeomen service to the community through an ICT skills development training, which he offers at a very nominal price to the community.

He has worked as the president of the "THURU LATHA" (Tree Propagating) Society and initiated propagating 10,000 trees and educating the community in the importance of plants in our environment. He has worked as the president of "KUMARATHUNGU MUNIDAS" society with the UNESCO project to increase interest in reading books among children and the youth. He has worked for 5 years as a volunteer in the village temple to give religious education to the village children. He has also been the president of the "Nena Pubudu Youth Society" which comes under National Youth Society and worked as the Project in-charge in "WELL ARA" road development project.

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| Ecological security | 366 | 468 | | | | |
| Ecosystem management | 2 | 218 | 289 | 290 | 326 | 355 |
| | 394 | 397 | 400 | 413 | 430 | 447 |
| | 465 | 507 | | | | |
| Environment awareness | 24 | 27 | 37 | 62 | 86 | 96 |
| | 97 | 119 | 153 | 159 | 167 | 169 |
| | 181 | 211 | 213 | 357 | 368 | 374 |
| | 377 | 380 | 411 | 426 | 438 | 450 |
| | 465 | 503 | 507 | | | |
| Environment protection | 2 | 27 | 75 | 119 | 171 | 181 |
| | 190 | 335 | 353 | 363 | 368 | 371 |

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| | 374 | 375 | 396 | 400 | 411 | 452 |
| | 475 | 498 | 499 | 507 | | |
| Forest management | 255 | 265 | 270 | 272 | 275 | 276 |
| | 281 | 287 | 292 | 312 | 353 | 362 |
| | 363 | 371 | 386 | 388 | 389 | 390 |
| | 391 | 393 | 397 | 398 | 400 | 473 |
| | 485 | | | | | |
| Livelihood security | 189 | 212 | 353 | 365 | 369 | 388 |
| | 392 | | | | | |
| Natural resource management (NRM) | 234 | 252 | 319 | 335 | 370 | 386 |
| | 387 | 391 | 393 | 394 | 399 | 511 |
| Non-conventional energy | 511 | 526 | | | | |
| Ozone protection | 375 | | | | | |
| Pollution control | 261 | 374 | | | | |
| Waste land development | 326 | 389 | 400, | | | |
| Waste management | 27 | 119 | 507 | | | |
| Wild life protection | 181 | | | | | |
| Education | | | | | | |
| Adult literacy | 1 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 9 | 10 |
| | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 14 | 15 |
| | 16 | 17 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| | 25 | 26 | 28 | 30 | 31 | 32 |
| | 34 | 35 | 36 | 38 | 40 | 41 |
| | 42 | 43 | 44 | 46 | 48 | 49 |
| | 50 | 51 | 52 | 53 | 54 | 57 |
| | 63 | 64 | 66 | 68 | 68 | 70 |

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| | 71 | 76 | 77 | 79 | 82 | 84 |
| | 87 | 88 | 92 | 93 | 95 | 109 |
| | 110 | 111 | 115 | 118 | 121 | 124 |
| | 129 | 130 | 131 | 134 | 136 | 137 |
| | 139 | 141 | 142 | 144 | 146 | 148 |
| | 157 | 160 | 162 | 164 | 186 | 216 |
| | 224 | 227 | 300 | 375 | 381 | 387 |
| | 389 | 391 | 393 | 398 | 406 | 410 |
| | 419 | 424 | 427 | 429 | 430 | 438 |
| | 443 | 448 | 454 | 458 | 460 | 464 |
| | 477 | 479 | 491 | 501 | 508 | 514 |
| Children | 9 | 36 | 45 | 59 | 74 | 89 |
| | 91 | 93 | 109 | 115 | 118 | 140 |
| | 141 | 152 | 184 | 186 | 189 | 194 |
| | 195 | 198 | 202 | 203 | 212 | 225 |
| | 233 | 237 | 239 | 242 | 284 | 316 |
| | 325 | 330 | 334 | 339 | 361 | 365 |
| | 367 | 383 | 385 | 387 | 391 | 397 |
| | 398 | 434 | 442 | 468 | 475 | 491 |
| | 497 | 508 | 514 | 523 | | |
| Coaching/ tuition | 67 | 78 | 124 | 180 | 212 | 218 |
| | 219 | 237 | 316 | 383 | 406 | 417 |
| | 422 | 433 | 434 | 441 | 457 | 462 |
| | 463 | 483 | 491 | 519 | | |
| Competitions | 152 | | | | | |
| School drop-outs Reduction | 3 | 9 | 10 | 23 | 36 | 40 |
| | 45 | 53 | 57 | 67 | 71 | 74 |
| | 84 | 103 | 104 | 122 | 125 | 135 |
| | 143 | 144 | 195 | 198 | 316 | 334 |
| | 361 | 415 | 418 | 425 | 436 | 508 |

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| Equipment/ facilities for schools | 181 | 202 | 280 | 334 | 338 | 425 |
| | 449 | | | | | |
| Evaluation and inspection | 387 | | | | | |
| Functional literacy | 14 | 15 | 15 | 23 | 25 | 26 |
| | 29 | 30 | 34 | 35 | 40 | 41 |
| | 46 | 48 | 50 | 51 | 54 | 57 |
| | 60 | 63 | 64 | 65 | 70 | 80 |
| | 82 | 87 | 88 | 94 | 101 | 104 |
| | 108 | 109 | 115 | 118 | 122 | 137 |
| | 138 | 139 | 143 | 144 | 147 | 179 |
| | 193 | 383 | 409 | 412 | 415 | 416 |
| | 418 | 419 | 428 | 430 | 433 | 435 |
| | 436 | 437 | 440 | 454 | 460 | 461 |
| | 465 | 475 | 478 | 479 | 481 | 489 |
| | 490 | 492 | 495 | 500 | 501 | 503 |
| | 508 | 509 | 512 | 514 | 522 | |
| Library | 152 | 337 | | | | |
| Literacy campaign/ awareness | 21 | 49 | 52 | 84 | 110 | 131 |
| | 150 | 153 | 158 | 159 | 161 | 162 |
| | 227 | 330 | 370 | 387 | 442 | 456 |
| | 468 | 475 | | | | |
| NCC camps | 288 | | | | | |
| Non-formal education | 10 | 64 | | | | |
| NSS camps | 353 | | | | | |
| Orphaned students | 183 | | | | | |
| Physical education | 330 | | | | | |
| Spoken English | 316 | | | | | |

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| Student scholarship | 353 | 488 | 463 | 479 | | |
| Teachers training | 339 | | | | | |
| Uniforms, footwear for students | 129 | 425 | 449 | | | |
| Women literacy | 212 | 374 | 491 | 508 | 509 | 514 |

Employment

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|------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Job opportunities | 17 | 224 | 324 | 330 | 332 | 442 |
| | 456 | 475 | 481 | 519 | 521 | 523 |
| | 524 | | | | | |
| Self employment | 7 | 33 | 39 | 45 | 86 | 89 |
| | 105 | 140 | 155 | 158 | 166 | 210 |
| | 410 | 416 | 418 | 419 | 437 | 440 |
| | 442 | 456 | 475 | 478 | 479 | 488 |
| | 500 | 503 | | | | |
| Unemployment reduction | 117 | 314 | 322 | 341 | | |

Finance, savings and insurance

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|---------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Agriculture marketing | 140 | 364 | | | | |
| Bank assistance / finance | 27 | 33 | 47 | 72 | 89 | 90 |
| | 91 | 119 | 274 | 280 | 283 | 306 |
| | 377 | 381 | 402 | 412 | 418 | 423 |
| | 435 | 436 | 439 | 451 | 456 | 473 |
| | 475 | 475 | 479 | 481 | 485 | 490 |
| | 495 | 500 | 502 | 503 | | |

Fishing / Fisheries

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| Aquaculture | 493 | 494 | | | | |
| Crab vending | 456 | | | | | |

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| Crab farming | 493 | 494 | | | | |
| Fish farming information | 158 | 195 | 353 | 385 | | |
| Fish trading | 414 | | | | | |
| Ornamental fish rearing | 504 | | | | | |
| Fishermen Training | 380 | 414 | 456 | | | |
| Health care (see also Traditional Medicine) | | | | | | |
| Anti alcoholism | 362 | | | | | |
| Blood camps | 71 | 93 | 127 | 181 | 432 | |
| Cancer | 227 | 230 | | | | |
| Child and mother health | 186 | 185 | 195 | 371 | 382 | 375 |
| | 376 | 445 | 244 | 258 | 312 | 345 |
| | 352 | 385 | 386 | 387 | 390 | 508 |
| | 514 | 525 | | | | |
| Chickun guniya | 374 | | | | | |
| Community health program | 12 | 49 | 60 | 97 | 124 | 195 |
| | 239 | 242 | 309 | 345 | 346 | 352 |
| | 384 | 387 | 391 | 397 | 407 | 430 |
| | 518 | 526 | | | | |
| Dental | 407 | | | | | |
| Diabetes | 375 | | | | | |
| Diarrhoea | 346 | | | | | |
| Eye camps | 71 | 93 | 127 | 139 | 347 | 353 |
| | 377 | 407 | 409 | 432 | 437 | 518 |

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| Family planning | 70 | 94 | 127 | 143 | 193 | 195 |
| | 246 | 345 | 427 | 435 | 436 | 443 |
| | 495 | 525 | | | | |
| Female health | 158 | 230 | 371 | 374 | 518 | |
| Fire accidents | 425 | | | | | |
| Health facilities | 388 | 425 | 442 | 475 | | |
| Health care awareness / camps | 1 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 8 | 9 |
| | 11 | 12 | 15 | 18 | 20 | 21 |
| | 22 | 24 | 26 | 29 | 30 | 31 |
| | 34 | 36 | 38 | 40 | 41 | 42 |
| | 43 | 44 | 45 | 48 | 49 | 50 |
| | 51 | 53 | 54 | 58 | 60 | 66 |
| | 68 | 68 | 70 | 71 | 72 | 74 |
| | 75 | 77 | 78 | 79 | 82 | 83 |
| | 84 | 84 | 87 | 89 | 90 | 91 |
| | 93 | 93 | 95 | 97 | 98 | 101 |
| | 103 | 106 | 110 | 111 | 112 | 113 |
| | 114 | 115 | 117 | 118 | 120 | 122 |
| | 124 | 126 | 127 | 128 | 129 | 131 |
| | 132 | 134 | 135 | 137 | 140 | 143 |
| | 144 | 146 | 147 | 148 | 158 | 172 |
| | 179 | 180 | 181 | 183 | 184 | 185 |
| | 189 | 195 | 197 | 201 | 203 | 216 |
| | 219 | 227 | 230 | 239 | 254 | 266 |
| | 298 | 330 | 332 | 333 | 345 | 346 |
| 347 | 352 | 353 | 360 | 361 | 363 | |
| 368 | 371 | 371 | 374 | 375 | 376 | |
| 377 | 379 | 383 | 384 | 386 | 387 | |
| 388 | 390 | 391 | 392 | 397 | 398 | |
| 405 | 407 | 409 | 414 | 419 | 420 | |

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| | 424 | 425 | 427 | 430 | 433 | 434 |
| | 435 | 436 | 437 | 442 | 444 | 445 |
| | 456 | 461 | 463 | 464 | 469 | 470 |
| | 475 | 477 | 479 | 488 | 489 | 495 |
| | 500 | 506 | 508 | 509 | 510 | 512 |
| | 514 | 518 | 522 | 523 | 525 | 526 |
| Health care training | 126 | 425 | 488 | | | |
| Hepatitis | 375 | | | | | |
| HIV / AIDS | 3 | 4 | 6 | 8 | 15 | 18 |
| | 22 | 25 | 26 | 30 | 33 | 38 |
| | 41 | 42 | 43 | 50 | 57 | 64 |
| | 66 | 68 | 70 | 72 | 82 | 94 |
| | 99 | 101 | 104 | 106 | 111 | 114 |
| | 115 | 118 | 122 | 128 | 129 | 138 |
| | 147 | 148 | 410 | 412 | 427 | 431 |
| | 433 | 435 | 436 | 440 | 448 | 457 |
| | 461 | 469 | 475 | 477 | 481 | 500 |
| | 503 | | | | | |
| Immunization | 4 | 8 | 11 | 15 | 18 | 22 |
| | 25 | 29 | 43 | 44 | 64 | 66 |
| | 68 | 72 | 82 | 99 | 101 | 104 |
| | 114 | 128 | 129 | 134 | 138 | 147 |
| | 148 | 197 | 203 | 406 | 424 | 433 |
| | 454 | 465 | 477 | 495 | | |
| Infant mortality | 428 | | | | | |
| Infertility | 230 | 376 | | | | |
| Iodine deficiency awareness | 414 | | | | | |
| Leprosy | 75 | 371 | 406 | | | |

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| Low birth weight | 346 | | | | | |
| Malaria | 246 | 346 | 360 | 371 | 376 | |
| Nutrition | 71 | 83 | 185 | 195 | 352 | 377 |
| | 488 | | | | | |
| Pneumonia | 346 | | | | | |
| Pregnancy | 186 | 195 | 352 | 374 | 488 | 509 |
| | 518 | | | | | |
| Reproductive child health | 392 | 396 | | | | |
| Road accidents | 406 | | | | | |
| Counseling | 193 | 266 | 420 | 427 | 442 | |
| Sexual health | 185 | 193 | | | | |
| Skin diseases | 230 | | | | | |
| TB | 74 | 75 | 112 | 113 | 120 | |
| Telemedicine | 338 | | | | | |
| Sanitation | 150 | 184 | 195 | 215 | 239 | 314 |
| | 326 | 345 | 347 | 357 | 363 | 368 |
| | 371 | 380 | 384 | 412 | 415 | 418 |
| | 427 | 428 | 430 | 433 | 435 | 436 |
| | 438 | 440 | 443 | 444 | 461 | 464 |
| | 465 | 477 | 491 | 500 | | |
| Hygiene | 83 | 184 | 326 | 345 | 445 | 491 |
| | 506 | 508 | | | | |
| Drainage system | 42 | 44 | 68 | 79 | 88 | 99 |
| | 106 | 118 | | | | |

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| Cleanliness | 374 | 414 | 426 | 449 | 465 |
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Horticulture (see also Agricultural crops)

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| Aromatic plants | 507 |
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| Banana | 5 |
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| Black gram | 61 |
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| Chickpea | 61 |
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| Floriculture/ orchid cultivation | 93 | 105 | 250 | 255 | 265 | 267 |
| | 270 | 272 | 275 | 276 | 281 | 287 |
| | 292 | 295 | 301 | 320 | 351 | 358 |
| | 386 | 511 | | | | |

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| Herbarium | 221 | 231 |
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| Kitchen garden | 225 |
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| Medicinal plantation | 211 | 230 | 288 | 326 | 467 | 518 |
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| Seed collection | 446 |
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| Cashew | 467 | 471 | 480 |
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| Coconut | 420 | 432 | 467 | 470 |
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| Pepper | 234 |
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| Red gram | 61 |
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| Soya bean | 280 |
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| Vegetables | 5 | 471 | 480 | 511 |
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ICT enabled services

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| Account maintenance | 84 | 334 | 379 | 423 | 482 | 495 |
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| Accounting course / software | 519 | | | | | |
| Agriculture market Information | 237 | 246 | 277 | 280 | 288 | 348 |
| Agriculture marketing | 186 | | | | | |
| Computer literacy / training | 7 | 78 | 83 | 91 | 93 | 113 |
| | 117 | 123 | 126 | 140 | 155 | 157 |
| | 158 | 183 | 188 | 205 | 210 | 212 |
| | 213 | 214 | 215 | 216 | 218 | 219 |
| | 239 | 314 | 315 | 322 | 341 | 358 |
| | 383 | 384 | 406 | 410 | 415 | 418 |
| | 421 | 424 | 427 | 429 | 431 | 435 |
| | 438 | 440 | 443 | 448 | 458 | 466 |
| | 477 | 486 | 510 | 513 | 515 | 517 |
| | 519 | | | | | |
| Data processing / DTP | 158 | 312 | 444 | 464 | | |
| Employment information | 493 | | | | | |
| Games | 443 | | | | | |
| Internet | 314 | 317 | 482 | 510 | 519 | |
| Knowledge centre / Kiosk / VKC | 155 | 163 | 182 | 183 | 185 | 186 |
| | 202 | 208 | 212 | 214 | 215 | 218 |
| | 219 | 222 | 224 | 228 | 232 | 237 |
| | 246 | 261 | 277 | 280 | 288 | 317 |
| | 331 | 332 | 337 | 338 | 342 | 353 |
| | 371 | 375 | 376 | 380 | 420 | 425 |
| | 426 | 444 | 445 | 450 | 452 | 456 |
| | 471 | 475 | 488 | 505 | 506 | |
| | 491 | 230 | | | | |
| Microsoft Unlimited Potential Program | 383 | 510 | | | | |

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| Multimedia | 418 |
| Radio | 256 |
| Software operation | 256 |
| Documentation | 413 |

Information/ dissemination

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| Information dissemination | 47 | 90 | 149 | 153 | 155 | 163 |
| | 202 | 203 | 210 | 213 | 238 | 262 |
| | 288 | 297 | 303 | 305 | 308 | 324 |
| | 348 | 358 | 393 | 395 | 401 | 417 |
| | 460 | 508 | 513 | 515 | 518 | 520 |
| Traditional methods | 161 | 221 | 224 | 229 | 393 | 446 |
| | 455 | 460 | 492 | 520 | | |
| VRC/VKC | 332 | 432 | 450 | 470 | 510 | 513 |
| | 518 | | | | | |

Micro-enterprises/ income generation

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|------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Coir making | 490 | | | | | |
| Micro-enterprise | 131 | 286 | 294 | 299 | 303 | 308 |
| | 310 | 365 | 371 | 376 | 414 | 426 |
| | 439 | 442 | 451 | 473 | 516 | |

Organic farming

| | | | |
|----------------|-----|-----|-----|
| Biofertilisers | 343 | 452 | 471 |
| Biopesticide | 362 | 413 | 476 |
| Green manuring | 307 | 350 | 357 |

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| Organic farming | 5 | 24 | 81 | 81 | 93 | 98 |
| | 116 | 166 | 228 | 237 | 249 | 250 |
| | 261 | 267 | 268 | 269 | 301 | 307 |
| | 320 | 326 | 350 | 351 | 353 | 355 |
| | 358 | 363 | 370 | 370 | 372 | 373 |
| | 401 | 407 | 411 | 421 | 422 | 430 |
| | 446 | 452 | 463 | 471 | 473 | 485 |
| | 486 | 499 | 511 | 518 | | |

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| Sustainable farming | 100 | 120 | | | | |
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| Vermicompost | 2 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 39 | 91 |
| | 93 | 100 | 119 | 211 | 240 | 243 |
| | 245 | 255 | 257 | 265 | 270 | 272 |
| | 275 | 276 | 279 | 281 | 287 | 289 |
| | 290 | 292 | 295 | 302 | 313 | 350 |
| | 370 | 373 | 384 | 421 | 462 | 467 |
| | 471 | 473 | 476 | 485 | 495 | 516 |

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| Vermiculture | 343 | | | | | |
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Self-Help Group

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| Formation | 3 | 6 | 9 | 10 | 14 | 17 |
| | 19 | 20 | 24 | 26 | 28 | 29 |
| | 31 | 35 | 41 | 44 | 45 | 57 |
| | 63 | 67 | 72 | 77 | 90 | 92 |
| | 96 | 105 | 114 | 121 | 123 | 130 |
| | 134 | 144 | 149 | 153 | 156 | 158 |
| | 159 | 159 | 160 | 161 | 169 | 175 |
| | 187 | 188 | 190 | 191 | 198 | 205 |
| | 207 | 211 | 214 | 216 | 259 | 262 |
| | 263 | 265 | 270 | 271 | 272 | 273 |
| | 274 | 275 | 276 | 281 | 283 | 285 |
| | 285 | 287 | 289 | 290 | 292 | 297 |

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| | 298 | 306 | 311 | 323 | 327 | 328 |
| | 333 | 336 | 345 | 347 | 355 | 357 |
| | 358 | 361 | 362 | 363 | 366 | 368 |
| | 370 | 371 | 373 | 384 | 386 | 389 |
| | 390 | 391 | 394 | 413 | 415 | 416 |
| | 436 | 454 | 481 | 489 | 495 | 503 |
| | 507 | 510 | | | | |
| For Men | 330 | 415 | 416 | 418 | 420 | 422 |
| | 435 | 440 | | | | |
| Strengthening | 27 | 45 | 67 | 91 | 116 | 119 |
| | 152 | 154 | 157 | 163 | 164 | 169 |
| | 198 | 223 | 226 | 323 | 336 | 340 |
| | 352 | 356 | 358 | 373 | 375 | 377 |
| | 389 | 426 | 428 | 436 | 490 | C18 |
| Training | 13 | 222 | 253 | 261 | 328 | 334 |
| | 501 | | | | | |
| Social welfare / awareness / services | | | | | | |
| Anti- alcohol campaign | 97 | 102 | 197 | 280 | 380 | 405 |
| | 406 | 418 | 435 | 465 | 507 | |
| Anti- dowry movement | 368 | 380 | 498 | | | |
| Anti- poverty campaign | 321 | | | | | |
| Child related issues | 24 | 37 | 62 | 74 | 75 | 84 |
| | 93 | 97 | 102 | 112 | 125 | 380 |
| | 430 | 509 | | | | |
| Community development | 12 | 74 | 78 | 103 | 109 | 116 |
| | 152 | 173 | 174 | 176 | 183 | 189 |
| | 194 | 221 | 225 | 235 | 249 | 250 |
| | 251 | 260 | 262 | 293 | 293 | 305 |

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| | 327 | 329 | 331 | 332 | 339 | 341 |
| | 344 | 356 | 357 | 359 | 360 | 362 |
| | 364 | 365 | 366 | 368 | 370 | 371 |
| | 373 | 376 | 385 | 388 | 391 | 392 |
| | 394 | 395 | 396 | 397 | 398 | 399 |
| | 400 | 405 | 420 | 421 | 458 | 475 |
| | 476 | 477 | 493 | 497 | 501 | 514 |
| | 516 | 523 | 526 | 527 | | |
| Community facilities/ infrastructure | 103 | 401 | 456 | 462 | 483 | |
| Community mobilization | 21 | 24 | 37 | 47 | 55 | 62 |
| | 67 | 75 | 97 | 110 | 115 | 127 |
| | 171 | 179 | 187 | 189 | 190 | 191 |
| | 223 | 232 | 241 | 248 | 256 | 258 |
| | 266 | 304 | 305 | 319 | 321 | 322 |
| | 324 | 329 | 338 | 341 | 342 | 344 |
| | 352 | 353 | 356 | 357 | 359 | 362 |
| | 363 | 364 | 365 | 366 | 368 | 369 |
| | 370 | 372 | 374 | 377 | 379 | 384 |
| | 398 | 399 | 402 | 417 | 426 | 430 |
| | 439 | 449 | 449 | 475 | 480 | 482 |
| | 483 | 495 | 498 | 505 | 511 | 515 |
| | 516 | 525 | | | | |
| Cultural activities | 520 | | | | | |
| Caste discrimination | 97 | 124 | 133 | 176 | 357 | 379 |
| | 380 | 396 | 428 | | | |
| Domestic Violence | 176 | 177 | 201 | 206 | 207 | |
| Electricity (cooperative) | 150 | 380 | 491 | 492 | | |
| Family counseling | 193 | 414 | 420 | 442 | 456 | 498 |
| | 516 | | | | | |

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| Female infanticide | 435 | | | | | |
| Fisherman rights | 450 | 470 | 498 | | | |
| Free legal consulting | 73 | 177 | 199 | | | |
| Fishermen welfare | 414 | 442 | 450 | 456 | 475 | 498 |
| Gender equity / rights | 73 | 73 | 86 | 126 | 140 | 189 |
| | 196 | 200 | 204 | 207 | 209 | 223 |
| | 254 | 262 | 271 | 298 | 309 | 312 |
| | 380 | 384 | 444 | 460 | 464 | 498 |
| | 508 | 527 | | | | |
| Government schemes/ welfare programs | 4 | 6 | 9 | 12 | 16 | 21 |
| | 36 | 37 | 42 | 47 | 53 | 54 |
| | 58 | 59 | 60 | 62 | 65 | 66 |
| | 67 | 71 | 80 | 81 | 92 | 93 |
| | 95 | 97 | 101 | 104 | 107 | 108 |
| | 109 | 128 | 129 | 130 | 136 | 147 |
| | 150 | 151 | 176 | 180 | 185 | 193 |
| | 197 | 198 | 206 | 208 | 240 | 245 |
| | 257 | 260 | 263 | 278 | 280 | 302 |
| | 304 | 313 | 315 | 318 | 321 | 327 |
| | 332 | 337 | 347 | 354 | 366 | 369 |
| | 374 | 381 | 382 | 385 | 388 | 392 |
| | 399 | 412 | 415 | 418 | 420 | 432 |
| | 442 | 444 | 450 | 456 | 464 | 468 |
| | 475 | 482 | 498 | 509 | 516 | 520 |
| Assistance for Handicapped | 91 | 182 | 216 | 353 | 368 | 371 |
| | 376 | 382 | 415 | 436 | 437 | 450 |
| | 463 | 468 | 498 | 503 | | |
| Land for landless | 314 | | | | | |

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| Land management | 283 300 | 284 310 | 285 | 285 | 294 | 296 |
| Migration | 207 | | | | | |
| Panchayat Raj | 278 363 | 278 385 | 279 392 | 279 399 | 297 | 306 |
| Peace acts on | 180 | | | | | |
| Pattas for homeless | 401 | 432 | | | | |
| Pension for old age / widows | 18 143 415 468 | 28 144 432 | 34 371 436 | 77 374 437 | 88 376 442 | 109 382 448 |
| Pregnant women assistance | 352 | 509 | 518 | | | |
| Rehabilitation | 183 | 184 | | | | |
| Repaired breached bound | 118 | | | | | |
| Right to information | 153 | 335 | 369 | 384 | 470 | |
| Road facility | 380 | | | | | |
| Society formation | 371 | 514 | | | | |
| Sports promotion | 330 | | | | | |
| Language promotion | 498 | | | | | |
| Legal advice | 97 | 102 | 374 | 470 | | |
| Legal rights for lands | 176 259 | 177 | 189 | 192 | 196 | 241 |
| Tribal development | 70 | 101 | 102 | 159 | 166 | 167 |

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| | 169 | 170 | 171 | 172 | 173 | 174 |
| | 187 | 190 | 259 | 362 | 367 | 388 |
| | 394 | 410 | 527 | | | |
| Widows, elderly women destitute help | 7 | 86 | 89 | 125 | 143 | 218 |
| | 371 | 376 | 382 | 414 | 428 | 442 |
| | 468 | | | | | |
| Women / Counseling | 75 | 83 | 86 | 102 | 125 | 132 |
| | 144 | 170 | 173 | 174 | 177 | 178 |
| | 206 | 366 | 407 | 442 | 475 | |

Technical Training

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| Mobile phone usage | 467 |
| Photography | 158 |
| TV mechanism | 126 |
| VCR - video playing | 126 |

Traditional Medicine

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| Ayurveda | 71 | 361 | | |
| Herbal medicine | 222 | 361 | 413 | 484 |
| Siddha medicine | 455 | 466 | | |
| Traditional Local medicines | 230 | | | |

Water management

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| Check dams | 280 | 343 | 497 | | | |
| Drinking water | 215 | 228 | 357 | 380 | 469 | 491 |
| Drip irrigation | 432 | | | | | |

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Animal husbandry
Capacity building
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Cooperative credit and thrift
Cottage industries
Disaster relief/ management/ early warning system
Ecosystems/ Environment / Nature
Education
Employment
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Fishing / Fisheries
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ICT enabled services
Information/ dissemination
Micro-enterprises/ income generation
Organic farming
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Social welfare / awareness / services
Technical Training
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Water management
Women's Welfare

Nominating Organisations for National NVA Fellows

- 1 Acharya N.G.Ranga Agricultural University (ANGRAU)
- 2 Agharkar Research Institute
- 3 Anand Trading company Nanded
- 4 ARUNI
- 5 Ashta No Kai
- 6 Association for Social and Human Awareness (ASHA)
- 7 BAIF Development Research Foundation
- 8 BASIX India
- 9 Bhartiya Adim Jati Sevak Sangh (BAJSS)
- 10 Bhoruka Charitable Trust
- 11 CEAD
- 12 CECOEDECON
- 13 Central Institute of Brackishwater Aquaculture(CIBA)
- 14 Centre For Ecology and Research
- 15 CRIDA
- 16 Department of Agriculture, Maharashtra
- 17 Development Alternatives
- 18 ECOMWEL
- 19 Family Health and Development Research Service Foundation
- 20 Gyan Vigyan Samiti Assam
- 21 Humanity Welfare Organization Helpline (HWOH)
- 22 ICECD
- 23 International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT)
- 24 ITC-IBD
- 25 Jago Mhila Jagriti Kendra
- 26 JANVIKAS

- 27 Jankidevi Bajaj Gram Vikas Sanstha (JBGVS)
- 28 Jammu and Kashmir Voluntary Health Association (JKVHA)
- 29 Liberation-Education & Action for Development (LEAD)
- 30 M S Swaminathan Research Foundation (MSSRF)
- 31 Maharashtra Foundation India
- 32 Mahatma Gandhi Tribal Hospital
- 33 Mahavir Yubak Sangh
- 34 Manjeera Akshara Prabha
- 35 NASSCOM Foundation
- 36 National informatics Centre (NIC)
- 37 National Institute of Women, Child & Youth Development (NIWCYD)
- 38 Navodaya Seva Sangam
- 39 NEEDS
- 40 NEFORD
- 41 Netaji Subhas Open University
- 42 OneWorld South Asia
- 43 OPDSC
- 44 PEN India
- 45 Peoples Action for Development (PAD)
- 46 Polymers Educational Society
- 47 Pragya
- 48 Prochesta
- 49 Rural Agency for Social and Technological Advancement (RASTA)
- 50 SamajikParivartan Sanathan
- 51 Samanwaya
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- 53 Sanhita
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| 56 | Seva Mandir |
| 57 | SRC Assam |
| 58 | Sustainable Agriculture and Environment Voluntary Action (SEVA) |
| 59 | TARAhAat |
| 60 | TATA Consultancy Services (TCS) |
| 61 | Technology Informatics Design Endeavour (TIDE) |
| 62 | The Sehgal Foundation |
| 63 | Unnayan |
| 64 | Urmul Setu Sansthan |
| 65 | Utkal Sevak Samaj |
| 66 | Vadalur Knowledge Centre |
| 67 | Vidya Pratishthans Institute of information Technology (VIIT) |
| 68 | Vigyan Ashram |
| 69 | Vikram Sarabhai Centre for Development Interaction (VIKSAT) |
| 70 | Watershed Organisation Trust (WOTR) |
| 71 | World Food programme |
| 72 | Zilla Saksharath Samithi |

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- 1 Cebu International Distance Education College, Philippines
- 2 Commission on Information & Communications Technology, Philippines
- 3 Dambadeniya Development Foundation (DDF), Sri Lanka
- 4 Economic Education and Fostering Assistance Founcation (EEFA), Sri Lanka
- 5 FIT Nepal
- 6 Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
- 7 Global Knowledge Partnerships (GKP), Malaysia
- 8 ICT Agency of Sri Lanka
- 9 International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT)
- 10 Panauti Municipality, Nepal
- 11 Ridi Bendi Ela Farmer Company (People's) Ltd, Sri Lanka
- 12 Sri Lanka Children's Trust
- 13 The Commonwealth of Learning (COL)



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