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### ***About Nisarga***

Established in the year 1997, Nisarga Foundation is a non-profit organisation dedicated to the socio-economic empowerment of indigenous and marginalized communities in Karnataka. Based in the tribal area of Heggadadevana Kote (HD Kote) Taluk of Mysore district, the Foundation started as a response to the oppression of local Adivasis who were displaced and dispossessed by dams, National Parks and encroaching urban developments in this region.

To promote the holistic development of tribal and marginalized communities, we work across various development areas including health and nutrition; education; women empowerment; community development; environment; tribal art and culture; and advocacy. We also implement various programmes in collaboration with government departments and development organisations at Taluk and District levels, including Sarva Siksha Abhiyana (SSA), National Child Labour Project (NCLP) and Integrated Tribal Development Programme (ITDP).

### ***New year celebration-2021:***

Nisarga staffs celebrated New Year 2021. The new year and new journey begin with resolutions of staff members and dedicated work promised work for the organisation along with the distribution of diary.



### ***Spirulina Nutrition supplement program:***

In 14<sup>th</sup> Batch of Spirulina nutrition supplement program(Sept 2020-March 2021) there were 48 beneficiaries from Kunteri Hadi, Bheemanahalli Hadi, Heerehalli Hadi, B R Katte Hadi and Prabhanagara Hadi. Out of 48 beneficiaries 37 moved out of undernourishment remaining 11 members are under observation for growth development. During this quarter we had conducted a Seemantha program at Kunteri Hadi in association with Anganawadi Teachers and workers. In order to improve the nutrition levels of beneficiaries, Nisarga Foundation staff members prepares nutrition powder and distributed among the beneficiary. During this quarter awareness program on personal hygiene, nutrition food and health was given.

We had received a Vitamin A, De-worming and multi-nutrient vitamin capsules from Vitamin Angles, Mumbai. These capsules usage was oriented and distributed capsules to Asha workers of H D Kote under the guidance of Dr. Ravikumar T, THO, H D Kote.



**CHILD LINE-1098 activities:**

Childline 1098 had conducted Open house program at Bheechanahally School ground on 18-02-2021, Children group awareness program at Jakkally Higher Primary School on 12-02-2021, School awareness program at Badagalapura High School on 11-02-2021, School awareness at Thumbasoge village on 02-02-2021 one. Open house at Sarguru JSS High School and PU college on 13-03-2021.



## Adivasi Susthira Abhivruddhi Yojane program:

Adivasi Susthira Abhivruddhi Yojana is a right based, community based project with duration of 3 years funded by Azim Premji Philanthropic Initiatives, Bangalore. The main aim of the project is to achieve 100% implementation of Forest Rights Act-2006, (Individual and Community rights) in 20 Hadis and make tribal people sustainable with the natural resources. To enable the tribals to understand their rights with awareness on Govt facilities, Schemes, Legal training, promoting sustainable harvest, enabling Grama Sabha and Forest Rights committee to function regularly, Capacity building of Grama Sabha, formation of Taluk Grama Sabha Vedike, followup and meeting with SDLC, DLC committee for obtaining IFR and CFR. During this quarterly program was inaugurated with Taluk Adivasi Gramasabha Vedike members. House hold survey has been conducted in 20 Hadi. During this quarter 12 Grama Sabha was conducted and awareness on Govt Scheme and facilities was given in 3 Hadi. Legal training for the FRC committee members was organized in 2 Hadi.



On 19-03-2021 legal training conducted at **Majjanakuppe Kalabhavana** for more than 80 Grama Sabha members of Bheemanahalli, Kunteri, Majjanakuppe Hadi. In this training, the following were the chief guest of the programs.

1. Mr. Savalaiah, President, Kunteri Hadi
2. Mr. Shivappa, President, Majjanakuppe Hadi
3. Mr. Annaiah, President, Bheemanahalli Hadi
4. Mr. Ramaswamy, Assistant Director, Social welfare Dept, H D Kote.
5. Mr. Santhosh Shinde, Superintendent, Social welfare Dept, H D Kote.
6. Mr. Umesh, Jeevika Organisation, Resource Person
7. Mr. Manjunath, PDO, Bheemanahalli Panchayath
8. Mr. Shivaiah, Secretary, Bheemanahalli Panchayath



On 26-03-2021 legal training conducted at Prabhanagara Hadi. More than 80 Grama Sabha members of Prabhanagara, B R Katte Hadi were participated in this training. In this training, the following were the chief guest of the programs.

1. Mr. Ravi, President, Prabhanagara Hadi
2. Mr. Annaiah, President, B R Katte Hadi
3. Mr. Ramaswamy, Assistant Director, Social welfare Dept, H D Kote.
4. Mr. Umesh, Jeevika Organisation, Resource Person
5. Mr. Vijaya Kumar, BKS Leader, Resource person for FRA
6. Mr. Jayaraj, PDO, Annuru Panchayath
7. Mr. Mohan Raj, Secretary, Annuru Panchayath
8. Mr. Nagaraj, Accountant, Annuru Panchayath
9. Ms. Jasheela, Santhvana Kendra

### **Nisarga Hadi Makkala Chiguru Shale**

Nisarga Hadi Makkala Chiguru Shale presently functioning in 6 tribal hamlets(Hadi) where 6 tribal volunteer teachers are educating the children. From 6 Hadi 145 children are enrolled in our Chiguru shale and regularly attending the classes from December 2020 to till date. School functions in all working days from 10am to 2pm.

During the reporting period we have conducted 4 tribal volunteer teachers training on teaching methodologies, skill training, theater activities, problem understanding. They were also trained to give guidelines to parents about the importance of education and motivate parents to send their children to school. Education materials were provided to children.

Impact of the program: Learning ability of tribal children was comparatively low with other rural children. Motivating parents to send the children to school was a big challenge. We have adopted various steps to motivate the parents first to send their children to school. Now children have gained interest in learning and studies. Children can read and write spontaneously. Children are learning through their mother tongue with group activities. Awareness on COVID-19 and children came to know about the precautions measure to be taken. According to subject wise Kannada and English alphabets, children have learnt construction of words formation(2 words and 3 words). In mathematics children have learnt tables( 2-15) and simple addition,

subtraction, multiplication. Drawing, preparing clay models, craft work using locally available materials. As a result of these activities have the ability to do all the activities on their own. Parents are showing personal interest and sending the children to Chiguru Shale and they are also actively participating in parent- teachers meeting. Children and parent Personal hygiene is maintained.



### Staff capacity building program:

1. Training “Various Amendments made in child protection Act” on 19-02-2021 conducted by District Childline at ODP, Chikkathimmanaika, Marcellin, Kanya Kumari attended the training.
2. On 18-02-2021 online training on Child Marriage Act, Non violence communication was conducted by CIF. Ms. Kanya Kumari and Ms. Shruthi attended the training.
3. Mr. Nanjundaiah, Director and Mrs. Divya M R, Operations Manager attended a free grants online Certificate course Organize by Navjeevan University.
4. On 03-02-2021 Women and child development dept Adoption.

### Visitors:

On 29-03-2021 Munnade organisation, Bangalore team had visited Nisarga Foundation to know about the organisation activities and tribal life style.



On 23-02-2021 District level 18<sup>th</sup> Kannada Sahithya Sammelana held at Govt College H D kote. Mr. Nanjundaiah was a key speaker to address the tribal life style, culture.

**Tab Distribution:** We are Happy to share that on 29-01-2021 Nisarga Foundation in association with Dhvani Foundation, Bangalore distributed 5 tabs for 10<sup>th</sup> std studying tribal children to support their education. Mr. Revanna, BEO of H D Kote and other dignitaries were present in the program.



*You can help us secure the future of indigenous communities*

Indigenous communities displaced from their native lands and deprived of their livelihood, indigenous communities face oppression, neglect and exploitation. At Nisarga Foundation, we strive to empower them by giving them access to their rights, education, healthcare and livelihood. Donate now. Help us ensure dignified life and promising future for indigenous and under served communities.

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