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Preface

Aimed at generating employment and self-employment for the rural populace, Premankur Samajik Sanstha, during the year 2009-10 has been widely successful in reaching to over 4000 women, 2000 children and 1500 youth. It is their participation that made us think and design consumer-oriented products into the market, which in turn generated employment. Through the Self Help Groups (SHGs) the women folks have got some or the other work to do and their recurring capital has now crossed the mark of Rs one-lakh-mark. The Khelghar project started recently has also seen good results with the children enrolling themselves.

Premankur Samajik Sanstha started number of projects like Balmitra, Akar, child and youth library, Sakhi Swayamsiddha which in turn is giving birth to projects such as Khelghar, Nisarga Mitra – a chance for tribal students to hone their skills and present them in front of the world, making the youngsters aware of the medicinal plants and herbs, new employment and self-employment generation schemes.

It is a matter of pride for us that we have achieved so much in such a little span of time, but then again we are remembered of the legendary stanzas 'I have to go miles and miles before I sleep'. With the hope that you will continue to be our patron in the future too, we present you the review of our events during the last year.

Mangesh Suryawanshi
President
'Premankur'



About Premankur.....

With a strong belief that 'People's Participation' plays the most beneficial role in achieving social changes for the development of any society, Premankur is working in tribal villages in Peth and Surgana Blocks. It is here that the projects like Panchayat Sakhi by Sakhi, Balmitra, Akar library, Media Resource Centre are implemented on to bring the people of the respective age groups together. The aim is to conserve the tradition of villages, strengthen the means of employment in villages, generate employment with respect to the needs of the villages and the urban areas, and ensure that the children get their right to education and development, increase awareness about bio-diversity in the surrounding areas.

The NGO also focuses on poverty removal programme in the urban areas, especially which is related to direct migration of people from the rural areas. Migration happens in search of an employment. With the help of Support Grahak Seva Kendra, the organization is trying to establish the manufacturing bases in the rural areas to help employment there.

Role of Premankur - We first tried to understand the social and individual issues of the region and their basic needs. We tried to get to the roots of the basic question – What is development? Generally, development of materialistic things and facilities, but we are now witnessing the consequences of the same. We see two worlds in one - On one side handful of those who have plenty and on the other side millions of those who fight everyday for their daily bread. The form of development is only widening the gap between the two worlds. The rural populace's access to better health, safe drinking water, education is growing difficult with every passing day. As if this was not enough the all-powerful society is further snatching away the means of rural populace's livelihood under the guise of development – thus mauling rights of the individual to live and earn a livelihood.

This so-called development process, benefiting particular class, has to be demolished and it is possible only with the people's participation. Premankur believes that this can be achieved only with the people's participation in the public-oriented programmes drawn for the people and by the people. Based on this theme the organization focused on the four elements of a village children, youth, women and farmers and working for them increased its reach and scope for development as well.



Span of its work.....

Like people from other areas, the tribal from Peth and Surgana also have been the victims of biased development and this has further led to his exploitation as well. Staying in the laps of nature, he never found proper rainfall to feed his family for the whole year and also the tree felling by mafias has robbed him off his first rights to the produce of the forests. Such a weak man was always a soft target for exploitation by the urban dwellers and that is what happened with the tribes here.

Government announces a number of schemes for tribes, but most of them are either completed on papers itself, or are completely locked in the red tapism. While the Naar - Paar scheme framed for providing water for farming and drinking is still gathering dust in the tables of the government officers, number of villages in the Blocks – infamous for malnourished children – are still provided drinking water by tankers. On the education front, there are no roofs for the schools, no schools for the children, or students of four classes are stuffed in one class and left at the mercy of a teacher, who is most irregular on his job.

Though the government has brought into force the rural employment guarantee scheme (EGS), but again as usual the contractors had their field day, the actual beneficiaries had to go without a job. No wonder that the organization has therefore decided to work into the villages which are in the interiors. They include Khirkade, Tirdhe, Dhondmal, Wangni, Kopurli from the Peth Blocks and Rongana, Mankhed, Hempada, Jahule, Amboda, Rakshas Bhuvan, Palsan, Mangde, Barhe, Haste, Kalamne, Bhovada, and other areas in Surgana tehsil.

The same tribal from these areas moves to the urban areas in search of work and makes his dwelling there – in the slums. The urbanites misuse his need for money and here begins the exploitation which further forces these people to take up illegal businesses.

The priorities in the rural areas are different. Water and employment form the basic necessities of the rural populace along with education and health issues, community decision-making process and basic resources. These are the basic needs of the rural areas and vastis. Besides it is also important to strengthen the natural resources providing perennial source employment for the local populace.



Important Programmes.....

The Organisation has its presence in eighteen villages in Peth ,Surgana and Dindori tribal Blocks – by way of it works besides is constantly engaged in liaisoning with several other villages by organizing some awareness campaigns. The Organisation has also started some employment and self-employment programmes in nearly 10 slum areas in Nashik city, besides being a nodal agency for NGO Forum – Maharashtra Samajik Manch, Nashik and AFARM.

Sakhi Project in Peth and Surgana

Women empowerment – Self Help Groups

Belief: Unfortunately women in the society are not treated at par with the men folks. Women have always been neglected in the social hierarchy. The work done by women – be it in the house or in the society – is often termed as unproductive and also their opinion – whether it is related to home or society – is never considered. In this backdrop it is important that self awareness is spread among the women to boost their thought process and expand their horizon for self development. The Organisation has focused especially on Self Help Group and Panchayat Raj when working with the women.

The Organisation has been effective in raising 210 self help groups in Surgana Block and 75 in Peth Block & Dindori 25 under Swarna Jayanti Gramswarajya Yojana of Zilla Parishad, DRDA, Nashik. All the groups belong to the people under the poverty line (BPL) and their accounts have been opened in the nationalized banks.

BANK CHART

The SHGs have regularized the collection Rs 10 to Rs 200 and as such every year each person collects around Rs 6120 to Rs 73440 annually in Peth Block and Rs. 172320 annually in Surgana Blocks. The total savings comes to Rs 245760.

Given the performance of SHGs the banks have graded 59 of them in Grade I and given the working capital of Rs 25000. The SHGs are planning to set up a business for which training will also be imparted to the members.

So also 22 of the SHGs have been asked to cook food for children under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyaan Zilla Parishad (Z.P) besides given Fair Price Shop under Public Distribution Scheme, kerosene sales centre by the Gramsabha especially for their transparency.

The president and secretary of SHGs are given trainings regularly and are also sent to other organizations to take lessons on the various issues. Members of nine SHGs were sent on a study tour to villages where 'Defecating in the open' is completely banned and alternate arrangements have been made for the purpose and also the 'Ideal Villages'.

Premankur Samajik Sanstha, Nashik

No	Block	Total SHG	Nationalize Bank - Bank Linkages				
			Dena Bank	NDCC	SBI	Maharashtra Bank	Punjab Bank
1	Surgana	192	119	73	0	0	0
2	Peint	73	0	31	26	12	4
3	Dindori	25	0	0	0	25	0
Total		290	119	104	26	37	4
No	Block	Total SHG	First Gradation				
			Dena Bank	NDCC	SBI	Maharashtra Bank	Punjab Bank
1	Surgana	65	45	20	0	0	0
2	Peint	38	0	9	14	11	4
3	Dindori	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total		103	45	29	14	11	4
NO	Block	Total SHG	Second Gradation				
			Dena Bank	NDCC	SBI	Maharashtra Bank	Punjab Bank
1	Surgana	8	8	0	0	0	0
2	Peint	13	0	0	6	5	2
3	Dindori	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total		21	8	0	6	5	2

Awareness Generation camp

With the joint efforts of Central Social Welfare Board, Mumbai and G.P. Ghodambe & Barhe a seven-day Awareness Generation Camp was organized in villages Ghodambe and Barhe in Surgana Block. Important issues handled at the programme were 'Mother and Child Health, Aapan wa aple Arogya, malnourishment and shortage of water, malnourished child and mother health inspection camp, labour pains in women and its complications, Family Violence Act, things to be cared for while attaining the age of puberty, concept of villages free from defecating in open, documentaries on Sonpaval and Swachchhata Doot. The programmes were inaugurated by Zilla Parishad member Janardan Bhoje.



Panchayat Raj Training...

The organization also conducted training workshop on Panchayat Raj for the members of Barhe and Mankhed Gram Panchayat and also for the members of Gan and Gat of Panchayat Samiti and Zilla Parishad, respectively. The workshop aimed at informing the members their role in village development, the basic problems of villages, the manner in which the funds from the state and the centre could be roped in for the development of the villages under which scheme etc. Also the importance of the three-monthly meeting of Grampanchayat.

Women Counseling Center...

With the joint efforts of State Women Commission and Child and Welfare Department of Zilla Parishad, a Women Counseling Center has been started at Barhe. The centre not only informs about various laws provided in the constitution for the safety of women, but also provides counseling on the issues such as dowry-cases, family matters, threats to throw the women out of the house, manhandling or beating up of a woman, alimony, sexual and physical torture, even providing help to the women – mentally ill . Peth saw registration of 189 cases, while Surgana witnessed registration of 146 cases in the centre and all of them were resolved even before they entered the police station.

Contact Office...

In order to reach to maximum people Premankur has opened its offices in Peth for Peth taluka and in Barhe for the citizens of Surgana taluka. The office was inaugurated in the chief presence of Zilla Parishad member Manoj Bhonge, Panchayat Samiti Sabhapati Manohar Bhoje, Block Development Officer Meena Jagtap, extension officers of all the departments, officers and employees of health department, Grampanchayat members and all the members of SHGs.



Non Formal Education...

It is important that the seeds of development are sown in the childhood and hence school education happens to play a major role in the development of a child. But not every child is able to go to the school – either because of weak family income or even because the text books do not have anything that relates to the life of these people. Finding the education not worthy, the students simply drop out from the school.

The story of villages in Peth and Surgana is very sad. Post rainy season the villages are unable to support any kind of activity for employment and self-employment forget development of the people. In the daily struggle for hand to mouth existence of these people, the childhood of the children is long lost – either in the form of joining their parents to earn their daily bread; or if too small then look after the younger siblings while the parents are away. Only few are admitted to the tribal schools. This means the drop out rate is very high.

Not that every child who goes to school is happy or progressing. The education system which refuses to think out of the box or even promote thinking out of the box may term a student not failing in exams as a developing one, but in the process the personality development and capacity building process are badly affected. The Premankur therefore felt it necessary to have a 'Khelghar'

Khelghar: The project is very simple. Every evening the children will gather and for two hours just play and have fun. Express them, in whatever way they can, shout and yell at each other, understand each other, learn the lessons of cooperation by mixing with each other etc. The children going to school and not going to school both gather at the ground and thus bring in a dialogue between the two. The games help in children honing their skills in drawing, fantasizing with their ideas, working in clay, development of language as communication, etc are the other areas that are strengthened. The children naturally develop their personality and organizational skills.

Wall – Papers / Posters...The children are seen following newspapers – to whatever extent they can. Taking a cue from this, the organization thought of why not has a report of our own village and each individual take up the responsibility of being a reporter. On this basis every village had one manuscript wall-paper carrying the number of news about the village, the report and the stories also. The exercise revealed that it expanded the horizon of the students in terms of what they thought, what they conceptualized and what they could present in front of the others to express their feelings in their own way.

Gammat Jatra

The wall-paper gave a lot of ideas to the children. In order to learn what their colleagues had done and to see how effectively it was done, a Gammat Jatra was organised. The day belongs completely to the children where they do what they want to and what they can to express their feelings and there is none to correct them. They just have fun on the day.



Premankur Gramvikas Sarvajanik Vachnalaya

With the active participation of the villagers and the youth, Premankur has been able to start 'Premankur' Gramvikas Sarvajanik Vachnalay. The library serves the purpose of letting the youth get to know the developments around, search a direction for their prosperity and that of their colleagues, be updated with the happenings in technology round the world, etc. The library consists of religious, community, competitive exams, story books for the young etc. There are in all more than 400 books for 148 members. Local newspapers and magazines are provided in the library.



Self-employment

Our Stand:

Farming being the basic occupation in rural areas, the farmers there are equipped with all necessary skills in farming. But it is due to the uncertainty in climate or the lack of awareness about the market tricks that very often he is at the receiving end and that further leads to him being exploited by the big fish in the open. Since farming is not rewarding, the youth leave their farms and rush towards the urban places only to be exploited. Premankur believes in canalizing this youth power, generating opportunities of self-employment and preventing migration and hence it has taken concrete measures as follows –

Premankur Government Document Services Centre

The Centre has made available every kind of forms related to Right to Information, Income Certificate, Domicile Certificates, Women SHGs papers and personnel pass books, registers, Bank papers, and such other stationary. Besides sales, the Kendra also helps and guides the individuals to fill in the forms and meet the specific officers to get their jobs done.

Gramin Rojgar Hami Yojana (Employment Guarantee Scheme)

The survey round the villages has helped Premankur to identify what kind of employment in the village itself can stop migration and bring stability and development. The organization has therefore decided to take help from the Centers Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme. Therefore, the organization gave training to Gram Panchayat members, SHG Groups, youth and such others who had some spark about leadership skills. The training was imparted to the citizens by Ashwini Kulkarni under Pragati Abhiyaan. Number of citizens extended their support to the activists at local level.

Employment generation under Khadi Gram udyog Mandal

The Central Government and Khadi Village Industries Development Commission (KVIDC) have decided to ensure employment for the rural populace at their village itself by using the local resources available. For this finance will be made available through nationalized banks. Numbers of youth were sent for training programme by KVIDC and it seems that the more numbers of youth and women from the villages will take benefit from such programmes in the future. At present the youngsters are taking lessons in oil crusher, spices and bakery.

Training programme for Maintenance of Electric Appliances

With the joint efforts of District Sports and Youth Affairs one month basic training camp for maintenance of electrical appliances was held at Surgana Block, in which 25 youth from the tehsil had participated. The organization aims at enabling the youth to repair the electrical equipments required for their agriculture and their homes at their place in order to avoid the unnecessary transport and maintenance costs and time as well. Not to mention the generation of employment is another issue that training aimed at.



**Urban and Rural employment that were the result of self employment
Training organized jointly by Street Kids International and Saathi Mumbai.**

Nisarga Udyaan: Nature Garden

It is important that we are well versed with the natural resources in the surroundings as far as conservation of biodiversity is concerned. We all know that the natural resources are declining fast. The organization is planning to have a museum of rich natural resources of Peth and Surgana Blocks and for that Mankhed Grampanchayat has given one acre land to the organization.

Health:

Objective:

The health requirements of tribal women and child have always been neglected. No wonder that the rate of malnourishment among children is very high. Similarly the percentage of girls attaining puberty and the women being anemic is very high. The best solution to the problem is to understand the reason for malnourishment and be prepared oneself to fight the decision. For that the organizations aims at spreading awareness among the people, understand the issues and fight the situation themselves.

Eradication of Malnourishment:

Instead of fighting with the government over the correct number of malnourished cases the organization has stressed on understanding the problems of people who are facing the issues of malnutrition. After studying the children in the villages under the jurisdiction of the organization, all the government help related to tablets and medicines to the mother and child were delivered with the help women and youth members of SHGs. The organization even took a lead in preparing a film showing discrepancies in the primary health centers and the rural hospital. This was done with the help of Thunder well Productions and it resulted in the government improving the services to the two hospitals.

Health of girls attaining puberty:

The personality of a woman lies in her health. No doubt that the period when she attains puberty, lot of personality changes occurs and they need to be tackled in a wise manner. The organization had therefore organized a programme on trial basis in a village. The girls who were first shy to speak about their body and developments are now ready to speak to their youngsters over the issue and make them understand the natural changes that their body undergoes. We are now focusing on forming the groups of young women at the village-level and the carrying out health awareness and the various other issues with their help.

Women health:

The monthly or other wise meetings of the women SHGs are used to propagate the importance of health, nourishment, food, water. Besides the issues such as pre-marriage and post-marriage problems, the misunderstandings about menstrual cycle and others are discussed during the meetings.

HIV / AIDS skit and film show:

In order to spread awareness and contain the spread of the AIDS a documentary on AIDS was screened at Barhe and Mankhed. This was followed by a dialogue with the villagers, answering their queries and distribution of a booklet on AIDS in Marathi for everyone. The number of youth also participated in skits that were presented at the 'Athawade Bazaar' (weekly markets) held in villages.

Eye checkup camp:

With the help of Tulsi Eye Hospital Nashik, an eye check up camp was organized at the weekly market at Gram panchayat Barhe. 240 villagers benefited from the camp out of which 28 of men and women underwent cataract surgery.

Light Meter Jodo Abhiyaan:

Like other villages, the villagers in Surgana Block were also accustomed steal power by using hooks. The organization undertook special dialogues with the villagers, explained to them how it was a crime, what action could be taken against them, what were the perils in drawing power in such a manner, etc. The villagers understood the issue and with the help of employees of power company got themselves a regular power connection.

Right to Information campaign:

A Right to Information (RTI) training was organized for the volunteers and the villagers with the help of SOSWA, Pune and Pragati, Nashik. The training soon transformed into a movement, where the men and women realized that the RTI was their right. Using the same two cases of corruption were unearthed and this only increased the awareness about the Act among the citizens.

Urban Poverty Eradication**Support Grahak Seva Kendra:**

Support, Grahak Seva Kendra began its services in the city with an aim to provide employment opportunities to deprived and weak sections of the society. It started providing home-delivery of house-hold goods that were of daily needs. The services also

included plumber, carpenter, electricians, maid servants, housekeeping, repairing gas geysers, baby sitting, cleaning of water tanks, cooking food, catering services, drivers etc. The society has benefited 40 youth and provided services to more than 500 members.



Mahila Swayamsiddha Prakalp:

Aiming at all-round development of women, the Mahila Swayamsiddha Prakalp was inaugurated by Panchavati Ward Committee Chairperson Kavita Kardak, Dy Commissioner of NMC Suvarna Jayanti Gram Swarajya Yojana (SGSY), Arun Sonar, Deputy Commissioner, Seema Kokate, Dr. Anupama Dahale and others. Through the project the various forms of works are being undertaken and that include bouquets, cutting of vegetables, sanitation pads, raw material for preparing Idlis, launderette, production of oil, etc The organization believes in identifying needs of the citizens, and providing them with appropriate services.

Home delivery of vegetables:

Mother Home of the organization launched 'Home delivery of vegetables' under the Support Swayamsiddha Prakalp on International Women's Day. The programme was launched by Sarita Narke-Patil, the Deputy Collector, Nashik. The project was aimed at providing some employment to the women from deprived and weaker section of the society in the city. Generally consumers fail to get good quality and appropriate quantity of vegetables along with the correct prices. The 'Home Delivery Scheme' aims at providing quality and dressed vegetables at reasonable prices to the customer. The project is customer-centric and hence is one of the best services in the city. In the process the vegetable is bought directly from the farms and after processing is given to the customers the same day. This further helps the women in the hostel earn their living.



A programme was organized to felicitate meritorious students of Std X and XII living in the Vasati under the Women Sawayamsiddha Prakalp. Deputy Mayor Ajay Boraste felicitated the students for their achievements



Dy Collector Sarita Narke is seen inaugurating the 'Home Delivery' Project of Sakhi Swayamsiddha

Networking:

Objective:

It is recommended that the like-minded organizations have a perfect coordination between themselves for a social development in true sense. The networking and coordination between the organizations help in exchange of information between two organizations, which further helps in expanding the vision and the horizon of the social work. Premankur has therefore participated in networking of the organizations.

Nashik NGO Forum: This is a platform for the non governmental organizations of Nashik where more than 50 organizations have come together. The Forum discusses the problems faced by the organizations, provide the help required and also create a pressure group of its own.

Afarm, Pune: This is a network of organizations working in rural areas of the State and gives trainings to the members of the various organizations in the various disciplines of rural sector.

Maharashtra Samajik Manch: The Manch is an association which promotes the organizations and movements at the state level to participate in programmes on the national level and also promote the development activity undertaken in the State

Partrakar Manch: Media is the best medium to educate people about their rights and duties and also about the social development. Patrakar Manch is such a platform that helps the organizations working in Peth and Surgana tehsils interact with the media persons over the issues such as social problems, government schemes and human rights issues in the rural areas.



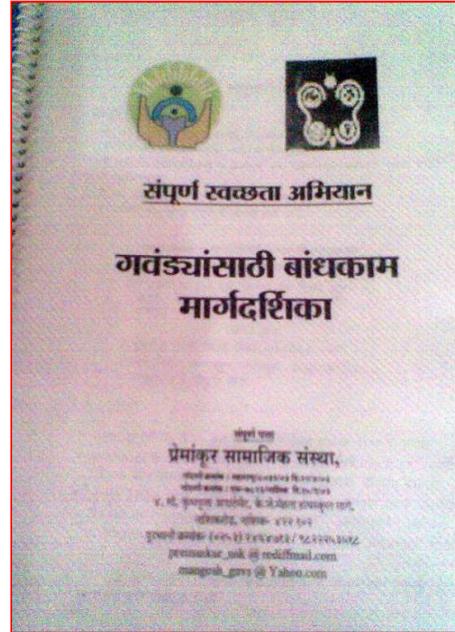
Publications

Objective: Books and booklets form the best medium to reach to the masses. It is known fact that whenever we carryout some or the other programmes, we get to learn newer things and at such times not only is it important to keep self updated with such new facts but the dissemination of information is as much necessary. It is at such times that the publications help in the best manner.

PRA (Participatory Rural Appraisal) - It is not easy to identify the problems of any village, whether we stay there or not. It is therefore recommended that the people's help is roped in at such instances and problems identified after which the programme is chalked out either to resolve the issues with the help of government, the gram panchayat or even at the individual level.

Mason Guidance Booklet

In the State's ambitious project of 'Open defecation-free' villages the masons in the rural areas have a major role to play. It is important that the masons build quality toilets at reasonable costs for which the booklet prepared by Premankur will be of great help.



Recognized by media

The Support programme was recognized by IBN Lokmat as 'unique programme' and thus got state wide publicity.



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Areas where Premankur is active in Peth and Suragan Blocks, Nashik district

Surgana		Peth	Nashik City
Rongana	Palsan	Khirkade	Malhar Khan
Mankhed	Mangde	Tirdhe	Kasturba Nagar
Hemadpada	Bhowada	Dhondmal	Sant Kabeer
Jahule	Bahe	Wangani	Siddharth
Amboda	Haste	Jogmodi	Milind Nagar
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- Maharashtra Social Welfare Board, Mumbai
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