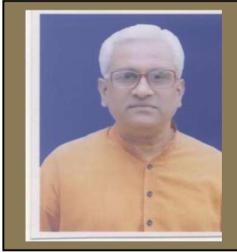




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# The President's Message



Over the years – consistency and steadfast efforts towards wholesome development of the targeted community and its environment has been an ever alarming challenge for the organization. While working for the marginalized and while striving for “Including the excluded,” we do have vital experiences – “What works and what do not”. And when we work as development initiator in the intervened areas, obviously, it becomes more a concern to make it clear that the dire necessity of support, guidance and care, the marginalized really deserve to enable them understand the incredible contribution that we ensure for their dignified survival.

No matter what their circumstances, everyone should expect that a normal life – the kind he/she wants to live – is within their grasp. With due homage to the dignity of the survival of human being – VEDIC Society is meticulous to pursue a process that can enable citizens to aspire and commit to “Dignity for all”.

Relevantly, all efforts of VEDIC Society are as yet viable but naïve to walk forward to undo prejudice walking over hindrances and to prepare people to develop basic background to the marginalized with scope to inspire their present generation and supporters to avail necessary feedback and ascertain coordinating VEDIC Society for wholesome development.

Obviously, with every passing day – since we claim to have become experienced, we need to have introspection of all activities undertaken and to ascertain the impact or trend of impacts we have set, for which we work and for whom we work. And all is - not that the task is over but to adjudge how that has been beneficial in sustainable manner, irrespective of faculties we attended to

And hence, being rational - we carry forward spirit as well as concrete deeds that have made some memorable impressions and set a trend of development perspective for generation to work together and ensure dignified survival by attaining wholesome development in due manner.

Hopefully, that has ever been the very basic purpose - for which, organization attempts to work in a deliberate manner with facilitation of environment to create and facilitate opportunities for participation by the last man of the society as well.

Needless to say - Despite fund constraints and other obvious limitations we are still working towards ultimate goal of removing all the natural and attitudinal barriers and those that would hinder the full participation of marginalized people in educational, vocational, economic, social, cultural, sports and recreational life by facilitating necessary opportunity to live in congenial environment. Hope, we will get support from all corners.

**(Ashok Singh)**  
**President, VEDIC Society**

## From the Secretary's Desk



From our long association with innocent and poor people and our personal throb towards their upliftment, we hold that – our work must first be decided as it is experienced by all of us since last decades of our association with the downtrodden backward and poverty-stricken people, regardless of their age, gender and caste.

And then with this shared understanding, an assessment can be made – as to how well those neglected people are being supported within mainstream agendas for well-being. In fact, this was the prima facie impulse that urged we people to take up welfare oriented action in the

remote most Maoist prone tribal areas of Latehar district of Jharkhand State and in the nearby areas of this district.

It is quite convincing a fact that - we are associated with only a meager sect of people on this earth – but we do have our broad goal since we started this venture not as a mere philanthropic work but have meanwhile geared up our activities more critically as a Voluntary Development Organization. Over the years, while imbibed development perspectives in our action components, the organization realized that the challenge of ensuring integration and social inclusion of deprived and disadvantaged persons in the economic mainstream has not been met to its full extent even though we have made some successful efforts in these areas in the field of Child Protection ,Child Development, Quality Education ,Health & Hygiene ,Livelihood – Agriculture and Natural Resource Management, Women Rights and Development, Good Governance and People's Participation with the support of Unicef Jharkhand , ChildFund India , NABARD, NEG Fire, New Delhi and KKS - BMZ Germany.

*Despite international standards and implementation of exemplary training and employment legislation, policies and practices in some countries, a great lot of such backward and deprived persons especially women, youth – more particularly those in rural areas, still remain unattended, underrated, undereducated, untrained, unemployed, underemployed and still suffer from chronic poverty.*

*And as such, under such condition, we need to work more in many of the core areas of development with specific focus on area specific needs without underlining the cross cutting issues.*

No doubt, we are not at our primary stage of a demonstrative venture and of course over the years have matured a lot to adjudge and adhere to witness and show - how with due attention for their self-reliance, such unattended people are taking control over their lives? With the changing environment – they are now demanding their rights and are eager and successful enough in full participation in development activities that have been undertaken by VEDIC Society as well as the Government from time to time – over these years.

It is a matter of great pleasure that this year, some Donor Agencies have spontaneously contacted us for taking up certain issue-based intervention in Latehar district. The delegates had a discussion with VEDIC Society on some relevant issues. This not only speaks laudably about VEDIC Society's successful efforts but also reminds that – "The organization still need to work more and more – critically."

With much hope, the organization, warmly welcomes people from all streams of World Fraternity to come and join with its team to work for leaving lasting impression in true development spirit and sense. In case, they are unable to come down to our fields of actions, they may oblige us their comments on our activities by going through this document.

**(Chandrashekar Singh)  
Secretary**

## Meet Our Governing Board

### **Mr. Ashok Kumar Singh, President**

Mr. Ashok Kumar Singh is the founder Director of Sahbhagi Shikshan Kendra, Lucknow and well known champion for the cause of institution building in the domain of civil society at national and regional level. Mr. Singh has served as members in committees formed by World Bank supported by Government of Uttar Pradesh, Forestry Project Committee, U.P. Task Force Committee for Training Strategy and others. At present he is a member of CIVICUS, ASPBAE, PRAXIS CATALYST Group member promoted by INTRC UK, and working committee of VANI, New Delhi.

### **Mr. Chandrapati Yadav, Vice President**

Mr. Chandrapati Yadav is the founder Secretary of Lohardaga Gram Swarajya Sansthan (LGSS). Under his able leadership the society has carved a special niche in the development sector in the region and promotes the development ethos of the community.

### **Mr. Chandrasekhar Singh, Secretary**

Mr. Chandrasekhar Singh is the founder member and Secretary of VEDIC Society and a devoted social worker. Mr. Chandrasekhar has a long experience of working at the grassroots in Palamu and Latehar districts of Jharkhand. He is known for conducting participatory training for development at grassroots workers. He has a proven track record as an efficient community mobilizer as well as personal manager. During his work in the sector, he has successfully built rapport with local administration and government personnel. He has taken active interest in promoting knowledge and skills in youths and social activists at the grassroots level on social developmental issues in Jharkhand.

### **Mr. Nagendra Kumar Singh, Treasurer**

Mr. Nagendra Kumar Singh is a development professional with more than 35 years of experience in rural development projects across different states in India. He has a proven track record as an efficient participatory development trainer and disaster management expert. At present, he is associated with SRLM, Jharkhand as a consultant.

### **Mr. Chandradhar, Member**

Mr. Chandradhar has worked as a development professional with national and international organisations for about 35 years. He served Action for Food Production (AFPRO), Global Sanitation Fund, Water Aid and KRIBHCO Fertilisers. Mr. Chandradhar is professionally sound in team management, community mobilization, liaison with government and funding agencies and a sound technical command on Water and Sanitation and livelihood programmes. At present he supports government and non-government agencies as consultant.

### **Mr. Arvind, Member**

Mr. Arvind has 25 years of experience in development sector. He is a believer of Gandhian philosophy of rural development. He has a proven track record as an efficient community mobiliser as well as personnel manager. He takes active interest in promoting knowledge and skills in youths and social activists at grassroots

### **Mrs. Kunti Sahoo, Member**

Mrs. Kunti Sahoo has a wide experience of women organization, women development, organization of women self help group, women empowerment and struggle for women rights.

## ORGANISATION LEGAL FRAMEWORK

<b>Name</b>	VOLUNTARY EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT AND INTEGRATED CULTURAL SOCIETY
<b>Abbreviation</b>	VEDIC Society
<b>Address</b>	<b>Registered Office :</b> Rahkikhurd, P.O. Rahkikala, Block - Satbarwa, Dist. Palamau, Jharkhand-822126  <b>Head Office :</b> At Mako, PO.: Latehar, Dist.: Latehar, Jharkhand – 829 206, India , Cell No.: +91 9431135220 E-mail: <a href="mailto:vedic350@gmail.com">vedic350@gmail.com</a> , Website: <a href="http://www.vedicsociety.net.in">www.vedicsociety.net.in</a>
<b>REGISTERED UNDER SOCIETIES REGISTRATION ACT 1860</b>	Vide No.222 Dated .30.01.2006 in Jharkhand; AND Vide No.659 dated.15.03.1991 in Bihar)
<b>Registered under FCRA</b>	337790004 dated - 01.12.1995
<b>Registered under Income Tax Act u/s 12A</b>	Tech/95-96/33/647-49 Dated - 02.05.1997
<b>Registered under Income Tax Act u/s 80G</b>	Tech-07/80(G)2010-11/1056-58
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<b>Professional Tax registration</b>	20430513257
<b>Niti Aayog registration</b>	JH/2017/0165124
<b>Name of Chief Functionary &amp; contact number</b>	Mr. Chandrashekhar Singh, Secretary +91 9431135220
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<b>Bankers</b>	State Bank of India, ADB Branch, Satbarwa, & State Bank of India, Latehar Branch , (Jharkhand)
<b>Auditors</b>	• SINHA & GHELANI ,Chartered Accountants Ranchi (Jharkhand)

## GENESIS AND SET-UP



## VISION

Creation of adjust and vibrant self-government society, where people of all communities live with dignity in peace and harmony.

## MISSION

To make the society free from exploitation and discrimination by empowering people belong to the tribal communities and underprivileged section of the society, especially children, adolescents, and women by ensuring their rights and promoting inclusive development

## OUR GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE



**We are working with the Vulnerable and disadvantaged population and our social strata of focus being the tribal and extremely backward communities. Our special attention being:**

- **Women, Adolescents & Children at Risk**
- **The Marginalized and deprived (including Farmers and Economically backward)**

## VALUES WE ADHERE TO



**Empathy with marginalized people, especially women and children of tribal & backward communities.**



**Democracy, pluralism and secularism.**



**Commitment towards sustainable holistic development of the society.**



**Quality and excellence in service.**

## THEMATIC INTERVENTION AREA

- ❖ Child Protection and Child Development
- ❖ Quality Education
- ❖ Health & Hygiene
- ❖ Livelihood – Agriculture and Natural Resource Management
- ❖ Women Rights and Development
- ❖ Good Governance and People's Participation

# ORGANISATIONAL RESOURCES



In VEDIC Society, human resources are considered as the most valued assets for the organization. It has a dedicated team of around sixty social workers. This team is working under the leadership of Secretary of the organization. Organization having specialists and consultants who provide periodic support to the organization to spearhead the initiatives. Organization has a very well managed campus of its own at Latehar town and Tumbagara in Palamu districts. Within this campus, there is an office building along with a training center with all facilities and amenities for training and accommodation. The office is fully equipped with all modern technologies like WiFi computers, Laptop, telephone, fax machine, photocopier machine, generator and other office furniture. A fleet of motor cycles, and Two Jeeps is there to ease the job of field staff and to undertake periodic monitoring of work at field level.

## MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

The organization is managed on behalf of the Executive Committee by the Secretary as Chief Functionary. The Executive Committee consists of seven members and headed by the President. This committee is responsible for legal actions and policy making at the apex level.

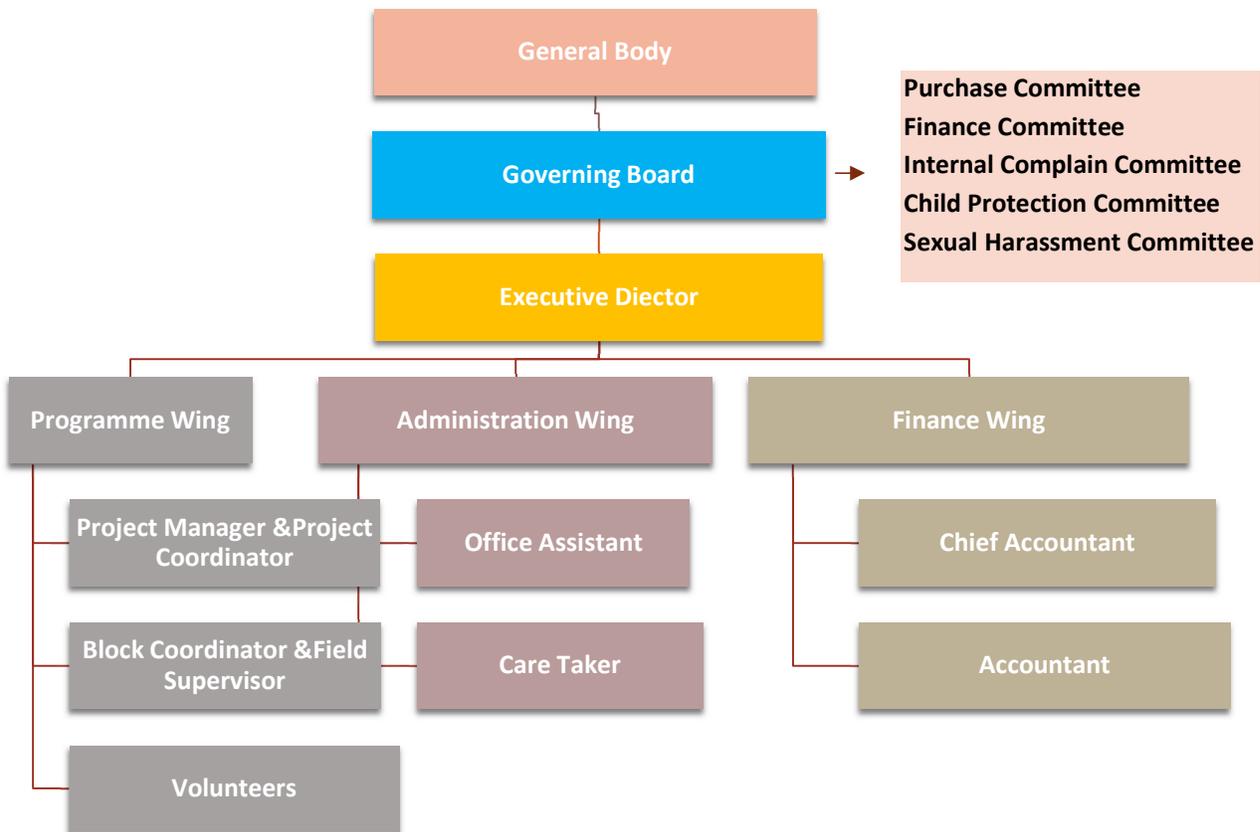
All the decisions are being taken on the basis of general consensus and in accordance with the vision and mission of the organization. The committee also extends its active support to the Secretary in addressing the programmatic and administrative issues. At the operational level, all the planning and decisions are being made on the basis of participatory action.

The organization has three wings i.e. The Programme, the Administration and the Finance. These three wings run with close coordination under the guidance of the Secretary. The programmes / projects are being managed by the respective Project Coordinators and there are Accountant and Office Assistant in the Administrative wing.

Financial related matters are being managed by Secretary, Treasurer and President. Transparency and cooperation are the core essence of the management of the VEDIC Society.



## OUR GOVERNING SYSTEM



## PROJECTS AT GLANCE

Vedic Society has implemented different projects in Latehar and Palamu districts in Jharkhand during the financial year 2019-20. The major focuses of all its endeavors were on education, health, child rights and development and promotion of livelihood through agriculture.

S. N	PROJECTS	FUND SUPPORT	DISTRICT	BLOCK	No. of PANCHAYATS/Village/Block/School
1	Palash Ke Phool	NEG- FIRE	Latehar	Latehar	22 Village
2	Strengthening of Child Protection System in Latehar and Palamu with focus on Prevention of Child Marriage	UNICEF, Jharkhand	Latehar and Palamu	9 blocks of Latehar & 7 blocks of Palamu	9 blocks of Latehar & 7 blocks of Palamu

3	Holistic Initiative for Improving Attendance, Learning & Transition within Elementary Schools through Participation of Children, Teachers & Communities	UNICEF, Jharkhand	Latehar	2 Blocks	175 Govt. Primary and Middle School
4	Livelihood Promotion through Sustainable Eco-friendly Agriculture in Latehar, Jharkhand	KKS- BMZ, Germany	Latehar	Latehar	3 Panchayats
5	Child Development	ChildFund India	Palamu	Satbarwa	21 Villages
6	Sustainable Livelihood Program for PVTG's	Trickle UP	Latehar	Garu and Mahudand	30 village with 1100 PVTGs
7	Child Protection	TDH	Palamu	Satbarwa	21 Villages

## A. PALASH KE PHOOL



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**Goal:** Ensuring Child rights and quality early grade learning in AWCs and quality education in primary Schools in Naxal affected area in Latehar district of Jharkhand.

### Project Objectives

#### Ensure that

- All 27 schools in the project area are fully RTE compliant and learning level of children enrolled with these schools is improved.
- All 16 AWCs are functional as per ICDS guidelines with intense focus on pre-school learning processes and outcome
- Conducive school environment is built and children receive support from the community to continue their education beyond primary level of schooling.
- Parents, community and the service providers are sensitive and responsive towards child rights

**Project Coverage:** Tarvadih and Navagarh Panchayat of Latehar block, Latehar

### Achievements at Glance

Towards attaining the project objectives, following key intermediate objectives were achieved and progress made during the project implementation period:

Ensuring community participation: Community mobilization and their empowerment was very essential to attain the project objectives. From the beginning itself they were made aware about the need and value of educating their children. They were given information about RTE compliance & ICDS norms. They were further encouraged to attend the Gram Sabha meetings and discuss school & AWC related issues. Finally, they slowly got empowered to discuss & raise issues related to schools & AWCs as per RTE compliance & ICDS norms and began to submit demand charters to the concerned

departments and access State benefits. As a result, due to the involvement of the communities all constitutional institutions in 22 target villages soon started becoming active and functional.

Making SMCs, Mata Samitis & Bal sansad active: Earlier SMCs & Mata Samitis of the respective schools were rather inactive. They were given trainings made aware of their roles & responsibilities and knowledge was to them on RTE compliance. The result was that they became fully active in their respective schools and the schools became quite functional due to their involvement. Bal Sansads in the schools were also made active by holding regular monthly meetings with the members. This was very helpful in in school management.

Bringing youth in right track: Youth of the target villages worked as volunteers in their respective schools. They were involved in Treasure houses, social activities, coaching classes, cultural activities etc. which was very appreciative. This also kept them busy rendering some service to their communities especially the children. They enjoyed doing this and were away from falling into the hands of extremists.

Involvement of Panchayat members: Involving Panchayat members into our program was also an important achievement. They were not paying much attention to children's education. They were motivated and were told of their rights & responsibilities. They too monitored the schools and readily contributed from their part towards proper functioning of schools.

Provision & repair of basic facilities: In this regard, one new AWC was constructed and another was renovated. Besides, boundary walls were construction & fencings were put, hand pump repair took place & few new ones were also bored, bathroom were repaired, libraries were restructured, kitchen sheds were made, drainages were built etc. These were necessary facilities that needed some attention.

Increasing rate of children's attendance: Due to hard and continuous efforts of our Cluster Animators and Community Facilitators, the overall rate of attendance of the children in the schools has increased during this project period from 40% to 80% on an average.

Decreasing rate of drop out children: The rate of drop out children in all targeted 22 Schools has been brought down almost nil. Due to convincing of our Cluster Animators Community Facilitators now all the parents have started sending their children to schools.

Increasing learning level of the children: Various games (football, Kabbaddi etc.) & sports, arts (drawings & paintings), singing & dancing competitions etc. were conducted and joyful atmosphere was created in schools. Besides, through joyful & playful methods the level of teaching-learning process were improved. A lot of success was seen in this regard

1. Improvement in health & hygiene: As it has been said – "Health is wealth," it was very necessary to special pay attention to health & hygiene of the children. For this many things were introduced such as hand wash, dust bin, school cleaning, nail cutting, hair cutting, cleanliness, immunization, referral service, health checkup etc.

## B. STRENGTHENING CHILD PROTECTION SYSTEM

## Project: Strengthening of Child Protection System in Latehar and Palamu with focus on Prevention of Child Marriage

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### Project Objective:

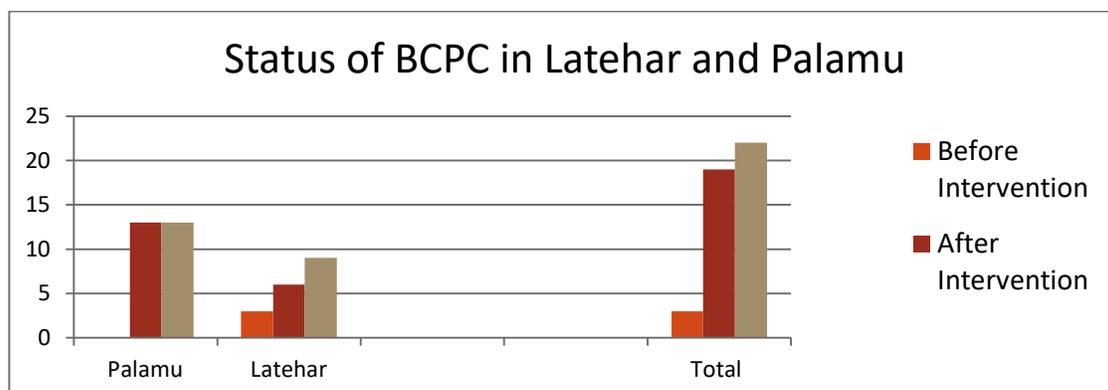
- Strengthening the child protection system under ICPS at village, blocks and district levels in Latehar district, at block level in seven blocks of Palamu District
- To sensitize and generate awareness in the communities (villages) and stakeholder groups about child right and protection with focus on child labour and child marriage.
- To strengthen VCPC/BCPC/DCPC to track and monitor vulnerable children and ensure community (village) level linkages of identified children and families to alternative care and relevant government schemes

**Project Coverage:** 9 blocks of Latehar district and 7 blocks of Palamu district

**Target Group:** ICPS functionaries and community members at village, blocks and district levels in Latehar and Palamu

### Key Achievements

1. 2022 VCPCs were formed Latehar after effort of Vedic Society where more than 250 VCPC are functional
2. 22 BCPCs were formed & oriented then made it functional in Latehar and Palamu
3. Child marriage prevention district action plan was developed for Latehar and Palamu.
4. Succeed to ensure adolescent participation in BCPC and VCPC meeting also
5. listed out the Training Institutes/ MTs of NGOs and JSLPS and approx 30 master trainers are available
6. 581 master trainers are available with health, education, social welfare, JSLPS, DCPU at district/block level child protection
7. 13476 people made aware on child right & protection
8. 16 child labours were rescued in three blocks in Latehar
9. 19 child marriage has been stopped successfully with effort of VCPC and BCPC
10. Approx 4000 girl children were linked with Sukanya Yojana
11. More than 260 girl children were linked with Kanyadan Yojana
12. 477 SMC members were trained on ill effects of child marriage
13. 320 members of Bal Sansad were trained on ill effects of child marriage
14. 112 Lady Supervisors, CDPO and CWPOs were trained





**C. Holistic Initiative for Improving Attendance, Learning & Transition Within Elementary Schools Through participation of children, teachers and communities for Latehar District**



**Goal:** Holistic Initiative for Improving Attendance, Learning & Transition within Elementary Schools through Participation of Children, Teachers & Communities

Supported by



**Project Objectives:**

- Increased Learning achievements of children enabling smooth transition within the elementary section.
- Functional and Empowered Child Cabinet (Bal Sansad)
- Functional and Empowered SMCs

**Project Coverage:** Latehar and Balumaath blocks of Latehar districts  
**Schools Covered:** Latehar- 101  
 Balumath- 074

## Key Achievements

- Increasing rate of children's attendance: Due to hard and continuous efforts of our Block Coordinators and Community Facilitators, the overall rate of attendance of the children in the schools has increased during this project period from 60% to 70% on an average in 175 schools in both blocks.
- SMC'S members were strengthened in making them understand their roles and responsibilities being the member of such crucial school development committee in 175 schools.
- A significant change slowly but surely visible among community people in regard to their outlook towards education of children.
- Involvement of Panchayat members: Involving Panchayat members into our program was also an important achievement. They were not paying much attention to children's education. They were motivated and were told of their rights & responsibilities. They too monitored the schools and readily contributed from their part towards proper functioning of schools.
- Provision & repair of basic facilities: In this regard, constructed and renovated the boundary wall of schools & fencings were put with the help of community, hand pump repair took place & few new ones were also bored, bathroom were repaired, libraries were restructured, kitchen sheds were made, drainages were built etc. These necessary facilities needed some attention.
- Increasing learning level of the children: Various games (football, Kabbadi etc.) & sports, arts (drawings & paintings), singing & dancing competitions etc. were conducted and joyful atmosphere was created in schools. Besides, through joyful & playful methods the level of teaching-learning process were improved. A lot of success was seen in this regard.
- Formation of Bal Sansad in all 175 schools and orient on function of Bal Sansad in school development.
- Improvement in health & hygiene: As it has been said - "Health is wealth," it was very necessary to special pay attention to health & hygiene of the children. For this many things were introduced such as hand wash, dust bin, school cleaning, nail cutting, hair cutting, cleanliness, immunization, referral service, health checkup etc.



## Signs of Change

*If we need change, we have to come forward with our responsibilities, if there is a way there is a will...*

### **Introduction:**

VEDIC Society and UNICEF have been working in Balumath and Latehar and a school named Rajkiya Middle school, Marang Loiya situated at Marang loiya village, in Marang Loiya panchayat which is 11 km far away from block office Balumath, there are 260 students enrolled in the school in which there are 7 teachers deputed in the school.

### **Previous condition:**

This school has all its fundamental elements like Drinking water facilities, kitchen shed, play ground, well maintained class rooms etc, but there was a lack of boundary wall in the school campus which caused hazards for the children because the school is besides road and this was a big issue among all. Three years ago there was a boy from the same school named Vikash kumar Yadav studing in class 3, seriously injured by road accident while crossing the road in lunch time, from that time all the parents along with school teachers and children had a fear of this.



### **Our intervention:**

When team VEDIC reached the school and ongoing project activities was too started in the school including SMC training, Bal sansad training, increase in attendance etc, in this regard all the members of Bal Sansad and SMC were got to know about their roles and responsibilities, this topic was too elaborated by the team and gave them the right path that what should they do in this regard and how they could solve the huge problem.

### **Current scenario:**

The members of SMC raised the issue in their meetings and decided to write a letter to BEEO and also decided to take initiative until govt. support haven't come and collect bamboo by donation among the village and made a boundary wall with it. Now the children are taking their education free from fear and this initiative has become an example for others that there is way there is will.



## Success story -2

### *The Change in the school after villagers got awakened towards education*

#### *Introduction:*

This is the story of awakened Bal Sansad and SMC members at Kaima School which is situated in Kura Cluster. VEDIC Society is working in 175 Schools at Latehar and Balumath with support of UNICEF. Middle School Kaima is one of the backward school in Latehar Block and comes under implementation area. Earlier the enrolment and attendance of children was a big challenge. People of the village were not interested to send their children to the school. The reason behind it was poor quality education, inactive SMC, Non Functional Bal Sansad.

#### *Geological Scenario of the village:*

Village Kaima in Nawagarh Panchayat at Latehar sadar Block, the village is almost 10 km far from the district headquarter, this is completely Maoist affected area, total population of the village is near about 300 and all almost all the family in the village belong to schedule tribes.

#### *Intervention of VEDIC Society:*

When team of VEDIC Society reached in the school, they observed the present situation and decided to change the present scenario, they started giving sessions on RTE, roles and responsibilities of SMC, Bal sansad and parents also, regularly visit in the school and motivate all towards education.

#### *Present Status:*

Currently almost children of village have started to go to school, Bal Sansad organized regularly in a monthly basis, SMC members are awaked towards their responsibilities, they visit school regularly and minority review MDM, Attendance, arrival and departure of teachers and other issue related school. Children of the school started using hand wash, teachers often using TLM for teaching.



## D. Livelihood Promotion through Sustainable Eco-friendly Agriculture



**Goal:** Contribute actively to reduce poverty of 850 socially & economically disadvantaged & vulnerable indigenous marginal & small farmer households of Latehar Block in Jharkhand by improving their livelihood status

Supported by **KKS- BMZ, Germany**

**Project Coverage:** 10 villages in 3 Gram Panchayats of Latehar Block, in Latehar District of Jharkhand

### Key Achievements

1. 30 SHGs with 367 members and 10 farmers club with 500 members formed in 10 villages JSLPS
2. 62 Nos. SHG members linked to Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board and getting benefits like Cycle and safety kit (as labour). Now all of them are registered labour as per Govt. rule and are eligible for benefits as per provision.
3. 4 SHG got benefits from JSLPS Govt. of Jharkhand as revolving fund support (Rs. 3,10,000/- )
4. ATMA [Agriculture department of Jharkhand State] has extended support for Exposure visit to SHG member to see model horticulture, Training to 100 farmers for five days on horticulture and other subject related cultivation and Training to 67 SHG member for 10 days on goat farming
5. Members of Farmers Clubs and Women SHGs participated in Gram Panchayat Vikash Yojana under the banner Hamari Yojana Hamari Vikash (Our Plan Our Development) in Five Gram

Panchayatas as entrusted by Deputy Development Commissioner of Jharkhand Govt. It was undertaken in fact, in the entire project area villages.

6. 168 members could get benefit from application. (Benefit availed – Seed from Agriculture department, Training on Goat rearing from RSETI/SBI and Family Pension to Parahia from the Food and Security Dept.)
7. 92 members from 9 villages got benefit of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojans priorly known as IAY
8. 60 members benefited from renovation of pond by Government
9. 40 members got benefit of cash support from JSLPS
10. 100 Farmers (including 62 Women) Govt. from Ministry of Labour thro' Jharkhand Govt. (e.g. Kit (Kudal i.e. Indian Spate, Gainta i.e. Agriculture Fawda), Insurance benefit as registered labour, Full Shoes (for male members ) and Bi cycle, Sewing Machine etc. to Women) N.B. Till this period - 460 [76.66% of total 600] women got benefit from different Govt. schemes
11. Members of 2 SHGs took decision to contribute (@ Rs. 1,000/- per member) to their groups and get support for purchasing goat under project activity of VEDIC Society.
12. 106 women got trained at RSETI. This decision of women to get trained during peak season i.e. crop harvesting period was a strong sign of taking decision on any issue independently.
13. 12 Parahias got Family Pension from Food and Security Department of Govt. of Jharkhand.
14. 62 SHG members got Sewing Machines, Bi Cycle, Safety Kit
15. The women being trained on Gender Justice have developed consciousness towards rights of children and hope that they started influencing their families' decision on Girl Child Education, Early Marriage of Girl Child & related to Higher Education of Girl Children (participation in training and orientation at district level) visible in Lalgadi, Sukri, Manjar & Jaram villages. [total 5 women]
16. Grant for Construction of House under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana [135 women of 9 villages had applied for grant – 92 beneficiaries could get the benefit grant] Kishan Clubs
17. Farmers are maintaining Farm's Book and are following organic farming practices including preparation of organic manure, pest repellants and are gradually reducing and dropping use of chemical manure/pest.
18. They have started practicing pest management, organic manure, Vermi compost, organic compost etc. and are continuing those in regular manner – both in Ravi and Kharif crops.
19. Adopting practices of Seed Preservation, Agro Business, Sustainable Eco-friendly agriculture, water management, crop calendar etc.
20. Master Trainers (44 Nos.) developed by the process of training and orientation have taken the responsibility of training the farmers at community level on various aspects of Eco-friendly Sustainable Farming in an ongoing manner.
21. Farmers have acted properly in conservation of forest, taking initiative to protect the soil and water through participation in management of water through water harvesting, developing degraded land as cultivable productive land and conserving soil through plantation of food, fodder and fuel saplings
22. 3 Seed banks have been established in 3 villages namely Baridih, Hutar and Major And also – provision for establishment of Vermi Pit – 30 Nos. in 4 villages [Odaon 16, Manjar 6, Sukari 6 and Lalgarhi 2] has been done during.
23. ATMA [Agriculture department of Jharkhand State] has extended support for Construction of Vermi compost Pit [Liquid Jeevamrut Container purpose] 10s. in project villages, Trained



- 100 farmers of project villages for five days on horticulture and other subject related to cultivation,
24. Four Lift Points at Village Ghutua (One), Harkha (One) and Sukri (Two) ü 4 Solar Lift points in villages Lalgadi(One), Hutar(One), Manjar(One) And Saraidih(One).
  25. The trained farmers have adopted Inter cropping which is a new practice in these areas. This has contributed towards improving the quality of soil, water and environment added to the value of increased availability of agriculture land and benefit of more varieties of crops being cultivate.
    - ü ü By the way - this has also helped in promoting crop diversification with a shift from mono cropping – which is also found for the first time in these localities.
  26. Intercropping has been done in 39 acres of those areas for improved soil fertility [vegetables, ginger, turmeric, garlic etc.]
  27. Spray machines for fruits orchids and crop cultivation 9 Nos. have been provided in project village Jaram, Odan and Ghutuwa by ATMA





## E. Child Development Project Supported By

VEDIC Society has been representing the voice of the deprived, excluded and vulnerable children in Latehar & Plamu district since 1991, regardless of their race, creed and gender. We work in the remotest locations of the district through our child centered interventions aiming to influence and bring about lasting changes in the lives of our children. VEDIC Society has worked tirelessly to overcome and eliminate the strongest barriers to quality education and helped children realise their right to be healthy, educated, protected and valued.

Education is one such key intervention area for VEDIC to build a foundation for lifelong learning in Children and Young Adolescents. VEDIC has been working on improving the quality of education in government run schools through interventions that are age appropriate, relevant and child-centred. Its programs address important educational challenges and needs of children ranging from strengthening community participation in school management and governance; catch-up classes and accelerated learning programs for potential drop-outs as well as out-of-school children; reading improvement through teacher training and promotion of community and peer reading practices.

VEDIC Society is working in Daltonganj from the last 13 years with deprived, excluded and vulnerable children and their families. The program area in the block of Satbarwa in the districts of Palamau. The program area predominantly inhabited by Scheduled Tribe (ST) and Scheduled Caste (SC) population. VEDIC SOCIETY is working in 21 villages .

The main intervention areas include healthcare, education and vocational training to children, women and youth.

### Key highlights of last year's achievements of our intervention :

#### **Education**

*In this year session of annual education program, we have conducted 31 various types of activities such as-* Mapping and Assessment of SMC functional status and issues, Capacity building of SMC on school governance and advocacy, Mapping and Tracking of the Education for the Children and Youth, Special Support class for the Children and Youth, Establishing and Regularly operating libraries and Lab at schools, Formation and Strengthening of SMC federation, Capacity Building of PTA on School governance and advocacy. Through these activities we reached 101 enrolled and 414 non-enrolled participants under our project areas. Through education project we established 5 libraries in five different schools to promote better education in our community. We have also providing special support class for our 32 enrolled children belonging to poor family on regular basis. To strengthen of SMCs we formed a SMC federation in project village. Through Parent-Teacher Association we have tried to make a better educational environment in schools. We have enrolled 5 children in 10<sup>th</sup> class through NIOS for appear in 10<sup>th</sup> exam.

#### **Health and sanitation**

In this session we have formed 21 Mother groups at village level in 21 project villages , and we reached to 518 enrolled children under Regular Home Visit activity to find the status of enrolled children. We have reached nearly 250 enrolled children through Online KOBO data collection.

- Regular meeting with mother groups on monthly basis.
- We also formed Village Health Sanitation & Nutrition Committee (VHSNC) in 13 working villages.
- Distribution of IFA tablets to adolescents girls.
- Spread awareness on Kitchen-Garden.
- Awareness on personal health & hygiene through adolescent meeting.
- 80% adolescent girls are now using Sanitary Napkin Pad.
- 350 enrolled children & Their family , 21 AWC, 21 School ,21 Mothers groups , 21 Adolescent girls group ,AWW , ANM ,and Sahiya Sathi are aware through calendar and Pumplate on Safe motherhood and child health , Food calendar and anaemia.

### **Livelihood**

*In this session total 140 enrolled and 60 non enrolled children were benefited through Livelihood activities, which activities are-* Equip youth collectives/Federation on life skills and govt. programs, social security and existing legal instruments and mechanism for taking leadership positions in the, Networking and advocacy plan is developed and issue based campaign for pressing area specific social problem and Visioning exercise for collective youth plan and actions.

- *Spread awareness on Govt. Schemes and services to youths.*
- *Adolescent federation has been formed under 21 working villages.*
- *Aware to targeted youths on decision making and vision and mission process.*
- *Regular meeting with adolescent on monthly basis.*

### **Child Protection**

In this year session of child protection annual program we have conducted 10 VLCPC and villagers meeting at targeted project area. Such as- Regular Review meeting of VLCPC and Leveraging services and benefits for Children needed support as per the assessment, Selection of Committee members and Orientation, Initial Orientation of Villagers and Awareness on VLCPC, Risk/Vulnerability assessment done by VLCPC.

Through these activities we have reached 184 enrolled and 1687 non-enrolled participants. Spreading awareness in community through regular meeting with village level child protection committee that results to reduce early child marriage, child labour & trafficking etc. Key achievements in this year are;

1. Formed and strengthening 10 VLCPC and 1 BLCPC
2. Regular meeting in 10 VLCPC
3. Risk/Vulnerability assessment done by 10 VLCPC

## **C. Case Study:1**

### **Introduction :**

Ms Nitu Kumari (Case No- 01707) belongs to Village- Dulsulma, PO- Dulsulma, Satbarwa. Her Father name is Lt. Maheshwar Singh, mother- Sakuntla Kunwar. Nitu is currently studying in class 10<sup>th</sup> in girl's high school, Satbarwa. She is a member of Anjali Kishori Club and actively participating in regular meeting. Nitu and her elder sister were the only children of her parent. In last two years before her elder sister got married and staying with her husband. Nitu's father died since Nitu was too young, so all the responsibilities came to her mother. Nitu's mother work hard like- daily-wage and agriculture, to fulfil the family needs and enough education for her.

### **Situation and Our effort :**

Earlier Nitu was very shy by nature, she were suffering with reproductive-track infection. Due to her shy nature she never discuss on this disease with any friend and family member. One day she participated in adolescent meeting and she got several information and prevention regarding this disease After that she discussed about her disease to one of her friend- Meena. Meena was a peer-educator of that village. She took her to our project office. After counselling with Nitu, we referred her to ARSH clinic for her better treatment. Her treatment was totally free of cost including with all the medicines. After few months she overcome with this disease.

**Outcomes :**

Nitu's health is now good. She continuing her schooling and also taking extra care of personal health & hygiene. She also courage about this issues with her all friends. This support really brings change in Nitu's life. Now she is very happy and thanking to our organization and our efforts made towards her.

**Case Study:2****Introduction :**

Mukesh Oraon (Deported child) which belongs to a small village under Palamu district(Jharkhand). This village's economic graph is very poor. In 2006 our organization VEDIC Society (ChildFund India Project) started working in this village & currently continuing its support. Mukesh (Case no-1202) age is 22 years. He lives in Palamu which situated in Jharkhand state with all his family. Currently he is involved in driving and supporting his family. He has completed his Intermediate schooling. In family there were 06 members. Father Mr. Sukath Oraon. Mother- Paro Devi is house wife. 2 siblings, who are currently studying. His father work hard to fulfill the family requirements and enough education for his children, but somehow he failed.



Figure 1 Mukesh with his family

**Situation :**

In that village boys do not complete their education and they migrate for income generating sources. This issue was common but after several programs organized by ChildFund India through its local partner Vedic Society, that results to address these issue. Before intervention of Vedic Society Mukesh was also about to migrate from study to fulfill their family need and a result he would have been dropped out from school. One day he got to know that an organization doing survey of deprived, excluded and venerable child in their village. The survey was conducted through Vedic Society(Local Partner) of ChildFund India. His family condition was very critical- they do not have enough food, dress & shelter, that's prompted him to get selected in our program.

“ Mukesh - ChildFund India brings lots of happiness in our family. ”

“ Mukesh's Family –  
Thank You ChildFund India & VEDIC  
Society. ”

**Response & Outcome:**

When Mukesh was enrolled and got sponsored. His life changed in many ways. He was very generous and active participant in the program. Through ChildFund India project, he got help and support through DFC and programs. He was very hard working boy. He continued his studies as his Sponsor helped &



supported him by DFC (approx thrice in a year). This precious support also bring changes in his family. During this period, he and many other children got trained on driving by ChildFund India project, Mukesh was one of them. Now he started driving vehicles with his skills that helps as a big support to his family. His father also supported him in studies. Through this job he is earning monthly 15-25,000. He is now very happy and supporting his family. Mukesh got married this year in April 2019 Now he is an obedient son of his father and also a good husband

## F. Sustainable Livelihood Program for PVTG's

**Supported By :**

**Objectives:**

**: Trickle Up**

The objective is to increase focus on the issues of ultra-poverty (includes PVTGs) and inclusion of the families living under extreme poverty in the social, financial domain and develop a replicable strategy across NRLM. The board strategies are:

- Developing implementation/managerial capability of the community resource persons' community based organisations and other stakeholders members, block level JSLPS team / district officials, Bankers, PRI representative, members of poverty the Self Help Groups (SHGs), Village Organization (VO) on issues of ultra poor
- Developing/improvising the knowledge management and learning systems of Trickle Up on strategies for PVTGs and poorest of the poor household
- Implementation support in specific activities.
- Build a structured partner alliance and resource community for the economic and financial inclusion of the poorest.
- Build the capacity of alliance members to effectively apply technical expertise in NRLM and other programs.

**Achievements:**

Firstly we work for linkages PVTs with Govt Social securities Schemas

### Target Vs Achievement

SI N	Description	Targetd PPs	Achieved PPs	Achievement in %
1	Enrolment in SHG	1038	995	95.86%
2	Dakiya Yojna	1038	873	84.10%
3	PVTGS Penson Yojna	1038	701	67.53%
4	PMAY	1038	432	41.62%
5	MANREGA Job Card	1038	510	49.13%
6	Bank Account	1038	949	91.43%
7	Enrolment in Aadhar	1038	984	94.80%



1. Orientation on regular SHG meeting by active women at Netarhart Village in Mahudand Block
2. Meeting with PP's regarding their entitlements in Mahudand Block
3. Orientation on regular SHG meeting by active women at Netarhart Village in Mahudand Block

## OUR MEMBERSHIP

Vedic Society Membership on Government Bodies in Latehar and Palamu district, Jharkhand

S. N.	Name of Department/ Committee	Bodies
1	Member of Sponsorship and Foster Care Approval Committee (SFCAC), Latehar	Government of Jharkhand
2	Governing Body of Hospital Management Committee, Latehar	Government of Jharkhand
3	Member of District Child Protect Committee, Latehar	Government of Jharkhand
4	Member of Block Child Protection Committee in 9 blocks of Latehar and 7 Block in Palamu District ( <b>Latehar</b> : Latehar, Balumaath, Heranj, Bariyatu, Barwadih , Garu, Chandwa and Mahuadand <b>Palamu</b> : Lesliganj , Chainpur, Daltonganj, Haidernagar, Satbarwa, Hussaiabad and Mohammad Ganj	Government of Jharkhand
5	District Level Vigilance and Monitoring Committee (I.T.D.A.), Latehaar	Government of Jharkhand
6	NALSA (Victims of Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation) Scheme	Government of Jharkhand
7	JHALSA (Core Group for Disaster Management	Government of Jharkhand
8	Road Safety Committee by District Transport Department	Government of Jharkhand

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18	Mr. Yogendra Kumar Singh	Block Coordinator
19	Mr. Umesh kumar Prajapati	Block Coordinator

20	Md. ZiyaulHaque	Community Animator
21	Mr. Ram Prasad Rajak	Community Animator
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23	Mr. YogendraOraon	Community Animator
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