



ANNUAL REPORT 2023-24

VOLUNTARY EDUCATION
DEVELOPMENT AND INTEGRATED
CULTURAL SOCIETY (VEDIC SOCIETY)



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Messages

FOR THE PRESIDENT

I am happy to share the Annual Report of the VEDIC Society for FY 2023-24 which provides an overview of the work that we have undertaken during the year. Over the years – consistency with the value of doing good, and helping people are the core of our efforts. We are more concerned about the necessity of support, guidance, and care; the marginalized deserve to enable them to understand the incredible contribution that we want to ensure their dignified survival.

We want to pursue a process enabling 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.

However, despite fund constraints and other obvious limitations, we are still working towards the 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 the necessary opportunity to live in a congenial environment. I hope VEDIC Society will get support from all corners for the cause.

Ashok Kumar Singh

*President
VEDIC Society*



Messages

FROM THE SECRETARY

I am happy to present the “Annual Report” for FY 2023-24 of the VEDIC Society which focuses on our resilience as an organization and how we have seized opportunities to grow despite many challenges. This prompted us to push ourselves to new limits and emerge with an innovation and zeal to create a society free of hunger and poverty and make the people of the lowest segments of society progress towards a better future.

The path for this work has never been smooth and we have faltered, learned, and evolved into being more rooted and compassionate. We are delighted to have exceeded our targets across all of our programs. We have also strengthened and streamlined our interventions through regular monitoring, evaluation, and timely strategic decision-making within the organization. In a time of crisis and pain, what has helped us stay the course is the faith that has been bestowed on us by our beneficiaries, partners, funders, and well-wishers.

During the year, we successfully implemented various community-based development programs like- Strengthening Gram Sabha to ensure Community Forest Right (CFR) and other Social Welfare Scheme, Child Protection Program (Prevention of Trafficking and Re-Integration) with an aspiration to see our target groups grow as sensitized and empowered communities as per our aims and objects.

I took this opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude to our donors- Azim Premji Philanthropic Initiatives Pvt. Ltd, and Terre des hommes, Switzerland, and above all to the local community, govt. officials, staff, print media, and individuals whose support and timely advice helped us to move forward with success.

Chandrashekhar Singh

Secretary
VEDIC Society

VEDIC SOCIETY – AN INTRODUCTION

GENESIS

Voluntary Education Development and Integrated Cultural Society (VEDIC Society) is a non-government, non-profit, democratic, secular, and social organization dedicated to the holistic development of the marginalized rural and urban communities in Jharkhand. VEDIC Society is registered under the Indian Society Registration Act 21, 1860 on 15.03.1991 (Registration No. 659) in Bihar and on 30.01.2006 (Registration No. 222) in Jharkhand. It is also registered under Section 12(A) & 80 (G) of the Income Tax Act and the FCRA in 1995¹. Since its inception, VEDIC Society has been working to reduce the vulnerabilities of the poor and marginalized communities concerning various issues. The organization is presently operating in Palamu and Latehar districts in Jharkhand. With our good work over the years, we have achieved special recognition among the poor and marginalized communities for whom we are working.

VISION

Creation of a just, equal, and vibrant society where people of all communities live with dignity, peace and harmony.

MISSION

Making the society free from exploitation and discrimination by empowering people who belong to the tribal communities and underprivileged sections of the society, especially children, adolescents, and women by ensuring their rights and promoting inclusive development.

CORE VALUES

- Empathy with marginalized people, especially women and children of tribal & backward communities.
- Democracy, pluralism, and secularism.
- Commitment to sustainable and holistic development of the society.
- Quality and excellence in service.

GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE



¹ Valid till 31.07.2027

GOVERNING BOARD

Sl. No.	Name	Designation	Track Record
1.	Mr. Ashok Kumar Singh	President	He is the Founder Director of Sahbhagi Shikshan Kendra, Lucknow popular for his work for institution building in the domain of civil society at the national and regional level. Mr. Singh has served as a member of several committees formed by the World Bank-supported by Govt. of U.P., Forestry Project Committee, U.P., and Task Force Committee for Training Strategy and others. At present, he is a member of CIVICUS, ASPBAE, PRAXIS CATALYST Group, INTRC UK, and in the working committee of VANI, New Delhi.
2.	Mr. Chandrapati Yadav	Vice-President	He is the founder Secretary of Lohardaga Gram Swarajya Sansthan (LGSS). Under his able leadership, VEDIC Society has carved a special niche in the development sector in the region and promoted the development ethos of the community.
3.	Mr. Chandrasekhar Singh	Secretary	He is a founding member and secretary of the VEDIC Society and a dedicated social worker. Mr. Chandrasekhar has vast experience of working at the local level in the districts of Palamu and Latehar in Jharkhand. He is an efficient community mobilizer too with deep knowledge of the social and developmental issues of Jharkhand.
4.	Mr. Nagendra Kumar Singh	Treasurer	He is a development professional with more than 35 years of experience in rural development projects across different states in India. At present, he is associated with SRLM, Jharkhand as a consultant.
5.	Mr. Arvind	Member	He has been working in the development sector for the last 26 years. He is a firm believer in Gandhian philosophy. Currently, active in promoting knowledge and skills in youths and social activists at the grassroots level.
6.	Mrs. Kunti Sahoo	Member	Vast experience in women-related issues and working for their empowerment and rights.
7.	Mr. Chandradhar	Member	He worked as a development professional with national and international organizations for about 35 years. He served Action for Food Production (AFPRO), Global Sanitation Fund, Water Aid, and KRIBHCO Fertilizers. He has vast experience in team management, community mobilization, liasoning with government and funding agencies, and sound technical know-how of water and sanitation and livelihood programs. At present, he supports government and non-government agencies as a consultant.

TARGETED POPULATION

- Tribals and Extremely Backward Communities.
- Women, Adolescents & Children at Risk.
- Small and Marginal Farmers.

THEMATIC INTERVENTION AREA

- Child Protection and Child Development.
- Strengthening Gram Sabha for Community Forest Rights (CFR) and Other Social Welfare Schemes.
- Quality Education.
- Health & Hygiene.
- Livelihood – Agriculture and Natural Resource Management.
- Women’s Rights and Development.
- Good Governance and People’s Participation.

OUR RESOURCES

Vedic Society has a dedicated team of 60 project staff and volunteers and a good team of specialists and consultants who provide periodic support to spearhead our different socio-economic initiatives. We have a well-managed campus in Latehar town and Tumbagara in Palamu district. The campus has office buildings and training centers that are well-equipped for training and accommodation. A fleet of motorcycles and 02 jeeps are also available with us to facilitate our fieldwork and undertake periodic monitoring of work at the field level.

OUR DONORS SO FAR

- Child Fund India
- Trickle Up Program, USA
- NEG Fire, New Delhi
- UNICEF, Jharkhand
- KKS-BMZ, Germany
- TDH, Switzerland.
- Azim Premji Philanthropic Initiatives Pvt. Ltd.

PROGRAMS IMPLEMENTED DURING THE YEAR

(I) CHILD PROTECTION PROGRAM

Jharkhand has today emerged as a major source area for intra-country trafficking in India. Most of the trafficking from Jharkhand is of tribals for domestic labour to metropolitan cities where there is a demand for it. In cities like Delhi, several illegal placement agencies have cropped up. These agencies take advantage of legal loopholes to traffic mostly innocent children in the name of providing employment but instead are put into extreme conditions of forced labour. 12-14 hours of daily work is a routine practice for these children. Several cases of sexual slavery have also been reported from the victims.

VEDIC Society has been representing the voice of the deprived, excluded, and vulnerable children in Latehar & Palamu districts in Jharkhand 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 been working tirelessly to overcome and eliminate child trafficking in Jharkhand and helping children realize their rights to be healthy, educated, protected, and valued.

VEDIC Society is successfully implementing the project supported by TDH, (Switzerland) undertaking the child protection issue to strengthen existing practices of working with survivors and support their mental health and well-being. The current phase of the project aimed at developing institutionalized practice related to child protection and assisting sustainable reintegration of survivors, mainstreaming learning, establishing community-level safety nets, and building the resilience of children and young people to challenge harmful social norms.

TDH, Switzerland Project Coverage Area	
State	Jharkhand
District	Palamu
Block	Satbarwa
Number of Panchayats	Bakoriya, Rabda, Dulsulma, Ponchi & Bohita
Number of Villages	28

Activities Implemented

In 2023-24, the accomplished activities under the TDH project are as follows:

Sl. No.	Activity	Unit	Participant	Venue
1.	Training for CYP Leaders on Gender & Sexuality	20	417	Organized in 20 villages of 05 Panchayats namely Bakoriya, Rabda, Dulsulma, Ponchi & Bohita

Sl. No.	Activity	Unit	Participant	Venue
2.	Training on MHPPS for CYP Leaders	20	402	Organized in 20 villages of 05 Panchayats namely Bakoriya, Rabda, Dulsulma, Ponchi & Bohita
3.	Monthly session with adolescents & young people on gender issues (Girls)	50	688	Organized in 32 villages of 05 Panchayats namely Bakoriya, Rabda, Dulsulma, Ponchi & Bohita
4.	Monthly session with adolescents & young people on gender issues (Boys)	20	520	Organized in 18 villages of 05 Panchayats namely Bakoriya, Rabda, Dulsulma, Ponchi & Bohita
5.	Quarterly meetings with community influencer	15	225	Organized in 15 villages of 05 Panchayats namely Bakoriya, Rabda, Dulsulma, Ponchi & Bohita
6.	Safeguarding workshop with CBOs, Stakeholder & VLCPC members	18	314	Organized in 18 villages of 05 Panchayats namely Bakoriya, Rabda, Dulsulma, Ponchi & Bohita
7.	Gender talks with stakeholders	18	320	Organized in 18 villages of 05 Panchayats namely Bakoriya, Rabda, Dulsulma, Ponchi & Bohita
8.	Monthly awareness session in the community/school	20	442	Organized in 20 villages of 05 Panchayats namely Bakoriya, Rabda, Dulsulma, Ponchi & Bohita
9.	Monthly meeting with male members	20	401	Organized in 20 villages of 05 Panchayats namely Bakoriya, Rabda, Dulsulma, Ponchi & Bohita
10.	Quarterly youth led joint collective action	20	410	Organized in 20 villages of 05 Panchayats namely Bakoriya, Rabda, Dulsulma, Ponchi & Bohita
Total		221 Units	4139 Participants	



TOPICS COVERED

- Effective leadership qualities and developing positive thinking.
- Developing self-confidence in child youth person (CYP).
- Developing decision-making abilities in CYP.
- Developing unity in CYP.
- Developing a spirit of cooperation and honesty in CYP.
- Difference between sex and gender.
- Child rights in CYP.
- Remedy for gender discrimination in CYP.
- Maintaining personal hygiene in CYP.
- Promoting girl child education.
- Parent's awareness of gender.
- Positive relationship development with CYP.
- Gender discrimination with the influencer persons of the village.
- Prevention of child marriage.
- Promotion of Sports at the village level.
- Organizing awareness sessions on adolescent health.
- Sensitizing stakeholders on gender.
- Giving equal rights to boys and girls.
- Developing a positive attitude towards girls.

(II) STRENGTHENING GRAM SABHA TO ENSURE COMMUNITY FOREST RIGHTS (CFR) AND OTHER SOCIAL WELFARE SCHEMES

The Forest Rights Act (FRA), 2006 recognizes the rights of the forest-dwelling tribal communities and other traditional forest dwellers to forest resources, on which these communities were dependent for various needs, including livelihood, habitation, and other socio-cultural needs. This Act recognizes the symbiotic relationship of the STs with the forests, reflected in their dependence on the forest and their traditional wisdom regarding the conservation of the forests.

The Act further enjoins upon the Gram Sabha and rights holders the responsibility of conservation and protection of bio-diversity, wildlife, forests, adjoining catchment areas, water sources, and other ecologically sensitive areas as well as to stop any destructive practices affecting these resources or cultural and natural heritage of the tribals. The Gram Sabha is also



a highly empowered body under the Act, enabling the tribal population to have a decisive say in determining local policies and schemes impacting them.

Thus, the Act protects forest dwellers from unlawful evictions and also provides for basic development facilities for the community of forest dwellers to access facilities of education, health, nutrition, infrastructure, etc.

Supported by Azim Premji Philanthropic Initiatives Pvt. Ltd., the Vedic Society has implemented a project namely “Strengthening Gram Sabha to ensure Community Forest Rights (CFR) and Other Social Welfare Scheme.” The project covered 15 panchayats and 105 villages of Garu, Sarju, and Barwadih blocks in the Latehar district in Jharkhand.

Objectives

- (1) To strengthen local self- governance and traditional system by empowering Gram Sabha.
- (2) To strengthen tribal culture & traditions and support PVTG families in emergency needs.
- (3) To claim for Community Forest Rights (CFR) and Individual Forest Rights (IFR) in 105 villages.
- (4) To ensure ration, pension, and employment through Social Security Schemes and MNREGA in 105 villages.

Activities Implemented

- Conducted exposure visits of the members of the forest rights committee and organization workers in Mendhalekha Gadh in Chirauli district in Uttar Pradesh. The visit helped to understand how Gram Sabha works to achieve forest rights in the Chirauli district in Uttar Pradesh.
- Conducted one-day training of the panchayat representatives.
- Imparted traditional knowledge to children aged 10 to 14 years of Garu, Sarju, and Barwadih in which information is being given about herbs.
- Organized meetings of FRC members.
- Organized village health camps.
- School children were made aware of child marriage, child labour and child trafficking.
- Conducted sworn-in ceremony for the MLAs of the Manika constituencies.
- Conducted “Candle March” in Latehar district on 16 October 2023.





Achievements

(A) Strengthening of Gram Sabha

- (1) Conducted regular meetings of 105 Gram Sabha.
- (2) The Secretariat of Gram Sabha was made operational. Training imparted to the Gram Pradhans of all villages.
- (3) Letterhead, files, stamps, and pads were given in the secretariat of Gram Sabha along with help in sending letters to any department.
- (4) 1734 families were helped in getting the benefits of government schemes.
- (5) Traditional knowledge classes were conducted for 600 children aged 10 to 14 years selected from 40 villages of Garu, Saryu, and Barwadih.
- (6) Training was provided to all panchayat representatives.

(B) FRA

- (1) Villagers were informed about FRA through meetings in all 60 villages.
- (2) Formed FRC in all 60 villages and members of the FRC were trained.
- (3) Support was provided in preparing documents related to the “Community Forest Lease” in collaboration with the FRC.
- (4) Support was provided in applying for a “Community Forest Lease” of 13 villages in the subdivision.
- (5) 42 members of the FRC were taken to Mendha Lekha Gardchirauli in Maharashtra district for exposure with the representatives of the Vedic Society to understand the work of the Gram Sabha and the process of getting Community Forest Lease under FRA.

(C) Block Level Health Camps and Awareness Campaigns

- (1) Organized awareness campaigns in Garu, Saryu, and Barwadih blocks and made everyone aware of the health of adolescent girls, women, and children.
- (2) Health camps were organized from time to time in all blocks, in which special attention was paid to the health of adolescent girls. Along with information, medicines were

distributed and family planning of women and vaccination of children were done. Support is provided to pregnant women by linking them with the govt. facilities.

Note: Vedic society always emphasized the training of its staff periodically to enhance their skills. The organization has Master Trainers to impart training on the issue of child protection, strengthening of Gram Sabha, FRA, and other relevant topics.

(III) ACCESS TO JUSTICE FOR CHILDREN

In all blocks of Latehar district and especially in 50 villages of Latehar, Chandwa, Garu, Saryu, and Barwadih, special work has been done on the issues of child marriage, child trafficking, child sexual abuse, and child labour. The following activities have been undertaken in 2023-24:

- (1) Training to project staff on the issues of child marriage, child trafficking, child sexual abuse, and child labour.
- (2) Prepared profile of 50 villages.
- (3) Conducted awareness campaigns in Latehar district on the issues of child marriage, child trafficking, child sexual exploitation, and child labour.
- (4) People were made aware of the issues of child marriage, child trafficking, child sexual exploitation, and child labour through street plays in Latehar district.
- (5) Conducted block-level workshop in Latehar district.
- (6) 260 child marriages have been stopped in Latehar district.
- (7) All Mukhiyas were administered oaths.
- (8) Oath was administered in all schools and by all families. A total of 76,058 people were administered oaths.
- (9) Marriage registers were made in all 50 villages.





CASE STUDIES

(1) Child Marriage



Name: Payal Kumari	Age: 15 years (Age when rescued: 15 years)
Village: Matlaung, Manika	Dist.: Latehar (Jharkhand)

My name is Payal Kumari. I study in class 8 in my village school. The economic condition of our family was not good, due to which my father was going to get me married in Ambikapur city of Chhattisgarh. After a few days when my marriage was fixed, the police came to my house and took me and my father to CWC. At the police station, I knew that due to the efforts of the Vedic Society, I and my father were presented by the police before the CWC.

The CWC President asked my father why are you getting her married at such a young age, don't you know that child marriage is a crime by law? My father said that he is not aware of this law and due to the poor economic condition of the family not able to educate her further that is why he is getting her married. Payal also did not want to get married and wanted to study further as she knew the physical and mental damage caused by child marriage.

After hearing the argument, Pankaj Bhaiya, a worker of the Vedic Society, said that Payal would get the benefit of sponsorship that help her to educate further. After this, my father wrote an

application to the CWC president that he would marry me only after I turned 18 and he would educate me as long as I wished. After my father gave this application to the CWC president, he forgave my father after which we returned home.

After a few days, Pankaj Bhaiya came to my house and explained to my father about the benefits of sponsorship and told him to prepare some necessary documents like ID proof, income certificate, etc. to give sponsorship to me.

After this, he told my father to take an oath against child marriage and took his signature along with the signature of the ward members of our village on the affidavit. Payal said that she is thankful to the Vedic Society for saving my future from becoming dark. In the future, I will fight against social evils like child marriage and child abuse and make the future of insecure children like me secure.

(2) Strengthening of Gram Sabha



Past Status

In village: Amdiha, Panchayat: Mangara, Block: Barbadih, District: Latehar, Gram Sabha was not held regularly every month. According to the words of village pradhan Shri Sohrai Singh, Gram Sabha was held to discuss the plan on the orders made by the block offices. Everyone did not know when the village meeting would take place. As a result, not everyone is able to participate in the Gram Sabha. Mostly people used to take individual plans.

Our Efforts

Under the Gram Swaraj program, Tola meetings were held in all the Tolas of Amdiha village and people were informed about the rights, duties and responsibilities of the Gram Sabha. People were told that Gram Sabha is the basis of the development of villages. The all-round development of the village can be done through the Gram Sabha. The dates of the Gram Sabha were decided by the village Pradhan and people were informed in every hamlet of the village to participate in the Gram Sabha. But very less people participated in the Gram Sabha. After discussion with the village pradhan and the people, the date of the Gram Sabha was again fixed in which 37 people participated. Taking it seriously, a discussion was made by the Pradhan, Mukhiya, and Ward Members and a fresh strategy was made. The efforts paid off and a total of 87 people

participated in the meeting of Gram Sabha.

Present Status

Gram Sabha is now being held every month in Aamdiha village. People of all the hamlets are participating in the Gram Sabha every month. Both men and women participate in the meetings of Gram Sabha. Earlier, people in Gram Sabha used to talk about some schemes but now they talk about all the schemes like they talk about the monitoring of schools and Anganwadi, making job cards, etc.

It has now been decided by the people presented in the Gram Sabha that the participation of maximum people should be ensured in the meetings of the Gram Sabha and 8 committees of Gram Sabha should be formed so that all-round development of the village should be ensured.

(3) Child Sexual Abuse



Name: Rajni Kumari & Mehak Kumari

Village: Chapri, Barwadih

Age: 16 years

Dist.: Latehar (Jharkhand)

Age when rescued- 15 years

My name is Rajni. A few months ago, I, along with my friend Mehak, had gone to Gadhwa from our village Chapri to deliver clothes to another friend of ours. Some people found us alone and kidnapped us. They sexually abused both of us, after which we were taken to other places and kept there. A few days later, we were rescued by Barwadih police and the accused were sent to jail.

A few days after this incident, Aarti Didi, a counselor from the Vedic Society, came to meet us and enquired about our mental state.

A few days ago, on January 13, Pankaj Bhaiya, a worker of the Vedic Society, met us and our family members. He said that he had received information that the relatives of the accused were pressuring you to compromise by luring you with money. He explained to our parents that if you get tempted then your daughters will not get justice. And if the accused are not punished, they will get encouraged to do wrong with other girls too. Therefore these people must be punished so that other such people do not dare to commit such a crime.

Rajni said that we all are encouraged by the words of Pankaj Bhaiya and thanked him. Our family members assured him that they would go for justice. We are grateful to the Vedic Society for making all efforts to get justice for us.

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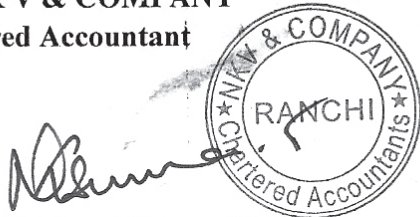
VEDIC SOCIETY

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Consolidated Balance Sheet As on 31st March 31/03/2024

Sr. No	Particulars	Note No	Amount(Rs.)	Amount(Rs.)
A	<u>Liabilities</u>			
I	<u>Fund Balance</u>			
a	Capital Fund	01		3,614,850.56
b	Depreciation Reserve	02		1,660,834.10
II	<u>Loan Fund</u>			
1	Secured Loan			-
2	Unsecured Loan			
III	<u>Current Liabilities & Provisions</u>			
1	Sundry Creditors	03	54,293.00	
2	Duties & Taxes	04	23,063.00	
3	Other Current Liabilities	05	-	77,356.00
Total Liabilities				5,353,040.66
B	<u>Assets</u>			
I	<u>Fixed Assets</u>	06		4,957,547.60
II	<u>Investments</u>	07		-
III	<u>Current Assets</u>			
1	Loans & Advances	08	15,000.00	
2	Other Current Assets	09	6,400.00	
3	Cash & Bank Balance	10	374,093.06	395,493.06
Total Assets				5,353,040.66





As per our separate report of even date attached

For N K V & COMPANY
Chartered AccountantCA Nandkishore Kumar Vishwakarma
Proprietor
Membership no.-450907
Firm's Registration no.- 033417C
Date:- 31-07-2024

For, VEDIC SOCIETY

Secretary

President
VEDIC Society

VEDIC SOCIETY				
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Consolidated Income & Expenditure Account For The Year Ended 31/03/2024				
Sr. No	Particulars	Note No	Amount(Rs.)	Amount(Rs.)
A	Income			
1	Indian Grant-In-Aid	11	9,253,858.70	
2	FCRA Grant-In-Aid	12	2,307,209.00	
3	VEDIC Project & Other Income	13	232,025.00	
4	Bank Interest and Other Interest	14	132,266.00	11,925,358.70
(1) Total Income				11,925,358.70
B	Programme Expenses			
1	Indian Grant Programme Expenses	15	9,321,718.90	
2	FCRA Grant Programme Expenses	16	2,299,419.20	
3	VEDIC Own Programme Expenses	17	-	
4	Adminstrative Expenses	18	347,901.52	11,969,039.62
5	Depreciation	06		816,305.00
(2) Total Expenses				12,785,344.62
1-2 Excess of Income Over Expeniture Transfer to Balance Sheet				(859,985.92)
As per our separate report of even date attached				
For N K V & COMPANY Chartered Accountant		For, VEDIC SOCIETY		
 		 Secretary		
CA Nandkishore Kumar Vishwakarma Proprietor Membership no.-450907 Firm's Registration no.- 033417C Date:- 31-07-2024		 President VEDIC Society		

MEDIA COVERAGE

आदिम जनजाति परिवार के बीच पोषाहार का वितरण

प्रभात मंत्र संवाददाता

बरवाडीह : स्वयंसेवी संस्था वैदिक सोसाइटी के द्वारा सोमवार को छेचा पंचायत सचिवालय में पंचायत क्षेत्र अंतर्गत आने वाले आदिम जनजाति बहुल गांव के गर्भवती महिलाओं के साथ किशोरियों के बीच पोषाहार वितरण कार्यक्रम का आयोजन किया गया। कार्यक्रम में मुख्य अतिथि के रूप में जिला परिषद के सदस्य संतोषी शेखर के साथ विशिष्ट अतिथि के रूप में पंचायत के मुखिया आशा देवी पंचायत समिति सदस्य मंजू देवी वार्ड पार्षद रूपाली सिंह ने शिरकत की। संस्था के ओम प्रकाश तिवारी ने बताया कि आदिम जनजाति बहुल गांव में कुपोषण के मामले लगातार मिलते रहते हैं और इसी समस्या को देखते हुए गर्भवती महिलाओं के साथ किशोरियों के बीच संस्था के माध्यम से पोषाहार वितरण



कार्यक्रम की शुरुआत की गई है जिसके तहत पंचायत क्षेत्र अंतर्गत लगभग 40 गर्भवती और किशोरियों का चयन किया गया है। वही जिला परिषद सदस्य संतोषी शेखर ने संस्था के इस कार्यक्रम की जमकर प्रशंसा की और कहा कि हमारे क्षेत्र आदिवासी और आदिम जनजाति बहुल है जहां जागरूकता की कमी के कारण हमारे क्षेत्र की महिलाएं कुपोषण का शिकार होती

है और ऐसी स्थिति में हमारे समाज को नुकसान पहुंचता है इस लिहाज से संस्था के माध्यम से आदिम जनजाति परिवारों को जागरूक करने के साथ उन्हें पोषाहार उपलब्ध कराना काबिले तारीफ है। मौके पर रोबट डोडराय, सुमन कुजूर, सिलवंती देवी, मुन्ना सिंह मुस्लिम खाँ समेत काफी सख्या में आदिम जनजाति परिवार की महिलाएं और किशोरी मौजूद रहे।

बाल विवाह और बाल हिंसा को रोकने के लिए कार्यशाला का आयोजन



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गारू। प्रखंड सभागार में सोमवार को बाल विवाह, बाल तस्करी और बाल मजदूरी के रोकथाम के लिए एक दिवसीय कार्यशाला का आयोजन किया गया। गारू प्रखंड क्षेत्र के मुखिया और अधिकारियों ने भाग लिया। कार्यशाला को संबोधित करते हुए मुख्य अतिथि प्रखंड प्रमुख सीता देवी ने कहा कि बाल विवाह से बालिकाओं

का बचपन छीन लिया जाता है। जन जागरूकता लाकर बाल विवाह को समाप्त किया जा सकता है। उन्होंने कहा कि बाल विवाह, यौन हिंसा और बाल मजदूरी के खिलाफ हम सब को मिलकर आवाज उठाना होगा। मौके पर बीडीओ ने विस्तृत जानकारी देते हुए कहा कि बाल विवाह करने और कराने वाले दोनों समान रूप से दोषी है।



उपस्थित मुखियाओं ने कहा कि अपने अपने पंचायत को बाल विवाह मुक्त बनायें। हम लोगों का सहयोग हमेशा मिलता रहेगा। जिला समन्वयक पंकज पांडे ने कहा कि बाल विवाह रोकने के लिए सरकार द्वारा कई कल्याणकारी कार्यक्रम चलाया जा रहा है, जिससे लाभ लिया जा सकता है। मौके पर उपस्थित वैदिक सोसाइटी के सचिव

चंद्रशेखर सिंह, काउंसलर डॉ आरती, सी एस डब्ल्यू प्रवीण कुमार सिंह, उप प्रमुख रामदास यादव, बीस सूत्री अध्यक्ष कमरुद्दीन खलीफा, भाजपा जिला अध्यक्ष शिला देवी, मुखिया सुनेश्वर सिंह, रूपमणि नागेशिया, पंचायत सचिव राजेंद्र उरांव, महिला पर्यवेक्षिका इंदुमती कुजूर, आगनबाड़ी सेविका और ग्रामीण उपस्थित थे।

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फ्रीडम फाइटर संवाददाता लातेहार : अकेले में भी बच्चों की अश्लील फिल्में देखना 'निजता' के दायरे में नहीं उक्त बातें वैदिक सोसाइटी के चंद्रशेखर ने कही। उन्होंने कहा कि बच्चों की अश्लील फिल्में देखने वालों पर 24 घंटे नजरमद्रास हाईकोर्ट के फैसले की समीक्षा करने का सुप्रीमकोर्ट का आदेश बच्चों की अश्लील फिल्में देखने वालों के लिए एक सख्त चेतावनी घर के एकांत में भी बच्चों की अश्लील फिल्में डाउनलोड करने और देखने को आप निजता का मामला बताकर इस अपराध से बच नहीं सकते, क्योंकि जिला पुलिस और विभिन्न केन्द्रीय और अंतरराष्ट्रीय एजेंसियां आप पर निगरानी रख रही हैं। बच्चों की अश्लील फिल्में देखने और अश्लील सामग्रियां डाउनलोड करने को अपराध नहीं ठहराने के मद्रास हाईकोर्ट के फैसले की समीक्षा के सुप्रीमकोर्ट के निर्णय से यह सख्त संदेश गया है कि

बाल पोर्न देखने पर आप निजता का हवाला देकर नहीं बच सकते। शीर्ष अदालत का यह फैसला उन सभी लोगों के लिए चेतावनी है जो सोचते हैं कि अकेले में बच्चों से जुड़ी अश्लील सामग्रियां देखना अपराध नहीं है। बालपोर्नो ग्राफी पर मद्रास हाईकोर्ट के फैसले को ह्यभदा और बेतुकाह्ल बताते हुए तमिलनाडु सरकार को नोटिस जारी किया। शीर्ष अदालत ने यह आदेश गैर सरकारी संगठनों के गठबंधन जस्ट राइट्स फॉर चिल्ड्रेन एलायंस की याचिका, मद्रास हाईकोर्ट के हालिया फैसले को चुनौती दी थी। चंद्रशेखर ने आगे कहा कि मद्रास हाईकोर्ट ने एक चर्चित आदेश में चेन्नई के 28 वर्षीय एक व्यक्ति के खिलाफ एफआईआर और आपराधिक कार्रवाई को खारिज करते हुए के कहा था कि बाल पोर्नोग्राफी देखना पाँक्सो अधिनियम, 2012 के प्रावधानों के दायरे में नहीं आता।

