

Annual Report

2021-2022

Shashwat Trust, Manchar

Tah. Ambegoan, Dist. Pune

Forestation



Village Development



Water Management

Shashwat



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Community Conserved Forest (Sacred Groves)



Health Initiatives

Scholarships

UNDP Equator Prize 2012



Drawdown Cultivation



Kindergarten



Kitchen Garden

Tuition Classes



Adult Literacy Class

Plantation



Few Future Plans & Activities

- Medicinal Plants Nursery
- Vocational Courses (Nursing, Tailoring etc.)
- Skill Development (Don Bosco)
- Clean Village
- Seed Balls
- Making of local food products by women
- Mango Plants Nursery
- Eco-Tourism

About Shashwat

The establishment of the Shashwat Trust took place in 1996, but the organization's work began with Kusum Karnik in 1981, displaced by the Dimbhe Dam in Ambegaon taluka, alongside tribal communities. The work focused on fulfilling people's needs, such as constructing dams for irrigation, maintaining land records, digging wells for water, terrace farming, reducing malnutrition through Balwadis, school and health programs, awareness among women through meetings, seminars, dairy farming. Measures like Galperr, E. Masevari, Katkari questions, Katkari households, smokeless stoves, poultry farming, tree planting, nurseries, forest questions, and wildlife sanctuaries have been implemented in Ambegaon Junnar and Khed talukas to secure our food.

Sr. No.	Programme	Beneficiaries
1	Kindergarten	95
2	Health Program	2707
3	Bridge Education Class and COVID Camp Programme – Khed	150
4	Scholarship Assistance	19
5	Health Campaign	4825
6	Goat Farming	750
7	Pond Excavation and Construction	776
8	Plant Nursery	150
9	Bamboo Plantation	2475
10	Mango Plantation	274
11	Hirada Project	45
12	Diwali Faral Distribution	450
13	Ration Distribution	20715
	Total	33431

Activity-2021-22

Education and Awareness

Education is the need of the hour, and gaining access to it is a fundamental right. That is why, through the Shashwat organization, education is being provided from children to the elderly through balwadis (preschools), study classes, and adult literacy programs, bringing them into the mainstream. Alongside this, awareness programs are being conducted by providing health and educational information to both women and men through community gatherings.

1. Balwadis (Preschools)

There are 10 balwadis currently running—7 in Ambegaon taluka and 3 in Khed taluka—where 143 students from the Mahadev Koli, Katkari, and Thakar tribal communities are receiving education. Even though the balwadis were not operational during the COVID pandemic, nutritious snacks and dates were distributed to the children every month. The children are also taken to health centers for check-ups and treatment, including monitoring their weight and height. Toys have also been distributed to the children. The teachers have undergone training. Support for this initiative has been provided by Barnas Venner (Norway) and Morde Foods, Manchar.

Sr. No.	Name of Balwadi (Location)	Number of Students
1	Ahupe (Banachi Wadi)	7
2	Ahupe (Mhadli Wadi)	8
3	Gangapur (Gadekar Wadi)	18
4	Aambegaon (Katkari Vasti)	26
5	Malin (Chinchewadi Wadi)	11
6	Adhivare (Katkari Vasti)	14
7	Ahupe Jalkwadi	7
8	Yelwali	12
9	Bhisevasti Thokawade	16
10	Vitthalwadi Shirgaon	21
	Total	140

2. Study Classes

Through the organization, a total of 562 students from grades 1 to 6, and in some places students from grades 7 and 8 as well, are receiving education. In Ambegaon taluka, 13 study classes are running, and in Khed taluka, there are 12—making a total of 25 study classes. A total of 15 training sessions have been conducted through the Door Step organization, Pune. Teaching is primarily done by students from the tribal communities themselves.

Various cultural and educational events are celebrated in these study classes, such as Mahatma Gandhi Jayanti, Children's Day, Makar Sankranti, Girl Child Day, and Marathi Language Day. Reading aloud competitions have also been organized.

Activity

Sr. No.	Program	Attendance
1	Village Meeting	267
2	Awareness Campaign	25
3	Number of Students	462
4	Training	17
5	Writing Practice	2
6	Book Distribution	2,525
7	Competition Participation	482
	Total Beneficiaries	3,780



फुलवडे येथे आदिवासी मुलांसाठी अभ्यासवर्ग

फुलवडे, ता. २ : दोन वर्षांपासून पहिली ते सहावीत शिकणाऱ्या आदिवासी मुलांसाठी अभ्यासवर्ग घेण्यात येत आहे. शाश्वत संस्था मंचर यांच्यामार्फत घेण्यात येत असलेल्या अभ्यास वर्गात चित्रकला स्पर्धा, निबंध स्पर्धा, शुद्धलेखन, गोष्ट सांगणे असे विविध नावीन्यपूर्ण उपक्रम राबविले जातात. या मुलांना संस्थेतर्फे संपूर्ण शैक्षणिक साहित्य, गणित बॅग, १० गोष्टीची पुस्तके, मास्क, सॅनिटायझर, साबण, दर महिन्याला खाऊ आदींचे वाटप करण्यात येते. सर्व स्वयंसेवकांना डोअर स्टेप संस्था पुणे यांच्यातर्फे साक्षरता कार्यक्रमांतर्गत

प्रशिक्षण देण्यात आले आहे. मार्चमध्ये १८ अभ्यासवर्गात प्रकट वाचन स्पर्धा घेण्यात आली. त्यामध्ये ३६४ विद्यार्थ्यांनी सहभाग नोंदवून प्रथम क्रमांकात ७६ मुलांनी यश संपादन केले. सर्व विद्यार्थ्यांना पेन, पेन्सिल व कंपासपेटीचे वाटप संस्थेच्या विश्वस्त प्रतिभा तांबे व जंगल संवर्धन प्रकल्प समन्वयक शांताराम गुंजाळ यांनी केले. या उपक्रमास संस्थेचे उपाध्यक्ष व कार्यकारी विश्वस्त सुरेश राजवाडे, कोषाध्यक्ष अशोक आढाव तसेच सुपरवायझर अरुण पारधी, शामल गोपाळे व स्वयंसेवक कासाबाई गवारी, लता गोडे, अरुणा दळे, प्रशांत



पिंपरी (ता. आंबेगाव) : प्रकट वाचन स्पर्धेत सहभागी विद्यार्थी, स्वयंसेवक.

वडेकर, सीता तिटकारे, रमा आंबेकर, संगीता बानेरे, नीलेश काटे, पूजा काटे, ज्योती मराडे, योगेश जाधव

निवृत्ती भोमाळे, प्रतिक्षा केदारी स्वप्नील म्हसे यांनी उपक्रमासाठी परिश्रम घेतले.

3. Educational Assistance – Bhatewara Foundation

The organization helps poor but promising students obtain scholarships through the Bhatewara Foundation for their education. So far, a total of 5 students have received scholarships.

4. Women's Adult Literacy Classes – Khed

Since 2021, Shashwat has been running three adult literacy classes for women in Khed taluka—specifically in Mandoshi (Hurwalewasti, Jawalewasti) and Shirgaon (Vitthalwadi)—benefiting 54 women in total. These women have learned to read and write their own names, sign their names, and read and write simple words, sentences, and home addresses. This has contributed to improving their practical knowledge. As a result of the adult literacy classes, a noticeable, albeit gradual, educational change has been seen among the women.



5) Village Improvement Program

Yelavali is a remote village with no proper transportation facilities. After surveying the village, the organization began working there. The village lacked government and healthcare services, so the organization brought health services to the community and connected ASHA workers with the village. COVID-19 vaccinations were administered, and health camps were conducted for hemoglobin, blood group, and sugar level testing.

To improve sanitation, toilet cabins were installed—three each in two different hamlets. For grinding grains, villagers had to walk 3 km downhill. To resolve this issue, the organization set up a grain mill in the village, significantly reducing the inconvenience. A similar grain mill was also provided to Hursale Wasti.

In Mandoshi (Bangarvasti), *Dhokla Hirda* (a type of medicinal fruit) is found in large quantities. A self-help group of 15 women and men was formed, and a Hirda peeling machine was provided. This initiative created employment opportunities for the local women.

Sr. No.	Activity	Beneficiaries
1	Village cleaning and sanitation	196
2	Kitchen Garden	17
3	Corona vaccination	88
4	Immunity boosters, blanket distribution, sanitizer, dates, raisins, tonic, protein powder distribution	257
5	Flour mill	247
6	Waste management	17
7	Hemoglobin & blood group check-up camp	42
8	Toilet cabin	17
9	Women's Day	258
10	Hirda making machine	250
	Total	1389



6. Sacred Grove Conservation Project

In tribal regions, a *devrai* is a forest area preserved for religious purposes. The trees in these sacred groves are protected and cared for. In Terungan, a pathway to an ancient *devrai* has been constructed using stone steps, and an iron bridge has been built over the stream, making it easier to access the grove even during the monsoon season.

A stone platform (*paara*) has been built around a large tree in the *devrai*, and an iron arch has been installed at the entrance. In the sparsely vegetated areas of the grove, saplings of grafted guava are being planted, and bamboo saplings are being grown as fencing. These efforts aim to strengthen the protection and preservation of the sacred grove.



7. Tree Plantation

Due to increasing deforestation, the condition of the Earth is worsening day by day. The oxygen level has dropped, and global temperatures are rising. To help protect the environment, the organization is implementing a tree plantation project.

Based on farmers' requests, 2,475 saplings of various species such as mango, hirda, cashew, jackfruit, amla, tamhan, and bhiska have been planted. Additionally, the wild saplings planted last year have also been nurtured and maintained.

Tree plantation not only helps in forest regeneration but also plays a crucial role in maintaining ecological balance. This project has been financially supported by Mercedes-Benz India Ltd., Chakan.

Tree Plantation Data

Sr. No	Villages Name	Planting
1	Chikhali	2205
2	Mhatarbachhi Wadi	130
3	Fanaswadi	140
	Total	2475



8. Mango Plantation

A mango plantation project is being implemented in Khed and Ambegaon talukas. In five villages of Khed taluka, a total of 2,600 grafted mango saplings have been distributed to 267 farmers, at a ratio of 10 or 5 saplings each. The farmers have planted these saplings on their own land.

Tasks such as pit digging, refilling, planting saplings, watering, and weeding have all been carried out with community participation. This project not only promotes tree plantation and aids in forest regeneration, but also helps reduce the ongoing environmental degradation to some extent. Additionally, it is expected to increase the farmers' income over time.

Sr. No	Villages Name	Beneficiary	Distribution of Plant
1	Mandoshi	65	650
2	Hursalwadi	31	310
3	Shiroan	62	620
4	Tokavade	70	630
5	Pabhe	30	390
	Total	267	2600



9. Tree Plantation – Terungan Ashram School

In collaboration with the headmaster of the government ashram school in Terungan and the Tribal Development Project, Ghodegaon, a tree plantation drive was carried out in the open space of the school premises. A total of 320 saplings of species such as Tamhan, Bhiksa, Amla, and Tecoma were planted.

This project received financial support from the State Bank of India, Manchar.



10. Distribution of Grocery and Medical Kits

During the second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic, a large number of villages in the tribal areas of Ambegaon and Khed talukas were severely affected. Many earning members of families were infected, and some even lost their lives. As a helping hand to the affected, needy families, widows, and persons with disabilities, the organization distributed grocery kits.

A total of 370 families across 19 villages in Ambegaon taluka and 15 villages in Khed taluka received kits worth ₹1300 each. Financial support for grocery kits was provided by Anandvan Maharogi Seva Samiti, Vadora, and for medical kits by Tata Motors.



11. Health Program – Ambegaon

In earlier times, the tribal regions of Ambegaon taluka faced severe health-related challenges. Malnutrition was widespread, and healthcare services were largely inaccessible. To address these issues, the organization began working based on the needs of the local people.

Initiatives included organizing medical camps, training sessions, women's gatherings, health awareness drives, and providing information about hospitals. The organization also helped patients get admitted and access government healthcare services.

Efforts were made to educate women on the importance of a nutritious diet and the benefits of green leafy vegetables. They were also encouraged to develop kitchen gardens. Public awareness campaigns and guidance from expert doctors were key components of this health initiative.

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Sr. No.	Program	Attendance
1	Eye Check-up Camp	168
2	Women's Health Check-up Camp	37
3	Ear, Nose, Throat Check-up	69
4	Infertility (Not Conceiving) – Guidance by Expert Doctors	57
5	Corona Patient Admission & Guidance	244
6	COVID-19 Awareness & Vaccination in 15 Villages	650
7	Monsoon Diseases Prevention, Primary Treatment & Medicine Distribution	500
8	Women's Health Awareness, Guidance & Calcium Tablet Distribution	1000
9	Awareness on Children's Diseases & Medicine Distribution	500
10	Distribution of Protein Powder to Pregnant & Lactating Mothers	500
11	Support to Seriously Ill Patients – Hospital Facility & Medical Expenses	22
12	Guidance for Adolescent Girls	88
13	Domestic Violence Awareness Program	50
14	Guidance on World Women's Day	253
	Total	4138



12. Kitchen Garden (Parasbag) Development

To ensure that women in the tribal areas of Ambegaon taluka have access to fresh green vegetables, the organization implemented a kitchen garden project. Under this initiative, 31 women's groups were formed across 20 villages. Each group was provided with the necessary materials and seeds to start their own kitchen gardens.

The women cultivated various vegetables and achieved the following total yields across all groups:

Ridge gourd: 389 kg, Field beans: 404 kg, Bitter gourd: 71 kg, Pumpkin: 180 kg, Radish: 357 kg, Cluster beans: 65 kg, Okra/lady's fingers: 526 kg, Green chili: 800 kg

The produce was consumed by the families themselves, providing them with fresh and nutritious food, while the surplus was sold in nearby villages, contributing to both nutrition and livelihood.



13) Seed Ball Preparation

With the aim of generating employment for women, the organization provides training in making seed balls. This involves mixing cow dung and soil, embedding seeds into the mixture, and forming them into balls.

A group of 50 women collectively prepared 10,000 seed balls, which were sold to Mercedes-Benz, Chakan. This initiative provided the women with some income, while also contributing to environmental conservation. When planted, the seed balls help increase the number of trees, thus supporting ecological balance.



14. Diwali Snack Distribution

Every year, Shashwat Sanstha, Manchar, distributes Diwali snacks to many underprivileged families in Ambegaon and Khed talukas. In 2021 as well, on October 30th, Diwali snacks — including *chivda* and *laddus* — were distributed to 350 families.

The distribution reached communities in Amande Adiwale, Vachpe, Ambegaon, Phulwade, Dimbhe, Shindewasti, Mahalunge (Katkari families), as well as the Phase Pardhi families in Manchar, and Katkari families in Shirgaon-Vitthalwadi of Khed taluka.



15. Nursery Project

The primary aim of the nursery project in the western tribal region of Ambegaon taluka was to create employment opportunities for the local population by developing a medicinal plant nursery. Additionally, the initiative aimed to encourage people to cultivate medicinal plants and establish small-scale supplementary livelihoods.

As part of this effort, 927 varieties of plants were collected from the forest and cultivated in the nursery, resulting in the production of 22,636 saplings. This project has provided employment opportunities for local women and promoted the sustainable use of forest resources.



16. Ecotourism

To create employment opportunities for local residents in the Bhimashankar Wildlife Sanctuary area, the organization has identified two locations for ecotourism: Mhatara Bachi Wadi (on Terungan Road) and Ahupe. These spots are close to the Bhimashankar Road, attracting a large number of tourists. Since the Bhimashankar temple is one of the twelve *Jyotirlingas*, thousands of devotees visit annually.

A savings group of 15 local residents has been formed, and they will manage the tourism centers. The organization will provide training and necessary equipment to the beneficiaries, including guide training.

Ahupe is already a popular destination due to attractions like Kokankada, Devrai (sacred grove), Bhattiche Raan (forest), and Sakhar Machi. The group will arrange accommodation, meals, and guided tours to these scenic and natural spots.

Through this project, group members will receive significant employment opportunities, leading to increased income and economic upliftment.

Sr. No	Villages Name	Beneficiary
1	Mhatwbachi wadi	25
2	Ahupe	25



17. Employment Generation

To create employment opportunities for women in tribal areas, the organization formed seven women's self-help groups. The region has an abundance of *Hirida* (*Terminalia chebula*), but due to low market rates for raw Hirida, its value remains underutilized. However, if processed into flakes or powder, it fetches a better price in the Ayurvedic market.

To support this, each group was provided with a Hirida flaking machine and proper training. The women will process the Hirida into flakes and sell them. One of the groups will purchase the flakes from the remaining six and further process them into powder. For this, the organization will provide a pulverizer machine, technical guidance, space, and training. This initiative is expected to significantly boost income and create sustainable livelihoods for the women involved.

18. Water Project

Although the organization had previously dug several water ponds, due to increasing population and livestock, water availability has decreased—especially during the summer months. The remaining water often becomes contaminated, leading to serious health concerns.

To address this, the organization implemented water projects in the villages of Apati, Dandewadi, Khete Pathar, Mhatara Bachi Wadi, and Bangarwadi (Khed). These projects ensured the availability of clean drinking water for both villagers and livestock during the summer, significantly improving the overall quality of life and reducing water-related health issues.

Sr. No	Village Name	Beneficiaries Population	Livestock (No.)	Water Storage Capacity (Cubic Meter)
1	Apati	250	170	1042
2	Dandewadi	150	500	645.7
3	Khetse Pathar	500	700	788.9
4	Mhatarbachi Wadi	600	320	764
5	Bangarwadi	650	150	636.9



सकाळ

खडकामध्ये चार तळ्यांचे खोदकाम

आपटी, खेतेपठार, दांडेवाडी आणि बांगरवाडीचा पाणीप्रश्न मार्गी

मंचर, ता. १२ : "आंबेगाव तालुक्यातील आदिवासी भागातील तीन गावांत व खेड तालुक्यातील एका गावात विण्याच्या पाण्याच्या व्यवस्थेसाठी खडकामध्ये चार तळ्यांचे खोदकाम करण्यात आले. या तळ्यांमध्ये एकूण दोन कोटी ३५ लाख ३४ हजार लिटर पाण्याचा साठा होणार आहे. मंचर येथील शाश्वत संस्थेमार्फत हा उपक्रम राबविण्यात आला." अशी माहिती संस्थेच्या विस्तृत प्रतिभा तांबे यांनी दिली.

आंबेगाव तालुक्यातील आपटी, खेतेपठार, दांडेवाडी आणि खेड तालुक्यातील बांगरवाडी येथील तळ्यांचे खोदकाम व बांधकाम या उपक्रमांतर्गत करण्यात आले आहे. एका तळ्याच्या खोदकाम, बांधकामाचा आकार ३० फूट लांब व ३० फूट रुंद असून खोली २५ फूट आहे. तसेच २२ हजार ५०० घनफूट खोदकाम करण्यात आले आहे.



आपटी (ता. आंबेगाव) : तळ्याच्या उद्घाटनप्रसंगी मान्यवर.

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- सुरेश राजवाडे, उपअध्यक्ष, शाश्वत संस्था, मंचर

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19. Cleanliness Drive – Bhimashankar Area

Bhimashankar, being one of the twelve Jyotirlingas, attracts a large number of devotees every year. Due to this heavy footfall, the area often suffers from plastic waste accumulation.

On October 5, 2021, a cleanliness drive was conducted jointly by the organization's volunteers, the Forest Department, and students from Vishwakarma Institute of Technology, Pune. Together, they collected the plastic waste from the Bhimashankar temple premises and surrounding areas and ensured its proper disposal. This effort significantly contributed to maintaining the cleanliness and sanctity of the Bhimashankar temple area.



20. Flood Relief – Mahad

The organization is always at the forefront during times of crisis. In August 2021, heavy rainfall led to a severe flood situation in the Konkan region. Mahad and its surrounding villages remained submerged for 5 to 7 days.

On September 18, 2021, the organization prepared and distributed 500 essential household kits to flood-affected families. These kits were generously provided by Mercedes-Benz, Chakan. Additionally, from the organization's existing inventory, the following items were also distributed: 50 mattresses, 80 plates and bowls, 50 storage boxes, 20 trunks, 80 blankets. These were distributed to families in 9 villages near Mahad, each receiving one complete kit. This effort provided much-needed support to those who had lost their belongings in the floods.



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