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Vedic & Homa Therapy for Agriculture (hereinafter known as **VHA** for sake of brevity) is Non - governmental Not for profit organization. The main aim of the organization is to teach farmers, with focus on small and medium farmers the various techniques revealed in ancient Indian Vedic texts about agriculture, which would enable them to grow quality produce.

It was also intense desire of our NGO to spread the message of Homa Organic Farming technology among the poor and the needy farmers so there is all round development among them. We felt that this message could be effectively conveyed if it was associated with Agriculture.

If we could prove them that Agnihotra leads to better yields and higher income in agriculture, they would not need further encouragement to spread the message of Agnihotra among their fellow farmers. The upliftment in their standards of living will be foregone conclusion, which is our ultimate aim, combined with our socio-commercial interests.

1) Milk Distribution

NGO is running Goshala at Sajiwali, Shahapur Taluka, District Thane, having around 45 cows of Gir Variety. NGO is distributing milk to children of weaker section of communities & also supplying in Anganwadi.

There are around 70 children taking advantage of this Programme. It is very helpful to tribal communities, which are unable to buy milk to their kids. We want to increase the distribution of milk in various villages in coming days.

2) Educational Activities

The VHA has adopted a multi pronged approach in the field of education over a period of 3 years of effective implementation of various programmes in the community. It trained a group of 30 youth as community representatives who are now helping in various activities of the organisation. The organization's educational centres are being running by these representatives under the guided supervision.

3) Consumer Awareness

The NGO is running the consumer counseling centre at Sajiwali, Taluka Shahapur for all people to weaker

section in Thane District under the Centre Consumer Protection Act counseling and awareness this act and people to get justice for this act all trust will organize this consumer awareness programme of street plays film shows, slide shows and talks in 20 villages & school & colleges also.

4) Programmes for Women

Vedic and Homa Therapy for Agriculture arranged Mahila Shibir in 15 villages & income generation training camp in 5 villages. There were 350 women were enrolled. These women want to begin some income generation activities. The Organisation is trying to approach Govt. agency to help these women.

5) Programme on Vermi-Composting

Programme is specially organised to Agriculture Officers, Agriculture Dept. of Govt., farmers & local people at village Sajiwali, Shahapur Thane. The practice of vermicomposting has high benefits in terms of waste and weed management and quality supply of manure, derived from own farm, thus making the farmer self reliant on his own resources for manure. Skilled Persons of NGO has given guidelines to the farmers & other organization's representatives. Our Representatives and farmers,

other organisation discussed many things on vermicomposting. There were 40 farmers & Agriculture Officers participated in this programme.

6) Cow Distribution Programmes

Distribution of Desi Cows among farmers is one of the basic programs of our NGO. Agriculture is based on Cow farming, hence we propose to give the farmer at least one indigenous cow per acre of cultivation. The indigenous cows are currently available but poor farmer are unable to purchase it, so we are giving a subsidy for each cow purchase.

7) Environment Awareness Programme

VHA has undertaken environment awareness programme at Primary School Ground, Bhatsa Nagar, Shahapur on the Environment Day. There were 200 schoolboys & girls enrolled, programme was focused on tree plantation. A rally and camp was also arranged on environment awareness and tree plantation, with schoolboys and girls. VHA has distributed various types of plants in 20 villages and also planted 70 trees beside of internal roads of Sajiwali village.

8) Nursery Plantation Training Camp

VHA has organised one day camp on Training for Nursery Plantation for weaker section of communities and poor farmers village Sajiwali, Taluka Shahaur, District Thane. The Representatives of VHA, given guidelines to them for nursery plantation. Also arranged slide show on grafting, nursery materials, and plantation. There were 50 farmers participated.

9) Informal Training Camp

We conducted training camp on Organic farming at Village Sajiwali, Shahapur, District Thane, for local people and farmers of surrounding villages of Shahapur & Agriculture Officers of Agriculture Dept. of Maharashtra Govt

Representatives of organization are teaching about organic farming and how to do it? And also advised them on organic farming methods. Organization help an awareness camp for farmers on organic farming in which vital information was given to them about the importance of organic farming for better agriculture production with minimum expenses.

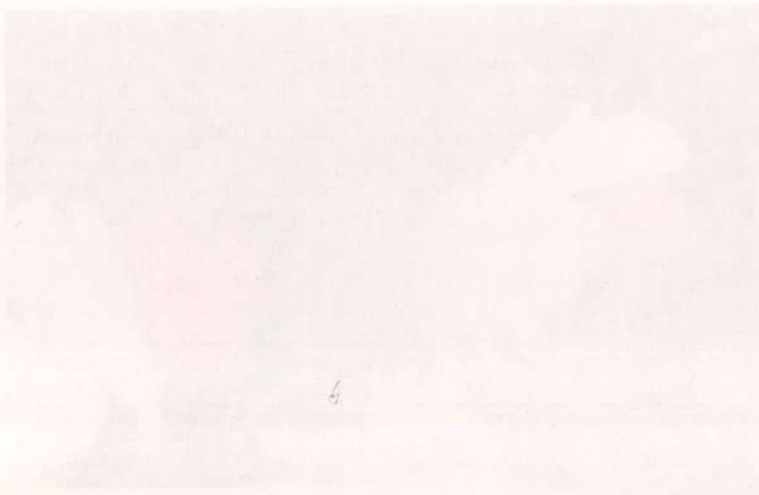
10) Camp on Agnihotra - Homa Therapy

The aim of NGO is to spread knowledge of Agnihotra - Homa Therapy in worldwide. NGO arranged whole day training camp at NGO's Hall at Sajiwali, Shahapur Taluka, District Thane

This camp specially organised for Agriculture Officers of Agriculture Dept. of Maharashtra, were all of Konkan Region officers participated. Mrs. Irma Gracia, Venezuela, representatives of NGO, taught the Agnihotra to them. After training, handbill, pamphlet were distributed to them.



(Training Camp for Informal Training on Organic Farming)





(Participants are taking nursery training at VHA's Nursery Plantation at Sajiwali)



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