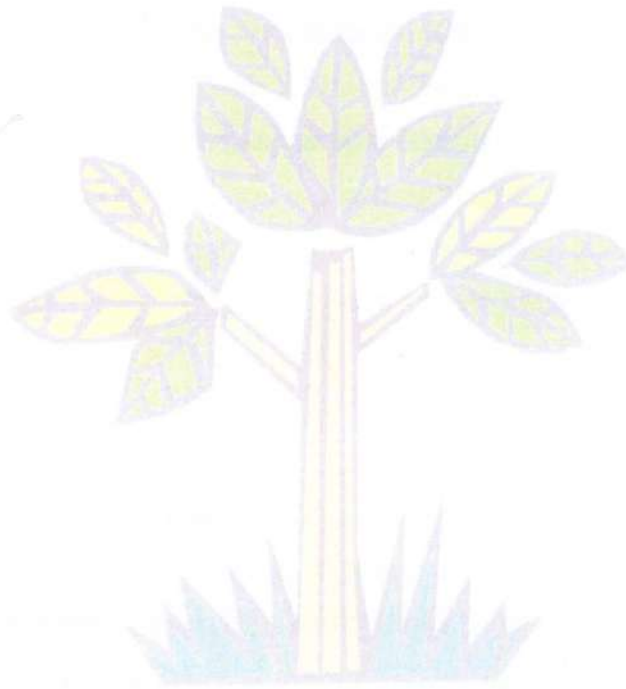


# VEDIC AND HOMA THERAPY FOR AGRICULTURE



Year 2005-2006

(Covers Period January 2005 to March 2006)

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## Vedic and Homa Therapy For Agriculture

### Activity Report For The Period January 2005- March 2006

Vedic And Homa Therapy For Agriculture (VHA) has pleasure to present this First Activity Report, for one complete year and a quarter (Jan 2005 – March 2005), after its registration as Company Under Provisions of Section 25 of Company's Act 1956. The provisions depict the company as "Non Profit Company"

#### **History**

The saga began in 1993 as Mr Vyankatesh Kulkarni & his associates out of the curiosity purchased the land at Village Sajivali Near Bhatsa Nagar for the purpose of farming as a leisure activity. The reason was obvious to select such location, & that was availability of Water. The leisure Farming was enthusiastically christened as Manas Krushi Farm. It was however, in a short period of time revealed the truth behind farming, & that was " 24X 7 X 52 Hours of Hard Work, annually".

But, as very nature, of Mr Kulkarni goes, stipulates every odd situation as an Opportunity. And began the learning ground for Mr Kulkarni with "soiled hands" at Sajivali with the "local experts" sharing the experiences with the village "Think Tanks". It took almost Seven Years to realize that the way conventional farming is done is not Sustainable & to make sustainable it needs different vision. This year 2000, was full of turmoil & experimentation due to restlessness of Mr Kulkarni to switch the mind set to untold saga of farming but self realization. And then was a conscious decision of Organic term attached to farming for the first time & then became as synonymous as Mr Kulkarni, with Manas Krushi Farm.

#### **Genesis**

"The need gives the birth to vision" this was the same case of Mr Kulkarni, as frustrated out of results of, use of chemical fertilizers & fleet of pesticides,

weedicides, fungicides & herbicides etc. stood out of masses & asked himself as " Is this the way one should do it?" How our ancient practices were? What our ancient literature has to say about it? The reply to all these questions was only one & that was "Organic Farming According to depiction & description". And then the idea flashed to his mind to share these practices to share with all his fellowmen, countrymen & further now globalmen.

This reason prompted Mr Kulkarni to promote Organic Farming & more precise to follow ancient technique, not blindly but rigorously since 2001. The aim & idea was very limited to fellowmen in near vicinity where physical attention can easily be provided & could be self-reliance from resources point of view. It was however, beyond expectation, the response achieved from all associate farmers within further couple of years, felt need of expansion of activities in broader perspective. As well as systematic & organizational approach felt necessary to raise the resources from every corner of the Globe, gave birth to Vedic And Homa Therapy For Agriculture as Company registered under provisions of section 25 of Company Act 1956.

### **The Intention**

Mr Kulkarni with his own experiences, believed that Ancient Technique of Agriculture described in Atharva Veda is sustainable even in modern life. A special feature added to it is Homa Therapy, we call it as "Agnihotra" in vernacular. Agnihotra does not only supports the agriculture activities but works amazingly in broader perspective to maintain Environmental purity in surrounding area.

Hence Name of the company was selected based on combination of these two aspects of life.

### **The Goals**

Before incorporation of company Mr Kulkarni has set a vision towards radical transformation to Organic Farming & set a bench mark in surrounding area. During

the personal visits to various farmers, he encountered the eye opening situations regarding inability of farmers to support the livelihood based on farming alone.

These needs need to be addressed collectively as well as individually as the case may be in order to prevent felling of trees in nearby forests, to prevent migration of people to urban area like Thane, Mumbai, Kalyan etc. & to create livelihood locally. These are very vital programs those would bring people to farming & further sustainable farming.

Then Social up-liftment program of nearby villages in order to make them financially stand alone without need of opting for bank borrowing.

In short, journey began with Organic Farming the company never realized that it embraced a supportive larger perspective as a Goal of social Development of entire village.

### **1) Consumer Awareness**

The company is running the consumer counseling center at Birwadi, Taluka Shahapur & Nehroli, Taluka Wada for all people of weaker section & tribal section in Thane District under the center Consumer Protection Act counseling and awareness this act and people to get justice for this act. Our NGO organized this consumer awareness programme of street plays film shows, slide shows & school & colleges also. Mr Shirish Deshpande Conducted the program. 300 peoples are participated on event.

### **2) Environment Awareness programme**

VHA has undertaken environment awareness programme at Village Birwadi, Sajiwali, Lahe, Bhatsa Nagar, Shahapur on the Environment Day. There were 500 people and schoolboys & girls enrolled, programme was focused on tree plantation. A rally and camp was also arranged on environment awareness and tree plantation, with local people and school children. The VHA mobilized a large

number of people who planted 300 trees in village. VHA has given 25 plants to every primary school surrounding villages.

### **3) Programme for Women**

Vedic and Homa Therapy for Agriculture arranged Mahila Jagran Melava in various Villages i.e. Lahe, Sarlambe, Sajiwali, Lahe, Birwadi, Sarangpuri, Khutadi & income generation training camp in 5 villages. 500 women were enrolled. These women want to begin some income generation activities under the SHG concept. The Organization is trying to approach Govt. agency and NABARD to help these women.

### **4) Training 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 Sajiwali and other 21 villages in Shahapur Taluka, District Thane. These one day camps were held throughout January and February.

These camps specially organized for weaker section of communities and farmers, schoolchildren, were numbers of people participated that event. Mrs. Irma Garcia from Venezuela, Mrs. Karin Heschl from Austria and Mr. Bruce from Australia, representatives of NGO taught the Agnihotra to them.

### **5) Milk Distribution and Education Awareness**

Representatives of NGO advised to section weaker communities of every village of Shahapur Taluka. The objectives of pre-school Education is to Prepare and develop the learning habits of children and make a strong foundation for their formal education.

Milk is distributed daily from the Goshala to balwadi and pre-primary students of Bhatsanagar school and children of sajiwali.

#### **6) Informal Training Camp**

We conducted training camp on Organic farming at village Sajiwali, Shahapur, District Thane, for people and farmers of surrounding village of Shahapur. 80 farmers were taken part in training camp.

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.

3 such training programs were conducted over the year for Paddy and Vegetable production.

#### **7) Seed Production Programme**

Vedic and Homa Therapy for Agriculture is working with tribal Communities and weaker section of Communities. The aim of this programme, to develop them by socially and economically.

VHA arranged "Seed Production Programme" for local farmers in conjunction with Maharashtra State Seeds Corporation Ltd.(MAHABEEJ), a Govt of Maharashtra Corporation. In this Programme, NGO has distributed "Rice Seed" to farmers who is unable to purchase quality seeds from market. NGO has given "Rice Seed" subsidized cost and also given buyback Guarantee of their produce with more than extra rate of market for Paddy. This program was implemented in association with MHABEEJ.

### **8) Group Discussion on Vermi-Composting**

The practice of vermi-composting 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 organization discussed many things on vermi-composting. There were 40 farmers taken part in group Discussion on Vermi-composting, which held at Sajiwali, Shahapur, District Thane.

Under this program 15 farmers were selected to construct one vermiculture pit each.

### **8) Promotional Publication**

Promotional Publication describing Agnihotra was released on DVD version. Other Publications like Paddy management & Cashewnut management were released by the VHA. In future VHA proposes to release each publication for four to five different crops.

### **9). International Organic Promotion**

The NGO attended 3 day India Organic Exhibition at Bangalore, which was organized by ICCOA and Govt of India to spread message of Agnihotra and Organic farming among farmers in Karnataka and consumers, buyers, both Indian and foreign.

### **Acknowledgement**

Organization is very thankful to everybody and every organization that helped in organizing various programme and activities throughout the year.



Ms. Karin demonstrating Agnihotra to various farmers at INDIA ORGANIC at Bangalore



Our Stall at INDIA ORGANIC 2005 at Bangalore.



Organic farmer with the paddy harvest