

VEDIC AND HOMA THERAPY FOR AGRICULTURE



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Annual Activity Report For The Year 2006-2007

Vedic And Homa Therapy For Agriculture (VHA) has pleasure to present this Second Activity Report, after its registration as Company Under Provisions of Section 25 of Company's Act 1956. Hence it is classified as NGO.

Background

The organized activities have started in 2001 in very limited manner. However it was felt need to extend them for other villages in the "Panchkroshi" due to overwhelming response & co-operation by farmers.

Since then Company has traveled long way in achieving its objectives & become more practical in its approach. The company has also realized that during its progress & advancement Organic Farming as stand alone program may be inadequate & further to achieve the goal, it is necessary to encompass other various issues related to technical, financial, social & environmental parameters.

Programs Implemented

1) Consumer Awareness

The company is running the consumer counseling center at various rural areas around Shahapur, Wada & Murbad Taluka. For last three years. However it is felt that such programs need to be extended to urban area like Thane, Bhiwandi, Kalyan & Mumbai. Hence to begin with company has conducted Five workshops one each at Thane, Bhiwandi, Kalyan & two in Mumbai. The Workshops undertook the introductory course in Organic Agri Produce consumption. This was specifically focused in order to create the market for Organic Produce.

2) Environment Awareness programme

Apart from last years program in near by villages VHA has extended their activities to colleges in Thane - Mumbai area & found it most conducive for college students HR college of commerce, Jaihind College of Arts & Science participated in two independent programs for environment awareness. There were 800 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 500 trees in villages. This year VHA has given 50 plants to every primary school surrounding villages.

3) Programme for Women

Vedic and Homa Therapy for Agriculture arranged Mahila Jagran Melava in various Villages in Shahapur and taken further initiatives in forming Women SHG and strengthening existing ones. Melwas were held at Alyan, Kavdas, Pimpalpada, Sajiwali etc. & income generation training camp in 5 villages. There were 500 women were enrolled. These women want to begin some income generation activities. The Organization is trying to approach Govt. agency to help these women.

The women in Sajiwali actively undertook savings through SHG group and have saved money to get drinking water supply through taps. NGO requested its sister concern to provide purified water from its ESR to residents of Sajiwali. Manas Krushi Farm responded positively to hardships of women and asked them to pool money for pipeline and taps. The group is actively pursuing the activity, to save womenfolk from hardships of collecting water from far distances. The potable water supply system started from April 2007. A major accomplishment of Sajiwali Women SHG activity.

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 Lahe, Shahapur Taluka, District Thane.

4 such training sessions are hold at Training hall at Sajivali for one whole day.

This camp specially organized for weaker section of communities and farmers, schoolchildren, were numbers of people participated that event. Representatives of NGO taught the Agnihotra and usage of Agnihotra ash in agriculture to the farmers.

5) Pre-school Educational

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.

One of the main reasons of low enrolment of children in primary education and high rate of dropouts is the absence of pre-school Education. A child who has received pre-school education is better adjusted to school environment. At the age of five, when a child begins attending school, he finds the whole learning atmosphere very unattractive, boring and painful.

6) Formal Training Camp

Our NGO got formal recognition as in March 2008 from National center for Organic farming (NCOF), Govt of India as Training and facilitating NGO for Organic farming.

We conducted training camp on Organic farming at village Sajiwali, Shahapur, District Thane, for people and farmers of surrounding village of Shahapur. 135 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.

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 this Programme, NGO has distributed "Rice Seed" to farmers which 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. This program was implemented in association with MAHABEEJ a Public Corporation of Maharashtra Government.

8) Group Discussions

Company has organized group discussions on Organic Farming at various places & different groups.

9) Promotional Publication

Promotional Publication like Paddy management & Cashewnut management second editions were released by the VHA. In future VHA proposes to release each publication for four to five different crops.

Acknowledgement

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



Representatives of Mahila SHG at Vermicompost shed at Training Center



Formal Training on Organic farming held in conjunction with Agriculture Dept. Maharashtra at Wada



Awareness sessions for farmers held at Village level by NGO