

Samaj Shilpi Dampatti, Chitrakoot

Purpose

To bring about total village development of society through initiative, involvement & empowerment of the villagers

Working Area

500 villages surrounding 50 KM radius of Chitrakoot

Poverty and Unemployment

Activities-

- Interaction with villagers
- Village level conferences
- Identification of poor and unemployed youth
- Identification of local resources and traditional artisans
- Provide the information of government scheme
- farmers meeting
- To make available improved seeds
- Watershed management, land management and live-stock management programme
- Training Programme
- Micro-finance for self-employment
- Small saving
- Establishment of *Gramodaya Nidhi*

Health

Activities

- Health Conference (quarterly)
- Health Camp twice in a year
- Water purification
- Plantation of Tulsi and medicinal plants
- Dadi Ma Ka Batua
- Implementation of Govt. health schemes
- Healthy Child Competition
- Garbhast Shishu Sanskar Programme

Education

Activities

- Interaction with villagers
- Building heartiest relationship with the families
- Teachers- Guardian Meeting (monthly)
- New entrance celebration programme
- To readmit school dropout children and maximize new entrants
- Bal sanskar kendra and extra classes (Daily)
- Evening sports activities and prayer (Daily)

- Sports competition (Twice in a year)
- Balvigyan Fairs (annual) (children Science Fair)
- Literacy classes (Daily)
- Library(Daily)
- Wall Painting(Twice in year)
- Arts Training (daily)

Clean and Green Village

Activities

- interaction
- Identification of dirty and unhygienic household(family) and colony
- Building heartiest relationship
- Monthly meeting to promote Shram Sadhana (voluntary labour) for the upkeep of places of public utility
- Weekly shram sadhana (wells, ponds, temple, panchayat bhawan)
- To motivate people for plantation and establishing kitchen garden
- Water drainage management
- Construction of hygienic toilets
- Clean house competition
- Wall painting
- Preparing the notice board regarding news, notice, guide and village information

Social Consiousness and Dispute free Villages

Activities

- Interaction with villagers
- Establishing heartiest relationship
- Collection of village information
- Preparation of the list of Disputes
- Building heartiest relationship with the families engaged in disputes families
- To organize the monthly meetings (Gramvikas Samiti, Tarun Mandal , Bhajan Mandak)
- Collectively involved in happy and sorrowful moments
- To Organize cultural and religious functions
- Mangal Mllan
- Settlement of dispute through mutual understanding

Major Activities at village

Gramodaya Nidhi

To make people self-reliant at their own level and empowering them in such a way that they are not dependent, nor look on another for the development of their village, Gramodaya Nidhi is established at the village level. Villagers donate a part of their earnings in the form of currency or grain. Usually they deposit twice in a year or every month through religious functions that are organized for this purpose.

Small Savings

Rural people do not have a habit of savings. They are used to spending what they earn and sometimes they take loans from money lenders at high interest rates. They are often unable to return the amount, forcing them into debt. To save the rural people from such conditions, small saving schemes are being popularized among the villagers.

Garbhasth Shishu Sanskar

To ensure the life-long health of children and to make them well cultured and well mannered, Garbhasth Shishu Sanskar programme has been started. Through this programme, motherhood is celebrated and pregnant ladies are taught by experts about their daily routine, diet and behavior during the pregnancy. A programme is organized in which the villagers, specially women, honour the pregnant ladies.

Healthy Child Competition

The competition is organized twice in a year to make the mothers aware of the health of their babies. In this programme, children of the age of 6 months to 2 years are brought by their mothers to health centers, and health checkups are done and the mothers are provided the information regarding the diet and nourishment of the child and themselves. The children who rank 1st 2nd and 3rd position in good health are awarded

Bal Shivir:-

To realize the power of unity and to in-build the emotion of complimentarity to one another in children, the Bal sanskar Camp was organized at centres Bhatari, Amiriti, Chitahara, Ranipur Khakhi in which physical exercise, cultural programmes and art training were organized

Bal Vigyan Fair

To encourage children in science and its application, this programme is organized annually. It has been organized at village centers Hiraundi, Sabhapur, Bhujauli, Sonversha and . The application of science was shown by the children's questions, cultural programmes and group discussion that were organized.

Clean house Competition

To make the village clean, and to save the villagers from the diseases that are born by dirt, the competition is organized twice in a year. It is done on some points which is compulsory to all e.g.; the area of house and surroundings should be clean, availability of kitchen garden, availability of plant Tulsi in home, writing of ॐ at the wall, bed and clothes should be clean and well kept, drainage system etc.

Shradhparva

This programme is celebrated on the day after Diwali. Today there is a decrease in the respect given to parents and elders. In this modern era, children live separately or don't care for their parents. On the occasion of this programme, parents are honored by their sons and daughters-in-law publicly and they take an oath to take care for their parents and apologies for their mistakes. It is making their relationship strong

Annpurna Kalash Programme

The programme is organized with the collaboration of Gayatri Shakti Pariwar the aim of the programme is to maximize the Village development fund (Gramodaya Nidhi). The programme is organized monthly at village level. Women put a Kalash in their home and donate a handful of grain into it every day. All the kalash are collected, and all the grains donated by the women is deposited in the gramodaya nidhi.

Gram Swaraj Padyatra

The objective of DRI is to make 500 villages self-reliant by the year 2010 with the initiative and involvement of the villagers. To achieve the objective of self-reliant villages, a 53 day long *Gram Swaraj Padyatra* (foot march) was undertaken by DRI covering 456 villages in three stages. All the volunteers of the institute have participated enthusiastically under the guidance of Hon'ble General Secretary and Hon'ble Organizing Secretary. Hon'ble Nanaji also took part in this Padyatra. This Padyatra evoke huge response from the villagers who came out to welcome the volunteers enthusiastically.

A group of 40 volunteers including the Gen. Secretary and Organizing Secretary continuously remain in foot march with the chant of *Raghupati Raghava Rajaram.....*, passing through the rocky and forest areas to the villages. Volunteers organized programmes, exhibitions and delivered the message of integral humanism. They tried to solve the villager's problems at the same time through the group meetings in supervision of subject matter specialists. For 53 days, all the volunteers stayed at the village in night. During the night stay, C.D.s of Ramayan were played and Ramcharit manas were distributed to the Bhajan Mandali. 335 Ramcharitmanas has been distributed to the villagers. During the Padyatra various dispute have been resolved.