

2003-2004

ANNAI THERASA SAMUGA SEVAI SANGAM (ATSSS) 127, Mela Veethi, Tirukoilur, Villupuram District, Pin-605757.

Annual Progress Report for the Year April-03 to March-04

This year began with 'New Hopes' based on the progress made in the previous year Activities. In the beginning of this year (Apr-2003) the Executive body of ATSSS met and prepared an "Action Plan" for the year April 2003 to March-2004, and obtained approval. In accordance for the new Year. Moreover, the Secretary has prescribed the agenda which included the Future plan for this year for the approved of General Body.

A short orientation was given to staff members in each project plan. Activities to mobilize the resources for the Training and also for its execution. The Women group leaders were who met, discussed and obtain their supports before starting the planned activities. Few new programmes & schemes were who included, where and when such opportunities chances occurred.

PROGRESS OF THE YEAR

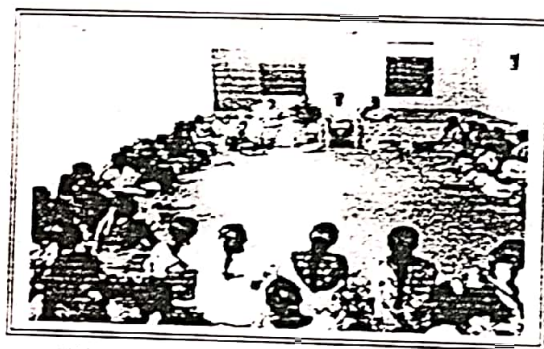
1. WOMEN DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES -

Sponsored By "Tamil Nadu Corporation For Development Of Women Ltd."

This Organisation obtained "Approval" from the "Women Development Corporation" for its SHG- activities such as 75 SHGs in Tirukoilur and 15 SHGs in Rishivandiyam Panchayat Union.

a) ANIMATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES' TRAINING

Two modules of A&R Training were given to 150 SHGs Leaders for 2 days in two places of Respective Two Panchayat Unions. Mrs. Lourthu mary and Mrs. Selvi were called as resource person and performed well in their skills of training's.



SHG Leaders Training @ Rishivandiyam B.D.O Office

B) SHGS MEMBERS TRAINING

The above Training's were also given to SHGs members along with their leaders for Two days to each group on each model. The same resource persons were utilized for this training also.

c) PANCHAYAT LEVEL FEDERATION TRAINING:-

In Rishivandiyam Block, 15 Panchayats have obtained the approval and the respective SHG members of the Panchayats were give Training Model-I by Mrs. R.Selvi. In this training's 12 number of PLF members from 12 number of Panchayat SHGs.

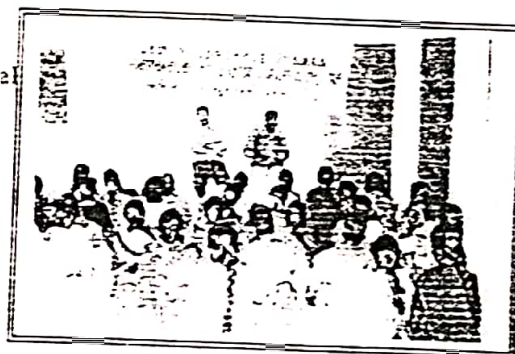
d) AGRICULTURAL SKILL BASED TRAINING:-

Agricultural Based skills training was given to Women groups, Who are all basically farmers' family. Agricultural Mr.-Ganesan The Asst Agricultural Officer.

This training was conducted at Vengur, Tirukoilur block for 5 Days. The subject taught in this Training are :-

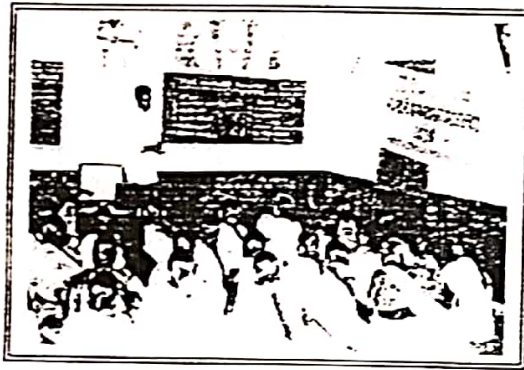
- Natural Traditional Agriculture cropping
- Vermi culture through Pancha kavyam method
- Vermi composting etc.

This Training benefited about 40 Members.

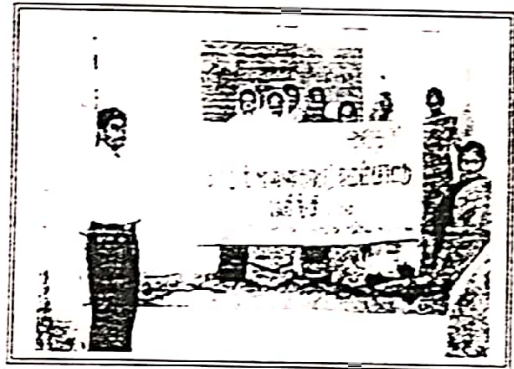


Agri.Skill Based Training @ Vengur

E) ENTREPRENEUR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME TRAINING



EDP Training at Odiantahl Village



P.Kliyer Islamiyam SHG Members Benefited in this Training

The Women Development aspects are based on Women Economic Empowerments. Hence, it was decided to give Training on various Economic Development Trainings to Women Groups to start entrepreneurial skills / production to promote their family income. This Training were given by Two Resource person who had EDP special skills training. Mr.C.Rama Moorthi and Mr.Chandrasekar were the trainers for this programme

Beneficiaries

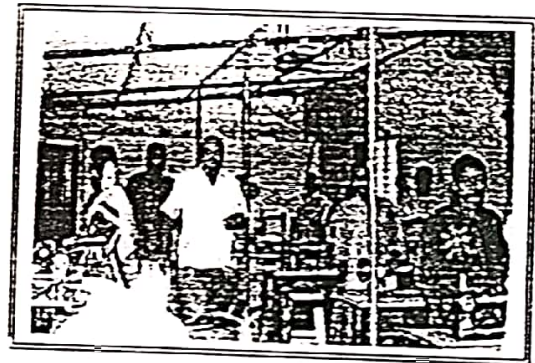
- 75 women from seven SHGs - Sponsored by THADCO.
- 193 women from 11 SHGs - Sponsored DRDA Villupuram
- 30 women from 2 SHGs - Sponsored by DIC.

There trainings were given for 7 days. The total beneficiaries are 298 women who were divided into 10 units and each group was given 7 days training

2. TAILORING TRAINING

The most Popular women empowerment Training in this area in Tailoring. This Trainings enabling rural educated and uneducated to have employment and self employment in their respective villages

Based on this fact, this training is being given to rural women for both educated and Uneducated girls with a very nominal fee/charges. The training period is between 3 to 6 months, based on their educational levels. There are three qualified tailoring instructors, who had TTC certificate involved in this programme. Nearly 350 women were benefited through this training. At present 54 women are under going this training. Mrs. S.Malar, Miss Uma, and Miss V.Amutha are the teachers in this center. This programme part of Expenditure sponcered by Nehru Yuva Kendra- Villupuram.

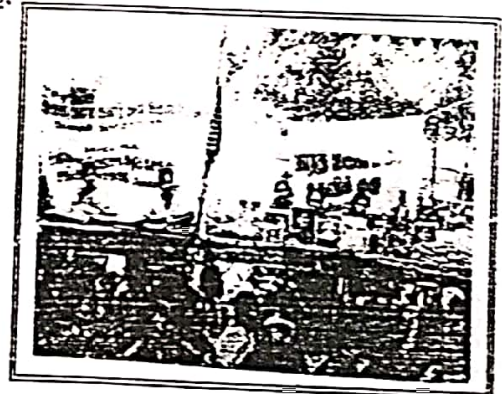


Tailoring Training Center Visited by Indian Bank Manager

3. REVOLVING FUND - ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE / A LOAN PROGRAMME.

a) Through Nationalized Banks co-operations Societies:

- For the development of women various group loans and individual loans were obtained nearly Rs.4, 00,000/- for 4-number of women groups. The following small scale Trade / Entrepreneur activities were started and functioning successfully in this areas.
- Goat rearing
- Rabbit forms
- Basket maker
- Milch Animal
- Cut peace cloth sales
- Small grocery shops
- Incense making
- Candle making etc...
- Tiffin center
- Small petty shops



Cut Peace Cloth, Handicraft things Sales

TROUGH'S RMK-New Delhi

The RMK concern had also extended its co-operations to support there above entrepreneur activities for Rs. 5,00,000 - to women groups. There a total of 68 women from 17 SHGs were benefited through RMK.

4. MOTOR REWINDING TRAINING (TRYSEM)

Motor Rewinding Training was given to 10 Educated unemployed youth, who are all from scheduled caste community of this area. This training was given for 6 months period and were taught on

- Simple electrical work
- Winding the motor coil
- Pump repair etc

Being an agriculture-based area these trained youth are getting enough for the opportunities. Steps are under way to obtain suitable loan to start their own self employment in getting up shops etc. This programme was sponsored by THADCO-Villupuram

5. NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS CAMPAIGN.

The Environmental Awareness Campaign was conducted in Tirukoilur and its adjacent areas to create knowledge and awareness on preserving the National Resources. Conservation of forest and Natural Rain water etc among public. This campaign was sponsored by the Ministry of Environment and Forest, New Delhi and C.P.R. Foundation, Chennai.

This campaign was initiated by Mr. SivaRaj M.L.A. of Rishivandiyam constituency

The Environmental Awareness Camp at Koovanoor was precluded by Mr. KrishnaMoorthy, the Chairman, Tirukoilur Panchayat Union

All the Women group (SHGs) Youth Association members and public were participated in these educational awareness campaign

6. RAIN WATER HARVESTING TRAINING

A Two days Training was given to 150 SHGs members on Rain Water Harvesting in the Training Centre TAMIL NADU STATE COUNCIL FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY - CHENNAI sponsored this training

Programme subjects given

- Need for water preservation and conservation
- Need for purifying water and safe drinking water
- Demonstration on water harvesting pit etc

The TWAD Board Officers were participated as Resource persons

7. WASTE LAND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME: -

The wasteland development is an important aspect for the total development of Rural areas. Accordingly 10 selected village people were given suitable awareness education on wasteland development.

The Important aspects of this training

- Land reclamation
- Water harvesting
- Plantation of suitable species
- Distribution of educative pamphlets
- Awareness Generation meetings to women group members on water preservation and safe drinking water

8. NON FORMAL EDUCATION TO SCHOOL DROPOUTS AND UNEDUCATED CHILDREN

Non formal education is being given to school dropouts in 5 villages in Rishivandiyam Block-during this year. Nearly 100 children were benefited through this educational programme was conducted by the local SHGs Members.

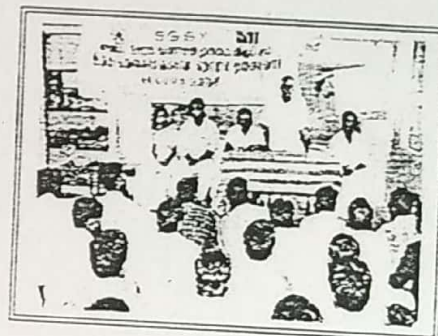
9. YOUTH ENTREPRENEUR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME TRAINING

Various entrepreneur trainings skills were given to Rural youth. Totally 372 young persons of both Educated and uneducated were selected from 3 Panchayat Union. There trainings were given 7 days training on various subjects such as

- Need for self employment
- Equipping local skills
- Available financial assistance
- Available resources Production
- Motivation on marketing etc...

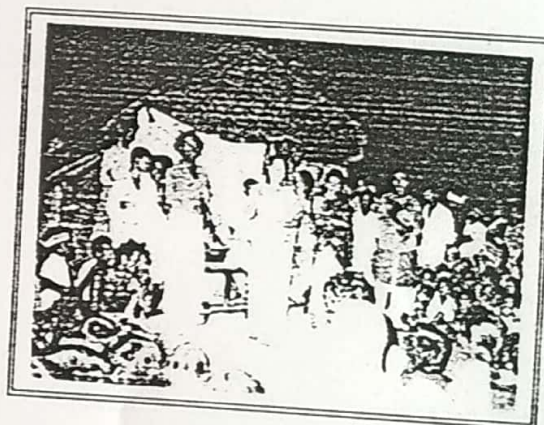
Resource persons:-

- A.P.O., B.D.O.s etc were the Resource persons of this programme.
- This programme was sponsored by DRDA.- Villupuram



Youth EDP Training Programme

10. Cultural Programme



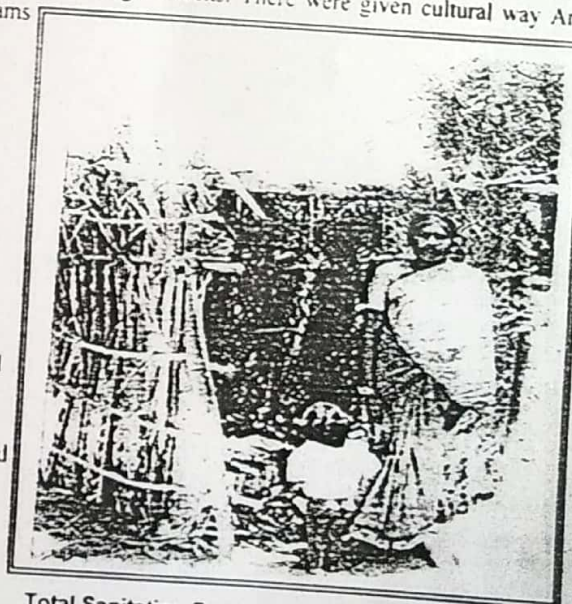
This programme aims to promote rural art and culture, so as to educate the rural mass through cultural programmes. Initially interested youth in Rural Art were selected from the two target Blocks. There were given cultural way Art Training. These trained Artists were divided into three teams such as namely.

- a) Kalaivanar Kalai Kuzu
- b) Kanadhashan Kalai Kuzu
- c) Kamarajar Kalai Kuzu

These trained artists performed programme in the villages to promote the knowledge of rural people in all the developmental activities.

11. Total Sanitation Campaign

The total sanitation programme is being sponsored by central & State Government through DRDA of Villupuram District. The Rishivandiyam block administration has approved ATSSS a base line survey taking women is being initiated and progressing in this block. Three villagers were initially identified and constructed Individual Sanitary Toilets of 50 Units in Each Villages. Hence totally 150 units were



Total Sanitation Programme @ Odiyandal Village

completed and landed over to people. For the programme, beneficiaries were contributed were Rs.250 - & DRDA contributed Rs. 500 - each unit. Apart from this an amount of Rs.200000 - was Sanctioned on Revolving fund To ATSSS to start producing sanitary utensils and market the utensils to people. This programme is extended under Rural Sanitation Mart programme.

12. WORLD WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION

The world women's day was celebrated in Rishivandiyam Panchayat Union Office permission. Nearly 5000 women were participated in their celebration Mr.Sampath M.A. M.Phil. Project Officer of District Rural Development Agency-Villupuram has participated in this programme

FUTURE PROGRAMME

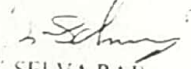
- (a) Develop problem free village on water, Sanitation and health in its operational area
- (b) Sustainable development measures -natural resource management issues in the area-land, water, Forests and people
- (c) Eye camps in sponorsly with Arvind Eye Hospital, Pondicherry
- (d) Conducting paramedical Trainings to Rural Youth
- (e) Other Routine programmes
- (f) Women Development Programmes

CONCLSION

This year ended with many achievements. There are many more things to be done in the future years. The public co-operation and the involvements of SHG's were appreciated in many occasions. There were same problem in the field of developments. However there abstracts were solved them and there at the level best ATSSS hope for better programmes in the next Year.

Thanking You

Yours Sincerely


(K.SELVA RAJ)
PRESIDENT