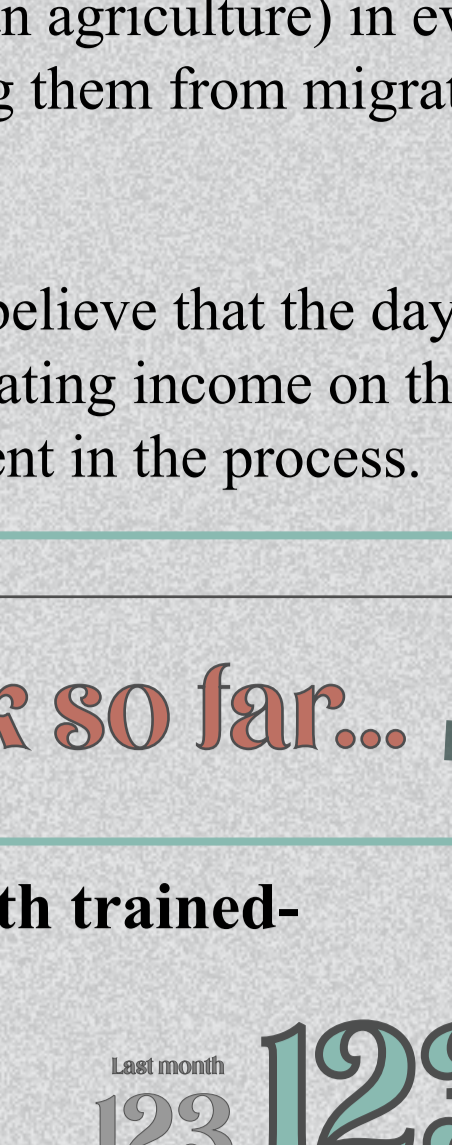


Note from our founder

As we celebrated the 75th Anniversary of our Independence this year, our focus continues to be empowerment of tribal women and youth...

It has been our endeavor to create opportunities for sustainable livelihood in the rural areas of Maharashtra with the introduction of an alternate vocation (other than agriculture) in every family here, with the sole objective of stopping them from migrating to the cities in search of greener pastures.

As we see green shoots of success, we firmly believe that the day is not very far when the tribal women start generating income on their own for their families and become self-sufficient in the process.



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Impact of our work so far...

No. of farmers, women & youth trained-



Creating a Model Village in Bharwadpada & Rampur

Continuing with where we left last month, our "Model Village" program is running on top gear. Having successfully completed the program in four villages - Ganjad, Dhabon, Modgaon and Veti, we started this initiative in two more villages – Bharwadpada and Rampur in the month of August 2022.



A typical day in the classroom in Rampur village



A typical day in the classroom in Bharwadpada village

The idea of a Model Village was conceptualized with the primary objective of preventing migration of the people living in these villages to the cities for greener pastures.

As per this program we plan to train atleast one member of every household in the village on a vocation of their choice and entrepreneurship skills.

The tribal women from these villages will be working on the following small scale business ventures –

- a. Chikoo Product Processing
- b. Paper Bag Making
- c. Paper Plate / Bowl Making
- d. Candle & Agarbathi Making
- e. Poultry farming

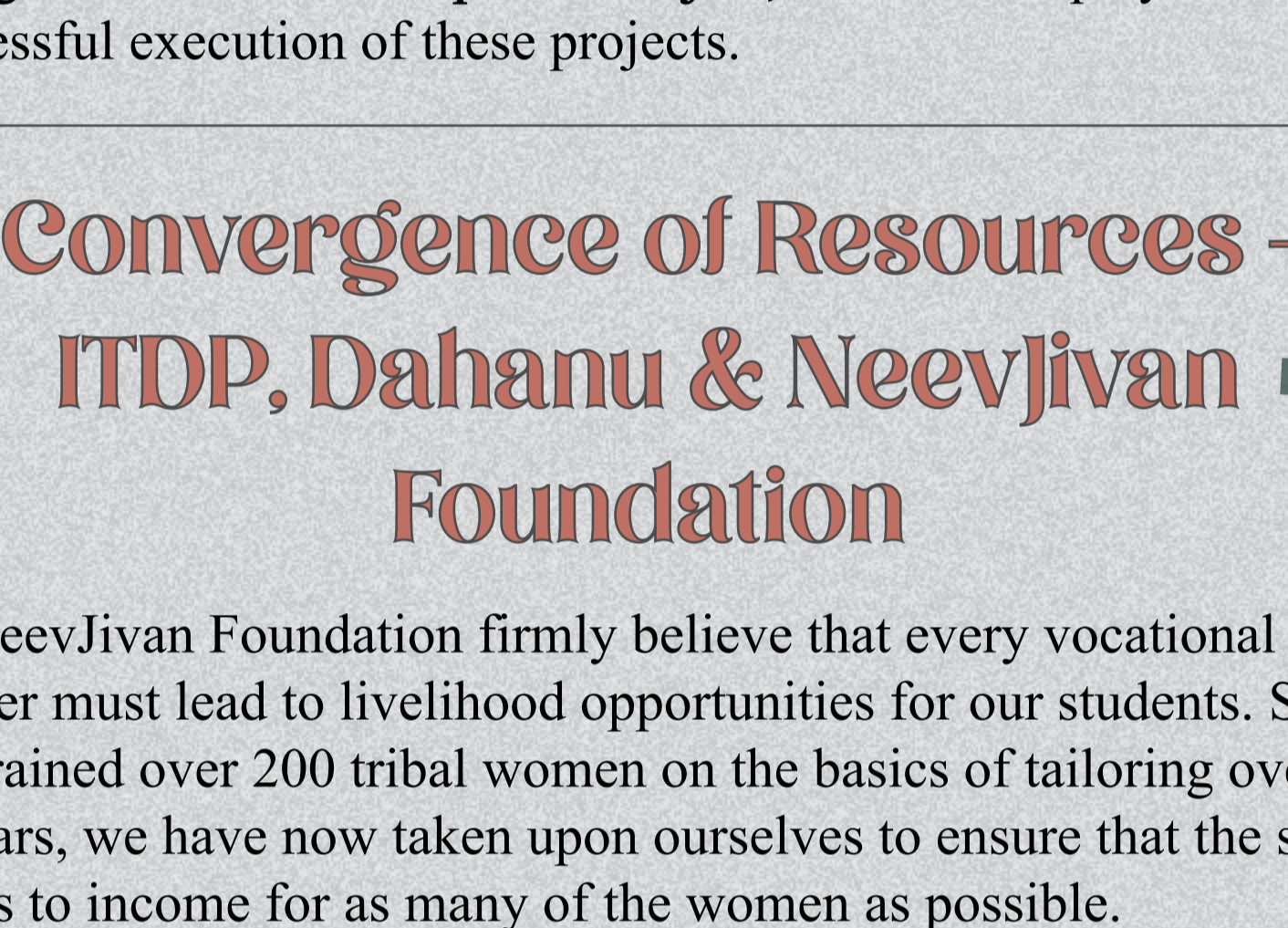
All the project are supported and funded by the Integrated Tribal Development Project, Dahanu (ITDP), Government of Maharashtra.

A proud moment for us - 2 SHGs have started operations

The hard work put in by us over the last 12 months has begun to show results. The tribal women belonging to two Self Help Groups (SHGs) from Ganjad & Dhabon –

Tejaswini Mahila Utpadak Gath
 Damini Swayamsahayta Mahila Bachat Gath

have started their small-scale venture, i.e., making paper plates and bowls. These products are now available for sale.



Members of Tejaswini Mahila Utpadak Gath displaying their product



On the auspicious occasion of Ganesh Chaturthi, both the groups got an opportunity to perform a "muhurat" sale to Shri. Shri. Govind Bodke, Hon. Collector of Palghar district. The Hon. Collector acknowledged the work being done by the women and wished them luck as they start their small scale venture.



A closer look at the products made by the two SHGs

This is part of our "Model Village" program wherein we have adopted a four-pronged support structure for the SHGs

1. Imparting skills on vocations of choice of respective SHG
2. Training on entrepreneurship skills
3. Facilitating access to funds
4. Handholding the SHG for a period of 6 months till their operations stabilize

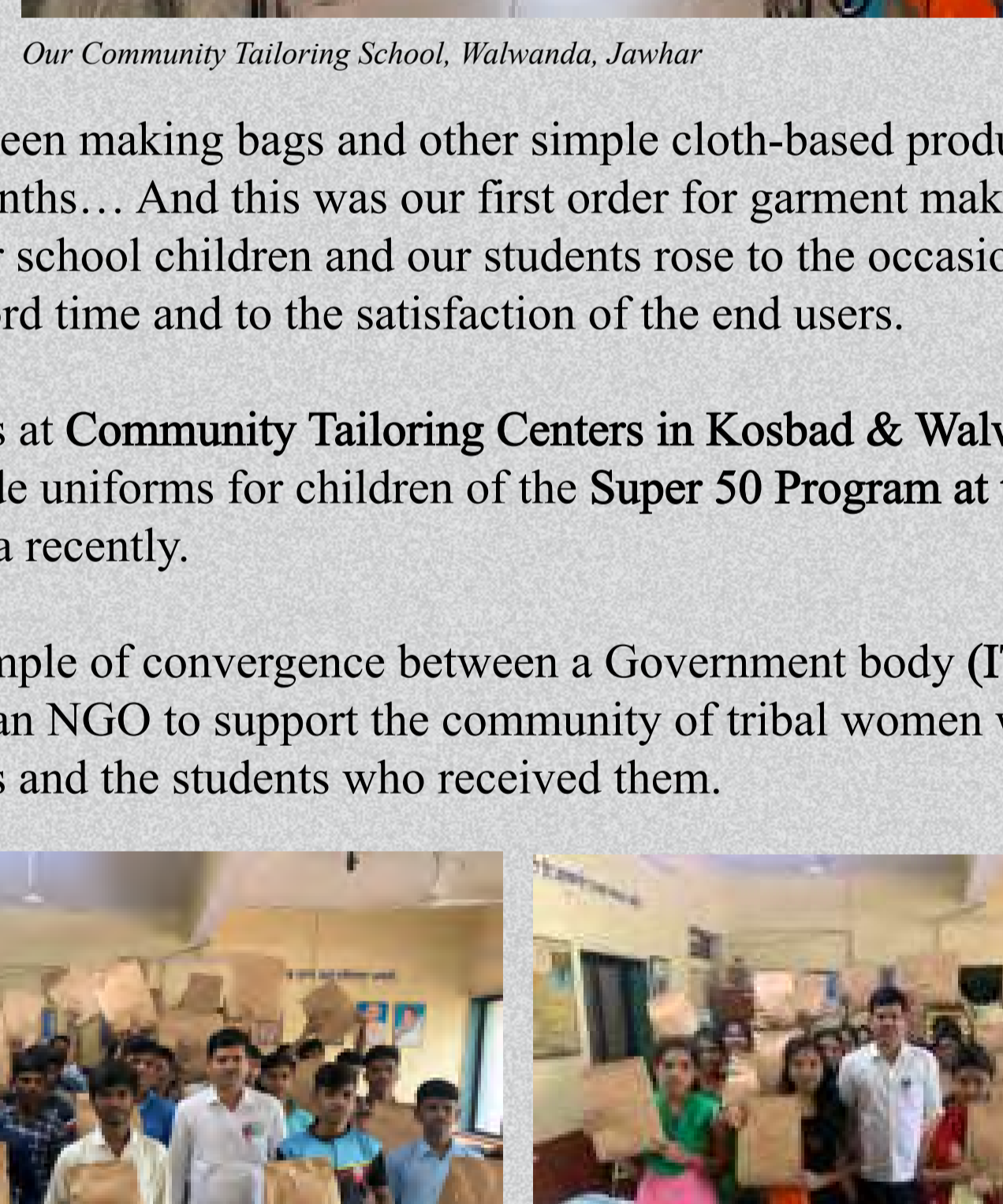
The Integrated Tribal Development Project, Dahanu has played a big role in the successful execution of these projects.

Convergence of Resources - ITDP, Dahanu & NeevJivan Foundation

We, at NeevJivan Foundation firmly believe that every vocational training we deliver must lead to livelihood opportunities for our students. So, having trained over 200 women on the basics of tailoring over the last 2 years, we have now taken upon ourselves to ensure that the skill translates to income for as many of the women as possible.



Our Community Tailoring School, Kosbad, Dahanu

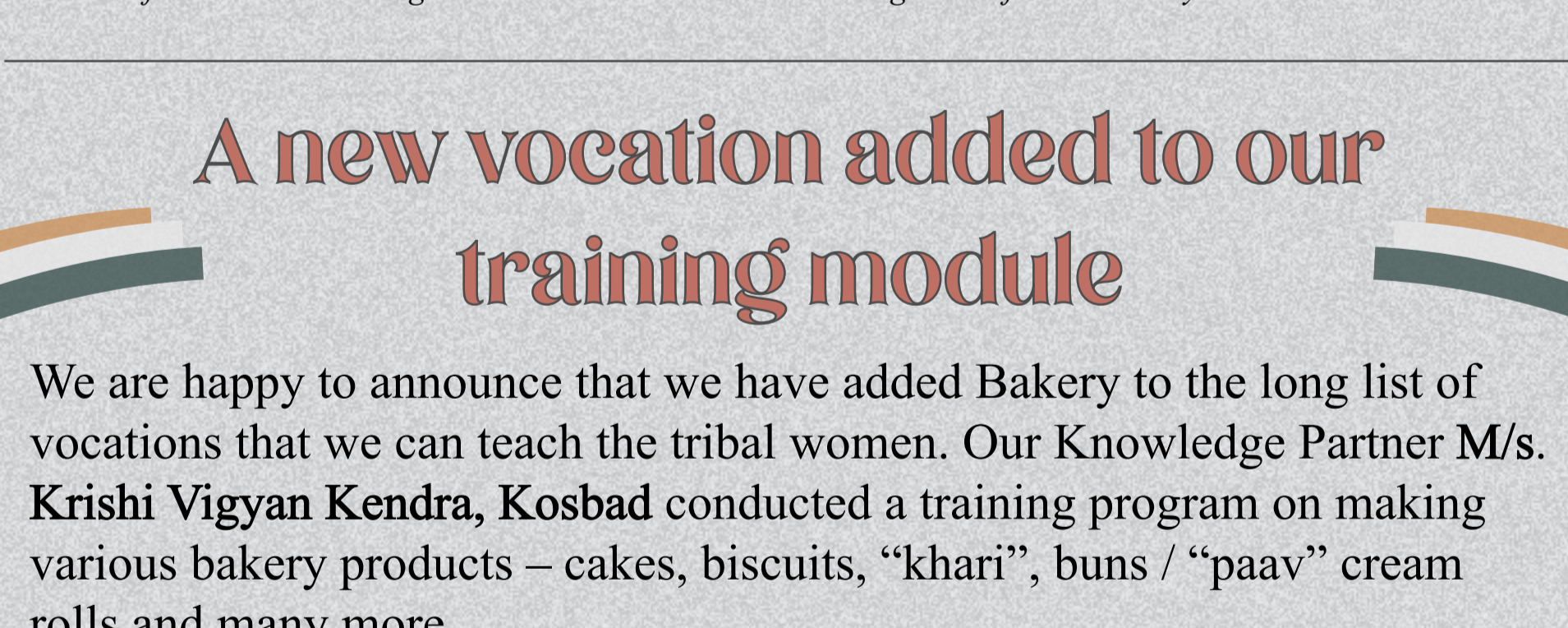


Our Community Tailoring School, Walwanda, Jawhar

They have been making bags and other simple cloth-based products in the past few months... And this was our first order for garment making, i.e., uniforms for school children and our students rose to the occasion to deliver them in record time and to the satisfaction of the end users.

Our students at Community Tailoring Centers in Kosbad & Walwanda villagemade uniforms for children of the Super 50 Program at the Khutal Ashramshala recently.

A great example of convergence between a Government body (ITDP, Dahanu) & an NGO to support the community of tribal women who made the uniforms and the students who received them.



Students of the SUPER 50 Program in Khutal Ashramshala wearing the uniforms made by our students

A new vocation added to our training module

We are happy to announce that we have added Bakery to the long list of vocations that we can teach the tribal women. Our Knowledge Partner M/s. Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Kosbad conducted a training program on making various bakery products – cakes, biscuits, "khari", buns / "paav" cream rolls and many more.



A training program to make bakery products was conducted by KVK for the tribal women from Veti and Dhabon villages. With addition of bakery products to our portfolio, we can now train the women on as many as 14 different vocations.

The Collector of Palghar felicitated NeevJivan Foundation



It was a great honor to be felicitated by Shri. Govind Bodke, Hon. Collector of Palghar district for the work NeevJivan Foundation has been doing over the last 2 years in Dahanu & Jawhar.

We thank ITDP and all the departments of the Government of Maharashtra with whom we have been working in Dahanu & Jawhar all this while for their continued support and guidance.

Beneficiary Speaks



A group of 6 women in the Dhabosa village in Jawhar were trained on the basics of poultry farming. M/s. Innerwheel, Navi Mumbai Bayside sponsored the poultry kits to help them start the small scale poultry farm (chhota poultry) in their respective houses.....and this is what they had to say -

"Its been 3 months since we constructed the small poultry farms in the premises of our house. We were provided all support by NeevJivan Foundation – right from providing the chicks, to helping us in getting them vaccinated by local veterinary doctors, buying the right food mix for the chicks to ensure their growth..... We hope to get a good price for the products in the next few days"