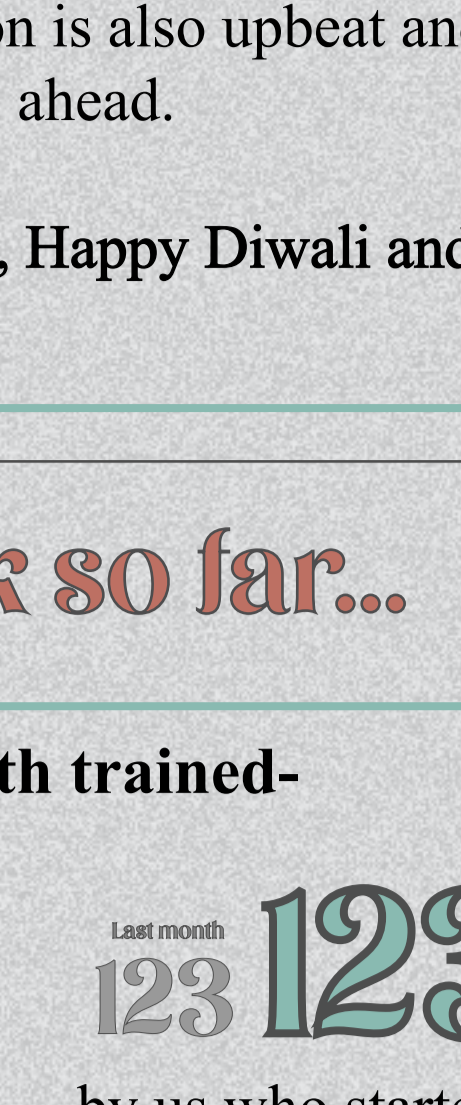


Note from our founder

The festive season is here... with both Dussera and Diwali in the same month, the mood in the villages is upbeat. A very good monsoon has also added to the spirits and the crop of the year (paddy) will be ready for harvest very soon.



Proteek Kundu

Having successfully executed 5 livelihood projects in Ganjad and Dhabon villages and with 20 more projects in the pipeline, the mood at NeevJivan Foundation is also upbeat and we are looking forward to some exciting times ahead.

Wishing all our readers a Very Happy Dussera, Happy Diwali and a Prosperous New Year!

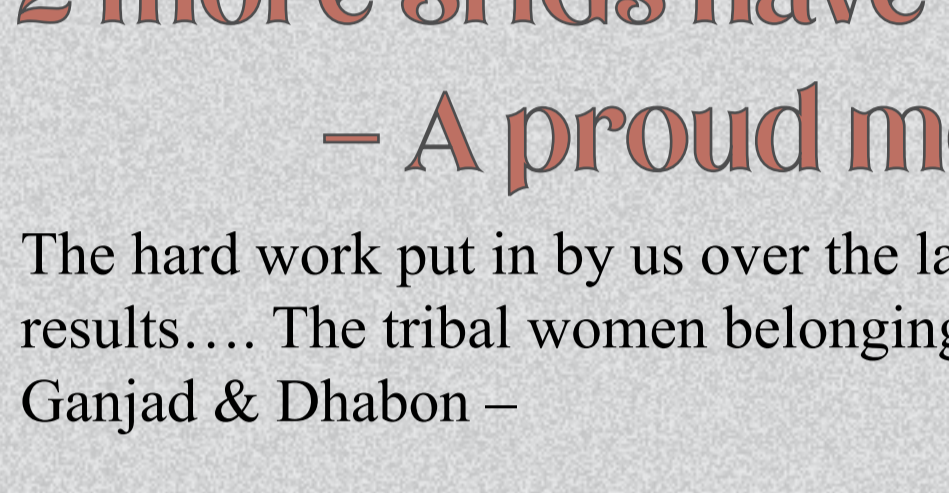
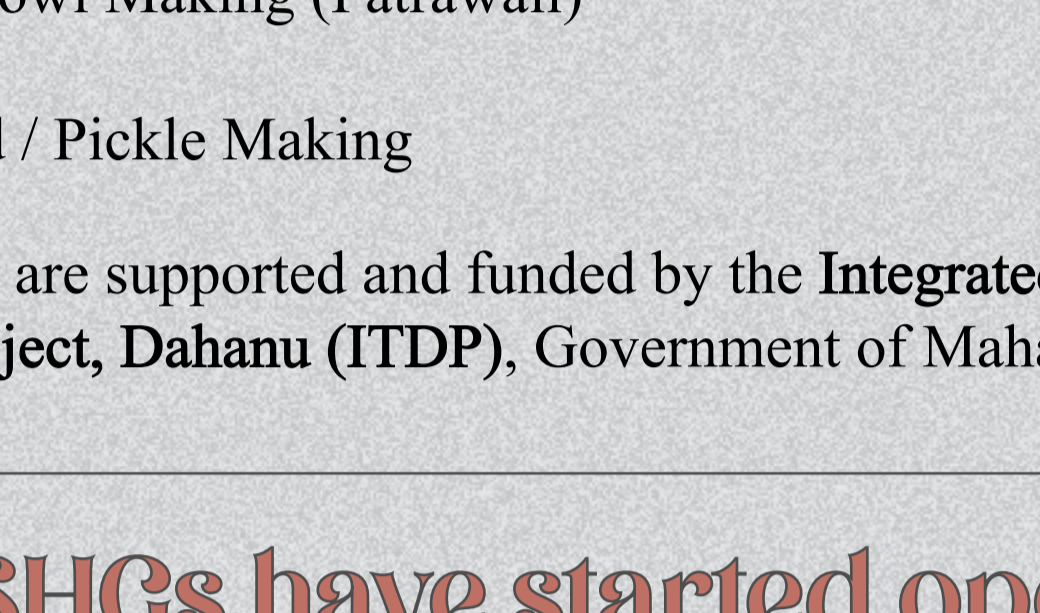
Impact of our work so far...

No. of farmers, women & youth trained-



Creating a Model Village in Ambesari

Continuing with where we left last month, our "Model Village" program is running on top gear. Having successfully completed the program in six villages - Ganjad, Dhabon, Modgaon, Veti, Bharvarpada and Rampur, we started this initiative in another village – Ambesari in the month of September 2022.



A typical day in the classroom in Ambesari village

This is the biggest project undertaken by us till date covering over 200 tribal women from over 20 Self Help Groups. 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 defined in the program structure, we train atleast one member of every household in the village on a vocation of their choice and entrepreneurship skills.

The tribal women from Ambesari village will be working on the following small scale business ventures –

- Poultry Farming
- Goat Rearing
- Paper Plate / Bowl Making (Patrawali)
- Soap Making
- Masala / Papad / Pickle Making

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

2 more SHGs have started operations – A proud moment for us

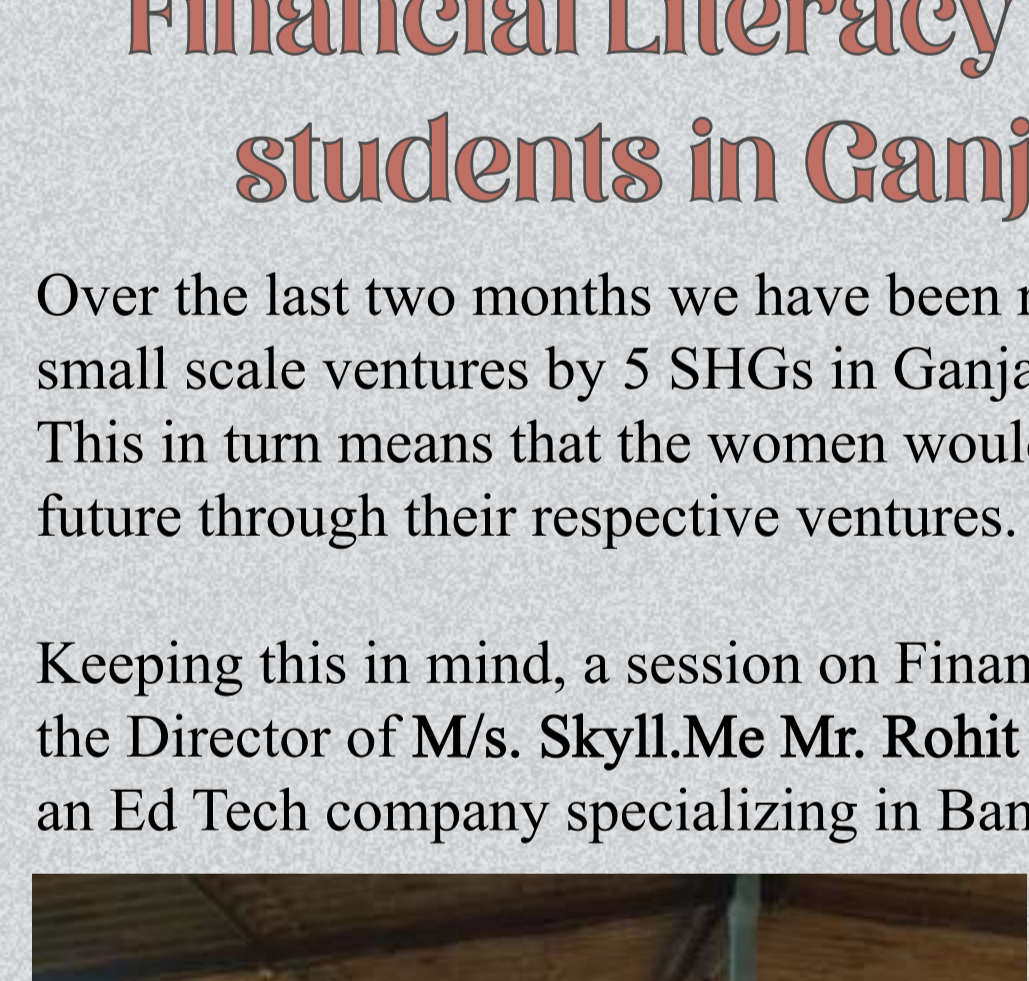
The hard work put in by us over the last 12 months has begun to show results.... The tribal women belonging to two Self Help Groups (SHGs) from Ganjad & Dhabon –

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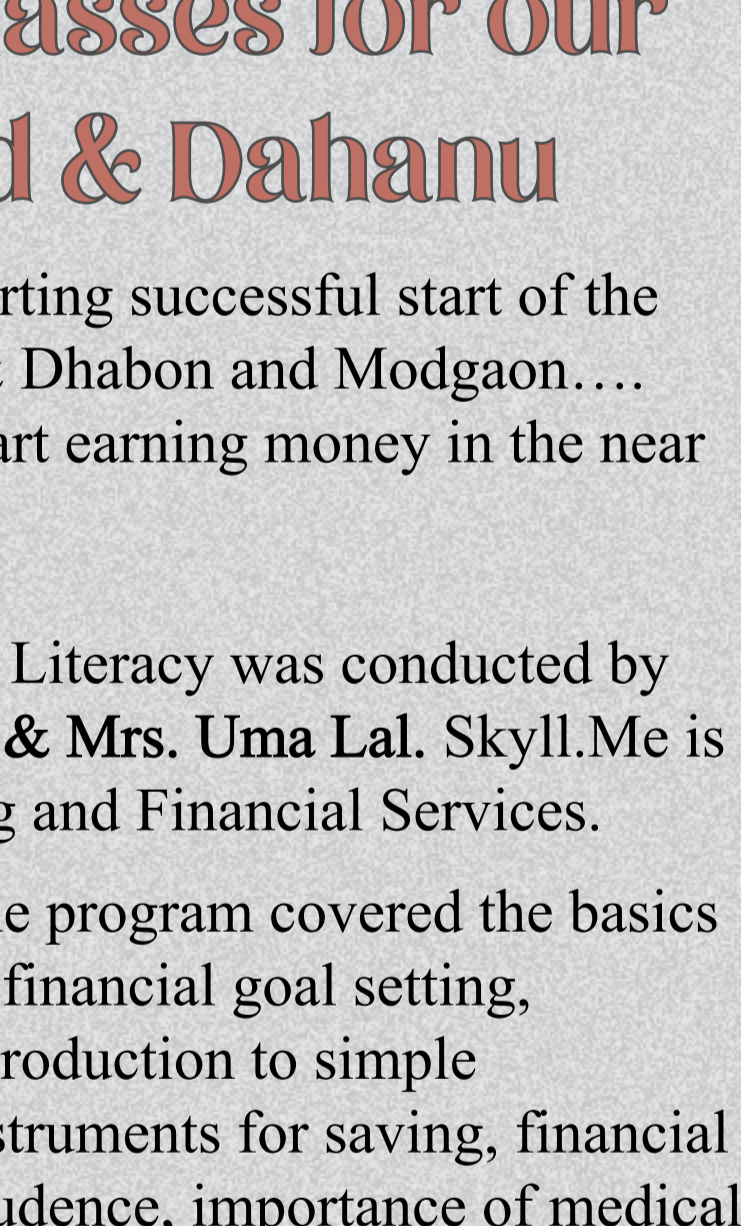
have started their small-scale venture, i.e., Masala, Papad & Pickles. These products are now available for sale.



Members of Sai Krupa Swayamsahayta Mahila Samuh



Members of Mahalaxmi Mahila Bachat Gath



Two new vocation added to our training module

We are happy to announce that we have added Chiku Processing and Agarbathi Making 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 Chiku processing... i.e. making of chiku powder and chiku chips..

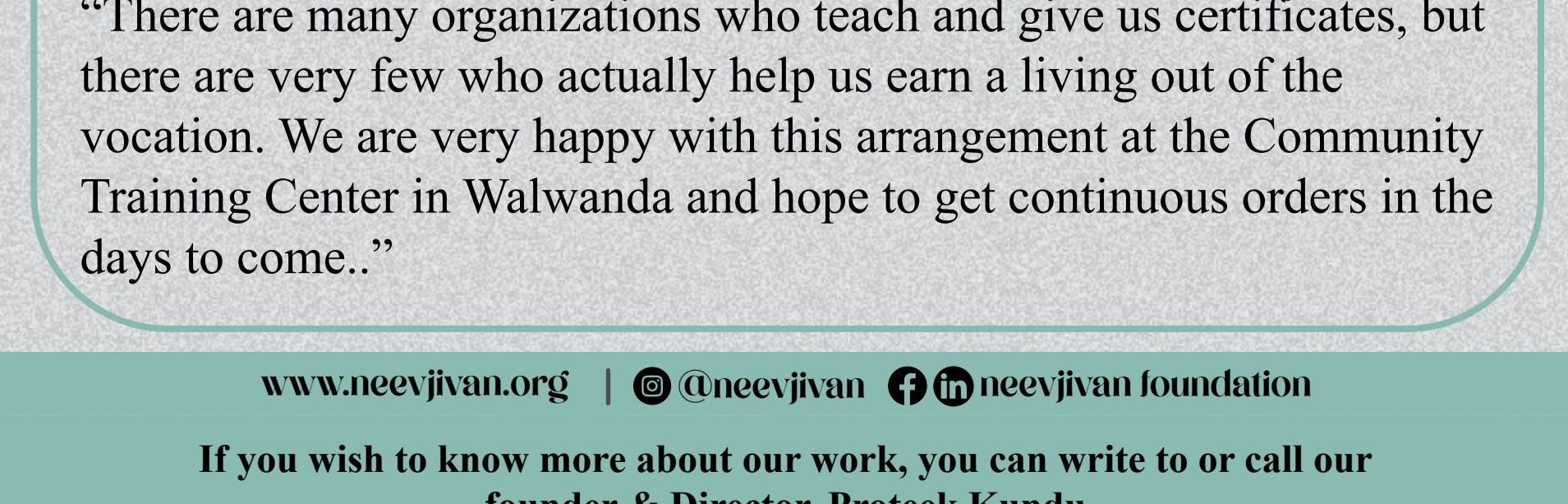
Apart from making of these products, our students were taught about the importance of hygiene, how to maintain the same during the production process and also how to apply for fssai license.



Students being trained on Chiku processing



The skill related to Agarbathi making was imparted to our students in Bharpada... Our Knowledge partner M/s. Khadi Village Industries Commission, Dahanu conducted the program for over 20 students over 4 days.



Students being trained on Agarbathi making



With addition of Chiku processing and Agarbathi making to our portfolio, we can now train the women on many as 16 vocations.

Financial Literacy classes for our students in Ganjad & Dahanu

Over the last two months we have been reporting successful start of the small scale ventures by 5 SHGs in Ganjad & Dhabon and Modgaon.... This in turn means that the women would start earning money in the near future through their respective ventures.

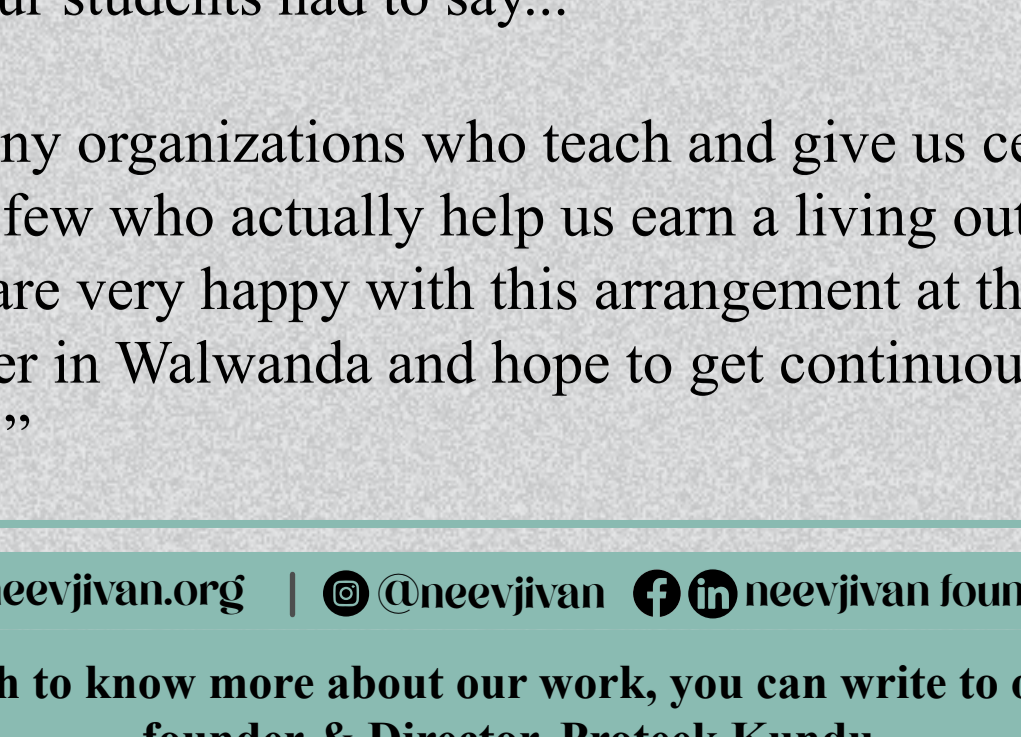
Keeping this in mind, a session on Financial Literacy was conducted by the Director of M/s. Skyl.Me Mr. Rohit Lal & Mrs. Uma Lal. Skyl.Me is an Ed Tech company specializing in Banking and Financial Services.



The program covered the basics of financial goal setting, introduction to simple instruments for saving, financial prudence, importance of medical and life insurance and much more.

Announcing the launch of "Green Dot Project" in Jawhar

It is indeed a pleasure to announce the launch of the "Green Dot Project", a joint venture between 3 partners – M/s. Stonesoup, M/s. Navodaya Foundation, M/s. NeevJivan Foundation.



Promoting the concept among SHGs in Walwanda village

We have come together to manufacture and promote cloth based sanitary napkins – this project has immense implication on two fronts –

- Promote menstrual hygiene among the tribal women
- Generate livelihood opportunities for atleast 30-40 tribal women living in this area who would be making the napkins and also promoting the same in the local market.

We are working closely with the ASHA workers and the Self Help Groups and in turn government bodies like MSRLM and Panchayat Samiti in Jawhar for the success of this project.

Promoting the concept among SHGs in Sakhara village

Beneficiary Speaks

It has always been our endeavor to create opportunities for sustainable livelihood for our students... In light of the above, we have recently converted our Community Tailoring Center in Walwanda village into a Livelihood Center with clear focus on commercial production.

The group of tribal women who have undergone training on basics of tailoring with us have started earning by stitching garments, bags and many other products.

This is what our students had to say...

"There are many organizations who teach and give us certificates, but there are very few who actually help us earn a living out of the vocation. We are very happy with this arrangement at the Community Training Center in Walwanda and hope to get continuous orders in the days to come.."