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Celebrating 20 years of Impact

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Neevjhan Foundation celebrated its 2nd Anniversary on 26th January 2023

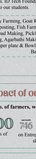
Note from our founder

We celebrated our 2nd anniversary in January 2023. The journey was attended by over 200 of our students across different village across Dahanu & Jawhar.

Walawada in Jawhar
Tarpa in Dahanu
January/2023 - India, we have reached out to over 30 villages across Jawhar, Dahanu & Trambakeshwar talukas in Palghar & Nashik districts of Maharashtra. We are proud to inform that we have touched over 1,000 tribal women

Pratibha Kumari, Founder

It has been a very exciting journey over the last 24 months… having started our operations from a remote village –



months who were made aware of the various opportunities available to generate an alternate source of income of their families and were also imparted technical training pertaining to the vocation of their choice and trained on essential entrepreneurship skills.

We also celebrated the following milestones –

20+ Vocations taught	200+ women entrepreneurs who running their small businesses successfully	15 Strategic Partners

Through our "Model Village" program, we are working towards introducing an alternate vocation in every household in a village, so that there is an alternate source of income (other than agriculture) in every village.

Over the last 2 years, with the help of our incubation partner – M/s. UnLtd India, we have sharpened our operating model to adopt a five-pronged approach towards our work –

1. Technical training on vocation of choice
2. Introduction of Entrepreneurship Skills
3. Facilitate access to seed capital
4. Support for atleast six months to stabilize operations
5. Help set-up small scale business venture

We believe that this is a continuous evolution process and we will continue to implement improvements as we work very closely with various stakeholders on the ground.

Today, with the help of our Knowledge Partners – M/s. Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Kotbad (KVK) & M/s. Khush Vibes Industrial Communions, Dahanu and M/s. JD Tech Foundation, Gurgaon we offer options for 20+ vocations to our students.

- Poultry Farming, Goat Rearing, Mushroom Cultivation, Vermi-composting, Fish Farming, Strawberry Cultivation, Masala Making, Papad Making, Pickle Making, Bakery, Chiko Processing, Soap Making, Agarbatti Making, Candle Making, Jaggery Making, Tailoring, Paper plate & Bowl Making, Sanitary Pad Making, Paper Bag Making

Impact of our work so far...

No. of farmers, women & youth trained-

800 on Vocations of choice	1,000 on Entrepreneurship skills	200+ by us who started their Business

No. of Entrepreneurship Projects funded by NeevJhan Foundation / Other Organizations	78
No. of beneficiaries whose projects are in pipeline for funding	750+

Creating a Model Village in Bawda, Harsul, Bahare and Vetti

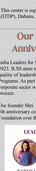
The last two months have been very busy for Team NeevJhan as we started our "Model Village" program across four different villages in Dahanu & Trambakeshwar talukas – Vetti, Bahare, Bawda and Harsul.

The "Model Village" is our flagship program wherein we try to reach out to every household in a village and train the woman of the house on an alternate vocation (other than agriculture) with the primary objective of creating an alternate source of income in the long run.

Session in progress at Ale, Dahanu

Session in progress at Harsul, Trambakeshwar

Session in progress at Bahare, Dahanu



Session in progress at Bawda, Dahanu

3rd Batch of tailoring students successfully "graduated"

The 3rd batch of students at our Community Tailoring Center in Kosbad, Dahanu "graduated" with flying colors last month. We teach the basics of tailoring to our students as per curriculum prescribed by the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) along with our Knowledge Partner – M/s. JD Tech Foundation.

This center is supported by the Integrated Tribal Development Project (ITDP), Dahanu.

Our Founder spoke at the 5th Anniversary celebration of ILSS

India Leaders for Social Sector celebrated their 5th Anniversary in January 2023. ILSS aims to strengthen India's social sector by transforming the quality of leadership and talent through a selection of robust learning Programs. As part of their Leadership Program, they help leaders in the corporate sector who wish to move to the social sector in their transition journey.

Our founder Shri. Protosh Kundu (an alumnus of ILSS) participated at the 5th anniversary celebrations and spoke about the journey of NeevJhan Foundation over the last 2 years.

Business Network International - Tara Chapter visited Dahanu

Colleagues from the BNI – Tara chapter visited Dahanu on 21st January to get a first hand view of the work that we do.... They visited the four SHGs currently involved in production of Masala, Papad & Pickles, Sanitary Pads and Paper plates & bowls.

Having understood the exact nature of work and the people involved in the process, many of them went back with the promise to support them in all possible way in terms of market connects. The day long visit ended with lunch hosted by our Program manager in Dahanu at his home.

The TEAM that delivers....

Our family comprises of six members who take it on themselves to deliver on our goals of creating alternate sources of income in every household so that the tribal women do not have to migrate to the cities in search of greener pastures.

A small, but effective team that delivers for NeevJhan Foundation!

Left to Right (Top row) - Hema Sonawane, Jaisha Mulkar, Dinesh Patil
Left to Right (Lower Row) - Vaibhav Dhanji Pawar Family, Kalpa Raturan

Beneficiary Speaks

Malti Manoj Kalangada from Ambesari will be setting up a bakery very soon in her village along with her Self Help Group. She is very happy with the training that she has undergone over the last 45 days.

"I have undergone a 6 days training program to make various bakery products. I have also received training on bakery product management at Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Kosbad. The program was very useful for all of us in our group. We hope to start the first bakery in our village very soon".

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