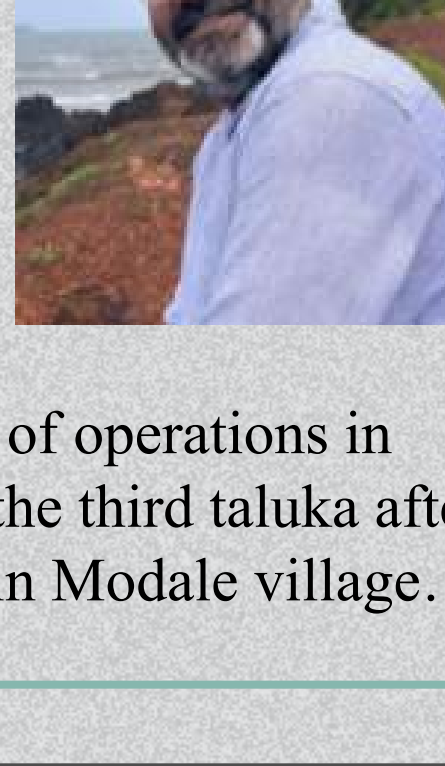


The month of May has seen the peak of summer in the whole of Maharashtra with temperatures soaring to all time high in many of the places....it is perhaps the toughest part of the year. Scarcity of water leads to suspension of most of the agricultural activity in the region as the people prepare their land for the only major crop during the monsoon.

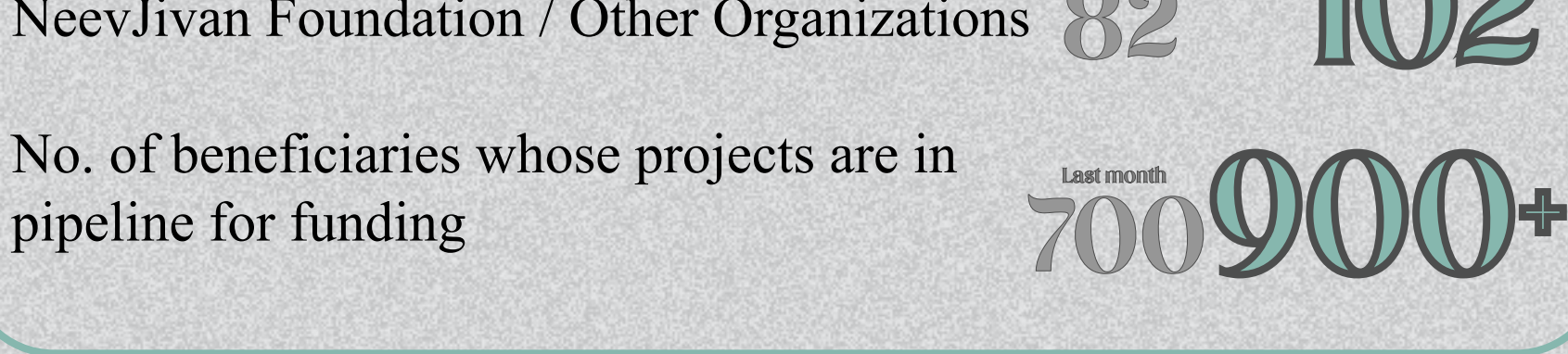


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Our focus in the month of May was expansion of operations in Trimabakeshwar taluka in the Nashik district, the third taluka after Jawhar and Dahanu, wherein we started work in Modale village...

## Impact of our work so far..

No. of farmers, women & youth trained-



## Generating Employment Opportunities with the Post & Telegraph Department



We have trained over 30 young boys and girls on Entrepreneurship skills over the last 3 months in association with the Integrated Tribal Development Project (ITDP), Jawhar. These budding entrepreneurs have been financially supported by ITDP, Jawhar to set up their shop in their respective villages.

We have been encouraging them to increase their portfolio of offering to customers at their shops. In that context, we organized an awareness program with the Department of Posts & Telegraph to help them become their "Business Correspondents"

This project will bring the banking system closer to the villages.

The users can withdraw money from their bank accounts in their respective villages without travelling 30-40 Kms to the nearest branch of the bank or ATM in the nearest town.

It's a WIN-WIN for both our young entrepreneurs and the villagers.

## Training SHGs on Vocation of choice

NeevJivan Foundation has been expanding their presence... Having worked successfully in Jawhar and Dahanu over the last two and half years, we have started our operation in Trimbakeshwar taluka in the Nashik district.

Having already trained the women centric SHGs from Harsul village on entrepreneurship skills, last month we started training them on vocations of their choice – Papad making and Goat Rearing.

Experts from our Knowledge Partner – Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Nashik had come to Thanapada and Chichwad villages to conduct the training sessions.



Members of Tulaja Bhawani Mahila Bachat Gath, Thanapada and Gayatri Mahila Bachat Gath, Kalmuste undergoing training on papad making



Members of Saraswati Mahila Bachat Gath, Chinchwad undergoing training on goat rearing

## Sustainability of SHGs trained by NeevJivan Foundation



The biggest challenge for an NGO working in the area of skill development and vocational training is the long-term sustenance of the projects initiated with the SHGs. Over a period of time, we have fine-tuned our model of operation and developed a 5 pronged approach to our engagement with the SHGs to deliver long term sustainability for them.



We are happy to report that most of the small-scale business ventures started by the SHGs supported by us have been running successfully. Here is a great example of the same –

Sai Krupa Swayam Sahayta Mahila Bachat Gath based out of Ganjad village have been making masala, papad & pickles for the last 1 year... They have been recently recognized by their Gram Panchayat as a "Model SHG"

## Bulk Orders at Our Community Tailoring Center

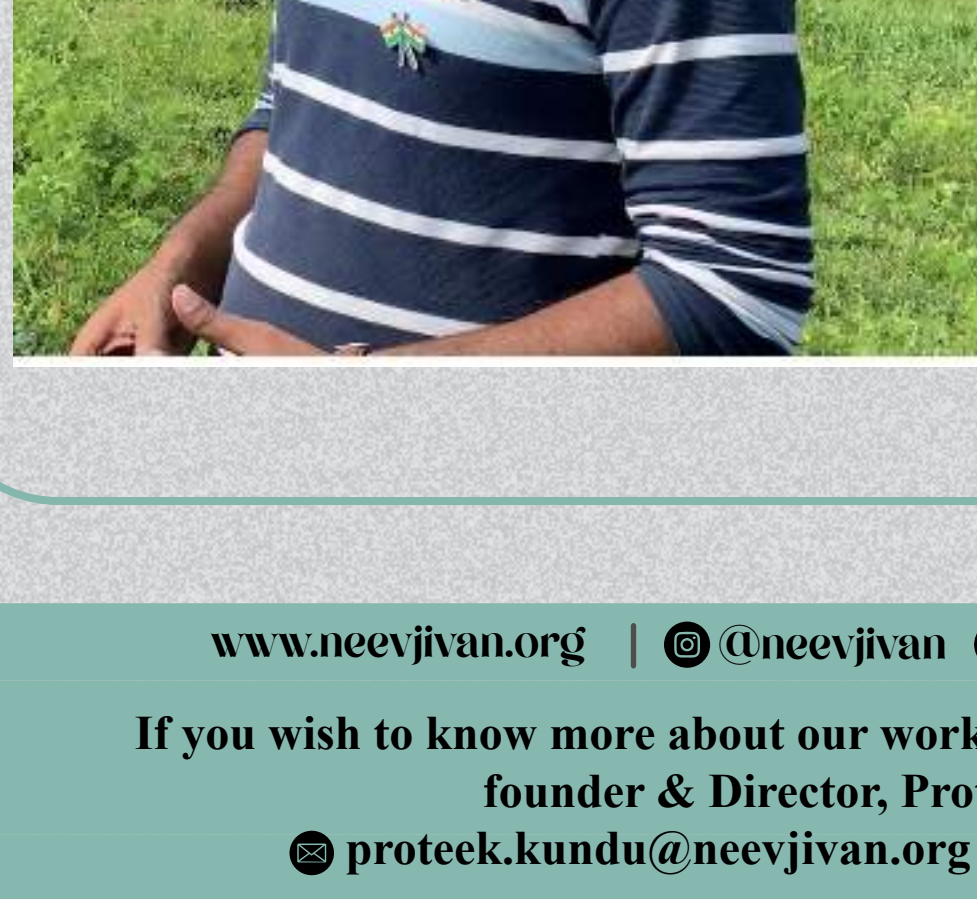
We run 3 Community Tailoring Centers in Jawhar & Dahanu. While training the tribal women on basics of tailoring is the primary agenda here, we are slowly changing our focus to generating livelihood opportunities for our students....

Our students can make simple bags, school uniforms and many other products as desired by customers. In case you have any requirements for bags in bulk quantity, do get in touch with us.

Your support will light up the lives of the tribal women we work with.



## Stakeholder Speaks



Vaibhav Kiran Gholap has been working with us for the last 2 years and this is what he has to say... "At NeevJivan Foundation, we believe in long term engagement with the beneficiaries and support them over 6 to 8 months in such a way that their small scale business ventures become sustainable in the long run. That's what differentiates us from the other organizations working in this area".