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INTRODUCTION

The Foundation stepped into this year with greater enthusiasm and a stronger belief in the concept of Sadbhavana (empathy, compassion, sincere fellow-feeling). Our activities last year towards spreading the message of Sadbhavana infused a different energy in the entire team and we had an eventful year which is being reported in the following sections.

This year has been special as this is 75th birth anniversary year of Rajiv ji and 150th birth anniversary year of Gandhi ji. Our focus for this year has been celebrating these two personalities by promoting their ideals and values through our programs and activities. The Foundation has undertaken various activities and events under its different theme. Following were the major achievements:

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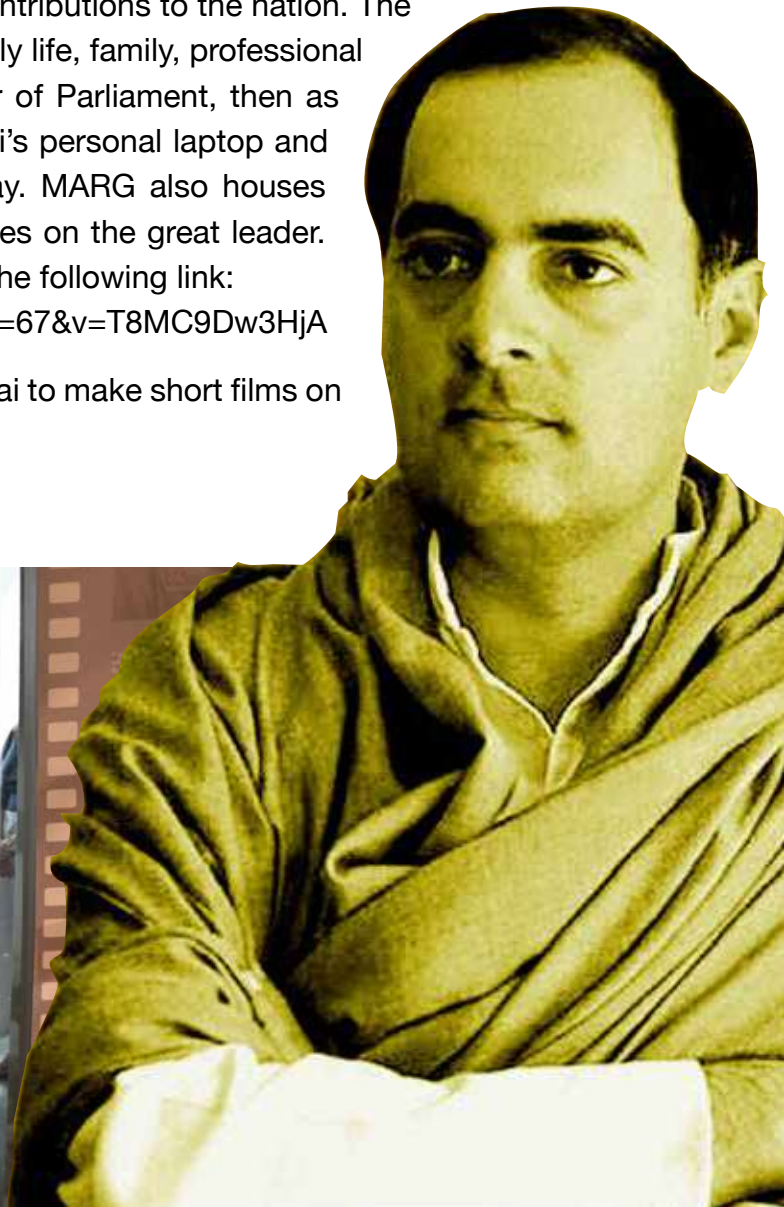
HERITAGE, OUTREACH AND PUBLIC EDUCATION (HOPE)

2.1 Heritage

The most important heritage of the Foundation is the Archives on Rajiv ji. This being the 75th birth anniversary year of Rajiv ji, we moved from conservation of the archival material to opening up a public gallery and also releasing 13 videos (both in English and Hindi) to celebrate his contribution to the nation.

Memories and Archives of Rajiv Gandhi (MARG), a public gallery was inaugurated by Smt. Sonia Gandhi, Chairperson on 20th August, 2019. Shri Rahul Gandhi was also present for the inauguration. The aim of the gallery is to accessing and viewing photographs, videos and other memorabilia of Rajiv ji's life and his contributions to the nation. The gallery constitutes of photo display of Rajiv's early life, family, professional career as pilot, entry into politics as a Member of Parliament, then as Prime Minister and Leader of opposition. Rajiv ji's personal laptop and photographs clicked by him are also on display. MARG also houses an audio-visual room to watch the documentaries on the great leader. Please see the video on MARG Inauguration at the following link:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=67&v=T8MC9Dw3HjA

We asked documentary film-maker Yasmin Kidwai to make short films on Rajiv ji's contribution to India's development.



The films covered 13 themes: Panchayati Raj, Women's Empowerment, Decentralised Governance, Introducing IT in Government, Telecommunications Revolution, Technology Missions, The National Wasteland Development Board, KBK Project in Odisha for Tribal Development, Signing of Peace Accords with the states of Punjab, Mizoram and Assam, Rebuilding Relations with China, Reducing Voting age to 18, Setting up Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas and Sadbhavana Yatra. These films were produced both in English and Hindi and received an outstanding response on our social media platforms. Please see these videos by clicking on <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLoz153vYet-IN6Ds7XtpOODEdzdNEIEyX>

While we opened our gates to Archives physically, we initiated providing access to the photographs digitally through a Flickr Account. We have uploaded around 11300 photos which are available for access online. In addition, around 32,000 photographs were digitized and accessioned.

We have framed 90 selected photographs on 5 achievements of Shri Rajiv Gandhi and the exhibition of these framed photographs has been done. To preserve Hussain's paintings and Jawaharlal Nehru's statue, making them as part of heritage space at Jawahar Bhawan. The Indonesian Embassy requested RGF for photographs for exhibition of Indonesian PM's visit to India during Shri Rajiv Gandhi's tenure as Prime Minister. RGF provided photographs to the Embassy.

In addition, SAHMAT organised a three months long exhibition at Jawahar Bhawan. The title of the exhibition was "The Indian Constitution at 70". This exhibition had works of over 50 artists which sought to capture the spirit of the Constitution, the possibilities for the future and the dream of change through persistence that WE, THE PEOPLE OF INDIA have solemnly resolved to uphold. People from various field, school and college going children, guests, representatives from partner organisations visited the exhibition.

We also disseminated books and related material on Rajiv ji during the events to mark his 75th birth anniversary, particularly to members of the Rajiv Gandhi Study Circles in various universities and causes.



2.2 Outreach – Sadbhavana Activities

During the reporting period, various Sadbhavana activities have been organised in different locations of the country. Hundreds of programs were organised focusing on the subjects ranging from contemporary socio-political issues, education, environment and natural resources, media and cultural, empowerment of weaker sections, public health and hygiene, Awareness of rights and laws, consumer protection, role of community in conservation of environment and natural resources, empowerment of women, tribals and weaker sections of society, mobilized the youth in Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas and colleges in different states towards their role in nation building and spreading Sadbhavana, creating opportunities for rural youth, career guidance, promotion of traditional sports like Kho- kho, Kabaddi, Kushti; importance of the Constitutional values in our lives, relevance of Kabir in today's world, New Education Policy, role of parents in addressing children issues, trafficking of child and women, strengthening democracy, social harmony and other critical issues specific to the region and Sadbhavana education to national harmony.

These programs were held in the association with several Sadbhavana activists and like-minded local organizations, schools, colleges, civil society groups, and NGOs. The Sadbhavana programs were mainly in the states of Jammu and Kashmir, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Bihar, Rajasthan, West Bengal, Odisha, Karnataka, Kerala, Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Assam, and Manipur.

In these Sadbhavana activities, social workers, activists, media and cultural person, academics, students, women, farmers, youth and concerned citizens participated. Activities such as Sadbhavana Sangams, Yatra, Street Plays, Discussions, Rang Mahotsav, Baal Mahotsav, Sadbhavana Road March, Seminar, Processions, Sports, Melas and celebrating Sadbhavana Festivals etc. More than 50,000 people participated in these Sadbhavana activities in various places.

The first phase of a massive 17 days Sadbhavana Yatra was organized in Odisha from Mathili from 11th Oct to 26th Oct 2019. It was dedicated to the tribal civil activist of south Odisha, Late Sahid Laxman Nayak. He was following the Gandhian principle of truth and non violence. The team for this Yatra comprised of Ms. Krishana Mohanty, the daughter of Late Nabakrushna



Choudhuri, the former CM of Odisha and Mr. Nishakar Das, the great Gandhian. During the yatra, more than 108 Sadbhavana sangams were organized in different parts of 21 districts.

During the way of Yatra, the discussions were on constitutional values, democracy, unity in diversity, religion, environment including local issues etc. The idea behind this Sadbhavana Yatra

was to create brotherhood feeling across the state in particular and dissemination of constitutional values along with livelihood initiatives like organic farming, enterprise promotion, addressing environmental issues etc. in general and making a different society based on Gandhian ideology, right leadership and right direction. The ultimate aim was to bring peace and development through promoting youth leadership.



The second phase of Sadbhavana Yatra was organised from 13th January 2020 from Jharsuguda and ended at Suando, Puri on 30th of January 2020. It covered 11 districts of Odisha namely, Jharsuguda, Sundergarh, Kendujhar, Baripada, Balasore, Bhadrak, Jajpur, Kendrapara, Jagatsinghpur and Puri. A total of 54 Sadbhavana meetings were organised during 17 days of Yatra. The partner organisations were Gandhi Peace Foundation and Rashtriya Yuva Sangathan. During the Yatra, various street plays, distribution of leaflets, meetings on Gandhian principles were conducted and mass message for truth, Sadbhavana and non violence was spread among the people.

More than 80,000 people such as activists, NGO personnel, Gandhians, local government administration, media people, intellectuals, teachers, professors, students, political leaders, opinion leaders, panchayat heads, tribal villagers and environmentalists etc. joined on the way of the Yatras.

2.2.1 Rajiv Sadbhavana Media Lab (RSML)

The Rajiv Sadbhavana Media Lab (RSML) was inaugurated on 20th August 2019 by our Trustee, Shri Rahul Gandhi. In today's world, where technology connects people, we also established a Media Lab with a team of professionals to reach out to a larger audience through different mediums. The team uses traditional media, modern mass media and digital social media to showcase the Foundation's work and spread the message of Sadbhavana, our over-arching objective.

Another achievement of the Media Lab during 2019-20 was the launch of Interactive Digital Education and Assessment of Learning (IDEAL) Platform on 2nd October, 2019 for learning about the Constitution. The Platform offers three components - Sadbhavana, Samvidhan and Samadhaan and aims to build an understanding of each of these aspects. An interactive platform,



designed especially for children and youth provides a plethora of good reading material, audios, videos, quizzes that will enhance their knowledge and understanding on digital education and learning. This platform covers three aspects:

- Sadbhavana** - Under the prevailing atmosphere, fraternity has suffered the most and therefore to contribute to rebuilding 'Sadbhavana' in Society.
- Samvidhan** - The ideals and values of India's Constitution – justice, liberty, equality and fraternity; as well as the rights and duties of citizens.
- Samadhaan** – The people are suffering from all types of problems, from lack of livelihoods due to poor quality of life. They are looking for solutions, and they need to be guided to work out and implement the solutions, which are in consonance with the ideals and values of India's Constitution.

After a successful launch, pilot programs and feedback from children, we decided to develop a full-fledged Engage section to connect children across the country with similar interest in learning about Sadbhavana, Samvidhan and Samadhaan. This section is designed as an interactive section where participants can post, like and comment on each other's works related to the themes of the platform. The user profile gives information about the participant. The profile can only be made after logging in to the platform and the information displayed can be controlled via privacy settings.

The user can upload a profile picture (moderated by admins), create posts, and can also send friend requests to other members and create groups based on shared interests (moderated). Based on the activities an individual participates in and their performance, they get Sadbhavana points which get added to their Sadbhavana score. The user's wall has posts by the people who have accepted their friend requests. These posts can be liked and commented upon by people who are 'friends' on this platform. The groups can be created by individuals or friends to connect like-minded people based on a shared interest regarding the themes of the platform. Members can join these groups either by sending a request or by invitation from the administration.

On August 22, 2019, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the Punjab ICT Education Society (PICTES) on behalf of the Government of Punjab and Rajiv Gandhi Foundation. The objective was to open a website that aims at young minds between the ages



of 8-18 and inform, educate, and engage with them to discuss Sadbhavana as the foundation of our Samvidhan (constitution) and its values, and the ways in which Samadhaan (solution) can be achieved by an ideal combination of both. RGF identified a social enterprise, Haqdarshak Empowerment Solutions Pvt. Ltd (HESPL), to build a mobile and web platform which can be used by students across the state, in both urban and rural areas.

The IDEAL website www.sadbhavana.net was launched on 2nd October, 2019 which works efficiently on both – computer screens as well as smart phones and is available in 3 languages- English, Hindi and Punjabi. The website has four sections – Play, Read, Watch and Engage. Three sections are already functioning and the fourth one is in the process.



Since going live, the website has been constantly updated with new content. It encourages the participants learn more about role models like Mahatma Gandhi, Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru and Shri Rajiv Gandhi, along with learning about the Constitution of India and also some fun and interactive games about understanding Sadbhavana.

Based on the success and feedback from the Pilot program in Punjab, we started designing an event in Punjab that would include around 750 schools divided into clusters and eventually, in a pyramid structure going all the way upto State level competitions. These events included speech competition, drawing, essay/story writing, slogan writing and many more. These competitions will be accompanied by a workshop to be given by the specially trained teachers about Sadbhavana and our platform. These workshops will be supervised by a Sadbhavana Squad that would visit these schools to ensure the smooth running of the program. We would also involve local artists and popular personalities to encourage and motivate children and help them connect Sadbhavana with their everyday life and inform their choices.

The workshop module will be implemented in Punjab across 750 schools, in a pyramid structured program which will move upwards from schools, to clusters, to district, upto State Level Events (SLEs). To boost the use of the platform, awareness will be built through organising listening, observing and learning (LOL) events, and essays and quiz competitions in schools and colleges, where the children and grown up students shall be given demonstrations on how to use the IDEAL Sadbhavana se Samadhaan Platform. These will help us discuss our program and website with a big number of children, while also giving us more content, feedback, and also talented children who can eventually participate in the content creation and running of the website by becoming a part of our FOCCUS (Formulating and Organizing Cyber Content for Understanding Sadbhavana) group.

Sadbhavana in the time of Corona

Our plans to have a live event with 750 schools got affected by the rising number of Covid19 cases which eventually led to a countrywide lockdown on March 25, 2020. Predicting the lockdown, our team had already started working towards using the platform to reach out to as many children as possible. We edited, created and uploaded a lot of new and engaging content for the children which included lists of films that they could watch during the lockdown and quizzes that can help them understand the Covid 19 situation better. We also curated a section completely devoted to Sadbhavana in the Time of Corona where lots of content was shared to help the children (and adults) understand and deal with the Covid19 pandemic. We have been updating this section constantly with new and helpful content.

2.2.2 Yuva Sadbhavana Mah

To celebrate the 75th birth anniversary of Rajiv ji, we organized a series of month long events in August. These events included programs for children and youth on storytelling, film screenings, Bal Sadbhavana Mela, theatre workshops, puppet shows, workshop on the Constitution, Gandhi Katha et al. More than 500 children participated in different events organised at Rajiv Gandhi Foundation.

2.2.3 Sadbhavana Centre in Tamil Nadu

We established a Sadbhavana Centre in Tamil Nadu at Ayothiapattinam, Salem District in collaboration with Mullai Vattara Kalanjiam, a federation of women's Self Help Groups. Through its wide network, the centre has conducted various activities related to women issues, health and environment and promoted harmony. Mullai Vattara Kalanjiam, the Sadbhavana center of Tamil Nadu, organized a major event



“Annual Mahasabha Meeting” in which more than 2000 women members participated. Earnest Interactions on trust worthiness in repayment of loan, strength of women collectives in addressing climate change and the possibilities of ‘Sadbhavana Politics’ (politics with harmony) by women SHGs were held. The centre also established Micro Justice centre for counselling women and providing legal guidance.

2.2.4 Mohan Se Mahatma Puppet Shows



On the occasion of 150th birth anniversary year of Mahatma Gandhi, we organized puppet shows on his life, mainly for children. The script of this show was developed by a group of senior Gandhians of Rajasthan and subsequently, some interested faculty from BHU-IIT helped create a movable puppet show kit. The Director and Chief Puppeteer Mithilesh Dubey and his team of six have done over 500

shows this year with our support covering Uttar Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and Bihar.

2.2.5 Sadbhavana Talk Series

This being the 150th birth anniversary year of Gandhi ji, the team conducted a series of video interviews of ten Living Gandhians – Smt Ela R Bhatt, Shri S Loganathan, Shri EP Menon, Shri Dharampal Saini, Shri Ramchandra Rahi, Shri TK Matthew, Shri Vikram Amarawat, Shri Nishakar Das, Shri David Blake Wills and Shri David H Albert. These great personalities spoke about the journey of their lives, how they moved on the path shown by Gandhi, challenges faced by them, their contribution to the betterment of society and a message for today's youth. These videos were shared on our social media platforms and received good response. Please click on the link below to see the videos: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLoz153vYet-mYbiWOfGaANH_5H-51kMlx

In addition to this, video interviews of Dr Ashok Khosla and Shri Gautam Bandopadhyay under the series, Pioneers in Development and Social Change were also conducted. Please click on the link below to see the videos: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KLHjk_CfEWA&list=PLoz153vYet-m_dYrBBDAK5tTCTsXQtD5t



The team also captured all events and programs organized by the Foundation during this period starting from Wonderoom programs, workshops, seminars, programs during the Yuva Sadbhavana Month and other programs. Please click on the link below to see the videos: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVqEtZWviZTiExndqLwKbXA/videos>

The Media Lab team contributed significantly in developing the videos of the work done by RGICS including its field studies. The videos on Budget Talk Series, case study on Forest Rights Act, a case study on emerging grassroots leadership in Kambur Panchayat, a study on medicinal and aromatic plants and others have facilitated reaching out to stakeholders through an interesting medium. Please click on the link below to see the videos: <https://www.youtube.com/user/RGICSIndia/videos>

2.2.6 Sadbhavana Training Program at Kannur, Kerala

The Sadbhavana Training Program was organized on 11th and 12th January 2020 by Jawahar Bala Jana Vedi (JBJV), Kannur district, Kerala. JBV designed and developed this training program for the people working in the development sector. The aim of the training program was to develop leadership qualities, communication skills, problem solving ability, artistic expression and scientific inquisitiveness. More than 50 people participated in this two day training program.

2.3 Public Education



At RGF, we provide a platform to like-minded organizations to collaborate and present their work towards spreading Sadbhavana. During 2019-20, we co-hosted book releases, discussions, debate competitions, workshops, a program on inter-community marriages organized by Parinay and workshops for Youth including a Forum Theatre Workshop and a workshop on Theatre in

Education by Daniel Kelin, Director of Honolulu Theatre for Youth. We also had Shri TM Krishna, an eminent Musician, as the key speaker for 2nd Neelabh Mishra Memorial Lecture and Prof Arun Kumar, Malcolm S. Adiseshiah Chair Professor, who gave a talk on Current Economic Situation in India.

As a part of the public education program, we organized three parts of the Sadbhavana Shanti Se Shakti – Bharat Ek Khoj. This is mainly based on Discovery of India which is widely regarded as a classic in our country. And it provides a concise precise of Indian history, philosophy and culture. The Discovery of India is, in fact, the discovery of Nehru's rich and graceful personality.



It gives us glimpses into the manifold aspects of this great man symbolized for many years the youth of our rejuvenated race wakened after long slumber. The contents covered so far are Bharat Mata Ki Jai, Nehru Speech, Sindhu Ghati (Harappa), Vedic Period, Arya - Indra and Rakshas, Ved and Upanishad – Ashtavakra, Caste system, Ramayana, Mahabharata, Atheist – Charvaka, Ajivika – Niyativaadi, Jainism and Buddhism, Democracy during Buddhism, Chanakya and Chandra Gupta, Ashoka, Akam Puram, Silappatikaram, Ritusamhara, Kalidas, Harshvardhan, Adi Shankaracharya, and Mahendra Vikram Varman etc.

Another major event was “Trilogy of K A Abbas’s Plays to mark Mahatma Gandhi’s 150th Birth Anniversary” organised by RGF in Jawahar Bhawan with collaboration with Khwaja Ahmad Abbas Memorial Trust (KAAMT). During the event, a series of 3 plays on Khwaja Ahmad Abbas were organized from 4th to 6th October 2019. Celebrating “Aaj aur Kal: Gandhi’s idea of India through the eyes of Abbas” was the main theme of this event.

These stories were written between 1950s and 1960s and each one represents Gandhian thought in a unique manner. The first one using the epistolary form is through a child’s lens. The second story was about the first decade post-partition and uses the lens of a young girl caught in the cross border family ‘uljhan’. The third was a musical play about social mores from the lens of Kabir, the ‘musafir’ who arrives in his hometown Varanasi.

We also hosted an Odia Sadbhavana Festival at Jawahar Bhawan. It featured three plays which were directed by eminent thespian Anant Mahapatra, better known personality as the ‘renaissance man of Odia theatre’. Claiming to be an assortment of “contemporary, satire, drama and suspense,” the three plays featured in the event were “Sagar Manthan” (Churning of the Ocean), “Sei Tini Jana” (Those Three people) and “Goitha Baba” (Kicking Baba). Created with the intention of giving people a peek into Odia culture, special attractions like mono acting and painting competition for children and an Odia cuisine competition, exclusively for women. The

festival also hosted a panel discussion on Odia theatre scene, titled “From Traditional to Modern: The Journey of Odia Theatre”. More than 250 people participated in the festivals.

The National Education Day on 11th November 2019 was observed at Jawahar Bhawan giving a tribute to Maulana Azad on his 131st birth anniversary. The event was organised in association with Samruddha Bharat Foundation and Hamari Urdu Mohabbat. The theme of the event was “Jan Manch – Idea of India: Unity in Diversity”. Taking inspiration from Maulana Azad’s life and work, the event strived to meaningfully reflection on the key challenges that India is facing. There was also an exhibition of photographs, videos capturing the life and work of India’s founders.



We also organized a series of activities in Jawahar Bhawan from 11th- 30th November, 2019 which includes celebration of ‘Shiksha, Shanti, Shakti aur Sadbhavana. On 11th Nov, birth anniversary of Maulana Abdul Kalam Azad, on 14th Nov, birth anniversary of Pandit Nehru and on 18th Nov, birth anniversary of Smt. Indira Gandhi. Partner NGOs, institutions, students and their parents participated in the events and celebrated the great personality through the arts, culture, theatre and drama sessions organised on these days.

On 20th and 21st December 2019, CEO and two team members visited Jana Sanskriti, West Bengal and met with Dr Sanjay Ganguly, its founder, to experience a forum theatre play on girl child and women discrimination. The spectators’ participation was amazing and also the very original point of view came out in this process without any biases. We are exploring the possibility of Jana Sanskriti’s collaboration with RGF. It will become a vibrant movement for change in society on various important issues through direct engagement with people and encourage them to keep their opinion, point of view in a specific situation.

We also invited a few performing groups during the Yuva Sadbhavana Month. This included a dance puppet show on the life and struggles of farmers in India; a Gujarati folk dance group who performed songs on Gandhi ji; poetry recitation by Dr Gauhar Raza; and film screenings on Gandhi ji.



Educational Intervention for Children's Healthcare in Muzaffarpur, Bihar:

After 150 children died in June due to the Acute Encephalitis Syndrome, based on a call from the Sadbhavana Associate there, Mr Sahid Kamal, the RGF CEO Mr Vijay Mahajan, contacted Dr Shibhan Ganju, an All India Institute for Medical Sciences graduate who now runs the Save a Mother Foundation.

They visited several affected villages of Muzaffarpur with the help of a local NGO, Sarva Seva Samiti working with women's self-help group (SHG) federations in the Minapur block of the district. The visit was made to assess the situation. They found that the main cause of the children's deaths was malnutrition due to poverty, which was aggravated by them eating unripe Litchis to fill their stomachs. That area grows 80% of India's litchi so it is widely available in the months of May and June.

But a viral cause cannot be ruled out without more research. Dr Ganju met Dr Arun Shah who is a highly respected pediatrician of Muzaffarpur and has also written a research paper on this topic. Dr Ganju and his team have agreed to set up a three year program to address this problem with the support of Dr Shah, Shahid Kamal, our Sadbhavana Fellow in the region, Mihir Sahana of SSS and the Minapur SHG Federation of 12600 women members.



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EDUCATION

3.1 INTERACT Scholarships

The objective of this program is to provide scholarships to the children in conflict areas of the selected states such as Assam, Manipur, Jammu and Kashmir, Telangana, Chhattisgarh and Maharashtra etc. The affected families are supported with scholarship amount for academic education of their children upto 12th class. In this year, 32 new scholars were enrolled to the INTERACT Scholarship program. We continued supporting a total of 294 scholars including new enrolled children to complete their school education. The state wise number of scholars under this program is given below in table:

S.No.	STATE	Up to UKG	Class 1- 7	Class 8 – 12	Total Scholars
1	Telangana	0	1	15	16
2	Assam	3	22	8	33
3	Chhattisgarh	0	5	3	8
4	Jammu & Kashmir	8	34	60	102
5	Manipur	2	25	83	110
6	Maharashtra	0	0	4	4
7	Puducherry	0	0	4	4
8	Nagaland	0	0	2	2
9	Gujarat	0	0	1	1
10	Karnataka	0	0	1	1
11	Jharkhand	0	3	1	4
12	Rajasthan	0	1	0	1
13	Haryana	2	4	0	6
14	Uttar Pradesh	1	0	1	2
	Total	16	95	183	294

Based on feedback from alumni children and their parents under the INTERACT program, we have added a number of activities including psycho-social counselling, career counselling and scholarship for higher education to the most promising students, who had completed the school education. The key highlights of the program during this period are:



3.1.1 Psychosocial Counselling Sessions for the scholars

We have organised various psychosocial and counselling workshop and sessions including career guidance during the year with children group and individuals. The main objective of these sessions is to provide support to the traumatized scholars and provide them succour to accept their situation and work towards their future. We even conducted sessions through webcasts from Delhi where a local resource was not available. We reached out to around 114 scholars in Manipur through these sessions and provided individual support to 25 children from 7 districts of J&K. We had various online webcasts sessions with the children. These sessions were as follows:

- Facebook Live Career Counselling session with Certified Career Counsellor – till date, according to insights, this post reached about 15,000 people.
- Online Sadbhavana Sangam with students in Manipur by RGF team.
- Online form filling session on pre-assessment for mental health with students in Manipur.



State: J&K

Scholar Name:
Jatinder Singh (JK0384)

Jatinder comes from a remote village Gabber in Budhal area of Rajouri District of Pirpanjal region of Jammu & Kashmir. His father Punjab Singh who was running a grocery shop at Budhal, was killed on 9th of Oct 2005, by unknown gunmen at his residence. At the time of incident Punjab Singh was celebrating the birth of his second child Manjit Singh (also a Scholar) with his family.

In 2008 Jatinder along with his brother Manjit were enrolled in scholarship program of RGF. Both of them were provided continuous financial assistance for their smooth studies. His mother Satiya Devi was engaged as sweeper in same school where Jatinder & Manjit were studying. At that time she was getting Rs 500 per month. School fee of both the kids was Rs 400 per month. But she was managing the same. In spare time she was going for part-time labouring. In 2013 Satiya Devi was engaged as SPO on an honorarium of 1500 per

month. Having a tough & hard time she continued to provide support to her kids for their schooling.

In 2018 Jatinder Singh passed his board exam of class 10th with 67% marks despite ill health & limited sources. After passing class 10th Jatinder opted for science subjects for intermediate (12th) course. But due to the non-availability of science teachers in Rajouri district, Jatinder had to get admission at BHSS Poonch some 135 Kms away from his home. Having no hostel facility, Jatinder got a rented room and he decided to provide tuition facility to primary standard students. He is working very hard, day & night to make a seat in NEET 2021 session. He had set a goal to secure 95% marks in 12th examination. These days Jatinder is preparing for examination of pending subjects. Also guiding his little brother for 10th class examination. Jatinder is getting study material from different source to crack NEET. As per Jatinder, he wants to crack UPSC and become an IAS officer.

Jatinder Singh & his family seem very much associated emotionally with RGF. As per them their life would have been vilest, if there would have not been timely support from RGF. Jatinder added that people must acknowledge the sincere affiliations of RGF towards suffering people.



State: J&K

Scholar Name:

Uzma Farooq (JK0429)

Uzma Farooq an 18 year old girl comes from Dadsara village of Tral area from Pulwama District. Tral is considered the most volatile area in Jammu & Kashmir and a militancy hotbed. Uzma lost her father. Farooq Ahmad Bhat when she was just 3 years old. Her father was running a cosmetic shop in his village Dadsara Tral. Her mother Uzma Farooq namely Shahzada was not treated well by her in-laws and they became dependent of relatives & neighbours. Her mother did not lost her courage. She worked very hard for her kids Uzma & Shahid.

After her selection in INTERACT Program of RGF in the year 2010, her family got financial support and Uzma was migrated from Government School to a Private school namely Aglow Public School and both the kids were studying very well. Shahid who was just 13 in 2010 started part-time labouring to support his family.

As per Uzma & her family it was only due to continuous support from RGF that she continued her studies. Apart from financial

support RGF provided psychosocial support to her mother.

In 2017 Uzma passed her Secondary School Examination with 87% marks despite having limited access to schooling, tuition & other necessary facilities. She took it a challenge and competed with her fellow students. In 2019 she passed her SSE Examination with 78% marks. She got admission at GDC Tral and is perusing BA there. After the 5th August 2019 there was communication blockade but Uzma did not stopped her studies. She had got notes (Hardcopies) study material from other fellow student is preparing for her exams. In Covid-19 lockdown most of the students across the country use modern gadgets to attend digital classes. But Uzma didn't have even smartphone in her home. With the support & guidance of her brother Uzma is continuing her studies from books & notes.

Uzma wants to become a professor in education department. She intends to serve conflict affected children for their bright future.



State: J&K

Scholar Name:
Mantasa Parveen

Mantasa, 12, lost her father (L) Sh. Sk Halim due to mob lynching in 2017. He was a mechanic. Sk Halim and his three other friends were killed brutally by the aggressive group of people.

Left with no male member in the family of 7 members to sustain, the family of Islam ethnicity rushed into dire poverty with mentally distress. Among the seven members in the family, there are three children going to school in the class V, VII & K.G. All children wanted to continue studying in the classes where they were. Fortunately Karwan E Mohabbat team met the family of Mantasa after which she got selected for INTERACT programme. She is studying in VIDYA BHARATI ENGLISH SCHOOL, HATA, JHARKHAND. The RGF support has contributed to run the education for the second child as well. .

Mantasa is very calm and wants to know more and more about the world, nature, creatures living in nature and their habitats.

Her favourite subjects are EVS and GK. She wants to become a doctor one day. Her mother stitches plastic bags to support her family, but now she is not able to work due to her health issues. started stitching plastic bags for at 50 paise per piece in 2018. In this way she used to earn Rs 50-100 per day. She is under treatment for her health issues. Naseema Ji and her family is given counselling and therapies sessions as well.



State: J&K

Scholar Name:
Oshin Sougaijam (MAN 0364)

Oshin was a small child when Rajiv Gandhi Foundation selected her as an INTERACT I scholar. Her mother Tanuja Devi had to return to her parental home along with Oshin after Oshin's father was killed by insurgents. She struggled to raise her only child earning her living weaving clothes.

Support provided by RGF was very helpful for them. Oshin concentrated on her studies and cleared her 12th exam with flying colours. She then tried her luck in the MBBS entrance exam conducted by Government of Manipur and got selected for Jawaharlal Institute of Medical Sciences, Imphal.

They had to depend on their relatives and struggle a lot as her mother was facing health issues and could not continue with her weaving profession, but they never gave up. Director of Planning Department, Government of Manipur helped her with 5K every month till she finished her MBBS. Thanks to Sharat Ji, our former Program Associate. Oshin has now completed her MBBS and is doing her Internship in the same hospital.

Proud to say that she is a Covid warrior working in the frontline at the hospital which is a Covid care centre and is overflowing with Covid 19 patients right now. God be with her and praying that she stays safe and continue to serve the society as a dedicated Doctor.

3.1.2 Scholarships for Higher/Professional Education

This is a new dimension under this program. We managed to get five scholars fully sponsored by Suresh Gyan Vihar University, Jaipur to pursue their graduation. The University shall cover tuition fees, boarding and hostel fees for the entire duration of the course. The sponsorship covering the entire duration of study for these scholars, amounts to Rs 40 Lakhs.



These students have been also assigned a personal mentor by the University, for any support or guidance required. These scholars have joined their courses in August, 2019. We invited them to meet the Trustee, Shri Rahul Gandhi on 75th birth anniversary celebrations. The Trustee congratulated these bright young minds and felicitated each scholar with a laptop from the Foundation. These scholars are about to complete their 1st year course and doing well in the University. List of scholars and their course is given in the following table:

S.No.	Scholar's Name	Scholar's State	Graduation	Duration of Course
1	Mr Mrinmoy Barman	Assam	B.Tech Mechanical Engineering	4
2	Ms Korimayum Salima Sultan	Manipur	B.Sc. + MBA in Health and Hospital Management (Integrated course)	4
3	Ms Thockchom Riya	Manipur	B.Sc. Agriculture (Hons)	5
4	Ms Gracy Salam	Manipur	Bachelors of Business Management	3
5	Ms Anjali Vinod Gupta	Maharashtra	B.Tech CSE in Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning (IBM)	4

3.2 Rajiv Gandhi Cambridge Scholarship

While we will no longer be offering new scholarships, we continue to provide support to our existing scholars – three for PhD, three for MPhil and one for LLM. Currently two scholars - Shuvatri Dasgupta and Rishi Rajpopat are continuing in their third year of study at Cambridge. Two PhD scholars, Ms. Mrinalini Venkateshwaran, Ms. Garima Sahai who were in 3rd year of study extended their course to fourth year because of accident and ill health which delayed their thesis work.

This was the last year of scholarship and there is no further commitment with Cambridge Trust. However, we are also exploring possibilities of keeping our association with the Cambridge Trust through different ways. Mr Mahajan met Ms Helen Pennant from the Cambridge Trust to discuss such options and we look forward to work together on issues of interest. Ms Pennant also met Trustee Shri Rahul Gandhi.



3.3 Wonderoom

Wonderoom has aligned its activities with the objective of inculcating Sadbhavana in the minds of young children. At Wonderoom, the unique way of learning through storytelling, poetry, theatre, art and craft, fun science sessions creates interest for children and sensitizes them towards various issues.

During this period, the team celebrated birth anniversaries of Tagore, Premchand, Ruskin Bond, 75th birth anniversary of Rajiv ji, observed World Day against Trafficking in Persons with FXB India Suraksha, a partner organization, Hindi Diwas and Teachers' Day.



The annual Summer Camp witnessed the footfall of around 3000 children over the 20 days period. The team also organized theatre workshops at 10 different partner locations which were very successful in reaching out to children from different backgrounds.



Wonderoom team organized a series of events to commemorate Rajiv ji on his 75th birth anniversary, ranging from a Science Show by a team from the National Science Museum, a workshop on the Constitution, theatre productions spreading the message of harmony and peace, tree plantation for Sadbhavana towards environment, storytelling on Rajiv ji by our resource person, Ms Usha Chhabra and Sadbhavana Katha Utsav with our 5 Bal Sadbhavana Kendras in different locations.

Story Telling and Musical Play: There were plays such as “Bapu Bahurupiya” and “Par Hame Khelana Hai”. The children played both the programs as part of the event organised in Jawahar Bhawan. The Bapu Bahurupiya is based on the book written by Anu Bandhopadhyay and published by NCERT. Name of the book is Bahuroop Gandhi. There are 25 chapters in this book which give an understanding to see Gandhi from different aspects through his practices in daily life. It clearly present the idea that Gandhi always try to behave whatever he speaks and think. This book also gives a picture to know the



different faces of Gandhi like a teacher, a barrister, a sweeper, a farmer along with a political figure.

In October, we organized Club Run, Storytelling session, Ados-Pados Drama Club and Volunteer Drama Club to celebrate Gandhi Jayanti Mah. Children and their parents, partner NGOs and people from education sector participated in Gandhi Jayanti celebration in Wonderoom. In these activities, more than 300 children performed and participated in activities in various locations.

On 12th November we organized a Mobile Film Workshop in which children and partners attended. Another activity was Baal Mela on 14th November 2019 in which partner NGOs Ramji Rao Trust and CAFPP participated, including 250 children from surrounding area. The sessions were as Works Quiz, Drawing, Essay Writing, Story Writing and Exhibition on children's work. The children have



also celebrated the birthday of educationist Gijubhai Badheka through storytelling sessions. The storytelling sessions were taken by resource person and children in Wonderoom.

We organized Sadbhavana Katha Utsav with our partners; Salam Balak Trust, Kumod Trust, CAFP and Baal Sahyog in Delhi and NCR from 22nd to 27th Nov with culmination on 27th November 2019. More than 400 children participated in Katha Utsav at all locations. There was a Kavi sammelan by the Wonderoom children which was organised named Baal Kavi Sammelan at Alcon International School. More than 150 children participated in the Sammelan. In addition, we organised the Sadbhavana Abhivyakti Karyakaram in which there were a number of activities for children so that they can express freedom of speech in their life.



Inspirational Talk by Women Biker: The event was interaction with the Author and launch of the book titled “Road to Mekong: Four Women, Six Countries, 17,000 Kilometres - An Adventure of a Lifetime”. The author of the book Ms Piya Bahadur undertook this adventurous expedition along with three other women riders from Hyderabad. In this book, Piya takes the reader along on her travels through places rarely visited by the itinerant Indian and shares the new World that unfolds as she journeys from being a working mother constrained by her own inhibitions to a confident traveller accepting of whatever adventures life has to offer. Piya’s father, Mr Naresh Bahadur, an avid biker also went on a motorcycle trip from Mumbai to Paris in 1979 with his six other friends. The book, “EURODASH79: The Quest - Inspired and Relentless Search for the True Knowledge, Culture and Values”, narrates his journey years back. Biker father and daughter shared their life changing experiences with children.

Art and Craft Sessions on Environment: Various arts and crafts sessions were organised for the Wonderoom children. Awareness about global warming and how can you be nature friendly was discussed with children. We made plantation drive under the Project Green Jawahar Bhawan

in which we had taken two side empty spaces next to Statue. “Learning Science with Fun” sessions were conducted on Frogs (Stories of different myths pertaining to Frogs, Interesting information like how frogs hear, drink etc.

In the month of January, RGF organised a Clown Show, Storytelling sessions and Poem Recitation in World Book Fair 2020. More than 80 children of Wonderoom along with RGF team members participated in these activities. The children also viewed other shows and activities organised by various organisation in the Wold Book Fair.



We celebrated Nirankar Dev Sevak’s birthday in which the Baal Rachanaakar Goshthi was organised for the Wonderoom children. Another event was “Aao Kahani Bune”, Creative Writing and Drawing Competition organized by Sahitya Academy in which all Wonderoom children participated, listened the various stories performed by children and resources persons. On 5th March, Baal Kathamanch program was organised at Rajkiya Pratibha Vikas Vidyalaya, Delhi. In all, more than 100 school children along with Wonderoom children participated and enjoyed the event.

3.3.1 Establishment of Community Libraries

We are supporting the Crayons of Hope Foundation to set up 75 community libraries and children’s activity centres called Wall O Books all over the Delhi NCR in lower income colonies. Wall O Books is a library on a wall built and run by children together with their teacher. A program of Wall O Books KidKiLABS- a unique, year-long curriculum based on STEAM (Science,



Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics) and the 21st Century Skills Framework which will help children to upgrade their skills.

These centres will help children to improve their reading skills, creativity and expression abilities, make friends through the HOPELETS Integration program and instil a spirit of Sadbhavana. The children are helped by a part-time centre coordinator, who apart from reading based activities also conducts learning games called KidKiLABS. During the year, the Wonderoom team visited most of the Wall O Books centres and observed the activities undertaken, and explored the possibility for exchanging programs with each other. The partner has completed the second workshop for its teachers on baseline with support of RGF in which HOPELETS and KidKiLABS curriculum was explained and it has been initiated in all 75 centres.

3.3.2 Rajiv Socio-technical Knowledge, Innovation & Learning Lab (SKILLAB)

Rajiv SKILLAB was inaugurated by our Trustee, Shri Rahul Gandhi on the 75th birth anniversary of Rajiv ji. It aims to provide a platform to young innovators to design, develop, test and launch products or solutions to socio-technical problems around us. The exposure to technology has



begun with the sessions on Robotics and Drones. We conduct regular sessions for these activities. In robotics, the children have been able to make mechanical models using sensors and are learning to program these.

We also organized a workshop on learning about Drones, to understand the concept of aerodynamics and to fly these gadgets. Around 15-20 children from Wonderoom are engaged in the SKILLAB at any time to experiment with their ideas and explore things around them. They have progressed to developing a mini rain harvesting model, design of a road sweeping machine, a hanging garden using waste bottles.

The following were the key activities outlined by R-SKILLab during the reporting period:

Proof of concept and Model making workshop on issues and challenges faced by the students in their immediate environment. Some of the themes included:

- Mechanised Mopping and Road sweeping machine to address cleanliness.
- Device to wash cars, from under without lifting the car.
- Solar powered device to draw water from well.
- Mass - Air Purifier to address the Delhi pollution.
- Developing products through plastic waste.

In addition, there were a number of robotics, drone and other sessions based on the modern required scientific aspects. During the reporting period we have completed 22 sessions of Drone in which children made their own drone and now children are learning to fly their drones. Second stage is to take them for exposure visit. Children's visit to IIT- Delhi to attend the Robotics session and 3rd Annual Industry Innovation day.



Inspire children to Innovate through actively engaging them in ideation workshops that build on analytical and critical thinking and team working, as well as through talks by Innovators and Design practitioners. SKILLab has identified Desmania – a large Design house managed by an Ex- NID (National Institute of Design) Alumni, for a curriculum on “Design Thinking” as well as an Ideation workshop to shortlist potential insights. A visit to evaluate the facilities of Desmania in Manesar was conducted in Nov 2019.

3.3.3 Bal Sadbhavana Kendra – Wonderoom Extension Centres

Carrying forward our work with children with the different partner organization, we established 18 Bal Sadbhavana Kendras across different regions. These centres organize activities for children like reading and writing, art & craft, fun science, theatre, storytelling, games etc. RGF Wonderoom team provides regular support and guidance to these Kendras. We also supported these Kendras to organize summer camps at their locations.



Bal Sadbhavana Kendras at Guwahati, Imphal, Srinagar, Warangal, Kondagaon, Bastar and Jamui have been running with local support. In Rajasthan, two Sadbhavana Centres; one in Bamuda and other Sukkapura have been running smoothly with support from local partner Gram Gaurav Sansthan.



The message of Sadbhavana is imparted to children through various activities such as stories, games, plays and reading writing sessions. A number of children are coming to the centre on daily basis and enjoying various activities there. Festivals of all religion are celebrated by children, parents and the community to make awareness about the beauty and goodness of each religion and also bringing together everyone. In some places, these Kendras have become centre for training on income generation. Women are trained to make best out of waste and recycled materials, they learn candle making, handmade soap and hand craft items etc. for their regular income. The list of Kendras is given below:

List of Bal Sadbhavana Kendra (Wonderoom Extension Centres)

S.No.	State	District	Partner NGO/School
1	Delhi	South East Delhi	Sharifan
2	Delhi	North West Delhi	Saksham
3	Delhi	Centre Delhi	Salam Balak Trust
4	Delhi	South Delhi	CAFP
5	Delhi	Dwarka	Self WR
6	Delhi	Centre Delhi	Bal Sahyog
7	Delhi	Model Town	Enlightened Kumud Trust
8	Uttar Pradesh	NOIDA	FXB Surakhsha India
9	Rajasthan	Karauli	Gram Gaurav Sansthan
10	Rajasthan	Pali	Fab India School
11	Chhattisgarh	Konda	Saathi
12	Chhattisgarh	Dantewada	Bastar Samajik Jan Vikas Samiti
13	Telangana	Warangal	Alumni
14	Assam	Guwahati	KSDO
15	Kashmir	Budgam	Alumni
16	Uttarakhand	Ghansali	Himalayan English School
17	Bihar	Nalanda	Saral Services
18	Bihar	Jamui	Saral Services

3.3.4 Bal Sadbhavana Kendra, Badgaon, J & K

The Bal Sadbhavana Kendra at Luckchaar in Budgam was started in the month of May 2019. The Kendra has been established with the support from local community and management of Iman-e-Zaman Public Library who provided space. The main objective of the Kendra is to engage children in their spare time with different activities to enhance their capacities in different fields. An alumni of INTERACT Program of RGF volunteered himself as facilitator who was oriented /trained about different child related activities at Wonderoom, RGF.

There are 30 children (Boys & Girls) between the age group of 6-14 enrolled in this Kendra. It remains functional regularly, however the devised activities are being done for two hours in four days a week.



As the situation in J&K disturbed and the schools were closed for a long period for more than five months, this Kendra played a role to engage children with activities particularly related to with their academic curriculum. There was complete blockade across the Kashmir, children were confined to their homes. It was only the Kendra which was taking care of the local children to keep curriculum activities.

3.3.5 Baal Sadbhavana Kendra, Guwahati

This Kendra was started at SSK Guwahati in last week of March 2019. It was not an easy task convincing parents and children to come over to the centre for activities. The door to door visit was conducted to enrol and convince families to send their children and thus it began to function with a few children. In one year, a total of 128 pairs of children have walked into the Kendra and they have been engaged in various activities of arts and crafts, storytelling, drama acting, singing, dancing, fun with games, festival celebrations, discussions on various topics etc. and we can see quite a lot of changes in personalities of our children.



Another activity of the Kendra was the Sadhbhavana meetings where people from all walks of lives including journalists, writers, caregivers, patients, women groups etc. participated. Also, some meetings were held outside at different locations namely Nalbari, Kokrajhar, cultural meet at the nearby community centre, children functions with the neighbouring school etc.

The Lockdown has restricted us to do activities at the centre but we are active online with the kids. All the schools are conducting online classes and children are overloaded with work yet some children find the time to be active with Baal Sadbhavana activities. During lockdown, our activities include drawing, activity videos which children make, discussion on whatsapp about Covid awareness etc.

Another major activity of Kendra is to help people who come from other areas for treatment in Guwahati. Mostly they happen to be families of INTERACT scholar families and they stay, get proper guidance whom to go to for and are seen that they get proper treatment. Through this Kendra, 3 cancer patients were supported for their treatment. 15 women which included mothers of the children of Kendra and other family members were given training in crafting items which includes plastic and stocking flower making, bottle up cycling, newspaper craft etc. Through this Kendra, we are about to go ahead with candle making and handmade soap for which material has partially been acquired. Due to the Corona Pandemic, we cannot continue our activities at the Kendra.

3.3.6 Teachers' Training in Sadbhavana

Our programs are focused on enhancing Sadbhavana through education of youth and children who are the future of our nation. We have conducted various activities on theatre in education focusing on drama for integration, understanding of creativity and to build self-efficacy, explore possibilities for cultivating children's creative and critical thinking skills. The activities have helped trainers to understand the personality development and integration of children, developing qualities like confidence building, sense of responsibility, self-analysis, and self-acceptance.

Mr Daniel Kelin, an expert on professional development in drama organized a five days workshop at RGF in which around 30 people including teachers, trainers and theatre person of various backgrounds participated. Another workshop for teachers was on happiness and mindfulness. Mindfulness is the basic human ability to be fully present, aware of where we are and what we're doing, and not overly reactive or overwhelmed by what's going on around us. With this objective, a workshop was organized in this quarter by Dimple Mehta at Jawahar Bhawan. More than 40 people who are from various fields, attended the workshop.



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LIVELIHOODS

4.1 Livelihood Restoration Program in Idukki, Kerala

After thorough assessments and field visits, the livelihood program in Idukki was started in August 2019 in collaboration with the local organization Kudayathoor Development Society. Under this initiative, training programs in tailoring and bamboo craft making have been organised for affected women from affected families. So far, we have successfully completed two batches of training, one on tailoring and another on handicraft items with bamboos and cane.



More than 50 women completed the training course in these aspects. After the training, most of them have started the income generation activities. The trained group also participated in the district level exhibition program for expending their small businesses. Another batch of 45 candidates was under training for livelihood restoration program.

4.2 Reconstruction and Livelihood Restoration at Wayanad District, Kerala

After the landslides following heavy rains in Kerala in 2019, we sent a team to Wayanad district to assess the damage. The team included two young architects from Bangalore and a staff member of the RGF. They visited a number of remote tribal villages in Wayanad district and have drawn up a plan for reconstruction of houses and facilities like community centre, using local material and disaster tolerant construction.

In addition, the CEO, RGF has also visited the location and had a discussion with the local agencies and Panchayat officials in this connection. All visits have been made to affected areas to find out the possibility of identifying families who lost their house and also find appropriate location to build a Community Centre and Model Houses.

To rehabilitate the most affected families, various activities getting involvement of local civil societies, technical agencies and local individuals have been planned for reconstruction of

broken houses. After several meetings with local agencies and field visits in villages, assessment and surveys, we have identified 23 Adiya Tribal families for resettlement and rehabilitation who are currently living in Ariyannur Colony of the panchayat. A total of 10 cents land has also been identified which will be donated to the Panamaram panchayat by the land owner for this purpose. The design of buildings and layout plan of the area has been finalized for the construction of a Community Centre and Model Houses. The construction work will be started very soon.

Also, efforts have been made for enhancing livelihood capacity of the tribal families through advance training on different livelihoods options as well as making their agricultural land productive again. In the month of February, we have partnered with the local NGO Rural Agency for Social and Technological Advancement (RASTA) based at Wayanad.

Under this project, around 60 tribal families in Kalpetta and Panamaram blocks of Wayanad will be covered in one year duration. The objective is to provide a recovery mechanism for Tribal communities in Wayanad to realize their livelihood. Specifically, the project will address an alternative, assisting women to seek a viable activity by developing their skills with better prospects earning a steady supplementary income. Intervention at this juncture means hand holding, by introducing alternative means, for which support is essential. The following activities have been proposed in the four selected areas of two blocks in Wayanad District:

1. Poultry rearing in Cages
2. Goat rearing
3. Rice / Tuber/Plantain etc. cultivation (JLG)
4. Revival of cultural troupe of Tribal youth
5. Support for Semi skilled youth- Tailoring

We are assuming impact of this program after one year such as setting up 2 units of tailoring for employment; establish restoration of livelihood – agriculture and animal husbandry, expansion of traditional tribal music group, enhancement of income of beneficiaries, and facilitating bank linkages for further establishing their businesses.



4.3 Flood Relief and Livelihood Restoration, J&K

During 2019-20, a project titled 'Actions for Sustainable Livelihoods (ASL) implemented in flood affected areas of Kashmir', with partnership of Indo-Global Social Services Society (IGSSS). The following activities were undertaken during the period:

The registration process of the Farmer Producer Company has been completed. The Regional Office of Ministry of Corporate Affairs Jammu issued the certificate of incorporation. The producer company has also completed the other legal requirements such as PAN, TAN, digital signatures, memorandum of association and articles of association for carrying out the vegetable business at commercial level.



Several meetings were conducted by BODs with CEO of the company, NABARD Officials and IGSSS staff and discussed their business and governance plans. The directors have done a market survey for different vegetables and have also done a survey about land availability and potential for different crops. The progress of the Farmer Producer Company was also shared in the State Level Consultative Committee/Review meeting held at Regional Office NABARD Jammu.

During the period, more than 300 families were orientated on the centrally sponsored scheme of National Livestock Mission. Under the scheme, the family can apply for establishing a small unit of sheep consists of 10 ewes and one ram. A list has been prepared of 174 families from Baramulla and Bandipora districts interested in registering themselves under the scheme through respective sheep husbandry departments of both districts.

IGSSS mobilized funds from NABCONS, a subsidiary of NABARD for providing solar lanterns to carpet weavers to enhance their working hours in winters. Carpet weavers from the project areas were provided with solar lanterns in the month of October. The use of solar lanterns by these weavers is expected to increase working hours by 3-4 hours in winters when electricity shortage is acute in rural areas.

A three-day capacity building and skill up-gradation training program on Livestock Management was organized in the month of December for 78 farmers. The training was conducted by experts from "Mountain Livestock Research Institute" an allied institute with Sher-e-Kashmir University Agricultural Sciences and Technology (SKUAST). The training program focused on "Livestock Management and integrated Dairying with a specific focus on Nutrition, Animal Health and Shelter Management".

Institution Building Training Programs were organized for farmer producer groups. The purpose of these programs was to carry out envisioning exercises with the groups and build their confidence and governance for sustainable business opportunities.

Result tracking surveys were conducted with 26 artisan families, 153 farmer families and 57 livestock farming families supported under the project. The data has been collected through kobo-collect application and is now being processed for analysis and findings. The result tracking of farmers who were part of Farmer Field School on Rice Cultivation was carried out. The farmers were encouraged to cultivate three varieties (K448-Jehlum, Shalimar-1 and K-39 a local variety).



A total of 25 Kanals of land were adopted for the cultivation of these three varieties. Nine farmers reported an increase in production by 42.2% as compared to their previous production. Current production through new varieties is over 8900 Kgs as compared to 6250 Kgs in the previous year. This increase in production will lead to an increase in income by at least 2,000 rupees. Under this project, the following major achievements were made:

■ Strengthening of the producer companies:

- The membership fee and share capital of Rs. 7.5 Lakhs deposited by 617 farmers and carpet weavers.
- Shejaar Vegetable Producer Company Limited (SVPCL), carried out the business of vegetables, cereals, walnuts, Kashmiri rice & almonds worth Rs. 3.75 lakhs with local markets and departmental store of Srinagar.
- Mobilize funds of Rs. 41 lakhs from NABARD for further support to these producers companies and to develop producer organization platforms.
- Mobilise Rs. 6 Lakhs from NABCON to provide solar lanterns to 317 carpet weavers.
- 81 artisans completed 38 pieces of carpets of 1601 square feet earned 16.31 Lakhs.

■ Training and exchange visits:

- Organized technical training and exchange visit of farmer field school-rice cultivation at government Seed Multiplication Centre Kreeri, Baramulla for 53 farmers.
- Farmers reported an increase of 25% production of rice who attended the training.
- Organized capacity and strength building training of 10 producer groups from seven villages of Baramulla and Bandipora district.
- Seven days training cum exposure visit of 18 progressive farmers to Kheti Virasat Mission, Patiala, Punjab to explore farming on participatory guarantee system (PGS) of organic farming, the functioning of producer groups, etc.
- Three capacity building and skill up-gradation training of livestock farmers on “Livestock Management and integrated Dairying with a specific focus on Nutrition, Animal Health and Shelter Management” for 78 beneficiaries of Nowgam & Rakh Mohalla villages of Bandipora district organized at “Mountain Livestock Research Institute”, Manasbal (Ganderbal).
- One month barefoot vet training organized for 15 youth at Mountain Livestock Research

institute Manasbal. Due to the covid-19 pandemic crisis, these barefoot vets are providing services to the villagers at their door steps. These trained youth treated & vaccinated more than 5000 sheep and 383 cows in their respective villages. So this way the initiative has helped the communities in protecting their assets (livestock) and also enhanced their livelihood options with the new skills they acquired.

Besides, During the Covid crises, the community groups have responded wholeheartedly through their resources in the project intervention areas. These groups have mobilized resources both material and cash and provided relief to the affected families.

4.4 Restoring Rural Livelihoods by Regenerating Water Resources

Our partner organization, Gram Gaurav Sansthan (GGS) continues to sensitise the community towards conservation of natural resources. In Dangs region of Karauli, Rajasthan, water conservation based livelihood restoration activities continued in the reporting period. The GGS



has initiated construction of various ponds with the support of community and funds available under MLA Fund of the village. Various efforts have been made to make the society loyal and self-reliance and bring transparency by adjusting to the rural society related to the ponds and their beneficiaries. Also, there were number of Nukkad Sabhas for construction of ponds under government run schemes such as MGNREGA.

Through different village meeting and surveys, the GGS has undertaken impact assessment of the water structures constructed between the year 2001 to 2018. The proposal for rainwater harvesting and ponds work in various villages has been initiated and meetings were conducted with Block and Zilla Panchayat officials. Goat rearing has been introduced among women for better income generation.

In addition, the GGS is also operating two Bal Sadbhavana Kendras; one at its Campus and another in the remote Bamuda village of Karauli. The GGS has done various activities in the Bal Sadbhavana Kendras covering more than 200 children in each centre through activities such as 15 days summer camp workshop, arts, craft, drama, and sports sessions etc. They have also organized a number of Sadbhavana Sangams, education committee meetings, village level meetings etc. during the reporting period. Following are the main activities which were carried out with the local partner NGO Gram Gaurav Sansthan:



S.No.	Description of Work Done	Units	Number of Villages
1	Sadbhavana Sangam Meetings	325 people	20 Villages
2	Selection of Pashusakhis	22 Sakhi	13 Villages
3	Goat milk survey	150 Pashupalak	15 Villages
4	Training of Pashusakhis	05 days	In 5 Villages with 10 Sakhiyan
5	Training of Bal Sadbhavana Managers	05 days	02 Villages
6	Nukkad Sabha to re-establish mythological genres such as Sarovar Jal Pujan and Promotion of Sarovars on Akshaya Tritiya	18 times	07 Villages
7	Akshaya Tritiya water and lake worship and labor donations	02	02 Villages
8	To make the society loyal to self-reliance and transparency by adjusting to the rural society related to the ponds and beneficiaries built after 1 April 2019 by the self-beneficiaries.	02 Puddle	02 Villages
9	Nukkad Sabha for construction of ponds under MGNREGA scheme.	20 times	06 Villages
10	Community sensitization and engagement around Conservation of Natural Resources	128 meeting	67 Villages
11	Action plan for Dang to strengthen rural livelihoods, apprising the health status of Dang's edible drinking water	01 day	02 Villages
12	Meeting with executive officers for promotion and renovation of 5 ponds in 4 villages.	02 times	In GGS and Executive Officer office
13	15 days Summer Camp Workshops	50 children	03 Villages
14	Nukkad Sabha and Village Organizations Meeting	360 Meetings	275 Villages
15	Taking proposals for water structures from village organizations	0	303 Villages
16	Bal Sadbhavana Kendra Activities (Art & Craft, Drama, Sport) and Conducted a two-day camp for children from Delhi and made excursions	230	20 Villages

S.No.	Name of Work Done	Units	Number of Villages
17	Verification done and filled impact assessment forms of the water structures constructed from 2001 to 2018-19.	300 Water Structures	44 Villages
18	Meeting with village organizations for built-in water structures and details presented to the government agencies.	270 Water Compositions list prepared	GP Daulatpura Sapotara, Jila Parishad, Karauli
19	Held a seminar with the children of the Bal Sadbhavana Kendra operating in the Bamuda and Sukkapura Shelter Complex on October 2, Mahatma Gandhi Jayanti	45 Children	Two Centres

S.No.	Details of Work Done	Work count
20	Information about the rainwater conservation work done so far and what the GGS is currently doing for conservation of water in future in villages.	09 Villages
21	After preparing ghee from goat's milk in September and October, it was sent to Lucknow's The Goat Trust in November. Focus will be on increasing goat weight and health through de-worming and feed management. Sale of goats by weight is being initiated now.	14 Kg collected from 119 Villages
22	The Karauli District Collector was invited to the goodwill meetings held in the village.	02 times
23	Survey of villages in the catchment area of Bhadravati river.	17 villages
24	Organized two days Pokhar military conference at GGS.	43 pokhar members participated

4.5 Access to Opportunities for Persons with Disability (ATO-PwDs)

For the FY 2019-20, the ATO Selection Committee has selected a total of 151 applicants from 14 states for the Sadbhavana Vahan - specially designed scooter. We had planned to distribute these 151 scooters in two batches. The first round of distribution of 75 Sadbhavana Vahan was organized on 20th August, 2019, to mark the 75th birth anniversary of Rajiv ji. The Chairperson, Smt Sonia Gandhi and Trustee, Shri Rahul Gandhi attended the program and congratulated all beneficiaries.

The second round of distribution of 76 Sadbhavana Vahans was scheduled for 3rd December, 2019, i.e. the International Day of Persons with Disabilities. Our target of 150 Sadbhavana Vahan for the Gandhiji's 150th



anniversary year has been achieved. We have been able to generate funds from donors for all the 151 vehicles in FY 2019-20.



As per the findings from feedback study of this program, the Sadbhavana Vahan has been very helpful to reduce the barrier of transport in daily life of the beneficiaries. We understand that they could enhance their daily mobility, improve their socio-economic and educational life. By enhancing mobility, awardees have been able to pursue higher education, join skill development and vocational courses, sustain jobs, expand self businesses and become productive member of the society.



State: Chhattisgarh

Name: Rishi Kumar Mishra

Awardee Year: 2019

Mr Rishi Kumar Mishra, 36, from Dongargarh, District Rajnandgaon, Chhattisgarh. He and his wife both have disability in their both lower limbs. He is a sportsman and plays games at National Level.

Both husband and wife used to run manihari ladies goods shop at his house and used to sell goods in nearby weekly markets once a day in every week. After all efforts by both in family, the self work could not fulfil the financial need of the family.

When he was informed by RGF team that his name has been selected and he will get a specially designed scooter in August 2019, he was so happy and he felt his dream of easy mobility and more earning for his family fulfilled.

He and his wife are now happily running their business and they are helping other villagers as well. They have also started a new business. He

was excited to share that the stage where his family has reached today is the result of specially designed scooter from RGF. He also added, ***“I am very grateful to this organisation who provided scooter to the people like me and my wife”.***



State: Maharashtra

Name: Amol Vitthalrao Marotkar

Awardee Year: 2019

Mr Amol Vitthalrao Marotkar, 35, from District Nagpur, Maharashtra. Amol Vitthalrao Marotkar is 35 year old PwD having 72% disability in his right lower limb. There are 5 members in his family. He is employed as Recovery Assistant in government financial corporation at Nagpur. He is a sports person and plays fencing and Para Volley Ball at national level games. Amol Vitthalrao Marotkar also works in a private organization on part time basis. His job and nature of engagement involves lot of travel in the field on daily basis for which he had to face a lot of difficulty in his mobility.

He is thankful to his friend who told him about the ATO program. The scooter helped him a lot in his daily life and because of scooter he could reach the opportunities for him and achieve all this and also could serve the needy PwDs. Besides, he formed a nation team of PwDs in his district for Para Volley ball Player, Para Kabaddi, Para Athletic, Para Cricket.

He said, ***“I have no words for thanking RGF, which empowered me with great favour by giving me the scooter during my difficult time. I will always be thankful of the RGF”.***

In another attempt, we organized a Consultation on “Challenges, Policies and Programs to provide Opportunities for Persons with Disability” on 3rd December 2019 at Jawahar Bhawan. The consultation was in collaboration with VikasAnvesh Foundation (VAF), Pune.

There were around 30 participants who are working on the issues and challenges of the PwDs. The speaker were Dr Homiyar Mobedji, formerly with the National Association for the Blind and now with Benetech Digital Access program, Shri Anurag Kashyap, Shakti Foundation, Delhi, Dr Sanjiv Phansalkar and his colleague Mr Nikhil Tripathi from VAF.

The discussion was on the execution difficulties of the government programs and policies and challenged faced by the PwDs in accessing the benefits. During the consultation, a number of valuable suggestions were recorded which will help in initiating programs for disabled.

On 3rd December, RGF launched ATO Sadbhavana Parivar Portal which is ready with the profiles, photographs, videos, case stories, impact studies of the awardees. The data of around 2900 ATO awardees so far, have been stored and are available online for general public. Through this portal, the online application system will also be provided to the applicants in future.

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RAJIV GANDHI INSTITUTE FOR CONTEMPORARY STUDIES (RGICS)

The RGICS had continually adopted the following five themes as its focus areas of work:

- I. Constitutional Values and Democratic Institutions
- II. Governance and Development
- III. Growth with Employment
- IV. Environment, Natural Resources and Sustainability
- V. India's Place in the World

5.1 Constitutional Values and Democratic Institutions

Dr Mungekar continued as Eminent Visiting Fellow, in the theme of Constitutional Values and Democratic Institutions. As the RGICS thrust is on discourse participation, Dr Mungekar gave talks and participated in discussions at various forums in Mumbai, Pune, Raipur and Delhi. At the Ravishankar Shukla University in Raipur, he spoke on the idea of Basic Income. At the RGICS he gave a talk titled “What Does the Budget Do for the Rights of the Disadvantaged?” We are proud to share the news that Dr Mungekar got elected as the President of the 200 year old Asiatic Society, Mumbai.

There are three sub themes: 1) Justice, Liberty, Equality and Fraternity – rights and freedoms; 2) Affirmative Action for Disadvantaged Groups; and 3) Academia, Media and Civil Society as building blocks of democracy.

The Director, Mr Vijay Mahajan along with Senior Fellows, Dr Somnath Ghosh, Dr Sushree Panigrahi, Shri Vijay Pratap and Smt Mona Dikshit participated in a two-day seminar with Dr Badri Narayan, Prof Jha and several others on Re-Conceptualising Social Democracy in Times of Nationalism with FES, Germany, India Office.

Dr Sushree Panigrahi, Senior Fellow, conducted preparatory and field work for the research project, “Education, Ideology and State” in which students and teachers have been interviewed and their statements have been analysed.



Under this theme, the RGICS initiated a study on the impact and role of ideology on education today and also the position taken by the State with regard to education and educational institutes in April 2019. The research involved interviews with students and teachers from universities and technical institutes across the country.

As a first step, interview schedules were prepared for students and teachers. Three separate interview schedules were prepared for humanities students, science students and teachers. Once ready, contacts were made for conducting research in various universities through teachers and research students in various universities. MPhil/PhD students and even assistant professors in universities helped in interviewing students and teachers.

One report was based on the interviews conducted in engineering institutes and universities teaching science – for example- North-East Hill University, Punjab University, Bangalore University, Pondicherry University. The second report on humanities students similarly included the notes from the field from Universities of Bangalore, JNU, NEHU, Calicut, Gulbarga and Guwahati and Delhi University.

Apart from this, considerable time was spent on literature review, examples of some are – History of Social Movements, Campus Under siege: A report, George Orwell's – Notes on Nationalism, JNU: Making of a university, India after Modi and several other articles on politics and ideology on campus - Hindu Nationalism and Critical response, Henry Newman's Idea of a University.

During the reporting period, we completed field work in 31 Universities and this means we have spoken to about 628 students and 165 teachers approximately. We also saw a need for more literature on Protests by students against rules set up by administration in all the universities under study, new courses introduced Ban on books/seminars especially in the universities we studied.

Some more books were included in the study as part of literature review- Idea of a University, Indian Nationalism, The University as a site of resistance.

DNT Research: The theme has also planned another research project on the Denotified Tribes. The objectives and method of study has been outlined post a meeting with the DNT community at RGICS. Some of the members of the DNT community have been roped in to help in reaching out to communities in Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat. The research was being planned for August and interviews were held for a lead researcher but it did not materialise. It was decided that the research will be carried out in house.

Media, State and Democracy: A project on Media, State and Democracy which was planned for October 2019 began a little early in June 2019 due to availability of researcher and initial research was chalked out and started off with review of literature. After two months, it was decided that it would be taken up once the field work for the education project was complete.

The Policy Watch July 2019 was on the decay of democratic institutions, in September 2019, the Policy Watch focussed on the area of human rights- trafficking and also the implications of the rise of a fascist state on human rights.

In the special edition of Policy Watch for the month of January 2020, the issue of fee hike which saw massive protests was covered and it also included conversations from the field.

Jallikattu Movement in Tamil Nadu: The RGICS asked Mr Himakiran Anugula, a policy activist from Tamil Nadu to undertake a study on the causes and the process of an unprecedented mobilization of people for “Jallikattu Movement” in Tamil Nadu.

The objective of the study was to understand the socio-economic impact of the movement on Jallikattu as well as the rural landscape, the urban landscape, the nativity movement, the animal welfare groups, and all sections of the society in Tamil Nadu. To understand this, the following aspects were observed:

- Jallikattu sport from historical, social, economic perspectives
- Campaign against the sport from an animal welfare perspective
- Campaign to repeal the ban; the various strategies used to do so
- Legal battles that played out for 12 years starting in Madurai and ending in Delhi
- The information campaign, using online, offline tools
- Role played by the State, the Union, the Courts, the Media

Study on Various Peaceful Approaches to addressing Communal Tensions: Ms Preeti Sahai, a Harvard Kennedy School Mason Fellow, wrote this Occasional Paper. She undertook a study on the various peaceful approaches to addressing communal tensions in India. Review of the literature on the causes were done looking at the experiences of some other countries in the matter of various peaceful approaches to addressing the communal/ethnic tensions and draw lessons, which are applicable to the contemporary Indian context. The literature review and feedback data, and information from other experts were synthesized and recommendations made in the final paper.

An assessment of the status of various rights based legislations: The RGICS undertook an evaluation study of various rights based legislations during the reporting period. The objective of the study was to conduct an evaluation of the various rights based legislations which provide the enabling environment for the contemporary welfare state in India since the last 10-15 years since various rights based laws were adopted, with a view to understand the gap between the original intent behind these laws and the actual implementation on the ground. The study was done by Sr Research Associate, Arnab Bose, for the following legislations:

- Right to Information, 2005
- National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005
- National Food Security Act, 2013
- Forest Rights Act, 2006
- Right to Education, 2009
- Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavenging Act, 2013
- Land Acquisition Act, 2013
- Street Vendors (Protection of Livelihood and Regulation of Street Vending), 2014
- Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016

5.2 Governance and Development

Led by Mr Vijay Mahajan, Director, RGICS, Dr Suraj Kumar, Senior Visiting Fellow and Mr Yuvraj Kalia, Fellow, the Governance and Development theme is concerned with institutions of governance in the country that embody constitutional values and norms such as democracy, republicanism, equality, fraternity, citizenship and human rights.

The holistic development of the country is contingent upon steadfast allegiance of the institutions to these norms values. In more specific terms, this theme is concerned with creating ways in which the institutions can best serve the purpose of holistic development of the citizens.

There are three sub themes: 1) Decentralised Governance – Urban, Rural, Regional; 2) Delays and Deficiencies in the Justice and Legislative Systems; and 3) Effective Innovations in Public Services Delivery Systems.

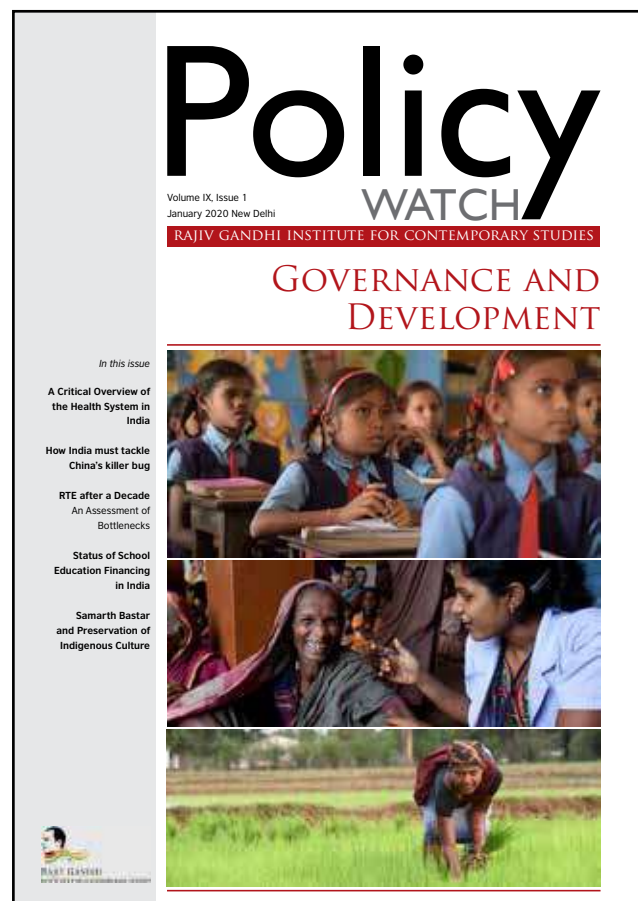
This year, Governance and Development theme at RGICS carried on completing the Samarth Zilla study, under which field visits were made to Rajasthan, Assam, Jammu and Kashmir, Chhattisgarh, Tamil Nadu and Madhya Pradesh apart from Punjab and Odisha covered in previous financial year. We also organised a number of consultations and produced a number

of research reports on rights based legislations along with articles on contemporary policy issues in the monthly publication of RGICS - Policy Watch. The Governance and Development team also participated in and attended a number of seminars/workshops.

A number of case studies were conducted to advance knowledge on ground level realities and successful cases in the field of health, education, local governance and citizen participation. A few of them include Effective Social Persuasion Platform (ESP3) of Save A Mother Foundation; Dhulagori Adarsha Vidyalaya, West Bengal; Health System at Grassroots in Uttar Pradesh; participatory governance at panchayat level in Tamil Nadu; and grassroots activism and people's politics in Jallikattu Movement in Tamil Nadu.

As part of the Policy Laboratory in Chhattisgarh, Samarth Zilla framework has been applied in Bastar region and a Samarth Bastar document has been produced with widespread consultations with local leaders, experts and various stakeholders.

As part of the Policy Observatory and Laboratory in Punjab, RGICS conceptualised and supported a citizen led initiative in urban governance in Jalandhar city. The collaborative initiative called Jimmedar Jalandhri is focussed on grooming young people to take civic action.



The fieldwork and study on Samarth Zilla Framework was completed in this period. This was undertaken covering 18 districts, with 2 districts each in 9 states. The final report was released in October, 2019. The focused study on Bastar as a Samarth Zilla was a part of this study. The report with 9 chapters of the Jan Prerit Abhiyan for Samarth Bastar, highlighting issues like agriculture, forests, health, education, tourism, entrepreneurship, was released on 2nd October, 2019.

A Facebook page on the same has been developed for reaching out to a larger audience through social media. Please click on the link to see the Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/SamarthBastar/>

Under the Thematic area Governance and Development, the highlight of the result was that RGICS has established a niche in the area of Sustainable Development Goals, with book discussion on SDGs in South Asia and two papers in Policy Watch on the subject.

The first paper in October 2019 explains that the new wine of SDGs (its “whole of government” approach, cross-sectoral convergence and focus on the twin challenge of climate change and inequality across all goals) is still being poured into the old bottles of departmental silos. The second paper in the Annual issue points to the way forward as to how the SDGs could be achieved in a timely and democratic manner through regional cooperation.

In December, RGICS Policy Lab, Chhattisgarh, organised a book launch programme in Raipur on the 5th December, 2019 to release the book “Social Development and Sustainable Development Goals in South Asia”, co-edited by Dr. Suraj Kumar, Senior Fellow, RGICS. The book was released at the hands of Shri T.S. Singh Deo, Hon’ble Minister for Health, Panchayati Raj and Rural Development, Chhattisgarh. The speakers at the event were Shri Vijay Mahajan, Director, RGICS; Shri Vikas Varma, Advisor to the Chief Minister, Chhattisgarh; Shri Ajay Singh, Deputy Chairman, Chhattisgarh State Planning Commission.

The event generated good coverage in local media and interest among the UN for sustained policy dialogue at the state level through research, book discussion, seminars and SDG Observatories. There is also a request for RGICS to generate a Monitoring and Evaluation Framework for tracking the progress of SDGs at the state level.

During the year, various Policy Seminar, Workshops and Consultations were organized in collaboration with VikasAnvesh Foundation, Pune.

i) Digital Inclusion in India, July 2019: With flagship programs of the government making a digital push, and more so after the demonetisation in 2016, this Seminar aimed to explore the extent of digital inclusion in India and challenges to it. Among the presenters were Dr Sanjiv Phansalkar, Director, VikasAnvesh Foundation Pune; Dr Amina Charania, TISS Mumbai; Dr Vinay Singh, MDI Gurgaon; and Mr Apar Gupta, Internet Freedom Foundation. The Seminar saw participation from Aniket Deoghar, Founder, Haqdarshak; Ramanjeet Singh Chima, Asia Policy Director, Access Now; Nirupama Soundrarajan, Senior Fellow, Pahle India Foundation; among others.

While exploring the extent, nature and gaps in digital inclusion in India, the Seminar delved into the dimensions of digital agency and how it should lead to digital citizenship. An insightful correlation between financial inclusion and digital inclusion was established. Further, a detailed discussion on data privacy explored multiple legal issues related to digital inclusion in India.

- ii) Opportunity Gaps between Rural and Urban Youth in India, August 2019: As India becomes the youngest country in the world, the opportunities and the access to them for rural and urban youth remain very different. This workshop explored various aspects of the phenomenon, along with successful models which can be scaled or replicated to address the issue. The presenters included Dr Ajit Kanitkar and Ms Minaj from VikasAnvesh Foundation (VAF) Pune; Mr Vishal Amarawat, COO, B-ABLE; Mr Navin T from Institute for Livelihood Research and Training (ILRT) Hyderabad; and Mr Anoop Maurya Bharat Navodaya Abhiyan.

The workshop pointed out and explored glaring gaps in career opportunities among rural and urban youth, also among the enabling opportunities like education, skills, etc., and access to them.

The Eye Mitra project of B-ABLE to train and handhold rural youth to become opticians and start their own enterprise, presented a successful model of sustainable in-situ long term employment opportunities required in rural areas. On enabling access to quality education to underprivileged rural youth, Bharat Navodaya Schools provided a template which could be scaled and/or replicated.

- iii) Farmer Producer Companies in India, September 2019: Farmer Producer Companies (FPCs) have long been hailed as panacea to address farmer's distress and as an institutional mechanism to enhance farm incomes sustainably. This consultation aimed to develop an understanding of the current state of FPCs, situate them among solutions to address farm distress, identify challenges and develop policy solutions.

The presentations were made by Mr Aman Khanna, Consultant, Asian Development Bank (ADB); Mr Kuldeep Solanki, CEO GUJPRO; Mr Yogesh Dwivedi, CEO Madhya Bharat Consortium of FPCs Limited; and Mr Rajnikant, BASIX Uttar Pradesh.

The consultation saw participation from Mr Asis Mondal of ASA, Mr Prashant Gawande of Shetkari Jagran Manch, Mr Krishan Jindal formerly of NABCONS, Ms Sayantani Satpathi from BRLF, among others.

The consultation reached at a consensus that FPCs have the untapped potential. It also identified challenges in access to capital, capability, coordination among and between agencies, etc. Multiple successful models, and strategies were also discussed in order to address the constraints.

- iv) Sustainable Agriculture in India, March 2020: There are myriad of benefits of sustainable agriculture championed by many policy advocates and ideologues. However, the extent of sustainable agriculture in India remains small. This consultation aimed to understand the status of uptake of sustainable agriculture practices, their knowledge and understanding among

Indian farmers, challenges behind a larger and more widespread uptake, and identify policy solutions. The event was reduced in size as a precaution against spread of Coronavirus, and presentations were made by Dr Siva Muthukumar from VikasAnvesh Foundation Pune and Mr Sanjeev Sharma of Jaikisan Institute.

RGICS also entered into new partnerships on specific topic of Sustainable Food Systems, working with the University of East Anglia to co-host a major stakeholder consultation on the subject at the UN House on 1st November followed by a work plan discussion at RGICS on 2nd November. The Project aims to conduct evidence-based advocacy to upscale local grassroots innovation in the area of nutrition and food security, working with civil society partners PRADAN and Gram Vaani. In sum, we have made a positive start for analysis and advocacy in India for development which is pro-poor, pro-nature, pro-women and pro-jobs.

The preliminary document for the Jana Prerit Abhiyan for Samarth Bastar was finalised after widespread consultations with a cross-section of the society, constituting the Panchmukhi Samvaay such as the government officials, civil society actors, businessmen, media, members of knowledge institutions as well as members of the agricultural and forest dwelling communities. The idea of a Samarth Bastar is that of the region being able to provide opportunities for livelihoods to its people within the region in an equitable and sustainable manner. Sustainability would mean nurturance of all five types of capital viz. natural, physical, human, social and financial as per the Sustainable Livelihoods framework.

While each form of capital would impact other forms, it is envisaged that social capital, by way of institutions, would work on human and other forms of capital to create opportunities for sustainable livelihoods. The document and the consultations that led to the creation of the document were an attempt to understand the needs and priorities of the people and their concept of how Bastar could be Samarth.

The preliminary document was released on Gandhi Jayanti, the 2nd October, 2019. The document indicated the action which could be taken in each of the following segments:

- Agriculture and Allied Sectors
- Forests and Forest Produce
- Responsible Tourism with People's Participation
- Entrepreneurship Development
- Health and nutrition
- Education and Skill building
- Public participation and governance

Under each of the segments, the current status was briefly captured, followed by the various schemes and other measures being implemented. The reasons for the measures not being able to deliver to the desired extent were then analysed in terms of the political economy in terms of the pattern of control over resources, the adequacy of the institutional arrangements and the adequacy of the financial provision. A few steps were finally suggested based on the foregoing analysis under each head for action.

The preliminary document was submitted for discussions with the larger community after its release. Meetings were held in various places and some more were planned covering all the districts under Bastar region.

Besides individual discussions or discussions in small groups, meetings of the larger Samvaay were also organised in Jagdalpur, Dantewada, Bijapur, Kondagaon, and Narayanpur in December in a series (which continued till the first week of January). Besides district places, meetings were held in smaller towns and villages such as Dornapal, Midkulnar, Neganar, Kamanar, Katekalyan etc. Discussions were also held with government officials including the District Collector of Bastar. Besides meetings and personal discussions with the various stakeholders, visits were also made to Self Help Groups, Farmer Producer Companies and institutions such as the Coconut Development Board at Kondagaon.

Besides visits by Shri Vijay Mahajan, Director, RGICS; Shri Yuvraj Kalia, Fellow, RGICS, and Shri Manoj Mishra, RGICS, Odisha, an innovation was the deputation of Shri Namik Sherpa, Shri Pratul Vasishtha and Ms. Sahibpreet Kaur from the Delhi office to visit villages and institutions and to interact with the people and get a feedback on the suggestions in the preliminary document. The team toured the remotest parts of Bastar and participated in meetings organised mainly by Shri Sushil Pandey of the Bastar Samajik Jan Vikas Samiti. The team members have suggested amendments in the preliminary documents based on their discussions and the insights they gathered. The preliminary document has been revised and submitted to the people on the 26th January, 2020.

Based on the wide-ranging interactions with a cross-section of people in lines with the approach of forming a Panchmukhi Samvaay, various reports were prepared by the officials of RGICS interacting with the stakeholders. Based on these reports, the document detailing the plan for the Jan Prerit Abhiyan for Samarth Bastar was finalised by Shri Vijay Mahajan, Director, RGICS in the month of March. However, the formal release of the report had to be postponed due to the lockdown.

In Jalandhar, Punjab, the Jimmedar Jalandhri is another initiative of learning from Samarth Zilla study, albeit in an urban context. It is collaborative initiative of RGICS with local educational institutions, a local citizens group (Sanjhi Sikhiya), a social enterprise based in Bangalore (Reap Benefit) and Municipal Corporation Jalandhar. The initiative started functioning from January 2020 to groom young people in Jalandhar city to engage in civic action and urban governance. A discover-investigate-solve-share or DISS process of Reap Benefit has been piloted with students of 4 colleges and one school in Jalandhar across three areas, viz. to conserve water; reduce plastic usage; and segregate waste in the city.

Interactions with Planning Commission, Chhattisgarh and formalising of post pandemic plan, Shri Vijay Mahajan, Director, RGICS, was co-opted as a part time member of the Planning Commission (PC) by the Government of Chhattisgarh. He interacted with the Dy. Chairman and officials of the PC on various occasions and submitted various suggestions including document detailing an approach for jobful growth in Chhattisgarh. Post lockdown, he also deliberated

with the officials on various occasions and submitted a plan titled Post Pandemic Earnings and Production Upliftment Plan.

Sadbhavana in school curriculum: In collaboration with the Azim Premji Foundation, a document was prepared detailing the inculcation of Sadbhavana values in young students through incorporation in school curriculum. A detailed note for the suggestions about the curriculum and the implementation of the plan was prepared and was submitted to the Principal Secretary, Education, Chhattisgarh by Shri Vijay Mahajan along with officials of Azim Premji Foundation. However, the subsequent lockdown and closure of schools has resulted in lack of any further action on this front.

Under this theme, the following reports and proposals have been prepared:

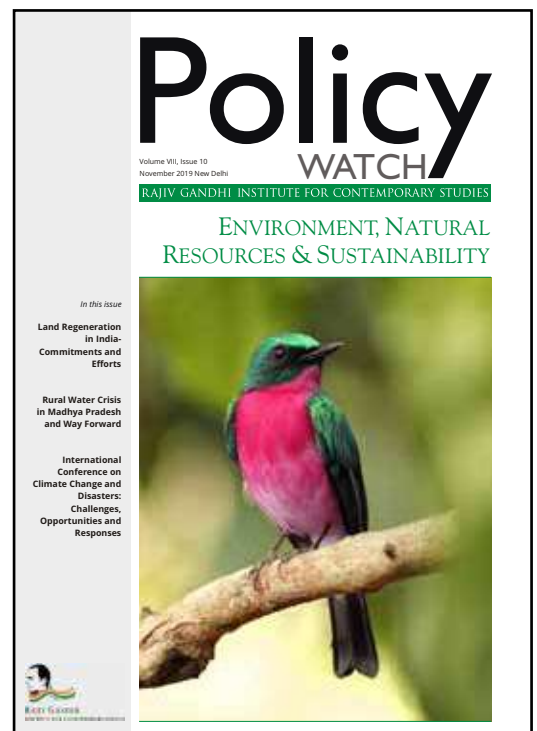
1. Potential of CSR funding of CPSEs under Aspirational Districts in 5 states (Rajasthan, Odisha, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, and Chhattisgarh) was estimated.
2. A research note on 'Three-dimensional analysis of SDG 5: The Indian perspective' was prepared.
3. A research note 'Mapping of SDG with the Aspirational District Action Plan of Sumac (Chhattisgarh, India)' was prepared.
4. 'Mapping of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) with the 20 modern Technologies' was undertaken.
5. Policy paper on 'Financial Literacy: An essential ingredient for the growth of economy'.
6. Concept note for the development of Chhatarpur district, Madhya Pradesh.

5.3 Environment, Natural Resources and Sustainability (ENRS)

The team led by Senior Visiting Fellow, Mr Vijay Pratap, who was with RGICS till Jun, 2019 and Mr Jeet Singh, Fellow, contributed significantly towards discourse participation, policy repertory and establishing Policy Labs under this theme.

There are three sub themes: 1) Jal, Jangal, Jameen (Water, Forests and Land); 2) Climate Change- Negotiation Strategies, Mitigation and Adaption; and 3) Environmental Pollution- Air, Water and Soil.

A Case Study on implementation of Forest Rights Act, 2006 in Chhattisgarh (April 2019) was documented and a video documentary was also made on the same. Please click on the link to see the documentary: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s9gUIIBOjQ4>



A Policy Consultation on “Methods of Water Harvesting: Implication for National Strategy” was organized with VikasAnvesh Foundation, a partner organization. Another Policy Consultation and Workshop was held on Regeneration of Natural Capital: Jal, Jangal and Jameen’ in Bhopal in collaboration with Indian National Association of Club of Rome and Water and Land Management Institute, Bhopal. This brought together different stakeholders ranging from government representatives, policy makers, policy users and members of civil society on a common platform to discuss the pressing issue of regeneration of natural resources.

The team has also initiated a project on study of ‘Water Crisis in India and China and Drawing Policy Lessons for India from Chinese Experiences and Local Innovations’. Another study on ‘Production and Employability Capability of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants in India - Drawing Lessons from Chinese Experiences’ has also begun. The team also initiated collaboration with University of British Columbia to conduct a study of Dang region in Rajasthan and present a Policy Paper with the support of four students of Public Policy.

In addition to this, a project to strengthen ‘India China Climate Change Centre’ to work on bilateral climate change issues/policies along with Development Alternative, Club of Rome and Balipara Foundation, has been initiated.

RGICS Fellow, ENRS, Jeet Singh participated in a two day seminar organized by EPCO, Government of Madhya Pradesh to celebrate 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi and International Conference on Climate Change and Disasters organized by INSEE and CESS in Hyderabad. Several rounds of meetings with MPPGA students and faculty members of University of British Colombia to study policy implication of work done by Gram Gaurav Sansthan related to water security in Dang region of Rajasthan. RGICS organized a policy consultation on ‘Climate Change and Water Crisis’ in collaboration with Khudai Khidmatgar on 21st February 2020. Helped Indian National Association of Club of Rome (INA-CoR) to organize a national conference on ‘Sustainable future of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh’ in the month of January 2020. Mr Jeet Singh visited an Integrated Water Resource Management (IWRM) project in Meghraj area of Gujarat carried out by Development Support Centre.

The following research projects were undertaken:

1. Water Crisis Project: The Kabil Foundation is conducting this project commissioned by RGICS. The Kabil Foundation has submitted the final report of the project and report has been approved.
2. Medicinal and Aromatic Plants study: The ILRT, Bhopal is conducting this project to understand production, processing and trade potential of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants (MAP) in India. During this period the team conducted field visit in different parts of the country. The ILRT team has submitted the final report in the month of March 2020. The report has been approved and published on our website.
3. Climate Change Project: A national conference was organized in the month of January under the project.

4. Signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Madhya Pradesh Water and Land Management Institute (WALMI), Bhopal to collaborate on activities related to policy lab in Madhya Pradesh.

Working Papers:

- Discussion paper on 'Land Regeneration in India: Promises and Practice'.
- Concept note for policy observatory in Uttarakhand to jointly work on 'Sustainable Development Report, 2020' for Uttarakhand with People's Science Institute, Dehradun.
- Working Paper on 'Medicinal and Aromatic Plant' along with team of ILRT in Bhopal.
- Finalized the discussion paper on 'Land Regeneration in India: Promises and Practice'.
- Finalized the process documentation of Ur river rejuvenation.
- Final report of Medicinal and Aromatic Plant Project.
- Final report of the Water Crisis Project

Ur River Regeneration in Tikamgarh Dt, Madhya Pradesh:

Started initial discussion with district administration, Tikamgarh and local civil society organization to set-up base for policy lab in Tikamgarh in the month of October and November 2019. Launched Policy Lab on 23rd November 2019. The policy lab in Tikamgarh has started working on catalyzing process of Ur river rejuvenation in Tikamgarh through mass mobilization, research and documentation.

The methodology being used is Panchmukhi Samvaay or a pentangular collaborative platform of civil society organization, Panchayati Raj Institutions, financial/corporate institutions, policy think tanks and Government Institutions to deliberate on policy issues and action. It was founded in August 2019 in WALMI, Bhopal.

The first meeting of the steering committee of the Panchmukhi Samvaay held in October 2019. Based on this meeting, RGICS initiated action research in Tikamgarh district pertaining to Ur river rejuvenation. The first report to document process of the Ur river rejuvenation has also been published on the website of RGICS

Policy Labs

A new initiative during this period taken after approval by the Board was the launching of Policy Labs in various states, to help build independent action research, policy analysis and reform advocacy capability where it matters – the states of India. During the year, three Policy Labs were established and engaged in tasks as per table below:

Policy Lab State and Coordinator	Work Carried out or in Progress
Chhattisgarh Mr Vijay Nadkarni, Raipur	a. Jobful growth strategy for Chhattisgarh b. Forest Rights Act–Intent vs Implementation - Case study and video c. Samarth Zilla - Jan Prerit Abhiyan, uploaded on new FB page d. Ongoing field study with policy implications on enhancing production of medicinal and aromatics exports, with a video case study e. Study on feasibility of a silicon carbide based power electronics manufacturing cluster with international investment
Madhya Pradesh Dr Somnath Ghosh, Indore	a. Field study with policy implications on Regenerating Natural Resources, presented workshop at WALMI Bhopal b. Training workshops for farmers involved in exports, on SPS requirements. c. Field study and proposal to establish CENTRUM, Indore.
Rajasthan Mr Sanjeev Kumar, Jaipur	a. Jobful growth strategy for Rajasthan b. Ongoing field study with policy implications on Water harvesting strategies in Dang region. c. Ongoing field study with policy implications on enhancing handicraft exports to China. d. Feasibility of an electronics and white goods manufacturing cluster with Chinese investment.

MoUs were signed with the Chhattisgarh Information Promotion Society (CHIPs), Government of Chhattisgarh; the Water and Land Management Institute (WALMI), Government of Madhya Pradesh and the Punjab Information and Communication Technology Education Society (PICTES), Government of Punjab, to conduct studies and dissemination activities as per the requirements of the respective State.



**MoU signed with the
Chhattisgarh Information
Promotion Society (CHIPS),
Government of Chhattisgarh**



**MoU signed with Water and
Land Management Institute
(WALMI),
Government of Madhya
Pradesh**



**MoU signed with
Punjab Information and
Communication Technology
Education Society (PICTES),
Government of Punjab**

5.4 Growth with Employment

There are three sub themes in this theme: 1) Job Creation Strategies based on Natural Resource Regeneration; 2) Innovation, Skills, and Entrepreneurship for MSMEs and Services; and 3) Financial Inclusion and Innovation as a Driver of Inclusive Self-Employment.

Three working papers for the Growth with Employment theme by Mr Prasanth Regy, Senior Fellow and Mr Vijay Mahajan, Director were released. These included 1) Employment in India-Structural Problems; 2) Jobful Growth for Rajasthan 2019-2024; 3) Jobful Growth for Chhattisgarh 2019-2024. The summary of the papers is indicated below:

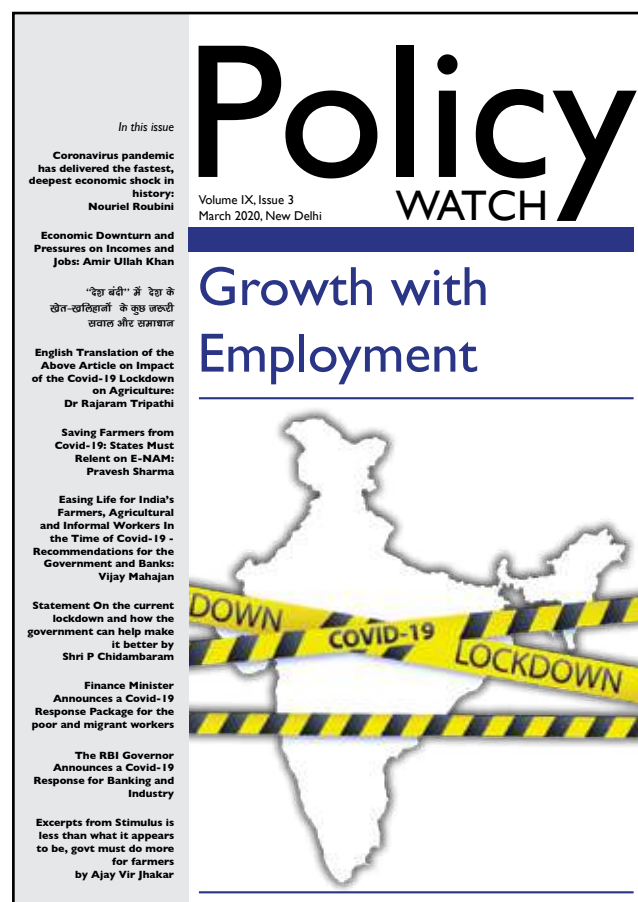
Compared to the high growth in the first decade of this century, during the second decade starting 2011, India experienced a moderate GDP growth rate.

There is widespread belief that due to decline in growth, employment had stagnated or even declined since 2017. But due to various contending sources of data, not comparable to the past established data series, it had become difficult to make authoritative statements on unemployment. Many contradictory claims were made and refuted. Using data from the Annual Report of the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS June 2017- June 2018), officially released in June 2019, (NSSO, 2019), we have been able to update this study, whose earlier version was published in November, 2018.

Using PLFS data and applying it to the population totals, we inferred that in 2018, India had a little over 453 million employed workers (workforce) and the unemployment rate was 6.1 per cent of the labour force (workforce plus the unemployed), or another 29 million workers needing employment, making a labour force of 482 million. A total of 71 million persons will need work between 2019 and 2024. To make it easy to remember, India needs seven crore new jobs in the next five years.

The question is whether such a large amount of decent employment can be created, given the dismal history of this decade so far? It is not enough to merely say a resolute yes. We need to answer in what sectors of the economy can these jobs be created? And with what level of investment? And where will all that capital come from? And recognizing that capital is not enough, policies and institutions will also have to be reshaped to ensure that the investments yield the desired number of jobs and with decent wages. All sectors are not the same as far as employment creation is concerned. Some sectors create much more employment, with a given level of investment, than others.

Prof Yee Shyi Chang joined RGICS as an International Eminent Fellow in June 2019 in the theme Growth with Employment and under that the sub-theme of Innovations in Technology and Financing.



Prof. Chang has a PhD in Material Science from Cambridge University and then became a Professor at the National Tsing Hua University of Taiwan. He was deeply involved with research which made him an authority in solid state devices, then integrated circuit fabrication. He had an illustrious career which includes leading Motorola's IP Assets division in the US, where over 5000 patents were commercialized. He then became a serial tech entrepreneur back in Taiwan. He was also deeply involved in the policy for making Taiwan internationally competitive in hi-tech manufacturing. Prof. Chang became a member of Legislative Yuan (Parliament) of Taiwan and served two terms.

RGICS also organized two talks in Delhi by Prof Chang. The first one was at the Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi a lecture - "The New Oil is Not Data, It is IP- Patent or Perish!" The second talk in collaboration with FICCI, was on "Building Manufacturing Capability for Competing Globally - Lessons from Taiwan". Both were well attended and highly appreciated. Please click on the link to see an interview with Prof Chang: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NCcP6BNCiY0>

RGICS arranged for Prof Chang to visit Raipur, Chhattisgarh and meet the relevant officials to discuss how to make Chhattisgarh into a digital manufacturing hub, with international technical and financial collaboration. He also delivered a talk to the students of the NIT, IIT and IIM Raipur on "Transforming Chhattisgarh into a Technology Hub" at Raipur, during his visit. He interacted with senior government officials, industrialists and young entrepreneurs in Raipur, in a highly attended event. On his return from Raipur, RGICS arranged for Prof Chang to meet RGF Trustee Shri Rahul Gandhi to explain to him the great opportunity that Silicon Carbide based ICs represent for India.

Later, RGICS collaborator Academy of Business Studies, led by Mr Arun Goyal, organized a meeting for Prof Chang with the Indian Cellular Electronics Association (ICEA) and the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology. This led to ICEA sending a delegation to Taiwan and signing a MoU with PIDA (Photonics Industry Development Association) of Taiwan.

Prof Chang then guided RGICS Fellow, Mr Mohammed Rafi, who has vast industry experience in India and internationally, in technology innovation to lead a task force which produced a paper titled "The Potential for and Feasibility of Silicon Carbide (SiC) Based Power Microelectronics Industry In India". The task force had members from FICCI as well. The draft paper was discussed as a live case study with 120 civil service probationers in MCR HRD Institute, Hyderabad and feedback was incorporated in the final version. Since then the paper has been shared with a number of industry experts as well as government officials in charge of industrial promotion and has drawn a lot of attention to this potential new opportunity for growth with employment in hi-tech sectors.

Policy Paper on Silicon Carbide (SiC) based Semiconductor Technology as Growth Vector: At the request of the Government of Chhattisgarh to explore promising ideas on high-technology manufacturing clusters, a position paper titled "Opportunity for Silicon Carbide (SiC) based Power Electronics Module manufacturing" was prepared by a task team comprising of RGICS and FICCI (with inputs from PwC and CHIPS) and was submitted on 13th Sep'2019.

The paper evaluates, if indeed Silicon Carbide (SiC), would be the next generation of Semiconductors, and if India can ride on this \$1 Trillion opportunity (by 2030), after having missed the bus in the first wave of semiconductors in 1980's.

The paper explores the application potential of SiC based semiconductors for various applications (EV's, Solar, Data Centres and Industrial), and assesses the market opportunity in India for the above mentioned opportunities.

The paper also proposes the steps required for creating a SiC based ecosystem with various linkages from wafer manufacturing, module design, electronic sub-assemblies, and end use ecosystem application providers, with associated costs for investment at each levels. The paper concludes that the SiC based ecosystem can be set up with an initial investment of \$1 Billion funded through an Indo-Taiwanese JV, funded through a PPP model.

Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) sector: On 4th November 2019 RGICS hosted the book launch ceremony of “Story of Indian MSMEs- Despair to Dawn of Hope” written by Dr. B. Yerram Raju. The book was launched by Dr. Arun Kumar Panda, Secretary, MSME, Government of India, followed by a Panel Discussion on “Issues in Access to Social Equity by Micro and Small Enterprises”. The panel comprised of Dr. Yerram Raju, Author; Mr. P Udayakumar, Director- NSIC; and Mr. Gautam Khurana, Consultant, ILO and was facilitated by Mr. Vijay Mahajan, Director, and RGICS.

The author, Dr. B. Yerram Raju is a distinguished banker turned Economist and management consultant with five and a half decades of multi-sector experience (Agriculture, MSMEs, Banking, teaching and training). He is currently the Adviser, Telangana Industrial Health Clinic Ltd. (TIHC), Government of Telangana. He was former Regional Director, PRMIA (Hyderabad Chapter) and also consultant on Cooperative Reforms in Banking and Cooperative Law.

The book unfolds the journey of the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) sector, both in the policy front and implementation. The book also offers practical solutions to many issues confronting the policymakers, entrepreneurs and regulators. The book launch and the panel discussion were attended by experts with rich expertise and pioneering work in the MSMEs sector. The organizations included IFCI Limited, SKOCH, MSME Development Forum, PwC private limited amongst others. As a follow up to the event and to evaluate and review existing policies, RGICS has initiated a Working group on MSME's consisting of experienced practitioners, and policy experts.

RGICS Budget Talk Series

As part of its efforts to enhance discourse participation, the RGICS organized a Talk Series on the Budget 2019-20: Expert Insights. We invited six experts who discussed the Budget from different perspectives.

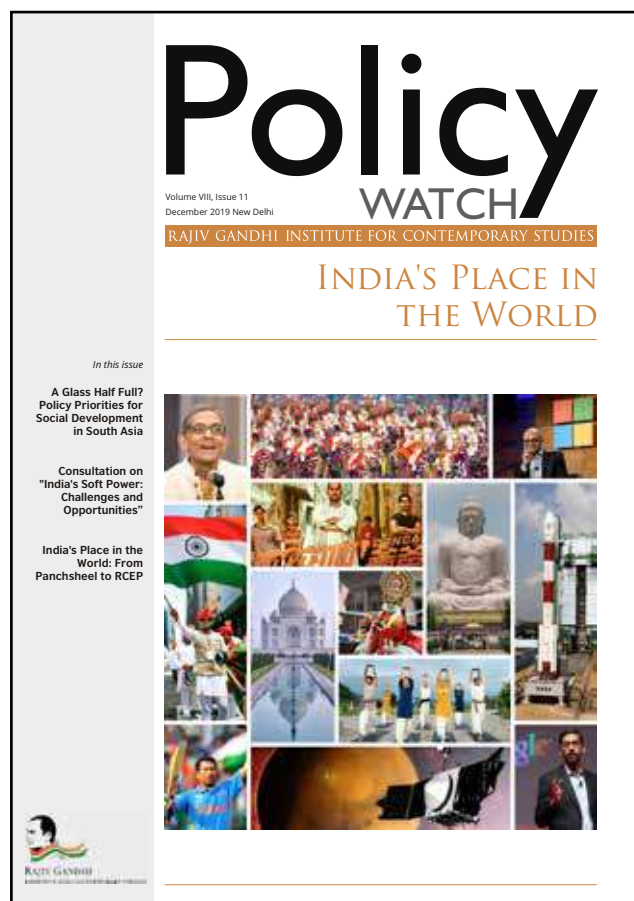
Speaker	Topic: Budget 2019-20
Shri P Chidambaram, Member, Rajya Sabha and former Finance Minister of India	Will the Budget Deliver What it Promises?
Dr Shubhashis Gangopadhyay, Research Director, India Development Foundation	Moving Towards 5 Trillion Dollars in the Next Few Years: Prospects and Challenges
Dr BL Mungekar, formerly Member, Planning Commission; Rajya Sabha; Vice-Chancellor, Mumbai University	What Does the Budget Do for the Rights of the Disadvantaged?
Mr Vinayak Chatterjee, Chairman Feedback Infra, CII's National Council on Infrastructure	Budget Implications for Infrastructure Sector
Dr Amir Ullah Khan, Formerly Director, India Development Foundation; Policy advisor, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Professor, MCRHRDI and NALSAR	Critique of Assumptions and Projections
Dr Santosh Mehrotra, Prof of Economics, Centre for Informal Sector and Labour Studies, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University	Implications for Growth with Employment

5.5 India's Place in the World

The team led by Mr Vijay Mahajan, Director, carried out various meetings, discussions with different stakeholders and participated in discourse to explore how RGICS can facilitate avenues of foreign investments through our Policy Labs and borrow lessons from other countries to strengthen our systems. While we explored options to facilitate our Policy Labs in Rajasthan to explore our partnership with China and Chinese industry representatives in India.

There are three sub-themes: 1) India's Neighbours - China, SAARC, BIMSTEC and ASEAN - Trade, Investment and Cultural Relations; 2) The Global Rise of Right Wing Populism - Its Impact on India; and 3) How India Can Use Soft Power to enhance its Place in the World?

Mr Mahajan, Director and Ms Mona Dikshit, Senior Fellow, met representatives from Gujarat Chinese Enterprise Association, Mumbai Chinese



Enterprise Association, Chinese Keda Industry representative, Chinese Association for Small and Medium Enterprises to:

- Discuss different initiatives being undertaken by the RGICS under India-China Studies (Investment & Trade, Technology, Environment, Craft & Culture etc.) and to know the interest and plans from Chinese side.
- Discuss about India-China Craft and Cultural Trade and Export promotion, and identifying other common issues between India-China.
- Enhance possibilities of appropriate non-traditional exports such as handicrafts, medicinal plants and digital products.

RGICS Senior Fellow Ms Mona Dikshit facilitated a consultation between representatives of Industries & Investment Department in the Government of Rajasthan and Chinese representatives from CASME Industrial Park Pvt. Ltd. Ahmedabad ; China Association for Small & Micro Enterprises (CASME), and representatives of the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade (CCPIT). The key point of discussion was exploring the opportunities of setting up Chinese manufacturing units in Rajasthan which will lead to higher job growth and development of the state. A working paper on India-China Trade and Investment was also released by Ms Mona Dikshit.

Prof Somnath Ghosh joined as Senior Visiting Fellow in the theme India's Place in the World and has begun work on a number of sub-themes in that field. Prof Ghosh has a Master's in International Relations and a PhD in Political Sociology from the Jawaharlal Nehru University. He has taught at IIM Lucknow, Indore and was the Dean of IIM Kashipur. Prof Ghosh will also work on the theme of Governance and Development, and based in Indore, will also guide the Policy Lab work in MP.

Exploring the sub-theme of India's relations with its neighbours, RGICS Senior Visiting Fellow, Dr Somnath Ghosh produced a paper giving a long-term overview of India's relationship with China, from the days of Panchsheel all the way to the present days of Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP).

Dr Suraj Kumar, formerly with the UNDP and UN Women, who has recently completed a book on a comparative study of the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals in South Asia, has joined the RGICS as a Senior Visiting Fellow. He is working on the theme India's Place in the World. Under that, he guided Mr Aryan D'Rozario a senior student of the University of California, Berkeley, USA, on a paper titled "The Fuhrer and the Family", exploring the sub-theme the Arc of Populism.

Earlier work on this sub-theme by Mr Vijay Mahajan, Ms Ruchira Gupta and Mr Vijay Pratap, culminated in a two day workshop with the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung on the topic Re-Conceptualising Social Democracy in Times of Nationalism, which was attended by eminent German scholars, Indian scholars and activists. The RGICS was represented by its Director, Mr Vijay Mahajan; Senior Fellow, Dr Sushree Panigrahi; Senior Visiting Fellow, Dr Somnath Ghosh; and Visiting Fellow, Mr Vijay Pratap.

India's Soft Power: Challenges and Opportunities: During the year, RGICS undertook a study entitled "India's Soft Power: Challenges and Opportunities". This was led by Mr Salil Shetty, retired CEO of Amnesty International, and Ms Tara Sehgal of Kings' College, London. This study not only draws on the extensive literature that exists on soft power but also rich conversations with a wide range of experts and practitioners in the world of foreign policy, international relations and global policy-making. It begins with an overview of the concepts of soft and smart power, working under the assumption that the two exist and can be beneficial if utilised effectively.

It then focuses primarily on India – its variety of soft power resources and its potential. It recognises that soft power is a broad concept with multiple interpretations; it also recognises that India has great number of soft power resources to fit under one umbrella. For this purpose, the study breaks the concept of soft power in the Indian context into two parts: state driven and non-state driven soft power. The study then proceeds to analyse these resources and interrogate whether India can use its soft power effectively in its quest to become a "great" power in today's world.

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KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT AND DOCUMENTATION

Knowledge management and documentation is a centre to provide information related to RGF and RGICS. Works and achievements have been restored and rearranged in digital and physical format. Various materials that are available in the organization have been collected and organized. This has been of great help to Senior Management, Researchers and Scholars. Since 2018-19 restoration work of various valuable materials related to Jawahar ji, Indira ji and Rajiv ji, like photos, posters, certificates, books journals, newspaper clippings, photo frames etc. has been done.

On 1 November 2019, we distributed almost 1000 books on Rajiv Gandhi during the one day International Seminar organised by Rajiv Gandhi Study Circle at Kirori Mal College. There were more than 250 people who attended the Seminar. In our regular activities in this theme, we have mailed a thanks letter to 300 invitees of the Seminar to intimate them about – Memories and Archives of Rajiv Gandhi (MARG) at Jawahar Bhawan.

During the reporting period, a total of around 5500 books have been catalogued and accessioned. In addition, a total of 2500 books have been shelved in RGICS, Chairperson's and Secretary's office. About 600 resource materials like Journals, Hand Books, Yearbooks Handouts, Pamphlets have been digitized.



Policy Watch continues to be produced monthly to highlight issues under the five themes that the RGICS is working. Every month we produce a Policy Watch issue based on one theme, by rotation. In the sixth month, namely June and December, a special issue is produced with an article from each theme.

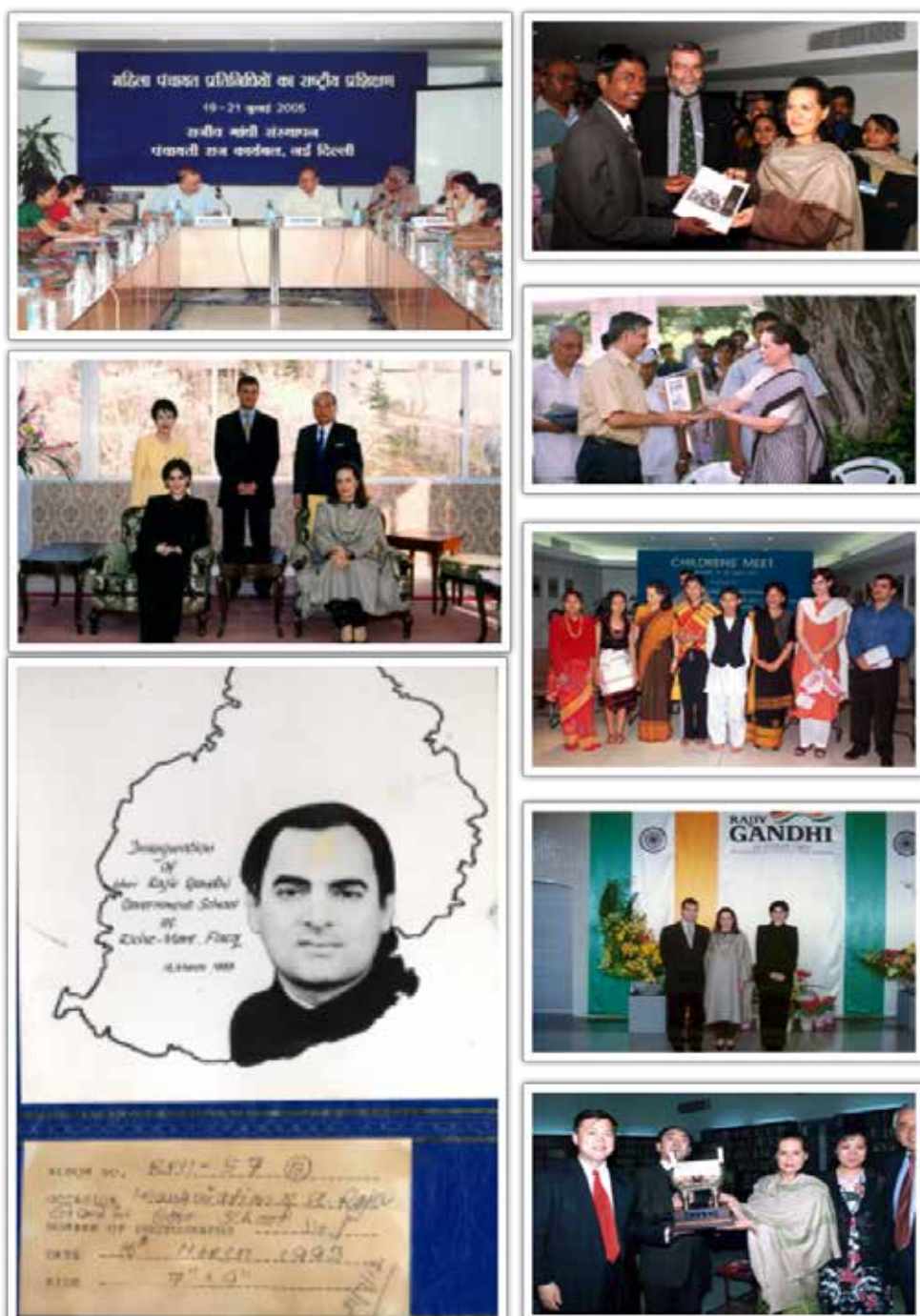
The Special Issue in December 2019 had the first article from the Governance and Development theme on, "Vision 2020: Are we getting there or have we lost our way?" is by Dr Amir Ullah Khan.

The second article was on "Financing MSMEs for Growth and Employment" by Mr Vijay Mahajan and Mr Jagmeet Singh. The third article from the theme, Environment, Natural Resources and Sustainability is titled "Degeneration of Resources - Impact on Baigas" is an extract from the study conducted by Dr Pradeep Bose. The fourth article by Dr Sushree Panigrahi, titled, "Higher Education Fee Hikes: Affordability

vs. Sustainability” is from Constitutional Values and Democratic Institutions theme. The fifth article from the theme, India’s Place in the World is titled “Painting the Rainbow Brown - the Global Arc of Populism?” is by Prof. Somnath Ghosh.

The websites www.rgics.org and www.rgfindia.org are constantly updated and fully populated with publications, reports, event news, photographs and videos. Ten videos on the series “Living Gandhians” have been made and uploaded. Likewise, 13 videos on the contribution of Rajiv Gandhi as Prime Minister have been made and uploaded on the RGF YouTube channel, which has wide viewership. The www.sadbhavana.net site is live.

More than 500 photographs of the achievements made by Shri Rajiv Gandhi and activities that were undertaken by RGF in the past have been scanned and documented. Some photographs are as below:





PROGRAM PARTNERS

Grant Based

S.No.	Name of Partner	Program/Activities
1	Spring Box Films Pvt Ltd.	Production of short films on Rajiv ji's contribution to India's development
2	Haqdarshak Empowerment Solutions Pvt Ltd (HESPL), Delhi	Sadbhavana.net - Interactive Digital Education and Assessment of Learning (IDEAL) Platform
3	Mullai Vattara Kalanjiam, Tamil Nadu	Establish Sadbhavana Centre in Salem District
4	Creative Puppet Theater Trust, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mohan Sey Mahatma Puppet Shows for children in Schools • Puppet shows on Water Conservation and River Rejuvenation called 'Jal Gullak' in Tikamgarh
5	PAHAL, Allahabad	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • India Inclusive Conclave • Sadbhavana Activities in UP
6	Khwaja Ahmed Abbas Memorial Trust (KAAMT), New Delhi	Trilogy Plays, "Aaj aur Kal - Gandhi's idea of India through the eyes of Abbas
7	Save a Mother Foundation, Bengaluru	Educational Intervention for Children's Healthcare in Muzaffarpur, Bihar
8	Sarva Seva Samity Sanstha, Bihar	Educational Intervention for Children's Healthcare in Muzaffarpur, Bihar
9	Cambridge Trust	Support to Indian Scholars for study at Cambridge University
10	Combined Action for Progress (CAFP) India, Delhi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baal Mela on 14th Nov at RGF • Baal Sadbhavana Kendra
11	Crayons of Hope Foundation, Delhi	Community libraries and children's activity centres "Wall O Books"
12	Saksham, Delhi	Baal Sadbhavana Kendra – WR Extension Centre
13	KSDO, Assam	Baal Sadbhavana Kendra – WR Extension Centre, Guwahati
14	Saral Services, Bihar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baal Sadbhavana Kendra, Jamui and Nalanda • ATO Sadbhavana Parivaar Portal • INTERACT Scholars Portal
15	Gram Gaurav Sansthan, Rajasthan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restoring Rural Livelihoods by Regenerating Water Resources in Dang region of Kaurali • Baal Sadbhavana Kendra – WR Extension Centre, Kaurali
16	Kudayathoor Development Society, Kerala	Livelihoods - training programs for women in tailoring and bamboo craft making, Idduki
17	Rural Agency for Social and Technological Advancement (RASTA), Kerala	Enhancing livelihood capacity of the tribal families through advance training on different livelihoods options, Wayanad
18	Indo-Global Social Services Society (IGSSS), Delhi	Flood Relief and Livelihood Restoration in Kashmir
19	Society of Development Alternative, Delhi	To work on bilateral climate change issues/policies
20	Kabil Foundation	Water crisis project
21	Institute of Livelihood Research and Training	Study on potential of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants Study to assess market potential for self-employment in the Bastar
22	Academy of Business Studies & ICEC	Study on Trade and Investment

PROGRAM PARTNERS

Non-Grant Based

S.No.	Name of Partner	Program/Activities
1	SAHMAT, New Delhi	Exhibition at RGF on “The Indian Constitution at 70”.
2	Gandhi Peace Foundation, Odisha	Sadbhavana Yatra in Odisha
3	Rashtriya Yuva Sangathan, Odisha	Sadbhavana Yatra in Odisha
4	Hamari Urdu Mohabbat	Observed the National Education Day giving a tribute to Maulana Azad on his 131st birth anniversary.
5	Suresh Gyan Vihar University, Jaipur	Sponsored five INTERACT Children for Higher/Professional Education
6	Salam Baalak Trust, Delhi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sadbhavana Katha Utsav • Baal Sadbhavana Kendra – WR Extension Centre
7	Enlightened Kumud Trust, Delhi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sadbhavana Katha Utsav • Baal Sadbhavana Kendra
8	Baal Sahyog, Delhi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sadbhavana Katha Utsav • Baal Sadbhavana Kendra
9	Sharifan, Delhi	Baal Sadbhavana Kendra
10	FXB Surakhsha India, Noida	Baal Sadbhavana Kendra, Noida
11	Feb India School, Rajasthan	Baal Sadbhavana Kendra
12	Saathi, Chhattisgarh	Baal Sadbhavana Kendra
13	Bastar Samajik Jan Vikas Samiti, Chhattisgarh	Baal Sadbhavana Kendra
14	Himalayan English School, Uttarakhand	Baal Sadbhavana Kendra – WR Extension Centre, Gansali
15	Vikas Anvesh Foundation, Pune	Policy Seminars, Workshops and Consultations
16	Chhattisgarh State Industrial Development Corporation Ltd.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SDG and Samarth Zilla study • Policy Paper on Silicon Carbide (SiC) based Semiconductor Technology as Growth Vector
17	Sanjhi Sikhiya, Bangaluru	To groom young people in Jalandhar city to engage in civic action and urban governance
18	Azim Premji Foundation	Sadbhavana in school curriculum, CG
19	Indian National Association of Club of Rome, New Delhi	Workshop on Regeneration of Natural Capital: Jal, Jangal and Jameen’
20	Water and Land Management Institute (WALMI), Bhopal	Workshop on Regeneration of Natural Capital: Jal, Jangal and Jameen’
21	Balipara Foundation, Guwahati	To work on climate change and negotiation, adaptation and mitigation strategies
22	Manjari Foundation, Tikamgarh	Regeneration of Ur River through MGNREGA

