

INDIA DEVELOPMENT SERVICE

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INDIA DEVELOPMENT SERVICE ANNUAL REPORT -- 1986

The Board of Directors thank the supporters and well-wishers of the India Development Service for their continued support during the year. This support is crucial to the effectiveness of IDS's activities for India's all-round progress and development. This report summarizes the activities of IDS during 1986.

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES:

I. IDS Study Group Meetings (Chicago) - The Study Group met six times during 1986 at Concordia College, River Forest, Illinois.

(a) Harinder Lamba, in February 1986 described the philosophy and work of IDS using a recently produced slide set. This was an open general meeting aimed at increasing participation in the core activities of IDS.

(b) Bonnie Bazata and Babu Lengade, from the Dayton/Cincinnati area, described the environmental degradation in Karnataka and Mr. S.R. Hiremath's efforts at reversing this process in April 1986. They also described the activities of TNC (Trans-National Centre for Nonviolent Social Change).

(c) Shashi Pandey, Univ. of Wisconsin at Madison, spoke about the role of the individual and social change in India in May 1986. He described the activities of several NGO's that he had visited during his 15 month study leave.

(d) Shri Mohan Parikh on June 8, 1986, described his work at the Agricultural Tools Research Centre, Bardoli, Gujarat. He has developed 69 new designs of hand tools, which he said, had not been improved for the last 2,000 years.

(e) Dr. Rakesh Popli on August 17, 1986, described the work of VIKAS BHARATI among tribal areas in rural Bihar. This was followed by a discussion on nonformal education and novel methods of science popularization.

(f) Mr. Sudhakar Shah on November 15, 1986 was the key speaker at a short seminar organized by Mr. Hemendra Mehta. Mr. Shah spoke on the industrial and rural investment opportunities in India. He described other varieties of trees besides eucalyptus that can give a high return on investment.

II. Dr. Rakesh Popli's Visit - Dr. Popli visited the USA during July/August 1986 and travelled around the country making presentations in about twenty (20) cities. In each city his presentations were very well received and extensive descriptions appeared in the IDS Newsletter. He described the work of his group in an area where the population is entirely tribal, and which had seen little development after the days of the freedom struggle.

III. Meetings and Conferences - There were several meetings where IDS was represented by individual Board Members.

(a) Dr. Harinder Lamba presented a talk titled "Internal Circulatory Economics - How the Poor can Uplift Themselves", at the 18th Annual Conference of the Community Development Society (USA), on July 28-31, 1986 at Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois.

(b) Drs. Meenal Mandani and Bindu Desai spoke about IDS activities and Projects at the Annual Meeting of the Alumni of Kurnool Medical College, held at Hinsdale Community Center (Chicago area) in August 1986.

OTHER IDS ACTIVITIES:

1. Activities in Other Cities: The Cincinnati group were particularly active under the leadership of Mr. Babu Lengade. They held numerous meetings throughout the year, tried to build support for TNC and organized a booth exhibit about IDS at the Indian Community's annual Mela. They also sent a number of mailings on various occasions. Mr. Avinash Patkar has assumed the responsibilities for 1987 and will be assisted by Mr. Suresh Kamath. In Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Dr. Madhukar Deshpande continues to arrange small meetings and spread the word about IDS and Anandwan. In fall he offered greetings cards for sale made by the handicapped residents of Anandwan, with contributions going to that organization. In San Francisco, Mrs. Gondhalekar and Mr. Abhay Bhushan arranged meetings where they spoke about IDS.

2. IDS Board Activities: There were numerous activities that the IDS Board undertook in order to upgrade the functioning of the organization.

(a) Bulk Mailing was introduced for the first time in order to reduce mailing costs. Dr. Meenal Mandani needs to be commended for taking the specific steps needed to implement this.

(b) Upgrading the IDS Brochure: A team of three of us worked on bringing out an improved version of the IDS brochure, which could be used together with our mailing efforts. Dr. Mandani should be commended for finalizing the brochure, while Mr. Ajit Sheth helped with the printing.

(c) Improved Newsletter: Many of the Board members worked with Dr. Kashyap, the Editor, to expand and improve the Newsletter. The new sections to be added were (1) A section titled, "From the President's Desk", (2) An issues section, (3) A section to include reader's views and (4) An improved format for the front page. We hope that you will like the enhanced Newsletter.

(d) The Proceedings of the Rural Development Conference, held in October 1985 at the University of Chicago, were finally published. Dr. Harinder Lamba functioned as the editor and compiled the proceedings, and Mr. Ajit Sheth has begun to print attractive copies in spiral GBC binding. Those desirous of ordering their copies should send checks of \$5.00 payable to IDS, and mail to H. Lamba, 6921 Creekside, Downers Grove, IL 60516. The publication of these proceedings were indeed a major milestone in the progress of IDS and should continue to provide an educational resource for some time.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS:

IDS has supported the following projects in 1986, Khadi Gramodyoga Sangh project was added this year.

1. Vikas Bharati: See the previous pages for a description of this project.
2. Parivartan: Adopted by IDS in August 1986, this project is located in the Jaunpur district of Uttar Pradesh near Varanasi. The project has been expanding beyond Gahani Village because of the help available through the ILO grant.
3. Khadi Gramodyoga Sangh: This project has been attempting to increase employment and earnings by establishing agricultural processing industries. He claims to have stopped the migration of villagers to the cities, which for most villages is not an easy task. This project is located in the village of Inamveerapur near Hubli City Karnataka.
4. Other Projects: Funds collected for BCT (Dr. parameswara Rao), Medleri project (Hiremaths) and Anandwan (Baba Amte), continued to be forwarded.

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Statement and income and expenses for (12) twelve months 12/31/86.

Income:

Contributions received for:

A. Rural Development Projects	11,597.00	
B. Other Projects	706.00	
C. IDS Life Membership and Dues	5,285.00	
D. Interest Earned	1,015.35	
E. Misc. Income	426.50	
Total Income		19,029.85

Expenses

I. Grants

A. Rural Development Projects		
Vikas Bharati	3,312.00	
Maha Rogi Sewa Samiti	1,050.00	
BCT	1,075.00	
Parivartan	860.00	
K.G.S.	500.00	
		6,797.00

B. Other Grants

Development Update	130.00	
Educational Institute (NMV)	1,050.00	
Siddhartha	275.00	
		1,455.00

II. IDS Activities

IDS Newsletter	1,527.28	
Study Group Meeting	368.09	
Proceedings	375.43	
		2,270.80

III. Administrative Expense

Printing & Stationary	962.08	
Postage & Shipping	922.64	
Supplies	375.88	
Advertising	396.00	
Misc. Exp.	179.97	
		2,836.57

Total Expenses.....	13,359.37
Excess of Income over Expenses.....	5,670.48
Beginning balance January 1, 1986.....	14,311.64
Excess of income over expenses	5,670.48
Ending Balance	19,982.12
Special Fund A/C	14,667.65
Balance as of 12/31/86	5,314.47

Harinder Lamba
President

Kaushik Pancholi
Treasurer

The new Board of Directors for 1987 is as follows.

- Harinder Lamba
(President) He is an engineer working in a Chicago area machine tool company. He has devoted considerable time to the study and understanding of the problems and solutions relating to the subject of Development. He was one of the main organizers of the Rural Development Conference and has presented several papers on this subject.
- R.L.Kashyap
(Vice President) He has been associated with IDS from the beginning. He is the Editor and moving spirit behind the IDS newsletter and actively supports various other projects and activities. He teaches at Purdue University, Indiana.
- Meenal Mandani
(Secretary) She has been an active supporter of IDS for several years. She is a neurologist at a Veterans Hospital and is on the faculty of Loyola University. Her husband, Bashir, actively supports her growing involvement with IDS and her two boys (Arif, 11 yrs and Saleem, 6 yrs) help with the mailings.
- Varsha Pancholi
(Treasurer) She joined IDS in 1984. She has assisted in the preparation of financial statements for IDS. Now she has assumed the responsibility as treasurer. She is a CPA and recently has started tax & accounting practice. Neha, two months old, is the new addition to the Pancholi family.
- Sham Dabadghao
(Director) He has been associated with IDS from the very beginning. He was a member of the planning committee for projects in India. He has been an active IDS Board member for the last several years.
- Shiban Ganju
(Director) He graduated from All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Delhi. He has been active with other community organizations like India Medical Association and India Forum.
- Wilfred Hamrum
(Director) He has been associated with IDS since 1977. He has worked on IDS Board in various capacities. He is also active in various local and national business and community organizations.
- Jagjit Jain
(Director) Was born and raised in Delhi. Graduated from IIT - Kharagpur in 1965. Received his MBA from Northwestern University in Chicago. Has been with First National Bank of Chicago since 1974 and at present is Vice President, Trade Finance. He has been on the Board of Directors of IDS for the last several years. His wife, Rani, is a staunch supporter of IDS. His children, Stasha and Neel, also help with fund raising activities for IDS.