

INDIA DEVELOPMENT SERVICE ANNUAL REPORT - 1987

The Board of Directors thank the supporters and well-wishers of the India Development Service for their continued support during the year. Your support is crucial to the effectiveness of IDS's activities. Our activities during 1987 are summarized below.

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES:

IDS Study Group Meetings (Chicago)

The Study Group met seven times during 1987 at Concordia College, River Forest, Illinois.

- Rajni Kothari, sociologist and founder of *Lokayan* and winner of The Right Livelihood award reviewed the political situation in India since the fall of Mrs. Gandhi and the concentration of power in the hands of a few elites. He reviewed the growth of grass roots organizations that are countering this trend. The talk was held at Concordia College on April 18, 1987.
- Dr. Noshir Antia, founder and director of Foundation for Research in Community Health (FRCH), Bombay gave a talk on community health in India on May 20, 1987.
- S.R. Hiremath and Shyamala Hiremath provided an update on IDS-Karnataka and introduced a new organization, Samaj Parivartana Samudaya, which will focus on environmental issues. This meeting was on May 30, 1987.
- Ramala Baxamusa, Research Associate at the Center for Women's Studies, SNDT Women's University, Bombay presented a talk on "Minorities in Development and the role of Muslim women" on June 6, 1987.
- Sonal Shukla, founder member of Women's Center, Bombay and of the Forum Against Oppression of Women talked about the growing trend of female feticide and dowry deaths in India on July 5, 1987.
- Vidyatai Patil, President, Sanjivani Mahila Milan, spoke about her organization's efforts towards providing pre-primary care for the slum children of Bombay, on August 8, 1987.
- Manmohan Chaudhary, noted Sarvodaya leader gave a talk on August 31, 1987.
- Half-day seminar on "Development, Social Justice and Voluntary Agencies in India" (see below) on October 31, 1987.

OTHER IDS ACTIVITIES:

India Development Day

India Development Day was held On October 31, 1987. There was a half-day seminar on "Development, Social Justice and Voluntary Agencies in India", which had the following program.

- Development experience in India: Shashi Pandey
- "United we stand": How to mobilise for grassroots action: K.P.S.Kamath
- Social Justice: Role of a writer/filmmaker: Girish Karnad

- Varieties of Voluntary Agencies: Shashi Pandey
 - International dimensions of Development: Harinder Lamba
 - The communal situation in India-An inevitable phenomenon of development?: Asgarh Ali Engineer
- This was followed by an Indian vegetarian dinner. Attendance for both events was excellent.

Conference on Business Opportunities in India

A conference cosponsored by IDS, Coopers & Lybrand and West Suburban Regional Academic Consortium (WSRAC) was held on April 22 1987 at Chicago .

ACTIVITIES IN OTHER CITIES:

- Cincinnati group had a booth at the annual India Day generating publicity and new members for IDS. Avinash Patkar and Madhukar Deshpande, Milwaukee, had a successful fund-raising drive for Samaj Parivartana Samudaya (SPS).
- Milwaukee group held several meetings during the year hosting various speakers from India including S.R. Hiremath and Dr. Noshir Antia. The group provided the lion's share of support for the Kasare Project. They have also donated a slide projector for use at IDS events.

IDS BOARD ACTIVITIES:

- A new quarterly publication, The Catalyst, was launched in fall 1987 to give prompt recognition to our supporters and to give more frequent updates on projects funded by IDS. Kathi Rose is the Editor.
- A new brochure was created by Kathi Rose which will be available for distribution early 1988.
- Greeting cards designed specially for IDS by Angela and Mahender Vasandani, long-time IDS supporters, went on sale in December. These unique wood-block design cards in 3 pastel colors are available in packs of 12 cards for \$ 6.00 from Jagjit Jain.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS:

IDS provided support for the following projects during 1987.

- Vikas Bharati: Located in a tribal area of Bihar. IDS continues to channel funds for this project. Rakesh Popli, one of the founders of this project and the coordinator for IDS, has now moved to Ranchi.
- Khadi Gramodyoga Sangh: This project has been attempting to increase employment and earnings by establishing village based agricultural processing industries. It is located in the village of Inamveerapur near Hubli, Karnataka.
- Kasare, Maharashtra: Dashrath Panmand, a social worker in Foundation for Research in Community Health (FRCH), is attempting to duplicate the success of Ralegan-Shindi, a model village just 18 Kms from Kasare. He began work in June 87 and has already initiated several development schemes.
- Center for Socio-ecological Monitoring, Documentation and Education, Saurashtra: Vasudev Vora and his brother Rajiv plan to educate the villagers about the relationship between cropping patterns, type of crops and overuse of ground water, deforestation etc. in an effort to end recurrent drought.
- Padwa Gramdani Sangh, Orissa, coordinates social welfare activities in the tribal area of Orissa.
- Other Projects: Funds earmarked for BCT (Dr. Parameswara Rao), Medleri project (Hiremaths), Anandwan (Baba Amte), and Sanjivani Mahila Milan were forwarded.