

INDIA DEVELOPMENT SERVICE ANNUAL REPORT 1990.

The Board Of Directors of IDS wish to thank you for all the support extended during 1990. The following is a brief report of our activities.

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Dhirubhai Desai, retired judge of the supreme court of India, spoke on "Legal Status Of Minorities In India" on May 6, 1990.
- Madhu Kishwar, a well known feminist and activist as well as editor of "Manushi", a feminist magazine from Delhi, India, spoke about "India, Crisis of the Nineties" on June 17, 1990.
- Madhu Kishwar and Saudamini Rao, a feminist from Maharashtra and editor of "Bayaja" a women's magazine published in Pune, India, together conducted a open forum on various issues related to women on June 15, 1990.
- Arunaraje, a renowned film director, spoke about her recent movie "Rihayee" depicting double standards in society for men and women and the women's struggle to achieve equality.

ANNUAL SEMINAR

- The IDS annual seminar on " POVERTY, VOLUNTARY ACTION AND ALTERNATIVE PATHS TO DEVELOPMENT" was held at Rosary College in River Forest IL. on May 19, 1990 . It featured following speakers:
- Rashmi Luthra , an economist and feminist , spoke on " Poverty In India " and its various dimensions.
- Ashok Bhargawa, a developmental economist from University of White-Water, Wisconsin, spoke on "Poverty Alleviation and Voluntary Action"
- Suresh Desai, Dean of Montclair State College, N.J. spoke on " Alternative Development Paths and Strategies"

- Dr. Parameswara Rao, the renowned activist and the convenor of "Literacy As Movement Of People" enlightened us with his views about " Literacy as a Strategy Against Poverty"

All the speakers provoked interesting and lively discussion among the audience.

SYNOPSIS OF CURRENT DEVELOPMENTAL PROJECTS IN INDIA

IDS continued support of the following ongoing projects and hundred percent of the earmarked donation received by all the projects were forwarded to them.

1. Kasare Village Project, Maharashtra.
2. Sahiyar, Gujarat.
3. Padwa Gramdani Sangh, Orissa.
4. Mahila Vikas Samstha, Andhra Pradesh.
5. Samaj Paryavaran Kendra, Gujarat.
6. New Hope Leprosy Trust, Orissa.
7. Antar Bharati, Maharashtra.
8. Welfare Association For The Rural Masses, Tamil Nadu.
9. Sanjivani Mahila Milan, Maharashtra.
10. Society For Integral Development Action, Kerala.
11. Bharat Seva Trust, Tamil Nadu.

Seven new projects were adopted by IDS during 1990. After careful review of each project proposal, the project committee deliberated on each project, choosing those which had potentials to achieve it's goal of empowering the needy and the disadvantaged as well as its ability to cause ripple effects in the community. The new projects are as follows:

1. National Association for the Blind, Karnataka.
2. Development Alternatives for the Empowerment and Social Enfranchisement of Abandoned Women, Maharashtra.
3. M.Venkatrangaiya Foundation, Andhra Pradesh
4. Navajagrati Samaj Vikas Sansthan, U.P.
5. Vanasthali Gramin Vikas Kendra, Maharashtra.
6. Rural people's Development Society, Tamil Nadu.
7. Gramiya Munetra Sangham, Tamil Nadu.

INDIA DEVELOPMENT DAY.

Our annual ID Day was celebrated on October 6, 1990, and was attended by a large number of enthusiastic IDS supporters and well wishers. Prof. Ram Joshi, a political Scientist and the former vice chancellor of Bombay University shared his views about "Higher Education and Development." Ashok Bhargawa gave the audience a different perspective on: "Poverty and Development." There was a short audio-visual presentation of IDS projects. The speeches were followed by an open forum which was both interesting as well as informative.

IDS REACH OUT ACTIVITIES.

IDS was invited to Annual Tamil Foundation Meeting during which Board Members gave a audio-visual presentation of four of the IDS supported projects in Tamil Nadu.

IDS Board members were invited to University of IL. Champaign-Urbana Campus for presentation of IDS to the students.

A telethon was conducted by the Board members during the month of August to reach a larger section of the community and it was quite successful.

IDS took part in the Earth Day Celebration at Oak Park, exhibited several projects through photographs and sold many greeting cards and IDS T-shirts.

Keeping in the spirit of environmentally conscious organization, IDS Board members recycled their used-goods by doing a huge "Garage Sale" at Meenal and Bashir Mamdani's home in August and raised \$1200.00 in less than ten hours.

IDS was presented with the "Gandhi Community Award" by the local Community newspaper "India Tribune" in June.

Through a news group called "Soc Culture Indian" on the computer network, several individuals heard about IDS and became members/ contributors.

One of the Board members compiled a list of all the Indian Voluntary Organizations based in U. S. which is made available for networking purposes.

IDS BOARD ACTIVITIES

- The Board amended the Constitution and By-Laws.
- IDS was registered on nationwide basis with a registered trade mark.
- IDS Financial Report was audited by certified accountants.

IDS CHAPTER NEWS

The Milwaukee chapter of IDS organized a successful fund-raising luncheon meeting with actress/activist Shabana Azmi on June 3, enabling that chapter to adopt its own independent project in Tamil Nadu, India.

The Milwaukee chapter also arranged a talk by Dr. Bindu Desai , a neurologist from Cook County Hospital Chicago, who spoke about the "Health System in Kerala"

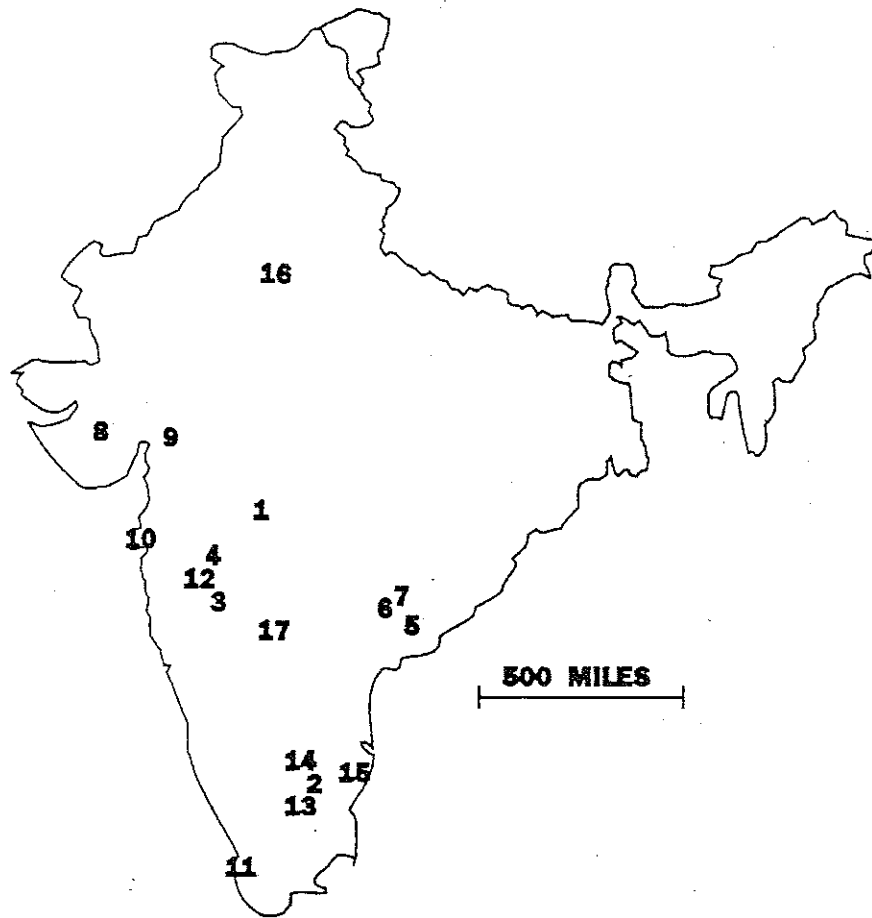
The Austin Chapter of IDS has contributed actively by giving their input in project selection, visiting projects and giving feed back and lastly by editing the latest issue of "Newsletter" titled "Indian Immigrant and Activism"

A group of Individuals from Boston have formed an active group adopting a integrated rural developmental project in Orissa and are funding that project on an independent basis. They may form a local chapter in near future.

Efforts are being made to formalize a chapter in Philadelphia since a few individuals have expressed interest in the activities of IDS.

WE FEEL STRONGLY THAT WITH YOUR CONTINUED INTEREST IN THE ACTIVITIES OF IDS, WE CAN STRIVE TO MAKE A SMALL BUT A MEANINGFUL CHANGE IN THE LIVES OF THOSE PEOPLE IN INDIA WHO ARE MOST DISADVANTAGED AND VULNERABLE. KINDLY CONTINUE YOUR PARTENERSHIP IN THIS ENDEAVOR.

**INDIA DEVELOPMENT SERVICE
PROJECTS IN INDIA
1989-1990**



1. Antar Bharati, Maharashtra

5 poor families have received a no-interest loan to purchase bullock carts, bulls, buffaloes, and wool knitting machine. The families will repay the amount of assistance into a revolving fund to be used for other needy families.

2. Bharatha Seva Trust, Tamil Nadu

Twenty poor women will receive training in handicrafts (from palm leaves) and assistance to form a cooperative.

3. Development Alternatives for the Empowerment and Social Enfranchisement of Abandoned Women, Maharashtra

Women abandoned by their families will be organized to achieve economic independence and social recognition through profitable recycling of waste materials and use of bio-mass from common lands.

4. Kasare Village Project, Maharashtra

An educated young villager is implementing development program fashioned by a well known social activist to bring about change. The project involves primary and secondary education, village council, women's group, plant nursery, and a village library.

5. Mahila Vikas Samstha, Andhra Pradesh

The activities include income generation projects, functional literacy, and health education for tribal women

6. New Hope Leprosy Trust, Orissa

Women recovering from leprosy are taught "Kalamkari" as an income generating scheme, functional literacy, and health education.

7. Padua Gramdani Sangh, Orissa

A sarvodaya organization providing irrigation and teaching improved agricultural techniques.

8. Saurashtra Paryavaran Kendra, Gujarat

The group is carrying out a survey of ecological and social changes in Saurashtra with a view to develop alternative methods to reduce land degradation.

9. Sahiyar Women's Group, Gujarat

This group of young women has a range of activities aimed at consciousness raising and organizing dalit and muslim women and slum dwellers to demand social justice.

10. Sanjivani Mahila Milan, Maharashtra

SMM provides preschool education for slum children in Bombay as well as balwadi teacher-training for uneducated slum women.

11. Society for Integral Development Action, Kerala

Provide building materials to 25 members of a village women's sangham. The women will provide labor to build toilets for their families and thus improve public health and sanitation.

12. Vanasthali, Maharashtra

Provides balwadi education for rural children and education and awareness-raising of semi-literate rural women.

13. Welfare Association for the Rural Masses, Tamil Nadu

Brick making skill for unemployed rural youth.

14. Rural People's Development Society, Tamil Nadu

Non-formal education for illiterate villagers.

15. Gramiya Munnetra Sangham, Tamil Nadu

Plan to organize young men and women from the villages for collective action. Leadership training programs, work shops on social analysis, laws with local relevance will be discussed. They network with a rural women's organization in the taluka to improve education and awareness among the youth.

16. Navjagrati Samaj Vikas Sansthan, Uttar Pradesh

Child labor is rampant in Firozabad. This group runs a school for young children working in the glass factories of Firozabad. The schools are run on a flexible schedule to permit the children working different shifts to attend.

17. M. Venkatarangaiya Foundation, Andhra Pradesh

Camps, "Jathas", for 8-13 year old village boys and girls where they will be exposed to new ideas in arts and crafts and encouraged to express their worries and fears to promote self confidence and awareness. Of particular value to girls who would otherwise lead restricted lives with poor self image and esteem.