

ANNUAL REPORT 2019-20



SRI SRI VIDYA MANDIR
(Schools under Tribal Welfare Project)
Vyakti Vikas Kendra, India
Laldih, Ghatsila, Jharkhand



Mission Statement

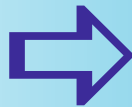
To ensure transformation of the Indian Tribal through education of the Tribal Child.

Inspired by His Holiness Sri Sri Ravi Shankar, Founder of the Art of Living Foundation, and moved by his personal encounters with poverty-stricken tribal families in India, Brij Chawla and a small team of volunteers started building schools in the highly remote and inaccessible tribal villages of Jharkhand in 1999.

Today, Tribal School Project runs 20 schools that provide free education, from Kindergarten to High School, to around 3,200 Indian tribal children.

Sri Sri Ravi Shankar's vision is to have "a broad-minded education, accompanied by a warm heart. Education is not just information. It is culturing of our behaviour and attitude. It is our ability to perceive things better. We need to bring in creative ideas. We should empower village youth, and bring them self-esteem."

First-generation
LEARNERS



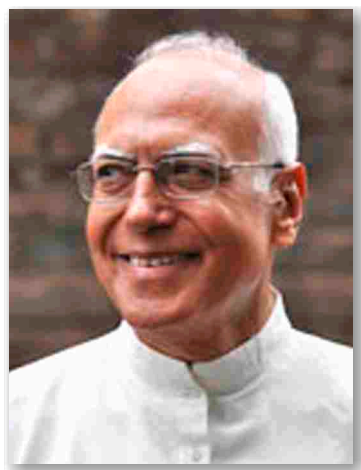
Next generation
CHANGEMAKERS



Future generation
LEADERS



TRIBAL EDUCATION = Seeding the long-term upliftment of the tribal community... starting with today's generation



From Director's Desk

Every year is significant and unique because it throws a lot of challenges and proportionate achievements. This year was no exception. As usual Class X Board examination result was 100% with marginal improvement in performance.

All forty two teachers who were sponsored by us, completed their Diploma in Elementary Education (D. El. Ed.). Also 11 teachers successfully obtained their B. Ed. Degree this year. Thus all our teachers are now trained.

The Archery team further improved their performance and won many prizes in tournaments conducted by different sports bodies of the state, especially Tata Sports Complex, Jamshedpur, at different levels.

Few volunteers from US offered their help to teach our senior students English and Maths through Zoom conferencing software. This initiative was started from Sept 2019 on weekly basis. The teachers and students both enjoyed this new way of learning.

Other commendable activities during the year included :

- Foundation Day celebrations
- Usha Sewing School-organised 6 months' course for village women
- Swatchhta Abhiyan, a regular routine, covering school, surroundings and village
- Speech Competitions on the life and contribution of great leaders
- Quiz competitions at regular intervals
- Plant Distribution and monitoring ; devised a process to monitor the survival of the plants
- Gita Chanting sessions with a group of senior students
- Mind Mapping method of learning with the support of faculties from Pune.

The detail of each activity is given in the following pages.

Teachers Say.....



Saraswati Das, Teacher, Kalchiti Middle School

I am very happy and proud to be a part of SSVM family. I started my journey as the Head Teacher of this school, seven years ago. Our school is totally different from the other schools in this locality. The students are from tribal families. Our aim is to provide them all round development. By all round development, we mean mental, physical, social and spiritual.

Not only the prescribed curriculum, here they also learn about social and moral values. In this school the students are getting free education, facilities of learning computer, dance, drawing and many more things for improving their skills.

With the blessings of our beloved Guruji, guidance of our Director, Mr. B. B. Chawla and help from our VVKI families and my teachers, we have reached this far in a journey to fulfil our mission of providing the best environment that a child needs to grow as a good human being.

Paritosh Sinha, Teacher, Hendlajuri High School

Today I am going to share my 12 years' experience with you all. This school was established by our Project Director, with blessing of our beloved Guru, Sri Sri Ravishankar ji.

I am very proud to be a part of this institution because this school is different from the other schools. Our school not only teaches academic but also prepares students for future by inculcating good values. A teachers training institute was set up at Hendlajuri to coordinate the teaching methodology and upgrade the teachers' competency. I feel proud that I was given a chance in making this unit.



Our focus is to develop our students holistically. Meditation and yoga are a daily routine that calms their mind and sharpens the concentration. We teach them health and hygiene and environmental friendly habits. Our Chawlajee says "Building school is easy. Building the tribal child into a confident person, capable of not just make a living but live a joyous life and be of service to the community, is a life long commitment for us."

"Do not hurt anyone with your speech, for the Divine dwells in every heart."

-Sri Sri Ravi Shankar

*All rounder Students - Lotus from the mud***Anand Gorai,
Class IX**

Anand is from a very poor family. His father is a daily labourer his mother makes newspaper carry bags for a living.



He is one of the members of the school archery team and has received a number of medals. He is an active participant of the cultural programs. He helps in preparation of the mid-day meals. He plays an active part in all activities of the school especially organic farming. He also attends to the maintenance of the school. He has completed the electrician's course conducted at the Technical Training Centre of the School.

Gouri Mardi, Class IX

Gouri is one of three sisters and a brother. She is from a poor family. Her father is disabled and not in a position to earn for the family. Her mother works as a domestic servant and takes care of the children. She joined the school in Class V.

Gouri is an important member of the school archery team and won many medals. She is a very good performer of tribal dance and received a lot of praise when the school group visited Pune. Her sisters and brother are also students of SSVM Hendaljuri primary.

She takes lot of interest in keeping the school clean. She has completed the electrician's course conducted at the Technical Training Centre of the school. She is also a member of Sanitary Napkin making project initiated in August 2019. She is with SSVM from Shishu class.



“Don't think of anything as difficult. Know that we have an even greater power within and according to that we get tasks to do.”

-Sri Sri Ravi Shankar

*Ex-Students Speak***Major Tudu, 2018 Batch**

I am Major Tudu of Hendaljuri Village. I was a student of the school from Shishu Class. I completed my studies from Sri Sri Vidya Mandir High School, Hendaljuri in the year 2018. Now I am studying I. Sc. Second year in Ghatsila college.



Due to financial problem my family could not admit me in a English medium school at Ghatsila. They got me admitted at Sri Sri Vidya Mandir, which now seems to be a good decision, as SSVM is one of the best schools. There are so many free facilities here such as free education, computer learning, drawing class, dance class, uniform, midday meal, music class and archery. Chanting Sanskrit slokas, Sanskrit songs and many other things are also part of the curriculum.

Mrs Ranjana Satpathy is the Head Mistress of Sri Sri Vidya Mandir High School. Also she teaches us Sanskrit. She is very kind and helpful to all the students. After passing 10th, there were many difficulties to continue my studies. My family was not able to support me. But the Head Mistress and VVKI started providing me all kinds of help I needed. Now I am in better position than other students like me. I could not have come to this level without Guruji's blessings and support from VVKI. My association with SSVM gave a new direction to my life. I want to convey my thanks to all my teachers and the management for supporting me.

**Sima Gope, 2016 Batch**

I am from Hendaljuri village in Jharkhand. My father is a farmer. At present I am doing BSc, 3rd Semester from Ghatsila College in Mathematics honours. My journey of education started 13 years back in Sri Sri Vidya Mandir, Hendaljuri. I am preparing for the UPSC Exam and, I am sure, I will be successful. I have passed out my matriculation examination in 2016 with 86% marks from Sri Sri Vidya Mandir, Hendaljuri and completed ISc from Ghatsila College and rank 1st. I have been associated with the school for 11 years.

The Art of Living has given me an opportunity for good education. I liked the teaching method of my school. In the school we got Smart Learning digital facilities free of cost. All the teachers and students maintain discipline. Our school provides many facilities like free education, free midday meals, free school uniform, solar power, computer learning, multimedia interactive learning. My association with SSVM gave a new direction to my life. Our school also provided Sanskrit language learning. The Head Mistress, Mrs. Ranjana Satpathy is a kind hearted person. She is always ready to help others. She treats all the students like her own children.

I would like to thank our beloved Guruji and our project Director, Chawla Sir for accepting me as part of the school. I feel proud to have been a student of Sri Sri Vidya Mandir High School, Hendaljuri.

Students Impressions



Raj Mukherjee, Class X

I want to thank Head Mistress of my school and Chawla Sir for giving me an opportunity to study in this school. I took admission in the school in the year 2015 in class VI.

In addition to academics, I got an opportunity to get training in archery and win a number of prizes in the block and district level. The school provided me with free education, uniform, midday meals, computer training and free text books. I appeared for Class X Board Examination in 2020. I would not have reached to this level, if I had not got an opportunity to be associated with Sri Sri Vidya Mandir.



In addition, we are also taught good manners, to respect elders and qualities of a good human being.

(Raj Mukherjee is one of the front liners in archery competitions and cultural programs)

Harshdeep Singh, Class X

We live in Moubhandar, Ghatsila. My father is a automobile mechanic. I was admitted in an English medium school in LKG. When I was in Class VI the school fee was too high for my father and I had to discontinue my studies, for two years. One day my uncle, who is an auto driver met Ranjana Madam, the Headmistress of SSVM HendaJuri. After listening to my fate, she helped me to take admission in Class VII at Sri Sri Vidya Mandir. The school is about 12 kms. from Moubhandar. The school arranged for my transport to HendaJuri in teachers bus free of charge. I am fortunate to have met Ranjana Madam.



The school has very excellent education system. It also provides free midday meals, uniforms, books, computer learning and chance to improve upon the qualities of the student. I am very much keen to draw and I have been able to get training under a drawing teacher. The school also provides training in archery, computer application, tailoring and dance.

I have completed 4 years at SSVM and appeared for the Class X Board examination this year and the result is expected next month. I have to now part ways with the school. I would like to thank the Headmistress, the teachers and the Director of the school, Sri Chawlaji.

(Harshdeep is a very good student and one of the best at drawing and painting)

Activities

False ceiling at schools.

In order to protect the children from extreme temperatures under the tin roof during summer months, a false ceiling made of low heat conducting material has been constructed at three schools, Haludboni, Deoli and Chakdoha.



Construction of Pathways at schools

Pathways have been constructed at schools so that it is easier for children to move around, particularly during rainy season. Eight schools have been covered, Hendaljuri HS, Hendaljuri Primary, Chakdoha, Chhatradanga, Dadhika and Deoli.

Midday meals

Midday meals were provided in schools. The items are supplied for the month well in advance. In some schools children contribute to the midday meal arrangement by bringing one vegetable each and a small piece of log every day. These are added to the midday meal kitchen. An average of 4,500 kgs rice and proportionate other items have been provided every month. Special meals were provided on occasions like Children's Day, Saraswati Puja, Gururji's Birthday and New Year's Day.



Medical camps

Free Medical camps are held at seven schools with a fortnight's interval. During the year a total of 93 camps have been held over a period of 8 months. The number of beneficiaries were 2856 during the year, of which 437 were new patients.

Tailoring Unit-Usha training

The tailoring unit operating from Hendaljuri high school has about a 100 participants comprising of women from the nearby villages, ex-girl students and few girl students from class IX and X, as and when they get some spare time. Uniforms required for the 14 tribal schools are provided from this tailoring unit. The uniform making is completed well in advance for the next session.



Usha Sewing School arranged a six months training program for these women during the year. Fifteen women from the age group 18 to 65 participated in the training program and have been awarded certificates.

An NGO from Jamshedpur conducted a stitching competition for the women working at the tailoring unit. The first three have been given certificates and cash prizes to all participants.



Parents Meeting

Parents Meetings were regularly held at individual schools every quarter to discuss the performance and improvement required for the children. The board exams procedures for class VIII to X are explained. The reasons for absenteeism were also discussed and solutions suggested.



Head Teachers meeting

The Head Teachers meeting with the management were held on a regular basis to discuss steps required for improvement of operation of the schools. **For additional infrastructure facilities are required and suggestions from the Head teachers are also invited.** The schedule of programs for the following quarter are discussed and dates finalized.

Adore India Training

A training session and workshop was arranged by Adore India, a Social Service organisation based at Kolkata, for 15 students comprising of Class X and ex-students at Kolkata in the areas of Spoken English, Skill Training, General Knowledge and Computer basics. They also conducted a career counseling session for about 20 ex-Students.

They interacted with teachers on new methods of teaching. They also conducted a workshop on Child Safety in month of July 2019. The participants included Class X students, ex-students, teachers and women from the village.



Quiz Competitions

With a view to improve the general knowledge and to increase the curiosity level of the children, Quiz competitions were held in all the schools in rotation. Children participated with lot of enthusiasm.

Swatchhata Abhiyan

As a regular routine the children, guided by the teachers, spent time periodically in cleaning the schools, surroundings and surrounding villages. They also spread awareness among the villages the importance of keeping the environment clean. This exercise was undertaken by all the schools at periodic intervals.



Speech Competitions

With a view of increase the communication skills and the confidence level speech competitions were held in all the schools on a monthly routine. The topics were based on the lives and works of great men of Indian history.

Teachers on the job training

Till last year we had training sessions for teachers of different groups at our Teachers Training Centre at HendaJuri. Since this year the teachers trainings have been held on the job at their base school. They are guided through different methods of teachings by faculties and school supervisors.



International Yoga Day

International Yoga Day was celebrated on 21st June 2019 in all the schools. As a regular routine the Children practice basic Yoga exercises on every morning at the school.

Workshop on child safety

On 7th and 8th July 2020 two Workshops were held during the year for trainees who conducted awareness campaigns against child abuse and on child safety measure. The workshops were conducted from AOL volunteers from Kolkata and Jamshedpur.



Drawing competitions

Drawings competitions were periodically held in all schools on various occasions such as Children's Day. Selected drawings have been sent to donors as a part of the acknowledgement note. Best three drawings on different competitions have been awarded.



Class X Students

This year 41 students appeared for the Class X JAC Board Examination. Out of this 34 got first division. There were 22 female students. The results were declared on 15h May 2019.

Plant Distribution

During the month of July 2019 about 500 saplings of fruit bearing trees were distributed to children. The common among them were mango, jack fruit and guava. A system has been put in place to monitor the growth and survival of the trees at periodic intervals.



Independence Day

Independence Day was celebrated on 15th August 2019 in all schools with flag hoisting, cultural programs and special midday meals.

Janmashtami

On 22nd August 2019 Janmashtami was celebrated in all the schools with cultural programs presented by children, bhajans and special mid-day meals.



Raksha Bandhan

Raksha Bandhan was also celebrated in all the schools on 15th August 2019 . It is celebrated as the day of love and protection. Children tied rakhi on the occasion and distributed sweets.



Archery competition

The Archery team participated in a number of tournaments all over the District on 31st August, 25th, 26th, 28th and 30th September 2019. They won a number of prizes.

Teachers Day

On 5th September 2019, Dr. Radhakrishnan's birth anniversary and teachers day was celebrated in all the schools. The children felicitated the teachers with special cultural presentations. The teachers spoke about the life and teachings of Dr Radhakrishnan.



SSA Students workshop

A group of seven students and two teachers from Sri Sri Academy, Kolkata, spent five days in the tribal schools, from 6th to 10th September 2019. They interacted with the children, conducted computer classes, experienced the life of the village and participated in self-help activities like tailoring, farming and village handicrafts. They also helped the children with new learning techniques.

Vishwakarma Puja

Our Transport Driver team celebrated Vishwakarma Puja on 17th September 2019. All vehicles used in the Project are repaired, cleaned and lined up on the occasion for the Puja. It's a holiday for the schools.



Water Distribution at Ghatsila Station.

During the months of June, July and August 2019 drinking water provision was made at the Ghatsila Railway station for passengers, with the support of the AOL members from Kolkata.

Ayushman Bharat Card

On 20th September 2019 in a function organized at Hendljuri High School, Ayushman Bharat e-Cards were registered and issued for 80 members, comprising of students from Class V to X and teachers. Ayushman Bharat Yojna, also known as the Pradhan Mantri Jana Arogya Yojna is a scheme that aims to help economically vulnerable need of healthcare facilities. It will provide a cover of Rs. 5 lakhs per family per annum.



Gita recitation

Sponsored by a donor, a Gita chanting session was held on 23rd September 2019 at Hendljuri High School, participated by 18 students. The session was live through Zoom Video and watched by the donor. He also announced a competition for the best recitation.

Mind Mapping method

Mind Mapping method of teaching/learning was introduced by faculties from Pune through Zoom video sessions for High School students during the month of September 2019. Six teachers participated and have been given training. Children from Class VII to X were initiated to create and use mind maps for difference subjects. This is faster retention system than the existing teaching methods. The children absorbed the technique and put into practice this method for learning different subjects.



Sanitary Napkin project

During the 1st week of August 2019, an NGO from Ahmedabad introduced a low cost sanitary napkin making machine and trained girls from Class IX and X, few teachers and village women associated with our tailoring unit. This unit is meant to be kept in a girls school, hostel or self-help groups, so that they make their own Sanitary Pads at an affordable cost. These can be made in a monthly activity class.

Awareness campaign on malnutrition

A project on Awareness Campaign on Malnutrition was held at Kalchiti school, on 23rd September 2019. There was theme based drawings competition, quiz competition on the subject, lectures, display of play cards and cultural programs.



Digital Literacy

On 20th August 2019, Under the Prime Minister's Digital Literacy scheme children above the age of 14 were registered for free computer education course. The on line assessment was held in second week of December 2019 and certificates issued.

Bal Melas

A number of Balmelas are held every year in a cluster of 2-3 schools. This is a tool for learning through fun and games in a festival atmosphere. The participants are class I and II children of the schools including the Shishu class children of the host school. This year the Bal Melas were held at four centres with a participation of average 150 children each, during the 3rd and 4th week of December 2019.



Children's Day

On 14th November 2019, Children's Day and birth anniversary of Jawaharlal Nehru were celebrated in all schools. The children felicitated the teachers with cultural programs. The school provided special mid-day meals on the occasion. Drawing competitions and quiz competitions were also held.

Diwali Celebrations

Diwali was celebrated on 26th October 2019, in all the schools. Children decorated the school with colorful 'rangoli' and oil lamps were lit. On the occasion children made decorative hand painted lamps and other items. Some of these have been exhibited at a function organized by AOL Bhowanipur Centre, Kolkata.



Run-a-thon Participation

As in every year twenty three members of the school football team participated in the Run-a-thon organized by JRD Tara Sports Complex on 11th November 2019.

Educational Excursion

An average of 35 children from each school in rotation visited Jamshedpur, Jubilee Park and Zoo, during the months of December 2019 and January 2020. These trips are considered an educational tour and gives exposure to children outside their village.



Annual Sports

Annual sports meets were conducted at four centres covering 3-4 schools each. The participation including the guardians range from 800 to 1000 persons at each centre. This is an annual event the children eagerly look forward to.

Zoom Educational sessions

From the first week of December 2019, faculties from USA volunteered to teach the children through Zoom sessions. To begin with the topic chosen was general English grammar. A group of 35 children from Class IX and X has been selected. These classes were held on every Monday at a scheduled time.



Robot programming

Two robots were donated to the HendaJuri High School, during December 2018. Children learnt the programming sequence for these two units and this training is held regularly at high school. Competitions were held on who can maneuver the robots at its best.

Prajna Yoga

Intuition Training or Prajna Yoga was conducted by faculties from AOL Foundation, Bangalore, for children in the age group of 5 to 8 & 9 to 18. Two such sessions, participated by 80 students each, were held at Kalchiti school and Hendaljuri High School, from 3rd to 6th March 2019.



Earth Day celebration.

Earth Day was celebrated on 22nd April 2019 to demonstrate support for environmental protection. Students were asked to brainstorm how they can help to protect the environment at home, at school, and in the community. Children planted trees and worked in the school garden.

Training in Madhubani Arts

On 27th April 2019 an NGO based in Pune introduced training on Madhubani Arts. Few candidates have been selected for training as teachers to spread this dying folk art of India.



"You have to find balance between your work and service. To make a living you work, and for satisfaction you do service.."
- Sri Sri Ravi Shankar

Organic Farming

Children take initiative in organic farming on whatever land is available. Hendlajuri high school and Haludboni schools have done organic farming in an extended scale. The vegetables grown were used for the school mid-day meals and distributed to other nearby SSVM schools.



Adult Education

Adult Education classes were held at two centres, Hendlajuri and Gorajor village near Kesharpur school. Mostly village women of age range 18 to 65 took initiative in learning. One batch at Hendlajuri and Two batches at Gorajor completed the course. They are now able to read and write basic Hindi and English and do small calculations.

Water Provision for Village

With the support of local authorities Solar pumps, storage system and bore well were arranged near two schools to facilitate drinking water for the school children and nearby village.



Guruji's Birthday

Guruji's Birthday was celebrated on 13th May 2019 at all schools. The program covered prayers, cultural programs by children and special midday meals.

Uniform Distribution

School uniforms stitched at the Ladies tailoring unit at HendaJuri distributed to all 10 schools in Ghatsila block and 5 schools at Ranchi and Purulia. The uniforms are supplied free of cost to the children.



Football coaching

Regular Football coaching classes held for two groups, junior and senior, at HendaJuri grounds. A football trainer from Jamshedpur visited every week.

New Year Celebration

New Year was celebrated at different schools on 1st January 2020. The program covered a picnic to a nearby location, new games for the children and teachers. One of the highlight was slow cycling competition for senior boys and girls of HendaJuri HS. This item was not covered in the Annual sports meet in December 2019.



Sweater Distribution

As in every year, sweaters were distributed to children in the first week of November 2019 free of cost, before the onset of winter.

Saraswati Puja

The annual Saraswati Puja function was celebrated at all schools on 1st February 2020. Children participated wearing colorful clothes on the occasion. A special feast was also provided.



Deworming Medication

As per guidelines from the Health Department, tablets for deworming were distributed at all the schools on 28th September 2019.



COVID 19 Awareness

An awareness campaign was arranged at all schools just before the lockdown was declared on the precautions and care to be taken to avoid spread of Corona virus.



Teachers Training Courses

We had sponsored 11 teachers for BEd training and 41 teachers for DEEd training during 2017-19 session. All the teachers have completed the course during 2019.



“Would You Really Care For Me?”

Today’s poverty-stricken Tribal People are the yesteryear’s neglected tribal children.

Support our effort to educate today’s Tribal Children to empower tomorrow’s tribal community:

- Be a **SPONSOR**
- Be a **VOLUNTEER**



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Contribution per child : Rs. 8,000/- per annum or Rs. 700/- per month

My Option

- One Child Rs. 8,000
- Two Children Rs.16,000
- Children Rs.....
- At this time I would like to make a donation of Rs.

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Date of Birth.....

Please tick the appropriate:

- I would like to send my contribution Half Yearly/ Annually.
- I will contribute Rs. /month.
Please send your representative to collect the amount every month with prior intimation.
- Please accept my first contribution of Rs. in cash / cheque. The cheque is to be made in favour of **VVKI - Tribal Welfare**.*

Please send the receipt at the address given in this form.

PAN

(Xerox copy of PAN Card is attached)

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Signature

* Donations are eligible for Tax Relief under section 80G.

Student Strength at Sri Sri Vidya Mandir (As on 31st March 2020)

Sl. No.	School Location	State	Girls	Boys	Total
1	Khunti	Jharkhand	117	103	220
2	Kudri, Torpa (H.S.)	Jharkhand	60	53	113
3	Babuline	Jharkhand	56	55	111
4	Chakdoha	Jharkhand	80	111	191
5	Chhatradanga	Jharkhand	66	114	180
6	Chhota Dhadika	Jharkhand	97	101	198
7	Deoli	Jharkhand	66	74	140
8	Haludhbani	Jharkhand	76	81	157
9	Henduljuri (H S)	Jharkhand	115	179	294
10	Henduljuri (Primary)	Jharkhand	127	134	261
11	Kalchiti (Primary)	Jharkhand	99	106	205
12	Kalchiti (Middle)	Jharkhand	54	62	116
13	Kesharpur	Jharkhand	91	88	179
14	Dhiridhi	Jharkhand	61	43	104
15	Salgadi	Jharkhand	56	83	139
	Sub-Total		1,221	1,387	2,608
16	Pandua, Jhalda	W Bengal	94	149	243
17	Mahuda, Jhalda	W Bengal	88	133	221
	Sub-Total		182	282	464
18	Metropolitan	W Bengal	26	45	71
19	Garcha	W Bengal	29	22	51
	Sub-Total		55	67	122
	Grand Total		1,458	1,736	3,194

* Merged with Dhiridhi



