

		husband. He also used to suspect her fidelity. Her case was discussed in the committee meeting and she and her family members were taken to the Santwana Kendra. Efforts were made to stop the domestic violence.	
2020	Puttenahalli	A woman named Shobha's husband used to beat her daily and used suspect her fidelity. However, the GMO functionaries discussed with the couple and took them to the Santwana Kendra and Police Station, following which the condition has improved.	Now the husband is not beating her and the family is living peacefully.
2020	Doddabandahalli	A woman named Anasuyamma was beaten by her husband daily under the influence of alcohol. The family was taken the Santwana Kendra for counseling, where efforts were made to instill courage in the woman.	Incident of suspicion and beating has reduced now.
2021	Bevanatta	The family members of a 16-year-old girl in the village were about to get their daughter married off. However the VC members, CRC and GMO functionaries intervened and were successful in stopping the child marriage.	Now the family is living peacefully than before and the girl has been sent to school.
2021	Puttenahalli	Prevented incidents of domestic violence.	Now reduced.
2021	Cheluvanayakanahalli	Devamma's husband used to hit her daily and quarrel with her	Now the condition in their family has improved. The husband is not

		after coming home drunk. A discussion was held in the committee meeting and the woman was given confidence and courage.	beating his wife. They are living peacefully.
2021	Kavatana halli	In this village many households used to witness domestic violence against women. The men were not going to work properly. They used to spend their whole earnings on drinking. However, due to the intervention of GMO the situation has improved.	The men in the households have reduced their drinking habits and incidents of domestic violence has also come down.
2021	Mannena halli	Jayamma's husband used to harass her and beat her daily. They were taken to the Santwana Kendra, following which the situation has improved.	Now the couple are living peacefully.

## Wall Writings

Increased incidents of child marriages were reported in the media during the COVID-19 Pandemic time. It was noticed that child marriages were being held in a few communities secretly. Efforts were made to create awareness against child marriages by undertaking several awareness programs in villages like wall writing at public places like school walls, community halls, milk dairy, CRC office wall, etc.

### Child marriages – 1

#### Impact:

- Community understood the disadvantages of child marriages

- People became aware of the punishment if they conduct child marriages in their families
- Created awareness on the ill health of the girl children when they get married in very young age
- Got aware of the age at marriage for boys and girls as per government orders and now encouraging children to get educated
- Number of girls dropping of education has been reduced
- Parents are backing out of child marriages as they have got information in their villages about its ill effects as well as there are organisations working on girls issues

- Girl children have got opportunity to grow socially
- Reduction in the number of child marriages being conducted in the villages
- Awareness has been created among the community and parents regarding child marriages

- Each and everyone have started to use sanitiser.
- In total one can see that whether educated or illiterate have understood the messages of wall writings.

## WALL WRITING

### CORONA PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES COVID-19

#### Impact:

- Got aware of the precautionary measures to be taken to prevent the spread of corona virus/ disease.
- To maintain social distance to prevent corona has been understood by the community.
- Wearing masks are mandatory.
- To wash hands using soaps or sanitiser once in 3 to 4 hours.
- To get vaccinated to prevent covid-19 has been transparently told.
- It is been noticed among people to have nutritious food, to drink hot water and eat hot food.





## Information Dissemination

### Objective:

Grameen Mahila Okutta creates awareness to the community through Okutta pamphlets, posters and wall-writings. Even illiterate and literate persons are able to understand the information from the displayed pictures. Staff of GMO reaches out to the community, members of CDC, VDC, Schools and anganwadis to create awareness.

### Impact:

- **Children beware of good touch and bad touch!!!** Have created awareness on good and bad touch on children through posters and wall writings in the community resource centres, schools and angan-wadis. Children have rights to protect themselves from bad touches and they have created awareness that the body belongs to them and nobody can harm them.



- **Covid-19 prevention:** Have created awareness in seven villages about preventing COVID-19 through posters and wall writings.

- **Wall writings about child marriages:** Child marriages were taking place in some villages and GMO had created awareness in 9 villages where it was common through wall writings.



- Staff was creating awareness regarding the brochures and pamphlets that were collected from the all the government departments in the meetings of the CDC, VDC, at the community resource centres, schools, anganwadis etc.
- **Department of Agriculture:** Under Mukya mantra raitha vidya nidhi yojane Rs. 2500/- was given to the children who are studying in PUC as an encouragement for continuing education.
- CDC and VDC women were given seeds as they had contact with farmers.
- Awareness about the benefits from grama panchayats were created through brochures.
- During the monthly meetings of CDC/ VDC awareness was created about gender discrimination and gender equality. Brochures describing about equal distribution of food, property and education were given. Awareness about any act to take or demand dowry will lead



to punishment of 1 lakh rupees and one year imprisonment was also specified.

- Collected folk books from news broadcasting department and distributed in the committee meetings to the members and told about its importance.

## International Women's Day Celebration

One day workshop on Grama Panchayat system and concepts for grama panchayat members and CDC members

Date : 8th March 2022

Place : Grameen Mahila Okkuta, Yelagondahalli

Prayer : H.M. Lakshamma & M G Papamma

Welcome : M G Papamma (Secretary)

Inauguration : Shri. Lokesh - State Resource Person, Shri. Parthasarathy, working committee members, administrators and grama panchayat members

Inaugural speech: Smt. M S Jayalakshmi

Narration: Pushpalatha

Administrative officer welcomed all the members and women's day wishes were said. Also included that women are not helpless persons they are successful in many ways and there are examples of it to be seen these days. The objective of the Okkuta was also specified and introduced the staff and working committee members of the Okkuta.

Mr.. Lokesh Resource Person spoke about panchayat raj system, role of current panchayat members and their responsibilities. Created awareness on girl's education, science and technology, medical education and various other fields where women have occupied a place. Constitution has provided equality in the society as well various laws to protect women. After independence various changes have taken place and the most important one is Dr. B. R. Ambedkar's Constitution because it provides equality to all irrespective of caste, religion and sex. It also provides more information on women's status and suggested that everyone should come forward to know more about it.



Mahatma Gandhi's dream of grama swaraj to get fulfilled, women have come forward in various fields under reservation and proved it. Even in politics women have been given equal opportunity to work along with men and they have to prove it.

In 1909 women's federations in America joined together to celebrate and in 1945 UN started international women's day celebration. This is not meant to be celebrated only on this day; each and every day should be celebrated.

It has been told that now in our state there are 99743 elected grama panchayat members are there and among them 52 per cent are women. In your grama panchayat there are four standing committees - social justice committee, financial committee, production committee and amenities committee. One committee is for 400 voters and 33 departments come under one grama panchayat. Your roles and responsibilities as an elected representative have to be followed from the time one is elected till one finishes the term or resigns from the position. He also said that from now onwards women headed household means widows, single women will comprise it. As well as in case of physically disabled persons has to be addressed as people with special abilities. Each elected member should know the population of their village, how much land does each family hold and how much land is cultivated and what crops and how much is left barren should be known to every elected member. In 1981 no one knew what is bore well.

Every month should attend the meetings held in the school and see whether children are having any problems and if so, it has to be solved. Every month ward sabhas and grama

sabhas should be held to identify the issues and discuss about it and should be documented.

In Kolar and Chikkaballapura districts do not have any rivers only tanks and hence only two crops can be grown. Using chemical fertilisers damages the fertility of the soil and it leads to fallow land. These days to build houses people use cement and iron, to extract iron from the earth one has to dig 200 feet and loosens the soil. This leads to various diseases.

Under NREGA works de-silting of tanks, planting of trees, construction of bunds, canal works, soak pits construction are carried out. Job cards should not be given to anyone, how one's aadhaar card is important likewise job card too. He said that GP members have rights which nobody else has, as they can ask anything from anyone from gram panchayat to Prime minister under these rights.

NRLM is giving 75 different kinds of free training to Sanjeevani sanghas. Artisans, wiring, plumbing, computer training, mobile repairs, printing, embroidery, sheep rearing etc are given free training and it helps in getting jobs. He asked how many women are there in this Sanjeevani sangha and said you all have powers which even the PDO doesn't have.

Administrative officer of the Okkuta said that women are given skill development training under small scale employment. They have started to stitch cotton bags to replace plastic which causes health hazards. At village level small groups have been already formed to produce these bags.

Workshop was concluded with vote of thanks.

**Impact:**

- Learning the fact that Karnataka has 52 percent women grama panchayat members
- Single women households to be called as women headed households and physically challenged persons to be called as people with special abilities was a new information
- Got information regarding roles and responsibilities of grama panchayat members
- got aware on the standing committees of grama panchayats
- Information regarding accessing benefits by attending ward and grama sabhas
- Useful information regarding the importance of having job cards and Aadhaar cards
- Got awareness regarding the rights of grama panchayat members
- Got awareness regarding the 75 types of skill development free training under NRLM for Sanjeevani sanghas. After getting trained they can get jobs or honorariums for their work.

### **Information dissemination to rural women regarding various schemes and benefits from different departments**

Objective: to create awareness about the annual benefits and schemes from the various government departments to the people as the rural people are not aware of the various schemes that are introduced each year

**Impact:**

- Women have got aware about the various schemes and benefits meant for them in the various departments and how to apply for it to access the benefits and schemes
- Knowing about the deadlines of applying for benefits and schemes
- When women visit the departments, officials do respond and make them understand about their queries
- They are aware that any schemes get implemented in the departments during April to June period
- They have got information regarding taluk and zilla level schemes
- They are aware of the various schemes and direct loans of the following departments - agriculture, horticulture, sericulture, D. Devaraj Urs backward classes Development Corporation in DC office

### **Applications Submitted to Dr. Ambedkar Nigama (SC/ST) Corporation - 2021**

Sl. No	Name of the village	No.of Beneficiaries
1.	jayamangala	-
2.	Minijenahalli	2
3.	Nandambhalli	17
4.	Gandhipura	14
5.	Yadhalli	-
6.	Kumudenahalli	6
7.	Chadumanahalli	-
8.	Chitteri	6
9.	Bandhalli	20
10	Kappalmadugu	6
11.	Cholunkunte	-
	<b>Total</b>	<b>71</b>



## Labour Cards: Availed by CDC/VDC members

Sl. No.	No. of Villages	Total Labour Cards	Gram Panchyat
1.	Bevenatha	48	Mallanayakanahalli
2.	Mopurahalli	16	Mallanayakanahalli
3.	Puttenahalli	16	Mallanayakanahalli
4.	Basavarajapura	4	Mallanayakanahalli
5.	Madhagatta	25	Kurudumale
6.	Chamareddahalli	10	Pichhaguntlahalli
7.	Bhatrahalli	18	Alanguru
8.	Kadaripura	24	Kurudumale
9.	Cheluvanayakanahalli	7	Kurudumale
10.	Doddbandhalli	1	Pichhaguntlahalli
11.	Mannenahalli	4	Alanguru
12.	Doddabandahalli	9	Pichhaguntlahalli
13.	Sangasandra	10	H Gollahalli
14.	Kadaripura	10	Kurudumale
15.	Jayamangala	10	
16.	Minijenahalli	8	
17.	Nandambhalli	20	
18.	Gandhipura	6	
19.	Yadhalli	9	
20.	Kumudenahalli	11	
21.	Chadumanahalli	15	
22.	Chitteri	11	
23.	Bandhalli	15	
24.	Kappalmadugu	20	

### Issues / Solutions:

- Officials do not give the details of the schemes during the programmes / workshops
- They do not share the schemes for the

community through social network and press release

- In Puttenahalli village six loads of grass heaps caught fire and got burnt. This was brought to the notice of the agriculture department, so far no feedback has been received

- 200 applications to start orchard gardens were given to Horticulture department six months ago. Till today there is no response and have not received any plants
- Women are facing difficulties to access government schemes as the applications are to be submitted online

### By Whom:

Based on the advice of the Okkuta's administrator and members of the working committee, the staff would organise rural women to access schemes and benefits from different departments

### Strategies:

Continuously approach the government departments to confirm about the schemes and benefits.

### Outcomes:

- 40 persons got ration and sanitary kits from the construction workers department.
- During the month of September, October and November there was heavy rainfall and crops were lost. As per government orders 80 applications were submitted to the department of agriculture and horticulture for crop loss compensation
- Women became aware of the agriculture department's scheme to encourage for the higher education of farmers children
- Mukhya Mantri Raitha Vidya Nidhi Yojane : Students who have completed PUC and want to continue higher education are eligible to apply for this scheme. Amount given are as follows:

**Five students have applied online for this scheme**

- Women are aware about applying for individual loans in the banks
- Awareness has created about the usage of harmful chemical fertilisers which would damage the fertility of the soil and seeds
- Awareness regarding seeds, pesticides, equipments for farming being given by horticulture department
- Women have become aware of the loans given by the milk cooperative societies
- 200 applications for direct loan were submitted to the D. Devaraja Urs development corporation
- The issues that were brought in the meetings of the CDC and VDC were solved by visiting the concerned departments

### Benefits availed from various schemes by CDC members 2021 -2022

Sl. No.	Name of the Village	Health Card	E-Shram Card
1.	Jayamangala	20	20
2.	Minijenahalli	10	5
3.	Nandambhalli	25	15
4.	Gandhipura	15	5
5.	Yadhalli	4	11
6.	Kumudenahalli	15	9
7.	Chadumanahalli	11	9
8.	Chitteri	7	28
9.	Bandhalli	5	20
10.	Kappalmadugu	13	8
11.	Cholunkunte	6	6
	<b>Total</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>136</b>

## Interaction & Information Sharing Meetings with Govt. Departments

SL. No.	Date	Venue	Name of the Programme	Resource Person/Department	Participants Women / Men / Youth
1	24.02.2021	Kavathanahalli	Interaction Information Sharing Meetings with Govt. Departments	Mr. Puneeth, Ms. Shubha,	50
2	26.02.2021	Madhaghatta		Ms. Anuradha, Mr. Babu TPS	77
3.	12.11.2021	MBL		Mr. Ravi kumar (Agriculture dept), Mr. Punith, Horticulture dept., Mr. Venu (K.M.F)	45
4.	9.12.2021	MBL		Ms. Nirmala (agriculture dept), Ms. Narayanamma (labour dept.)	65
5.	21.12.2021	MBL		Ms. Nirmala (agriculture dept)	35
6.	24.01.2022	MBL		Mr. Nagaraj [NRLM] Mr. Krishnamurthy [Labour dept.]	33
7.	7.02.2022	MBL		Dr//Kiran[KMF], Mr. Satish [Raitha samparka Kendra]	40
8.	23.03.2022	MBL		Mr. Nagaraj [NRLM] [taluk –co-ordinator]	30
9.	28.01.2022	Chadumanahalli		Ms. Narayanamma [Labour dpt. MBL]	25
10.	31.1.2022	MBL		Ms. Anuradha [Veternary dept. MBL]	40
11.	15.02.2022	MBL		Mr. Prasanna [Reshme dept]	35
				Total	475

## Network

### Objective:

The objective of the network is to bring all the federations and progressive organisations along with Grameena Mahila Okkuta to bring in changes in the policies.

At the state level Swaraj network works on food security campaign, Pension Parishad

Karnataka, Kissan Adhikar Manch - progressive organisation federation Kolar and anti-alcohol network Karnataka have joined hands with Grameena Mahila Okkuta in the last one year and conducted and participated in the meetings to bring in policy changes.

### Activities:

- Holding monthly meetings at the network level