



# ***ANNUAL REPORT***

## ***2019-2020***

*Dear friends,*

*Vidya Dham Samiti has turned 19 this year.*

*In 2001 when we began, we were a small group of like-minded youth who strongly felt that we should work for the betterment of the marginalized people in the poor areas of Bundelkhand. Today if we look back, 19 years seems like a very small period, there is still so much to be done and to be learnt from. For an organization working on the most neglected issues of the marginalized communities who are themselves often unnoticed, the experience has been humbling for all of us.*

*In 2005 we started a community social group called Chingari Sanghthan. Today, more than 10000 women from over 50 villages are part of the Sanghthan. We have been trying to empower the women and youth to claim their rights, stand up for each other, raise their voice towards the developmental issues of the village, educate one another and volunteer to preserve the natural resources. The leaders of Chingari are the real torch-bearers of the initiatives.*

*We are writing this report to share some important information and some powerful pictures; we want to depict the power of the so called powerless through these words and pictures.*

*With Regards*

*Team, Vidya Dham Samiti*

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- A photograph of a woman in a red and white sari carrying a large metal pot on her head, walking through a dry, dusty field. In the background, there are trees and other people, suggesting a rural or agricultural setting.

# *One year Impact*

**+1700**

Families who acquired jobs under MNREGA

**+86**

Cases of violence against women where advocacy was done.

**+5**

Mass volunteering activities to preserve natural resource.

**+872**

Availed social entitlement schemes meant for poor.

**+55**

Water restoration efforts.

**+74**

Villages where VDS is working

# *Our Reach*

*Vidya Dham Samiti is working in three districts of Uttar Pradesh namely Banda, Chitrakoot and Mahoba. In these districts there are 6 Blocks and 74 villages where VDS is working on multiple issues such as rights and entitlements of the marginalized, health, education and empowerment of the woman. Woman, Tribal, Dalit and marginalized youth are in the forefront of the initiatives taken by the organization. We believe in empowering people by making them aware about their rights so that they can assert for their rights as dignified citizens.*





## ***Satyagraha to stop illegal sand mining in Ken River***

*In November 2019 private owners of mines illegally grabbed the land of farmers for mining. Villagers of Bariyari became furious seeing mining being done in their land. The livelihoods of many farmers were dependent on the land. The villagers were also concerned about the environmental damage that the mining would cause. From first week of November hundreds of villagers started Jal Satyagraha, they stood in the river bank throughout the day and night. The villagers also reached out to the local authorities with the issue. They continued the Satyagraha for more than 3 days before getting the mining stopped.*



## Efforts by the community brings electricity in the village

*In Narsinghpur village of Banda people were living in extremely difficult circumstances. Till 2019 electricity was not there in the village causing it difficult for children to study, doing the daily chores and stepping out of the homes at night, especially for women. Despite several attempts residents could not get the authorities to work on this issue. In May 2019 the community jointly decided to reach out to the higher authorities at the district level with this issue. This time they were determined to get electricity in the village. Local media was also contacted to publicize the issue. Eventually after a week of struggle the project was finally sanctioned. Today, all the houses in the village have electricity opening the doors to a number of other developmental possibilities.*



## **Tribals claim Land Rights after decades of being landless**

*In the Dafai village of Akbarpur Gram Panchayat, Chitrakoot district people are living in extremely difficult circumstance. A visit to the village would make one witness that the community does not even have the most basic amenities such as food, water, shelter to live a dignified life. The land on which they have made their temporary shelter belongs to a rich landlord who also owns the mines and make these people work as bonded labourers. The community jointly campaigned in front of SDM office. They made a sustained effort to get their voice heard by the concerned authorities. The scale of illiteracy and unawareness in the village was quite high that it took almost a year for the community leaders to prepare the people so that they can fearlessly claim their rights in the face of all exploitations.*



## Breaking the everyday patriarchal norms that deprive woman

*It is common to see woman in Bundelkhand being confined to their homes in Purdha (Veil) and not having space to express themselves. Many of them suffer from domestic violence as well as caste and class based violence on a day to day basis. Afraid of the orthodox social norms and being socially ostracised they suffer in silence. The organisation is empowering woman to assert their voice for themselves and for each other. The Chingari Saghthan plays a crucial role in reducing the cases of violence, alcoholism and abuse. Over the years such efforts have had a huge impact on the lives of women.*



## Chingari Chaupal

*The Chingari Chaupal works as a local platform and help centre for many-fold issues concerning violence and injustice on women. These Chaupals are held every Sunday at the head office of Vidya Dham Samiti. Local social workers, legal experts, community leaders, people seeking help take part in the event. The cases are heard and understood by the local experts, opinions are sought on measures that should be taken to ensure justice to the complainant and the victim of the cases of violence are made to feel safe and supported. Over the years Chingari Chapual has become an important platform for people seeking justice, the event has gained popularity in the region as “the voice of the voiceless”.*





### ***Rights and Entitlement Workshop***

*Rights and Entitlement workshops are held once in three months. In these workshops the participants were informed about different entitlement schemes that are being implemented by the government such as Housing allowance (Awas Yojana), Public Distribution system (PDS), Old age pension, MNREGA, health and education related schemes, etc. The workshop covered the basic information about the schemes such as eligible beneficiaries, procedure to submit applications, the government departments and officials concerned with different schemes etc. As an outcome of these workshops a number of people from different villages came forward to submit the application seeking entitlements. The leaders also raised voice for community entitlements such as Aanganwadi centres, constructions of hand pump, road etc. Such workshops play an important role in empowering people.*

## ***A woman fought against corrupt government officials to get her housing allowance sanctioned***



*Kunti a Dalit women from Kachhiya purwa village of Narini Block fought for the sake of her rights. Despite her name being part of the AWAS YOJANA (Housing Allowance) she was asked to pay 20,000 rupees by the Block Development Officer in order to get her housing allowance sanctioned. When she denied paying bribe for the same her name was kept out of the list and she was denied any housing allowance. Kunti raised this issue in one of the meetings of the Chingari Sanghathan. The leaders of the Sanghathan guided her to write a complaint against the BDO. Kunti wrote a complaint and fearlessly fought for her right. As an outcome the BDO was scrutinized and was asked to give Kunta her allowance as per the scheme. She received an apology from the BDO and her housing allowance was paid in the stipulated time.*

## *A Sanghathan leader known for his commitment and Hard work*



*Once upon a time, around 10 years from now Bhawarpur village was considered to be one of the most backward villages of the region. Many residents of this village had migrated to cities for work. Villagers were not getting the benefit of entitlement schemes such as PDS, MNREGA, Pension etc. Ramsajeevan played a pivotal role in making people aware about the different entitlement schemes. Many people could get MNREGA jobs after the lockdown because of the efforts made by Ramsajeevan. Villagers could also avail the benefit of other entitlements because of advocacy done by him.*



## ***A Case of Caste Discrimination***

*In Punahur village of Visanda Block a community gathering was held in temple in January 2020. In this event a typical case of caste discrimination emerged. The Dalits were not allowed to take part in the event and neither were they served food. This incident came to notice of VDS field staff Suresh Kuswhwaha. He organized a meeting with the community members, village heads, upper caste in the presence of SDM and discussed about the consequence of such discrimination and about the human rights violence. Another event was organized by the upper castes in which Dalits were respectfully invited and served food which marked the end of caste discrimination in the village.*

# ***Balance Sheet***



**Letterhead of the Auditor**

**FINAL ATTESTATION OF AUDITION**

We herewith certify that we have audited the accounts of

..VIDYA DHAM SAMITI  
(name of organisation)

for the financing of

...CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET.  
(name of project)

on the basis of the conditions of authorisation submitted to us.

We have inspected the books and vouchers.

Our examination produced the following findings:

- 1.) Receipts and expenditure have been duly entered, supported by original vouchers.
- 2.) The expenditure shown is in accordance with the definition of purpose laid down in the financing plan and the project proposal. Any deviations from the financing plan are set out in the annex to this audit report.
- 3.) The donor's conditions of usage laid down in the project agreement *were observed/were not observed in the following respects:*  
.....
- 4.) Remarks regarding the local contribution in kind:  
.....
- 5.) Special remarks:  
.....

Date: 10-07-2020  
Place: BANDA



Seal & Signature of Auditor




**VIDYA DHAM SAMITI (IC FC CONSOLIDATED)**  
 SANJAY NAGAR , BADAUSA ROAD , ATARRA , DISTRICT BANDA (U.P.) 210201

BALANCE SHEET AS ON 31.03.2020

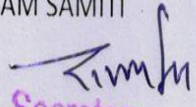
LIABILITIES	AMOUNT	ASSETS	AMOUNT
CAPITAL FUND		FIXED ASSETS	1997416.98
OPENING BALANCE	2289741.38	(AS PER SCHEDULE)	
ADD: TDS CONTRA	6000.00		
LESS: DEPRECIATION AS PER		TDS A.Y. 2020-21	6000
CONTRA	209331.40	TDS A.Y 2019-20	82993.00
CLOSING BALANCE	2086409.98	CASH BALANCES	
UNUTILIZED GRANT - All heads		FC	0
AHB	15050.37	IC	0
VDS FC2	85672.28	BANK BALANCES	
LOKMANCH	83040.00	FC	183762.65
IC	681089.38	IC	681089.38
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2951262.01</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2951262.01</b>

0.00

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FOR : - VIDYA DHAM SAMITI

  
 Secretary  
 Vidya Dham Samiti  
 Sanjay Nagar Badausa Road  
 Atarra (Banda) U.P. 210201

DATE: 10-07-2020

PLACE : BANDA

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Sanjay Nagar, Badausa Road Atarra District- Banda. Uttar Pradesh 210001

RECEIPT AND PAYMENT ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR PERIOD FROM 01-04-2019 to 31-03 2020

S,n	RECEIPT	Amount	PAYMENT	Amount
	<b>To opening Balance</b>		<b>TO -AHB FC</b>	
	cash in hand- AHB (FC)_	0.00	<b>TO-- Programme cost</b>	
	cash at Bank -AHB (FC)	0.37	Capacity Building Workshop for Staff	18510.00
	cash in hand- VDS FC_2	0.00	Chingari Chaupal	56328.00
	Cash at Bank- VDS FC-2	94323.28	Documentation of Advocacy Efforts & Challenge	2982.00
	<b>Bank Balance -IC</b>		Honorarium of Community Worker	140880.00
	PNB Atarra	3095.74	Mass- Awareness Events on Women's Issues	106562.00
	State bank of india	129614.64	132710.38 Planning & Review Workshop for Chingari Sangathan	7490.00
	<b>TO- Receipts(FC)</b>		Planning & Review Workshop for Chingari Sangh	7000.00
	Grant in Aid From Andheri Hilfe Bonn	781700.00	Project Planning and Review Workshop	30280.00
	Bank interest on AHB	4876.00	Regular Monthly Meeting of Chingari Sangathan	4000.00
	Grant in Aid from D.S.V.K (Lokmanch)	859720.00	Right & Entitlement Workshop for Women	41677.00
	VDS FC-2 ( Emergency support	20000.00	Rights & Entitlement Workshop for Youth	18795.00
	Bank interest on VDS FC-2 A/C	8493.00	Village Level Meeting of Women	15685.00
			Village Level Meeting of Youth	15430.00
	<b>TO- Receipts (IC)</b>		<b>To Management Cost</b>	
	Bank interest	21516.00	Accountant / Administrator	59360.00
	Community Contribution AHB	36800.00	Project Coordinator	96000.00
	Contribution for Education Support	41195.00	Project Director	48000.00
	Donation	1080327.00	Staff Welfare	13980.00
	Emrgency support for covid-19 (korona Vairas)	45000.00	<b>To Administrative Cost</b>	
	Grant from Development Alternative	54000.00	Telephone, Internet and Postage	8164.00
	Lokmanch Community contribution	40630.00	Audit Fee	5000.00
	Membar fee	2505.00	Office Maintenance & Electricity	19774.00
	Tax Refund 2018-19	62120.00	Printing & Stationery for Office	7906.00
			Travel & Conveyance for All Staff	47723.00
			<b>VDS -FC-2</b>	
			<b>To Expenses</b>	
			EPF to Harshita	300.00
			Honorarium	21000.00
			Office Mentinens	11239.00
			Rapid Survey Report (Lokmanch)	2105.00
			Salary of Harshita	2200.00
			Staff Welfare	300.00
			<b>TO - D.S.v.k.( LOKmanch)</b>	
			<b>To Administrative Cost</b>	
			Travel & Conveyance for Coordinator	26232.00
			<b>Management Cost</b>	
			Project Coordinator	45000.00
			State Campion Suport Person	172815.00
			<b>Programme Cost</b>	
			Data Sharing Workshop	12840.00
			Fellow Capacity Bilding Training	8000.00
			Fellow Honorarium & Travel	421500.00
			Fellow Qutarly Review Meeting	1640.00
			Helpline Training with Government Schemes	14555.00
			Heltha Awareness Camp	11768.00
			Rapid Survey	30845.00
			RTI Training	12250.00
			Village Level Monthly Meeting Cum Training	1735.00
			Youth Ledership Training	17500.00
			<b>To IC Expenses</b>	
			<b>Administrative Cost</b>	
			Audit Fee	2000.00
			Gadi Management	14583.00
			Office Cost	4131.00
			Office Maintenance	22407.00
			Out Station Travel	8536.00
			Printing & Stationery	17717.00
			Telephone Internet and Postage	450.00
			Travel & Conveyance	24608.00
			Travel ( Meeting with CBOs)	11540.00
			<b>AHB Community Contribution</b>	
			Capacity Bilding Workshop for Staff	2034.00
			Mass-Awareness Eevmts on Women's Issues	27950.00
			Planning & Review Workshop for Chingari Sangathan	1700.00
			Planning Review Workshop for Chingari Sangh	1100.00
			Project Planning and Review Workshop	6640.00


  
 Ankit Sushil Jain  
 Chartered Accountant  
 Banda

Regular Monthly Meeting of Chingari Sangathan	25941.00
Right & Entitlement Workshop for Women	12220.00
Right & Entitlement Workshop for Youth	6000.00
Hospitality	5290.00
<b><u>Lokmanch Community Countribution</u></b>	
Helpline Training with Government Schemes	11945.00
Heltha Awearness Camp	13180.00
Village Level Monthly Meeting Cum Training	780.00
Youth Ladership Training	4340.00
Data Sharing Workshop	9795.00
Fellows Quarterly Review Meeting	275.00
Office Rent and Electricity ( Lokmanch)	16000.00
Printing & Stationery for Office ( Lokmanch)	3096.00
Rapid Survey	1087.00
RTI Training (Lokmanch)	14000.00
<b><u>Management Cost</u></b>	
Harshita Gupta	53760.00
Jageshwar Prasad	53760.00
Raja Bhaiya	40960.00
Rampyari	53760.00
Shivkumar Garg	16100.00
Administration Charge	2898.00
Bank Charge	1635.00
Staff Welfare	30900.00
<b><u>Program Cost</u></b>	
Awareness Camp in Government Schemes	15000.00
Ayurvedic Health Awareness Camp	26451.00
Chingari Chaupal	4810.00
Chingari Sangh Meeting	9087.00
Issues Based Public Hearing	13300.00
Mandal Level Chingari Sangh Meeting	7551.00
Matdata Jagrukta Samvad	14480.00
SHG	5200.00
Water Managment Workshop	23800.00
Women Issues Workshop	27232.00
Workshop on Organic Farming	13910.00
Blanket and Food Distribution	97040.00
Misal Review Workshop	22355.00
Emergency sopport corona-19 vairas	32380.00
<b><u>By- Closing Balance</u></b>	
Cash in hand FC	0.00
Cash At bank FC	183762.65
Cash in hand( IC)	0.00
Cash at bank ( IC )	681089.38
	<b>183762.65</b>
	<b>681089.38</b>
	<b>3285916.03</b>
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INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDINE 01-04-2019 to 31-03 2020

S,n	Expenditure	Amount	Income	Amount
	<b>TO -AHB FC</b>		<b>By Grant in Aid From</b>	
	<b>TO-- Programme cost</b>			
	Capacity Building Workshop for Staff	18510.00	Andheri Hilfe Born>	781700.00
	Chingari Chaupal	56328.00		
	Documentation of Advocacy Efforts & Challenge	2982.00	<b>Add; Unutilized grant of Previous Period&gt;</b>	0.37
	Honorarium of Community Worker	140880.00		
	Mass- Awareness Events on Women's Issues	106562.00	<b>Less: Unutilized Grant og Current period &lt;</b>	15050.37
	Planning & Review Workshop for Chingari Sangathan	7490.00		
	Planning & Review Workshop for Chingari Sangh	7000.00	Bank Interest on -AHB(FC) A/c	4876.00
	Project Planning and Review Workshop	30280.00		
	Regular Monthly Meeting of Chingari Sangathan	4000.00	<b>By-VDS FC-2</b>	
	Right & Entitlement Workshop for Women	41677.00	Emergency support	20000.00
	Rights & Entitlement Workshop for Youth	18795.00		
	Village Level Meeting of Women	15685.00	<b>Add; Unutilized grant of Previous Period&gt;</b>	94323.28
	Village Level Meeting of Youth	15430.00		
	<b>To Management Cost</b>		<b>Less: Unutilized Grant og Current period &lt;</b>	85672.28
	Accountant / Administrator	59360.00		
	Project Coordinator	96000.00	Bank Interest on -VDS(FC-2) A/c	28651.00
	Project Director	48000.00		8493.00
	Staff Welfare	13980.00	<b>By Grant From Delhi Samajik Vikash Kendra (lokmanch)</b>	
			Grant in Aid (D S V K)	859720.00
	<b>To Administrative Cost</b>		<b>Add; Unutilized grant of Previous Period&gt;</b>	0.00
	Telephone, Internet and Postage	8164.00		
	Audit Fee	5000.00	<b>Less: Unutilized Grant og Current period &lt;</b>	83040.00
	Office Maintenance & Electricity	19774.00	Bank Interest	776680.00
	Printing & Stationery for Office	7906.00		0.00
	Travel & Conveyance for All Staff	47723.00	<b>By -Receiptes (IC)</b>	
			Bank Interest	21516.00
	<b>VDS -FC-2</b>		Community Contribution AHB	36800.00
	<b>To Expenses</b>		Contribution for Education Support	41195.00
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	Salary of Harshita	2200.00	member fee	2505.00
	Staff Welfare	300.00	Tax Refund 2018-19	62120.00
	<b>TO - D.S.v.k.( LOKmanch)</b>			
	<b>To Administrative Cost</b>		<b>Add; Unutilized grant of previous Period&lt;</b>	132710.38
	Travel & Conveyance for Coordinator	26232.00	<b>Less Unutilized Grant of Current period&gt;</b>	681089.38
	<b>Management Cost</b>			835714.00
	Project Coordinator	45000.00		
	State Campion Support Person	172815.00		
	<b>Programme Cost</b>			
	Data Sharing Workshop	12840.00		
	Fellow Capacity Bilding Training	8000.00		
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Hospitality	5290.00	
<b><u>Lokmanch Community Countribution</u></b>		
Helpline Traning with Government Schemes	11945.00	
Heltha Awearness Camp	13180.00	
Village Level Monthly Meeting Cum Training	780.00	
Youth Ladership Training	4340.00	
Data Sharing Workshop	9795.00	
Fellows Quarterly Review Meeting	275.00	
Office Rent and Electricity ( Lokmanch)	16000.00	
Printing & Stationery for Office ( Lokmanch)	3096.00	
Rapid Survey	1087.00	
RTI Training (Lokmanch)	14000.00	
<b><u>Management Cost</u></b>		
Harshita Gupta	53760.00	
Jageshwar Prasad	53760.00	
Raja Bhaiya	40960.00	
Rampyari	53760.00	
Shivkumar Garg	16100.00	
Administration Charge	2898.00	
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Staff Welfare	30900.00	
<b><u>Program Cost</u></b>		
Awareness Camp in Government Schemes	15000.00	
Ayurvedic Health Awareness Camp	26451.00	
Chingari Chaupal	4810.00	
Chingari Sangh Meeting	9087.00	
Issues Based Public Hearing	13300.00	
Mandal Level Chingari Sangh Meeting	7551.00	
Matdata Jagrukta Samvad	14480.00	
SHG	5200.00	
Water Managment Workshop	23800.00	
Women Issues Workshop	27232.00	
Workshop on Organic Farming	13910.00	
Blanket and Food Distribution	97040.00	
Misal Review Workshop	22355.00	
Emergency sopport corona-19 vairas	32380.00	
<b>Grand Total-</b>	<b>2421064.00</b>	<b>2421064.00</b>

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*We are thankful to the individuals and organizations that have supported us throughout our journey.*



**Vidya Dham Samiti, Atarra**

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