

About Lok Biradari Prakalp - Hemalkasa

“Lok Biradari Prakalp - Hemalkasa” is a project of Maharogi Sewa Samiti, Warora (a registered charitable organization having registered office at Anandwan, Warora), engaged in providing free education and medical health services to poor tribal people located in the region. The project was started at Hemalkasa by Hon’ble (Late) Baba Amte in the year 1973 with the help of his younger son Dr. Prakash Amte by starting a medical dispensary for local tribal community. This philanthropic work was later joined by Dr. Mandakini Amte wife of Dr. Prakash Amte.

Now that small dispensary clinic became 50 bedded hospital which caters the local tribal people residing in nearby villages. The medicines and other treatments like; OPD services, surgeries, food to patient and his accompanying etc are provided free of cost to tribal people. The organization later started a residential school in 1976 with the objective of providing basic education to local tribal community which was unnoticed and totally neglected by outer world. The organization run a residential school for tribal children which accommodates nearly 650 students enrolled in classes from kindergarten up to 12th grade. Along with free education, LBP also provides them residential hostel facility, food, study material, uniform etc absolutely free of cost.

Apart from this core activities (health and education), LBP also runs an orphanage cum rescue center for wild animals which are rescued from/by local tribals. About 100+ animals of different species are maintained at our orphanage cum rescue center.

We all know the selfless work done by Padma Shri Dr Prakash and Dr Mandakini Amte at Hemalkasa. Now their sons and daughters-in-law are continuing in the public service projects with Lok Biradari Prakalp (LBP). Project LBP was started in December 1973 with the main objective of integrated development of primitive tribe ‘Madia-Gond’ in the district of Gadchiroli (Maharashtra state).

Recently, in September 2015, LBP has started one new school at Nelgunda village called “Sadhana Vidyalaya at Nelgunda”. At present 102 students are enrolled for primary education upto 4th grade. Nelgunda is in very interior remote area with no power supply, no infrastructure like roads/bridges over streams, inaccessible to outer areas for half the year, with diseases like cerebral malaria and lack of educational opportunities. Nelgunda is a very small village located in Bhamragad Tehsil of Gadchiroli District. It is located around 27 kms of unpaved road from our Lok Biradari Prakalp, Hemalkasa. This new school catering for 100+ students has been started in a temporary shed constructed on a leased land.

As everyone is aware that the tribal area of Hemalkasa is suffering due to lack of potable water. No plan to store rain water (rain water harvesting). The farmers of Vidarbha are committing suicides due to insufficient agricultural income. The villagers are moving to cities because of lack of drinking water. The government funded projects do not fully reach to the remote places and are diverted by corrupt politicians for their own benefits.

LBP has started some outreaching activities such as excavation/rejuvenation of reservoirs, well/borewell excavation, construction of elevated water tank, and supplying water through pipeline, with a view to create water resources because potable water is the basic need of every human being on the earth. Basically, LBP is planning to develop villages by creating sufficient water resources which will enable villagers to take second crop after monsoon and additionally villagers can do some ancillary activity like fishery business.

LBP team has dug water reservoir storage facilities in six villages by collecting funds. In 2016, they provided one water reservoir in one village called Jinjgaon. The land is provided by the villagers. LBP team collects public donations and provides project management and fishery training to villagers.

Below are some snapshots of one such water resource created at Jinjgaon, a village located about 25 km away from Hemalkasa. LBP has also constructed a well, an elevated water storage tank with pipeline for supply of potable water to villagers of Jinjgaon.

The reservoir increased the water table surrounding the village. It provided potable water for villagers, and the adjoining wells provided drinking water for villagers and farm animals. In future, some water will be used for irrigation for adjoining farms too. LBP team sent five young people from village to Pune for one-month training on fish harvesting who in turn trained the local villagers. This project has created a huge impact on the life of village community. Interestingly, more water reservoirs are being created in near future.

Jinjgaon reservoir at end of February 2017:



A villager catching fish in Jinjgaon reservoir (March 2017):



In 2017, LBP had created such type of reservoirs/lakes in 6 nearby villages (Village Name – Kumarguda, Bejur, Hemalkasa, Pidimille, Nelgunda and Darbha). Each reservoir is of size of 100 meters by 50 meters by 3 meters depth. It costs LBP about Rs. 9 to 10 Lakhs (\$15000) to create one such reservoir.

LBP is planning to dig more reservoirs in 2018. LBP has cost estimation for each reservoir project for one village as follows:

1. Reservoir – INR 10 Lakhs (\$15000)
 2. Elevated Water Tank – INR 7.5 Lakhs (height of tank – 25 Ft, Capacity – 50,000 Ltr)
 3. Water Well – INR 7.5 Lakhs (12 mtr depth)
 4. Pipeline Work – INR 7.5 Lakhs
 5. Solar Pump (5 HP) – INR 5 Lakhs
- TOTAL COST – INR 37.50 Lakhs**

LBP is looking for generous donors like you who will support this social cause. LBP's vision is to help socially disadvantaged people with a view to enhance their livelihood capabilities.

Please donate!!

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