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# *The CherYsh Post*

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*Heavy rains and floods affected the villages of Haliyal : A glimpse from Manglwad village*

## *Welcome to August Newsletter!*

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Haliyal has been aggressively affected by the floods like other parts of North Karnataka. Many villages where CherYsh is involved is also affected. Life had come to a standstill. Repair work is now on at all levels. Relief is coming in as far as daily sustenance is concerned. Our field staff is assessing the damages, losses and requirements in the villages we work.

Philanthropic individuals and organisations, government departments are all working on relief. People will survive this too like all other man made or natural calamities. The most significant and lingering damage will be the crop destruction which would have sustained the household for the entire year. Government does compensate, but the complexities involved in accessing the relief benefits, misuse, etc. does not often match the losses and damages.

The time that the floods have come are also the festival time during which the farmers earned extra money, produce had good prices and it was time to rejoice. Nothing stands before nature's fury.

In the next one month, CherYsh plans to assess the long term impact of the floods on the economy of the households and provide support wherever and whatever extent possible through our well wishers, donors, partners and networks . CherYsh plans to support the flood affected families to cope with the losses for the year through a project mode rather than an immediate relief which is anyway coming through different sources.

I hereby appeal to all of you to support us in this endeavor . A detailed leaflet on our strategic plan to support and uplift the affected will be circulated.

Thank you,  
Best wishes,

Renu Mukunda  
Director- Programmes and Social Innovation



*Bridge in Hunswad village of Haliyal that suffered serious damage during the floods*

## Heavy rains and flood lashes the villages of Haliyal

Many parts of India, especially North Karnataka were badly hit by heavy rains and resultant floods during the first week of August. The villages of Haliyal, where CherYsh implements our projects, are badly affected by the disaster. There is heavy loss to property and livelihoods due to flooding. People lost their homes, crops and cattle in the deluge. Roads got washed away and villages got isolated. Education, business and normal life has come to a standstill. There are no reports of loss of lives from the villages where CherYsh works.

Two of the villages, Bommanalli and Kegdal were completely evacuated and people have been relocated to relief camps. Disaster relief and emergency support is being carried out by government and volunteers. The villages need a lot of assistance to build back their lives, livelihoods and CherYsh plans to implement ways and means to support these villages to bounce back to normalcy.

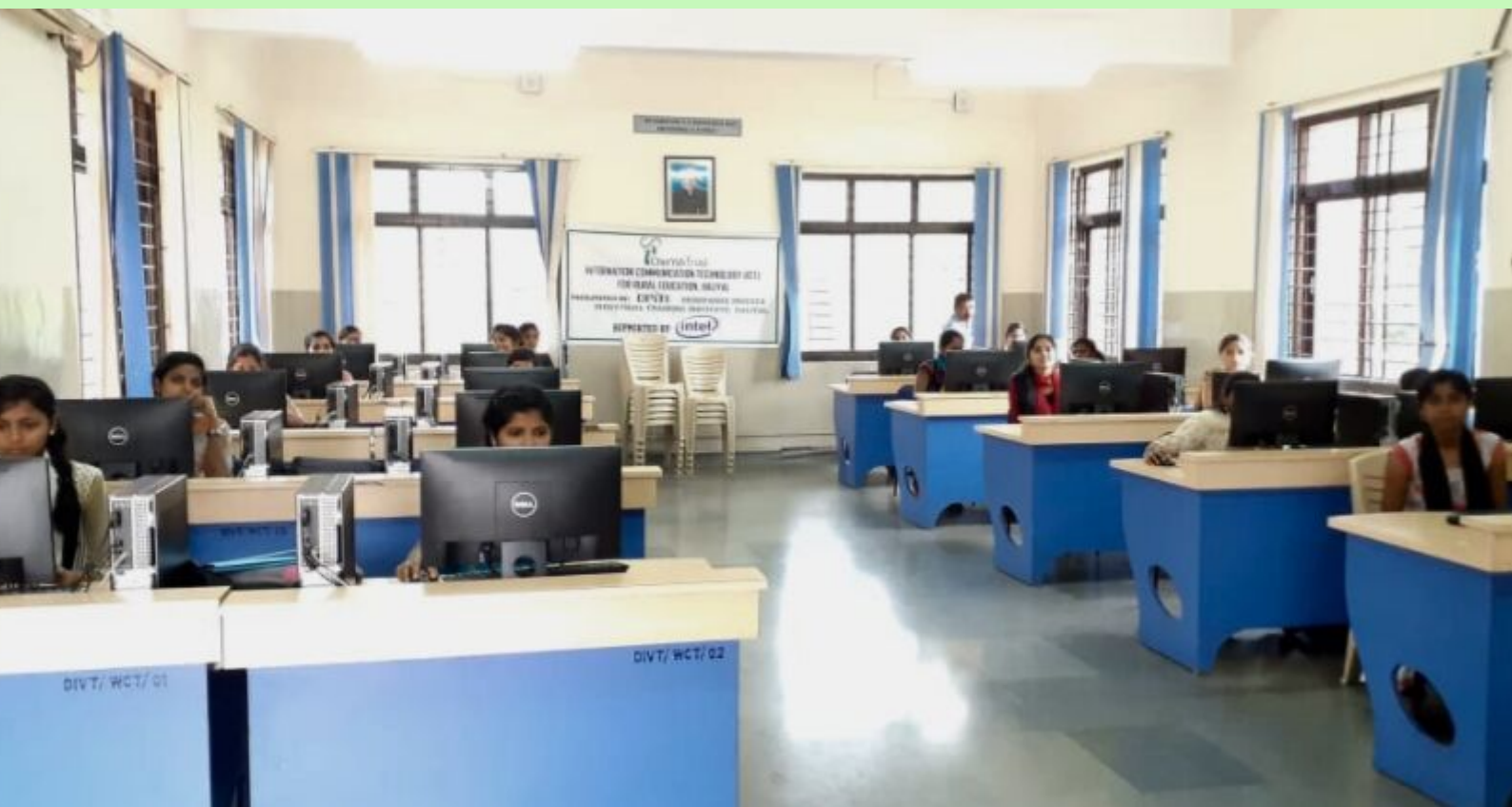


## **“Information Communication Technology (ICT) for Rural Education” project supported by Intel commences in Haliyal**

A training programme supported by Intel Corporation was launched in Haliyal on 25th July 2019. Twenty young women selected from the villages of Haliyal are being trained under this three month programme on usage of computers and the internet. This will enable them to use technology as an effective teaching resource in the villages. Additionally, the participants will be trained to access various online services so that they can set up ‘Online Service Centres’ in the villages. This will help them find livelihood opportunities within their village. Entrepreneurship modules are included in the training programme to strengthen this objective.

CherYsh is partnering with Deshpande Private Industrial Training Institute (DPITI), Hubballi for the implementation of the project. The training is being conducted in the multimedia classrooms at Deshpande Private Industrial Training Institute (DPITI). These classrooms are equipped with 20 computers and internet connectivity. Deshpande Foundation will provide entrepreneurship modules for this training.

Efforts are being undertaken to arrange assistance to the candidates to set up Online Resource Centres and Shikshas equipped with technology, on successful completion of the training.



Top: 20 trainees in multimedia classrooms at DPITI

Bottom left to right: Inauguration ceremony for ICT For Rural Education Project, the 20 trainees attending the ICT Training, Training session in progress at DPITI

## Shiksha project moves to Phase -II

Shiksha education initiative is the flagship project of CherYsh. A learning centre (Shiksha) with a trained resource person (Learning Facilitator) is provided in the village neighbourhood under the project. Children of the village spend two to three hours every evening at these centres, improving their English language capabilities. The Learning Facilitator also helps the children with their school lessons and extra-curricular skills.

Twenty new locations have been identified to start Phase-II of the Shiksha project. We are partnering with Deshpande Foundation, Hubballi to implement the second phase. The "Skill in Village (SIV)" curriculum prepared by Deshpande Foundation is adapted for Classes Sixth to Ninth. Ten Learning Facilitators have been trained in the SIV curriculum. The infrastructure set up is being done in the villages for the Phase-II Shikshas.



Students learning at the Phase II Shikshas that have started in Haliyal

## Knowledge sharing at Peer Training Programmes

Peer training programmes are conducted at CherYsh Resource centre every week. The selected Learning Facilitators who got residential training at Deshpande Foundation (Hubballi) are in charge of the training programme. They share the various teaching techniques and subject content which they learned to the rest of the group.

The training sessions are effective, interactive and witness much enthusiasm. The Learning Facilitators are applying the techniques that they learn at the training sessions in their respective Shikshas the very next day. Peer training will be a continuous programme and also helps in nurturing training resources locally.



LFs learning and sharing teaching methods during the Peer Learning sessions

## The expansion of sugarcane bud nurseries

During the previous year one women's group in Mundwad village of Haliyal took up training in tending sugarcane buds and set up a nursery, with assistance from CherYsh and EID Parry Ltd., a major industrial house in Haliyal, which produces sugar.

The venture turned out to be a huge success and the group bagged orders to the quantity of Five Lakh sugarcane buds for the next season.

The group plans to expand their business by including more women in the venture. Five more groups are being formed in Mundwad and neighbouring villages. Training programmes, financial help and technical assistance are being arranged to widen the scope of entrepreneurship and sustainable livelihood for women in the villages of Haliyal.



## THE DESHPANDE FOUNDATION

The Deshpande Foundation was founded by Mr. Gururaj Deshpande and Ms. Jaishree Deshpande in 1996 to create sustainable change through entrepreneurship and innovation in the United States, India and Canada. The Deshpande Foundation India works from Sandbox Startups, Hubballi through partnerships to support diverse organisations, leadership programs to engage residents and youth in finding solutions to collective problems, encouraging and supporting urban and rural entrepreneurs via educational programs that focus on providing skills and motivation. CherYsh and Deshpande Foundation explored the possibilities of working together to bring development to the remote villages of Haliyal and have decided to partner with each other in implementing the "Navodyami Livelihood project" and "Shiksha- Skill in Village" educational project in the aforementioned villages.



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