

The CherYsh Post



Members of the livelihood women's groups put up a stall in Halyal

Welcome to November Newsletter!



After the floods and a second round of heavy rains during the festivals, there is a lull in Haliyal villages. Farmers are rescheduling, rebudgeting, looking at the sky and wondering how to get going, how to cope with crop losses, how to make the best of the remaining crops and grains. Women are wondering how to keep the hearth burning, it's not even hand to mouth existence this year. One thing that is common among the urban and the rural folks are the EMI: Bike loan, crop loan, SHG loan, cattle loan etc. Floods or drought, rain or sunshine these EMIs have to be paid. Some are loans under Government Schemes and some are from money lenders on heavy interests. Another common feature among the men both in Urban and Rural poor is alcoholism. Alcohol flows into the most remote villages smoothly whether the relief material flows in or not.

The inter and intra village roads and streets are broken, and one does not know when they will be back in shape. Dams have broken, electric poles have fallen and many houses are broken. Ironically, the first things to be repaired and be

back in place, were the mobile towers and people are indeed happy about that.

I was in awe and admiration of the attitude of 'This too will pass' and 'life goes on'. This, they did not learn by listening to spiritual teachers or podcasts. Life is their Guru.

My visit to remote villages after the floods meant that the reality hit me in the face. Talking about capacity building, upskilling, importance of Learning English and Computers etc. all seemed irrelevant for a moment. Should we not be teaching disaster management, developing grain banks, seed banks and other coping strategies? I wondered.

However, I do applaud our team of Learning Facilitators and Programme team for their unflinching sense of duty and dedication as they visit villages, monitor the Shikshas-learning centres, kept the livelihood programmes running and all willingly without complaints. I am proud that we are a small team, our interventions are basic and minimal, yet, we are making a positive difference in the development of Haliyal villages through children and women.

Thank you all for joining our hands, being magnanimous in financial contributions and the ever promising moral support!

Best wishes,

Renu Mukunda

Director- Programmes and Social Innovation



Learning and other activities continue in the villages of Haliyal

CherYsh participated in the CSR Case Study Competition held by National Human Resources Department (NHRD)

NHRD created a platform where NGOs and companies can showcase their work in the sphere of livelihood creation at the grassroots level. Our case study on the Sugarcane Bud Nursery in Mundwad village was selected for final presentation.

The event provided many opportunities to CherYsh for potential collaboration and learning when it comes to the various kinds of work being done in this sector.



Snapshots from the NHRD Summit

Mundwad Shawl and Stoles group in prep mode

The Shawl group will be participating in 'the Handmade Collective', a 5 days exhibition held annually by 'A Hundred Hands', a non-profit that supports handmade arts and crafts.

A fresh batch of shawls are being made. Members of the group will travel to Bangalore to be a part of the exhibition which will be held from 20th to 24th November, 2019.



Government Department trainings for ICT Trainees

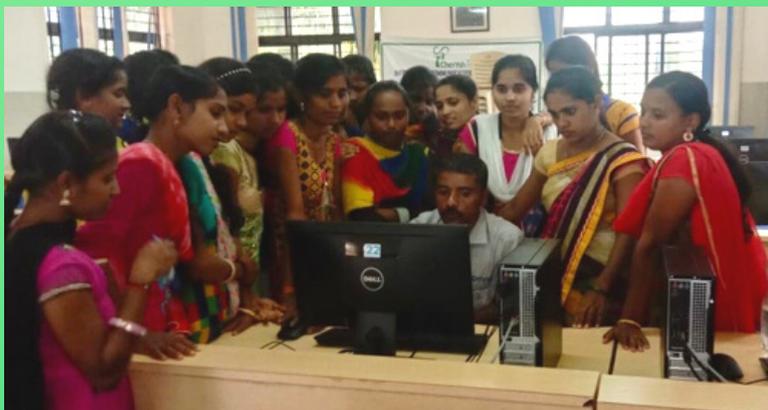
Intel trainees have received training from representatives of various government departments including Social Welfare Department, Santwana Kendra, etc. These trainings included an orientation about the work of the departments as well as the services that they provide online.



Training from Social Welfare Department



Women rights department training



A snippet from the Mock Training at DPITI

A guided mock service kendra was conducted at Deshpande Private Industrial Training Institute, Haliyal. The trainees were able to put the theoretical learnings from the department trainings into practice at these mock sessions. This included using various websites to avail services and uploading applications for documents. The practical sessions will later help them to operate their own Online Service Kendras.



The ICT Trainees

Livelihood groups get market exposure

The Haliyal Tehsildar's office organised a market for new local producers where the Jogankoppa and Mundwad kitchen as well as the Shawl group put up a stall. It was an opportunity for them to understand the local market and create a space for themselves in it. Many people visited and bought products from their stall and stakeholders from the area were impressed with their presentation and packaging.

New livelihood groups were taken to a sante (market) organised by Deshpande Foundation in Hubli. The women experienced a sante and interacted with other producers. The CherYsh field team helped them make contacts and shared the work of the different livelihood groups, creating opportunities for them to learn and grow through exposure.



Snippets from the sante in Haliyal and Hubli

Parent meetings and material distribution for Phase II Shikshas

The Field team has been visiting all our new Shikshas and conducting meetings with the village community, mainly parents of Shiksha students. Getting the community involved in the Shikshas is an important aspect as it allows the parents to be actively involved in the learning of their children.



CherYsh Field team meets with parents in all the Phase II villages



Materials for all new Shikshas were distributed

Materials like blackboards, stationery, charts were distributed to all the new Shiksha centres. Regular meetings with the Learning facilitators also continue.

Karnataka Rajyotsava celebrations in Shikshas

Karnataka Rajyotsava celebrates the day that all kannada speaking regions of South India came together to form the State of Karnataka. While celebrations on this day were scattered and scarce in urban places, it was heartwarming to see it

celebrated so well in real spirit the villages of Haliyal. Students and Learning Facilitators celebrated by drawing maps of Karnataka using flowers, rangoli and lamps.



Kannada Rajyotsava celebrations in Shikshas

DIVYASREE DEVELOPERS : CHERYSH'S CSR PARTNER

Divyasree Developers is a Bangalore based company that has played a significant role in shaping the real estate landscape in South India. They are one of the most reputed urban infrastructure developers with operations in the commercial and residential space.

Divyasree has been our CSR partner since 2017. Their financial support has played a significant role in digitising the Shikshas and expanding the livelihood activities over the years. Divyasree has focused it's support towards the livelihood groups over the last two years, aiding projects enabling more women in Haliyal to earn a steady supplementary income.



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