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SOCIO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TRUST
KERWADI TA PALAM DIST PARBHANI





FROM THE FOUNDERS' DESK:

Dear SED T Supporters and Stakeholders,

I am delighted to address you again in this annual report, a testament to the incredible journey we have undertaken together to pursue our shared vision. As the founder of SED T, I am grateful for the unwavering support and commitment from each member of our dedicated team, our generous donors, and the communities we serve.

This year has been a remarkable chapter in our collective efforts to impact the lives of those in need positively. Despite the challenges we faced globally, your generosity and compassion have fueled our mission, allowing us to reach new milestones and broaden our sphere of influence.

SED T has continued to work tirelessly in areas critical to our cause, such as education, healthcare, women's empowerment, adolescent girl's empowerment, strengthening the farmers, Discovery Science Centre, Family Counselling Unit, MSME Unit, LWS for HIV, Childline and community development. Our projects have touched the lives of countless individuals, empowering them to break the cycle of poverty and build a brighter future for themselves and their communities. This accomplishment reflects not only the dedication of our team but also the impact we can achieve when we come together with a shared purpose.

None of this would be possible without your support. Your donations, time, and advocacy have been instrumental in driving positive change. We are committed to transparency and accountability, and we assure you that every contribution has been utilised effectively to make a meaningful difference.

We are excited about the opportunities and challenges that lie before us. We invite you to join us as we expand our reach and deepen our impact. Whether through financial support, volunteerism, or spreading awareness, your involvement is crucial in realising our vision for a more just and equitable world.

In closing, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to each of you who has been a part of our SED T family. We have accomplished much together, but work is still to be done. Let us stride into the future with renewed vigour, knowing that our collective efforts can create lasting change.

Thank you for your continued belief in SED T and our mission.

Sincerely,

Suryakant Kulkarni

Founder

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DREAMLAND (SWAPNABHUMI)

Swapnabhoomi," also known as "Dreamland," truly lives up to its name as a place where children dare to dream of a brighter future and, more importantly, where those dreams come to life. Swapnabhoomi is a loving home for children needing care and protection. Since its inception in 1980, it has provided a haven for destitute, homeless, and orphaned children. Over the years, Swapnabhoomi has been a nurturing sanctuary for over 400 children. As of 2022-23, Dreamland continues its noble mission, caring for and working with 78 children, with 64 currently residing at the Dreamland home for boys.

At Swapnabhoomi, we are not just offering shelter and care; we are sowing the seeds of hope, resilience, and self-belief in these young hearts. Every day is a new opportunity to help these children build a foundation for a future filled with promise and possibility. Swapnabhoomi is not just a place; it's where dreams are nurtured and come true.

Key Achievements:

- **Shrikant Hurgule** stood in 9th Rank in the state in the Yoga Competition organized at Kolhapur by the Education Department, Maharashtra State (Photo)
- **Sachin Kokadwar** achieved 11 prizes in regional level competitions in Essay Competition, Running, Painting, Long Jump, Kabaddi, Chess, and Carrom organized by the Women and Child Development Department. (Photo)

Key activities :

Dreamland has been committed to ensuring active participation by the children in a range of meaningful activities. These endeavors not only enrich their experiences but also foster essential life skills. Here are some of the notable activities that have been conducted:

Market Exposure: To enhance the children's knowledge of marketing and financial transactions, they could shop for vegetables, grains, and fruits in the local market. This hands-on experience helps them understand the practical aspects of buying and selling. Photo

School Day Participation: Children participated in school day activities, offering them insights into the roles of teachers in education and school management. This involvement helps them appreciate the efforts of educators in shaping their futures. Photo confidence and competence through these initiatives.



Anandnagari Festival: Celebrated on Republic Day, the Anandnagari Festival is both a fun and educational experience. It educates children about money management, the significance of financial prudence, and the careful utilization of resources. They also receive marketing, product selling, budgeting, planning, communication skills, and decision-making guidance.

Photo

Sports Competitions: Dreamland encourages children to participate in district and state-level sports competitions. This includes various activities such as yoga, essay writing, running, painting, long jump, kabaddi, chess, and carrom. This involvement promotes physical fitness, teamwork, and a competitive spirit.

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Committees for Discipline and Responsibility: Various committees have been formed among the children to instill discipline and a sense of responsibility. These committees include the Education Committee, Food Committee, Health and Hygiene Committee, Recreational Committee, Child Protection Committee, and Discipline Committee. Each committee plays a vital role in ensuring the smooth operation of Dreamland throughout the year.

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Annual Health Check-up: In March 2023, Dreamland organized its annual health check-up, ensuring the children's well-being. Specialized doctors, including Dr. Dhanajay Latpate, conducted this thorough examination (Eye Specialist), Dr. Krushna Pawar (Dental Specialist) and Dr. Khokle (ENT Specialist). During these check-ups, the doctors identified specific health concerns, such as the need for eyeglasses, and recommended visits to a neurologist for dental treatments. They provided necessary medications, effectively curing various illnesses.

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Meet-and-Greet with Prominent Marathi Artists: On the memorable date of January 27, 2023, Dreamland provided its children with a unique and joyful opportunity. They had the privilege to meet and interact with renowned Marathi artists and singers/composers, including Ms. Yogita Godbole, Mr. Amey Jog, and Ms. Darshana Jog, who hold esteemed positions in the Marathi entertainment industry. This encounter was not only inspirational but also profoundly enriching for the children.

These activities are designed not only to enrich the lives of the children at Dreamland but also to equip them with valuable skills and experiences that will serve them well in their future endeavors. Dreamland is nurturing well-rounded individuals prepared to face the world's challenges with confidence and competence through these initiatives.



DISCOVERY SCIENCE CENTER

SEDТ has established 132 discovery science centers across India for the last 15 years. We aim to cultivate a knowledge society in rural regions by nurturing children's innate curiosity and problem-solving skills. To achieve this, we employ creative and interactive exhibitions that spark the imagination and facilitate learning beyond the confines of conventional science. These science centers will serve as hubs of innovation and education, catering to the unique needs of these communities.

The flagship initiative, the first innovative science center of Marathwada, boasts an impressive infrastructure spanning 28,000 square feet and features five distinct sections. This state-of-the-art facility is poised to transform the educational landscape, providing a platform for hands-on learning, exploration, and nurturing young minds.

Thousands of students and teachers visit the discovery science center every year; students touch and handle the exhibits, ask questions, discuss, and go home with a sparkle in their eyes! Interactive scientific experiments make them think and understand complex scientific principles easily!

SEDТ has developed young kalam science centers in collaboration with HCL Foundation in the following cities:

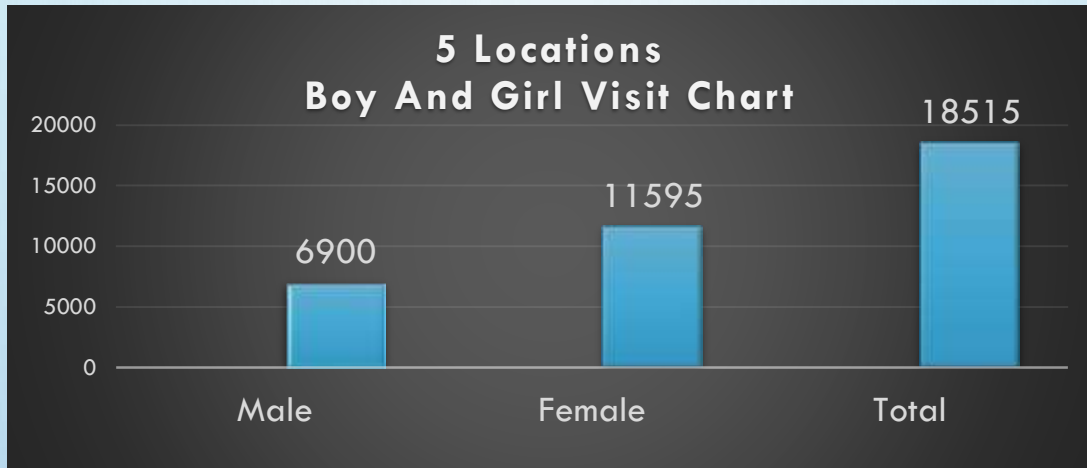
We aim to expand the network and prepare a science center at each block/taluka in India to empower the young minds.

This year we have established 11 science centers in Sangali district with the support from Education Department Zilha Parishad Sangali and Madhavrao Mahabal Foundation.



INNOVATIVE SCIENCE CENTERS

With the help of HCL Foundation we have established Young Kalam Discovery Science Centers at Noida, Lucknow, Nagpur, Chennai and Madurai. Students from Govt schools visiting science centers at each location. Students visiting science centers have to give pre and post visit test.



Madurai Municipal Corporation Chief Education Officer Mrs. Karthika and Education Officer Mr. Nagendran had visited Young Kalam Discovery Science center established at Velliveethiyar Corporation Girls Higher Secondary School, Madurai.

Mr. Wilayat Husain Zaidi and Sonu Verma of Jubilee Inter College, Lucknow have got consolation prize at district level science exhibition, where we have established YKDSC.



KISHORI VIKAS PROJECT (METROPOLIS FOUNDATION)

Kishori Vikas project was implemented between July 2022 and March 2023 in 13 villages of Palam Block of Parbhani District. This region, especially the district, is infamous for the deep-rooted gender bias and a high percentage of child marriages, 48% during the year 2021-22. Women and girls face discrimination at various levels in the community. They do not have any say in the family. Hence, all our project activities were strategically planned so that the community would extend cooperation and respond positively. Our primary focus was to create awareness about the project activities amongst stakeholders, sensitize relevant govt dept, and seek their cooperation as and when required.

Kishori Vikas project was aimed to empower adolescent girls to support their holistic development by increasing awareness about the social structures and issues that shape or affect their lives.

Objectives:

- To sensitize adolescent girls about menstrual hygiene, health, SRH, nutrition, life skills, and self-defense.
- Reduce malnutrition, anemia, and the percentage of child marriages.
- Train the community to prepare a thriving environment for adolescent girls.

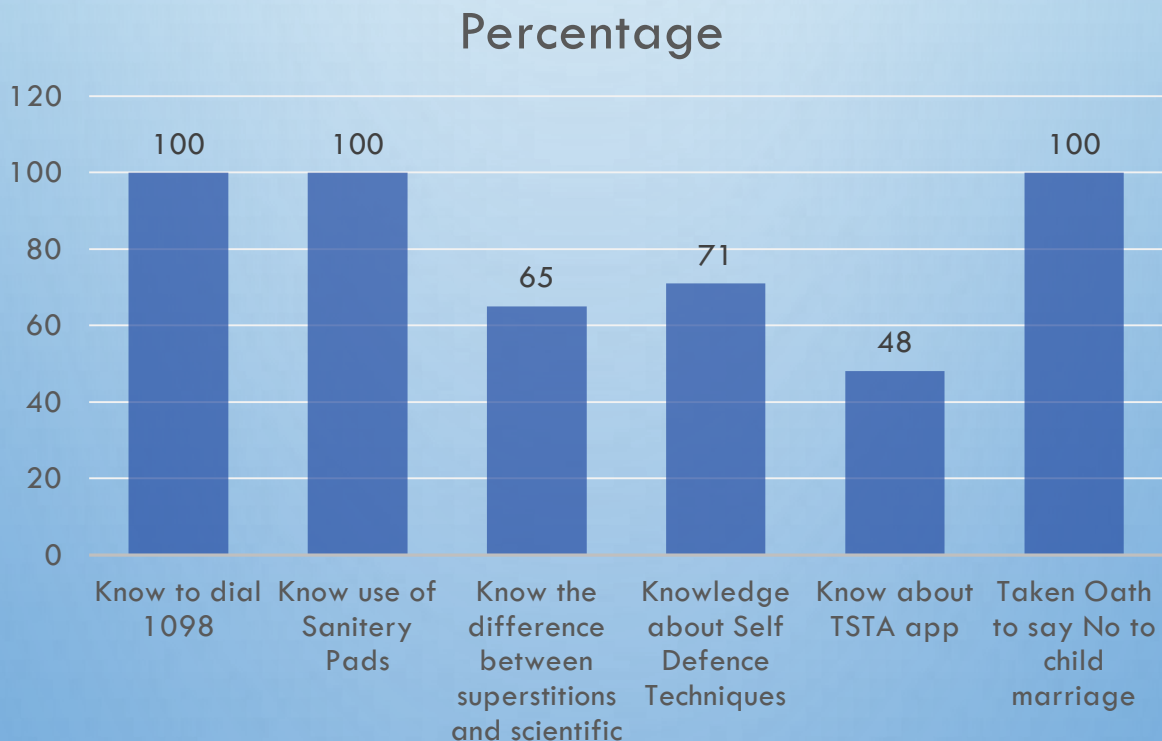
Activities conducted:

- Health Camp to measure height, weight, and HB/Blood group checking twice in a year for 1000 adolescent girls.
- Training sessions on Menstrual health and hygiene, Food and nutrition, Abuse Cyber security, Financial literacy, Self Defence, SRH, Leadership development, and Distribution of sanitary pads, Formation of Bal Panchayat, and their capacity building. Creating small libraries at the village level – managed by the girls to cultivate reading habits. Awareness sessions for stakeholders and follow-up sessions for the beneficiaries.



Outcomes:

- 100% of adolescent beneficiary girls know to dial 1098 if they need help.
- 100% of adolescent beneficiary girls know about using sanitary pads and their disposal.
- 65% of the beneficiary girls know the difference between superstitions and scientific information, especially related to menstruation.
- 71% of the beneficiary girls feel they could use at least one Self Defence Technique when needed.
- 48% of beneficiary girls know about the TSTA app, and they can access the website or app.
- 100% of beneficiary girls have taken an oath to say no to child marriage.



EMPOWERING ADOLESCENT GIRLS AND SCHOOL CHILDREN

Empowering adolescent girls & school children is the project to address and solve the issue of discrimination against women and girls, especially for those girls and women in Villages in Palam block, Parbhani, Maharashtra, who are day by day suffering from child. Marriages, restricting access to education, lack of any exposure. Under this project, the organisation facilitates groups of adolescent girls in each village and arranges get-togethers, speeches, talks, etc. For empowerment. We aimed to get the community's trust and cooperation for creating new stories of success through empowering adolescent girls and creating the original models and innovations to replicate in society with the help of meticulous plans and strategies.



Activities conducted during 2022-23 are as follows:

- Kishori melava 1388 girls (2 melavas)
- Special leaders training 52 girls
- Meeting with Kishori groups 52 girls from 10 villages
- Home visits 4 home visits to each girls' in a year
- Reached through motivational videos 670 girls from 14 villages
- Balpanchayat meeting/training 1 training 100 children participated
- Exposure visit- science center 535 girls from 10 villages
- Exposure trip- Sinhgad, Pune, Murud fort - 50 girls from 10 villages
- Education camps 165 girls from 3 villages
- Self Defence training in Lathi- Kathi - 777 girls from 10 villages
- Health check-up camps (10 villages) 895 girls covered
- Blood check up of 602 girls.
- Career guidance training 697 girls from 10 villages
- Competition for girls - 421 girls from 10 villages
- 250 books given in each village (10 villages) for reading.



WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

SEDT consistently empowers and makes women self-reliant through the “self help group” and related activities. Through these groups, women from different backgrounds come together. These groups, including the poor, needy, laborers, widows, and divorced women, are represented by the president of “Bachat Gat” and other group members. These women engage in different activities, working outside their homes through the support of “Bachat Gat.”

SEDT has established three women’s organizations that set the example of women empowerment in an absolute sense.

Sakhi Samrudhi Farmer Producer Company

Sakhi Samrudhi farmers producers company was established in 2020 by only women farmers. It aims to provide a platform for women farmers to get fair prices for the agricultural produce, to bring together farmers in this region to collectively purchase seeds and fertilizers at lower rates than local market prices. This helps in reducing the time and expenses for farmers.

Vikas Mahila Gram Sangh

10 SHGs of kerwadi village came together and formed “Gram Sangh” under the organization's guidance. The work of making soya paneer started through this gram sangh.

Priyadarshini Credit Cooperative Society

SEDT established co-operative society in 2002. The society works in Palam block’s 20 villages. The society has helped hundreds of women till now and has acquired reasonably good turnover. Women have started various enterprises and started earning with the loan taken from society. Priyadarshini society has 1072 members and has distributed loans of Rs. 25,82,496/-, where as having deposits Rs. 41,59,179/-.



SUPPORT TO MARGINALIZED FARMERS

Sustainable livelihood mechanize for small farmers :SEDT has been working with the women and farmers in the palam block for some time. It was observed that the farmers and women take a loan for small agriculture needs, paying high interest. Hence we decided to help them with a revolving loan at the apt time so that they can use the money during sowing and harvest time to increase the produce hence the profit margins. 11 farmers' families were identified after a survey of 5 villages. The farmer couples were invited to SEDT to make them understand the concept of revolving loans and were guided by Suryakant Kulkarni on developing of additional resources to generate income. The families were advised to invest in cattle and adopt organic farming to increase their income. These 11 farmers were given financial assistance of Rs.1 lakh each. Total loan given to farmers - Rs.12,48,000/-



SHREE SANT DNYANESHWAR VIDYALAYA

SEDT established this school in 2006; since then, it has been doing many activities and projects that help students maintain their interests and consistency in education. This year, the school had 345 students(189 boys and 156 girls, kindergarten 30)

The school implemented some activities to add value to the skills of the students, like a handwriting improvement drive, adoption of a continuous assessment system, children's saving bank, district-level science exhibition participation, school paripath, a selfie with a teacher, computer classes, fancy dress program and an educational exposure trip to Chakur.

Our student's exhibit was selected for the district-level science exhibition this year. Gayatri Edke prepared a multipurpose solar umbrella under the guidance of Vidya Badole.

Children's savings bank is a special activity that is done in school. Children manage all the bank activities. Every year, around 200 children learn and experience the banking system. Every Tuesday and Friday, the bank is open for 1 hour. A group of children manages all the departments by playing roles of cashier, manager, clerk, help desk, etc. They deposit money, withdraw cash, and update their passbooks. They also maintain registers like cash books, ledgers, form registers, etc. 80% of the children in the school possess savings accounts in their bank. This bank is doing well, with a turnover of around Thirty thousand rupees yearly.



LINK WORKER SCHEME

National AIDS Control Organization (NACO), Maharashtra State AIDS Control Society (MSACS) and SEDT run LINK WORKER SCHEME in Parbhani district from 10th March 2010.

In 2022-23, we achieved significant indicators of the Link Worker Scheme as per the details below. Based on three major components of the link worker scheme, this guideline develops by the National Aids Control Organisation (NACO) in New Delhi and supportive supervision by the Maharashtra State aids control Society, Mumbai.

As per guideline-2015 provided by the National AIDS control organisation (NACO), we reached out to villagers by delivering the skills, information and knowledge for the prevention and control of HIV/AIDS, STI and TB.

Meeting and training in this year

- **Grampanchayat meeting -303, stakeholders meeting-317, RRC meeting-355, villagers meeting-357** These meetings were arranged and conducted by SEDT- LWS staff to enable the environment and support for LWS implementation in the villages.
- **External evaluation done on 7,8 & 9 jan-2023 by NACO team**
- **Arranged college youth sensitisation workshop along with NSS department - 8 events.**



TI MSM UNIT

SEDT has conducted this project in the Parbhani district for 15 years. This project mainly caters to the needs of MSMs, male sex workers and transgenders.

The following support activities were conducted during 2022-23.

- **Clinical services** - exceptional doctors provide clinical services to the key population once every three months for sexually transferred infections.
- **HIV tests** - HIV tests are carried out for the critical population, and if found positive, the team immediately connects the person to ART.
- **Condom supply** - ore and peer educators from the project team distribute condoms at no cost to the key population.
- **Care and support** – HIV-positive patients are provided the required care and support.
- **Referral and linkages** - the team sensitises the key population about various government schemes and helps them become the appropriate scheme's beneficiaries.



CHILDLINE

SEDT managed CHILDLINE for Parbhani district for 11 years, from June 2012 to till date. Activities conducted during 2022 -23 are as follows:

1. **Awareness programs** conducted - 282 for 84005 children.
2. To prevent large-scale child marriages, a **sensitisation drive** was arranged. It was decided to visit the place of marriage in the Parbhani district, give them a letter, and issue a CRPC 149 notice through the concerned police station.
3. **Advocacy meeting** with religious leaders to prevent child marriage was conducted with Kazi, Brahman Pandit, boudhacharya, temple trusty, and Mangal Karyalya owners, providing them basic information on child marriage, Child Marriage 2006, and Child Line 1098. We sensitised them on how to stop child marriage by calling 1098.
4. Parbhani CL arranged the **mass awareness program** at Purna Railway Station and Parbhani Railway Station on human trafficking and child trafficking awareness.
5. We participated in a **beautiful handwriting camp** with HRC Trust Parbhani for children of single parents. HRC trusts gifted schools and a kit for the children.
6. We celebrated **anti-child labour day** on 12 June 2022 at Parbhani railway station with RPF, GRP, and railway station master Parbhani; also conducted a mass awareness program on child labour, child trafficking, and child rights.



7. We arranged the **mass awareness program** on child line 1098 and child marriage prevention at Akshada Mangal Karyalya Parbhani with Parbhani DWCD, ZP, ICDS, and Parbhani police. This program was arranged by the Parbhani district collector, Miss. Anchal Goyal madam. We also arranged a **one-day training workshop** for Gramsevak, Sarpanch, and BDO for the prevention of the child marriage process and help to case intervention with the CL team and DCPO team.
8. We celebrated “ **AZADI KA AMRUT MOHASV** “ with RPF, GRPF, AHTU, CWC, and railway station master Parbhani. also, a mass awareness program conducted on child rights, JJ Act -2015, and POCSO -2012 at Parbhani railway station.
9. We conducted a “**child marriage prevention workshop**” and awareness program for child rights and JJ act 2015 at Sharada College, Parbhani and Gurubudhiswami Mahavidyalya, Purna with WCD Parbhani
10. We celebrate **CHILDLINE SE DOSTI** week in November -2022. On 14/11/2022 to 21/11/2022, as decided by us child line se dosti week inauguration ceremony and prabhat feri were planned to make the people of the area aware of child line 1098 and create enthusiasm among the children. : Hon. Smt. Anchal Goyal (Collector, Parbhani) graced the occasion with her presence.

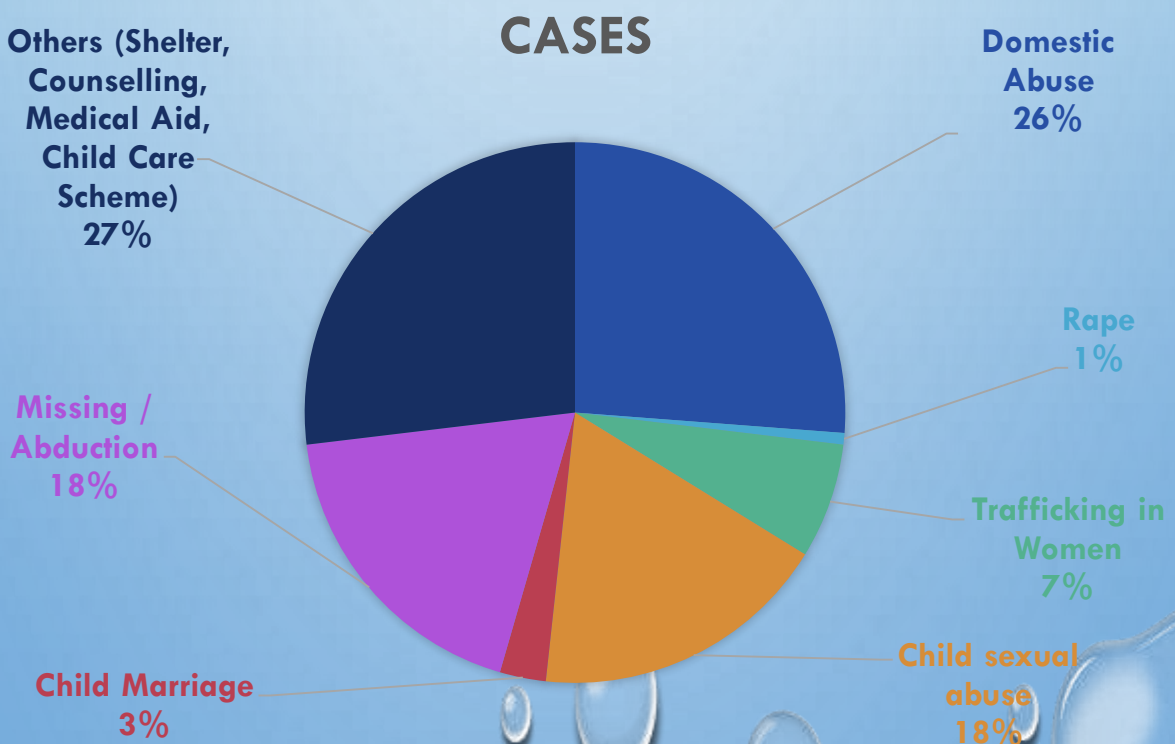


SAKHI ONE STOP CENTER

Department of Women and Child Development, Govt of India, sponsored Sakhi One Stop Center has been running by SEDT, since December 28, 2018, located in the District Civil Hospital premises at Parbhani.

"Sakhi" one stop crisis center is functioning for the victimized girls and women with the concept of 24-hour shelter, medical services, counseling, police assistance, legal assistance, and emergency assistance under one roof for women and girls in crisis. This initiative aims to assist the affected women and girls: victims of domestic violence, victims of sexual harassment, survivors of human trafficking, acid attack survivors, child sexual abuse victims, victims of child marriage, rape/abduction, cybercrime, dowry harassment/death, as well as reintegration of children with their parents. Rehabilitation of psychiatric women /the girl. In that context, in the year 2022-23 "Sakhi" one stop crisis center, according to the statistics mentioned below, all the cases of women and girls have been settled by doing necessary procedures and also providing them with all the services and facilities.

Total cases received from during the reporting period are given in the diagram below -

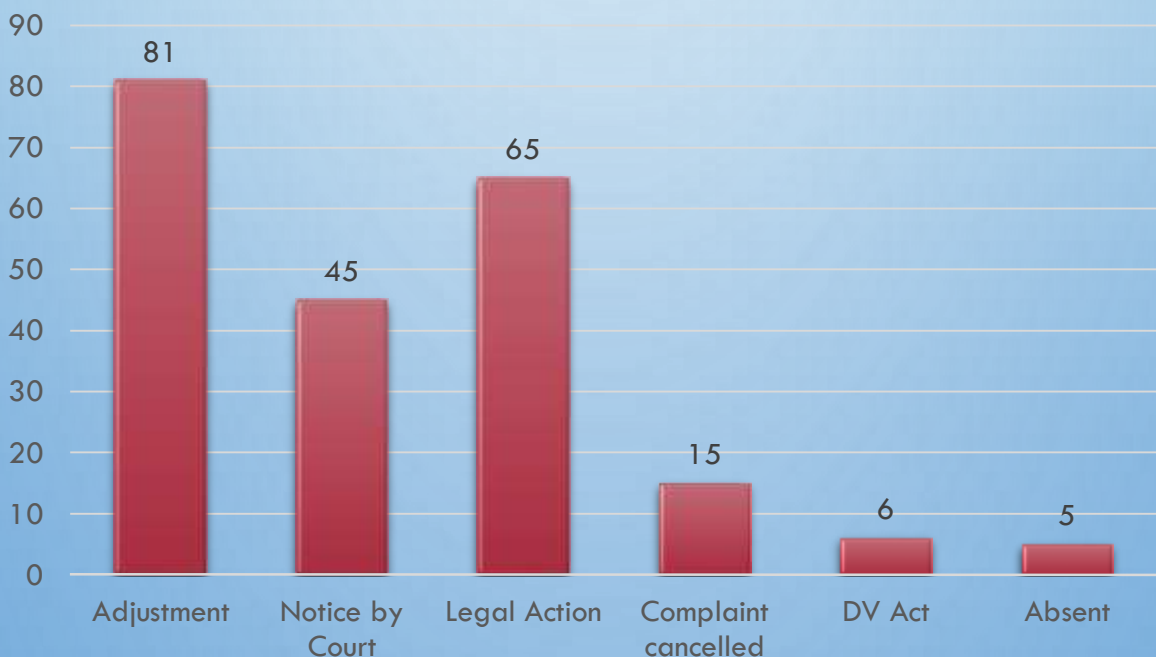


FAMILY COUNSELLING CENTER

Family counselling center has been managed by SEDT since 2008 in office of the Supdt. of Police, Parbhani, the center was formed to provide the necessary support to women, the elderly, and adolescents. FCC center provides temporary shelter to the vulnerable women, negotiation in the family matters, and helps the women to complete the legal formalities as and when required. During last year, the FCC intervened in 214 cases, out of which women's cases were 189 while 25 cases were of men. There is no pending case, all the cases have been resolved.

Awareness drive for women and children: FCC arranged 3 awareness programs during last year to share information about fcc. The sessions included sensitizing the attendees on the POCSO act 2012, domestic violence act 2005 and child marriage prevention act, other acts for women and children, etc.

Intervention in cases



FIRODIA KARANDAK

Firodia Karandak, since 1974, has remained one of the most prestigious cultural events and competitions amongst college students. Organising this competition every year gave us immense pleasure, which helps young minds express their hidden talents and explore life with enriching experiences during competition. This year, the HCL Foundation was the main sponsor of the competition. This was the 49th year of Firodia Karandak. 50 colleges in and around Pune participated in this year's competition, reflecting great energy, enthusiasm and many subjects near to their heart. Freedom of expression via several performing arts, this format of Firodia Karandak always lures college students, and the competition is becoming increasingly popular each year. There were three rounds: pre-primary, primary, and final. The competition was arranged at Annabhau Sathe Auditorium in Pune.

Manoj Bajpai, a brilliant actor people love due to his unique style and amazing acting, graced the occasion as a Chief Guest for the prize distribution ceremony. Manoj Bajpai was impressed with the format of Firodia Karandak and addressed all the college students, praising them for participating in the competition. He also appreciated Suryakant Kulkarni and the team of volunteers for preparing and nurturing the theatre culture in Pune.

HCL Foundation team members also attended the prize distribution ceremony, enjoying every bit of the program. All of us are now geared up to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of Firodia Karandak in 2024.

