

SUBUD INDIA

REPORT TO 2010 SUBUD WORLD CONGRESS

Introduction

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The current committee completes the term in MARCH 2010 & we are likely to have a new team in the next congress.

Number of Members in your Country:

Men: 84
Women: 51
Total: 135 (estimated 95 active)

Number of Groups: 6 + isolated members

Locations: Chennai (35), Bangalore (20), Coimbatore (54), New Delhi (2), Thally (8), Hyderabad (5) isolated (11)

SUBUD HOUSE:

Subud India has bought land measuring close to 6000 sq feet in Chennai. Plans are afoot for the construction of a Subud house in Chennai.

There has recently been a spurt of activity at the site for SUBUD INDIA. The following activities have been completed with our existing funds:

- 1) Temporary wire fencing with pillars
- 2) Levelling of ground
- 3) Bore for 150 ft
- 4) Motor pump
- 5) Toilet with western commode and a 10 ft deep sewage sump
- 6) Water tank above toilet

The site is now ready for some temporary activities. Any more developments can be taken up only if we are able to generate more funds.

Sushila Dharma Projects

We have 4 active Sushila Dharma projects running in Subud India and they are:

1. Mithra Foundation Bangalore

Mithra Foundation is a voluntary Mithra works among the migrants settled in the pavements and temporary housings (Slums) in the city of Bangalore, South India. Its' main aim is to empower women and children, the most vulnerable sections of any society.

It was started in 1992 by a group of social and educational professionals. Its programs are mostly educational in nature. Mithra covers around 60000 populations scattered in 12 locations of the city. Mithra also launched in 1997 Human Rights education for High school students in the whole State of Karnataka. 155 schools are participating in this. So far 65000 students have undergone this program and 1200 teachers have been given training on H.Rts. The impact of this program is reported to be effective.

The educational empowerment is placed as its priority. In the present socio-political context of the country, the need to promote peace, tolerance, secularism, respect for all, remains the major task and thrust of Mithra.

2. SRADHA, Bangalore

SRADHA, a registered charity under Susila dharma India project, was founded in the year 1990 by bro N.V.Ramamoorthy. The objective is to develop and harness the innate human abilities and empower the people of rural India towards holistic rural development by addressing every section of the society.

This project is operating at Thally village in Tamil Nadu. The main objective is to encourage the savings habit & empower women through various projects.

3. ANISHA, Bangalore

This project aims to improve the agricultural method and food security through the use of organic techniques and the creation of social and economic institutions that will help farmers to compete in the modern Indian economy. These will include:

- Infrastructure for storing and enriching agricultural products,
- The establishment of local seed banks,
- Creating a resource centre and purchasing land for trials and demonstration of new agricultural techniques,
- Better methods of marketing produce such as forming a Farmers Federation, and obtaining organic certification to bring higher prices in urban markets,
- The creation of enterprises that produce cash

4. CCD, (Center for Culture & Development), at Madurai District, Tamil Nadu

The Centre for Culture and Development (CCD) promotes sustainable livelihoods for the poor in rural and urban areas, with priority given to women, children and socially excluded Dalits. CCD also promotes *Kalai Gramam*, a training centre that keeps alive the traditional arts of the people.

FINANCES

There is a system of contribution to the National fund, which is being done by a few members.

Similarly each group informally collects voluntary contributions from all the members to take care of their needs. We have now introduced a 'pledge system' for all its members.

There is no system of collection from all members on a monthly/ quarterly /annual basis. The finances are not as healthy as we would like it to be. We hope to make it structured and ensure a more systematic approach to make our finances better.

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Chair, Subud India