

## Dyuvan Ray Foundation Annual Report April 2023- March 2024

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### Highlights

#### 1. Samruddhi Project -

- a. Project Samruddhi focuses on promoting livelihoods, particularly self-employment among women, through skill training. A total of 145 vocational training sessions were conducted, benefiting **145** women.
- b. In Pune, we have established 3 Self-Help Groups (SHGs) in Dhayari and 2 in Vadgaonsneri, which have been highly effective in managing savings and credit activities, promoting financial inclusion among their members. Altogether, these 5 SHGs support a total of **80** women.
- c. Additionally, **95** women participated in awareness sessions and entrepreneurship development programs. A central office for the Samruddhi Project has been established in Dhayari, Pune.

#### 2. Vidya Dhanam Project - A total of **65** children have benefited education based project under project

- a. Vidya Dhanam 30 children benefited from the various inputs given at the remedial education center at Dnyan Prabodhini School, Sade Satara Nali- Hadapsar - Pune.
- b. In Feb 2024 Dyuvan Ray Foundation started one more center at Vadgaonsneri Pune for 35 children giving regular educational inputs to the children from standard 1st - 8th.

#### 3. Humanitarian Aid - Distributed educational material, toys and meals to the children at Vidya Dhanam.



**Dyuvan Ray Foundation annual day celebration at Dighi, Pune**

## **Detailed Report**

## Project Samruddhi (Women Empowerment)



Samruddhi project is a women's empowerment project initiated by Dyuvan Ray Foundation in 2021. The project is designed to address the issues of sustainability in the lives of single mothers, poor women and youth, who would like to improve their living standards through training in entrepreneurship, income generation programs, vocational and livelihood training programs, and basic skill values for women.

With the support of Navam Company IT, we have been implementing the Samruddhi project in Sainath Nagar, Dhyari and Vadgaon since July 2023 till March 2024. Women have benefited from various activities such as various vocational training, awareness programs, entrepreneurship development program, income generation activity, self-help groups, counseling and mentoring sessions.

### **Overview of the Vocational Trainings and other activities conducted in this year**

Sr.No	Name of the course	Duration	Starting date	Ending date	Location	No of beneficiaries
	<b>Dhayari</b>					
1	Cake making	5 days	06.06.2023	09.06.2023	Dhayari	15
2	Rangoli Making	10 days	03.07.2023	14.07.2023	Dhayari	20
3	Basic Beauty parlor	3 Months	1.2.2024	30.04.2024	Dhayari	6
	<b>Vadgaonsheri (Sainathnagar)</b>					
4	Mehandi	1 Month	22.05.2023	01.07.2023	Sainath nagar	15
5	Cake making	1 day	7.8.2023	07.08.2023	Sainath nagar	26
6	Basic beauty parlour	3 Months	25.8.2023	24.11.2023	Sainath Nagar	14
7	Basic Beauty parlour	3 Months	2.10.2023	01.01.2024	Sainath nagar	10
9	Basic Beauty Parlour	3 Months	6.2.2023	05.05.2024	Sainath nagar	10
8	Cooking	10 Days	6.2.2024	16.02.2024	Sainath nagar	14
10	Basic Tailoring	3 Months	6.2.2023	05.05.2024	Sainath nagar	15
					<b>Total</b>	<b>145</b>

### SHG formation and strengthening

S.No	Program / Trainings	Date	Total no sessions	Total target	Total Participants
1	SHG Formation and strengthening	10th August 2023	5 SHG	-	80 members

### Other activities

S.No	Program / Trainings	Date	Total no sessions	Total target	Total Participants
2	SHG Trainings	11 June 2024	2 trainings	-	45
3	Awareness sessions	25 April 2024	1 sessions	-	20
4	Entrepreneurship Development program	10 June 2024	1 sessions	-	30



## Details of the activities under project Samruddhi

### Project Samruddhi : Skill Training Initiatives for Women's Empowerment

The Dyuvan Ray Foundation (DRF) has organized several skill-based training programs to support economically disadvantaged women in Pune, helping them acquire income-generating skills and become self-reliant.

#### **Cake-Making Training - Dhayri**

From June 6-9, 2023, DRF held a cake-making workshop in Dhayri, Pune, where women learned to make various cakes, including black forest, ras malai, and cupcakes. DRF collaborated with Idea Foundation by designing, training the course and providing certifications. The training empowered participants with valuable baking skills, enabling them to pursue sustainable income opportunities.



#### **Rangoli-Making Training -**

In July 2023, DRF organized a rangoli-making course at Dhayri, attended by 20 women. Conducted by Sunita Sonar, the training focused on Sanskar Bharti Rangoli, a culturally significant art form. The course received an enthusiastic response, and many participants are now considering taking up seasonal rangoli orders to earn additional income.





### **Cake Making - Vadgaonsheri (Sainanth Nagar)**

DRF also conducted a one-day cake-making session in Sainath Nagar, teaching 20 women to bake doll, chocolate, and pineapple cakes without an oven. This training allowed participants to bake at home, saving money and enhancing their skills.



### **Beauty Parlour Training - Vadgaonsheri (Sainanth Nagar)**

DRF's beauty parlour courses, completed in four batches, trained 40 women in Sainath Nagar on skills such as threading, waxing, facials, and bridal makeup. Participants were thrilled to learn these new skills, and many have already started small beauty parlours, boosting their financial independence. Trainers Kavita More and Yogita conducted beauty parlour courses covering threading, waxing, facials, manicures, pedicures, haircuts, sari draping, and basic and bridal makeup. The training included theory on parlour operations, grooming, and beauty tips, followed by practical lessons. By the second and third months, participants had mastered skills like hair styling and makeup, and many started their own businesses, earning money. Women were highly satisfied with the course and eager to apply their new skills within their communities.





### **Cooking and Bakery Training - Vadgaonsheri (Sainanth Nagar)**

In February 2024, the Dyuvan Ray Foundation's 10-day cooking and bakery training equipped women with essential culinary and business skills to launch food ventures. Participants learned popular snacks (like Missal and Pav Bhaji), rich gravies (Matar Paneer, Chole), rice dishes, non-veg options (Chicken Biryani, Kababs), and bakery basics (pizza, buns). Covering business essentials such as licensing and raw material sourcing, the program enabled participants to start small catering businesses. Many now run mess services in high-demand IT areas like Wadgaon Sheri and Kharadi.

### **Basic Tailoring Training -Vadgaonsheri (Sainanth Nagar)**

Two batches of basic tailoring training benefitted 15 women, teaching them sewing techniques and dressmaking. The syllabus contains basic information about the machine, practice to stitching and finishing, frock, baby Nob, simple blouses and umbrella frocks and different designs. Women have learnt different styles of neck patterns on blouses and dresses. The women were very happy

to learn this course and they will start to earn. Few of the women want to join the advanced tailoring class.



### **Mehndi Application -Vadgaonsheri (Sainanth Nagar)**

The Basic Mehndi Application batch was held in August 2023, with 15 women participating. Trainer Humera taught them how to mix and apply mehndi, prepare mehndi cones, and the basics of Arabic and Dulhan mehndi designs. The women gained new skills and shared positive feedback, expressing their happiness as they could now save money by applying mehndi themselves.

### **Impact Stories**

**Sarika Nivangune**, an SHG leader from Ghe Bahrari, Sainath Nagar, joined DRF's beauty parlour course in August 2023. Despite facing health challenges during her pregnancy, she completed the 3-month course with dedication. Sarika now runs a home-based parlour business, offers home services, and also works part-time at Shreya Beauty Parlour, earning Rs. 5000 per month. She is grateful to DRF for the opportunity and support.



**Shabana**, a resident of Kharadi, comes from a joint family where her father is the sole breadwinner. With a strong desire to help support her family, she learned about the Dyuvan Ray Foundation (DRF) from a friend and decided to join a tailoring course. After completing the class, she immediately launched her own tailoring business, taking advantage of her father's shop space. Shabana is now not only running her business but is also a part of DRF's production unit. Grateful for the opportunity, she feels proud



and motivated to expand her business further and is excited to dedicate more time to it in the future.

### **Other activities –**

#### **Self help Group training –**

This year, DRF initiated the formation of Self-Help Groups (SHGs) in areas like Dhayri and Sainath Nagar. We conducted two SHG training sessions in Sainath Nagar for a total of 45 women, covering topics such as SHG formation, banking procedures, required documentation, and the roles of group leaders and members. The trainer also provided guidance on record-keeping. Women showed strong interest in starting new SHGs. As a result, we formed two SHGs in Sainath Nagar with 40 women and three SHGs in Dhayri with 40 women.



#### **Awareness sessions –**

DRF held an awareness session on menstrual hygiene, where a resource person shared tips on healthy habits to help women stay comfortable and maintain good health during their periods.

#### **Entrepreneurship Development program –**

Entrepreneurship development is a key aspect of the Samruddhi Project. After vocational training, we assist women in launching their own businesses to enhance their livelihoods. With organizational support, they advance toward independence and empowerment. We guide them in essential skills like creating business plans, conducting market surveys, sourcing raw materials, and promoting their businesses on social media, which equips them to quickly start their ventures using the skills they've gained.

#### **Women's Day Celebrations**

On March 16, 2024, Dyuvan Ray Foundation celebrated Women's Day, bringing together over 200 women from Pune communities, including Vadgaonsheri, Dhayri, and Hadapsar. Esteemed guests, including social worker Ramchandra Dimble and experts in gender issues, addressed key topics affecting women. During the event, self-help group leaders received tokens of appreciation, and vocational training graduates were awarded certificates. Women and children celebrated with prayers, songs, and dances. The day also marked the opening of the Community Learning Center at Sainath Nagar, providing skills training and a library for children. Foundation leaders Shruti Dimble and Neha Sinha shared the foundation's achievements and future plans. Program Manager Sarita Shelar and her team organized the event with enthusiasm.



### **Dyuvan Ray Foundation Annual Day Celebration**

Dyuvan Ray Foundation joyfully marked its second anniversary with a vibrant, week-long celebration beginning on September 10, 2023. Events were held at Dhayari and Sainath Nagar, engaging beneficiaries of the Samruddhi Project, and at Sade Satara Nali with the children. The foundation reaffirmed its commitment to empowering women financially, educating children, and equipping youth with essential skills. Heartfelt thanks were extended to Purnkuti and Samaj Vikas Santha for their vital support in expanding these initiatives. Appreciation was also given to the foundation's donors, dedicated volunteers, and supportive family members for their invaluable partnership in advancing Dyuvan Ray Foundation's mission.



### Project - Vidhya Dhanam –

The Dyuvan Ray Foundation launched the "Vidhya Dhanam" project on April 6, 2023, in Hadapsar, reaching 29 children, and in Sainath Nagar, Kharadi, benefiting 10 children. Designed for students facing learning challenges, the program provides remedial education through targeted interventions and personalized support, empowering students to reach their academic potential. After school, students attend classes led by teachers Ms. Asha and Ms. Vaishnavi, focusing on basic English, Marathi, and mathematics. The project has been invaluable in helping children catch up with their grade-level curriculum. Additional activities include skill development, arts and crafts, and physical activities, further supporting the children's overall growth.



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