



SAMVADA GIVES A PLATFORM FOR THE GIRLS TO RAISE THEIR CONCERNS

Spoorthi Impact case studies

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The girls voices are now strong and the community happily hears it

The Bahadurbandi Panchayati Development officer (PDO), along with Asha and Anganwadi workers attended the Samvad programme with the adolescent girls of Bahadurnandi village.

Noteworthy discussions that happened:

-The Bahadurnandi PDO, Jyoti Raddera promised to go on a trip with the adolescent girls of Bahadurnandi village, if all the girls pass in their upcoming 9th and 10th exams.

-One girl shared her concern that how her parents doubted her unnecessarily and asked the PDO what should be done in this regard.

-The PDO expressed interest in attending the parents meeting and asked the Community organizer to apprise her the dates before so that she could attend the Samvada programme and address the parents directly.

-The PDO also expressed to observe Swach gaon diwas in Bahadurnandi wherein she with the help of all the villagers will contribute in cleaning the Bahadurnandi village.

-The PDO also contributed Rs 4000 cheque for two subject tuitions for 20 girls as honorarium to the tuition teacher for the month of December, 2017.

-The PDO also expressed her personal interest in helping the girls with whatever materials they need for SSLC preparation.

-The PDO has expressed satisfaction and was delighted to be inaugurating the "Pustak Mane" library for adolescents at the community hall of the Bahadurbandi village later scheduled in the month of February.



Bahadurbandi PDO handing a cheque of Rs 4000 as fees to Bahadurbandi tuition teacher for Maths and English subject



PDO, Bahadubandi interacting with girls during Samvad

Samvad impact: Girls participation in the Gram Panchayat meeting.

The PDO, GP president, GP members, Anganwadi worker and the school headmaster participated in the Samvad conducted with the role model and peer girls of the Alwandi village.

- During the samvad when the girls raised concern over the accessibility to pads, IFA and Sneha clinic and problems related to getting Hb test conducted due to the non-cooperation of the PHC staff, then the GP president called the PHC staff and on the spot and it was decided that Tuesday and Saturday the girls can visit the PHC and get tested for HB.
- *The PDO also shared that two representatives from the girls will participate in the monthly gram Panchayat meeting, and all the issues related to the girls will be resolved then and there.*
- The girls have decided to form a representative group which will look into the matters of child marriage, Health, hygiene and sanitation. Two girls from this representative group will participate in the monthly Gram panchayat meeting.



The PDO, Alwandi and the GP member inaugurating the Samvad between girls and the community members



Take a look on how girls celebrated "International girl child day" and "Samvad with community leader" video on Spoorthi I Inspire channel.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kHFr0gQzWqo>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=npUQ4vbHFek>

Renuka, a peer girl from Hanukunti village raised her voice regarding alcoholism problem in the village during the Samvad with community members. She is personally very disturbed in her life to see her father drinking on daily basis. She urged every leader to support the cause of no alcoholism in the village for the creation of a healthy village. Although everybody acceded to the cause that time but no significant action has been taken up by the leaders.

Budhgumpā village

Problems addressed within 15 days of the Samavd with community leaders

1. Drainage water is now properly channeled and doesn't come to the school premises.
2. Sanitary pads disposing machine is installed.
3. The school compound got a gate.

Also post Samavd the school girls were given a godrej and the keys to make the Spoorthi library functional from the school side.

This was achieved because of the strong voices of the girls and the cooperation of the PDO, Mr Bettapa and the Panchayat members.



Hulgi Samvad between community leaders and girls

Hosahalli village

The school environment was getting hampered due to the constant fight between the teachers and the principal. There was no study environment and teachers didnt use to take class because of the fight. The girls of Hosahalli village raised this concern during the Community Samvad.

Now things have changed for the better, there is study environment and teachers are taking classes regularly. The education environment is restored.

Hirebagnal village

After the girls raised the concern about not receiving IFA and sanitary pads on time in the community meeting, action was taken on this issue and the IFA and sanitary pads supply resumed.

The Panchayat officials supported the Science tuition classes for the 10th class girls by contributing Rs 1500 as the fees for the tuition teacher.

The girls also brought to the notice of officials how the boys eve teased girls by writing the names of the girls on the desks and benches and wall of the school, but no action was taken up.

B Hosahalli Village

The girls were able to mobilize the community hall for the weekly meeting. It was cleaned from the Panchayat side and handed over to the girls.

There was also eve teasing problem while coming to home from school by govt bus as the village was still half kilometer from the bus stop. Gram Panchayat member Yogendrappa and Govindappa solved the problem by actually warning all the boys that eve teasing needs to be stopped in all forms otherwise it will attract strict actions from the community. Also the govt bus now comes to the village. This has led to significant drop in eve teasing cases.

Hyati village

The PDO for Bahadurbandi panchayat has agreed to bear the tuition fees of Rs 1300 per month for Maths subject for two months January and February respectively.

Bevinhalli village

The girls submitted a letter to PDO to arrange for tuition teachers for Maths and English subject. This letter was further sent by the PDO to Kirloskar factory. Kirloskar factory arranged two guest teachers for the girls for Maths and English subject starting January till February.



Budhgumpa Village, Samvad between community members and girls