

PEOPLE'S EDUCATIONAL AWARENESS SERVICE TRUST

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Preface:

PEOPLE'S EDUCATIONAL AWARENESS SERVICE TRUST shortly known as **PEAS Trust** is a voluntary organization, registered in the year 1997 under Indian Trust Act 1882. The trustees of the organization are well committed in rural development activities. PEAS Trust is working for the total empowerment of children, women, youth, farmers and unorganized workers in Tiruchirappalli, Perambalur and Tanjore districts. It has promoted community based organizations for women, farmers, rural artisans, and children for their total development. We have train them in democratic functions and self management practice.

To equip the various target groups as mentioned earlier, we have conducted village level meetings, workshops, seminar, campaign, demonstration etc. During this year we continued reputable partnership with Save Farmers India, to support training and farm inputs to 60 farmers. As regular, we have conducted training program for the above target groups at micro and macro level.

Legal Entity of the Organisation:

- Registered under Indian Trust Act vide registration number : 20 / 1997
- Registered under Income Tax Department under Unique Registration Number: AAATP7117KE20064,
- Under 80G (5) (vi) vide registration details: Unique Registration Number: AAATP7117KF20047
- Registered with Home Ministry, Government of India under FCRA dated 27th January 2006- NO: 076040354,
- Registered with planning commission, NGO Darpan Government of India,

Target Area:

State : Tamilnadu,

Districts : Tiruchirappalli, Tanjore and Perambalur,

Villages : 60

Vision:

PEAS TRUST envisions a society where men and women live together as equal citizens with rights and justice.

Mission:

- Socio economic and political empowerment of women through participatory structures,
- Participation of rural women in governing structures,
- Ensuring equality of women in all developmental process and entitlements from state for meeting basic needs and amenities,
- Ensuring health and education for all children,
- Protection and promotion of eco culture among farming community,
- Building awareness and practice naturopathy culture among the rural community
- Organization of unorganized communities for collective action and empowerment
- Participation of rural youth in all developmental process
- Ensuring rights and justice of disadvantaged communities, minorities, disabled people and elders,
- Ensuring rights of tribal and minorities

Strategy

- To build and strengthen grass root level CBOs
- To impart leadership, communication skills and other skills for income generation and self employment,
- To provide micro credit and promote micro enterprises and other livelihood entitlements for the betterment of target groups
- To involve the target group in partners of development
- To organize campaigns, conferences, workshops and discussions among grass root level organizations,
- To ensure governance in grass root level structure,
- To support the activities of similar NGOs, Networks, Movement and other national and international organizations

Activities and achievements of our programs for the year 2021-2022.

I. PROJECTS OF FOREIGN CONTRIBUTION:

1. Training on Organic Farming supported by Save Farmers India, USA:

Training on Organic Farming Inputs:

PEAS Trust organized five day training on organic farming for 30 farmers at Anbil Dharmalingam Tamilnadu Agriculture University, Kumulur.

The training was held on 15,17,18, and 19 at the college campus. 30 Small and marginal farmers from Peruvallapur, Siruvayalur and Vanthalai villages participated. The resource team containing



Dr.Sivaranjini, Professor R.Sabastin Antony and Professor P.Sathish were trained the farmers on organic farming inputs. They trained the farmers on Organic farming principles, methods, benefits, cost benefits, enrichment of



soil, low external sustainable agriculture methods etc. Training went on preparation of panchayakaviya, preparation of vermicompost, preparation of poondu karaisal, preparation of Jeevamirtham,

preparation of fish liquid and benefits of ethanol using in agriculture. Demonstration was organized on 2nd November 2022 at the same college and the same farmers were attended.

Again on we have organized three day training on the same input to the other 30 farmers. We have selected these farmers from 3 villages from Lalgudi block. This training was held from 1st November 2021 to 3rd November 2021 at Anbil Dharmalingam Tamilnadu



Agriculture University, Kumulur. The resource team: Dr. S.Ananda Krishnaveni, Dr. D.Baskar, Dr. D.Balamurugan. They trained the group on

organic farming principles, methods, benefits, cost benefits, enrichment of soil, low external sustainable agriculture methods, preparation of panchayakaviya, preparation of vermicompost, preparation of poondu karaisal, preparation of Jeevamirtham, preparation of fish liquid and benefits of ethanol using in agriculture.

We organized training on cultivation of vegetables and marketing technology for 30 farmers. Dr. Annadurai trained the group. He explained the selection of indigenous vegetable seeds, market availability, preparation of soil, cultivation methods, feeding water, protect from insects, harvest methods etc. The trainings went on good sprit and the farmers learned many new inputs for their agriculture practice.

Farmers Field School (FFS):

On 1st December 2022, the farmer's field school (FFS) training was held at the farm at the college. The same farmers were participated. The resource team trained the farmers on improving the soil fertility, water management system, protect plants from root insects, trip water irrigation methods, gap for the plants, when the organic materials will be used, planting fruit trees, fodder plants for protection of environment were trained to the farmers.



Refresher Course:

Refresher training was organized at the same center for the same participants. Farmers shared their experience in adopting the organic farming methods and the problems met by them. Every one shared their experience and finally the resource team cleared the farmer's doubts and encouraged them to involve in organic farming continuously. All the training programs helped farmers to understand the importance of organic farming to protect soil, nature, climate and rural environment. Hope that the farmers will adopt the organic farming.



II. PROJECTS OF LOCAL CONTRIBUTION:

1. SHG management training:

We have organized SHG management training programs for the SHG members and leaders to run their groups independently. We have organized two training programs, on 27th April 2021 at Lalgudi for 30 members and 14th July 2021 at Sirukalappur for 32 members. The main training input was writing records, book keeping, bank linkages and availability of credit from the local banks, resolving conflict among the members, decision making in crisis situation etc.

We have 130 women self help groups in Tiruchirappalli district. The groups are conducting their monthly meetings regularly and involving in savings, internal lending, access bank finance etc. During the Covid 19 the small savings was much helpful to combat their hunger. They have small savings in the group; we are planning for a micro credit program for the women SHGs.

2. Training on minor millets:

PEAS Trust has been working with dry land farmers for the past five years. It conducted a need based assessment in two villages on minor millets cultivation. Based on the findings, we are preparing the dry land farmers to involve in agriculture to ensure the sustainable livelihood in the dry land agriculture. We are motivated the women farmers to involve in the minor millets cultivation. We have organized a training program on 10th August 2021 on minor millets cultivation and trained them scientifically, that the water requirement for minor millets is only 300 mm whereas sugarcane and rice the requirement is 2000 mm. Thus cultivation of minor millet helps reduce stress on water resources and saves electricity and thereby reduced use of carbon to produce electricity. Moreover, the Carbon sequestration capacity in traditional millet farming system is very high compared to other cropping system. The agro-ecological farming system does not require any chemical fertilizer or toxic pesticides, and not extracting ground water while demonstrating zero-fossil energy consumption. More over the integration of native goat, chicken and vermin-compost adds value to the soil conservation. 35 farmers from Siruvayalur villages were participated. Mr. P.Kanagavel, Managing Trustee participated as resource person for the program.

3. Adolescent girl's health education training:

The adolescents are met threats of refusal of education, early marriage, menstrual health problems and they have no access to proper medical facilities. Even though they have good facilities at Government Hospitals, they are denied permission to go due to social stigma. On this background we have organized a training program for the adolescent girls at –Lalgudi on 15th May 2021 in which 36 adolescents were participated. We sensitized them on education, health, gender inequalities, economic problems, and early marriages, violence against women and girls, sexual reproductive health rights, as well as to educate the social protection methods for women and adolescents in the rural pockets of the target areas. This training program helped the adolescents to understand their hurdles and how to fight to overcome it.

4. Gender justice training:

We have organized a training program on 24th June 2021 at Sembarai village. 38 women from our women self help groups were participated. Gender equality training provides input to the participants with the relevant knowledge, skills and values that allow them to contribute to the effective implementation of the gender mainstreaming strategy in their field, organisation, in-situation. It is important to identify the gender inequalities and gender gaps, effectively mainstreaming gender and to undertake planning and implementation policies. In order to build the gender sensitive towards gender equality through consciousness rising, empowering learning, knowledge building, and skill development we have organised this training program

5. Children education support:

We have organized a small meeting on 28th June 2021 at our office, Lalgudi and 11 students were invited. We have supported note books for the poor students with support of the local donors. We have supported 11 children including 8 girls. This helped the children to continue their education without any obstacles. This program was helped us to build unity among the students and to educate them on the importance of education, health, nutrition and environment. We followed the conditions of Covid 19 precautions methods like social distance, using the face mask, using the hand sanitizer during the trainings.

6. Social security awareness camps:

Tamilnadu Government introduced a scheme in the year 1999 namely “TN Manual Workers Social Security Scheme 1999” for the benefit of the rural artisans. Under this scheme, rural artisans can benefit for education, maternity, accident and death claims. PEAS assisted the rural workers to promote a trade union to access benefits from the board. With guidance of the organization, the Trade Union members are regularly organizing Social Security Rights Campaign for awareness and enrollment in the scheme. This year we have organized ten village level campaigns at Lalgudi Taluk and Manachanallur in which 440 workers are newly enrolled in the scheme. They also get benefits from the board with our guidance. We have wider scope to enroll more workers in the scheme.

7. Herbal cultivation:

India has rich solid traditional health care practices that represent the old style of medication. The significant shared characteristic of the Indian old style and the folk health care traditions is their reliance upon the raw material got from an enormous assorted variety of plant species, which is evaluated to be around 6,500. The National Medicinal Plant Board was established to protect and promote medicinal plants in India. Cultivation of medicinal plants in a commercial mode is one of the most profitable agribusiness for farmers. If anyone has sufficient land and knowledge of herb marketing then he or she can earn a high income in a very moderate investment in India.

PEAS Trust has organized a training program on 7th September 2021 at Sembarai village. 42 women group leaders were participated. We trained the group on cultivation, utilizing for small ailments and commercial market. Mr. Danaraj, DEAR Foundation is the resource person for the program.

8. Staff Details:

At present 4 staff are working in rural development activities along with 20 volunteers. We are organizing monthly review and planning meeting for the staff and volunteers to involve in their work with adequate knowledge. Further we have organized training programs to them.

Auditor:

Mr. Roy John Thomas, B.Com., F.C.A, Chartered Accountant (N. No. 200 / 25188) Melaputhur, Trichy is appointed as our Auditor. The accounts are constructed on cash basis.

9. Trustees of the Organisation:

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| Mr. P. Kanagavel | Managing Trustee |
| Mr. V. Subramaniyan | Financial Trustee |
| Mrs. M. Kesavarani | Trustee |
| Mrs. S. Kalaivani | Trustee |
| Mrs. N. Vathsala | Trustee |

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Date : /06 /2022

Place : Lalgudi

Signature

P. Kanagavel, Managing Trustee, PEAS Trust,