

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 service 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 India Farmers, 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 (3/3/1997)
- 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 NGO Darpan vide reg No: TN/2017/0170531,
- Registered under CSR registration,

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 for the year 2022-2023.**I. Projects of Foreign Contribution:****1. Training on Organic Farming supported by Save Farmers India, USA:****Training on Organic Farming Inputs:**

PEAS Trust has credible partnership with “Save India Farmers” from 2020 for promoting Sustainable Natural Farming methods and practices among small and marginal farmers at Lalgudi and Manachanallur block villages, Lalgudi Taluk, Tiruchirappalli District, Tamilnadu, India. The Training Program on Natural Farming conducted for 30 women farmers at Purathakudi and Irungalur villages at Institute of Agriculture, Kumulur, Lalgudi Tk, Tiruchirappalli district from 6/1/2023 to 8/1/2023 – 3 days.

On the first day (6/1/2023) introduction on Natural Farming, Water Management, Seeding Techniques and Farmers Discussion was explained by the trainers Dr. Sivaranjani, Dr. Sujitha and Dr. Hariharan. On the second day, Dr. Vijay, Dr. Sebastin Antony, Dr. Laxmi, Dr. Sankaran, Dr. Devi were trained the farmers on bio-pesticide, micro organism, mushroom cultivation and management of irrigation. On the third day, Dr. Sivaranjani, Dr. Sivarajan both are trained the farmers on importance of organic manure especially vermicompost for plants in agriculture. They do demo also to the farmers.



The second Training Program on Natural Farming was conducted for three days on 20th, 21st, 25th January 2023. 30 farmers from Purathakudi and Irungalur villages were participated. The program was held



on 20th January 2023 at Panchayat office, Irungalur, Manachanallur block, Trichy District, Program. In inaugural function Mr. S.Vincent, M.Com. MBA, President, Irungalur Panchayat was participated. The trainees are welcomed by Mr. P. Kanagavel, Managing

Trustee, PEAS Trust. Dr. Sankaran, Dr. Hariharan, Dr. Vijay, Dr. Sebastin Antony, Dr. Sivaranjani were trained the farmers.

On the second day 21st January 2023, the Training Program on Natural Farming was conducted for 30 farmers from Purathakudi and Irungalur villages. On the third day 22nd January 2023, resource Persons Mr. UzhavanJegan, Organic Farm Product Producer gave special Lecture on Bio-Fertilizers & Bio-Pesticides. on 25 January 2023, demonstration conducted by Mr. UzhavanJegan, Organic Farm Product Producer. Participants from Irungalur and Purathakudi were participated and we provide the raw materials to make Bio- Fertilizer and Bio- pesticide.



Another training program was held for two days on preparation of bio-pesticide, panchakavia, fish acid, and preparation of bio-pesticides from cow urine, gee, milk, curd and herbs used to prepare Bio-Pesticide. In these two workshops,



Training was given to prepare Poochchiviratti, Panjakavyam, meenamilam, and jeevaamirtham. After the Training a set of materials were given. This material kit Contains A Barrel + three nursery trays + Coconut husk +vermicompost +meenamilam+ panjakaviyam + Brinjaal seeds 250 grams +bendi seeds 250 grams +Tomato seeds 250

grams +Chilli seeds 250 grams. PEAS Trust provided indigenous seeds, seedlings, drums for preparation on organic pesticides, vermicompost, and nursery equipments to 90 small and marginal farmers who got training under the scheme.

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, drip 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.



Nursery raising training:



PEAS conducted an intensive training on indigenous nursery rising for 30 farmers. This training was conducted at Purathakudi village in a farmer's land. Seeds, sand, red soil, manure and nursery bags were supported for the training. Dr. Sankaran equipped the farmers on nursery rising.

2. OTF, Canada - Supporting 156 girl students with school needs:

OTF, Canada supported a project to provide English to English to Tamil dictionaries and geometry boxes for 156 girls. The students are doing their IX and X standards from poorest families in Lalgudi area. To select the poorest girl students, we sit with the school class teachers and finalize the 156 girl students. We have also interacted with some girls and understand little more on their socio, economic conditions, livelihood, health, education, etc. Most of the students belong to dalit community and very few are most backward and backward community. They are all in bellow poverty line. We purchased 156 English to English to Tamil dictionaries and 156 geometry boxes on whole sale price. We distributed the benefits to 156 girl students on 28th

February 2023 at LNP Girls Higher Secondary School, Lalgudi. Mr. P.Kanagavel, Managing Trustee, Mr. Senthil Mani, Counselor, Lalgudi Town Panchayat resourced the students on importance of education and the support provided by OTF, Canada. Mr. Senthil Mani, Counselor, the head mistress distributed the dictionaries and geometry boxes to the girl students. The school teachers were participated and facilitated the program. After distribution of the benefits to the girl students, we interacted with some girl students. They told that our help will help them to improve their knowledge in English and Mathematics and to score good marks. They expressed their thanks to OTF and PEAS Trust.



II. Local projects:

3. Social security awareness camps:

The Central and State Governments introduced few social security schemes for the rural artisan. The scheme benefits are benefiting to the rural workers. The major social security schemes are; Sukanya Samridhi Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana, Atal Pension Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana, Ayushman Bharat Yojana, and Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana and Tamilnadu Social Security Scheme 1999. Many artisans are not enrolled in the schemes due to their poor financial stability, illiteracy, and social and emotional vulnerability factors.

PEAS Trust conducted two training programs on 18th June 2022 and 24th January 2023 at Lalgudi in which 74 workers were participated. Mr. P.Kanagavel, Managing Trustee, Mr. Maheswaran, Trichy has participated as resource person. PEAS Trust, helped to enroll 7200 workers in the social security scheme of Tamilnadu Government namely “Tamilnadu Manual Workers Social Security Scheme 1999”. 70% of the workers are properly renewing their membership. PEAS Trust helped to get monthly pension Rs. 1200 for 3100 workers; natural death assistance Rs. 55000 for 24 workers, education scholar assistance from Rs. 1000 to Rs. 12000 for 325 children of worker, eye glass for 7 workers, maternity assistance for 4 women workers. Our staff and our volunteers are helping to the worker to avail the benefits.

4. SHG management training:

PEAS trust organized SHG management training for 32 SHG members and leaders to equip them to run their groups independently. We have organized this training on 26th July 2023 at our office, Lalgudi. The training inputs are; writing SHG records, book keeping, bank linkages and avail credit from banks, resolve conflicts among members and decision making. Eventhough we have promoted many women

self help groups only 85 groups were on good function. The Covid 19 situation disturbed their savings, bank operation and temporary migration. We are trying to bring the other groups also into function. The groups are conducting their monthly meetings, involve in savings, internal lending, access bank finance etc. We are promoting the women self help groups in our project area.

5 Adolescent girl's health education training:

The adolescents constitute an important section of society in terms of number belongs to various social groups. Adolescents need accurate health message at present and in the days to come. Adolescents should be educated on personal, mental, environmental, reproductive and sexual health and nutrition. To educate such matters to the adolescents PEAS Trust organised a training program on 12th February 2023 at our office in which 27 adolescents were participated. Mrs. Malarvili, Diploma in Nursing facilitated the training program. The training program was more informative to the adolescents.

6. Environmental Awareness on Plastics:

Environmentalism is an ideology that evokes the necessity and responsibility of humans to respect, protect, and preserve the natural resources and its atmosphere. Environmental awareness means having an understanding on environment, the impacts of human behaviors and importance of protection. Everyone should have information on environmental issues and up to date on environmental news. At present our society uses great waste consists of plastic. These wastes are deposited in land and water. Not only is plastic waste an issue, but the production of plastic is also dependent on fossil fuel combustion.

In order to create awareness on usage of plastics, PEAS trust organized one day awareness camp on 24th September 2022 at Sembarai village. 38 women, youth and adolescents were participated. Mr. K.R. Raju, from VDC, facilitated the training program with an above input and advised people to use the paper and cloth and avoid purchase of foods in plastic covers. The participants realized the critical effects of plastics and promised to use the plastics. Hope that people will follow it.

7. Tailoring training for rural women:

Rural workers are depending on agriculture for their livelihood. In recent decades the trend is totally changed. Due to failure of seasonal rain agriculture employment is totally reduced. People migrate to urban areas for their livelihood to construction work, shops, hotels, garments etc. With a view to promote self employment, PEAS Trust have organized three day training on basic tailoring training for 20 women selected from poor families.

The trainer Mrs. P.Kavitha, trained the women on basics of tailoring, parts of machine, tool available to attend minor problems, stitching methods, colour combinations and basics of stitching. Many beneficiaries are semi skilled and the training was much helpful to them. The trainees raised their doubts and the trainer gave clarification with practical input. The trainees contributed each Rs. 300 as training fees and the same amount spent for the training for purchase of raw materials, refreshments, hall rent, instructor fees, electric charges and cleaning charges.

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.



9. 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.

10. Trustees of the Organisation:

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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PEAS honestly express our sincere thanks to Save India, Farmers, USA, our trustees, friendly NGOs, well wishers, Government Departments, banks, Panchayathraj institutions and staffs for they kind and valuable support in our rural development activities. Every one contributed lot for the cause of rural people. Once again we thank you everybody.

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Place : Lalgudi

Signature

P. Kanagavel, Managing Trustee, PEAS Trust,