



Annual Report 2017-18



SABALA

An Organisation for Women Empowerment

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Introduction:

SABALA is a non-profit development initiative established in 1986. It is registered under Karnataka Societies Registration Act 1960, bearing No.72/86-87.

SABALA since then is working for the development of rural community (Dalits, Devadasis, Lambanis, Shepherds and minority) with special focus on women empowerment. It also has registered with Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India for receiving Foreign Contribution. Its FCRA Number is 094470006. SABALA is governed by a Governing Council, which provides policy guidelines.

SABALA aims to empower the Women and marginalized communities to have access to sustainable economic, social, political, cultural and educational development in rural areas. Keeping this in mind, SABALA has started organizing people's organization which should be owned, controlled and managed by them. SABALA has given more focus on creating alternative employment opportunities by identifying and developing traditional skills, capacity building, forward and backward linkages.

SABALA's business wing, Sabala Handicrafts which has always worked on ethical path got itself as certified as Fair Trade Organization in 2006 by Fair Trade Forum Indian and in 2016 by World Fair Trade Organisation. Mrs. Mallamma Yalawar, CEO, SABALA has been actively participating in the network and has served the organization as treasurer for 4 years and now is the treasurer of World Fair Trade Organization- Asia.

With completion of 30 years of journey, SABALA celebrated its silver jubilee in November 2016 with all the artisans in the presence of Ex Minister Mrs. Leeladevi Prasad, Minister M B. Patil and many other noble guests.

Mission:

Better ourselves to serve better through training, team work and total commitment to our goal and vision.

Goal:

Educate, organize and develop unorganized sector with focus on women for sustainable development.

Vision:

Empowerment of women and other marginalized communities to have access to sustainable development opportunities

The main objectives of the organization are to empower women of marginalized community by organizing their own societies, developing Leadership quality, and creating opportunities for sustainable livelihood.

ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS DURING THE YEAR

1. Skill Training Program and Design Development

The year was very productive in terms of training and adding more women to livelihood activities. Villages and potential women with need for livelihood activities were identified early this year and the training were planned.



Embroidery training at Advi Sangapur was conducted for 20 women for 2 months. The training program was successful as all the women are now working with Sabala Handicrafts. The products that this group works on are completely exported.

Footwear Design Development – A design development was undertaken at Athani with a group of master artisans. 20 New designs in footwear were developed.

Fabric Design Development – 25 new patterns in fabric were developed keeping exports in mind. These designs were made into products which were showcased at the EPCH's IHGF Delhi Fair.

2. Crafts Exhibitions

a. EPCH's IHGF Delhi Fair

Held twice a year, Sabala participates in both the fair in October as well as February. The Fair were very successful with increased footfall in the stall leading to increased orders as compared to last year.



b. Bhim Thadi Jatra

An arts and crafts Fair was organised in Pune by Ms. Sunanda Pawar. Sabala participated in the fair for 5 days which not only resulted in good sales but also in some wholesale order and heritage home bookings.



3. Protest Against Rape and Murder of Danamma

Danamma, a minor school going girl was gang raped and murdered in the city of Vijayapura. The news shook the city as it was the first time such a heinous crime was witnessed. All the organisations and communities joined hands together and protested in the city. Sabala actively participated and contributed to the protest for justice.



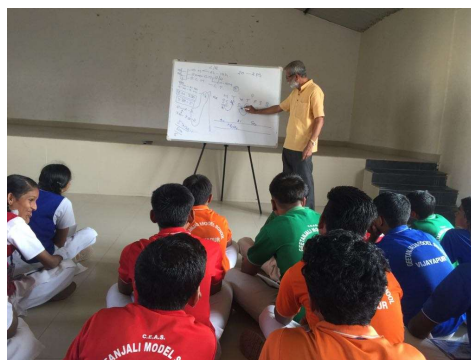
4. Yes I am the Change by Yes Foundation

Yes Bank's Yes Foundation conducted a short films competition with the theme 'Yes I Am the Change'. Sabala made a 3 minutes video as per the guidelines with the help of Document movie makers Mr. Neeraj Kumar and Ms. Deepika Bharadwaj. Sabala got shortlisted in top 50 out of 11,511 participants.

5. Geetanjali Model School activities



Geetanjali Model School, under the umbrella of Sabala started in 2000 currently has 85 high school students and 380 primary students. The school had 100% result in 10th Board Examinations this year. The school, to achieve it's objectives to produce not just literates but educated individuals conducts trainings year on year for children, teacher and also parents.



- a. Training by Mr. Mukund Maigur on how to overcome learning difficulties was conducted for students of higher primary and high school. Training for teacher on effective teaching was conducted to help the weak students. He also had a training session for parents on how to support and the encourage their children if they are slow learners or have varied interests.
- b. Teacher's training by Mr. Mohan Shankar – Mr. Mohan conducted series of training for teachers on different techniques of effective teaching.
- c. Spoken English Training by Mr. Attar was conducted for a period of 2 months for both teachers and students to improve their English skills.
- d. As a part of excursion, high school students were taken to Hyderabad for 4 days. The children visited museums and historical sites during the trip.



6. Chaitanya Mahila Cooperative Bank Ltd.



The Bank inaugurated 4th branch in the presence of Dr. Leeladevi Prasad, Ex Minister, Dr. Sabiha Bhoomigouda, Vice Chancellor of Akkamahadevi Women's University and Mr. Shivanand Patil, Minister in Karnataka Govt.

The bank currently has over 10,000 women members, 26,000 customers and 95 cr working capital.

7. Education project

Sabala, under its umbrella runs a civil services coaching centre for students after 10th along with their intermediary and under graduate studies. Currently 20 students are preparing for civil services entrance exams. They are equipped with separate classrooms and library. Regularly experts are called in for guest lectures. This project is funded by Rahman Foundation USA.

8. Volunteers and Interns

Sabala hosted Ms. Clara, a volunteer from Austria who volunteered for 4 months. She worked on inventory management, ecommerce management and heritage home. Ms. Aditi Joshi from Azim Premji University interned with Sabala for 6 weeks and worked on CSR proposal building.

9. Dr. Mallamma Yalawar is a an active member of Sexual Harassment Redressal Committee Akkamahadevi Women’s University which takes up the sexual harassment cases within the University. The committee this year was given judgement for 1 case successfully.

10. Sabala actively participated and contributed to International Women’s day at Shivamoga which was organised by Karnataka Rajya Mahila Dourjaya Virodhi Vakutta and this was a state level program.



11. Visitors

Sabala had several visitors and some of them are:

a. Dr. Leeladevi Prasad, Ex Minister and Director of CICOPA visited Sabala with CICOPA Bangalore team. 11 women team visited the workshop and the artisan villages to understand sustainable livelihood activities. They also visited the bank to understand it’s initiatives and growth factors.



b. Students from University of Minnesota, USA visited Sabala to understand the rural arts and crafts and livelihood activities. With tie up with the university, students come every year to study Sabala and its activities.



- c. Students from Women study department of Akkamahadevi Women's University visited Sabala for a dialogue with Dr. Mallamma Yalawar on NGO management for an upcoming book.



- d. Students from Shristi School of Design visited to see the artisanal work of Sabala.

- e. Mr. Pravin Kumar Shinde from Gamesa, a Spanish company working on wind energy in Vijayapura visited Sabala to discuss about possibilities to collaborate with Sabala for its CSR projects.

- f. Mr. Raj Mohan Gandhi, a biographer and a research professor and a grandson of Mahatma Gandhi visited Sabala this year. He and his wife Usha Gandhi spent 2 days in our campus and interacted on several issues and developments.



- g. Indrajit Lankesh, a Kannada film producer visited Sabala for day. He interacted with Dr. Mallamma on various activities undertaken by Sabala.

12. Conference and workshops attended

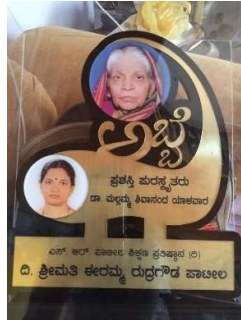
- a. Workshop on Selective Sex Abortion was attended by Dr. Mallamma Yalawar at Pune. The workshop revealed shocking statistics about raising selective sex abortion and Sabala is very keen on working on this issue in Vijayapura and neighbouring districts.

- b. WFTO's biennial conference was hosted by India in New Delhi this year and was attended Dr. Mallamma Yalawar representing Sabala. The Conference witnessed delegates from over 49 countries from across the globe. One of the guest speakers at the conference was Ms. Vanadana Shiva.



13. Awards

- a. The Varshada Kannadiga Award 2018 by News18 Kannada was given to Dr. Mallamma Yaalwar for her public service.
- b. Abbe Prashasti by S R Patil Education Foundation was given to Dr. Mallamma Yalawar for her social service along with Rs. 1 Lakh cash prize.



- c. Brave Heart National Award was honoured to Dr. Mallamma Yalawar by Association of Inner Wheel Clubs India.

- d. Best Cooperative Bank Award was given to Chaitanya Mahila Cooperative Bank by DCC Bank for 2 consecutive years.



14. Guest Lectures

Jamakhandi Women's Degree College invited Dr. Mallamma Yalawar to talk to their students on Women's Rights. Ms. Tejashwini Yalawar addressed the students of BLDE Engineering college on Entrepreneurship opportunities in Vijayapura this year.

15. Organisation Visits

Visit to SEWA, Ahmedabad and Sadhana, Udaipur was carried by Ms. Tejashwini Yalawar to understand the PF model executed for the artisans doing job work, facilities and securities provided to the women which can be sustainably implemented by Sabala for its women.



Dr. Mallamma Yalawar during her visit to Switzerland, visited a school for lecture to students on India and Fair Trade.

16. Media Coverage

Media gave a wide coverage to activities of Sabala this year. A live program named Shubodaya on DD Chandan, interviewing achievers invited Dr. Mallamma Yalawar for 2 hour long talk show. All India Radio also had Dr. Mallamma Yalawar on air to talk on women empowerment. Print media showed a lot of support with articles on the initiatives, work and achievements of Dr. Mallamma Yalawar and Sabala.



Conclusion

Sabala successfully completed 3 decades in social sector marking a new milestone. Dr. Mallamma Yalawar and the entire team is very proud of its journey and is thankful to all stakeholders, supporters and well-wishers.

Sabala looks forward to more projects benefitting more and more people in the coming years.