

Annual Report 2016-17



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. World Fair Trade Day Celebration



On May 9, 2016 World Fair Trade Day was celebrated in Sabala Campus. Workers from Sabala, artisans from villages, teachers, Geetanjali Model School and Chaitanya Mahila Co-operative Bank and some of our customers participated in the awareness program. A human chain was formed to symbolize fair trade.

2. Membership



Sabala Handicrafts, livelihood project of Sabala became a guaranteed member of World Fair Trade Organization (WFTO) after a rigorous process and audit for over 8 months. The certificate speaks on our behalf at the international market about the practices at our organization. It caters to the changing trend in the west about ethical buying.

3. Marketing Exhibitions



- **Participation in EPCH's Indian Handicrafts Gifts Fair (IHGF)**

Export Promotion Council organizes International Fair twice year which not only facilitates the buyer and seller meet but also acts a platform for learning about new trends and practices. Sabala participates in both exhibitions every year bringing orders for the artisans. This year, Sabala participated in the fair in October and February where Sabala secured a few export orders.

- **Kala Sante**

Kala Sante was held in Sabala Campus at Vijayapur, Karnataka from 24th November to 28th November. The event was organized by Sabala under the direction of Dr. Mallamma Yalawar in collaboration with Karnataka State Women's University Vijayapur, Geetanjali Model School Vijayapur, Chaitanya Mahila Cooperative Bank Vijayapur, INTACH Vijayapur and Fair Trade Forum – India, New Delhi, Department of Tourism, Karnataka State, BDCC Bank, Canara Bank and Vistar. The event had over 25 stalls from different parts of the country showcasing unique crafts from their states, 5 stalls from local manufacturers and 4 food stalls.



On 24th November, the event was inaugurated by Ms. Miyako Hino from Japan along side of Dr. R. Sunandamma, Prof., Karnataka State Women's University, Mrs. Somibai Chavan Master artisan of Sabala, Mr. S C. Devermani, Rtd. Senior Assistant Director, Development Commissioner Handicrafts, Bangalore, Mrs. Laxmi Balagond, General Manager, Chaitanya Mahila Co-operative Bank Vijayapur and Dr. Mallamma Yalawar, Secretary of Sabala Vijayapur.

Cultural events were organized for visitors in the evening. Photography, Rangoli, Painting, Saree Queen, Vegetable carving completion were held and winners were announced. The 5 day event witnessed around 8 thousand walk-ins.

National awardees Girimallappa Bhajantri performed Shahanayi and Mangala Vadhya, Ms. Krutika Janginmath performed on flute.

4. 30th year celebration

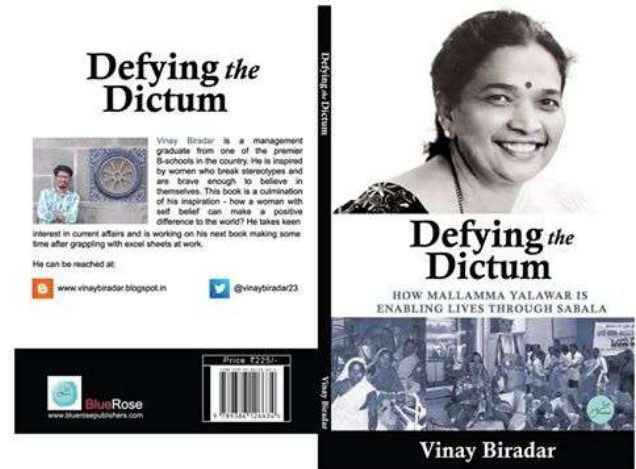


On 27th November during Kala Sante, Sabala's 30th Anniversary was celebrated. The event was presided by Mr. Ishwar Chandra Chintamani Author along side of many dignitaries including Mr. M B. Patil Minister, Water Resources, Karnataka Govt., Dr. Sabiha Gowda Vice Chancellor, KSWU, Vijayapur, Mrs. Nirmala Yaligar Assitant Director, Doordarshan Chandana, Mr. Krishna Kolhar Kulkarni Chairman, INTACH- Vijayapur Chapter.

The day was marked by Museum stone laying by Mr. M B. Patil Minister, Water Resources, Karnataka Govt., beginning another story for Sabala.

5. Book release

Biography of Sabala's founder Dr. Mallamma Yalawar was released on the 30th Anniversary of Sabala during Kala Sante. Mr. Vinay Biradar, the author, Prof. M B. Dhilshad, the translator were honored at the event. Blue Rose Publication, New Delhi published the English version and Mr. Ningangouda Biradar's Chanakya Academy Published the Kannada Version.



6. Honorary Doctorate to Dr. Mallamma Yalawar

Karnataka's women university, Akkamahadevi Women's university honored our founder Dr. Mallamma Yalawar with Honorary Doctorate for her contribution to women empowerment.



7. Design & Product Development Workshop

Design and product development workshop for the artisan is organized by Sabala periodically. This year, as a result of good marketing of jewelry, Sabala trained a group of 15 women in the village of Advi Sangapur from own funds raised by the business. The village has higher number of women interested in getting training working for livelihood. Currently, Sabala is supplying to retail giants like Fabindia and Reliance (Ajio)

8. Visitors

Sabala has always been a centre of attraction for the visitors. During the period of this report Govt officials from various Department and Local body elected members, Students, tourists, craft patrons visited the project and had an on hand experience of implementation.

Interns from Spain and Austria

We had two interns, Ms. Aina Pubill from Spain and Ms. Clara Brettflod from Austria who worked at Sabala for 1.5 months and 5 months respectively. The interns came to Sabala through WFTO network and contributed to various activities at Sabala.



Students from Somiah Vidyavihar

As a part of curriculum, the students of 7th grade of Somiah Vidyavihar visited Bijapur to study the history. On request of school, Ms. Tejashwini from Sabala delivered a lecture to students of Crafts appreciation and ethical practices. They students also met the lambani artisans and interacted with them.

Women groups from Hospet

30 women from Hospet who have organized themselves into Self Help Group with help of Christian missionary visited Sabala to see our women and to get guidance for home based business.



9. International Women's Day.



International women's day was celebrated with women of Sabala. Each one of them shared a positive view about their womanhood.

10. WFTO Asia conference

Dr. Mallamma of Sabala who currently holds the position of Vice President at WFTO Asia board attended the conference organized at Bangkok, Thailand where she presented a presentation on "Status of Women in India and Sabala Combating Gender Equality". The conference focused on discussion on the theme "Gender Equity, Living Wage, And Business Growth".

11. Guest Lectures

Dr. Mallamma Yalawar was invited to talk to the passing out batch at BVVS Polytechnic College, Bagalkot on Entrepreneurship and Employment Opportunities in May 2016 to motivate students towards entrepreneurship.



Ms. Tejashwini delivered a lecture to BLDEA's Vachana Pitamaha Dr. P.G Halakatti College of Engg & Tech., Bijapur on Social Entrepreneurship for 2nd and 3rd year students of Engineering and MCA.

Dr. Mallamma Yalawar spoke to students associated with LEED program of Deshpande foundation about social entrepreneurship and the need of the hour.

12. Geetanjali English Medium High School

Geetanjali English Medium High School for Boys and Girls in Bijapur, for quality education has stepped into 17th year. The main focus of the school is on overall development of children. Computer, Craft and Music Education are a part of the extracurricular activities.



In S.S.L.C board examination out of 26, 6 students have secured distinction and, Miss Bhargavi Nimbalkar stood first for the school by securing 94.40%.

Students attended Workshops and Orientation Programmes including science Workshops conducted Agastya International Foundation, career orientation programme for students of class 10th by Mr.K. Narayanmurthy, Byjus organization, guest

lecturer on time management goal setting communication skills by Mr. Vinod Kumar the Zonal Head of M.T. Education Mangaluru, guest lecture on how to overcome examination fear by Mr. Kuntogi, Lecturer, Secab Pre University college

Our student Master Siddarth Murabad of Class 10th secured 25th Rank in All India General Knowledge examination by Central for Human Resource Mangament Bangaluru

Medical Checkups

Annual eye check was held by Dr Gururaj Kulkarni Eye specialist, a special health awareness programme was organized for adolescent girls. Dr Shailaja Bidari, HOD, Consultant Professor of OBG B.M. Medical College and Research Centre spoke to both parents and students on the topic of Puberty Related issues.

Field trips

High school students were taken to Sirasi, Gokarna, Idugunji, Udapi Belur Halebidu, Mysore as part of study tour for wholesome learning experience

13. Education project

Sabala, under its umbrella runs a civil services coaching centre for students after 10th along with their intermediary and under graduate studies. This project is funded by Rahman Foundation USA.

14. Media Coverage

This year the media has highlighted activities of Sabala very widely which has been very advantageous for every wing of Sabala.

Kala Sante by Sabala





Honorary Doctorate to Dr. Mallamma Yalawar, founder, Sabala



A detailed life story of Dr. Mallamma Yalawar was video documented and telecasted by a reputed Kannada news channel Tv9. <https://youtu.be/eqhao88GyKQ>

DD Chandan did 2 live interviews this year to address the women viewers of the show. One of them had live calling and Dr. Mallamma Yalawar spoke to over 10 women live on the show.

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.