

Annual Report 2018-19

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## **Introduction of Manthan**



Manthan is a Non-Profit Organisation registered on August 22, 1998. Before this initiative, Manthan Kotri was Barefoot's field centre since 1980. The headquarters of Manthan is about 80km from the city of Ajmer, Rajasthan. Manthan is situated in the remote village of Kotri in the northern part of Ajmer district. It is bounded by Nagaur in the west and Jaipur district in the east.

The work space of this organisation is situated in 32 village's dhaniyas of Ajmer districts' Silora block, 18 villages Dhaniyas of Parbatsar and Kuchaman block of Nagaur district and 6 villages Dhaniyas of Dudu block in Jaipur district. Presently, there are 56 villages in total, in which the institution is operating its various programs.

Most of the workstation of the institution is deserted and also the water is saline. The people who are living nearby are dependent on rain. The main occupation for people who are living here is agriculture and animal husbandry. Since people are dependent on rain, if there isn't much rainfall then there wouldn't be fodder and crops for animals. This will lead to economic crisis. Before NREGA was implemented, people used to migrate to cities or other nearby areas. This was done to earn wages and livelihood. However, since NREGA has been brought into action, people usually get their wages from NREGA and by working at salt fields which has prevented migration of people.

Many people in villages are deprived of education, due to which they are lagging behind socially and economically. Manthan is working hard to improve the social and economic condition of such poor community and to create awareness among the people of their respective villages.

# The following programs are operating in the following categories:

S.no	Programs	Units	No. of villages	No. of beneficiaries
1.	Education: Night schools (solar digital and non-solar digital)	4	4	108
2.	Manthan Shikshan Sansthan	1	1	74
3.	Crèche: Balwadi	7	7	714
4.	Health- M. Mitra	3	5	102
5.	Watershed - rain water harvesting	24	15	38700
6.	R.O plant	3	3	548
7.	Back to basic (tank)	25	13	160
8.	Back of basic (tin shed)	5	3	60
9.	Back of basic (warm clothing)	1092	16	2448
10.	Solar energy	100 (repaired)	13	600
11.	A.V.I (Australian Volunteer International)	1 batch	-	17
12.	SMILE - Kerala	1 batch	1 State	13
13.	PRAVAH (Orientation Camp)	3 batch	-	71
14.	PRAVAH (Internship SMILE)	-	5 States	15
15.	LIC Micro Insurance	79	18	474
16.	MALALA Program	4	4	850
17.	CORO– Quest Fellowship Program	2	3	628
18.	Dalit Youth Development	1	20	1082
19.	People's Participation	5 Gram Panchayat	25	1218



A majority of the children of elementary age group, could not afford access to education, largely because of the family's financial circumstances or profession, they unwantedly had to stay back and help their parents at work, rear the animals, or look after their younger siblings. To overcome the challenge, and to help these children access school, Manthan inaugurated four night schools across four villages, which has 108 students enrolled, both boys and girls alike.

Apart from the basic elementary education, students are imparted with knowledge about the current ongoing challenges that the society faces as a whole, like those related with farmers, animal husbandry, and caste based oppression, child marriage, superstition, dowry, and various other socio economic problems and the ways to deal with the same are dialogued in the classroom space. Manthan acknowledges the ever-growing technological advancements in the society, and strives to provide its students with the best, which is why two of the four night schools have been made digital in the past year, with providing access to e-classrooms, and iPads to make education more lively. The introduction of "children parliament" in the schools, helped strengthen the idea of democracy and rights, duties everybody as citizens of the country are endowed with, and helps students develop a deeper understanding of the constitutional process, and develop the idea of active citizenship in them when they turn into the voting population of the country.

## Class wise details of children studying in the night school -

S.no	Name of the school	C	lass	1	C	lass	2	C	lass	3	С	lass	4	С	lass	5		Tota	al
		В	G	Т	В	G	T	В	G	Т	В	G	Т	В	G	Т	В	G	Т
1	Ullana	0	0	0	12	15	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	15	27
2	Jabdinagar	1	2	3	3	5	8	4	7	11	8	0	8	0	0	0	16	14	30
3	Roopangargh	0	1	1	0	1	1	6	3	9	7	9	16	0	1	1	13	15	28
4	PadamPura	9	9	18	4	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	10	23
	Total	10	12	22	19	22	41	10	10	20	15	9	24	0	1	1	54	54	108

## **Details of teachers:**

S. no	Name of the night school	Teachers name	Caste	Age	Qualification	Start date	Trained or not	Present occupation	Salary
1	Ullana	Pooja Kawar	Rajput	21	ВА	05-07-2017	Trained	Studying	5000
2	Ullana	Pooja Vaishnav	Vaishnav	19	12th	05-07-2017	Trained	Stuyding	3000
3	Jabdinagar	Shankar Lal	Meghwal	32	ВА	01-09-2014	Trained	Salt labour	5000
4	Jabdinagar	Babli	Meghwal	26	M.A	01-09-2014	Trained	Stuyding	3000
5	Roopangarg h	Najma	Muslim	44	10th	27-02-2015	Trained	Labour	3000
6	Roopangarg h	Aamna	Muslim	21	12th	27-02-2015	Trained	Studying	3000
7	PadamPura	Kamal Kishor	Meghwal	31	12th	01-07-2017	Trained	Shop keeper	3000





Manthan runs an exclusively girl's school to help the girl child have access to education, which is generally denied to her, given various reasons such as the low financial status of the family and the gender stereotype where families prioritize the boy's education given the fact that the girl would have to be married off, and should focus on the household chores. With spreading awareness, door to door, this year seventy four girls have enrolled in the academy.

The school challenges patriarchy, gender stereotypes and helps women empowerments flourish. It is a free space where students are allowed to freely have a conversation with the teacher and debate ideas.

'Learning through fun', is our primary focus, and hence, except for the traditional teaching, following encourages better and innovative learning among students:

- Computer training: Sixteen girls were trained for using MS word, PowerPoint, MS excel, and accessing fundamental internet.
- Extra-classes by volunteers: Volunteers from various organizations come to take extra classes which help our students develop proficiency in English language.
- Via films, puppet-show and play
- Educational tour: Students, along with alumni were taken for a group exposure to various places of historical importance in Jaipur.

- Children's parliament: Helps students strengthen the understanding of the constitutional process and grow into active citizens.
- Children's 'Gullak Bank': This bank was created by the school with the idea of promoting children to save money. Every child has their own accounts in which they deposit the saved amount of their money. This year 6444 was the total amount which was deposited by the children.
- Parent Teacher Meeting (PTM): The purpose of PTM is to communicate the student's progress in school, and in the case of a student who is having difficulty, to enlist the parents' cooperation in the effort to remediate any problems.
- Interaction with Pass out girls: The main purpose of this interaction is to create awareness about regular education and to provide economical support to those students who are from weaker sections of the society.

#### Class wise students studying at Balika Shikshan Sanstha -

Class	SC	OBC	General	Total
1	9	4	-	13
2	7	8	-	15
3	5	3	1	9
4	6	6	1	13
5	2	4	-	6
6	2	2	-	4
7	7	2	-	9
8	9	2	- -	11
Total	41	31	2	74

## Details of teachers at girls school institution -

S.no	Teacher's name	Caste	Age	Qualification
1	Rooparam Mali	Mali	26	B.ed M.A
	Nooparam Wan	IVIGII	20	D.Ca Wi.A
2	Nanda Ram	Meghwal	26	BA
3	Bindu Mali	Mali	22	BA
4	Komal	Meghwal	20	12th
5	Rekha Prajapat	Prajapat	19	12th



In villages, there are women belonging to marginalised communities who go out for work to improve their poor economic conditions. As a result they are unable to take care of their children, so they go to work to earn and feed their families. This results in ignorance of the nutrition intake of their children due to which they tend to suffer from malnutrition. Looking into the problems faced by these women, Manthan came up with the idea of starting up Balwadi centre across 8 villages. At present 225 children are being taken care of at the Balwadi centres.

"A Healthy Child becomes a Healthy Citizen" and in this regard various activities are undertaken as to achieve the following:

- Taking care of the health and hygiene of the children
- Intake of nutritious food
- Health check-ups for children
- Timely Vaccinations
- Reduce Infant Mortality Rates (IMR)
- Meetings with mothers and pregnant women
- Preparing the children for primary education
- To mainstream girls into education who accompany the children to Balwadi centres
- Admit students to primary schools
- Training of the care givers and regular meetings are held with them

## Age wise Details of Children -

S.No.	Name of Creche	6 manth		2 Ye	ears	3Y€	ears	4 Ye	ears	5 Ye	ears	6 Ye	ears	Total
		Years												
		В	G	В	G	В	G	В	G	В	G	В	G	
1	Kotri	2	2	0	2	2	6	3	5	2	1	0	0	25
2	Bagriya ki dhani	5	1	1	2	4	1	1	2	3	4	0	0	24
3	Bakrwaliya	1	3	7	2	3	7	0	0	1	1	0	0	25
4	Kathoda	0	0	0	0	3	1	5	1	3	3	3	6	25
5	Banjara ki dhani	0	0	1	2	3	4	2	3	4	3	0	3	25
6	Jaliya ki dhani	1	2	3	1	6	6	1	5	0	0	0	0	25
7	Paner	3	1	3	4	3	3	3	1	1	3	0	0	25
	Total	12	9	15	13	24	28	15	17	14	15	3	9	174

## Cast wise detail of children –

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		В	G	В	G	В	G	В	G	В	G	
1	Kotri	2	8	0	0	7	8	0	0	9	16	25
2	Bagriya ki dhani	0	0	0	0	14	10	0	0	14	10	24
3	Bakrwaliya	7	7	0	0	7	4	0	0	14	11	25
4	Kathoda	0	0	0	0	12	13	0	0	12	13	25
5	Banjara ki dhani	0	0	10	13	0	2	0	0	10	15	25
6	Jaliya ki dhani	0	0	0	0	11	14	0	0	11	14	25
7	Paner	7	8	0	0	2	3	4	1	13	12	25
	Total	16	23	10	13	53	54	4	1	83	91	174





Through Barefoot College Tilonia, Manthan executed Project M.Mitra.

M.Mitra is a free mobile voice call service that sends times and targeted preventive care information weekly/bi weekly directly to the phones of the enrolled women through pregnancy and infancy in their chosen language and timeslot

## Women's registration done by Manthan -

S.no	Name of villages	No. of women	Name of registrar
1	Kotri	31	Prem Devi
2	Kathoda	19	Sita Devi
3	Paldi	26	Madhu
4	Paner	4	Aasha
5	Jaliyo Ki Dhani	12	Manthan Health worker
6	Banjara Ki Dhani	8	Manthan Health worker
7	Dayal ji ki dhani	2	Manthan Health worker



Surrounded by Sambhar Lake area around, experience increase in salinity of water and decrease in groundwater level. The main source of livelihood of these nearby villages are agriculture and animal husbandry which are totally dependent on water. Manthan focusing on water conservation has started to Rain Water Harvesting. Hence, Manthan has constructed 24 watersheds (ponds, anicuts, tank, minipond, khund) in 15 villages of ajmer, naguar, Jaipur district. The average capacity of these structures are 72 Crore litres.

#### Beneficiaries of these watersheds:

- 127 households started their own agricultural activies
- Water to 34.100 animals
- Drinking water to 5,100 villagers

Manthan organized Water Committee Meetings with 120 participants in 8 villagers. Following decisions were taken:

- Regarding Maintenance and protection of watersheds
- Plants around the watersheds will be looked after by Committee members
- The committee members discussed with Gram Panchayat regarding the construction of new watersheds and development of old watersheds
- 3 ponds were recognized, strengthened and developed into modern ponds by the government
- Gram Panchayat helped in supplying drinking water to nosal village by constructing pipe lines from nosal pond

Manthan provided awareness about bank accounts & Kisan cards to the farmers, which helped farmers to arrange seeds and fertilizers for agricultural practices.



In order to provide certain basic needs like water, housing, energy, clothing and sanitation to vulnerable communities, the Back to Basics Programme was started. Through this programme, small practical solutions like tanks, solar units, roof constructions, warm clothing and toilets are provided. The mail goal of the programme is to bring equality, dignity and respect to marginalized and excluded communities and enabled them to attain the benefits of mainstream society.

Manthan hopes to build a strong relationship with these communities through these small projects and thereafter enable them to gain access to different forms of information to ensure a better standard of living.



#### Tanks Details -

Activities	Total Number	No.of villages	Benefited people	Water holding capacity of the tank
Water storing tank construction	25	13	170	16,250

#### **Tin shed construction details:**

Activities	Total Number	Village	Benefited people	Measurements
Tin shed	5	3	35	20*10

#### Warm clothes distribution details:

Activities	Number	Village	Benefited people
Warm clothes distribution	1,092	16	2,448

#### **SOLAR ENERGY –**

Manthan has been promoting the use of clean and reliable sources of energy through its solar energy programme in the nearby villages. 150 solar units were maintained in Ujar community which were initiated last year. Solar committee meetings were organised in 10 villages, participated by 280 people.



## **Australian Volunteer International**



Through Pravah, the A.V.I program was initiated. In this program, there were 13 Australian volunteer and 4 Indian volunteer who stayed in the Manthan campus for a month. The projects which were given to them were water shed, women's school, solar digital night school and Manthan Shikshan Sansthan, women empowerment. While staying here for a month, the volunteers not only did their projects but were also curious to know the culture and the livelihood of the villagers



Embroidery English

The students have become more confident, and curious about the world, and now have a brighter

outlook on their futures because of their

The parents and villagers in general are becoming

passionate about their children's education

While learning school subjects, students are

also learning how to use technology and becoming motivated to seek education.

Technological and digital proficiency will

benefit the children and community's future as

India is digitalising all government initiatives.

## SMILE Sullamussalam – Manthan Integrated Learning Exchange Programme



SMILE (Kerala) is a project done in collaboration with Sullamussalam College, kerala; where 10 volunteers from Sullamussalam College came to Manthan for 10 days rural exposure program.

They will help our students to get adapted and updated to the latest knowledge and help them bringing those ideas to their own communities. At the same time, volunteers will be gaining practical learnings about the true ground realities by the course of the programme. The programme included local stays, interactive sessions, activities, visits, cultural exchanges and many more. The volunteers were encouraged to observe and analyze the situations in village to come up with practical solutions

As a part of this programme, 11 students from Sullamusalam College visited Manthan for 10 days in end of January 2019.

10 students from Manthan Shikshan Sansthan academy are expected to visit Kerala for exposure by the end of 2019.



## **Orientation Camp**

This is a residential camp to prepare intern emotionally, mentally and physically for the rural internship. The camp includes interactive sessions on values and stances, the Panchayati Raj Institution (PRI), conflict resolution, besides interaction and shramdaan with a local community.

This year in Manthan, there were 3 batches of orientation camp and 71 people joined this camp.

## **SMILE Internship**

Rural Internship is one of the processes available through "Students Mobilisation Initiative for Learning through Exposure" (SMILE), which provides an opportunity to intern with grassroots level organizations or movements.

This year, 15 interns from 5 different states joined Manthan and benefitted by this program.



Manthan collaborated with the LIC Company in 2018. People who are financially insure & couldn't afford huge policies, they didn't have a habit of saving so to inculcate this habit and to cover the risk, Manthan took up the initiative to find such families and register them. Manthan provided training to 14 people of 10 villages through LIC's deputy manager of Ajmer.

In 2018-19, Manthan registered 79 people's policy in 18 villages. Manthan started a premium point in which people can come to Manthan and register them and get benefit from the policies.

#### **LIC Micro Insurance Details -**

S.no.	Name of Village	No. of Accounts
1	Kotri	29
2	Ujoli	1
3	Kardala	3
4	Jakholai	1
5	Bhairwai	5
6	Aau	6
7	Sinodiya	3
8	Bakarwaliya	1

9	Kathoda	2	
10	Paner	3	
11	Parbatsar 1		
12	Singla	3	
13	Nalu	3	
14	Chirr	1	
15	Buharu	1	
16	Kalyanipura	1	
17	Nosal	15	
	Total	79	



Manthan Sansthan, Kotri in collaboration with Barefoot College, Tilonia started Malala program. The program aims to motivate girls to join school. With education being taken as our primary focus, there are other issues which we need to take into consideration such as child violence, child labour, child marriage, sexual exploitation, gender equality, child smuggling and provided awareness in the villages and communities.

Manthan provided awareness in following ways:

- 1. Organised puppet show and street theatre in 4 villages.
- 2. Organised workshops for girls in 4 villages.

Provided awareness to 850 people through the above mentioned programs.





The goal of the program is to identify, develop and empower potential grassroots leaders through a yearlong leadership development program. Manthan collaborated with CORO in 2016. Provided training to 3 fellows from 3 villages and helped them gain leadership quality. These 3 fellows worked on the following issues such as Dalit development which focused mainly in education and discrimination among the Dalits, they also worked on Girls education and Gender Equality.

The number of people who benefited from this program was 628 from 4 villages.

#### Details of the fellow members -

S.no	Name of the fellow	Name of the village	Name of their Mentor	
1.	Harkaran	Nuwa	Pusa Ram	
2.	Chhauthmal	Paner	Pusa Ram	
3.	Kanchal	Bhadun	Pusa Ram	

#### **List of Beneficiaries -**

S.no.	Name of Village	Beneficiaries		
		Male	Female	Total
1	Bhadun	95	224	319
2	Paldi	54	127	181
3	Jakholai	37	85	122
4	Paner	13	32	45
	Total	199	468	667



In villages, the Dalit community experiences many discriminations. Manthan had worked with this community for years which resulted in development and awareness among the youth. As a result to resolve their issues, community decided created a platform were they can discuss their issues and its solutions. Hence, Manthan organised a meeting in which people from different villages participated and formed Ambedkar Satsang Samiti (ASS).

Objectives to form ASS is to create awareness regarding following:

- To reduce the discrimination among different communities in Dalit community
- To provide awareness regarding importance of education
- To provide awareness regarding government schemes and how to avail them
- To provide awareness and stop the evils of the societies such as alcoholism, child marriage, victimization, etc.

ASS has organised following meetings in 2018-2019:

- 1. Total 8 monthly meetings were organized with total 270 participants.
- 2. On 14-04-2018, Ambedkar Jayanti was celebrated in Bhadun village with 300 attendees.
- 3. On 02-04-2018, SC & ST act was changed by the government. People of the nearby areas organized a meeting in Roopangargh and honoured SDM with memorandum for the same.
- 4. On 06-12-2018, "Samta Pakwada" was celebrated to give tribute to Dr.Ambedkar.



**Women's group:** To Provide awareness about women's rights and problems, government schemes. Organized women's fair & celebrated women's day. Educating the women of the village, make them aware about employment opportunities.

**Youth Group:** Provide awareness and help youth to become self-dependent, employed and do savings. Inspire young people to participate in rural development.

**Rural Education Committee:** Provide awareness regarding education, do savings and pay expenses from the committee's bank account. Awareness regarding night schools and state government schools. Also, various issues faced by people in village were discussed in meetings.

**Water development committee:** Provide awareness about water storage and recharge of ground water. Inspire community to take care of the environment, old watersheds and tanks.

**Panchayati Raj:** Participating in the Gram Sabha's monthly meeting and benefiting from public welfare schemes and provide proposal for the development work in public interest.