

Grameen Shramik Pratishthan - GSP

Founded In: 1981

Website: www.gspindia.org

States: Maharashtra, India

Budget (2017 - 18): \$1,30,648



OVERVIEW

Pratishthan is founded by a group of *Gandhian* fellows in 1981 with the aim of supporting the most marginalized sections of the society. It is one of the oldest and leading NGOs in Marathwada region having a major focus on Rehabilitation of Rural Visually Challenged Persons and Rural Community Development.

A significant contribution of GSP in the space of disability intervention is the '**SWADHAR**' Rehabilitation Center that has emerged as an **alternate rehabilitation model** for the true empowerment of rural visually challenged persons. The SWADHAR Programme completely transforms the life of visually challenged persons from a dependant to a valued contributor to the society.

PROBLEM

Deprivation, exclusion of Rural Visually Challenged Youth due to poverty and lack of adequate rehabilitation support.

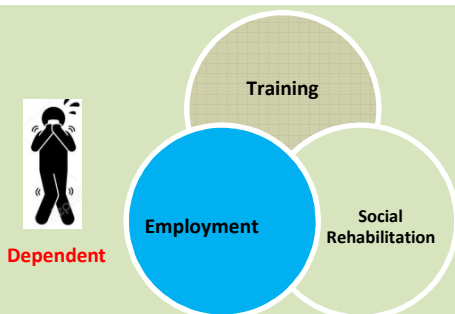
More than 95 p.c. rural visually challenged youth are unemployed. They are forced to live dependent life in extreme difficult conditions. Women with disability are among the most marginalized groups.

SOLUTION

An organised comprehensive rehabilitation support programme '**SWADHAR**' that provides **Training** in remunerative employable vocational skills and assures **Employment** post training and facilitates **Social Rehabilitation** that is marriage, housing and equal opportunity rights through home based rehabilitation support.



PROGRAM DETAILS



Converting Sharp Sensory Abilities of Rural Visually Challenged Youth into Professional Skills

- Acupressure -Massage Therapy Training
- Focus on Rural Visually Challenged Youth
- Comprehensive Rehabilitation Support

Transformation from A Dependent to Valued Contributor to Society

How Life Transforms at GSP-SWADHAR



Ms. Manju Bhajibhakre - Batch 2012
34 years of visually challenged women
from Barshi, Solapur

"After completing HSC I was hopeful for some job opportunity. I made all-around efforts but nothing worked almost for 6 years. Finally, I received a call from GSP-SWADHAR and I joined the course. Now, I earn Rs. 9000 pm by offering *Acupressure -Massage* to old age ladies and give relief. I have cured three patients suffering from paralysis. They call me Dr. Manju. It makes feel me proud."

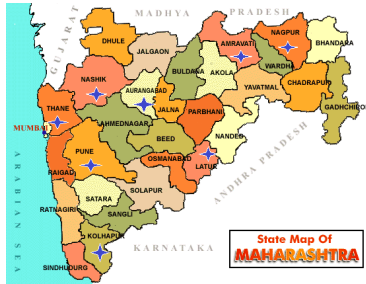


Mr. Asaram Maykar - Batch -2015
38 year old Visually Challenged Therapist
from Parbhani

"I was desperate to do something on own and live life with respect for self. I tried other courses but all was in vain. Finally learned about the GSP-SWADHAR Center. Here my life changed completely. I started earning and also got married at SWADHAR and now I have two kids. I feel proud as with my skills I give relief to people suffering with pain."

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MISSION 1500



NEXT STEP (2019-2021)

Pratishthan aims to train 1500 rural visually challenged youth of Maharashtra in an acupressure-Massage Therapy and facilitate their social-economic rehabilitation in an organised manner in next three years. Later it aims to reach 5000 youth across India.

Per District 50 Youth

Each district town of Maharashtra can absorb 50 visually challenged therapist and there are 30 rural districts so the project aims to train 1500 rural visually challenged youth as the therapist. For that 10 regional local training units will be set up.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

198

Visually Challenged Youth Trained in Acupressure-Massage Therapy

1238

Rehabilitation Support to Persons with Disability



- Prestigious '**Precision Social Award**' of Rs. 2 lakhs was given to GSP-SWADHAR in 2016 for its distinct social contribution.
- **SWADHAR Rehab Model** Recognized as an Innovative Best Practice by National Council of Rural Institutes (MoHRD, GoI) 2010.
- **Campus of One Hecter with all facilities** for the rehabilitation center developed at village Budhoda in Latur district of Maharashtra state. (1986 - 2019)

LEADERSHIP

Mr. Harishchandra Sude

Founder & President of the organisation and a sincere follower of *Gandhian* Principles. He is the guiding force behind the organisation

Mr. Satish Ashture

Leading Pratishthan's operations in a capacity of CEO and has been instrumental in developing organisation's systems and process.

Mr. Prashant Sude

Masters of Social Work from prestigious Tata Institute of Social Sciences and 14 years experience in development sector. He is spearheading GSP as a Managing Trustee.

KNOWLEDGE SUPPORT

Tata Institute of Social Sciences

Center for Disability Studies & Action is the Knowledge partner of GSP to develop the CBR Rehabilitation Support Programme.

DASRA

Institutional Capacity Building for Scaling Up

SUPPORT :

Funding support for scaling up the programme through regional local training units

Strategy

- Set up 10 regional local training units across Maharashtra state.
- Each center will serve three districts & will train 35-40 youth per year
- Strong post training support for employment and social rehabilitation
- Select, train , handhold and ensure stable employment for 1500 youth

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