

“India is still a developing country, one burdened with enormous inequities. It’s our duty to play whatever role we can, in whichever way we can, to diminish those disparities. This is the guiding principle for all of us at Tata. We are not in it for propaganda or visibility. Rather, we are in it for the satisfaction gained from knowing that we have achieved something meaningful, that we have put our shoulder to the wheel of nation building, that we are serving the country that provides us sustenance. The Tata ethos demands no less.” ~ Mr Ratan N Tata

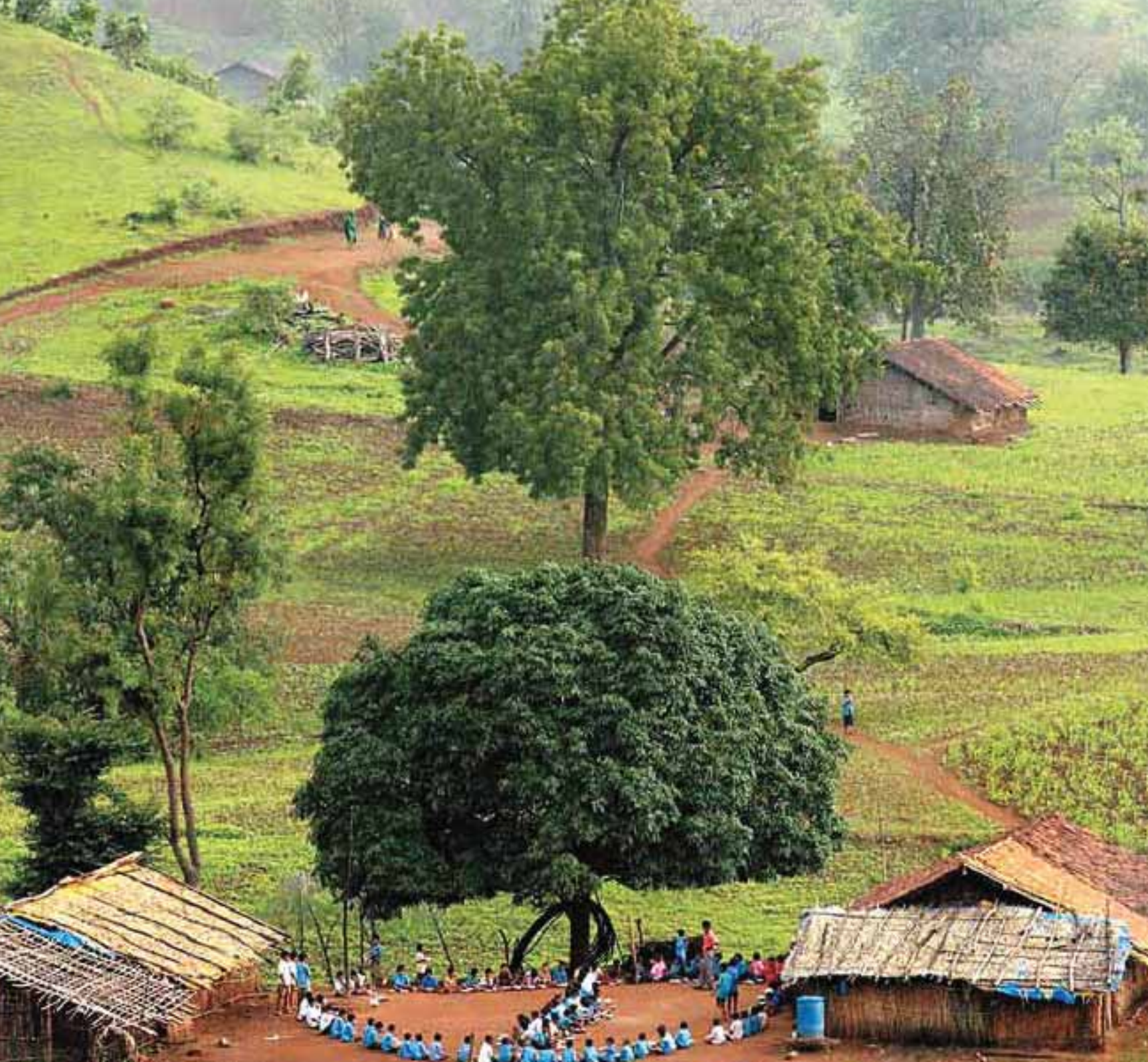
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Chairman's Message



The Sir Dorabji Tata Trust and the Allied Trusts operate in a dynamic environment and continue to innovate and facilitate solutions to development challenges faced from time to time. The Trusts are encouraged when efforts supported by them lead to an improvement in the quality of life of a community or when some of their successful initiatives are adopted by mainstream development agencies for wider replication.

One such initiative taken up by the Trusts was aimed at enhancing family food security for paddy growing farmers by improving their paddy yields through the System of Rice Intensification (SRI). In a short period of two years, 75,000 farmers have already adopted SRI and the water-optimising system has now been adopted for widespread replication by the National Bank of Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) and some State governments.

The same has been the case with two programmes oriented towards the tribal population. The Trusts' programme on promoting and rearing the black Bengal goat through community-based care has found support among State governments as a means of improving livelihoods of the rural poor in remote tribal areas. Similarly, early results of the Diversion Based Irrigation programme, launched last year with the aim of bringing the benefits of irrigation to poor tribals living on degraded land and hilly areas, have shown the potential for scaling this programme.

Yet another recent major initiative of the Trusts is aimed at reaching out to distressed cotton farmers in 325 villages in the six cotton-growing districts of Vidarbha, Maharashtra. The 'Sukhi Baliraja Initiative', jointly launched with the Sir Ratan Tata Trust, supports a comprehensive range of interventions aimed at improving both the economic and social conditions of the farmers. The Trusts are collaborating with the Government of Maharashtra and the International Fund for Agricultural Development in the programme called 'Convergence of Agricultural Interventions in Maharashtra', in order to increase the impact and outreach.

The Trusts also continue to focus on issues concerning disability, mental health and domestic violence. Support was extended for surgeries to correct cleft lip and cleft palate deformities in poor children, who often have to contend with serious social and health issues because of their physical condition. This intervention has brought a smile to the faces of nearly 2,700 children.

The year 2009-2010 saw the Sir Dorabji Tata Trust and the Allied Trusts supporting institutions, NGOs and individuals with grants aggregating to ₹2,913.52 million (US \$ 66.22 million). This represents an increase of 12 per cent over the previous year's outlay.

I would like to take this opportunity to once again commend the entire team at the Sir Dorabji Tata Trust and the Allied Trusts for their unstinting support towards fulfilling the objects of the Trusts.

Ratan N Tata
Chairman

Tribal children assembled at the displacement camp school - Narmada Navnirman, Maharashtra



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Under the guidance of the Trustees, the Sir Dorabji Tata Trust and the Allied Trusts continue to support individuals, organisations and institutions striving to make a difference.

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Continuing the Legacy

JN Tata (1839 – 1904)

Humanist, nationalist, industrialist and founder of the House of Tata, Jamsetji Nusserwanji Tata's philosophy of business and ethics continues to influence the Tata Group.

Sir Lawrence Jenkins, Chief Justice of Bombay High Court at Jamsetji Tata's Memorial Meeting in March 1905, said "Success was not the mere outcome of fortune's favours, but the symbol of his own qualities, his clear vision, his constancy of purpose, his uprightness and his vigour. Yes, he had a vigour that was contagious, and had its influence on those who assisted him in his various works. Wealth came to him in full measure, but he remained to the last what he was by nature, a simple, modest gentleman, seeking neither title nor place, and loving with a love that knew no bounds the land that gave him birth."



DJ Tata (1859 – 1932)

Jamsetji Tata's elder son, Sir Dorabji Tata was instrumental in transforming his father's grand vision into reality. He continued to build upon the Tata tradition of philanthropy and in 1932, created a trust for the advancement of learning and research, the relief of distress and other charitable purposes. Sir Dorabji also had an enduring love for sport and it was with his support that India participated in the Olympic Games in 1920 in Antwerp and the Paris Olympiad in 1924.

The Times of India on the occasion of the death of Sir Dorabji Tata in 1932 wrote, "The success of his life was mainly due to the singleness of purpose with which he devoted himself to the development of Indian industries and to the promotion of the great industrial schemes conceived by his father. Sir Dorabji's fame, however, will not rest on his great achievements, splendid as they were, or on his wealth, but it will rest solidly on the use he has made of his possessions."



MD Tata (1879 – 1931)

Lady Meherbai, wife of Sir Dorabji, was also extremely fond of sport and was herself an excellent tennis player. She was one of the pioneers of the women's movement in India and founding member of the Bombay Presidency Women's Council and the National Council of Women.

Sir Stanley Reed, Editor of the Times of India and a close friend of the family said, "...never have been accomplished if Sir Dorabji had not seen his purpose with wide open eyes; if he had not had always at his side a wife who was as staunch in the pursuit of these filial and patriotic duties as himself. Lady Tata was one of the clearest brains it has ever been my lot to find in woman. No one could put her own case with more convincing logic."



RD Tata (1856 – 1926)

Ratanji Dadabhoy Tata is said to have impressed his first cousin, Jamsetji Tata with his handling of finance. In 1877, he became a partner in Tata & Sons. RD Tata played a pivotal role in the growth of the company and it was he who went along with Sir Dorabji Tata when he pledged his personal fortune during the Tata Steel crisis in 1924.

RD Tata in a letter to his son, Jehangir, wrote, "You will enter into a business career where your intelligence, your nerves your courage and your morals will be severely tested by the eventful life that you will be leading. You will then understand the seriousness of responsibility. I doubt not that my Jehangir will eventually come out successful through his high moral qualities. You will find in your path many pitfalls and temptations which you will have to shun and jump over though with great difficulties. If you always keep before your eyes Truth and Honesty whatever happens you will come out safe at least you will never be discredited or dishonoured."

JRD Tata (1904 – 1993)

Having watched Louis Bleriot's early flight, Jehangir Ratanji Dadabhoy Tata, son of RD Tata, in 1929 was inspired to become the first Indian to be granted a commercial pilot licence. It was under his helm in 1932, the Tata Aviation Service, the forerunner to Tata Airlines and Air India took to the skies. 'Jeh' as he was fondly known, became the Chairman of the Tata Group in 1938. He was known to have a special fondness for children and believed in the importance of nurturing young minds. Like his successors, he not only helped create wealth for the people but also fostered the concept that it should be held in a trust for the people.

On the fiftieth anniversary of his first solo flight from Karachi to Mumbai, Mr JRD Tata in an extempore speech said, "So I thought that, perhaps, this flight would rekindle a spark of enthusiasm, a desire to do something for the country and for its good name and that it would show that even in these days, when aviation is no longer an adventure but only big business, the times for pioneering are not gone."

In 1991, JRD and his wife, Thelma, with their personal wealth set up the JRD and Thelma J Tata Trust which focuses on the welfare, education, health and general upliftment of women especially from the disadvantaged communities of society.





The Team

Compassion and commitment are integral to the work of the Trusts. Guided by the Tata values, the Management Team and Support Staff strive towards the Trusts' vision of constructive philanthropy.

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Training of hill women in Buranse flower processing under an income generation programme - BAIF Development and Research Foundation, Uttarakhand



Year in Review

This Annual Report presents the programmatic activities of the nine Trusts over the period 2009-2010. As in the previous year, it covers the activities of the Sir Dorabji Tata Trust, Jamsetji Tata Trust, RD Tata Trust, JRD Tata Trust, Tata Education Trust, Tata Social Welfare Trust, JRD and Thelma J Tata Trust, JN Tata Endowment for the Higher Education of Indians and the Lady Tata Memorial Trust.

Expenditure during the year towards development touched ₹2,913.52 million as compared to ₹2,596.62 million in 2008-2009. The Trusts have continued their thrust on development of Institutions. Two notable grants were made this year. A grant of ₹500 million was made to the Tata Education and Development Trust to enable it to continue with its aims and objectives. The other grant was for a corpus of ₹200 million to Tata Medical Centre Trust.

The contributions made by the Trusts towards educational and medical individual assistance amounted to ₹205.87 million in 2009-2010 as compared to ₹181.43 in the previous year. These include the individual grants made by the JN Tata Endowment and the Lady Tata Memorial Trust.

The grant making support extended by the Trusts to the Non-Government Organisation (NGO) sector rose from ₹1,325.67 million in the previous year to ₹1,687.60 in the current year. The pattern of grant making remained constant and in accordance with the chosen strategy, while the share of diverse themes shows variation caused largely by the timing of grant releases. The year under review saw several initiatives of the Trusts as well as of the partners of the Trusts making a mark on the mainstream of Indian development sector.

The initiative of the Trusts in regard to migration services expanded to cover over four states and reached out to 0.13 million migrant workers. The significance of this work was brought home when the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) initiated a dialogue with the Trusts' migration partners, culminating in the Memorandum of Understanding signed later in 2010 between them and the UIDAI. The Urban Poverty and Livelihoods portfolio increased its share in disbursement as a result of this scaling up in migration services - 37 percent of the total disbursement was made towards the migration projects.



The success of the Black Bengal Goat development project supported by the Trusts and implemented by BAIF Development and Research Foundation in West Bengal was noticed and taken up for replication by the State Governments in Jharkhand and Tripura. The Jharkhand Government passed a Gazette notification in March 2010 announcing its budgetary allocation of ₹50.4 million to this programme following the model developed by BAIF.

The contribution of two of the long-standing partners of the Trusts was recognised, nationally and internationally, when their founding members received prestigious awards. Mr Anil Bordia, Chairman of Foundation for Education and Development received the Padma Bhushan while Mr Deep Joshi received the Ramon Magsaysay Award and the Padma Shri Award this year.

Following the enactment of the Right to Education Act 2009, the Trusts took the initiative in organising workshops to understand the implications of the Act and the constructive role which the civil society organisations, including the Trusts and their partners, could play in moving towards its meaningful implementation. The Trusts gave a further impetus to their commitment to the cause of the child by making two noteworthy grants. The first was to the Centre for Child and Law in the National Law School University, Karnataka, for strengthening education and enhancing awareness regarding child and law and contributing towards its better implementation. The second grant was to MV Foundation, Hyderabad for them to continue their excellent work in rehabilitating child labourers in the fold of school education.

The exercise to assess the impact of the grants made by the Trusts to Coastal and Rural Youth Network (CRYNET) brought out the positive impact. The Trusts will continue their support to the cause of building grassroots civil society for enabling marginalised people to realise their rights.



Soliga women make furniture from a weed called Lantana - Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment, Karnataka

Snapshot of the Portfolios

Natural Resource Management and Rural Livelihoods

Signature Programmes: System of Rice Intensification (SRI); Diversion Based Irrigation (DBI); Goat Rearing

Pilot Programmes: Agricultural intensification; Land and water treatment using Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Programme (MGNREGP)

Pro-Active Areas: Market-led livelihood enhancement

Urban Poverty and Livelihoods

Signature Programme: Migration

Pilot Programmes: Conservancy workers; Women and livelihoods

Pro-Active Areas: Pro-poor urban governance



Training programme on book-keeping for Self Help Groups - Rural Aid Services, Manipur

Education

Signature Programme: Adolescent education and development

Pilot Programmes: Women's literacy through Self Help Groups (SHGs) and Community Based Organisations (CBOs)

Pro-Active Areas: Child protection

Health

Signature Programme: Correction of cleft lip and cleft palate

Pilot Programme: Control of malaria in Southern Orissa

Pro-Active Areas: Community based rehabilitation of persons with mental or physical disabilities



Accelerated learning for girls not having access to formal education - Doosra Dashak, Rajasthan



Members meet under a programme for empowering rural women - Lok Jagruti Sansthan, Uttar Pradesh

Governance and Human Rights

Programme: Empowerment of rural women

Programme: Mobilising rural communities to Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Guarantee Act (MGNREGA)

Areas: Addressing the issue of in India

and Culture

Programme: Conservation of architecture

Programme:

Programme: Curatorship programme

Areas: Oral Literature of people



Natural Resource Management and Rural Livelihoods

Overview

As a large majority of the rural poor make a living using the natural resources around them, this portfolio deals with food security at the household level as well as the judicious use of natural resources. The latter naturally extends to ensure ecological security.

The work of the portfolio has been dominated by its concern with food security and livelihoods of the rural poor, especially those staying in poorly endowed and backward regions of greater poverty. These projects deal with land and water management, irrigation, improvement of agronomic practices and crop combinations and livestock rearing. A greater emphasis was given to rearing of small ruminants in view of their closer association with the poorer sections of rural people.

The portfolio also has a number of projects aimed at enabling the participating communities to effectively link with and profit from their produce in the markets. The Trusts have also supported projects linking rural people with the new economy by training rural youth for Information Technology Enabled Services (ITES). During 2009-2010, through a total of 65 project grants under this portfolio, the Trusts have reached out to over 3,56,000 families.

Major Initiatives

System of Rice Intensification (SRI)

An initiative to extend and popularise the System of Rice Intensification has entered its second phase. The first phase saw the Trusts reaching out through 160 Non Government Organisation (NGO) partners to over 75,000 farmers in 105 districts. In addition, some of the Trusts' partners have successfully applied the principles of SRI to other crops such as wheat and kidney beans. The Trusts spent ₹109 million on the first phase of SRI during 2007-2009.

The activities under the first phase predominantly focused on the extension of SRI in rain-fed paddy growing areas. SRI succeeded in a wide range of agro-climatic and topographic conditions from farms situated at an altitude below Mean Sea Level to those located above 2,000 metres. A team of agricultural experts evaluated the work in the first phase. The team noted that the programme has conclusively demonstrated the utility of SRI in un-irrigated conditions and has shown an average yield increase of above 76 percent over the base figures. Considering how the low production of paddy on farms accelerates distress migration among rural poor, this level of yield increase due to SRI helps reduce migration. The low seeding requirement of SRI also gives immediate benefits by reducing the cost of cultivation.

Encouraged by the inferences of the Evaluation team, the Trusts have mounted a second phase of the programme for 2010-2013 with a proposed investment of ₹249 million. The second phase expects to reach 1,69,000 farmers. It will also investigate as to whether there are any worrisome consequences of SRI on the nutrient content of soils. Discussions with National Bank of Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) have culminated with NABARD launching a programme with an equal investment.

Diversion Based Irrigation (DBI)

This initiative is aimed at making low cost irrigation available to marginal and needy farmers. This may be done by diverting surface run offs in the Western regions and a part of the flow of streams in the Eastern regions. The Eastern tribal belts have high rainfall, undulating terrains and reasonable tree cover on hills, thus making these regions ideal for taking advantage of live streams to irrigate the farms of the poor tribal people living on the fringes of the forest. Seepage losses have been eliminated using pipes to divert water. This has significantly increased the reach of the traditionally practiced flow irrigation methods.

The programme has also seen the implementation of the diversion of river waters in the flood plains of the Brahmaputra and South Bihar regions. All these schemes offer an added advantage of extremely low capital costs, seldom exceeding ₹12,000 per acre, compared to over ten times the typical costs of medium irrigation schemes. The largest scheme, which cost ₹5.9 million dealt with clearing up and repair of a dong - a diversion structure on a tributary of Pagladia, a turbulent river in the Nalbari district of Assam. The scheme has brought the benefit of irrigation to over 5,000 farmers at a low cost of a little over ₹1,000 per acre.

The Trusts extended support to 12 partners and through them provided the benefits of irrigation to 19,000 farmers. With the help of this irrigation method, the farmers could also grow crops in the dry season.



The Black Bengal goat project for improved livelihood - BAIF Development and Research Foundation, West Bengal

Goat Initiatives

The Trusts have successfully implemented the Black Bengal goat project in West Bengal. A similar programme was launched in Tripura and Jharkhand by the Trusts, again in partnership with BAIF Development and Research Foundation. The Jharkhand Government recognised the merit of the programme and issued directions with a matching budget to extend the programme to eight districts in the State. The Trusts have also launched an initiative for improved goat rearing of local breeds in the dry land regions of the country. In the pilot phase, the programme has reached out to over 3,000 participating families through five partners in three states. The programme relies on creating a network of para-vets and extension activities for better feeding and breeding of the animals and management practices.

Crop Intensification

Mahakaushal refers to the impoverished and backward districts of Eastern Madhya Pradesh. An initiative to improve agricultural practices for the intensification of cropping was launched through five partners in six locations and reaches out to around 3,500 farmers. The initiative centres on improving the agronomic practices among the Gond and Baiga communities in this neglected region. It is seen as an entry point programme to learn about the region and to initiate appropriate development activities over time.

Sukhi Baliraja Initiative

The initiative has been mounted jointly with the Sir Ratan Tata Trust and aims at alleviating the distress of farmers in Vidarbha in Maharashtra through projects improving productive infrastructure, improvement of livestock, change in cropping practices, strengthening farmers' access to credit and providing social support to affected families. Fifteen projects proposed to be implemented in the 320 villages of the six suicide affected districts would benefit 25,600 households. The Trusts are also collaborating with the Sir Ratan Tata Trust in a programme called 'Convergence of Agricultural Interventions in Maharashtra', launched jointly with Government of Maharashtra and International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD).

Relief Grants

A grant of ₹4.73 million was made to four organisations for providing relief to people affected by cyclone Aila in the Sunderbans in May 2009. Through these grants, relief to 13,700 households was provided in the three blocks of South 24 Pargana district of West Bengal which were affected by the cyclone. Basic amenities like food, shelter and clothes were supported through this grant. Similarly, a grant of ₹4.20 million was made in mid 2009 to four organisations to assist people affected by the floods in Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka.



Rock honey collection by Chenchu tribals - Centre for Peoples Forestry, Andhra Pradesh

Significant Projects

Grameen Sahara, Assam

Grameen Sahara, a partner organisation of the Trusts, is located in Chaygaon in the rural Kamrup district of Assam. Engaged in micro-finance activities, the NGO has taken support from the Trust in two fields. The first deals with integrated support to the Eri silk spinners in the district. This project covered installation of improved spinning machines in the homes of 200 women members and extends support to systematic marketing of the yarn and fabric woven from the yarn. The second project dealt with the construction of a dong over five kilometres in length, which diverts water from a small river originating from the hills in Meghalaya. The dong has helped over 1,200 farmers in four villages to stabilise their Kharif paddy production. Its remarkable utility was proved last year when even during a drought, the villagers could take their livestock to the dong for watering. Since there were no other watering sources, this proved to be of great help.

People's Science Institute, Uttarakhand

People's Science Institute (PSI), a partner in Uttarakhand, has been engaged in extending cultivation of a range of crops using the basic principles of SRI. Their efforts have shown significant benefits to paddy growers and also demonstrated that these principles lead to a significant improvement in the yield of kidney-beans (rajma), finger millets (ragi) and wheat. PSI now leads a movement to extend the new method of cultivation across Uttarakhand.



Awareness building on the System of Rice Intensification - People's Science Institute, Uttar Pradesh

Dilasa Sanstha, Maharashtra

Dilasa Sanstha is reviving 25 phad irrigation systems and popularising the pata method of vegetable cultivation in Yavatmal district of Maharashtra. Reviving the phad systems has taken critical irrigation to the farms and resulted in improving productivity of crops like cotton. Revival of the pata, which is a traditional system of growing vegetables between rows of cotton and soyabean, has already resulted in making vegetables available for household consumption in the homes of over 25,000 farmers. Both, phad and pata work, is being implemented in the Yavatmal district through a network of partners.

Vishwas Sansthan, Uttar Pradesh

Looking into the livelihoods of small and marginal farmers, Vishwas Sansthan initiated a goat based livelihood project in 30 villages of Rae Bareilly district of Uttar Pradesh. The project invested in improvement of locally available goats. For this purpose, bucks of Sirohi, Jamunapari and Totapuri were used. The project also invested in improving health care services through pashu sakhi's (friends of animals), improving animal shelter, feed and fodder practices and awareness generation on functioning of the market. As a result, the mortality of small ruminants has decreased substantially and better market rates are being realised for the sale of animals. Buoyed by the success of the pashu sakhi model, the Animal Husbandry Department in the district has announced launching its own pashu sakhi scheme and has termed it the 'Mahila Pashudhan Karmi Yojana'. The sound performance of Vishwas Sansthan and four other similar projects has encouraged the Trusts to prepare to mount a livelihood programme around goats.



Training in improved agricultural practices has enabled Madhubani farmers to grow brinjals in sandy soils - Grameen Development Services, Uttar Pradesh

Partner Organisations

- Action for Social Advancement, Madhya Pradesh
- Aga Khan Foundation, New Delhi
- Agramee, Orissa
- Akhil Bhartiya Samaj Sewa Sansthan, Uttar Pradesh
- All India Artisans and Craftworkers Welfare Association, New Delhi
- Anudip Foundation for Social Welfare, West Bengal
- Appropriate Technology India, New Delhi
- Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment, Karnataka
- Association for Development and Research in Socio Economic Activities, Orissa
- Association for Rural Advancement through Voluntary Action and Local Involvement, Rajasthan
- BAIF Development and Research Foundation, Maharashtra
- BAIF Institute for Rural Development, Andhra Pradesh
- BAIF Institute for Rural Development, Karnataka
- Baradrone Social Welfare Institutions, West Bengal
- Bihar Development Trust, Bihar
- Bosco Gramin Vikas Kendra, Maharashtra
- Bruksha `O` Jeevar Bandhu Parishad, Orissa
- Building and Enabling Disaster Resilience of Coastal Communities, Tamil Nadu
- Central Himalayan Environment Association, Uttarakhand
- Centre for Action and Rural Reconstruction, Orissa
- Centre for Advanced Research and Development, Madhya Pradesh
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- Centre for Economic and Social Studies, Andhra Pradesh
- Centre for Indian Knowledge Systems, Tamil Nadu
- Centre for Sustainable Agriculture, Andhra Pradesh
- Centre for World Solidarity, Andhra Pradesh
- Chetana Vikas, Maharashtra
- Collectives for Integrated Livelihood Initiatives, Jharkhand
- Community Friendly Movement, New Delhi
- Dastkar Andhra, Andhra Pradesh
- Dehati Gramothan Vikas Samiti, Uttar Pradesh
- Dhan Foundation, Tamil Nadu
- Dhriiti - The Courage Within, New Delhi
- Dilasa Sanstha, Maharashtra
- EDA Rural Artha Vikas, Haryana
- Foundation for Ecological Security, Gujarat
- Gorakhpur Environment Action Group, Uttar Pradesh
- Govinda Pradhan Smruti Sansad, Orissa
- GRAM Abhyudaya Mandali, Andhra Pradesh
- Gram Vikas, Orissa
- Grameen Development Services, Uttar Pradesh
- Grameen Sahara, Assam
- Gramonnati Sansthan, Uttar Pradesh
- Harsha Trust, Orissa
- Himalaya Consortium for Himalaya Conservation, New Delhi
- Himmothan Society, Uttarakhand
- Indian Grameen Services, Madhya Pradesh
- Indian Grameen Services, West Bengal
- Indian Society for Agribusiness Professionals, New Delhi
- Indira Social Welfare Organisation, Orissa

- Institute of Himalayan Environment Research and Education, Uttarakhand
- International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics, Andhra Pradesh
- International Development Enterprises (India), New Delhi
- Jagrati Foundation, Karnataka
- Jamgoria Sevabrata, West Bengal
- Jan Kalyan Sansthan, Uttar Pradesh
- Jan Sewa Parishad, Jharkhand
- Jankalyan, Karnataka
- Jeevika Development Society, West Bengal
- Joint Endeavour for Emancipation Training and Action for Women, Orissa
- Kalanjiam Foundation, Tamil Nadu
- Keystone Foundation, Tamil Nadu
- Kovel Foundation, Andhra Pradesh
- Kutch Nav Nirman Abhiyan, Gujarat
- Ladakh Ecological Development Group, Jammu & Kashmir
- Laya, Andhra Pradesh
- League for Education and Development, Tamil Nadu
- Lok Jagriti Kendra, Jharkhand
- M R Pai Foundation, Maharashtra
- M S Swaminathan Research Foundation, Tamil Nadu
- Madhyam Foundation, Orissa
- Maharogi Sewa Samiti, Maharashtra
- Mahila Abhivruddhi Society, Andhra Pradesh
- Mahila Jagriti Mandal, Andhra Pradesh
- Mandan Bharti Jagriti Samaj, Bihar
- N M Sadguru Water and Development Foundation, Gujarat
- Nagaland Empowerment of People through Economic Development, Nagaland
- Nagaland Voluntary Health Association, Nagaland

- National Institute of Women, Child and Youth Development, Maharashtra
- North East Research and Social Work Networking, Assam
- Orissa Professional Development Service Consultants, Orissa
- Orissa University of Agriculture and Technology, Orissa
- Pan Himalayan Grassroots Development Foundation, Uttarakhand
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- Rashtriya Gramin Vikas Nidhi, Assam
- Reach India, West Bengal
- Rongmei Naga Baptist Association, Manipur
- Rural Development Association, West Bengal
- Rural Innovations Network, Tamil Nadu
- Rural Volunteers Centre, Assam
- Salim Ali Centre for Ornithology and Natural History, Tamil Nadu
- Sampurna Gram Vikas Kendra, Jharkhand
- Samuha Vikas, Orissa
- SAMUHA, Karnataka
- Samvedana Samaj Vikas Sanstha, Maharashtra
- Sardar Patel Renewable Energy Research Institute, Gujarat
- Satyapath, Bihar
- Self Reliant Initiatives through Joint Action (SRIJAN), New Delhi
- Sir Syed Trust, Rajasthan
- Social Action for Community Alternative Learning, Orissa

- Society for Promotion of Wastelands Development, New Delhi
- Sri Ramakrishna Sarada Math & Mission, Jharkhand
- Tagore Society for Rural Development, West Bengal
- Tata Chemical Society for Rural Development, Uttar Pradesh
- Tata Steel Rural Development Society, Jharkhand
- The Covenant Centre for Development, Tamil Nadu
- The Livelihood School, Andhra Pradesh
- The Timbaktu Collective, Andhra Pradesh
- Trust MicroFin Network, Uttar Pradesh
- Udyama, Orissa
- United Artists' Association, Orissa
- Uttarpath Sewa Sansthan, Uttarakhand
- Vasundhara, Orissa
- Vikalp, Uttar Pradesh
- Vikas Sahyog Pratishthan, Maharashtra
- Vishwas Sansthan, Uttar Pradesh
- Visionaries of Creative Action for Liberation and Progress, Orissa

- Vivekananda Institute of Biotechnology, West Bengal
- Watershed Organisation Trust, Maharashtra
- Wildlife Trust of India, Uttar Pradesh
- Women Organisation for Rural Development, Orissa
- Youth for Voluntary Action, Uttar Pradesh
- Youth Volunteers Union, Manipur
- Relief**
- Baikunthapur Sishu Seva Kendra, West Bengal
- Coastal Rural Youth Network, Andhra Pradesh
- Jana Sanskriti - Centre for Theatre of the Oppressed, West Bengal
- Maharogi Sewa Samiti, Maharashtra
- Nava Jeevan Organization, Andhra Pradesh
- Rajarhat PRASARI, West Bengal
- Sri Ramakrishna Sevashrama, Karnataka
- Thamate Centre for Rural Empowerment, Karnataka
- Vivekananda Institute of Biotechnology, West Bengal



Tamarind processing activities by communities - Laya, Andhra Pradesh

Urban Poverty and Livelihoods

Overview

Approximately 300 million of the 1,100 million people in India already live in urban areas. There is large-scale migration from rural areas to boomtowns with agriculture stagnating and rural people searching for better livelihoods. The forecast is by 2050, there will be 650 million people living in urban areas. The Trusts recognise this as a major area of work.

The pattern of unplanned urbanisation has thrown up three major issues. The first issue is related to the harmonious city development in a manner that looks after the interests of all the urban dwellers. The second deals with the creation of infrastructure needed for the smooth running of the cities. The third deals with ensuring good governance in these cities. In this context, the two focus areas of the portfolio are the Informal Sector and Livelihoods; and Urban Planning and Governance. There are three main programmes in the first focus area: Migration; Livelihoods and women; Waste management and informal sector. During the year, 34 new grants were made, bringing the total number of projects supported by the Trusts to 55 and the total grant size to ₹319.7 million.



Migrant workers learning the value of savings - Aajeevika Bureau, Rajasthan

Programme Highlights

Migration

The Trusts have sanctioned 25 projects on the migration programme across Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa and Rajasthan for a value of ₹95.4 million over three years. These will reach out to nearly 80,000 migrants. Aajeevika Bureau plays the role of a technical support agency to handhold all the organisations and ensures the uniformity of services offered to migrants across states. Registration and issue of ID cards, information and counselling at source and destination centres, legal awareness, promotion of labour collectives, formation of Pravasi Seva Manch, skill training and placement of youth and working with families of migrant workers are the common set of services that are being offered through migrant support centres. It is planned that the migration programme will be expanded to Madhya Pradesh and Bihar in the coming year.



Migrant workers at a brick kiln - Prayas, Gujarat



Information on migration services being provided to migrant workers - Aajeevika Bureau, Rajasthan

Livelihoods and Women

The Trusts had supported a field based study to understand the situation of women construction workers in Kolkata, some of whom are reportedly forced into sex work to support their meagre livelihoods. The outcome of this study has led to a three year project intervention which will provide women workers with services such as counselling, legal aid, day care centre for children and skill building for alternate livelihoods. The Trusts have also similarly supported a study to understand the situation of women domestic workers. On the basis of this study, the Trusts are in the process of evolving a programme.

Waste Management and Informal Sector

There are two major informal sector groups involved in the waste management system. The first is the group of workers engaged in cleaning storm and rain water drains in cities (the conservancy workers and manual scavengers). The second covers people (including ragpickers) engaged in street cleaning operations and city's Solid Waste Management (SWM) System. Organisations working with both the groups tend to be small and scattered across the country. Last year, the Trusts reached out to over a dozen smaller community based organisations (CBOs) who are working towards eradication of manual scavenging process. A national level study was conducted through the Safai Karamachari Andolan to understand the situation of manual scavenging practices in the country with a view to evolve a long-term strategy to work with manual scavengers. The experience of Kagad Kach Patra Panchayat in Pune in successfully integrating waste pickers in the Municipal SWM system will be taken to other smaller towns in Maharashtra.

Urban Planning and Governance

The field of urban planning and slum re-development is replete with uncertainties and contingencies arising out of the complexity of the situation and as yet does not offer result oriented grant opportunities. The portfolio has been exploring intervention opportunities in this theme. The Trusts have supported a project related to Urban Services Programme of the Government of West Bengal. This has been an attempt to partner with the related State agency in identifying NGO partners working on those development issues, which the State programme does not cover. The Trusts also supported a project for participating in a socio-economic survey commissioned by the Government as part of the Slum Redevelopment Plan. The partner has also been working with the government for incorporating the views of citizens in the re-development plans. Similar partnership has been forged with an organisation in Delhi for the work connected with relocating a slum. The project partnership in Sangli in Maharashtra was towards facilitating relocation of six slums under the Integrated Housing and Slum Development Programme. The project involves the relocation of 29 settlements in Sangli and has the potential to be one of the first planned interventions in slums on a comprehensive, city-wide scale in the country.

Significant Projects

Change Management Unit, Kolkata

The Innovative Challenge Fund (ICF) was created and launched in 2005 by Kolkata Urban Services for the Poor (KUSP), a multi-sector urban reforms programme under the Municipal Affairs Department, Government of West Bengal. In July 2009, during its growth phase, ICF entered into a partnership with Jamsetji Tata Trust. The partnership is envisaged to give an experience to the Trust in working with the Government and also attempting to add value to their work. Under the ICF-Tata Trust partnership there have been efforts to make the assessment and selection of NGO partners' process more rigorous. In addition, the Trust guided the team to design and conduct a sample study in early 2010 with the objective to understand ICF projects and processes from the perspective of mainstreaming efforts, systemic integration and sustainability within the Urban Local Bodies (ULBs).



A capacity building meeting with women co-operative members - Gujarat State Women's Sewa Co-operative Federation Ltd., Gujarat



Training migrant workers on mobile phone repairing - Aajeevika Bureau, Rajasthan

Partner Organisations

- Aajeevika Bureau, Rajasthan
- Arthik Anusandhan Kendra, Uttar Pradesh
- Association for Human Rights Education and Development, Orissa
- Azad Foundation, New Delhi
- Best Practices Foundation, Karnataka
- Centre for Civil Society, New Delhi
- Centre for Micro Finance, Rajasthan
- Centre for Urban and Regional Excellence, New Delhi
- Change Management Unit, West Bengal
- Citizens Voluntary Initiative for the City, Karnataka
- Cultural Action and Rural Development Society, Tamil Nadu
- Darabar Sahitya Sansad, Orissa
- Debate, Madhya Pradesh
- Disha Foundation, Maharashtra
- Dr. Ambedkar Women and Child Regeneration Development, Tamil Nadu
- Durbar Mahila Samanwaya Committee, West Bengal
- Gram Utthan, Orissa
- Grameen Development Services, Uttar Pradesh
- Grameen Evam Samajik Vikas Sanstha, Rajasthan
- Gujarat State Women's Sewa Co-op. Federation Ltd., Gujarat
- Institute of Human Development, New Delhi
- Jai Bhim Vikas Shikshan Sansthan, Rajasthan
- Jan Daksha Trust, Rajasthan
- Jatan Sansthan, Rajasthan
- Kotra Adivasi Sanshan, Rajasthan
- Labour Education and Research Network, Maharashtra
- Lok Kalyan Sansthan, Rajasthan
- Madhyam Foundation, Orissa
- Mahila Sewa Trust, Gujarat
- Mahila Shram Seva Nyas, Madhya Pradesh
- Mumbai Mobile Creches, Maharashtra
- National Foundation for India, New Delhi
- Nidan, Bihar
- Parichiti, West Bengal
- Paryavaran Evam Prodyogiki Utthan Samiti, Uttar Pradesh
- People's Action for National Integration, Uttar Pradesh
- Prajwala Sangham, New Delhi
- Pratikar, Orissa
- Prayas, Rajasthan
- Purvanchal Gramin Vikas Evam Prashikshan Sansthan, Uttar Pradesh
- Sahbhagi Shikshan Kendra, Uttar Pradesh
- SAMARTHAN - Centre for Development Support, Madhya Pradesh
- Setu Charitable Trust, Maharashtra
- Sewa Bharat, New Delhi
- Shelter Associates, Maharashtra
- Shiv Shiksha Samiti, Rajasthan
- Society for Health Alternative, Gujarat
- Society for Promotion of Area Resource Centres, Maharashtra
- Thamate Centre for Rural Development, Karnataka
- Trust Microfin Network, Uttar Pradesh
- Urmul Khejri Sansthan, Rajasthan
- Vizhuthugal Social Education and Development Trust, Tamil Nadu
- Xavier Institute of Development Action and Studies, Madhya Pradesh
- Youth Council for Development Alternatives, Orissa
- Youth for Unity and Voluntary Action, Maharashtra



Education

Overview

The Education portfolio of the Trusts is focused on supporting projects related to elementary education, child protection, adolescent education and skill development and women's literacy. In 2009-2010, 40 new partnerships were initiated, taking the total number of active projects to 93. These partnerships reached out to approximately 3,27,000 beneficiaries that included children, adolescents, women, teachers and community leaders. A majority of these belonged to the underprivileged sections of the Indian population such as those from scheduled tribes, scheduled castes, minorities and other backward classes. Geographically, the Trusts' focus is on the educationally backward areas in the states of Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and under-developed pockets of Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh.

The Trusts have been active in assessing the opportunities and challenges arising out of the newly enacted Right to Education Act, 2009. The portfolio took a lead by organising two consultation meetings attended by their partners in the elementary education field.

Rural women sharing the 'Khabar Lahariya' newspaper published by themselves - Nirantar, Uttar Pradesh

Programme Highlights

Elementary Education

The Trusts have consistently focused on basic and elementary education for children from tribal, Dalit and Muslim communities, particularly in educationally backward states. In 2009-2010, 22 new projects were started for access and quality of elementary education. The main activities under elementary education included support for bridge classes for out-of-school children, remedial education, mainstreaming children in schools and tracking their learning. A significant quantum of funding support was provided to education resource centres to engage with quality inputs for teacher education, curriculum, pedagogy and teaching-learning materials, child tracking, child profiling and for improving the quality of classroom practices within Government schools.

Child Protection

Care and protection of children in distress in both urban and rural areas is one of the newer initiatives undertaken by the Trusts. In 2009-2010, four new projects were started in Maharashtra, Bihar and Assam. A new area of concern has been the urban poor in Delhi and Mumbai and parts of Rajasthan, Bihar and Jharkhand. Children in urban areas, at the district and city level, live on the edges of the urban infrastructure. As they survive in unstable shanties and slum clusters, they are mostly excluded in surveys and remain as undocumented child labour. Projects have been initiated for extremely vulnerable and high-risk children across the main thematic areas of elementary and adolescent education and child protection. A module on child physical safety programme for school children and teachers was also piloted. The Trusts renewed the partnership with MV Foundation through a new programme grant and has also established a partnership with the National Law School University, Bengaluru to strengthen their work in child and law.



Students, including the speech and hearing impaired, learning fundamental sciences through experiments - Muktang Science Exploratory Centre, Maharashtra



Multi-lingual material being prepared by teachers for Munda tribal children - Torpa Rural Development Society for Women, Jharkhand

Adolescent Education and Development

The adolescent education programme strives to provide access to basic education and skills for young people who either never went to or dropped out early from schools. The projects supported by the Trusts are broadly modelled on the Doosra Dashak program developed by the Foundation for Education and Development, Rajasthan. The strategies involved include basic education in residential camps for out-of-school adolescents, life skills, involvement with socially relevant tasks, vocational training and inculcating democratic and inclusive values. Eight new projects were started in Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Bihar, Rajasthan and Orissa and reached out to a total of 41,000 adolescents.

Women's Literacy

The Trusts have started implementing pilot and full-scale projects related to the initiative on the women's literacy programme. Organised within Self Help Groups (SHGs) and Community Based Organisations (CBOs or sangathans), the programme is focussed on equipping women to enhance their abilities in dealing with issues of dignity and self-esteem in the contemporary environment.

The programme considers literacy as an essential skill to enable rural women from deprived communities overcome the limitations imposed by illiteracy, introduce them to new forms of knowledge and develop their leadership potential in the community. During 2009-2010, several partner organisations were able to develop their educational strategies, train field level personnel, develop teaching-learning material in their own contexts and test their teaching curriculum. Three new projects were sanctioned, bringing the total number of projects in this programme to 10 while reaching out to over 30,000 women, mostly from scheduled castes and Muslim communities.



Significant Projects

Mahita, Andhra Pradesh

Mahita is an organisation working for educational opportunities for the urban poor in Hyderabad. It has four child resource centres for slum children, mostly girls from the Muslim community, to provide remedial classes in science and language for improving learning. These centres serve as study spaces for 1,995 children and hubs for material production, working in two shifts cover students from government schools as well as school dropouts. A batch of school dropout girls has been successfully motivated to appear for examinations. As most children lack education support at homes, structured sessions for school going children serve as activity and enrichment centres and provide remedial education. Mahita has collaborated with Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan in the development of a curriculum in Urdu which has been circulated across 25 government schools.

Azad India Foundation, Bihar

Madrasas following deeni taleem, a traditional method of education serve as centres of education for a large number of mostly rural poor Muslim children in the densely populated backward district of Kishanganj in Bihar. Azad India Foundation has focussed on development of marginalised women, adolescents and children in Kishanganj. The project supported by the Trust is working in 20 villages of Pothia block with an integrated approach to education. The project includes introduction of mainstream education in Madarasas, where about 3,000 children are provided formal education, and mainstreaming of older children through National Open School's basic education programme. Functional literacy and vocational training for girls above 14 years and young women is also imparted. Small libraries in 20 villages are also an essential part of the project for retaining the interest in education and bringing information and entertainment to children.

Vikramshila, West Bengal

Project Naba Disha is an intervention of the Vikramshila Education Resource Society, Kolkata, in collaboration with the city police, to address the challenges of ensuring quality education for urban poor children. These include children of parents working in the unorganised sector as well as children of sex workers. The 20 learning centres offer child centred education and cultural activities to over 2,000 children. The centres cater to children between 3 -16 years. The medium of instruction is multilingual, as the children come from Bengali, Hindi and Urdu speaking families. The teachers of Naba Disha hold diploma certificates of Early Childhood Education based on the Montessori method offered by Vikramshila. The children studying at the centres are confident about themselves with the opportunities for growth and education.

Biology class at a resource centre - Mahita, Andhra Pradesh

Partner Organisations

- ABHAS- Action Beyond Help and Support, New Delhi
- Adarshila Shiksha Samiti, Madhya Pradesh
- Adim Jati Sevak Sangh, Chhatisgarh
- Advocacy for Alternative Resources, Action Mobilization and Brotherhood, Madhya Pradesh
- Ajmer Adult Education Association, Rajasthan
- Al Fazal Educational & Charitable Trust, Gujarat
- Alwar Mewat Institute of Education and Development, Rajasthan
- Amrapali Utkarsh Sangh, Maharashtra
- Antodaya Lok Karyakram, Bihar
- Aranya, Kerala
- ARPAN, Maharashtra
- Avehi Public Charitable (Educational) Trust, Maharashtra
- Azad India Foundation, Bihar
- Banwasi Vikas Ashram, Jharkhand
- Bharat Gyan Vigyan Samiti, New Delhi
- Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Maharashtra
- Bihar Bal Bhawan Kilkari, Bihar
- Bikaner Adult Education Association, Rajasthan
- Brothers of St. Gabriel Education Society, Andhra Pradesh
- Centre for Child and the Law, National Law School of India, Karnataka
- Centre for Equity Studies, New Delhi
- Charkha, Haryana
- Child in Need Institute, West Bengal
- Child Rights and You, New Delhi
- Dhvani Trust, Karnataka
- Digantar Shiksha Evam Khelkud Samiti, Rajasthan
- Eklavya, Madhya Pradesh
- Fellowship with Mentally Retarded, West Bengal
- Foundation for Awareness, Counselling and Education, Jharkhand
- Foundation for Education and Development, Rajasthan
- HELP Foundation, Jammu & Kashmir
- Indian) Council for Child Welfare, Assam
- Jago Foundation, Jharkhand
- Jan Vikas, Bihar
- Kalpataru Vikas Samiti, Madhya Pradesh
- Krishnamurti Foundation Rajghat Education Centre, Uttar Pradesh
- Leslie Sawhny Endowment, Maharashtra
- M. Venkatarangaiya Foundation, Andhra Pradesh
- Maharshi Karve Stree Shikshan Samstha, Maharashtra
- Mahila Development Centre, Bihar
- Mahila Vikas Samiti, Bihar
- Mahita, Andhra Pradesh
- Meher Bhargava Foundation, Uttar Pradesh
- Movement for Alternatives and Youth Awareness, Karnataka
- Nalanda, Uttar Pradesh
- Narmada Navnirman Abhiyan, Maharashtra
- National Foundation for India, New Delhi
- National Institute of Women, Child & Youth Development, Maharashtra
- Nav Srishti, New Delhi
- Nirantar, New Delhi
- Organisation for Awareness of Integrated Social Security, Madhya Pradesh
- Paragon Charitable Trust, Maharashtra
- Parmarth Samaj Sevi Sansthan, Uttar Pradesh
- Pashu Shawchhedan Audyogik Utpadan Sakhari Samiti Ltd, Uttar Pradesh
- Patang, Orissa
- People's Vigilance Committee on Human Rights, Uttar Pradesh
- Prayas Juvenile Aid Centre Society, New Delhi
- Prayas Vocational Institute for Mentally Handicapped, Rajasthan
- Prayatna Foundation, Uttar Pradesh
- Professional Assistance for Development Action, New Delhi
- Rural Litigation & Entitlement Kendra, Uttarakhand
- Saathi, Maharashtra
- Samajik Parivartan Sansthan, Jharkhand
- Samantar Sansthan, Rajasthan
- Samata, Andhra Pradesh
- SAMAVESH - Society for Development and Governance, Madhya Pradesh
- Samerth Charitable Trust, Gujarat
- Sampark Samaj Sevi Sansthan, Madhya Pradesh
- Sampark, Karnataka
- Shaishav, Gujarat
- Shashwat Sahbhagi Sansthan, Uttar Pradesh
- Sir Shapurji Billimoria Foundation, Maharashtra
- Social Action for Knowledge Building and Awareness Raising, Uttar Pradesh
- Socio Economic and Education Development Society, Jharkhand
- State Resource Centre for Adult Education, Madhya Pradesh
- Street Survivors India, New Delhi
- Sutradhar, Karnataka
- Torpa Rural Development Society for Women, Jharkhand
- Udyogini, New Delhi
- Urmul Khejri Sansthan, Rajasthan
- Uttarakhand Seva Nidhi Paryavaran Shiksha Sansthan, Uttaranchal
- Vanangana, Uttar Pradesh
- Vidya Roshan Charitable Trust, Haryana
- Vikasganga Samajsevi Sanstha, Maharashtra
- Vikramshila Education Resource Society, West Bengal
- Voluntary Health Association of Tripura, Tripura
- Wadmavli Lok Vikas Manch, Maharashtra
- Xavier Institute of Development Action and Studies, Madhya Pradesh
- Zubaan and Education Resource Unit, New Delhi



Preparation of teaching learning materials by teachers of Doosra Dasak at the camp in Pisangan, Rajasthan



Health

Overview

Though India shows an increasing public investment in health care, access to health services still remains highly inequitable. Health service seekers commonly face large out-of-pocket expenditure and poor quality of services. The year 2009-2010 saw a consolidation of the scope and reach of the Trusts' work related to health. The overarching approach is rooted in community based programming and spans the sub-thematic foci of disability, community health and services pertaining to widely prevalent diseases such as malaria, tuberculosis and cancer. The year under review saw increasing focus on mental health issues within the sub-theme of disability. Domestic violence as a public health issue received concerted programming efforts. The Trusts proudly supported two organisations working towards correction of cleft lip or palate conditions among children in several parts of the country. A total of 49 new grants for a value of ₹212 million were made during the year.

Programme Highlights

Community Health

Some noteworthy projects that continue to be supported include Action Research And Training in tribal villages of two districts in Rajasthan and towards creating a pool of trained midwives; Human Benefit Services Trust in Phalodi district in Rajasthan which works for a community health programme spanning 30 villages; Aarohi in 30 villages in two remote blocks of Nainital district in Uttarakhand; Jan Swasthya Sahayog in Bilaspur district of Chhattisgarh; Jan Chetna Manch in Bokaro district of Jharkhand for maternal and neo natal health; and Navjeevan based in Nellore District of Andhra Pradesh for a Mobile Medical Unit covering 30 villages.

The Trusts have initiated work on a pilot scale in eradication of malaria in Southern Orissa. Based on a community driven approach, the initiative would strengthen local community based response and also help develop linkages with the National Vector Borne Diseases Control Programme. A group of seven partners started their work in control of malaria, led by the Christian Hospital - MITRA, Bismcuttack in Raigada district of Orissa, a region ravaged by the disease. The portfolio also initiated work in building human resources dedicated to community health at the grassroot level, and grants such as SOCHARA are the first step in that direction.

Nine new grants made during the year have taken the total number of projects in this thrust area to 72 reaching out to 5 million people.

Domestic Violence as a Public Health Issue

The year 2009-2010 witnessed the Trusts embarking on domestic violence and public health programme in an integrated manner. The effort also built scope for the forthcoming years to dwell on the issue further by consolidating support to areas of medico-legal and rehabilitation of survivors of gender based violence. Under this programme, a total of eight grants including four new sanctions were supported this year.

The four new grants comprise of those to the Society for Nutrition, Education and Health Action (SNEHA), Point of View, Aawaaz e Niswaan (all in Mumbai, Maharashtra) and Society for Women's Action and Training Initiatives (SWATI) in Gujarat. While SNEHA worked on strengthening community mobilisation and crisis cell in Dharavi based Lokmanya Tilak Municipal Hospital, Point of View took the issue of gender based violence and domestic violence to public spaces like streets and educational institutions of Mumbai.

Aawaaz e Niswaan, which works among Muslim women, strengthened its counselling services for women survivors of violence and also built their skills to enable them to become financially independent. A photography exhibition of some of the women survivors of domestic violence was hosted at Kala Ghoda in Mumbai, Maharashtra, which attracted a good audience and enabled these survivors to regain their confidence and fight against gender based violence. SWATI's emphasis remained on integrating the issue of gender based violence at the local governance level. The other ongoing grants focused on similar areas of prevention, constituting awareness generation of the issue and the Protection of Women Against Domestic Violence Act 2005 at community level and urban spaces, capacity building of women and service delivery including provision of short stay homes, legal aid and counselling to needy women.

Disability and Mental Health

Within this thrust area, four strategic areas of support have been identified for grant making, namely, Early Intervention; Preventive and Remedial Intervention, Community Based Rehabilitation and Skill development and Employability. The portfolio has encouraged the use of technology in disability along with an enhanced focus on geographically under-represented areas. In keeping with the global trend of including mental health in the form of intellectual and psycho social disabilities, the Trusts have also converged their work on disability to include mental health. The range of work supported includes complex disabilities such as cerebral palsy, with the Indian Institute of Cerebral Palsy based in Kolkata, working with people who are deafblind, through grants to the Society for the Visually Handicapped also based in West Bengal and the Helen Keller Institute for the Deafblind based in Mumbai, Maharashtra. The work on mental illness includes innovative grants such as the Schizophrenia Research Foundation's community mental health programme in three districts of Tamil Nadu through telepsychiatry.

Five new grants during the year took the total projects in this thrust area to 23 reaching approximately 1.5 million people across the country.



Vocational training for people with multiple disabilities - Indian Institute of Cerebral Palsy, West Bengal

Significant Projects

Operation Smile and Smile Train, Uttar Pradesh, Assam, Jharkhand and Sikkim

The portfolio supported two organisations, namely Operation Smile and Smile Train which organised surgeries related to cleft lip and cleft palate in Uttar Pradesh, Assam, Jharkhand and Sikkim. During the year, over 2,700 children suffering from this condition benefited from support provided by the Trusts.

Swami Vivekananda Integrated Rural Health Centre, Pavagada, Karnataka

Swami Vivekananda Integrated Rural Health Centre (SVIRHC) is working in Pavagada, Tumkur district in Karnataka. To bring about change in people's lives, SVIRHC works on prevention and treatment of Tuberculosis in communities through innovative methods; conducts research and provides services on childhood blindness along with Narayana Rudralaya in Bangalore and Sri Sharada Devi Hospital and Research Centre in Bengaluru, Karnataka. The other services provided by SVIRHC include treatment for Leprosy including specialised reconstructive surgeries. The organisation also manages Primary Health Centres of the Government of Karnataka in the Tumkur district of Karnataka. SVIRHC has been conferred an award from Bhagawan Mahaveer Foundation based in Chennai, Tamil Nadu.



Cleft lip and cleft palate surgery - Operation Smile, Assam, Jharkhand and West Bengal

Partner Organisations

- Aarohi, Uttaranchal
- Aawaaz-E-Niswaan, Maharashtra
- Action for Welfare Research and Development Society, Madhya Pradesh
- Action Research and Training for Health, Rajasthan
- Akshar Trust, Gujarat
- Anusandhan Trust, Maharashtra
- Anweshi Women`s Counselling Centre, Kerala
- Arushi, Madhya Pradesh
- Ashagram Trust, Madhya Pradesh
- Association of People with Disability, Karnataka
- Astha - Alternative Strategies for the Handicapped, New Delhi
- Basic Needs India, Karnataka
- Butterflies, New Delhi
- Cancer Institute (WIA), Tamil Nadu
- Christian Hospital, Orissa
- Deendayal Research Institute, New Delhi
- Development Agency for Poor & Tribal Awakening, Orissa
- Diya Foundation, Karnataka
- Enable India, Karnataka
- Foundation for Research in Community Health, Maharashtra
- Friends Association for Rural Reconstruction, Orissa
- Graham Bell Centre for the Deaf, West Bengal
- H.B.S. Trust, Rajasthan
- Healing Fields Foundation, Andhra Pradesh
- Health Vision and Research, West Bengal
- Helen Keller Institute of Deaf & Deafblind, Maharashtra
- India Natural Resource Economics and Management Foundation, Gujarat
- Indian Institute of Cerebral Palsy, West Bengal
- Institute of Public Health, Karnataka
- International Longevity Centre - India, Maharashtra
- Jan Chetna Manch Bokaro, Jharkhand
- Jan Jagaran Samiti, Uttarakhand
- Jan Swasthya Sahyog, Chhattisgarh
- Janarth, Maharashtra
- Karuna Trust, Karnataka
- Latika Roy Memorial Foundation, Uttarakhand
- Madhya Pradesh Voluntary Health Association, Madhya Pradesh
- Maharogi Sewa Samiti, Maharashtra
- Mahila Sarvangeen Utkarsha Mandal, Maharashtra
- Mahiti Trust, Gujarat
- Mamta Health Institute for Mother and Child, New Delhi
- Manas Foundation, New Delhi
- Manav Vikas, Jharkhand
- Mauli Multipurpose Charitable Society, Maharashtra
- Moving Academy of Medicine and Biomedicine, Maharashtra
- Mumbai City Sainik Welfare Office, Maharashtra
- National Institute of Applied Human Research and Development, Orissa
- Nava Jeevan Organisation, Andhra Pradesh
- Nirmalya Charity Trust, Maharashtra
- Om Creation Trust, Maharashtra
- Operation Smile India, Maharashtra
- PARIVARTTAN, Orissa
- Peoples United for Social Participation & Awareness Centre, Orissa
- Population Foundation of India, New Delhi
- Ramkrishna Mission Home of Service, Uttar Pradesh



Campaign against malaria - MITTRA, Orissa



- Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind, Maharashtra
- Rustomji P Patel Cheshire Home, Jharkhand
- Sanhita, West Bengal
- Schizophrenia Awareness Association, Maharashtra
- Schizophrenia Research Foundation, Tamil Nadu
- Sense International (India), Gujarat
- Shree Jan Jeevan Kalyan Sansthan, Rajasthan
- Sir Albert Howard Memorial Trust, Madhya Pradesh
- Sir Dorabji Tata Centre for Research in Tropical Diseases, Karnataka
- Social Development Society, Orissa
- Social Welfare Agency & Training Institute, Orissa
- Society for Community Health Awareness Research and Action, Karnataka
- Society for Nutrition Education and Health Action, Maharashtra
- Society for the Visually Handicapped, West Bengal
- Society of Parents of Children with Autistic Disorders, Maharashtra
- Stree Mukti Sanghatana, Maharashtra
- Swaasthya, New Delhi
- Swami Vivekananda Medical Mission, Maharashtra
- Society for Women's Action and Training Initiatives, Gujarat
- Tathapi Trust, Maharashtra
- The Bombay Community Public Trust, Maharashtra
- The Education Audiology & Research Society, Maharashtra
- The Music Therapy Trust, New Delhi
- The Oral School for the Deaf Children, West Bengal
- The Research Society for the Care, Treatment & Training of Children in Need of Special Care, Maharashtra
- The Smile Train, New Delhi
- The Society for the Eradication of Leprosy, Maharashtra
- Thrombosis Research Institute of India, Karnataka
- Uttar Pradesh Voluntary Health Association, Uttar Pradesh
- VAANI - Deaf Children's Foundation, West Bengal
- V-Care Foundation, Maharashtra
- Vikalp Foundation, Bihar
- Vision Research Foundation, Tamil Nadu
- World Centre for Creative Learning Foundation, Maharashtra
- Xavier Institute of Social Services, Jharkhand



Mobile medical unit under the National Rural Health Mission - Navjeevan, Andhra Pradesh



Civil Society, Governance and Human Rights

Overview

The portfolio has three components, namely the strengthening of civil society, improving governance and contributing towards the protection of human rights with a focus towards the vulnerable sections of society. The work of strengthening civil society is aimed at creating, nurturing and strengthening community based organisations and other civil society groups particularly those working with the oppressed sections of society in neglected regions. The governance work supported by the Trusts focuses on improving local self-governance institutions and strengthening and ensuring entitlements of the poor. Human rights work mainly involves protection and promotion of rights of Dalit, women and tribal communities. Improvement of the criminal justice system, an important activity supported in the country by the Trusts, focuses on conditions of under-trials and prisoners. Fifty-seven grants with a total sanction value of ₹193 million were sanctioned in the year.

Programme Highlights

Governance

Sixteen projects in the portfolio relate to local self-governance. They deal with training of peoples' representatives (ward panch as well as sarpanch) in proper functioning of the panchayati raj institutions; strengthening social audit forums such as Village Health and Sanitation Committee (VHSC), Village Education Committee (VEC); organising forums of elected women representatives to serve as a platform for mutual learning and support. Five projects deal with the criminal justice system in three states including PRAYAS, the Field Action Project at the Tata Institute of Social Sciences in Mumbai, Maharashtra.

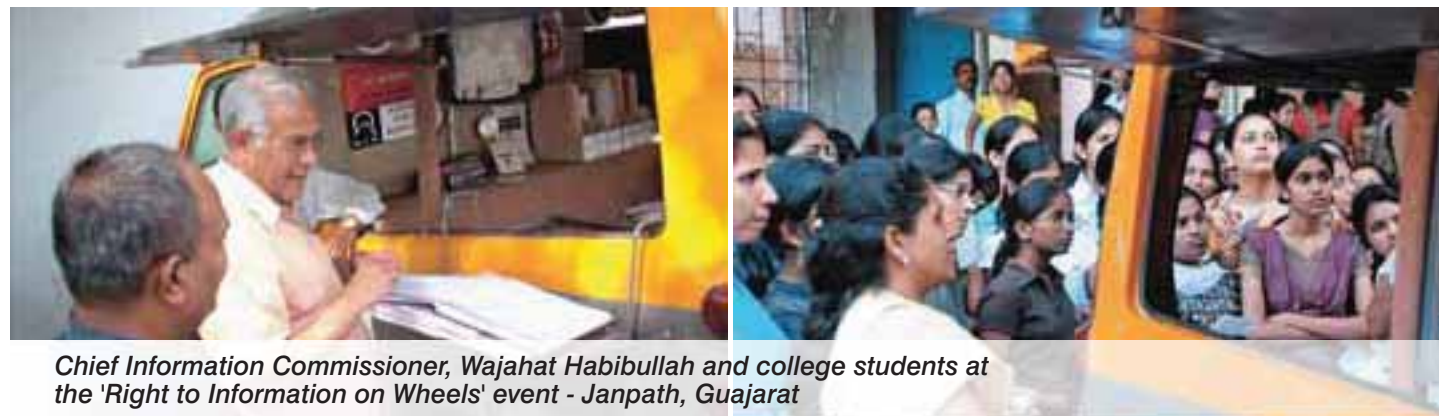
Human Rights

During the year under review, the portfolio focused mainly on protection of the rights of women and of Dalits. Twenty-two new grants were made on the subject of protection of rights of women as well as building up leadership of women. The former covered, in particular, rights of women after the passage of the Protection of Women against Domestic Violence Act but also included projects targeted at protecting single and destitute women abandoned by their families.

An important cause on which the portfolio initiated its engagement relates to sex selective abortions, one of the principal reasons for the continuing decline in child sex ratio especially in prosperous regions in the country. Considering that this threatens to emerge as a major social problem pertaining to significant worsening of social security of women, Trusts expect to enlarge their engagement in this field. Trusts also supported four projects aimed at protecting the rights of Dalits. These projects typically aim to generate and heighten awareness of rights among Dalits, protect human rights by civil society vigilance and monitoring and to organise their groups to mobilise action against the blatant violation of these rights. Fellowships are supported to create and nurture civil society for protecting Dalit rights areas where no organisation working for this cause exists.

Strengthening Civil Society

The Trusts have long been supporting causes and projects which contribute towards strengthening a civil society which leads to a more effective voluntary sector and spread of organisations to backward regions. Continuing with this tradition, six new grants were made in the year under review. The Trusts started support to the cause of effecting continuous improvement in the election system.



Chief Information Commissioner, Wajahat Habibullah and college students at the 'Right to Information on Wheels' event - Janpath, Guajarat

Significant Projects



Women panchayat members at a district level advocacy event in Dahod - Mahila Swaraj Abhiyan, Gujarat

Empowering Rural Women Programme, Uttar Pradesh

The Empowering Rural Women programme under the handholding support of People's Action for National Integration (PANI) reached new frontiers in this year. Sixteen grassroot organisations are implementing the programme at present. The programme is reaching out to 253 gram panchayats in Eastern Uttar Pradesh. It collectivised more than 32,000 women in this area in the form of Nari Sangh. More than 24,000 members of Nari Sangh have received job cards under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MNREGA) for the first time. Eighty two Public Distribution Shops were regularised through the intervention of Nari Sangh.

Centre For Advocacy and Research, Rajasthan

A group of five NGOs in Rajasthan work with Centre For Advocacy and Research (CFAR), Delhi to prevent sex selection in 12 districts of Rajasthan. Sex selective abortion of female fetuses has been identified as the most important direct cause for the rapidly diminishing child sex ratio in India. According to the 2001 Census, 49 districts of North India have less than 850 girls per 1,000 boys. Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostics Techniques (PCPNDT) Act prohibits identification of sex of a foetus in the country. CFAR and its partners are monitoring 457 ultrasound centres, many of which have blatantly violating PCPNDT Act. CFAR also conducts regular medical audits. They have audited 45,000 data declaration forms from these centres and have helped the state authorities to bring the erring practitioners to book. The portfolio is proactively reaching out to potential partners in Delhi, Punjab and Haryana to address the issue of sex selection, which has assumed gigantic proportions. The effort is to intertwine an attitude change campaign towards women along with strict implementation of the PCPNDT Act.

Partner Organisations

- Ankuran, Orissa
- Ashoka Innovators for the Public, New Delhi Association for Voluntary Agencies for Rural Development, New Delhi
- Association for Voluntary Initiative, Youth Action and Network, Orissa
- Association of Democratic Reforms, New Delhi
- Astha Sansthan, Rajasthan
- Baihar Nari Utthan Sewa Mahila Mandal, Madhya Pradesh
- Baikunthapur Sishu Seva Kendra, West Bengal
- Bhagwan Manav Kalyan Samiti, Uttar Pradesh
- Bhartiya Jan Kalyan Seva Sansthan, Uttar Pradesh
- Calcutta Society for Professional Action in Development, West Bengal
- Centre for Advocacy and Research, New Delhi
- Centre for Alternative Dalit Media, New Delhi
- Chaitanya, Maharashtra
- Childline India Foundation, Maharashtra
- Choupal Gramin Vikas Prashikshan Evam Shodh Sansthan, Chhattisgarh
- Coastal Rural Youth Network, Andhra Pradesh
- Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative, New Delhi
- Dalit Association for Social and Human Rights Awareness, Bihar
- Dalit Foundation, New Delhi
- Development Association for Human Advancement, Uttar Pradesh
- Development Initiative, Orissa
- Gram Vikas Sewa Sansthan, Uttar Pradesh
- Grameen Vikas Sansthan, Uttar Pradesh
- Gramin Punarnirman Sansthan, Uttar Pradesh
- Gramin Punarrachana Kendra, Maharashtra
- Housing and Land Rights Network, New Delhi
- In Defence of Animals, Maharashtra
- Institute of Social Sciences, New Delhi
- Jan Gramin Vikas Sansthan, Uttar Pradesh
- Jan Sahas Social Development Society, Madhya Pradesh
- Jan Shikshan Kendra, Uttar Pradesh
- Jana Sanskriti Centre for Theatre of the Oppressed, West Bengal
- Janpath, Gujarat
- Janvikas Samajik Sanstha, Maharashtra
- Keonjhar Integrated Rural Development & Training Institute, Orissa
- Lok Jagriti Sansthan, Uttar Pradesh
- Lok Panchayat, Maharashtra
- Lokpriya Janhit Sewa Sansthan, Uttar Pradesh
- Mahila Gramodyog Sewa Samiti, Uttar Pradesh
- Mahila Prashikshan Sewa Sansthan, Uttar Pradesh
- Mahila Swaraj Abhiyan, Gujarat
- Mahila Swarojgar Samiti, Uttar Pradesh
- Majlis Manch, Maharashtra
- Manav Sewa Kendra, Uttar Pradesh
- National Foundation for Communal Harmony, New Delhi
- Nav Ankur Manav Kalyan Sanstha, Madhya Pradesh
- New Entity for Social Action, Karnataka
- Nishtha, West Bengal
- Parivartan Sanstha, Maharashtra
- People`s Action for National Integration, Uttar Pradesh
- PRAKRITI, Maharashtra
- Public Cause Research Foundation, Delhi
- Rastriya Gramin Vikas Samiti, Uttar Pradesh
- Rural Communes, Maharashtra
- Rural Litigation and Entitlement Kendra, Uttarakhand
- Rural Ongoing Services & Enlightenment Society, Andhra Pradesh
- Sadbhawana Gramin Vikas Sansthan, Uttar Pradesh

- Sahayog Community Coordination Network, Andhra Pradesh
- Sahyog Trust, Maharashtra
- Saiyere Jo Sangathan, Gujarat
- Sakhi Trust, Karnataka
- Samaj Vikas Sanstha, Maharashtra
- Sambalpur Integrated Development Institute, Orissa
- SAMVADA, Karnataka
- Sanand Mahila Vikas Sangathan, Gujarat
- Shaheen Women Resource and Welfare Association, Andhra Pradesh
- Society for Citizens Vigilance Initiative, New Delhi
- Society for Promoting Participative Eco-system Management, Maharashtra
- Society for Research & Rudimentary Education on Social & Health Issues, West Bengal
- Society for Rural, Urban and Tribal Initiative, New Delhi
- Socio Legal Information Centre, Maharashtra
- Spandan Samaj Seva Samiti, Madhya Pradesh
- Srishti Sewa Sansthan, Uttar Pradesh
- Sudhar, Madhya Pradesh
- Supporting Association for Thematic and Holistic Initiatives, Uttar Pradesh
- Swaraj Peeth Trust, Haryana
- Tarashi Mahila Shodh Evam Prashikshan Sansthan, Madhya Pradesh
- Tarun Chetna, Uttar Pradesh
- The Action North East Trust, Assam
- The Lohia Karpooori Institute of Technology for Social Change, Bihar
- Ujjas Mahila Sangathan, Gujarat
- Urmul Jyoti Sansthan, Rajasthan
- Vidya Bhawan Society, Rajasthan
- Vikalp Samajik Sangathan, Uttar Pradesh
- Vikas Dhara Vidha Mahila Sansthan, Uttar Pradesh
- Voluntary Action for Rehabilitation and Development, Maharashtra
- Xavier Institute of Social Action, Chhattisgarh



Community women preparing for a rally in support of Womens' Reservation Bill - Shaheen, Andhra Pradesh

Media, Art and Culture

Overview

The Media, Art and Culture portfolio has an interesting breadth of programmes ranging from digital community archives to research in the performing arts, from conservation of monuments to social street theatre. The Trusts made an important contribution towards preservation of the living space in Mumbai by making a grant to the Organisation for Verdant Ambience & Land (OVAL) Trust for restoration of the Cross Maidan in Mumbai, Maharashtra. With 17 new projects across India with a disbursement value of ₹50.1 million, the portfolio aims to build and promote arts scholarships and archival facilities, protect and conserve cultural heritage and dying art forms, support research and development activities of the Arts and provide support to media projects engaged in the development discourse.



Sivam Namboodri teaching rhythm in the Koodiyattam class - Adishakti, Tamil Nadu

Programme Highlights

Art Scholarships and Archival Facilities

Art scholarship programmes offer writers, performers, artists and scholars an opportunity to conduct in-depth and innovative research related to curatorship and conservation. The traditional system of the guru-shishya parampara has also been encouraged over the past few years. Archival projects supported have generated source data, better facilities and knowledge dissemination to a wider audience.

Endangered Cultures

From tribal dialects and medicinal knowledge to the art of making traditional dance masks, documenting, protecting and safeguarding the national treasures and intangible heritage are integral to cultures that are rapidly disappearing. Conservation and restoration of monuments and buildings along with the dissemination of their processes and technology is essential in preserving the architectural and cultural landscape. The Dalit Foundation works for the empowerment of the Dalit community at the grassroots level. With a grant from the Trusts, the Foundation has given fellowships to Dalit artists to promote art and culture.

Research and Development

The Trusts encourage programmes that foster and promote excellence in research in the creative and performing arts, design and humanities. Through research and development, the understanding of human culture is captured and knowledge is disseminated for public access and understanding.

Media

Issues ranging from child marriages to community forest initiatives, from mediums like the community radio to the digital web, information dissemination and advocacy play a strong role in educating and creating awareness on marginalised people and developmental issues. Two grants were made for promoting work for highlighting development issues and the problems of the marginalised people. The first grant was to Vikas Samvad Samiti for promoting Media Fellowships which would encourage and enable young journalists to focus on development issues. Their contribution to the cause of malnourishment and getting the State Assembly to take cognisance of the issue in Madhya Pradesh has been noteworthy. The second grant was to Darshan, an organisation in Gujarat for promoting developmental journalism.

Significant Projects



Ustad Zakir Hussain at a performance - Saptak, Gujarat

Saptak Archives, Gujarat

The Saptak Archives in Ahmedabad, Gujarat has a vast collection with over 900 artists and completed 4,000 hours of music digitisation. With the support of the Trusts, the archive aims to preserve and disseminate Indian classical and traditional music and has digitised some of the greatest exponents of Indian classical music.

National Folklore Support Centre, Tamil Nadu

The portfolio continues to support the National Folklore Support Centre in Chennai, Tamil Nadu to establish community centres in the form of digital archives for the three fragile and marginal communities of the Nari Kuravar in Tamil Nadu, the Jenu Kuruba in Karnataka and the Seraikela Chhau in Jharkhand.

Kattaikkuttu Gurukulam, Tamil Nadu

'Kattaikkuttu' is known for its all-night theatrical performances that depict scenes from the Mahabharata adapted to the local situation. The grant is supporting high quality artistic training and education to the first batch of over 40 boys and girls from socially disadvantaged rural backgrounds at Kattaikkuttu Gurukulam, near Kanchipuram, in Tamil Nadu.



Partner Organisations

- Adishakti Laboratory for Theatre Art Research, Tamil Nadu
- Bombay House Jashan Committee, Maharashtra
- Centre for Communication and Development Studies, Maharashtra
- Centre for Science and Environment, New Delhi
- Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, West Bengal
- Centre for the Study of Culture and Society, Karnataka
- Dalit Foundation, New Delhi
- DARSHAN, Gujarat
- Drishti, Gujarat
- India Foundation for the Arts, Karnataka
- Institute of Democracy and Sustainability, New Delhi
- Institute of Rural Management Anand, Gujarat
- Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
- Khamir Crafts Resource Centre, Gujarat
- Ladakh Arts and Multicultural Outreach Trust, Maharashtra
- Madras Craft Foundation, Tamil Nadu
- Natarang Pratishthan, New Delhi
- National Folklore Support Centre, Tamil Nadu
- Organisation for Verdant Ambience and Land Trust, Maharashtra
- Raja Dinkar Kelkar Museum, Maharashtra
- Rajasthan Samgra Seva Sangh, Rajasthan
- Sameeksha Trust, Maharashtra
- Saptak School of Music, Gujarat
- Tamil Nadu Kattaiyuttu Kalai Valarchi Munetra Sangam, Tamil Nadu
- Tata Sports Club, Maharashtra
- The Aseema Trust, Tamil Nadu
- The Asian Heritage Foundation, New Delhi
- The Crafts Council of India, Tamil Nadu
- The Calcutta School of Music, West Bengal
- The First Dastur Meherjirana Library, Gujarat
- The Orient Foundation, Uttar Pradesh
- Vikas Samvad Samiti, Madhya Pradesh
- Vividha Mahila Alekhan Evam Sandarbh Kendra Samiti, Rajasthan
- Women Weave Charitable Trust, Maharashtra
- Zoroastrian Stree Mandal, Andhra Pradesh



Digital archive for the Nari Kuruvar - National Folklore Support Centre, Tamil Nadu

Institutions

During the year, Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR) in Mumbai celebrated the birth centenary of its visionary founder, late Dr Homi Bhabha. Supported by the Trusts as a part of these celebrations, 'A permanent exhibition - The Visionary and the Vision', an exhibition on Dr Homi Bhabha and his legacy was inaugurated by the then Chairman of the Department of Atomic Energy, Government of India, at the Homi Bhabha Auditorium foyer, TIFR in October 2009. A commemorative book based on this exhibition, also titled, 'The Visionary and the Vision' was released in December 2009. A project on archiving the oral history of Indian science supported by the Trusts completed the first phase, digitising 169 cassettes of 37 interviews.

The Trusts support a number of projects with the Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), including the Jamsetji Tata Centre for Disaster Management located in the Naorji Campus in Mumbai. The Centre has established itself as the first academic institution offering a Post Graduate course on disaster management in the country and has made noteworthy contributions in the field. During the year under review, TISS acquired land and laid the Foundation stone for its North East Campus in Guwahati, Assam.



In 1945, Mr JRD Tata supported Dr Homi J Bhabha to pursue his vision of establishing The Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR) in Mumbai, Maharashtra. The Permanent Exhibition, 'The Visionary and the Vision', in Mumbai is one of the activities organised by TIFR for Dr Bhabha's birth centenary.



Mr. Ratan Tata at the construction site of the Tata Medical Centre Trust Hospital in Kolkata, West Bengal.

The Trusts have contributed to the Tata Group effort in building a state-of-the-art, hospital in Kolkata that will provide world class yet affordable cancer treatment and care to cancer patients. This hospital, being set up especially in West Bengal, will serve the eastern and north-eastern regions of the country which lacks infrastructure for cancer treatment and care. The project includes a Dharmshala to house outpatients and families. The facility is at an advanced stage of completion and is expected to be commissioned in 2010-2011.

Indian Institute of Science (IISc) in Bengaluru has been the forerunner of scientific and technical education in the country. As its Director, Dr Balam says "What the institute has given to the country cannot really be quantified, but this much can be said: its contribution has been spread across a broad range of areas and over a long period of time."

The Trusts continue their partnership with the Tata Memorial Centre (TMC) in Mumbai, Maharashtra, which is managed by the Atomic Energy Commission. TMC which runs the Tata Memorial Hospital for cancer patients continued its valuable service in the field. It also inaugurated the St. Jude's Child Care Centre for rehabilitation and recuperation of children affected with cancer in their Kharghar campus in Mumbai, Maharashtra.

The Trusts have supported the National Institute of Advanced Studies (NIAS) in Bengaluru, Karnataka, to develop programmes in multiple areas including International Strategic and Security Studies, Conflict Resolution, Water, Education, Urban Studies and Cognition. This year, the Trust supported NIAS to consolidate its multi-disciplinary research and training activities by focusing on specific programmes. The programmes are expected to contribute to a fresh understanding of these critical areas, with an equal emphasis on the dissemination of this analysis.



Trusts supported Institutions

- Centre for Study of Science, Technology & Policy, Karnataka
- Foundation for Revitalisation of Local Health Traditions, Karnataka
- Indian Institute of Science, Karnataka
- National Centre for the Performing Arts, Maharashtra
- National Institute of Advanced Studies, Karnataka
- Sir Dorabji Tata Centre for Research in Tropical Diseases, Karnataka
- Tata Education and Development Trusts, Maharashtra
- Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Maharashtra
- Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Maharashtra
- Tata Medical Centre Trust, West Bengal
- Tata Memorial Centre, Maharashtra
- The Tata Agricultural and Rural Training Centre for the Blind, Gujarat



The National Institute of Advanced Studies in Karnataka was conceived and established by the vision and initiative of the late Mr JRD Tata.

The Indian Institute of Science in Bengaluru was conceived as a 'Research Institute' by JN Tata and continues to be one of India's premier scientific, education and research institutes.

Disbursement of Individual Medical Grants

(₹ in Millions)

Sr. No.	Particulars	Sir Dorabji Tata Trust		Allied Trusts	
		Number of Grants	Amount ₹	Number of Grants	Amount ₹
	Surgery:				
1	Cochlear Implants	46	4.58	19	3.04
2	Neurosurgery	26	1.50		
3	Orthopaedic	84	3.87		
4	Kidney Transplant/ Dialysis	91	3.66		
5	Bone Marrow Transplants			5	1.45
6	Spinal Scoliosis			1	0.10
7	General Surgery	36	1.42		
	Treatment for:				
1	Burns	6	0.43		
2	Cancer	205	12.35	2	0.60
3	Heart Ailments	229	10.62	1	0.18
4	Chronic Illness	70	2.56		
5	Eye Ailments	6	0.12		
6	Gynecological Problems	3	0.03		
7	Intensive Care Unit Hospitalisations	37	2.60		
8	Neurological Disorders	8	0.37		
9	Psychiatric Illness	3	0.09		
10	Respiratory Distress	4	0.14		
11	Tuberculosis	10	0.29		
12	Premature Babies (Neonatal Intensive Care Unit)	4	0.31		
13	Liver Disease/ Immuno Suppressants	7	0.86	2	0.60
	Aid to Differently-abled	2	0.11		
	Total	877	45.91	30	5.97

Individual Grants - Medical

For thousands of years humans have been trying to cure illnesses afflicting the body and mind. Though scientific and technological progress has helped alleviate pain and effectively treat various diseases, many challenges still remain. The increasing costs of medical treatment places a huge burden, especially on those from the economically weaker sections of society.

An ailing individual is engaged and sometimes, for long periods in an emotional battle of coming to terms with the ailment and an economic battle of raising the resources to get treatment. In such trying times, compassion becomes as integral to the act of giving, as does timely financial assistance itself.

The JRD Tata Trust gives medical grants with its focus being on the relatively younger age group, who with such medical assistance can go on to live a better quality of life.

"In that hour of crisis, you have been the ones who rendered unselfish help and cooperation in getting me monetary assistance from the Trust, which has undoubtedly been God's help to me." ~ Mr Kiran Kamat, who is under going treatment for acute Myeloid Leukaemia.

"First of all most humbly and with a very heavy heart I want to thank you for what you have done for my daughter. She received four complete blood transfusions this week. She is really brave and co-operating fully with the hospital staff." ~ Jatinder Singh, father of 14 year old Yuviana who underwent a bone marrow transplant.



Individual Grants - Education

(₹ in Millions)

Category	Sir Dorabji Tata Trust Allied Trusts*			
	No. of Grants	Amount ₹	No. of Grants	Amount ₹
▶ Travel Grants for: (SDTT)				
Studies Abroad	108	4.47	-	-
Attending conferences	20	0.47	-	-
Others	11	0.23	-	-
	139	5.17	-	-
▶ Gift Awards (JTT)	-	-	97	15.35
▶ Darab R D Tata Grants (JRDT)	-	-	4	0.34
▶ Other Education Grants (SDTT)	181	3.12	-	-
▶ Scholarships (JRDT/SDTT)	342	10.63	1,361	52.38
▶ TISS Scholarships (JRDT & SDTT)	1	0.01	11	0.11
▶ CN Gosalia Memorial Scholarship (JRDT)	-	-	1	0.01
▶ International Scholarships (LTMT)	-	-	17	27.75
▶ Indian Awards (LTMT)	-	-	44	5.78
▶ Young Researchers Award 2009 (LTMT)	-	-	1	0.62
▶ Loan Scholarships (JNTE)	-	-	102	32.72
▶ Total	663	18.93	1,638	135.06

* JRD Tata Trust (JRDT), Jamsetji Tata Trust (JTT), Lady Tata Memorial Trust (LTMT) and JN Tata Endowment for the Higher Education of Indians (JNTE)

Individual Grants - Educational and Travel

Sir Dorabji Tata Trust

The Trust disbursed a total of ₹18.93 million by way of scholarships and grants during the year 2009-2010.

Among the categories for which financial assistance for education were given:

- General Education grants for studies in India after taking into account factors such as academic record, fees and the economic background of the family.
- Scholarships for undergraduate studies in India. Also included under this category were merit scholarships awarded on the basis of applications invited from nine colleges based in Mumbai.
- Travel grants were given to meet the cost of pursuing studies abroad as well as for presenting papers at conferences, undergoing advanced training, research and exchange programmes.
- One scholarship in the field of Urban and Rural Community Development was given through the Tata Institute of Social Sciences in Mumbai, Maharashtra.

JRD Tata Trust

A total of ₹52.84 million was disbursed as scholarships and grants during the year 2009-2010.

Scholarships were given with a view to financially assist promising young students pursuing their graduation and post graduation courses, subject to the eligibility criteria set out on merit basis.

These scholarships were open to students studying in certain colleges identified by the Trust.

The Darab RD Tata Scholarships were given to assist deserving young people and in particular, young women requiring financial support for higher studies in the field of medicine or humanities. Four scholarships were awarded during the year 2009-2010.

The CN Ghosalia Memorial Scholarship was awarded to one Engineering student during the year.

The Social Science Scholarships were awarded to students studying at and recommended by the Tata Institute of Social Sciences in Mumbai, Maharashtra, in the field of Family and Child Welfare; Medical and Psychiatric Social Work; Urban and Rural Community Development and Social Welfare Administration. Eleven such scholarships were awarded during the year 2009-2010.

"I sincerely appreciate this touching gesture of your Trust to recognize talent and hard work of young and enterprising students which encourages them to excel." ~ Mr Parth S Shah was awarded a scholarship for Engineering studies.

"I would sincerely like to thank your benevolent Trust for all your financial aid to help me pursue my MBBS course. I promise to live up to your expectations and be of worthiness to my community and nation." ~ Ms Kaizeen Daruwalla was awarded a scholarship for MBBS studies.



Jamsetji Tata Trust

During 2009-2010, the Jamsetji Tata Trust disbursed ₹15.35 million by way of gift awards to JN Tata scholars who were awarded loan scholarships. Ninety-seven out of 102 selected JN Tata scholars, qualified for the above gift award.

The JN Tata Endowment for the Higher Education of Indians

The JN Tata Endowment for the Higher Education of Indians (the first Trust established by the founder, Jamsetji Tata) selects candidates of exceptional merit and assists them by way of loan scholarships, to pursue higher education at some of the best institutions in the world.

The year saw 102 JN Tata scholars being awarded loan scholarships aggregating to ₹32.72 million. The scholars opted for courses in 28 different fields of study, which included Pure and Applied Sciences, Social Sciences, Humanities, Law, Management Studies, Commerce, Art and Architecture and Service Sector Studies.

Nearly 55 percent of the selected scholars were female. Around 15 percent of the scholars were mid-career professionals who were re-entering formal education after some years of work experience. Reaffirming the pan-Indian nature of the scholarship, the year also saw the geographical reach spanning 12 States, one Union Territory and the National Capital Region of the country. Almost 65 percent of the scholars opted to study in the United States and 26 percent in the United Kingdom.

“The Trust and the Scholarship have helped me tremendously, not just in the financial sense but with a sense of direction too.” ~ Mr Parag Mehta, now with BARCLAYS Capital in Mumbai, Maharashtra.

“Competing with a blend of professionals from various fields and becoming a proud recipient of this Award has helped in boosting my self-confidence.” ~ Dr Rachana Chaturvedi, Assistant Professor at GS Medical College & KEM Hospital in Mumbai, Maharashtra.

Lady Tata Memorial Trust

The Trust spends approximately four-fifths of its total outlay on international research on leukaemia. Awards are restricted to studies of the leukaemogenic agents, the epidemiology, pathogenesis, immunology and genetic basis of leukaemia. One-fifth of the Trust's outlay is disbursed to scholars doing scientific investigations in select Indian universities and institutes, having a bearing directly or indirectly on the alleviation of human suffering from disease. The scholarships offered are post-doctoral fellowship, senior scholarship (medical and science) and junior scholarship.

During the year, international research scholarships aggregating to ₹27.75 million were disbursed together with Indian awards amounting to ₹5.78 million.

The outlay of the Trust also included a spend on the Young Researcher Award and Teachers' Training Programme, both of which were instituted for the first time in the year 2008-2009.

*“I am proud to be a Lady Tata Memorial Research Fellow and with their support, I hope to be able to accomplish all my research goals. I take this opportunity to wholeheartedly appreciate the Trust for its outstanding contributions and efforts in promoting research and learning in the country.”
~ Ms Bhawna Yadav, Scientific Researcher at the National Centre for Cell Science in Pune, Maharashtra.*

“The Young Researcher Award is an award that has given me a great opportunity to venture into a new field of research otherwise difficult for me to explore. In general, the proposed project should provide new information on the importance of post-transcriptional regulation in gene expression in cancer cells.” ~ Dr Suvendra Nath Bhattacharyya is working at the Indian Institute of Chemical Biology, Kolkata, West Bengal.

Financials - An Overview

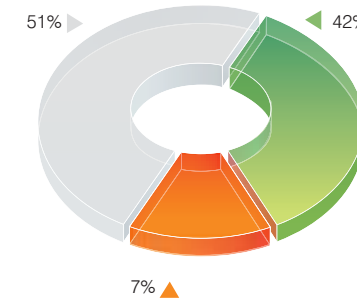
The Sir Dorabji Tata Trust and the Allied Trusts disbursed a total of ₹2,913.52 million in 2009-2010, an increase of 12 percent over the disbursement of ₹2,590.44 million in the previous year.

The amount was disbursed to the three broad areas which define the grant making patterns of the Trusts. They comprise of grants to Institutions, Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) and Individuals.

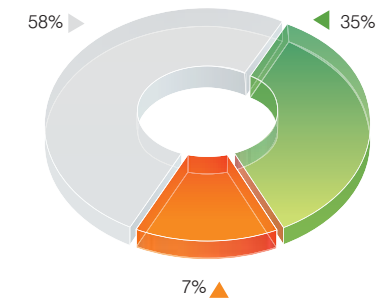
(₹ in Millions)

Trusts	2008-2009		2009-2010	
	Individual	Inst./NGOs	Individual	Inst./NGOs
▶ Sir Dorabji Tata Trust	59.96	818.92	64.84	773.96
▶ JRD Tata Trust	60.56	58.20	57.81	60.10
▶ Jamsetji Tata Trust	14.36	1,249.75	16.35	1,592.96
▶ RD Tata Trust	-	60.61	-	72.50
▶ Tata Education Trust	-	107.77	-	108.28
▶ Tata Social Welfare Trust	-	103.30	-	90.19
▶ JRD & Thelma J Tata Trust	-	7.00	-	7.20
▶ JN Tata Endowment	19.65	-	32.72	-
▶ Lady Tata Memorial Trust	26.90	3.46	34.15	2.46
▶ Total	181.43	2,409.01	205.87	2,707.65
▶ US \$ in million	3.63	48.18	4.68	61.54

(1 US \$ = ₹ 50 as on 31st March 2009)
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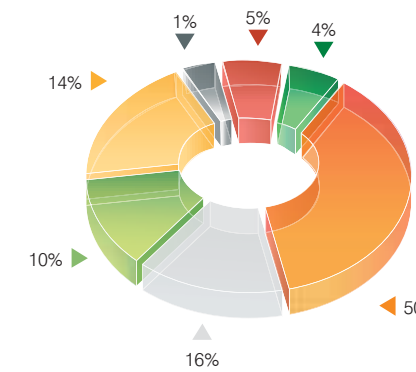


Total Grant Allocations (2008 - 2009)
₹2,590.44 Million (US \$ 51.81 Million)

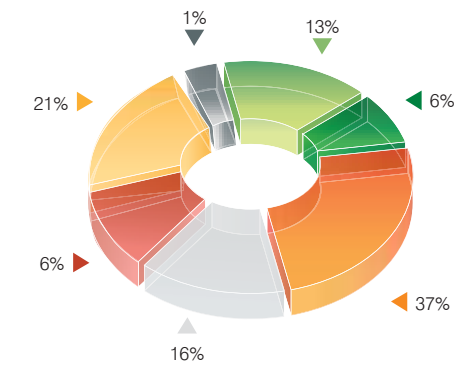


Total Grant Allocations (2009 - 2010)
₹2,913.52 Million (US \$ 66.22 Million)

The Trusts support a large number of NGOs working in the six thematic areas for which the Trusts extend financial assistance, namely Natural Resource Management and Rural Livelihoods (including Relief); Urban Poverty and Livelihoods; Education; Health; Civil Society, Governance and Human Rights and Media, Art and Culture. The total grant outlay under this category was higher by 27 percent as compared to the previous year. The distribution of the grants over these thematic areas is given below:



Allocation to the NGO Sector (2008 - 2009)
₹1,325.67 Million (US \$ 26.51 Million)

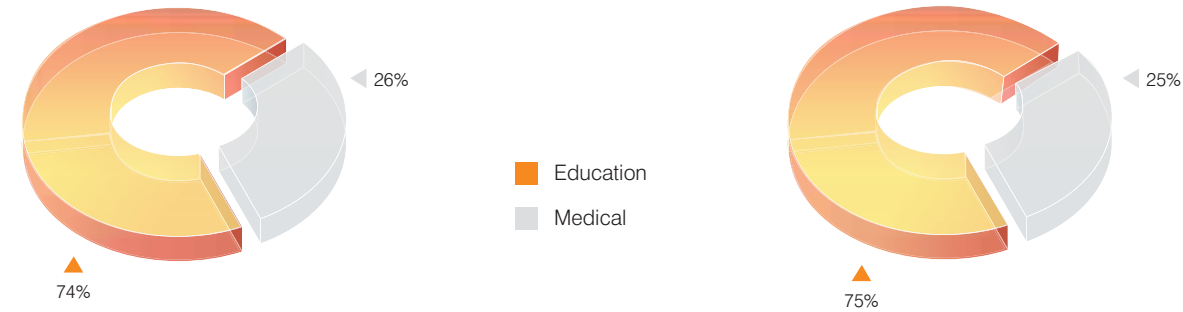


Allocation to the NGO Sector (2009 - 2010)
₹1,687.60 Million (US \$ 38.35 Million)

■ Natural Resource Management and Rural Livelihoods
 ■ Urban Poverty and Livelihoods
 ■ Education
 ■ Health
■ Civil Society, Governance and Human Rights
 ■ Media, Arts and Culture
 ■ Relief

Institutions include both Tata Trust Promoted Institutions (those that have been given seed support by the Trusts and on which the Trusts have a representative on the Institution's board/governing council) and those that have been established with multiple donor support. The grants disbursed to Institutions in 2009-2010 amounted to ₹1,028.29 million as compared to ₹1,086.07 million in the previous year, a decrease of five percent.

Financial assistance is extended to deserving individuals for the purpose of education, travel and medical treatment. In Education, assistance takes the form of loan scholarships for studies abroad, scholarships for studies in India including research studies for specific purposes and educational grants. Travel grants are given for studies abroad, as well as for specialised advanced training, attending conferences and workshops. Medical grants are given to individuals to meet the cost of hospitalisation, surgery and follow up treatment. In 2009-2010, Individual grants totalled ₹205.87, a 13 percent increase over the previous year's figure of ₹181.43 million.

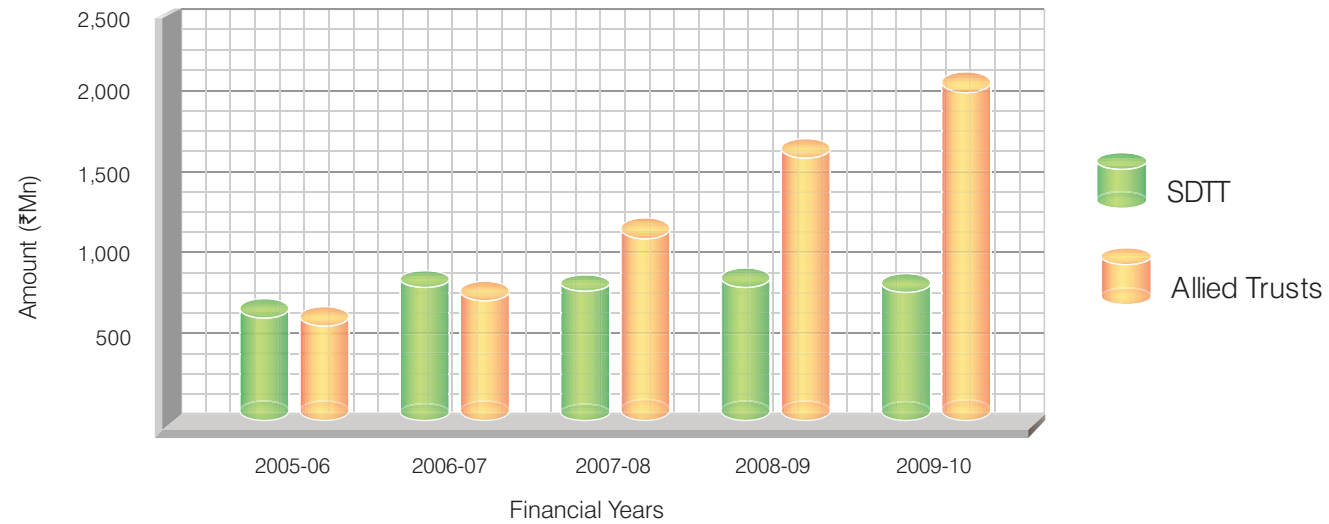


Individual Education and Medical Grants(2008 - 2009)
₹181.43 Million (US \$ 3.63 Million)

Individual Education and Medical Grants(2009 - 2010)
₹205.87 Million (US \$ 4.68 Million)

In cases where the percentage is below 1% the relevant category has not been represented in the above pie chart.

Over the last five years, the overall disbursements of the Trusts have increased substantially.



Expenditure on Objects of the Trust

Funds Disbursed Since Inception

Since the inception of the Trusts, the disbursements towards the objects of the Trusts as laid out in the respective Trust Deeds, have steadily increased. Nearly 88 percent of the disbursements since inception have been laid out in the current decade.

(₹ in Millions)

Decades	Spanning the financial years		Sir Dorabji Tata Trust	Allied Trusts	Total
	From	To			
1	1891-92	1900-01		0.25	0.25
2	1901-02	1910-11		0.29	0.29
3	1911-12	1920-21		0.19	0.19
4	1921-22	1930-31		0.40	0.40
5	1931-32	1940-41	5.34	0.51	5.85
6	1941-42	1950-51	11.75	1.68	13.43
7	1951-52	1960-61	17.75	2.86	20.61
8	1961-62	1970-71	21.84	6.71	28.55
9	1971-72	1980-81	40.40	15.77	56.17
10	1981-82	1990-91	86.96	37.69	124.65
11	1991-92	2000-01	1,041.35	458.84	1,500.19
12	2001-02	2009-10	5,982.10	7,519.22	13,501.32
	Total		7,207.49	8,044.41	15,251.90

Financial Statements for Sir Dorabji Tata Trust

► Sources of funds

As at 31.3.2009			Particulars	As at 31.3.2010		
₹ in Million	US \$ in Million	%		₹ in Million	US \$ in Million	%
1,250.00	25.00	46.56	Trust Fund	1,250.00	28.41	42.75
1,429.18	28.58	53.23	Reserves and other Funds	1,668.29	37.92	57.06
5.61	0.11	0.21	Sundry Liabilities and Provisions	5.43	0.12	0.19
2,684.79	53.69	100.00		2,923.72	66.45	100.00

► Application of funds

As at 31.3.2009			Particulars	As at 31.3.2010		
₹ in Million	US \$ in Million	%		₹ in Million	US \$ in Million	%
44.48	0.89	1.66	Fixed Assets	43.55	0.99	1.49
2,448.98	48.98	91.23	Investments	2,608.98	59.30	89.23
191.33	3.82	7.11	Other Assets, Loans & Advances	271.19	6.16	9.28
2,684.79	53.69	100.00		2,923.72	66.45	100.00

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► Income

For the year ended 31.3.2009			Particulars	For the year ended 31.3.2010		
₹ in Million	US \$ in Million	%		₹ in Million	US \$ in Million	%
908.71	18.17	81.60	Dividend	873.16	19.84	75.87
202.04	4.04	18.14	Interest	274.14	6.23	23.82
2.87	0.06	0.26	Sundries	3.62	0.08	0.31
1,113.62	22.27	100.00		1,150.92	26.16	100.00

► Expenditure

For the year ended 31.3.2009			Particulars	For the year ended 31.3.2010		
₹ in Million	US \$ in Million	%		₹ in Million	US \$ in Million	%
878.86	17.58	78.94	Expenditure on Objects of the Trust	838.80	19.06	72.88
55.52	1.11	4.98	Administration Expenses	59.38	1.35	5.16
13.46	0.27	1.21	Contribution to Public Trusts Administration Fund	13.62	0.31	1.18
165.78	3.31	14.87	Surplus for the year transferred to the Balance Sheet	239.11	5.43	20.78
1,113.62	22.27	100.00		1,150.92	26.16	100.00

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Consolidated Financial Statements for the Allied Trusts

► Sources of funds

As at 31.3.2009			Particulars	As at 31.3.2010		
₹ in Million	US \$ in Million	%		₹ in Million	US \$ in Million	%
17,454.46	349.09	74.42	Trust Fund and Endowment Fund	17,454.94	396.70	60.04
5,937.91	118.76	25.32	Reserves and Other Funds	11,556.79	262.65	39.75
58.14	1.16	0.25	Tax Refund	58.14	1.32	0.20
1.47	0.03	0.01	Sundry Liabilities and Provisions	1.83	0.04	0.01
23,451.98	469.04	100.00		29,071.70	660.71	100.00

► Application of funds

As at 31.3.2009			Particulars	As at 31.3.2010		
₹ in Million	US \$ in Million	%		₹ in Million	US \$ in Million	%
0.65	0.01	-	Fixed Assets	0.47	0.01	-
22,473.12	449.46	95.83	Investments	28,019.80	636.81	96.38
978.21	19.57	4.17	Current Assets, Loans & Advances	1,051.43	23.89	3.62
23,451.98	469.04	100.00		29,071.70	660.71	100.00

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► Income

For the year ended 31.3.2009			Particulars	For the year ended 31.3.2010		
₹ in Million	US \$ in Million	%		₹ in Million	US \$ in Million	%
980.56	19.61	55.41	Dividend	1,891.67	42.99	79.15
505.29	10.10	28.56	Interest	461.30	10.48	19.30
3.48	0.07	0.20	Sundries	4.32	0.10	0.18
14.40	0.29	0.81	Repayments from Scholars	13.88	0.32	0.58
-	-	-	Transfer to Scholarship fund	18.84	0.43	0.79
265.80	5.32	15.02	Net Deficit for the year transferred to the Balance Sheet	-	-	-
1,769.53	35.39	100.00		2,390.01	54.32	100.00

► Expenditure

For the year ended 31.3.2009			Particulars	For the year ended 31.3.2010		
₹ in Million	US \$ in Million	%		₹ in Million	US \$ in Million	%
1,711.55	34.23	96.72	Expenditure on objects of the Trust	2,074.72	47.15	86.81
46.22	0.92	2.61	Administration expenses	55.38	1.26	2.32
11.76	0.24	0.67	Contribution to Public Trusts Administration Fund	10.08	0.23	0.42
-	-	-	Surplus for the year transferred to the Balance Sheet	249.83	5.68	10.45
1,769.53	35.39	100.00		2,390.01	54.32	100.00

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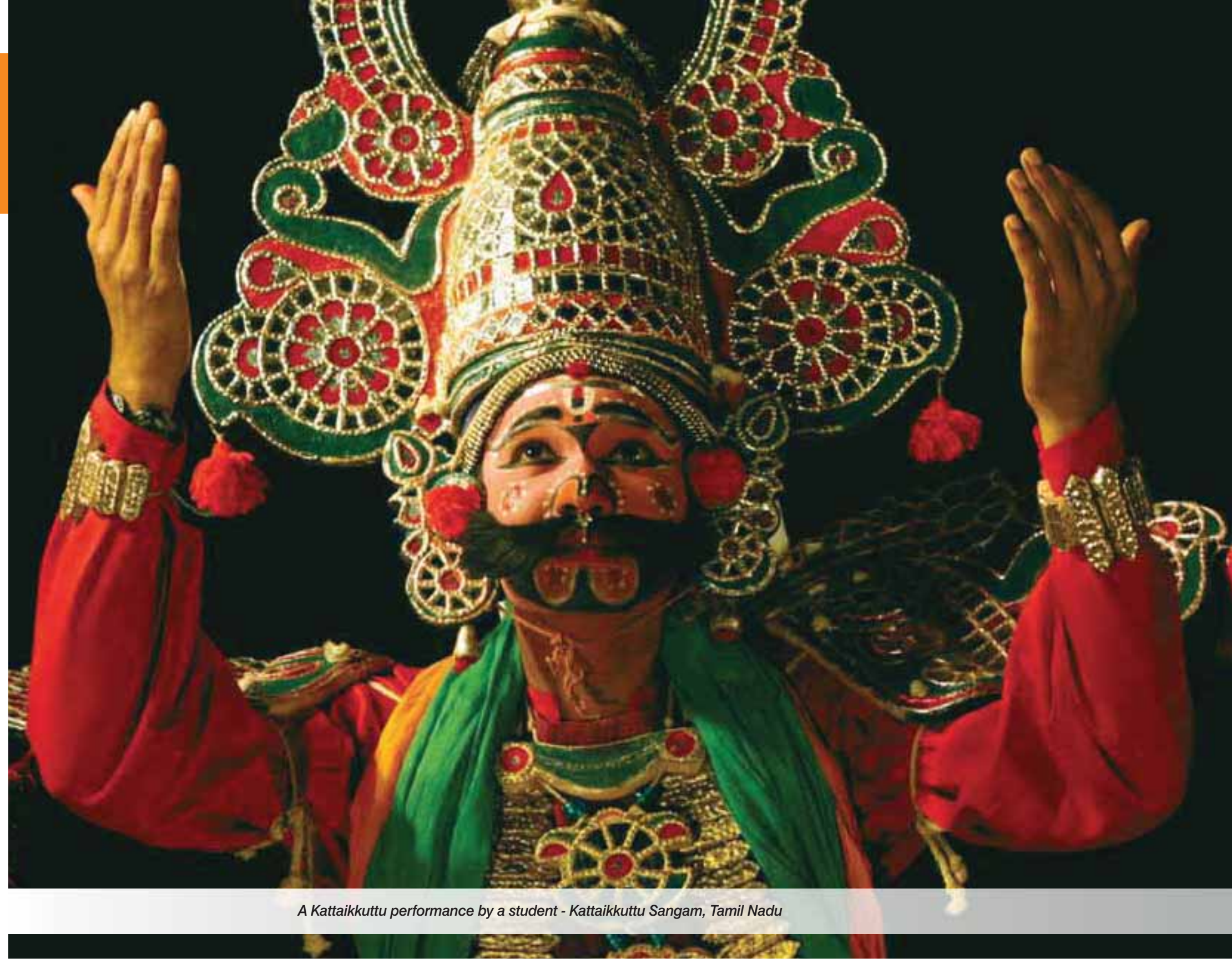
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