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Preface:

It's my pleasure to present before you Progress report of Janpath for financial year 2006-2007. I hope that report will effectively communicate our efforts of initiating and nurturing leadership from marginalized sections of society.

The year 2006 gave us another progressive legislation National rural Employment Guarantee Act 2006 following Right to information Act 2005. The act giving 100 days of guaranteed employment to every household in selected districts. Similar to many other state governments, Gujarat too is not very keen in implementing of this legislation. One of the main reason for this 'least interest' may be NREGA has inherent provisions that demands transparency and accountability from the implementing agency. This limits scope for corruption and misappropriation as compared to that of relief work.

Secondly there was not enough pressure from civil society organizations, community groups for implementation of NREGA. Violation of NREGA should be opposed with same spirit of that of violation of any other law. State governments must be made answerable for poor performance & violations. NREGA can become powerful tool to prevent distress migration and women's and children's rights. We all need to put our utmost effort to work it effectively or else common citizen will tend to loose faith from such tools.

Though upcoming SEZ's, Growth rate , mega projects attracting foreign investments creates glamorous image of India, in reality, every day people are loosing their means of livelihood; be it fishing, be it agriculture or animal husbandry. State like Gujarat, which is propagating itself as most developed state, is having lower school enrollment ratio, degrading health condition in women and children, high migration ratio from eastern and coastal region and acute food insecurity amongst communities like nomadic and de-notified tribes.

Long struggle of '*Nandigram*' has proved once again that, '**people's movement**' can only be an alternative for protecting natural resources from the hands of exploiters. It is responsibility of Voluntary sector to stand in solidarity with people's voice and to advocate for community's Agenda.

Harinesh Pandya
Secretary

Place: Ahmedabad
Date:25th June 07

Internal Organization

Janpath has four-layered organizational structure

THE GENERAL BODY

Consists of all the members of JANPATH and meets once a year. It is the highest body of the organization and all-important decisions have to be ratified by it.

NIYAMAK SAMITI (Advisory Council for Policy directions) consists of one fifth of total number of members: Tenure of Niyamak Samiti members is one year. One cannot seek re-nomination till all members of Janpath have had one chance in the first round. Meets twice a year to discuss and approve major decisions and give directions to the

KAROBARI SAMITI (EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE)

Consists of four members elected or nominated by the General Body. Additionally, one member is co-opted by the executive committee. Past presidents of the organization, and some academicians-activists also participate as permanent invitees. One member retires by rotation every year. Every four-years the E.C. has a completely new set of members. Meets at least once in two months or more frequently if required. The committee takes all the administrative decisions monitors and reviews the works..

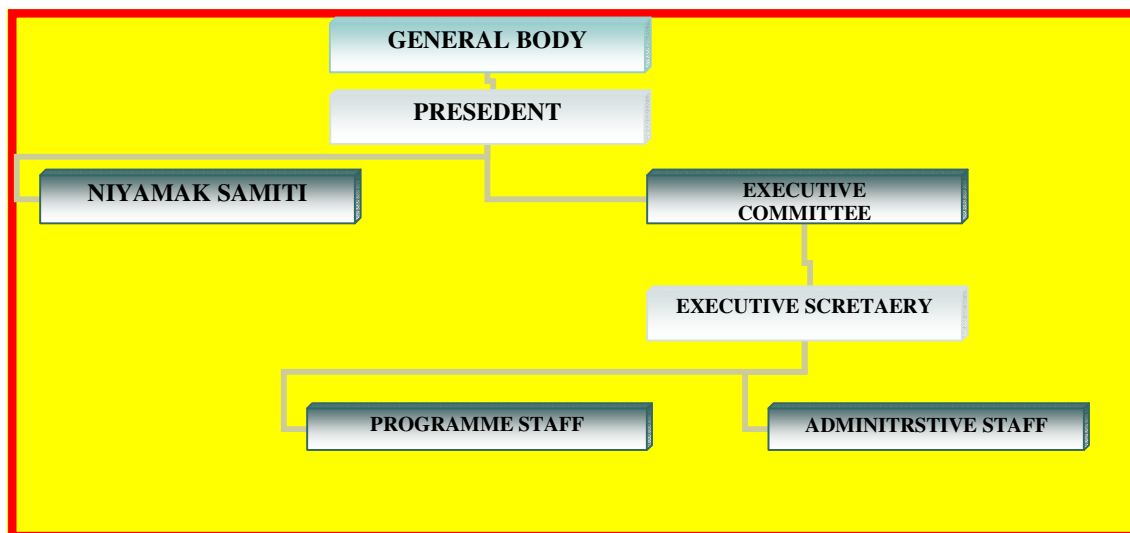
THE PRESIDENT

Head of the organization. His/her tenure is four years. Presides over and conducts the Niyamak and Karobari Samiti meetings.

THE SECRETARIAT

Consists of administrative, field and research staff, headed by the Executive Secretary, responsible for all activities and for running of the organisations.

Organogram



Executive Committee members:

Indukumar Jani retired from the executive committee with completion of his tenure and Shri Rajesh Bhatt name was selected as new committee member. Shri Aniruddhsingh Jadeja (Jeevan Mangalya Trust)

Thus new executive committee consists of:

1. Prof. D. S. Ker (President)
2. Rajeshbhai Bhatt (Member)
3. Devuben Pandya (Member)
4. Kalubhai Dangar (Member)
5. Neetaben Hardikar (Member)
6. Vimalaben Kharadi (Member)
7. Harshadbhai Desai (Ex. President)
8. Sukhdevbhai Patel (ex. President)
9. Rajeshbhai Shah (Ex. President)
10. Indukumar Jani (Ex. President)
11. Aniruddhsingh Jadeja (Co-opt Member)
12. Shri Vipulbhai Pandya (Invitee)

Janpath's Niyamak Samiti (Governing Board) Members:

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| ➤ Arch | ➤ Koli Patel Samaj Khedut Majdoor |
| ➤ Ashadeep Manav Vikas Kendra | Sangathan |
| ➤ Ashara | ➤ Nadatod Vibhag Vikas Samiti |
| ➤ Behavioral Science Center | ➤ Narayan Rathod |
| ➤ Chandrakala Mahila Gruhodyog | ➤ Nirman Trust |
| Co. Society | ➤ Paguthan Power Plant social dev. |
| ➤ Charkha | Group |
| ➤ Dhirubhai Dobariya | ➤ PTRC |
| ➤ Dinkar Dave | ➤ Rishta |
| ➤ Disha | ➤ Samaj Trust |
| ➤ Gramin Seva Trust | ➤ Sarathi |
| ➤ Gujarat Khet Kamdar Union | ➤ Sarvoday Yojana |
| ➤ Hind Swaraj Mandal | ➤ Sava-Raj |
| ➤ Jagruti Trust | ➤ Shramik Vikas sansthan |
| ➤ Jyoti Trust | ➤ Uttar Buniyadi Vidyalay |
| ➤ Kheda Social s/service Society | ➤ Uttar Buniyadi Viyalay- Palitana |

Decision Making Process within Janpath.

The Karobari Samiti ('Executive Committee), consisting of five regular plus five invitees, takes all administrative decisions on the basis of the agenda presented by the Secretary, as also about any matter raised independently by the members. It also monitors the working and reviews the progress of the organisation. It prepares & proposes new programmes, activities and approaches on the considerations of the Niyamak Samiti and the General Body. The Secretary is its executive or implementing arm. He/she conducts the office-administration as well as the programs in the field. In matters of personnel and finance, including major material facilities the members of the personal committee, finance committee and members of working group on various issues advice her/him from time to time. In addition there are issue-based working groups in district as well as state level, which take

decisions about activities, programmes and future plan in context of that particular issue.

Our New Members:

In the year 2006-2007, two new members were invited to join Janpath's family.

- Bhalbara Dalit Mahila Credit Co-operative Society Ltd- Daheda
- Prof. Ashwin Karia (Principal, Law College –Palanpur)

Thus at the end of reporting period Janpath has 135 organizational and 76 individual members.

Human Resource:

President: Prof. D. S. Ker

Programme Team

Harinesh Pandya	Secretary
Pankti Jog	Advocacy coordinator
Mittal Patel	Activity Coordinator
Sachin Patel	Activity Coordinator
Rakha Mehta	- Project Coordinator
Shailesh Patel	- Field Coordinator
Ghanashyam Zula	- Field Coordinator
Bharat Patel	- Field Coordinator
Marutsingh Baraiyya	- Community Organizer
Kanti Paramar	- Community Organizer
Bharat Somera	- Community Organizer

Administrative staff

Kapila Parmar	Office Assistant
Smita Desai	Accountant
Prabhat Rana	Driver

Executive committee Meeting: In the reporting period, three meetings of executive committee were held. Executive committee reviewed the progress done by the organization and gave their suggestions and comments.

- Executive committee discussed at length about the challenges before voluntary sector in context of growing control of corporate sector over administrative and political wing of our democracy. The scope for advocacy on issues of marginalized section in such scenario becomes limited.
- Government is planning ambitious projects like Kalpasar, River front and wants to establish them as indicator of development. These projects are also used for gaining political mileage. However, the condition of marginalized section in Gujarat is getting worse day by day. Small farmers are losing their land to companies/industries. Job opportunities for unskilled labourers are shrinking. Migration from rural areas to urban areas has increased considerably.
- Governments look towards voluntary sector as mediator for implementing its rural development programmes and not as change agents. While we need to strongly criticize government for its ineffectiveness, our aim should always be to strengthen the government, system and make it transparent. Janpath shall set examples for successful advocacy efforts on issues of marginalized.

Annual Convention and General Body Meeting:

Janpath's 16th Annual Convention and General Body Meeting were held in Prekshabharati Campus, Koba, Gandhinagar. General body meeting was conducted on the first day of this three-day event. GBM began with welcome address by Janpath's President prof. D. S. Ker. Indukumar Jani (Naya Marg), Sukhdevbhai Patel (Gijubhai Bal academy) Lallubhai Desia (Manav Kalyan Trust) Shri Dinkarbhai Dave and Dineshbhai Parmar (BSC) and many others expressed their views regarding Janpath's intervention in the past one year and expectations of voluntary sector from the state level forum like Janpath.

There were three parallel seminars were conducted namely NREGA, Coastal Issues, and Issues of nomadic and de-notified tribes. The seminar invited organizations, activists and community representatives to discuss on status, reasons and alternatives. For the first

times nomadic and de-notified communities participated in large number and represent their issues and suggested probable alternatives to make a way out.

- The communities residing on the coast and local resources have badly affected due to industrializations in past decade. Day by day local communities are losing their hold on land and water. Livelihood options for these communities are shrinking. Migration has increased by many folds. *Dariya Kinara Samvad Yatra* was the process to understand and document impact of globalization on local livelihood. Janpath and its fellow organizations need to collectively decide on plan of actions on these issues.
- RTI has proved to be an effective tool for good governance. Mahiti Adhikar Gujarat Pahal is a forum of citizens and organizations committed for RTI. Citizens are actively making use of RTI to question the system for its inefficiency. RTI has is reestablishing our faith in democracy. Janpath would facilitate and support MAGP to become independent platform in coming years.
- Nomadic and de-notified tribes are still living in sub-human condition even after 58 years of independence. Vicharata Samudaay Samarthan Manch (VSSM) is collective effort where in community can represent their issues. VSSM has created new space, scope and hope for nomadic and de-notified and community is getting ownership on the same.
- The Concluding session was chaired by Shri Madhusudan Mistri (Disha). Other honourable speakers were Shri Sudarshan Ayengar (Vice Chancellor, Gujarat Vidyapeeth), Shri Rajendrabhai Khimani (Registrar, Gujarat Vidyapeeth), Shri Bhagwandas Patel (Bhasha Academy), Shri Indiraben Hirway (CFDA), Indukumar Jani (Naya Marg), Shankarbhai, Lalasingbhai and his team from Majdoor Kisan Shakti Sangathan (MKSS), Vimalaben Kharadi (Disha), Charul-Vinay (Abhigam Collective) and many others. The suggestions from the speakers regarding issues on coastal livelihood, NREGA and nomadic and de-notified tribes are as follows:
 - Our advocacy efforts shall be strengthen with data-base, statistics, analysis and collective voice from the grass roots.
 - Adovcacy and lobbying with elected representatives both at state and national level is utmost important and we need to focus upon the same in coming days.

- Issue-based advocacy groups need to be formed for focused interventions
- People's voice should be made stronger. In Rajasthan, during social audit process of NREGA more than 1200 activists from grass roots were actively involved. This created grass root mobilizations for effective implementation of the scheme.
- Globalization is a process of marginalization of marginalized communities. "Unity amongst the marginalized" can only be solution to this situation.

Following resolutions were passed in 16th General Body Meeting:

1. Proceedings and Resolutions of 15th General Body meeting are read out and ratified
 2. Audited accounts of financial year 2005-2006, Auditors report is are read out and ratified unanimously.
 3. General Body unanimously expressed its gratefulness to Indukumar Jani for his contribution as an executive member. Indukumar Jani, in his briefly noted that Janpath will always be his first priority and he will continue to contribute in its programmes.
 4. Sukhdevbhai proposed name of Rajesh Bhatt in Executive committee and Rajesh Shah seconded the same. There was no other proposition. Thus Rajeshbhai Bhatt was unanimously selected as new member of the executive committee.
 5. Niyamak Samiti members list was unanimously passed by the GBM
 6. Shri Chandravadanbhai Shah was unanimously selected as Chartered Accountant for financial year 2006-2007 and givens authority to executive committee to decide upon his remuneration for the financial year 2007-08.
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2.0 Programmes and Activities:

Vicharata Samudaay Samarthan Manch (VSSM)

Janpath initiated and nurtured an action research on issues of Nomadic and de-notified communities in Gujarat. This was a collective effort coordinated by Janpath. The aim of this action based research was to understand issues of NT & DNT communities, to promote grass root leadership who can organize the community to fight for their rights. It is for this reason this initiative was promoted as an independent forum called Vicharata Samudaay Samarthan Manch (VSSM).

There are 28 nomadic and 12 de-notified communities in Gujarat. The life standard of these communities is very low. More than 90% still stay outside the revenue village and do not have access to basic amenities like road, water, electricity, education, health, voter's registration, ration card etc. The traditional means of livelihood of these communities has become non-viable and irrelevant with modern times. However these communities do not have any alternative livelihood. Thus the communities have turned towards, begging, casual labourers or even in flesh trade. Benefit of welfare schemes has reached to not more than 4-5 communities out of total 40 communities. Though government does not have exact figure of the population of these communities, the secondary data shows that the total population of nomadic and de-notified communities is not less than 45 lakhs in Gujarat.

VSSM today has spread its reach in more than 10 districts (Ahmedabad, Mehsana, Banaskantha, Sabarkantha, Patan, Kutch, Rajkot, Surendranagar, Amreli and Gandhinagar) in the state. Each of the districts has district working committee comprising of representatives of community and local organizations. Selected members from the district working committee represented the state working committee. State level committee also has some renowned activists and person having experience in people's movement who guides the process from time to time. All the activities are designed in such a way that grass root leaders can play active & prime role, community can meaningfully participate & contribute. The organizations play the role of facilitators of this process of empowerment.

The activities conducted in the reporting period are:

1. Series of meetings with district working committees, grass roots leaders and field visits.
2. Photo Exhibition on the issues of nomadic and de-notified tribes at Ahmedabad
3. State level convention of Nomadic and de-notified tribes (**Please refer Annexure 1**)
4. Representation to national commission for semi-nomadic, nomadic and de-notified tribes.
5. Community-wise detailed documentation of issues of 38 NT & DNT communities
6. Media advocacy events and events for sensitization of larger society.

Following table give the summary report of the above mentioned activities:

Activity	No of events	Participants	Impact	Silent feature
State level Convention of NT & DNT communities	1 day	3500 participants from across 15 districts, (38 communities)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Issues were strongly put before TAG of DNT commission ➤ Wide coverage in print and electronic media ➤ Community felt sense of unity and solidarity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Women participation was considerable ➤ Women represented before TAG of DNT commission about their issues ➤ Community participated at their own cost
Photo Exhibition	10 days	More than 1000 people visited exhibition in 10 days. (many amongst which responded that they came to	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Excellent response from larger society ➤ Received donation from civil society ➤ Exclusive coverage for Case studies of de-notified for the 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ First attempt in the form of photo-exhibition to highlight issues of nomadic and de-notified tribes

		know about these issues for the first time.)	<p>first time in print as well as electronic media. Follow-up stories media.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Created pressure on government delivery system for welfare schemes 	
Meeting & training of grass root leaders	25	62 grass root leaders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Grass root leaders are empowered, trained ➤ Have started demanding for land, water, road, ration cards in their settlements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Grass root leaders take the responsibility for community mobilization ➤ Contested Panchayat Elections
Field Visits & community meetings	60	Approximately 10000 people contacted personally	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Detailed documentation of issues was possible ➤ Strong rapport building with the community ➤ Local authorities have started taking interest in issues of communities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Local organizations, grass root leaders actively involved ➤ Expenses of such meetings were born by the community by contribution
Working Group Meeting	6	300	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Timely guidance to the process ➤ Advocacy issues could be separated 	<p>Improvement in implementation of welfare schemes</p> <p>Housing plot were</p>

			<p>out from time to time and discussed with respective departments</p>	<p>allotted for 56 families in Ahmedabad district</p>
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Probable indicators for measuring the fulfillment of the objective are as follows:

- **Youth leaders from within the community are trained:** New leadership have emerged from the community and taking initiative for issue-based action programme. Community leaders are now taking responsibility of data gathering, focused surveys, advocacy at local authorities like Panchayat, block development officer, Mamletdar etc. Community leaders are guiding Community to demand for basic services like water, road, ration cards, to the settlements. More than 10 grass root leaders contested Panchayat elections this year & have been elected as Panchayat members.
- **Community participation increased:** Community participates in every event at state and regional level in large number. They bare their travel cost. They also conduct meetings on their own to discuss about their issues like water, housing and other basic facilities.
- **Issues are highlighted:** In the reporting period the media coverage for these issues is overwhelming. More than 33 press notes and releases were covered by Gujarati and English print media. Electronic media too gave good coverage for events like Sammelan, Photo- exhibition etc. (The copy of the press clippings is attached as Annexure 2)
- **Community takes up advocacy issues:** For the first time community have started applying for benefit of various welfare schemes. This year community have applied for seeking ration cards, for housing plots, support for construction of house in large number. VSSM had sought details of budget spent by the state over NT & DNT communities in last five year under RTI. Upon analyzing it was observed that the benefit of such welfare schemes does not reach to real needy communities. This analysis and information was shared with the community leaders, which helped the mobilization.

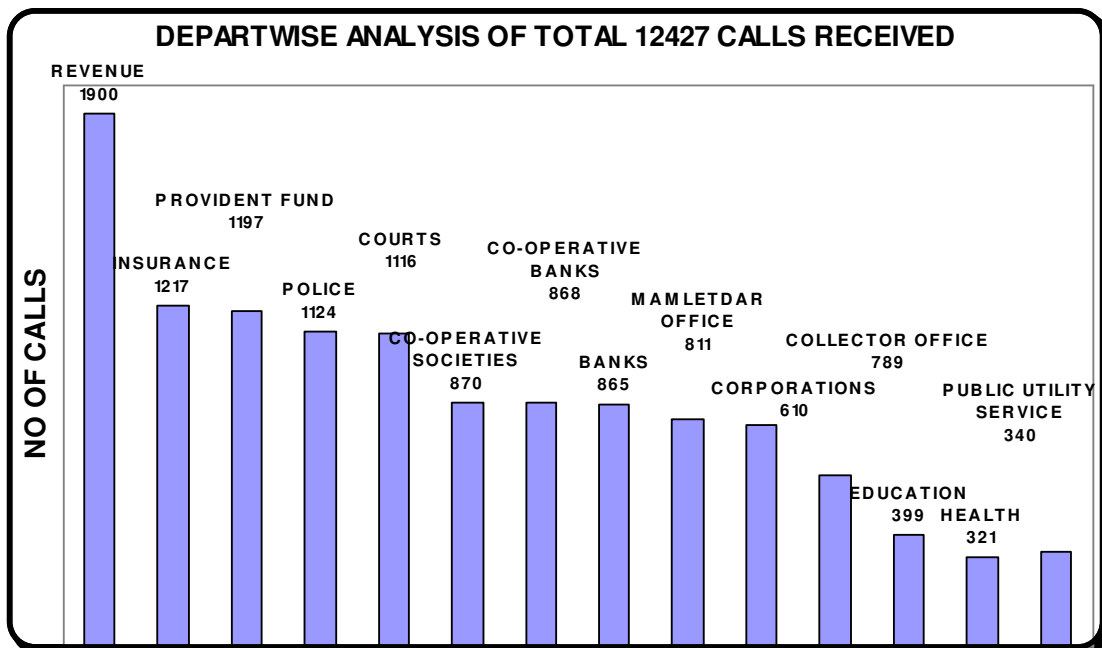
Mahiti Adhikar Gujarat Pahal (MAGP):

Facilitates Use of RTI for Good Governance

Mahiti Adhikar Gujarat Pahal is a common platform and collective of citizens, activists and organizations and concern other stakeholders committed to contribute for effective implementation of RTI act. RTI has proves effective tool for getting transparency in use of public resources ultimately moving towards good governance.

MAGP today has been hosted and supported by Janpath. MAGP Runs RTI Facilitation Centre for capacity building of various stakeholders involved in RTI implementation. It also initiates and promotes campaigns at various points of time to promote use of RTI by common citizen. Activities conducted by RTI Facilitation Centre in the reporting are as follows:

- 1. RTI Helpline:** RTI helpline - 9924085000 was started on 12th May 2006 & is run by volunteers from Monday to Saturday morning 11 to evening 6 pm. Helpline receives calls from citizens, as well as public information officers and applet authorities to seek guidance on making use for RTI . In the reporting period RTI helpline received 12427 calls, department-wise analysis of these calls is given below.



- 2. Saturday guidance Camp:** Every Saturday volunteers of MAGP guide citizens for making use of RTI. In the reporting period, approximately 880 citizens (across state) have visited guidance camp. 30% of the cases have got positive result after making use of RTI. While more than 20% have complained to chief information commissioner and are waiting for results. What is more important is, in a process of acquiring information; common citizen learns to question the system. MAGP consciously limits its role up to guidance and does not help citizen to fight her/his case. Selected case studies are presented in the training programmes.
- 3. Training of community groups, organizations & government officers:** MAGP volunteers are invited as resource persons by government training institutes, staff training colleges, organizations and community groups. MAGP also helps these organizations for developing resource material on scope of RTI in their core areas of concern. The expenses of such training programme are born by the trainees. **(Please refer Table 1 for details)**

- 4. Media advocacy:** MAGP has been effectively influencing media to highlight RTI as tool for good governance. In past one year more than 100 press releases on case studies of RTI used by common man to question the system for not working

Sr. No	Date	Organization/Institute/Citizen's Group
1	24/3/2006	Gijubhai Bal Academy - Surendranagar
2	25-26/3/2006	Dang Majdoor Union –Ahwa
3	21/4/2006	Gramya Vikas Trust Dwarka
4	8/5/2006	Sewa – Ahmedabad
5	15/5/2006	Aman Samudaay – Ahmedabad
6	8/6/2006	Swati – Dhangadhra- Surendranagar
7	17/6/2006	Sewa Vikas Trust – Baroda
8	21/6/2006	D.P.R.G –Ahmedabad
9	16/7/2006	A group of Citizens who cannot hear and speak
10	17/7/2006	Palanpur Law College
11	21/7/2006	Asag –Ahmedabad
12	22/7/2006	Mahiti – Dholera
13	18/8/2006	IIFI –Ahmedabad
14	9/9/2006	WASMO
15	29/9/2006	Lok Adhikar Manch- Kutch
16	30/9/2006	Khavda –Setu –Kutch
17	30/9/2006	Mahila Patchwork co-op society
18	1/4/2006	Bhavnagar Citizen's Group
19	7 to 12 th /10/2006	Puchho Sawal Campaign of RTI – Juhapura
20	12/11/2006	Youth group – chharanagar – Ahmedabad
21	13/11/2006	SPIPA – Ahmedabad (PIOs and Appellate authorities)
22	14/11/2006	SPIPA – Ahmedabad (PIOs and Appellate authorities)
23	15/11/2006	Gujarat University
24	27-28/11/2006	Swati – Surendranagar
25	14/12/2006	Forces Network – Ahmedabad
26	17/12/2006	Vikas – Bharuch
27	6 -7/1/2007	Youth group of south Gujarat
28	9/1/2007	Programme staff of AIR
29	24/1/2007	Devgadh Mahila Sangathan – Panchmahal
30	10-11 march	UNNATI – RTI & Panchayati Raj

effectively have been covered by print and electronic media. Electronic. MAGP has attained so much visibility and credibility so that and print media invites comments of MAGP on contemporary issues in context of RTI. RTI helpline number (9924085000) is complimentarily quoted by Gujarat daily. MAGP disseminate the remarkable judgments of RTI decisions of state information commission to larger society through press and media briefing. (Annexure 3).

(Anti-bribery campaign): ‘Ghoons Ko Ghoonsa’ It was a nation-wide campaign conducted in more than 53 cities in country from 1st July to 15th July 2006. In Gujarat the MAGP hosted this campaign in collaboration with Gujarat Vidyapeeth, Adult Education and Training Centre. More than 300 trained volunteers from across the state participated actively in the campaign. Campaign was conducted in the campus of “Kochrab Ashram”, Ahmedabad where Gandhi commenced Satyagraha movement. Campaign aimed to encourage people to make use of RTI instead paying bribe for getting their work done from the system. In 15 days 1366 applications were filed and our RTI helpline got highest number of calls 1275 calls in 15 days. Similar campaigns were then held at regional level by citizens groups in places like Juhapura, Surendranagar, Jamnagar and Patan.

Ashokbhai worked in a nursery run by the forest department for years. When he was denied permanency from the department he filed a case in the court. Department argued in the court that, Ashokbhai has not completed 850 days of continuous work thus cannot be given permanency. As per the government there was shortage of “HALF DAY” to complete 850 days of work.

Ashokbhai lost his job and his family got disrupted. His wife decided not to stay anymore with him. Once RTI was in place Ashokbhai asked for all the muster rolls (attendance sheets) of last 25 years from the forest department. It was not easy to get it. He has to file first appeal and then finally second appeal in the commission. In the hearing of second appeal, the Chief Information commissioner, Mr. R. N. Das, ordered the PIO of the forest department to furnish complete information to Ashokbhai. This was interim order.

Meanwhile District Forest Officer invited Ashokbhai to his office to request to withdraw the application from the commission. Ashokbhai firmly denied and said that if DFO pressurizes him, he would again complaint to the commissioner. Lastly DFO had to give the muster rolls of last 25 years. **Ashokbhai calculated his days of work he got his “HALF DAY” from the muster rolls.**

Ashokbhai is now moving to court with all the information for his permanency case and is confident to fight till he gets he get his JOB

Ashokbhai now spreads RTI wherever he goes. He gives lectures on RTI in workers meetings. He volunteers his time for teaching about RTI to workers in trade unions.

Dariya Kinara Samvad Yatra:

Dariya Kinara Samvad Yatra is collective effort to understand issues of coastal livelihood. *Samvad Yatra* visited more than 450 villages of 34 blocks of 12 coastal districts having dialogue with more than 60 thousand people. The finding of the *Samvad Yatra* is of serious concern. It alarms for immediate attention of the policy makers. The life standard of coastal communities has lowered in Gujarat in past 15 to 20 years. Land fertility and water quality has been spoiled due to Industrial pollution, mining, over exploitation of water for industrial purpose, and salt production in mechanized manner. Migration in coastal villages is above 70%. Only 8% of the coastal villages have sweet water resources and 48% of the coastal population is suffering from kidney problems, stomach problems and skin diseases due to lack of safe drinking water. The food grain production in coastal areas has gone down 76% there by creating situation of food insecurity.

The report of the *Samvad Yatra* is published in the form of book named “**Dariya Kinara Samvad Yatra – Ahewal**”. The report is widely circulated amongst various stakeholders. *Samvad Yatra* has created awareness and built linkages between peoples struggle all along the coast. The issues of limestone mining, salinity, malnutrition and non availability of safe drinking water has mainstreamed in the media and also amongst voluntary organizations. Janpath would focus on having regional multi-stakeholders consultation on the report and chocking future plan of action. Janpath would focus on developing IEC material on these issues by making use of video footages captured during the *Samvad Yatra*. The finding of the *Samvad Yatra* has been shared at national level through various consultations & workshops. **This initiative was supported by Action aid India-Gujarat) (See Annexure 4)**

Samachar Sankalan

In the reporting period 10 issues of the newsletter were published, including special issue on Right to Information and NREGA. Monthly newsletter is subscribed by organizations

the members and other concern individuals. We also send a complimentary copy to selected community based organizations, women's groups, village libraries etc.

RAHBAR Programme:

RAHBAR programme is now jointly organized by JANPATH and department of sociology, Gujarat Vidyapeeth. Students are involved selecting the organizations which would be invited for the programme. A group of students visits the organizations to prepare a short document about its activities, which is circulated in the form of invitation of the programme. This programme keeps students updated about grass root challenges in various issues and also helps in rapport building. During floods of 2006, such co-ordination helped in mobilizing student volunteer to join in relief operation in south and Central Gujarat. We could not invite organizations from out side Gujarat this year, However we intend to conduct such programme in the coming year.

The list of Rahbar programme conducted during reporting period is as follows:

Sr. no	Date	Name of the organization/Initiative invited	Core area of concern	No of participants
1	28/04/2006	Punarutthan Trust	Promoting economic and social empowerment of women	21
2	30/06/2006	Sabar Ekata Manch (A collective of CBOs of Sabarkanth district of Gujarat	Organizing socially and economically marginal groups, NREGA,	21
3	28/07/2006	Mahiti Adhikar Gujarat Pahel – (a forum of citizens and organizations committed for RTI)	Training RTI helpline	50
4	29/09/2006	Janpath Calamity Response (JCR) – collective effort to respond to flood	Co-ordination of relief and rehabilitation efforts Advocacy on issues of affected population.	29

		situation in 2006		
5	24/11/2006	Pratikal Trsut -Sawli	Elimination of bonded labour Workers right for minimum wages	40
6	29/12/2006	Ekal Nari Shakti Manch	Organize single women to fight for their rights of dignified life.	17
7	2/02/2007	Agariya Heet Rakshak Manch	Issues of salt pan workers of the state	49
8	23/02/2007	Roji Roti-lok Jumbesh (right to food campaign)	Issues of food security in women and children in tribal areas like Panchmahals	35

Publications:

During reporting period we made following publications. (A copy of the publications are enclosed as annexure 5)

1. NREGA ACT 2006 and Gujarat Scheme (Gujarati)
2. RTI Act and Rules (4th edition – Gujarati)
3. RTI User Manual for citizens (*Mahiti Adhikar na chha pagathiya*) (Gujarati-4th edition)
4. 'Sarnama Vagarna Manvi' (People without address) (A book on issues of nomadic and de-notified communities)
5. Skills and Arts of nomadic and de-notified tribes (Gujarati)
6. Dariya Kinara Samvad Yatra Report (Gujarati)
7. Compilation of press coverage of issues of coastal communities
8. RAHBAR – compilation of Rahbar programmes.

Building linkages with national processes:

In the reporting period 2006-2007 Janpath was invited to represent Gujarat in 10 national workshops on Coastal bio-diversity and environmental governance, Biodiversity management, RTI & NREGA – social audit process. Participation was effective in highlighting challenges in Gujarat and interventions of voluntary sector. It was also an

opportunity to learn from others experiences, build rapport with other groups and strengthen our struggle.

Participate in programmes/campaigns and people's struggle in the state: Janpath's President, members of executive committee and executive secretary approximately 40% of their total working time in participating in various programmes organized by fellow-members, people's organizations and issue-based networks. This contributes in building common consensus on issues of wider concern and giving a sense of solidarity amongst the sector.

Janpath Calamity Response:

Floods of 2006 took toll of hundreds of people of Gujarat, destroyed property worth crores of rupees and lakhs of lives were lakhs of families was broken down for more than two months. Studies conducted by civil liberty a group clearly shows that, the floods of Surat are man made could have been avoided. Greed of storing water for irrigation, and non-compliance of dam operation manual is route cause of Surat Floods (**Annexure 6**)

Janpath – associates and Sarvodaya Mitra Mandal and Gujarat Vidyapeeth coordinated relief operations in flood hit regions under the banner Janpath Calamity Response. More than 11,511 families were reached with relief material, temporary shelters and health support, Agriculture kit support to small and marginal farmers and psychosocial support to children. Relief operation was supported by aid agencies like CARE- India, Action aid, AID, Share and Care, TDH and local donation from members and friends. The relief operation was coordinated by *Shri Aniruddhsing Jadeja* on behalf of JCR.

The silent features of the Relief operation were:

- The total relief operation was need-based
- Transparent process: from purchase to distribution
- Highly involved and participatory process Victims were also part of relief & coordination
- Regular sharing of information, data and report to all stakeholders there by reducing duplication and minimizing wastage of resources.

- Active participation more than 400 students of journalism, sociology, Social work from various educational institutes.
- JCR main concern was to reach relief material to the most affected families and un-reached regions. **(Detailed report is attached as annexure 6)**

Supporting AHRM: Agariya Heet Rakshak Manch (AHRM) has emerged as successful model of advocacy through people's organization. AHRM is member of state and district empowered committee, which takes major decision for welfare of Agariyas (Salt pan workers). Janpath provides advocacy, media and training support to AHRM.

Press releases and press conferences:

In the reporting period following press conferences were organized.

Sr. No	Date	Issue/Topic of press meet
1	25/04/2007	Gaps in implementation of NREGA
2	12/05/2006	Launching of RTI helpline
3	13/07/2007	Ghoons Ko Ghoonsa Campaign
4	21/12/2007	Photo-Exhibition on issues of nomadic and de-notified tribes
5	27/12/2007	Representation before National DNT commission
6	14/03/2007	Release of report of Dariya Kinara Samvad Yatra
7	16/01/2007	Settlement of rights of salt pan workers in little Rann of Kutch

In addition to above press meets, press notes were sent to media on regular basis on the Right to Information, coastal issues and issues of nomadic and de-notified tribes of Gujarat. Special stories were also covered in state and national level media. Door-darshan –Delhi channel has done special episode on Mahiti Adhikar Gujarat Pahel interventions. Three satellite video-conferences with functionaries of Panchayati Raj Institution under

Adult Education Programme of Gujarat state. MAGP gives technical support to develop video- training material to other training and support organizations.

Financial Resources:

Following table gives details of financial resources received by JANPATH in the year 2006-2007

Sr. No	Name of the aid Agency (alphabetical order)	Purpose	Amount (Rs)	FC/ LOCAL
1	ACTION AID INDIA	Documentation of coastal issues + flood relief+ Networking activities	1292561	FC
2	AID	Flood relief	694503	FC
3	CARE – INDIA	Issues of salt pan workers & Flood Relief	3386993	FC
4	HIVOS	Networking and coordination	1127525	FC
6	SHARE AND CARE	Flood Relief	463081	FC
7	TDH - GERMANY	Flood Relief	3180000	FC
8	SADBHAVANA SANGH - GUJARAT	Flood Relief	250000	LOCAL
9	PROF. ASHWIN KARIA	Flood Relief	5000	LOCAL
10	MR. FATEHCHAND VIRANI	RTI & Flood Relief	6000	LOCAL
11	HAKUBHAI SHAH & PRAFULBHAI SHAH	Flood Relief	10000	LOCAL
13	STUDENTS OF LAW COLLEGE- PA1LANPUR	Flood Relief	1200	LOCAL
14	MAHILA SWARAJ ABHIYAN	Flood Relief	3200	LOCAL
15	JESANG PARMAR	RTI	2000	LOCAL
16	NARAHARI MAVLANKAR	RTI & Flood Relief	16101	LOCAL
17	HANDICAP INTERNATIONAL	RTI	4000	LOCAL
18	DINESHBHAI N. SHAH	Flood Relief	15000	LOCAL
19	NARENDRABHAI SHAH	Flood Relief	5000	LOCAL
20	GRAM ANUSNATAK KENDRA	Flood Relief	6000	LOCAL
21	SWATI	RTI	5000	LOCAL
22	AKRSP	RTI	5000	LOCAL
23	MAHILA PATCHWORK	RTI	5000	LOCAL
24	SARVODAY MAHILA MANDAL	Flood Relief	2500	LOCAL
25	DRPG	RTI	5000	LOCAL

Infrastructure purchased during 2006-2007

1. HP Printer cum copier
2. Samsung Split AC (1.5 tonne)
3. LG TV + DVD Player + Ampli –audio system
4. Forbes Vacumm cleaner
5. Computer system(P4) with video editing software (Matrex 100)
6. Laptop (Lenavo)
7. Kent Mineral Water Purifier
8. Nokia Mobile handset

Disclosure About the Organization

1. Origin and brief history of the organization:

Janpath is a friendly and solidarity forum for voluntary organizations, and concern individuals working in different parts of Gujarat on various issues of development and justice with various approaches but who are basically committed to the cause of the poor and oppressed sections of the society. It is a platform for expressions of common concern of NGOs, CBOs, activists, professionals and individuals, committed to working for the poor & marginalized, while maintaining unique identity of each of its members. It's a humble effort to facilitate sharing of information and to create common understanding among voluntary organizations on different aspects of people's empowerment.

The overall goal of Janpath is to get together through formal networks and less formal gatherings for solidarity, harmony, lobbying, advocacy, & policy influencing on critical issues of Gujarat. For past many years Janpath has been consistently providing strong support and leadership to its associates along with intellectual inputs as and when required, there by increasing and sharpening their understanding and capability. It has effectively created depicted its impact in many parts of the state, through emergence of regional issue based networks.

2. Registered address:

Janpath Trust, B 3-1, 2 Sahajanand Tower, Jivaraj Park, Vejalpur Road, Ahmedabad-380051 – Gujarat – India; **Present Address:** Janpath Trust, B 3-1, 2 Sahajanand Tower, Jivraj Park Cross Road, Ahmedabad-380051- Gujarat – India; Ph: +91 – 79 - 26821553/0719 ; Email: janpath1ad1@icenet.net; website: www.janpathnetwork.org

[Regd. under the Societies Registration No. Guj/1710/Ahmedabad]

[Regd. under the Bombay Public Trust Registration No. F/1624/Ahmedabad]

[Regd, under Sec. 12A of Income tax Act, No. (J-6)/89, 90/AR.8]

[FCRA No. 041910167]

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3. Details of board members

Name	Designation	Complete Address	Contact No
Prof. D. S. Ker	President	GRAMYA VIKAS TRUST OKHA HIGHWAY ROAD, DWARKA DIST – JAMNAGAR, PIN:361335	02892 -236552
Ms. Devuben Pandya	Executive Committee Member	MAHITI G –2/1 OMSHANTINAGAR, VEJALPUR- MAKARABA ROAD, AHMEDABAD- 380051	079-26811003
Mr. Rajesh Bhatt	Executive Committee Member	ASAG, KASHMIRA CHAMBERS, 5 TH FLOOR, NR. MOUNT KARMEEL RAILWAY CROSSING, NAVRANGPURA, AHMEDABAD	079-26589093/94
Mr. Kalu Dangar	Executive Committee Member	VIKAS, CENTER FOR DEVELOPMENT ISHYVASYAM, ISHITA TOWER ROAD, OPP. LAJPATNAGAR, NAVRANGPURA AHMEDABAD -380009	079-26404263
Ms. Vimalaben Kharadi	Executive Committee Member	DISHA, KAMDAR BUILDING BAGICHA VISTAR, HIMMATNAGAR, SABARKANTHA -383001	02772-246515
Ms. Neeta Hardikar	Invitee	ANANDI, SHREYANS GANDHI HOUSE, CHABUTARA SHERI, OPP. SBI, DEVGADHBARIYA, DIST-PANCHMAHAL	02682-220226
Prof. Harshad Desai	Founder President	33, GANDHIPARK SOCIETY, NEAR L- COLONY, AHMEDABAD -15	079-26300550
Sukhdev Patel	Ex. President	GANATAR, PRABHA COLONY, NEAR USAMPURA BRIDGE, AHMEDABAD - 380013	079-27542681
Indukumar Jani	Ex. President	NAYA MARG, KHETBHAVAN, NEAR HARIJAN ASHRAM, AHMEDABAD -300027	079-27557772
Rajesh Shah	Ex. President	SAVE, SHRI APARTMENT, OPP. UNIVERSITY HOSTEL, AHMEDABAD -	079-27913715

		380009	
Vipul Pandya	Invitee	BANDHKAM MAJDOOR SANGATHAN, 15, MANASAROVAR COMPLEX, VADAJ, AHMEDABAD	079-27552741

4. Name and address of main Bankers:

DENA BANK, Ambawadi branch, Nehru-nagar Char Rasta, Ambawadi, Ahmedabad - 15

5. Name and Address of Auditors:

C.A. Shah & Co., 801, Sahajanand Tower, Shahibaug, Ahmedabad - 380 004

6. Staff details:

DISTRIBUTION OF STAFF ACCORDING TO SALARY LEVELS

Slab of gross salary Plus benefit to staff (in Rs.)	Male Staff	Female Staff	Total Staff
3000 -7500	8	2	10
7,500-12,500	1	1	2
12,500-17,500	1	1	2
17,500-27,500	-	-	-
Total	10	4	14

7. Reimbursements to Board members/ Trustees/ Shareholders

Travel cost for meetings or seminars by the board members are born by themselves.

8. Total visits of National travel by all staff during the year:

Following table gives the details of the travel of Janpath staff during the year 2006-2007.

Sr. No	Name of the person traveled	Dates of travel / number of days	Purpose	Train/Air & Destination of travel	Expenses born by Janpath (Rs.)
1	Pankti jog	26 th May 2006	RTI – planning of RTI Campaign of July	Delhi/Air	Rs.3990/-
2	Pankti Jog	10 to 12 th August 2006	RTI Dharna at Jantar Mantar	/DelhiTrain	Rs.3218/-
3	Pankti Jog	22 nd September 2006	RTI experience sharing of anti bribery campaign	Delhi -Train	Rs. 3200
4	Pankti Jog	12 th -13 th October 2006	RTI workshop	Delhi / Train	Reimbursed by the organizers
5	Pankti Jog	13-15 th October 2006	Convention - RTI.	New-Delhi; Train	Reimbursed by the organizers
6	Pankti Jog	3-5 th December 2007	Biodiversity and environmental governance	New-Delhi, Air	Reimbursed by the organizers
7	Pankti Jog	28 th November 2006	TDH – National partners meet	Pune -Train	Rs.2902/-
8	Pankti	5th December 2006	Biodiversity Management	Delhi –Air travel	Reimbursed by the organizers
9	Harinesh Pandya & Pankti Jog	16-20 Feb. 2006	NREGA – Social audit organized by MKSS	Bus	Rs.1075/-
10	Pankti Jog	18-24 March 2007	NGO IN A BOX – Training programme	Lonawala /Train	Reimbursed by the organizers

9. Total visits of international travel by all staff during the year:

None

10. Networks

Janpath is associated with national level network Voluntary Action Network India (VANI), Campaign Against Child Labour (CACL) and Credibility Alliance, National Campaign for People's Right to Information (NCPRI).
