



**PRAGATI**  
**ABHIYAN**  
**ANNUAL**  
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## 1. Introduction to Pragati Abhiyan

Pragati Abhiyan has been working in Tribal blocks of Trimbakeshwar, Peith, Surgana and Igatpuri in Nashik district, Mokhada block of Palghar district and Shahapur block of Thane district of Maharashtra since 17 years. This area being hilly and with poor accessibility the government schemes don't reach them properly. Although they are the neediest population there is lack of awareness and knowledge among them. The government machinery alone is not sufficient to reach these people and ensure uptake of government schemes by them. Over the years we have identified some key areas which need to be addressed for holistic development of tribal families. We have been mainly focusing on awareness generation and knowledge transfer to tribal people on MGNREGA, PMFBY, and Revival of millets, Bamboo promotion and National Food Security Act. These schemes serve to provide employment security, financial security, food security and an important right which above all provides voice to the suppressed population.

Pragati Abhiyan works towards developing solutions that create an enabling environment for the poor to break out of the poverty trap. These solutions are in the form of ensuring effective delivery of existing government programs as well as devising new programs to address communities' needs, and build evidence through research articulating specific changes in policies. Underlying our work is the strong belief that it is ultimately the mandate of the Government to support the poor in their efforts to move out of poverty.

### Vision

Empowering people towards creating rural livelihood resources for prosperous sustainable development.

### Mission

#### **Our mission is to enable poor to break out of the poverty trap**

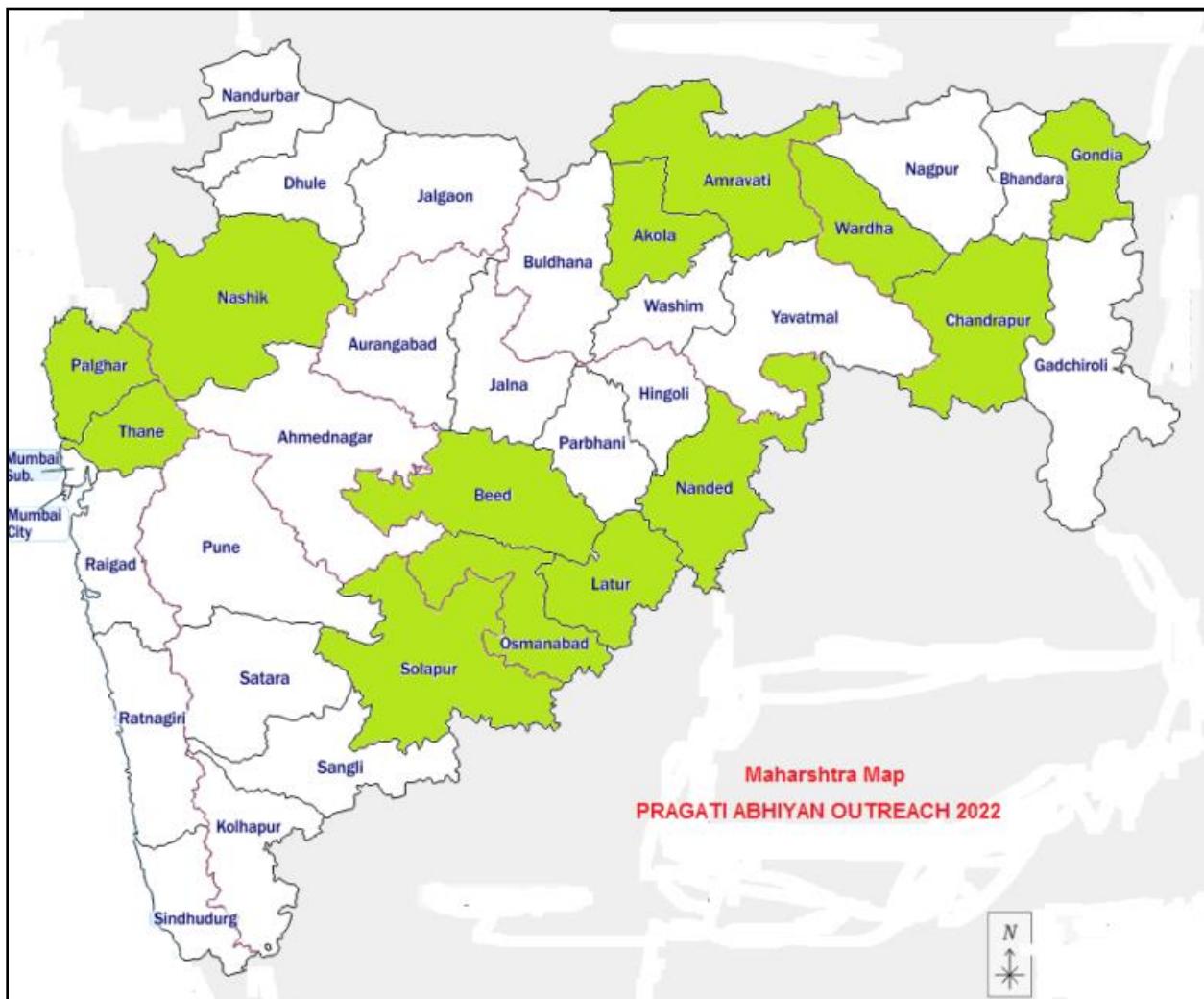
Strive to enhance rural livelihood resources through capacity building of the people, with the people, through evidence based advocacy for good governance in the implementation of rural development programs while upholding democratic principles and constitutional values leading to a campaign for rural progress.

### Alignment with SDGs





## PA Reach

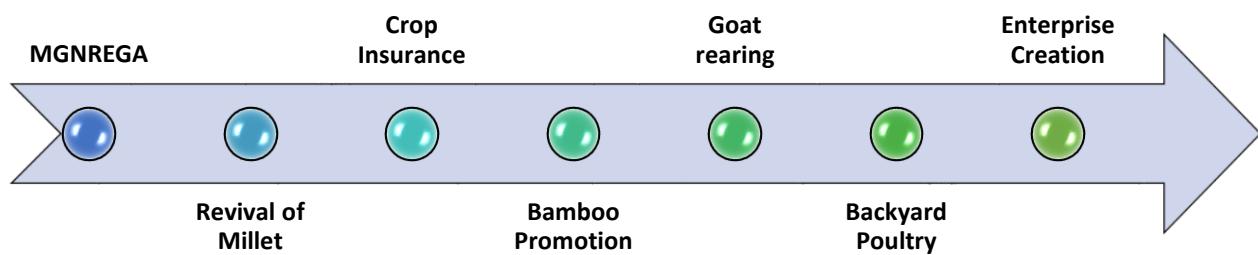




## 2. 2022-23 at a glance

Throughout this financial year 2022-23, the organization has made strides across various initiatives. One of these endeavors, MGNREGA, aimed to create employment prospects during the off-season of agriculture. Another initiative, ANAVIKA, focused on enhancing millet productivity to bring benefits to families of tribal farmers. The Rebuilding Inclusive Lives and Livelihoods (RILL) initiative was dedicated to supporting impoverished families who lost their primary breadwinners due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Moreover, the promotion of bamboo cultivation aimed to provide an additional income source for tribal families. The overarching objective was to uplift the living standards of the most economically disadvantaged tribal households.

Over the course of the year, the team displayed remarkable dedication in extending their efforts to the widest possible community outreach. The DASARA project had a positive impact on 25 families, either by providing them with goats and hens or by bolstering their existing livelihoods. The implementation strategy ensured that each family could leverage local resources and use funds to acquire goats or hens that were locally available. In the ANAVIKA project, the improved package of practices instilled a strong sense of confidence, backed by more than 5 years of expertise in millet cultivation. The farmers underwent training at various stages, from planting to harvesting. MGNREGA, which not only targeted tribal families but also encompassed 17 blocks across 13 districts in Maharashtra, played a pivotal role in offering earning opportunities to the most financially vulnerable. The success of MGNREGA fostered a sense of assurance among Community Resource Persons (CRPs), making their participation in MGNREGA a mandatory parameter to catalyze development within low-income households. The farmer groups were fortified through the provision of capacity-building trainings, ensuring their optimal performance. Additionally, crop insurance was extended to cover millet and other crops, serving as a protective measure for farmers against a range of risks. The Bamboo promotion initiative delved into the understanding of local circumstances and the status of bamboo cultivation. This year, particular attention was given to the current state of bamboo and the need for its strengthening.





### 3. Programmes

#### ***3.1 Rebuilding Inclusive Lives and Livelihoods progress (RILL)***

The second wave of Covid-19 affected rural parts of Maharashtra severely. Pragati Abhiyan did COVID relief work in 3 districts and 7 blocks of Maharashtra. During this, we conducted a primary survey of 1800 households, distributed COVID equipment and protective gear, spread awareness through ICE material distribution and conducted vaccination drives in villages. Through our household survey, we understood the seriousness and spread of COVID in these villages and need to rebuild livelihood of families who lost earning members in Igatpuri, Trimbakeshwar and Peith block of Nashik.

##### 3.1.1 Funding partner



##### 3.1.2 Objectives

- Rebuilding livelihood of families affected by Covid-19.
- Capacity building of beneficiaries.

##### 3.1.3 Project Area

The project was executed in 10 villages located within the Trimbakeshwar, Igatpuri, and Peith blocks.

##### 3.1.4 Activities undertaken

###### 1. Need assessment

We conducted meeting with families affected by Covid in each villages of Tribakeshwar, Igatpuri and Peith block, after identifying affected households. Listing of beneficiaries by selecting villages, visiting Panchayat samiti, Gram Panchayat and household to identify families affected by COVID death.

###### 2. List of livelihoods

The list of livelihood with each beneficiary was finalized and was further classified into three major livelihood opportunities namely poultry, goat rearing, and small entrepreneurship activities which includes two grocery shop, a sewing machine and bangles.

###### 3. Training and meetings

Total six trainings were conducted at different levels, First training was done with five Community Resource Persons on how to conduct primary survey, other trainings were done with beneficiaries on various topics like maintaining a daily record, feed management, shelter management, and health management by Dr. Purushottam Gorole and Sajal Kulkarni who are expert on animal husbandry training.

###### 4. Vaccination and insurance of livestocks

Insurance of 27 goats in Igatpuri is completed with Oriental Insurance Company. For goats Enterotoxaemia Cum Lamb Dysentery Vaccine (ETV) two times, and FMB and PPR vaccination one time are given. Devi and ranikhet vaccination is given to chickens in Peith block.



**Total Beneficiaries: 14 families**  
**Assistance of 30 goats, 2-3 goats each family,**  
**Capital cost: 10258 rupees per beneficiary**



**Total Beneficiaries: 7 families**  
**7 Hens and 3 roasters each family.**  
**Capital cost: 3650 rupees per beneficiary**



**Total Beneficiaries - 2**  
**Assistance received: Grocery shop items**  
**Capital cost - 11352 rupees per beneficiary**



**Total Beneficiary - 1**  
**Assistance received: Sewing machine**  
**Capital cost - 10000 rupees**



**Total Beneficiary - 1**  
**Assistance received:- Bangles**  
**Capital cost - 9470 rupees**

## 5. First aid kit and banner distribution

We have distributed first aid kit to all the livestock beneficiaries with banner to track their day to day activities. Followed by online zoom meeting on contents and use of first aid kit. This will help in timely health monitoring and disease control of livestocks.

We have also applied for cattle shed for goat rearing and for backyard poultry under MGNREGA scheme.





### 3.1.5 Capacity building

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>No of days</u>	<u>Focus of the training</u>	<u>Expert Trainer</u>	<u>No of participants</u>
22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2023	Igatpuri	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Goat management practices- shelter, fodder and health</li><li>• Disease management practices</li></ul>	Sajal Kulkarni and team	10
23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2022	Peith	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Backyard poultry management – shelter, food, health</li><li>• Importance of vaccination</li></ul>	Sajal Kulkarni and team	10
28 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	Pragati Abhiyan office, Nashik (Online mode)	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Guidance on difficulties related to goat and backyard poultry management</li></ul>	Sajal Kulkarni and team	30
08 <sup>th</sup> August 2022	Hotel Sai Vijay, Nashik	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Maintenance of goat rearing and backyard poultry during rainy season</li><li>• Food and fodder during rainy season</li></ul>	Gorale and team, Veterinary officer	25
21 <sup>st</sup> September to 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Peith, Igatpuri and Nashik Office	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Follow up and monitoring of beneficiary</li><li>• Guidance on doubts related to goat and backyard poultry</li></ul>	Gorale and team, Veterinary officer	25



### ***3.2 For Implementation of MGNREGA ( FINE)***

The current project was designed to increase involvement of CSO's across Maharashtra from different regions to study the difficulties in implementation of NREGA and to provide a report to Government of Maharashtra to further policy decisions to overcome the issues. The project is also intended to enhance capacity building of CRPs on NREGA who are working with a cluster of villages in a selected block. These CRP's were working with local village body implementing NREGA and ensure smooth functioning of the scheme. They act as mediators between the implementing PRI's and labors so that the problems of the labors are addressed and solved in effective way.

#### **3.2.1 Funding Partner**



#### **3.2.2 Objectives**

- Capacity building of CRPs to increase work under MGNREGA
- Implementing MGNREGA effectively at selected blocks

#### **3.2.3 Project Area**

The project was implemented in over 25 villages within each of the 17 blocks spanning across 13 districts in Maharashtra. These blocks are Majalgaon (Beed), Bhadravati (Chandrapur), Arjuni Morgaon (Gondia), Renapur (Latur), Kuhi (Nagpur), Hadgaon (Nanded), Igatpuri, Peith, Surgana, Trambakeshwar (Nashik), Tuljapur (Osmanabad), Mokhada (Palghar), Sangole (Solapur), Shahapur (Thane), Arvi (Wardha), and Umardh (Yavatmal).

#### **3.2.4 Activities undertaken**

<b>Sr No</b>	<b>Activities</b>	<b>Details</b>
1.	Gram panchayat visit by CRPs	CRPs visited to GPs to increase the efficiency of NREGA works
2.	Work demand request	During Gram Sabha meetings work demand form submission by CRPs
3.	Training of labor groups	Training ensured of labors regarding their rights about MGNREGA
4.	Training of rojgar sevaks	To ensure more number of working days, rojgar sevak trainings conducted at each block of project area.



Sr No	Activities	Details
5.	Rojgar celebrated at Melava village level	The basic idea behind this celebration is to create awareness among labors about work and process of MGNREGA.

### 3.2.5 Capacity building to strengthen MGNREGA

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>No of days</u>	<u>Focus of the training</u>	<u>Expert Trainer</u>	<u>No.of participants</u>
28 <sup>th</sup> April to 29 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	Royal Heritage Hotel, Nashik and Handpada village	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Planning of work under MGNREGA</li> <li>Exposure visit to Handpada village to explore MGNREGA activities</li> </ul>	Pragati Abhiyan team	20
21 <sup>st</sup> May 2022	Hotel Enrise, Nashik	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>State level conference on MGNREGA</li> <li>Issues and way forward for MGNREGA</li> </ul>	MGNREGA secretary Nandkumar, government officers and Pragati Abhiyan team	90
05 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	Panchayat Samiti, Igatpuri	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Training conducted of Rojgar Sevak</li> <li>Bamboo plantation under MGNREGA</li> </ul>	Sangita Jadhav and team	45
06 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	Panchayat Samiti, Trambakeshwar	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Training conducted of Rojgar Sevak</li> <li>Bamboo plantation under MGNREGA</li> </ul>	Sangita Jadhav and team	22
07 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	Panchayat Samiti, Peith	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Training conducted of Rojgar Sevak</li> <li>Bamboo plantation under MGNREGA</li> </ul>	LB Jadhav and team	15



08 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	Panchayat Samiti, Surgana	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training conducted of Rojgar Sevak</li> <li>• Bamboo plantation under MGNREGA</li> </ul>	LB Jadhav and team	35
08 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	Panchayat Samiti, Tuljapur	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Capacity building of Rojgar Sevak</li> <li>• Ensuring work under MGNREGA</li> </ul>	Sangita Jadhav and team	12
09 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	TISS, Tuljapur	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work on millet, MGNREGA with collaboration of CSOs and Government departments</li> </ul>	Ashwini Kulkarni and team	45
13 <sup>th</sup> September to 14 <sup>th</sup> September 2022	Hotel Sai Vijay, Nashik	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Status of MGNREGA in 13 districts</li> <li>• Planning of work under MGNREGA</li> </ul>	LB Jadhav and team	25
17 <sup>th</sup> November 2022	Hotel Sai Vijay, Nashik	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Purpose of MGNREGA</li> <li>• Process – work demand, measurement of work</li> <li>• Development of village with the support of MGNREGA</li> </ul>	Sangita Jadhav and team	25

### 3.2.6 Efforts taken by PA team

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Participants</u>
<u>11<sup>th</sup> April 2022</u>	<u>EGS office, Nanded</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensuring work under MGNREGA</li> <li>• Visit MGNREGA labors and solve their issues</li> <li>• Non-financial agreement sanction</li> </ul>	<u>Sangita Jadhav,</u> <u>Archana Thoke</u>



<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Participants</u>
18 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	Sangole Panchayat Samiti, Solapur	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Capacity building training of Gramsevak, village head and Rojgar sevak</li> <li>Ensuring work under MGNREGA</li> <li>Non-financial agreement sanction</li> </ul>	Sangita Jadhav, Apurva Malpure, Sharmila Kedar
26 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	Sangole Panchayat Samiti, Solapur	Capacity building of Gram Rojgar Sevak to ensure 10,000 person days in a year as per GR under MGNREGA	L. B. Jadhav, Sharmila Kedar
25 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	Nashik Panchayat Samiti	Capacity building of Gram Rojgar Sevak to ensure 10,000 person days in a year as per GR under MGNREGA	Sangita Jadhav
27 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	Tuljapur Panchayat Samiti, Osmanabad (Dharashiv)	Capacity building of Gram Rojgar Sevak to ensure 10,000 person days in a year as per GR under MGNREGA	L. B. Jadhav, Dhanaji Dhotarkar
27 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	Trimbakeshwar Panchayat Samiti, Nashik	Capacity building of Gram Rojgar Sevak to ensure 10,000 person days in a year as per GR under MGNREGA	Sangita Jadhav, Mohan Avatar, Shravan Nirgude
28 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	Peith Panchayat Samiti, Nashik	Capacity building of Gram Rojgar Sevak to ensure 10,000 person days in a year as per GR under MGNREGA	Sangita Jadhav, Chandrakant Kuwar, Mohan Khadam
29 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	Surgana Panchayat Samiti, Nashik	Capacity building of Gram Rojgar Sevak to ensure 10,000 person days in a year as per	Sangita Jadhav, Vinayak Bhadange



<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Participants</u>
		GR under MGNREGA	
30 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	Dindori Panchayat Samiti, Nashik	Capacity building of Gram Rojgar Sevak to ensure 10,000 person days in a year as per GR under MGNREGA	Sangita Jadhav
02 <sup>nd</sup> August 2022	Kalwan Panchayat Samiti, Nashik	Capacity building of Gram Rojgar Sevak to ensure 10,000 person days in a year as per GR under MGNREGA	Sangita Jadhav
03 <sup>rd</sup> August 2022	Baglan Panchayat Samiti, Nashik	Capacity building of Gram Rojgar Sevak to ensure 10,000 person days in a year as per GR under MGNREGA	Sangita Jadhav
04 <sup>th</sup> August 2022	Deola Panchayat Samiti, Nashik	Capacity building of Gram Rojgar Sevak to ensure 10,000 person days in a year as per GR under MGNREGA	Sangita Jadhav
05 <sup>th</sup> August 2022	Malegaon Panchayat Samiti, Nashik	Capacity building of Gram Rojgar Sevak to ensure 10,000 person days in a year as per GR under MGNREGA	Sangita Jadhav
06 <sup>th</sup> August 2022	Nandgaon Panchayat Samiti, Nashik	Capacity building of Gram Rojgar Sevak to ensure 10,000 person days in a year as per GR under MGNREGA	L B Jadhav
06 <sup>th</sup> August 2022	Yevla Panchayat Samiti, Nashik	Capacity building of Gram Rojgar Sevak to ensure 10,000 person days in a year as per GR under MGNREGA	L B Jadhav

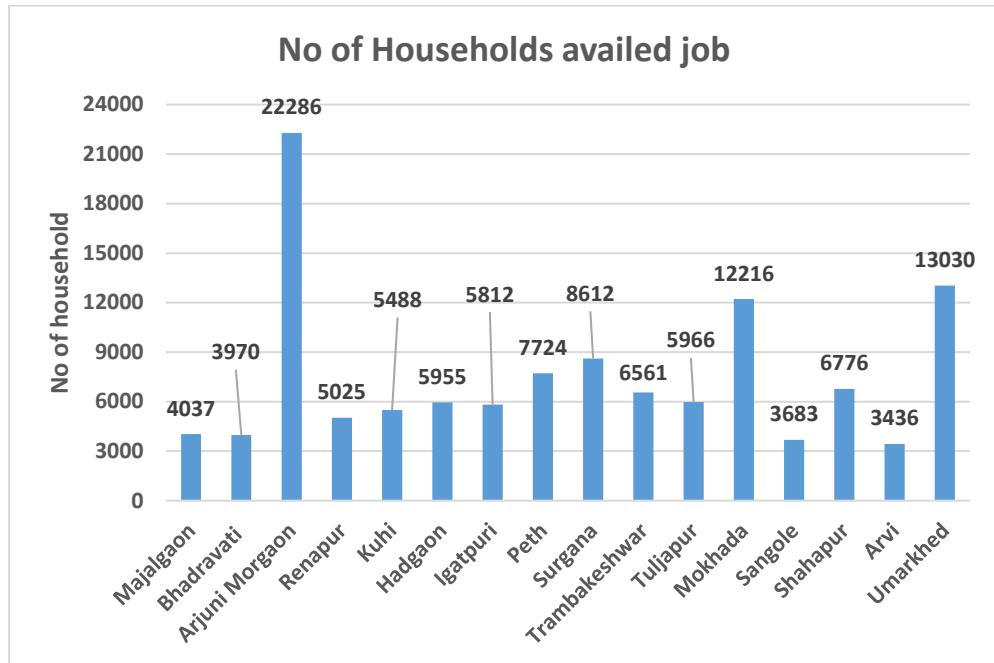


<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Participants</u>
12 <sup>th</sup> August 2022	Niphad Panchayat Samiti, Nashik	Capacity building of Gram Rojgar Sevak to ensure 10,000 person days in a year as per GR under MGNREGA	L B Jadhav
12 <sup>th</sup> August 2022	Sinnar Panchayat Samiti, Nashik	Capacity building of Gram Rojgar Sevak to ensure 10,000 person days in a year as per GR under MGNREGA	L B Jadhav
20 <sup>th</sup> August 2022	Trimbakeshwar Panchayat Samiti, Nashik	Social Audit	PA team
25 <sup>th</sup> August 2022	Chatrapati Sambhaji Nagar( Aurangabad) Abdul Kalam research centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public works under MGNREGA</li> <li>• Increasing work and person days</li> </ul>	Ashwini Kulkarni, Sangita Jadhav
20 <sup>th</sup> September 2022	Arvi Panchayat Samiti, Wardha	Capacity building of Gram Rojgar Sevak to ensure 10,000 person days in a year as per GR under MGNREGA	Sangita Jadhav, Sagar Bhoye
30 <sup>th</sup> September 2022	Shahapur Panchayat Samiti, Wardha	Capacity building of Gram Rojgar Sevak to ensure 10,000 person days in a year as per GR under MGNREGA	Sangita Jadhav, Raju Valavi



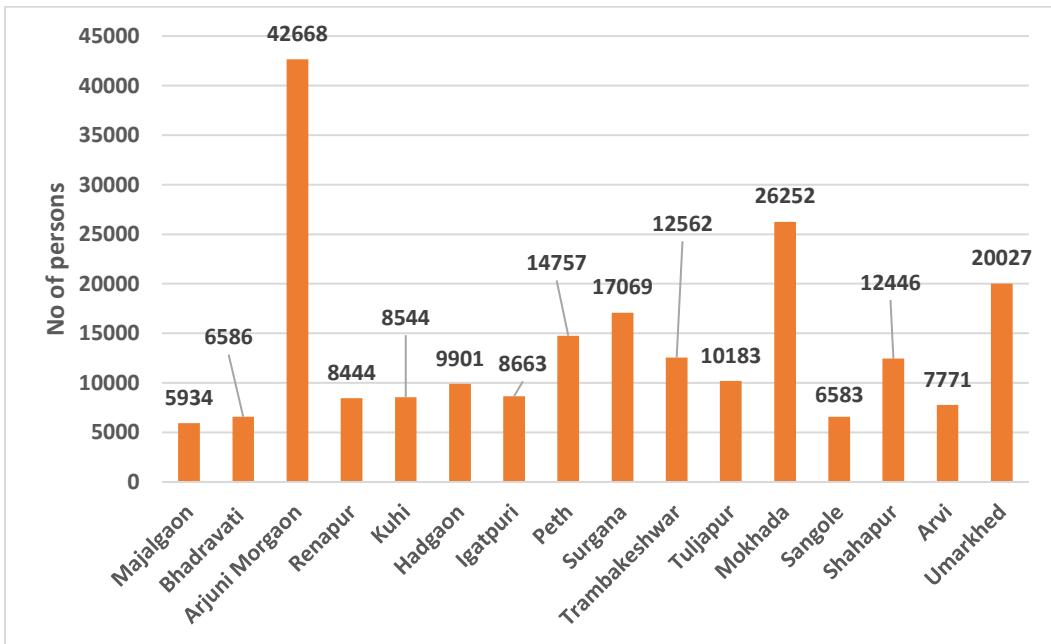
### 3.2.7 Output of work

#### A. No. of Households availed job

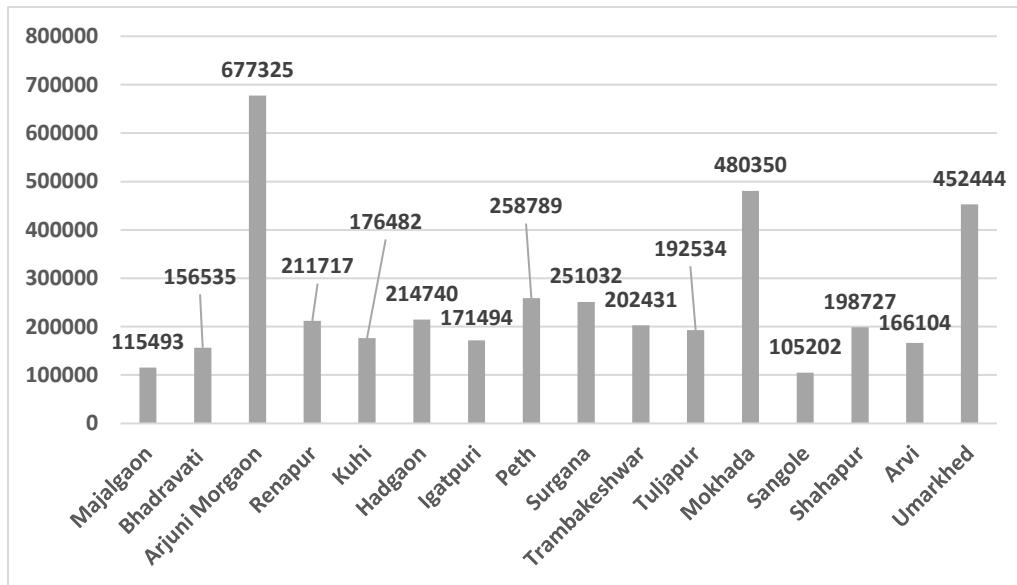


As per the above chart, it is revealed that in Arjuni morgiaon block, highest number of household availed job. In every block, more than 3000HHs availed job. (Source- <https://nreganarep.nic.in/> )

#### B. No of person availed job

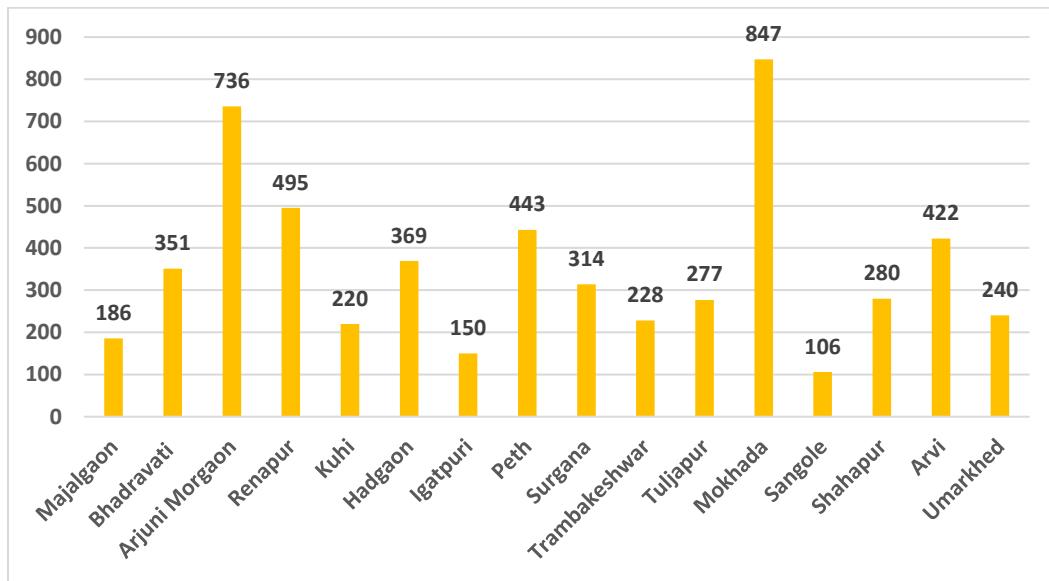


### C. Persons days



The chart above indicates that the total person-days generated exceeded 100,000 days across all project blocks. The Arjuni Morgaon block has the highest number of person-days, whereas Sangole has the lowest number of person-days.

### D. No of Families completed 100 days



The Mokhada block has a larger number of families that have completed 100 days of work, whereas the Sangole block has the lowest number in this category.



### ***3.3 Adivasi Nagali Vikas Karyakram (ANAVIKA)***

Finger Millet is one of the minor millets which is very important nutritionally. Yet it is losing its place in our plates due to lowering of productivity as well as lowering of area under production. The purpose of this programme is to revive finger millets.

#### 3.3.1 Funding partner



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#### 3.3.2 Objectives

- Increase productivity of Finger Millets by at least 25% on an average
- Increase nutritional security and income security of the participating farmer households
- Build enterprises for post-harvest processing units in the area of operation
- Build Farmer Producer Organizations of Finger Millet growing farmers

#### 3.3.3 Project Area

Nashik, Kalwan, Trambakeshwar, Peith, and Surgana in Nashik district, along with Mokhada in Palghar district and Shahapur in Thane district, were the locations where two projects were carried out.

#### 3.3.4 Activities undertaken

<b>Sr No</b>	<b>Activities</b>	<b>Details</b>
1.	Field level trainings on nursery bed preparation	This training provided at a field level in seven blocks of project areas
2.	Field level training on transplantation with using rope	This training provided at a field level in seven blocks of project areas
3.	Field level trainings on Jivamrut, Matkakhat preparation	This training provided at a field level in seven blocks of project areas
4.	Field level training on CCE	This training provided at a field level in seven blocks of project areas
5.	Farmers capacity building trainings at Nashik	This training programmes focused on building effectiveness of farmers groups





### 3.3.5 Capacity building of farmer groups

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>No of days</u>	<u>Focus of the training</u>	<u>Expert Trainer</u>	<u>No.of participants</u>
April 2022	Sai Vijay Hotel, Nashik	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ladoo, Upma by using Nagali Recipes demonstration</li> </ul>	Sangita Jadhav	98
May 2022	Sai Vijay Hotel, Nashik	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Preparation of nursery bed for Nagali</li> <li>Preparation of Bijamrut</li> <li>Introducing Improved PoP for Nagali</li> </ul>	Sangita Jadhav	80
August 2022	Sai Vijay Hotel, Nashik	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Exposure visit to Nagali field</li> </ul>	Sangita Jadhav	46
17 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	Aswali Harsh	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Farmers group registration – process, required documents</li> <li>Responsibilities of group leaders</li> <li>Ensuring farmers group meeting minutes register, writing account books</li> </ul>	Subhash Wagh	62

### 3.3.6 Details about beneficiary

Comprehensive scheme:

<b>District</b>	<b>Block</b>	<b>No of Village</b>	<b>Total farmers</b>
Palghar	Mokhada	6	200
Nashik	Peith	17	353
Thane	Shahapur	8	86
Nashik	Surugana	8	217
Nashik	Trambak	15	289
<b>Total</b>		<b>54</b>	<b>1145</b>

Production scheme:

<b>District</b>	<b>Block</b>	<b>No of Village</b>	<b>Total farmers</b>
Palghar	Mokhada	5	118
Thane	Shahapur	6	81
Nashik	Nashik	6	197
Nashik	Kalwan	9	207
Nashik	Surgana	7	217
<b>Total</b>		<b>33</b>	<b>820</b>

### 3.4 Bamboo Promotion

Due to lack local market for bamboo in Nashik district farmers are not able to earn commercially from bamboo. Due to the changes in the standard of living in the last few decades, the traditional and skilled bamboo artisans are losing ground. In some places skilled workers are not available to cut bamboo, while in some places harvesting tools are not available. Hence, although bamboo is a source of income, it is neglected. Due to the proper management of bamboo plot in Sindhudurg district in the last few years, the income of the farmers there has increased. By properly managing bamboo plantation and selling good quality bamboo, farmers can add well to their annual income. But for that, farmers need training about how to take care of bamboo.

#### 3.4.1 Funding Partner



**Maharashtra Bamboo  
Promotion Foundation**

#### 3.4.2 Objectives

**MBPF**

1. To study status of Bamboo and supply chain of Bamboo in Nashik district
2. To promote Bamboo for the welfare of tribal communities

#### 3.4.3 Activities undertaken

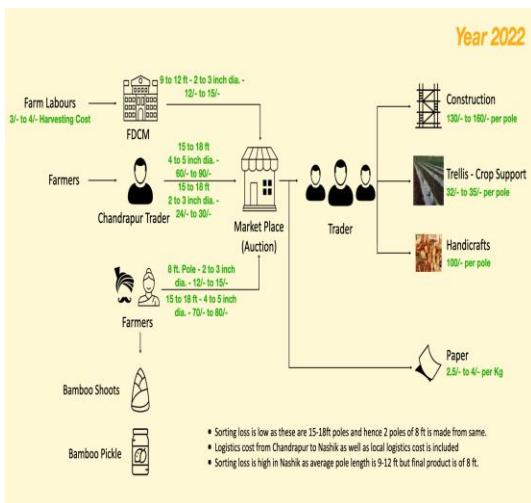


**Exposure Visit to Bamboo Research and Training Centre, Chandarpur**

Exposure visit arranged with farmers to explore Bamboo research

**Field Visit to Peith**

Field visit arranged with the Bamboo Expert Mr Umesh Sonar to explore Bamboos in field



### Study on supply chain of Bamboo in Nashik

This study conducted in November and December month to understand Bamboo market in Nashik district.



### Two days State Consultation on Bamboo

Two days state level consultation organized at Hotel Click on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2023 to have a dialogue on tribes and bamboo cultivation



### ***3.5 Integrated Farming Cluster (IFC)***

Adivasi farmers from Nashik district in Maharashtra have been growing Nagali - Finger Millet - for generations. But recently, they are experiencing low productivity owing to diseases and vagaries of nature. Reduced yield means the inability to meet family needs and the compulsion to use other non-staple grains like wheat. Apart from causing a dent in their already poor earnings, this also compromises their food and nutritional security. IFC is Integrated Farming Cluster. The activities of this project are to be organized with the State Rural Livelihoods Mission – Umed. SRLM has formed many Self-help Groups and they work only with the members of such groups. We are providing training to these women members in cultivation practices of Nagali, making child friendly snacks of Nagali. We have also trained groups in livestock management. This is program constituted by a national network, RCRC. This type of collaboration is in around 8 States across the country.

#### 3.5.1 Funding partner



#### 3.5.2 Objectives

- To increase productivity of Finger Millets by at least 25% on an average
- To increase nutritional security and income security of the participating farmer households
- To create allied livelihood opportunity through livestock development

#### 3.5.3 Project area

The project was executed within the Trimbakeshwar block of Nashik, spanning across 15 villages organized into three clusters.

#### 3.5.4 Activities undertaken

<b>Sr N.o.</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Cluste r</b>	<b>Village</b>	<b>Meeting topic</b>
1	14-09/2022	Nashik	Yashvantarav Chavan Mukt Vidyapith , Nashik	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Preparation of various food by using ragi</li><li>• Improved practice of cultivation for ragi</li></ul>
2	19/11/2022	Trimbak	Pegalvadi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Preparation of various food by using ragi</li><li>• Improved practice of cultivation for ragi</li></ul>

Sr N o.	Date	Cluster	Village	Meeting topic
3	25/11/2022	Trimbak	Velunje	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Preparation of various food by using ragi</li> <li>Improved practice of cultivation for ragi</li> </ul>
4	29/11/2022	Harsul	Torangan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Preparation of various food by using ragi</li> <li>Improved practice of cultivation for ragi</li> </ul>
5	13/12/2022 & 15/12/2022	Trimbak	Pahine and Takeharsh	Apart from this, there is a lot of migration in this area, so we took up the NREGA issue in the meeting, according to which we made a written demand for the work of 100 people. , they will do the work once approved in the Gram Sabha



Figure 1 Meeting at Pahine



Figure 2 Meeting at Takeharsh



### **3.6 Zilla Parishad members - training**

This study is to capture performance of elected members of Zilla Parishad. If a systematic training is provided then their performance will get more effective. In the first phase of this study, we interviewed 30 elected representatives to understand their present sources of collecting information understanding of the processes to get programs sanctioned in their constituency. We have prepared training modules and are ready to start training. But due to some technical reasons the elections are being postponed and presently Nashik Zilla Parishad is being run by the Chief Executive Officer. Once the elections are over, we plan to start trainings some of them over one year.



## 4. Research and studies

### 1. Cook Stove

A student from Yale University wanted to do a study on use of Induction Cookstove, which uses Electricity as fuel. Pragati Abhiyan supported her in identifying villages, identifying households and conducting surveys. In this study, induction cook stoves were given to families and they were given training to use it. Every month their use of the stove was monitored. Amalta, the student, has all the data and she is working on it.

### 2. AFARM

Mahindra and Mahindra Company wanted a scoping study to be done around Igatpuri and Nashik villages. They approached AFARM, the network of CSOs based in Pune. Since we are placed in Nashik, AFARM collaborated with us to conduct the scoping study.

3. NREGA Consortium is a network of CSOs working on NREGA across 8 states in the country. Consortium planned to conduct a study to understand 3NREGA's performance during Covid pandemic and lockdown. A survey across 5 States to collect primary data of 5 villages per Block and xx households per Block. In Nashik, we did the survey in Surgana block. NCEAR and APU was involved in designing the Survey and preparing the report. The Maharashtra report was presented to the MGNREGA Commissioner in Nagpur in the presence of CSO representatives. The national report was presented to Government officials, journalists and representatives from CSOs in Delhi.

4. Pragati Abhiyan is a member of network RCRC. This network was formed to address the Covid pandemic and lockdown related issues in rural parts of India. To understand and respond to the crisis, RCRC with its partners conducted quick assessment of the situation in villages of India. Then these were repeated over two years which helped in mapping the problems and possible ways to work around these new challenges. The latest report is being published and Pragati Abhiyan conducted household survey in Igatpuri.



## 5. Awards and Recognition

We are happy to share that Pragati Abhiyan's case study titled 'Revival of a Superfood', based on its Nagali rejuvenation initiative with farmers in Nashik, Thane and Palghar districts, has been awarded by the 'Stories of Change' - Case Study Challenge' hosted by Azim Premaji University, Bangalore in 2022-23. This was 4th edition of the annual challenge that facilitates documentation of good practices by the organizations who are directly involved in design and implementation of development interventions. Our case study was appreciated and received second prize. It will soon be published along with other shortlisted stories and the compendium will be made available on our website.

NITI Aayog has published a compendium on the topic of disaster management and climate change. In this Pragati Abhiyan's ANAVIKA project is explained in terms of its climate resilience.





## 6. PA networks

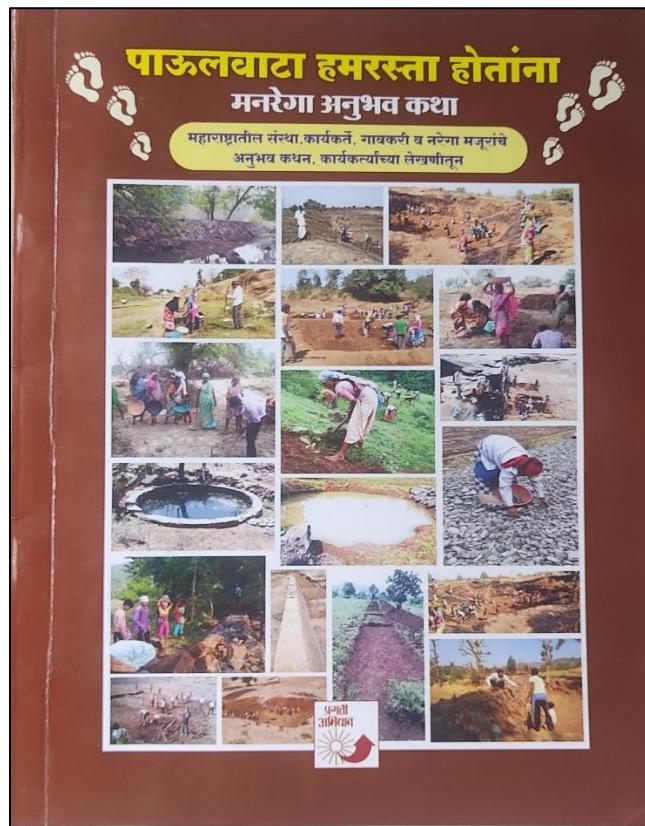


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## 7. Publications during FY 2022-23

The book titled “पाऊलवाट हमरस्ता होताना” was released on Buddha Purnima 2022. It contains the experiences of CRPs, community members, government employees involved in MGNREGA, and Pragati Abhiyan workers regarding their experiences, real-life incidents while ensuring work under MGNREGA, and the impact of MGNREGA as well as how life has changed as a result of activities like farm pond construction, mango cultivation, and loose boulder structures carried out under MGNREGA. 25 case studies from all around Maharashtra are included in the publication. The CRPs of more than ten partner organizations wrote these case studies. To ensure the quality of these case studies, each author received fundamental guidance during a write shop held in March 2022. These case studies were documented for three primary purposes: to raise awareness about NREGA within the community, to analyze past work for learning purposes, and to draw inspiration from the experiences shared. Some case studies delve into work carried out several years ago and examine its lasting impact, while others highlight the challenges faced by CRPs and workers in implementing NREGA activities at the village level over the past two years.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, MGNREGA played a crucial role in providing support to several community members during critical times in their lives. Certain case studies also offer insights into planning NREGA activities, ensuring a demand for labor work, and persuading the community to initiate MGNREGA activities.





## Annexure

### 1. List of experts/researchers who visited during FY 2022-23

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Name of scholar/researcher</u>
02 <sup>nd</sup> June 2022	Abheti, Aamlon, Peith block	To explore the experiences of Nagali farmers	Journalist Pingale, Agrovan
13 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	4 villages of Mokhada block	To explore the nursery bed preparation and Bijamrut	Aarushi, ATC Jawahar and Mokhada
16 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	Kothami, Trimbakeshwar block	To visit the MGNREGA structure	Avantika, Ashoka University
November 2022	Peith, Surgana	To capture photos of the community socioeconomic aspects	Photographers Without Borders

### 2. List of DASRA Project Beneficiaries

DASARA Beneficiaries List						
Sr No.	Name	Village	Block	Type of Assistance	Units	Date
1	Manohar Govind Gaikwad	Shevkhandi	Peith	Goats	3	17/06/2022
2	Ranjana Anaaji Bande	Manjargav	Igatpuri	Goats	2	18/05/2022
3	Akshay Lahu Gabhale	Manjargav	Igatpuri	Goats	2	18/05/2022
4	Kalu Tukaram Ghotkar	Manjargav	Igatpuri	Goats	2	18/05/2022
5	Girijabai Gabhale	Manjargav	Igatpuri	Goats	2	18/05/2022
6	Rama Sakharam Dhavle	Ambevadi	Igatpuri	Goats	2	18/05/2022
7	Sakhubai Narayan Dhavle	Ambevadi	Igatpuri	Goats	2	18/05/2022



8	Yashoda Dhavle	Ambevadi	Igatpuri	Goats	2	18/05/2022
9	Bhorabai Pandhari Thete	Ghodevadi	Igatpuri	Goats	2	18/05/2022
10	Kosabai Sukdev Karvande	Ghodevadi	Igatpuri	Goats	2	18/05/2022
11	Laxmibai Santu Gabhale	Ghodevadi	Igatpuri	Goats	3	18/05/2022
12	Bhaurav Nigale	Shirevadi	Igatpuri	Goats	2	18/05/2022
13	Chandrabhaga Kisan Bhalerav	Shirevadi	Igatpuri	Goats	2	18/05/2022
14	Khandu Chandar Vayal	Shirevadi	Igatpuri	Goats	2	18/05/2022
1	Deepak Bhika Bhangare	Ghosali	Peith	7 hens + 3 roosters	10	14/06/2022
2	Lalit Babaji Bhangare	Ghosali	Peith	7 hens + 3 roosters	10	14/06/2022
3	Sampat Shivram Bhangare	Ghosali	Peith	7 hens + 3 roosters	10	14/06/2022
4	Shamrav Madhav Gavit	Hompada	Peith	7 hens + 3 roosters	10	14/06/2022
5	Deenesh Pandharinath Lahare	Bardapad	Peith	7 hens + 3 roosters	10	14/06/2022
6	Aananda Narayan Raut	Vadpada	Peith	7 hens + 3 roosters	10	14/06/2022
7	Vaishali Namdev Chaudhari	Vadpada	Peith	7 hens + 3 roosters	10	14/06/2022



1	Savita Bhangare	Boripada	Trimbak	Bangles of 94 types	1	8/6/2022
2	Mohan Chaudhari	Boripada	Trimbak	Sewing Machine	1	8/6/2022
3	Sunita Dilip Chaudhari	Boripada	Trimbak	Grocery material	1	19/05/2022
4	Deepika Deepak Maule	Bhutmokhad a	Trimbak	Grocery material	1	19/05/2022