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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT/CEO



Dear Friends,

At the onset, I would like to thank the friends and supporters of the National Development Foundation (NDF), without whom it was not possible to complete 30 years of serving marginalized communities in Jammu & Kashmir. We started our Journey in 1992 as a group of dedicated and adventurous youth passionate about doing something substantial for the poor and needy. The continuous patronage of the Government, Civil Society and Communities made us grow into a professional Civil Society NGO. It is satisfying to note that NDF has brought positive changes in the lives of communities it worked for in the last 30 years.

The year 2021-22 has also witnessed the fear of the Covid pandemic, which has deprived millions of children worldwide of regular Education. The cases of child abuse and exploitation also increased. Some of the most vulnerable and unreached were the children of the Pre-Primary age groups. It is satisfying that during these difficult times, NDF Education Facilitators reached out to the children of this age group and effectively delivered **ANGANSHALLA** (Flexible Home Based Learning Module) at the doorsteps of the children who need it the most. NDF also facilitated the school education department in strengthening mechanisms for ensuring the safety and security of children in schools. The research work at Kishtwar High Altitude National Park is also implemented despite fragile and difficult weather conditions.

I assure the readers that NDF will continue to work towards achieving its goals, missions and vision. I seek the support of all stakeholders to make the rights of children, youth and women a reality on the ground.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Rajiv Khajuria'.

Rajiv Khajuria
President/Chief Executive Officer

2021-22 in brief

The year 2021 started its Journey with the hope that it will be a better year after witnessing Covid-19 in 2020. But unfortunately, in the middle of 2021, Covid again brought a wave of death and despair, leading to the closure of schools and thin attendance in other establishments. But the situation stabilised after people adopted appropriate covid behaviour and the Government strongly enforced Covid protocols.

Prime Minister Narinder Modi celebrating Diwali in the Nowshera sector of Rajouri in the Jammu Division. The visit of almost every Central Minister, including Home Minister Amit Shah to Jammu & Kashmir, and President Ram Nath Kovind's visit to Kashmir, showed the resolve of the Government of India to bring Jammu & Kashmir back on the path of peace and development. A new industrial policy with new land purchase rules allowed huge investments from outside, with projects worth thousands of crore being locked in UT with big corporate from steel, telecom, cyber optics, and hosiery sectors ready to invest in UT.

During this year, NDF activities were slowing down, particularly the implementation of a prestigious European Union-supported Child protection project in its final year. As per the activity framework of the Project, NDF had to facilitate the two studies, i.e. End-line/ Impact study and another one is Best practices report. The end-line study was initially planned for April. But, due to the surge in the covid-19 cases and the evaluator being Covid positive, we could not conduct it in April; we postponed the study and finally completed it in July. However, with the effective grass root presence and excellent working relationship with the Government and Communities, we successfully reached out to the Youth & the Children in need of care and protection. Long experience and practical implementation strategies have led to the successful completion of the target work, which got implemented following the appropriate Covid behaviour.

Covid has deprived millions of children around the world of regular education. Some of the most vulnerable and unreached children of Pre-Primary Age Groups (3-6 Years). National Development Foundation NDF, with the support of the Government and partners, developed a Home Based Learning (HBL) Workbook called Anganshalla as remedial learning focusing on these Children with parental involvement. It strengthened early childhood care, education, and out-of-school children programming in Jammu & Kashmir. NDF effectively delivered the Home Based Learning Workbook containing flexible learning and practising material at the doorsteps of the 8546 children in 10 districts of J&K; among these were 4207 girls and 4402 boys who needed it the most, i.e. there were 49.8% girls and 51.9% boys. 5730 Out of School Children also got identified (among these, 2779, i.e. 55% girls and 2951, i.e. 59% boys) and linked to the school education department for their mainstreaming. Apart from this, other organisation programmes also went successfully and are reflected in the report.

Home-based learning as Covid response

In 2020, when coronavirus hit the entire world, J&K also faced the brunt of the COVID-19 pandemic and remained one of the worst hit UTs/States in India. More than 300,000+ people are affected in Jammu and Kashmir by the coronavirus. Educational institutions are the worst affected department which directly targeted the 12,84,516 on record enrolled students in the UT. Covid has deprived millions of children around the world of normal education. Some of the most vulnerable and unreached were the children of the Pre-Primary age group (3-6 Years).

In collaboration with the Directorate of Samagra Shiksha J&K, Directorate of School Education, Jammu, ICDS Directorate, J&K and in partnership with Unicef, the National Development Foundation developed a Home Based Learning Workbook as a means of remedial learning focusing on these children with parental support. In addition, it strengthened Early Childhood Care and Education and Out of School Children Programming.

Then the 12 HBL modules are also on the same bases.

- (1) Physical development
- (2) Cogitative development
- (3) Social and emotional development
- (4) Creativity
- (5) Aesthetic.



Consultation Workshop on Home-based Learning module Development at Srinagar



All these modules were created by keeping the concepts mentioned above in mind. As a result, the collaborated workbook was named "AANGANSHALA".

Ndf has decided to deliver Aanganshala at the doorsteps of the Children who need it the most in all the ten districts of the Jammu division, i.e. Jammu, Samba, Kathua, Poonch, Rajouri, Reasi, Udhampur, Ramban, Doda & Kishtwar. NDF recruited a team of 50 Education Facilitators and other staff to achieve this. These people took the resolve to reach out to such children in mission mode. As a result, NDF effectively delivered the Home Based Learning Workbook containing flexible learning and practising material at the doorsteps of the 8546 children in 10 districts of J&K; among these were 4207 girls and 4402 boys who needed it the most, i.e. there were 49.8% girls and 51.9% boys. 5730 Out of School Children also got identified (among these, 2779, i.e. 55% girls and 2951, i.e. 59% boys) and linked to the school education department for their mainstreaming.

Dr. Ravi Shankar Sharma, JKAS, Director of School Education Jammu, inaugurated a two-day Home-Based Learning (HBL) training programme focusing on Early Childhood Education at Tawi Conference Hall Jammu. In this workshop, Education Facilitators got training on the launch and delivery of Aanganshala. Ms. Jaswinder Kour, Coordinator ECCE and Dr. Sareeta Sharma, Assistant Coordinator ECCE and Ms. Isha Bali PO NDF, who were part of the consultation workshop during the HBL Home-based learning module with the experts at Srinagar, acted as resource persons. Dr. Sharma also launched the "Aanganshala" Home-based learning workbook during the program.

Sh. Deep Raj Kanethia JKAS, Project Director Samagra Shiksha, was Chief Guest at the valedictory function. He appreciated NDF Unicef's and other partners' efforts in reaching out to children in difficult times of covid.

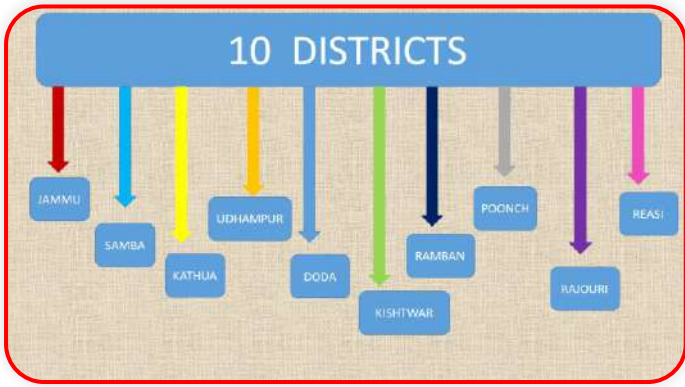
Release of Anganshalla



Education Facilitators are getting training on delivering home-based learning packages to children of the pre-primary age group



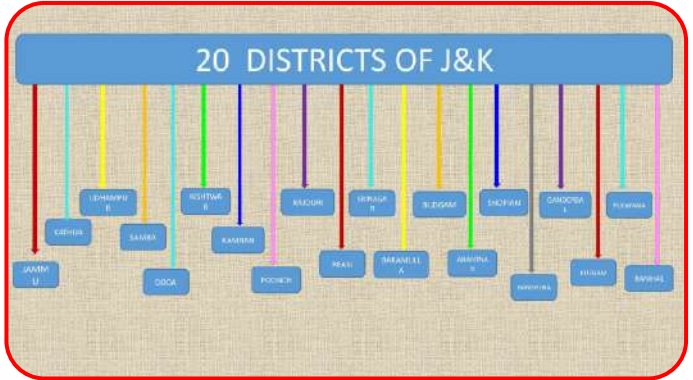
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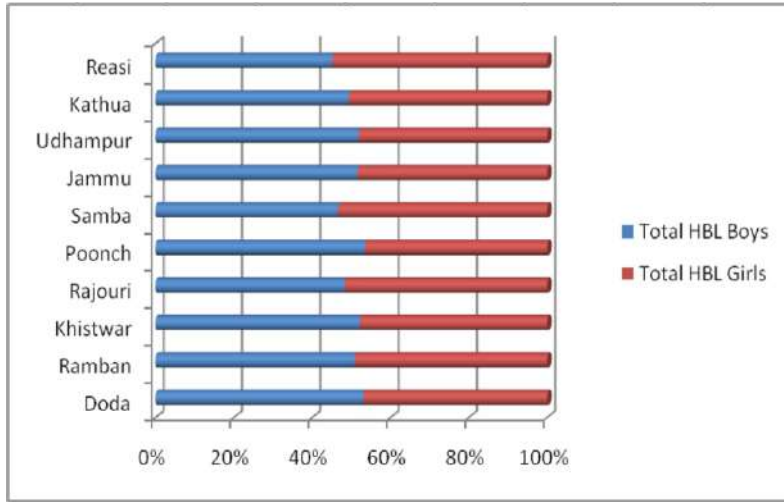
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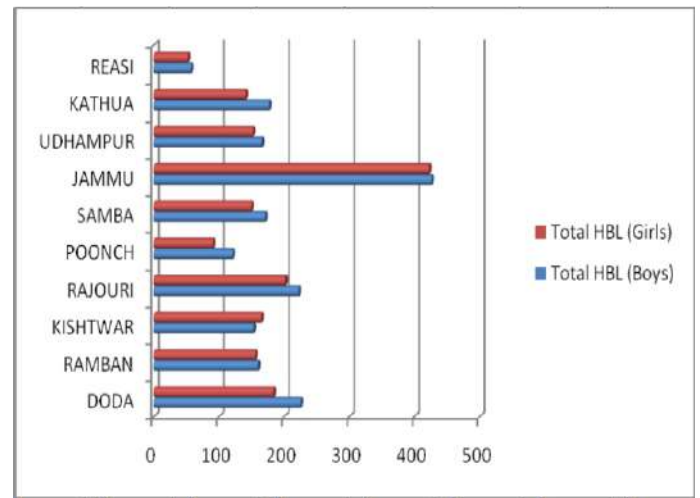
School Safety & Security



DISTRICT WISE REACH DATA (Graphical Presentation)
PHASE – I (5000 Target)



PHASE – II (3500 target)



Tracking Out-Of-School children and ensuring continuity of learning

The COVID-19 crisis has adversely impacted the well-being of children. The impact is severe on the children belonging to the most marginalised and vulnerable sections of the society who are already facing multiple challenges in terms of job loss, ending of income, food security and additional health risk. In addition, children got exposed to increased vulnerabilities and risks, including child labour, child marriage and even child trafficking. Apart from protection, the pandemic's impact compromised children's rights to nutrition, health and education. Recognising that the COVID pandemic could lead to dropouts and an increased number of out-of-school children, identifying and mapping Out of School Children were undertaken so that they would be enrolled back in the school once the schools reopen to ensure that there were no dropouts.

On the 28th and 29th of October, Two day's training of Educations Facilitators from all the ten districts of the Jammu division on the identification of Out of School Children (OoSC) took place. NDF organised this training in close collaboration with the Directorate of School Education, Jammu, Samagra Shiksha J&K, and ICDS Directorate J&K. Sh. D S Katoch, Joint Director ICDS J&K, who inaugurated the training, appreciated the efforts of NDF for devising this intervention which was the need of hour. At the same time, Dr. Romesh Sharma, Head Counselling Cell DSEJ, Mr. Sunny Kumar, Programme Manager NDF, and Santosh Yadav & Sumitra Yadav from Delhi acted as Resource persons.

Adding Sh. D. S. Katoch, JD ICDS, informed that they also identify and support out-of-school adolescent girls and called upon collaboration with govt and civil society for more reach and transparency. We have already directed the field Officers of ICDS to extend full cooperation to the staff and Education Facilitators of NDF to collaborate with them to identify Out of School Children, said Sh. Katoch.

Education Facilitators training on tracking out and mainstreaming OOSC

Training on Out of School Children (OoSC) Starts

JAMMU: 28 Two-day's training of Education Facilitators from all the ten districts of Jammu division on identification of Out of School Children (OoSC) started here today. The training is organized by National Development Foundation (NDF) Jammu in partnership with UNICEF and in collaboration with Directorate of School Education, Jammu, Director Samagra Shiksha J&K, and ICDS Directorate J&K. Sh. D S Katoch (JKAS) Joint Director ICDS J&K inaugurated the training while Dr. Romesh Sharma Head Counselling Cell DSEJ, Mr. Sunny Kumar, Programme Manager NDF, and Santosh Yadav & Sumitra Yadav from Delhi acted as Resource persons. The training was held at the Jammu District Education Office.

Decrease in their number of Empowering children and youth for National character building and organising activities to become better citizens of tomorrow. He said that as the Director of School Education, Jammu, we have already directed the field Officers of ICDS to extend full cooperation to the staff and Education Facilitators of NDF in identifying these OoSCs. He also said that as the Director of School Education, Jammu, we have already directed the field Officers of ICDS to extend full cooperation to the staff and Education Facilitators of NDF in identifying these OoSCs. He also said that as the Director of School Education, Jammu, we have already directed the field Officers of ICDS to extend full cooperation to the staff and Education Facilitators of NDF in identifying these OoSCs.

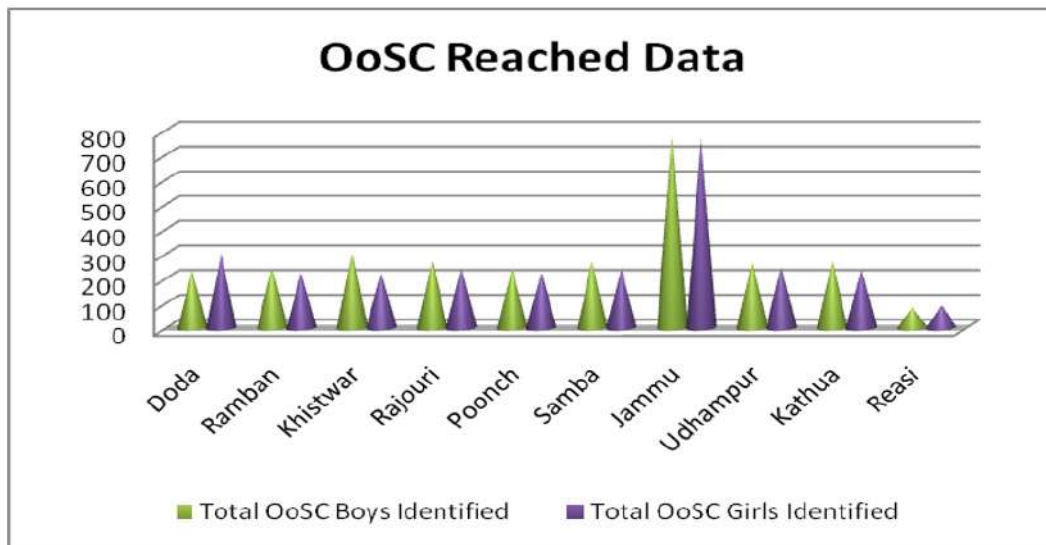
Talash App to be launched soon: Director Samagra Shiksha, J&K

JAMMU: Oct 25, Jammu, Oct 25: Director Samagra Shiksha, J&K, Dr. Deep Raj Kanthia directed that Talash App to track Out of School Children (OOSC) will be launched soon to identify and reintegrate out of school children in Jammu & Kashmir. He said this is the voluntary function of a two day's workshop on Home Based Learning (HBL) under early childhood care and education organized by National Development Foundation in partnership with UNICEF and in collaboration with Directorate of School Education, Jammu and Director of Samagra Shiksha J&K. Director Samagra Shiksha J&K was the Chief Guest in the voluntary function. Mr. Sunny Kumar, Programme Manager, NDF presented the welcome address. Participants were trained on various modules of the workshop to be delivered at the door step of children whose education got affected by COVID-19 Pandemic. Dr. Deep Raj Kanthia, Director Samagra Shiksha J&K, said that the Talash App will be launched soon to identify and reintegrate out of school children in Jammu & Kashmir. He said this is the voluntary function of a two day's workshop on Home Based Learning (HBL) under early childhood care and education organized by National Development Foundation in partnership with UNICEF and in collaboration with Directorate of School Education, Jammu and Director of Samagra Shiksha J&K.

He said that Govt. is keen to identify work with credible and reputed civil society organisations like NDF. He appreciated the joint efforts of School Education Department, ICDS, Directorate, NDF and UNICEF for developing "TALASH APP" a Home based learning workshop for children, who stay in the town. He appreciated the efforts of NDF for making a bilingual in a Hindi & Urdu for wider reach and accessibility to parents.

By the end of the year, NDF identified 5730 number of Out of school children, out of which 2779 were girls and 2951 were boys. As agreed before the programme's implementation on the ground that we will focus on girl children especially, we identified 55.58% of OoSC girls out of the total identified till 31st Dec 2021. NDF shared the list of 5730 OoSC with the concerned Chief Education Officers and Director of School Education, Jammu.

DISTRICT WISE REACH DATA (Graphical Presentation)



School Safety and Security / Child Protection Programme for both Jammu & Kashmir Division

A Safe and secure environment is a prerequisite for effective teaching and learning. Keeping school safe allows children to look forward to being in an encouraging environment that promotes social and creative learning. The School Safety and Security guidelines 2021, issued by the Department of Education Education and Literacy, Ministry of Education, Govt. of India, is a comprehensive document that gives a detailed account of school safety and security. It defines the role of multi-stakeholders, emphasising the need to co-creating a safe and secure school environment for the holistic development of children. It also aims at making different stakeholders aware of the Acts, Policies, Procedures, and guidelines already available on various aspects of safety and security, i.e. Physical, Social, emotional, cognitive and specific to natural disasters. These guidelines fix the role and responsibility of multiple stakeholders involved in the School Safety and Security process.

The School Safety manual developed by the Directorate of Samarga Shiksha and UNICEF is a locally customised detailed referral document to the Safety and Security Guidelines issued by Govt. of India.

With support from UNICEF and collaboration with the Directorate of Samarga Shiksha, National Development Foundation conducted the following capacity-building workshops.

- * A training programme of 40 Master Trainers on School Safety Programme - Jammu & Kashmir Division.
- * One-day Training Programme on Orientation of 30 government officials on School Safety Programme - Jammu Division & Kashmir Division.

Jammu	Master Trainers Trained	Government Officials Trained
		38
Srinagar	Master Trainer Trained	Government Officials Trained
		39



NDF organised one-day training, each for Jammu and Kashmir Division, for master trainers deputed by CEO offices and Principal DIETs. The objective of the exercise was to train a workforce within the education system to take the school safety component to every school of the Union Territory, following the whole school safety approach, which is the core guiding principle behind the school safety and security guidelines 2021.

Master Trainers got sensitised on various components of school Safety and security, including COVID-appropriate behaviour, Mental Health, and Psychological support. The main thrust was given to an integrated approach as enshrined in the guidelines with a focus on accountability framework' with the help of existing legal provisions, a whole school approach by integrating safety and security aspects in the education system itself. In addition, it included deliberation on the health physical, Socio-emotional and cognitive aspects of school safety and security.

Orientation of CEOs & Principal DIETs for both Jammu & Kashmir Division

One-day orientation for CEOs & Principal DIETs was organised at Jammu and Kashmir Division on 22nd & 30th December 2021. Project Director Samarga Shiksha while interacting with officers, was called upon to ensure the safety and Security of School going children. He highlighted the need to develop multi-sectoral linkages by the District level CEOs to benefit existing Child protection and safety mechanisms as stipulated in the guidelines. Mr. Danish assured that as desired by Project Director Samarga, the school safety manual will be costumed as per the school safety guidelines of Govt. of India and will serve as a reference to the guidelines.

Mr. Rajiv Khajuria, President of the National Development Foundation, interacted with CEOs and Principal DIETs on the Child Protection mechanism as laid down in the Juvenile Justice Act, POCSO and guidelines of NCPCR. He quoted the relevant section of these acts & policies and sensitised on their link to school safety and security. The CEOs and Principal DIETs found the session very fruitful, leading to a long question-answer session on various aspects of school safety and security.

View of Training of CEOs and Principal's DIET at Jammu & Srinagar



Work on Risk Awareness and Disaster Risk Reduction Strategies

Jammu and Kashmir have faced several disasters in the recent past. In the 21st century itself, floods and earthquakes have done enough damage to the people and property in the Union Territory. In October 2005, a magnitude 7.6 earthquake hit the Kashmir valley of India and the bordering areas of Pakistan, Afghanistan, China, and Tajikistan. Nearly 86000 people passed away, along with 69000 getting injured. This disaster caused the displacement of 2.8 million people. In the year 2021, two strong shocks occurred and were felt by the people. On 14th Feb (2021), tremors of magnitude 6.3 occurred but did not significantly damage. On 23rd Jul 2021, the people of J&K felt a quake of magnitude 4.5. This quake did not cause any destruction to property or life.

To reduce the damage of any disaster, the administration and the community must revise disaster plans and undertake mock drills. Therefore, NDF, with support from the CAF India and in collaboration with District Administration Poonch, organised a one-day workshop on Disaster Risk Reduction strategies at Dak Bungalow Poonch. Around 95 stakeholders from various Govt. Departments and organisations participated in the workshop. District Development Commissioner Poonch Sh. Inderjeet was the Chief Guest, while SSP Poonch Dr. Vinod Kumar presided over the workshop; additional Deputy Commissioner Dr. Basharat Hussain was the guest of honour and also briefed the participants on various types of disasters. Dr. Sanjeev Rai, a resource person from Delhi, facilitated the technical session while Mr. Pardeep Khanna anchored the programme.

Sh. Rajiv Khajuria, President/CEO of the National Development Foundation, welcomed the participants and gave a detailed account of natural and man-made disasters. He said that Poonch, on one side, has faced earthquakes and flash floods in the past as well as remained the victim of cross-border shelling and mine blasts. In his address, SSP Poonch Dr. Vinod Kumar called upon the participants to help the district and Police administration ensure that no one encroached on the river beds, prone to flash floods. Sh. Inderjeet, DDC Poonch, in his speech, informed that the district administration is updating the District Level Disaster Management Plan. He called upon the officers and participants to update the directory and give feedback to the line department on the local obstacles people may face in case of disaster. He also briefed on the plan and strategy developed by the district administration to deal with any type of natural and man-made disaster.

During the workshop, resource person Dr. Sanjeev Rai made a detailed presentation and highlighted the following factors causing concerns for the district and the UT-

- Unplanned expansion of settlements
- Encroachments on the water passages,
- Economic activities in low-lying flood plain areas
- Impromptu mining in the rivers
- Massive road and building construction on the river banks
- Need to enforce building codes and implement building bye laws



Resource Mapping and Risk Management

The technical session started with the orientation of the participants on various types of disasters and their classifications. The initial segment gave examples of floods, earthquakes, tsunamis, heat waves, chemical disasters, pandemics and conflict. In the next part, the resource person highlighted the importance of having a policy and a ready plan for disaster risk reduction, an early warning system and making an emergency plan. The difference between disaster risk reduction, disaster risk management and disaster risk management cycle was explained in detail during the workshop; emphasis laid on doing a vulnerability analysis of the settlements and resources available to reduce helplessness in case of any emergency.

Examples of the preparedness measures and a checklist were also shared with the group-

- The formulation & maintenance of valid, up-to-date counter-disaster plans
- Special provisions for emergency action
- Resource mapping
- The provisions of warning systems
- Emergency communications
- Public Education and Awareness
- Training programs, including exercises and tests.

Impact Study on Child Protection Work

Through an external evaluator of International repute, National Development Foundation conducted an impact study to measure the Child Protection Work done by the organisation in the last three years, particularly under the project strengthening CSOs to make them accountable for facilitating access to justice for the children of Jammu & Kashmir.

The objective of the study

- Portray significant achievements against the stated objectives and indicators
- Describe the experiences of the stakeholders in light of the JJ Act and other care and protection mechanisms for children
- Interpret project contributions toward the SDGs and Gender Indicators
- Reveal the challenges faced during the implementation on the ground
- Provide recommendations

The fundamental purpose of the study was to understand how Strengthening CSOs make them accountable for facilitating access to justice for children in Jammu and Kashmir, India. It also looks into the programme design and its effectiveness in driving the CSOs for access to justice for the children, as strengthening CSOs and child protection systems are crucial to ensure a sustainable strategy in the children's best interest.

NDF Child Protection Programme got piloted in thirty villages in the three districts. Since the baseline was done in the nine villages of the districts Poonch, Jammu and Samba, the fieldwork for the impact study was carried out in the same sample villages. In addition, one other village has been taken to see the trend and effectiveness of the programme. The selected 10 sample villages are one-third of the total intervention villages (30). In addition to FGDs in the selected villages, field-level household data and secondary sources have been used to substantiate the study.

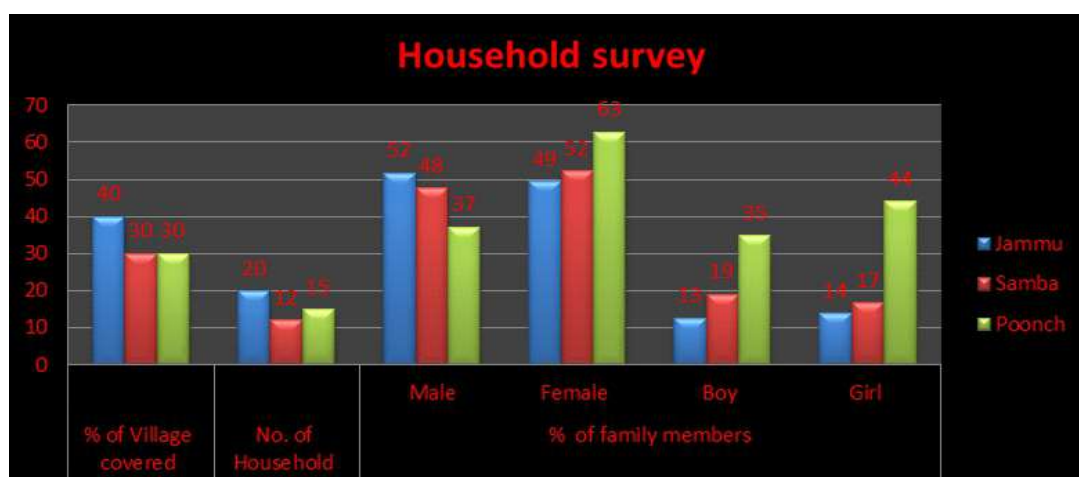
The villages are:

District	Sample village
Poonch	Kirnee, Kuniyan, Mangnar
Jammu	Gharatal, KotliTandla, Godhan (Godhan was not included in the baseline)
Samba	Meen Charkhan, Smailpur, Kartholi

Household Data

The impact study also consists of data household surveys in 10 sample villages which are 40% in Jammu and 30% each in Samba and Poonch. Of the village's total of 47 households contacted, 20 in Jammu, 12 in Samba and 15 in Poonch.

Based on the household survey data, September 2021						
District	% of Village covered	No. of Household	% of family members			
			Male	Female	Boy	Girl
Jammu	40	20	52	49	13	14
Samba	30	12	48	52	19	17
Poonch	30	15	37	63	35	44



Of the households, 52 percent male and 49 percent female members were consulted, with 13 percent boys and 14 percent girls. Similarly, in Samba, 48 percent male, 52 percent female, 19 percent boys and 17 percent girls were consulted; in Poonch, 37 percent male, 63 percent female, 35 percent boys and 44 percent girls were consulted.

In addition to the villages, the institutions responsible for effectively implementing the JJ Act in the state have reached out to know the impact. Interviews with the selected officials /members of the CWC, JJB, DCPU SJPU and Senior police officers have been done with the civil society groups working in J&K on similar issues.

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Only 23 per cent of the adult population was aware that a separate law operates for children that come into conflict with the law. Between the three districts, awareness was higher in Samba at 51% than in Jammu, which was 13%, and in Poonch, only 4 out of 120 households were aware of a separate law for children in conflict with the law. (Ref-Project



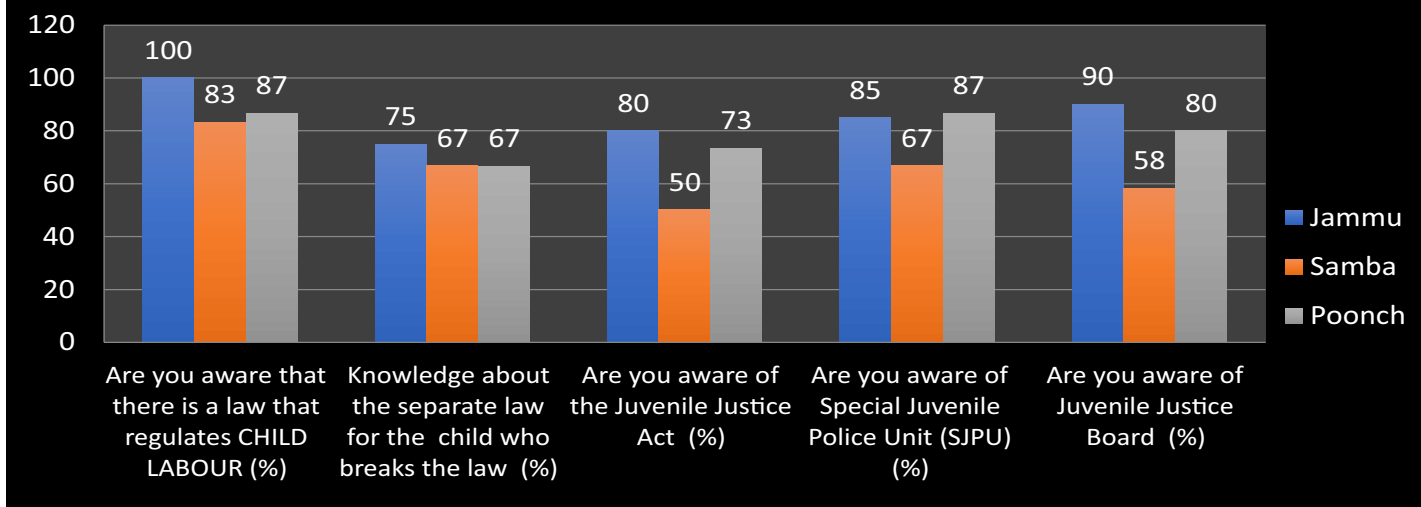
After the Impact Study

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Increased awareness of child welfare/protection laws

District	Are you aware that there is a law that regulates CHILD LABOUR (%)	Knowledge about the separate law for the child who breaks the law (%)	Are you aware of the Juvenile Justice Act (%)	A child convicted of any offence can be placed in a Jail	Are you aware of Special Juvenile Police Unit (SJPU) (%)	Are you aware of Juvenile Justice Board (%)
Jammu	100	75	80	no	85	90
Samba	83	67	50	no	67	58
Poonch	87	67	73	no	87	80

Awareness about child welfare/protection laws



At the time of the project's baseline, thirty-eight per cent of respondents were aware of the existence of CPC and CG in their village. Respondents in Jammu (62percent) and Samba (45percent) were mindful of CPC and CG, whereas, in Poonch, only nine respondents (out of 120) knew about the existence of the CPC as well as CG.

Whereas after the intervention following impact has been seen.

Awareness about knowledge of institutions available

District	Do you know where is the office of Juvenile Justice Board (%)	Are you aware of the existence of Child Welfare Committee (CWC) (%)	Is there a Child Protection Committee (CPC) in the village (%)	What is the main role of CPC (%)	What is the main role of CG
Jammu	100	75	95	90	100
Samba	50	83	100	92	100
Poonch	100	73	100	100	100

Documentation of Best Practices of Child Protection Work

NDF engaged a third party, i.e. **Independent Thought**, an organisation led by a leading advocate of the Supreme Court, which has to its credit, a Supreme Court decision terming relationships with minor wives under 18 years as rape. Independent Thought conducted the best practices documentation of the Child Protection work done by the organisation in the last three years including the work under the programme strengthening CSOs to make them accountable for facilitating access to justice for the children of Jammu & Kashmir.

Best Practices from the project

In the course of 3 plus years of implementation, the project can easily highlight some of its best practices and effective strategies, which have successfully completed the project. These are as the following –

• **Build capacities of local mandated and government institutions**

The Project has successfully developed effective, accountable and transparent institutions at all levels – community, district and state. The personal involvement of the CEO, NDF, who has been a member of SCOC and an expert on child rights, has helped take the project to great heights. In addition, NDF has successfully involved several National level child rights experts and advocates as part of the project, which has further enhanced the capacities of the personnel.

• **Empowering the CSOs**

CSOs across the Jammu region have benefited from the NDF projects' initiatives. The strategy to organise CSOs as an Alliance and build their skills in advocacy and exchange information and knowledge on aspects of child protection is a must from the sustainability approach. The CSOs, as part of the network, get benefits in multiple ways apart from training and advocacy planning, with support in terms of knowledge, products and research.

• **Working directly with communities**

This project, as mentioned earlier, was inclusive in design, included various stakeholders, and made special efforts to have the most marginalised and maintained a gender balance. As a result, the visible changes in community and parents' attitudes on children's issues are visible. They are vocal for children's causes and promote their education, sports and other activities.

• **Generating evidence through research**

The Project started with a baseline study and ended with project evaluation and best practice documentation. Some part of these reports is reproduced here for a broad reach. NDF's system of documentation and MIS has been a strong pillar, and every process has been documented and disseminated.

• **Partnership Building**

Building interdepartmental partnerships have been a key strategy for NDF to collaborate with important stakeholders. For example, the partnerships led to the issuance of departmental circulars from the Education Department of Poonch, Jammu and Samba districts.

• **Ownership Transfer**

The cooperation between NDF and the government departments resulted in greater participation. This strategy effectively transferred the ownership of the project goals from NDF to the government stakeholders.

• **Multi-Stakeholder approach**

As mentioned in the above sections, the project's design involved multi-stakeholders and attempts were made to ensure a convergence approach to governance and developing collaborative functioning through interventions of the higher officials.

• **Ground to Policy Approach**

Another important strategy was to stretch oneself and complete the loop by being on the ground and advocating at the highest level. None can deny that this has helped a lot in bringing the system to the villages and cases the system, a sure-shot sign of effectiveness and sustainability.

• **Involving Media / Radio Programme**

The involvement of the Media, providing them training and bringing the focus on children has been essential aspects of more significant advocacy.

Key Achievements of the Project

The Project has been successful in achieving all of its targets – both qualitative and quantitative. The highlights of the projects executed are –

- **Mapping cum baseline Study:** The project successfully conducted a mapping cum baseline study to assess the CP status and mechanism prevailing in the pre-project period. This evaluation was able to identify the prevalence of CP issues at the ground level/. The study also helped the project assess the gaps present in the existing CP mechanism and determine the targets to be achieved by the project.

- 1.52Cr. Children and community members in Jammu Division are sensitised on child rights and child protection and empowered to increase reporting of cases of violence against children and their effective disposal.
- The project reached out directly to 5631 parents, women and children for sensitised on Child Rights, Child Protection and JJ Act through 30 village-level awareness programme.
- The project launched an innovative radio programme broadcasted all over the Jammu Division, which sensitised on Child Rights and Child Protection, JJ Act and ICPS scheme.
- 1.52Cr. children and community members in Jammu Division are sensitised on child rights and child protection and empowered to increase reporting of cases of violence against children and their effective disposal.
- 239 police personnel from 3 districts are further trained on JJ Act and child-friendly attitude and child-friendly procedures while dealing with CNCP and CCL to demonstrate child-friendly Police stations.
- 180 CWC/JJB members, DCPU and Caretakers of CCIs from 3 districts further trained on the JJ Act and showed child-friendly JJ institutions and procedures while dealing with CNCP and CCL.
- 336 CG members trained during three one-day capacity-building workshops.
- 232 CPC members trained during three one-day capacity-building workshops
- Radio programmes broadcasted all over the Jammu Division in which 1.52 Cr. The population of the Jammu region got sensitised on Child Rights and Child Protection, JJ Act and ICPS scheme.
- Under the Project, 840 Children were made aware of child rights, JJ Act and ICPS during the 10 Painting/ symposium competitions conducted in 3 target districts.
- 75% of child protection issues are raised and addressed by CPC and BCPC, which indicates the empowerment of CP institutions at the community level.
- The project promoted gender parity in community-level groups formed by ensuring 48%, 54% & 22% female representation is maintained in CPC, CG & BCPC, respectively. The project also maintained an average of 37% female participation in all village level programmes.

NDF celebrates 29th Foundation Day



The National Development Foundation celebrated its 29th Foundation Day in a simple ceremony. CEO NDF Mr. Rajiv Khajuria, COO Mrs. Arti Sharma and Dr. Pankaj Chandan, Director NDF, were present among the headquarters staff.

Yoga Session to commemorate Independence Day

Yoga session to commemorate Independence Day held

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: On the eve of 75th Independence Day, a special yoga session was organized by National Development Foundation (NDF) Jammu in collaboration with Vivekananda Kendra Kanyakumari Jammu chapter. NDF staff and representatives of Vivekananda Kendra participated in the session. Jiva Sharma Senior Environment Engineer presided over the session. In his opening remarks Rajiv Khajuria CEO National Development Foundation said that India became Independent after a long freedom struggle on 15th August, 1947 due to the sacrifices of great National Hero's. The Indian independence move-

ment spanned from 1857 to 1947 and ended the British rule in India on 15th August 1947. Khajuria also remembered the teachings of Swami Vivekananda and reminded the participants of his slogan "Arise, Awake and stop not till the goal is achieved". He added that Indian culture is based on the philosophy of "Sarvey Bhavanto Sukhinah and Savey Sauto Niramayah", which means that everybody remains at peace, peace prevails everywhere and no one suffer from illness. The participants paid respects and homage to the hero's of Indian Independence movement followed by a yoga session, which was led by

representative of Vivekananda Kendra. He taught various yoga Asanas to the participants. Jiva Sharma in his address said that this Yoga session is organized to commemorate Independence day in order to supplement the Govt of India's resolve of Fit India and to promote among masses particularly youth to yoga to tackle with mental health issues and for maintaining general fitness. Jiva Sharma quoted the Gita's Shloka's "Yogh Karmusa Kaushalam" means that yoga improves concentration and brings perfection in performing your day to day activities which culminates to attain spiritual elevation and Atm Saksitar, which is the ultimate aim of life.

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Reach 2021-22

- Identified 5730 number of Out of school children, out of which 2779 were girls and 2951 were boys.
- Delivered 8639 Home based learning workbooks to the marginalised and needy children at their doorsteps; all these children are within the age group of 3-6 years.
- 38 Master trainers trained in Jammu Division on School Safety and security and 39 from the Srinagar division.
- Government Officials' orientation for developing multi-sectoral linkages by the District level CEOs to benefit from existing Child protection and safety mechanisms. Thirty-nine from Srinagar and 29 from Jammu Division have participated.
- Ninety-five stakeholders were trained on Disaster Risk Reduction strategies at Dak Bungalow Poonch.

Youth cum Civil Society Meet as a part of Wildlife Week 2021 Celebrations

In collaboration with the Department of Wildlife Protection J&K, National Development Foundation organised a Youth cum Civil Society meeting to mark wildlife week celebrations and sensitise youth and civil society about their moral duty toward wildlife and conservation.

Sh. Suresh Kumar Gupta, Chief Wildlife Warden, was the chief guest, while regional wildlife warden Jammu Kumar MK presented over the function. Sh. Suraj Padha corporator Sh. R.C. Puri Retd. KAS board member NDF also participated. Sh. Rajiv Khajuria, President/CEO of NDF, resolved that NDF will continue such efforts in the future. Dr. Pankaj Chandan and Dr. Neeraj Sharma were the resource persons of the meeting. Chief Wildlife warden and regional wildlife warden, in their speeches, enlightened the audience about various department initiatives and sought civil society's support for the same.



NDF Celebrated International Snow Leopard Day at Kishtwar on 23rd Oct 2021

National Development Foundation (NDF) celebrated International Snow Leopard Day in collaboration with the Department of Wildlife Protection, the Government of J&K, and the Department of Environmental Sciences of the government Degree College Kishtwar. On this occasion, Vijay Kumar, DFO Marwah, was the chief guest, and Prof. Anirudh Sharma, Principal GDC Kishtwar, presided over the programme. In addition, the students and staff members of Government Degree College Kishtwar participated in this awareness programme.

Dr. Sehrish Gazal, HOD, Department of Environmental Sciences, welcomed the participants and said that Kishtwar college is honoured to host such an event at its campus. In his address, Prof. Anirudh Sharma, Principal Government Degree College Kishtwar, highlighted the urgent need to create awareness among the common masses about the need to protect iconic wildlife species like Snow Leopard. The keynote address on occasion was delivered by Dr Pankaj Chandan, Senior Conservation Scientist and Director of Nature, Wildlife & Climate Change Division of NDF. In his speech, Dr Chandan highlighted the current status of the Snow Leopard in all the range countries of the species and key conservation initiatives taken for the conservation of this majestic wildlife species.



Mr Vijay Kumar, DFO Marwah, called upon students to take a keen interest in exploring the wildlife of their nearby areas. He said this would also help them develop a scientific aptitude for future research on species like Snow Leopard. For the participation of common citizens of Kishtwar. A special talk on the conservation and protection of Snow Leopard in Jammu & Kashmir was also organised at the Chowgan ground of Kishtwar. This event is part of International Snow Leopard Day, celebrated in all the range countries of the species. At this programme, the Chief guest awarded the award-winning students who participated in activities like drawing and painting and a storytelling competition on Snow Leopard.

Expressing his happiness over the organisation of two programmes on the eve of International Snow Leopard Day, Suresh Gupta, IFS Chief Wildlife Warden, informed that Jammu & Kashmir is an essential habitat for Snow Leopard. Mr Gupta added that the department is planning to undertake an exercise to estimate the Snow Leopard population in J&K in the coming months.

Regional wildlife warden Jammu Dr Kumar MK, IFS, informed that currently, the Department of J&K is giving focus research in various protected areas of Jammu and Kashmir, which will help the department take science-based conservation initiatives. Rajiv Khajuria, President/CEO of NDF, said that such focused education and awareness activities in association with J&K Wildlife Department and Govt. Degree college Kishtwar will be organised in future as well.

The key team of these conservation activities included Majid Bashir, Wildlife warden Chenab, Sajjad Zaheer, Range Officer and senior scientists from India's reputed research and conservation organisations.

Snow Leopard Population Assessment



Chief Wildlife Warden flags off Snow Leopard Population Assessment Expedition 09th November 2021, where in National Development Foundation's team of Nature, Wild Life & Climate Change Division led by Dr Pankaj Chandan participated. In collaboration with National Development Foundation, Wildlife Protection Department also organised a one-day workshop on Snow Leopard Population Assessment in Jammu and Kashmir. Snow Leopard, a threatened species resembling the common leopard, is an apex predator of high altitude cold mountain ecosystem whose population is declining due to poaching, habitat destruction, grazing, retaliatory killing, global warming etc. The UT of J&K has 10,000 sq. km of potential snow leopard habitat, which is in continuity with adjoining Ladakh UT and Himachal Pradesh State. Therefore, J&K is expected to have a significant snow leopard population whose conservation and management are critical to the population stabilisation and revival of this threatened species.

During the workshop, the experts imparted crucial training to the Wildlife Department and Associated Research Teams field staff regarding survey sampling and documentation as per Snow Leopard Population Assessment in India protocol. The field staff and research teams were also provided hands-on training on the use of modern tools like GPS, Camera Traps.

Chief Wildlife Warden, Sh. Suresh Kumar Gupta emphasized organising more such workshops regularly to enhance the field staff's skills towards systematic documentation of biodiversity apart from varied conservation and management on a routine basis. He explained that Forest Department, Researchers and NGOs are expected to survey about 220 grids of 25 sq. km size over a 40% potential area of snow leopard of J&K.

Research Project at Kishtwar High Altitude National Park

Currently, NDF is implementing a three-year wildlife research project on "Preparation of PRI based geo-referenced Biodiversity assessment, documentation and conservation plan of wild flora and fauna of Kishtwar High Altitude National Park (KHANP)". NDF is implementing this project with the support of our partners, including consultants and Universities. The key focus of this project is to document the biodiversity values and ecosystem services of Kishtwar High Altitude National Park and design strategies for its conservation.

Kishtwar High Altitude National Park in North West Himalayan Bio-geographic Zone is an important wildlife site in Kishtwar district of the Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory, named after the district headquarters, located about 60 km north-east of this township. The park was primarily established to protect Snow Leopard (*Unica unica*), Kashmir deer (*Cervus hanglu hanglu*) and other threatened wildlife species.

The park has protected area status under category II of IUCN, 1994 and 1999. It means "large natural areas set aside to protect large-scale ecological processes, along with the complement of species and ecosystems characteristic of the area, which also provide a foundation for environmentally and culturally compatible, spiritual, scientific, educational, recreational and visitor opportunities." The terrain is generally rugged and steep, with narrow valleys bounded by high ridges opening in their upper glacial parts. The area lies in the central crystalline belt of the Great Himalayas. Rocks are strongly folded in places and composed mainly of granite, gneiss and schist, with the occasional marble bed. The shallow, slightly alkaline soils are mostly alluvial with gravel deposits.

Nestled between the Himalayan mountain ranges, the Park is around 230 Km from Jammu. The altitude of the KHANP ranges from 2,300 to 6,000 m above MSL. The area got declared as a National Park vide Notification no. 20/FST of 1980-81 dated 04.01.1981. It is very well known for the unique assemblage of flora and fauna contained within. It also is the only known habitat of the Snow Leopard in the Jammu region. The National Park reportedly possesses a viable population of Snow Leopard and its prey species. The entire tract of National Park is exceptionally mountainous, bearing very steep slopes pierced by deep valleys. Due to glacial and revereie erosion since time immemorial, the whole surface area of the tract is deeply serrated in all possible directions with varying degrees of slope. It results in a landmass of various aspects.

The National Park is gifted with numerous perennial streams, nallas, ponds, springs and glaciers. Because of these, the water supply is adequate throughout the year. The key glacier in the area is Brahma Glacier, about 18 km long, beside the Metwan Glacier. In addition, numerous small streams drain into Renai, Kiyar, Nanth and Kibber Nallas. These independently drain into river Marwah, which joins river Chanderbhaga at Bhandarkoot and forms river Chenab.

This ongoing multi-dimensional and multi-sectoral study at Kishtwar High Altitude National Park will provide new insights into the past and present human-environment interactions in the areas described above of the park. Once completed, the study will have tremendous long-term conservation implications. The satellite data in conjugation with biological, hydrological, and socio-economic data would help understand some ongoing issues such as different habitat dynamics and extreme climatic events. This study will thus help produce recommendations and conservation action plans for the park in general and specific species and critical habitats. In addition, it will aid policy for biological conservation and long-term adaptation to climate change for indigenous pastoral communities.

The field team, including field researchers, are based at a research station at Lowarna village just outside the Kishtwar High Altitude National Park. NDF has established this station to conduct all research activities inside the National Park smoothly. The team uses the latest technologies like Camera Traps and Drones to document wildlife in the challenging terrains of the National Park.

The research work is being simultaneously conducted on the following components of the project :

- i) Survey (for occurrence, occupancy and density) and documentation of Hangul, Snow Leopard, Brown bear, Black bear, Musk Deer, Himalayan Tahr, and other large mammals in KHANP.

- i) Survey (for occurrence, occupancy and density) and documentation of pheasants, vultures and other avifauna in KHAP and their ecological significance.
- ii) Study and documentation of Hangul corridor with Kashmir and Himachal Pradesh.
- iii) Study and documentation of Assessment and mitigation of Human-Wild Animal conflict in and around KHANP.
- iv) Impact of livestock grazing on KHANP landscape and wildlife.
- v) GIS-based land use and ecosystem resource mapping.
- vi) Survey (for occurrence, occupancy and density) and documentation of flora, grazing and medicinal plant resources and their ecological importance.
- vii) Survey (for occurrence, occupancy and density) and documentation of butterfly and other insect populations.
- viii) Survey (for occurrence, occupancy and density) and documentation of aquatic flora and fauna and their ecological significance.
- ix) Study of sociology of Nomadism and its impact on rangelands and KHANP landscape.
- x) Pest and disease monitoring in the wildlife of KHANP.
- xi) Study and documentation of ecosystem services provided by KHANP.
- xii) Study and documentation of climate change impact on KHANP ecology and adaptation & mitigation plan.
- xiii) Survey and documentation of micro biodiversity hotspots and species-specific conservation and revival plan.
- xiv) Assessment and recommendation of infrastructure requirements for frontline staff (guard huts, check posts, offices for Range officer and below and forest protection equipment).
- xv) Assessment and recommendation of technological intervention for biodiversity conservation and management and capacity building of frontline staff.
- xvi) Assessment and recommendation for promotion of environmental awareness.
- xvii) Assessment, evaluation and integration of ongoing conservation and management intervention.
- xviii) Study and documentation of discharge of important stream / Nallahs and watersheds.
- xix) Preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) for Kishtwar High Altitude National Park biodiversity conservation and management plan.

During the reporting period, 2021-22, NDF has successfully conducted and submitted GIS-BASED LAND USE AND ECOSYSTEM RESOURCE MAPPING OF KISHTWAR HIGH ALTITUDE NATIONAL PARK to the Department of Wildlife Protection Government of Jammu & Kashmir.

Place: Jammu
Dated: 15-05-2022

-sd/
Chief Executive Officer



AUDIT REPORT U/S 12A(b)

FORM NO. 10B

[See rule 17B]

AUDIT REPORT UNDER SECTION 12A(b) OF THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961, IN THE
CASE OF CHARITABLE OR RELIGIOUS TRUSTS OR INSTITUTIONS

We have examined the balance sheet of **NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION (NDF)** 1st Floor, Shakuntala Bhawan, Ram Janki Enclave, Udheywala, Jammu at 31.03.2022 and the income and expenditure account for the year ended on that date which are in agreement with the books of account maintained by the said trust or institution.

We have obtained all the information and explanations, which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purposes of the audit. In our opinion, proper books of account have been kept by the head office and the branches (NIL branches) of the above named institution visited by us so far as appears from our examination of the books, and proper returns adequate for the purposes of audit have been received from branches (NA) not visited by us subject to the comment given below:

In our opinion and to the best of our information given to us, the said accounts give a true and fair view:

- (i) in the case of the balance sheet, of the state of affairs of the above named institution as at 31.03.2022 and
- (ii) in the case of the income and expenditure account, of the deficit of its accounting year ending on 31.03.2022

The prescribed particulars are annexed here to.

Comment: Sundry Creditors are subject to confirmation.

For O.P. Garg & Co.
Chartered Accountants


CA. Vikram Garg
(Partner)
M. No. 097038



Place: Jammu
Date: 06.09.2022
UDIN: 22097038ASACUI6109

NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION (NDF)
1ST Floor, Shakuntala Bhawan, Ram Janki Enclave, Udheywala, Jammu

Balance Sheet as at 31.03.2022
(All amount are in INR)
For the Year Ended 31st March-2022

Fixed Assets:	14,67,014.00
Current Assets, Loan and Advances	
Cash & Bank Balances:	21,85,620.75
Loans and advances	8,42,864.00
	30,28,484.75
Grant receivable against works executed	10,41,590.00
Total Assets	55,37,088.75
Unsecured Loans	9,20,000.00
Current Liabilites	59,08,413.50
	68,28,413.50
Reserve & Surplus	-12,91,324.75
Total	55,37,088.75

For O.P. Garg & Co.
Chartered Accountants



CA Vikram Garg
Partner
M. No. 097038

Ashish Sharma
Ashish Sharma
Accounts Manager

Rajiv Kumar Khajuria
Rajiv Kumar Khajuria
Chief Executive Officer

Date :
Place: Jammu

NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION, NDF

1st Floor, Shakuntala Bhawan, Ram Janki Enclave, Udheywala, Jammu (J&K)

Income & Expenditure Account for the year ended on 31.03.2022

(All amount are in INR)

For the Year Ended 31st March-2022

Income	
Restricted Income (Grant/Donations)	1,56,36,924.00
Unrestricted Income (Grant/Donations)	6,45,670.44
Other Incomes	121641.00
	1,64,04,235.44
Expenditure	
Programme Implementation Expenditure	1,65,27,654.50
Adminstrative and Other Expenditure	8,57,227.22
	1,73,84,881.72
Excess of Income over Expenditure	9,80,646.28
Total	1,64,04,235.44

Receipt and Payment Account for the year ended on 31.03.2022

(All amount are in INR)

For the Year Ended 31st March-2022

Receipts	
Opening Cash and Bank Balance	20,53,144.53
Grants	1,56,60,996.00
Donations	6,45,670.44
Other income	90,329.00
	1,84,50,139.97
Payments	
Programme and Administrative cost	1,71,00,371.72
Less: Expense payable	19,00,323.50
	1,52,00,048.22
Procurement of Fixed Assets	9,52,919.00
TDS	1,11,552.00
Cash and Bank Balance at the end of the year	21,85,620.75
	32,50,091.75
Total	1,84,50,139.97

The above figures are in agreement with the books of account produced before us and funds as shown on thereceipts side have been fully utilisedby the organisation under various heads as shown in payment side of " Receipts and Payments account" of this year and previous years.

For O.P. Garg & Co.
Chartered Accountants

CA Vikram Garg
Partner
M. No. 097038

Date :
Place: Jammu



Ashish Sharma,
Accounts Manager





Rajiv Kumar Khajuria
Chief Executive Officer



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