

# VOLUNTARY ACTION FOR REHABILITATION & DEVELOPMENT



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## PRESIDENT'S NOTE

VARHAD (वर्हाड) began its' journey as a voluntary group to provide 'Access to Justice to the Poor and Marginalized Prisoners besides their meaningful Reformation, Rehabilitation and dignified Reintegration in the society'. In the last 20 years, our consistent work with poor prisoners, their penurious families and vulnerable children has continued to place us amongst one of a very few organizations working in such a distinctive field in the country. Our steady efforts in the field of prisoners' rights and dignity are also recognized and generously financed since long by various agencies and donors especially by Sir Dorabjee Tata Trust (SDTT), JRD Tata Trust (JRDTT) and recently by the Azim Premji Foundation (APF).

We have been privileged to support the needy youths in attaining empowerment, education, skills & livelihood thus protecting them against the world of crime due to poverty and unemployment. In this area, our study centre (*Samrat Asoka Study Centre*) has been instrumental in shaping careers of hundreds of young boys and girls. VARHAD recently forged new collaborations and expanded its work in other developmental challenges particularly in the area of Mental Health and Education, Youth Development, Livelihood Opportunity and Farmer's Empowerment. VARHAD has a special focus on women and youth development in the Vidarbha region.

The dedicated and experienced team of VARHAD is the backbone of our organization. We feel proud in saying that the untiring toil of our field staff during the covid-19 pandemic has not only protected the lives of the prisoners, their families as well as the youths and women significantly across the underdeveloped region of Vidarbha in Maharashtra but also the migrant laborers from many states.

For the above-mentioned activities, it has always been a difficult task for us to seek financial support in the field of criminal justice system for the sheer reason that most societies consider prisoners as immoral people deserving punishment. I hope that in the coming years the people's perception towards prisoners would change and become more humane as our efforts would continue to achieve it.

RAVINDRA B. VAIDYA

## WHO WE ARE

Voluntary Action for Rehabilitation and Development (VARHAD) was founded in the year 2001 by Shri. Ravindra B. Vaidya, an alumnus of Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Mumbai. It is registered under the Societies Registration Act-1860 and Maharashtra Public Trust Act- 1950 in the Amravati district of Eastern Maharashtra (Vidarbha). The focus of the organization has been providing 'access to justice' in the field of 'criminal justice system'. VARHAD's assistance, in various forms, reaches to the family members of the prisoners who are in different prisons of Vidarbha region of Maharashtra State. The organization is committed to work for those families and children who are affected by some sort of crime. The team not only aids the poor prisoners to access their legal rights like bail, parole and furlough but also keeps their families connected to the prisoners who are serving their sentence in the prison. Thus, VARHAD is maintaining the emotional bond which would lead to an optimistic reformation, promising rehabilitation and healthy social integration.

VARHAD operates with an understanding that a man is not born a criminal but due to being confined in circumstances like growing-up in deleterious atmosphere, socio-economic deprivation, rejection, indignity makes one prone to indulge in deviant behaviour. One of the key aims of the organization is to enable access to justice by acting as a bridge between all the law enforcing agencies. Our forte is that of a sole organization in the region working to eradicate the breeding of crime at the very grass root level. VARHAD, although, began its intervention with rehabilitating the released prisoners, it eventually expanded its scope towards the well-being of their families. The efforts are initiated while the convicts are in the custody itself to peacefully re-integrate them with their families and into the society by minimizing the stigma associated with imprisonment.

VARHAD's contribution in the field of prison reforms and human rights is lauded by government and non-government organizations at state, national and international levels. Some of our initiatives and interventions have been instrumental in bringing about changes in the policies that uphold the rights of the prisoners as well as their families. In particular, the Balsangopan, BPL ration card, Sanjay Gandhi Niradhar Yojana, Shravanbal Yojana, Gharkul Yojana, Mukta Bandi Yojana are some of the government welfare schemes that have been made available to prisoners' families through the consistent efforts of VARHAD.

VARHAD's long experience in the field has also become an invaluable asset for the humanity, which we have gained through our constant engagements like interactions and workshops with the police prions authority and judicial staff in campaigning for the rights of the prisoners and taking long-lasting measures for their rehabilitation. So far, we have been able to contribute positively to the lives of many underprivileged population and enthusiastically continuing our pursuit for their development by enabling them to access justice. The greatest asset of VARHAD is its committed leadership, staff, advocates and a huge corpus of volunteers who are relentlessly for the cause in coordination with various government and non-government functionaries especially even amid the COVID-19 pandemic in the recent times.

# OUR VISION & MISSION

## VISION

VARHAD aspires to be an organization that continuously responds to the changing social realities by enabling access to Social Justice and promoting Mental Health, Education, Livelihood opportunities, Youth Development, Farmers' Empowerment and wellbeing of the under-served population.

## MISSION

Promotion of Mental Health, Education, Livelihood opportunities, Youth Development, Farmers' Empowerment with special emphasis on children, youth, women with inadequate access to realize these aspects; and strives to respond to the socio-economic and legal needs of the prisoners and their families especially reformation, rehabilitation, and reintegration of the prisoners and facilitate education and employment of the Children of Prisoners (CoP) and families in view to protect their interests due to the effect of incarceration.

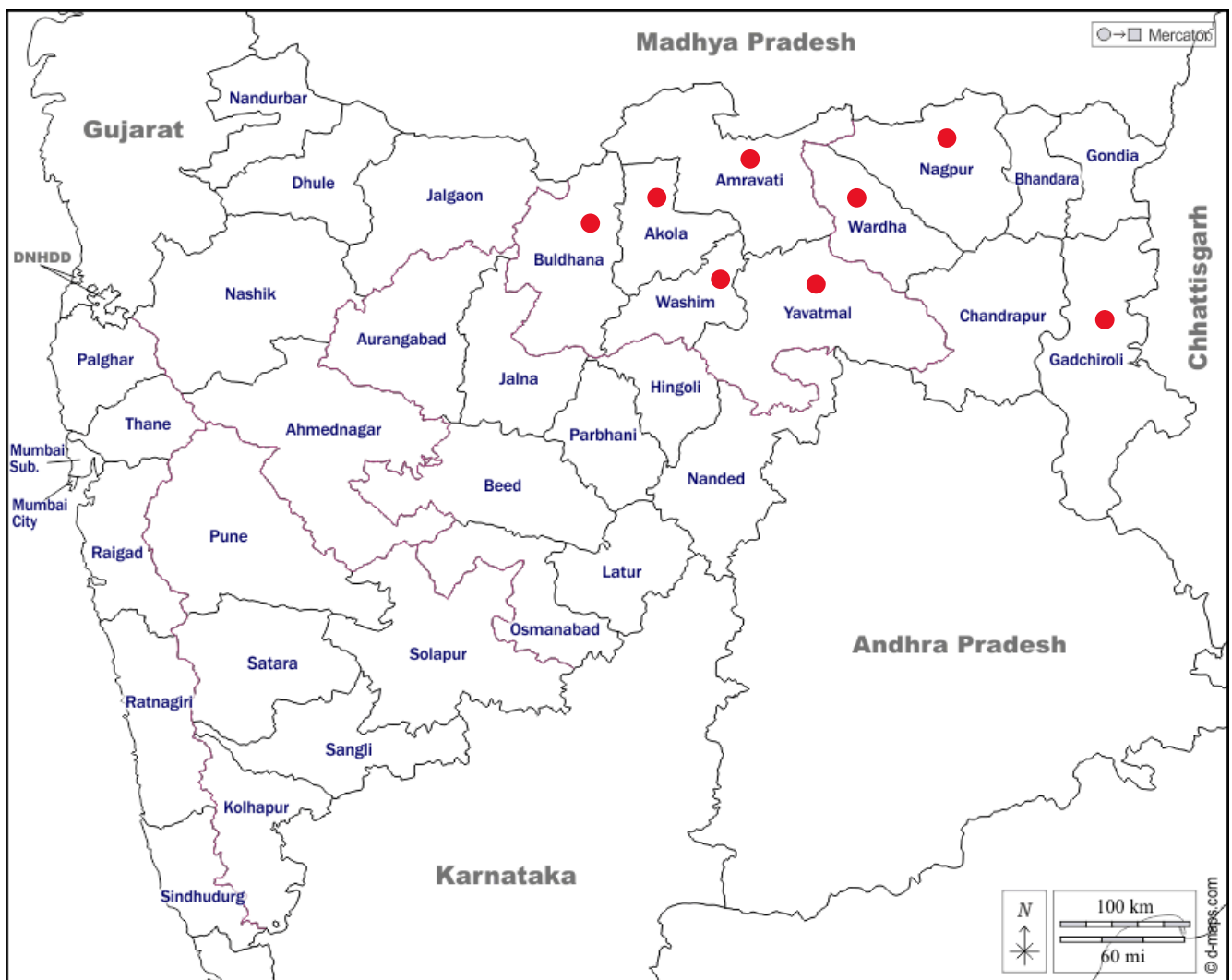
## NEW MISSION OF VARHAD

While VARHAD is a well-known entity in the field of Criminal Justice System, recently, VARHAD has forged new collaborations and expanded its work in view of the growing needs to address the other developmental challenges particularly in the area of Mental Health Education, Youth Development, Farmers' Empowerment. VARHAD has a special focus on children, youth and women with inadequate access to realize these aspects in the Vidarbha region. Over the years VARHAD also realized the fact that an educated neighbourhood is found to report low level of crime rate. In order to uproot the breeding of crime, VARHAD initiated a few projects with the local support. VARHAD has been instrumental in changing lives of hundreds of youths and their families by helping them secure government jobs in this new initiative and VARHAD has a mission to increase the numbers in this field in the times ahead.

## OUR PRESENCE

The area of VARHAD's work spreads to the two Central Prisons situated in cities of Nagpur & Amravati, six District Prisons situated at Akola, Wardha, Yavatmal, Washim, Buldhana and Gadchiroli districts of Maharashtra State and one Open Prison in Morshi (Amravati District). VARHAD's contribution in the field of criminology, justice and prison reforms and human rights have been immensely appreciated. VARHAD was also recognized by different organizations at national and international levels apart from the State Government and respective local administrations. VARHAD's visionary work culture, devoutness towards its mission attracted the prestigious organizations like Sir Dorabjee Tata Trust (SDTT), JRD Tata Trust (JRDTT), Give India and Global Fund for Women (GFW) to collaborate with VARHAD.

### OPERATIONAL AREA OF VARHAD IN MAHARASHTRA



*The red dots signify the operational areas of VARHAD*



# OUR TARGET DEMOGRAPHIC

The primary actions of VARHAD revolves around the following demographic aspects.

## PROFESSIONAL CRIMINALS OR HABITUAL OFFENDERS

VARHAD focuses on reformation of the group of offenders for an unobstructed progress of the civil society. VARHAD leaves no stone unturned to ensure that these offenders do not continue in the world of crime after their release from custody. This involves consistent training and counseling so that they earn their living in a dignified manner and lead a distinguished life in the society.

## NON-CRIMINALS OR FIRST-TIME OFFENDERS

In most cases, the first-time offenders are victims of circumstances and they have remarkable potential for reformation if they are treated with optimism. VARHAD intervenes in three ways to reform them. (1) it ensures prison to be a place of reformation by organizing literary, cultural and sports activities within the prison. (2) it pushes to reduce the sentence for such prisoners to prevent further criminalization. (3) it prioritizes to facilitate the under-trial prisoners to interact with their respective families which minimizes negativity and shows affirmative possibilities in integration.

## COMPLETELY INNOCENT

There are many innocent individuals who are accused or charged with the criminal charges due to some circumstances and got imprisoned. They are the victims of a faulty law enforcement system and are unable to get justice. This is due to the ignorance, or absence of legal aid. VARHAD ensures them to get access to justice by providing with legal aid.

## CHILDREN OF PRISONERS

Children of Prisoners are the most vulnerable and neglected ones due to the incarceration of their parents. For any child to live in a healthy society, education is an indispensable component. VARHAD works on the educational support mechanism for the children of prisoners and arranges residential educational facilities to many children of the prisoners in coordination with the state-run and socially responsible private run educational institutions free of cost. This helps to eliminate the adverse impact of the imprisoned parents on the children.

## WOMEN

In India, although the women are venerated as Goddess but in reality, they are vulnerable in the male-dominated society. This vulnerability multiplies for those women who belonged to underprivileged communities. VARHAD facilitates the skill development and vocational training programmes for them to seek a meaningful livelihood opportunity.

## UNEMPLOYED YOUTH

Most of the youths after their graduation look forward to seeking for a job. VARHAD provides these youths with much needed library facility and accommodation to prepare for various job-oriented examinations along with career guidance. This makes these youths to refrain from the unlawful activities.

## FARMERS

VARHAD empowers the farmers by conducting capacity building programmes on livelihood development, farm productivity improvement and increase income from the farm and extends psycho-social support to the poverty-stricken farmers and enlightens about sustainable agricultural practices and links them in the appropriate market to get fair price for their products.

## IMPACT NUMBERS 2021-22



### EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT TO THE C.O.P.

**10** Children of Prisoners were provided with Educational Support and **14** of them were admitted to the Residential Schools.



### VOCATIONAL TRAINING FOR WOMEN

At least **45** Women were provided with sewing training



### LIVELIHOOD SUPPORT FOR WOMEN

At least **40** Women were able to get livelihood opportunity of sewing due to VARHAD



### LEGAL AID SERVICE

At least **59** Prisoners got bail in the Session Court and **08** Prisoners got acquitted. **35** prisoners appealed in the High Court and **35** prisoners got bail and **03** prisoners got acquitted.

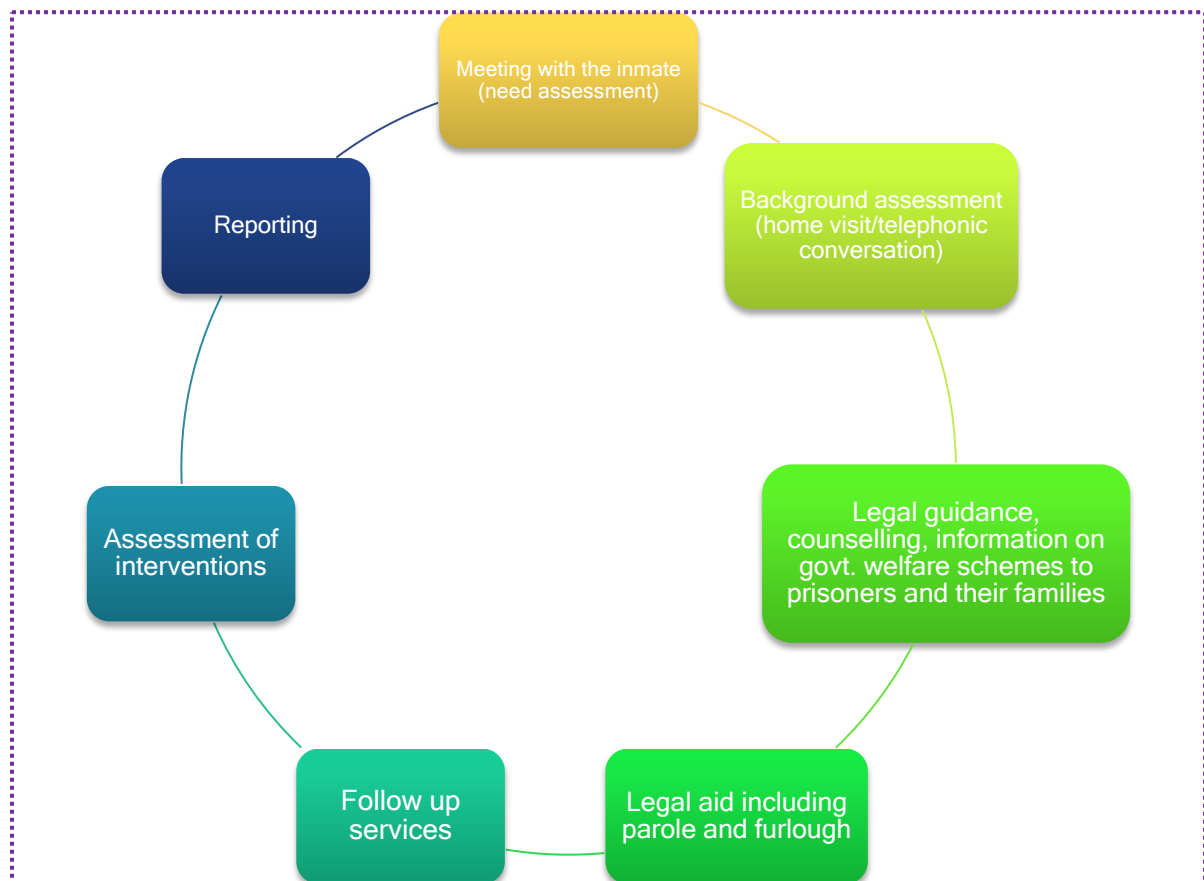


### COVID-19 RESPONSE

During the COVID-19 Pandemic, VARHAD facilitated mode of transportation for the released prisoners and the needy. Besides, it has been running the community kitchen for the migrant workers and other needy people and it has distributed cooked food packets to the needy in different parts of Amravati. Apart from the cooked food distribution, it distributed over **500** packets of daily essentials on the everyday basis to the prisoners and underprivileged people in the Amravati city and outside.

# VARHAD MODEL OF SOCIAL WORK IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

VARHAD applies the following model of intervention in the criminal justice system. It aims to enable access to justice to the poor prisoners and their impoverished families. In an integrated manner, VARHAD intervenes with the families especially the children who are affected by the incarceration by linking them with the government welfare schemes. Upon release of the prisoners, VARHAD works closely with the released prisoner to be able to reintegrate them into the society and assist them secure a gainful employment to lead a meaningful life.



**VARHAD's Social Work Intervention Model in the Criminal Justice System**

# SPHERE OF ACTION IN THE YEAR 2021-22

COVID-19 PANDEMIC & TRANSITION IN WORK CULTURE

CASE STUDY-I

SOCIO-LEGAL AID TO PRISONERS AND THEIR FAMILIES

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CASE STUDY-II

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CASE STUDY-IV

INITIATIVES FOR WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

SUPPORT MECHANISMS FOR THE UNEMPLOYED YOUTHS

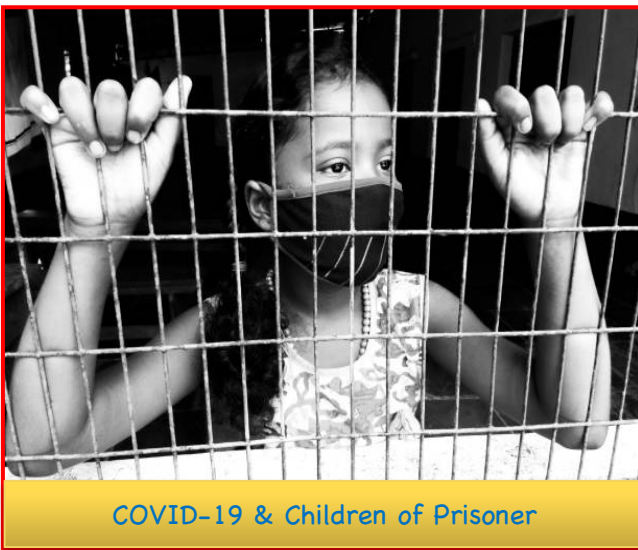
GOVERNMENT SCHEMES LINKED WITH THE FAMILY OF PRISONERS BY VARHAD

CHALLENGES



# COVID-19 PANDEMIC & TRANSITION IN WORK CULTURE

The year 2020 was devastating year for the entire world. It disrupted the normalcy in every sector. Since March 2020, pertaining to the Covid-19 pandemic the Government of India issued several guidelines for its citizen. People had to follow the protocol in order to sustain in safe condition. The work culture in every sector changed drastically and people started working at the home office. The prisons authorities also issued the COVID-19 guidelines to avoid the overcrowding in the prisons and it was towards a preventive measure from COVID-



19 virus. Due to this VARHAD's routine activities also got affected in a significant manner. VARHAD had constraints to arrange the meetings for the prisoners with their respective families. Other means of communications like sending the letters to the dear ones by post also immensely got affected. This inescapable scenario brought about insecurity, fear and distress not only in among the prisoners but also their poor families. In such inflexible

circumstances VARHAD changed its usual working methods and adopted the following means to accomplish its primary objectives by extending assistance to the prisoners and their families.

**COUNSELING & FOLLOW-UPS:** During pandemic situation the Prisons Authority decided to permit a special category in parole called 'Corona-Parole' to certain prisoners with a condition. If a prisoner gets corona parole for a year, he has to compensate by being in the prison for an extra year. However, this news was spread like a wild fire and many of the families of the prisoners were under the impressions that every prisoner would be released without any trial in the court. The information was fake and VARHAD took an initiative to provide with the correct and verified information to the people so that the people do not get misguided. VARHAD also started counselling the prisoners and their families in the regular intervals over phone with the help of its volunteers and other social workers. In some cases, they followed-up by paying visits to the families personally. Likewise, VARHAD assisted hundreds of poor prisoners and their families from different districts in Maharashtra.

**ARRANGEMENT OF MODE OF TRANSPORTATION:** Amid the COVID-19 Pandemic the entire country experienced lockdown. This affected everything and the transportation services industry also got hugely affected. Due to the COVID-19 protocols the buses were not plying and other modes of transportation were not in action. In such scenario people found it really difficult to move from one place to the other. Many of the prisoners were granted the Corona-Parole and some of them were also released. However, there was no substantial mode of transport possible and for them it was an emergency to reach in their respective places. This scenario drew the attention of VARHAD. It attempted to initiated the arrangement of transportation in every way possible for those prisoners. With the consistent efforts, it was able to arrange some Mini-Buses, Cabs, Auto-Rickshaws and even Motorbikes to assist those prisoners to reach in their respective places. VARHAD not only arranged the modes of transportation but also the essential documents and travel passes from all the concerned authorities to make the journey of the prisoners hassle-free.



**DISTRIBUTION OF DAILY ESSENTIALS:** In addition to the arrangements of travel that was made for the released prisoners, VARHAD also distributed over 500



packages of daily essentials to prisoners as well as the underprivileged people in the city of Amravati and outside. Each package contained dried food items like rice, wheat, pulses, lentils, cooking oil, spices, sugar and salt for a month. Some prisoners found it difficult to carry the daily essentials to their respective places that was distributed to them. In such cases, for

their convenience there was a provision that they could avail the daily essentials from their nearest store and the payment was made by VARHAD straight away to the storekeeper.

**COVID-19 AND LEGAL AID:** When the cases of COVID-19 infections and fatalities up surged in the prisons the Supreme Court of India directed the state governments to make a high-power committee to consider methods for de-congestion



of the prisons. Further, the Government of Maharashtra also came up with the directives for emergency parole and temporary bails which is called 'Corona Parole' to release the prisoners. However, many prisoners didn't qualify the eligibility criteria. The prisoners charged with or convicted for the crime with imprisonment of seven

years or more were not released. In such condition, VARHAD provided legal aid to the prisoners interested to come out of the prisons by providing them advocates for bail proceedings in Session Courts and the High Court. Many under-trial prisoners were also provided with legal support by gathering and assembling the necessary documents required for securing permanent bails.

Amid the lockdown situation VARHAD continued extending its commitment towards intervening for the prisoners. However, VARHAD took the migrant workers, the following activities.

### COMMUNITY KITCHEN FOR MIGRANT WORKERS (24/7 HOURS):

The short notice of the complete lockdown throughout the country triggered chaos and developed a sense of insecurity among the migrant laborers. The migrant laborers from the states like Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Bihar, Odisha, West Bengal and Uttar Pradesh on their way to the respective states from the state of Maharashtra and the cities like Mumbai and Pune, passed through the Amravati national highway number 6.



VARHAD President facilitating food distribution to the needy during COVID-19 Pandemic

Considering their vulnerability VARHAD opened 24/7 hours of free community Kitchen Service that served those commuters with cooked food and water to lakhs of helpless people. VARHAD was appreciated for its act of generosity by the district administration who paid a curtesy visit to the community kitchen.

### **DISTRIBUTION OF COOKED FOOD TO THE UNDERPRIVILEGED IN THE CITY: A**

significant number of people lost their livelihood opportunities to the COVID-19 pandemic and became jobless. Different workplaces like factories, shops, manufacturing units, business establishments and other sectors that provides services were shut down and people who worked in such workplaces were laid off without prior notices. Other individuals like the daily wage labourers, differently abled persons, senior citizens and sick people found it difficult to even manage a single meal in a day. In order to address this issue, VARHAD initiated the distribution of cooked food to these people in Amravati city in some of the designated locations with the help of its volunteers. This distribution was not only restricted to the designated locations in the city but this service was available at the kitchen also and people could carry the food for their dear ones everyday right from the kitchen and several people got benefitted meaningfully out of this service.

**COMMUNITY KITCHEN FOR MARRIAGE CEREMONIES:** VARHAD continued with its community kitchen even after there were no significant number of migrant workers in the city. The COVID-19 lockdown completely shattered the poor and marginalized. On the special occasions like marriage ceremonies of the poverty stricken and other disadvantages people were unable to arrange food for their guests. VARHAD came to their aid and arranged food those guests and made their marriage ceremonies prosperous.

### **CAMP TO DISTRIBUTE LABOUR CARDS TO LABOURERS:** VARHAD organized a

camp in Amravati to distribute the labour cards who worked in the brickyard in collaboration with Labour Department. The labour card holders were entitled to get medical, educational, accidental insurance, labour safety kit and marriage benefit. The card was distributed by the Honourable Minister of Labour and Employment, Maharashtra.





## CASE STUDY-I

### COVID-19 AND ARRANGEMENT OF MODE OF TRANSPORTATION FOR AN ABNORMAL RELEASED WOMEN PRISONER

Mukta (name changed on request) is 26 years old and hailed from Pune. She was imprisoned at the Akola District Prison for over a year. After being imprisoned in the Akola District Prison, she had an adverse impact on her mental health. Sooner she became depressed and her behaviour became violent. In the prison barrack she started behaving differently and at some point, she used to create havoc in the prison barrack and that used to affect the other inmates in the prison barrack. Her situation even went on to deteriorate during the COVID-19 lockdown as she was unable to at least connect with their dear ones through letter or one to one meeting for quite a long time. This caught the attention of VARHAD and it intervened towards releasing her from the prison. She got her Bail during the COVID-19 lockdown period and had to travel to Pune and in accordance with the rule of the land she was not permitted to continue being in the prison once the bail is granted by the court. The COVID-19 lockdown was a challenging factor for every individual worldwide due to the restriction that was imposed by the administration. As there were restrictions that was imposed in travelling from one place to another in order to contain the further spreading of the virus. Pertaining to this reason, she was neither able to travel to her hometown nor it was possible for their family members to travel all the way from Pune to Akola to pick her up. The superintendent of Akola jail tried to reach out to her family members but everything went in vain. Later on, the superintendent of Akola jail reached out to the VARHAD team to assist her in reaching her house. VARHAD was able to reach out her family members and they showed their helplessness that they are not in a position to come down to Akola due to COVID-19 lockdown restriction and their livelihood and financial aspects were worse affected in those times and that was why they could not afford arranging for an alternative mode of transportation. VARHAD arranged a cab for her and obtained all the necessary transit passes from the concerned departments to send her to her hometown in a hassle-free manner. As her mental health was not in a good shape and taking into her violent behaviour VARHAD requested the Police department to deploy two constables to accompany her for the smooth travelling. Her family members were happy enough to receive her at their doorstep and extended their gratefulness towards VARHAD and team and they appreciated the fact that this would never have been possible if VARHAD were not involved in this matter.

# SOCIO-LEGAL AID TO PRISONERS AND THEIR FAMILIES

Providing legal assistance to prisoners and their affected families is one of the key areas of VARHAD's intervention. VARHAD believes that every individual, irrespective of class, caste, race, creed, religion, gender, and age must have access to 'free and fair trial', which is enshrined in the constitution of India. While there is state machinery in place to uphold the rights of the prisoners but sadly it is embedded with delayed and neglected process. VARHAD acts not only as a bridge between prisoners and the criminal justice



system but also works at the family level for their participation in the overall reformation and rehabilitation of the prisoners. VARHAD works towards these aspects by offering legal aid, speedy trials and judicial guidance to the most deserving under-trial and convict prisoners. VARHAD does this in consultation with and involvement of the prisoner's family and relatives to avoid the psychological break down of the prisoners. VARHAD enables them to access to their legal rights for bail, trial and appeal and also helps the convict prisoners to avail parole and furlough provisions.

In India 3/4th of prison population is still waiting for a fair trial in the court of law. The existing data illustrates the pitiable condition of the accused prisoners without trial. The key factor behind this is the unavailability of an appropriate legal aid process to the deserving accused prisoners. According to the Indian law no prisoner is guilty until he/she is proved guilty by the court of law. However, the prisoners have to go through a lot of torment in the prison. This becomes even worse for the prisoner who belonged to a poor and marginalized background. The absence of an effective Judicial system, they have to be behind the bars for months and years together waiting for the justice.

VARHAD's experience in last two decades in this field discovers that not all prisoners are hardcore criminals. A substantial proportion of the prisoners languishing in the prisons are either petty offenders, first time offenders or completely innocent. Lack of awareness about the legal procedures, illiteracy and poverty continue to be the biggest hurdles for the prisoners to languish behind the bars for longer. Although the rule of the land permits the under-trial prisoners to release on bail or on a "Personal Bond" but majority of the prisoners



especially those who are underprivileged or those who have poor financial standing find it difficult to avail this. Justice Krishna Iyer has appropriately validated his point by stating that, “The bail system is highly loaded against poor.” Regrettably, the poor and underprivileged are instinctively excluded from availing the bail system since the court considers only money or assets, as surety. Therefore, a large number of prisoners are not even represented legally, as they cannot pay the expensive fee of the advocates. Although the state has a provision of free legal aid for poor prisoners but it does not function efficiently. The Government lawyers are not so keen to fight for those who cannot pay even if the lawyers fight, they do not do it in a meaningful manner. The poor prisoners always have a fear of losing their cases and therefore, they are unwilling to avail the legal aid through the State Legal Services Authority. In many cases, it was noticed that, the families of the prisoners attempt to arrange the fees of the private and effective lawyers for once or twice and thereafter they fail to arrange until the case is over. This results in the prisoner’s entire family is being doomed to exploitation by those lawyers.

In order to address such a complex scenario, VARHAD intervenes towards strengthening the state legal aid provisions so that the needy get competent advocates for their respective cases. VARHAD also coordinates with the advocates for improved and hassle-free functioning of this mechanism. In one of its milestone achievements VARHAD has built-up a network of quality advocates across the eastern Maharashtra (consisting 11 districts) who are sensitive in nature and interested in fighting for the poor prisoners to give them justice. In later stage, these advocates associated with VARHAD and served for the poor prisoners (referred by VARHAD) and charged a minimum compensation only to cover basic expenses. For these advocates, their client is the prisoner intervened by VARHAD and they do not have to pay any charge to the advocates. Within VARHAD network many prisoners have been benefitted greatly and this network extends support to the prisoners from the lowest courts to Highest courts in the country. VARHAD has succeeded in extending legal aid to hundreds of under-trial prisoners as well as convicted prisoners each year who are unable to afford the expenses to appeal in the High Court.

## METHODS OF INTERVENTIONS OF VARHAD

VARHAD extends free legal aid right to the poor prisoners and their families from imprisonment to acquittal in the following process:

- ◆ **ASSISTING TO GET BAIL:** This is the immediate relief against cash/surety and this is not feasible to avail by the poor prisoners. This process also includes a number of formalities and it is time consuming factor. Therefore, VARHAD takes care of all the formalities that is required in this process.

- ◆ **TRIAL:** VARHAD has a team of dedicated lawyers who not only provide effective services free of cost but also ensure that the legal rights of the accused are safeguarded. They present the cases in well-organized manner by going thoroughly the background of the accused by collecting all the necessary information along with continuous follow-ups.
- ◆ **APPEAL TO THE HIGHER COURTS:** In absence of proper and effective legal aid, the decisions of lower courts go against the accused and these poor prisoners have no efficient advocates who can put their cases in well-documented and argumentative method in the higher courts. In such situations, VARHAD works and arguments to ensure that the accused receive proper legal aid in the High Courts and even in the Supreme Court.
- ◆ **ENSURING PERSONAL BONDS:** There is a legal provision where the court can release prisoners on Personal Bonds, who have committed petty offences, VARHAD ensures that poor prisoners avail this facility by helping them in writing their applications to the court, collecting the required certificates & documents from their families, court, government offices and police stations.
- ◆ **HOME VISITS:** VARHAD promotes and stands for the above-mentioned exercises tremendously. It also plays a pivotal role in helping the prisoners to interact with their families, friends dear and near ones. Team VARHAD visit the families of the prisoners and their neighbourhood in the regular intermission to assess the ground reality. On the basis of the assessment VARHAD proceeds further and acts upon it. The prompt action by VARHAD makes an impact in the courts process to even release the 'deserving prisoners' without surety and without the presence of an advocate. VARHAD has been instrumental in releasing more than hundred prisoners each year applying this method. VARHAD is the only organization to have the honour of creating a bench mark in releasing the prisoners from different prisons in Maharashtra without surety.
- ◆ **COUNSELLING:** VARHAD conducts counselling sessions and helps the prisoners and their families to make pace with the difficult situation that they have. It also makes them aware of things like parole and the furlough, which are legal rights of prisoners as per the Prison Manual. VARHAD encourages the release of the prisoners on the basis of these laws and coordinates the same with the prisoner's family, prison, police, judiciary, the revenue department and other concerned agencies of the state administration.



- ◆ **PAROLE & FURLOUGH:** In Indian criminal justice system, Parole and Furlough are two major tools used to maintain a convict's interaction with the society. This facility is offered to the convicts (not to prisoners under trial) but in most of the cases due to lack of awareness they are completely ignorant of these provisions. The term 'Parole' is known to be a leave or an absence from prison granted to a prisoner who is subjected to continuous monitoring as well as compliances with certain terms and conditions for a specified period. Whereas, Furlough is defined as a fortnight leave granted to a prisoner without furnishing any reason for it. It works as a bridge between a prisoner and the family to keep the relationship intact, and to ensure the psychological well-being of the convict.
- ◆ **POLICY & ADVOCACY:** VARHAD believes in policy and advocacy approach and accordingly works considering the policy level decisions with the concerned departments to ensure that maximum number of convicts get benefits out of it which is legally offered. VARHAD also believes that a well-thought and well-versed legal tools help the prisoners to remain optimistic and have faith in the judicial system.
- ◆ **BRIDGING THE GAP:** VARHAD puts humble efforts to bridge the gap between the prisoners and their families by assisting the prisoners in sending letters to their respective family members and VARHAD also conveys the message of the prisoners to their respective families. This is how VARHAD connects the prisoners with their respective families and maintain the emotional bond with one end to the other. This innovative mechanism adopted by the VARHAD helps in building up the trust in the Judicial System and encourage the prisoners not to adopt the illegal and unfair means to escape from the prison rather than to have patience and release from the prison with the due process of the judicial system.

VARHAD's model of intervention is derived from the principles of Social Work profession. The employees of VARHAD identify the need of the prisoner and then prepare a roadmap for intervention. While intervening, the employees ensure to interact with all the stakeholders to comprehend first-hand account and act upon it and also keep the family members updated with the progress of the cases. At a smaller but a significant level VARHAD also offers support to prisoners by assisting them in sending letters to their family members and making visits to their homes on the prisoners' behalf to convey their messages. In this way, prisoners are connected with their families maintaining the emotional bond in distressed situations. This helps in maintaining the belief in the judicial system and discourage the prisoners to adopt violent or illegal means such as escaping from prisons.

## SUPPORT MECHANISMS FOR THE CHILDREN OF PRISONERS (CoPs)

This is another core issue which VARHAD highlights in its activities. Working with the families of prisoners with special emphasis on the development of the children of the prisoners Children of Prisoners (CoP). Who are the most vulnerable and neglected ones due to the incarceration of their parents. In majority of the cases, when the head of the family or the bread winner of the child is imprisoned, the whole family encounters severe setback



Children of Prisoners are learning drawing in the Balwadi

from every sphere of life especially in the socio-economic front and children experience setbacks in their educational fronts. The social ostracism faced by these children in their day-to-day life at their neighbourhood, locality or in their school in particular is a matter of grave concern. They have to undergo such circumstances just because their parents are incarcerated. This not only disturbs their educational ecosystem but also adversely impacts on their mental health. In such scenarios, the education of those children gets affected and it becomes secondary thing for them. That results in increasing numbers of dropouts' cases and further it leads them to develop eccentric behaviour in the society.

The National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) statistics consistently throws some lights on the fact that over a quarter of the prison population is illiterate and the vast majority of those languishing behind the bars belong to the socio-economically underprivileged background especially from the Scheduled Caste (SC) and Scheduled Tribe (ST) communities. The combination of poor socio-economic standings and destructive approach of the society about the prisoners' family further disrupts the hope of life in the children of prisoners to grown in their life meaningfully.

VARHAD works with these children through a three-pronged approach and they are the following.

**NURSERY SCHOOL (BALWADIS):** The law of our country permits the children of convicts to reside with their imprisoned mothers until the age of six. VARHAD works towards protecting these children from the adverse impact of prison life. Elements like violence, child abuse, threats and living in fear suppresses the children of prisoners in the prison. VARHAD tries to minimize the adverse impact of the prison on their mental health and assist them to get empowered. VARHAD initiated the liberation of these very children by opening Balwadis for the children of prisoners. These Balwadis function as a full-fledged school and efforts are being made to impart all-round education to the children. With this initiative, children are taken care of meaningfully and an affectionate atmosphere is created for them to learn. Their basic amenities like food, clothes and school kits are taken care of VARHAD. Currently VARHAD runs two Balwadis one within the prison premise of Central Prison in Amravati and the other one is in the district prison, Akola. For a constructive development of the children of prisoners, the prison employees started sending their children to study in these Balwadis. This corrective move signifies the noble initiatives of VARHAD which was accepted by the people. VARHAD believes that it is a responsibility of the state to safeguard the childhood of these innocent children of the women prisoners residing with their respective mothers. The state should also ensure to meet every requirement of the children of the prisoners by sponsoring. The only sure-proof method for all-round development of a child is to put them in the good hands. VARHAD ensured that employees who worked in the Balwadis were dedicated, selfless and well trained. This brought about a positive change and over a period of time, VARHAD was permitted to open the Balwadis and Crèches (at the expense of the Government of Maharashtra) in all of the eight central prisons of the Maharashtra.

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE EDUCATION:** Any individual's imprisonment brings a rippling negative outcome on his/her children even if they are not in prison with them. In many unfortunate cases, the entire adults of a family are in the prison due to a mass crime. In this scenario, the minor or the children are deprived of proper care and they suffer the most. For any child to live in a healthy society, education is an indispensable component. In order to eliminate the adverse impact of the imprisoned parents on the children, VARHAD works on the educational support mechanism for the children of prisoners where nobody wishes to take their responsibilities. VARHAD has arranged residential educational facilities to many children of the prisoners in coordination with the state-run and socially responsible

private run educational institutions free of cost. Many of them were admitted in the Balgrihas and ashram schools in places like Akola, Amravati, Buldana and Nagpur. VARHAD took the responsibility of guardianship and sponsored the study materials and school kit for these children. Every year more than fifty children were admitted in such schools free of cost.

## WAYS OF REINTEGRATION WITH THE FAMILIES

In order to reintegrate the children of prisoners with their families, VARHAD works following ways.

- ◆ **MASS MEETING:** The emotional bonding between parents and children is very precious for the psychological well-being. It helps both parties to ease their difficulties for a time being and make them feel that they are not isolated. Every month, VARHAD organizes mass meetings of prisoners with their children in the prisons and it is accompanied by cultural events, picnics and games.
- ◆ **ONE-TO-ONE MEETING:** VARHAD also facilitates the meetings of children with their parents inside the prison walls with the direct contact. Usually, this sort of practice is prohibited inside the prison but VARHAD made it possible for those prisoners to have direct contact with their children.
- ◆ **LEISURE TRIPS OR OUTING FOR CHILDREN OF PRISONERS:** VARHAD organizes outing or small tours for the Children of Prisoners during their school vacations. Bringing all the children of prisoners together at one common place is a joyful and gratifying experience for the team as well as VARHAD. This gives a platform of progress and growth and it gives opportunity to instil hope, motivation and encouragement among themselves who most often lack confidence for obvious reasons.
- ◆ **BALSANGOPAN SCHEME:** Due to the intervention of VARHAD and the amicable support from the Government Agencies, the Balsangopan scheme was implemented in the year 2008 by the Department of Women and Child Development, Government of Maharashtra. Under this scheme every month, an amount of Rupees 425 was sanctioned to each child and now it has been increased to Rupees 1100 and that was given to the ones who were willing to adopt or take responsibility of the child. The scheme allows a maximum of two children from each family to be supported by the State until the age of 18. This is another benchmark set by VARHAD and the scheme will run till the year 2025 and several children of prisoners will be benefited out of it.

## DISTINCTIVE INTERVENTION OF VARHAD FOR THE WOMEN PRISONERS

In India, although the women are venerated as Goddess but in reality, they are vulnerable and suppressed in the male-dominated society. This vulnerability multiplies for those women who belonged to the economically as well as socially underprivileged communities. This secondary status of women in male-dominated society stigmatises them if at all they are imprisoned for some reason. It further impacts on their mental health adversely and they lose their confidence and fail to remain optimistic in their entire lives. The worrisome fact is that, in many cases the female prisoners break their relationship and get disassociated from their respective families. This is to safeguard the reputation or the prestige of the family. Most often, she loses the social security and parting ways with their dear and near ones traumatise her life and at challenging times she takes extreme steps like committing suicides or become violent to others.

### ACTIONS OF VARHAD ON THE WELL-BEING OF THE WOMEN PRISONERS:

VARHAD identifies various issues associated with the women prisoners and attempts to address this in a holistic manner. The women prisoners most often get alienated and there is no one to take care of them neither within the prison walls not after their release from the prison. In this scenario, VARHAD steps into rehabilitate them in two ways.

#### ◆ VOCATIONAL TRAINING AND LIVELIHOOD SUPPORT MECHANISM:

VARHAD imparts various types of vocational training to the women prisoners irrespective of caste, class, creed and age so that they become self-dependent and can sustain all by themselves after they get released from the prison. The vocational training given to them are of sewing, wax making and incense sticks making. The VARHAD employees encourage them to save their hard-earned money to utilize for a notable cause. VARHAD also make them aware about the menstrual-hygiene and it gives other necessary health tips for a healthy life. The duration of the sewing course is six-months in which they learn to sew 15-20 types of garments apart from the embroidery works. This is a long-term course and wax making and incense stick making course doesn't take much longer. For making them feel at home in the prison, VARHAD organises special programmes on occasions like International women's Day, Rakhi Din in which they are allowed to participate in all the celebratory activities inside the prison.



- ◆ **ADULT LITERACY PROGRAMME:** VARHAD has been operating the Adult Literacy Programmes (ALP) for the imprisoned women by providing them with the formal education within the prison wall. After the influential intervention of VARHAD with the education department, Government of Maharashtra the 4th standard board examinations were conducted in the prison premises. Besides this, VARHAD was in constant touch with the local authorities like Municipal Corporations in order to take initiatives in providing education to those female



Women Prisoners are participating in the Adult Literacy Programme inside the Prison

prisoners who are illiterate along with their children by establishing the literacy centres within the prison premise. Likewise, VARHAD was able to come up with many of the success stories in which many illiterate women and children became literate. The board examinations have been conducted regularly since the year 2007 and it still continues. Every year, around 15-20 women prisoners get succeeded this exam owing to VARHAD's initiative. VARHAD aims to assist these women to gain knowledge and much-needed confidence to assimilate themselves in the mainstream world after they get released from the prison. Apart from the educational activities, VARHAD also conducts many cultural and sports events keeping in mind their mental and physical well-being during their stay in the prison. VARHAD highly encourage everyone of them to participate in these events actively.

## REHABILITATION OF RELEASED PRISONERS

Rehabilitation process of the released prisoners is highly neglected area. After their release, most of the prisoners are clueless as to how to live their lives. On one hand, there is a question of societal acceptance and on the other hand, the stigma is attached with them to be a prisoner and due to this factor, they are not so welcome in the typical job market. Public perception towards the released prisoners is far more negative than one could imagine. When a prisoners release from the prison, they experience a lot of public-apathy,



Rehabilitation Centre of VARHAD in Amravati

apprehensions and that causes anxieties and hampers their routine life and it becomes a threat in leading a normal life. In many cases they are victimized and deprived of their basic human rights. In order to address such incidents, VARHAD helps them to rehabilitate by investing its time and resources and other support mechanisms. VARHAD rehabilitate the released prisoners through three different ways.

- ◆ **VARHAD REHABILITATION CENTRE:** VARHAD has its own Rehabilitation Centre for the released prisoners in Amravati. Here they are provided with vocational training so that they enable themselves to pick up a reputable livelihood opportunity. During the process of rehabilitation, the food and accommodation is taken care of those released prisoners who are underprivileged in all aspects. The rehabilitation centre also has a farm where activities like, dairy farming, vegetable cultivation and other small-scale activities are carried out. The released prisoners show willingness to get engaged on full-time basis in the farming process. Where they get stipend every month along with their food and accommodation. They also get direct access to consume everything from the farm. VARHAD has established this infrastructure on its own

and without any substantial sponsorship. The rehabilitation centre is meant for both male and female without the gender bias. VARHAD also considers the rehabilitation of the habitual offenders especially the extradited prisoners from different cities. For them there is a provision in VARHAD that they get all facilities for six months as other prisoners get. This is matter of pride for VARHAD that, this rehabilitation centre has become a seamless solution for complete reformation, employment and long-term intervention for the released prisoners and the hard-core offenders.

- ◆ **COLLABORATIONS WITH THE SMALL-SCALE INDUSTRIES:** VARHAD collaborates with the small-scale industries to seek for the employment opportunities for the released prisoners. These small-scale industries organize the vocational trainings for them and many released prisoners have been benefitted considerably from.

- ◆ **FORMATION OF SELF-HELP GROUPS:** VARHAD has always been standing for women empowerment. It has always paid attention to the women prisoners and attempted to work on their upliftment. In the rehabilitation centre, VARHAD encourages the released women prisoners to form self-help groups to improve their economic condition and quality of life.



- ◆ **MONETARY ASSISTANCE:** VARHAD voluntarily offered monetary assistance to the susceptible released prisoners to start up with small business to make their ends meet. Among these prisoners, some of them were interested to start up with a small vegetable shop and some of them were interested to start up with stationary shops especially the women released prisoners and some of them showed willingness to start up with small grocery shops. VARHAD stood up with them in their journey of empowerment.



## CASE STUDY-II

### REHABILITATION OF THE RELEASED PRISONERS BY VARHAD WHO WERE DISOWNED BY THE FAMILY AFTER THEIR RELEASE

Sandhya (name changed on request) is a 34 years old woman and she hailed from a village called Dhamangaon Railway falls under Amravati district. Which is about 65 Kilometres from Amravati district headquarter. She was allegedly in an illicit relationship with her husband's stepfather. When the matter got the attention of her husband, it got intensified in the locality and both Sandhya and her husband's step father allegedly conspired to murder her husband and later they got convicted under CrPC 302 cases and were imprisoned for 2.5 years in the Amravati Central Prison. The fact behind this murder is still not known to anybody. They had hired a lawyer for themselves but during the judgement the lawyer never showed up in the court. They tried to convince the lawyer to fight for them by assuring that they have a fixed deposit of Rupees 60 thousand in the bank that they would pay him if he helps them to release from the prison. Despite this deal the lawyer did not pay due attention to their case. Sooner, they get to know about the intervention of VARHAD from their inmates who were in constant touch with team VARHAD. They wanted to put forth their request to VARHAD to intervene for them. VARHAD initially communicated this to their family members. However, none of their family members showed willingness to at least help them to release from the prison. VARHAD took up this case and intervened in the case by helping them in appointing another lawyer who was ready to fight at the minimum honorarium which was fixed by the VARHAD. This helped them to get released from the prison sooner and without any compensation paid to the lawyer by their end.

After their release from the prisoner, they went to their village but they were not allowed to enter into neither their village nor their house. They were chased out from their village and were warned not to enter into the village ever. They had to come back to Amravati hopelessly and first two days they slept at the Railway Station. Later on, they got to learn that VARHAD has a community kitchen and free food is provided to everyone. They started taking food from the kitchen but they had no place to live. Due to COVID-19 restrictions they found it even most difficult to reside somewhere. They also did not have any opportunity to work anywhere and look an opportunity of accommodation for themselves. This scenario caught attention of VARHAD and it examined their plight and offered them accommodation at the VARHAD Rehabilitation Centre. They literally had nothing after they got released from the prison. they did not even have proper clothes and slippers to wear.



Considering their vulnerability, VARHAD initially provided them with monetary support to purchase clothes and slippers to wear. They got the accommodation at the VARHAD Rehabilitation Centre and they sourced food from the VARHAD community kitchen. In the kitchen, both of them extended their helping hand in terms of rolling the roti, serving the kitchen and cleaning the utensils. They were paid some remuneration for doing this contribution in the kitchen. From this earning they were able to purchase daily essentials like food items, utensils and other daily needs. They were allowed to access the VARHAD's office pantry to prepare their food. The lady worked in the kitchen for 4-5 months and later she joined a catering service where she was engaged and was able to strengthen her economy and she could avail a new gas connection for themselves and become self-sufficient. Gradually, the COVID-19 restrictions lifted up and the normalcy came into the picture. Formerly, the man was a driver and was transporting the Gas Cylinder from one place to the other and with the references from VARHAD he was able to get a driving job to transport furniture and other household items from the one place to the other. That enabled them to lead a decent life like any other.



Interactions between VARHAD employees and the rehabilitated released prisoner at the VARHAD Rehabilitation Centre

When they were asked to share their post release experience, with a great sense of gratefulness and gratitude towards VARHAD they stated that, they were homeless and hopeless in life. Their life would have been distressing, if VARHAD were not there to hand holding support. VARHAD showed a path and gave hope to live like any other and helped them to stand stronger. Now they look forward to purchasing a house in Amravati and settling down in future.



## CASE STUDY-III

### ACQUITTAL OF TWO MURDER CONVICTS DUE TO THE INTERVENTION OF VARHAD

Rubika (name changed on request) is a 32 years old woman and she hailed from a village in Madhya Pradesh. She belonged to a tribal community and she lived in the forest area along with her husband and two children. Her father lived in Warud a town in Amravati district along with her step-mother. Rubika and her family migrated to Amravati city in search of employment. Her husband was employed as a security guard in a marriage hall in Amravati whereas she worked somewhere as a help in a farm. Her husband was taken into alcohol and that caused lots of conflicts and imbalances in their family. Rubika tried to organize things in a meaningful manner but her husband never cooperated.

Over a period of time, she decided to get separated herself with the children from her alcoholic husband. She got separated and lived on her own and then started working in a farm as a security guard. While working there, she came across a person named Suraj who belonged to OBC community. Suraj became friendly with her and showed concern for her and gently he tried to win her trust. In due course of time, she shared everything about her husband stating that, she is not treated well by her husband and she gets smacked every time he comes home drunk. In order to show some sympathy, he became closer to her and started having an affair with her. Suraj never behaved differently in his house and never let his wife or others in the family to know that he is indulged in an illicit affair. When this affair seemed to be noticeable, it caught the attention of the parents of Rubika. That is where the scenario got aggravated but none of the family members of Suraj were aware about this matter.

A few days later, Rubika's husband was found murdered in one of the farmlands in Amravati city. He was attacked with a stone on his head and it was cold blooded murder. Some passers-by noticed that there was a lying dead body. They brought this incident to the notice of the nearest police station. Police started off with the investigation and was suspicious of Rubika. Pertaining to this case the Police interrogated some of the neighbours but police did not find anything out of it. However, Rubika's daughter stated in front of the police that her mother got a phone call from Suraj late in the night and where he informed her mother about a work which he has finished fruitfully (*aap ka kaam ho gaya hai*).



This incident led to the arrestation of both Rubika and Suraj. Rubika's children suffered a lot as there were no one to look after them after Rubika was arrested. Later on, both the children were taken to Warud in Rubika's father's place. There, those children were ill-treated by the step mother of Rubika and they were made to work in the farmland like the labourers. They were also not given food on time and in a way, they were tortured. Rubika's father never interfered in this matter and never stopped her wife to refrain from such action. It was noticed by some of the neighbours and helped those children to shift to the observation home meant for the children of prisoners.

Rubika was aware about VARHAD's intervention and requested VARHAD to help her get bail. On her request, VARHAD arranged a lawyer but soon the COVID-19 restrictions were imposed. The process got delayed due to this constraints but they were permitted the Corona Parole. They needed a person to proceed with the process of bail in the trial court but no one showed willingness towards them.

Team VARHAD tried to reach out to the Rubika's parents. Rubika's step-mother used a phone but she neither communicated the message of VARHAD to Rubika's father nor she wanted to cooperate VARHAD to help her step-daughter release from the prison. With the consistent effort VARHAD was able to reach out to her father but he too was least bothered about her. She also tried to meet her children and send a requisition letter to the observation home, but her letter did not get noticed and she was unable to meet her children as well. Meanwhile, Rubika's in-laws from Madhya Pradesh, came down to take their grandchildren along with them from the observation home to Madhya Pradesh. Rubika's was under trial in the high court and later she was acquitted by the high court due to lack of proper evidence.

Simultaneously, the team VARHAD tried to get in touch with both the families of Rubika and Suraj to assist them in the court proceedings. The family members of Suraj were contacted but none of the family members believed the fact that, Suraj is convicted for a murder charges. Suraj's wife had huge amount of trust in him because, in no way she found Suraj's different behaviour towards her or towards anyone in the family. When Suraj was imprisoned, his family got traumatized. One of his sons went into depression and he stopped going to school and his studies got affected in a drastic manner. Suraj had a sick parent who always required medication but it was not possible for them to arrange as they faced financial instability in their family after Suraj's imprisonment.



Suraj was the bread winner in his family and no other worked in his family but his wife had to start working after Suraj's imprisonment in order to take care of the household affairs. She worked in a shop and she hardly made Rupees 200-300 in a day and that was not adequate for them to meet the needs like medicines, food, clothing and other expenses. They found it immeasurably difficult to run their household and their family ecosystem got imbalanced because of poor economic conditions. This scenario did not permit them to hire a lawyer and to do the needful. After the intervention of VARHAD both Suraj and Rubika were able to go ahead with the court proceedings and later both Rubika and Suraj were acquitted due to lack of evidence.



This picture portrays the process of legal aid where the accused Rubika (on extreme left) is accompanied by one of the employees of VARHAD (on extreme right) to the court and having a discussion with the lawyer appointed by VARHAD

Soon, Rubika got acquitted, she wanted to meet her children but she was denied to meet her children by her in-laws. The younger brother of Rubika's husband was aggressive when he learnt that she was involved in the murder of his brother. He threatened her stating that she should leave the place at the earliest otherwise, she might also be murder. His relatives made him understand not to do inhuman activities. After this incident, Rubika could not manage to meet her children and she had to leave the place with disappointment. She was not accepted by her in-laws and was not allowed to stay at her in-laws' place. She then came back to Amravati and initially she was offered accommodation in the VARHAD Rehabilitation Centre as she had nowhere to go. She resided in the VARHAD Rehabilitation Centre for about 20 days and later she arranged her accommodation on her own. With great sense of gratitude and gratefulness she thanked team VARHAD who ensured her acquittal in the court and she said that she is indebted to VARHAD who helped her as its own people.

## CASE STUDY-IV

### **VARHAD ENSURED BAIL TO A PRISONER IN AKOLA, MAHARASHTRA WHO HAILED FROM GUJARAT WITHOUT THE PRESENCE OF HIS FAMILY OR RELATIVES FROM HIS STATE**

Rajneesh is a native of Ahmedabad, Gujarat and he was convicted for burglary. He robbed mobile phones and other valuables from the passengers who travelled by the trains. He was quite habitual in the act of robbery but unfortunately, he was caught while rubbering from a train at Akola railway station. He was then thrashed by the passengers and soon he was handed over to the Railway Protection Force and subsequently he was imprisoned in the Akola prison. He was in the prison for years together and being the native of Gujarat he was deprived of his basic rights in Maharashtra. There was no one in Akola or in entire Maharashtra who could assist him or take responsibilities to do the formalities to release him from the prison. None of his family members or relatives had an information associated to him and therefore, he was suffering in the prison without being able to connect with their family members or relatives.

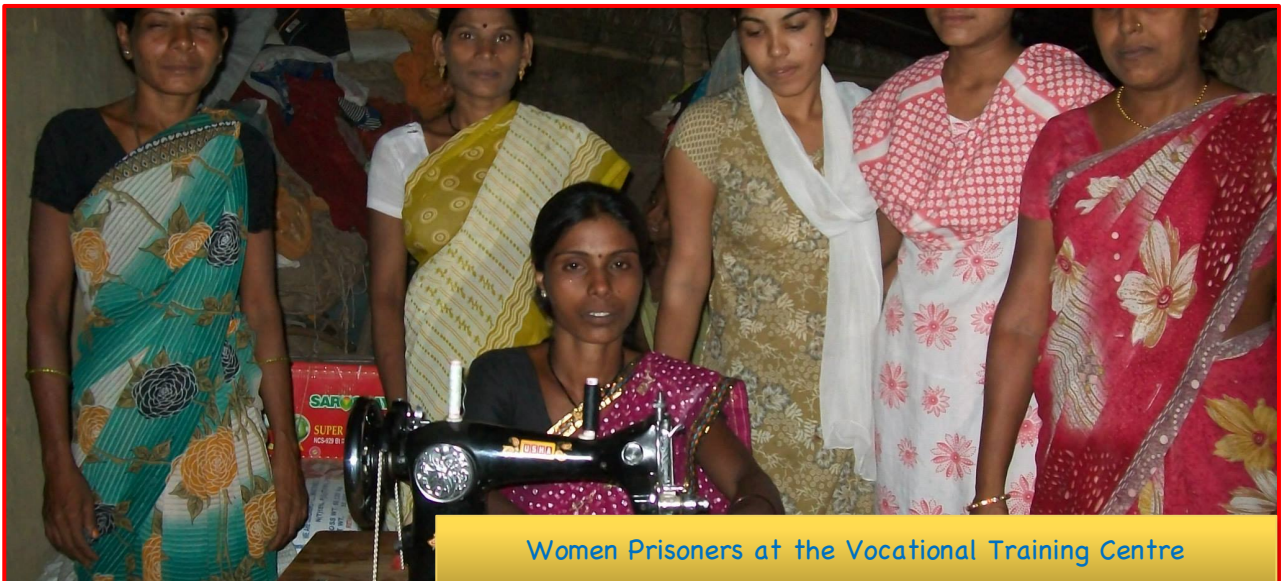
He learnt about VARHAD and requested to assist him to get the bail. However, VARHAD had been always dealing with the cases that are based in Maharashtra and this case was a new venture for VARHAD and still went ahead with the case unlike any other cases. It primarily, intervened in his case and attempted to connect with his family members and informed them that Rajneesh is in the Akola prison and someone from the family should come to Akola and VARHAD is ready to extend the legal guidance. None of the family members were able to arrange a person to take him on bail from Gujarat. With consistent efforts VARHAD was able to discover the fact that anyone from any part of India can take any prisoner on bail provided, he has never taken the bail for anyone before and he has never been charged for any criminal offences. Rajneesh family was unable to arrange a lawyer and pay the fees. VARHAD arranged a lawyer and paid the fees of lawyer as well as the expenses for other proceedings. The lawyer could arrange a surety person in Akola and ensured Rajneesh to get the bail.

After he released from the prison, he expressed his sense of indebtedness towards VARHAD and stated that VARHAD made things possible which was impossible for him. Because of VARHAD he was able to dream of getting released from the prison and reunite with his family in Gujarat.



## INITIATIVES FOR WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

VARHAD relies on a multilevel approach to reduce crime within society even as regards to the female population of the state. With the intent of smooth integration into society VARHAD has a provision for all marginalized men and women in the state. Under the aegis of this aspect, it started beauty parlour, computers, handicrafts, yoga, mehendi and sewing classes in the year 2001, for the marginalized women lived in the slums. This provision was formed with the objective of helping all those looking for a decent livelihood opportunity. This provision is open for all and this has no bar in terms of age, gender and educational



qualification. VARHAD sponsored the fees for the ones who could not pay their fees towards it which was minimal. The trained erstwhile students of these courses are now working in beauty parlours across the state and are able to make a good amount of money. There are numbers of women who have utilized this course to either start working or change their erstwhile professions and headed towards success. The sewing and embroidery class, which is offered by VARHAD outside prisons, within the slum community is a six-month course during which the women can learn to sew just like professional institutions. However, the brown paper and newspapers were used as raw materials as it was not feasible for the prisoners to avail the original raw materials. Apart from this, VARHAD partnered with an organization called Krantijyoti in Pune district of Maharashtra. This organization works exclusively on women empowerment by providing with various types of vocational trainings to the women who belonged to the poor and marginalized communities. Apart from vocational training programmes, it also focused on education of women by conducting regular workshops and sensitization programmes. With the help of SERA foundation, VARHAD has trained those women at the 'Usha School' and later it distributed sewing machines to all the trained women.

# SUPPORT MECHANISMS FOR THE UNEMPLOYED YOUTHS

VARHAD walks extra miles to extend the support mechanisms to the youths apart from the core work that it does. It also organises many events with regard to youths' welfare. They are the following.

- ◆ **LIBRARY & HOSTEL FACILITIES (SAMRAT ASHOKA STUDY CENTRE):** The educated youths preparing for the job-oriented exams such as UPSC, MPSC, Banking, Railways, SSC and SSB get access to the library and hostel facility free of cost in Amravati. In the



The Samrat Ashoka Study Centre

library there is a sound infrastructure and well-furnished facilities for the purpose of education. VARHAD has a corpus of nearly 1000 books for the students. Around 100 students (70 male and 30 female) from rural and backward socio-economic background avail this facility each year. Around 25 male youths stay in the hostel. In the coming years, VARHAD plans to extend this facility

to more in number. In last few years hundreds of students have been successful in getting the jobs due to the timely guidance by the experts which VARHAD invites from different cities.

- ◆ **IDENTIFICATION OF URBAN YOUTH LEADERS TO SENSITIZE YOUTH TOWARDS SOCIAL ISSUES:** VARHAD's Youth leaders are specially identified and trained by seniors at VARHAD, to carry out their social initiatives in colleges and educational institutions. The mode of engagement of new students is via street plays, dramas, puppet shows, awareness speeches, and cultural programs. This method is applied as the youngsters respond very positively to these methods.

- ◆ **CRIME PREVENTION THROUGH CULTURAL ACTIVITIES WITH URBAN POOR:** Research is conducted by VARHAD and its outcome proves that the vulnerable youth of urban slums get attracted to crime either because of a disturbed family background or antisocial peer-groups. The youth leaders devise ways to keep youth engaged in constructive things and away from unlawful activities.

## ADVOCAY EFFORTS BY VARHAD FOR THE FAMILY OF PRISONERS

The contribution of VARHAD in the field of prison reforms and human rights is lauded by government and non-government organizations at national and international levels. Some of the initiatives and interventions have been instrumental in bringing about a change in the policy that upholds the rights of the prisoners as well as their families. There are some of the government welfare schemes that have been made available to the families of prisoners through the consistent effort of VARHAD and they are the following.

**BALSANGOPAN SCHEME:** The Balsangopan scheme was implemented in the year 2008 by the Department of Women and Child Development, Government of Maharashtra. Under this scheme every month, an amount of Rupees 1100 was sanctioned to each child and that was given to the ones who were willing to adopt or take responsibility of the child. The scheme allows a maximum of two children from each family to be supported by the State until the age of 18. VARHAD succeeded in linking this scheme with the children of prisoners and created a bench-mark and numerous children of prisoners were benefited out of it.

**BPL RATION CARD:** There are three types of BPL ration cards that are given to the eligible ones in Maharashtra. VARHAD ensured to make it available to most family of the prisoners. This is because, when the head of the household or the bread winner of the family is in the prison, the family faces numerous difficulties to make ends meet. With the help of BPL ration cards, at least the families of the prisoners would be able to avail the food grains at the subsidized price which the families of the prisoners can afford.

**SANJAYA GANDI NIRADHAR YOJANA:** This scheme is meant for destitute persons of age below 65 years, orphans, handicapped, person suffering from critical diseases, destitute widows, farmers who committed suicide, destitute divorced women and women in process of divorce, women freed from prostitution and outraged women. Every month, this scheme entitles Rs. 600 to a single beneficiary and Rs. 900 for two or more beneficiaries in the family whose annual family income is up to Rs. 21,000. VARHAD's consistent effort included the family of the prisoners in this scheme and ensured that they also become the beneficiary of this scheme.

**SHRAVANBAL YOJANA:** This Scheme has two category (A) every destitute person of age 65 years & above and whose annual family income is below Rs. 21000 who is not included in the BPL list gets Rs.600 per month from the state Government. (B) every destitute person of age 65 years and above belongs to BPL category is eligible to get pension of Rs. 400 from the state Government and Rs. 200 from the central Government respectively. VARHAD has been instrumental to ensure every family of prisoners to avail this scheme.

**MUKTA BANDI YOJANA:** Under this scheme some of the released prisoners used to get Rs. 5000. However, VARHAD's consistent intervention increased the amount up to Rs. 25000 and that was applicable to every released prisoner and most of the released prisoners got benefited tremendously.

**REMISSION PROVISION:** State government has special power to provide remission. Generally, state provides occasional remission programme, for instance, the government of Maharashtra granted remission upon attainment of 50 years of independence, and birth centenary of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar. 125th birth anniversary of Dr. Ambedkar was celebrated as 'Samta Varsh'. VARHAD lobbied for remission on account of Samta Varsh in Maharashtra. With the consistent effort of VARHAD, remission was granted for all convict prisoners for a period between 5 to 90 days for various categories of prisoners. Life imprisoned prisoners got the maximum benefit of 90 days. Likewise, VARHAD has been lobbying continuously with the government authorities to enact welfare schemes for the prisoners and their families.



# CHALLENGES

There are numerous purposes of VARHAD to serve and the prime purposes lies in the field of Criminal Justice System in terms of prisoners' reformation, human rights, development of youths and women empowerment. In order to serve the noble purposes VARHAD has to go through multiple challenges and they are the following.

- ◆ To make an effective implementation of prisoner's legal rights (bail, parole and furlough) by making the prisoners' authorities sensitized and aware on this issue. It could be done by organizing various programs for their orientation, re-orientation, updating and up-gradation of knowledge & procedures on regular basis, however this is a major challenge to organize such programmes.
- ◆ To rehabilitate the prisoners released after completion of their sentence by providing them training and livelihood opportunities in various fields is a challenging factor for VARHAD as the Rehabilitation Centre is not sufficient to accommodate a greater number of the released prisoners at a time.
- ◆ It is a challenging factor to organise the seminars, conferences and workshops on the issues of prisons reforms, youths' development and women empowerment along with relevant publications in a regular interval.
- ◆ It is a challenging factor to increase the Human Resources in VARHAD to carry forward the extended objectives in a meaningful manner for a fruitful outcome in this field due to the limited existing resources.
- ◆ It is a challenging factor to work for the rights of the prisoners as it sometimes gives a negative message that VARHAD works in order to protect the interest of the prisoners who are charged for various crimes. This sometimes has an adverse impact on VARHAD and team.

# VARHAD'S REACH IN THE YEAR 2021-22

VARHAD's Reach in 2021-22	
AREAS OF INTERVENTION	NUMBERS
Prison Visit	181
Home visit	246
Children of Prisoner (CoP) Visit	00
Institutional Visit	07
CoP Educational Support	10
Admission in Residential School	14
Balwadi/ CoP Home Visits	04
Parole leave	03
Furlough leave	02
Death Parole	01
Session Court- Visit	153
Bail	59
Trial	
Acquittal	
High Court -Appeal	35
Bail	
Acquittal	
Case status provided to prisoners	22
Case status on Personal Bond	02
Number of women trained in stitching (USHA)	Trained 45
	Employed 40

# TEAM VARHAD

## GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS

NAME OF THE MEMBER	DESIGNATION
Mr. Ravindra Vaidya	President, VARHAD
Dr. Ravindra D. Kolhe	Vice-President, VARHAD
Mr. Dhananand Nagdive	Secretary, VARHAD
Mrs. Pushpa G. Rangari	Joint-Secretary, VARHAD
Mr. Jayakant Singh	Treasurer, VARHAD
Mr. Pravin Khandpasole	Board Member, VARHAD
Dr. Vijay V. Motghare	Board Member, VARHAD

## VARHAD OPERATIONAL TEAM

NAME OF THE MEMBER	DESIGNATION
Mr. Ravindra Vaidya	Chief Executive Officer, Project Director
Mr. Dhananand Nagdive	Project Coordinator
Mrs. Swati Bhowate	Senior Social Worker
Mrs. Pramila Meshram	Senior Social Worker
Mrs. Vanmala Mahajan	Social Worker
Mr. Manoj Gaikwad	Social Worker
Namdev Sonone	Para Social Worker
Mrs. Jaya Kharade	Para Social Worker
Mrs. Lata Bansod	Office Administrator
Mr. Umesh Diwan	Accountant
Mrs. Veena Varhade	Balwadi Teacher
Mr. Dhananjay Bansod	Rehab Staff
Mr. Sandip Rathod	Office Boy

## OUR BELIVERS



# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

## RATAN SHARMA & CO.

Chartered Accountant's  
1st floor, Gulshan Tower  
Near Panchashil Talkies, AMRAVATI  
Registration No. F-10006/ Amt

Report of an auditor relating to accounts audited  
Under sub-section (2) of section 33 & 34 and  
rule 19 of the Bombay Public Trusts Act.

Name of the Public Trust : Voluntary Action For Rehabilitation And Development (VARHAD) , Amravati  
For the year ending 31st March 2022

- |   |     |
|---|-----|
| (a) Whether account are maintained regularly and in accordance with the provisions of the Act and the rules;  | Yes |
| (b) Whether receipt and disbursements are property and correctly shown in the accounts;   | Yes |
| (c) Whether the cash balance and vouchers in the custody of the manager or trustee on the date of audit were in agreement with the accounts;  | Yes |
| (d) Whether all books, deeds, accounts, vouchers or other documents or records required by the auditor were produced before him;  | Yes |
| (e) Whether a register of movable and immovable properties is property maintained, the changes therein are communicated from to time to time to the regional office, and the defects and inaccuracies mentioned in the previous audit report have been duly complied with;  | No  |
| (f) Whether the manager or trustee or any other person required by the auditor to appear before him did so and furnished the necessary information required by him;   | Yes |
| (g) Whether any property or funds of the Trust were applied for any object or purpose other than the object or purpose of the Trust;  | No  |
| (h) The amounts of outstandings for more than one year and amounts written off, if any;   | No  |
| (i) Whether tenders were invited for repairs or construction involving expenditure exceeding Rs. 5000/-;  | No  |
| (j) Whether any money of the public trust has been invested contrary to the provisions of Section 35;   | No  |
| (k) Aliations, if any, of the immovable property contrary to the provisions of Section 36 which have come to the notice of the auditor;   | Nil |
| (l) All cases of irregular, illegal, improper expenditure, or failure or omission to recover Monies or other property belonging to the public trust or of loss or waste of money or other property thereof, and whether such expenditure, failure, omission, loss or waste was caused in consequence of breach of trust or misapplication or any other misconduct on the part of the trustees or any other person while in the management of the trust; | Nil |
| (m) Whether the budget has been filed in the form provided by rule 16A;   | No  |
| (n) Whether the maximum and minimum number of the trustees is maintained;   | Yes |
| (o) Whether the meetings are held regularly as provided in such instrument;   | - " |
| (p) Whether the minute books of the proceedings of the meeting is maintained;   | - " |
| (q) Whether any of the trustees has any interest in the investment of the trust;  | No  |
| (r) Whether any of the trustees is a debtor or creditor of the trust;   | No  |
| (s) Whether the irregularities pointed out by auditors in the accounts of the previous year have been duly complied with by the trustees during the period of audit;  | No  |
| (t) Any special matter which the auditor may think fit or necessary to bring to the notice of the Deputy or Assistant Charity Commissioner.   | Nil |

Date at **25 JUN 2022**

Chartered Accountants



UDIN: 22106202ALQZRL3088



## The Bombay Public Trusts Act, 1950

## SCHEDULE IX C

(Vide Rule 32)

Statement of income liable to contribution for the year ending : 31-Mar-22

Name of the Public trust : Voluntary Action For Rehabilitation And Development (VARHAD), Amravati

Registered No. F- 10006/Amt

	Rs.	Rs.
I. Income as shown in the income and Expenditure Account ( Schedule IX )		5803533.00
II. Items not chargeable to Contribution under Section 58 and Rules 32 :		
( i ) Donations received from other public Trusts and Dharmadas	5314925.00	
( ii ) Grants received from Government and Local authorities		
( iii ) Interest on Sinking or Depreciation Fund		
( iv ) Amount spent for the purpose of secular education		
( v ) Amount spent for the purpose of medical relief		
( vi ) Amount spent for the purpose of veterinary treatment of animals		
( vii ) Expenditure incurred from donations for relief of distress caused by scarcity, drought, flood, fire or other natural calamity		
( viii ) Deductions out of income from lands used for agricultural purposes :-		
(a ) Land Revenue and Local Fund Cess		
(b ) Rent Payable to superior landlord		
(c ) Cost of production, if lands are cultivated by trust		
( ix ) Deductions out of income from lands used for non-agricultural purposes :-		
(a ) assessment, cesses and other Government or Municipal Taxes		
(b ) Ground rent payable to the superior landlord		
(c ) Insurance premia		
(d ) Repairs at 10 per cent of gross rent of building		
(e ) Cost of collection at 4 per cent of gross rent of buildings let out		
( x ) Cost of collection of income or receipts from securities, stocks, etc. at 1 per cent of such income		
( xi ) Deductions on account of repairs in respect of buildings not rented and yielding no income , at 10 per cent of the estimated gross annual rent		
Gross Annual Income chargeable to contribution Rs.		488608.00

Certified that while claiming deductions admissible under the above Schedule, the Trust has not claimed any amount twice, either wholly or partly, against any of the items mentioned in the Schedule which have the effect of double - deduction.

Trust Address :

Dated 25 JUN 2022

Chartered Accountants  
Auditors

Dated :

Trustee

**VARHAD**

Voluntary Action for Rehabilitation and Development  
Yasoda Nagar No.1, Post Rukhmuni Nagar,  
AMRAVATI (Maharashtra) India Pin - 444605  
Fax - 0721 2566768 ☎ 2567851

President  
Voluntary Action for Rehabilitation  
& Development, Varhad (Amravati)



**VOLUNTARY ACTION FOR REHABILITATION  
DEVELOPMENT (VARHAD), AMRAVATI  
F-10006/Amt.**

**AZIM PREMJI PHILANTHROPIC INITIATIVES PVT LTD.**

**RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022

RECEIPTS	AMOUNT	AMOUNT	PAYMENTS	AMOUNT	AMOUNT
TO, OPENING BALANCES		2988008.16	By, <u>EXPS ON OBJECTS</u>		3753338.40
Cash in hand	1329.00		<u>OFFICE ADMINISTRATIVE COST</u>		
Bank of maharashtra	2986679.16		Furniture Exps		
			Office Rent & Maintenance	180075.00	
			Stationery Printing Computer Mainten.	117751.40	
			Telephone Expenses	23500.00	
				<u>321326.40</u>	
" Interest SB		62909.00	<u>PROGRAMME RELATED EXPENSES</u>		
			Legal Support Appeal High Court	167420.00	
			Legal Support Bail & Trial	272400.00	
			Traveling Support to Family Member	13650.00	
				<u>453470.00</u>	
" GRANT IN AID APPI		4737400.00	<u>SALARY &amp; BENEFITS</u>		
Regular EPPI	3137400.00		Accountant	163680.00	
Covid 19 Top-Up	1600000.00		Office Assistant	272800.00	
			Office Boy	163680.00	
			Para Social Worker	112000.00	
			Project Director	736560.00	
			Social Worker	531960.00	
			Staff Insurance	68486.00	
			Sr Social Worker	763680.00	
				<u>2812846.00</u>	
" Professional Tax		21600.00	<u>TRAVEL &amp; RELATED EXPENSES</u>		
			Travelling Exp Director ( In Vidarbha)	19740.00	
			Travelling Exp. Social Worker	84511.00	
			Travelling Exp Sr. Soci. Worker	61445.00	
				<u>165696.00</u>	
			" Food Distribution Expences		1609725.00
			" Professional Tax		21800.00
			" Furniture		15900.00
			" <u>CLOSING BALANCES</u>		
			Cash in hand	664.00	2409153.76
			Bank of maharashtra	2408489.76	
				<u>7809917.16</u>	
Total		<u>7809917.16</u>	Total		<u>7809917.16</u>

Date **25 JUN 2022**

Chartered Accountants  
Auditors

Date :



TRUSTEE

**President**  
Voluntary Action for Rehabilitation  
& Development, Varhad (Amravati)

**VOLUNTARY ACTION FOR REHABILITATION DEVELOPMENT (VARHAD ), AMRAVATI**

**F-10006/AMT.**

( FCRA )

**RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

RECEIPTS	AMOUNT	AMOUNT	PAYMENTS	AMOUNT	AMOUNT
TO, <u>OPENING BALANCES</u>		1884948.50			
Cash in Hand	911.00				
State Bank Of India	1884037.50				
Bank Interest On Saving A/C		51387.00	By, <u>CLOSING BALANCES</u>		1936335.50
Saving			Cash in hand	911.00	
			State Bank of India	1935424.50	

Total

1936335.50

Date **25 JUN 2022**

Chartered Accountants  
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Date :

TRUSTEE

1936335.50



**President**  
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The Bombay Public Trusts Act, 1950

**SCHEDULE - IX**  
[ Vide Rule 17 (1) ]

Name of the Public Trust : Voluntary Action For Rehabilitation And Development., ( VARHAD ), Amravati

Income and Expenditure account for the year ended 31st March 2022

Registration No.: F-10006/Amt.

EXPENDITURE	RS	RS	INCOME	RS	RS
To, Expenditure in respect of properties :-			( accrued )		
Rents, Taxes, Cesses			By, Rent		180075.00
Repairs and maintenance			( realized )	180075.00	
Salaries			( accrued )		
Insurance			By, Interest		124542.00
Depreciation( by way of provision of adjustments)			( realized )		
Other Expenses		229313.00	On Securities		
To, Establishment Exps		138465.00	On Loans		
To, Remuneration to Trustees			On Bank Account	124542.00	
To, Remuneration (in the case of a math ) to the head of the math, including his household expenditure, if any			By, Dividend		
To, Legal Expenses			By, Donations in Cash or Kind		183991.00
To, Audit Fees			By, Grants		
To, Contribution and Fees			Grant in aid		5314925.00
To, Amount written off :			1) APPIPL	5314925.00	
(a) Bad Debts					
(b) Loan Scholarship					
(c) Irrecoverable Rents					
(d) Other Items					
To, Miscellaneous Expenses					
To, Depreciation					
To, Amount transferred to Reserve Or specific Funds					
To, Expenditure on Objects of the Trust		5363063.40			
a) Religious					
b) Educational					
c) Medical Relief					
d) Relief of Poverty					
e) Other Charitable Objects					
	5363063.40				
By, Surplus carried over to Balance Sheet		72691.60	By, Deficit carried over to Balance Sheet		
Total RS		5803533.00	Total RS.		5803533.00

Date : 25 JUN 2022

Chartered Accountants  
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Date :

TRUSTEE



President  
Voluntary Action for Rehabilitation  
& Development, Varhad (Amravati)



The Bombay Public Trusts Act, 1950

## SCHEDULE - VIII

[ Vide Rule 17 (1) ]

Name of the Public Trust : Voluntary Action For Rehabilitation &amp; Development., ( VARHAD ), Amravati

Balance Sheet As At : 31st March , 2022

Regi. No. F10006/ Amt.

FUNDS & LIABILITIES	RS	RS	PROPERTY AND ASSETS	RS	RS
<u>Trust Funds or Corpus :-</u>		12214.00	<u>Immovable properties :-</u> ( At Cost )		
Balance as per last Balance sheet			As per Schedule		2714026.00
Adjustment during the year( give detail )					
<u>Other Earmarked Funds :-</u>		4796540.00			
(Created under the provisions of the trust deed or scheme or out of the Income )					
Depreciation fund	1038150.00				
Sinking fund					
Reserve fund					
Any other fund ( Building Fund )	424223.00				
Hostel Fund	1734167.00				
Medical Instrument Fund	1600000.00				
Club development fund					
<u>Loan (Secured or Unsecured) :-</u>		39600.00			
From Trustees					
Ravindra Vaidya	19800.00				
Dhanand Nagdive	19800.00				
From Staff					
Grant in advance (Date 1.4.21 to 15.09.21)		2409154.00			
<u>Liabilities :-</u>					
For Expenses		3600.00			
Professional Tax	1600.00				
For Advances for staff	2000.00				
			<u>Loan ( Secured or Unsecured ) :</u>		
			Good/doubtful		
			Loans Scholarships		
			Other Loan		
			<u>Loans &amp; Advance :-</u>		
			To Trustees		
			To Employees		
			Staff Advances		
			To Gas Connection deposit		
			To Others, Telephone Deposits		
			<u>Investments :-</u>		
			To Others, Telephone Deposits	5800.00	5800.00
			<u>Income Outstanding :-</u> rent		
			Interest, Other Income (TDS)	40393.00	40393.00
			Usha Silai School Project		
			Closing Stock		
<u>Income and Expenditure Account</u>		286236.52			
Balance as per last Balance Sheet	213544.92				
Less : Appropriation, if any					
Add : Surplus As per income and	72691.6				
Less : Deficit Expenditure a/c	0.00				



: 2 :

		<b>Cash &amp; Bank Balances :-</b>		
		a) In Current Account		
		<b>SBI</b>		
		SBI (FCRA)	1935424.50	
		<b>Bank of maharashtra</b>		
		APPIPL	2408489.76	
		<b>Bank of maharashtra</b>		
		(Varhad Sanstha)	440138.69	
		c) With the Manager	3072.57	
		<b>Income and Expenditure Account</b>		
		Balance as per last Balance Sheet		
		Surplus :		
		Less : Appropriation, if any (Transfer to Trust Fund)		
		LESS : Deficit As per income		
		and		
		ADD : Surplus Expenditure a/c		
Total RS		7547344.52	Total RS.	7547344.52

Date 25 JUN 2022

Chartered Accountants  
Auditors

Date :

Trustee

**President**  
Voluntary Action for Rehabilitation  
& Development, Varhad (Amravati)

**VARHAD**  
Fixed Assets Schedule

31/03/2022

Particulars	Rate of Dep	Opening Balance	Dep Till Date	Net Asset	Add During the yr Ist.	Add During the yr IInd.	Ded During the yr	Total	Dep. For the Yr.	Total Depreciation	Total Assets
Cattle Shed	10	27855.00	7549.00	20306.00				20306.00	2031.00	9580.00	27855.00
Computer	40	157514.00	65707.00	91807.00				91807.00	36723.00	102430.00	157514.00
Cow	0	140100.00	0.00	140100.00				140100.00	0.00	0.00	140100.00
Dead Stock	10	12680.00	3436.00	9244.00				9244.00	924.00	4360.00	12680.00
Furniture	10	395321.00	91861.00	303460.00	15900.00			319360.00	31936.00	123797.00	411221.00
Inventor	15	8456.00	3263.00	5193.00				30203.00	779.00	4042.00	8456.00
LCD Projector CCT	15	34851.00	13448.00	21403.00	8800.00			106549.00	4530.00	17978.00	43651.00
Library Books	0	106549.00	0.00	106549.00				1691.00	0.00	0.00	106549.00
Machinery	15	2753.00	1062.00	1691.00				166500.00	254.00	1316.00	2753.00
Plot A/c	0	166500.00	0.00	166500.00				982600.00	0.00	0.00	166500.00
Surgical Machine	15	1600000.00	617400.00	982600.00				147390.00	0.00	0.00	1600000.00
Utensils	15	11521.00	1728.00	9793.00	16457.00			3938.00	0.00	5666.00	27978.00
Water Pump	15	8769.00	3383.00	5386.00				808.00	0.00	4191.00	8769.00
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>2672869.00</b>	<b>808837.00</b>	<b>1864032.00</b>	<b>41157.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1905189.00</b>	<b>229313.00</b>	<b>1038150.00</b>	<b>2714026.00</b>



## **VOLUNTARY ACTION FOR REHABILITATION AND DEVELOPMENT ( VARHAD ) AMRAVATI**

F.Y. 2020-21

### **SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES & NOTES ON ACCOUNTS**

#### **1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES :**

Accounts have been prepared in accordance with the general accounting principles and assumptions. Mercantile system of accounting is consistently followed by the concern. These financial statements are the responsibility of the management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We have conducted our audit in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in India. Those standards requires that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by the management as well as evaluating the overall statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

#### **2. FIXED ASSETS :**

The Fixed Assets are valued at cost.

#### **3. BOOKS OF ACCOUNTS :**

Books of Accounts are maintained on computerised basis.

#### **4. QUANTITATIVE DETAILS :**

The trust has not maintained the stock register hence it is not possible for us to give quantitative details.

#### **5. CONTINGENT LIABILITY :**

No contingent liability has been provided for in the books of account.

VOLUNTARY ACTION FOR REHABILITATION AND DEVELOPMENT  
( VARHAD ) AMRAVATI

(TRUSTEE)

**President**  
**Voluntary Action for Rehabilitation  
& Development, Varhad (Amravati)**

DATE :

PLACE : AMRAVATI

For, Ratan Sharma & Co  
Chartered Accountants



Ratan Sharma  
(Proprietor)

25 JUN 2022



## VARHAD AND MEDIA COVERAGE DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC





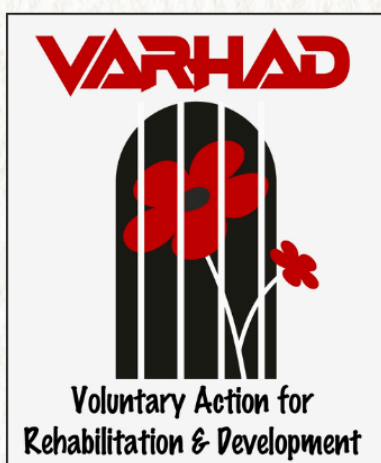




## **APPEAL**

VARHAD is a Tax-Exempt Organization Registered under Societies Registration Act 1860 & Maharashtra Public Trust Act 1950. We also accept Foreign Funds/Donations through as per Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act 2010.

We Appeal You to Extend your Generous Support for the Noble Cause.



## **ADDRESS**

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