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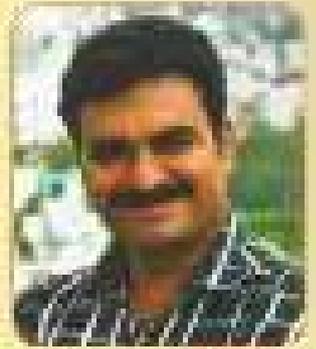
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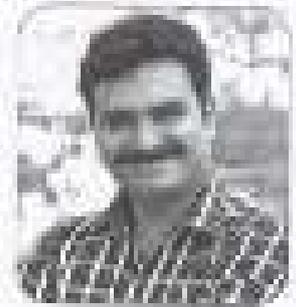


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Director's Message

The United Nations, of which India is a member hailed UN Convention on Justice and Support for Victims of Crime and Abuse of Power in 1986, which declared victim's rights of restoration and rehabilitation that should be implemented in its member countries. This created avenue for DISHA's work which was first started in 2009.



Likewise in June 2016 the United Nations came up with 'Sustainable Development Goals' (SDGs) officially known as 'Transforming our world: the 2030 agenda for Sustainable Development'. This declaration envisages "a world of universal respect for human rights and human dignity, the rule of law, justice, equality and non-discrimination; of respect for race, ethnicity and cultural diversity; and of equal opportunity promoting the full realization of human potential and contributing to shared prosperity; a world which ensures life its children and in which every child grows up free from violence and exploitation; a world in which every woman and girl enjoys full gender equality and all equal social and economic barriers to their empowerment have been removed; a just, equitable, tolerant, open and socially inclusive world in which the needs of the most vulnerable are met."

With this vision they declared a special goal for justice & peace called 'Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions' that is coherent with DISHA work.

DISHA is witnessing growth on field level too, with its Victim support desk at one police station turning into 'Mobile Help Desk' at all the 31 rural police stations of Amravati district. DISHA also received permission to work in Pune's all the 36 rural police stations with overwhelming cooperation from Superintendent of Police, Pune.

Also DISHA's victim helpline is now enhanced to 'DISHA Helpline' which serves victims, people in risk, and stakeholders in Criminal Justice System. This year the project was awarded with grant from The Pollination Project (TPP) which receives applications from around the globe. Also this news was covered by Huffington Post which is a politically liberal American online news aggregator and blog that has both localized and international editions. One more time DISHA got appreciation on global platform, and also got a long term assurance from TPP of sharing resources for DISHA's cause.

DISHA is gradually overcoming its challenges of having limited resources and manpower, with many individuals and institutes showing interest in DISHA's cause and supporting it in many ways. With this strength we hope of a strong advent in victim's rehabilitation status in India.

Prerna Khosla

Director
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		Securities Registration Act, 1956	SOIA 90/2198/SMT	2008
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		M.G of T. Act, 1951	71/2014-021X	2018
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Vision: Equal and just society for every individual with special focus on access to justice.

Mission: To ensure fundamental rights to all & enable vulnerable, victimized people to access rights to lead dignified life in society.

DISHA'S Team

- **Pravin Khandposale: (Project Director)** MSW by education, guides, direct all project activities, controls office administration, works as a resource person in training & awareness sessions of various stakeholders of criminal justice system. He has experience of 15 years in field of Criminology & Victimology & member of Rotary Club Amravati since 10 years.
- **Manish Khandposale: (Project Coordinator)** MSW by education manages all field level activities, responsible for networking with stakeholders, representing & alliances with other organizations. Has experience of 10 years in providing socio-legal guidance & counseling at field level.
- **Pallavi Mishra: (Documentation Worker, Nirmala Fellow) B.E.** by education, works on research, documentation, & provide IT support in fund raising & enhancing visibility of DISHA.
- **Pavan Jawanjale: (Social Worker)** He is currently pursuing his MSW and has been working in DISHA since 2013. He is assisting all field level activities for rehabilitation.
- **Sartika Wankhade: (Social Worker)** MSW by education is also pursuing M.Phil, works at field level activities, for rehabilitation.
- **Nisha Thakur: (Community worker)** Pursuing MSW, final year, works part time as a trainer in DISHA's Community Centre. Responsible for management of DISHA Community Centre at Wadali since 2014.
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- Maharashtra Police Academy, Nashik
- Special Inspector General of Police, Amravati & Nagpur Range
- District Courts in Vidarbha Region
- Commissioner & Superintendent of Police Amravati
- Women & Child Development Department, Amravati Region

Acknowledgement

DISHA's progress on multiple fronts has been because of collective efforts of all the team members, volunteers, donors and the supporters, who give their unique contribution of services and resources to DISHA.

Since DISHA works closely with Criminal Justice System, we are thankful to Judiciary and Special Inspector General of Police office Amravati Range for their timely support and encouragement. In Amravati, DISHA's work has always been in collaboration with Police. DISHA receives cooperation from all the 31 rural police stations under Superintendent of Police and 10 city police stations under the Police Commissioner Amravati. DISHA is thankful to all of them for their cooperation and support.

DISHA takes this opportunity to acknowledge that how smoothly DISHA got permission to conduct Mobile Help Desk in Amravati's Rural Police Stations. We are thankful for the trust shown in us and assure positive results.

DISHA also received permission to work in cases of victims in rural police stations of Pune, from Superintendent of Police Pune. We are overwhelmed with this cooperation and collaboration and extend our sincere gratitude.

We are thankful to government departments for cooperating and supporting us time to time.

We are very much thankful to our financial supporter TATA Trust, Mumbai who believed in DISHA's cause and line of action and supported us immensely. Likewise we are thankful to all our donors, for being resourceful and supporting us at challenging situations.

We extend our sincere gratitude to all members of DISHA Team, who work patiently yet relentlessly to achieve results in victim rehabilitation. Special thanks to our dedicated volunteer team for giving DISHA their time, energy, other resources and inputs to do better and for providing us some solutions on the problems we face.

Special thanks to President of DISHA Jyoti Khandpale for timely support and guidance which enables us to move forward with vision. Thanks to all the board members of DISHA.

Pravin Khandpale
Director
DISHA

Our Programs

DISHA started its rehabilitative work with victim of crimes. As work progressed last year DISHA came to conclusion to segment into Crime Prevention (Pre-crime Intervention) and victim Rehabilitation (Post Crime Intervention). This year DISHA is progressing in many of its activities, with victim help - desk expanding into Mobile Help Desk, getting permission from SP office Pune to intervene in cases for victim's rehabilitation in all the 36 Rural Police Stations, Pune. In Amravati district we have got permission to conduct awareness sessions on 'Self - Protection' in all 65 Municipal Schools. The bonding with DISHA's core volunteer team is getting stronger day by day and new volunteers are joining DISHA as well.

This year we reached 3227 victims, conducted 49 training programs and reached to 5316 number of people through them.

Crime Prevention

DISHA has observed that many violent crimes could have been prevented if the root - of the people involved were properly informed. Hence capacity building of communities and also vulnerable sections of society such as children, adolescents and women can prevent occurrence of a violent crime.

DISHA conducts issue specific awareness and capacity building sessions for children, youth & adolescents, teachers, parents, community on personal safety and combating crime.

DISHA has three standard programs for that:

- For children on Self Protection & Safe childhood
- For youth and adolescents on issues & challenges in adolescence through Tarunyachya Umhadhyawar (तरुण्यचा उमाहदावार)
- For Police Posts on 'Role of Police Posts in crime prevention' and also on releasing victims and vulnerable people in their village.

Self-Protection & Safe Childhood



There are many myths & unawareness regarding child sexual abuse which makes it more prevalent.

Empowering children against those can be done best with awareness with their view.

DISHA started this initiative - in 1993 and regularly conduct - session for children on safety - education. The goal of this activity is to reach vulnerable children and educate them about safe-childhood.

Through these sessions DISHA reaches to children aged between 10 to 14 in schools & communities. The program gives them basic information of 'good / safe touch & Bad / unsafe touch', tips on safety and what to do when in risk, numbers of important help-lines etc.

At the same time we also provide information to the teachers and adults present there on their role in maintaining safety for children and relevant information of POCSO Act 2012. This capacity building of adults helps to maintain safety in institutions and communities.

Sensitization / Awareness Programs with Schools			
Number of Programs	Male	Female	Total
13	277	404	681

At the year end, DISHA received letter from education officer Amravati to conduct such session in all AMC schools which is a welcome move.

Tarunyachya Umbarthyaer (on youth segment)

With increased incoming of youth in CJS because of relationship-violence, misuse of POCSO, and indulgence in petty crimes because of materialistic lifestyle, DISHA sensed the need to communicate with this group and aware them about such challenges become support person to help them to keep safe.

The goal of this activity is to reach to youth and communicate about safety.

Through these sessions, adolescents and youth aged between 15 to 22 in colleges, university, are made aware of the issues and challenges at adolescent stage, relationship-violence, lucrative traps that stay pull them in risk or in crime, and other challenges specific to the age-group, and how to transit smoothly from this phase without indulging in risky activities, how to stay safe and develop oneself.

The target audience often gives feedback that these are the 'real life issues' that they face everyday but are not usually discussed by elders that too on public platform.



Sensitization / Awareness Programme with Collages			
Number of Programs	Male	Female	Total
10	707	1761	2468

Training & Capacity Building of Police Patils & Village level Bodies



Police Patil is the State representative in village establishment and plays very crucial role in functioning of Mahatma Gandhi dispute free village campaign. As per the Maharashtra Village Police Patil Act, 1967 Police Patil has given duties to keep watch, prevent crime and promote public peace in villages. But present criminal justice system fails to use their full potential and Police Patils are also unaware of their role and hence let's down upon their work and role in general. DISHA's goal is to build moral and capacities of police patils

so that they extend as safety agents & support-person in their localities & villages. DISHA in collaboration with police builds moral and capacities of Police Patil & YANTA MUKTA SAMITI to act as safety net for people in risk. DISHA identifies potential and responsibility given by law on Police Patil and channelized it not only in crime prevention but also for rehabilitation of crime victim.



Sensitization / Awareness Programme with Police Patil & Community			
Number of Programs	Male	Female	Total
7	107	353	471

Display of Awareness (IEC - Informative/Educative/Communicative) Material

Reaching to people in risk, vulnerable conditions and crime prone areas with 'crime preventive information' is key idea behind Creating IEC (Informative/Educative/Communicative) material. This also reduces re-victimisation of victims and helps them to understand their role in Criminal Justice System and take informed decisions.

This year DISHA's goal was to produce Crime Specific 'Self-help' IEC material- that can be handed over to victims/people in risk & also provide contact information of DISHA & other Support agencies.



DISHA already has IEC material on DISHA Helpline, which it intends to provide to each and every Police Post and other village level bodies, in Amravati and institutions like schools & colleges.

This year DISHA has developed three new IEC materials for victims of violent crimes, which they can carry to home. These IEC materials address three different crimes namely: Domestic/attempt to murder, Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. They provide information on common problems & challenges that victims of a particular crime face, how to cope with them, role of Criminal Justice System in providing restorative justice to the victim.

DISHA Community Center

DISHA observed that the population that it serves is mostly from rural or urban-slum background. Wadali is one such area which comprises of 10 slum pockets. The cases of victims received used to have significant proportion people from this area hence DISHA decided to come up with crime-preventive intervention & hence started DISHA community center in Wadali in the heart of 10 Slum pockets at 2012. The idea behind the Community Center was to create a space of safety, social support, public awareness, and skill building, capacity building of the children from vulnerable backgrounds and

through them connect with their families and keep vigilance for crime prevention. This Community Center is run by our beneficiary residing in the same area. In this center children aged between 8 to 14 years are enrolled free of cost for Basic Computer training, Life skills, Educational or vocational guidance, Art's & Crafts, Awareness sessions on drug addiction, Child sexual abuse, Domestic Violence, Personal & Public Safety and other capacity



building activities.

Through continuous efforts DISHA has succeeded in finding various talents among these children such as Word Paintings, Handicrafts, singing, dancing and much more. DISHA regularly provides a platform to showcase their talent. Special platform is DISHA's Annual D-wall Celebration Program, where this talent is appreciated by DISHA's Core Volunteers, who gather to the place from around the globe, and the specially invited guests who encourage children to do better.

DISHA has further plans of setting up E-Learning facilities for these children in the Community Center.



Activities & sessions conducted at Community Centres				
Place	Activities	Male	Female	Total
DISHA Community Centre	13	00	319	457
Children Observation Home (Girls) Anuvasti	14	00	378	

Activities at Children Observation Home Anuvasti: Anuvasti's Children home / Observation home for girls comprises of girls who come under category of 'Child in Need of Care & Protection' or 'Child in Conflict with Law'. The superintendent and counsellor of the home approached DISHA to conduct capacity building sessions for children in children observation home. DISHA also believes that these children are vulnerable to crime and need empowerment. Hence DISHA conducts capacity building sessions on safety, life skill training improving their self-employment possibilities, life skills etc. DISHA also has provided desktop Computer in Children Observation & Aftercare Home with expectation to provide opportunity & access of Basic Computer training to children in these homes.

Victim Rehabilitation

Victim rehabilitation segment is developed with the aim of achieving transition from 'victim to survivor' in the life of the victim/family.

DISHA is probably the only organisation in India working on field-level with holistic approach for all victims' rehabilitation. The strategy used in this section is to reach study and poor crime victims, breaking the barrier of distance, stigma, system / absence of system and empower them with socio-legal guidance, counseling, family support services and make an action - plan for victim rehabilitation in conjunction with victim/family.

Also since DISHA works in closely with Criminal Justice System, it takes every opportunity to conduct sensitization and awareness programs of Police, Judiciary and other system stakeholders on Victim oriented laws, victims rights & rights and role & scope for system to participate in victim's rehabilitation.

DISHA Helpline (07666102103)

This is the fastest route to reach and serve victims/people in risk / Suffer holders breaking barriers of distance, stigma time & system etc. Many times all that victim needs is a piece of authentic information to take informed decision. People in risk and victims hesitate to go to police or system for redressal due to many confusion and mis-conception and practical barriers. Also many times system stakeholders need authentic information to provide restorative services to victim. A helpline is a solution for these people with authentic help just a call away.

The telephone call on above number is attended and documented in Helpline register and depending upon the call following help is extended to victim/Dependent - Caller free of cost.

1. Socio-legal guidance,
2. Need based information,
3. Referral to government/non-government organizations
4. Outreach support services (if needed)

Following is the statistics of calls received from people in need on DISHA Helpline.

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Call on DISHA Helpline:

Call on Helpline	Male	Female	Total
	45	19	69

Victim Support Desk at Police station

Mostly victim's first contact with the Criminal Justice System comes at the police station at time of filing complaint. The victim is unaware of the functioning of the CJS and does not know what procedures to follow and what to expect from the Criminal Justice system. This adds to the plight of victim and hence many a

times people suffer silently rather than filing a complaint and on the other hand people come up with complaints of Non-cognizable offences to Police Stations and expect stern action from police.

DISHA came up with idea of Victim Support Desk at police station to inform and help a victim/complainant at the first interface with CJS. This service was started in 2012 in Anugaram Purna Police station. Here, the Social worker runs Victim Support Desk on every Saturday and help needy victim and family answering queries, giving information for smooth navigation in Criminal Justice System, helping to handle trauma and difficulties post-crime, socio-legal guidance, referrals to other agencies, and follow-up.

The police cooperate in this service by calling needy victims/complainant who complained during the week to come for a follow-up-come-guidance session at the help desk.

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Victim Support Desk at Police Station

Male	Female	Total
1	31	52

This concept is very well received by the Police and hence Assistant Superintendent of Police permitted DISHA to conduct such victim support desk at each of the 31 rural police stations looking at manpower & resources. DISHA has started 'Mobile Help Desk' at all 31 rural police stations.

Family Support Services

DSHA has observed that some poor victim families lose their only source of the family and do not even have resources for basic needs such as groceries, electric bills, water bills, and for medical treatments for physical ailments resulted due to crime.



Though such victims are more likely to be suffering from Mental Trauma, Post Trauma Stress Disorder (PTSD), this problem mostly remains unattended due to lack of resources. Also there are some urgent needs of victim family which get identified in long term casework.

DSHA came up with Family support services that comprise of short and long term emergency assistance and medical aid strictly based on victim's needs.

In this service DSHA pays home-visit and conducts need assessment of the victim's family and provides need-based services and aid through this channel.



Family Support Services			
	Male	Female	Total
Emergency Assistance	13	39	71
Medical Aid	7	16	

Legal aid and guidance

As per Criminal Amendment Act, 2013 victim of crime has entitlement for legal aid and guidance to better understand and represent his/her side in court of law and even challenge the judgment in the case. However the amendment in the Criminal Procedure Code has yet not received visibility. Victim himself along with key stakeholders remain in ignorance and tend to go flight after judgment of trial court even when victim is dissatisfied with the judgment.

In the first place victims are mostly unaware about their case status, judgment in their case, proper legal procedures, their role, the stages of cases etc. Few victims shared that in their cases even though eye witness was present the trial court acquitted accused and they had no means to appeal against judgment.

Legal Guidance			
	Male	Female	Total
Legal Guidance & referral in CPS	3	1	4

The right given to crime victim to appeal before High Court will be only exercised to its full extent if awareness and determination can be shown to the criminal justice system. Hence, DISHA started this intervention. DISHA guides & assists victims for filing appeal when they are dissatisfied with the judgement. Aware them about legal provisions as per criminal amendment Act 2013, in some cases it provides legal aid referral to needy victims. DISHA has succeeded in obtaining issue of yellow cover and red-corner notice by Interpol in a cross-country case of a needy victim. Following is the statistic of cases provided with legal aid and guidance.

Individual & Family Counselling

Victim families are often confused and in shock after traumatic crime incidence. Also they are left isolated to suffer by the society, are stigmatized or given a very 'unprofessional' counseling or treatment that is more harassing than helping. Acknowledging this need DISHA started Individual & family counselling.

DISHA has social workers (certified Counsellors) involved in long term intervention starting from rapport building with victim family, conduct need assessment, identify available support, assess functionality and coping skills of the family, discuss concern of victim and family and then developing a restoration plan in participation with victim & family.



Individual & Family Counselling

Male	Female	Total
31	60	91

Education or Vocational Help

Crime incidence also affects education of children badly. After the disturbing traumatic experience they start become irregular in school and later tend to drop-out. The reasons behind such an act are many. Family's inability to provide financial support, vigilance, care & monitoring, stigmatized treatment to the child from other students or people in vicinity, burden on children to earn livelihood and/or into child labor or illegal business, crime etc. are some common reasons.

Educational or Vocational Help				
	Male	Female	Total	Grand Total
Financial Help (Child victim / children of victim)	35	48	82	106
Educational Help (Vulnerable children in difficult situation)	11	11	22	
Vocational	0	2	2	

On the other hand children in victim family are taken sustained in mainstream of education, increase opportunities of rehabilitation for victim family. DISHA provides this service for the same reason.



In this service, children on the edge of dropping out and recently dropped out from school are identified through home visit. To mainstream these children in education, DISHA provides educational material, sponsorship or helps in getting admissions in residential school with follow up. The children or family members engaged in petty job or trade are given information about available short and long term vocational courses for better livelihood opportunities. Depending upon their interest and aptitude, social worker helps them to undergo vocational courses to improve skills and employability.

Support Group / Activities

Man is a social animal, and feels empowered when belongs to a cohort. Feeling of belongingness is a basic need that is addressed to empower and strengthen victim who is otherwise felt isolated in society.

DISHA organizes group sessions for victim and families where victims of same offenses can come together to get verbal support & company of empathetic people, get a platform for sharing coping strategies, to feel more empowered and for a sense of community.



These sessions are being facilitated to provide relevant information, sharing personal experiences, listening to and accepting others' experiences and establishing a network. These theme based group support or sessions are also targeted at the level of provision to reduce re-victimization.

Group Sessions/ Activities		
Male	Female	Total
72	91	163

Intervention in avail Government Schemes

After UN declaration for victim's rights in 1986, India took a long time to come up with section 357(A) in Cr.P.C. inserting victim compensation scheme in 2008.

Sensing a strong need for advocacy of formation & implementation of victim compensation scheme, in 2010 DISHA took the initiative to file a PIL for formation of Victim Compensation Scheme. In 2014 DISHA succeeded in its efforts which resulted in formation of 'Victim compensation scheme' in Maharashtra with budgetary provisions. Now DISHA has started helping needy and poor victims to file application for compensation under this scheme.



SANGOPAN scheme to those children whose parents are unable to care for them because of illness, death, separation or desertion of one parent, or any other crisis.

This year an advocacy from DISHA tried to bring to the notice of the related department, the presence of children of victim category in the eligibility criteria for few schemes. Other than these schemes DISHA recommends eligible victims to avail Sanjay Gandhi Nidhiya Yojana, Rashtriya Karam Labh Yojana, Muro Yojana, Sarafdar Yojana etc.

Intervention to avail Government Scheme				
	Male	Female	Total	Grand Total
VCS-357 A	19	0	19	21
BAL SANGOPAN	0	2	11	

Capacity building of key stakeholders – Police, Judiciary

In Indian Criminal Justice System (CJS), the focus is kept on the arrest, prosecution and punishment to wrong doer and least on victim's right and protection. Though some victim oriented laws & policies are emerging in India, the primary stakeholders of the CJS are mostly unaware of these legal instruments.

Through DISHA's capacity building programs of stakeholders, DISHA demonstrates to the system that within the given framework of law, rehabilitation of victim is possible if sensitivity and knowledge about the issue is increased. The target audience for these programs are police, judicial officers, lawyers and other stakeholders of the CJS. The key topics of training have been Victim's Right and Restoration, Juvenile Justice Act 2015, Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act 2012, Domestic Violence Act 2005, Prevention of Sexual Harassment at Workplace, MANODHARIYA Scheme, Victim Compensation Scheme (VCSA CrP.C.). Following is the statistic of training conducted for key stakeholders under the criminal justice system.



It has been observed that when given the information, police and judicial officers handle the cases with sensitivity, refer them for support services/compensation and even call DISHA to render services for victim's rehabilitation. Following is the statistics of training conducted for key stakeholders under the criminal justice system.



Training of key stakeholders

No. of Programs	Male	Female	Total
12	1566	189	1755

Policy Advocacy, Right Based Activism

DISHA intends to bring policy level changes and advocate for formation of victim supportive laws, Schemes, Institutions in India. Within span of four years of advocacy since 2010, DISHA managed to bring 'Maharashtra Victim Compensation Scheme - 2014' with budgetary provisions. However it has been observed that even though it is mentioned in 'Victim Compensation Scheme', trial court is not implementing this scheme liberally for rehabilitation of victim. So now DISHA is eyeing on implementation of the scheme in Maharashtra and status of other Indian states regarding formation & implementation of compensation schemes for victims adhered to section 357 A of CrPc through RTIs.

DISHA has dream to bring 'Victim Protective Law' in India. As a step toward this dream DISHA has started mapping the legal provisions and support mechanism created by State or other agencies at State and National Level. DISHA filed RTIs to Ministry of Woman & Child Development regarding implementation status of 'One stop Crisis Centers' in India; also DISHA has taken initiatives to bring to the notice of related government departments some loopholes, lacunae, non-inclusion & ignorance towards victims in visible government's schemes, malpractices, possible rehabilitative practices, institutionalised procedures and policies to cause structural level change in India.

Institution	Subject
Supreme Court of India	Creation of a platform for victim protection at District courts
Bombay High Court	Seeking clarity in section 19(5), 26 of POCSO & role of CWC for better rehabilitation of child victim
Ministry of Women & Child Development	Functioning of One-stop crisis centers in India
National Commission for Protection of Child Rights	Bringing to justice, some alleged malpractice in municipal schools in Amravati
Maharashtra Legal Service Authority	status of Maharashtra Victim Compensation Scheme 2014
National Legal Service Authority	Status of Victim Compensation Scheme in India



Status of Victim Compensation Scheme under 357A in Maharashtra

- Out of total number of murder victim only 6% victim applied for Victim Compensation Scheme
- Out of total number of murder victim only 1.3% victim benefited from Victim Compensation Scheme
- Average no. of victim per district applied for Victim Compensation Scheme is 4.25
- Average no. of victim per district availed & benefited from Victim Compensation Scheme is 0.95

Status of Victim Compensation Scheme in Maharashtra Crime Data - 2015 (NCRB) & RTI

Districts	NCRB Data - 2015					Information received through RTI (2014-2016) from DLSPs		
	Murder	Attempt to commit Murder	Culpable Homicide not amounting to Murder	Attempt to commit Culpable Homicide	Total No. of Victim	Applications received	VCS Availed	No. of Programmes conducted by DLSPs on VCS in district
Ahmednagar	111	46	5	0	209	2	2	0
Ahmednagar	48	43	2	0	98	4	1	0
Ahmednagar (Central Police Station - Rural)	45	149	4	0	248	25	0	0
Ahmednagar (Commissionerate + Rural)	89	190	6	0	245	25	0	0
Besud	44	76	2	0	164	0	0	0
Bhamburda	17	29	2	0	58	0	0	0
Bhamburda	44	32	4	0	90	0	0	0
Chandrapur	29	34	4	0	87	4	4	2
Dhule	25	39	0	0	77	0	2	0
Dhule	42	49	0	0	104	0	1	7
Gadchiroli	38	21	0	0	89	0	0	10
Hingoli	87	33	1	0	99	0	0	0

Jalgaon	72	71	4	0	147	2	2	1
Jalna	40	33	6	0	118	0	0	0
Kolhapur	41	43	7	0	127	3	0	0
Lata	39	41	1	0	102	4	0	26
Mumbai (Commissionerate Railway)	135	256	0	1	433	3	2	0
Nagpur (Commissionerate + Rural - Railway)	144	129	8	0	281	7	0	0
Nanded	40	55	1	0	116	14	0	42
Nandurbar	31	26	2	0	55	0	0	0
Nashik (Commissionerate Rural)	144	121	4	0	269	0	0	0
Navi Mumbai	48	27	1	0	77	0	0	0
Osmanabad	20	41	1	0	81	0	0	0
Palghar	42	38	2	0	120	0	0	0
Parbhani	45	38	1	0	129	5	1	0
Pune (Commissionerate Rural - Railway)	207	243	21	1	662	18	12	0
Rajal	33	30	0	0	71	0	0	0
Ratnagiri	14	10	4	0	28	1	1	0
Sangli	54	51	2	0	110	0	0	0
Satara	57	59	0	122	0	0	0	0
Sindhodurg	4	4	0	7	25	0	0	0
Solapur (Commissionerate Rural)	55	118	4	1	308	2	0	1
Talore (Commissionerate Rural)	159	188	11	0	379	4	0	0
Wardha	46	34	5	58	0	0	0	0
Waranan	28	33	4	0	65	0	0	0
Yavatmal	75	71	7	0	153	4	2	25
Total	2524				3411	103	26	125

Important events & Achievements

- The number of children (child victims, children of victims, child in difficult situation) in contact with DISHA has reached to 106.
- DISHA is selected as a Nodal Centre in Amravati by STAFI for a collaborative construct & hosted an organization Development program for member NGOs, in Visakhapatnam.
- Selection of Helpline project till Semi-final round of M40 (Mobile for Good) event by Vodafone Company.
- Selected by The Pollution Project, for its seed grant award.
- DISHA's work presented in Nirman October Camp at SEARCTI Gadchiroli, which was very well received and appreciated by Dr. Abhijit Bang, Anuraj Bang, and other social change-makers present there.
- Collaboration with Rotary Club Amravati for raising 'Livelihood opportunities' for 25 needy victims.
- Selection of two research papers at seminar on "Victims and the Criminal Justice System" arranged by Institute of Correctional Administration (ICA) and Haryana Police Department at Haryana Panchkula.
- Received permission from Superintendent of Police Pune to intervene in cases from 36 Police stations on 14th March 2017.
- Received permission for conducting awareness sessions on 'Child Sexual Abuses' in all Municipal Corporation schools in Amravati by Education Department on 8th February 2017.
- Received Permission for mobile Help desk at 30 Rural Police Stations in Amravati on 1st February 2017.

Capacity Building of DISHA's Staff

- Selection of Mr. Pravin Khandopale for Post Graduate Programme in Development Management in S.P. Jain Institute of Management, Mumbai.
- Mr. Muresh Khandopale & Mr. Pravin Khandopale completed certificate course in counselling.

Success Stories

Case - 1

Victim was a 4.5 years old girl at the time of incidence. She belongs to a poor family living in rural area. Her father was a construction worker, mother a housewife, her younger brother was 7 months old then at the time of incidence.

Her mother used to drop her to and pick-up from Anganwadi in her area. The accused was a 35 year old man residing near Anganwadi. He had previous record of charges of sexual assault on him.

On incidence date the accused took the advantage of victim girl being alone after school-time, near school premises and forcibly picked her and took to his house, locked her and was just about to exploit her sexually, but the girl raised alarm by shouting loudly and her mother & Anganwadi Sevika, who were searching for her, reached the spot and rescued her. The accused fled from the spot. Then the victim's family lodged complaint in police station against this habitual criminal.

Then the case was referred to DISHA by the police. DISHA's social worker provided moral support, counselling and guidance to the shocked and traumatized victim family. The social worker provided legal guidance to get photography of FIR and avail from Manodhantrya Scheme.

Besides that the worker assisted them in filing application of 'Bai-Sangopan Yojana'. Also the worker had noticed a rare skin disease on victim's hands and legs causing lot of stigma and indifferent treatment to child and hence DISHA provided medical aid and emergency assistance time to time.

Meanwhile the father of victim girl died due to heart attack and the mother started facing harassment from her in-laws. DISHA intervened by providing socio-legal guidance and counselling to prevent domestic violence and to help her sustain in her house. For her rehabilitation DISHA explored livelihood opportunity through a collaborative project with Rotary Club Anuvam. But because of her inability to work due to responsibility of her toddlers, DISHA has kept the saved money amount freeze in a fix-deposit account. Also through a health camp from Rotary Club, DISHA helped victim girl to undergo an advanced plastic surgery and get relief from the rare skin disease. If this surgery was not available, the possible option recommended by doctors was to undergo surgery after 18 years of age but the skin disease would have spread over the body by then. With this plastic surgery 60% to 70 % of diseased skin portion is relieved. After the surgery victim girl is happy as her visible portion of body looks normal like other children.

Case - 2

Victim was a boy in 11th standard. He was returning from a same-off function of his tuition-class. While on his way, some boys were making noise on the road in front of accused's house. The family residing in the house got disturbed by the noise, and a woman came out and told the children not to make noise as her child was sleeping. On this the children did not pay attention. The woman then told her husband about this. Annoyed by this he came out and attacked the boys. The man was first beating another boy when the victim boy went to intervene. This man then started beating the victim boy with fists and kick blows on his head and chest. He was told by other boys that the victim have had a heart surgery in past, and to not to beat him, but to no effect. The boy felt unconscious and was declared brought dead by the doctors.

This boy was the only son of his family and his family was in poor and socio-economically backward strata and have spent all their saving on medical treatment of this only son.

DISHA received referral of this case from police station, paid home-visit provided socio-legal guidance and counseling to the parents of the deceased, who were in severe trauma of losing the child.

DISHA learnt that the court had ordered a bail to accused on condition of paying compensation of Rs 2 lakhs to the victim family. However the victim family had not received the amount and did not know court procedures to take follow-up. DISHA assisted them in court and through rigorous efforts and follow-up succeeded in availing them the ordered amount from court.

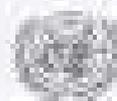
Besides that DISHA assisted them to apply for Victim Compensation scheme, provided them emergency assistance in the meantime whenever needed. DISHA also helped them to find other livelihood options and helped them to get seed-money for livelihood through collaborative project of Rotary Club Amravati.

FUTURE PLAN

- DISHA discovered that DISHA's vision which was established in 2009, matches with UN's Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) number 16 declared in 2016. These SDGs will be reviewed/evaluated in 2020. DISHA too, on these lines plans to create measurable benchmarks or support mechanism for victims of crime in India.
- DISHA's ultimate vision is to bring Victim Oriented Law in India and for that, in next phase plans are made to advocate on policy level for creating environment and structure for Victim's rights with Information, Treatment, Restitution & Compensation.

Besides that DISHA has some plans that will be implemented immediately in next year:

- Transition of Victim Help Desk into Mobile Help Desk with geographic expansion increased visibility & accessibility to people in need.
- Focus on mental well-being of victim / family with help of the Mental Health Mission or other Expert.
- Rehabilitation resource directory for 18 districts of Vidarbha region.



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS





SDG Goal #16: PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS

Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development and provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels

Strengthen the culture of transparency and integrity in public administration

End abuse, exploitation, trafficking and all forms of violence against children and adolescents

Appeal

DISHA understands that change cannot be brought by single person / entity and hence wants to keep strengthening its network, keep meeting people like you! And spread the word for victim's issue for together we can!

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