

# **Proposed Global Grant (GG)**

At

**Tribal Schools, Shahapur (Thane District), India**

## **Project NIRMAL**

*Maharashtra Tribal School's Outreach Initiative*

**Rural School Sanitation Infrastructure**

by

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## **Maharashtra Tribal School's Outreach Initiative Rural School Sanitation Infrastructure**

An exhaustive survey conducted across educational institutions in Maharashtra exposed acute sanitary deficiencies. Notably, present lavatory infrastructure proved grossly insufficient relative to student enrollment, necessitating the prioritized construction of new lavatory facilities for both male and female pupils. Although a subset of schools possessed access to potable water resources, whether through artesian wells or municipal supply, a substantial proportion lacked adequate or functional sanitary provisions. From an initial group of nineteen schools surveyed, four were designated as requiring immediate intervention, specifically the construction of new lavatory blocks or the refurbishment of existing ones. These four institutions, identified as being in critical need, are situated in Dolkhamb, Shenve, Dhasai, and Taharpur, within the Shahapur Taluka.

### **Proposed Project Beneficiaries:**

**The intended beneficiaries of this project are many, including:**

- **Students (Grades 5-12):**

- Principally, the pupils, both male and female, attending the designated educational institutions who presently suffer inadequate sanitary provisions. This project will lead to substantial enhancements to their health and hygiene.

Name of School	Place	No. of boys	No. of girls	Total no. of students
Sant Dnyaneshwar Vidyamandir	Taharpur	243	219	462
Shenve Vibhag High School and Jr. College	Shenve	309	333	642
Swa Sai Kisanbaba Vidyamandir	Dhasai	174	170	344
New English School	Dolkhamb	562	506	1,068
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,288</b>	<b>1,228</b>	<b>2,516</b>

- **School Personnel:**

- Educators and support staff who utilize the school's sanitation infrastructure will also

provide advantage from the improved conditions.

- **The Broader Community:**

- The increase of sanitation within the schools is expected to generate a beneficial effect upon the nearby tribal communities, fostering the adoption of superior hygiene practices.

The following photographic documentation illustrates the current state of the lavatories, which are in a state of disrepair, making them either unusable or severely compromised in their functionality.



Therefore, reconstruction is crucial to save these premises from their ruined condition to a viable state, securing students' access to basic sanitary services and nurturing a more favorable and healthful learning atmosphere.



## **Students and Staff of Tribal Schools at their job**

The lack of sanitary facilities across four tribal schools, catering to a combined population of more than 2,500 students and staff, has caused a harmful environment. This insufficiency has caused instances of open defecation, thereby instigating significant health and hygiene hazards. Moreover, the shortage of proper sanitation has led to absenteeism among female students during menstruation, severely impacting their educational progress and compromising their complete well-being. Principals, educators, and support personnel are similarly impacted by these terrible conditions, fostering an unsanitary and difficult educational environment.



## **Collaboration with Rotary and Non-Governmental Organizations:**

The Rotary Club of Thane Hiranandani Legends had previously organized Mega Programme 'PROJECT NAVRANG' for 1250 tribal children appearing for 10th Standard Exams living in various villages of Shahapur in December 2024. While interacting with the school teachers, Principals and students during the Project, the Club identified the sanitation and hygiene issues and decided to take up the issue. Further, since NGO Fandry Foundation works at grass root level with the tribal schools in Shahapur and identifies various issues, the Rotary Club of Thane Hiranandani Legends have requested them to participate in completing Project Nirmal.

Thus, the Fandry Foundation, our esteemed non-governmental partner, will provide necessary local and statutory support for this initiative. Situated within the remote tribal regions of Maharashtra, the project's successful execution depends upon their invaluable on-the-ground assistance. The Rotary Club of Thane Hiranandani Legends, having previously accomplished a fruitful alliance with the Fandry Foundation on club-level initiatives, brings a history of collaborative value to this undertaking.

## **Proposed Initiative: Upgrading Sanitary Conditions in Maharashtra Tribal Schools:**

This initiative seeks to address the critical sanitary shortfall that exists in four designated tribal schools, located within the remote areas of Maharashtra. A thorough survey has exposed the presence of inadequate and, frequently, unusable lavatory facilities, causing hygiene deficiencies, open defecation, and increased absenteeism, particularly among female pupils. To address this problem, the project will undertake the construction of new sanitary blocks and the renovation of existing facilities, thereby providing segregated and functional sanitation for more than 2,500 students and support staff.

Priority has been given to schools having existing water resources, whether through bore wells or gram panchayat supply, to ensure the project's sustainable maintenance. Details of the water resources available at the schools identified for implementation of Project NIRMAL, have been listed herein under:

Name of School	Place	No. of boys	No. of girls	Total no. of students	Water Resource
Sant Dnyaneshwar Vidyamandir	Taharpur	243	219	462	Gram Panchayat supply

Shenve Vibhag High School and Jr. College	Shenve	309	333	642	<b>Borewell</b>
Swa Sai Kisanbaba Vidyamandir	Dhasai	174	170	344	<b>Borewell</b>
New English School	Dolkhamb	562	506	1,068	<b>Borewell</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,288</b>	<b>1,228</b>	<b>2,516</b>	

Further, the Fandry Foundation, a non-governmental organization capable with localized expertise and a proven track record in securing statutory approvals, will serve as a critical partner in the project's implementation. The Rotary Club of Thane Hiranandani Legends, building upon its successful collaborations with the Fandry Foundation, will provide oversight and support throughout the project's duration. The project's successful completion will yield significant improvements in hygiene, attendance, and the overall educational environment for students and staff, thereby creating a useful influence upon the wider tribal communities.

### **Project Cost Estimate:**

An estimated cost for undertaking the provision of toilet block facility in the four identified schools is given hereunder:

<b>Name of School</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>No. of boys</b>	<b>No. of girls</b>	<b>Total no. of students</b>	<b>Estimated No. of toilets for boys</b>	<b>Estimated No. of toilets for girls</b>	<b>Estimated Cost</b>
Sant Dnyaneshwar Vidyamandir	Taharpur	243	219	462	2 WC 6 Urinals 2 Washbasin	2 WC 4 Urinals 2 Washbasin	Rs. 6.5 lacs
Shenve Vibhag High School and Jr. College	Shenve	309	333	642	2 WC 6 Urinals 2 Washbasin	2 WC 4 Urinals 2 Washbasin	Rs. 6.5 lacs
Swa Sai Kisanbaba Vidyamandir	Dhasai	174	170	344	2 WC 6 Urinals 2 Washbasin	2 WC 4 Urinals 2 Washbasin	Rs. 6.5 lacs
New English School	Dolkhamb	562	506	1,068	2 WC 7 Urinals 2 Washbasin	3 WC 4 Urinals 2 Washbasin	Rs. 10 lacs
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,288</b>	<b>1,228</b>	<b>2,516</b>			<b>Rs.29.5 lacs</b>

*\* Please note that the school wise detailed cost estimates are provided as enclosures to this document.*

## **Operational Governance, Proprietary Rights, Authorizations, and Provisions:**

### **Proprietary and Operational Responsibilities:**

The newly constructed lavatory facilities shall be handed over to the respective tribal schools. These amenities, situated within the school premises, will fall under the scope of the schools' established security protocols.

### **Regulatory Authorizations:**

Mandatory statutory permissions are a prerequisite for project implementation. The Rotary Club is working on getting the requisite approvals for the project.

### **Enduring Maintenance:**

Since the lavatory facility will be handed over to the beneficiary schools once constructed, the onus will be on these schools including the students, teachers and faculty for maintenance of the said facility. The Rotary Club will guarantee the allocation of resources for the sustained upkeep and periodic expenditures associated with the lavatory facilities, thereby ensuring their long-term functionality and usability. Further, the Rotary Club along with NGO Fandry Foundation will make periodic visits to the beneficiary schools to keep a check on the facility.

### **Vendor Identification, Selection, and Contractual Negotiations:**

All proposed material provisions have been meticulously identified. Comprehensive technical and definitive commercial negotiations were conducted collaboratively by Rotarians from RC Thane Hiranandani Legends and the relevant school authorities.

### **Conflict of Interest Mitigation Policy:**

To ensure impartiality, it is affirmed that no club members, their familial relations, nor their associates maintain any connection with the supplier.

### **Project Stewardship:**

All project management responsibilities are undertaken by Rotarians of our club, at no cost to the project. Consequently, 100% of the funds received will be allocated exclusively to the proposed project objectives.

**Conclusion:**

The Rotary Club of Thane Hiranandani Legends believes that this initiative would address the critical sanitary deficit prevalent in four designated tribal schools, located within the remote vicinities of Maharashtra. The project's successful culmination will yield significant improvements in hygiene, attendance, and the overall educational environment for students and staff, thereby exerting a salutary influence upon the wider tribal communities.

**THANK YOU**

***Enclosures:***

- 1. Big Toilet Block Estimate*
- 2. Double Toilet Block Estimate*