

# TORPA-INDIA NEWS

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## Empowering Rural Women!

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Like every year, International Women's Day has been at the core of Torpa Rural Development Society for Women. Before this, there was a workshop on **Women Empowerment and Awareness** for 145 women from Torpa and Rania blocks on 7 February, 2019 supported by IGSSS. Bee-keeping, information on government schemes and plans for the upcoming women's day were discussed during the meeting.



International Women's Day was celebrated with élan, to recognise the collective efforts of women from 71 villages of Torpa and Rania Blocks. The event was attended by nearly 4000 women on 13 March, 2019 at Torpa Rural Development Society for Women (TRDSW), Khunti district, Jharkhand. Vijayata Verma, Project Officer - EdelGive Foundation was the special guest, who after the event interacted with the self help groups in their respective villages to discuss their progress. Niraj Kumar, Project Officer IGSSS also graced the occasion. This year's theme was **Women Power >> Progress for Society** translated in Hindi as नारी शक्ति >> समाज की उन्नति.

# Tribute to St Madeleine Sophie

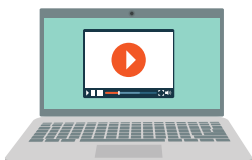


25 May 2019 Feast of St Madeleine Sophie was marked by a **creative capacity building** exercise for 25 TRDSW staff by Sisters Mariaelena and Charu.

**Opening prayer:** "to enjoy the present moment".

And spoke of our Holy Mother wanting to go to the ends of the earth for the sake of just one child. To know and understand my purpose/objective as an educator in the project. And what is the outcome we hope to achieve for the organisation. Teaching beyond the classroom means to have an all round education. For that each one was asked to **design a logo** in groups. The morning was well spent as the sharings were spontaneous.

**Our context:** The project location is difficult forest terrain. Major inhabitants are the Munda tribal communities who are forced to endure the conflict between the Government and the Maoists. Amidst the challenges faced St. Madeleine Sophie came alive - to have a heart of an EDUCATOR in Topra.



**Integrated approach to Technology in Education (ITE)** supported by Tata Trusts. An IT Mela had been organised on 29 January, 2019. School students displayed their IT Skills with a live demo of traffic signal lights, fire light sensor, curriculum based demo of scientific agriculture, water pollution and slide presentations.



*I want to thank God for getting to know St. Madeleine Sophie as a great Educator —  
Rajni Nawaranji,  
Project Coordinator*

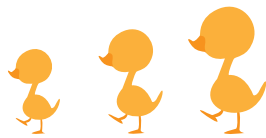


## Education

As a part of a **Educational Exposure Trip**, 20 community teachers and 6 TRDSW staff visited Muktangan in Mumbai that run a BMC school at Worli. They learned new learnings in teaching pedagogy, creative and joyful learning skills and a print rich environment.

Sr. Marie Noronha shared our philosophy of education with the group and spoke of our Holy mother and her passion for education and empowerment of women. The group also visited the Sophia institutions : College, Women's Center, Nursery school, Polytechnic and Sadhana school.





## Sustainable Livelihood

Ducks and Piglets were distributed to a total of 100 Households in Torpa and Rania blocks. Each household received 12 ducks + a pair of piglets during the month of March 2019. Supported by EdelGive Foundation for **Sustainable Livelihood**.



## Domestic Workers Project: Human Trafficking

**Awareness programs** were conducted during the year at the village, school and block level. The domestic workers project was supported by Chetanalaya, Delhi.

**Awareness campaign** on the Rights of Domestic Workers in Metropolitan cities in which topics like Child Marriage Act, Child Labour Rights and Anti Human Trafficking were discussed. Also, social violence, physical harassment of women, black magic/witchcraft rituals and anti-human trafficking were dealt with during the program.

Mrs. Aradhna Singh (Ex-DSP Khunti) was the Chief Speaker talking about the **condition of victims in cities and rural areas** to a group on 300 women.



**Library setup** at Ulihatu and Pitaytoli villages of Khunti district with special efforts from our program staff and school children.

Another library setup taking place at Iccha centre - a combined effort of our program staff and school children. We continue our belief with the idea: "पढ़ो और आगे बढ़ो" (**Learn and Go Forward**)

