

Success Story

Smt Savitribai Sondkar has been associated with Samaj Seva Kendra (SSK) since its inception in 1974. She was illiterate but had a strong urge to improve the social environment of Akurdi area. Under the guidance of Brig. N V Bal she motivated and collected other ladies around SSK. They identified the problem areas like health, family planning, nutrition, sanitation, education, alcoholism and lack of women empowerment. The male members of the society opposed her efforts to empower women, but she continued undeterred even putting her own safety in jeopardy. She wrote poems for children and was a good singer.



Through her devotional songs she could motivate people on development related issues. She has done yeomen service by promoting family planning operations. Throughout her long association with SSK she has been spreading social messages in Akurdi area through poems and songs. Now she is a local celebrity.

Smt. Sondkar says, ***“The opportunity given by SSK has altered my life and that of my family. Today my children are well placed in their own businesses. I am confident that the women social workers of SSK and families of Bajaj Auto workers could change the socio economic environment of Akurdi area. Initially we had to make an effort to bring people to the Kendra. Today they come on their own.”***

