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6.1 Introduction :-

Social development makes link between the 'human needs' and 'quality of life'. Social development depends on gross net welfare of the society or community. Presently, it concerns with prevention of degradation of environment, preservation of scared natural resources or finding alternatives to them, population control and so on. It also concern with the basic needs like nutrition, education, housing, employment and leisure for the social development. In social development functional participation is more important. Only with the active support of the villagers Kavathepiran Gram Panchayat could get a grand success to stand as a model for social development.

Women and youth clubs were actively done the community mobilization and micro planning in the selective blocks of the village. So that it is possible to enable the development of physical infrastructure as well as provide support to Panchayat of Kavathepiran because of involvement of women and youth the Gram Panchayat could improved the enrolments, attendance and active participation of the people. Students in the villagers are also actively participating for making the awareness about environmental protection and other activities of the village.

6.2 Social development of women in Kavathepiran :-

Social development is about freedom of thought and speech, freedom to participate in decision-making and freedom to work without social bondage. Social development of women also demands equality of opportunities. The analysis of women development includes the education, vocational and professional training, workforce participation, health and political participation etc. Women in Kavathepiran were very orthodox in nature before the implementation of TSC programme. But the speeches of Leaders and Communication officer of the district effectively encouraged the women to do something for the village. The women promptly helped for implementing the awareness programme in the village. They attended the meetings, seminars, participated in rally, *Padyatra* etc. Because of this programme women were getting much more freedom to develop themselves. Especially they are easy to discuss their problems in the ladies meeting of the village. The officers, representatives of NGOs and youth clubs made them ready to create the demand for individual toilet facility in their own house. It helped to change the status of women in Kavathepiran. Women in Kavathepiran were lived very traditionally but when the developmental programmes are activated in the village there was a drastic change had been took place regarding the environment cleanliness and health consciousness.

Women in Kavathepiran are now, using the '**Samadhan Chul**' which are very safe from the air pollution. They get the information of health and environment from the various programme arranged by the Gram Panchayat. Self help groups in the village, college and school girls are also make the awareness of environment to them. The women were not cleaning their houses regularly before the Abhiyaan. But after the Abhiyaan they have become very conscious about the clean and neat

kitchen. They are using a separate pot for drinking water. Clean their nails regularly, wash the hands before eating. They make habit of cleanliness after the toilet. Women are the most actively participated to implement these good habits in their houses from children to elder everybody had been aware about the affects of bad habits. The well known NGO – **Kamala Mahila Mandal** has activated in Miraj taluka. It helped the village Kavathepiran for creating awareness of hygiene and environmental cleanliness and health consciousness among the women.

The Table below depicts the effects of women leded Gram Panchayat.

Table No. 6.1
Effects of Mahila Gram Panchayat

Sr. No.	Effects	Respondents (%)
1	Easy to create awareness among the women	45
2	Understood problems of the women	15
3	Improve decision power	15
4	Above all changes	20
5	No change	5

According to the collected information, 45% people were told that **Mahila Gram Panchayat** could successfully do the work of creating awareness among the women in the village. The 15% people were agreed that it could really understand the problems of women of the open defecation. 15 % of the people were also remarked that it can be made possible to improve the decision making power of the women in the

village. 20% people were mentioned that above all changes are done by them and only 5% people noted that there is no change in the women.

6.3 Conclusion :-

The villagers were very actively participated in the implementation of the Total Sanitation Programme. They were gave better response to the success of the Campaign. Women, collage girls are sincerely took part in the awareness programme. They also encouraged making awareness for personal hygiene and physical cleanliness too. The women were not only changed themselves but also made discipline to change the family members. Youth clubs were very promptly done the collective programme like *Ganesh Mahotsawa*, *Dashhara* etc. Under the implementation of the programme the peoples were preferred to build their own toilets. So village has become free from sanitation problem. The houses are painted with the same (pink) colored as a symbol of integrity.