## PROMOTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLE INSTITUTIONS

THE BATTLE AGAINST POVERTY CAN BE SUCCESSFULLY FOUGHT WHEN POOR LEARN TO WORK TOGETHER AND THINK AND PLAN THEIR OWN DEVELOPMENT THROUGH COLLECTIVE ACTION.

In order to accomplish the above, Grama Vikas strongly believes that the best and only strategy is promotion of people's institutions to achieve sustainable development of the communities.

Grama Vikas has promoted a **FEDERATION OF WOMEN's SHGs** called **GRAMEENA MAHILA OKKUTA (GMO)** in 1994 and it is now an independent organization which is working for the rights and welfare of rural women in general and dalit women in particular.

Now, SHG promotion is the work of GMO. Grama Vikas extend its support to GMO in promotion of new SHGs.

Also supported GMO while it set the process to bring about 100 SHGs federations in the state to promote a **CONFEDERATION OF SHGs FEDERATIONS**.

Grama Vikas promoted the following people's institutions:

- Children's Clubs at village level
- Children's clubs at Grama Panchayat level
- Children's Federation at Project level
- Children's Federation at District level
- Village Development Councils
- Federation of Village Development Councils
- Tank Development Committees
- Citizens Forums at village level to participate in Good governance aspect of Grama Panchayats
- Strengthening of School Development and Management Committees instituted by the state government at GRAMA PANCHAYAT level, Taluk and district level. Also participated at the state level
- Strengthening the **BALA VIKAS SAMITHIS** constituted by the Integrated Child Development Scheme(ICDS) of the State Government.