

LOK JAGRITI SANSTHAN-LJS

Progress Report- 2024-2025

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LOK JAGRITI SANSTHAN
PROGRESS REPORT 2024-2025

MESSAGE FROM THE ORGANIZATION

Lok Jagriti Sansthan, a voluntary non-governmental organization, began its journey in the social development sector in 1999. Born out of a deep commitment to serve the underprivileged, our efforts have always been focused on uplifting the poor and marginalized, particularly women and children, in both urban and rural areas.

Over the past 26 years, our journey has been marked by dedication, resilience, and a steadfast resolve to empower those living on the margins of society. Year after year, we have renewed our efforts to support sustainable livelihoods and improve the standard of living for the most vulnerable, helping them integrate into the mainstream of society. Thousands of lives have been touched, and our reach continues to grow with time.

Beyond poverty alleviation, Lok Jagriti Sansthan has actively engaged in a wide range of sectors including education and literacy promotion, healthcare and nutrition, agricultural development, livelihood enhancement and self-employment, social justice and empowerment, leadership development, water and sanitation, and rural infrastructure development. Environmental sustainability and ecological conservation have also become key areas of concern in recent years.

Our developmental work in each of these sectors has been made possible through the generous support of our grantee organizations, donors, and well-wishers. Their financial and moral backing has been instrumental in enabling us to implement and expand our initiatives.

The year under review (2024–2025) witnessed progress on multiple fronts. The achievements we have made would not have been possible without the hard work, dedication, and discipline of our project staff and volunteers. Our sincere thanks go out to them, as well as to our members, consultants, and supporters whose contributions have been invaluable.

We are pleased to present this Annual Progress Report, which highlights our work and impact over the past year. We look forward to your continued support and cooperation as we strive to bring positive and lasting change to the lives of those we serve.


With
Arti Tripathi
General Secretary
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ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING

Date: 20th July 2024

Venue: Head Office, Village Pahunti, Post Saya, District Ambedkar Nagar Pin-224152

The 29th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Lok Jagriti Sansthan was held on 20th July 2024 at the organization's Head Office in Village Pahunti. The meeting was chaired by the President of the organization and attended by a majority of the Executive Committee members, along with several members of the General Body.

The President opened the meeting with a warm welcome to all attendees and briefly outlined the organization's ongoing humanitarian initiatives, key achievements, and its evolving role in addressing social development challenges. He emphasized the need for continued active participation from members to sustain and strengthen the organization's impact. He encouraged everyone to carry forward their work with renewed energy and commitment.

Presentation of Audited Financial Statement and Annual Report

Following the President's address, copies of the Audited Financial Statement and the Annual Report for the year **2024-2025** were distributed among the members.

The General Secretary, Smt. Arti Tripathi, then presented a detailed overview of the organization's key activities undertaken during the reporting year. She also outlined the proposed programs and focus areas for the upcoming financial year.

Members expressed overall satisfaction with the organization's performance. A few members raised specific queries regarding the implementation of certain projects. These queries were addressed in detail and to the satisfaction of those concerned.

Concluding Remarks by the General Secretary

In her concluding remarks, the General Secretary highlighted the need to expand the organization's reach, especially in light of growing demand for its services. She noted that while financial support from donors and grant agencies has been invaluable, the available resources remain insufficient to fully meet the increasing needs of beneficiaries.

She appealed to members to proactively engage in mobilizing additional resources and support to further enhance the organization's capacity. The General Secretary also expressed deep appreciation for the hard work and dedication of the project staff and management team. Special thanks were extended to donors and partner agencies whose timely support made the organization's achievements possible.


(Arti Tripathi)

General Secretary

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ORGANISATION PROFILE: LOK JAGRITI SANSTHAN

Registered Office:

Village Pahuti, Post Saya, District Ambedkar Nagar, Uttar Pradesh

Registration Number: 1238 (Date of Establishment: 14th January 1999)

FCRA Registration Number: 136780015

About the Organization

Lok Jagriti Sansthan was established on 14th January 1999 with the primary objective of empowering marginalized and underprivileged sections of society. The organization is registered under the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA) and has been actively involved in bringing awareness and support to the poor, orphans, differently-abled persons (Divyangjan), Dalits, minorities, women, children, elderly, and young girls regarding their civil rights, duties, and entitlements. A key goal of the organization is to promote and strengthen village self-governance.

Operational Area and Reach:

Currently, Lok Jagriti Sansthan is working with over **5,110 poor families** across **30 Gram Panchayats** located in the **Bhiti, Katehri, and Tanda** development blocks of **Ambedkar Nagar district, Uttar Pradesh**.

Focus Areas and Interventions:

- Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA)
- Public Distribution System (PDS)
- Social Security Schemes
- Right to Education (RTE)
- Livelihood development for flood-affected families
- Support and services for persons with disabilities (Divyangjan)

To further support persons with disabilities, the organization operates the **Vikas Day Care Center** in the Bhiti Development Block, providing much-needed care, education, and rehabilitation services.

VISION

To strengthen communal harmony and national unity for the establishment of a society full of equality and justice.

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To establish village self-government by creating mutual cooperation and self-supporting organizations in the villages.

OBJECTIVES

- **Behavior Change Communication (BCC):**
Promoting positive behavior change in individuals and communities through awareness, education, and engagement.
- **Community Ownership in Education:**
Encouraging local communities to take active ownership in promoting and sustaining quality education for all.
- **Skill Development and Sustainable Livelihoods:**
Building the skills and capacities of individuals to enable self-reliance and sustainable income generation.
- **Research and Evaluation:**
Conducting evidence-based research, impact assessments, and evaluation studies to guide effective program implementation.
- **Health Care and Sanitation:**
Promoting access to primary health care, hygiene practices, and improved sanitation facilities, especially in rural areas.
- **Promotion of Culture and Heritage:**
Preserving and promoting local cultural practices, traditions, and heritage to strengthen community identity and pride.
- **Women and Child Welfare:**
Implementing programs focused on the protection, development, and empowerment of women and children.
- **Development of Handicrafts and Cottage Industries:**
Supporting local artisans and entrepreneurs to sustain traditional crafts and boost rural economies.
- **Rights and Entitlements of Marginalized Groups:**
Advocating for and supporting access to legal rights, government schemes, and entitlements for the poor, marginalized, and minority communities.
- **Rural Infrastructure Development:**
Enhancing basic infrastructure in rural areas to improve quality of life and economic opportunities.
- **Environmental Protection and Sustainability:**
Promoting ecological conservation, climate resilience, and environmental awareness as part of rural development.
- **Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs):**
Running inclusive programs to support education, rehabilitation, and livelihood opportunities for persons with disabilities.

INFRASTRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT:

MANAGEMENT BODY:

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The organization is governed by a Board comprising **nine (09) members**. The key officers include the **Chairman, Vice-President, General Secretary, Secretary, and Treasurer**. The remaining four (04) members serve as **committee members**.

The Board convenes **quarterly meetings** on a regular basis. In addition to their **advisory roles**, Board members are actively engaged with the **thematic areas** of the organization, ensuring strategic alignment and oversight.

All programs are subject to review and evaluation by the **Quarterly Board of Assessors**. The Board is responsible for passing necessary **resolutions** before the submission of any programs or projects to **donor departments/agencies** for approval.

The Board maintains overall **supervision, control, and direction** in the following key areas to ensure efficiency and accountability:

- **Recruitment and appointments**
- **Procurement of equipment and materials**
- **Monitoring of financial and programmatic activities**

Through these functions, the Management Body ensures the organization operates effectively and achieves its intended outcomes.

PROGRAMME MONITORING:

The organization ensures effective programme monitoring through **regular monthly meetings** involving both **staff and volunteers**. These meetings are conducted in a **participatory manner**, where all programmatic decisions are made following **comprehensive discussions** to promote inclusivity and consensus.

A structured **reporting system** is in place, ensuring a **two-way flow of information**—both upward and downward—between field offices, management, and the Board. This open communication facilitates timely updates, issue resolution, and informed decision-making.

The **Board of the organization** also plays a key role in monitoring by **reviewing programme performance** and providing strategic **guidance and direction**. These actions are informed by regular **feedback from field offices**, allowing the organization to remain responsive, accountable, and aligned with its goals.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT:

The organization upholds the principles of **transparency and accountability** in all aspects of financial management. Accounts are maintained in a **systematic and organized manner** across all operational levels.

A **monthly financial statement** is prepared for each project to closely monitor financial performance and ensure budgetary compliance. All financial records, including **cash books and ledgers**, are **updated daily** to maintain accuracy and support real-time financial tracking.

For each project, **separate books of accounts** are maintained to ensure clear segregation of funds and proper reporting. These accounts are subject to **independent audit** by an **external auditor**, further reinforcing financial integrity and compliance with donor and regulatory requirements.

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HUMAN RESOURCE:

The organization benefits from a **strong and reliable human resource base**, ensuring that implementation of any programme is **never constrained by personnel limitations**.

A **dedicated core team** manages key functions such as **administration, finance, control, and organizational operations**. In addition, a committed group of **project-specific staff**—including **field workers, trainers, teachers, and volunteers**—are engaged in implementing various initiatives. All personnel are **well-qualified and experienced**, contributing effectively to the success of the organization's programs.

To further strengthen its technical capacity, the organization maintains a **panel of subject-matter experts**, whose services are enlisted **as needed**, depending on specific programme requirements.

The organization adheres to **sound human resource practices** in recruitment and appointments, ensuring transparency, fairness, and merit-based selection. An **enabling and supportive working environment** is fostered to help personnel realize their **full potential**, thereby enhancing overall programme performance and impact.

CURRENT ROLE AND PRIORITIES:

Lok Jagriti Sansthan functions as a **socioeconomic development organization** with a strong focus on reaching the **grassroots**, particularly targeting **deprived and disadvantaged communities**. Its core mission is to empower individuals to become **self-reliant** and access **better opportunities** for a dignified life.

The organization actively works to **expand its membership base** by engaging **like-minded individuals** committed to **selfless service**. At the community level, it continues to induct **dedicated volunteers**, aiming not only to support marginalized populations but also to **nurture local leadership**, especially among the youth.

Across all its programs, **special emphasis is placed on women, children, and youth**, recognizing their crucial role in shaping a resilient and progressive society.

In addition to implementation, Lok Jagriti Sansthan plays a strong **advocacy role**, consistently voicing the **concerns and grievances of marginalized groups** before relevant authorities. The organization advocates for the **approval and execution of humanitarian schemes and development programs** that can significantly improve the lives of the underserved.

Through these sustained efforts, the organization has successfully **uplifted thousands of poor individuals** across multiple districts, enabling them to **integrate into the mainstream** and contribute meaningfully to society.

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PROGRAM ACTIVITY

WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT INITIATIVES:

In the **Katehri Development Block**, a total of **5721 women** have been mobilized and organized into **20 Women's Unions (Nari Sanghs)** formed between **2007 and March 2025**. These women have been successfully linked to various **social security schemes** run by the **Government of India** and the **Government of Uttar Pradesh**.

Key schemes facilitated include:

- Janani Suraksha Yojana (JSY)
- Maternity Benefit Scheme
- Ujjwala Yojana
- Old Age Pension
- Divyang Pension
- Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY)
- Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao



Alongside ensuring access to these schemes, the organization has worked to **enhance the skills of women**, increase **awareness and sensitization**, and promote **active participation** in development processes.

The **Nari Sanghs** have also played a vital role in:

- Advocating for and accessing **services under the Domestic Violence Act, 2005**
- **Monitoring and ensuring regularization** of the **Gram Sabha** meetings
- **Improving transparency and efficiency** in the **Public Distribution System (PDS)**
- Collaborating with **government functionaries** to strengthen delivery of entitlements

These efforts have significantly contributed to **women's empowerment** and **social justice** at the grassroots level.

CAPACITY BUILDING WITH VOLUNTEERS & WORKERS

The organization places strong emphasis on **capacity building** as a key strategy for enhancing the **effectiveness and sustainability** of its programs. Special focus is given to strengthening the skills and knowledge of both **volunteers** and **field-level workers**, who form the backbone of community-level implementation.



- **Regular Training Programs:** Conducted on topics such as community mobilization, leadership, communication, gender sensitization, health and hygiene, legal rights (e.g., Domestic Violence Act, PDS entitlements), and government welfare schemes.

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Workshops and Exposure Visits: Organized to provide practical insights, peer learning opportunities, and awareness of best practices from other regions or organizations.

- **Skill Enhancement Sessions:** Focused on improving soft skills (teamwork, conflict resolution, time management) as well as technical skills specific to project themes (e.g., education, health, livelihood, social security).
- **On-the-Job Support & Mentoring:** Volunteers and workers receive continuous handholding, guidance, and feedback from senior staff and subject matter experts to reinforce learning and build confidence.
- **Evaluation and Feedback Mechanisms:** Periodic assessments are conducted to identify gaps, measure growth, and design need-based refresher trainings.

CLEAN INDIA CAMPAIGN (SWACHH BHARAT ABHIYAN)

As part of its commitment to **public health, sanitation, and environmental sustainability**, the organization has actively participated in the **Clean India Campaign (Swachh Bharat Abhiyan)** — a national movement initiated by the Government of India.

Key Initiatives Undertaken:

- **Awareness Drives:** Conducted regular **cleanliness awareness campaigns** in villages, schools, markets, and public spaces to educate people on the importance of hygiene, sanitation, and waste management.
- **Community Mobilization:** Mobilized **volunteers, youth groups, women's unions**, and local leaders to take ownership of cleanliness efforts in their communities, fostering a sense of collective responsibility.
- **Sanitation Facilities:** Promoted the **construction and proper usage of toilets**, especially in rural and underserved areas, supporting the goals of an **Open Defecation Free (ODF)** society.
- **Cleanliness Drives:** Organized **village-level cleanliness drives**, involving cleaning of roads, drains, water bodies, schools, Anganwadi centres, and public facilities.
- **School Involvement:** Conducted cleanliness competitions, wall painting, and rallies with **school children** to create awareness and instill a culture of hygiene from an early age.
- **Waste Management:** Educated communities on **solid and liquid waste management**, including the segregation of waste at the household level and the use of composting techniques.

Impact:

These initiatives have led to **visible improvements in public hygiene**, enhanced **community awareness**, and **behavioral change** among residents, especially in remote and marginalized areas. The campaign has also strengthened partnerships between the community, local governance bodies, and other stakeholders in sanitation efforts.

FAMILY WELFARE INITIATIVES

The organization has been actively involved in promoting **family welfare and health awareness** at the grassroots level by disseminating vital information on government health services available in villages.


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- **Health Information Dissemination:** The institution educates communities about various **health and family welfare schemes** provided by the **Health Department**, with a focus on **maternal and child health, vaccination, and nutrition**.
- **Referral Services:** Special attention is given to **malnourished children**, particularly in the context of the **COVID-19 pandemic**, by connecting them with appropriate **referral services** for timely medical care.
- **Immunization Campaigns:** Information is provided on the importance of **vaccinating pregnant women and children**, ensuring safe pregnancies and healthier futures for infants.
- **Family Planning Awareness:** The program also promotes the concept of a **small and happy family**, encouraging informed decisions on **birth spacing** and use of family planning methods.
- **Male Sterilization and Its Benefits:** Detailed information was shared on **male sterilization**, addressing myths and highlighting health and economic benefits. This session was conducted by **local health workers** and facilitated by **Ms. Neelam Pandey**.

Program Highlight:

A special **health awareness camp** was organized at the **Ambedkar Community Development Center, Katchari**, where local residents received counseling and materials related to family welfare schemes and health services.

HEALTH CAMPAIGN PROGRAM — MENTAL RETARDATION, CEREBRAL PALSY, AUTISM, MULTI-DISABILITY

On **21 February 2025**, the organization conducted a **health awareness camp** at the Block Headquarters, Bhati focused on the health and well-being of individuals affected by **autism, cerebral palsy, mental retardation, and multiple disabilities**. A total of **45 participants** attended the program.

During the camp, **Dr. Vinod Kumar** provided important insights on these conditions:

- **Mental Retardation:** Dr. Kumar explained that mental retardation often results from **oxygen deprivation for about one hour during childbirth**, leading to lifelong cognitive delays. A child with mental retardation may have a mental age **6 to 10 years behind peers**. For example, a 10-year-old child might have the mental development similar to that of a 4-year-old.
- **Autism:** Autism is a **congenital (present from birth) disability**. While the mental development of children with autism may be comparable to other children, they tend to prefer **solitude** and often have limited social interaction. Such children are sometimes mistakenly labeled as "insane." However, with **special education and appropriate support**, these children can lead meaningful lives. Dr. Kumar emphasized that medication should only be taken under strict medical guidance to allow full development.
- **Cerebral Palsy:** This is also a **congenital disability** where children may experience **tremors in their hands and feet** but often have mental abilities similar to typical children. With **proper education and care**, children with cerebral palsy can lead fulfilling lives.

The camp aimed to raise awareness among families and caregivers about these disabilities, emphasizing the importance of **early intervention, specialized education, and supportive care** to improve quality of life for affected individuals.



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HANDICRAFT TRAINING PROGRAM

The organization is successfully conducting a **Handicraft Training Program** at the residence of **Malti Devi** in **Shravan Kshetra Bazar**. The program aims to promote **skill development and self-reliance** among **teenage girls** by utilizing **locally available materials**.

Key Highlight

- A total of **220 teenage girls** have been trained in **five batches** under this program.
- The training includes the making of:
 - **Mats** using locally sourced materials
 - **Hand fans**
 - **Mani (beaded ornaments or items)**
 - **Dolchi (traditional small bags)**
 - **Singardani (traditional vanity boxes or storage items)**
- These girls are now **successfully applying their skills**, producing handcrafted items and generating income to **support their personal expenses**.

This initiative not only empowers rural adolescent girls through **vocational skills**, but also preserves **traditional crafts** and encourages **entrepreneurial spirit** at the grassroots level.

TOBACCO CONTROL PROGRAM

Recognizing the widespread use of tobacco and its harmful effects on public health, the organization undertook a comprehensive **Tobacco Control Awareness Program** aimed at reducing tobacco consumption in the community.

- Approximately **75% of the local population** was found to be involved in **tobacco use** in various forms (smoking and chewing).
- To raise awareness, the organization distributed **500 educational posters** developed by the **State Tobacco Control Board**. These posters highlighted the severe health risks associated with tobacco consumption, including:
 - **Asthma and chronic cough**
 - **Various forms of cancer**
 - **Impotence and reproductive issues**
 - **Digestive system disorders**
 - **Vision loss and related problems**
- The campaign covered a population of nearly **51000 people**, delivering strong messages about the importance of quitting tobacco.
- Community members were encouraged to **declare their homes as "tobacco-free"**, symbolically by **planting trees**—promoting both a healthy lifestyle and environmental awareness.



RURAL AGRICULTURE PROGRAM

The organization is actively engaged in promoting **economic empowerment** through **agricultural innovation** among women farmers in its operational area.

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- The program focuses on **48 women farmers from 7 villages** who are participating in experimental agriculture to enhance their livelihoods.
- With the **technical support of Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Pati Ambedkar Nagar**, these women cultivated **paddy using the System of Rice Intensification (SRI) method** over an area of **2 hectare**.
- The results were remarkable, with the women achieving **four times higher paddy yield** compared to traditional cultivation methods.
- This success has sparked widespread interest in the community, encouraging other small-scale farmers to adopt the **SRI method** on their lands.
- The initiative effectively conveyed the message that by adopting improved agricultural techniques, even farmers with limited landholdings can produce enough grain to meet their annual needs.

This program not only enhances agricultural productivity but also **empowers women farmers** by increasing their income and promoting sustainable farming practices.

✚ **CHILDREN'S LEGAL GUARDIAN PROGRESS:**

A total of 17 persons with disabilities have been identified so far by the workers of **Jagriti Vikas Kendra** for obtaining legal guardianship. Among them, **Kailash, Rajwati** have successfully submitted their online applications for legal guardianship. The remaining cases were initially delayed due to incomplete documentation. However, the necessary documents have now been submitted to the concerned officer, and the respective beneficiaries have proceeded to apply for legal guardianship online.

✚ **REGISTRATION OF CHILDREN UNDER NIRAMAYA BIMA YOJANA:**

Out of 47 children associated with **Jagriti Vikas Kendra**, a total of **33 children** have been successfully registered in year 2025 under the **Niramaya Bima Yojana**.

Awareness was provided to the families about how to avail full benefits of the scheme. It was explained that beneficiaries are eligible for **medical treatment coverage of up to ₹2.5 lakhs** under the Niramaya Bima Yojana. However, in order to claim these benefits, treatment **must be availed from a government-registered hospital**. If treatment is taken from an unregistered practitioner or "satchel doctor," the insurance claim will not be approved.

✚ **BETI BACHAO, BETI PADHAO (TEACH DAUGHTER, SAVE DAUGHTER):**

In alignment with the Government of India's initiative to address the declining sex ratio in the country, the organization is placing special emphasis on the **Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao** campaign. Focused efforts are being made to raise awareness and promote the education and empowerment of the girl child within the community.

✚ **HUMAN RIGHTS PROGRAM**

On **10th December 2024**, **World Human Rights Day** was organized by the organization at **Ashok Inter College Memorial, Jivdharpur, Ambedkar Nagar**, with the active participation of **771 students**.

During the event, **Program Coordinator Rajesh Kumar Tripathi** emphasized the collective resolve to further strengthen **human rights, welfare, and justice for the deprived sections of society**. He highlighted that the **Central Government** has prioritized the **welfare and**


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development of weaker sections, stressing that **awareness of rights and access to solutions** are both essential for true empowerment.

Mr. Arti Tripathi also underlined the **critical role of local Panchayats** in the promotion and protection of human rights, noting that efforts have been made to empower them accordingly. He explained that the **human rights enshrined in the Indian Constitution** are not only legal protections but also **moral obligations**, which every individual must be aware of and uphold—free from discrimination.

✦ SURVEY OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

In the **Katehari** and **Bhiti** blocks, an identification campaign was conducted by the staff of **Lok Jagriti Sansthan** to recognize children with disabilities, including those with **Mental Retardation (MR)**, **Cerebral Palsy (CP)**, **Autism**, and **Multiple Disabilities**. As part of this campaign, a list of **25 children** falling under these categories was prepared. The necessary documentation for each child was completed, and applications for their **disability certificates** were submitted to the concerned authorities. This initiative aims to ensure that these children can be linked to government schemes and services designed for their care, support, and inclusion.



✦ VOTER AWARENESS RALLY ORGANIZED WITH THE SUPPORT OF DIFFERENTLY-ABLED CHILDREN

Bhiti, Ambedkar Nagar – May 02, 2024

Under the banner of Jagriti Vikas Kendra, Pichhwara, operated by **Lok Jagriti Sansthan**, Paunti village, Post Saya, District Ambedkar Nagar, a **Voter Awareness Rally** was organized with the enthusiastic participation of differently-abled children.

The rally was flagged off jointly by **Bar Association President Mr. Ram Anuj Pandey** and **Secretary Mr. Anand Prakash Srivastava** at the Bhiti Tehsil premises.

During the rally, children and local citizens raised impactful slogans such as:

- "Leave all your work behind, first go and vote"
- "Casting your vote is your duty, go and fulfill your responsibility"
- "Every citizen has this slogan – Voting is our right"
- "Vote is our right, don't let it go to waste"

The rally commenced from the **Bhiti Tehsil Office**, passed through **Bhiti Bazaar**, and concluded at the **Shiv Temple, Bhiti**.

A total of **110 participants** took part in the rally, and it successfully reached out to around **1601 people** present in the Tehsil and market areas, spreading awareness about the importance of voting. This event was especially commendable as differently-abled children actively participated, sending a strong message to society that voting is the foundation of democracy, and every citizen – regardless of ability – has a vital role to play in it.

✦ CELEBRATION OF DR. BHIMRAO AMBEDKAR'S 133RD BIRTH ANNIVERSARY

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Pichhwara, April 14, 2024

The 133rd birth anniversary of Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar was celebrated with great respect and enthusiasm at Jagriti Vikas Kendra, Pichhwara, an institution dedicated to skill development for differently-abled children. A total of 33 children participated in the program.

The ceremony began with a floral tribute and lamp lighting by two differently-abled children, Deepshikha and Lavkush Kumar, at the statue of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar. Addressing the children, Aarti Tripathi, head of the institution, shared insights into Dr. Ambedkar's life. She stated that Dr. Ambedkar was born on April 14, 1891, in a small village in Madhya Pradesh. He received his early education in the village and later moved to Mumbai with his father for higher education. She further emphasized that Dr. Ambedkar played a key role in shaping modern India. As the **Chairman of the Drafting Committee of the Indian Constituent Assembly**, he was instrumental in the creation of the Indian Constitution. His life continues to inspire generations, especially those striving for equality, education, and empowerment.

INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY CELEBRATED AT JAGRITI VIKAS KENDRA, PICHHWARA

Date: 21 June 2024

Location: Pichhwara Village, Ambedkar Nagar
District, Uttar Pradesh



In collaboration with Lok Jagriti Sansthan, Paunti, Ambedkar Nagar, and Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyan, New Delhi, a Yoga Awareness Program was conducted at Jagriti Vikas Kendra, Pichhwara on the occasion of International Yoga Day. The event witnessed active participation from differently-abled children studying at the center, along with local volunteers and staff members. The yoga session was conducted by physiotherapist and yoga instructor Mr. Durga Prasad from 8:30 AM to 10:00 AM, during which participants were guided through various yogic practices aimed at physical and mental well-being. While addressing the participants, the instructor explained that Yoga is an ancient physical, mental, and spiritual practice that originated in India. The word "Yoga" is derived from Sanskrit, meaning to join or to unite, symbolizing the union of body and consciousness. Today, yoga is practiced in various forms across the world, and its popularity continues to grow globally.

VOTER AWARENESS RALLY AND RANGOLI COMPETITION ORGANIZED



Date: 26 October 2024

Location: R.K. Pandey G.A.P.G. College Grounds, Saya, Ambedkar Nagar

A Voter Awareness Rally and Rangoli Competition was successfully organized on 26 October 2024 at the grounds of R.K. Pandey G.A.P.G. College, Saya, with the participation of students from 10 inter colleges. The event was held in collaboration with the District Deputy Election Officer (DDEO), Ambedkar Nagar, and Lok Jagriti Sansthan, Pahunti Saya Ambedkar Nagar.

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The objective of the program was to raise awareness among young voters and promote active participation in the democratic process through creative and educational activities. The program was actively supported and supervised by the **District School Inspector**, the **District Disability Empowerment Officer**, and the **Principal of Inter College, Ambedkar Nagar**, who played key roles in ensuring the event's success. Students showcased enthusiastic participation in both the rally and the rangoli competition, using colors and slogans to spread powerful messages about the importance of voting and democratic rights. Such initiatives are crucial in cultivating civic responsibility among the youth and encouraging informed and responsible voting in future elections.

**INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PERSONS WITH
DISABILITIES OBSERVED ON 3 DECEMBER
2024**

Location: Jagriti Vikas Kendra, Pichhwara,
Ambedkar Nagar, Uttar Pradesh

On the occasion of the **International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD)**, a special awareness program and legal aid camp was organized at **Jagriti Vikas Kendra, Pichhwara**, run by **Lok Jagriti Sansthan, Paunti**, in collaboration with the **District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Ambedkar Nagar**.



The event began with the lighting of the lamp and inaugural address by **Additional District Judge and DLSA Secretary Mr. Bharatendu Prakash Gupta**, **District Disability Empowerment Officer Ms. Pratibha Yadav**, and organization head **Ms. Aarti Tripathi**.

During the program, **Rajesh Tripathi** spoke about the **objective** of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities — to promote respect, dignity, and awareness about government schemes available for persons with disabilities (PwDs), and to highlight their contributions across various sectors of society.

Special educator Mr. Deep Kumar Yadav provided detailed information about the ongoing efforts by the organization and the various government schemes designed to support PwDs, such as:

- **Marriage Assistance Scheme**
- **Assistive Devices Scheme**
- **Shop Construction Grant Scheme**
- **Niramaya Health Insurance Scheme**, among others.

Mr. Bharatendu Prakash Gupta, Additional District Judge and DLSA Secretary, also educated the attendees about the **Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016**. He emphasized that this law ensures **dignity, equality, and inclusion** of PwDs in society, and provides **legal protection against discrimination**. Any form of injustice or discrimination against PwDs can be addressed under provisions of the **SC/ST Act** if applicable.

The act recognizes PwDs as **an integral and equal part of society**, ensuring their right to live with **equality and dignity**.

The program concluded with a **vote of thanks by Ms. Aarti Tripathi**, head of the organization, who expressed gratitude to all guests, officials, and participants for their presence and continued support toward the empowerment of persons with disabilities.

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↓ DIVYANG KALA SAMAGAM PROGRAM (23-25 DECEMBER 2024)

Venue: Kamta Prasad Sunderlal Saket PG College, Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh

Special Guest: Anupam Maurya (Deputy Director, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Ayodhya)

The **Divyang Kala Samagam**, a three-day cultural and skill exhibition event, was organized from **23 to 25 December 2024**. The event was inaugurated in the gracious presence of **Mr. Anupam Maurya**, Deputy Director of the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Ayodhya. As part of the celebration, stalls were set up by various invited institutions across the state, including a vibrant **disability art and skill exhibition** organized by **Lok Jagriti Sansthan, Paunti**, showcasing creative products made by children with disabilities from **Jagriti Vikas Kendra, Pichhwara, Ambedkar Nagar**.

Their stall included handmade items such as:

- Scented candles
- Incense sticks
- Clay utensils
- Pickles
- Paper bags
- Kites
- Handcrafted cloth bags



The exhibition received appreciation from **Mr. Chitransh Tripathi**, Minister for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (U.P. State), who visited the stalls and praised the craftsmanship and efforts of the children. During the event, around **80 selected Divyang participants** from the "Nayi Subah Sansthan, Varanasi" were provided with **tricycles and wheelchairs**, highlighting the government's commitment to accessibility and mobility.

Lok Jagriti Sansthan's children not only presented their artwork and handmade goods but also participated in cultural programs. The performances began with a presentation by **Lavkush Yadav**, a mentally challenged student of **Jagriti Vikas Kendra, Pichhwara**, who performed with great enthusiasm, setting the tone for the rest of the program. While interacting with **Ms. Aarti Tripathi**, General Secretary of Lok Jagriti Sansthan, the guest dignitaries acknowledged the organization's **dedicated efforts for the empowerment of persons with disabilities**. They assured full support and encouraged the team to continue their work without hesitation or barriers.

↓ 14TH NATIONAL VOTERS' DAY CELEBRATED ON 25 JANUARY 2025

Venue: Ambedkar Nagar, Uttar Pradesh

Participating Institution: Jagriti Vikas Kendra; Pichhwara, Saya, Ambedkar Nagar

On the occasion of the **14th National Voters' Day (NVD)**, **20 differently-abled children** from **Jagriti Vikas Kendra, Pichhwara** actively participated in the grand awareness event held at the **District Headquarters, Ambedkar Nagar**.

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The program was graced by **District Magistrate Mr. Avinash Singh**, who was the **Chief Guest**. During the celebration, the children of the center presented **songs and danced** enthusiastically to their favorite music, spreading awareness about the importance of voting.

✚ **STATE-LEVEL EXHIBITION BY CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES**

Dates: 26–28 February 2025

Venue: Swatantrata Bhavan, Banaras Hindu University (BHU), Varanasi

Organizers: Nayi Subah Sansthan, Varanasi and Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Government of Uttar Pradesh

Children from **Jagriti Vikas Kendra, Pichhwara, Saya, Ambedkar Nagar** actively participated in a **state-level exhibition** showcasing **vocational products** made by children with disabilities. The event was held at **Swatantrata Bhavan, BHU Varanasi**, from **26 to 28 February 2025**.

The exhibition featured a variety of handmade and eco-friendly items, including:

- Clay glasses
- Clay Diwali lamps (diyas)
- Kites
- Paper envelopes
- Handmade carry bags (thongas)



These items were created by differently-abled students undergoing vocational training at Jagriti Vikas Kendra. Their products were displayed alongside those of other institutions working in the disability sector across the state. The event was organized in collaboration with **Nayi Subah Sansthan, Varanasi**, and the **Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Uttar Pradesh**, to promote **inclusivity, self-reliance, and skill development** among persons with disabilities. The participation of the children not only highlighted their creativity and capabilities but also encouraged visitors to support and appreciate the talents of the differently-abled community.

✚ **WORLD Down Syndrome Day (WDSD)**

Date: 21 March 2025

Venue: Jagriti Vikas Kendra, Village Pichhwara, Post Saya, District Ambedkar Nagar, Uttar Pradesh


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Chief Guest: Ms. Sunita Devi (Village Head)

Participants: 30 children and community members



To commemorate **World Down Syndrome Day (WDSD)**, a special awareness and inclusion event was organized on **21 March 2025** at the premises of **Jagriti Vikas Kendra, Pichhwara**, under the guidance of **Chief Guest Ms. Sunita Devi**. The event saw active participation from **30 children**, including individuals with disabilities and community members.

WORLD MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS (MS) DAY

Date: 30 May 2024

Location: Jagriti Vikas Kendra, Pichhwara, Ambedkar Nagar

Chief Guest: Dr. Vinod Mishra

Organized by: Jagriti Vikas Kendra

Key Coordinator: Rajesh Kumar Tripathi (Program Secretary)

Participants: Local community members, staff, and health professionals



To mark **World Multiple Sclerosis Day (WMSD)**, a special awareness seminar was held on **30 May 2024** at **Jagriti Vikas Kendra, Pichhwara**, in the presence of **Dr. Vinod Mishra**. The event aimed to raise awareness about **Multiple Sclerosis (MS)**, a chronic neurological disease affecting millions globally. The session was conducted by **Program Secretary Rajesh Kumar Tripathi**, who shared critical facts, stating: "Multiple Sclerosis affects around 8 to 9 out of every 1,000 people. In India alone, there are over **1.5 lakh** diagnosed cases. MS is a **demyelinating neurological disorder**, which disrupts the communication between the brain and other parts of the body. Globally, it affects about **2.8 million** people." **Nishar Ahmad**, another speaker, elaborated on the causes and risks of MS, highlighting: "While MS is not directly hereditary, those related to an MS patient—such as siblings or children—may have a **higher risk** of developing the condition. Studies suggest that approximately **2–3 out of 100** people may develop MS."

ROAD SAFETY PROGRAMME

Program Duration: 17 February 2025– 25 March 2025

Program Locations: Ambedkar Nagar District Headquarters & Development Blocks – Akbarpur, Katehri, Tanda, and Bhati

Objective:

To raise public awareness and understanding of road safety rules and practices across Ambedkar Nagar district, especially targeting both urban and rural populations, including school children.

Program Activities and Outreach:

1. **Poster Campaign:**

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- **Number of Posters:** 3,000 (4 different types)
- **Locations:** Major intersections, school boundaries, taxi stands, and bus stands across the blocks of Katehri, Tanda, Akbarpur, Bhati, and the district headquarters.
- **Purpose:** Visually communicate key road safety rules and practices to the general public.

2. Pamphlet Distribution:

- **Number of Pamphlets:** 4,000
- **Distribution Method:** Through e-rickshaws across various public places.
- **Content:** Simple guidelines and reminders on road safety rules aimed at reaching a wide audience efficiently.

3. Booklet Distribution & School Seminars:

- **Number of Booklets:** 2,000
- **Recipients:** School students and teachers
- **Method:** Distributed during road safety seminars organized in schools.
- **Objective:** To instill road safety awareness from a young age and involve educators in spreading the message further.



Impact:

- The program successfully reached thousands of individuals across both rural and urban areas.
- Through strategic placement of posters and distribution of informative material, the initiative helped spread critical knowledge about road safety rules and responsible behavior on roads.
- Engagement with schools ensured that the message permeated households through students, aiming to reach at least half the population of the district.

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