

ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT 20-21



*Help us to Help the helpless
and change their life*

Saraswati Gyan Mandir Shiksha Samiti
Shahjahanpur

From the

Manager's desk


*It gives me great pleasure to write that, **Saraswati Gyan Mandir Shiksha Samiti**, has successfully completed 20 years of service for the welfare of disadvantaged and deprived sections of people living across various districts in the State of Uttar Pradesh. In fact, it was in the year 2001 that the organization made a solemn commitment to serve the above vulnerable sections in rural and backward areas by providing them with livelihood enhancement programmes and training, so that they would be able to generate income, support their families and march ahead towards joining the mainstream of the society. Our activities over the years also spread to other humanitarian issues such as providing literacy and education promotion, cottage and handicraft development, health care, Road safety, Safe Drinking water, women empowerment, Divyagjan Awareness programmes, livelihood enhancement of rural with a focus on women and excluded sections of the community.*

The aforesaid activities are still being undertaken by the organization. Rather, new and new welfare measures are being added to the organization's list of focus considering the endless problems being undergone by the deprived sections in the interiors of the district.

As regards the year 2020-2021 under review the performance of the organization has been commendable as it has been able to lend necessary help in various spheres of humanitarian issues and thousands of beneficiaries have been benefited in the process. Our activities have been widely acclaimed not only by the beneficiaries but also by the government authorities as well as the media. However, such accolades do not bestow any room for complacency for us, rather we feel motivated to expand and enrich our commitment towards the deprived and downtrodden masses everywhere. These achievements would not have been possible but for the liberal support and guidance that the organization had received from various agencies and well-wishers. I am happy to present before you this Annual Report for the financial year ending March, 2021.

I avail of this opportunity to offer my gratitude to the well wishers, donors, networking organizations, the project consultants, the members and staff of the organization with whose financial support and/or cooperation the achievements have been made possible. I appeal to them for continued support in the years to come so that our onward march is further result oriented and memorable as far as the suffering humanity is concerned.


(Ashok Kumar Yadav)

Manager 

सरस्वती ज्ञान मन्दिर शिक्षा समिति
ग्राम-हथौड़ा बुजुर्ग, पोस्ट-रौजा, जिला-शाहजहाँपुर

MAJOR ACTIVITIES OF THE ORGANIZATION 2020-2021

WOMEN EMPOWERMENT & LIVELIHOOD PROMOTION

Women empowerment and livelihood enhancement poor and deprived sections of the is a focus of attention for the organization for the last several years. It has through its various activities come to the conclusion that poverty and illiteracy are the basic causes affecting women empowerment. Once these basic issues are addressed, with the right training for skill development, capacity building and creation necessary awareness women empowerment and improvement in their livelihood will be gradually possible. The activities undertaken by the organization in this respect are as under. The organization has been engaged in several women empowerment activities for the last several years. This year too the organization taken up various activities such as awareness campaign, capacity building and skill development through vocational training etc., to empowering such deprived women. The objectives of these programme are to the enhancement of the quality of life of poor women through support for income generation activities and promotion of behavioral and attitudinal changes that allow them to equal partners in the family and the community. During the programmes they were also told about role of women in society, women and their rights – reproductive rights, right of property, right of income; role of women in local self governance and reservation for women in different programs.

LITERACY AND EDUCATION PROMOTION

Ever since the formation of the Society promotion of literacy and education has been one of the prime focus as the development of people depends on the same. The Society has been taking painstaking efforts in this direction and it is a matter of satisfaction that it has able to establish and run many programmes and schools in the district of Shahjahanpur & Lakhimpur Kheri.

Saraswati Gyan Mandir – Hathaura Buzurg & Sohak

Saraswati Gyan Mandir Shiksha Samiti has been running three Primary schools under the initiative of education promotion in the districts Shahjahanpur & Lakhimpur kheri. These schools are at Hathaura Buzurg in the district Shahjahanpur & Village Sohak – block Pasigawan in the district Lakhimpur Kheri. The schools has a strengths of more than 250, 180 & 135

students who belong to poor and disadvantaged sections of society who cannot afford the high cost of expenses at other schools.

Currently classes are held from class 1st to 5th. The organization has engaged qualified teachers who believe in the welfare of deprived children. Extra-curricular activities are also organized in the school for the benefit students.

Saraswati Rural Public Library

The society has been running a public library in the name of Saraswati Village Public Library in Hathaura Buzurg of the district of Shahjahanpur. This library is ably managed and serves as a lighthouse of knowledge to people around it. It has already a membership of 70 persons and it stocks more than 10000 books and periodicals. This is open to people of all ages without any discrimination. Irrespective of membership readers are also welcome for reading periodicals and dailies. The organization will try to improve the working of the library further by acquiring referral and new books as and when the resources of the organization improves. The organization is trying to create more awareness and publicity among the public so that more and more people come and take benefit of the same.

Shanti Devi Higher Secondary School

The organization has setup a Higher Secondary school in the name of Shanti Devi Unchatar Madyamic School in village Hathura Buzurg district Shahjahanpur. The school is ideally located for catering to the needs of children for classes 6th to 10th. Priority for admission is given to those belonging to poor and deprived families of the area. The current strength of the school is 210. The organization has engaged qualified and committed teachers for running the classes. The school has become popular in the area and there has been demand for expansion of the classes. However, resources and infrastructure have been felt as constraint. The organization will chalk out plans for generating resources for the further development of the school.

Shanti Devi Bal Vidya Mandir – Lodhipur

Pursuing the goal of irradiation of illiteracy and promotion of education especially for rural poor children, the organization has also established two more primary schools, one in Lodhipur area of the district Shahjahanpur, both in the name of Shanti Devi Bal Vidya Mandir. The people of these localities have felt these schools as their long felt need and welcomed the initiative of the organization. These schools also give primacy for admission to children of poor and deprived sections of society. Currently the strength of the school at Lodhipur is 108. Both these schools are conveniently located and run by teams of dedicated and qualified teachers.

Rural sustainable agriculture development programme

The organization with the objective to promotion of agriculture productivity, has implemented different agriculture development activities in the district Shahjahanpur the Covid Gaideline has been follow Covid 19 in with the support of department of Agriculture. During implementation of these activities, scientific/modern farming techniques were introduced with the purpose of improving yield so that the farmers are benefited in the long run. Further the organization has been also continuing the effort for eliminating the use of modern fertilizers and replace the same with traditional manures. It has been trained farmers and have resorted to chemical free cultivation of vegetables and have showed them the way for a new direction of social development. It also promoted for the conservation of seeds of vegetables and other farm produce among farmers and launched a scheme for saving quality seeds so that productivity could improve during subsequent farming activities.

Day Care Scheme for Children with Disabilities ; -

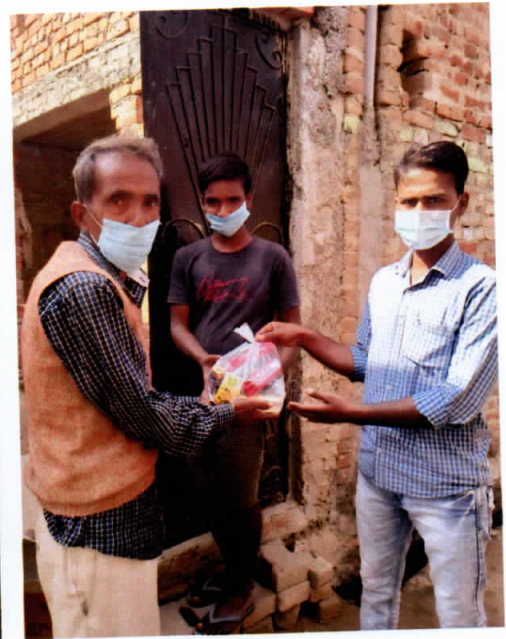
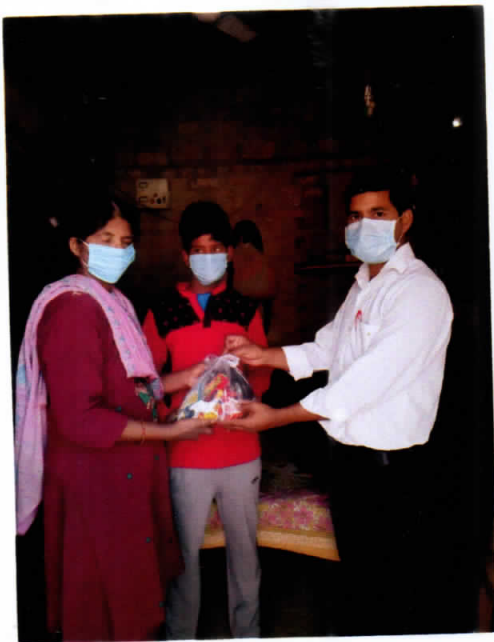
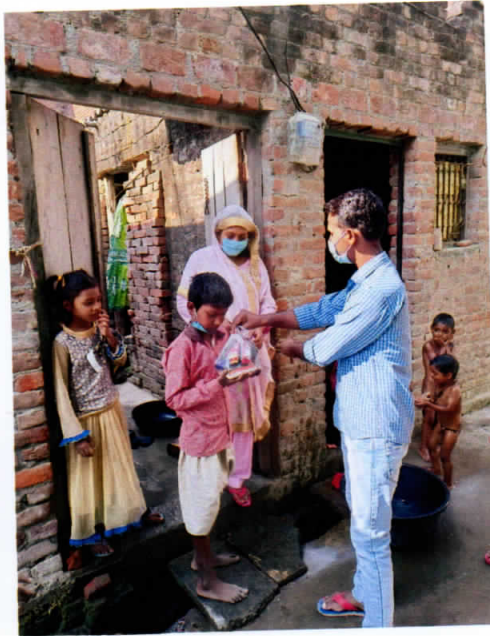
National Trust (Social Justice and Empowerment Government of India) funded by Patanjali Vikas Day Care Center Hathoda Buzurg, Post Rosa, District Shahjahanpur U.P. Center for Educational and

Vocational Disabilities Opportunities available for skill enhancement. A total of 21 MR and 01 CP students of 10 to 18 years are present in Vikas Day Care Center. Arrangement for staying at least 6 hours a day in the Patanjali Vikas Kendra for differently abled person and care and support of educational development disabled person is also being provided. This year Kovid-19 spread rapidly. Home base service was provided to the children following the guide line of Kovid-19. Care of children with disabilities Following Kovid-19, all possible help was provided to the Divyangs by staying connected with the Sangathan Vikas Day Care Center. Therefore, the organization provided information related to Kovid-19 through online and home base service and the beneficiaries were made aware of how they can take precautions and stay healthy at home. And urged to follow the government's covid guide line. Distribution was done at the house of Patanjali Vikas Day Care Center, who are daily wage laborers and their financial condition is not good. It was not possible to take smart phones for the care of such children, so it was necessary to give smart phones to their disabled children, 12 mobile beneficiaries. (smart phone), mobile sim, recharge etc. were provided so that the beneficiaries could be in constant touch. On this occasion, District Disabled Welfare Officer Mr. Varun Singh and senior clerk of the office Mr. Rajesh Kumar informed about the schemes run by the department. Got it done The special teachers and doctors of the organization, the advice and care of the physiotherapist, delivered the Karon kit, medicine and food and dry ration from door to door of the beneficiaries. Keeping in mind the health of the disabled children, the doctor is being checked up from time to time. Medicines were distributed to the needy children. This year, certificates of about 11 children were made, the staff of the center, special teachers, physiotherapists, counselors, care takers, children give proper guidance. Provision has been made for special teachers and vocational trainers, physiotherapists, therapists and counselors for the differently-abled. Physical therapist is also available in this center.



प्रबन्धक

सरस्वती ज्ञान मन्दिर शिक्षा समिति
ग्राम-हथौड़ा बुजुर्ग, पोस्ट-रौजा, जिला-शाहजहाँपुर





Road Safety orientation workshops

As in the previous years the organization has conducted various refresher awareness and orientation of its staff and consultants and volunteers. the Covid Guideline has been follow Covid 19 in Saraswati Gyan Mandir Shiksha Samiti conducted Road Safety awareness program in Saraswati gyan mandir School hathaura bujurga Shahjahanpur, The Organization informed the people that owing to the violation of traffic rules on roads by underage driving roads have become very unsafe, presented statistics connected with road rage. Wherever good such awareness and workshops are conducted relevant to the field of activities of the organization the personnel of the organization are sent for participation. This has enabled the organization to improve the performance of its activities and also ensured commitment of the staff. During the year under also such initiatives were taken and the following trainings and workshops have been attended the staff and consultants of the organization.

Curbing Child labor activities

Awareness and sensitization programme

The organization is conscious of the irreparable damage being caused to the future of the children. Child labour activities are a growing menace in the society and this needs to be curbed. In spite of the laws available for abolishing the same, the implementation has not achieved the desired result. Valuable time of children which could have been spent in schools for education and growth is being wasted in child labour which generate some income for the concerned families at the cost of future of the children. The organization therefore has conducted awareness and sensitizations programmes for curbing child labour activities during the year under review also.

Safe drinking water and Sanitation Campaign

The organization has been devoting attention to the field of Safe drinking water & Rural Sanitation Programmes. In the rural areas, people generally pay least attention to conservation of water or the pollution caused to water or water bodies. Indiscriminate running of tube well is an abuse in the rural areas. People are prone to use contaminated water for drinking purpose regardless of the harm it might cause. The organization therefore has been launching awareness programmes for the benefit of people to prevent water pollution and conservation of ground water. Emphasis is also laid for rain water harvesting and the method of recharging ground water with the help

of experts in this field. As far as sanitation is concerned the less said the better. People have been made aware of the negative aspects of open toilet practice widely prevalent in the rural areas. The organization has deputed its volunteers to various places in the rural areas who have advised to the people to switch over to low cost latrines which could be constructed with not much expense. Emphasis was also laid for keeping the common nalas and surroundings neat and clean to avoid outbreak and spread of communicable diseases.

Consumer welfare programme

As in the previous years the organization has conducted consumer welfare awareness programme in many folloing the Covid Gaideline has been follow Covid 19 in blocks Bhawalkheda under district of Shahjahanpur (U.P.). The activities included Tehsil level programmes in various Tehsils of the block. In order to create awareness about consumer welfare, rights and the remedies the organization adopted IEC methods under which meetings, workshops, wall writings, puppet shows, distribution of leaflets, display of posters etc were carried out. Strategic places in the Tehsils were identified where the meetings were conducted with the involvement of subject experts who explained the various methods by which manufacturers and suppliers of goods and services are hoodwinking the general public for selling their items without taking care of the service aspects and complaints. It was explained that there were consumer protection laws in the country under which forums for redressal of grievances have been established in every district and consumers should take the benefit of the same.

In-cases where goods and services are found of inferior quality or the complaints are not attended to by the manufacturers and suppliers in-spite of complaints and reminders the people should file complaints in the consumer forums which will look into the same and issue orders for the appearance of the concerned parties and after proper hearing grant requisite remedial orders.

National Days Celebration & Organization of Cultural Programmes

In the interest of national spirit and unity, the organization has celebrated various National Days during the year under review. Covid Guidelines has been follow Covid 19 in Independence Day and Republic Day celebration reminds the days of pre-independence and arouse the feelings of patriotism. The society has organized various cultural programmes on both Independence Day and Republic Day. Children of the nearby schools and

(12) (14)

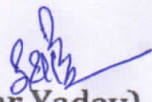

प्रबन्धक

others attended the functions. Cultural/ Competition (Poster/Speech) programme comprising nukkad natak, puppet shows on the post independence Indian history was arranged by the society. Prizes were also distributed among the winners of various competitions.

Annual review meeting

The Annual General body Meeting of the organization, Covid Guid has been follow Covid 19 in Saraswati Gyan Mandir Shiksha Samiti was held at its office headquarters at Shahjahanpur on 18th April, 2021. The meeting was presided over by Shri Rajeev yadav , the Present of the Organization. The meeting was attended by most of the members of the society. The annual report of the organization along with the statement of accounts for the year ending 31March,2021 was distributed to the members. The meeting proceeded to discuss on the annual report. The item wise expenditure were also discussed in detail some of the queries raised by the members were satisfactorily explained by the Manager/Chief Functionary, Shri Ashok Kumar Yadav. He also explained that there was positive response from the public to the various programme conducted by the organization and demands have been raised for repeating these programmes in other areas also. However, she assured that such demands could be taken up if and when resources are available to the organization. He requested the members to approach well-wishers, donors and interested public to come forward and contribute whatever is possible for the organization so that more development oriented programmes can be undertaken by the organization in the forth coming period.

The views and suggestions of the participants were obtained. It was reiterated that while discharging the duties, emphasis should continue to be given on timely disposal of work with quality and sustainability. The AGM was concluded with a vote of thanks to the chair. The Manager offered his thanks to the members, staff and well wishers of the organization for their contributions and support in the last year and requested for such cooperation in coming years also.


(Ashok Kumar Yadav)
Manager

प्रबन्धक
सरस्वती ज्ञान मन्दिर शिक्षा समिति
ग्राम-हथौड़ा बुजुर्ग, पोस्ट-रौजा, जिला-शाहजहाँपुर