

J&K Sai Star Society: Annual Report for 2014

Activities Report & Vision Document

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J&K SAI STAR Society

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*** Registered No. 4680/S, under J&K Govt. Act VI of 1998 (1941 AD),**

****Member UN Global Compact**

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Committed to -“Sustainable Rural Development, Healthcare & Education

Sainiks, Agriculturists and Intellectuals Society for Total Agrarian Rural Reforms (Sai Star) are a charitable NGO dedicated to improve the quality of life of rural population in Remote villages. The Society is mainly devoted to Rural Development, Promotion of Youth Activities and Adventure Sports, Healthcare, Environment up-gradation, empowerment of Women , Children; Welfare of Ex-servicemen and widows.

Vision

To improve quality of life of rural population by sustainable development at grass root level.

Mission

All inclusive development by working at gross root level and employing sustainable technologies and information with regard to Healthcare, education, agriculture. Correct use of natural resources and environment with special emphasis on empowerment of women, children and welfare of ex-servicemen and widows.

OBJECTIVES OF J&K SAI STAR SOCIETY

- Improve Quality of life of Rural Population.
- Sustainable Agriculture Development.
- Environment Up-gradation and Ecology Literacy.
- Agriculture, Horticulture and Floriculture.
- Biotechnology & Vermi-culture Awareness.
- Empowerment of Women and Children.
- Welfare of Ex-servicemen and Widows.
- Promotion of Youth Activities and Adventure Sports.
- Making villages IT Knowledge Center in ICT.
- Healthcare, AIDS Awareness and Disease Prevention.
- Promotion of Youth Activities, Cultural and Vocational Training.
- Promotion of Adventure and Sports activities.
- To Co-operate with other NGOs and Government Agencies for achieving the objectives.

Activities during the year 2013-14

Focus of the Society has been to create facilities and awareness in the rural areas on Self-Help basis, which will act as pivots for grass root social work in consonance with overall mission. This is being achieved through “Sainik Helpline” which is functioning 24x7 at the Society Office and ECHS Polyclinic located alongside.

Area of Work & Methodology

The State of Jammu and Kashmir has geographical 2.22 lakhs sq kilometers which is 6.93 percent of total Indian Territory. Out of total area Ladakh covers 70%, Jammu 19% and Kashmir 11%. As per 2001 census population of the State is one Crore and 70 thousands; population density per sq km is 99 and 75.12% of the people live in rural areas. There are 22 Districts, 6758 villages, 143 Blocks and 4130 Panchayats. There are no major Industries in the State and thus corporate social responsibilities (CSR) activities are almost non-existent. Moreover, Government does not encourage UNO funded activities in J&K State.

It was observed that some of the remote areas of J&K State are most neglected specially in the field of Education and Healthcare. Keeping this in view SAI STAR SOCIETY has undertaken rural development work in backward areas of Udhampur and Kathua Districts of Jammu Division. People living Below Poverty Line are worst suffers and need Civil Society intervention. Sai Star Society being NGO member of the United Nations Global Compact and is adhering to its ten principle charter.

Development Work Undertaken and Impact on Target Group

Health and Family Welfare

(a) An Ex-servicemen Contributory Health Scheme (ECHS) Polyclinic was started at Nagrota Gujroo Dhar –Udhampur Road in 2011 with the persistent efforts by President of the Society. This Polyclinic has done excellent work during the year under review and provided treatment for various diseases to more than 4,800 ex-servicemen & widows.

(b) Society Ambulance is provided for conveyance of patients from the Dispensary to ECHS polyclinics at Udhampur, Jammu, Samba and other civil hospitals.

(c) Medical Camps are organized at villages Babey , Mandli and Khoon in association with Hari Prabhu Sanstha with assistance from Army Sadbhavana programme. Free Medical Treatment is also provided to patients by the Society with assistance from ECHS Doctors.

(e) Health check up were carried out in Rural Schools and Health record cards issued to the students to carry out follow up treatment.

(f) The Society undertook following Healthcare Study Projects in association with Department of Corporate Citizenship (DOCC), SP Jain Institute of Management and Research Mumbai, which is one of the Top Ten Business Schools in India:-

(i) Creating rural awareness about benefit of National Rural Healthcare Mission, by Mr Abhinav Sinha, PGDM (operations) PGP 13.

(ii) Designing of Health Awareness Campaign related to ECHS by Mr Gyayak Jain, PGP-13.

(iii) Study and Suggest avenues to improve functioning of ECHS in Rural areas by Mr Nikhil Vyas, PGP-13.

Education & Youth Activities.

(a) The Society has been successful in upgrading some of the Schools in remote areas through State Govt. where poor students, especially Girls are able to get higher education in rural areas itself.

(b) Six months Fine Arts and Crafts course was conducted by the Society from Apr to Sep 13 in which rural Girls were trained in Fine Arts, Stitching and Tailoring. 20 girl students successfully completed the training programme and were awarded certificates.

(c) The Society has arranged to provide three Computers to Govt High School Babey through Army Sadhbavna program.

Welfare of Ex-Servicemen, Widows and local Marginalized Community.

(a) Fifty Five ex-servicemen were provided assistance in becoming ECHS Members by preparing documents for them.

(b) More than three hundred ex-servicemen were provided assistance in their pension related cases and some of them were taken up with various Regimental Record offices pertaining to arrears in their dues.

(c) Documentation in respect of widow pensioners above 80 for additional 20% pension is being done and submitted to their record offices and PCDA (Pensions) Allahabad.

(d) Five Penury grand cases were taken up with Ministry of Defence through Sainik welfare department for grant of Rs 1000/- as monthly pension.

General Welfare and Miscellaneous Work

(a) A Single window ***Helpline*** is being run by the Society to improve the quality of life by providing daily assistance and

counseling to all helpless and needy. This Helpline has done an excellent work like helping Handicaps, assistance to widows in sorting out local disputes, Bank cases, Resident of Backward Area (RBA) cases, and even resolving local domestic disputes.

- (b) Special assistance was provided to organize marriages of poor Girls.
- (c) Environment awareness campaign is being organized in rural areas and an Environmental park is being established.

Community Development

A community Development Centre (CDC) at village Babey, District Udhampur was constructed in 2011 and is being maintained and run by the Society for rural public.

Cooperation with other NGOs to achieve the Objectives.

The Society has achieved excellent networking with sister NGOs, specially, Hari Prabhu Sanstha, Nagrota Gujroo, Ex-servicemen league Jammu, Indian Red Cross Society, International Committee for Development & cooperation (IRDRC) and International Committee for Development & Regional Co-operation (ICDRC).

We Support - United Nations Global compact

J&K Sai Star Society is a NGO Member of United Nations Global Compact and adhering to its Charter & Ten Principles the Society participated in activities of UN Global Compact India at New Delhi and also contributed in Human Rights and Environment debates. . Mr Georg Kell, Executive Director UN Global Compact Office New York 10017, has complimented the J&K Sai Star Society for its continued participation with the United Nations Global Compact, through his letter to the President dated 26 Feb 2014.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT. The Society has laid down Standard operating Procedures, which are practiced in financial management.

- (a) Accounts are audited by Chartered Accountants who can be nominated for maximum three years and are approved by AGM.

(b) Financial and Audit Report is scrutinized by the BOM and disused/approved by the Annual General Body Meetings. The society being Member of the UN Global Compact adheres to financial accounting & practices as per laid down in its Charter.

Voluntary Donation/ Contribution

Financially the Society is working on Self-Help basis and voluntary donations from institutions/ individuals. SaiStar Society is thankful to following donors for their kind support during the financial year 2013-14:-

- (a) Mr Ram Upadhyaya, Former Adviser UNO - Rs. 40000/-
- (b) Mr Ramesh Shamdasani, Shamdasani Foundation, Rs. 30000/-
- (c) Brig Amarjit Singh Randwal, Sai Star Society, - Rs. 28000/-
- (d) The Shamdasani Foundation, Mumbai - Rs. 8000/-
- (e) Smt. Vimal Thakur, Sai star Society - Rs 6000/-
- (f) Mr Sumit & Rajat Rekhi, Gandhinagar, Jammu - Rs. 5050/-
- (g) Miss Trisha Sapolia, College Student Member -Rs. 5100/-

Way Ahead - Future Action Plan, 2014-15.

- (a) To get link Road constructed between R C Peak and High School Garh Samna Banj to connect a remote area.
- (b) To establish a Civil Dispensary at Nagrota Gujroo alongside ECHS Polyclinic.
- (c) To Establish a Vocational Training Institute (ITI) for rural youth. Project Study already completed.
- (d) To establish & maintain a Mobile Library and Career Counseling Unit for Higher & Vocational Educational awareness in Rural areas.
- (e) To construct a Check Dam for water conservation at Environmental Park site.
- (f) To establish herbal plant nursery at Km 72, Dhar Road.
- (g) To provide Drinking Water facility at ECHS Polyclinic by way of a Hand Pump.

Summary

The Society has been able to achieve some of the targets set for the year, like provision of solar lights at ESM Helpline, construction of Waiting Shed for Patients at ECHS Polyclinic, provision of Healthcare in rural areas and vocational training to rural youth specially girls.

Most of the projects were implemented through Army Sadhbavna and the SaiStar Society acting as one stop contact point for planning, execution and subsequent running of the same, without getting involved in financial transactions directly.

There has been significant impact during the year under review in improving quality of life of the Rural people in the target area of intervention, especially Healthcare and Education.

Sai Star Society Website www.saistar.co.in is very popular with the public and there has been more than 23,000 hits on this site. Information about the society is also in public domain on Government of India NGO Partnership Website "www.ngo.india.gov.in"

Signed & authorized by

President

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