

# J&K Sai Star Society: Annual Report -2016

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**J&K SAI STAR Society**

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**\*\*Member United Nations Global Compact**

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**Committed to: - “Ex-servicemen Welfare, 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 ***specially welfare of ex-servicemen and widows.***

### **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 Latah 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 encourages 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 (BPL) are worst suffers and need Civil Society intervention. This Society area of intervention specifically covers more than 100 Panchayats of Basoli, Billawar and Majalta Tehsils.

Sai Star Society being NGO member of the United Nations Global Compact is adhering to its ten principle charter. The Society embraces the core values of integrity, excellence, professionalism and optimism.

### **Activities during the year 2015-16**

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 Star Helpline” which is functioning 24x7 at the Society Office.

### **Development Work Undertaken and Impact on Target Group**

#### ***Health and Family Welfare***

- (a) Sai Star Sainik Helpline is functioning 24x7 for rural public.
- (b) Society Ambulance is provided for conveyance of patients from Helpline to Hospitals/ Polyclinics and nearest medical facilities.

(c) Medical Camps were organized at villages Babey & Kah. Medical Test Laboratory at ESM Healthcare polyclinic was made functional by providing Equipments & necessary medicines. With this more than 5000 patients who visited the Polyclinic got benefit of the Lab.

### ***Education & Youth Activities***

- (a) Two Girl Students from Mississauga, Canada, Miss Olga Nova and Miss Taniya Sapolia attended “Rural Work Program” from 10 Aug 15 to 29 Aug 15, organized by the Society. Miss Trisha Sopalia who had earlier participated in the Program got admission in Graduate Course in Canada based on the work.
- (b) Fine Arts and Crafts course was conducted by the Society from Apr to Dec 15, in which rural Girls were trained in Fine Arts, Stitching and Tailoring. 15 girl students successfully completed the training program and were awarded certificates.

### ***Welfare of Ex-Servicemen, Widows and local Marginalized Community***

- (a) 167 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.
- (b) 5062 Ex-servicemen including 2497 widows and their Dependents were provided assistance in Healthcare.
- (c) 475 Female Patients and widows were provided assistance & counselling through Lady Counselor by the Helpline.
- (d) 16 ex-servicemen and Widow Pensioners were provided assistance in becoming ECHS Members by preparing documents for them.
- (e) The Society took active part in Indian Ex-servicemen Movement to get OROP sanctioned from the Govt. Secretary General of the Society participated in the Movement at Jantar Mantar , Delhi and was one of the key member of the awareness campaign for justice & equality for the Veteran ESM. One Rank One Pension (OROP) “implies the grant of equal pension to Soldier of particular Rank, who have rendered the same length of service, irrespective to their date of retirement.”
- (f) Family Pension was got sanctioned from PCDA, to the Widow of Late Sep Shillo Ram after year long struggle. Subsequently, more than Rupees one Lakh arrears were also

got released to her from pension dispersing authority.

### ***General Welfare and Miscellaneous Work***

- (a) Environment awareness campaign is being organized in rural areas and an Environmental park is being established.
- (b) Special assistance was provided to BPL & persons in distress.

### **SainikStar Shamdasani Helpline**

*Sainik Star Helpline sponsored by "The Shamdasani Foundation" is functioning very well. The Helpline is located near to the Society Office at Nagrota Gujroo, Km 67 in the center of 135 Km long Dhar- Udampur Road. It provides support to an area of 1200 Sq. Km in Shivalik Hills consisting of more than 100 Panchayats of Tehsil Majalta of Udampur District and Tehsils Billawar & Basoli of Kathua District of Jammu Province. In addition to civil population, it providing assistance to approx. 10,000 Ex-servicemen and their Dependents living in the area.*

### ***Helpline- Vision for Future***

*The Helpline is main instrument by which the Society is carrying out its mission in assisting rural population to solve their day to day problems in corruption riddled, berucratic run J&K State. Thus, scope & work of this helpline is going to increase. The Society hopes to enlarge its scope of activities. Some of which is becoming more complex day by day as under:-*

*# Empowering of women by counselling in domestic dispute & Violence cases.*

*# Educational Counselling of Girls & Boys.*

*# Assisting Senior Citizens.*

*# Land /Property Disputes resolution.*

*# Marital Discord cases.*

*# Healthcare and Medical treatment Guidance.*

*# Mental Health /Spiritual Counselling.*

### ***Community Development***

A community Development Centre (CDC) at village Babey, Udhampur is being maintained and run by the Society for welfare of rural public.

To empower Villagers and the inadequate delivery of services that afflict many rural areas, the Society provides individual citizens and village Panchayats members with knowledge and confidence to become informed active self-advocates for the development of the community.

***Cooperation with other NGOs to achieve the Objectives***

The Society has achieved excellent networking with sister NGOs, specially, HP Sanstha, Ex-servicemen league Jammu, Indian Red Cross Society, International Committee for Development & cooperation (IRDRC). The Society also interacts with NGO at National Level. The President attended Knowledge Sharing & Networking Meeting hosted by SM Sehgal Foundation in Gurgaon, Haryana on 15 Dec 2015.

**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. President of the Society took part in deliberations of 3<sup>rd</sup> National CSR Summit 2015, held at New Delhi on 13 Jan 15; "Visioning Corporate Social Responsibility Through Lens of Media and Corporate: Emerging Trends and Future Possibilities. A report on this is also on Society website.

The Society is actively working towards up-gradation of environment and awareness in rural area. It has established an Environmental Pak on Dhar- Udhampur Road in Jammu & Kashmir State.

***International Conferences***

J&K Sai Star Society Participated in the following Conferences and Seminars:

- (a) USI Seminar on “The Indo-Pacific Region: Security Dynamics and Challenges” held at United Services Institution of India on 19-20 Nov 2015.
- (b) India and Sustainability Standards: International Dialogues and Conference 2015, organized & hosted by Center for Responsible Business (CRB) from 18 to 20 Nov 2015.
- (c) 9<sup>th</sup> South Asia Conference: Culture as a Factor in Regional Cooperation in South Asia, organized by Institute of Defence Studies and Analysis (IDSA) at New Delhi on 26-27 Nov 15.

***Way Ahead - Future Action Plan.***

- (a) Establish & maintain a Mobile Library and Career Counseling Unit for Higher & Vocational Educational awareness in rural areas.*
- (b) To construct a Check Dam for water conservation at Environmental Park site.*
- (c) Environment up-gradation and Clean India Mission (Swash Bharat Abihan).*

**Summary**

*Sai Star Society works together with rural people and communities to create sustainable programs and has been able to achieve most the objectives set for the Year like improving Healthcare in rural areas and vocational training to rural youth, especially Girls.*

*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 awareness and Vocational Education. The Society has made major contribution with regard to welfare of ex-servicemen veterans, particularly Healthcare & Veteran's issues.*

*Sai Star Society has been able to reach out to 40890 people through its Website "[www.saistar.co.in](http://www.saistar.co.in)". Information about the society is also in public domain on Government of India NGO Partnership Website.*

Ink-signed Signed on original By

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