



# **J&K Sai Star Society**

**Annual Report – 2013**

## **Activities Report and 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**

**(Donations exempted from Income Tax under Sec 80 G of the IT Act)**

**Committed to ---“Sustainable Rural Development, Healthcare and Education”**

1. 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***

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

### ***Mission***

3. 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 & welfare of ex-servicemen and widows.

#### 4. **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.

#### **Area of Work & Methodology**

5. The State of Jammu and Kashmir has geographical 2.22 laths 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 zero.

6. 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 in Jammu division. People living below poverty line in this area are worst sufferers and need civil society intervention.

7. *Sai Star Society being member of UN Global Compact and following its charter specially adhering to the principle of anti-corruption, it has decided to get help for most of the projects in kind and act as a facilitator specially from Army Sadhbavna programme, where chances of misuse of funds is not there.*

### **Development Works undertaken and Impact on the Target Group During the year 2012-13**

#### **Activities during the Year under review**

8. 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. \_\_\_\_\_

**9. Establishing of Vocational Training center** A vocational training Center for empowerment of Women has been started. This is named as “Shakti & Inger Indo-American International Fine Arts Center” (SIAIFAC). This project will be sponsored by Shri Ram Upadhyaya, Former Adviser UNO resident of village Bhadu. This will be run by J&K Sai Star Society. Aim of SIAIFAC will be to provide quality vocational training to economically backward Women of rural areas with a view to make them economically self-sufficient and to improve their quality of life. SIAIFAC will provide the following facilities in two vocational fields, i.e. Fine Arts & Crafts and Stitching.

#### **10. Healthcare.**

➤ ECHS Polyclinic which was established last year is functioning very well and on an average more than 30 patients are being treated at the OPD daily.

- Society Ambulance was provided for evacuation of serious cases.
- Healthcare awareness and Medical check up were carried out at rural Schools and follow up Health Cards issued to in situ. A Medical Camp was organized at Village Khoon during Jan 2013 under the aegis of Army Sadhbavna, where more than 500 locals were provided treatment & free medicines.
- Regular awareness Campaign in rural area regarding ISM and use of Local Herbs, which has been very helpful to rural poor in disease prevention.

### **11. Education.**

- Two Rural Govt. Schools which were Up-graded to Class 10th & 12<sup>th</sup> have been adopted by the Society. These Schools have facilitated BPL Boys/ Girls to continue their education and is very useful to students from remote areas.
- Sainik Star Primary School being run by the Society at Preet Nagar, Jammu is doing well and providing quality education to more than 100 poor Children.
- Furniture and computers were provided to rural Govt. High School Lower Babey through Sadhbavna project.

12. Annual Rural Internship training was organized for PG students of SP Jain Institute of Management & Research, Mumbai under their Department of Corporate Citizen (DOCC) Programme. A project Study “Identification of gaps in implementation of **Ex-servicemen Contributory Health Scheme (ECHS)** and suggest possible avenues for improving the same” was carried out. The Study report identifies the gaps in the implementation of the Ex-Servicemen Contributory

Health Scheme, which was inaugurated in 2003 to provide comprehensive and quality medical care to veterans of the armed forces and their dependants. The report suggests possible solutions to overcome these issues faced while executing the scheme. The report also explores the possibility of reorganizing the scheme as a corporate entity to eliminate multiple stakeholders and facilitate faster decision making. The Study Report is being forwarded to concerned Army authorities at Army Headquarters. Once implemented, this is going to benefit more than Forty Lakhs ex-servicemen & widow pensioners all over the country.

### **13. Vocational Training & Empowerment of Women.**

Arts & Craft training is being conducted under project SIAIFAC, where 20 girls are being trained under a qualified Arts & Craft teacher. After successful completion of 6 months training, these rural will be able to generate their livelihood,

### **14. Welfare of Ex-Servicemen, Widows and BPL**

<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> 365 pension related cases were processed, taken up and settled through PCDA (Pensions) Allahabad through ESM Helpline.

<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> ECHS and CSD Smart Cards documentation being done regularly.

<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> CSD Canteen facility is being provided to Ex-servicemen & Widow pensioners at Helpline location (Km 67 Dhar – Udhampur Road) once a week on every Monday. A waiting Shed has been constructed for ESM with assistance from Northern Army Command.

<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> BPL public and other deserving cases being assisted in their documentation to get financial assistance from local administration.

<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> Financial and Material assistance was provided to families for poor

Girls marriages in association with Hari Prabhu Sanstha.

<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> A Community Development Center constructed and being run by the Society for the Resident of Backward Area (RBA) at village Babey. This is also being used by village Panchayat & local Rural Development officials.

<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> Environment Awareness Campaign was conducted in rural areas. Herbal plantation was undertaken in the Environmental Park being established by the society.

<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> Interaction with ICRC and local Red Cross & MEA, Govt. of India to assist families of Indian Prisoners languishing in Pakistani Jails.

#### **15. Networking and Outreach**

In consonance with the objective of the Society, interaction is being carried out with Govt. agencies and other NGOs to achieve our objectives. The Society is networking with following NGOs:-

- International Committee for Development & Co-operation.
- Ex-servicemen League, Jammu.
- Hari Prabhu Sanstha, Nagrota Gujroo.
- Green Society for Peace & Justice, Thaiyal ( Majalta).
- Nehru Yuva Kendra, Thara Kalyal.
- Center for Human Rights Initiative Training and Research Association (CHITRA).
- Shree Guru Nanak Dev Charitable Society.

**16. Helpline & Right to Information.** A single window ESM Helpline being run by the Society at Km 67 Dhar Road is doing excellent work like helping handicaps, assistance to widows & senior citizens to resolve their problems. The Society has also assisted rural public in solving their problems by obtaining

information for them through RTI Act 2005 / J&K State RTI Act 2009.

### **17. We Support - United Nations Global Compact.**

The Society is member of United Nations Global Compact (UNGC) and adhering to its charter and Ten Principals. Sai Star is making efforts in furtherance the cause relating to protection of human rights, environment and anti-corruption principals. SIAIFAC initiative is one such step to empower women of rural areas.

### **Way Ahead - Future Plans**

18. Projects and facilities as under will be undertaken in near future-

- <sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> To establish a Mobile Helpline in order to provide assistance to ESM, Senior Citizen & differently-abled at their Doorstep.
- <sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> To get link Road constructed between R. C. Peak and High School Garh Samna Banj to connect villages of remote high altitude area.
- <sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> To provide solar lights at Sainik Colony & ESM Helpline.
- <sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> To establish a Civil Dispensary at Nagrota Gujroo alongside ECHS Polyclinic with Mobile Medical Unit to provide basic Healthcare facilities to rural Population at their Doorstep.
- <sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> To provide solar lights at Ex-servicemen Helpline & Sainik Colony road.
- <sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> To establish & maintain a Mobile Library and Career Counseling Unit for Vocational & Educational awareness to students in Rural areas.
- <sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> To improve Sainik Star Environment Park & Herbal plants Nursery.

### **Summary**

19. The Year 2012-13 has been most significant as the Society has been able to achieve major targets specially establishing of a Vocational Training Center for



empowerment of women and carrying out a study to Identify gaps in implementation of *Ex-servicemen Contributory Health Scheme* and suggest possible avenues for improving the same which will improve veteran Healthcare in the country.

20. It is also a matter of pride that the Society is doing excellent work on Self-Help basis and there has been significant impact on improving quality of life of the poor people in the target area of intervention, specially healthcare and education. The Society has uploaded its activities in public domain on Government of India NGO Partnership website “ngo.india.gov.in” and the NGO Website “[www.saistar.co.in](http://www.saistar.co.in),” which has become very popular. More than 1500 persons have visited the site.

Signed & authorized by

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***President***

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