

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2009-10

J&K SAI STAR Society

Nagrota Gujroo, Ramkot, Jammu- 184205. (J&K) INDIA**

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

Member of United Nations Global Compact

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Committed to --- “Sustainable Rural Development, Healthcare and Clean Environment”

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 & 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 2009 -10

. Focus of the Society during the year under review has been to create permanent facilities in the rural areas which will act as pivots for grass root social work in consonance with our overall mission. Major work carried out in various fields is given in succeeding paras:-

Construction of Community Development Centre (Sewa Ghar)

A community Development Centre has been constructed at village Babey, District Udhampur with assistance from Army Sadhbavna, This has been equipped with TVset , DTH, adequate furniture and other facilities. This will be maintained & run by the society for the rural people and will act as focal point for social, educational, environmental and agricultural awareness of rural population of the area.

Health and Family Welfare

(a) Medical Camps were organized at by the Society at Village Babey, Nagrota Gujroo, Dhema and Thara Kalayal. A large Medical & healthcare camp was held at Balpur in Tehsil Majalta with assistance from Army Sadbhavana on 18 Feb 2010.

(b) Free Medical Treatment was provided to approximately 1500 patients at the Society run charitable dispensary with the help of Medical Aid Post run by 158 Inf Bn (TA) (H&H).

© Health check up were carried out in Govt Schools and Health record cards issued to the students.

(d) Ambulance was provided for conveyance of patients from the MI Room to ECHS polyclinics at Udhampur, Jammu, Samba and other civil hospitals in 72 emergency cases.

(e) A study was carried out on “Identification of Gaps in Implementation of NRHM and suggest possible avenues for its improvement involving local NGOs”. The study report was presented to State & Union Health Ministers and local medical authorities. Some of the recommendations made in the report have been implemented by the Govt, such as increasing the pay of Medical Officers employed on contractual basis.

Education & Youth Activities.

- (a) Six weeks internship training was imparted to MBA students of SP Jain Institute of Management and Research, Mumbai. President of Society was also invited to the institute in Sep 2009 to participate in NGO Management Development program.
- (b) There was shortage of teachers at High School, Babey. A case was taken up with Education Department and this deficiency was made up.
- (c) On line admission was facilitated for drop out students at NIOS, Delhi
- (d) Donation of furniture amounting to Rs one lakh was arranged to Govt High School Babey through Army Sadbhavana. This school is located in remote rural area and its up-gradation to High School was also sponsored by the Society.

Welfare of ESM, Widows and local Marginalized Community.

- (a) Assistance was provided to Ex-servicemen in becoming ECHS Members by preparing their documents.
- (b) Cases were taken up for ESM with various Regimental Record offices pertaining to arrears of pensions, especially 6th pay commission arrears.
- (c) Documentation in respect of widow pensioners above 80 for additional 20% pension was done in five cases and submitted to their record offices and PCDA (Pensions) Allahabad.
- (d) Penury grand cases were taken up with Sainik welfare department and local administration for the effected personnels.

General Welfare and Miscellaneous Cases

- (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, helping in poor Girls' marriages, BPL, Resident of Backward Area (RBA) cases and even resolving local domestic disputes.
- (b) Special assistance was provided to an ESM, who was diagnosed as case of Brain tumor. He was evacuated with the help of Society Ambulance to Command Hospital Udampur, and subsequently referred to Base Hospital Delhi through ECHS Channels. He was successfully operated at Batra Hospital at New Delhi, where Society Members provided all the assistance to him.

Co-operation with other NGOs

- (a) The Society has achieved excellent networking with sister NGOs, specially, Hari Prabhu Sanstha, Nagrota Gujroo, Ex-servicemen league Jammu, Indian Red Cross Society and International Committee for Development & cooperation (IRDRC).
- (b) ***Sai Star Society as member of United Nations Global compact*** was invited to and participated in UN Global Compact South Asia Pacific Conclave held on 15-16 Mar 2010 at New Delhi and contributed in Human Rights and Environment debate.

Way Ahead - Future Projects

We at the Society, as one of the major stakeholders feel that there is a need to create infrastructure in remote rural areas which can act as focal point for future development. With this aim in view following facilities/and projects will be undertaken in future.

- (a) *Establishing a Sainik Helpline at Balpur, Tehsil Majalta.* Ex-servicemen and Veer Naries living in Rear areas of Northern Command have to go to Station HQ Udhampur for their medical and pension related cases covering a distance of 60 to 80 km. Thus there is a need to set up a Helpline at central place, which is being planned with assistance from Northern Command.
- (b) *Construction of a Community Development Centre on Dhar – Udhampur Road.* It is proposed to construct a CDC for the villagers at Balpur.
- (c) *To establish a ECHS Polyclinic for Ex-servicemen at Nagrota Gujroo in Kathua District.* This proposal was projected by the Society to Government of India through Army Headquarters some years back. Now this proposal has been accepted and Union Cabinet has given approval for this Polyclinic.

Society Website

On 20 May 2010, the Society entered the Cyber age with the launch of its own website which has been designed with assistance from Gnaritus Techonologies Solution Pvt Ltd Chennai, The web address is www.saistar.co.in

The Team

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