

## SEWA INTERNATIONAL

The movement “SEWA INTERNATIONAL” was started in 1991 in the UK by some philanthropists initially to help the earthquake victims of Latur, Maharashtra. Since then, the movement has spread out to USA, Canada, Australia and some European countries besides UK. It is also setting foot in some African countries like Kenya and South Africa and a few Caribbean countries. Sewa International aims at not only arousing the curiosity of scores of voluntary organizations and volunteers to grasp the strength and weaknesses of society better but also prepares them for new challenges, makes changes happen, promote opportunities and improve the way people do things to make this world better.

### **Sewa International’s Activity Domain:**

1. To relieve poverty and diseases and help the sick, needy, the weak and those affected by natural calamities, disasters and other sufferings.
2. To help in the education and training of the poor, sick, disabled and socially backward students and assist them financially.
3. To facilitate long term development projects.
4. To enable and empower communities become self reliant and earn a dignified living.
5. To strengthen voluntary organization by training their personnel in effective implementation of projects with modern management techniques and encourage cooperation between its overseas chapters.
6. To support and aid village development programs, to achieves self sustenance through total integrated development.
7. To arrange visits of donors/contributors from abroad to various project sites in Bharat to get a first hand experience of various ongoing activities.
8. To provide services to allied voluntary organizations: on management of funds, materials, technical and human resources for social development, which are tough terrain faced by voluntary and social development organization.
9. To publish a monthly e-newsletter “Sewa Sandesh” and disseminate Sewa News to its well wishers, donors and supporters.
10. To maintain a blog with information on ‘Sewa Activities.’
11. To organize International Sewa Meets at various places once every three years for interaction and better understanding of the needs and decide on the future course of action to be taken.
12. To make ‘short documentaries’ on various projects/programs that have been supported / funded.
13. To maintain the website ([www.sewainternational.org](http://www.sewainternational.org)) with information on various Sewa Activities.
14. To publish Activity Reports – Annual & Decadal – on the monumental Sewa Activities that are being run in Bharat by SI in collaboration with numerous other sister organizations.
15. To maintain a well equipped library of over 5000 books on subjects like History, Political Science, Economics, Sociology, Philosophy, Culture & Theology apart from prominent periodicals on various topics.

## ACTIVITY REPORT

(April 2012 – March 2013)

### Empowering Women Self Help Groups to Organize and Manage Sustainable Entrepreneurship Program

Sewa International started the Gujarat Rehabilitation Project in Kutch district of Gujarat. The artisans were provided interim relief through provision of tool kits. However, many long term problems lingered. These problems included loss of livelihoods, loss of infrastructure, poor access to working capital and markets. A long term solution for the artisan groups was badly needed.

Sewa International engaged in creation of sustainable livelihood for women, to identify and motivate poor women in rural areas and to deliver capacity building workshops, training cum exhibition, and provide financial assistance by linking them to banks and facilitating them to avail soft loans timely and in an efficient manner so that Sewa International, as an organization, can evolve and prove a financially sustainable MED model for the poor.

Kutch Kala Sewa Trust (KKST), a social

enterprise initiative of Sewa International, supported by the **India Development and Relief Fund (USA)**. KKST is a federation of women artisans and established a unique position for the products produced by the women groups. KKST is owned, managed and governed by representatives of the artisans groups. KKST is a brand of Sewa International which represents the lively colors and wonderful crafts of the Kutch region. KKST produces a wide range of handcrafted products.

More than 1000 women are associated with the project titled “Empowering Women Self Help Groups to Organize and Manage Sustainable Entrepreneurship Program”. Overall objective of this project is to initiate a programme, which would facilitate the development process and create an environment for social change and a process of empowerment of women to improve the quality of life of people specially women.

#### Detailed description of Project Activities organized during 1st April 2012 – 31st March 2013

##### 1. Construction and Inauguration of Sewa International Design & Development Centre (S.I.D.D.C.)

An initiative was taken for development of Sewa International Design & Development Centre, where beneficiaries can work and enhance their skills and capacity. During Financial Year 2012 – 13, the structure of SIDDC was entirely completed. Several plants were planted to make it a eco-friendly premise. The interior designing and decoration of SIDDC was completed during this financial year. S.I.D.D.C. was inaugurated by Shri Narendra Bhai Modi (Honorable Chief Minister of Gujarat) on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2012 at Jiyapar

Tal, Nakhatrana, Kutch District, Gujarat.

On a marathon run to Kutch for celebrating Aashadhi Bij, a Kutchi New Year, with the Kutchi population, CM of Gujarat’s helicopter was bang on time at Jiyapar Helipad. Before arriving at Jiyapar he had already inaugurated a Kanya Chatralaya & school in Rapar and a steel factory in Bhimasar of Anjaar district after giving early morning start to Sri Jaganath Rath Yatra in Ahmadabad. Sri Narendra Modi was received by Trustees of Sewa International - Sri Rameshbhai Mehta, Sri Jay Prakshji, Sri Haribhai Halai, Sri Jadavjibhai Gorasia and Sri Jayantibhai Bhanusali MLA & Jilaa Adhyaks of BJP.



Shri Narendra Bhai Modi (Honorable Chief Minister of Gujarat) inaugurating S.I.D.D.C. on 21st June-2012 at - Jiyapar Tal, Nakhatrana, Kutch District, Gujarat.

The Chief Minister arrived at the newly built Design and Development Centre of Sewa International within 10 minutes of landing at the helipad. After inaugurating the plaque and lighting Diva at the Centre, he spent good few minutes observing the activities within the Centre and interacting with the trainees and the production team. He also watched a group of women doing embroidery on a new patch for finished goods, before setting off for the main arena.

Addressing the assembled people, he reminded them, in his typical style “**mane yad chne das varas pahelan meyn Narayan Nagar nu lokarpan karyun hatu**”. Carrying on from there he paid homage to the founder of the RSS, Dr. Hedgewar, by offering a bouquet of flowers. He also took opportunity of reminding people of the changes that have come about in Kutch after the earthquake. Development of the infrastructure, rebuilding and resettlement at the speed not seen before was achieved. Announcing Bharat of youngest population, with

an average age of 35 in 21<sup>st</sup> century to compete in the world market, will be required to match with skills & training in various sector to have an edge to compete with neighbouring China.

The Gujarat government has taken special initiative to promote self help groups of women. To develop production and marketing skills with professional touch. His government has made special provision of funding and promoting this idea through ‘Mission Mangalam Yojna’ setting aside Rs 1600 crore which will grow to Rs 5000 crore in near future. He took special note of Sewa International for coming up with help at the hour of need in Kutch during the 2001 earthquake. He also appreciated the efforts & initiatives taken for rehabilitation in the pockets of border areas of Kutch especially for women empowerment by training and developing their designing skills for the modern market. With a mission of development of Kutch he is the Chief Minister of Gujarat who has made many more visits to Kutch than ‘putting



were also received and greeted with flowers and mementos created at the KKST centre. Sri Ahir promised permanent space in an exhibition in Mumbai organised by his association.

The activities and history of **Sewa International** and **Kutch Kala Sewa Trust**, the only organization that works for women in Kutch, was narrated to the assembled people by trustee Sri Ramesh Mehta. KKST is currently providing jobs to more than 1000 women through its centres. It also runs development and skills refreshment training programs on a need basis.

MLAs Sri Jayntibhai Bhanusali and Dhanjibhai Sanghani were also present on the dais. A good number of local BJP politicians and community leaders were present in the audience, including Sri Keshubhai Patel, Sri Keshubhai Sevani, Sri Pravinsinha Vadher, and Pradyumansinha Jadeja, and from the Sangh Sima Jankalyan Samiti Pramukha Sri Hiralal Rajde and Sri Vishram Gorasia, Sashikant Patel were also present in the audience. The duty of Master of Ceremonies was skillfully performed by Sri Pankajbhai Zala. The event was concluded with a vote of thanks by Sri Haribhai Halai.



## 2. Sewing Machine – donated by Crust Power Private Limited.

On 20<sup>th</sup> July 2012, Crust Power Private Limited, Kutch, Gujarat donated sewing machines to Kutch Kala Sewa Trust for empowering the artisans and strengthening their tailoring skills. The objective was to make them self sustainable and self reliance. Shri RG Bhalaraja, District



together the visits of all CMs of Gujarat to date'. "Khusbu Gujarat ki", and "Kutch nahi dekha to kuch nahi dekha", an effort to promote Gujarat tourism, has opened new doors for the handicraft industry of Kutch. The statement was received with great enthusiasm and was appreciated by the assembled people with claps and cheers. A very attendance in the beginning had swollen to ten thousand by the time Narendrabhai rose to deliver his speech.

Welcoming the Chief Minister Sri Narendrabhai and chief guest Sri Jayprakashji of the Surya Foundation, industrialist of Mumbai Sri Babubhai Ahir and Sri Ashokbhai Shah both promised help through their foundations in their speeches and were also greeted with bouquets. Sangh Sewa pramukh Sri Ashok Raval and Sri Raghunath of Indian Development & Relief Fund from America



Development Officer, Mission Mangalam, Shri Vinod Bhai Gadvi, Director, Power Crust Pvt. Ltd., Jadav Bhai, Naran Bhai, Ruchi Ben, Dileep Bhai Deshmukh, Basant Bhai and Ashok Bhai, Sarpanch, Jiyapar were present on the occasion.

## 3. Project Visit – by members of India Development & Relief Fund, USA

On 29<sup>th</sup> December 2012, Shri Narendra Bhai Popat visited the Project Area at Kutch. Narendra Bhai Popat, donor to India Development and Relief Fund, USA interacted with the target beneficiaries of the project and was later very optimistic and positive. He mentioned that he will try to financially support the project so that it could reach to the really marginalized and downtrodden section of the society. He added that it would be good if really needy artisans could be associated with the project.



## 4. Entrepreneurship Development Programme (Based on Tailoring)

**Sewa International** with a mission to create a multiplier effect on opportunities for self-employment, to augment the supply of competent entrepreneurs through training, promoting micro enterprises at rural level and improving financial and managerial capabilities of micro-enterprise organizes Entrepreneurship Development Programme (Based on Tailoring) on a regular and need basis for its beneficiaries at Sewa International Design & Development Centre (SIDDC) based at Jiyapar.

Entrepreneurship Development Programme (Based on Tailoring) helps the artisans to upgrade their skills and techniques in order to compete with the competitive market and cope-up with the existing market trend.

The **Entrepreneurship Development Programme** helps women artisans to sustain their micro-enterprise and become self dependent and self reliant.



## 5. Exhibition

To ensure that craftswomen in the informal sector have socio-economic security and full employment, achieved through sustained, profitable, and efficient coordination of design, production and marketing of their products and services was the primary objective of beneficiaries' participation in various exhibitions organized by Government and Non – Government Organizations. These Exhibitions provide marketing linkages to the artisans by way of bringing potential users of

their products. It also helps to eliminate middlemen and provide direct technical, financial and marketing facilities to the artisans.

Hindu Spiritual & Sewa Fair - Chennai, Vanavasi Kalayan Mela - Mumbai, Dastkaari Haat Samiti - Delhi and Ode to Earth, Care India - Delhi are some of the exhibitions where Sewa International beneficiaries participated during this reporting period and sold their products. They also took this opportunity to learn about the existing market trends and succeeded to establish a network of linkages with the buyers.



## RIWATCH

### Research Institute of World's Ancient Traditions, Cultures & Heritage

#### Activity Report 2011-2012

RIWATCH, (Research Institute of World's Ancient Traditions, Cultures & Heritage), an affiliate unit of ICCS US (International Center of Cultural Studies, US), is a registered Society under Societies Registration Act 1860. The main aim is to preserve, nurture, promote and strengthen the rich cultural heritage of different ethnic communities of India in general and North east India in particular. The objectives of the institute also focus on bringing every aspect of ethnic life and values therein in the academic forefront and promote research in cross cultural studies and identifying commonalities to bring oneness, peace and prosperity among them. The RIWATCH takes pride in presenting herewith an Activity Report of the year 2011-2012.

During the year, it organized varieties of programmes with active participation of local ethnic communities and also achieved considerable infrastructural developments. The year was also marked with visits of personalities of National and International importance, inauguration of Administrative Block and signing of MoU with University of South Florida, USA for academic collaboration and commencement of three departments.

#### BHASHA CONFERENCE

RIWATCH in its' endeavor to promote local languages, collaborated with Bhasha Conference held at Pune on 25 and 26 November 2011. The conference was jointly organized by RIWATCH, Bachapan, Bhasha, National Book Trust (NBT), Symbiosis International Institute Pune, and CLAI Madras. Ms. Lisa Lomadak, Lecturer, RG University, Itanagar, Ms Mishimbu Miri, DF & CSO and Shri Vijay Swami, Executive Director RIWATCH presented papers in linguistic developments in Arunachal and the need for preserving the linguistic diversity.



Considering it an appropriate occasion and to encourage budding writers from northeast India, Bhasha Organizers thought it fit to release a book called "Chinzigoma - Folk Tales of Idu Mishmis of Arunachal Pradesh" written by Mishimbu Miri, DF & CSO Anini and being published by RIWATCH Khinjili, Roing.

The Bhasha conference was organised by Bachapan (Society for Children's Literature and Culture, New Delhi) and Bhasha Foundation in association with Symbiosis International

University, Pune. Co-organisers were Children's Literature Association, Kerala and RIWATCH, Arunachal Pradesh.

#### MICROFINANCE VISION

From July to October 2011, the RIWATCH was invited on various occasions by the Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, Support Center MF Vision and APCS Apex Bank to deliver talks and present slide shows on success stories achieved by Self Help Groups in Arunachal Pradesh

## Arunachal Times

### 'Joy of reading' workshop in Roing

ITANAGAR, Jul 20: As a part of Community Initiative Programme, the RIWATCH organized "Joy of Reading" workshops in association with Lohit Youth Library Network to promote good reading habits among the school going children of different schools in and around Roing, Lower Dibang Valley. The coordinator, Satyanarayanan, Mundayoor, stressed upon the teachers to adopt play way method of teaching, story-telling and use low cost teaching aids to make learning more joyful and enjoyable. The workshop session included story-telling, story-reading and poetry recitation from Mary Ann Hobberman's "You read to me, I'll read to you". The children found the poetry quite interactive and stimulating.

Around 200 children of Govt. Middle School and Future Generation School from Abali and Hornbill School and Anakum Academy from Roing benefited from the programme.

At the initiative of RIWATCH, a "Chinzigoma Library" has been started at Abali village. About 30 readers, including school dropouts, visiting the library every day is quite encouraging. A young reader, Sujata sitting in Chinzigoma Library remarked to her friends "what wonderful books, very interesting, very interesting!"

RIWATCH proposes to extend the reading campaign to other schools in Dibang Valley region during the year.



during the training programmes conducted for personnel engaged in implementing the Microfinance Vision.

Shri Vijay Swami, Executive Director of RIWATCH, who was catalyst in developing Microfinance Vision for Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, established a Support Center of Microfinance Vision at Itanagar with the support of NABARD. The center is now being operated under the auspices of Essomi Foundation Trust.



#### TEACHERS' TRAINING

RIWATCH was invited by the Ramakrishna Mission, Narrottam Nagar, Deomali in June 2011, to share its expertise in effective teaching and learning at secondary and higher secondary level. Shri Vivek Ponshe, Secretary, Jnana Prabodhini Pune and the Executive Director RIWATCH acted as the resource persons.

#### IMPORTANT VISITORS

It was an honour for RIWATCH to receive the following dignitaries during 2011-12. All of them expressed happiness over the developments taking place in RIWATCH Campus and the programmes taken up during the year.

Shri Mukut Mithi, MP Rajya Sabha, former Governor of Pondichery and former Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh, visited the RIWATCH on 25 July 2011.

Major Mathur, All India Secretary, Kalayan Ashram visited RIWATCH in September 2011,

accompanied by Shri Sumant Amashekar, Prant Saha-Boudhik Pramukh of RSS and other officials of Kalyan Ashram.

RIWATCH was also visited during the year by Dr. Yashwant Pathak, International Co-ordinator ICCS-US, Dr. Joram Begi, Chairman, RIWATCH, Dr. T. Padu Joint Director, Higher & Technical Education, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, Shri Tsering Thungdok, Managing Director, APSC Apex Bank Ltd., Ms. Rebecca Tayang, Circle Officer, Roing

#### GOVERNING BODY MEETING

A Governing Body Meeting of RIWATCH was conducted on 10 February 2012 at RIWATCH Office at Itanagar under the Chairmanship of Architect Techi Gubin, Urban Development, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh.

The meeting discussed various issues related to effective functioning of the RIWATCH. The Governing Body unanimously assigned the responsibility of Hon. Public Relation Officer to Dr. V. N. Sharma, State Liaison Officer, NSS, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh. The meeting also discussed about inauguration of Administrative Block & signing MoU with University of South Florida for academic collaboration.

#### SYMPOSIUM AT DIBRUGARH UNIVERSITY

RIWATCH submitted two papers in an International Symposium held at Dibrugarh University on 24 February 2012 on "Sustainable Public Health Practices for Good Health, Peace & Prosperity".

#### INAUGURATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE BLOCK

The administrative block of RIWATCH was inaugurated by Dr. Maria delos Angeles Crummett, Associate Vice President for Global Affairs USF World, University of Florida, Tampa, USA on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2012. Simultaneously, two other centers were also inaugurated namely:

1. Center for Public Health Research, by Dr. Ann C. DeBaldo, Associate Vice President USF Health International, Prof & Associate Dean for International programmes, college of Public Health, University of South Florida, Tampa, USA
2. Center for Community Research, by Dr.



Martha L. Coulter, P.H. Professor, Director Harnel Center for the study of family violence, USF College of Public Health, University of South Florida, USA.

The programme was attended by large number of people from all walks of life, including Shri Laeta Umbrey, MLA, Roing, Dr. Joram Begi, Director of Higher & Technical Education, Dr. V.N.Sharma,

State Liaison Officer NSS, Shri Bramharatan Aggrawal, President Hindu University of America, and Dr. Radheshyam Dwivedi, President ICCS US.

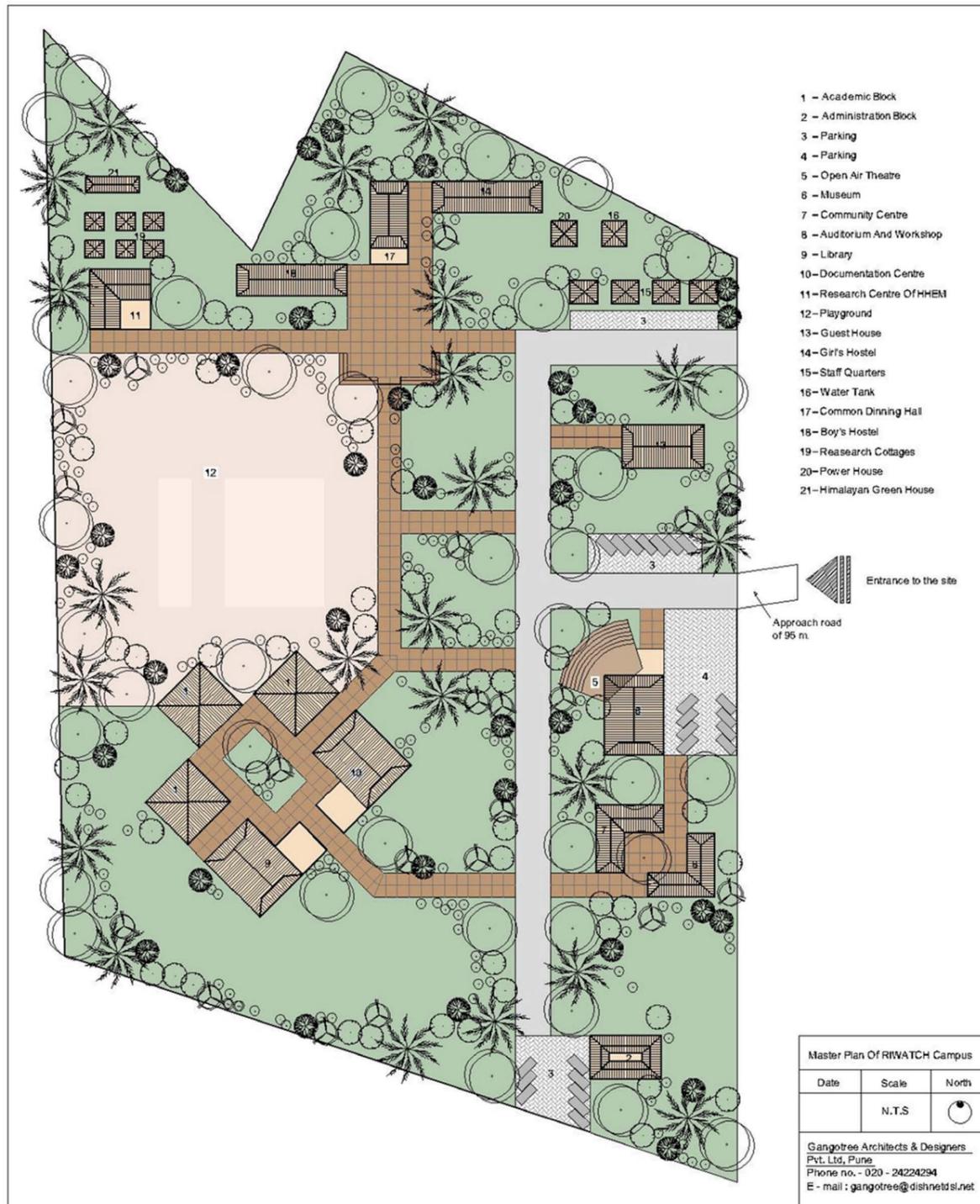
A MoU for academic collaboration was also signed in between RIWATCH and USE. The MoU was signed by Dr. Joram Begi, Chairman RIWATCH and Dr. Maria delos Angeles Crummett, Vice President Global Affairs USF World. A team of professors from Department of Pharmacy, Dibrugarh University also participated in the programme.

#### INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF WORLD ELDERS

RIWATCH participated in the fourth International Conference of World Council of Elders of Ancient Traditions & Cultures, held at Deve Sanskriti Vishwa Vidyalaya, Haridwar from 3-7 March 2012. It was jointly organized by ICCS US and co-sponsored by European Congress of Ethnic Religions, Lithuania, Council of Elders of the Sacred Maya, Xince and Garifuna, Guatemala and Vishwa Adhyayan Kendra, Mumbai, India.



## Master Plan of Riwatch



The buildings marked in yellow coloured boxes are completed.  
 Garden of Himalayan Herbs & Ethnic Medicine is also functioning.

## CHIZIGOMA LIBRARY

PHOTOS - 18 JULY TO 21 JULY, 2012



## MAHARAJA AGRASEN TECHNICAL EDUCATION SOCIETY

Maharaja Agrasen University has been established under the aegis of Maharaja Agrasen Technical Education Society, Delhi. Maharaja Agrasen Technical Education Society was founded on July 2, 1998 by a group of distinguished public spirited industrialists, entrepreneurs, social activists, civil servants and professionals.

The charter of the society is to the establish Institutions of excellence to nurture youth to become high quality professionals and inculcate in them the spirit of service to the country. Sewa International is assisting, supporting and facilitating the projects and programmes of Maharaja Agrasen Technical Education Society (MATES).

### (a) Maharaja Agrasen Institute of Technology, Delhi

The society established Maharaja Agrasen Institute of Technology in 1999. Maharaja Agrasen Institute is affiliated to Guru Govind Singh Indraprastha University, Govt. of Delhi. The institute is rated by professional journals as among the 25 best self – financing engineering colleges in the country. The institute campus has been established in a 12 acre plot in Rohini, Delhi allotted by Delhi Development Authority. The campus has teaching blocks, a modern auditorium, sports ground, hostel, administrative block, bank block etc. The Institute currently conducts courses in B. Tech – Computer Sciences, Electronics and Communication Engineering, Information Technology, Mechanical Engineering, Automation Engineering, Electrical and Electronics Engineering. There are about 2000 students.

### (b) Maharaja Agrasen Institute of Management Studies, Delhi

Maharaja Agrasen Institute of Management Studies was established in the year 2000. This institute is also affiliated to Guru Govind Singh Indraprastha University Govt. of Delhi, and runs BBA – General and Banking and MBA courses and has about 750 students.

### (c) Maharaja Agrasen Institute of Advance Studies

Maharaja Agrasen Institute of Advance Studies was established in 2008. the institute is affiliated to Punjab Technical University. The institute is running the BBA courses in general and has about 350 students.

### (d) Maharaja Agrasen University (Himachal Pradesh)

Encouraged by the success of the three Institutes mentioned above, the society envisioned to establish Maharaja Agrasen University. The society chose Atal Nagar, District Solan, Himachal Pradesh for locating the university. It is 10 km away from Kalka railway station, 36 km from Chandigarh, 313 km from Delhi and well connected by rail, road and air.

### (e) Development of the University Campus

The vision is to develop an elegant, green and vibrant campus where all the students and staff will live, study, learn and play in the tradition of an ancient *Gurukul*. The finalized concept envisages a campus of modern buildings and will have five schools – **School of Technology, School of Management Studies, School of Education Studies, School of Legal Studies and School of Journalism** with library, hostels, faculty residences, staff quarters, indoor games, auditorium, administrative block, play ground etc.

### (f) Community Services

The establishment of Maharaja Agrasen University will bring a quality institution of higher education to Himachal Pradesh and enhance enrollment to higher education among the youth of Himachal Pradesh and neighboring areas. The university will also vigorously carry community programmes like adult education, literacy campaigns, awareness of alcoholism and drug addiction, tree planting, water harvesting, use of solar power etc. and will have close interface with the local community and people of Himachal Pradesh.

## SEVA BHARATHI - WESTERN A.P

### (ANNUAL REPORT 2012-13)

SEVA BHARATHI established in 1984 has been channelizing their efforts into an organized movement to improve the living standards of the poor, especially the slum-dwellers and inhabitants of remote villages. Below are details of activities under SEVA BHARATHI, Western Andhra Pradesh in the year 2012-13.

### AFFECTION HOMES

#### Total Children in Affection Homes -940 (Boys -544, Girls -396) Orphanages - 4

|   |             |
|---|-------------|
| 1. Vatsalya Sindhu, Moulali, Hyderabad            | 40 (Boys)   |
| 2. Sri Vivekananda Awasam, Bhainsa, Adilabad Dist | 18 (Boys)   |
| 3. Sanghamitra Awasam, Nandyala, Kurnool Dist     | 22 (Boys)   |
| 4. Vaidehi Ashram, Saidabad, Hyderabad            | 120 (Girls) |
| <b>Total</b>                                      | <b>200</b>  |

#### Tribal Boys Hostels – 3

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| 1. Bhaktakanappa Awasam, Gokavaram, Kurnool Dist | 53         |
| 2. Ekalavya Ashramam, Manchiryal, Adilabad Dist. | 96         |
| 3. Sri Vaasa Awasam, Hanmakonda, Warangal Dist.  | 60         |
| <b>Total</b>                                     | <b>209</b> |

#### Hostel For Scheduled Caste Students - 1

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| 1. Sri Valmiki Awasam, Jagityal, Karimnagar Dist | 27 |
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#### Child Labor Rehabilitation Home - 1

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| 1. Saandeepani Awasam, Badameedipalli, Mahaboobnagar Dist | 53 |
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#### Hostels in remote villages for poor and talented students - 9

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| 1. Annapurnamma Awasam, Proddutur, Kadapa Dist       | 10 |
| 2. N.H.Lakshamma Griham, Deebaguntla, Kurnool Dist   | 17 |
| 3. Annapurnamma Vasathi Gruham, Kurnool Dist         | 18 |
| 4. Swami Vivekanandam, Awasam Ramayanpet, Medak Dist | 53 |
| 5. Nachiketuri Awasam, Kisannagar, Nizambad Dist     | 19 |
| 6. Aurobinda Awasam, Suryapet, Nalgonda Dist         | 19 |

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| 7. Vivekananda Awasam, Kodada, Nalgonda Dist           | 27 |
| 8. Madhava Awasam, Miryalguda, Nalgonda Dist           | 17 |
| 9. Acharya Nagarjuna Awasam, Marrigudem, Nalgonda Dist | 36 |

#### Hostels for Intermediate, Diploma Students - 1

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|---|----|
| Vidyaranya Awasam Bemaram, Husanparthi Road, Warangal | 27 |
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#### SCHOOLS - 4

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| 1. Keshava Shishumandir, Kollampally, Mahaboobnagar  | 430 |
| 2. Keshava Shishumandir, Kandukurthy, Nizamabad      | 224 |
| 3. Shivaramakrishna Vidyalayam, Machupahad, Warangal | 60  |
| 4. Madhava Vidyalayam, Balajinagar, Secunderabad     | 226 |

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| <b>Total Children in Schools</b> | <b>940</b> |
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#### TRAINING CENTERS (TAILORING) - 4

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| 1. Vivekananda Vocational training center, Kukatpally, Hyd | 120        |
| 2. Sister Nivedita Tailoring training center, Kurnool Dist | 80         |
| 3. Rehabilitation centers for Flood victims, Mahboobnagar  | 5 Villages |
| 4. Rehabilitation centers for Flood victims, Kurnool       | 5 Villages |

#### MOBILE MEDICAL VANS - 3

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|---|-------------|
| 1. Sanjeevani, Hyderabad                                  | 12 Slums    |
| 2. Mobile Medical service, Gokavaram, Kurnool Dist        | 36 Villages |
| 3. Rehabilitation centers for Flood victims, Kurnool Dist | 10 Villages |

#### HOSPITALS - 3

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| 1. R.V. Sheshacharyulu Hospital, Kurnool Dist               |
| 2. Gunampally Narayanamma Hospital, Gokavaram, Kurnool Dist |
| 3. N.H. Shiva reddy Hospital, Deebaguntla, Kurnool. Dist    |

#### HELP DESKS - 2

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| 1. Government Maternity Hospital, Koti, Hyderabad. |
| 2. Nilofer Hospital, Red hills, Hyderabad.         |

Through these help desks Sewa Bharti could guide 2500 people from rural areas/illiterates until they get services.

#### MEDICAL CAMPS AT SEVA BHARATHI, Hyderabad office:

- **DIABETIC CAMP:** has been run since 1997, on the first Thursday of every month, by Dr. Modi. This year about 1000 patients benefited from this camp.
- **HOMEO MEDICAL CAMPS THRICE IN A WEEK:** Every Monday and Wednesday from 4pm to 6pm by Dr.R.V.Krishnamurthi, and every Friday between 9am and 11am by Dr.Ramachandra Reddy. This year 4700 patients were served through Homeopathy
- **AYURVEDIC CAMPS:** Every Monday 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm. Ayurveda medication provided by Dr. Prasad to 1000 beneficiaries.
- **DENTAL CAMPS:** Every Wednesday by Dr. Jagadeeshwar, and 780 patients received dental treatment in this camp
- **CARDIOLOGICAL CAMP:** Eminent cardiologist Dr. Mukund Kalmalkar examines patients every First and Third Wednesday. This year 2050 patients were benefited from this camp.

#### WOMEN EMPOWERMENT CENTERS (KISHORI VIKAS KENDRAS)

Kishori Vikas Centres run by SEVA BHARATHI in slums around Hyderabad and Secunderabad. School-going girls of 10-14 years are being trained in Education, Health, Embroidery, Yoga and Personality Development.

About **880 Girls** were trained in these Kishori Vikas Centres.

#### STUDY CENTERS (ABHYASIKAS)

20 Study Centers are being organized in Hyderabad, with about 400 boys of poor families getting the right environment to study.

#### FLOOD REHABILITATION ACTIVITIES IN 10 VILLAGES

- A center for Tailoring and 2 Study circles in Konkala, Rajoli, Maddhur, Kutakanur, and Korivipadu villages of Mahaboobnagar district.
- One Tailoring and 2 Study circles in Nadikairavadi, Naguldinne, Gundrevula, Kotha Sunkesula, & Sangal villages of Kurnool district.
- 2 Community Halls constructed in Katakaneer

and Korivipadu village of Kurnool district.

#### VOCATIONAL (TAILORING) TRAINING CENTERS - 3

- Vivekananda Vocational Training Institute in Kukatpally, Hyderabad (monthly 30 members)
- Sister Nivedithi Tailoring Center, Kurnool (15 members per month)
- Tailoring Centre, Balaji Nagar, Rangareddy Dist. 20 women trained at these centers are able to earn enough for their living.

#### MONTHLY REPORT FOR 2012-13

**April 2012:** Meetings held at Kandakurthi of Nizambad on April 27th, 28th with the in-charges of 20 hostels and 4 schools, mobile medical van, and Kishor Vikas. Total 33 full-timers attended these meetings to review previous activities and plan future work.

**May 2012:** Two-day workshop organized on May 5-6 for children from 20 Study centers to train in cultural activities.

**June 2012:** Youth for Seva sponsored 1800 school kits to Children of our Hostels and Schools

**July 2012:** New Hostel (Vidyaranya Awasam) Inaugurated in Hanmakonda for 10th passed students from Seva Bharathi Hostels. Total 31 students are accommodated for studying Intermediate and polytechnic.

**August 2012:** Blood donation camp on the occasion of Independence Day, was organized at Korremula village of Gatkeshar mandal R.R. Dist. 63 volunteers participated in this camp

**August 2012:** Yogacharya Sri A.R. Ramaswami conducted Yoga Camp on 19th and 20th. 78 people from 10 districts participated in this camp.

**September 2012:** Joint Organizing Secretary of Rastreeya Seva Bharathi has visited Sevabharathi projects – hostels, schools and medical projects and addressed the significance of Seva activities especially in slums.

**October 2012:** On the occasion of one year's successful journey of conducting medical camps, Seva Bharathi honored all doctors and volunteers providing the services.

**November 2012:** Another two-day training

camp conducted in Ramayampet, Medak Dist. About 30 coordinators from different projects of Sevabharthi were trained on capacity building.

**December 2012:** Dengue awareness campaign initiated in September was concluded on December 12<sup>th</sup>. During this period, we provided free Homoeopathic Preventive medicines to 2,56,709 people in Hyderabad.

**January 2013:** A free cardiac camp was conducted by prominent Dr. Mahesh and Dr. Chandra at Seva Bharathi office, in association with Yashoda Hospital.

A day-long event for 800 girls, from 42 Kishore Vikas Centers in Hyderabad, was organized at Keshava Memorial Educational Society, Narayanaguda Hyderabad. His Holiness Swami Chithikanta Nanda addressed the gathering. Smt.

Sathyavani and Smt. Suhasini Goremat, IFS officer interacted with children.

**February 2013:** In association with Rashtriya Seva Bharathi, we conducted a two day workshop at RVK on Feb 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. 138 delegates, representing Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra and Gujarat, attended the event.

Financial support has been extended to Seva Bharathi – Purbanchal unit towards tribal rehabilitation and AP Gramabharathi towards children's accommodation at Nalgonda Hostel.

**March 2013:** Overall 70 students from our Seva Bharathi Hostels appeared for the SSC examination.

## VIVEKANANDA INTERMEDIATE BOYS HOSTEL - WARANGAL



### Seva Sangam (Vyasa Awasam-Hanmakonda)

Sewa International supports this project maintained by Sevasangam by paying educational expenses. At present about 65 children are being hosted. The children are provided love, care and affection, apart from education, food and clothing. Discipline and affection go together in this home. The children study in the Saraswathy Sishu Mandir School and prove their talent in studies as well as extra curricular activities.

Sewa International supports Vivekananda Intermediate Boys Hostel, Warangal. This awasam was started for the SSC passed poor and destitute boys. Those who were accommodated in several affection homes run by Sewabharathi in western AP. Main intention of initiating this hostel is to decrease school dropouts after SSC, to empower them with higher education, to help them become socially aware and independent individuals. At present the hostel is accommodating 29 students, including 2 orphans and 4 semi-orphans, from districts of Kurnul, Karimnagar, Medak, Adilabad, Mahbubnagar, and Nalgonda.



Old Rental House

### Toilet Construction-Kollampally

Sewa International provided financial support to construct proper toilets for the students of Keshava Shishumandir. Keshava Shishumandir was established in 1989 in Kollampally village, which is located in a remote area of Mahaboobnagar district. This school was established for children of migrating labour and coolies. Now it is being run successfully with about 430 students.



New Own Building-2012



Newly Constructed Toilets

children. The Sevabharathi Committee looks after the maintenance of the home.

### Awareness Van

A Sewa International-owned vehicle, the Awareness Van, led by social activist Sri Kamalji, visited 26,000 villages throughout Andhra Pradesh to campaign for the eradication of untouchability and the need of brotherhood between communities.

Youth are encouraged to create self employment opportunities by establishing dairy etc.



### Sri Vivekananda Awasam-Bhainsa, Adilabad

Sewa International proposed to construct proper accommodation for Sri Vivekananda Awasam, an affection home for destitute children. The home was established in 1996 with an intention to provide congenial environment for the deserving and poor children but it did not have proper accommodation. The awasam, which is located in the tribal belt of Bhainsa in Adilabad district, is a two-storied building, constructed with the help of Sewa International and local philanthropists. At present the awasam houses 30



### YFS Hyderabad – Seva Vacation at Slums – Amarnath

*YFS volunteer Amarnath, who works with Wells Fargo took a week off and spent his time in the slums trying to understand their way of life. He shares his experiences:*

When I decided to spend 1 week in slums I had no idea what I was trying to do & I went with open mind & with no expectations. When one hears slums, the 1st thing that strikes everyone is their living conditions, environment, that they are ‘mass’ people etc.. I also had same thoughts and its true but this Seva vacation has shown me ‘behind the screens’ of slums & how they think, their mentality & what goes in slums & why they are like that.

Men (Young & Old) drink a lot which is leading to fights between parents. Kids roam on roads & parents don’t care about their children & this is the major reason I observed why kids don’t go to schools. Way of thinking by the elder, young &



kids in slums are same maybe because 1st image for a kid is his parents.

Slum people are mass people – one best experience I had is during Ganesh festival when we visited 10+ slums, only one place played devotional songs & others played very very mass songs. Entering into slums is very difficult as they don’t allow outsiders but I along with Prasad who has left his job to serve slums visited these places.

My observations in slums: Love within them; Religion Conversions and I have experienced it; Changing their thinking/attitude is a long term thing and may be difficult; Separated from community. The main point I felt was slums being separated from the community they are treated as a separate untouchable entity & this is why they also treat us like that.

Overall this vacation has shown me what I wanted to see – Behind the screens of Slums.

### Working on health and nutrition needs in India – John Blaise

*This is the second in the series of posts by our Summer intern John Blaise. He is currently working on developing a balanced meal plan for the needy children. You can read the first part of his experiences here.*

For the last 2 weeks the bulk of my time has been spent talking with doctors and networking with the medical community here in Hyderabad. I have been tasked with the development of a health and meal plan in two elementary government schools. I also need to find a pediatrician, general physician, Optometrist, and Dermatologist to partner with the schools. The government has provided a health scheme for the public sector, but it is sorely lacking. Doctors infrequently visit the schools if they come at all. I have visited one of the schools already and it is evident that a majority of the children are suffering from malnutrition. Thus, the breakfast that we are adopting must supplement the children’s daily intake of food. This meal must provide a significant amount of vital nutrients and calories. This is the only way that these children can become healthy. They are not receiving enough food at their homes.

In addition to this project I have also been spending some time at MNJ Oncology Hospital. I have been working in the children’s ward. At the moment I am mainly interacting with the children; however, I plan to become more involved with the daily activities of the ward. The hospital lacks basic necessities like bed sheets for patients and access to a constant source of potable water. Also, the families of the patients live in the hospital during the cancer treatments. This means that they may take up residence at the hospital for up to a year or more. Unfortunately, there are few resources for the families. Water is

rationed at 1 liter per family. They are also given a meager helping of rice and dal. The situation has become desperate and also unsanitary. There are only 4 bathrooms for some 400 individuals. The floors are not swept regularly, which will facilitate the spread of communicable diseases. I talked with the doctor in charge of the ward and she explained many of the difficulties they are facing. Apart from the problems that I already observed she told me that they are having problems with their retention rate. Most of the children come from rural areas. This means that the families must spend a lot of time and money transporting the children to the hospital, which dissuades them from coming for multiple visits. Parents often remove children halfway through the treatment process. The doctors said that about only 40% of the children actually complete the entire cycle of therapy. Transportation is obviously a major issue but so is the lack of education about health and disease. The doctor explained that if people cannot directly see the physical manifestations of an ailment they are less likely to treat it. The problem is that even when cancer goes into remission it still must be treated. Just because a cancerous growth is reduced in size does not mean that the cancer is no longer present. This faulty reasoning is leading to a lot of problems. Many of the children have cancers that can be reversed if treated consistently.

All in all, I am happy with the progress that I am making on my project. If I can finally get this meal plan and health camp implemented I will be content with what I have accomplished in India. I am enjoying my time here in Hyderabad.

*ETA: 1st September 2012 - The meal plan designed by John is now in action at Govt. School, Izzatnagar and the children are enjoying their fruit+milk breakfast daily.*

## VIDYA DAAN 2012-13

Sewa International, with association of YFS, has evolved a unique way to support underprivileged children towards their education. It connects donors to deserving children through financial help and mentoring. This academic year we could sponsor 600 orphans, tribal and poorest of the poor children from 19 districts in Andhra Pradesh. Each student receives Rs 300 per month as scholarship which is disbursed through our partner NGOs who take complete care of the student which includes boarding, lodging and education of the child.



## SWAMI VIVEKANANDA MEDICAL MISSION WAYANAD, KERALA

Any noble activity requires dedicated and selfless volunteers. An attempt to create this base was made on the initial days of birth of Independent India by Dr. Hedgewar and then by the seventies begun to blossom into activities serving different aspects of national life. Inspired by the rousing call, this Mission was started in 1972 to cater to the health needs of the society, especially the downtrodden. The Mission chose the hilly backward tribal predominant part of Malabar of Kerala, viz., Wayanad which later came to become a district of the same name.



Hospital OP



Chief Medical Officer Dr.Sagdeo

Lack of clean drinking water, malnutrition, unhygienic habits and unsanitary living conditions are the main causes of diseases among the Adivasis of Wayanad. Though the Governments, both Central and State, try to reform them by spending crores of rupees, their lot has not been changed much. A visit to a typical vanavasi hamlet will reveal many things, lack of proper shelter, unemployment, diseases, illiteracy, superstitions and so on. Last of all is the loss of their natural habitats by urbanization, deforestation and encroachments. The Mission has been helping the Govt. for the last 40 years in its endeavor to better



Doctor at a Tribal Colony



Epilepsy Detection Camp

their lot.

On the auspicious occasion of the 150<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of Swami Vivekananda, we are presenting with pride and gratitude the 41<sup>st</sup> year Report of the Mission that carries his proud name.

At present, the Mission helps the Vanavasis and the general public in threefold ways: -

- I. Health Care Activities.
- II. Education and Culture.
- III. Economic Development.



Oral Cancer Detection Camp

The activities of the Mission have grown extensively and works as the Mother NGO (MNGO) to take care of the other nongovernmental organization in the field of child and mother protection under the NRHM. (National Rural Health Mission). The hospital now has the following facilities.

- Outpatient Department
- Well equipped Laboratory and Pharmacy

- IP Ward (36 beds and Maternity Ward)
- Ultra Sound Scan and X ray Unit
- Gastro Endoscopy TB Microscopy and Treatment Centre
- ECG & EEG Units Pain & Palliative clinic
- Sickle Cell Anemia diagnostic, counseling and treatment centre
- Multi-specialty clinics for -
  1. ENT; 2. Skin; 3. Surgery; 4. Dental;
  5. Pediatrics; 6. Neurology; 7. Psychiatry;
  8. Eye clinic.

Last year 63805 patients were treated here and another 12791 through the Mobile Unit. Average one lakh patients treated every year and out of this 75% are vanavasis. Poor and helpless patients are given special care, compassion, counseling and caution through our weekly programmes. Ambulance facility is available here.

### The Moving Hospital

A Mobile Medical Unit of the Mission leaves almost everyday to far and remote corners of Wayanad through terrains and kutcha roads to reach the vanavasi patients living in the periphery of the forest and quite often inside the forest. Dwellers of these hamlets will get the facilities of hospital at their doorstep. The Unit has all the necessary equipments and personnel to give treatment and essential medicines. Sometimes they will be referred to the base hospital for further treatment.

Besides, the mobile unit of the Mission Hospital

also move towards the six *sub-centers* (three weekly and three monthly at **Niravilpuzha, Irumanathoor, Muthanga, Kannankode, Chulliyode** and **Cherukara**) located at different parts of the district. Besides, diagnostic and treatment camps in vanavasi colonies, schools, and hostels for vanavasi children are also conducted. A total of 11271 patients were treated in the reporting year through our Mobile units.

**The Sickle Cell Anemia Control Programme**

The presence of Sickle Cell Anemia among the tribal people of Wayanad was found out by the Mission first and brought to the notice of the Government and AIIMS, New Delhi by the Mission's chief medical officer Dr. D.D.Sagdeo. A Survey was conducted at our behest and it has been found that this disease is a genetic disorder and transmitted through the genes of parents. The AIIMS initiated their first pilot project of Sickle Cell Anemia Control Program in Wayanad with the Mission as the NGO partner and more than 70% of the tribal population was screened. A separate trust by name SCARF was formed to continue the campaign. As the second stage of the programme, a free clinic is functioning in SVMM Muttil Centre at Screening camps and health education camps are conducted in tribal villages. A research project with the Kottakkal Arya Vaidya Sala to find out proper ayurvedic medicine for the ailment is in progress, and their monthly Clinic is still continuing. To help the patients of Mananthavady region, a monthly Sickle Cell Anemia clinic under the Mission is in full swing at Jyothi Hospital there.



Swastya Mithra

**Free Eye Clinic**

With the help of Comtrust Eye Care Society, Calicut, screening camps for cataract are conducted regularly in the Mission hospital and its Sub-Centres. Confirmed persons are taken to the Comtrust Eye Hospital for treatment.

**Swastya Mithra Project**

This Project was initiated for training tribal youths to visit tribal colonies and look after health problems and to guide colony dwellers in conducting their lives in clean, neat, and hygienic way. Tribal youths are given training in First Aid, Hygiene and economic matters and each of the trained volunteer is given charge of a specified area of work. They also distribute medicines for common ailments. 150 such volunteers are working covering 198 colonies.

**Revised National Tuberculosis Control Programme (RNTCP)**

The Mission has been actively participating in this Governmental programme for eradication of Tuberculosis from our midst for the last 10 years as a Microscopy and Treatment Centre and has obtained Certificate of appreciation from the Government of Kerala.

**AXSHAYA**

This is a project envisaged to determine the Tuberculosis patients in tribal colonies. The project conducts field investigation and awareness campaigns, camps, slide shows etc.

Recently it has started a **de-addiction project** and an anemia project. The de-addiction project is sponsored by Mr. Nandhakumar, owner of an IT Company Suntech. The aim of the project is to prevent alcoholism and cure alcoholics. 15 addicts were given treatment. In its drive to save young Adivasi children from the clutches of alcohol and other narcotic substances, it conducted awareness classes in Vidyaniketan Schools, Vidyakendras, Model Residential Schools and Pre-metric hostels.

**SPECIAL CAMPS**

- 2012 May 2: Free Oral Cancer Detection under Dental Care Society.

- 2012 June 15 July 7: in 90 colonies. Awareness Programme on symptoms and prevention of Oral Cancer
- 2012 July 15 Second screening in 14 Centres by Dental Doctors.
- 2012 August 5: Free Medical Camp on Fits by Calicut Neurological Society.
- 2012 August 12: Free Homeo Medical Camp at the Mission Hospital with help from Abott Medicine Company.
- 2013 February 17: Free Dental Camp by Coorg Institute of Dental Sciences, Virajpet.
- 2013 February 23: Free Oral Cancer Detection Camp by Dr.Govindaraj Varrier of Calicut and his Pratheeksha team.

**District Yoga Wellness Centre**

The Mission has been selected as Swami Vivekananda District Yoga Wellness Centre – Under Public Private Partnership (PPP)- by the Morarji Desai National Institute Of Yoga, New Delhi-110001, an autonomous organization under the Department of AYUSH, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India. We will be conducting **Yoga** courses on nominal fees from the next financial year onwards. SVYAS University, Kempegowda Nagar, Bangaluru, Karnataka will be the Nodal Yoga Institute for monitoring our Centre.

**Education and Culture**

**Gramin Vidya Kendras:** In order to monitor the progress of education and culture of the tribal students, the Mission has organized 100 Vidya



Cheque for X - Ray by SBI

**Kendras (Coaching Centers)** in the Tribal colonies. The Swasthya Mithra volunteers, through these Kendras give tuition to school going children and drop-outs up to standard 7 in the evenings. A total of around 3000 children are attending them. This project is financed by the TIDE trust, Mumbai (Tribal Integrated Development and Education, Govt. of India).

**Reading Rooms and Libraries:** have been arranged in four sub-centres of the Mission. The Vidya Kendras also provide mobile library services. Journals and periodicals are available here.

**Balamskarika Kendras:** Children meet once in a week in these Kendras where instructions on moral education are given. Cultural activities and music are part of these classes. A total number of 2000 children are attending these Kendras.

**Economic development:** With a view to improving the financial condition of the people, the Mission has been implementing different projects:-



Coorg Dental College camp at the Mission



Bamboo Craftsmen

**Bamboo Craft:** The Bamboo craft training was started for the rehabilitation of Sickle Cell Anemia patients who are not able to take up any heavy work. 140 tribal patients have trained so far in making handicrafts. They are utilizing their skills and their products are marketed through fairs and exhibitions.

**Self Help Groups:** Under CAPART (Council for Advancement of People's Action and Rural Technology) Project in which the Mission is a participating member, Self Help Groups of Tribal Women have been formed in 15 colonies in 4 Grama



Ambulance - Flagging off

Panchayats.

**Resources:** For the first 10 years the only source of finance was donations from friends and well-wishers, to a certain extent, this remains a major support even now. The State Govt. started giving an annual grant of Rs.10,000/- in 1982 and continued till 1993 when the Govt. of India started aiding the Hospital Project and Mobile unit. The Coffee Board, Tea Board, Spices Board, and the Hindustan Petroleum Corporation had assisted in constructing buildings for the hospital and its sub-centers. The Coffee Board, UPASI Coonoor, AIM for Seva Coimbatore and Ministry of Tribal Affairs aided the purchase of Ambulances. The Coffee Board, Tea Board and the Ministry of Tribal Affairs helped the purchase of equipments such as X-Ray unit etc. A well-wisher, Dr.S.Ram Manohar donated the EEG Unit. The **Seva International** and the TIDE Mumbai are the two organizations who continue to patronize the Mission's projects. Presently, an ambulance and a cheque for Rupees 8.9 Lakhs for purchase of X-Ray unit have been provided by the State Bank of India, Kainatty Branch.

**Personnel:** The Swami Vivekananda Medical

Mission family consists of more than 200 dedicated members serving its hospital, Vidya Kendras and imbedded in field activities in connection with it.

**Beneficiaries:** The Mission reaches its services to more than one Lakh of the population in a year through its different seva activities (Medical 1,00,000 and others 3600).

**Celebrations:** The Mission celebrates Onam, Vivekananda Jayanthi, Gurupooja, Dhanwantari Jayanthi, Ramayana Masam, Raksha Bandhan and Deepavali in the Hospital as well as in all of its centres and Vidya Kendras. The Dhanwanthari temple at the Mission courtyard has daily morning pooja, and all the special pooja on festivals. The 150<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of the Swami was celebrated with lectures, public meetings, processions and programmes.



Vivekananda Jayanthi

#### **Appreciations/Awards/Honours:**

- Vana Kalyan Samithy, Pune, Sree Guruji Golwalkar Puraskar 1995.
- The Government of Madhya Pradesh's first National Award "Thakkar Bapa Rashtreeya Samman 2008" for services to Tribal brethren
- Rotary Club, Jaycees and Indian Medical Association, State Branch honored the Chief Medical Officer, Dr. D.D Sagdeo.

The above is a small summary of the Mission's activities. We would like to express our immense gratitude to all those benevolent hearts and generous institutions, which helped us in our effort to make this a number one NGO in the field of health, culture and social activities.

#### **Abhaya Foundation: Annual Report**

At the outset we thank SEWA International USA for their kind contribution of Rs.50,000/- for constructing additional class rooms at Abhaya Vignan School, an initiative of Abhaya Foundation at Yerragunta Village, Kanekal Mandal, Anantapur Dist., AP, India.

Presently there are about 185 students studying in the school, ranging from Nursery to 5<sup>th</sup> Standard. Altogether there are 8 classes and 10 Teaching/ Non-Teaching Staff leading life with their salary earnings in the school. The Foundation received a grant of Rs.50,000/- from SEWA and as per their rules, sanctioned another Rs.50,000/- and completed the construction works in the summer vacation of school.

A.F. is very grateful to SEWA for this wonderful assistance in enlightening poor rural students. It takes this opportunity to thank key persons of SEWA International USA for the wonderful support they have extended to Abhaya Foundation in the year 2012.



World TB Day

#### **Akshar Bharati Report 2012-13**

Akshar Bharati is an initiative to nurture the reading habits in children between age group 5-15 years from underprivileged and remote areas by facilitating access to good non-academic literature.

Akshar Bharati in the last 6 years spread its projects and services to underprivileged community in 8+ states of India starting its headquarters in Pune, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Goa, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, West Bengal,

Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Meghalaya, and Delhi to Jammu & Kashmir.

We have launched 400+ libraries in many townships, villages and cities of 8 states across India and growing with around 1000 volunteers. There are almost 75,000+ children with almost 3,17,500 books distributed to those who were far away from the extracurricular knowledge apart from their school curriculum were benefited immensely.

#### **AB Activities in the year 2012-13**

Akshar Bharati has been continuously adding libraries as our core activity, arranged roadshows for the awareness, events to increase the volunteering base, volunteer events to create synergies between them, added official associates from three Tier 1 global technology companies and two well-known colleges along with a significant quiz competition events for the schools like "Balgokulam" in Pune, which received overwhelming response, and informal education programs across the nation.

- ✓ 35 new libraries set up
  - 22 in Maharashtra
  - 3 in Hyderabad
  - 5 in Rajasthan
  - 5 in Arunachal Pradesh
- ✓ Number of participants active in setting up these libraries pan-India
  - 250+ volunteers participated
  - 1000+ volunteer hours spent
- ✓ Akshar Bharati Roadshows
  - 20 AB Roadshows
  - 10 in Housing Societies
  - 10 in IT Companies
  - 615 volunteers registered
- ✓ 5 Volunteer get-togethers
- ✓ New association with global technology companies and colleges
- ✓ 3 IT companies are officially associated with Akshar Bharati (Sewa International) - Cisco, BNY Mellon and NVIDIA
- ✓ 2 colleges are officially associated with Akshar Bharati (Sewa International) - Sinhgad Institute of Business Administration and Research, Pune and College of Engineering,

Pune

✓ Project Informal Education:

- 50+ Student are participated regularly
- 15 Volunteers are participated regularly
- One full time volunteer working for this program

✓ Akshar Bharati Community library

- Quiz Compactions held at Pune, and Hadapsar/ Rural Area.
- “BalGokulam”

Projects Drives



**Drive on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2012**

Akshar Bharati has been regularly conducting various awareness drives and run projects. The first drive was held on 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2012 with a target of setting up 15 libraries. We actually crossed the target by setting up 17 libraries on the Independence

Day of that year.

**Donation Drive by 2012**

We arranged a series of Road Shows and donation drives from Oct 2012 to Dec 2012 as part of our planned drives in 9 locations and in 6 companies. There were 36+ volunteers participated and 380 new volunteers have enrolled with Akshar Bharati.

**Drive on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2012**

26<sup>th</sup> January, Republic Day, was celebrated by our volunteers with the target of setting up 26



libraries.

81+ Volunteers participated in this Drive and donated around 500+ volunteer hours.

**Competitions**

**AB Quiz Competition- “Balgokulam 2013”**

Akshar Bharati had been conducting various innovative programs every year and that sets and fills in enthusiasm in the volunteers as well as in the organizers.

Student participants were eagerly waiting for this event and it was held on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2013 and carried out various programs mainly the quiz competition for school children’s where 8000 students from 51 schools participated.

All the participants were given certificates as a token of appreciation and Books set for the school.



**Project Dhruva**

Project Dhruva involves various activities at library locations to ensure and measure the appropriate impact of libraries on the kids through volunteer – children engagement and in turn effective influence on overall personality development of kids. This is the platform for children to demonstrate their experience with the books and AB volunteers to share their expertise & experience with next generation.

**Volunteers**

There are 1000+ volunteers contributing from various corporates, service industries, schools, colleges sectors and supporting to the cause of spreading the joy of reading across India.

**Akshar Bharati for All**

Akshar Bharati for All (AB4ALL) gives access to a good array of books across genres to you and your support staff, blending reading habits with community service.

**“AB4ALL” Highlights:**

- ❖ Extensive collection of books across genres for all ages and groups of people
- ❖ Extensive collection of books across genres for all ages and
- ❖ Online portal with a detailed portfolio
- ❖ Online portal with a detailed books
- ❖ Doorstep Delivery for Corporate as well as Housing Society Models – Once a week. (Only in Pune)
- ❖ Computer & Internet Access at “AB4ALL” premises
- ❖ Platform for companies, societies and individuals to spread knowledge through community development classes



**Activities conducted by “AB4ALL”**

- Art and Craft workshop for kids
- Tree plantation activity
- Scientific toys
- Workshop on Painting for kids
- ❖ Every week teaching class for underprivileged kids.
  - Mathematics for 5<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> Standard
  - Spoken English for 5<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> Standard
  - Every Sunday Computer education for all kids.



**Project Informal Education – New horizons**

We have started project “Informal Education”, which will help children in overall development. Project Informal Education involves various activities at library locations to ensure and measure the appropriate impact of libraries on the kids through volunteer – children engagement and in turn effective influence on overall personality development of kids.

This project has embarked at three locations: AB community library, Saraswati Madhyamik Vidyalay, Karvenagar, and Gharti Sanstha, Gadital, Hadapsar.

Activities: Teach Mathematics, conduct Spoken English Course, Basic Computer education Course, Extra Curricular Activities, Scientific toys making workshop, Reading activity, Educational games, and Environment/ Sanitation Awareness activity.



## **SWAMI VIVEKANANDA RURAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE SADGURU SRI GNANANANDA SEVA TRUST**

**SVRCC is run for the benefit of school dropouts from underprivileged sections of society. Training is offered to the youngsters in vocational courses to make them employable.** More importantly, it teaches them the values to be imbibed and practised in conducting their lives. **‘Education with character’**– as Swami Vivekananda phrased it – is our motto.

The college has been able to place 320 students from the 4 previous batches in vocations of their choice. The training of 105 students of the fifth batch is currently in progress.

SVRCC has in the short span of 4 years earned the distinction of being in the top 60 Colleges out of over 340.

The Trust started building the full-fledged college in June 2010. The total budget for Phase-1 is Rs. 3.50 crore. About Rs. 265 lakh has been collected or committed till now and the balance of Rs 85 lakh has to be secured.

Through the last 5 years SVRCC has trained and sent for employment over 425 young men and women – literally ‘reclaimed’, after failing or getting a poor pass in their 10<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> standard exams and discarded as ‘useless’. It also admits youngsters who dropped out even earlier – as it

happens with girls in villages. The sixth batch of students started their classes in July 2013.

At present it has arrangements for conducting the following courses:

1. Refrigeration & air-conditioning mechanism
2. Desktop publishing
3. Nursing/Health assistance
4. Computerised Accounting & Office management
5. Home/Building electrical wiring & servicing
6. House keeping
7. Auto mobile mechanism
8. Computer hardware servicing
9. Garment designing & making
10. Cell phone servicing
11. Retail sales management

**Swami Vivekananda Rural Community College (SVRCC) is run with an educational methodology built on three solid foundations:**

1. Technical/trade skills training that will guarantee employment,
2. Life skills that teach the youngsters how to lead a purposeful, positive and happy life, and
3. The value of unconditional love, nurturing care and disciplined affection