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# SEWA INTERNATIONAL



Annual Report 2016-17

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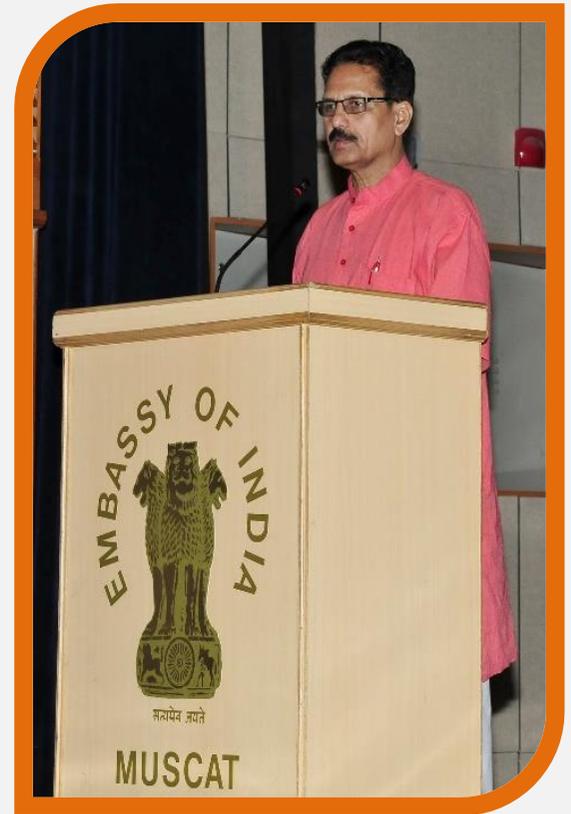
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It is my privilege to present to you the Annual Report and audited accounts of Sewa International for the financial year 2016-17.

As the new Bharat emerges keeping in tune with times, Sewa International is engaged much more consciously and actively in nation's development to ensure that its social, economic and environmental footprint is enhanced. This year, as more than 6000 people benefited from our three projects in Uttarakhand, Varanasi, and Reang (Bru) Tripura; they became the part of ever growing Sewa family.

In seriatim, this report showcases Sewa Kashi as our focus project. The discoveries of science are tangible and with the advent of the power loom, the handloom workers of Banaras found themselves out of work. Following the age-old trade and generations-old weaving skills, the new dawn in garment industry left the traditional handloom weaver bereft of their livelihood. Sewa International intervened and launched its project, "Swachh-Shikshit-Kushal Kashi", for the development of Handloom weavers in Ramnagar and adjoining villages in Kashi. The focus of the project is on skill development, sanitation, and education. We have installed 30 toilets, established 5 education centres and run regular training and workshop for weavers; benefiting more than 1500 people in the reporting period.



NGOs play an essential role in embedding the development in civil society, anchoring the actions in consonance with the needs of society. Over the last few years, Sewa International and its partner organizations have become a spearhead of reforms, embodying a dynamic and positive energy, rethinking the way of working to improve and bring all around development. Our rehabilitation work in Uttarakhand is growing at a steady pace with 102 SHGs, 10 Computer training centres, 6 Knitting centres running successfully, benefitting more than 3500 people. Under Sewa Krishi project, we distributed more than 1200 kgs of seeds benefiting more than 500 women farmers. We trained 350 youth and developed 25 treks under Sewa Saahas project. Under the health project of Uttarakhand, we trained 35 health workers in First-Aid training, benefiting more than 500 people from the target area of Rudraprayag and Chamoli districts.

I would like to put a special mention of our Reang (Bru) Tribal Development Project in Tripura. Sewa International took initiative to improve the condition of our reang brethren and started 15 Education centres, Handloom training, Bamboo training, Computer training, and Sewing centres benefiting more than 500 people in the reporting year.

I would like to congratulate thousands of volunteers who through hard work, dedication and passion are engaged in bringing about a better world. A greater amount of constancy and development could be mobilized by directing the zeal of workers and donors to the goal of selfless service. Sewa International aims to develop volunteers full of strength, confidence, faith, zeal, and fearlessness. Renunciation and service are the national ideals of Bharat and Sewa International exhort its volunteers to walk the path with detachment. Answering the call of consciousness and demands of society our volunteers are filled with the will to serve the nation and preserve its great heritage. The unfailing abiding source of their strength is the willpower. Our volunteers work round the clock in 16 states in Bharat and 20 countries across the globe, with a will to improve the quality of life holistically, materialistically, individually and collectively.

In this spirit, I wish to thank all our associated organizations for their commendable work and I encourage them to deepen evermore their actions and coordination to support the foundation for a developed and sustainable Bharat. I thank all of our donors for their very generous support and hope that you will continue to support us for years to come. Our partners across Bharat and world continue to be a source of exceptional strength and want to thank them for their dedication and co-operation. I would like to acknowledge the contribution, support and commitments of my colleagues on the Board and Sewa Team.



SEWA LUMINARY

## SURYANARAYANA RAO "SURU JI"

Late Sri Suryanarayan Rao, born on 20th August 1924, was the founding visionary of 'Sewa International'. He initiated the global movement, "Sewa International" which was founded on the cultural & scriptural values of ancient Hindu philosophy.

He served the 'Sangh' as a Pracharak for more than 70 years before his worldly journey came to completion on 19th November 2016. We consider our continuation of his mission as a token of reverence for him & his vision.



## HIS VISION

# Suryanarayana Rao "Suru Ji"

A vision, combined with action as well as a core belief that what you contribute can fundamentally change the paradigm or people's world views, has the potential to find acceptance & followership across the globe. Sri K. Suryanarayana Rao was a visionary who understood this very well & hence, contemplated a global Hindu mission to serve the needy, the underprivileged, the underserved, the underdeveloped in order to benefit masses & communities without expecting them to renounce or forego their religious, cultural or ethnic beliefs. The idea was of acceptance & service as opposed to passive coercion or imposition. As a matter of fact, 'Service before Self' was a philosophy propounded by none other than Swami Vivekananda who galvanized the Indian society to break the shackles of colonial bondage, thus empowering oneself to serve the world selflessly. *Suruji*, the popular name that Sri Suryanarayana Rao was known by, had studied the life of Swami Vivekananda in his youth and was very inspired by his world views, especially those around 'selfless service'. This was compounded by the vision of Dr. K. B. Hedgewar, the *Sarsanghchalak* of the *Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh* and the organization that trained *Suruji* for a very long period of time. *Suruji* was deeply influenced by the ideological, philosophical and spiritual stance of the 2nd *Sarsanghchalak* of RSS. We consider ourselves fortunate to be a part of 'Sewa International' that has now grown into an influential, widespread organization reaching out to the Indian Diaspora in more than 40 countries and actively serving communities in up to 20 countries. A natural calamity comes unannounced & leaves people devastated because of the loss of life & property that it causes. In such scenarios, relief work carried out by NGOs or sansthas like ours is often considered a divine intervention by the victims of said calamity. We have risen up to the challenge to serve people affected post the Gujarat earthquake, Tsunami relief and rehabilitation work in Sri Lanka- Tamil Nadu- Kerala, the Nargis cyclone in Myanmar, hurricane Katrina in Louisiana, Uttarakhand flash floods, Hurricane Harvey in Houston, Texas or Irma related relief in Caribbean.

*Suruji* often quoted Swami Vivekananda's famous quote, "*they alone live who lived for others, the rest are more dead than alive*" and inspired a whole lot of people, their gender, caste, religion notwithstanding, to join Sewa activity across Bharat. He extended this to other parts of the world by motivating Indians across the world to serve the country of their origin as well as communities in the countries of their adoption. *Suruji* led the discussions about the global activity of Sewa during the Vishwa Sangh Shibir, 1995 in Vadodara. Though a smaller group of some 30-35 *karyakartas* from various countries participated in this *baithak*, the agenda covered a whole lot relevant & important issues. While the *baithak* gathered great support & proposals for streamlined funding were also discussed, *Suruji*'s prime focus remained on highlighting various key points that could potentially contribute to the spread of Sewa International nomenclature across countries. However, it was brought to a point of consensus that the unit will have to be registered under local rules and a broad relationship be generated among these units to work effectively. I had the privilege of attending this meeting as an invitee and could see an idea that had the potential of taking shape of a global mission. During his lifetime, *Suruji* travelled to various countries on different occasions. His travels took him to the United States, Canada, Caribbean countries, UK, The Netherlands, Germany, Kenya, Singapore and Malaysia. Swayamsevaks from all the countries have fond memories of his travel and his remarkable speeches. The Vedanta idea of experiencing Divinity in *the* creation and serving the Divinity by serving *the* creation was propounded by him in Feb 2001 in Delhi during an International Conference that was attended by scholars from Europe and Turkey. This made a long lasting impact on the guest scholars, bringing Sewa to the fore of serving the underprivileged. This was followed by two more International conferences, one in Frankfurt, Germany in 2003 and the other in St. Petersburg, Russia in 2006.

*Suruji* had a fond memory of a letter written to him by Sri Gururaj, the 2nd *Sarsanghchalak* of RSS which was written to him post the successful organization of a huge Dharmachaya Sammelan held in Udupi, Karnataka in 1969 under the banner of the *Vishwa Hindu Parishad*. *Suruji* was given the responsibility of executing this conference. He would quote the content of the letter at any relevant inquiry about the Sangh, serving all without any discrimination. Journalists had the penchant for asking questions surrounding the controversial subject as to whether the Sangh differentiates between religious or caste lines. Sri Gururaj had written in one of his letters to *Suruji* that "disasters do not discriminate between religion & religion, caste & caste, creed & creed, then how can one differentiate while providing Sewa". Real Hindu teaching & philosophy is based on the spirit of serving the society without discrimination. *Suruji* popularized this amongst all Sangh activists while he practiced this himself. He truly epitomized the saying, *Manav Sewa is Madhav Sewa*"



The movement “**SEWA INTERNATIONAL**” was started in 1991 in the UK by some philanthropists initially, but picked pace during relief efforts to help the earthquake victims of Latur, Maharashtra. Since then, the movement has spread out to USA, Canada, Australia and other European countries. 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 the society better, but also preparing them for new challenges, making changes happen, promoting opportunities and improving the way people do things to make this world better.

**Mission statement:** “ Sewa International is a ‘not-for-profit’ organization inspired by the noble Hindu tradition of service before self; working for promoting voluntarism internationally especially among youth, women and energetic senior citizens; building an international network of not-for-profit organizations; promoting philanthropy from the grassroots level to corporate sector; providing relief to the affected during calamities, natural and or-man-made, and rehabilitating them; building capacity of the non-profit organizations towards achieving results, empowering communities and individuals through sustained support; funding committed grassroots organizations that rely heavily on volunteer effort; supporting effort that promote cultural and moral value systems in the society; and aiming to see happiness and well-being in everyone, everywhere and at all times”.

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

- ❖ To relieve poverty and diseases and help the sick, needy, the weak and those affected by natural calamities, disasters and other sufferings.
- ❖ To help in the education and training of the poor, sick, disabled and socially backward students and assist them financially.
- ❖ To facilitate long term development projects.
- ❖ To enable and empower communities become self-reliant and earn a dignified living.
- ❖ To strengthen voluntary organization by training their personnel in effective implementation of projects with modern management techniques and encourage cooperation between its overseas chapters.
- ❖ To support and aid village development programs, to achieve self-sustenance through total integrated development.
- ❖ To arrange visits of donors/contributors from abroad to various project sites in Bharat to have the first-hand experience of various ongoing activities.
- ❖ 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 the voluntary and social development organizations.
- ❖ To publish a monthly e-newsletter “Sewa Sandesh” and disseminate Sewa News to well-wishers, donors and supporters.
- ❖ To maintain a blog with information on ‘Sewa Activities’ using Facebook, Twitter and Blogs.
- ❖ To organize International Sewa Meets at various places once every three years for interaction and better understanding of the needs and decide on future course of action to be taken.
- ❖ To make ‘short documentaries’ on various projects/programs that have been supported / funded.
- ❖ To maintain the website ([www.sewainternational.org](http://www.sewainternational.org)) with information on various Sewa Activities.
- ❖ 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.



Sewa International strives to reach the unreached in every remote nook and corner of India, and help improve the socio-economic conditions of the downtrodden communities there through its own interventions, or by engaging with socially responsible and impacting local organizations who believe in our core values. This Annual Report showcases our projects, partners and initiatives undertaken in the given year to help fulfill our mission to provide services to the needy in the sectors of health, education, skill development, divyang care, women empowerment, preservation and promotion of traditional art forms, and disaster rehab.

“Swacch-Shikshit-Kushal Kashi” was started with the aim of reviving the dying handloom industry of Banaras and has evolved with multi-pronged holistic interventions in the fields of education, health, sanitation & agriculture. The weaver community is trained with latest developments in their field through the workshops conducted by Sewa International from time to time, their products branded and sold in exhibitions, their kids educated, and their locality made Open Defecation Free (ODF) through sponsored individual/community toilets. The change is visible, positive and long lasting.



## Swacch Kashi

Sewa International has installed 16 toilets in nearby villages of Ramnagar, Varanasi viz. Bhatti, RatanBagh, Tenghra Mod, Maccharhatta, Ayodhyapur, Purushottampur.

- A Cleanliness drive was carried out in these villages on 19 Nov 2016, on 'Toilet Day'.
- 2 medical camps were organized in Bhatti and Ramnagar villages. More than 700 people participated in the camp.

### Activities carried out in these camps were:

- Health check-up,
- Bone density test
- Free medicine distribution

## Shikshit Kashi

Established 5 learning centres educating more than 200 primary school children in areas/villages near Ramnagar, viz, Pandit Sughanu, Bhatti, Ratanbaag, Maccharhatta Ward & Bagheli tola.

- Provided academic and career guidance to underprivileged students.
- Our valued supporter from the Caribbean, Mrs Indrani Rampersad collected funds from her friends & family for distributing School kits with Sweets to 200 school children at Ramnagar in Kashi, UP on 11th Aug 2016.
- Reduced school dropout rate and improved enrolment under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan.



## Kushal Kashi

SI as part of its mission to preserve the traditional art forms of India by promoting artisans/craftsmen/weavers, conducted regular training for its weavers in Ramnagar, Kashi. The weavers learnt about latest designs, patterns, techniques, tools and trends, in order to produce market ready products. Ms. Nishi Singh, Sr. Designer in FDC Delhi assisted and mentored the training program.

- The products made by the weavers were showcased in exhibitions organized by Dastakari Haat Samiti in Dilli Haat (New Delhi), "Ode to Earth" Mela (Gurugram), and Handloom house Janpath (New Delhi).
- The products were showcased & sold on E-Commerce platforms like myroots.com, ethniqdiva.com etc.
- Awareness workshops were conducted for the weavers on various new Govt. Initiatives, Craft labels and Marketing opportunities.



Northeastern India is a hotbed of strife, promoted by vested interests from within & across borders. The Bru tribes are a victim of one such strife that left them homeless since 1997. These internally displaced refugees are living in a deplorable state in makeshift camps on the borders of Mizoram & Tripura. Sewa International is working towards providing succor to these people through its initiatives in Employment-linked Skill Training in Bamboo Crafts, Handloom Weaving, Tailoring & Computers, as well as Free Tuition Centres for Education of Bru children.

### Education:

- 15 education centres
- 300+ Children at present
- Employment of tribal teachers
- Amenities like Blackboards/ Chalks/books etc. provided

### Skill Development

- **Handloom Weaving Training Program:** Sewa International trained 40 women from the biggest refugee camp of Naisinghpara, North Tripura in Handloom Weaving skills. As a result, the tribals are making traditional dresses (Rnai) & selling them in the nearby market earning an average of 2000-8000 per month.
- **Bamboo Crafts Training Program:** Sewa International trained 50+ Bru Refugees in bamboo furniture making through 3 of its workshops conducted in Jul-Aug 2016, Nov-Dec 2016 and Jan-Feb 2017 respectively. The products they created, sell in the nearby market providing them a source of livelihood.
- **Computer Training Centre:** 87 reangs were trained in Computer Skills by Sewa International. Computer training has increased their employ-ability locally as well as outside state, providing gainful employment to many of them.

### Weekly awareness camps on Health & Sanitation

Knowledge about traditions, education, health & hygiene, sanitation, superstitions etc. is shared via awareness camps conducted every Saturday in Naisinghpara & Ashapara Camps. Information is dissipated by showing documentaries and presentations with the help of a projector and screen run using a generator due to lack of power supply. Around 300-400 people of all ages, come and get benefited through these programs.





Uttarakhand Rehab project, sponsored by the Government of Goa, started post devastating floods of 2013, which left thousands homeless, dead and injured. Sewa was initially pressed to action to provide relief to the survivors and resolved to work for holistic socio-economic development of the Garhwal's region's community. Skilling with the aim of livelihood creation, is at the heart of the project. Sewa Kaushal Vikas Kendras in district Chamoli and Rudraprayag are the nodal agencies, to be set up by SI, to carry out several developmental initiatives which can be viewed under following programs: Sewa Krishi, Sewa Yuva Jyoti, Sewa Mahila Jyoti, Sewa Saahas and Swasthya Sahayogi Sewa

In the year 2016-17, a diverse range of activities were carried out by the respective departments. The activities were strategically planned post an extensive need assessment survey which was conducted in 55 proposed project villages of Rudraprayag and Chamoli districts. A total of 1033 households, 50 In- depth survey units were covered in these villages.

## Sewa Srujan

Keeping in mind the idea of a holistic socio- economic growth of the area, Sewa International launched Sewa Srujan to better coordinate, mobilize & organize its livelihood generation activities. A total of 101 new SHGs with 1132 members were formed during the year. These SHGs are not only the most effective tool for development, they have proved themselves to be most effective for financial planning and small scale enterprising. As a result of their continuous effort, 44 SHGs got linked with different centralized banks in all the clusters. Some of the other activities carried out under project Sewa Srujan were:

- Fruit processing training for the members of SHGs in Tapovan mandal. 48 members of 7 SHGs of Tapovan mandal were awarded certificates after a comprehensive training on food processing.
- 18 members from 3 SHGs at Chandrapuri mandal were trained in Nursery Preparation. This activity was done in collaboration with Sewa Krishi team.
- The team participated in Gauchar fair, Agastyamuni fair, Mahakauthig exhibition and Keshav Shrushti exhibition where the produce of the farmers were displayed and sold and the benefits were delivered to the farmers.

## Sewa Krishi

Agriculture is one of the most significant sectors of economy in Uttarakhand. Owing to its topography, Uttarakhand can yield a variety of crops which can be a stable source of income for a huge portion of the population of the area. Some factors causing regression in this sector are- lack of technology know-how, unavailability of good seeds, small land holdings, lack of access to credit etc. Team Sewa developed a micro-action plan for the area to overcome the challenges which were identified through community mobilization efforts and surveys conducted in nearly 70 villages in the five different Sewa Mandals. Important information like prospective crops, and bank, opportunities for tools, training and technology and further aspects like water resources, fruits, floriculture, dairy and allied sectors were explored and a solution oriented approach was adopted by the team. Activities conducted in the year were as follows:

### 1. Seed Distribution:

- A total of 1142 kg seeds were distributed, benefitting 445 women farmers in 6 mandals of Narayankoti , Chandrapuri, Kandara, Pokhari, Tapovan, and Simli mandals.
- A total of 500 kg ginger, 300 kg turmeric, 50 kg French bean, 30 kg ladyfinger, 5 kg peas were distributed in first phase of distribution.
- In the second phase of distribution 250 Kg Pea, 5 Kg Onion, 1Kg Marigold, 1 Kg Chamomile was distributed.

### 2. Training and Capacity Building:

- On 10 July 2016, a model farmer seminar was organized at Sewa Chandrapuri centre that saw participation of 18 model farmers from both Rudraprayag and Chamoli districts. They discussed the various aspects of sustainable organic farming in the region.
- Training on Nursery preparation was provided to 18 members of 3 SHGs at Chandrapuri mandal in collaboration with Sewa Srujan team.

### 3. Demo Centres

- 3 demo centers for learning modern agricultural practices and techniques are operational now viz. Chandrapuri, Gairoli, and Pokhari.



Due to its extraordinary efforts in a difficult terrain of Garhwal, Sewa International has been selected as the principal partner for implementation of National Agricultural Science Fund (NASF) project by Indian Council for Agricultural Research (ICAR) in Chamoli and Rudraprayag district.

## Sewa Mahila Jyoti

Knitting Training Centres - Importance of skills has been recognized by the Govt. of India. By imparting skills one enables not only an individual but an entire community. Sewa trained 98 women in knitting in the year at its Knitting Training Centres namely Simli, Tapovan in Chamoli district and Narayankoti, Chandrapuri in Rudraprayag district. Sewa International has established an operational Production Centre in Chandrapuri, for providing livelihood earning opportunities to the trained women, connecting producers with the customers: The team participated in various exhibitions where it displayed and sold the beautifully knitted items and hence facilitated the knitters in earning their livelihood.



## Sewa Yuva Jyoti

Sewa International is working steady to empower the youth, which is the foundation of the future. In today's world we breath technology therefore it is essential for the young generation to adapt to the changes and conquer the challenges that the new technology oriented era is throwing at them.

Keeping this in mind, 10 Computer Training Centres viz, Agastyamuni, Simli, Tapovan, Chandrapuri, Mayapuri, Ukhimath, Andrawari, Pokhari, Vasukedar and Deval were made operational with a total no. of 212 students trained during the period. At present 206 students are having their ongoing courses in 10 centers.

Additionally, Sewa set up a library, through its education initiative Akshar Bharati, at each of its Computer Centre to promote the habit of reading among the local students. The students from nearby community have shown interest boosting our morale and encouraged us to pursue this initiative further.

### Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Kendra (PMKK)

Sewa International turned a new leaf this year by venturing to work with the Govt in Skill Development sector. The main purpose of the new venture is to provide employable skills to our beneficiaries in a sustainable way, so as to reduce dependence on donor funds for continuation of Skill Programs.

We were selected by NSDC (National Skill Development Corporation) for allotment of UK1 cluster in Garhwal region (Uttarakhand) to establish 7 State-of-the Art Model Skill Centres called as Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Kendras (PMKK) along with its consortium partner, FTEC Skill Development. The locations for these centres would be in the districts of Dehradun, Hardwar, Pauri, Tehri, Rudraprayag, Uttarkashi and Chamoli. We would be training youth in different sectors like IT/ITES, Healthcare, Beauty & Wellness, Tourism & Hospitality, Agriculture, Food Processing, Telecom, Electronics, Apparel and Retail etc., who shall be provided employment assistance after course completion. These centres are expected to be completely operational before end of next year.



## A DECADE DEDICATED TO ARTISANS

Sewa Kutch started as rehabilitation program after the earthquake of 2001. It is a project for empowering women through Self-Help groups and to organize and manage sustainable entrepreneurship program in Kutch district of Gujarat. At present 92 SHGs with more than a thousand women as its members, are working in 16 villages of Bhuj. Sewa International has so far impacted lives of 2000+ women artisans directly by providing skill based training in Kutch embroidery, marketing, designs, trends and hence raised their socio-economic standards. The women get trained and prepare their products at the SIDDC (Sewa International Design and Development Centre) in Jiyapar village in Nakhtrana, Kutch.

### Highlights of this year's activities are given below:

- 4 & 6 months training program for master tailors and embroidery training respectively was imparted.
- Participated in Dastakari Haat Samiti in Dilli Haat, New Delhi, Chennai, Bengaluru; showcasing the products made by these women.
- New products included well-made Laptop Bags with Kutch embroidery, which were showcased and were given to delegates in the Bharat Bodh Conference organized by IGNOU in New Delhi in Feb 2017.



## A DECADE OF SELFLESS SERVICE

Sewa International's education initiative, Akshar Bharati completes 10 years in operation, since its inception in 2007. Setup by few folks from IT industry and now spread over 13 states, the objective was to materialize the dreams of Hon'ble President of India Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam, shared via his 'Vision 2020'.

The vision was to become a developed nation, sustaining the growth through the development of tomorrow's citizens by providing an encouraging environment of learning and education. Akshar Bharati observed that there is a need to work on youth as education will make them better citizens and will strengthen the foundation of the country.

## 10 Years of Akshar Bharati- MILESTONES

- Set up 900+ libraries with 200-850 books, all over India.
- Have 1000+ corporate volunteers.
- Initiated Jr. Aryabhatta project, to educate a minimum of 6000 students in basic computers by end of 2017.
- 24 companies associated with Akshar Bharti.
- 150 + local NGOs supporting AB libraries.
- Having 5,00,000 + books.
- 175,000+ kids benefited.
- 4 Library on wheels (LOW), reaching to rural & underprivileged societies.
- Started Kalam Book Bank (KBB) for students who cannot afford books.

## New Initiative: Kalam Book Bank (KBB)

The Kalam Book Bank (KBB) is a new initiative by Akshar Bharati to create a large book bank for college curriculum and competitive exam books. This unique book bank, is by the students and for the students; it has been set up in several colleges across India. Akshar Bharati plans to set up KBB teams that will coordinate with donors and colleges to facilitate the distribution of books to needy and deserving students.

Akshar Bharati has successfully set-up the Libraries in following states: Maharashtra, J&K, Rajasthan, Karnataka, Goa, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Delhi, Tamil Nadu and Haryana



Sewa International supports Swami Vivekananda Medical Mission (SVMM), which works primarily in Wayanad district of Kerala. The mission works for providing better health care to 1.5 lakh tribal population in the remote and tribal areas of the region. This year Sewa International donated a 'Mobile Medical Unit' for the better deliverance of healthcare and increased outreach. There are 6 sub-centers and 80 Swasthya Mitras (volunteers) with the mission to conduct weekly and daily camps for better healthcare and increased health awareness. Total patients treated were more than 70,000. The mobile medical unit reaches valleys and hamlets and delivers medicine to their doorstep. A positive outcome of the project is that the tribal have gradually begun taking medicine due to our intervention, setting aside superstitions and trusting the unqualified medical practitioners prevalent in the area.

### The highlights of work accomplished in the year:

- A successful de-addiction program is being run, through the mobile medical unit, in the tribal area.
- The medical unit runs a regular eye clinic, and organizes eye care camps and provides eye care in remote areas.
- The mobile medical unit provides care for tuberculosis, by doing the tests and providing counselling as well as medicines for the disease.
- Carried out regular camps providing check-ups, medicines, and medical counseling on all types of cancer, with focus on oral cancer.

### Health care in a glance-

- 400 medical camps a year.
- 10,642 people treated in the health camps.
- Total patient treated - 70,000+



## VANVASI KALYAN KENDRA, MYSURU, KARNATAKA

Sewa International supported the construction of Rani Gaidinliu Bhavan, Mysuru- A girl's hostel for facilitating their education, built by Vanvasi Kalyan Kendra, Karnataka.

12 tribal college going girls are residing in this hostel so that they can continue their higher studies which wasn't available in their area. An additional rooftop was also added this year for the utilization of roof area for cultural purposes.



## SAMATOL FOUNDATION, MAHARASHTRA

Sewa International supports Samatol Foundation, which works with 'runaway children' in and around Mumbai area. It provides them a safe shelter till the time they are reunited with their family or stand on their own feet. This year Samatol foundation organized a month long camp, namely, 29th Swami Vivekanand Manparivartan Camp where participants came from states such as Bengal, Chattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, and Maharashtra. In this camp, the runaway children and delinquents were oriented and provided guidance, as to what could be the best course of action for these kids.

This was a unique camp, where the runaway children were also united with their families. They were oriented to have and maintain a positive outlook on life and face the challenges bravely as they come. The send-off ceremony was an emotional fare, as the parents of the child meet their kid, whom they thought they have lost forever.



### JAMMU & KASHMIR REHAB

Sewa International undertook School Construction work in District Kishtwar, Jammu, under which 2 schools in Salana and Nagseni were selected.

The schools at Salana and Lilaran Pullar Nagaseni were badly damaged and need more rooms to expand and provide education to kids in nearby villages. Sewa International decided to rebuild these destroyed schools. Due to the unrest that followed death of terrorist Burhan Wani, the construction activity has been really affected and we hope that schools would be completed in the coming year.



### KARUNAI TRUST, SAIDAPET, TAMIL NADU

Sewa International supports Karunaii Trust, an NGO working for divyang children in Saidapet, Chennai. The organization focuses on children with mental conditions, from the underprivileged section of the society. Sewa International helped in the reconstruction and upgrade (from one floor to a two floor eco-friendly building) of the building, which was damaged during the Chennai floods of 2015.

Sewa International is also helping to provide all the facilities free of cost to these children for e.g. uniform, meals etc.



## OM SHANTI DHAMA

Sewa International through its various projects tries to nurture the cultural ethos of the country. The Gurukul of Om Shanti Dham is one such initiative supported by Sewa International, providing a unique blend of ancient Vedic education and modern education in a residential gurukul setting. A total of 72 students are studying in the institution. The course duration is 7 years and boarding, lodging, and education is provided free of cost.



## MAHARAJA AGRASEN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, HIMACHAL PRADESH

Sewa International has been supporting Maharaja Agrasen Technical Education Society (MATES) for the educational development of the students of the country. The technical institute of the education society, MAIT has been ranked 10th among the top engineering colleges in the country.

**Key highlights of the work done by the institute are as follows:**

- Construction of International Boys Hostel at Maharaja Agrasen University, Himachal Pradesh.
- Rs. 17.18 lakhs awarded under 'means cum merit scholarships', to deserving needy students in the last three years.
- Supported needy and poor students- an amount of 656.63 lakhs has been awarded as fee concession.
- Total 83 lakhs worth of computers have been distributed in last five years.



## AKHIL BHARATIYA VANAVASI KALYAN ASHRAM



A land of myriad hues, India is home to thousands of tribes. Akhil Bhartiya Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram (ABVKA) is supported by Sewa International in its work to empower the forest dwellers & tribal communities of India. It provides quality education to the children, works for women's empowerment and economic development programs, as well as towards increasing the access of health programs and medical camps. This year ABVKA organized its 35th national conference in Pindwara, Rajasthan.

### A brief of this year's activities across India is given below:

- No. of beneficiaries in health services- 11,79,216
- No. of beneficiaries under educational program- 1,37,024
- Other beneficiaries under various schemes- 32,891

## SEWA BHARATI, MADHYA PRADESH

Sewa International supports tribal education and works diligently to provide them the opportunities, which are otherwise not available to them. Sewa International supports hostels and schools run by Sewa Bharati, MP, for tribal children in MP. This region is predominantly tribal with very low literacy level, and widespread poverty. The children were leaving studies, for want of schools. Therefore, Sewa International along with Sewa Bharati, has established residential schools for tribal boys and girls, which are easily accessible.

### The highlights of this year are:

- In December 2016 new hostel building was inaugurated for 171 students in Dabra.
- 10 students of the school got government jobs.
- Mr. Rajkumar a 12th standard student has been awarded by Hon'ble Chief Minister of the state Mr. Shivraj Singh Chauhan for outstanding performance in academics.
- The students of school represented India in baseball games organized in Australia.





Sewa International supports the Shanti Niketan hostel, in Dagshai, Solan, and Himachal Pradesh, run under Sewa Bharati HP. Shanti Niketan hostel building is more than a century old and still retains the old-world charm. In the hostel, they get nutritious food, help in doing homework, lots of physical games and moral/ethical education. They are enrolled in a nearby Govt. school for regular schooling.

Currently, it houses 30 children, mostly of single parents, who study in classes 3rd to 8th, from various rural/slum areas of districts in Shimla, Mandi, Chamba, Solan etc. Sewa International is working towards upgrading facilities for the children like providing computers, the science lab etc.



#### Activity:

Students of the hostel were given hand-knitted winter caps which were prepared and donated by our Sewa International USA donors through their Knit for Sewa initiative.

Youth for Seva (YFS) is a nation-wide volunteering movement that inspires youth to volunteer and provides them with meaningful opportunities to serve the community. The goal of YFS is to support schools, destitute shelters, govt. hospitals and other organizations in the social sector. Volunteering is made easy & customized to the individual's interests, time availability and skill sets.



The highlights of this year's YFS works are given below:

- 6000 school kits were distributed to the underprivileged children by the volunteers.
- **'Chiguru'**- Chiguru is a children's festival celebrated by YFS in Hyderabad. It is a daylong cultural extravaganza for underprivileged children organized at Narayanamma Institute of Technology, Shaikapet. The participants, more than 5000 in number, came from slums & orphanages. 1300 volunteers worked hard to make it a success. 'Enable day', a platform for children with special abilities to exhibit their talents was also conducted with Chiguru.
- The National Means cum Merit scholarship is a scheme provided by the Government of India towards supporting the education of children from economically backward communities. This year YFS volunteers tutored 1000 children out of which, 215 got the scholarships.
- **'Abhyasika'**: Abhyasika are free tuition centers run by YFS in & around Hyderabad; this year 51 centres were reached. Sewa International with YFS is looking to expand its base and open more such centers.



Sewa International has been supporting Seva Bharati in the pursuance of its noble goal of service of mankind. Seva Bharati, Guntur is working in health, education, community engagement and social empowerment through self-reliance. Seva Bharati helps the needy, poor, socially and economically backward sections of the society, in and around Guntur.



#### The highlights of the year are given below:

- **Urban health center:** SB organizes regular awareness campaigns for immunization, pulse polio, family planning, leprosy, sanitation, mother-child welfare & Swachh Bharat mission. More than 20,000 people benefited. The Urban Health Center of SB has been awarded on several occasions for the services rendered.
- **Susruta & Aswani Sanchar Vaidyasala:** These are MMUs that cover 72 urban & rural slums and 15 villages in and around Guntur & Bapatla.
- **Matruchaya:** A home for the destitute child and hostels for poor children called as Mathruchaya. At present 5 such hostels are being run in Andhra Pradesh; one for children of Chenchu tribe, in Nallamalla forests.
- **Sri Sarada Parmeswari Nitya Anandam & Jaldhara Padhakam:** A year round supply of free food and drinking water in the Guntur district. The service caters to more than 400 people every day.
- **Sewing Skill Center:** Free sewing skill training for women in Guntur with 7 centers. Out of 2000+ trainees, NSL garment manufacturers have recently hired 250 of them.

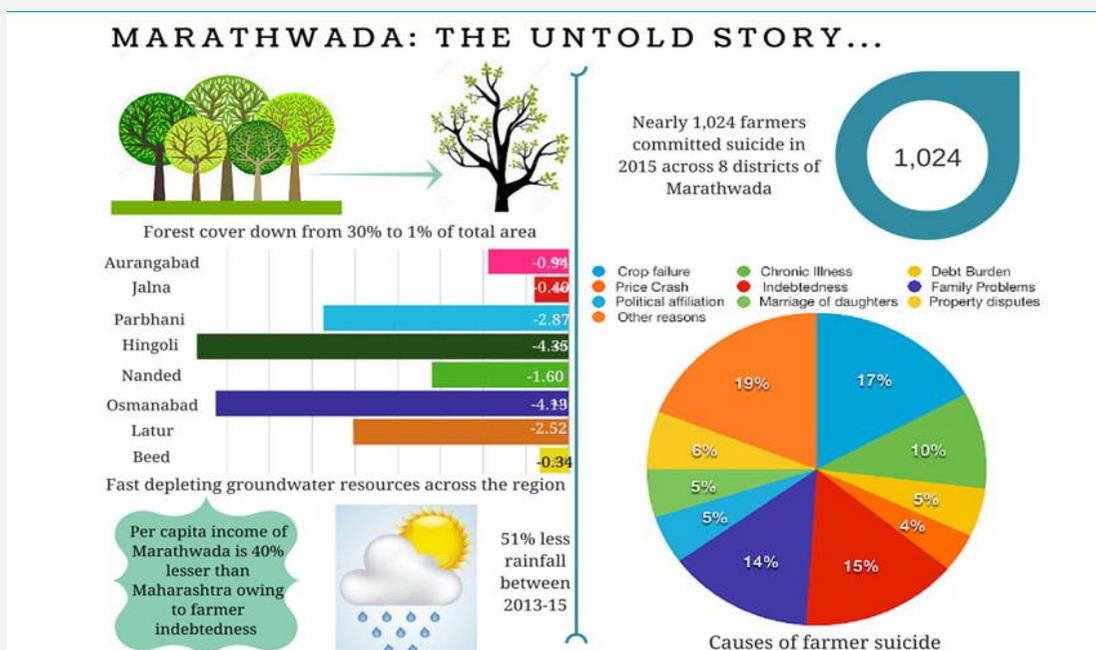




Sewa International supports the Healthcare & social development wing, Dr. Hedgewar Hospital, of SPMESM, in the Marathwada region of Maharashtra. The hospital provides Quality Primary Health services and Health Education to 125000 slum dwellers through its network of Permanent Slum Health Centers and Mobile Clinics. The hospital also provides sustainable rural health solutions like 'Arogya bank', 'Kishori Vikas Prakalp', and 'Watershed Development'. Sewa International has been helping with the watershed development as the drought affected farmer families face a lot of difficulties in the case of medical emergencies and illnesses which require secondary and tertiary care.

**The highlights of the year are given below:**

- Credit facility for drip irrigation installations has been extended in 16 villages.
- Rejuvenation of defunct water resources in Shelud and Chartha village.
- Repair and rejuvenation of 6 percolation tanks.
- Currently, work is going on in 11 villages of Aurangabad and Jalana districts.





**Mobile Medical Unit:**

- Covers 12 slums around Chennai
- Serves 500+ families every week
- Has a General Physician, a Nurse and a pharmacist



**The highlights of the year are given below:**

- A blood donation camp was organized on 7th March 2017 in Agni College of Technology, Chennai where a total of 170 students & staff members donated blood.
- 2 Eye camps were held in the month of March this year in which 209 people took tests & 25 people underwent cataract surgery.





Sewa International follows the concept of volunteering and making meaningful contribution for a better community. It supports Pune based organization, Being Volunteer (BV), formed by a set of working professionals to promote corporate volunteering.

#### The highlights of the year are given below:

- 40 students from Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram's Hostel near Karjat are being sponsored to improve their learning levels through daily tuition at the hostel.
- Two teachers appointed to conduct daily evening tuitions for Maths, English and Science subjects at the Jambhivali Hostel. Due to their relentless effort, many students showed improvements in their reading, writing and Mathematical abilities.
- Bunk-beds Donation at VKA Kothimbe Hostel, Karjat.
- Plantation Drive: Organized on every weekend from Jun to Aug. More than 340 volunteers participated by contributing 600+ hours and planted 400+ saplings. Special care was taken to ensure that the saplings are looked after well.





Sewa International aims to provide education for the underprivileged child. One such organization supported by Sewa International is Seva Sahayog Foundation, working in Pune district of Maharashtra which primarily works for education and women's empowerment.

#### The highlights of the year are given below:

- Women participated in stitching, art and craft, jewelry training conducted last year at Police Line are now conducting training in other bastis.
- Through Yashaswi Institute of Technology, 2 of our beneficiary women will be trainers at Yerwada jail for 2 months at Bal Sudhar Gruha. They will be teaching cloth bag making.
- About 30 women from Pune Police Line attended a catering workshop conducted in the month of September. Post training, 15 of them have collectively been able to get and fulfill independent contracts for sweets, namkeen and freshly baked cakes.
- Seva Fair: Seva Sahayog organizes Seva Fair, a great marketing platform for beneficiary women and other NGOs. This year a total of 48 stalls were put up by the trainees and other NGOs.
- Mobile science lab: In June 2016, Seva Sahayog with the help of Sewa International launched mobile science labs in 39 schools (11 in Pune and 28 in Mumbai).
- Women Empowerment Program benefiting all 5 communities, in 5 bastis across Pune.
- 881 beneficiaries till date of women empowerment program.
- Training for 24 skills conducted



This year Sewa International completed the construction of the school for Divyang children at Jawhar (Maharashtra), namely Divya Vidyalaya with the support of generous donors of Sewa International UK. The inauguration was done by Mr. Bob Blackman (Hon. MP from UK) who came all the way for this occasion and praised the efforts of Sewa International in providing services to the needy in the remotest of places. The school is running smoothly with 115 students (76- Mentally challenged; 39- Blind Children) receiving education here.

#### Other important highlights of the year:

- 14 Apr 2016- Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar's birth anniversary celebrated in the school. A cultural program and knowledge session about the Babasaheb's life was organized.
- 21 Jun 2016- International Yoga Day was celebrated in the school. Teachers informed students about various Yogasanas; students attempted the asanas and enjoyed the day.
- Medical check-up camps organized during the months of July, August, and September.
- Handicrafts workshop was organized by the school, in which Rakhi, Lamp, Festoon, Paper Flowers, Greeting Cards, and Door Mat making was taught.





A look back at one of our most momentous inaugural ceremonies reminds us how important such occasions can be. It's a time when an institution can affirm its past, define its aspiration and interpret its role to a wide audience. The inauguration ceremony of the Samvedana Cerebral Palsy Vikasan Kendra was held on 28th January 2017 at Harangul Budruk Village, Dist. Latur. The event was hosted by Sri. Guntant Singh Kothari ji (RSS Akhil Bhartiya Sahseva Pramukh. Amongst other distinguished invitees were Adv. Gangadharrao Pawar (RSS Devgiri Prant Sanghchalak), Sri. Veljibhai Rabdiya (Executive Member Sewa UK, Birmingham) and Dr. Ravindra Satalkar

(President, Jankalyan Samiti) to grace the occasion.

Samvedana Cerebral Palsy Vikasan Kendra is part of Sewa International's drive for mental healthcare. The institute caters to children who have cerebral palsy & are from the underprivileged sections of society. Sewa International ensures that children with mental health conditions living under the care of this project can continue to live with dignity and have best of care by health professionals. All the caretakers in the project are sensitized towards the treatment and share a special bond with these children. Sewa International ascertains the betterment in the lives of these children by lending support and treating them with dignity.

Dr. Ravindra Satalkar in his speech highlighted the aim of opening Samvedana Prakalp & the need for having CP Vikasan Kendra in the region of Marathwada.

Sri. Suresh Patil (Samvedana Prakalp Karyawah) walked around 1000 of attendees towards the significance of the new building for Samvedana and its progress.

Numerous commitments have shown particularly marked progress, as demonstrated by our findings:

- On track: 10 classrooms; toilets & bathrooms.
- Progress with 1 acre of land: With extended dining hall & kitchen, swimming pool, a functional hall to accommodate 500 people.
- Nurturing with care: Emphasis on ramps & railings everywhere to ensure that people with physical disabilities have the ease of movement.
- Living with today: Furnished modern infrastructure & equipment's to ensure best of the therapies & vocational training.

The new infrastructure of Samvedana CP Vikasan Kendra was possible only because of the financial assistance provided by Sewa UK to ensure the rehabilitation of children with multiple disabilities.



## SEWA BHARATHI PURBANCHAL, NORTH-EAST INDIA



Sewa International supports Sewa Bharati Purbanchal, with special focus on its health initiatives. Arogya Mitra are the community health workers, under Sewa Bharati Purbanchal, trained in basic health care to be able to serve in the remote and inaccessible areas, especially remote villages in North- East. In the reporting period, training was conducted for Arogya Mitras, at Titabor village in Jorhat district of Assam from 2 Sep- 10 Sep 2016. This 9-days training was attended by 25 Arogya Mitras. After the training, they attended a series of medical camps for a month, providing services to the underprivileged and needy people.

### Topics covered during training:

- Basic first-aid,
- Health diagnostics,
- Pre/neo natal issues handling
- Alternate medicine aid - Homeopathy, Ayurveda

## SOLAR PLANTS IN ODISHA

Under the Clean Tech Initiative of Sewa International. A 5KW solar power plant with 5 hours battery back-up was installed at Jaleshpata Kanya Ashram, situated in Kandhamaal district of Odisha. Most inhabitants in the district belong to the Kandha (Khonds) tribes. Currently, 240 students are residing and studying in the ashram.

This system will produce around 20KW of power every day providing RO, Water Pump, lights, fans for the Residential School. It's really a boon for the school kids in the energy starved and water deprived region of Odisha.





Post killer earthquakes of 2015, Nepal is slowly coming out of the devastating effects and limping back to normalcy. Sewa International is working with its local partners in Nepal namely Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh, in order to help them build a bright future by working in the field of in the fields of education and skill development. The reported year was a challenging one given the volatile political climate, frequent supply disruptions, difficult terrain due to which the construction material had to be carried manually in the last mile and a

never-ending cycle of bureaucratic permissions which can demotivate anyone. Despite these and many more challenges, our ground teams work hard to ensure that our projects keep moving forward toward.

#### Some of the highlights of the year are given below:

- Sewa International is supporting construction of 5 hostels for orphans/displaced kids in Neelkanth (Dhading), Bharatpur (Chitwan), Charikot (Dolakha), Bidur (Nuwakot) and Lothar (Chitwan). This project is supported by benevolent donors from Sewa UK and Sewa USA. While the process is on to acquire land/start construction etc, Sewa International has started the hostels in all the areas by temporarily renting out locations to house initial batch of kids. The students in these locations are provided all facilities like schooling, food, shelter, tuitions etc., free-of-cost.
- Dussehra and Diwali Celebrations - The girls staying in the hostel in Bharatpur, Chitwan as well as boys in the Bidur hostel in Nuwakot merrily celebrated the beautiful festival Dusshera and Deepawali. Each kid was blessed with 'Tika and Jamara' as a part of Vijaya Dashmi (Dussehra) ritual observed in Nepali Society. Diwali celebrations involved singing and dancing on traditional Nepali songs namely "Bhailini / Bhailo" and "Deusi", as well as lighting of diyas/candles following Goodess Laxmi pooja.
- Skill Development Centre – A new Skill Development Centre was opened by Sewa International in Chitwan with its partner Janjati Kalyam Ashram for providing Tailoring Skills to the women. This was the first among many others planned in the following years for Computers, Plumber, Carpenter skills training.





"I am Gunador Reang, I have left my home in 1997 when the ethnic clashes ensued in my village. I came here on foot with my family; I had no home, no farm, no livestock, no source of income and I had my whole family to feed. I was scrapping through to make the ends meet, never had the steady income. Then I came to know about the bamboo training program run by Sewa International. I decided to join the program. I learned the basics of the Bamboo furniture making. This has helped me immensely. Earlier I used to make 2000 rupees per month which was not every month; now I earn 3500 rupees per month, as steady income. This has not only stabilized my family but also given me a sense of security, which I never had before." – **Gunador Reang, Bru Refugee Camp Sewa Tripura**

**Tripura**

"I had no job prospects and not even adequate education. Living in these camps, is no life. There is nothing to do here, and to go outside to earn, I need some skills. If I had those skills, I could go out and earn for my family, send them money, lessen their struggle a bit. I came to know about the computer training program run by an organization, Sewa International. I joined the program and completed my course. Immediately after the course, I got the job. I now earn 4500 rupees per month, I am able to support my family and that makes me the happiest." - **Nancy Loly, Bru Refugee Camp, Sewa Tripura**

**Camp, Sewa Tripura**



"My name is Kajal, I am 11 years old and live in Ramnagar basti. I come to Sewa International education center. I study, I play, and I have made so many friends here. My mother is happy that I am studying, and my marks also improved. I scored more than my brother in unit test. I am very happy. I like my teacher a lot. She teaches me Maths, Science, English and she never yells at me." – **Kajal, Ramnagar Basti, Sewa Varanasi**

**Basti, Sewa Varanasi**

"I am a handloom weaver, my family is in weaving business for 3 generations. After power loom came I have been out of job ever since. I have never done farming, have no land to do the farming. I live with my son and his family. Absence of income made our condition deplorable, I was under huge debt, which kept increasing. Sewa International came in my basti, they told us about the training program they are going to run for the handloom weavers. I joined the program, and learned the new designs. Now not only I get month long work, but also I have bought another handloom and my whole family helps in the weaving, even my wife and daughter-in-law help us in the weaving. Sewa International also help me get the 'Bunkar card' from the government." – **Vijay, Ramnagar Basti, Sewa Varanasi**

**– Vijay, Ramnagar Basti, Sewa Varanasi**



"When Sewa International people told me about the SHG, I did not know what exactly they are talking about. I kept thinking all night, they said if we could save and work together, we can increase our income by ourselves! I spoke to other women in village and we agreed to make our own SHG. Now we meet every month, maintain our own register, give loans to the women in need, from our group. Sewa International also provided free seeds for our farms. We produced the crop from those seeds, then they gave us training in packaging and processing. We packaged our own product and sold it in Madmaheshwar rural mela. I am hopeful for future now, I am going to work hard and give my son a better tomorrow, with the money I earn." – **Asha Devi, Sewa Uttarakhand**

**– Asha Devi, Sewa Uttarakhand**

"My husband is in army, he is on the job 9 months a year. I used to sit idle; I decided to join the knitting center in Chandrapuri. I not only learn machine knitting but now I am Center In-charge and train other women too. Sewa International provided us knitting training, machine repair, and other equipment we needed for the sweaters to come out well. They also taught us to maintain the knitting machines by ourselves." – **Rekha Devi, Sewa Uttarakhand**

**Uttarakhand**



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## BALANCE SHEET

(AS ON 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2017)

LIABILITES	AMOUNT	ASSETS	AMOUNT
CORPUS FUND	₹ 21,663,127.50	FIXED ASSETS	₹ 91,784,967.32
UTTRAKHAND GOA GOVT. FUND	₹ 66,749,251.76	INVESTMENTS	₹ 91,615,215.77
RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL IN JWAHAR FUND	₹ 56,612,172.96	CURRENT ASSETS	₹ 2,134,771.00
INCOME & EXPENDITURE A/C	₹ 69,513,231.10	CASH IN HAND	₹ 145,349.90
		BALANCE WITH BANKS	₹ 29,995,820.58
SUNDRY CREDITORS	₹ 1,039,136.00		
EXPENSES PAYABLE	₹ 99,205.25		
<b>Total</b>	<b>₹ 215,676,124.57</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>₹ 215,676,124.57</b>

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