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**Annual Report : 2017-2018**

## Foreword from the President

Dear friends,

*It is my great pleasure to present the Annual Report for the year 2017 – 2018 to share our information on the progress of Saught Foundation. We are happy to announce that despite lot of constraints we have been able to achieve our objective. Our activities have been aimed to uplift the quality of lives from darkness of those people, who are living below the poverty line- especially the neglected tribal people. Our tasks have been to find out of the neediest people, to act in accordance with their needs and building their capacity as well, by clubbing their activities with the integrated process of comprehensive social development.*



*Saught Foundation has always given emphasis on initiating the need-based programmes by optimum utilization of local resources. During this year under reporting, our activities have been multifarious, comprising raising social awareness on different issues affecting human life, covering the community health education with appropriate social action and livelihood assistance to the disadvantaged & vulnerable people. During last year, our organization had special focus on various areas like supporting basic education for the pre-school children, Awareness of Road Safety, Sanitation and activities under "Swachh Bharat Abhiyan", conservation of bio-diversity and natural environment, various activities for women empowerment and child development, health and hygiene and so on.*

*We believe that change is the sign of life and law of nature. Hence we have to look afresh with a new approach from a different angle. We can claim with all humility that our organization has consistently striven to translate our aims into reality to the possible extent with our limited resources and we have just taken a few steps in this long journey. I sincerely hope that in future years we will endeavor better to accomplish the mission of Saught Foundation for an overwhelming community involvement and action towards prosperity. We have a long way to go.*

*We welcome you all in this long journey with us towards future prosperity so that in the coming years we can do better to achieve the mission of our organization. We express our sincere thanks and gratitude to all of our well-wishers, supporters, and donors and also acknowledge the dedication of our staff members at all levels for working diligently with high degree of commitment. I extend my warm thanks to you all for your valuable support and cooperation. Let's go ahead.*

*Thanking you all.*

*Jitendra Kumar Pandey.*  
*President*  
**Saught Foundation**

## ACTIVITIES AT A GLANCE DURING 2017-18

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Drivers' Workshop for Road Safety</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Awareness of Road Safety in Schools</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Awareness of Use of Helmets for Road Safety</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Awareness of Sanitation</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Digital System Development in PDS</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Digital System Dev. In Land &amp; Revenue Deptt.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tailoring Training to Rural Women</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Farmers' Digitisation</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Activity under SBM (G)</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pre-primary Education for Tribal Children</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Open- field school for Children</li></ul>



## COMMUNITY SENSITIZATION ON ROAD SAFETY:-

Road traffic safety refers to the methods and measures used to prevent road users from being killed or seriously injured. Road safety is a result of contributing efforts from all the sectors of the society



including both civilians and Govt. officials. Recently, there is a growing concern over the road crash problem.

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), more than 1 million people are killed on the world's

roads each year. India has the second largest road network in the world with over 3 million km of roads of which 60% are paved. The death toll is on the higher side for the countries like India where pedestrians, motorcyclists, and passengers are vulnerable and vehicles lack the safety norms. While new roads are being built, faster and faster automobiles are being invented in high numbers making road safety a crucial question. In recent years Jharkhand has witnessed a rise in road accident cases. Even the accident severity ratio is high in Jharkhand in comparison to other states. In view of the above Saugath Foundation has undertaken three project interventions during 2017-18 to sensitize the common mass including the school children of Palamu district to create awareness regarding road safety. These activities have been

- Vehicle Drivers' Workshop on Road Safety,
- Raising awareness about Road Safety in Schools,
- Creating awareness for using Helmets by motorcycle riders.

### ➤ Vehicle Drivers' Workshop on Road Safety:-

Under this activity our organization conducted a workshop for Vehicle Drivers. The workshop was organized in Daltonganj. In this workshop, drivers of various vehicles such as of private cars, taxis, trucks, buses, trekkers, auto rickshaws etc were invited to participate. As resource persons we invited concerned persons from the Govt. Deptt. Altogether 82 participants were present. Representatives from local administration and media were also present. The activity had a good impact on the participants to realise about their vital role to ensure road safety.

### ➤ Raising awareness about Road Safety in Schools:-

Under this intervention we organized educational events for students in xx High /HS schools in Daltonganj. Before conducting events we procured permission from those institutions to cover students of class IX, to XII. We visited the schools on pre-scheduled dates and delivered educational

talks on the road safety issue in the school assembly. We also invited a 'Traffic Surgeon' in two school events .We also requested the school authorities to form a team of teachers -student volunteers who would sensitize students about road safety.

► **Creating awareness for using Helmets by motorcycle riders :-**

We organized an event on the roads of Daltonganj for creating awareness for using helmets by motorcycle riders. The main aim of the activity was to create awareness about the importance of wearing helmets not only by the motorcyclists but also by the pillion riders. As a part of the event our volunteers were active on the roads along with traffic police. They stopped the motorcyclists who were not wearing helmets, and advised them to wear helmets for their own safety. They also tapped the two-wheelers with pillion riders without wearing helmets. With a technique of satire for result oriented impact, our volunteers gave a flower to those 'bikers without helmets'. We also engaged an orator with an auto rickshaw and a loudspeaker to talk on this issue. Local people appreciated this initiative.

**RAISING AWARENESS ON SAFE SANITATION AND HYGIENE :-**

Jharkhand is the worst performer in terms of sanitation coverage as compared to other states. Household water, sanitation, and hygiene practices play a huge role in social development. Our operational area is basically hilly forest area and drought prone in nature. People in our project area are mostly indigenous and uneducated. They do not know the importance of safe drinking water and many of them don't have any other option to drink water they collect from the open wells and ponds. As a consequence they suffer from various ailments. Open field defecation is quite common here which aggravate waterborne diseases. The majority among them is cholera



being the largest cause for concern. Tube-wells and open-wells get dry in the summer months as water levels falls drastically. The problem is sometimes aggravated due to the non-uniform distribution of rainfall. Poor quality and availability of water have a significant impact on sanitation and hygiene behaviour in populations, affecting hand-washing practices and toilet use. The Swachh Bharat mission is also making an initiative of establishing a mechanism of monitoring latrine use. Several studies at the halfway of the implementation of SBM program show a gloomy picture and point out various gaps. Target oriented approach has not been successful in creating and sustaining functional toilets.

In view of the above in this year under reporting we have undertaken various events in various seasons to sensitize local people on sanitation and hygiene. We have conducted various methods like organizing street dramas, using tableau with orators in local language to highlight this concerned issues. We felt that our initiative had a good impact in the community.

### **TAILORING TRAINING TO RURAL WOMEN**

The thrust area of the development initiative of our organisation is directed principally towards the development of neglected women, which we feel, is the precondition of a balanced social development. Keeping this in mind we provide tailoring training for rural women. Due to late release of government funds we received the outstanding amount in the FY 2017-18, however the project



was approved in the previous year (FY 2016-17) by the Department of Labour, Employment and Training, Government of Jharkhand. We conducted six workshops in various places on various dates for tailoring training. Our training programme was

mainly meant for tribal girls over 35 years coming from poorer families. The main objectives of this project have been upgrading the status of poor rural women, equipping them with this vocational skill in order to ensure their employment. The scheduled periods have been various dates in various places for workshops .Altogether 173 women underwent the training programme. Basically we follow conventional teachings technique although we also impart modern tailoring techniques to keep our students up-to-date with current market needs. Under the supervision of experts; they are given practical lessons on cutting, stitching, embroidery work etc. and are taught how to use modern sewing machines. We impart with them training on designing garments as per rural market needs. After the completion of training our organization has issued certificate to each trainee. The Government of Jharkhand has also given sewing machines for self-employment of all those trained women. The project has a positive contribution in terms of economic self-reliance of the rural women as most of the trained women have been able to find out suitable job in the local job market by upgrading their skills, which will have far reaching impact in the community for women empowerment.

### **DIGITAL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT IN PDS:-**

India took a broader dimension in mid 90s for wider digital applications with emphasis on citizen-centric services. In order to transform the entire environment of public services through the use of information technology, the Government of India has launched the Digital India program with the vision to transform India into a digitally empowered society and knowledge economy. Department

of Food And Civil Supplies, Govt. of Jharkhand has entrusted Sugaht Foundation with an important assignment to add names of ration card holder living in Palamu district under appropriate ration dealers of the concerned locality. The main objectives have been computerization of digital system of PDS for overall improvement in process efficiencies in distribution of food grains to the targeted beneficiaries. Our organization took responsibility of entering and linking rations card with AADHAR card into a specific computerized data entry system during the FY 2017-18. We have successfully completed this vital work. We are happy that we have a substantial contribution to develop digital Public Distribution System in Palamu district.

#### **ACTIVITY UNDER SBM(G) :-**

It is miserable that even after 70 years of independence India has a massive problem of open defecation. More than 72 percent of rural people in India respond to their nature's call behind bushes, in fields or on roadsides. In order to address this vital issue effectively, Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan has now been restructured by the present Government as "Swachh Bharat Abhiyan" with the objective of making India a "clean" India by stopping the problem of open defecation, building up of toilets for all households, providing running water supply, treating of solid and liquid wastes in a proper manner.

Construction of Individual Household Latrines was one of the important components of Total Sanitation Campaign introduced by Government of India in 1999. Being a leading NGO in Palamu district Sugaht Foundation has been actively participating in this Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) initiatives and the Govt. has given responsibility to construct sanitary latrines in Garikhas panchayat of Pandwa block.



During the FY2017-18 our organization has got a major assignment to construct 540 sanitary toilets. The project target area has been 4 villages in Garikhash Panchayat, 2 villages in ManghigawnPanchayat and 1 village in Babhandih Panchayat in Palamu district. We have successfully constructed 540 sanitary toilets. We are hopeful that our intervention will have a far reaching impact.

#### **DIGITAL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT IN LAND & REVENUE DEPTT :-**

Traditionally all over India the land records have been kept in Land & Revenue departments in paper hardcopies. The Digital India Land Records Modernization Program was launched by Government of India in the year 2008 , which is aimed to modernize management of land records, minimize scope of land/property disputes, enhance transparency in the land records maintenance system, and facilitate moving eventually towards guaranteed conclusive titles to immovable properties in the country. The major components of the program are computerization of all land records including mutations, and settlement records of all land holdings. Government of Jharkhand is also in the process of digitization of land holdings. The government has assigned NGOs also with this

responsibility to enter data in specific website of government through a well-organized procedure. Saugaht Foundation is engaged to undertake this job in Lesliganj Block in Palamu district. In 2016-17 we have entered data for digitization of 3383 nos. of land holdings. We received the outstanding funds in the FY 2017-18. Now we feel that it would be easier for the Government of Jharkhand to collect the land revenue or to pay compensation, in cases of acquired lands. This will also enable the Revenue Department to serve the citizens effectively and to resolve inter-family land disputes through fair land record system.

#### **FARMERS' DIGITISATION:-**

The trade of agricultural produce in Jharkhand has been changing into digital. In the absence of the e-mandi, farmers had no option but to sell their produce to middlemen and traders used to suppress prices of commodity through a consensus among middlemen-traders. The unseen cartel formed by groups of traders purchased the farmers produce at a low rate and sold them at high rate to get maximum advantage. The benefit however did not reach the farmers. Now, after digitization of farmers, the government is directly purchasing agricultural products from the producer and thus farmers are getting due benefit. For this purpose details data of all the farmers have to be entered into the concerned departmental portal of government of Jharkhand. During 2017-18 we have entered information details of 3377 farmers of Palamu district

#### **PRE-PRIMARY EDUCATION FOR TRIBAL CHILDREN:-**

We established a pre-primary school in June 2014 for the underprivileged tribal children of 3-5 years.



The school is located in Path village under Phakiradih Panchayat in Bhandariya, Block in Garhwa district of Jharkhand. There are 50 children in this school. In this per-school level, our main objective is to provide with these children a stepping stone of formal education. We are preparing those children according to their age for getting admission in class-I in the nearest formal school. In order to ensure this, the little

children are provided with standard and elementary education. Methodology of joyful learning by singing-dancing and playing is being followed. Our teachers focus on creating willingness among the children in reading and writing, pre-reading and pre-writing skills, ability in talking and listening in mother tongue. Medium of instruction has been Hindi (mother tongue) and English. Providing nutritional support to children has been an important component of the project. We provided breakfast and lunch to all of our students. While preparing or procuring the food, we specially look into the nutritional value. Apart from these we appointed a doctor who has been visiting the center

regularly to provide health check-up of each and every student. Medicines have been served among the children as and when required. The implementation of this project during 2017-18 has brought a substantial change in the outlook of the community people towards the education of little children. Running cost of this project is being supported by Asha for Education, USA through its San Francisco chapter. We are thankful to this esteemed organization.

#### **OPEN-FIELD PRE-SCHOOL FOR TRIBAL CHILDREN:-**

We are taking pride in mentioning that Sugaht Foundation has become the winner of 'Innovation in Education Contest-2017', organized by Asha for Education –Stanford Chapter- USA . From a need assessment we have seen that there is no government preschool ( Anganwadi ) within 2-3 kms. from various hamlets under Ramgarh panchayat in Chainpur block. Covering a distance of more than 3 kms to join formal school regularly for a toddler in the age group of 4-5 years is difficult. Most of the parents in these communities are illiterate and they are not aware about the importance of



their children's education. Due to the different linguistic, cultural and geographical environment, and its peculiar complications, the tribal community of our project area is largely cut-off from the mainstream society. The targeted Indigenous community people suffer from social exclusion and are not encouraged to join any social institution of the mainstream people. The little preschool level children don't have any opportunity to get basic education and orientation to begin formal education. These children remain out of school and consequently they grow up without any formal education and subsequently become potential child labours.

In order to address this social issue we have developed a new model which is very suitable and cost effective for early childhood education of socially isolated tribal community children in our area. Our approach is outlined as, 'Open-field Pre-school for tribal kids'. During 2017-18 under this project we developed 20 preschools with 30 poor tribal infants in each school to cover 600 children . As per approved model we started 'Open-field Pre-schools' not in any particular classroom arrangement, rather the teachers chose their convenient places in and around the project village to gather little children in the natural environment, sometimes under a tree, in the playground, on the bank of a stream, near a spring, in the foothill, in the courtyard of teacher's own house, under a community shed etc. The children have been taught elementary education in their mother tongue and also in English. Direct assistance and guidance of our project teachers has enabled our beneficiaries to get admission in standard-I in local formal primary schools. Out of 600 children , we have been able to prepare more than 300 children for taking admission in Std-I in local Primary Schools during 2017-18. Under this 2 years' project the rest will be completed in following year . We are hopeful that this model will have a far reaching impact in the socially isolated tribal community children and the model will be replicable in the other areas. We are thankful to Asha for Education –Stanford Chapter for supporting this project.

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