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From Director's Desk



I consider Jan Vikas Samiti a movement, born with a vision to provide everyone with an environment of acceptance and freedom to grow and bloom into a life of dignity and self-respect. It is with this philosophy that JVS takes up every task, and it is precisely because of this focus that work children and youngsters with disability. Its meaningful existence has served as a beacon of light and an agent of transformation and empowerment and initiatives for sustainable development, in response to the needs of the people, especially the excluded and the marginalized sections of the society. Taking baby steps, the organization has expanded its wings over the years, understanding and experiencing the society and suggesting possible alternatives for structural change and social transformation.

Jan Vikas Samiti addresses various needs people in various parts of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar. Every earnest effort is made to ensure a dignified living to all whom we serve, based on the constitutional values that bind everyone under the same law of equality as human persons.

Inequalities between men and women and discrimination against women have been age-old issues all over the world. Thus, women's quest for equality with men is a universal phenomenon. Empowerment of women is one of the important thrust areas of Jan Vikas Samiti. In working for the eradication of gender discrimination JVS has made all round effort through various awareness programmes. And we feel certainly elated to share with everyone that through the interventions of JVS, women from interior villages have certainly been awakened and have often successfully broken the barriers to find equal opportunities in the society.

It is rightly said that "health is wealth". But in India, healthcare is getting increasingly unaffordable. India being one of the leading partners in the production of drugs for various diseases, and yet the majority population is not able to afford many of these products. I am happy to note in this context that JVS in collaboration with Manos Unidas is making serious efforts to empower and bring down maternal and infant mortality rate in the society and ensure safe motherhood and healthful living.

Disability is a cause which needs to be addressed. Census 2011 has revealed that over 26 Million people in India are suffering from one or the other kind of disability. Jan Vikas Samiti, along with likeminded organizations, joins hands in providing all forms of support to children and youngsters with disabilities. Addressing their needs we support about 8000 children for their education, healthcare, inclusion and work and income. In this regard I am also thank Liliane Foundation from the Netherlands who have placed their trust in us and accepted JVS as its strategic partner for north and north east India.

To conclude, I feel proud to be part of this movement for the in a different role for the past two years. I wish to thank the veterans of the organization for being the cornerstone and working towards the fulfilment of the vision of JVS. I place on record my heartfelt gratitude to the team of JVS for the ever willing cooperation they extend on a daily basis for the progress of the organization. While we express our deep sense of gratitude to all the donors and collaborators like NABARD, BREAD – Noida, CBCI Card and others who have been part of our journey in this year. We also pray that the spirit of the Almighty bring joy and happiness to everyone's life.

Fr. Alexander Philip IMS
Director, Jan Vikas Samiti
Christnagar, Varanasi

From President's Desk



We have only one home - our Mother Earth with the sky above us all. There are no enemies in the world but brothers and sisters whom we have not yet met. Dear friends, a true human being is the one who considers the world to be part of him and loves it, lives for it and dies for it. It is the vision of JVS to build an inclusive human society based on the values of equality, justice and brotherhood. JVS has indeed succeeded to add greater meaning to the lives of many by adding greater awareness of the sacredness of life by means of direct and indirect assistance to the marginalized communities in various districts and blocks.

Charity is essentially to create a better society. The range and scope of our work and the variety of people we help is amazing. Whether working for education, empowerment of women or eradication of social evils in the society by different means, JVS has become a driving force of social change which is gradually becoming more and more visible.

We salute the veterans of the organization for making a great difference in lives of our people by providing valuable contributions to the organization and the society that needed transformation. Everything would have remained a dream had it not been for the exemplary dedication, commitment and the vivacious energy displayed by the staff of JVS. I wish to thank the team of Jan Vikas Samiti for standing up as a rock, determined to spread awareness to create a gender just society.

Fr. Thomas John
President, Jan Vikas Samiti
Christnagar, Varanasi

Women Empowerment

Women are one of the strategic focus groups of the organization because the organization envisages the creation of a gender just society. Women's empowerment is not only ensuring human rights, but also the pathway to achieve the Millennium Development Goals and sustainable development. Over the years, JVS has been trying hard to create an environment of gender justice through positive economic and social policies



for the overall development of women to enable them to realize their full potential to have equal access to participation and decision making in the social, political and economic life of the society. We also emphasize on equal access to women in health care, quality education at all levels, career and vocational guidance, employment, equal wages, social security and public acceptance. To eliminate all discrimination and all forms of violence against women and girl children we form women's organizations and create Self Help Groups (SHGs) to strengthen the partnership of women with the civil society. Through the help of CBOs and Federations we aim to ensure equal living opportunity to poor and unprivileged families in the community.

Formation and strengthening of CBOs

Community Based Organizations (CBOs) have been very effective in bringing out more results in the areas we focus. They have taken up various issues in ensuring a gender just society and peaceful living of communities in the rural areas of Haruaha, Shikhad and Lakhimpur Kheri blocks. JVS provided three training programmes for CBO leaders and timely motivation has helped them to raise their voice against the injustice done to the poor and marginalized families in the villages. With the assistance from JVS, the CBOs have succeeded in bringing relief to more than 1500 families.



Formation of Federations

Federations aim to ensure easy and affordable living to all the members in the community with dignity. It raises the awareness level of the members and other villagers through regular meetings, discussions and organizing events like women's day, AIDS day, observance of national festivals like Republic Day and Independence Day, etc. JVS has succeeded in forming 12 Federations in four Blocks. This governing body comes together once in two months to discuss the various issues that are not dealt with by the CBOs. The Federations have been playing an important role in the villages in providing various facilities to the villagers. We are focusing more on taking up different issues in a larger level to create a greater impact in the district and state level.





Livelihood programme through Income Generating Activities

Empowerment' has been a catchword now in the world of the economic development analysis for women. Empowering women in the development process has been one of the center concerns of almost all development strategies and programs related to women's development. Women suffer from different types of powerlessness in social and economic sphere of life. The organization promotes economic empowerment of its focus groups through the mediums of SHGs, micro savings/credit and micro enterprises. It's a proud feeling to bring forth the initiatives women have taken to challenge the money lenders and people with stereotyped understanding that women are inferior and should only stay in the house doing all the works. We have helped more than 3000 women out of 404 SHGs in four blocks for their economic empowerment through livelihood programme.

These women happily engage in small savings through different activities names (incenstick, Moti mala, Animal husbandry, poultry, vegetable cultivation etc.) There are 358 SHGs directly involving themselves in IGP. We witness there is a great strength and union of women in every sphere of life.

Participation of women in the decision making process

Women are considered to be the most vulnerable section in every community. Women have become victims of a variety of violence in every era of history. Therefore we take it upon ourselves as a sacred duty to provide a dignified living for rural women. Through various trainings and awareness programmes we have succeeded to a great extent in helping these women to participate in the decision making processes in the family and in the local governing bodies. There is a great transformation in the villages as women sit in the panchayat Sammelan too and are able to bring out highlight important issues in the meeting from their perspectives and find solution for their questions. They feel empowered and are confident to get elected to the village governing body.

Educational Initiatives

A campaign on education for all “We Ring the Bell”

JVS has been part of an international campaign “WE RING THE BELL”. It has been successfully organized by Jan Vikas Samiti in 19 different government run elementary and secondary schools in Harahua block in Varanasi, Pasgaon in Lakhimpur-Kheri and Devkali block in Ghazipur district. A total of 7250 children took part in the campaign with banners, bells, posters, drums and other various equipments. The main motive of this campaign was to spread awareness in the society about the right of children with disabilities to education. The voice of the school children ensures equal importance and dignity of children with disabilities and to provide educational opportunities and include them in the main stream society.



Inclusive education: Kiran Gramin School

Kiran Gramin Coaching Centre at Ayer village has been a new venture of JVS. The centre is working for the development of the poor and deprived sections of people in eight panchayats in Harahua Development Block in Varanasi. To be precise, the organization works for the education, empowerment, awareness creation, rehabilitation of persons with disabilities, health and nutrition and skill development that enables everyone to have a place in the society.



Kiran Gramin is basically a coaching centre and is working hard to bring tangible difference in the lives of the deprived children of the focus villages by providing quality education. The centre provides education to children up to grade four. Seventy-two children attend their regular coaching in this school.

Integrated school in Bhitari



Keeping the vision of the organization every effort is made to have inclusive community at our end. To include one of the most marginalized groups in society, i.e., children with disabilities is a great success for St. Joseph's School, Bhitari and JVS. Education is imparted to 26 children in this integrated set up along with therapeutic intervention for their integral development.



Muskan Day Care Centre

Muskan (Smile) is an educational initiative by JVS to ensure easy, affordable and appropriate educational access and social development of the most marginalized children with multiple disabilities.

Disability is not a curse but can be turned into ability with efforts, dedication and positive attitude. The day care stands up to take both physical and social aspects of the mainstreaming of the children with disabilities. Our interventions include physiotherapy, medical aids, social inclusion, counselling, and home based interventions. The Centre also facilitates the children to have access to their rights and entitlements that includes Pensions, railway and bus passes, concession in school fees etc. There are 26 children with multiple disabilities, brought to the Centre thrice a week for a joyful learning; these children are also enrolled in the regular school with a motive to include them to the mainstream society.

Child Development

Mother's Care : Bringing hope to the disadvantaged children

JVS believes that it is the birth right of every child to hope for a better future. We envisage a world where every impoverished child from this region can gain self-confidence and gather skills to lift their families out of poverty and want. Through Mother's Care programme we want to see the poor children go from primary school to university.



To address the needs of the marginalized children, we at JVS are reaching out to 100 disadvantaged children who cannot go to school in the absence of necessary finance. We help these children by providing them with school uniform, text and notebooks through Mother's Care programme supported by Bread, Noida and empower them to dream for a bright future with dignified living.



Blossom: Higher education of the poor children

Blossom is an Educational initiative by Jan Vikas Samiti to raise and save educational funds to ensure the future higher education of 100 poor children from the villages of Harahua block in Varanasi District. The selected children are motivated to save Rs. 50/- per month and a matching amount is added to their amount from JVS through the support of BREAD, Noida. The amount can be accessed when they finish their schooling. The idea is to help the children to have a secured higher education.



Residential Camps for young girls on health awareness

Education of girls plays a critical role in the development of a nation, whether it is social or economic. Jan Vikas Samiti makes special efforts to provide health awareness to around 100 children every year. Through summer camps we try to tap the hidden talents of the young girls, motivate and guide them to set a specific goal in their life. The training also aims to impart health awareness to these children.

Mainstreaming of persons with disability through Community Based Rehabilitation

Community-based rehabilitation (CBR) is a strategy to support people with disabilities for social integration, equalization of opportunities, and medical rehabilitation programmes for the people with disabilities. CBR is also a process of empowering persons with disability (PWD) and their families. Jan Vikas Samiti renders its help to nearly 350 children and youngsters with disabilities in different blocks of Varanasi, Ghazipur, Lakhimpur-Kheri and Mirzapur districts in Varanasi and part of Bihar as well. We work to provide a dignified living to these children and youngsters in the family and in the society. Our support helps children for education, medical aids, therapeutic interventions aids and appliances, vocational training and access to entitlements like pension from government, railway and bus concessions, etc. Following were the some of the measures undertaken by JVS in mainstreaming of the persons with disabilities.

Formation of Disabled People's Organization (DPO)

Formation of DPOs has made great impacts to ensure various facilities for children and youngsters with disabilities. The DPO members gather once every two months on the premises of JVS. The CBR coordinator of Jan Vikas Samiti supports as a facilitator of the meeting. The members together bring forth various issues regarding SHGs and other government provisions. The CBR coordinator guides them to avail various provisions such as Disability certificate, Railway and bus passes and government scholarships for children and youngsters with disabilities. DPO in collaboration with JVS has so far succeeded in helping more than 250 persons (40 persons with medical certificate, 22 people with pension, 15 railway passes, 62 Tricycle, 81 wheel chair, 12 callipers, 5 petty shops, 5 construction of toilets, etc).



Medical Assessment Camps for Persons with Disability

Medical health is one of the most important needs for persons with disabilities. The parents themselves are prejudiced that children with disabilities can't be treated and become object of sympathy; hence they do not take them for any sort of medication for they believe that it would be waste of money spent on them. JVS gives them hope by providing them free medical check-up. The children are identified and brought to the centre every alternative month for check-up and progress. JVS in consultation with Kiran Society organized 6 medical camps for the year 2016-17. In total 605 persons were examined and provided with preventive measures. The camp has given a new vision to many people as they are able to witness lot of positive growth in their children. Similar camps were also organised in Bhitiri – Ghazipur district & Durgawati in Bihar with support of Kiran Society and Pasgaon block in Lakhimpur-Kheri district with support of BCM Hospital Sitapur.





Livelihood Inclusion

People consider youngsters with disability to be the most vulnerable people in the society. Along with rehabilitation of persons with disability JVS works for the economic empowerment of youngsters with disabilities. Taking up the challenge JVS trains youngsters with disabilities to improve their economic status. We provide Job training in hospitality sector and provide vocational training courses like computer courses, Tailoring, ITI, training on incense stick making, making baskets, craft making etc. JVS feels proud to share the success achieved during the year more than 45 youngsters with disabilities are linked with income generation activities and they have become a source of income to their families.

Social Inclusion

People with disabilities have the same aspirations as everyone else. They want to learn, get around, work and have fun and contribute to society. Social inclusion ensures that children and youngsters with disabilities are recognized as equal members of society. JVS promotes and advocates social acceptance and inclusion of children and youngsters with disabilities. We spread awareness on inclusion through community mobilization, awareness through street plays, home based counselling, participation in socio- cultural gatherings, etc. The efforts of JVS are bearing a remarkable outcome as we witness parents taking greater interest in the growth and care of their children. Our aim is to ensure equal opportunities and help the society accept them with their own limitations in every field of life. We have worked hard and ensured easy and accessible living to more than 500 persons in our focus areas.

Physical Rehabilitation/Therapeutic Intervention

Therapeutic intervention aims to provide all-round development to children with disabilities. JVS owns a fully equipped therapy centre which helps nearly 25 children on a regular basis and about 100 children on a weekly basis. The CBR coordinators also provide home based rehabilitation to more than 182 children in 84 panchayats of Harahua, Pindra and Sevapuri blocks of Varanasi District, Sikhad Block in Mirzapur, Devkali in Ghazipur, Pasgaon in Lakhimpur-kheri district and Durgawati block in Bihar. There are significant changes in many children and we are very proud to state that our intervention has indeed made a great impact and more than 15 children are mainstreamed into the society.



JVS-Partnership with Lilliane Foundation (LF), The Netherlands

Since 2012 JVS has been given the status of a Strategic Partner Organisation of LF. Under this partnership JVS is responsible for all the programmes of LF in the north and north east India where they coordinate the programme with 84 NGOs in these geographic area. Besides the regular coordination activities under this partnership we also had the following activities done:

Study tour from NLR Indonesia

Jan Vikas Samiti was privileged to have Mrs. Vivian, the country director and Mr. Buddi, Programme manager of NLR Indonesia. The study tour aims to provide NLR Indonesia with experiences from the best practice of another SPO in management, establishment, coordination and support for POs to carry on activities effectively for enabling environment and enhancing participation of children with disabilities in social activities, and provide appropriate support for self-reliance of children with disabilities.



The team stayed with JVS for a week and got some idea about the strategy, different roles and responsibilities and method of SPO functioning with a large networking of 82 partners. They were also given an exposure to partner organizations to ensure our methodology of correspondence with the SPO.

SPO Representation in 2nd World CBR Congress

Mr. Rohit from Jan Vikas Samiti represented the organisation in the world CBR congress held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from 27th to 29th September 2016. He presented a research paper on Hygienic and Healthful Living-WASH- Inclusive Sanitation under the theme Empowering and Enabling Community actions towards human rights and sustainable development through CBR. HHL was an initiative on accessible sanitation is implemented in 30 villages of flood prone areas on east and west Champaran, Bihar, India together with two partner organisation viz; Fakirana sisters Society and Sacred Heart Sisters training School.



MIVA- LF Collaboration

Liliane Foundation has developed collaboration with MIVA and thus Jan Vikas Samiti began to collaborate with MIVA. JVS, with the help of MIVA, has successfully provided transportation and communication support to 21 partner organizations linked with JVS-LF. The effort is still on to support the means of communication and transport to other such developmental organisations.



Mega Aids and Appliances Distribution Camp

On 21st of January 2016, the Prime Minister of India inaugurated a mega Aids and Appliances distribution camp at Varanasi and as a registered organisation of National Trust and under PwDs Act 1995, JVS participated in mega Aids and Appliances camp organised by the ministry of social justice and empowerment. Jan Vikas Samiti played a pivotal role for the success of the same. Approximately 11000 PwDs participated and witnessed this event and among them approximately 8000 children were given different aids and appliances as per their impairments. Jan Vikas Samiti also registered 236 PwD children from JVS- LF project and all 236 have received aids and appliances including wheelchairs, tricycles, TLM and laptops from this camp.

Initiation of the Project Telemedicine

The telemedicine project aims to support local health workers in Northern India in their work by strengthening their capacity to set a quality rehabilitation diagnosis, to develop a rehabilitation plan in consultation with the parents and to monitor and evaluate the progress of the agreed rehabilitation plan. As many health workers are working in rural areas, the project focuses on the use of the telemedicine technique in order to be able to offer continuous training and guidance. The overall objective of the project is to improve the quality of the rehabilitation for children with a disability.



Mr. Jeroen Abraas a Physiotherapist was selected by the team of LF head office together with JVS to visit India to assess and capacitate JVS in the implementation of the project. He made his visit respectively from 14th to 25th October 2016 monitoring the project and to determine the required details for the effective implementation of the telemedicine project at JVS.

Inclusive WASH- HHLs project Completion

Sanitation is enshrined in the Millennium Development Goals and is a cornerstone of the fight against poverty. Lack of basic sanitation puts millions of lives at risk and is responsible for a quarter of all child deaths in developing countries every year. The Project title “Hygienic and Healthful Living “aimed to succeed the sanitation facility for people with disabilities in those areas of Bihar where the reach of even general sanitation needs were not recognized till the time this project was being initiated in February 2015

48 IHLs and 10 schools sanitations were either newly constructed or retrofitted with disabled-friendly designs for PwDs and school children to access safe sanitation. Project also has mobilized more number of IHLs from government than were planned to achieve within a year of project tenure. A short documentary was also made to showcase the successful completion of the project for the public information.

Capacity strengthening and grass root experience of students from Vishwa Jyoti Gurukul

Jan Vikas Samiti gives an opportunity to Philosophy students from Vishwa Jyoti Gurukul, Christnagar to explore themselves in the field of social work and disability. 28 religious brothers who have dedicated for the society, who are forming themselves to work for the empowerment of the society, were part of JVS visiting the CBR and other developmental programmes of JVS along with the field staff.

They were given ample chances to experience the hardship of persons with disabilities and other forms of affected communities of the project targeted area. They were given short orientation training on Social work and disability as part of their mission experience.

Joint SPO meeting- India

A joint SPO meeting was held at Sewa Kendra, Kolkata on 25th November 2016. Joint SPO meetings are an annual exercise between SPOs (Jan Vikas Samiti (JVS) and Catholic Health Association of India (CHAI). It gives SPOs an opportunity to share and appreciate the efforts of the SPOs and learn from each other's experiences and to tune the country programme in more meaningful and comprehensive way.



SPO Meeting for LF Asia Network – Bangkok

Lilliane Foundation started a discussion with its Strategic Partner Organisations (SPOs) about setting up a regional network organization. The first online consultation in the beginning of 2016 proved that there is broad support for the idea in general. In September 2016, the first regional meeting for Asian Network was held with five strategic partner organizations (SPOs) to discuss the formation of a regional level network towards bringing disability issues to a higher (regional and/or global) level and for achieving greater impact. The meeting was conducted at Asia-Pacific Development Centre on Disability (APCD Foundation), Bangkok, Thailand, from 22 to 24 September, 2016. The result was that all Asian SPOs agreed on a “GO” for building a regional Asian LF Alliance. Fr. Alex, Director and Mr Rohit, Manager-Programmes represented our organisation. JVS is privileged to have the opportunity to chair the network for the initial years.

Community Health and Hygiene

General health camp

Even after decades of freedom, India is still struggling to provide basic health services to its people. The situation calls for timely care and diagnosis which can reduce the incidence of morbidity and mortality especially among children and women who are the most affected people in the community. General Health camp is one such special initiative of Jan Vikas Samiti to provide healthcare services to meet the immediate health care needs of the marginalized community in remote rural areas through standalone camps. The camps provide comprehensive health services free of any cost. We have organized 11 camps through which we promote health seeking behaviour in the long term and thus, unlike a general curative health camps, these camps also majorly work on building awareness regarding common ailments, family planning methods, nutrition and hygiene and sanitation. We are happy to share that we have assessed 1523 persons in the rural areas of Harahua Developmental block of Varanasi district.



Mothers training

Maternal health is the health of women during pregnancy, childbirth, and the post period. It encompasses the healthcare dimensions of family planning, preconception, prenatal and postnatal care in order to ensure a positive and fulfilling experience in most cases and reduce maternal morbidity and mortality in other cases. The survey of the Harahua has proved that a number of mothers and children die during the prenatal and early postnatal period. Jan Vikas Samiti aims to reduce the maternal and infant mortality rates and is making every effort to encourage women on institutional delivery and conducts training towards the same end. In collaboration with Asha and Anganwadi we make regular check-up regarding the nutrition and health of mother and child. During the last one year we have succeeded in spreading awareness among more than 100 pregnant women and witnessed their institutional delivery.



Formation of youth Clubs in the village

Jan Vikas Samiti has initiated formation of health clubs in rural communities of Harahua Developmental block to realize a long term plan for the empowerment of the rural communities for a healthy living. The health clubs will work as an agent for social awareness related to health and hygienic living of the community as a whole. This is a wider concept to be actualized in the block as most people do not have access to any kind of government provisions. We have formed 5 health clubs in two panchayats on an initial basis. These clubs are capacitated and trained on sanitation, health, provision of basic needs for community, etc and are linked with community health workers so that in collaboration with them they can effectively work out a healthy living.



Netradeep- Vision Centre

Blindness and visual impairment continues to be a major public health problem in India. Availability and easy access to primary eye care services is essential for the elimination of avoidable blindness. Netradeep (Vision Centre) is one such centre initiated by JVS to help poor people to have affordable, accessible, free eye check-up and treatment with minimum expenditure. The centre is situated in the premise of JVS where in a part-time ophthalmologist is appointed for the cause. JVS in collaboration with St. Mary's hospital, Varanasi helps to have free eye surgery for these marginalized persons. Herein you will find the yearly data of our mission in service to these underprivileged persons:

Quarters	OPD	Hospital Referrals	Refraction	Spectacles	Operation	Medication
Q-1	258	30	83	49	18	50
Q-2	335	18	140	58	13	130
Q-3	314	19	143	38	13	81
Q-4	249	25	84	39	15	62
Total	1156	92	450	184	59	243



Awareness programme on promotion of health education among Adolescent girls

Health is wealth. A comprehensive health education programme is an important and integral part of growth to every child and youngster. Many parents are keenly interested in the basic academic education of their youngsters, yet they fail to understand this essential aspect of their children's growth. Parents are the best teachers of health education but the parents feel ill-equipped to talk to their child about puberty, reproduction, sex, and sexually transmitted diseases. They need to recognize just how important is their role. Jan Vikas Samiti in collaboration with Manos Unidas is therefore taking initiatives to spread awareness among young girls in higher secondary schools regarding their physical and mental growth. We have reached out to nearly 2500 young girls in various schools and conducted training programmes and organized health based quiz competitions and art competition to spread awareness to these young girls. We are also urging the school managing committee to conduct regular health training and make this a part of their academic curriculum.



Collaboration with Community Health Workers (Asha Anganwadi, ANM and PNM)

One of the key components of the National Rural Health Mission is to provide every village in the country with a trained female community health activist ASHA, ANP and PNM. Community health workers (CHW) are members of a community who are chosen by community members or organizations to provide basic health and medical care to their community. They are supposed to be capable of providing preventive, promotional and rehabilitation care to these people, but are not so often. We work with them therefore and capacitate them to produce effective results. Though challenging yet it is interesting and benefitting to bring them together every month and make effective plans in development of panchayats by providing them with basic health care.



Awareness programme through street plays

Towards creating a healthier society by popularizing preventive measures, JVS organizes awareness programmes on various issues of health and hygiene, eradication of social evils such as corruption, male domination, dowry and child marriage and promoting socio-economic empowerment of women and promotion of higher education for girls. For this purpose, JVS makes use of the visual media which communities are familiar with like street plays, puppet shows, wall writing and pamphlet distribution, etc. Another strategy employed is involving children and youth in awareness programmes like rallies, organizing quiz competition, etc. because children are the best messengers to carry the message to their parents, family and other community members. We organized 60 street plays, 10 awareness trainings and 4 times wall writing in fifteen panchayats to spread awareness to about 9019 people during the year.

Special Awareness on Tuberculosis

Tuberculosis is one of India's major public health problems. According to WHO estimates, India has the world's largest tuberculosis epidemic. Many research studies have shown the effects and concerns revolving around TDR-TB, especially in India. The recent initiative by the government of India for TB free India by involving various stake holders such as the general public, civil society, private sector and corporate sector for reaching out to each and every one in the community is a welcome step in the right direction. Jan Vikas Samiti joined hands with the government to translate this dream into a reality. JVS organizes monthly survey of one each village and send the identified persons with similar symptoms for TB to government hospital, Shivpur. After the examination of sputum, those identified positive are given medication and regular follow-up is done.



Early childhood and risk reduction

Over the past few decades, some of the indicators of health and well-being of children and young people in India have deteriorated. A survey of Harhuadevelopment block states that children are easily prone to multiple types of diseases and disabilities due to lack of knowledge on proper preventive measures for children during their early childhood. Jan Vikas Samiti through early intervention programme aims to reduce the risk factors for mental health problems and health risk behaviours, and enhance protective factors, thus building resilience. JVS has organized two training sessions for the leaders of CBOs and Federations. The leaders discuss the issues in their meeting and spread information to optimum number of people. It's a far dream to be achieved yet we have great satisfaction in our efforts to bring down the risk factors in fifteen panchayats.

Seminar on Safe motherhood

The world is still far from reaching the Fifth Millennium Development Goal of reducing maternal mortality by two-thirds between 1990 and 2015. Although the number of births attended by a professional has increased, the number of women dying as a result of pregnancy, labour, and delivery remains unacceptably high. We conducted a survey in the fifteen panchayats of Harahuadevelopmental block which indicates that majority members prefer home based delivery because they are not able to afford money for institution based delivery but they are not aware of the risks related to home based delivery. In case of any complication there is much greater possibility of death of the mother and the infant in home based deliveries. Realizing this fact JVS in collaboration with Asha and Anganwadi teachers makes every effort to encourage the family members for institution based delivery. Two trainings were organized on the premises of JVS through which we have given specific outputs on safe motherhood to 93 women in the rural areas of our focus area. The trainings were oriented to help mothers to have a wider understanding of the health of the mother and the infant and how they need to protect the child in the early stages of life.



Collaboration with NABARD -Digitalization of SHGs

Jan Vikas Samiti joined hands with NABARD (National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development) to form 100 SHGs and link them with micro saving to free and help women for their economic independence. In an attempt to enhance financial inclusion in India through the use of information technology, NABARD launched a pilot project for the complete digitization of women's self-help groups (SHGs). The project was initiated in the year 2015. JVS took up the challenge and succeeded in forming 90 SHGs in Harahua and Pindra Blocks. About 1066 women are organized and helped with loaning facilities by linking them with banks. Digitization will also bring transparency and credibility to operations of SHGs.

Visit by NABARD General Manager and Assistant General Manager

This year JVS was also privileged to have the visit of Assistant General Manager Mr. Reghunath on March 1st, and General Manager Mr. A. K Singh on March 11th, of NABARD respectively along with Ms. Richa – Programme Manager and Mr. Sushil Kumar Tiwari DDM, Varanasi. During their visit they interacted with the leaders of SHGs and assured their whole hearted support for the empowerment of women through the SHGs.



E Shakti –Digitalization of SHG

E-Shakti is a pilot objective initiated to foster financial inclusion, Nabard has started a pilot project for digitalization of women's SHGs through a programme called E-Shakti to improve the quality of the interface between SHGs and banks for a hassle free delivery of banking services. To work for the cause the Staffs of JVS were given three capacitating trainings on digitalization of SHGs. The details of the trainings are as follows.



Observance of important Days

Cultural Synopsis : Kajri

JVS created a platform for the village women to come together and sing the traditional folk songs of Eastern U.P. The songs presented in the Kajari singing competition includes themes on dowry, violence against women, foeticide, price rise, illiteracy, education & its importance, empowerment and social inclusion, etc. The teams sang with confidence and spread an aura of pleasant harmony which captivated the over-filled premises of JVS. "It is a platform to revive and cherish the cultural and traditional singing, a revival of lost symphonies," said the chief guest.



International Girl Child Day Celebration

On 10th September JVS in collaboration with Vishwa Jyoti Gurukul organized Girl Child Day on the premises of Vishwa Jyoti Gurukul Christ Nagar on the theme "Respect and Rights" "I Eeku ,oavf/kdkj". The event was inaugurated by Fr. Alex by flagging off the rally. More than four hundred children from various schools and nearby villages marched towards the venue in full swing, shouting slogans for the protection of girls and demanding equal opportunities in every field of life. The slogans echoed in the families staying nearby the roadside. A short orientation session on the importance of rights, respect and various problems that girl children face in the family and in the society was conducted, apart from a public meeting during which many people spoke on the issues facing women. This was followed by a well arranged cultural programme.



Observance of World Sight Day

13th October 2016 was a special day for the people with visual impairment. Jan Vikas Samiti along with likeminded organizations took initiative to organize the day in the city of Varanasi. Thousands of children from various institutions participated in the campaign. The normal people were blindfolded and were led by the special children. The campaign was organized by a Bangalore-based NGO 'Project Vision' in 55 different locations in five countries. The march began from a specific location and the people walked all through blindfolded to the destination. The walk ended with most participants pledging to donate their eyes and to work as vision ambassadors in the society to make easy the process of eye donation.



International Day of Persons with Disabilities

Jan Vikas Samiti in collaboration with Vishwa Jyoti Gurukul Christnagar made this day a colourful one for the persons with disabilities on the UN Theme “Achieving Seventeen goals for the future we want”. To mark this day, about 550 persons with disabilities from various parts of UP and Bihar came to partake in the programme. The day was made remarkable by organizing several sports events in the morning and a colourful cultural meet in the forenoon. The celebration was inaugurated at 10.30 AM. A spectacular march past by children and youngsters with disabilities invoked a patriotic feeling to the event. The day progressed with sports events. The cultural gathering was inaugurated by lighting of the lamp. Rev. Fr. Alex IMS, the director of Jan Vikas Samiti presented the welcome note to the chief guest and guest speakers were welcomed with shawls and bouquets. The cultural programme became more vibrant with fabulous group performances of children from various institutions.



international women's day

On 18th March there were more than 1200 women from SHGs participated in the celebration of International women's Day on the theme “Surakhshit Mahila Swatch Bharat,”. The celebration began at 10.30 AM with sports events which added more beauty and smile on the faces of women gathered to witness the celebration.

The cultural gathering of the Day began at 1:00 PM by lighting of the lamp by the guests present on the Dias. Sr. Prabha OLP, women coordinator (JVS) welcomed the guests. And prayer dance performed by a girl from Lodhan touched the hearts of all. The guests present on the dais were overwhelmed to see such a huge gathering and were very much pleased by the tiresome efforts of JVS. Various cultural programmes like street play, dance, and songs performed by the SHG groups added more colour to the celebration. The Chief Guest of



the day gave a beautiful message on empowerment of women. Later the winners of the sports events were awarded and a successful day came to its close.

Similar womens day programmes were also organised in Pasgaon Block in Lakhimpur-Kheri district and Sikhad block in Mirzapur district. More than 1000 women each participated in both these places. This was indeed a collective manifestation of their strength and brought lot of enthusiasm in women to march ahead.

Humanitarian Assistance of Flood affected communities in Uttar Pradesh, India

The Humanitarian assistance for the flood affected communities in Mirzapur district, Uttar Pradesh, India was implemented by Jan Vikas Samiti in collaboration with Caritas India. The project helped 200 affected families in five Panchayats of Shikhad block with Wash Kit (Ashray Kit) and 200 poor farmers with Livelihood kit (Ajivika Kit). A short training on systematic cultivation and hand pump repairing was provided to these affected families. The successful implementation of the project has helped 415 families directly with awareness campaign.



Visits by Funding Agencies

Project Evaluation by Manos Unidas - Spain

On 7th October 6 visitors namely Fr. Jose Antonio Alvarez, Laura GasCon, Encarnacion Perez, Wanda Cathy Paredez, Roberto Parra and Josefina Dominguez from Manos Unidas Spain made their Annual evaluation visit to Jan Vikas Samiti. The day was well organized by JVS. The donors were pleased to see the progress happening in the villages as a result of project implementation.

JVS organized a short programme in view of facilitating the guests. Fr. Alex IMS welcomed and felicitated the guests. He showcased the implementation and the outcome of the project (Community mobilization and safe motherhood) later through a power point presentation. The women leaders from the villages also shared their positive impacts about the project interventions. After a short break the visitors were taken for a field assessment to the village of Puharikala. A large number of people came together to witness the events. The visitors had long discussion with villagers discussing on the various issues that are affecting the villagers at a larger level. The visitors expressed their great satisfaction in the visit.



Stiching Liliane Foundation - The Netherlands

A Project monitoring and programme evaluation visit was made by a team from Liliane Fonds, Netherlands. They visited the JVS and had a long discussion with regard to the works and implementation of the project supported by LF. They were happy to visit a few children in the field. They also visited JVS sub-stations supported by the project such as Bhitari, an integrated school and Kiran Centre, a centre for special education. The team was very much happy to be part in our centre for four consecutive days and were pleased with the works that are being carried forward by JVS.



A donor (Mr. Andre Bostellar) and a chief fund raising officer (Mr. Kees) of Liliane Fonds, Netherlands visited Jan Vikas Samiti on 23rd January 2017. JVS welcomed the guests with a short cultural programme by Muskan day care children. The Visitors were taken to the houses of the children supported by them. They were very much emotional by seeing the children and their family situations. The visitors are very much pleased to see the children. They also visited some of the children of JVS-LF partner organizations and were pleased to witness the efforts of JVS and other partner organizations.

Volunteers group Japan-Wheel chair Distribution

Jan Vikas Samiti in collaboration with Volunteers' Group Japan has made efforts to support children with physical disability by distributing 90 imported refurbished special wheel chairs. Two persons, viz. Tomoyuki Katano and Takao Akine from Japan came all the way to initiate and to distribute wheel chairs to the deserving children with disabilities.



Mr. Katano from Volunteers' Group Japan expressed his happiness and great satisfaction in observing the work of JVS-LF for the children with disabilities. He also shared that he would be happy to be in collaboration with JVS in future. A PPT presentation presented by Takao Akine gave us a clear picture of what Volunteers' Group Japan is about and how they collaborate with different organization of 22 countries.

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CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNT

BALANCE SHEET AS ON 31ST MARCH 2017

LIABILITIES	CURRENT YEAR		PREVIOUS YEAR	
Capital Fund				
Balance as on 01.04.2015	3,03,82,409.61		2,89,33,451.67	
Add: Excess of Income over expenditure	(24,45,977.07)	2,79,36,432.54	14,48,957.94	3,03,82,409.61
TOTAL		2,79,36,432.54		3,03,82,409.61

ASSETTS	CURRENT YEAR		PREVIOUS YEAR	
Fixed Assets				
At cost less Depreciation		91,17,906.00		-
Income Tax (TDS on FFD)	3,26,236.00		1,39,746.00	35,02,892.00
Deducted during the year on F.D.R Interest	44,363.00		1,86,490.00	3,26,236.00
	3,70,599.00		-	
Less :Refunded during the year	84,569.00	2,86,030.00	-	-
ADVANCES				
Printing and Stationery (Humanitarian/ Flood Project)		10,823.00		
Current Assets				
Bank Balances	1,82,25,499.64		2,63,90,718.71	
Cash Balances	3,256.90		43,494.90	
Imprest Balances With Projects	2,92,917.00	1,85,21,673.54	1,19,068.00	2,65,53,281.61
TOTAL		2,79,36,432.54		3,03,82,409.61

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CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNT

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2017

RECEIPTS	CURRENT YEAR	PREVIOUS YEAR
Opening Balances		
Bank Balance	2,63,90,718.71	2,56,08,185.77
Cash Balances	43,494.90	6,817.90
Imprest with Projects	1,19,068.00	2,18,158.00
Foreign Contribution Received	7,16,23,312.00	6,99,42,808.51
Indian Contribution Received	5,37,120.00	4,75,410.00
Bank and FDR Interests (Foreign Contribution)	20,38,727.00	25,08,215.00
Bank and FDR Interests (Indian Contribution)	38,354.00	31,432.00
Income Tax Refund	84,569.00	-
Interest on Income Tax Refund	5,491.00	-
TOTAL	10,08,80,854.61	9,87,91,027.18

PAYMENTS	CURRENT YEAR	PREVIOUS YEAR
Foreign Contribution Project Payments	8,09,48,227.00	6,82,15,288.00
Indian (Local) Contribution Project Payments	1,56,327.00	19,329.00
Salaries/Honorarium ,Administrative and other Payments	9,02,461.07	26,58,951.57
Capital Expenses/ Additions to Fixed assets	2,96,980.00	11,57,687.00
T.D.S Deducted on F.D.R Interest	44,363.00	1,86,490.00
ADVANCE		
Printing and Stationery (Caritas Project)	10823.00	-
Closing Balances		
Bank Balances	1,82,25,499.64	2,63,90,718.71
Cash Balances	3,256.90	43,494.90
Imprest Balances	2,92,917.00	1,19,068.00
TOTAL	10,08,80,854.61	9,87,91,027.18

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2017

INCOME	CURRENT YEAR	PREVIOUS YEAR
By Foreign Contributions Received	7,16,23,312.00	6,99,42,808.51
By Indian Contributions Received	5,37,120.00	4,75,410.00
By Bank and FDR Interests (Foreign Contribution)	20,38,727.00	25,39,647.00
By Bank and FDR Interests (Indian Contribution)	38,354.00	-
Interest on Income Tax Refund	5,491.00	-
TOTAL	7,42,43,004.00	7,29,57,865.51

EXPENDITURE	CURRENT YEAR	PREVIOUS YEAR
To Foreign Contribution project Expenditures	7,46,31,474.00	6,82,15,288.00
To Indian (Local) Contribution project Expenditures	1,56,327.00	19,329.00
To Salaries/Honorarium ,Administrative and other Expenditures	9,02,461.07	26,58,951.57
To Depreciation on Fixed Assets	9,98,719.00	6,15,339.00
To Excess of Income over Expenditure Transferred to Capital Fund	(24,45,977.07)	14,48,957.94
TOTAL	7,42,43,004.00	7,29,57,865.51

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A woman with long blonde hair, wearing a dark dress, stands with her back to the camera on a dirt path. The path leads through a field of tall grass towards a bright, glowing sunset or sunrise between two hills. The sky is filled with warm, golden light, and the overall scene is peaceful and contemplative.

The best way to find yourself
is to lose yourself
in the service of others

- Mahatma Gandhi

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