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SWAMI VIVEKANAND SIKSHA SMITI
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Greetings from Chief Functionary

Swami Vivekanand Shiksha Samiti (SVSS) is celebrating its 50th year of establishment. SVSS mission has been to ensure fair and equitable access to quality health services, quality education including the poorest section of society especially women, adolescent and children.

On behalf of all of us in Swami Vivekanand Shiksha Samiti (SVSS), we send our heartfelt greetings to all partners: Government of India and State Governments, inter- national government departments, foundations and organisations, private companies who have contributed through CSR initiatives, individuals; and last but not least, members and staff of the organisations.

Through support and collective action, we have been successful in transforming millions of lives across our work locations. The stories of courage and inspiration of the people impacted are constantly shared verbally and through our digital platforms (website and social media). Do visit our website to read and share these stories.

I would like to highlight some achievements of the past year: The first is our continued work and expansion of the *Childline* Programme and the efforts to bring justice to the children in distress. More than 500 cases were registered and resolved till date. The programme has also met with widespread appreciation from the Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India. We are in process and will now be further scaled up to more regions in the coming years.

I am also very proud to share that we directly engaged with more than 5,000 women and youth across our project initiatives for gender equality, women empowerment and skill development. These include large-scale projects that train women in functional and financial literacy, entrepreneurship and skills training and support women to start their own enterprises and income-generating activities. All these activities contributed towards the UN Sustainable Development Goal no. 5, i.e., “achieving gender equality and empowering all women and girls”. It also contributed to improving the lives of the families of these women, translating to more than 1.2 million people.

Let me also mention SVSS’s contribution in 2019-20 to make our project locations in Mirzapur and Sonbhadra district, an open defecation free zone. In this regard, SVSS also started supporting individuals and community members in construction of Toilets. One of such initiative was undertaken in Chandauli district wherein a community toilet was constructed with support from Oil and Natural Gas Company (ONGC) under its CSR initiative.

Lastly, I want to emphasise that SVSS is committed to continue the efforts of expansion in both quantity and quality of the five broad areas of development work – education, health, livelihood & community development and environmental sustainability – all aligned with the global Sustainable Development Goals. Operationally, all SVSS projects are people-centric and build on engagement and ownership of the activities by the people benefitted and with an administrative and organisational framework that ensures the highest level of accountability and transparency.

We look forward to working together with all stakeholders and partners in many years to come!

Mr. Anuj Srivastava, Chief Functionary, SVSS



About the Organization

Swami Vivekanand Shiksha Samiti (SVSS) is a not-for-profit organization registered under the Societies Act in the year 1971. The idea of its existence was conceived by Shri Uma Shankar Srivastava who was inspired by the philosophy of Swami Vivekanand. He envisioned the creation of an organization which could spread the idea of education and uplift the poor masses, especially the women and children. A congregation of likeminded social activists came together and SVSS was established to make this mandate a reality. SVSS is working for the past 42 years for the cause of the marginalized sections of the society, especially women, youth and children. Its focus has been on issues which usually considered insignificant in common parlance, have a significant impact in ensuring inclusion of the marginalized. The work at SVSS is governed by the guiding principles of being secular and non-political. SVSS worked with 1148 villages in Uttar Pradesh and has impacted the lives of over children.

Broder Objective

In our endeavour to improve the quality of education imparted through the programme we aim and work for:

- Providing basic education to underprivileged children in the age group of 3+ to 18
- To improve quality of education available to the underprivileged children
- To create community awareness towards education, health and rights.
- To make necessary interventions to create income security opportunity for the rural communities
- Through village institutions collaborate and influence Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) to become more effective, accountable and inclusive

Vision

A society which is just, egalitarian and democratic and a life which is free from violence, hunger and exploitation.

Mission

- We work towards mobilizing and effecting institutions of self-governance and improving the accountability of public service delivery mechanisms to help beneficiaries access their rights and entitlements
- We build leadership among women and create an enabling environment for children to help vulnerable sections in the society realize their optimum potential leading to improvement in their quality of life
- We partner with government ministries; local, national and international organizations to scale up our intervention models and replicate.

Approach

SVSS adopts a hybrid approach in vouching towards its goal of sustainable village development. The hybrid approach engages components of service delivery as well as rights-based approaches. In doing so, it works both ways:

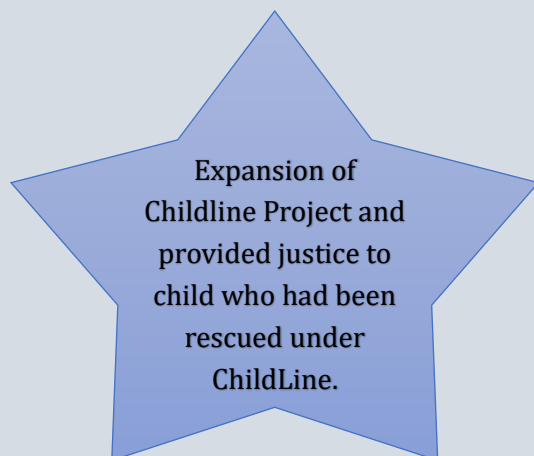
- a) Making the supply side (i.e., Institutions and government administration) more accountable
- b) Making the demand side more empowered which includes communities.

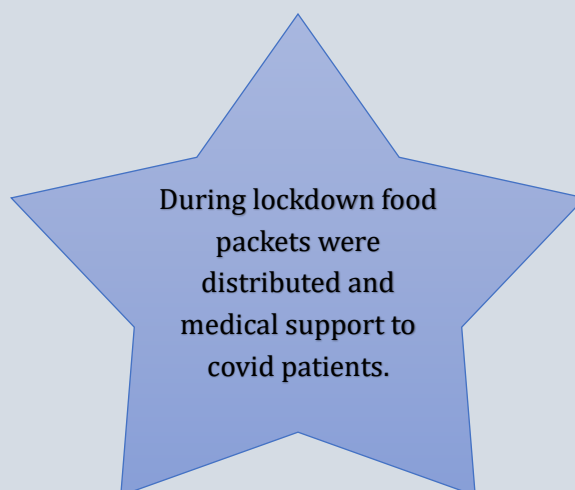
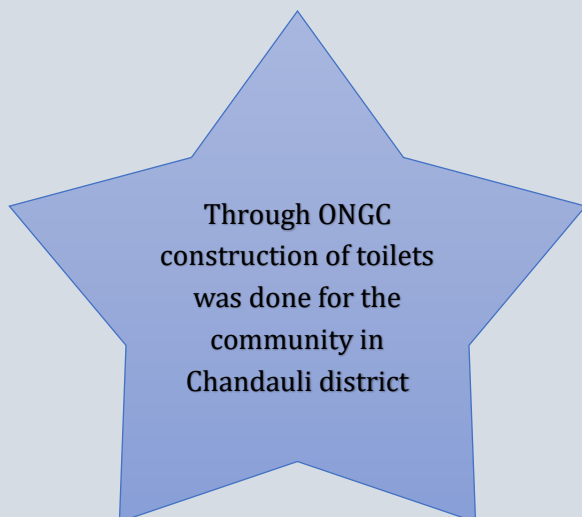
The hybrid approach emphasizes non-discrimination, attention to vulnerability and empowerment. SVSS works at grassroot level to create sustainable change for village children.

Genesis

The inception of SVSS, four decades ago, was guided with Swami Vivekananda's mission of empowering children and women through effective access to quality education. Recognizing the backwardness in the Uttar Pradesh region and the daunting need for development interventions, SVSS came into being to improve the status of education in the rural pockets of the state through improving service delivery mechanisms as well as making rural inhabitants realize the importance of education. Pursuing the overarching objective of making education available for all, SVSS placed a special focus on empowering the women of rural communities to mobilize individual initiatives in making their situation better. Reiterating the need for intervention, SVSS, in collaboration with its donors expanded its outreach to foray into the avenues of health and livelihoods. Recognizing that these domains are intertwined, SVSS in today's date envisages for holistic community development through rights-based approach.

Project Highlights/Achievements





Work Done in Programmes

Programme	Project Title	Donor Name	Total no of beneficiary	Location	Age Group
Education	Girl Child Education Program	IIMPACT	2860	Prayagraj	6-14 years

Education is the process of teaching, training, and learning to improve knowledge or develop skills. Education, in the true sense, is the process of acquiring knowledge and experiences along with the development of skills and attitudes of an individual. It helps them lead fruitful life and contribute to the development of society.

Importance of Girl Child

“When you educate a man, an individual is educated, but when you educate a woman, the whole family is educated.”

Educating the girl child refers to that aspect of education which focuses on developing their skills and knowledge. It includes general education at schools and professional, technical, and vocational education at the college level. Their education encompasses both non-literary and literary aspects. Educating your girl child can bring socio-economic changes. Democratic countries, including India, have constitutions that guarantee equal rights for both women and men. Primary education in India is a fundamental right.

Work done by SVSS

It establishes single teacher led learning centres imparting primary level education using a child friendly, Multi grade Multi level learning approach. Students are Provided high quality Primary Education. It enables a facilitative eco-system in village for furtherance of education of girl child. This encourages and enable each girl to become an independent thinker and self -learner.

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Health	Social Audit	STEP Foundation	3250	Mirzapur & Bhadohi	18 years above

The Project is proposed to be carried out by Swami Vivekanand Shiksha Samiti, and The Project is to provide emergency relief to weavers/workers, who do not have any other support during the lockdown through supply of essential food and related supplies for. The activities for the project- Distribution of Food Packets, Covid Patients support, Post Covid Care & Support.

Step Foundation, guided by the principle of social responsibility and the need to urgently support groups at risk from COVID-19 in Mirzapur and Bhadohi, has decided to combine its efforts and resources with the SVSS.

1. Food packets were distributed to 100 families
2. Around 800 beneficiaries were given Covid vaccination

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Livelihood	Work 4 progress	LA Caixa Foundation & Society for Development Alternatives	585	Mirzapur & Bhadohi
Livelihood	GAVL-Integrated Fishery and Poultry Project	Godrej Agrovet Limited	288	Mirzapur, Chakiya & Chandauli

1. **Work for Progress**-Swami Vivekanand Shiksha Samiti is implementing project titled **“Work for progress”** with support from Society for Development Alternatives, New Delhi. The primary funder of the project is LA Caixa foundation. The project is currently being implemented in 40 villages of City block and 15 villages of Channa be block in Mirzapur district & 10 Villages in Bhadohi district of Uttar Pradesh. The project aims to provide technical, market related training and financial linkages for starting a new enterprise or expanding the existing enterprise. Swami Vivekanand Shiksha Samiti plays the vital role of resource mobilization and supports in identification of local enterprises and

entrepreneurs. SVSS undertake these through activities such as community meeting, community discussion, personal interviews, sports activities, street plays and others related programs.

2. **Integrated Fishery and Poultry Project**-This will act as supplement income for farmers with small land holdings as well as provide a lucrative business model for women and youth seeking to pursue entrepreneurship. A focus on integrated backyard poultry and fishery models helps to increase the yield and economics/unit time/unit area by virtue of intensification of crops and allied enterprise. The model can make use of recyclable waste material of one component as an input for another thus reducing the cost of cultivation. The solution is also aimed at bridging the gap for increased market demand for poultry and fishery products.

Programme	Project Title	Donor Name	Total no of Child rescued	District	Age Group
Childline	Childline Project 1098	Childline India Foundation	585	Mirzapur	Up to 18 years
Railway Childline	Railway Childline Project	Childline India Foundation	3775	Mirzapur	Up to 18 years

1. **Childline**- SVSS has started Childline Project in Mirzapur district of Uttar Pradesh It reaches out to children from 0-18 years. CHILDLINE 1098 is a phone number that spells hope for millions of children across India. It is a 24-hour a day, 365 days a year, free, emergency phone service for children in need of aid and assistance. Childline works for the protection of the rights of all children in general. But its special focus is on all children in need of care and protection, especially the more vulnerable sections. This programme is being implemented in collaboration with the Child India Foundation and supported by Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India. The activities of Childline include: -

- The CHILDLINE team receives & responds to the calls
- Crisis Intervention
- Direct assistance: medical, shelter, protection from abuse, repatriation, death, missing children, intensive counselling
- On phone: Emotional support and guidance, information and referral to services for the caller, information about CHILDLINE, silent calls
- Long-term rehabilitation

- After the emergency needs of the child have been addressed, CHILDLINE explores options with the child to study, learn a trade, go back home etc. Based on the decision of the child, CHILDLINE links the child to an appropriate organisation in the city.
2. **Railway Childline Project**- The largest number of homeless children, pavement dwellers, street and working children, child substance abusers and child beggars left on their own and in need of care and support reside in urban areas. These children suffer extreme deprivation compounded by lack of shelter and access to basic services for survival. Many of them travel from small towns and rural areas to urban areas, alone or with families, in search of livelihood, or hope for a better life, or in anger, or on impulse. A large number of children who run away from their homes use railways as a mode to travel. There are also children who are trafficked and transported through railways. Finally, a number of children get separated from their guardians during the course of their journey through railway. Such children are vulnerable to the harsh reality of street life and are often victims of various forms of abuse; physical, sexual, emotional as well as economic exploitation.
 3. They often end up living on their own in streets, market places and especially at railway stations. All these places are transit points for trafficking and need focussed programmes and attention for rescue and rehabilitation.



Glimpse of the Project done on ground



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मीरजापुर। डेवलपमेंट अल्टरनेटिव्स द्वारा जिला पंचायत सभागार में एक दिवसीय उद्यमिता विकास कार्यशाला का आयोजन किया गया। कार्यशाला में जनपद के बैंकर्स, माइक्रो फाइनेंस, समान सेवा संस्थानों के अधिकारी स्टार उद्यमी ने भागीदारी किया। कार्यशाला का मुख्य उद्देश्य विकास की प्रक्रिया को गति देना तथा इस प्रक्रिया में शामिल सभी हिस्सेधारकों को एक मंच प्रदान करना था। कार्यक्रम के शुरुआत में वर्क 4 प्रोग्रेस के संवर्धन श्रृंखला पटारा द्वारा इस कोलिगेशन कार्यक्रम की प्रस्तावना की गई। सुनील जैन सहसहकार वर्क 4 प्रोग्रेस ने व्यवसाय परिवेश पर चर्चा

किया। तथा उन्होंने बताया कि एक ऐसा व्यवसायिक माहौल बनाना है जिससे सभी लोग व्यवसाय से जुड़ सकें। विविध संस्थाएं एवं बैंक मौजूद उद्यमियों को प्रोत्साहित करने एवं बढ़ाने में मददगार होते हैं। मुख्य अतिथि आलोक कुमार सिंह अग्रणी जिला प्रबंधक इलाहाबाद बैंक ने वर्क 4 प्रोग्रेस परियोजना अंतर्गत किए जा रहे ग्रामीण उद्यमिता विकास कार्यक्रम की सुरुआत की और सभी बैंकों से उद्यमियों को ऋण उपलब्ध करने की अपील किया और हर संभव सहयोग का आग्रह किया।

दिए के सुधीर ने सीमेंट ईट उद्योग को लगाने के लिए उद्यमियों और सभी विभागों के हितधारक अधिकारियों के समक्ष पीपीटी द्वारा प्रस्तुतीकरण किया गया। कार्यक्रम में स्वामी विवेकानंद शिक्षा समिति के सचिव अनुज श्रीवास्तव और समन्वयक प्रशांत



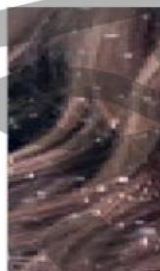
ई रिक्शा का वितरण करने संस्था के लोग

श्रीवास्तव प्रोग्रेस के समन्वयक विदुल समन्वयक वर्क 4 प्रोग्रेस डॉर गुप्ता और सत्येंद्र कुमार सिंह, उपस्थित रहे।

स्वरोजगार प्रोत्साहित करने के लिए उद्यमियों को दें ऋण

जासं, मीरजापुर : जिला पंचायत सभागार में डेवलपमेंट अल्टरनेटिव्स के तत्वावधान में एक दिवसीय उद्यमिता विकास कार्यशाला का आयोजन किया गया। मुख्य अतिथि व अग्रणी जिला प्रबंधक इलाहाबाद बैंक ने वर्क 4 प्रोग्रेस परियोजना के तहत किए जा रहे ग्रामीण उद्यमिता विकास कार्यक्रम पर प्रकाश डाला।

उन्होंने कहा कि स्वरोजगार बढ़ाने के लिए सभी बैंक उद्यमियों को ऋण प्रदान करें। कार्यशाला में विकास की प्रक्रिया को गति देने तथा इसमें शामिल लोगों को एक मंच देने का प्रयास किया गया। श्रृंखला पटारा ने कोलिगेशन कार्यक्रम का शुभारंभ किया। कहा कि स्वरोजगार के लिए आवश्यक मुद्दे जरूरी हैं। समन्वयक आयशा भटनागर ने बताया कि वर्क फोर प्रोग्रेस परियोजना के प्रोग्रेस के बारे में विस्तार से जानकारी दिया।



मिर्जापुर में वर्क 4 प्रोग्रेस परियोजना के अंतर्गत स्वामी विवेकानंद शिक्षा समिति द्वारा किया गया अन्न व मास्क का वितरण

मिर्जापुर- नगर मिर्जापुर में इस समय लॉकडाउन के चलते जनता परेशान और इस समय सबसे ज्यादा परेशानी भुखमरी और महामारी की है उसी समय भगवान ने फरिस्तो की तरफ स्वामी विवेकानंद शिक्षा समिति के कार्यकर्ताओं को भेजा जो गांव के लोगों को अन्न और अपने उद्यमी जो इनकी परियोजना के अंतर्गत आते हैं उनकी भी सहायता किया गया भगवानी देवी जो कि गोपालपुर में ई रिक्शा चलाती है इनके ही संस्था द्वारा दिया गया है ये स्थानीय प्रशासन से अनुमति लेकर जो बीमार है उनको हॉस्पिटल पहुंचाना और जो पुलिस कर्मी जहां कार्यरत है उनको वहां पहुंचा कर एक अच्छे नागरिक का



फर्ज अदा कर रही है और साथ में लोगों को मास्क व सेनेटाइजर का इस्तेमाल और अपने हाथों को धोते रहने का

पुलिस वाले इस लॉकडाउन के समय कार्यरत हैं उन्हें इस संस्था द्वारा सम्मान कर उन्हें मास्क वितरित किया इसके साथ साथ इनकी संस्था विकलांगों पर भी ज्यादा ध्यान देती है क्योंकि वो ज्यादा परेशान होंगे उन्हें भी अन्न और सब्जियां वितरण किया गया और ये संस्था सदैव लोगों की भी मदद करते रहते हैं और इनका ये कहना है की हम अपनी संस्था के सहयोग से जब तक होगा दूसरो की सहायता करते रहेंगे वही इस संस्था से कोमल अग्रणी प्रशांत श्रीवास्तव तौहीद खान हैमला पांडेय, आनंद गिगम, अनिता शीवास्तव, सरोज यादव इत्यादि लोग मौजूद थे। रिपोर्टर - इमरान अहमद

उद्यमिता विकास पर चला मंथन

ज्ञानपुर (भदोही) : जिला पंचायत कार्यालय सभागार में गुरुवार को वर्क फोर प्रोग्रेस व डेवलपमेंट अल्टरनेटिव की ओर से आयोजित कार्यशाला में उद्यमिता विकास पर मंथन किया गया। साथ ही स्वरोजगार के बारे में जानकारी दी गई। उपायुक्त उद्योग केंद्र हरेंद्र प्रताप सिंह ने विभिन्न क्षेत्र में रोजगार के अवसर के बारे में जानकारी दी। कहा कि युवा उद्यमिता विकास के लिए संचालित योजनाओं से जुड़कर लाभान्वित हो सकते हैं। आरसेटी के निदेशक सुशील कुमार व समन्वयक देवेन्द्र दुबे ने उपस्थित लोगों को शासकीय योजनाओं के बारे में विस्तार से जानकारी दी। इस मौके पर रत्नेश दुबे, रामसंजीवन, अनुज श्रीवास्तव, सतेंद्र सिंह, इंद्रेश दुबे, सुधीर, दिलवंती, सुनील जैन आदि थे। (जासं)

रोजगार को बढ़ावा देना वर्क फोर प्रोग्रेस का लक्ष्य

मिर्जापुर। स्वामी विवेकानंद शिक्षा समिति व डेवलपमेंट अल्टरनेटिव्स के तत्वावधान में मंगलवार को जिला पंचायत सभागार में एक दिवसीय उद्यमिता विकास कार्यशाला का आयोजन किया गया। कार्यक्रम का शुभारंभ करते हुए वर्क फोर प्रोग्रेस के संचालक श्रृंखला पटारा ने कहा कि मुख्य दो पहलुओं पर इन्वेंशन (नए प्रयोग) एवं कोलोब्रेशन (सहयोग) पर कार्य करने की जरूरत है। बदलाव के लिए इन्वेंशन बहुत आवश्यक है। मार्केटिंग व आमदनी जनरेशन के लिए सेलेक्टिव होना तथा स्वरोजगार के लिए आवश्यक मुद्दे जरूरी हैं। वर्क फोर प्रोग्रेस ने ई-रिक्शा प्रदान कर महिला उद्यमियों को आगे बढ़ाने में सहयोग किया। डीए के. सुधीर ने कहा कि बिजनेस करने के लिए प्रशिक्षण एवं कौशल की काफी जरूरत है। सीमेंट ईट उद्योग को लगाने के लिए उद्यमियों एवं सभी विभाग के हितधारक अधिकारियों के समक्ष पीपीटी के माध्यम से प्रस्तुतिकरण किया गया। समन्वयक आयशा भटनागर ने वर्क फोर प्रोग्रेस की जानकारी देते हुए बताया कि विकासशील देशों में सीखने के प्लेटफार्म के माध्यम से रोजगार को बढ़ावा देना वर्क फोर प्रोग्रेस कार्यक्रम का लक्ष्य है। सलाहकार सुनील जैन ने व्यवसाय परिवेश पर चर्चा करते हुए कहा कि एक ऐसा व्यवसायिक माहौल बनाना है। इससे सभी लोग व्यवसाय से जुड़ सकें। व्यवसाय को सफल बनाने के लिए निरंतर फॉलोअप की जरूरत होती है। इसके अभाव में कई व्यवसाय शुरू तो किए जाते हैं पर जल्द ही बंद हो जाते हैं।