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## Annual Report 2020-2021

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## From the desk of the Secretary:-

Dear friends, donors and well-wishers

After a turn of another year, I am here as the Secretary of 'Saugaht Foundation' to present the Annual Report for the year 2020-21. Today apart from presenting this Annual Report let me give you the contextual facts, which occurred in Saugaht Foundation during this tragic year. You all are aware of the incidences which happened this year. It was a tragedy for us that we have lost our respected President Mr Uday Pratap Singh in this year forever. His demise has been a major setback for our organization. I had always been grateful to him for his support to establish and run Saugaht Foundation. I used to get appreciable backing and cooperation from Uday Ji and both of us had been enjoying our work with decent understanding and coordination, which I will be missing forever.



In the meantime, the covid-19 pandemic brought immense adversity almost in every aspect of human life around the Globe. India has been facing massive hardships since the lockdown, which started on 24th March 2020 and all the social institutions have been shut by government order. Accordingly, most of our projects were disrupted during the entire financial year 2020-2021.

All our project activities had been halted. Fundings got stopped. Under these circumstances, most of our governing body members were losing their interest to run our organization and wanted the dissolution of the governing body of Saugaht Foundation.

But I am grateful to some of our well-wishers who extended their helping hands and inspired us to take a fresh start. Accordingly, we formed a new Governing Body. Now, we have got Mr Pradeep Kumar Sinha, who has joined our Governing Body as a new member to fill up the vacant place of Late Mr.Uday Pratap Singh. We have reshuffled the positions. I have personally taken over the position of Secretary of Saugaht Foundation, while the new member Mr. Pradeep Kumar Sinha has been elected as the new president of Saugaht Foundation. We are determined to march forward with a new zeal. During this year under lot of constrains we focused on three types of activities (i) Strengthening of people's organization, (ii) IEC Activities & (iii) Sanitation Awareness.

On behalf of the management of the 'Saugaht Foundation', I express my sincere gratitude to all donors, funding agencies, well-wishers and supporters. I also express my gratitude to the local administration and district officers who share our concern for the development of society and cooperate with us in all ways possible.

At this stage, we need to be as sincere and dedicated to fighting the coronavirus pandemic. There is no place for complacency. I am confident that we will be able to contribute to fulfilling our commitment and will overcome this crisis.

Thanking you all.

Jitendra Kumar Pandey  
Secretary  
**Saugaht Foundation**

## OUR ACTIVITIES DURING 2020-2021

### **(i) Strengthening of people's organization (CBOs' webinar) :-**

In the last two decades, the role of NGOs has become proactive in the social sector development-education, health etc. NGOs have played a crucial role in addressing various social issues in the field of health, education, livelihood and nature conservation, which have met with huge success. NGOs with the support given by the government and several national and international funding organizations have been accelerating development activities by taking up specific issues like poverty alleviation, child rights, caste stigma and discrimination, women's rights, child labour, rural development, water - sanitation, and environmental issues etc.

While most people's organizations serve some kind of public good, their ways of serving that public good are vastly different. Being a leading NGO we feel it our duty to build up the capacity of the CBOs who are working in various social developmental fields in our operational area. It is important to guide them as to how to create the right organizational structure to achieve optimal results and



organizational goals. The most common and conventional methodology of such intervention would be to organize NGOs' capacity building workshops. But this year the whole world is adjusting to the reality of the Covid-19 pandemic by finding alternatives to the conventional methods. Corporations are allowing their workforces to work from home, while schools and colleges are moving classes online. Likewise, the

conferences, group meetings, workshops, and seminars have become digital-based. Accordingly, for undertaking required activities for strengthening people's organizations, Saugath Foundation has organized three webinars during this year of lockdown. We engaged 30 CBOs, who are working in various social fields in three districts viz. Ranchi, Palamu and Garwha. We initiated the Webinar from Ranchi. In each webinar, we included 10 CBOs. Three expert facilitators, one in each webinar, have been engaged from relevant fields. Each webinar has been organized for 2 hours duration out of which the Secretary of Saugath Foundation took 10 minutes to give an introductory talk. Subsequently, we allocated 10 minutes to the expert facilitator to unveil the discussions and then the facilitator conducted two sessions of panel discussions with 5 persons in each session of 40 minutes. The facilitator took the concluding sessions to summarize the whole discussion and to extend our thanks to the participants. Through those interactive webinars, those CBOs got a collaborative environment where they shared the screen, did interaction audio-visually, and were engaged in a virtual discussion. We collected feedback from all the participating CBOs, who expressed their profound satisfaction in getting benefits from those webinars. However, in organizing those webinars we faced some hurdles with the CBOs who were based in rural areas. Participants in rural areas had to face difficulties to deal with poor internet connections, intermittent power supply and older electronic devices, which had often been a hindrance to smooth online participation. Despite all these limitations, we hope that our endeavour will have far-reaching positive impacts on strengthening of people's organization in solving predominant social issues.

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## (ii) IEC Activities:-

Saught Foundation is working in remote rural areas, mainly in the tribal communities. We are familiar with various social issues which create hindrances to social development. We have identified various social problems, which affect the lives of poor underprivileged tribal community people. As a leading NGO, working in those tribal communities our organization always extend humanitarian assistance to those socially isolated people. We believe that sensitizing community people is the ideal way to combat those issues.



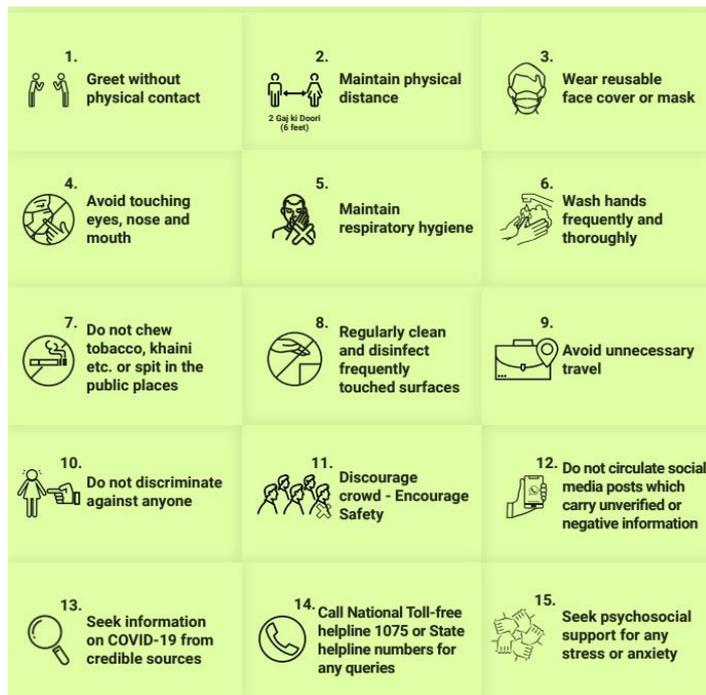
Like other years during 2020-21, our organization has undertaken social awareness activities to address some specific social problems. Since this year has been the Covid stricken year of lockdown, we felt it our prime responsibility to educate community people to follow Covid 19 appropriate behaviour. However, it has been a critical job for us this year to create awareness among the illiterate tribal communities without following the familiar ways of mass sensitization. Tribal community people are accustomed to getting any information from social gatherings. But we



couldn't organize any social gatherings in the Covid restrictions. Hence we had to depend upon various IEC techniques. Our prime efforts this year have been educating community people to improve barriers to human-to-human transmission of the COVID-19 virus in homes, communities, market areas, health care facilities, and other public spaces. In our fight against COVID-19, Saught Foundation undertook activities for raising awareness through a massive public outreach campaign in the rural areas of Bhandaria Block of Garhwa district of Jharkhand. Although we undertake this kind of awareness programme around the year yet some special

initiatives were taken in several Panchayats under the Bhandaria block this year to educate the poor rural people about Covid -19. Under these activities, we prepared various types of IEC materials like

festoons, posters, and pamphlets to disseminate information among tribal community people. The



subject line catch up has been ‘Know about COVID-19 and follow COVID Appropriate Behaviours’. As because most of our community people are illiterate, we tried to reach them in the local language and also use pictorials messages containing 15 points guidelines circulated by MoHFW, Government of India. We conveyed the guidelines:-

▶Greet without physical contact, ▶ Maintain Physical distance, ▶Wear reusable hand-made face-cover or mask at all times, ▶Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth, ▶ Maintain respiratory hygiene, ▶ Wash hands regularly and thoroughly, ▶ Regularly clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces, ▶

Do not spit in the open places, ▶ Avoid unnecessary travel, ▶ Do not discriminate - Against anyone, ▶ Discourage crowd - Encourage safety, ▶Do not circulate social media posts which carry unverified or negative information, ▶Seek information on COVID-19 from credible sources, ▶Call government helplines for any query related to COVID-19, ▶Seek psychosocial support in case of any distress or anxiety

By developing and using IEC materials we conducted successful public information campaigns. Our outreach programme has been based on rural or tribal lifestyles, having rural characters, and has been presented in local languages. Our IEC materials helped rural households to learn how they could maintain social distancing within their settings. We conveyed proper and adequate information on Covid testing and vaccination. While preparing the IEC materials we ensured that our efforts would motivate people to take the desired actions to prevent and control the spread of Corona Virus in those remote and hard to reach tribal belts where the government health support system is hardly accessible to community people. We have been able to convey our message to about 65,000 people in the Bhandaria block in the Garhwa district in Jharkhand. In this huge work, we received tremendous support from many local CBOs, NGOs and community volunteers, for which we will remain grateful to them.



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### (iii) Sanitation Awareness:-

Saugaht Foundation undertook 'Water and Sanitation awareness programme in villages and small towns during the Covid-19 lockdown period. We launched a large-scale public awareness campaign



by applying various methods such as posters, videos, social media messages, and recordings broadcasted from auto rickshaws which promoted good hand-washing behaviour, safe drinking water hygiene and the use of sanitary latrines etc. Our volunteers helped us to produce this social animation to raise awareness to protect our target group of people against the 'Corona-Virus' attack in our operational areas in several Panchayats in Bhandariya Block in Garhwa district in Ramgarh Block in Palamu district on various days throughout the year.

People in our project area are mostly indigenous and uneducated. But Jharkhand is the worst performer in terms of sanitation

coverage as compared to other states. Although people in general drink water from tube wells, this source of water is found not to be very well maintained. Tube -wells and wells get dry in the summer months as water levels fall drastically. Large numbers of the tribal villagers in our operational area are living without any safe drinking water facilities and they strive for collecting drinking water from distant places. Our operational area is a hilly forest area and drought-prone in nature. Since community people have a very little knowledge about 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, they consequently suffer from various water-borne ailments like diarrhoea, cholera, hepatitis, jaundice and so on.

In order to combat waterborne diseases awareness generation programmes were conducted this year by our organization in different areas mainly in tribal



belts. Apart from Covid-19 precautions we also disseminated the knowledge among the community people that household water, sanitation, and hygiene practices play a crucial role in every sphere of life. Open field defecation is quite common here which aggravates waterborne diseases. The majority among them is cholera is the largest cause of concern. Moreover, apart from the drinking purpose, water used for other purposes is mostly taken from either river or pond which is getting contaminated continuously because of many reasons, mainly due to human excreta. Our organization has undertaken various activities in several villages in creating awareness regarding the need and importance of using their family toilets.

It is mentionable that we also disseminated the knowledge of water sanitation among the



community people through our children, who have been the students of our school project. Our school teachers also tried to inculcate the knowledge to adapt the habit of washing hands as part of the daily routine of the tribal children. We have been successful in rural areas of the Garwha district where children also persuaded their parents to be clean.

We also included Covid appropriate behaviour learning sessions in terms of water sanitation in the school. The children were asked to convey this Covid appropriate water sanitation behaviour learning to their family members and also to their neighbours because we believe that a lesson learnt from a child has more impact on the human mind.

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