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### ✍️..... An overview from the President's Desk

Dear colleagues, friends, well-wishers and donors,

Being the President of 'Saugaht Foundation', I am taking this opportunity to give an overview of the Annual Activity Report for the year 2018-19. I am proud to mention that since our inception we have successfully passed eventful 13 years of our organization.



While passing way down the memory lane since our inception in 2005, I personally realize that our organization has been working tirelessly with the sole objectives of alleviating the condition of the poor tribal people. Majority of our target groups have been the people of backward classes, schedule caste, and other oppressed classes in our underdeveloped operational areas in Palamu - Garhwa- Latehar and their adjacent districts. What is remarkable is that we have been able to reach out to the poor and the downtrodden, including the marginalized women and children whose chronic deprivation from the basic amenities of life has left them vulnerable to and at the receiving end of various social vices.

This year we gave emphasis on tribal children's basic education leadership development programme for the women community, SC-ST welfare, health awareness programme on preventive healthcare, environment protection, and pollution control programme and on raising social awareness on various issues affecting social development.

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. We want to continue with it and will try to do better in an innovative way to make the best uses of the available resources and ensure that the poor and the down-trodden women can benefit from us in the best way possible. Apart from continuing with the projects that have been running for years, we have broadened our sphere of activities and we intend to take up more projects towards the holistic development of poor rural people.

We want to continue with these fields in our future course of action. I am happy to take this opportunity for expressing our sincere gratitude to all of our donors, well-wishers, and supporters. I hope that they will continue with their support and assistance for years to come. I express my sincere gratitude my colleagues, to the local and district level authorities for extending their support and cooperation.

In the coming years we will endeavour to make better efforts to accomplish the mission of our organization. I extend my gratitude to you all for joining hands with us. I congratulate you all for your valuable contribution and performing your responsibility for social cause. Please continue supporting with us and also motivate others in this noble gesture. Let's go ahead. Thanking you all.

Jitendra Kumar Pandey ,  
President, Saugaht Foundation

**Target groups in 2018-19:-**

During 2018-19 our organisation served mainly the vulnerable sections of the society by identifying the needs of the backward sections of the communities especially of the tribal people. Our aim has been facilitating developmental work amongst the downtrodden people. Saugaht Foundation has focused to uplift the quality of lives of those poor rural people who are always underprivileged and deprived from the socioeconomic point of view. Our target groups have been the poor and needy children, unemployed rural youths, struggling girls, neglected women and destitute older persons.



**Activity Highlights:-**



- Open field preschool**
- Basic Education for Tribal Children**
- Activities under PHED in Palamu district**
- Awareness generation under SBM(G)in Palamu district**
- Awareness generation under SBM(G)in Garhwa district**
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- Community sensitization for road safety in Palamu district**
- Data entry for digital system development of PDS**

## Activity Details:-

### **Open field preschool:-**

Saught 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 joining 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'. We launched the project in 2017-18 under which 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 in the 1<sup>st</sup> year and completed the rest in the 2<sup>nd</sup> year during 2018-19. The model will be replicated in the other areas in future. We are thankful to Asha for Education –Stanford Chapter for supporting this project. We are hopeful that this model will have a far reaching impact in the socially isolated tribal community children.

## Basic Education for Tribal Children:-

Institutional improvement is a continuous process and it's difficult to describe the extent of improvement happened within a period of one particular year. However, we are happy to mention that our school has been improving gradually over the years. Like previous years Asha SF supported Basic Education project for tribal children has made an expected progress in the last year . Currently the project in Path village is highly



visible in the rural area. The implementation of this project for last 5 years (since June 2014) has brought a substantial change in the outlook of the community people towards the education of little children. In fact our target group children have always been the down trodden and under privileged tribal children who previously used to roam around the forest-fringe areas. Even today it is a normal scenario in many other villages in our rural belt that the poor children are roaming here and there unprotected and playing in the community by wearing rotten garments, half

naked, bare footed. Out of those large numbers of unfortunate children, our project can serve only 50 children.

But still it is mentionable that our project has brought a visible change in the habit of the children of the project village who are eager to go to our school regularly. The children have learnt English alphabet and can read and write from A to Z. They can also count and can write numerical from 1 to 100. It is wonderful to see that they know the names of various fruits, vegetables, animals and can easily identify those things. Besides measuring these qualitative indicators of progress we can also measure our project improvement by measuring quantitative indicator.

The project school was started in July 2014. In 2015, from the 1st batch, 9 children were admitted in government primary schools. In 2016 we sent 15 children to the primary schools. In 2017 the number was 20 and in 2018 it was 16 children. Therefore during last 4 years total  $(9+15+20+16) = 60$  children from this tribal community have been entered into formal primary schools. This can be considered as an important milestone that the school has achieved. Parents of our children have become more sensitized regarding their children's education. Even the school going children are also creating interest in the minds of little brothers and sisters of our school students , who are also eager to come to our school to study. Hence in short it can be mentioned that the improvement of our school in the last year has been highly satisfactory.

## **Activities under PHED in Palamu district :-**

The Public Health Engineering Department (PHED) is a public agency that is mainly responsible for rural water supply in India. In Jharkhand, during natural disasters the State Public Health Engineering Department has the responsibility to provide safe drinking water to the public as well as collaborating with NGOs for this purpose the agency. Various other responsibilities include sewerage and Sewage Treatment, Municipal Solid Waste Management, Water Supply and Maintenance of Water Supply Systems etc. In this year PHED has entrusted our organization to provide assistances in various activities, mentioned above. Providing human resources for cleaning and swiping the project area has been our additional responsibility. We have also given various Official work supports to PHED

## **Awareness generation under SBM (G) in Palamu district:-**

Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) was launched on 2nd October 2014. Since then Saugha Foundation is engaged in various activities during last 4-5 years to accelerate the efforts to achieve universal sanitation coverage and to put the focus on sanitation under SBM (Gramin). Although we have constructed good numbers of sanitary latrines during last few years in Palamu district, but it is observed that members of the families, who had got those latrines could not give-up their habit of open field defecation and consequent the objectives of SBM have not been fully achieved. More over many households couldn't be linked up with SBM(G). During 2018-19 our mission aimed to two aspects •Creating awareness regarding need and importance of using own toilets, and • Awareness about scheme and its benefits. Our organization has various activities in several villages for mass sensitization under this programme .



## **Awareness generation under SBM(G)in Garhwa district :-**

It is miserable that even after 69 years of independence India has a massive problem of open field 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 issue our organization undertook the awareness generation activities under SBM(G)in Garhwa district also. For this purpose we organized street rallies, street dramas ( Nukkad

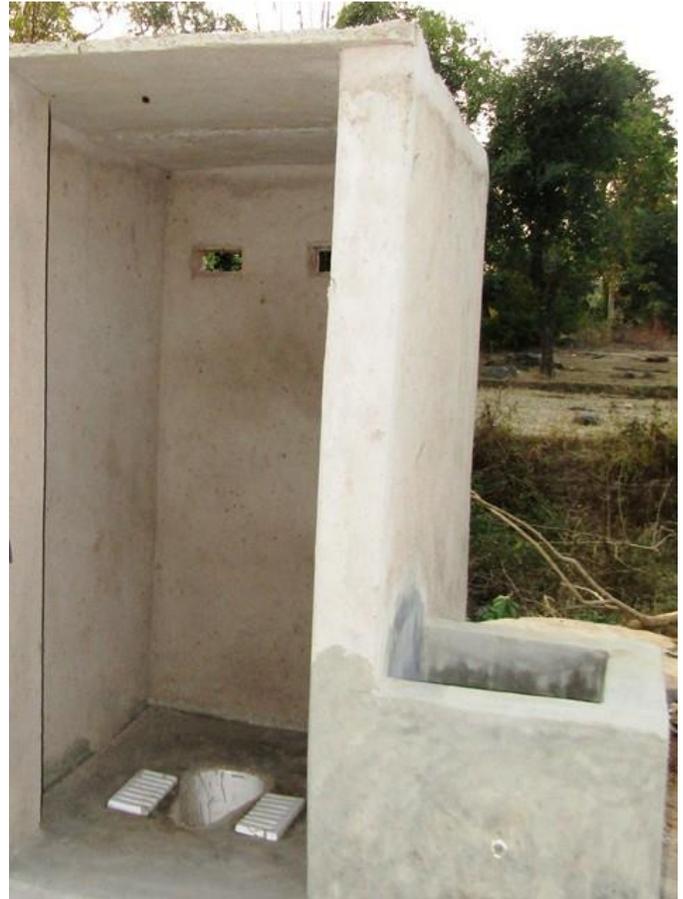
Natak) , Villagers gatherings motivational talks , display of posters banners , using mikes for mass sensitization and many other activities in several villages of Garhwa district. We also conducted some



awareness generating events in few villages Bhandariya Block, in Garhwa district from a decorated tableau on 22nd March, 2018 on the occasion of World Water Day to educate the poor rural people about the importance of safe drinking water in human life and various scientific techniques of getting safe drinking water from nature. It is expected to have good impact of our endeavour on this issue.

### **Construction of latrines under SBM(G)in Sarja block ,Palamu :-**

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. In order to accelerate the efforts to achieve universal sanitation coverage and to put focus on sanitation, the Prime Minister of India launched the Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) on 2nd October, 2014. Swachh Bharat Mission-Gramin (SBM-G) has been launched as a fitting tribute to the 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, to be celebrated in 2019, Govt. of India has launched this mission for improving the levels of cleanliness in rural areas. As an close associate of this government scheme our organization has Constructed 21 latrines under SBM(G)in Sarja block ,Palamu in the year 2018-2019.



### **Construction of latrines under SBM (G) in Pipra block, Palamu :-**

Being a leading NGO in Palamu district Saugha Foundation has been actively participating in Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) initiatives and the Govt. has given responsibility to construct 132 nos. of sanitary latrines in Pipra block of Palamu district. During the FY2018-19 our organization has completed this assignment by constructing all the sanitary toilets.

### **Community sensitization on safe sanitation Pipra block, Palamu :-**

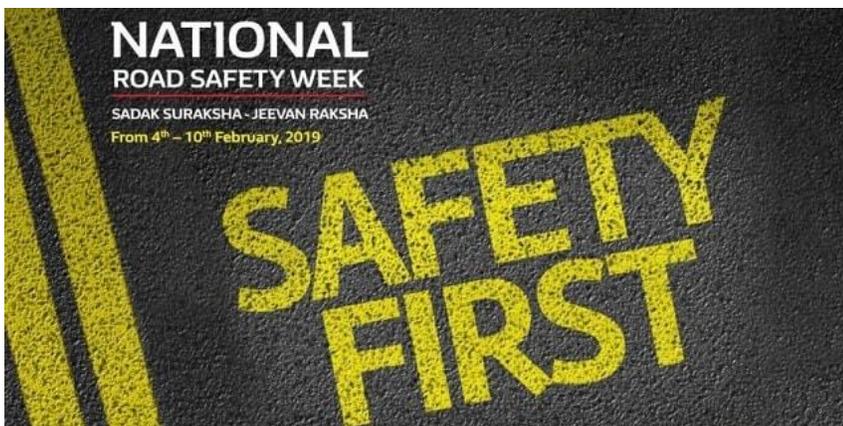
Palamu and its surrounding district are hilly and drought prone in nature. People in our project area are mostly indigenous and uneducated. Although people in general drink water from tube-wells, but this source

of water is found not very well maintained. 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 a host of ailments. The majority among them is water borne illness like cholera and jaundice being the largest cause for concern. Tube-wells and 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. Huge 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. Moreover, excepting the drinking purpose, water used for other purposes are mostly taken from either river or pond which is getting contaminated continuously because of many reasons, mainly due to human excreta. In order to combat waterborne diseases several awareness generation programs were conducted in this year by our organization at different areas mainly in tribal belts. Although we undertake this kind of awareness program round the year yet some special events were conducted in few villages in Pipra Block in Palamu district in various days of 2018. We are hopeful about the positive impact of these activities.



### **Community sensitization for road safety in Palamu district:-**

We have actively participated in the government programme to observe Road Safety Week during the period from 23 April to 30 April-2018. We organised various events in and around Daltonganj town for this programme. Wide ranges of awareness activities have been conducted. We promoted one Tableau,



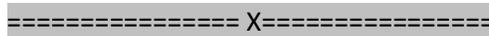
decorated by banners and posters with highlighted slogans on road safety and also with a loud speaker system for an orator, who sensitized people on the relevant issue. Pre recorded audio messages regarding traffic rules and regulations were publicized through this system. A street drama was conducted, acted by local volunteers to sensitize community people on the concerned issue. We undertook an

innovative idea to educate people for their behavioural change. We asked local schools to allow some of their students in this innovative event. School children were asked to give flowers at the traffic-signal-stops to those bikers who were not wearing helmeted and also to those persons who were not using seat belts of their vehicle. In this way our idea was to make some positive impacts on the minds of the wrong doers through embarrassment on the road. Local people appreciated this idea. We also went to some roadside

hotel cum bar on the highway and put posters of cautions for drinking alcohol before driving. Hotels were requested not to sell liquor to the vehicle drivers. Thus we had an all-out effort to promote road safety. Local police authority helped us in this work and concerned government department reimbursed our expenses for this programme.

### **Linking Aadhaar cards with ration cards in PDS :-**

Ration cards are used by the individuals to get the food at a subsidized rate. However, in many cases in Jharkhand, an individual obtains more than one ration card due to which others are not able to get the benefit. To overcome such cases, the government has decided to link ration cards with an individual's Aadhaar card. Saugaht Foundation has been entrusted with this important assignment by the Department of Food And Civil Supplies, Govt. of Jharkhand to link up ration cards with Aadhaar cards living in Palamu district. The main objectives have been overall improvement in process efficiencies in distribution of food grains to the targeted beneficiaries. Our organization was given responsibility of linking 151746 nos. of ration card beneficiaries with their Aadhaar cards into a specific computerized data entry and linkup system. We have successfully completed this vital work.



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