

# MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY



"To Change the world we must be good to those who cannot repay us"
- Pope Francis

According to the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), human development is a process of analyzing people's choices. In principle, these choices can be infinite and change over time. But at all levels of development, the three essential ones are there for people (a) to lead a long and healthy life, (b) to acquire knowledge and (c) to have access to resources needed for a decent standard of living.

DISA (Development Initiatives by Social Animation) started her journey in the field of social transformation through peripheries completed 17 years and still we are on the process of analyzing the people's choice. For the proper development and transformation of a particular country or a region, it is very important to bring education and awareness to the people about their right and duties. We need to alert the people against the imposters and pretenders, which is generally the role of the political parties which they do not tend to do effectively.

Developmental and transformative actions through empowerment of vulnerable individuals and groups like, women, children, marginal farmers, widows, disabled, elderly through the introduction of SHGs, Farmers Club, DPOs, Nai Disha Mahila Samti, Saloni Sangams have brought forward current creditable results, adding golden feathers of achievements to her credits. The devoted actions, collective initiatives, undiluted dedication and dynamic creativities of DISA's staff have adorned her serviceable actions with beauty par excellence.

The people marginalized and unprivileged masses were undoubtedly the beneficiaries of her help since 2001 and its vibrations for societal transformation in the year 2017- 18 tucked between photos, tables and datum, though given in brevity, stands witness to it in the successive pages. I pray and wish that she may continue to work for the sustainable development more effectively in the Indian society. We thank all the Partners, Co-workers, well-wishers and Associates in this noble task of communion of human communities, for an inclusive society and nurturing universal values.

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Fr. Cherian Puthusery CST Secretary, DISA

#### of the Organization IDENTITY

#### Name of the Civil Society Organization:

Development Initiatives by Social Animation (DISA)

#### Status:

Social Service Society registered under Society's Registration Act - 1860

#### **Area of Operation:**

Whole of India

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Registration Details: Society Registration No: 462/2001-02 dated 24/09/2001 Place: Basti, Year: 2001 under Society's Registration Act of 1860

Renewal No. 1483/2001-16 dated 26 September 2016.

FCRA No.: 136310026 dated 21 April 2003. Renewed for 5 years on 01/11/2016

Bank : Punjab National Bank, St. Basil's School Branch, Khirighat, Basti

Registration under 12 A: 146/02-03 w.e.f.01-04-2002. Income Tax Permanent Account No: AAATD5451G.



#### VISION

Communion of human communities, for a just, responsive and inclusive society and nurturing universal values.

#### MISSION

To restore the human dignity of 'he poor, the excluded and the marginalized and achieve their rights as citizens.

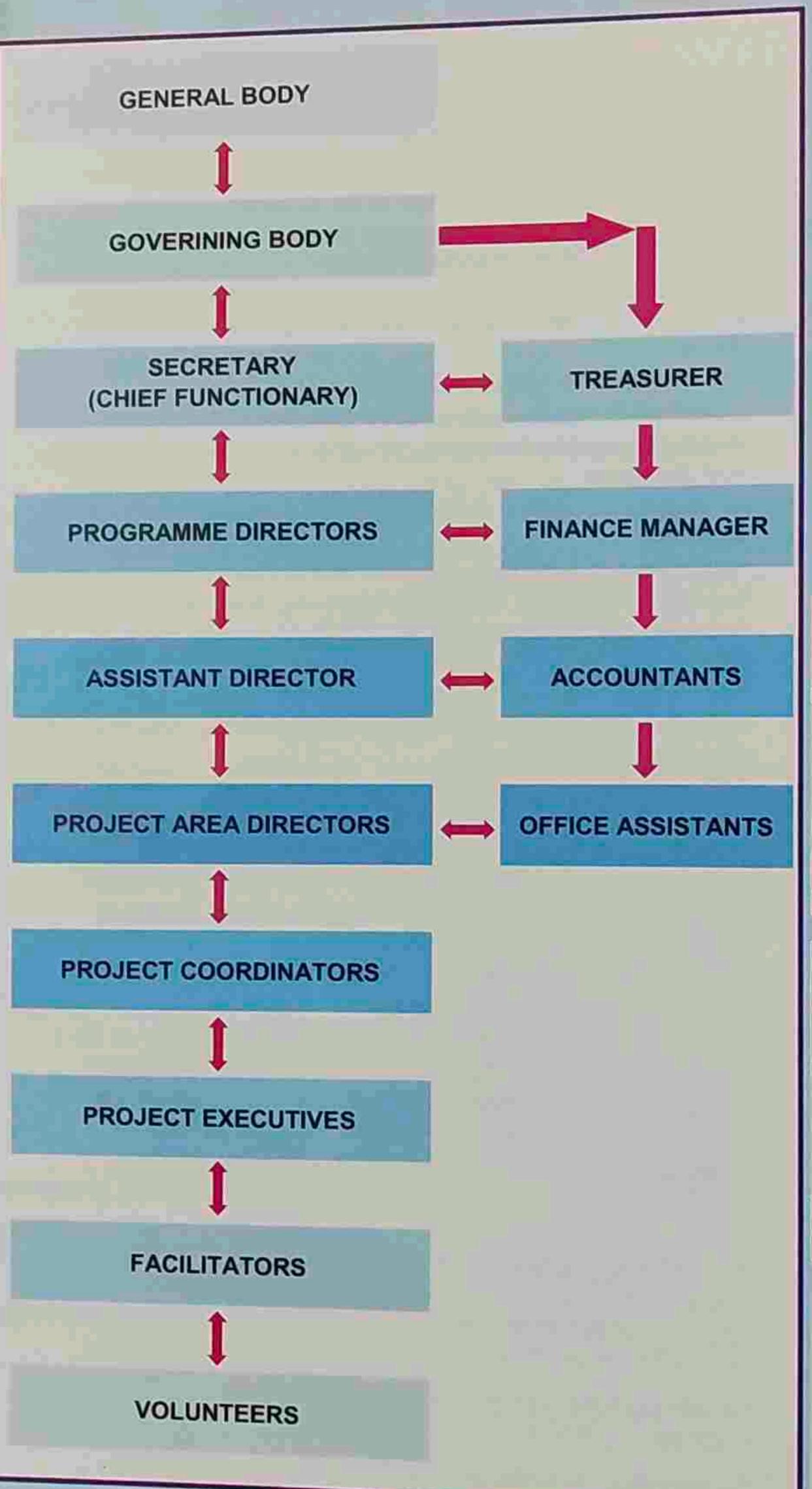
#### STRATEGY

A process of Social Animation and Rights Based and Inclusive Develop Approach among the poor, the excluded and the marginalized for enabling awareness, capacities and collective actions.

# Thematic Areas of

# Interventions & Major Activities

NO	THEMES / ISSUES	EXPECTED RESULTS / ACTIVITIES
01	Financial Inclusion and Livelihood Program	Promotion and mentoring of total 215 Self Help Groups at Basti Sadar, Harraiya, Mithaval and Ikauna and Mausada Blocks Facilitation of various Income Generating Activities Annual auditing and Assessment of the Groups Capacity Building of the Groups and leadership development through Trainings and Exposure visits
02	Gender Justice and Women Empowerment	Mentoring of Women Groups at village level and promotion of CBOs at Basti Sadar, Harraiya, Mithaval and Ikauna Mausada Blocks Collaboration with NAI DISHA MAHILA SAMITI Organizing Common Celebrations & Events Guidance for collective actions for rights and entitlements, getting Govt. schemes Increasing participation in Panchayati Raj Processes for good governance Facilitating and mentoring SALONI SANGAMS Awareness to Service Users and Accessing Govt. Health Services, strengthening VHSCs and Mother Groups
03	Sustainable Agriculture, Natural Resource Management and Eco Based Disaster Risk Reduction.	Mentoring Farmers Clubs at Basti Sadar, Harraiya, Mithaval Bahadurpur and Ikauna Mausada Blocks Promotion of Package of Practices for improving agriculture and enhancing income sources Demonstrations and introduction of farming technologies Promotion of organic farming and use of vermin compost Capacity building of farmers through Exposure visits and trainings. Interface meetings and collaboration with SHGs and CBOs for actions for rights and entitlements, getting Govt. schemes Facilitating and mentoring Task Force Promotion of Grain Banks in CBOs Revival of common water bodies
04	Community Based Rehabilitation and Empowerment of PWDs	CBR of Children and People With Disabilities (PWDs) at Bast Sadar, Bahdurpur, Harraiya, Mithaval and Sahjanwa Blocks Formation and Facilitation of Disabled Persons Organizations (DPOs) for their rights, entitlements and social inclusion Home Based Intervention, education and lifting barriers. Facilitating special education and medical interventions of selected children Promotion of Savings, Thrift and IGAs through Special SHGs
05	CHILDLINE City Coordination	Coordinating action interventions for street children City Coordination with various departments, support organizations for children in distress
06	Skill Development for Youth	Facilitating technical skill trainings on Tailoring Facilitation of Placements and Follow ups
07	Organization Matters and DISA Office Management	Coordination, Mobilization and Facilitation Documentation and Communication Accounting and Reporting Legal Compliance Organization Meetings and Web Site Management













# THE GOVERNING BODY (MANAGING COMMITTEE) MEMBERS YEAR - 2017-18

No	NAME	ADDRESS	GENDER	RELATION	DESIGNATION
1	Fr. John Kadaliyil S/o Sri Joseph	Jyoti Bhavan Chargawan Gorakhpur-273409	Male	No Relation	President
2	Smt. Geeta Lakshmi D/oSri Gopinath Panickar	Near St Basil's School, Khiri Ghat, Basti, U.P-272001	Female	No Relation	Vice President
3	Fr. Cherian Puthussery S/o Sri Varkey	Basil Bhavan Behind Civil Court Basti, U.P-273 006	Male	No Relation	Secretary
4	Sri Anil Chaitanya S/o Late Sri Vidya Prasad	House No: 1111/4, Malviya Road, Basti, U.P- 272001	Male	No Relation	Joint Secretary
5	Fr. Joby Joseph S/o Joseph	Jyoti Bhavan Chargawan Gorakhpur-273409	Male	No Relation	Treasurer
6	Sr. Neera SRA D/o Joseph Topno	Little Flower School, Kalwari, Basti, U.P. 272301	Female	No Relation	Member
7	Smt. Shanti W/o Sri. Ulahannan	Near St. Basil's School,KhiriGhat Basti, U.P 272001.	Female	No Relation	Member
8	Sr.Shiji Kurian D/o Sri.Kurian	Dominican Sisters Indiranagar P.O Bangalore Karnataka 560038	Female	No Relation	Member
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10	Saju T. Joseph S/o Sri Joseph Thottamattam	Little Flower, Old Ferozepur Road, Muktsar, Punjab	Male	No Relation	Member
11	N.D Abraham Edassery, S/o Sri Davasia	Flat No. 3-B, 35, Pathak Para Road, Kolkata - 700060	Male	No Relation	Member

#### **GEOGRAPHICAL SPREAD OF DISA**

No	District	Block	Gram Panchayats	Villages
1	Basti	Sadar	47	72
		Harriaya	25	48
2	Siddharthnagar	Mithaval	24	59
3	Shravasti	Ikauna	12	36
	Gorakhpur	Sahajanwa	20	65
4	Faizabad	Masodha	06	23
5	Gorakhpur	City	COORDINA	

Geographical Area of Operation Under DISA



DIBA OPERATION AREA DISTRICT HEADQUARTER

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**DISA** Staff Strength

NO	CENTRE	DESIGNATION	SALARY	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
01	Head Office	Programme Director	> 10,000	01	00	01
		Asst. Director	>10,000	01	00	01
		Finance Manager	> 20,000	01	00	01
		Prog. Officer	15,000	00	01	01
		JVS/ CBR Coordinator	> 10,000	01	00	01
		Office Assistant	> 5,000	02	00	02
		Class IV	>5,000	00	01	01
02	Basti Sadar	Project Coordinator	> 10,000	01	00	01
		Project Executives	s > 5,000	03	01	04
		Facilitator	> 5,000	00	01	01
03	Harraiya	Project Area Director	> 10,000	01	00	01
		Project Coordinator	> 10,000	00	01	01
		Facilitators	>5,000	04	01	05
		Instructor (Tailoring Programme)	>5,000	00	01	01
04	Mithaval	Project Coordinators	>20,000	01	00	01
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		Field Supervisor	> 10,000	03	00	03
		Facilitator	> 5,000	02	01	03
05	lkauna	Project Coordinator	> 20,000	01	00	01
		Facilitators	> 5,000	03	02	05
06	Gorakhpur CHILDLINE	Programme Director	> 10,000	01	00	01
		Project Coordinator	> 15,000	01	00	01
07	Sahjanwa	Project Coordinator	> 10,000	01	00	01
		CBR Worker	> 5,000	03	01	04
8(	Faizabad	Area Director		01		01
		Facilitators		01		02
	Total			34		46

"The Future of In its Villages."

### DISA in the News



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# DEVELOPMENT INTERVENTIONS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

#### FINANCIAL INCLUSION AND LIVELIHOOD PROGRAM:

Financial inclusion is globally considered as a critical indicator of development and well-being of society. As a result of renewed thrust on financial inclusion, an inclusive financial system is widely recognised in policy circles as a proactive measure and has become a basic priority in many countries including India

Since formal credit institutions rarely lend to the poor, special institutional arrangements become necessary to extend credit to those who have no collateral to offer. Microfinance, by providing small



loans and savings facilities to those who have been excluded from commercial financial services, has been promoted as a key strategy for reducing poverty in all its forms by agencies all over the world. Microcredit has been defined as "programmes that provide credit for self-employment and other financial and business services (including savings and technical assistance) to very poor persons" (Micro Credit Summit, 1997).

The basic idea of microfinance is that poor people are ready and are willing to pull themselves out of poverty if given access to economic inputs. The need for informality in credit delivery and easy access is demonstrated by the fact that Self Help Groups (SHGs) and Microfinance Institutions (MFIs) constitute the fastest growing segment in recent years in reaching out to small borrowers. Micro-finance is a new development in which Indian institutions have acquired considerable expertise and where up-scaling holds great promise both to expand the nature of financial services offered to micro enterprises and to make these the springboard for entrepreneurial development. (Planning Commission, 2006)

Importance of all the aspects has been given keen interest in DISA and has facilitated and mentored the Self-help Groups in the villages for the financial Inclusion economic empowerment in four Blocks. These SHGs have their regular monthly meetings, regular savings, inter-loaning and income generating activities, under the guidance of the staff of DISA. The leaders of these Groups shoulder responsibilities for the above mentioned activities. The work and progress in a nutshell is given as follows. The attendance in meetings is 91.65 %, 135 Groups out of 215 are able to conduct the meetings by themselves without the help of facilitators. 73 Groups maintains their records by themselves. 130new members were learnt to write their own names and put sign.72Groups increased their monthly savings from Rs.30 to Rs. 50, 60, 70 up to 100. 9 Groups have decided to use Cheques for transactions. Trainings were provided for the leaders of SHGs and facilitators on different topics such as Leadership and Micro Planning etc...

#### The details of the SHGs Block wise:

Particulars	Sadar Block	Harraiya Block	Mithaval Block	Ikauna Block	Total
Total SHGs as on March 2018	72	47	59	36	215
Total No of Members on March 2018	917	626	729	445	2717
Total Savings till March 2018	2711960	1524897	1_25575	106305	5568737
Interest received till March 2018	1100587	304595	363700	8082	1776964
Inter-loaning to members	6778422	992725	2782832	85340	10639319
Loan Returned	3276772	296090			

#### CASE STUDY

#### MOTIVATED FOR A GREAT CAUSE

Women are the nucleus of our civilization. They have different roles to play in the ever changing social set-up. Women's development is directly related with the nation development. With the dawn of independence our constitution guaranteed gender equality and a large number of schemes and programs have been initiated for women's development. Micro-financing to SHGs create lot of avenues for the empowerment and in promoting well-being for women proper funding and timely financial aid can bring even the poor people to the main stream of society. However, usually nobody helps them and if helped, would find it as an opportunity to take away what they already have in the name of huge interest. Here is the example of how Self Help Groups help such helpless women.



The desires of many a woman is spoilt or unaccomplished as there is no means for them to get financial aid. Many of them are unwilling to approach the Nationalised Banks for small loans. Many uncouth money lenders are looking for a chance to take advantage of their ignorance.

Working towards this direction Roshini Self Help Group was formed in 2016 in Narayanpur Gram Panchayath of Bahadurpur development block of Basti. It consists of 14 women members. Every woman deposits Rs.100 as her savings on monthly basis.

Mrs. Sunanda Devi, wife of Mr Ramchand is a member of this group. She is a labourer. She wanted to rear buffaloes but could not buy one on account of poverty, despite several attempts. Once she put forward her wish to take a loan to buy buffalo, in the group discussion forum. She borrowed Rs. 5000/- from the group and bought a buffalo to rear. After it grew, she started to sell the milk. At present, she has a herd of buffaloes. She sells milk, curd, and ghee, adding to the prosperity of her family and she is very happy with her success.

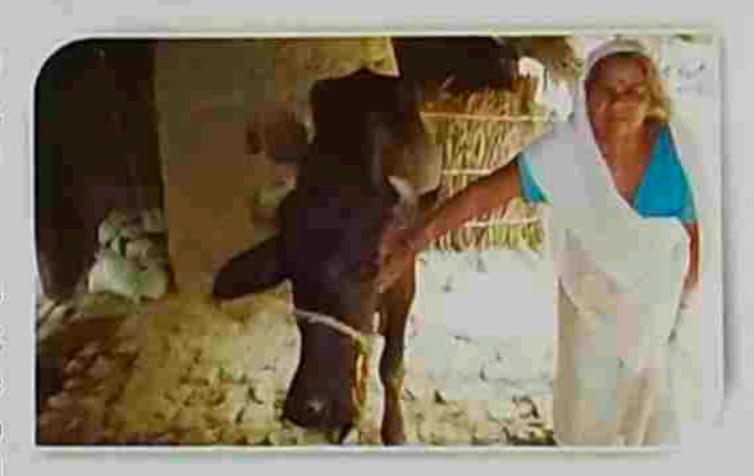
#### 1. 2. Took loan from the group to get the husband employed.

Mrs. Indravathi Devi of Katari village in Kaptanganj Block of Basti district got her husband employed with the help of her Self Help Group. Her husband returned from Mumbai and Delhi not able to get employment. After coming here also he remained unemployed.

She requested for a loan of Rs. 10,000/- from the Self Help Group. After discussions members of the group agreed to give her loan. With this money she opened a petty shop on a thela and started selling sweets and snacks at the village square. The shop ran well and her husband started earning two to three hundred rupees a day. Ms. Indravati Devi paid the debt back in instalments. The husband of Ms. Indravati is so happy now that he is able to stay at home and meet the expenses of the house with the money he is earning from the small business.

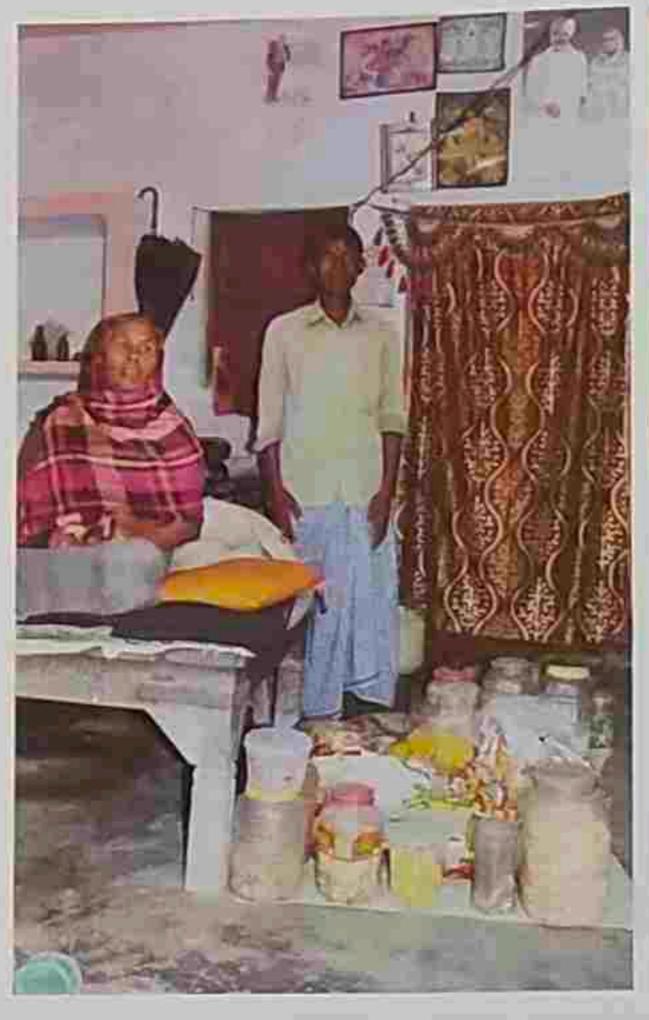






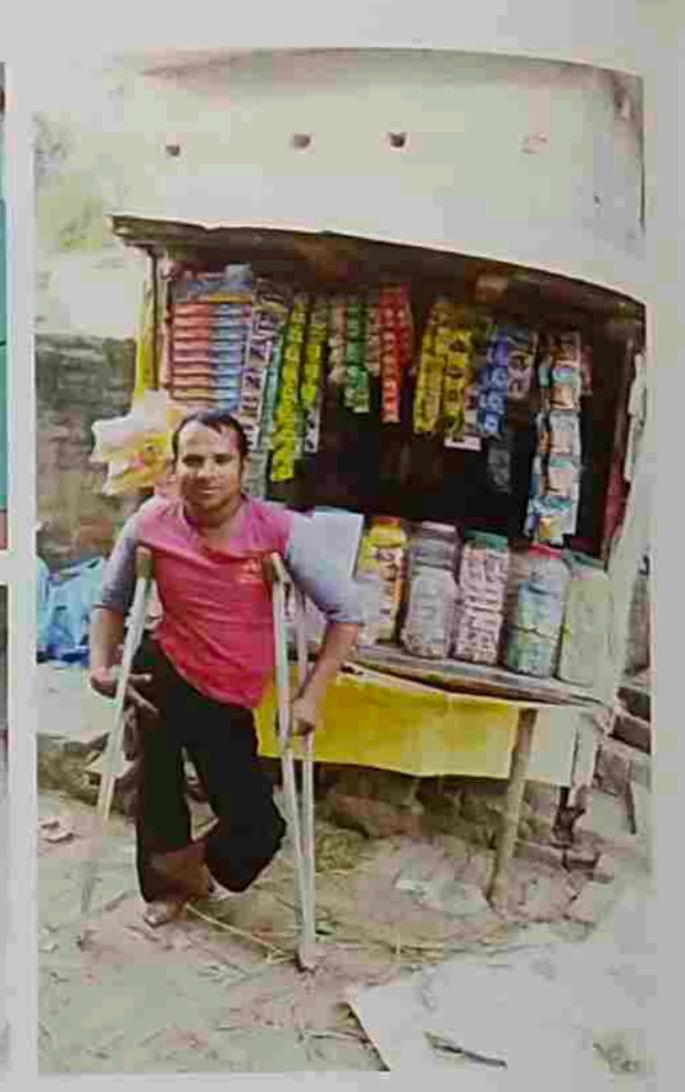












#### Opening of many shops with the help of group

The members of Self Help Group functioning under the direction of DISA are always supported by the organisation towards methods of increasing their income. Given below are the details of a number of members of various Self Help Groups who found their ways of opening own business with the help from the group.

- Inspired by this, Smt. Vidyavati Devi, a member of Maya Self Help Group in Basti Sadar Development Block, took a loan of 15000 rupees from the group to open a medical store for her son.
- Smt. Sohravati Devi, member of Maha Lakshmi Self Help Group of Chaubah village, took a loan of 15000 rupees for her son to open a saloon.
- Smt. Indravati Devi, member of Azad Self Help Group of Khadawajanth village took a loan to open a shoe shop for her son.
- Smt. Ram Dulari, Aradhana Self Help Group of Kurhapatti village took loan of Rs. 10,000 to open Beauty Parlour.
- Smt. Tharabunnish, member of Mohammad SHG of Baksar village took loan of Rs. 10,000/- and opened a textiles shop for her husband.
- Smt. Khailashi, member of Chandni SHG of Khadouva village took loan of Rs. 5000/- to run vegetable shop.
- Smt. Savitri, member of sheetal SHG of Ramvapur village took loan of Rs. 5000/- to buy sewing machine for her daughter.
- Smt Urmila, member of Bharatmata SHG of Katari village took loan of Rs. 1000/- to run grocery shop. Smt. Dashratha and Smt Sunita Devi, members of Savera SHG Dudhoura village took loan of Rs. 5000/each to sell vegetables.
- Smt. Gayanmati, member of Lakshmi Self Help Group, Sihawal village, Mithawal Block took loan of Rs. 22,000/-for rearing buffalo.
- Smt. Anarkali of Saheli Self Help Group of Singahachoodi village, Mithawal Block took Rs.6000/- for buying sewing machine.
- Smt. Indavati of Lakshmi SHG of Loudpurva village took Rs. 12000/- for rearing buffalo.
- Smt. Jarina Kathun of Garib Navaj SHG of Belgadi, Mithwal Block took Rs. 10000/- for rearing goat. Smt. Kesari Devi of Santharbidas SHG of Sonkar village, Mithawal block took Rs. 3000/- for petty Shop.

#### 2. GENDER JUSTICE AND WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

The issue of gender justice and women empowerment has been a concern in many nations and in many an arena for some centuries. Though there has been formal removal of institutionalized discrimination, yet the mind set and the attitude ingrained in the subconscious have not been erased. Women still face all kinds of indignity and prejudice.

Their contribution to the society is manifold and they have got multifaceted personality as they play the role of mother, sister, wife and daughter during various stages of their life. In their role in various capacities they become a part of the society. In the modern age in this new millennium they have shown their



excellence in almost all fields and their contribution in political, civil & overall growth of a country is widely appreciated and recognized and they have proved be more week and are equal with men. Despite all these, even today, a major chunk of women folk are deprives of the basic necessities of life and are being considered as a neglected segment of the society. They have become victim of the social set-up and sex-based discrimination continued to dominate the society there by depriving them from all sort of facilities. They are treated unfavorably and the concept of equality and equal status has become myth for them. The modern and independent India realizing the inequality and discrimination against women has incorporates in the constitution, the Law of the land, several provisions which unequivocally declare that women should be treated at par with men at all walks of life and there should be no discrimination and specific provisions are laid down for their upliftment.

For women empowerment I would like to suggest that education is the best weapon for fighting against injustice. Illiteracy is the root of all exploitation, violence and oppression our government make laws for women, try to implement it but also take the care that each and every women in our society should be educated. Legal awareness to women rights is also necessary and most important thing that women should take care of their rights.

DISA joins hands with NAI DISHA MAHILA SAMITI, a registered society in promoting Gender Justice and Women Empowerment issues. There are 95 Village Level Associations with 1850 members and 35 Gram Panchayat Level Committees having 1402 members. Representatives are elected to form 3 Block Level Women Committees at Basti Sadar, Harraiya, Ikauna and Mithaval Blocks with 865 leaders and they are federated at Central Level to form the Nai Disha Mahila Samiti. The Block Level and Central Level Committees have quarterly review and planning meetings whereas the Gram Panchayat Level Committees meet once in two months. Village level Associations have their meetings every month for review and planning for social actions for rights and entitlements. Gram Panchayat level Associations function as broad Community Based Organizations (CBOs). Various collective actions were taken by women to highlight their demands for justice, equity and access to resources. They had many awareness rallies, public meetings, wall writings, common celebrations and cultural programs. They celebrated International Women's Day at this time at Basti.1500 Women from Mithaval Block, Haraiya Block and Basti Sadar participated in this annual gathering. On the day they focused on the themes on Gender Equity and rights of Girl Children. Women participated in the various cultural activities and imparted the message of gender equality to the People.



### Case Study

#### 2.1. Careful planning, effective protest yields result.

In India. People have to struggle a lot to get the benefit of development schemes declared by the Government. The women of Kaidhaulia village in Bahadarpur development block are the perfect example of this. These women associated with Nai Disha Mahila Samiti are continuously working towards social interest.

In the meeting of the Samiti careful planning is made with the help of workers of the organisation. The need of toilet was raised in one of the meetings. The women formed a group and communicated their demand to officers of the Block. Seeing that no response was made on their demand, they staged a protest before the Block office. The officers then understood the seriousness and 22 families were given financial aid to make toilet.

Same was the case in Thinpadia, Kurhapatti villages of Basti Sadar. The members of these families are making use of these toilets. The women are happy and proud at the strength they got by associating themselves with the Nai Disha Mahila Samiti.

# 2.2. Ration dealer suspended, Ration Distribution System improved.

It is a common practice among ration distributors to sell the things under public distribution system in open market and make profit. The poor illiterate villagers often remain mute and the selfish distributor take advantage of their desperation. This is a story how system can change if the people are aware and

capable to respond.

The ration dealer of Thilakpur village under Kaptanganj Development block was not giving ration to the villagers on time. If he gave, he used to take extra amount from the people. Moreover, he filled in their card false details of ration that he had not given. Frustrated by this, the Nai Disha Mahila Samiti women approached the Pradhan, BDO and other related officers. But it had no effect.

Finally Nai Disha Mahila Samiti women complained to the District Magistrate. Taking into consideration the seriousness of the matter DM sent for investigation and the Ration distributor was found guilty. On the DM's order the distributor was suspended and the shop was attached to another distributor. Now the women and villagers are getting the ration on time.

## 2.3. Work done under MANREGA Scheme, wages paid.

It was a big challenge for the people of Thilakpur village under Kaptanganj Development block to get employed under MANREGA a central Government scheme to provide employment to rural population. It is a big help in running their families. Gram Pradhan being an upper cast, used to exploit the poor women. He often depended on contractors and machines for the work that was supposed to be done under MANREGA scheme. In that way village women lost their income.

Women became active after discussing this issue in the village and block level meeting of Nai Disha Mahila Samiti. The women demanded work from the village head but the work was not given. Women having united reached Block headquarters. They complained to the Block Development Officer against Pradhan. Women told that if they did not get work, they would complain to the District Magistrate. After this Pradhan gave work to women several times to a total of 62 days. Not only was this, MANREGA wages was also credited in women's account.

#### 2.4. Condition of India Mark Hand Pump improved.

It is a long tradition that the poor village people are unapproachable to the Government mechanism and the officials are inaccessible to them. No one pays heed to their demands or grievances even if they are true and genuine. Nai Disha Mahila Samithi is trying to empower them to demand their rights to the Government machinery. Here is an example.

India mark hand pumps installed in village Panchayath Naranpur of Bahadurpur block were in a miserable condition. Many hand pumps were not operational while half a dozen of them gave yellow water which is unfit for drinking. Its direct impact was on the families who were fully dependent on it. Many times the children and others became ill by drinking water from these hand pumps.

Nai Disha Mahila Samithi Women contacted the village Pradhan. He told the women that they should mend the hand pumps which were not giving proper water by themselves. Actually Pradhan turned a deaf ear to this grave problem. Women contacted to ADO Panchayat on this matter. After that Pradhan reinstalled the hand pumps situated in the village. Apart from this, Pradhan also installed an additional hand pump with his effort. The people of village now appreciate the efforts of Nai Disha Mahila Samithi

#### 2.5. Innocent released from Police custody

In India it is a common behaviour of the Police to take anyone, who has no influential politician or local heavyweight behind him, into custody. This is done by the Police on two occasions. It is either when they are not able to find the real culprit or when they want to save the real culprit who has source to influence and money to spend.

The same happened in Kainara village of Bahadurpur Block. The victim was Mr. Aravind Kumar, the son of a widow lived in the village. Police arrested him and put him in jail on suspicion of having involved in some cases related to Eve teasing and misbehaviour. But no one had mentioned his name in the complaint nor did the Police have any evidence



against him. The poor widow was helpless and unable to do anything.

When the women associated with Nai Disha Mahila Samiti came to know about this, they got infuriated. They went together went to the Police station and asked the officials why they were keeping the boy in custody if he was not involved and was not present where the incident took place. The Police had to release the boy when they had nothing to answer and no evidence to prove the boy guilty.

#### 2.6. Gamblers disappeared before women power.

Ours is a male dominated society and women are taken for granted as incapable of doing anything outside the kitchen. They seldom react to domestic violence or social evils. This results in the formation of a society where women are supposed to undergo ill treatment in utter silence. The order is being changed, though it is slow. Narrated here is an example to prove the fact.

Ambedkar Park of Bhauosinhpur village in Basti Sadar Block was the gathering ground of a group of young men who were engaged in a kind of gambling using playing cards. There was a path leading to the village before the Ambedkar Park. The young men used to pass dirty comments on the women walked along the path.

'Unity is strength' is a proved proverb. The women, angry at their behaviour, came together and decided to do something to stop this. One day the women informed the police and forced them to take action. Police came at once and took many of them into custody. Now there is neither gathering of youth nor any gambling. Women walk along the footpath without any fear.



#### 1.7. Construction of brick pavement in the village.

Nai Disha Mahila Samiti under the direction of DISA was established in Maaja village in Kaptaingunj block. There are 84 women associated to it. In one of the meetings they raised the issue of muddy path in the village and demanded the construction of a pavement. The condition of the lane used to be worse during rainy season. It was slippery and children walked along the path fell down and got injury.

The meeting took the decision to raise the serious issue with Pradhan. Office bearers of the Mahila Samiti, Ms. Sumitra Devi and Ms. Rajkumari were entrusted the responsibility of raising the issue and demand the construction to Pradhan. But Pradhan as usual did not consider the matter and no initiative was taken from his part.

One day after a heavy shower, a group of women met Pradhan and persuaded him to come and see the condition of the path. Seeing their collective strength and determination Pradhan agreed to start the construction work as early as possible. After 10 days, when the water logging was over, he started the work and the women worked there under MANREGA scheme and got wage; People in the village now praise the women and encourage their work.



#### 3. SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Sustainable Agriculture and Natural Resource Management activities seek to increase agricultural productivity through adoption of practices that maintain the long term ecological and biological integrity of natural resources. Activities in this subsector cut across the rural, social, and environmental issues of natural resource management to sustain significant increases in farm productivity through the efficient use of land and other resources. The goal is to provide better economic returns to individuals and contribute to the quality of life and economic development in the rural area.

We have a plan to meet these challenges through sustainable agriculture and natural resource management. The questions we face while trying to implement a sustainable agricultural practice are, how to meet these challenges while protecting nature,

helping people in rural communities live better lives, and satisfying consumers who demand greater variety, quality and quantity of food?. A generally agreed fact is that one of the next decade's biggest challenge will be producing enough food for a growing population. Yet we are clueless and is confused about the solutions. Many advanced technologies have been manifested with the aim to minimize the use of pesticides, fertilizers and genetically modified seeds and to meet the future requirements. Promotion of best agricultural practices for better and more profitable land use, increasing the livelihood and income sources and protection of natural resources have been the focus of DISA. We are mainly focusing to meet these challenges through the Farmers' Clubs and common facility centers. Village level group meetings are conducted on regular monthly basis to dissimilate the ideas of best agricultural practices and technical support.

FOCUS AREA	COVERED GPs	FARMERS CLUBs	MEMBERS
Mithaval Block (Siddharthnagar)	17	16	529
Basti Sadar Block (Basti)	25	22	543
Harraiya Block (Basti)	20	18	235
Ikauna Block (Shravasti)	12	10	142
Total:	63	64	1449



Agriculture is the Back Bone of our Country

#### KISAN CLUB Back bone of the Society (Case Study) 3.1

Farmers play a very vital role in the society. Without farmers our life is hopeless because they full our hopes by providing our day to day basic needs. Farmers grow crops on which peoples are liable. Farmers grows crops, do farming so as a result we people get food to eat. We are free to eat different variety of food and of different taste. Also along with food other basic needs are also full filled by these farmers. Just imagine at once what will happen if farmers avoid to do farming. If farmer avoids farming and just like you and me get involved in other works, some secure jobs, what is the condition will become? Lack of food, lack of vegetation, lack of trade, lack of export and import will be the result. Our country economy also start decreasing because no faming will



done so how the government do export of spices that has been practicing from decades. Also the revenue government obtaining through indirect way of farming will also stop. So as a result farmers are the backbone of any society. Their role are much more important than the peoples who involve in other field. So, as a result farmers are the backbone of the society.

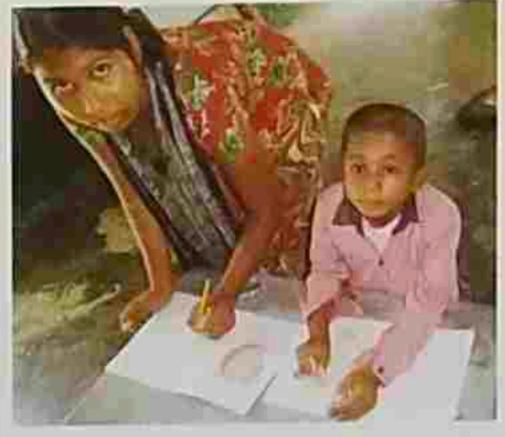
The most disorganised and ignored section in our country are the farmer who produce food items for the entire folk. Even though modern techniques and innovations on new methods of farming are available, they do not reach to the small land owners who live in the rural areas. Kisan Club is an initiative to enable the farmers avail the new methods and make farming as profitable as possible.

#### 3.2 The benefit of Inter cropping

Mr. Ram Piyare, a farmer of Bahadarpur block, took the full benefit of participating in the seminar organised by Samridhi Kisan Club. He has transformed his farm into intercropping. By doing SRI method (System of Rice Intensification) farming he became an inspiration to other farmers.

He started with Banana cultivation. He made full use of the empty land. There he cultivated different variety of vegetables. He used these vegetables for his domestic use and also made some money by selling it. He thus in. pired other farmers associated to the club also cultivate vegetables in their empty land. He got the best farmer award from the Block. He is now well known in the nearby villages. He gives the full credit of this to DISA and Kisan Club.











#### 4. COMMUNITY BASED REHABILITATION AND EMPOWERMENT OF PWDS

Community-based rehabilitation (CBR) was initiated by WHO following the Declaration of Alma-Ata in 1978 in an effort to enhance the quality of life for people with disabilities and their families; meet their basic needs; and ensure their inclusion and participation. While initially a strategy to increase access to rehabilitation services in resourceconstrained settings, CBR is now a multi-sectoral approach working to improve the equalization of opportunities and social inclusion of people with disabilities while combating the perpetual cycle of poverty and disability. CBR is implemented through the combined efforts of people with disabilities, their families and communities, and relevant government and non-government health, education, vocational, social, empowerment and other services.

CBR is a strategy within general community development for the rehabilitation, equalization of opportunities and social inclusion of all people with disabilities. The primary objective of CBR is the improvement of the quality of life of people with disability / marginalized persons. Key principles relating to CBR are equality, social justice, solidarity, integration and dignity.

Our efforts to reach out to the most vulnerable and excluded section in the society have resulted in focusing on children and People with Disabilities (PwDs) for their rehabilitation and empowerment. 77 Children have been directly assisted for their social, educational and medical fitness.

15 children are admitted in St. Francis School for Hearing impaired, Lucknow and 04 children are admitted in Nav Jyoti School for Visually Impaired, Lucknow. Others are pursuing their studies at local schools. The annual gathering of these children along with their guardians was conducted on 25 June at Harraiya and on 27 June at Kalwari and 40 children got special prizes in the various competitions conducted. 62 children participated in the gathering in Gorakhpur on the World Disability Day (UDAAN XIII) organized by PGSS and Diocese of Gorakhpur. We initiated our efforts to form Disabled Persons Organizations (DPOs) to demand and get the due rights of the PWDs. We organized awareness programs through Puppetry and trainings in view of forming DPOs and Inclusive SHGs.



# SUCCESS STORY

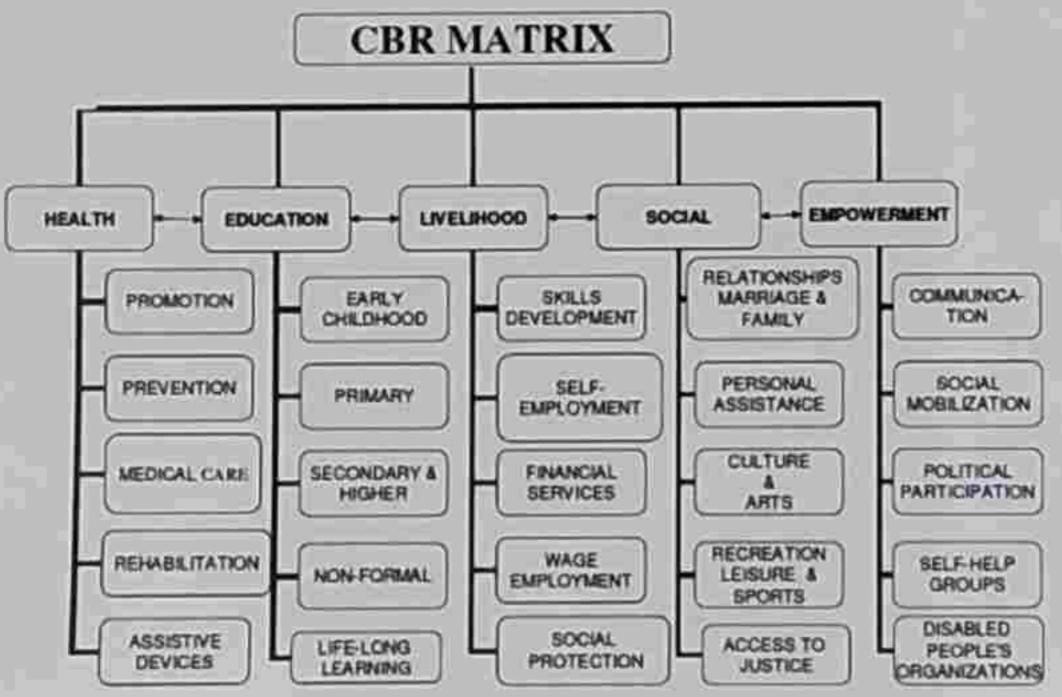
Brijesh belong to a poor and schedule caste family. His father is an agriculture labour and mother is a house wife. His parents are aware about the importance of education but they are very poor. Brijesh is very good in studies. He very responsible in all that is asked of him. He is a very good painter and he has participated in the School cultural program. He has great interest in learning things.

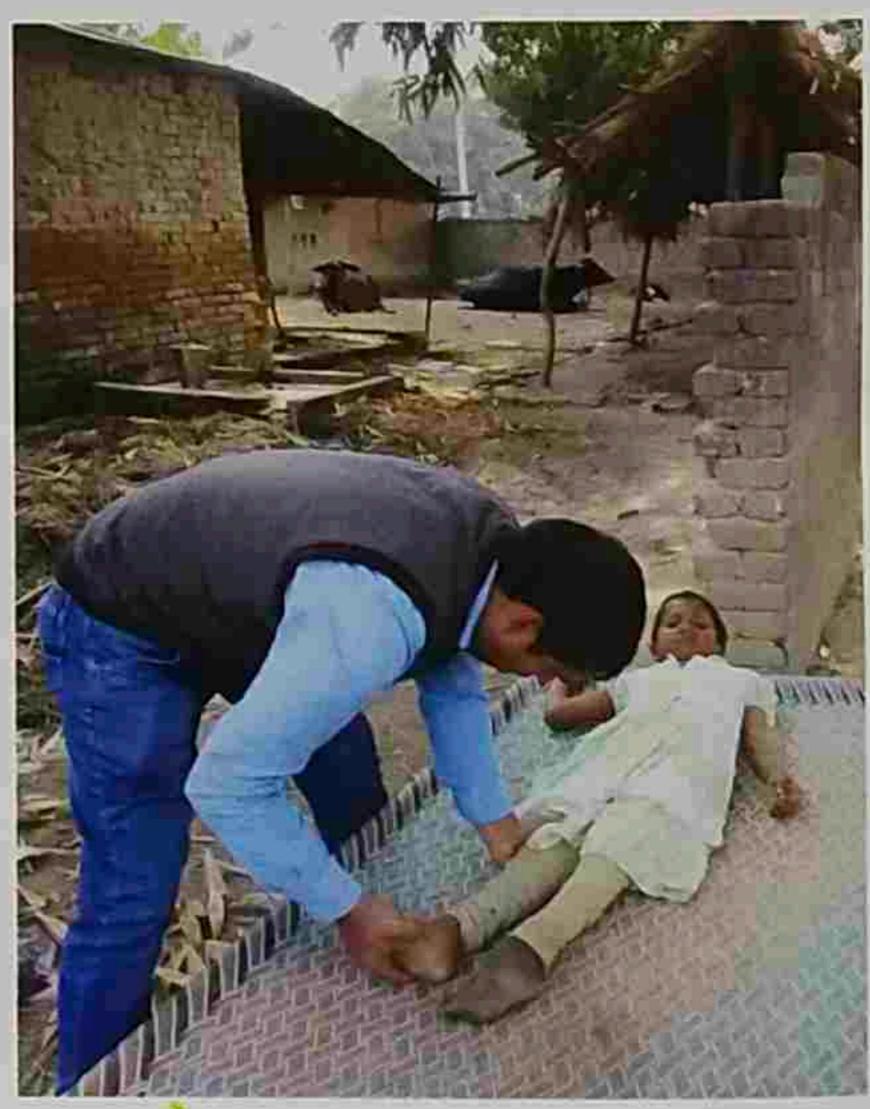
His family belongs to a poor and schedule caste. They have small plot of land in which they live in a hut and cultivate some crop and vegetables for their use. The parents are sensitive and care of Brijesh with very carefully. They also attend the social functions of the society and mingle with other people in the society. Organization is having some empowerment programme in his village through SHG CBOs and Farmer's club. Our block coordinator and other facilitators regularly visit this particular village for group meetings and common programmes. In 2008 Staff from DISA noticed Brijesh during their field visit. His family was very poor. His both hands and Leg were affected by polio. His parents wanted to send for the studies. Because of their poor economic background it was not possible for them.

The mediator/representatives of mediator visited the family met his parents and gave regular counseling to the child and parents to do the correctional surgery for Brajesh. After continuous home visit they agreed for the correctional surgery and it was contacted in Basti under the supervision of Dr. Aneesa. After surgery through special shoes and regular exercise he could stand somewhat straight. It was a great help for him. He has received a new direction for his life. We also motivated his parents to send him to the school and they were ready for a new step. We provide him with study learning materials and his fees. At present he is studying 5<sup>™</sup> class Gopal Inter College. Narasingpur, Basti

At present he is very happy that he could study well but before he couldn't think of it. He has the desire to come up in life .he feels the confidence within himself. His parents are extremely happy with the improvement that has taken place in him. The parents take care of the basic needs of the child. We have regular annual meetings and competitions at Basti and Gorakhpur every year for the differently able children. They are very grateful to DISA for all the assistance, Also Lilliane Fonds and Jan Vikas Samati for the positive interventions and the financial help.

FOCUS AREA	Special SHGs	DPOs	MEMBERS
Basti Sadar Block (Basti)	72	12	990
Harraiya Block (Basti)	48	17	748
Sahajanwa (Gorakhpur)			
Total:	111	29	1738







#### 5. SKILL DEVELOPMENT FOR YOUTH

DISA is conducting the Skill Development program (Tailoring) in three centres, Harriya, Faizabad, Shravasti with the support of Little Flower Society, Germany through CST Fathers. The main aim of this trade is to provide vocational training to candidates and turn them into skilled professionals who can work with garment (measure, cut, sew, operate relevant machinery and stitch) and make different types of dresses. All these centres are run by the support of our institutions in different places.

The short term training imparted at DISA Training Centres (TCs) is expected to benefit candidates of rural girls/women who are either school/college dropouts or unemployed. And many of the candidates are from the Kishori groups (adolescent girls group) run by DISA in the villages. Apart from providing training DISA also impart training in health, education, awareness on different types of sickness and training to increase their leadership qualities. Duration of the training varies per centres and their need, ranging between 60 days to 90 days. Upon successful completion of their assessment, candidates shall be provided with certificates and placement assistance by DISA. Many of the candidates who have completed the training stated to earn their livelihood at their home and village.

Our training programs help to develop women's self-esteem, confidence and leadership skills. Local women leaders understand the power of collective struggle and organize to take the DISA movement forward. Trainings help women build their capacity, both technical as well as managerial. They also discuss the importance of women workers in society and the struggle for equality. These training programs help raise the women's awareness levels. They also learn to share information and experiences and develop a sense of pride in themselves and their organization.

#### PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMS

DISA is Partner for the implementation of the following Programs

#### 1. ECO-DRR PROGRAM

(Eco System Based Disaster Risk Reduction)

Eco-DRR is the sustainable management, conservation and restoration of ecosystems to reduce disaster risk, with the aim to achieve sustainable and resilient development. Ecosystem management not only offers an opportunity to strengthen natural infrastructure and human resilience against hazard impacts, but also generates a range of other social, economic and environmental benefits for multiple stakeholders, which in turn feed back into reduced risk.



DISA is implementing the ECO - DRR Project in 12 Villages Block of Ikauna Block, Shravasti District from September 2015 by DISA with support of CARITAS India, New Delhi. Shrawasti District is one of the districts of the Uttar Pradesh, India and Bhinga town is the districts headquarter. Natural disasters that are common in Uttar Pradesh are - Floods, Droughts, Fires and Earthquakes. Loss of life and property from these disasters, especially the former three, are in terms of hundreds of corers of rupees annually. UP is also vulnerable from the aspect of man-made hazards too i.e. stampede, chemical, radiological and other hazard. Approximately 7.34 million hectares of area get affected annually due to Floods. Annual approximate loss due to floods is Rs. 432 corers. Number of human loss due to floods & thunder storm is 380 in the year 2013. As per the 2014 report, 68,000 people had been hit by the floods in Shravasti district. In 2016-17 all the villages were affected and 3 people, and 50 cattle had lost their life. More than hundred farmers lost their agriculture. The important area of concern in the district Shrawasti is that it is badly affected by frequent floods every year. The water from the River Rapti in the rainy season submerge many of villages and destroy households, crops, roads, trees, electric poles and many other public infrastructures.

The ultimate goal of this Project is to restore the Eco-System by adopting Eco-based Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Sensitive Practices with focus on community institutions, resilience building, networking and convergence for their Rights and Entitlements (Eco-DRR) with the support and guidance of CARITAS India, New Delhi. We implement this program with the support of communities and CBOs, like Farmers Club, SHGs, Mahila Mandals, Task Force etc...

#### Case Study

Construction of temporary Bridge with support of community

Hazariya is a village of Mehrolly Gram Panchyat and located around 45 KM west of Ikuana block of Sharvasti district. This village is situated in the bank of river Rapti and around 110 families, 630 people's lives in a dreadful situation. The inhabitants of this area does their farming across the river, the animal husbandry and cultivation are affected because of the unexpected raising of the water level. There are no transportations available in the village to cross the river during the raining season and their life become more miserable.

Having received the information about the problem, DISA, ECO-DRR staff took interest to help the people to overcome this struggle. They called for a community and Task Force meeting and discussed the problem in the group and what is to be done urgently. After the meeting, it came out that everyone should contribute so that the construction of the temporary bridge could be done immediately. Community people met with Gram Pradhan and discussed the problem and he promised to support them. The people of the community collected the contributions and made the bridge with their own labor under the supervision of DISA.

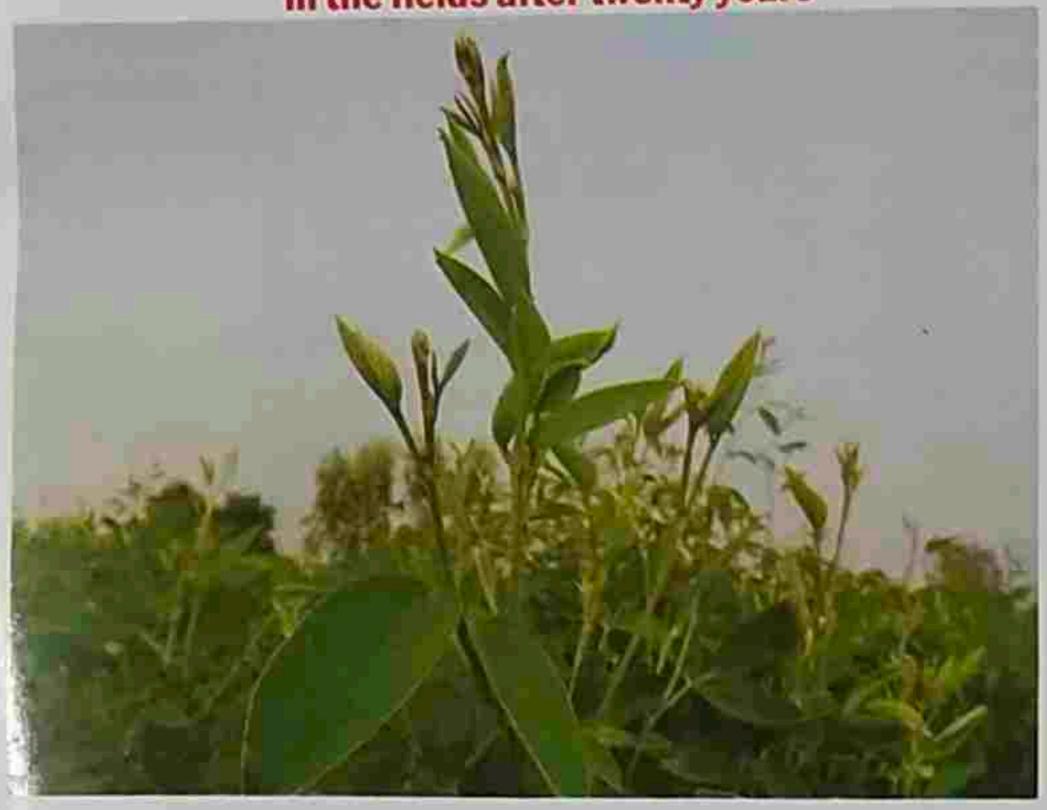
The construction of the temporary bridge became easier for the people of Hazariya and Imiliya villages. The people of the community have started taking cattle through the bridge in the fields and also the construction of the bridge has made it easy to go to the market. Now the situation in the village has changed a lot and all the basic community needs are being met with this effort. Mr. Ram Khelawan, one of the active members of the Taskforce, said that "DISA has given us all new direction" (DISA ne hum sabko nai disda di hai)

#### 2. SUJALAM SUFALAM INITIATIVES-**GDS NETWORK**

The Project envisages the social and economic empowerment of the small and marginal farmers especially strengthening of 1000 marginal Farmers to improve their livelihood so as to enable them to get Rs. 50,000/- as additional income in three years with the support of Sir Dorabji Tata Trust through the able guidance and support of GDS Lucknow. We do accompany and mentor the Small and Marginal Farmers to improve the farming, use of new technologies to enhance economy. Motivating the Farmers to adopt Agriculture Cycle, new intensive crop pattern, reduced use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides, promotion of organic farming, preparation of compost and organic pesticides, SRI method of paddy cultivation, tree plantation, soil testing etc...Facilitating to get NABARD and Govt. support and entitlements etc. Development Initiatives by Social Animation (DISA).

#### **Case Study**

1. Cultivation of pulses flourished in the fields after twenty years



Siddhartha Nagar, a district situated in the east and north of Uttar Pradesh, is on the border of neighbouring Nepal. Although this is a very backward district in many fields, it is a leading one in Paddy cultivation. Not only Paddy but the crops like wheat, sugarcane, mustard etc. are also growing in abundance here. This district is world is famous for a special variety of rice known as 'Kalanamak'. Popular pulses like 'Chana' and 'Arhar' are also grown in abundance here. But 20 years ago the farmers had given up cultivation of these pulses. On asking the villagers, it was found that almost every farmer used to cultivate this here. But due to diseases and pest, farmers abandoned the cultivation of gram.

DISA, has been operating in Mithawal block of this district since the year 2005. At that time organization started its work in Mithawal block through the Self-Help groups towards women empowerment. The organisation, through 'Kisan clubs', has started giving direction to the farmers on new technology in farming and knowledge about new seeds since the year 2007.

But in the year 2015 the organisation took initiative and started a project named' Sujalam Sufalam Initiatives' in Mithawal Block in collaboration with GDS, Lucknow and Tata Trust, Mumbai. The first base line survey carried out proved that the farmers here cultivated only rice and wheat. Then we organised a meeting with the farmers and tried to know why the farmers do not cultivate the cereals and pulses. The farmers told that they had abandoned the cultivation

as it was not profitable. The crops were affected by dry diseases and pod sprinkler insect and farmers had abandoned the cultivation of gram.

Then we worked on our strategy and organised a series of meetings with the farmers and assured the farmers that we would help them grow the crop in their fields. We promised that we would take responsibility of disease pests and seeds if the farmers cultivated. We were able to prepare the farmers for cultivation of 15 acres after a lot of efforts. And then we took the expert advice and prepared the patches of 'Chana' (Gram) and selected "Pusa – 362" Gram species which became available to us from NSC Gorakhpur. By now we have trained the farmers and have provided all the input to the farmers from time to time.

In the first year we were successful and the farmers who cultivated these crops were very happy. In the second year we easily succeeded in cultivating 33 acres of Gram. But this year we experimented with Trichoderma fluid and the result was very good. The effect of which was seen in 2017-18, when the area of cultivated land was increased to 120 acres. This figure is only of 15 villages. It is even more in the entire block as our farmers made the seeds available to their relatives and acquaintances in the nearby villages. Now when we talk to farmers, they say that they will definitely cultivate this crop in 1 to 2 bighas every year. This joint venture of GDS, TATA.TRUST and DISA

definitely cultivate this crop in 1 to 2 bighas every year. This joint venture of GDS, TATA,TRUST and DISA Organisation successfully convinced the farmers to start the cultivation of these crops after 20 year.

It is a joint venture of GDS, Tata, DISA and the Centre for Agriculture Science. Dr. Tomar, an expert from Centre of Agriculture also contributed greatly to save the crop from disease and pests. This is the result of the hard work of the whole team of Sujalam Sufalam under the direction of DISA that worked with the farmers.

As a result of their passion and hard work nowadays gram cultivation is flourishing in the fields of farmers of Mithawal block after 20 years. We hope that the whole district will be attracted to the cultivation of gram in the coming days.

#### 2. Narendra Arhar-2 yields 100% Satisfaction to Farmers



Mr. Sukhoi is an ordinary farmer from Sukrouly village, Mithawal Block, Siddarthnagar who owns only one and a half acre cultivable land. His son, daughter in law and two children are also living with him. His whole family is engaged in agriculture. To meet the household expenses and education of the children, he is cultivating in an additional two acre land that he has taken on lease. Normally he cultivates wheat, sugar cane and paddy. According to him he is earning an income of Rs. 50,000/- to Rs. 60,000 from cultivation. He is also rearing a cow that gives him milk to sell and cow dung to use as manure in the field.

In the year 2015 DISA started the project 'Sujalam Sufalam Initiatives' which selected Ms. Sukhoi. The intention of the project was to make the farmers familiar with modern techniques and to increase their earning. When the organisation called a meeting of the farmers they told that they were cultivating only wheat, paddy and some of them sugarcane. In case of oilseed they were cultivating mustard with wheat. But they were not cultivating pulses for the last 15 years. When asked about the reason they told that the main reason was the attack of the crop by Nilgai and pests. Sometimes it affected in such a way that they lost the whole crop.

DISA held another meeting that took up detailed discussions on the problems of the farmers. We gave them assurance that the organisation would take the responsibility of ways to protect the crop from pests. DISA suggested them that a large group of farmers comprising 30 to 35 should cultivate the crop together. In such case the attack of animal would remain unaffected as in the case of wheat cultivation. This was acceptable to the farmers and a group of 39 farmers including Mr. Sukhoi came up to cultivate the crop.

Mr. Sukhoi sowed the seed Narendra Arhar-2 in his half acre land and the total expenses stood Rs. 2500 rupees. He harvested 3 quintal pulses that yielded him a profit of 18500 rupees. That means a farmer can earn a profit of 37000 rupees per acre by the cultivation of pulses. The profit does not include the price of the stalk that he used in household purposes.

Mr. Sukhoi used 80 kilos for himself and for his relatives. He gave 10 kilos to DISA at the rate of 100 rupees per kilo and sold 150 kilos in the market at the rate 70 rupees per kilo. Mr. Sukhoi is very happy now and says that he will cultivate pulses every year.

#### 3. JVS/CBR PROGRAM

In India almost 80% of its population is residing in rural and remote areas, where the services are yet to reach especially to the differently able. DISA has started a programme to reach the unreached under Community Based Rehabilitation Programme for persons with different abilities in Basti district with the support of Jan Vikas Samiti, (JVS) Varanasi. We also takes up the activities which focus on promotion of right and dignity of persons with different abilities. Community Based Rehabilitation Programme is working with the people with disabilities living in rural areas to gain control over their lives. We work in partnership with CwDs, PwDs and their families through processes which are enabling and empowering.

DISA is involved in the rehabilitation of 77 Differently Able children by adopting them for integrated development for which Stitching Lilliane Foundation has extended support through Jan Vikas Samiti, (JVS) Varanasi. We follow the principles and practices of Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) model. The children adopted are given medical, educational, social and emotional support to cope with their disabilities and integrate themselves in the mainstream of the society.15children are in St. Francis School for Hearing impaired, Takurganj, and Lucknow, 4 Children in Nav Jyoti School for Visually Impaired, Mohanlalganj, Lucknow and Jeevan Dhara, Kasia. Together with Liliane Foundation we also try to contribute to a world that is open for everyone, and in which children and youngsters with disabilities who live in poverty can develop and use their talents.

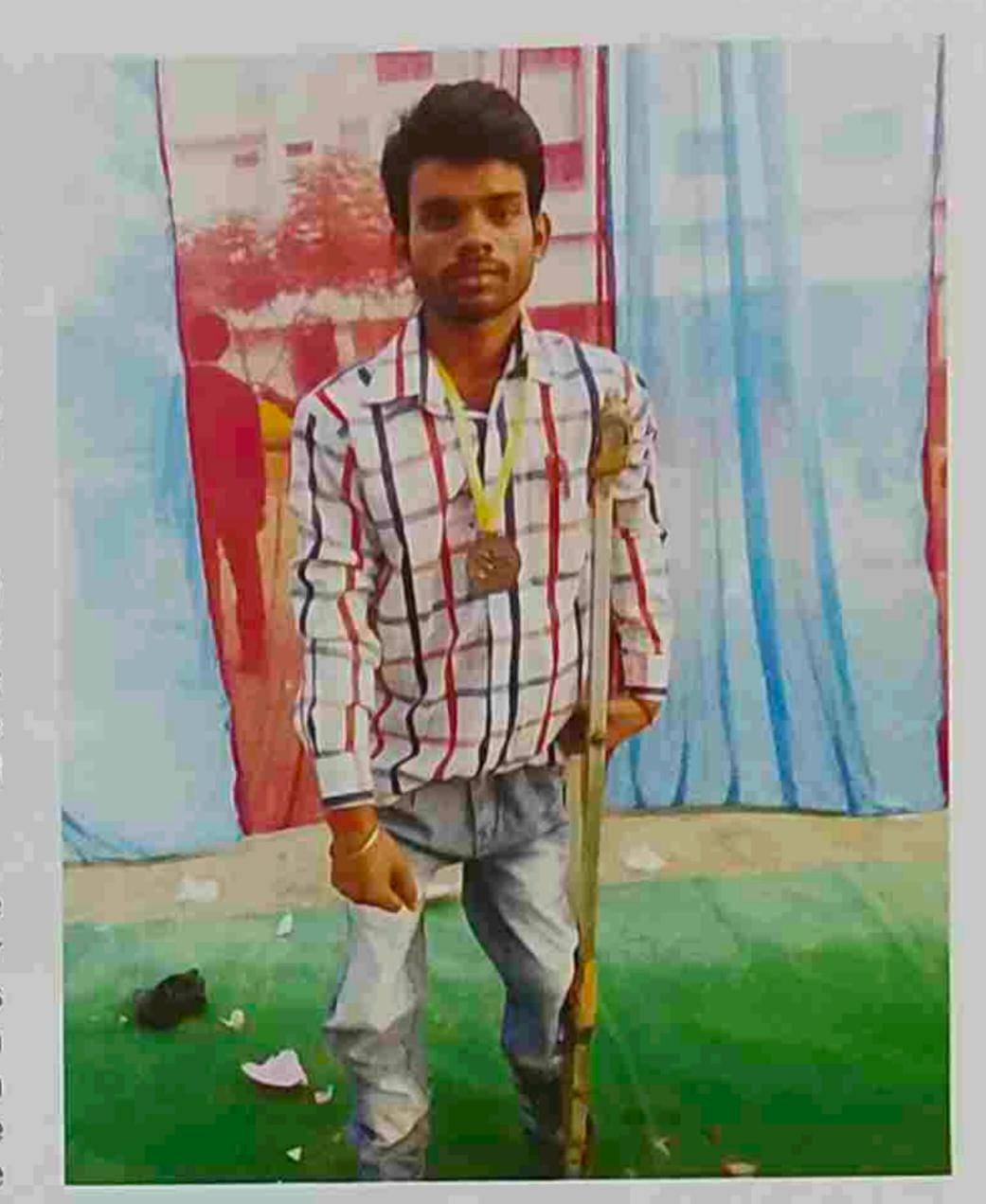
#### Case Study

Abhishek belongs to a poor family background. He has got his parents, two brothers and three sisters. They own very little land for cultivating some vegetables and food items for their daily needs. They cultivate vegetables and sell the local market in order to meet their daily needs. His father is a mason and with the daily labour he looks after the family. His mother is an active member in the Self Help Group and Nai Disha Mahila Samti.

Abhishek is very smart in studies also talented in painting and drawing. He participates in all the sports activities conducted in the college. He is very good to make friendship with others. All the people like him in the village too. He is very responsible and creative in all the work. He is sincere and hard working.

DISA is having the empowerment programme in his village through SHG, CBOs and Farmer's club. Our Coordinator and other facilitators regularly visit this particular village for group meetings and common programs. In 2006 DISA has started the SHGs in Abhishek's village and his mother was one of the pioneering members of it. Through his mother the mediator came to know about Abhishek in 2008. He was not in a condition to walk.

The mediator of DISA felt the need of provide him with the wheel chair and the crutches. It helped Abhishek in his daily movements very easy. With the help of DISA he managed to get the Disability certificate and other Govt. schemes. We emotionally and financially support his for his studies. He has competed B.com in 2015 from APN Inter Collage, Basti with the support of DISA and at present he is doing computer training course for 6th months. At present he is teaching and doing the office work in G.P Children Academy Balady, Basti. He has been motivated by the mediator and has come up very well.





Social and economic condition of Abhishek's family has become good. He is educated very well. He could develop his talents of drawing and painting. He has completed his Bcom computer course and started his carrier as a teacher. His future plan is to complete the Bed. Course. Now he is confident that He could stand in his own leg. Abhishek and his parents are very happy to see the progress of his health. We have regular annual meetings and competitions at Basti and Gorakhpur every year for the differently able children. This year he participated in the drawing competition and received the First Prize. They are very grateful to Lilliane Fonds and Jan Vikas Samati for the positive interventions and the financial help.



#### 4. CBR PROGRAM

The aim of community-based rehabilitation (CBR) is to help people with disabilities, by establishing community-based medical integration, equalization of opportunities, and Physiotherapy rehabilitation programs for the disabled. The strength of CBR programs is that they can be made available in rural areas, with limited infrastructure, as program leadership is not restricted to professionals in healthcare, educational, Physiotherapy, Occupational therapy vocational or social services. Rather, CBR programs involve the people with disabilities themselves, their families and communities, as well as appropriate professionals. Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) program is becoming increasingly recognized as an appropriate model of service delivery to provide effective rehabilitation and therapy services to rural and remote communities, with particular relevance for remote and rural Indigenous communities.

CBR Programme was initiated in the Sahajanwa Block of Gorakhpur with the support of CBR Forum Bangalore in 2016. We have identified 443 differently able people in 35 villages of Shajanwa Block in the initial phase and in now we are taking them to the main stream through the formation of Village DPOs, Block DPOs and District DPOs focusing the CBR Matrix.

#### Case Study 1

Reema lives with her parents. She has two sisters and one brother. Her father is a daily labour. He goes to out of the city in search of work and foster the family. Her elder sister does the household works with her parents. Her family is very poor and belongs to the SC community. Her mother is a house wife. Her brother works in electricity board—Gorakhpur. They have no agricultural land for cultivation. Their daily sustenance is mainly depends on the work their father gets.

Reema is Mentally Retarded Child by birth. In her childhood she wary ill and very often fall sick. Because of their poor family background and economic situation she was not taking regular medicine. Her mental growth is very low in comparison to her age. She reads little bit and able to count up to five.

She cannot properly manage her daily activities. She does not go to school. She not able to recognize the time and the season but she helps her mother at home to do the daily activities. She does not take care of her body and less bothered about the clothing. She always wanted to roam around the village. She is interested in grazing the goats. She can't remember persons and properly. She has got real Interest of grazing goats, bathing in the pond and playing with other children. There is a great improvement in all her daily activities after the intervention of CBR worker. The people at home are very happy to see her the improvement and they are grateful to CBR Forum and DISA.



#### Case 5 dy. 2

village Sahajanwa, Gorakhpur. He has two younger brothers. His father is no more and mother stays at home doing the household activates. Shashikant is married to Mrs. Shakuntala who is a house wife and looks after the family. They have two children Shreyakant and Shauryakant and both of them study in Primary School at Basia. His family is very poor. They have little land for cultivation for their daily living. Mr. Shashikant is victim of Muscular Dystrophy from 2012 at the age of 32. He started to take medicine at the initial stage from Medical College Gorakhpur and Delhi, He has improved a lot and present he is taking regular medicine.

CBR worker came into contact with him during the survey and later regularly visited his house to give counselling and suggestion for his improvement. At the beginning through our effort he could get Disability Certificate and Railway Pass from the departments. Later he expressed his desire to start some livelihood activities in order to support the family. He was finding difficulty to meet the basic needs of his family as well as the education of his children. With the support of DISA organization and by CBR Forum, he was given Rs.8000/ for livelihood support. With the money he purchased a Printer. He is good in computer works and he managed to have a computer before he was in touch with DISA. So he opened the computer shop and does all Railway reservations, online applications designing, photo copy, printingetc... Now his income has increased up to Rs.3000/-per month after opening the shop. He is very happy that need not depend on others to support the family and his economic status has increased. He grateful to DISA and CBR Forum for the timely intervention.

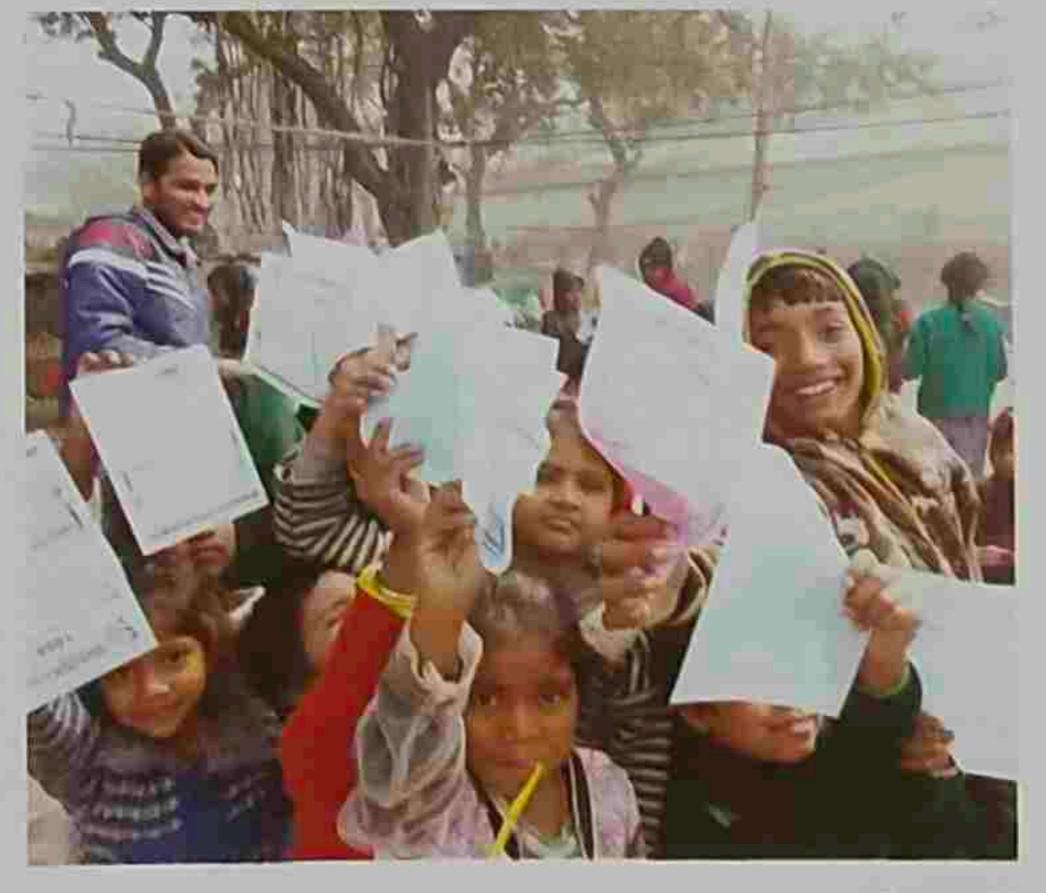
#### 5. CHILDLINE CITY COORDINATION

CHILDLINE India Foundation (CIF) launched CHILDLINE, the country's first toll-free tele-helpline for street children in distress. As of March 2015, total of 36 Million calls since inception have been serviced by CHILDLINE service and operates in 368 cities/districts in 36 States/UTs through its network of over 700 partner Organizations across India. CHILDLINE stands for a friendly 'didi' or a sympathetic 'bhaiya' who is always there for vulnerable children 24 hours of the day, 365 days of the year.

DISA is the Nodal Organization of CHILDLINE, Gorakhpur since January 2006. We join with PGSS, Gorakhpur, the Collaborative Organization to manage the city coordination for the rescue, rehabilitation and other operational aspects of CHILDLINE program. Special events like Joint outreach, Flood Relief Program, Yuva Shivir/ Ratri Shivir on Child Rights & Sanitation and Mini Marathon on Peace & Sanitation with the support of PGSS, Gorakhpur.

# Details of the CHILDLINE Activities 2017-18 Gorakhpur

No.	EVENTS	No.
01	Number of cases attended	793
02	Number of Children rescued	48
03	Number of Children rehabilitated	118
04	Volunteers' Meetings	02
05	CAB Meetings	00
06	Number of Resource Org. Meetings	01
07	Number of Allied system Meetings	53
08	Meetings with Allied System	234
09	Awareness programs for the children	12
10	Open House Program	12















#### 6. U.P. FLOOD RESPONSE 2017 PROGRAM SUPPORTED BY CARITAS INDIA, NEW DELHI.

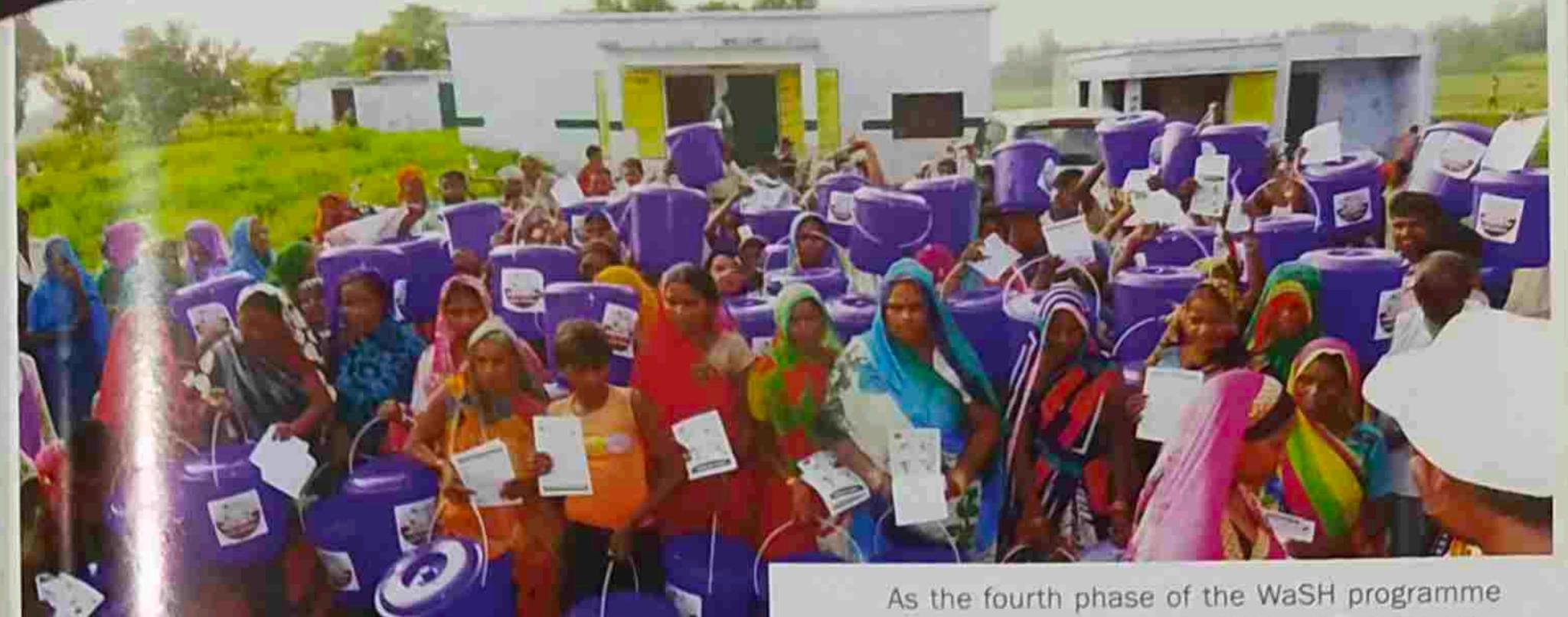
The major flood was hit in Shravasti district on August 2017. The Post Disaster Need Assessment (PDNA) was conducted in this district and it is the outcome of an immediate participatory exercise led by Development Initiatives by Social Animation (DISA) with the generous assistance of the people at Ikauna Block, Shravasti District. As a result, DISA was able to take initiatives and implement immediate relief when the major flood took place in Shravasti district from 12" to 16" August 2017 with the support of CARITAS India, New Delhi.

On 12 August 2017 with prior information to the District Administration 1.32 lakhs cubic feet water was released due the heavy rain and flood in Nepal through Rapti River. On the same day itself some of the villages, Muskabad, Hajariya, Jagarwalkadi, Karmohani which were nearer to the Rapti River were submerged under the water. As soon as the DISA, ECO DRR team got the information it was announced in the nearby villages and people were brought to the main high ways, some of the Schools and Panchayath Bhavans etc. The District Administration and many other well-wishers provided food and provisions to the people who were affected by the flood. In Ikauna block there are 407 villages in 47 GPs and almost all the villages are affected by the flood this year.

The villages affected by the flood were totally under the water and the roads to these villages were completely cut off. Women, Children and old aged people were residing on the roof of the houses. And the people who did not have proper houses took shelter in some of the Schools and in the flood relief camps arranged by the District Administration. Only 3 wooden boats were available to bring the people out of their villages. Children, women and old age people brought are to the relief camps first. In many of the villages even the police and other force could not reach because of the current of the water. Many of them managed to bring their livestock to Balrampur and Bahraich highway. People struggled for safe drinking water and food. Some managed to bring their food materials to the camps but others even could not think of it.

20 villages were selected based on the baseline survey conducted by DISA. All these villages are situated near Rapti River. These 20 villages had tell-tale signs of worst flood to have stuck in recent years more than visible. Fr. Benny Paul the Director of DISA along with ECO-DRR staffs visited the flood hit villages and the neediest villages were chosen.

Soon after the village selection process and the formation of the village level committee, Distribution Committee and Grievances Redressal Committee was formed. This committees were comprised of key stakeholders (Mukhiya, Ward Member, teacher, Asha and representative of each community from the excluded groups like woman, elderly and PwDs) with maximum of 7 members. The illagers and the other stake holders were well informed of the procedure of the flood relief work.



#### Validati of the Beneficiaries

were divided into three categories for distribution of materials i.e. 50%, 75% and 100%. The validation process gave more clarity as to which group or category can a beneficiary be put into. The three categories were divided on the basis of the need in which each beneficiary is in.

Wash Kit and Unconditional Cash Support. An amount of R 1500/- would be transferred to the account of the beneficiary and this would be solely be used for procuring educational assistive tools, clothes etc. The 100% category of people would get all the three support- WaSH kit, Unconditional Cash support and Shelter kit.

Wash programme which aims at creating clean environment and healthy living was introduced in 20 villages through the appointed mobilisers. The target group included the whole villagers other than the beneficiaries. The participants showed keen interest in the WaSH programme through meaningful interventions and brought so much clarity to the topic on Water, Sanitation and Health. The KAP (Knowledge Attitude and Practices) survey was conducted as the 2" phase of the WaSH programme in all the villages on a 7% basis. 7% of the total beneficiaries were interviewed on the basis of a set of questions. Some questions were basically dealing with their cleanliness, living circumstances, attitudes, practices etc. The other questions had to be obtained through the observation of visible factors from the field.

Formation of Water User Groups.

As the fourth phase of the WaSH programme water user groups were made in 10 Gram Panchayaths and 5 villages for taking up the cleaning of water sources like handpumps, borewells. This groups contained 7-10 members consisting of one Leader, volunteer and 8 members. The volunteers and leaders of the 15 water user groups were called to Little Flower School on 26" of October for training on cleaning and carrying out reparing activities of hand pumps and borewells. On the sameday handpump cleaning kits were distributed to them.

The 1000 beneficiaries were satisfied with the materials received. Since the government schemes and favors have not yet been available to the flood affected victims our relief programme was welcomed and appreciated by all. To ensure the smooth and efficient running of the flood relief programme volunteers and mobilizers were guided evaluated throughout the procedure. Monthly meetings were held twice during the tenure of the Programme with the Director of DISA, Fr. Benny Paul, Sr. Shiji the programme officer and Fr. Bibin the Project Coordinator. Towards the completion of the project an evaluation of the whole programme was also held.

#### Conclusion

India and organized by DISA have been successful. The whole process of selection of the beneficiaries and distribution of the WaSH kit Shelter Kit and Cash Transfers were done without compromising to transparency and justice. Though the post evaluation of the project was not carried out due to the lack of time, the feelings of the people have been conveyed through their good words and gestures of gratitude. The project has been successfully completed even though there were constrains of time and space.







#### **COMMON CELEBRATIONS**

DISA also celebrate the following common National and International Days with the CBOs and community members

#### 1. SCHOOL CHALO ABHIYAN (GO TO SCHOOL CAMPAIGN)

I believe education is the most important tool you can receive, that can bring you most success in society today. Education lessens the challenges you will face in life. The more knowledge you gain the more opportunities will open up to allow individuals to achieve better possibilities in career and personal growth. Even though Literacy rate in Uttar Pradesh has seen upward trend and is 67.68 percent as per 2011 population census, of that, male literacy stands at 77.28 percent while female literacy is at 57.18 percent, it raises several issues. The tope in the table of issues caused by illiteracy is increase in child labour and exploitation of the weaker sections by the so called elite educated mass. Though Education is made as a fundamental right by Indian government, neither the children nor their parents take any kind of interest about schooling and the children are seen engaged in household activities or playing around.

Considering the need of the society awareness campaigns were conducted, titled 'Go to School' under the guidance of DISA different villages and Primary School in Basti, Haraiya and Bahdurpur Blocks, Mithawal block of Siddarthnagar District and Ikauna Block in Sharavasti District. The mission was to make the parents and children aware of education. The rally was held by the teachers and students at 42 schools of the five blocks in order to provide the perception on importance of education. After the rally meetings were held in villages and Schools to inspired and motivate the parents to send their children in the nearby schools. Almost 785 children and volunteers of DISA also participated in the rally and the meetings.

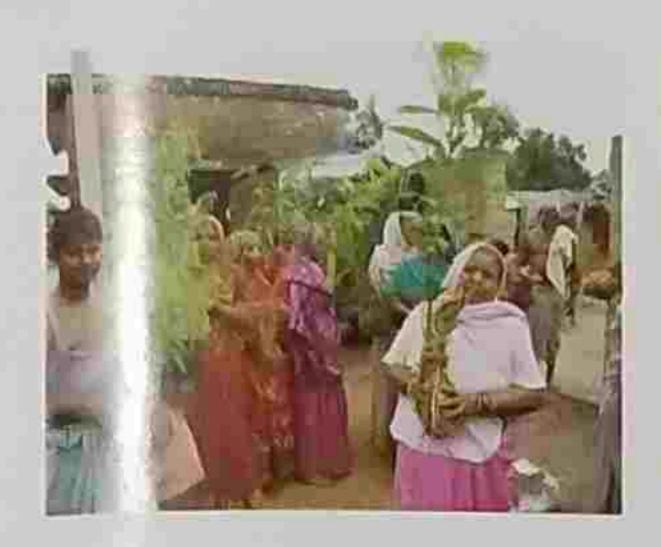
#### 2. SAFE MOTHERHOOD DAY

The National Safe Motherhood Day (NSMD) is celebrated every year on April 11 to create awareness on proper healthcare and maternity facilities to pregnant and lactating women. It also seek to create awareness about the institutional delivery reducing anemia among women and better pre and post-natal health are necessary for the mothers. The NSMD is an initiative of white Ribbon Alliance for Safe Motherhood, India to to ensure that every women has access to during pregnancy, childbirth and postnatal services. At request of WRAI, the Central Government in 2003 had instituted this day on the occasion of birth anniversary of Kasturba Gandhi, wife of MK Gandhi, the Father of our Nation. India is the first country in the world to celebrate National Safe Motherhood day.

This campaign was also held in Basti Sadar, Harriya, Bahdurpur Mithwal and Ikauna blocks under the guidance of DISA. Members of ASHA Anganwadi Workers and 'ANM' were also participated in the rally. Detailed information regarding before, after and during delivery were provided in the community meetings. A total of 48 rallies and 47 community meetings were conducted in all the five blocks in which 434 pregnant women have participated.

#### 3. INTERNATIONAL DAY OF ACTION FOR WOMEN'S HEALTH

The International Day of Action on Women's Health is a day to call for action towards the improvisation of women's health. May 28 is the International Day of Action for Women's Health, which for over 30 years, women's







rights indvocates and allies in the sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) movement worldwide have common amount of the sexual and reproductive rights, advocates and allies have continued to take action and so and up for sexual and reproductive rights for what they are: an indivisible and inalienable part of our human rights.

Now, at a time when women's human rights, and particularly sexual and reproductive rights continue to be systematically violated worldwide, mobilization both within and beyond our communities remains essential, in order to resist any rollback on our rights and advance sexual and reproductive justice for all.

Rally and community awareness meetings on World Women's Health Day were organized in Basti Sadar, Harriya, Bahdurpur, Ikauna, Mithwal blocks with the support and guidance of DISA. Information regarding the sexual and reproductive health and sanitation and rights of women were the points of discussion during the awareness program. We conducted the program at all five centers as per the annual plan. 36 rallies and 43 community awareness programs were conducted on this topic in which a total of 600 women including expectants were also participated.

#### 4. WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

One of the greatest concerns of mankind in this era is the environmental pollution and its serious impacts which are increasing with every passing year causing grave and irreparable damage to Mother Earth. Rather than discussing the pros and cons it is important to have a timely action. Afforestation is an easy and affordable way to reduce the impacts of environmental pollution. It has much importance other than providing a clean and pure atmosphere and balancing the serenity of nature.

Above all, World Environment Day is the "people's day" for doing something to take care of the Earth. That "something" can be focused locally, nationally or globally; it can be a solo action or involve a crowd. Everyone is free to choose. DISA also conducted awareness rallies and meetings in different villages of Basti Sadar, Bahdurpur, Harraiya, Mithaval and Ikauna Blocks. People were made aware about the drastic that are taking place in the environment because of the pollution. This year we could conduct of 35 community awareness meetings in which 2300 people has taken the resolution of afforestation in the month of June.

The members of 'SHG Kisan club', 'Nai Disha Mahila Samiti' and 'Saloni Sangam' were inspired by the campaign and planted 3315 saplings of mango, Sagwan [teak], Eucalyptus, Banana, Jack fruit trees etc.... at all the five centers of DISA's operational area.

#### 5. WORLD BREAST FEEDING WEEK

Breastfeeding is considered as the cornerstone for a child's healthy development in both mental and physical norms. It is the normal way of providing young infants with the nutrients they need for healthy growth and development. Virtually all mothers can breast feed. Colostrum, the yellowish, sticky breast milk produced at the end of pregnancy, is recommended by WHO as the perfect food for the new born, and feeding should be initiated within the first hour after birth. Exclusive breastfeeding is recommended up to 6 months of age, with continued breastfeeding along with appropriate complementary foods up to two years of age or beyond.

This year DISA conducted community awareness meetings and wall writings in Ikauna, Harraiya, Basti Sadar, Bahadurpur and Mithwal block for spreading awareness about the importance of breast feeding. ASHAs,







Anganwad Workers and ANMs also were present in the rally and awareness meetings. Besides these, the doctors and health assistants of Primary Health centres were also invited in spreading this awareness among the villagers. The awareness rally started with the signaling of green flag, followed by an awareness meeting in which the people were given awareness about the importance and benefits of breast feeding. Overall 49 rallies, 37 seminars and 1750 wall writings were carried in DISA's operational area.

#### 6. INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

The Independence Day is celebrated with great enthusiasm in all over the India. On this day tributes are paid to the freedom fighters who sacrificed their lives to gain the freedom for India. Despite of class, religion, creed or race India celebrates Independence Day as national festival. The day is dedicated to the brave leaders and freedom fighters who sacrificed their lives for our mother land.

With the strenuous effort of DISA through last one and half decade we could celebrate the Independence day in all our CBOs. It was decided to celebrate this year's Independence day along with the villagers. The director, Asst. Director and Program officer of DISA went to the villages and hoisted the national flag with the village communities. The facilitators of DISA organization reminded the villagers struggles and sacrifices made by our leaders and freedom fighters. In a nutshell, in 143 villages, in all the three blocks, DISA along with the villagers, celebrated this great day in the history of India.

#### 7. INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY

September 8" was proclaimed as international literacy day by UNESCO on November 17" 1965. Ever since the day is observed worldwide, bringing together governments, multi and bilateral organizations, NGO's, private sectors, communities, teachers, learners and experts in this field.

Literacy makes the initial steps towards development. It marks the foundation to build a more sustainable future for all. The key reason behind the backwardness of many states is the lack of literacy. Literacy has the ability to raise the family status and hence the country status. Literacy day celebrations aim to encourage the people for getting continuous education and understand their responsibilities for their family, society and country.

DISA conducted literacy campaigns in Basti, Harraiya, Bahadurpur, Sahajanwa, Ikuna and Mithawal blocks. The campaign aimed at teaching the members to write their names and put their signature. The importance of these was also explained to them. Being motivated, the entire members attended, learnt to write their names. The members who learnt first were given small prizes. In total 225 illiterate rural women learned to write their names and put their signature.

#### 8. CLEANLINESS DAY

Most public places in India, be a street, a government office, railway station, a bus station or a public park looks filthy. The offensive sites of littered garbage, overflowing sewage, defaced walls and water logged areas dot our cities and country. The cleanliness of a city, village or an entire town begins from the cleanliness of individual homes. This responsibility for cleanliness is highlighted by the observation of cleanliness day on 2<sup>nd</sup> October on the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. A clean India would be the best tribute India could pay to Mahatma Gandhi. The day calls to maintain high standards of cleanliness in our homes, work places, roads/streets and public places







mpaign conducted by DISA staff, awareness was given on the importance of keeping our surroundings In the ley explained to the villagers the methods by which they can keep the villages clean. A sense of clean. bility has been evoked among the people through the cleanness day observation in the villages. respor

s a part of the campaign, during the meeting a discussion was held related to a public place. With the consent of all the members such a place was chosen and the cleaning of the same was carried out. All the members agreed to keep the place clean and hygienic. Thus 23 such public places were cleaned. Besides the common people, DISA staff also participated in the campaign.

#### 9. NEONATAL WEEK

Newborn health is of supreme importance as this contributes significantly to infant mortality in our country. Infant mortality has significantly dropped over the last one decade, but it is still very high. Two thirds of all newborn deaths occur during the first week of life. This implies over 40% of all infant deaths occur by the end of the first week. Considering this high death rate, it is imperative that all efforts should be made to educate the health personnel and public to improve new born health. If the people, especially the village folk, who get less medical facilities are made aware of the causes that could be fatal for the infants, the mortality rate can be considerably reduced.

Considering the importance of this event, under the guidance of DISA, a rallies and meetings were conducted in Basti, Harraiya, Bahdurpur, Ikauna, Shajanwa and Mithawal blocks. In the seminar, various symptoms of abnormal body functioning which can endanger the life of new born were discussed. Lips turning blue, bowing of body shape, fever, legs and arms turning yellowish were described and people were made aware to immediately rush to consult a doctor for treatment. Rallies and community meetings were held in six blocks in different days in the month of November.

#### 10. HIV/AIDS DAY

Every year 1st December is observed as World AID'S day and is an opportunity for people worldwide to unite the fight against HIV, show their support to people living with HIV/AIDS, and to commemorate the people who have died. Despite the scientific advancements and laws for protection, people do not know how to protect themselves and others, and the stigma and discrimination remains a reality for many people living with this condition.

Keeping this in mind, awareness programs were conducted in Basti Sadar, Bahadurpur Harraiya, Ikauna, Sahajanwa and Mithawal Blocks. Information regarding AIDS is provided, the causes and its preventive measures. The information about the various causes such as contaminated blood transfer, sex with strangers, contaminated needles, syringes, transfer of disease from mother to child during pregnancy etc. were explained. The information regarding the treatment of an AIDS patient was also clearly explained. They were made aware that AIDS is not a contagious disease and patient should not be mistreated or avoided. Including all the three blocks, a total of six rallies and seven seminars were conducted.

#### 11. INTERNATIONAL DISABLITY DAY

Since 1992, the United Nations International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD) has been annually observed on 3 December around the world. DISA celebrated the International Persons with Disabilities on 1st December alone with HIV/AIDS day at Primary School Bhiti Rawat, Sahjanwa Block, Gorakhpur under the banner of CBR Program.

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Mrs. Sandhya, Block Education Officer, Sahjanwa was the Chief guest and Health Education Officer CHC Sahjanwa, CDPO were the special guests. On this occasion AWW Supervisors, Teachers, Pradhans, Anganwadi workers and ASHAs and the Program Director DISA Fr. Benny Paul were present.

The program stared with lighting of lamp by the chief guest and followed by prayer. After that Mr. Uttam, one of the CBR workers welcomed all the guest and the participants. Mr. Krishna Kumar the Project Coordinator introduced the work of DISA, objectives of the program and the importance International Disable day.

Differently able children and people put some cultural awareness songs, skit and dance on the theme of international disable day. We also conducted various interesting games and awrded them with prizes. Mrs. Sandhya, the Chief Guest of the program said during her message that PwDs are part of our society and do not discriminate them but rather we have to bring them to the main stream of the society.

Fr. Benny Paul, Program Director, DISA, in his message that CBR program is running in 35 villages of 17 Gram Panchayat at Sahjanwa Block with the support of CBR Forum and the main objective of CBR program is to bring the Person with disability to main streaming of the society through awareness program and focusing on the CBR matrix - Health, Education, Livelihood, Social and Empowerment.

We had also a grant celebration of International Disable day on 2<sup>nd</sup> December with PGSS, Gorakhpur under the banner of UDAAN XIII at St. Joseph's School, Khorabar, Gorakhpur. It was great opportunity for the PwDs to be part of this International Disable day in Gorakhpur. 53 CwDs from Harraiya, Kalwari and Basti participated in this program along with DISA staff took part in various cultural events and three of our children were awarded with prizes.

#### 12. HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

International Human Rights Day celebrates the anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights that was adopted on December 10, 1948 by the United Nations General Assembly. Human rights are rights inherent to all human beings irrespective of their country, religion, language or any other status. All are equally entitled to our rights without discrimination. It is important to know about our rights so that we may not be exploited or cheated. There are measures to protect Human rights in our country and elsewhere. A proper awareness should be given to the people about these rights.

UN Secretary-General António Guterres reminded audiences that human rights are relevant to us all, every day and are the foundation for peaceful societies and sustainable development. "I urge people and leaders everywhere to stand up for all human rights - civil, political, economic, social and cultural - and for the values that underpin our hopes for a fairer, safer and better world for all."

As usual, Human Rights Day was celebrated with rallies, community awareness program were held in Basti Sadar, Bahadurpur, Harraiya, Ikauna and Mithwal Blocks. This year children from St. Basil's School Basti arranged colorful awareness programs and rallies in different villages in Basti Sadar Block. DISA enthusiastically organized the celebrations as they were well aware of the human rights violations in countries like India. It was celebrated at 39 places in Basti, 28 places in Mithwal 23 places in Harraiya and 16 places in Shrawasti On this occasion, director of DISA, Fr. Benny Paul, DISA staff, heads of village, members of Nai Disha Mahila Samati, common people and children were present.

"We must organize, mobilse in defense of human decency, in defense of a better common future and in defense of human rights. The time is now, and the leader you are looking for is - you," (Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights)







#### 13. REPLACED LIC DAY CELEBRATION

Republic Day is a national holiday of India, celebrated every year on 26th January. The day in which the constitution of India came into being. Republic Day is celebrated with a great pride and enthusiasm through a India. DISA organization took initiative to celebrate Republic Day in the villages of Basti Sadar, Bahadur ur, Harraiya, Mithwal, Ikauna blocks. The aim of the celebration was to make the rural people familiar with the inportant national events and bring them to the national main stream. Celebrations were held at 67 places in Basti, 52 places in Harraiya, 37 places at Mithwal and 34 places in Ikauna. On this occasion Director of DISA, Fr. Benny Paul, Asst. Director Fr. Bibin, Program officer, Sr. Shiji, volunteers and heads of villages, along with other people and children were present. The celebration bean with flag hoisting in every villages. Members of CBOs collected money and distributes sweets among the villagers. They also put up many colorful patriotic songs and skits to mark the occasion a memorable one.

#### 14. INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

International Women's Day is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating gender parity. International Women's Day is usually organized by the Nai Disha Mahila Samati, under the guidance of DISA. The women associated with DISA organization celebrates this day as a festival.

This year we celebrated International Women's Day at central level in Basti on 11 March, 11.00 am at Sek. ria Inter College ground Basti. Women from Mithwal, Harraiya and Basti with a large number of women flocked together at Basti. The heads of villages, members of Panchayat and local bodies, and people of the locality were present in large numbers ensuring their contribution and cooperation.

In Basti the program started with the lamp lighting ceremony by the chief guests and other Nai Disha Mahila Samti members followed by Prayer Song. Chief Guest Shri Narendra Kumar Singh Add. S.P. Basti, Special Guests, Ms. Beena Singh, Child Protection officer, Basti, Ms Neelam Singh, Principal, Rajkiya Kanya Inter College, Basti, Dr. Sashikala Shrivastav, Principal, Shyam Arya Inter Collage and Governing Members of Nai Disha Mahila Samti were present for the program. The members of Nai Disha Mahila Samti from Basti Sadar, Harraiya and Mithawal Block put up many cultural and awareness program on the theme "women empowerment and social development & equal right on resources and opportunity in the society". All programs conducted were so touchy and inspiring. The teenagers associated with 'Saloni Sangam' presented a mesmerizing dance before the crowd. The farmer's club, Self Help Groups and 'Nai Disha Mahila Samati' office bearers shared their experience. On this occasion Governing members of DISA, Director, Program offer, Coordinators, facilitators, volunteers and many well-wishers associated with the organization were also present.

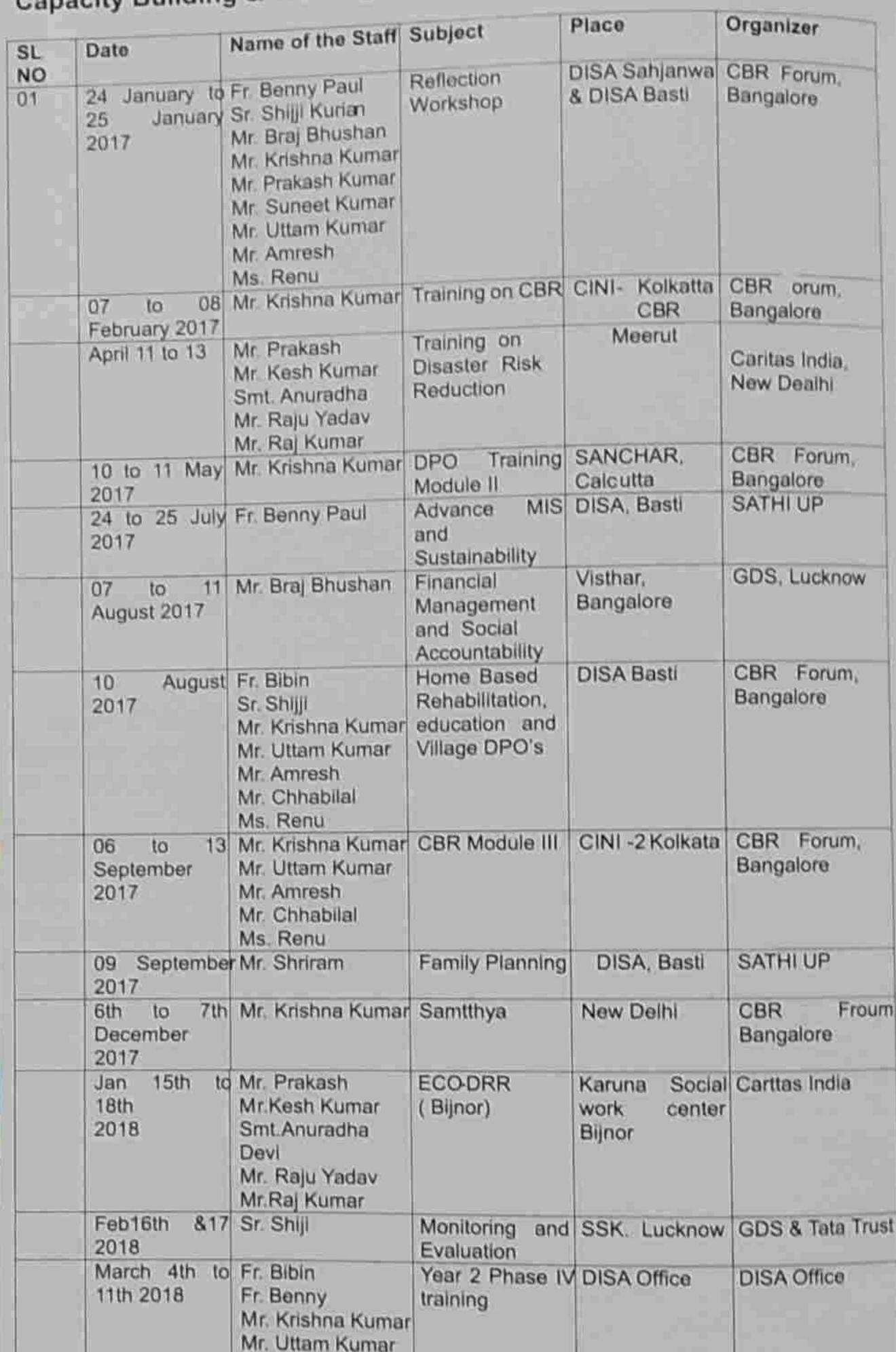
In Shravasti District we celebrated the Women's day on the same day at Little Flower School, Ikauna with SHG members, Kishori Groups and Children under guidance Fr. Syril, Principal and teachers of Little Flower School Ikauna, Fr. Bibin Mathew, Asst. Director and DISA Staff.

Women put up skit and awareness songs on the theme

"Social development though Women empowerment".

Many women shared their experience and children put up many entertaining programs.

# Capacity Building & Training Programme for the Staff 2017-18



Mr. Amresh

Ms. Renu

Mr.

Verma

March 14th to

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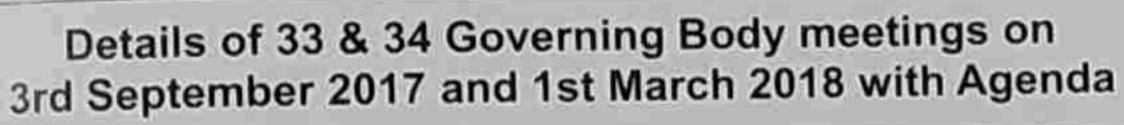




# ORGA-IIZATION MATTERS:

Details | 16th Annual General Body Meeting held on 03rd September 2017

Date Number of Members		Agenda		
September 17	30	<ol> <li>Prayer</li> <li>Welcome Address</li> <li>Adoption of last AGM minutes</li> <li>Annual Report of Activities 2016-2017 and its approval</li> <li>Approval audited Annual Accounts for 2016-2016</li> <li>Appointmentof Statutory Auditors for 2017-18</li> <li>Approval of Annual Plan 2017-18 and the Budge for 2017-18</li> <li>Election of the New Governing Body members</li> <li>New Ventures and programmes</li> <li>Presidential Address</li> <li>Any other matter with the permission of the Change of th</li></ol>		



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01	03 September 2017	2017	<ol> <li>Prayer</li> <li>Welcome Address</li> <li>Half Yearly Report of Activities April 2017 to August 2017.</li> <li>Statement Account April 2017 to 31 August 2017.</li> <li>New Ventures and Programs.</li> <li>Presidential Address</li> <li>Any Other Matter with the permission of the Chair.</li> <li>Vote of Thanks and Conclusion.</li> </ol>
02	01 March 2018	10	<ol> <li>Prayer</li> <li>Welcome Address</li> <li>Presentation and approval of the minutes of the previous meeting</li> <li>Presentation of the Report of Activities: 2017-18</li> <li>Presentation of the Statement of Accounts: 2017-18</li> <li>Annual Plan for the Year 2018-19</li> <li>Annual Budget for the year 2018-19</li> <li>New Ventures and Undertakings in 2018-19</li> <li>Any Other Matter with the permission of the President</li> <li>Presidential Address</li> <li>Vote of Thanks and Conclusion</li> </ol>

"Not all us can do great things.
But we can do small things with great love."

Mother Teresa











# FOREIGN TRIPS AND REMUNERATION TO THE GB MEMBERS

No	Name	Designation	Remuneration/ Reimbursement	Foreign Trips
		President	NIL	NO
1	Fr. John Kadaliyil		NIL	NO
2	Smt. Geetha Lakshmi	Vice President		NO
3	Fr. CherianPuthussery	Secretary	NIL	
	Sri Anil Chaitanya	Joint Secretary	NIL	NO
4		Treasurer	NIL	NO
5	Fr. Joby Joseph		NIL	NO
6	Sr. Neera SRA	Member		NO
7	Smt Shanti Ulahannan	Member	NIL	
8	Sr. Shijimol Kurian	Member	NIL	NO
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9	Sr. Manisha SCN		NIL	NO
10	Fr. Saju T. Joseph	Member		
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#### FINANCIAL POSITION

In the year 2017-18 we have got financial support from different sources by way of local contributions from Ministry of Women and Child Development, New Delhi through CHILDLINE India Foundation, Mumbai, CARITAS India, New Delhi, Sir Dorabji Tata Trust (SDTT), Mumbai, Personal friends, well-wishers, interest on deposits and foreign contributions from Jan Vikas Samiti, Varanasi, and CARITAS India, New Delhi, Total amount Rs. 94,84,512/-. The scanned copies of the Audited Statements of Accounts have been attached herewith.

#### Our Auditors:

M/s SHATRUGHNA AGRAWAL&CO. CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS, Mohan Kothi, Mohan Road, Deoria, U.P- 274001.

#### SUPPORTING AND COLLABORATING ORGANIZATIONS

- LITTLE FLOWER MISSION EDUCATION SOCIETY, GORAKHPUR
- SIR DORABJI TATA TRUST (SDTT), MUMBAI
- JAN VIKAS SAMITI, CHRIST NAGAR, VARANASI (U.P.)
- CHILDLINE INIDA FOUNDATION, MUMBAI.
- 5. CARITAS INDIA, NEW DELHI
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DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES BY SOCIAL ANIMATION (DISA) is registered under Societies Registration Act, (XXI), 1860. Registration No. 462 dated 24 September 2001 & Renewal No. 1483/2001-16 dated 26 September 2016.

- Development Initiatives by Social Animation (DISA) is registered with Income Tax Department under Section 12A No. 28-59/146/12AA/Tech/F dated 25/02/2003.
- DISA has FCRA Registration No. 136310026 dated 21/04/2003.
- Income Tax Permanent Account No. AAATD5451G.
- DISA is accredited to Credibility Alliance (CA), New Delhi under minimum Norms in 2010 and renewed on 07 December 2015.
- Unique ID No. UP/2017/0117782
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- DISA is a Life member of Catholic Health Association on India (CHAI)

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#### CONCLUSION

DISA has indeed been an agent of change in the life of the 'neglected ones' in the society. Influencing and inspiring persons to live a dignified life has been our target and the results have been optimistic in expression. This success would not have been possible without the collaboration, guidance, resource support and good leadership of generous hearts. We hope that in the distant future we will be able to reach maximum number of beneficiaries in catering to their needs the expected support and guidance to live a life in totality. The same altruistic principles which are at work in the hearts of the staffs and volunteers of DISA would definitely lead to achieve society oriented success in all the way possible. We know that the 'dusty roads' would remain the same but 'WE' will never stop our feet from treading the remotest villages to plunge in to the harsh realities to act as the agent of transformation. We are grateful to all the partners, collaborators, well-wishers and co-workers of DISA. We appreciate the dedication of the Staff and the Members of DISA in promoting the core values of the Organization.

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"The soul of India lives in it's villages.

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