



SRI MAHALAKSHMI SAMAJA SEVA HAGU SAMSKRUTHIKA SAMSTHE ®

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Introduction:

The Sri Mahalakshmi Samaja Seva Hagu Samskruthika Samsthe (SMSSHSS) is a registered society and actively working at Kudligi – Bellary district of Karnataka state. It intends to empower the marginalized and deprived for social, educational, cultural & economic self-reliance to combat acute poverty. Since 2005 it has been imparting services for core areas like education, health, empowerment, community development and skill development etc. And the action area is landless, illiteracy, unemployment, agricultural uncertainty and migration which lead adverse impact on children's education and also health. Therefore organization has been made intensive efforts by imparting various need & rights based services such as campaigns, capacity building, formation & promotion of SHGs, formal and non-formal educational activities, medical screening & skill development initiatives etc. The organization has been successfully initiated all the activities through Participatory Methodology for promotion of people's participation, development of ownership, attitude, leadership quality and sustainability of the activities.

Legal Status:

Sri Mahalakshmi Samaja Seva Hagu Samskruthika Samsthe has been registered under Karnataka Societies Registration Act. 1960. on Feb 28, 2005, No. DR/SOR/335/2004 - 05 at Bellary district, Karnataka.

Management:

SMSSHSS has office bearers and the management committee subject to its rules and regulations. The management committee has been consists eleven members with versatile backgrounds such as social, academic, administration and technical.

Operational area:

SMSSHSS has been implementing various developmental programs in Bellary, Haveri & Raichur districts of northern Karnataka and we focus thrust areas like acute poverty, migration, illiteracy, unemployment, malnutrition, gender, labour, health & educational issues etc.

Supporters:

SMSSHSS intends to serve inclusive development for the weaker sections of the society and we have raised funds from the general public/likeminded and Govt. as well and also it has been properly utilized for the accomplishment of organization aims & objectives.

- SSA - Education Dept.
- Zilla Panchayath – Bellary
- Agriculture Dept.
- Dhanvantri Group

Activities:

SMSSHSS has been successfully conducted various developmental activities with the generous support of general public, Govt. & organization as well. The programs are as bellow.

- Awareness programs on HIV/Aids.
- Healthy baby shows.
- WASH initiative for Govt. school children.
- Conducted six months RST schools.
- Celebration of World Yoga Day.
- Organized plantation initiative.
- Celebration of national festivals.

- Organized Rajya Saksharatha Karyakrama.
- Tailoring training program for poor women.
- Orientation for SHG groups on IGP activities.
- Celebration of world disability day.
- Free computer training for unemployed youths.
- Medical screenings for general public.
- Man power supply to Horticulture department/office.
- Distribution of projectors.

1. Awareness programs on HIV/Aids.

India has 2.4 million HIV positive people & also it has a long history of mobility/migration for livelihood. The communities from which migrants/emigrate are vulnerable HIV/Aids for several reasons & its severe stigma & discrimination are most often encountered in the health care settings though it has been rapidly spreading in to rural areas & the general population. Hence we have been tried our best to disseminate about the preventive measures, care & support information/services by wall writing in public places & it has been successfully initiated in four Gram Panchayaths of Sandur & Hospet taluks.



2. Healthy baby shows.

Children represent the richest resource of any country and they are the future of the nation. Hence every parent must think and practice towards proper care and development of the children. In this regard we have found in our action area there is a low enrollment and poor health & hygiene amongst children in some Anganwadi centers. Therefore we have organized healthy baby shows in five ICDS centers in Hadgali & Kudligi taluks with the support of Dept. of WCD and nearly 280 children and mothers were benefitted.



3. WASH initiative for Govt. school children.

As we knew that the importance of health particularly in childhood, if we motivate children to adopt healthy life styles which will be benefitted all round development as a physically, healthy, socially useful & economically productive. In this regard we have visited some the schools and found that children's are ill health they are facing preventable diseases. Hence we have organized WASH initiative in two Govt. schools of Kudligi and nearly 340 children were educated.



4. Conducted six months RST schools.

Seasonal migration of children, with or without families, has added a large chunk to the already existing out-of-school children, many of them being never enrolled and some being dropouts. despite Government's initiatives like Right to Compulsory and Free Education (RTE), though tent schools is an experiment in providing educational facilities to migrating children and it has been successful in reaching out to them in difficult circumstances both in rural and urban areas. Hence we have successfully initiated six months RST schools in A K Hyalya & Accholi of Bellary district with 25 children.



5. Celebration of World Yoga Day.

The "World Yoga Day" (WYD) will be celebrated on 21st June every year around the world which enables the unity of mind, body and soul. Different forms of yoga benefit our physical and mental health in different ways. Yoga is the most favorable method to connect to the nature by balancing the mind-body connection and also useful to control over mind and body as well as getting proper health of body and mind by reducing the stress and anxiety. Therefore we have celebrated World Yoga Day in Kudligi and in that nearly 80 persons were participated.



6. Organized plantation initiatives.

Plants and trees are intimately connected with our life and well-being. It boons and benefits derived from them are too many to count. They provide shelter, food, fruits, fodder, wood, timber, medicine, oxygen; check soil-erosion, pollution and floods. They also check very effectively the spread of the desert and landslides. They are essential to maintain ecological balance and preservation of fauna. "Plant More Trees ' should not remain a mere slogan but become a religion and creed with all to us. Hence we have successfully initiated plantation program in Hagaribommanhalli taluka.



7. Celebration of national festivals.

Every year we proudly celebrate national festivals with lots of enthusiasm and pleasures and festivals are 15th August - Independence Day and 26th Jan - Republic Day. In that we have organized several programs in our office and nearly 120 children's were actively participated in different programs like speeches, essay writing, drawing, singing & dancing etc. and distributed prizes to the winners.



8. Organized Rajya Saksharatha Karyakrama

In a view to raise the public awareness about the importance of the literacy and we must motivate the power of literacy to illiterate people and also encourage them to participate adult education programs which is supported by government. Therefore we have successfully organized massive literacy program Kottur & Kudligi with the support of ZP - Bellary & in that more than 2000 illiterates were benefited.



9. Tailoring training program for poor women.

India has come a long way since independence women's who constitute nearly half of the population and play a very significant role in the home and outside. As per Nehruji "To awake people it is the women who must be awakened. Once she is on the move, the family moves, the village moves and nation moves." collective efforts have been initiated for education and empowerment of women particularly SC & ST in rural areas to learn at their own pace & set their own priorities to seek knowledge and information. Keeping in mind we have conducted three months intensive tailoring training program in Kudligi and in that 60 women's were trained.



10. Orientation for SHG groups on IGP activates.

Self Help Groups represent a unique approach to financial intermediation. The approach combines access to low-cost financial services with a process of self management and the development of the women. Groups can also be community platforms who become active in village affairs, participation in election and to address social or community issues like abuse of women, alcohol, dowry system, schools and water supply etc. Hence we have provided necessary inputs to 20 SHG groups about various IGP activities.



11. Celebration of world disability day.

3rd December the observance of the day to promote, understand & mobilize support for the dignity, rights & well-being of the PWDs. Disability as a curse and fact it brought misfortune in the family and some even think it is a communicable & not curable disease. Hence we have campaigned amongst the general public and also encouraged more than 50 PWDs to participate the district level event and most of the persons were actively participated & bagged the many prizes.



12. Free computer training for unemployed youths.

Computer is playing vital role in modern life and it has great importance because use of computer has reached almost all spheres of life. The modern life of today includes information and contacts with people all over the world. Computer has been helped considerably to achieve this and now days computer education is must for the job of even an ordinary clerk in the office. But due to poverty some of the students specially collage drop-outs unable to access the facilities. Hence we have been successfully running Digital Literacy Program in Kudligi with the support Dhanvantri Group & in that 50 candidates were enrolled for the course.



13. Medical screenings for general public.

Even after decades of freedom, India is struggling to provide basic health services to its people and health care services to meet the immediate health care needs of the marginalized community in the remote rural areas and slums through standalone camps. A general health check-up camp has been conducted in Hadgali with the support of noted physicians and in that more than 280 parents & children were screened and also been provided necessary medicines.



14. Man power supply to Horticulture department/office.

Organization has been provided man power services to Horticulture department/office to Hagaribommanahalli and Kudligi.

15. Distribution of projectors.

Organization has been successfully distributed projectors to most of the Gram Panchyaths of Bellary Urban & Kudligi taluks with the support of ZP – Bellary.

Conclusion:

The SMSSHSS has been successfully initiated various developmental programs with the active participation of general public/targeted groups and also constant efforts by the team. In this regard we have found positive changes amongst the children, youth, women & community as well and also had strong rapport in the action area while working with the weaker sections/needy and it has been developed credibility, transparency and accountability which enable to mobilize sufficient funds for various activities. We do admit that much more needs to be done due to limited funds and resources we restricts the expansion of our services.