

### **FARMERS HARD WORK REFLECTS IN FAIR**

Manav Vikas hosted the first ever Farmer's Fair in the history of Sagar Diocese on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2015. This farmer's fair was held in collaboration with Caritas India on the successful completion of SAFBIN project and as a commemoration of all farmers from corners of 5 districts under one umbrella. There were stalls arranged by farmers in which organic inputs such as biological pesticides, insecticides, seed treatment inputs and organic fertilizers in different forms along with the plant cultivated by organic methods were displayed. Commercial products like solar lanterns, handmade food products; Mamta Papad, Bari were also displayed.



The whole programme was felicitated in the presence of Bishop Anthony Chirayath, Consultant from European Union Ms. Pascal, Banda and Sagar MLAs, Shri Harvansh Singh Rathore and Shri Shailendra Jain, PRO of Hari Singh Gour University Dr. D.S. Rajput, Chairman MBGB Mr. R. Ramakrishnan, Director of MVSS Fr. Thomas Philip, SAFBIN South Asia programme manager Mr. Sunil Simon, Agriculture scientist from Sagar KVK and Dr. R.K. Singh from Dehradun.

### **INAUGURATION OF BIO-LAB**

MVSS with the support of Caritas India has established a Bio-Lab in its building to produce low cost organic inputs. The main objective of the laboratory is to prepare bio products which are suitable to local soil type and its requirement. This will enable us to produce crop specific products such as Trichoderma PSB culture, and Azotobacter which are to be used to increase soil fertility and effective seed treatment. Another intention of establishing Bio lab is to equip the students of Bio Tech and Botany to understand the latest agriculture need through bio adaptation techniques.



### **CHILDLINE SAGAR REACTS AGAINST CHILD BEGGING AND POLIO**

As a part of 'Operation Smile', to rescue children from begging on the streets, the Child line Sagar team rescued 172 child beggars, in the months of December and January. Those rescued include 86 girls and 86 boys. All of the rescued have been brought to the Sanjeevani and Seva Dham Ashrams (Shelter Homes). "With the approval of the Women and Children Department, we have restored all children safely at their own homes. The Operation Smile carried its activities from 8 am and went on till 6 pm. Around 1,000 people, including 10 identified like minded NGOs, members of the Department of Women and Child Welfare Development (DWCD), Child Welfare Committee (CWC) members, and special Juvenile police units took

part in the same. Child line Sagar team also took part in **Polio Campaign** and made door to door visits in association with local government health workers ASHA for three days. In this campaign 120 children were given polio drop. Furthermore team has also celebrated **National Girl Child Week** with District Women Empowerment office.

## INAUGURATION OF SOCIAL APOSTOLATE YEAR 2016

“करुणा की राह पर सेवा के सात कदम”

Pope Francis has declared the year 2016 as the year of mercy and emphasizing the role of Social Apostolate in the same. MVSS stressed on the importance of doing Social work in the form of charity and passion of service to poorest of poor. On January 1<sup>st</sup> 2016 seven widows were distributed Rs 5,000 each for running income generation programme. An Orientation Course was arranged for all Diocese Priests and Sisters on 28th January from 9 am at Manav Vikas Seva Sangh Head office. Fr. James C. Dhabi S.J. renowned Social activist also a Catholic Priest, from Ahmadabad, Gujarat was called as the resource person.

The platform was set by Rev. Bp. Anthony Chirayath by providing financial support to 2 widows, education support to a drop out youth, wedding clothes to bride' family and providing ration kit to 2 grandparents. Rev. Bp. Antony Chirayath also released the Activity Calendar for the year 2016-2017 which consists of services under the Seven Gospel values undertaken by MVSS 1) **Feed the Hungry**, 2) **Serve the Sick**, 3) **Quench the Thirsty**, 4) **Meet the Prisoners**, 5) **Cloth the Naked**, 6) **Care For Orphans** and 7) **Help the Destitute**. The main objective of declaring 2016 as the social apostolate year is to reach to the poor, the neglected, the deprived, the old age, slum dwellers, Orphans, and the marginalized.



## INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS

Gaiety and patriotic fervor marked 68<sup>th</sup> Republic Day in MVSS. The message of Independence began with unfurling of the national flag followed by cultural programme. Various folk dances, patriotic songs and awareness skits were presented by the Drop out youths of skill development training course depicting the freedom struggle of India. More than 300 villagers from nearby villages witnessed the programme. Fr. Selvin the Chief Guest spoke on the significance of inculcating human values and discipline in the students.



## BAAL SAMMELAN

On 26<sup>th</sup> January a get together of children under “**Baal Sammelan**” was organised by MVSS in association with Child Line Sagar Team on the occasion of Republic day. 600 plus children participated in the Sammelan from 11 villages and 6 slums. The focus of the Sammelan was to make the children aware about the ‘**Child Rights**’. The inauguration session was followed by a series of programmes by the children. This included Skits, poems, songs and talent shows. The Sammelan also had an exhibition of children’s artistic thoughts, which was in various forms such as posters, small poems, speeches, etc.





## FIRST INTERNSHIP FOR BIO TECH STUDENTS

There was an internship programme for 15 students from St. Mary's Collage Vidisha and Field Animators of Safbin project on producing Bio-fertilizers. The internship program was conducted under the guidance of Professor Dr. R.K Singh. Students practiced research skills, including techniques, experimental operation, data recording and analysis, methods of data reporting, etc. Besides specialized knowledge and skills in scientific research, the students learned new scope in bio technology. At the end of the course Mr. Sebastin, Finance Officer, Caritas India, distributed certificates to the trainees.



## GLIMPSE OF CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION



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