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### **KNOWING THE OLD AGE TROUBLES!!!**



The complete life leads the perfect pattern, includes childhood, youth and old age. Old age has its own pleasures, which, though different, are not less than the pleasures of youth life. This is something that we realised when we visited the old age home in Sagar on 4<sup>th</sup> of February. The inmates were very hospitable and friendly, and they welcomed us with their beautiful smile. To break the monotony of their lives, we sang a song and also made them to sing and dance with us. Some of them broke into tears as we patiently listened to them of their past experiences of life. Their eyes showed the depth in their life's which came from lot of joyous and sad moments shared by each one of them. They were extremely happy to be with us and expressed us that they will wait our next visit.

#### **WOMEN BRINGING ABOUT DYNAMIC CHANGES**

Celebrating Women's Day is an opportunity to appreciate the remarkable contribution of women for our society. March 16<sup>th</sup> was a day of delight for MVSS family to celebrate the women's day. The programme was inaugurated by Rev. Sr. Alice - SJ, Mrs. Seema Choudhary, Mrs. Rajini, and Mrs. Karuna. The inaugural ceremony was followed by the cultural programs by the students from the slums. The day witnessed the participation of 250 women from nearby villages. The performance of the students on the stage exclusively for the women was a memorable one. The staff and the students exhibited their talents as a treat to the women. Dance, music skit and the games made the day explicable. The staff of Manav Vikas and Child Line took great effort and ensured that, the women enjoyed and shared each other experiences. The chief guest and the other distinguished guests delivered thought provoking messages to enlighten the minds of the



Women, the director also congratulated our centres at Banda, Itkheri, Barodiya, Semri and Naisrai for organizing cultural programmes and inviting women at authorized position and exhibiting their immense talent on the occasion of women's day celebration.

#### DON BOSCO TECH INAUGURATION

The grand inauguration DB Tech skill training was held in Sagar, Vidisha, and Jaisinagar in the month of January and February respectively. Manav Vikas Seva Sangh joined the hands with Don Bosco Tech to provide employment-linked and market-driven short duration vocational courses to the economically and socially marginalized youth. Around 400 students are pursuing training in the established centres of all the 3 districts. The courses available for training purpose are Basic Computer, Electrical, Beautician course, Automobiles, Industrial Sewing and Machine operator course (Tailoring), Sales and Marketing. The first batch of trained students has successfully completed the course and many have got jobs in and around Sagar district. The openings are there for the 2<sup>nd</sup> batch for which the students can apply in the respective centres of each districts.



#### SHOWING MERCIFULNESS



Manav Vikas Seva Sangh has begun a new initiative in the year by starting to feed the poor and the abandon as a part of its yearly manifesto. As a first step MVSS family reached out to the mentally handicapped and physically handicapped children in Shampura on 20<sup>th</sup> of February. The staff conducted various games for the disabled children. All of them had a fellowship lunch together, and in the afternoon session was dedicated for the children in the orphanage to inbuilt moral values in them. The children were greatly taken up by the inspirational talk of Fr. Thomas Philip, who encouraged each of them that the external inability in a person does not hamper the goals in one's life as the booster comes from within a person to become successful person.

#### **CARING THE SICK**

Manav Vikas Seva Sangh conducted a free medical camp on 29 of March at its premises. The camp covered residents of 10 villages in and around the centre. A team of 16 doctors comprising of Allopathic, Ayurveda and Homeopathy were present in the one day camp. The team of doctors were specialized in i.e. Gastroenterologists, general physicians, gynaecologists, paediatricians, and ENT specialists etc. along with 10 nurses and other paramedical staffs was stationed at the camp. The camp was opened for all and had treatment for all kinds of diseases. More than 400 patients registered names at the centre for various kinds of contagious and noncontagious diseases. Basic antibiotics, anti-allergic, anti-fungal ointments, eye and ear drops, cough syrup and supplements like vitamins were also distributed free of cost. Diagnostic procedures like basic checking of height, weight, blood pressure and testing of blood sugar levels were also conducted at the camp.



#### FRIENDLY VISIT OF CNEWA CHAIR PERSON



The chief executive of CNEWA India, Mr. M.L. Thomas visited MVSS on 1<sup>st</sup> February. Mr. Thomas visited and had casual interactions with the grandparents and elderly of the nearby villages. Later he spent few hours in understanding the activities carried by MVSS for the community. Further he proceeded to the non formal schools run by MVSS in the slums. Grand welcome and cultural programmes were arranged for him by the students of slum. The students put their best involvement and dedication to show their respect to Mr. Thomas. He expressed his views that had a great consent and admiration for the generous and needful activities carried out by MVSS.

#### MRS. FUMIE'S VISIT

Mrs Fumie from Japan made her first visit to MVSS to study about the social welfare and community development activity conducted by the institution. She visited out the skill training centre and interacted with the students and the teachers for the ongoing training. She appreciated the Director and the staff for reaching out its generous hands to all the students who cannot afford for studies and are deprived of having any kind of skill for getting livelihood opportunity.



#### **HEALTH TRAINING PROGRAMME**

MVSS conducted a health training program for the staff, teachers of slum and ASHA workers on 25<sup>th</sup> February. Mr. Srivastava –District Coordinator from Clinton Foundation was the Resource person. The program aimed to train the staff and the various stakeholders about the measures to prevent communicable and non communicable diseases. Fr. Thomas Philip expressed the gratitude to Clinton Foundation and Mr. Srivastava for organizing enriching sessions on the major health issues which is a big problem in Sagar district. The health worker of the government also gave their feedback that they also get refreshed and updated on the wide knowledge hub of the medical field.



#### NEW SKILL TRAINING CENTRES FOR DROP OUT YOUTHS

Youth empowerment is one of the major programmes promoted by MVSS for the past years. As part of it MVSS started tailoring training program on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of March respectively in Deori and Barodiya villages with an objective of capacitating the school dropouts and youth. As per the policy of MVSS, special preference is given to the vulnerable, marginalised and economically backward students who cannot take up higher studies or are deprived of getting the basic necessity of education. Around 75 candidates were trained in both Deori and Barodiya, and till date more than total of 600 youth are provided with vocational trainings by MVSS.

#### A NEW INITIATIVE IN THE FIELD OF AGRICULTURE

On 1<sup>st</sup> of April, Rev. Fr. Thomas Philip met the Chancellor and Vice Chancellor of SVN (Swami Vivekanand University), Sagar and in the developments decided to sign a MoU with the SVN University, Sagar and MVSS for smooth functioning of the Bio lab and conduct internship training on production and quality management of Bio –fertilizers. This will benefit more than 3000 students who are undertaking graduation and post graduation in Agriculture and will give opportunity for the students to undergo internship training at the Bio Lab production unit established at Manav Vikas Seva Sangh.

#### MEDICAL CAMP CONDUCTED IN REMOTE VILLAGES

Manav Vikas Seva Sangh, in collaboration with the government doctors of Semeri conducted a one-day free medical camp at Semeri on 20<sup>th</sup> March. This was the first time that the villagers were provided with general health check-ups in their own village as shared by the elderly residents of the village. More than 600 villagers were provided with free treatment and medicines for various diseases. Free general health check-ups, blood group testing were among the many tests provided. Various diseases and body weakness including malnutrition, jaundice and skin disorders were treated. Villagers were given referrals to the government Hospital at Semeri for getting advanced treatment free of charge by the team of doctors.

#### STUDENTS GET ENLIGHTENED FOR PRACTICING SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE

MVSS organised 2 days of Internship Course on methods of Bio fertilizer production on 12<sup>th</sup> March at MVSS Bio Lab. It is a unique programme which trains the students to produce different bio fertilizer which are essential component for doing organic farming. This bio fertilizer will help farmers in enhancing the plant growth and yield to improve the health and fertility of the soil. The training was organised for 6 participants from St. Mary's PG College, Vidisha. Mrs. Swetha, the newly appointed Lab Technician conducted the theoretical session combined with the practical The students utilised every bit of time in the lab experimenting the new face of science with life bearing organisms. The further plan of MVSS is to take up and provide training to the farmers who do not have awareness on the benefits of fertilizing their soils with the Bio fertilizers. The students were able to produce 3 types of bio fertilizers and knowing the benefits and the required quantity for application in the farmer's field.





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