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#### Conclusion Ceremony of Social Apostolate Year

Towards Golden Jubilee of Diocese of Sagar this year, Manav Vikas as the social service wing of Diocese of Sagar took initiative to celebrate Social Apostolate Year to serve neediest and to promote feel of care. We targeted seven points of service that touched need of human being. We are happy to announce that many individuals and groups came forward voluntarily to contribute our initiative. With their help, we have been able to feed the hungry, facilitate water in drought affected area, clothed the slum dwellers, supported orphans and old age, provided treatment to untreated and worked with prisoners all throughout the year. Manav Vikas Concluded the Social Apostolate Year with awesome cultural evening and



award distribution. Mr. Dinesh Namdev and Hari Gopal were honored with long term social service along with Sr. Kusumum SJ for promotion and support for social service. This cultural event was organized on the eve of 25<sup>th</sup> death anniversary of Late. Bishop Clemens Thottungal, first Bishop of Sagar who have had initiated the social service in the Diocese of Sagar.

# fruit Turning Rural Environment Education Distribution

During the monsoon season thousands of fruit trees distributed and planted through villages under our "Go Green-Stay Healthy" campaign. Manav Vikas, by this tree plantation campaign in villages have planted mango, Amala, Guava and Chiku trees. In this campaign approx 300 households participated from different villages. The campaign was launched by director MVSS at Barkhera village. This endeavor aimed to educate rural people about the importance of environment protection and sensitization towards need of environment protection.



#### The future of rural India

XIDAS student join MVSS for exposure

A team of 28 students from XIDAS, Jabalpur joined MVSS for five days to get exposure of MVSSs development intervention and to study rural living status and quality. Five different teams were divided to visit different villages of Sagar district. During these five days of visit they have interacted many rural beneficiaries and non beneficiaries. Students have applied their academic knowledge into practical field to study and get deep insights of their need and development intervention of Manav Vikas. They have studied different aspects of rural such as education system, economic activities, status of women, health and hygiene, water and sanitation, government services and NGO intervention. At the end of the exposure they wrapped their findings and taken a need



assessment and provided to MVSS which would help the institutions for more in-depth intervention. MVSS always try to provide students a learning platform through internship and exposure where they get access to resources to complete their study. We believe that these fresh minds are the pavement of next rural development ideas.

#### A journey from universal Motherhood to Sainthood: celebration

Poor villagers have gathered at MVSS head office at Sagar to celebrate the Sainthood of Mother Teresa, whom Pope Francis canonized at Vatican City. Ceremony held at office witnessed cultural activities performed on life of Saint Mother Teresa by dropout and vocational training students of MVSS. This event included providing foods to hundreds of needy and destitute. Director, Manav Vikas addressed the crowd with upholding the life story of Saint Mother Teresa.



#### Quiz Competition: A way to pave future of school children

Thirty rural school children from five schools participated in a quiz competition conducted by Manav Vikas. Government schools Barkhera won the first prize and Gidwani and Bachhalon secured second and third prize respectively and others were given the consolation prizes. Our intention to conduct quiz was to promote education and develop skills among rural school children.



#### Prison turn out to be learning platform!

Central Jail TB awareness program

In the line of attack of TB eradication program our team has created awareness on TB control measures among 600 jail inmates of central jail Sagar. During this awareness program we focused on TB-causes, spread, symptoms and prevention and precaution measures. TB remains major death cause in the region because majority of people are engaged in Bidi making industry for long years. In this program jail superintendent, director MVSS and CBCI project coordinators were present.



### **TOWARDS NEW THRESHOLD:** The village girls who created their own way!

Pratibha, 23 and Deepika, 20 the brave girls stand out on their feet after vocational training at Manav Vikas Seva Sangh. Pratibha who left her husband and Deepika whose father passed away long ago, both come from economically weak family where their families reside upon the agriculture labor. Through our mobilization program both of the girls came to join the vocational training program being operated in association with DB Tech. The three months course made them able to join the Minda Kosai Aluminum Wheel Pvt. Ltd. Story of both the girls' changed their fate from dependent to earner; Manav Vikas salute them for their courage to go out from home and work independently. We are proud to be a part of it and proud to put women and girls at their strength.



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