



Annual Report

2021-2022



Journeying towards a better future

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MEERUT SEVA SAMAJ

About the organization:

Meerut Seva Samaj (MSS) is the registered official Social Service Society of the Catholic Diocese of Meerut, established in the year 1977 to outsource the social activities essential for the upliftment of the poor and deprived living in interior villages of the Diocese. MSS has been deliberately channelizing its resources to bring social reforms and transformation in the lives of the masses living in the darkness of unawareness, ignorance and exploitation by various animation work, capacity buildings, skills trainings, formation of groups and trainings. MSS has a Board of 13 members headed by the Bishop of Meerut as the President and a team of devoted social workers involved in achieving its aims.

The Vision, Mission and Strategic areas of the Society are as under:

VISION

ESTABLISHMENT
OF
GOD'S KINGDOM
BASED ON GOSPEL
VALUES



MISSION

TO STRIVE FOR HUMAN
DIGNITY THROUGH AN
ENLIGHTENMENT AND
EMPOWERMENT
PROGRESS

Since its inception, our main focus on our key strategic areas for community development and working for the downtrodden section of the society and we emphasis on strengthening our community-based groups so that they are strengthened and can raise their voice.

STRATEGIC AREA

- ◆ Employment of the Unemployed / Marginalized
- ◆ Education: Formal / Informal
- ◆ Capacity Building
- ◆ Gender and Development
- ◆ People's Organization
- ◆ Non Conventional Energy
- ◆ Child Labour
- ◆ Community Health (on communicable diseases)
- ◆ Pro-life
- ◆ HIV/AIDS
- ◆ Legal Cell





Presidential Address

We are living in a fast-changing world, a changing society, progressing at a galloping speed but many are left behind the main development agenda, very few people are marching ahead or climbing the ladder of development.

India will never achieve its true development until every individual of the country is empowered to make choices and transform their own lives. To accomplish this dream, we have to journey along with the rural sector, the redundant and the superfluous people of the society. The task of the social service organization is to shepherd the flock along with the marginalized and the vulnerable people holding their hand, purely out of love. I am happy MSS is doing this task with all its competence.

While journeying together we have to focus on three important aspects of the development, they are:

Communion: Journeying together is becoming everything for the people whom you serve. Communion is the act of sharing: sharing the pain and suffering of the people and doing everything to alleviate and mitigate the situation of the people. Communion speaks about partnership to enhance the quality of life.

Participation: it is a sense of belonging to someone or something. But in this fast-changing world people are compartmentalized and corona added extra flavour to it. Social service organization must focus to bring equilibrium to people's lives and society. This is possible only through building social network. Every social worker becomes a catalyst of change in this changing world.

Mission: mission is to bring everyone under an umbrella of development, it is the assignment given to everyone. Rig Veda and Upanishad speaks about Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam, (THE WHOLE WORLD IS A FAMILY), where there is no place for discrimination, it is the mission of every individual.

I am happy that MSS is thriving to achieve the goal, to create the whole world a family.

My sincere appreciation to Rev. Fr. John Chiman, Fr. Jomon Joseph and the entire MSS staff for their tireless effort to make know the Vision and Mission of MSS to the horde.

Francis Kalist
Bishop of Meerut

From the Director's Desk



It is my honor and privilege to release this annual report of Meerut Seva Samaj for the year 2021-2022. From its inception to date, Meerut Seva Samaj has always toiled hard to bring transformation in the life of the marginalized, poor and the weaker section of the society.

MSS has undertaken several activities to dispel the darkness from the society, by promoting education, health and hygiene, gender equality, capacity building, and livelihood promotion through sustainable agricultural development and income generation activities. MSS' activities are strengthened by like-minded people and organizations to face the post-pandemic challenges.

I would like to mention special thanks to all the donor agencies for their financial support in delivering the project activities within the timeframe. Our partners, Caritas India, Manos Unidas, UKSVK, Catholic Relief Services (CRS), Misereor, and Missio, Rottenburg, Italian Bishops Conference, Galway Foundation and Daurala Sugar Mill, are our building blocks in our development journey especially during the COVID-19 pandemic and their exceptional support in mitigating the aftermath and reaching the underprivileged and downtrodden section of society.

I also acknowledge the support rendered by the local administration and governing body members for timely guidance for the systematic function of the MSS and the entire MSS team for being the bedrock to implement all the activities to concretize the mission and vision of the MSS.

A special word of appreciation and gratitude to Rt. Rev. Francis Kalist, our president, who served this institution for the last thirteen years, is now transferred to the Archdiocese of Pondicherry and Cuddalore as Archbishop. Meerut Seva Samaj is deeply indebted to Rt. Rev. Francis Kalist, for being the guide and the priceless services rendered to uphold the MSS mission and vision a relevant reality in this fast-changing world. We express our sincere gratitude and love and prayerful accompaniment in the days ahead.

Fr. John Chimman
Director
Meerut Seva Samaj



Enlightening Words from Assistant Director, MSS

It is very heartening to be a part of the, Meerut Seva Samaj, journey to lead from the darkness to light through the service to humanity. In this journey, MSS has left no stone unturned in ensuring that every individual who has been deprived of their basic necessities for some reason, get the chance to avail these rights.

MSS is known for diversified activities, strategies and implementing a set of programs to eradicate poverty and discrimination based on caste, creed and gender and to ignite hope and light in the life of the marginalized and oppressed people of the society through enlightenment and empowerment. MSS is greatly indebted to the well-wishers, who is our backbone, to face all the challenging situations in this selfless service.

We are thriving in making significant contributions to the larger social parlance. We are hopeful our labour to mitigate the social evil will produce fruitful results.

I express my gratitude and prayerful wishes to our president Rt. Rev. Francis Kalist, who has served the Meerut Seva Samaj for the last thirteen years, is elevated to the Archbishop of Pondicherry-Cuddalore. Under his leadership, MSS could embark on its mission and vision to its heights.

I express my sincere appreciation to all our benefactors who are ever ready to render their supporting hand and the entire MSS staff who toil night and day to concretize all our vision and mission.

With warm regards,

Fr. Jomon Joseph
Asst. Director
Meerut Seva Samaj

Strategic Interventions:

Employment of the Unemployed/Marginalized

Rebuilding Livelihood: In addition to its impact on public health, Corona virus disease has caused a major economic distress all over the world. The impact of COVID-19 on the labours and small business landscape was a disaster, the small businesses faced economic disruptions and employment becomes fragile. The enormous grief and pain to the migrant laboures and daily wage workers livelihood were drastically affected, and we all have, in this view MSS with its supporting partners came forward to support such affected populace to rebuild or sustain the livelihood.

MSS identified such affected Families and communities in various districts, with its local supporting partners and volunteers from different sections of the society who were deprived of basic essentials household articles and medications, and they were supported with cash transfers and dry rations kits for their whole family for one month consumption. We express our heartfelt gratitude towards Caritas India, Manos Unidas, CCBI Commission for Migrants, Rottenburg, and CRS for helping us to support such affected people. So, they can sustain their living and rebuild their livelihoods.

Following are the details of the benefits transferred to the families and stories of change.

- 29 families were financially supported with an amount of 15,000/-
- 100 families were assisted with Rs.9000/- for livelihood support.
- 500 families were given 2500/- for their immediate and urgent needs during COVID pandemic
- Agricultural tool kits given to 48 farmers
- Battery Operated Spray machines distributed to 48 farmers.
- 7 sewing machines distributed to women.





Education: Non-Formal/ Informal

MSS has planned, structured programmes and processes of personal and social education for people designed to improve a range of skills and competencies, outside the formal educational curriculum.

- 422 women and girls have been acquainted with skills of tailoring
- 198 girls have got skilled in beautician training
- 76 trainees got trained in Handicraft and Art making trade.
- 42 women trained on Broom Making
- 30 girls and women received skills on Bangle designing
- 65 students enrolled for Computer course and 5 completed online certification.
- 180 farmers and group members enhanced practical exposures to Krishi Vigyan Kendra.
- 236 girls & women were imparted education on Life skills





Capacity Building

Capacity is the process of developing and strengthening the skills, instincts, abilities, processes, and resources that organizations and communities need to survive, adapt, and thrive in a fast-changing world. We have delivered various capacity building programs in our project areas which has proved to become socially and economically empowered to the villagers.

- 1487 members capacitated on SHG concept and management.
- 868 people capacitated on Govt. Welfare schemes and financial literacy.
- 54 Community Mobilizers capacitated on immunization & COVID.
- 64 ASHA workers capacitated on better information exchange on immunization
- 39 ASHA Sanghnis' capacitated on mobilization technique for immunization.
- 60 people capacitated on Goatery management and 430 people on Livestock management and fodder production.
- 40 project personnel capacitated on project goals and objectives.





Gender and Development

MSS emphasis on gender equality as the Government of India also stresses on the “Beti Bacho Beti Padhao”. But the evil practices like female foeticide, gender discrimination, boys having more and better opportunity against girls are still they’re in the society, We as a catalyst for social change give regular awareness sessions, sensitization meeting with community groups and individually head of the families. To become more sensitive towards girl’s, their education, for their opportunities and more on their health. As they are vulnerable on the health issues which more prevailing. They are anaemic, frail, and lack of confidence in them.



People’s Organization

A group of people, which may be an association, cooperative, federation, or other legal entity, is established by the community to undertake collective action or to address community concerns and needs, and mutually share the benefits from the endeavour. These groups are putting up their concerns and problems among the community and confronting village leaders and panchayat members.

Under the different projects, we have formed various nos. of Women SHG, Adolescent Girls group, Peace Clubs, Forums and Farmers groups:

Description	No. of Groups	No. of Members
Women Group	123	1487
Adolescent Girls Group	96	1357
Farmers Group	16	433
Peace Clubs (In 7 Schools)	20	350
Peer Groups (In 10 Schools)	20	200
Village Peace Committee	24	262
Citizen Forum at District level	2	120 stakeholders
Community Action Group	217	1736



Non-Conventional Energy

MSS is focussing by generating the awareness on to reduce the dependency of the conventional energy as it is limited and without concerning of our environment, we are continuously pulling out the resources and fuel and contributing to carbon emission in the atmosphere which is contributing to the global warming and climate change

So in the purview MSS is trying to push the dependency on the non-conventional we have utilizing the solar energy through our solar system implanted in the premises and saving energy.



Natural Resource Management

Nature is the source of life and wellbeing when it is well balanced on the contrary the imbalance of natural resources will affect the quality of life for both the present and future. NRM (Natural Resource Management) deals with managing the way in which people and nature interact. Our following projects focus on natural resource methods and promoting organic farming through an integrated approach.

Our farmers engagement activities and objectives focus on to increase HHs food production through indigenized/climate change resilient sustainable agriculture practices, sustainable development.

- 22 new farmers have been linked under organic farming and 13 acres of land have been brought under organic farming and sustainable agriculture practice.
- Total 520 farmers of eight groups are engaged in organic farming techniques in 43 acres of land.
- 27 farmers have been mobilized to switch from inorganic agriculture to semi organic and they have started to practise the sustainable agriculture practise in 18 acres and adapting it gradually.
- 21 farmers have started mix cropping technique in 15 acres of land has been utilized for mix cropping along with sugarcane and other seasonal vegetables. 28 acres of land has been brought under crop rotation
- 63 farmers were mobilized to promote it by adapting by sowing mustard in one crop cycle and other vegetables in next crop cycle.
- 239 Farmers are engaged in organic decompost manure, jeevamrit, soil enzymes, pipe compost, Pot compost and organic pesticides insecticides and thus contributing in promotion of organic farming and sustainable practices.
- 72 vermin compost news beds have installed in the area and farmers are using the prepared vermin compost in the field. Soil testing has been carried out by farmers to increase the fertility of the land for cultivation of crops.
- All farmers are storing food grain and seeds individually and containers for the storage were provided through Sugar Mills and Panchayat department.SAKSHAM focuses on the efficiently and effectively way of functioning Gram Panchayats in the target area also ensuring the rights and entitlements through individual and collective action.
- 839 people trained on organic manure, growth promoters and pest management techniques.
- 4125 saplings were planted. (If you have photos of field with organic farming etc.



Community Health

Community health is not only related to healthcare, but it has the intersection with economics, social and mental state of wellbeing. Unfortunately, many people are unaware of the role this type of healthcare plays in their everyday lives. "Community health impacts everything—educational achievement, safety and crime, people's ability to work and be financially healthy, life expectancy, happiness and more," Bognanno says. "Health impacts every other facet of life, from a child's ability to learn to an adult's ability to work, so health is critical for education and financial well-being."

MSS implementing an ongoing project titled by Core Group Polio Project which focuses on Polio eradication and strengthening routine immunization with partnering Government department and target communities for strengthening the process, better accountability, effective community mobilization and community engagement.

ANTIGEN WISE ACHIEVEMENT	BENEFICIARIES
Polio Drop	15894
Hep-B birth dose	894
Bacille Calmette Guerin Dose	1781
Diphtheria, Pertussis, Tetanus and Penta Dose	3100
Oral Polio Vaccine Dose	1391

- 1215 girls were educated on menstrual health & hygiene.
- 94 women and girls trained on home remedies and herbal medicine
- 34 women capacitated on Immunization and health check-ups.
- Conducted a health camp and distributed medicines to 145 villagers.
- 230 girls and women educated on Health & Hygiene
- 390 girls were given sanitary napkins
- 509 girls capacitated on Menstrual Health Management



Covid- 19 Program

As India faces a second wave of COVID-19, thousands of people were dying daily many were left unemployed and starvation. On April 26, 2021, the country reported the world's highest daily case-load for the fifth straight day, with 352,991 new cases and 2,812 virus-related deaths. Hospitals and medical facilities across the country are beyond capacity, having run out of oxygen and intensive care beds. Hundreds of patients can be seen awaiting lifesaving care outside facilities in crowded city centres.

MSS with the support of caritas India and other partners distributed two oxygen concentrators and also monitored the 400 COVID-19 patients intensively for recovering and maintained their records.

Covid-19 program is being implemented in 4 blocks at Saharanpur District.

Activities Name	No. of Activity	Beneficiaries
Info van Area cover	432	26253
Info booth	529	29273
Community action group meeting	527	576
CMs training	2	54
Group meeting	533	4264
IPC	10493	10493
Antigen wise Report		
Antigen	June-2021 to March-2022	
Population	145014	
Eligible Population 12 to14 Years Children	8632	
1st dose	356	
Eligible Population 15 to17 Years Children	10590	
1st dose	7962	
2nd dose	3422	
Eligible Population 18 +	89224	
1st dose	86255	
2nd dose	45280	
Total Eligible Population	108486	
1st dose	94573	
2nd dose	48702	





Covid-19 Response

No. of families supported with Hygiene kits and Oximeters	-	1266
Awareness on COVID-19 and CAB	-	4800
Dry Ration kits distributed to families	-	2743
No. of cooked food packets distributed	-	1200





WaSH, Water Sanitation and Hygiene

Safe drinking-water, sanitation and hygiene are inevitable need, water is a precondition for all life. Our very existence depends on it – we drink it, cook with it, use it to maintain even the most basic levels of hygiene. Our earth’s freshwater resources belong to all its citizens. Yet millions of women, men and children around the world face the daily indignities of life without clean water. In our country 1.3 billion people live and around 45 percentage of this population still cannot access safely managed drinking water. That’s approximately 500 million people without proper access to a vital resources it is alarming millions of people die from water borne diseases caused by inadequate water supply, sanitation, and hygiene.

MSS with its competent team members reaching out to the target community and made aware about the importance of WASH (water, sanitation, and hygiene) and Peace. 16 community awareness meetings were held clubbing three villages at one place ensuring participants from all the areas. The target people and youth came forward and formed 174 WASH volunteers.

International Hand-washing day was observed on 15 October 2021 with 270 Community and CBO members, in which their understanding was, developed on hand hygiene.

Focusing on WaSH indicators 84 Micro-plan submitted to different Panchayats out of 62 plans were sanctioned and implemented.

Community mobilisation and engagement activities on WaSH

- CBO orientation Meeting on WaSH 904
- Awareness Meeting on WaSH 896
- School Children’s Sensitization on WaSH 657
- Adolescence Girl’s Sensitization on MHM 500
- IPC sessions conducted 1215





Peace & Harmony - Social Integrity

It is the absolute fact that human life is God's domain but still the humans are trying to take charge of it, in various forms like abortions(chemically and biologically), War between the nations, among people, and frictions between various sections of the societies etc. MSS has taken the lead in the domain of Social Integrity, we are regularly sensitizing the community and promoting the peace and harmony brotherhood among the community through our numerous programs and partnership with the donors and our Stakeholders. Peace and harmony is possible only when people of different opinion and faith sit together to DIALOGUE and find solution. MSS with the support of Caritas Indian and Misserior made a common platform for it through the 'SAMVAD' (DIALOGUE) project.

MSS's team formed 2 district level Citizen Forums to handle any emergency situation of communal riots. 120 members have effectively addressed the 29 rumours that could create commotion across the target area.

24 village level forums with 262 members are engaged in peace promotion through collective approach among the community.

5 collective actions taken by Citizen forums for making provisions for integration of migrants and returnees and their livelihood.

Regular liaisoning with district administration, Education department, NGOs, village leaders, media personals and community for peace and harmony.

Creating a larger public opinion for peace promotion with engagements of children and community members, no such communal violence was registered in the target areas.

35 Peace Clubs at School level are being functioning and appealing for peace and social integrity.

210 Shanti Mitr voluntarily supporting us and mobilizing community for prosperity.

24 street plays were conducted to promote peace and harmony and nearly 5000 people sensitized.





HIV/AIDS



Approximately 38 million people are currently living with HIV, and tens of millions of people have died of AIDS-related causes since the beginning of the epidemic. Many people living with HIV or at risk for HIV infection do not have access to prevention, treatment, and care, and there is still no cure.

The Government of India estimates that about 2.40 million Indians are living with HIV (1.93-3.04 million) with an adult prevalence of 0.31% (2009). Children (<15 years) account for 3.5% of all infections, while 83% are the in-age group 15-49 years. Of all HIV infections, 39% (930,000) are among women. 95 girls enhanced knowledge on HIV/AIDS and its prevention and precautions.

Recognizing Important Days:



Celebration of International Womens' Day 2022 on 8 March 2022



Performance of Women's Day celebration



Celebration of Girl Child Day



Girl Child Day celebration on 8 September 2021



Observation of Environment Day



Celebration of Farmer's Day

Ending notes:

In my ending words, I would like to thank and appreciate all our partners, donor and collaborators and we truly acknowledge their valuable support to MSS. Your proactive decisions and guidance has really strengthening the organization in delivering its service to the human.

Fr. John Chiman
Director
Meerut Seva Samaj

Case Study

A step toward success

'Life' is a dream for everyone in life but to achieve it one has to work very hard, success comes only through hard work and smart work.

My name is Vanshika, I was born and brought up in a village called Buffer in Jani Block. I am a student in class 11th at CLM Inter College in Jani Khurd which is 5 km away from our village. As I have no means of conveyance and public transportation charges are very high, daily I cover this distance on foot along with my friends.

From the beginning, I wanted to come up in life financially and to make tangible my ambition I had an idea to open a beauty parlour in my village.

My father Mr. Raghuraj Singh is a daily wage labourer who broke his piggy bag to help me, my mother supported me the way she could, and I started a cosmetic shop in my village. Meanwhile I was very happy to know about the UDAAN project conducted by MSS and without wasting any time I enrolled my name in beautician course. I completed my course with great interest and now I have converted my small shop of cosmetic to beauty parlour shop.

Vanshika



MEERUT SEVA SAMAJ (F C ACCOUNTS) MEERUT**INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT****F.Y.2021-22****INCOME :**

1,39,72,644.21	01. Specific Project Receipt	1,43,52,876.10
1,00,888.99	02. Bank Interest	1,42,079.75
36,600.00	03. Other Miscellaneous Receipt	31,500.00
1,41,10,133.20	Sub Total 'A'	1,45,26,455.85

EXPENDITURE

1,01,87,206.37	01. Specific Project Expenses	1,33,11,250.12
1,00,888.99	02. Charitable Expenditure	1,80,915.90
36,600.00	03. Administrative & Other Miscellaneous Expenditure	31,500.00
1,03,24,695.36	Sub Total 'B'	1,35,23,666.02
37,85,437.84	Excess of Income over Expenditure. (A-B)	10,02,789.83


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MEERUT SEVA SAMAJ (I C ACCOUNTS) MEERUT**INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT****F.Y.2021-22****INCOME :**

27,05,004.00	01. Specific Project Receipt	17,81,124.00
4,72,798.00	02. Bank Interest & Interest on othersources	5,12,357.00
1,37,833.00	03. Other Source of Income	1,53,236.00
33,15,635.00	Sub Total 'A'	24,46,717.00

EXPENDITURE

34,000.00	01. Specific Project Expenses.	20,000.00
8,21,476.00	02. Charitable Activity Expenditure	1,94,530.00
1,38,131.55	03. Administrative & Other Miscellaneous Expenditure	1,65,666.15
10,53,607.55	Sub Total 'B'	3,80,196.15
22,62,027.45	Excess of Income over Expenditure. (A-B)	20,66,520.85


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