

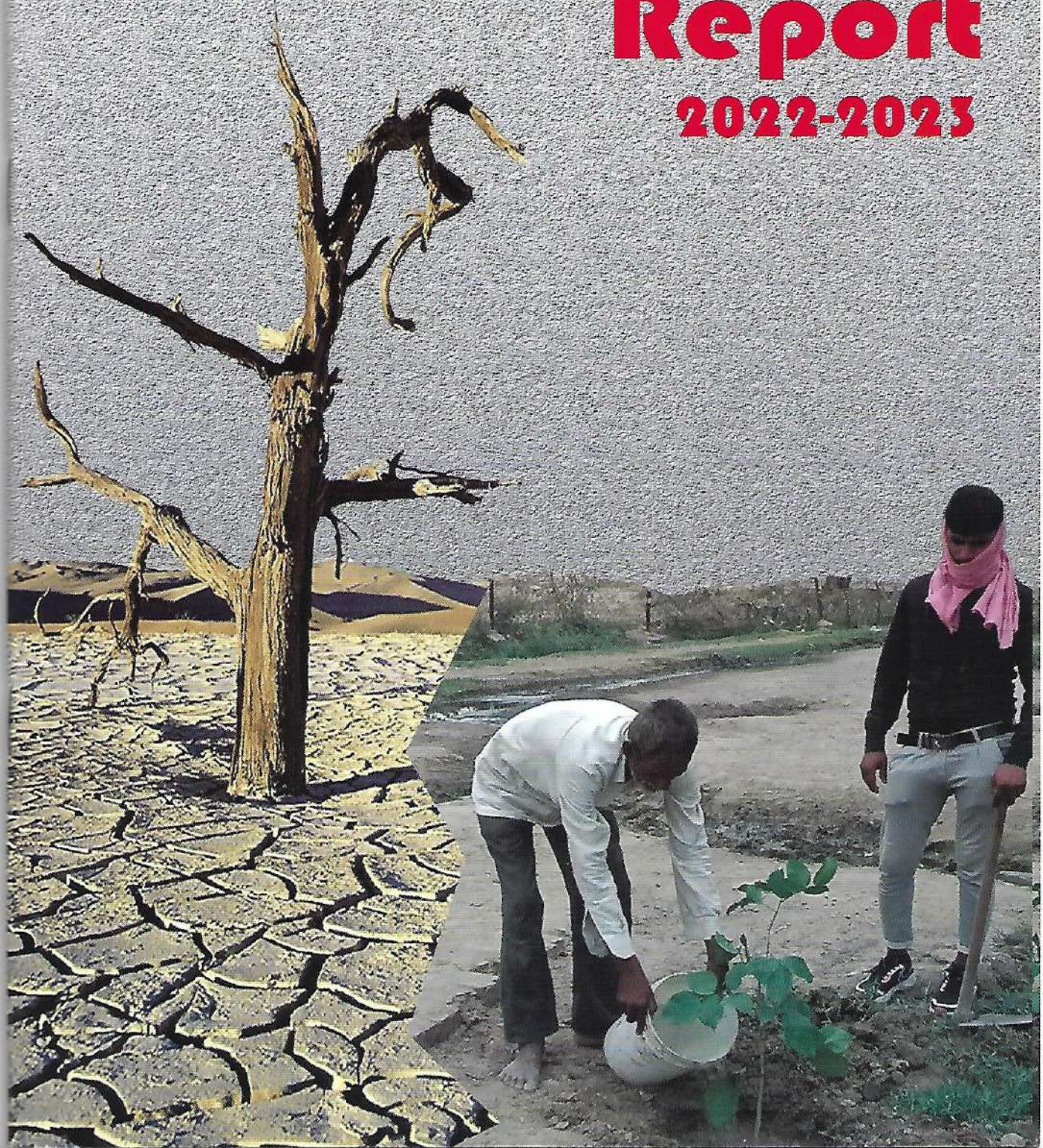


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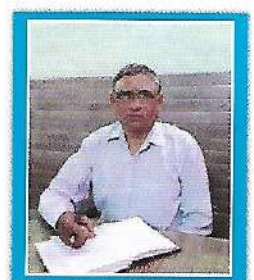
अज्ञानं त्वाँ सुखीकृत्य - Leading from Darkness to Light

Annual Report

2022-2023



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As we are in a new era of social work with the indelible scar of the pandemic, it is essential that we remain focused on our core values of compassion, empathy, and advocacy while also embracing new opportunities to make a real difference in our communities. We must be creative and innovative in our approaches to social work and never forget the importance of our work in helping to address the pressing social issues of our time. We must also prioritize the needs of those we serve and strive to provide holistic and culturally competent care that meets their needs. We must work together to break down systemic barriers that destroys the equilibrium of the society and create meaningful, lasting change—change that is built on justice, equity, and respect. Social workers have the opportunity to make a powerful impact in the communities and the lives of the people they serve. Let us dedicate ourselves to this work and join our hands together to create a brighter future for us all. Indeed, I am happy to express my joy as MSS is not letting any stone unturned to achieve the goal.

On behalf of the Meerut Diocese and the entire MSS team, I would like to thank all of our generous Partners, donors and volunteers for their incredible support. Your support has enabled us to make a real difference in the lives of those we serve. Your kindness and generosity have enabled us to provide essential services, to individuals and families in need and enabled us to expand our programs to reach more people who need our help. Your assistance is truly making a difference in the community, and we are so grateful for it. We couldn't do it without you!

My sincere appreciation to Rev. Fr. John Chiman, Fr. Jomon Joseph, and the entire MSS staff for their tireless effort to embark on the Vision and Mission of MSS to the people at large. I wish and pray that Social Work may become an Art of Listening and the Science of Hope.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Fr. Valerian Pinto".

Fr. Valerian Pinto
President
Meerut Seva Samaj



Director's Desk

Meerut Seva Samaj, since 1977 working for social transformation wherein the marginalized & deprived sections of the community are socially, economically, and politically empowered to lead a life of security, dignity, and prosperity. Prolonged handholding support to the target community through awareness and capacity building has resulted in strengthened people organizations in terms of information, knowledge, and leadership. Sustainable development and Livelihood of the deprived sections is one of the serious issues being handled by MSS.

MSS believes in grassroot participatory planning for development by Safeguarding good traditions, abolishing harmful customs, ownership of the resources, and application of science and technology are some of the ways we follow to develop the people we serve. Benjamin Disraeli says, "The greatest good you can do for another is not just share your riches but reveal to them their own." Strengthening women and adolescent girls and making them aware of their own strengths and qualities of leadership is another domain of MSS. We also enable and empower villages with Eco-sustainable Science & Technology based work plans for techno-economic growth.

I want to thank you most sincerely and acknowledge the incredible generosity and ongoing support of all the donor agencies and our Partners, Caritas India, Manos Unidas, UKSVK, Catholic Relief Services (CRS), Misereor, Missio, Rottenburg, Italian Bishop's Conference, Galway Foundation and Dourala Sugar Mill, your support helps us to uplift the underprivileged and downtrodden section of the society.

I also acknowledge the support rendered by the local administration, governing body members and the entire MSS team for the timely guidance for the systematic function of the MSS. We hope you continue to support our work and to concretize the mission and vision of the MSS.

Fr. John Chiman
Director
Meerut Seva Samaj

Pen From The Assistant Director



Helen Keller, U.S. author, educator, and disability rights advocate said, 'Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.' From the very day of its inception, MSS is trying and succeeded to work together with the beneficiaries. MSS always held high justice, equality peace, and harmony while bringing down the social barriers which destroys the equilibrium of the society. I am confident that together, we can continue to make a difference in socio-economic condition of our country and ensure that the people we serve have access to the resources they need.

Dear Donors and MSS team I want to extend my heartfelt thanks for all the amazing work that you do in our community. Every day, you demonstrate unwavering commitment and dedication to help those in need and improving the lives of those around us. Your uncompromising efforts toward achieving a positive outcome have made a significant contribution to the betterment of our society and our collective future. Thank you for your compassion, your selflessness, and your unwavering commitment to bettering the lives of others. Your work is changing lives and making an impact on our world. Once again, thank you for your hard work and dedication.

I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to all the people who have supported us and made us successful on our journey to be a catalyst of change. Your commitment and generosity have enabled us to do more for the communities we serve. Through our collective efforts, we have helped hundreds of people in need and given them the chance to have a better life. We could not have done this without your support. I am confident that, together, we can continue to make a difference and ensure that the people we serve have access to the resources they need. Thank you for your dedication and for your trust in us.

With warm regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Fr. Jomon Joseph". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath.

Fr. Jomon Joseph
Asst. Director
Meerut Seva Samaj



Meerut Seva Samaj (MSS) is an officially registered social service society, established in 1977 with a primary objective of uplifting the poor and marginalized communities residing in remote villages. MSS has been dedicatedly utilizing its resources to drive social reforms and bring about transformation in the lives of these individuals who often suffer from a lack of awareness, ignorance, and exploitation. Through various means such as animation work, capacity building, skills training, group formation, and education, MSS endeavors to empower the masses and facilitate their development. The organization operates under the guidance of a Board comprising 13 members, with the esteemed Bishop of Meerut serving as the President. Additionally, MSS is supported by a passionate team of social workers who are committed to realizing its mission and goals.

Vision

**Establishment of God's
Kingdom based on
Gospel Values**

Mission

**To strive for human dignity
through an enlightenment
and empowerment progress**

STRATEGIC AREAS

Education:
Non-Formal/
Informal

Gender and
Development

Capacity
Building

HIV/AIDS

Pro-life

Legal Cell.

Child
Labour

People's
Organization

Non-
Conventional
Energy

Natural
Resource
Management

Community
Health (on
communicable
diseases)

Employment
of the
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Employment of the Unemployed / Marginalized Group

MSS emphasizes the living aspects of the underprivileged through its development projects and supports the target families to become self-reliant. Under this theme, we have intervened and the following benefits have been delivered:

Initiative	Benefit reached
Financial support for improving livelihood source	20 families @ Rs.10,000/- each
Sewing machines distributed through Samaj Kalyan Department	7 machines
SHG members linked with village banks as Bank Sakhi	10
Cows received from Animal Shelter by Animal Husbandry Department by MSS intervention	3
Women trained on Income Generation Activities	116



Education: Non- Formal/Informal

As the reliable infrastructure and means of informal education besides the formal education are not accessible to the remote villages and to engrave & attribute their knowledge and skills, MSS has deliberately executed non-formal education to the target community for their progressive approach. The highlights are as follows:

226 trainees acquainted in Basic Computer operation

184 got exelled in Kroshia designing

228 girls educated on Life Skills

40 Girls trained on Bharatnatyam Classical dance form

174 people experienced new learnings from exposure visits.



Capacity Building

Capacity building refers to strengthening the skills, competencies and abilities of people and communities in local grassroots levels so they can achieve their goals and potentially overcome the causes of their exclusion and suffering. So, we have integrated several capacity-building programs on various topics relatively as per program-specific objectives and the beneficiaries are socially and economically empowered and built their capacity and skills.

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1203 Farmers enhanced capacity on sustainable agricultural practice

1152 people capacitated on different Financial Institution & Agricultural department

522 people capacitated on Livestock management

2516 Capacitated on Self Help Group and its management

2286 People capacitated on Govt. Welfare schemes

933 People capacitated on social integrity to form different committees

143 Teachers, ASHA & ASHA Facilitator capacitated on Routine Immunization

142 women participated in 20 Gram Sab^ha meet/Immunization

288 skilled on tailoring

611 skilled on beautician Immunization

46 women become competent on Broom Making

73 Group leaders educated on leadership and SHG functioning



Gender and Development

MSS thoroughly intends to bring gender equality as the present scenario of women and adolescent girls is very pathetic. They are denied of equal rights and provisions as their counterparts. Hence, we have sensitized nearly 3840 women and girls to improve for their social and economic wellbeing in the society.



People's Organization

It is an effective tool to form a group and capacitate them on various subjects to have a common understanding on their specific roles and responsibilities and a collective approach in identifying and addressing the problems and concerns for better perspective of development in different themes. MSS consistently focuses on the formation of groups in its programs to deliver better results and growth for the target community. It is an effective tool to form a group and capacitate them on various subjects to have a common understanding on their specific roles and responsibilities and a collective approach in identifying and addressing the problems and concerns for better perspective of development in different themes. MSS consistently focuses on the formation of groups in its programs to deliver better results and growth for the target community.



Formed Groups	No.	Members
Self Help Group	182	2128
Community-Based Organization	10	100
District Forum	2	140
Farmers Group	36	624
Community Action Group	324	1119
Common Interest Group	50	607
Peace Clubs	60	600
Village Development Committee	25	256
Village Peace Committee	24	372
Volunteers		583
Adolescent Girls Group	99	1292
Youth Groups	148	602

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 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.



266 HH Increased food sovereignty with Sustainable Agricultural Practices



47 Farmers preparing Integrated Nutrient Management



170 Farmers preparing Integrated Pest Management



193 Nutrition Garden Developed



5880 Saplings planted to observe World Environment Day Campaign.



144 Farmers diverted from cash crops to food crops.



5880 Saplings planted to observe World Environment Day Campaign.



38 Vermin Beds installed and 350 people are using the organic produce in their field.



8 Horticulture Units established by the farmers.

Community Health

To bring overall development of the rural populace, health is a vital factor to boost and strengthen the living aspects. Every human being has Right to Health and we therefore promote to the people to have access to health and immunization. MSS has deliberately expelled the various awareness campaign and mobilization activities on health through its human resources and means which has sensitized the community to access health services and schemes provisioned. Few achievements are as under:

1734 women & girls sensitized on Menstrual Health and Sanitation

102 families are accessing nutritious food and nutrition security and upgrading health

1576 people sensitized on Health & Hygiene and Home remedies

186 people benefitted through Health Awareness camps

Facilitated 1812 animals' vaccination

1853 people mobilized for routine immunization participation through Polio Rally

162 Influential people supported convincing the vaccination resistant families

933 children given Hepatitis B Birth dose

1895 children vaccinated with Bacille Calmette Guerin Dose

1614 Children received Oral Polio Vaccine dose

3952 people countered local issues of resisting Routine Immunization by forming 255 Community Action Groups (CAG)



COVID-19 Response Program

To boost the COVID-19 vaccination drive held by the Government, with full throttle, we made aware the community and mobilized them to participate in the vaccination program. In this context, we have conducted many E-Rickshaw Campaign, awareness drives and House visits & Counselling through proper dissemination of information to vaccinate more and more people.

Intervention

Beneficiaries

Info Van COVID-19 Awareness Campaign covering 322 areas	116797
People Sensitized on COVID-19 & Covid Appropriate	28376
Community Action Group engaged in the COVID mobilization	598
COVID-19 vaccine reluctant individual counselled	958
1st dose coverage	110231
2nd dose coverage	98918
Precautionary dose coverage	4662



WaSH- Water Sanitation and Hygiene

Growing up in a clean and safe environment is every child's right. Access to clean water, basic toilets, and good hygiene practices not only keeps children thriving, but also gives them a healthier start in life.

Despite COVID-19 putting the spotlight on the importance of hand hygiene to prevent the spread of disease, three billion people worldwide, including hundreds of millions of school-going children, do not have access to handwashing facilities with soap. People living in rural areas, urban slums, disaster-prone areas and low-income countries are the most vulnerable and the most affected. So, to address the scenario, we have sensitized and mobilized the community and children to practice safe drinking water, proper sanitation, and hygiene.

933 CBO members sensitized on WaSH

1323 people made aware

2685 students mobilized to practise WaSH

714 Adolescent girls sensitized on MHM

617 Volunteers promoting WaSH

4290 IPC conducted



Peace & Harmony-Social Integration

For any sustainable development, the social integration of different communities is a must. Communal riots have a very traumatic impact on the lives of the victims rather than natural disasters. To retain the mutual trust and fraternity of different religious groups, ethnic groups, and cultures, we are engaged in promoting peace & harmony in the highly sensitive areas of Muzaffarnagar and Saharanpur districts. Coordinating with the administrative staff and influential people, we approached the different communities and appealed for social & communal fraternity. A few highlights of the program are as under:

2 District Forums with 140 members capable of handling emergencies.

372 villagers engaged in addressing communal conflicts at village level.

2326 volunteership emerged to tackle fake news & rumours.

600 students promoting Peace & Harmony by conducting 9 Peace Rallies

933 women & adolescent girls coordinated to sensitize communal Harmony

31 street plays organized sensitizing 6000 people.

4591 key stakeholders associated for large public opinion on peace & harmony.

8 Info Van campaign organized to deliver peace messages in the area..



HIV/AIDS

Throughout the centuries, women have been mistreated and socially disadvantaged, living in the shadows, especially in Third World countries. Very frequently, once women are infected, they may be rejected even by their own families. The isolation, living a life entirely different from the rest of the people, creates a remarkable degree of tension. Protection of human rights is a vital prerequisite for eliminating all types of discrimination enforced on the HIV carriers and their families and friends. These facts make information and education regarding HIV infection imperative, so that the existing stereotypes and misconceptions can be corrected. We have sensitized the community on the HIV/AIDS prevention and have behavioural change towards the affected people.



Legal Cell



Our major target population consists of women and adolescent girls and they are very vulnerable and easily exploited by their dominant counterparts. Illiteracy is the main cause that barricades their legal rights. To upgrade their legal knowledge and rights, we carried out training programs and enlightened 120 women and girls to be aware of the legal rights to attain dignified status in society.

Ending note:

Social development is an essential part of the well-being of every individual. There are many relatable differences between economic, social and political status of different communities. MSS is wholeheartedly executing its aims and objectives through many development initiatives which endeavours equality and social justice for every human being. I truly admire MSS and all its workforce in delivering their contribution to bringing socio-economic empowerment to the deprived ones.

Fr. John Chiman
Director
Meerut Seva Samaj

Success Stories

Knowledge is Key to Success



My name is Aarti, and I hail from the beautiful village of Banwaripur. In my family, we are six members, including my loving husband, my caring in-laws, and our two wonderful children—a daughter and a son. For a long time, my husband was the sole provider for our family.

It was during a comprehensive baseline survey that I first learned about the remarkable intervention of Meerut Seva Samaj (MSS). Intrigued and inspired, I felt a burning desire to contribute towards the well-being of my family. Encouraged by this newfound motivation, I joined a Self-Help Group (SHG) and, to my delight, eventually became its President.

During my journey with MSS, an insightful animator informed me about an opportunity as a Bank Sakhi in our block. Although I was initially hesitant and filled with fear, the animator stood by my side and provided unwavering support. With their guidance and encouragement, I mustered the courage to take the exam and, to my delight, successfully cleared it. I quickly enrolled for the position and commenced my work as a Bank Sakhi.

Today, I feel a sense of pride and fulfillment as I assist my fellow group members in establishing strong linkages with the bank. Not only have I been able to increase my family's income, but I have also witnessed a significant improvement in our overall financial condition. The transformation I have experienced is truly remarkable.

In the past, as a housewife, I rarely ventured beyond the confines of our home. However, through the enlightening from the project, I have come to understand the importance of independence. Now, I regularly visit the bank and the block, embracing the newfound sense of empowerment and autonomy that has permeated my life.

The journey with MSS has been a life-changing experience for me. It has awakened within me a sense of purpose, and I am grateful for the opportunities and support that have propelled me towards a brighter future. With each passing day, I am inspired to continue working towards the betterment of my family, my community, and myself.

Thankyou.

Self-Sustaining through Action

Project Uphold the Dignity, which is being implemented in Meerut and Baghpat district by Meerut Seva Samaj and in collaboration with Partner organization Manas Unidas. Anita, worker of Meerut Seva Samaj, village Fazalpur, district Baghpat block Binali formed a group Radhe-Radhe self-help group. Women's group was formed on 1/9/2022, the group was made aware of monthly savings, in which total savings of Rs 10000 were made by the Group members. Due to strong fundamentals, this SHG has obtained CCL by National



Rural Livelihood Mission scheme and got a loan of Rs 15,000 and the group was made aware of the small- scale industry by the motivator Anita and opted to make chowmein. Group bought a machine for making chowmein with the monthly savings of the group, in which all the women of the group cooperated. The group is supplying chowmein in the nearby areas to the food stalls and having



economic sustainability. They acknowledge the intervention of MSS through which they got the inspiration to execute the planning.

Important Celebrations:



Our Supporting Partners



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INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT


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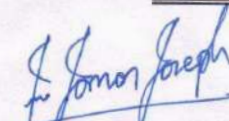
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1,42,079.75	02. Bank Interest	1,10,002.56
31,500.00	03. Other Miscellaneous Receipt	30,150.00
<u>1,45,26,455.85</u>	Sub Total 'A'	<u>1,55,61,698.57</u>

EXPENDIURE

1,33,11,250.12	01. Specific Project Expenses	1,30,52,145.83
1,80,915.90	02. Charitable Expenditure	1,24,420.15
31,500.00	03. Administrative & Other Miscellaneous Expenditure	30,150.00
<u>1,35,23,666.02</u>	Sub Total 'B'	<u>1,32,06,715.98</u>
<u>10,02,789.83</u>	Excess of Income over Expenditure. (A-B)	<u>23,54,982.59</u>


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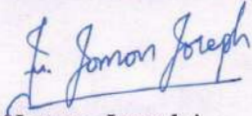
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5,12,357.00	02. Bank Interest & Interest on othersources	5,36,139.00
1,53,236.00	03. Other Source of Income	4,31,822.00
<u>24,46,717.00</u>	Sub Total 'A'	<u>21,37,167.00</u>

EXPENDIURE

20,000.00	01. Specific Project Expenses.	-
1,94,530.00	02. Charitable Activity Expenditure	2,41,831.00
1,65,666.15	03. Administrative & Other Miscellaneous Expenditure	2,79,108.00
<u>3,80,196.15</u>	Sub Total 'B'	<u>5,20,939.00</u>
<u>20,66,520.85</u>	Excess of Income over Expenditure. (A-B)	<u>16,16,228.00</u>


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A hearty welcome to our New President



Rev. Fr. Valerian Pinto

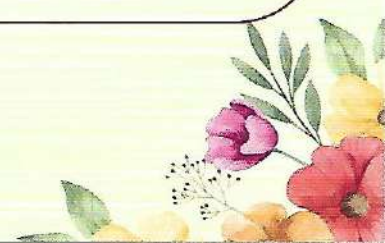
Meerut Seva Samaj is delighted to announce the appointment of Rev. Fr. Valerian Pinto as the new President of our esteemed organization. We are privileged to welcome him and believe that his exceptional qualities of dynamism, charm, and passion make him a truly deserving leader to guide us forward. We have complete confidence that the responsibility of leadership has been entrusted to capable hands.

Congratulations to our Former President



Rt. Rev. Francis Kalist

Meerut Seva Samaj extends heartfelt congratulations to our former President, Rt. Rev. Francis Kalist, on his appointment as the new Metropolitan Archbishop of Pondicherry and Cuddalore, Tamil Nadu. We feel immensely privileged and honored to have had the opportunity to work under his esteemed leadership. His invaluable contributions have been instrumental in translating the vision and mission of MSS into tangible results in the real world.





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