

2021-2022



## Annual Report 2021-2022

# **ANNUAL REPORT** **OF** **SARASWATI EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY** **(2021-2022)**

## **Introduction:**

Saraswati Educational Society is a non-profit-governmental organization working in India for more than 24 years, focusing on alleviating social justice. With the help of our well-planned and comprehensive projects in the health sector, education, women empowerment, children and neglected communities we are trying to empower people from the marginalized communities, more specifically from the most vulnerable groups, leading to improvement in their lives and livelihoods. We are delightfully working with other partners also, who are committed for the welfare of the society.

## **The Society Is Working on The Following Objectives:**

- To sensitize and motivate the people living in the slum areas/J.J. colonies towards environment, HIV-AIDS, Cancer, child labor, women empowerment, road safety, health, hygiene, consumer protection and pollution, etc.
- To conduct/organize training workshops and awareness program and disseminate the concepts of above said topics among the school children, police personnel and public.
- To develop resource material and training manual on various issues for the better Understanding of the above said issues.
- To promote the participation of community for protection of environment through involvement of students, teachers, and local community.
- To encourage all sections of society, particularly slums and rural areas through street plays, personal interviews, counseling, and campaigns.

## **Our Mission:**

Reaching out to maximum number of marginalized sections of the society and ensuring their social development and equal participation in the society . We are committed to honesty & transparency in all our endeavors.

## **Our Vision:**

To work consistently with a believe that every person has the right to live and grow with dignity and eventually give its contribution in creating a “Better India”.

## **Our Values:**

- ✓ Integrity
- ✓ Professionalism/ Teamwork-
- ✓ Discipline
- ✓ Creativity
- ✓ Gender Sensitivity
- ✓ Partnership

## **Our Partners:** Society has been working with following donor agencies:

- Ministry of Minority Affairs (Govt. of India)
- Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (Govt. of India)
- Delhi State AIDS Control Society (DSACS)
- Ministry of environment (Govt. of India)
- Director of Health Services Govt. of NCT, Delhi
- Delhi Urban Shelter Improvement Board Govt. of NCT, Delhi
- Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD).
- Central Social Welfare Board
- Delhi Social welfare Board
- Delhi Commission of women
- Delhi commission of Minority
- Times of India
- Transport Department (Govt. of NCT Delhi)
- Consumer Department (Govt. of NCT Delhi)
- Basic foundation
- HUDCO
- Delhi State Legal Services Authority
- INDIA TV
- Aayug Media Creation
- Indian pollution Control Association
- Lakshmi Elizabeth Charitable Trust
- Prime Research and Advisory Limited
- Goonj

## **Activities carried out in the Year-2021-2022:**

### **Community Based Peer-Lead Intervention (CPLI)**

#### **Funded by Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment National Institute of Social Defense**

The project is specially designed to address the adolescents of 10 to 18 years who are at high risk of getting addicted to drugs. Program is based on the thought that **peer influence plays crucial role in the life of a child**. There trained children called **Peer Educators** who eventually approach and train vulnerable children/ adolescents of 10 – 18 years who are non-users. The project team assess substance use among adolescents in impoverished & marginalized communities, conduct primary prevention activities through awareness programs and thus assure the mitigation of substance use among children/adolescent/youth.

On 31st May we observed Anti-Tobacco Day in our office and children were shown videos on the bad effects of tobacco on our life. Our counsellors addressed the gathering and told them that it's high time that they should understand the bad effect of tobacco.

On 26 of June we organized a drawing competition on drug abuse in our office. After a though provoking discussion on drug abuse and its effect on our life. After this discussion children started drawing. They expressed their emotions and ideas on paper on this subject and best three entries were appreciated and displayed in the office. This not only made them realize the importance of the occasion but also instilled the thought of staying away from drugs much deeper in their psyche.

We as Saraswati educational society understand that lesser is the gap between government officials and common man, healthier is the society. Keeping this in view we organized a meeting between police and youth of our area. On ..... We gathered the children and youth of our area in our office and went to meet the SHO of Laxmi Nagar thana. SHO Mr. Ramesh Prasad Singh warmly welcome us in his office and addressed the gathering. He said that police is also part of the society and they are always available for us. He also said that if a child is in need he/she should not hesitate to ask help from a police personal. Rather as responsible young citizens, children should act as eyes and ears of police. He also briefed about the working of police and said that he want the children

of his area to join police force in large number. Some of the children showed interest in joining police. On that Mr. Singh said that for this they have to focus on their studies and Fitness. Children also said that since they are part of Saraswati educational society they understand the importance of staying fit and away from any bad habit such as drugs. Director of Saraswati educational society Mr. Amit Mishra also addressed children and said that since they are the asset of the country they should stay away from drugs and also out of vices prevalent in the society.



### **Covid-19 Relief Work:**

In these trying times, people are confined to their four walls, several of them without work, and battling hard the blues of the pandemic. During this difficult hour, Saraswati Educational Society has come forward to help those stranded in the Corona-ridden city. SES has been providing the middle class of society with food, groceries, medicines, masks, sanitizers, soaps, vaporizers, and other essentials.





**With the purpose of creating awareness regarding health, SES has been organizing camps in slums and resettlement colonies of East Delhi the camp were observed by the long awareness and covered different issues like general health checkup,, distribution of general medicines spreading knowledge and educating community regarding different health issues and eradicating myths and misconceptions about HIV / AIDS cancer TV dengue etc. SES has also been exhibiting and distributing different materials along with group discussions and one to one interactions for spreading the message of health and fitness**



### **Rape Crisis Cell (RCC) Project Funded by Delhi Women Commission:**

We have been running Rape Crises Cells with the support of Delhi Commission for Women. In our organization, currently there are twenty-six advocates who are working in the RCC program in three districts which covers fifteen advocates appointed in POCSO, seven in SFTC and two in Juvenile Justice Boards (JJB), with one legal supervisor and one assistant legal supervisor taking care of the functioning of all lawyers. There are twenty three advocates . Who are working in the POCSO and special fast track court for assisting the rape victims during their entire court proceedings. Our Advocates also help the victims in getting their grants released for the financial support. There are so many barriers in obtaining justice and critical support services in rape cases. In such cases our advocates stand firmly with the victims and provides them with social-mental support & legal counselling before recording their 164 C.R.P.C statement and thus help in breaking all the walls between the victim & the justice.

### **Legal Awareness Camp**

Saraswati educational society has conducted many legal awareness camps in East District, North east District, south west District Central district, and West district of Delhi. We have team members Advocate shivani, Advocate Kavita , Advocate Rakshita, Advocate Swati Roy, and Advocate Naresh as our resource persons.

Interactive sessions were organized mainly to spread awareness about the Role of DCW and how DCW can help the victims of POCSO Act, Sexual assault and Sexual Harassment with women and children. There was close interaction among resource persons, ladies and children of the community from various areas of Delhi state. More than nine hundred people participated and benefited in the legal awareness camps where they were informed about their rights and to understand their circumstantial problems in detail in case of sexual assault and sexual harassments.

During one such camp Judge Saima Jameel also came and addressed the women from the community she told them about the laws of marriage and rights of women in case of separation and divorce.



### **Targeted Intervention (TI) Project Funded ByDsacs (Delhi Govt.)**

Targeted interventions are a resource-effective way to prevent HIV and run care programs in settings with low-level and concentrated HIV epidemics. They are also a cost-effective method of reaching people who are most at risk in more generalized epidemics.

In order to control the spread of HIV/AIDS and to reduce the rate of STI/RTI our organization has been running two TI projects in Delhi. One is in Southwest Delhi and another in Northeast Delhi. The target population is approximately a thousand for southwest and thousand for northeast Delhi. We are also dedicatedly working towards generating awareness, aiming at offering prevention and care services to high-risk population of Male having Sex with Male-MSM within the communities. We are not providing them with the information, means and skills they need to minimize HIV transmission but also enhancing their access to care, support and treatment services.

For spreading knowledge and creating awareness regarding HIV/AIDS our Outreach Workers visit the target area daily. The Outreach Workers contacted MSMs and clients. With the help of one to one interaction which is well planned, they establish rapport with the clients. All the following steps are followed during the interaction with the community:

- Discussion on general health issues.
- Enhancing knowledge about STD and HIV-AIDS.
- Clarification of Myths, taboos, doubts and misconceptions.
- To provide knowledge of safer sex practices including correct and consistent use of condom.



- Providing information regarding treatment.
- Information of existing health care services.
- Condom demonstration.
- To encourage them for counselling with counsellor or doctor.
- To provide them pamphlets.
- Fixing date and time for next meeting.



### **Individual Counseling**

It is the confidential dialogue between the client and a service provider which involves the assessment of risk behavior, mental status, problem identification of the client and assisting them to take informed decisions about their future course of action. Our trained and experienced counsellors have succeeded in creating confidential dialogue with clients which involves assessment of risk behavior, mental status problem identification of the client and assist them in taking informed decision about their future course of action. Prevention of STD / HIV infection requires behavioral changes in the individual. Since awareness generation activities alone are rarely enough to make people at risk take safety measures, our counsellors have been focusing on motivating male sex workers to examine their own risk and behaviors and thus ensure that the clients not only succeed in identifying options of safe behaviors but also develop the necessary skills to negotiate and become capable of adopting these safe behaviors. Do mass media and information campaigns can raise awareness we focus on and ongoing interpersonal approach which is needed to ensure the required behavioral change

### **STD/RTI Treatment Services:**

Provision of STD treatment is an important component of AIDS prevention program. Research has clearly demonstrated that provision of STD treatment services at community level and educational programs which promote the usage of services can reduce HIV transmission substantially up to 40%. Our counsellors take prompt and effective case detection and ensure treatment which results in immediate health benefits for individual patients. They also ensure curative case detection and treatment which also includes promotion of condoms / sterilized needle use for those groups/individuals who are at highest risk of acquiring STD and HIV infection.

### **Group Meeting with HRG Population**

It is specially important for MSM to know basic facts and essential preventive measures for STD and HIV/AIDS as this core group is especially prone to STDs and usually confuse symptoms. For this our counsellors are adopting the approach of addressing small group meetings with 4 to 6 persons. These core groups are addressed by the outreach workers or peer educators, at place of their convenience where each group member can share his experience with others and learn in this process. This activity lasts for 1 to 2 hours. Each Outreach worker conducts group meetings daily with HRG population. All the issues of HIV / AIDS are discussed in details with the help of flip charts and other IEC materials as described in one to one interaction.

### **Education And Communication For Behavior Change-Peer Education:**

Our counsellors have been intending and training our peer educators for communicating information about STDs and HIV / AIDS which is seemingly difficult. As it is necessary to discuss sexual practices (A culturally taboo subject) and in order to be effective, bring the communication to a very personal level, 10 people from the target group who are culturally and physically closer to each other and whose values are similar, are being selected as peer educators. It is these Peer Educators who disseminate the message of STD and HIV/AIDS, motivating those in need to adopt required behavioral change. These Peer Educators are not only carrying forward the message in an informal manner and promoting condom usage within the pure groups and providing information but also promoting clinic services and motivating people to seek proper help for the treatment of STD.

### **Condom Promotion**

We have been promoting condom use and ensuring easy access to good quality and affordable condoms. For this we adopt social marketing techniques which is an important component of our program. Our team has been providing free condoms to female sex workers and clients. Peer educators middleman rickshaw pullers etc local Pan shop / t-shops / Dhaba owners are used as depot holder for supply of condoms.

### **Counseling and Testing Promotion**

VCT ( Voluntary counselling and testing ) has a vital role to play within a comprehensive range of measures for HIV/AIDS prevention & support. VCT is promoted as part of advance intervention program for Core Groups. The objective is to prevent further spread of HIV, The counselling process helps an individual to evaluate his/her personal risk for HIV transmission, facilitate choice for HIV testing, provide emotional support before and after the HIV test. In this process the actual HIV testing services are provided through effective linkages with ICTC centers and MITWA mobile van with the support of DSACS/ Govt. Hospitals. People whose test is negative, have counselling, guidance, and support to help them remain negative by initiating and maintaining safer sexual behavior. People who get positive status can have early access to wide range of services including medical care, ongoing emotional support and social support. These patients are registered in ART Clinics for ART Treatment and after that sent for CD - 4 counts.

### **Advocacy Meetings**

For the smooth functioning of project it is mandatory to organize meetings on regular basis for police pimps, madam's etc, and enlist, orient and update them about the project activities. available treatment, facilities and condoms. For this our counsellors have been organizing special interactive sessions / meetings with the main group leaders which includes madam famous middleman local health service providers police personal etc. This facilitates the creation of micro environment, conducive to safe behavior and usage of condom. This approach which is mainly based on initiating an open discussion within the group on HIV / AIDS / STDs and sexual health issues. By adopted this approach, our team has succeeded in creating the social conditions necessary to reduce vulnerability and thus provided basic health facilities to commercial sex workers and their clients.

### **Crisis Intervention Centre (CIC) Project Funded By The Delhi Women Commission**

Saraswati Educational Society has been running CIC program in southwest, Dwarka and west district of Delhi. Our counselors are diligently working with victims to reduce the ongoing trauma and provide counselling to the rape victim, their families and immediate-attached community. We ensure the confidentiality of the victim and provide support to the victim in some of the legal proceedings such as M.L.C., F.I.R., shelter etc. Our C.I.C. team has got the privilege of helping approximately thousand of the rape victims during this year.

### **Mobile Helpline Number (181) Funded by the Delhi Women Commission.**

To help women in distress, Delhi Commission for Women (DCW) started the phone 'Helpline 181' in March 2000. The phone number is advertised in the public and the women in distress are encouraged to seek counselling as per need 24\*7 throughout the year. Saraswati Educational Society has been running mobile help line in southwest, Najafgarh and East districts of Delhi. Our trained counsellors are dedicatedly working in eight hours shift, 24x7 throughout the year. Our counsellors listen to the problems on phone and counsel the complainant to solve their problem as soon as possible and thus getting M.L.C., F.I.R., Complaint etc. registered. Problems which require counselling of the other party (accused) are advised to be registered in the commission personally. We are proficiently dealing over more than five hundred cases in a month.





### **Mahila Panchayat Project Funded by the Delhi Women Commission.**

Mahila Panchayat (MP) was launched in the year 2001 by the Delhi Commission for Women. It is an initiative taken up for legal empowerment of women and for distress redressal at the community level. Groups of community women, identified by NGOs, form a panchayat in their area, take up local disputes, counsel the two parties and assist them in reducing violence and disputes in their locality. There are two para-legal workers in a panchayat. These women are selected from the community, are trained in the different laws pertaining to women and guided in the process of handling a case and counselling women in distress. Saraswati Educational society has been running two Mahila Panchayats in Laxmi Nagar and Jagat Puri area with the support of Delhi Commission of Women. Mahila Panchayat has a group of 50 women who are actively working for spreading awareness among the women in the community about their legal rights and

provide them family as well as individual counselling. Our Society has organized various legal rights workshops by advocates from Delhi Legal Aid Services Authority, camps for minorities, seminars on mental health of women, helping old-aged widows and we have succeeded in uniting thousands of families in distress.



### **Promoting Environmental Education Among Schools:**

The Saraswati Educational Society (SES) has been engaged in the organizing environmental camps, programs, training workshops etc. the main objective of these educational programs is to disseminate environmental education among school community (both students and teachers). The Programs (painting

competitions, essay writing competitions debates, rallies, health camps etc.) Organized by Saraswati Educational Society has helped a lot in spreading the Message of environmental conservation and protection among students and through them to general masses. The Society has organized the following activities for disseminating environmental awareness among school community:

- 1) Environmental Camps
- 2) Various Competitions
- 3) Training Workshop
- 4) NEAC Program
- 5) Plantation



### **Training Workshops and Demonstrations:**

Training Workshops were conducted on the following topics in the schools and general community:

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| (1) Solid Waste Management        | (2) Vermicomposting         |
| (3) Rainwater Harvesting and WASH | (4) Environmental Pollution |

The Society has also demonstrated the concept of Vermicomposting and Rainwater Harvesting to the target group.

### **National Environmental Awareness Campaign:**

This Year also, the Society has been organizing for the NEAC Program. Saraswati Educational Society has organized workshop for one day as a part of National Environment Awareness Campaign. Approximately 70 participants attended this workshop.

### **Consumer Educating/Awareness Programmes:**

The society has organized various education and awareness programs for capacity building on consumer's protection. The education and awareness have been provided to the consumers in which they were made aware about their rights and how to protect those rights. These programs have been organized especially for the following target groups:

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| (1) Women           | (2) Youth          |
| (3) School Students | (4) General Public |

### **Celebration Of World Consumer Day:**

The society has also celebrated the World Consumer Day this year. With local community various programs like essay writing Quizzes etc. were organized. The program has motivated local community in promoting and protecting the consumer's right.

### **Road Safety Programs:**

The Society has organized 7 awareness programs on Road safety among school going students and within the community also. Which are as follows:

#### **Awareness Camps:**

In the awareness camps, primary survey was conducted in the schools to find out the knowledge of the students about the road safety.

### **Remedial and non formal education:**

The society run an education center to provide education to poor students of SC/ST /OBC and weaker section of the community. The society is running the remedial center& learning centers for the student. This program was especially for the student those are not going to any formal school having the agebetween 6 to 14 years, nearly 65 students get benefited through this program.



### **Family Counselling:**

Society run a family counseling center at administrative office of the society. The focus is on extending counseling to women in difficulties, thus enabling them to solve the crisis in lives. Society has a pool of senior advocates, providing legal counseling to the target community. The society is also associated with Delhi social welfare Board and conducting women awareness program time to time.

### **Health Awareness Program:**

SES emphasizes the importance of public health as a multi disciplinary endeavor to meet the health needs of people from the community. The health scenario in our country demands both curative as well as preventive measures for deadly diseases like TB, cholera typhoid malaria cancer etc. It is a matter of big concern especially for people living in the poor and unhygienic environment of slums in urban India and most of the patients remain untreated or partially treated due to poverty, inadequate services or lack of awareness. SES has taken active action to provide basic health services for these under



privileged community and the succeeded in promoting health awareness, immunization family planning balance diet and hygiene within the community. We have also conducted awareness camp on WASH and safe drinking water. This also includes awareness program on anti quackery as in slum areas quacks are found to be active. Our team specially focus on disseminating information against quackery, encouraging people from availing proper medical help and services.

### **Cancer-Care**

In its commitment to elevate cancer care, Saraswati Education Society has organized three screening and awareness camps in Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh. These initiatives have enabled SES to proficiently screen more than 95 individuals for cancer. These health camps serve as pivotal platforms for disseminating essential information concerning cancer prevention, early detection, and available treatment options. The emphasis on screening reflects a proactive approach aimed at identifying potential cases in their early stages, thereby facilitating timely intervention and enhancing treatment outcomes.

### **Recreation Centre for Old Widows**

SES has been running a recreation center especially for old age widows at Northeast Delhi. We are rendering our services to 25 old widows and providing them recreation, health, and nutritional facilities.

### **Health Awareness Camps**

With the purpose of creating awareness regarding health, SCS has been organizing camps in slums and resettlement colonies of East Delhi. The camps were observed by day long awareness sessions and covered different issues like general health checkup, distribution of general medicines spreading knowledge and educating community regarding different health issues and eradicating myths and misconceptions about HIV / AIDS, Cancer, TB, Dengue etc. Our team has also been exhibiting and distributing different IEC materials along with group discussions and one to one interactions for spreading the message of health and fitness.

### **Housing & Environmental Sustainability Funded by HUDCO:**

Saraswati Educational Society (SES) has been engaged in the organizing Housing and

Environmental Sustainability program, training workshops etc. the main objective of this educational program is to disseminate environmental education among the people of community.

DLSA ( Delhi Legal Services Authority) organized a legal awareness camp in our SES Kishan Kunj office. Where Judge Siema Jamil (Judge Karkardoma Court) briefed more than 80 women from the community on the laws and issues related with 'DOMESTIC VIOLENCE'. Community members asked questions in the end which were answered by Judge Jamil.

SES is committed towards connecting the community with various governmental benefits and schemes.

### **SamvidhanDiwas**

In collaboration with Kailash Satyarthi children's foundation we celebrated Sanvidhan Diwas. On this occasion we organized meetings at Kalyan Puri,18 Block, Trilok Puri, Ambedker Park, Vishwakerma Park of Laxmi Nagar, Yamuna Khader, East Delhi and read preamble of our Constitution. We also discussed various unique features of our constitution. More than 50 children and adults read the preamble on this occasion.

# Constitution Day organised by SES

**Zaki Haidar (DNL)**

Today, on the occasion of the Constitution Day, an event was organised by a joint effort of Saraswati Educationl Society and Kailash Satyarthi Children Foundation at different locations in east Delhi that included Laxmi Nagar, Shakarpur, Trilokpuri, Kalyanpuri, Yamuna Khadar and Sanjay Lake. The preface of the constitution was explained in Hindi to the people who at-



tended the event. SES President Amit Mishra made the people aware about the duties categorically mentioned in the book of constitution. The children swore to sincerely exercise their rights and perform the duties assigned to them. Amit Mishra elaborately talked about justice, equality, freedom and establishing the values of brotherhood. Inderraj, Leena, Shalini, Rajesh and others registered their presence.

## Jan Samvad

On 28 of February, under the joint ages of Kailash Satyarthi Children's Foundation SES organized a public dialogue on child sexual abuse and child trafficking. Where stakeholders, survivors' families, media persons and children came on one platform and discussed their queries and concerns in length. All the guests signed as a pledge for raising their voice against Child Sexual Abuse and Child Trafficking. On this occasion Miss Saima Jameel (Judge Karkardoma Court), SDM Rajendra Kumar, Miss Nidhi Dwivedi member of DCPCR, Miss Renu Love chairperson of CWC-1V, Mr Ramesh Prasad SHO Thana Laxmi Nagar, Miss Apeksha Kumari, assistant professor faculty of Law, DU, Miss Swati Roy member of CWC, Miss Vasudha, DCPO, Miss Rakshita

Mishra, Senior advocate JJB, and POCSO joined the panel and answered the questions of



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### **Camp for legal documentation (Aadhar)**

SES is committed for providing services to its community/underprivileged and marginalized sections of the society. Connecting the community with the government schemes and services is an important part of the work done by SCS. Since lack of proper documents is big lacuna of our system, from 15-12-2021 to 17-12-2021 SES organized an Aadhar Camp of three days. Where more than 50 members from the community got their Aadhar Cards made.

### **Ration and cloth distribution**

Under the joint ages of Goonj, an organization providing ration and clothe packet, SCS identified more than 70 women who were in dire need of help. These women were invited in our office and were distributed a packet which contained 2 kgs of roasted chana, two blankets, one Dari, two pairs of slippers, two sweaters and one mosquito net.