

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2017 ~2018



Seva Sangh Samiti

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Golden Jubilee celebration of Seva Sangh Samiti

It was in the year 1968 when Seva Sangh Samiti, a social organisation dedicated towards alleviating the miseries and problems of the poor and needy through its various schemes and activities was born. Rev. Father Francoise Laborde the founder of Seva Sangh Samiti along with some local members pledged to devote themselves in the service of the people.

Today, in the year 2017, Seva Sangh Samiti has become a household name in social service for the poor through its various projects and activities in Health & Nutrition, Education, Vocational Training and multifarious services all over West Bengal. Walking in glory of dedicated service, Seva Sangh Samiti celebrated its Golden Jubilee on 17th December 2017.

The golden jubilee celebration was held at Samiti's office, 12 Watkins lane, Howrah -711101. The function started at 11 am. The hall was beautifully decorated and photos of past and present activities and also of late and present members adorned the two side of the wall. The hall was packed with workers, members and distinguished guests. The M.C of the ceremony was Mr. Reginald John, the administrator of Seva Sangh Samiti.

At the start of the function all the distinguished guests and officials were garlanded by the workers, thereafter the Honorary President Mr. Swapan kumar China delivered the inaugural speech. He welcomed all the people present. He lauded the work of the Samiti in serving the poor. He thanked the various donors and sponsors for their fund and support which helps the Samiti in its mission in serving the needy people. He also thanked all the staff and the workers for their dedicated service in supporting the Samiti in its mission and vision. Honorary General Secretary Dr. Rajab Ali read the report of the numerous projects and activities for the last 50 years (1968 - 2017).

Brother Gaston Dayanand spoke about his association with the Samiti since its inception and made alive the various works he did with the workers, mainly in the slum and rural areas of Howrah. He was happy that the Samiti is carrying on its ideals and commitments in the area of Social Service.

Rev. Father laborde the founder of Seva Sangh Samiti inspite of his deteriorating health conditions, was present. He gave a beautiful experience of his association with the Samiti which he tendered and nourished from his heart. It was really nostalgic when he recollected the past memories and felt happy that the seed which he planted had blossomed into a giant tree, touching the hearts and lives of lakhs of people through its various projects & activities.

Mr. Antonio Mesas Garcia of Fundacion Colores De Calcuta spoke about his association with Seva Sangh Samiti since 12 years and he is very much happy and pleased amongst us sharing his experience and work with our team.

Other distinguished guests spoke and praised the work of Seva Sangh Samiti for the development of the local community in the area.

The program marked the end with a lunch for the guests and workers.

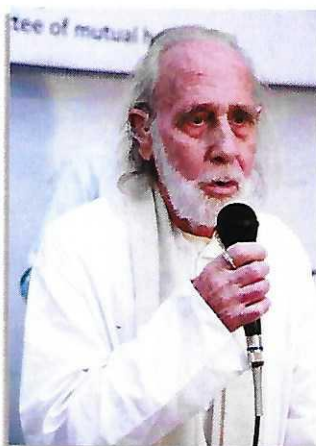


MEMORIES

Golden Jubilee celebration of Seva Sangh Samiti



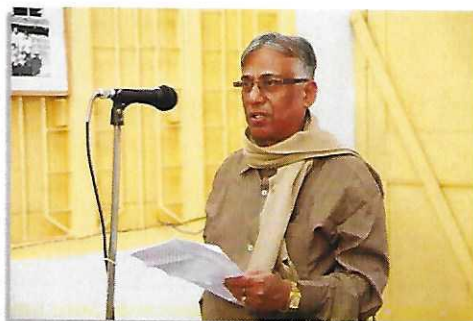
Rev. Father Francoise Laborde
(founder of Seva Sangh Samiti)



Brother Gaston Dayanand



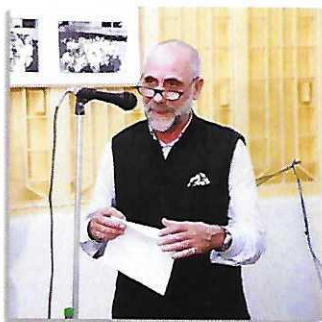
General Secretary SSS - Dr. Rajab Ali



President SSS - Mr. Swapan kumar China



Vice President SSS - Mr. Pradip Kumar Banerjee



Mr. Antonio Mesas Garcia
Fundacion Colores De
Calcuta



Mr. Reginald John
Administrator - Seva Sangh Samiti



Father Laborde greeted by workers
and guests



Governing Body of Seva Sangh Samiti



Members, workers & guests at the
celebration

Report about activities of Seva Sangh Samiti for the period April 2017 to March 2018

Mr. President, ladies and gentlemen. We are glad to announce that Seva Sangh Samiti celebrated its 50 years of social work for the poor and needy people of our society on 17th December 2017. We were extremely grateful to Rev. Father Francoise Laborde, founder of Seva Sangh Samiti to be present amongst us on the occasion.

50 years of service of Seva Sangh Samiti represents a lot of dedication and spirit by many people for so many beneficiaries. I hope and pray that those have cooperated so generously united for the same cause. It has encouraged all those who are working today at Seva Sangh Samiti.

Seva Sangh Samiti concentrated on the following activities to help to improve the condition of the life of the poor and needy people.

- Health and Nutrition
- Education
- Vocational Training

This has been possible because of our main donor Les Amis De Seva Sangh Samiti – France who is funding us since the inception of Seva Sangh Samiti, supported by Colores de Calcutta Foundation – Spain, who has been supporting us since 12 years, Mr. Jean Paul Parisod – Switzerland who has been with us for the last 30 years and Mundos Unidos – Spain since 7 years.

Pilkhana Medical Centre

In Pilkhana Medical Centre we have eight successful departments running. They are General Medical and Surgery, Paediatric & Nutrition Dept. (Ricket Home and Creche), Gynaecology, Tuberculosis, Physiotherapy, Dental clinic, Eye and E.N.T. Medicines and consultations are provided free of cost to the patients. Only Rs. 20/- is charged from the patients for registration of medical cards.



Newly renovated waiting hall of Pilkhana Medical Centre

• Medical and Surgical Department

In this department patients with different types of diseases are treated e.g. Diarrhea, Gastritis, Skin, Hypertension, Allergy, Asthma, etc. Minor Surgery and dressing is also done here.



No. of patients treated during the Period - 5372
(April 2017 to March 2018)

One general physician looks after this department. Monday to Saturday from 10 am to 1 pm, patients from the slums of Pilkhana and surrounding areas come for treatment. In case of major ailments patients are referred to hospital. We try to offer high quality and accessible health care that improves the general health of the patients in the neighborhood. We work on action to promote focused health education and early deceased detection that can guarantee faster and more efficient treatment.

Tuberculosis Department

As mentioned in our earlier report, Tuberculosis is primary an illness of respiratory system and is communicated to others by coughing, sneezing, etc. The disease, is curable by medicines, the medicines have to be taken by patients regularly for six months to one year depending on the severity of the cases. If medicines are stopped before six months, the disease reappears. The patients are now taught to be aware of the danger if they discontinue the medicines and for this awareness a programme



Patient at Pilkhana Medical Centre for health Checkup.

is held every month for the patients at our Medical Centre.

One qualified Doctor (Chest Specialist) looks after this department. It works 3 days in a week Tuesday – Thursday – Saturday from 10 AM to 12 noon.

No. of patients Treated during April 2017 to March 2018 -1531

Paediatric Department

Paediatric department is mainly for the children from birth period to 6 years of age. It runs 3 days in a week Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 2 pm to 4 pm. A lady Doctor looks after this clinic assisted by paramedical staff.



A child being examined at the Paediatric Department

No. of patients treated during April 2017 to March 2018 is 1514

Gynaecology Department

Gynaecology Department is only for the female patients between the age group of 16 to 70 years old. A lady Doctor (Gynaecologist) looks after this department, 3days in a week, Tuesday – Thursday – Saturday from 9 A.M. to 11 A.M.



A patient being examined in the Gynaecology department

No. of patients treated during April 2017 to March 2018 - 1542

Dental Clinic

Dental Clinic started in 2014 at Medical Centre is running extremely well many poor patients with dental problem who cannot afford to pay the fees of the doctors which is very high comes here for treatment. We are happy to see many poor patients being benefited by this Clinic. One qualified dentist visits the Clinic four days in a week, Monday 9am to 11 am, Tuesday 12 Noon to 3.30pm, Wednesday 9 am



Dentist Examining a patient at the clinic in MC

to 10 am, Thursday 12 Noon to 3.30 pm. It's a free dental clinic for the poor and needy patients.

No. of patients treated from April 2017 to March 2018

Filling	43
Extraction	323
Scaling & Cleaning	68
Conservative Rehabilitation	78
Consultation + Medication	1317
Total	1826

EYE

Since the year 2016, Seva Sangh Samiti opened an Eye clinic in Medical Centre for the benefit of the local poor and needy people of Pilkhana and surrounding areas where people can be treated with all types of eye related problems except major surgeries. The clinic runs three days in a week, where an Ophthalmologist visits once in a week on Tuesday 10 am to 12 noon. And an Optometrist comes twice in a week, Wednesday and Thursday 10 am to 12 noon.



Optometrist at eye checkup clinic in Medical Centre



Ophthalmologist at Eye Clinic , Pilkhana Medical Centre

During this year altogether 964 patients were treated and 110 people received spectacles . The patients contribute 50% of the total cost of the spectacles and 50% is paid by Samiti. Very poor patients get free of cost.

ENT (Ears, Nose & Throat)

We are pleased to announce that the ENT department started functioning from 2017 and it is running successfully. A specialized ENT Doctor comes twice in a week Monday and Saturday 10am to 12 Noon.



ENT specialist at work in the clinic, Medical Centre
No. of patients treated during the year - 419



Physiotherapy Department

This department is for disabled male and female patients who need physiotherapy, young and old. As there are a few physiotherapy Centre nearby, and the charges are very expensive, it is beyond the reach of poor patients to get themselves treated. Therefore, the patients come here for a free and fair treatment. This dept. is a blessing in disguise for the poor patients.

One qualified physiotherapist and his assistants look after this department. It runs 5 days in a week, Monday to Friday from 10 AM to 1PM for outside patients and from 2 PM to 3.30 PM for Ricket Home and Creche children.

No. of patients treated for different types of cases are as follows:

Physiotherapy of outsider children	778
Electrotherapy	1089
Cervical Traction	901
Pelvic Traction	851
Massage of Creche and Ricket home children	849
Yoga Treatment	339
Total	4807

Pharmacy Unit

There is a pharmacy unit where medicines are distributed to the patients as per the prescription of our Doctors. One qualified pharmacist looks after the pharmacy. The medicines are purchased from community development medicinal unit which is specialized in sales of quality generic medicines to NGOs.



Pharmacist distributing medicines at the Medical Center

Awareness Programme

Every month Health Awareness Programme is held at our Pilkhana Medical Centre for the parent of children of Ricket Home and Creche and other units. Each Doctor of Medical centre

gives lessons on different topic of their respective unit.

The aim is to educate the people on Health and Hygiene. Since most of the patients being poor and not quite intelligent to understand the actual situation, this awareness programme is very helpful and necessary. Preventive care is also taught for it is at the very beginning that most of the common diseases in a slum could be avoided.

Nutrition Centre (Ricket Home)

Children suffering from malnutrition are admitted here for treatment. The children are kept here during the day and sent back home every evening with necessary medicines and milk for the night. The idea of sending the children home every evening is that, it is not desirable that these children loose contacts with their parents and also the parents do not shake off all the responsibilities towards their children, so that their emotional and psychological growth are not hampered. In the morning they come back again. The children admitted here are from 4 months to 2 years old.



Children at Ricket Home



Children at Ricket Home

It is a pity to see the conditions of the health of the children at the time of admission in the Home, but it is very satisfying to see their improvement in health when they are cured and discharged from the Centre. Hale and Hearty from a Skinny baby to a bonny baby.

The Centre runs 5 days in a week Monday to Friday from 9 am to 4 pm. There were 19 children, 7 children were cured and discharged to Creche Centre. Two children left without any information. Nine new children have been admitted. Now there are 19 children. The children of Ricket & Creche receive food, milk, fruits, medicines etc.

Creche Centre

Children of poor working mothers mostly from the slums who have nobody to look after their wards while they go for work are kept here. The children are not only looked after and taken care of, but they are also taught Alphabets, Reading, Writing, Drawing, Games etc.

The children admitted here are from 2 years to 4 years of age. After they are discharged they are admitted in outside school for which 50%

of the admission fees are paid by us. There were 36 children, 5 children were discharged and admitted in outside school, 7 children were admitted from Ricket Home, 4 new children have been admitted.



Children at Creche Centre being taught

These Ricket Home and Creche children are in a way direct contribution towards development of slum children. It runs 5 days in a week, Monday to Friday 9 am to 4 pm. Now there are 42 children.

Milk Distribution to Outside Children

Very poor malnourished children are given Lactogen Milk (400 gm.) and 1 packet Cerelac (300 gm.) every week to consume at their

home on the advice of our paediatrician. The children are between the age group of 4 months to 2 years. The children are mostly from the slums of Pilkhana and surrounding areas.



No. of children benefited every week 60

Baniniketan Education Centre

In this Centre three projects are running:

- Banipur free primary school.
- Tailoring training for women/ girls.
- Banipur free charitable dispensary.

BANIPUR SCHOOL

The Teachers & Staff of Baniniketan Education Centre serve the children with full devotion irrespective of caste creed or religion. Apart from the regular Education, handicraft and physical Training subjects are also taught here. Food Stationeries, Uniform, etc are also provided to the students. We also teach discipline good behavior, lessons of co-existence among the students so that they apply it in their life and become good citizens of our Country. Students of today are Leaders of tomorrow.

Final examination was held from 28.11.2017 to 08.12.2017 and the results were declared on 16.12.2017 . On the whole the students

performance were very satisfactory. Ten students passed Class IV and they were given transfer Certificate, so that they can get admission in another School and pursue their studies. Twenty five new students have been admitted. There are five qualified teachers 2 cook, 2 sweepress and a Caretaker.



CLASS	BOYS	GIRLS	NO. OF STUDENTS
KG	10	13	23
CLASS I	14	05	21
CLASS II	11	06	17
CLASS III	05	03	08
CLASS IV	08	03	11
TOTAL	48	30	78

The **Annual Sports of Baniniketan Education Centre** was held on 24th February 2018 at the ground of Banipur Home. Mr. Pradip Banerjee vice president of Seva Sangh Samiti, Mrs. Rita Minj General Treasurer, Mr. Antonio Mesas Garcia amd Madam Maria de Muns both representatives of Fundacion Colores de Calcuta were present on the occasion and also a few local guests. The parent/guardians were also invited. All the children were present in the event.

There was also an event for the tailoring trainees, guests and for the workers of Banipur Home as well. The children enjoyed to the fullest. After the sports all the children were served a packet of food. Everyone appreciated the effort of all those who were involved in organizing the sports and making it a success.



VOCATIONAL TRAINING AT BANIPUR HOME

The tailoring training Course (January to December 2017) was Completed in the month of December 2017.

In this training, not only young girls but also some aged and married women come to learn Tailoring training, because after the training

they hope to earn some money and help them to supplement the family income. Most of the trainees are not educated. There were 40 trainees in the session 2017, in which 11 left because of their personal reason and did not complete the training course.



BANIPUR FREE CHARITABLE DISPENSARY

Banipur Dispensary is showing quite good response. Local people are very happy with dispensary. Apart from outsiders who come for treatment here, students, trainees and staff also avail the facilities of free treatment.



Total 2517 patients (Male - 467, Female -1448, Children -602) were treated during the year April 2017 to March 2018.

One qualified Doctor, a Nurse and a pharmacist looks after the dispensary. The patients receive free medicines and consultation. It runs 3 days a week from 3pm to 5pm, Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Emergency Help

It is very unfortunate that the poor patients who cannot afford to see the local doctor for major ailments go to Govt. Hospitals with the hope that they will receive treatment and medicines free of cost. But sadly they receive only the treatment and not all the medicines. So they come to us for help. We try to help the poor and destitute patients in a small way according to our capacity.

No. of patients who received medical and other help – 398

Coaching Class

Coaching class is held at our premises at 12, Watkins lane. Here students from the slums come for coaching class, mainly in Bengali subject since 90% of the students are Hindi and Urdu speaking and they find difficulty in understanding the subject.

Students from Classes 6 to 10 study here under the guidance of a qualified lady teacher.

Timings from Mon to Fri between 3 – 5 pm.



No. of students who attend on an average – 14

Anand Bhavan

Anand Bhavan is a residential home for 30 girls and adolescents between the age of 4 -19 years belonging to families living in extreme poverty in different parts of Howrah and Kolkata. They live together in the home.

Anand Bhavan provides a secure and caring environment growth where girls reside under the careful supervision of warden. The Home covers their basic needs their education, food, clothing, hygiene, medical etc. The girls go to school according to their medium of language (Hindi and Bengali).

Apart from academic education they also go for cultural outing and excursion.



Students performing at the Annual function.

Statistical figure of Anand Bhavan

Class	No. of Girls studying
Pre Primary	1
Class I	3
Class II	4
Class V	1
Class VI	6
Class VIII	2
Class X	1
Class XI	6
Class XII	6

Vocational Training

Training is imparted to poor women who lack resources and training and family situation find it very difficult to find an income generating job to support the families. Training is imparted in sewing, hand embroidery and batik and the course is for 10 months.

No. of trainees : 11



Women at the Training Session at Vocational Centre.

GUESTS VISIT EVENT

On 16th November 2017 a Group of foreigners around 60 members from different Countries came to Banipur Centre along with Mr. Antonio Mesas Garcia of Spain for a RETREAT since five years They spent the whole day in silence, saying prayers and also served Holy Mass. They liked the place very much and were very happy and pleased with the preparation and thanked all the staff for their Co-operation and kind Hospitality.



Visiting Guests from different countries at Banipur Centre.

SUNDARBAN SCHOOL

A free Primary and upper Primary School -
Seva Sangh Samiti Cyclone Shelter, Jharkhali,
South 24 Parganas, Sundarban
Sponsored by Mundos Unidos-Spain.

Sundarban School is situated in a rural area of Jharkhali, Sundarbans in South 24 parganas. This area is inhabited by very poor people whose parents are unable to admit their Children in a payable School because of the monthly fees. The School is running very successfully. Now there are 9 classes 223 students with 13 teachers and 6 non teaching Staff. The Students received all kind of study Books, Exercise Books, all kind of study materials, School Bags, Uniform, Transport, Food & Medical support free of cost from the School. Apart from the academic education teachers also teach them Physical education, Drawing , Crafts, Games, Singing, Dance, Regular library books study, human values, Cleaning, Gardening and basic Computer Education etc. Tiffin and Mid Day Meal is provided during the break & lunch Time. The teachers and staff work as a team and with their experience and guidance they try their best to give the students a solid foundation. Annul Sports and Annul Function was held on **24/05/2017** on School's Birthday and all Students, Guardians and some Local Guest were invited. All the Children participated in the events and Prizes were awarded to the winners. All the students, Guardians, Local people, Teachers and Staff, enjoyed the day very much.

Class	No. Of Students
KG I	39
KG II	36
I	35
II	25
III	29
IV	23
V	16
VI	13
VII	07
Total	223



A class in progress at Sunderban School.



Senior class students learning Computers at the school.

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We also express our sincere gratitude to Fundacion Colores de Calcuta (Spain) for running the activities in Pilkhana Medical Centre and Anand Bhavan Home for girls.

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Jean Paul Parisod



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Mundos Unidos (Spain)



We thank Mundos Unidos (Spain) for their contribution in Jharkhali Sundarban.

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Arham Yuva Group

We also express our sincere thanks to ARHAM YUVA GROUP kolkata for donating educational materials to Baniniketan Education Centre.



Last but not the least we also thank all the staff and the members of the Governing Body for their support in running the activities of Seva Sangh Samiti.



PHOTO GALLERY



A cultural Programme in progress at Anand Bhavan



Students of Sunderban School, Jharkhali



Computer class session at Anand Bhavan



Students of Anand Bhavan Residential Home



Teachers conducting a class in Banipur School



Students of Banipur School



List of Governing Body Members

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