PROGRESS REPORT 2009-10
S.S.MEMORIAL EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY
CHAMKAUR SAHIB (ROPAR) PUNJAB

Shanti Saroop Memorial Educational Society Regd. Ropar Punjab under the guidance of its Chairman Prof. R.C. Dhand adopted a numbers of measures to uplift the weaker section of society – children, adolescents, women, sr. citizens and such other needy section of society during the year 2009-10 with the financial assistance of Ministries/ Boards/ Departments of Center and State Govt., foreign contributions and local donations.

Health, Education and Nutrition Program – for slum children age group 2-5 years
Under the program of Rajiv Gandhi National Creche Scheme for Children of Working Mothers – a program of Ministry of Women and Child Development, G.O.I. through Central Social Welfare Board/ Punjab State Social Welfare Board, the Society provided health, education and Nutrition services to 600 + children 0-5 age group belonging to weaker section of society SC, OBC, Migrated industrial labor in 20 Creche Centers in Ropar and Nawan Shahar Districts.
The children were provided Pre School Education, Emergency Medicines, Complete Immunization, Medical Check up, Nutrition, Regular PT, Prayer, Drawing Painting, Participation in Children’s Day 14th Nov. celebrations. The society has to pass through difficult financial situation due to non release of fund for the period 2008-09 and 2009-10. The society has to take loan from SBI to run 20 creche centers.

Celebration of Girl Child Lohri –
As per its tradition like previous years during 2009-10 girl child lohri was celebrated in a befitting manner by inviting mothers with their 0-6 months daughters for celebrating lohri. in different villages at their own village in the Distt of Ropar and Fatehgarh Sahib. The mothers of girl child were honored with Shagun and cloths of girl child. The sarpanches, Aganwari workers, crèche workers, local clubs of various village participated in the program.

Celebration of Children’s Day on 14th Nov.
The various branches of Society in Nawan Shahar, Fatehgarh Sahib, Ropar celebrated Children’s Day by organizing Cultural Shows, Games etc.
inculcate interest for the age group of 3-5 in all crèches. The reports were submitted to PSSWB and CSWB.

- **Honour of Poor & Needy Sr. Citizens**

  In a function organized by the Society Poor Sr. Citizens were honoured with blankets and they were provided with lunch. Various organizations participated in this program.

- **Reproductive and Child Health –II –**

  Under the National Rural Health Mission Program of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare Govt. of India the Society as an FNGO is serving to Health Sub Centers of Bhallian and Gaggon falling under PHC Chamkaur Sahib Distt. Ropar. The Society is covering 10,000 population for services of ANC, PNC, Safe Motherhood, Institutional Delivery for Pregnant Mothers, Complete Immunization of 0-5 age group Children and Protection from diseases resulting into NIL IMR.

  Awareness about HIV/AIDS, RTI/STI, Physical Cleanliness and Education for future motherhood for adolescents is being provided to adolescents in the area covered under RCH-II.

  Awareness among school children about health, HIV/AIDS, RTI/STI, Hand washing before taking lunch, nail cutting for safe health is also being provided to the school children falling under the RCH-II area.

  Awareness is created among the mothers for breast feeding to their babies immediate after delivery with no gap and to continue only mother’s milk/ breast feeding for 6 months which will make the children strong against all diseases and strong body and mind.

  The eligible couples are provided with awareness about spacing among the children and stop after two children. So that the children may be brought up in a congenial atmosphere with all needful facilities for their growth and mental development. They are advised to adopt spacing methods which ever they like.

- **Family Counseling Services**

  Under the program of Central Social Welfare Board, Ministry of Women and Child Development, G.O.I, the Society has set up its office at Mandi Gobindgarh Distt. Fatehgarh Sahib to provide services to such women who are suffers at the hands of your husbands/ in-laws due to various reasons and provide counseling to both the parties to setting their issues. In certain cases district police women cell is also involved to settle the disputes so that the women may get proper justice.
The counselors of family counseling center attended the meetings of district women cell to settle family disputes. More than 150 cases of family disputes/domestic violence have been solved.

**Empowerment of Rural Women**
Since 2001-02 Society through National Program of Self Help Group movement organized the Rural Women for the habit of Saving/Micro Finance and handling of Banking System for self reliance and income generation. The Development Commissioner Handicrafts Ministry of Textiles New Delhi under its Ambedkar Hast Shilp Vikas Yojna, NABARD under its SHG Program came forward to help the Society for organization of SHGs of Rural Women. The State Bank of India (ADB Brach Morinda) while recognizing the services of Society in the field of Self Help Group Program provided the MFI status to the Society for providing micro loans to the SHGs for and on behalf of SBI.

**Marketing Program of SHG Products**
The D.C.(H), Ministry of Textiles sanctioned exhibitions to the Society for marketing of handicraft products of SHGs for income generation in the prime cities of Chandigarh, Ropar, Mumbai, Abohar, where the artisans sold their products.

**Participation in Conference on Child Rights & women Empowerment**
The Society was invited to participate in the conference organized by National Commission for Protection of Child Rights at Chandigarh. The Society presented its view points on the issues of protection of children engaged in employment below the age of fourteen.

The women power connect a national organization in collaboration Punjab Branch organized the conference on Women empowerment, Sex-discrimination, female feticide at ICCR conference hall Punjab University Chandigarh Mrs.Raksha Dhand represented the district Ropar in conference.

**Conference on MMR and IMR by department of Health, NRHM, MAMTA**
Mrs.Raksha Dhand participated in the conference along with staff and shared her views on the subject of reduction in MMR and IMR.
Special Trainings for SHGs Members –
The D.C.(H) Office provided Design and Technical Development Workshops to create new variety in designs of handicraft to compete the market with new designs of handicraft products.

AHVY Program for District Nawan Shahar –
The Ministry of Textile/ O/o the D.C. (H) New Delhi selected this Society to organize Ambedkar Hast Shilp Vikas Yojna in Nawan Shahar District under which about 500 artisans of handicrafts will be organized through Self Help Groups, Bank Linkages, Training Programs for Income Generation.

Workshops and Seminars –
Under the banner of NABARD, D.C.(H), SBI, Reserve Bank of India the organizers as well as artisans attended various workshops/seminars at different places to get the vide knowledge and experience in the field of SHG movement.

Social Security Program for the Artisans –
Under the Jan Sri Bima Yojna of LIC all artisans are provided with social security by issuing them insurance policy with their ID number. Under this program in case of normal death of any artisan member a claim of Rs. 30,000/- for the family is provided, in case of accident death double the amount of i.e. 60,000/- and in case of 100% disability the claim of 75000/- is made available to the family. The scholarship for education also provided to the wards (upto 2) for their sr. and sr. sec. classes.

Distribution of woolen clothes to poor school students in the District of Ropar and Fatehgarh Sahib

About 600 pieces of woolen sweaters were distributed to the poor students who were not getting their woolen from their poor parents. The society selected about 600 students in various schools and distributed sweaters to all the needy students.

Rajiv Gandhi Shilpi Swathiya Bima Yojna –
The Ministry of Textiles O/o the D.C.(H) in collaboration with ICICI Lombard provided health insurance to the artisans and their family members upto a sum of Rs. 15,000/- in door and out door expenses the policy holder a sum of Rs. 1,00,000/- in case of death of any of the member in the family having policy no.. This has provided a great relief to the artisans and their families. 6000 families are being covered under this program. In addition to cashless claims through prescribed hospital under Rajiv Gandhi Shilpi Swasthya Bima Yojana
reimbursement worth of Rs. Seventy Lakh was distributed to the artisans/card holders.

**Training in Embroidery, Patch work Rail Majra under NABARD SDI Program**

For Self Employment/Employment training program in Embroidery and Patch work in the Month of Oct -2009 which continued till January 2010 under NABARD program in which thirty Five participated and got training in Beauty culture. The entrepreneurs were supported for setting up of their own units for income generation.

**Workshop on Child Health and Family Welfare**

The society its under RCH-II program organized about 3 workshop on the subject which was presided over by Dr. Arjun Singh Gill civil surgeon Ropar, Dr.Amritpal kaur Chahal Senior Medical office CHC-Chamkaur Sahib, Dr.B.R.Sharma –In charge RCH-II program of SOSVA. In these workshop the local leaders, panches /Sarpanches women and adolescents participated.

**Sarv Siksha Abhiyan For District Ropar**

During the year 2008-09 the Sarv Siksha Abhiyan authority Govt of Punjab – reached and agreement with S.S.memorial educational society for providing to non school going children living in slums between the age of 8-14. The society covered the entire district and opened 66 centers of alternative and innovative education centers. The children were provided book – stationary – dresses, Health and hygiene kits for personal hygiene and proper dressing they were engaged in extra cultural activities such as school level, block level and district level sports and cultural programs. The republic day was celebrated in each and every center of the district the students were taken to education tours.

**Formation of Self Help Groups in Ropar and SBS nagar**

The society under the sponsorship of NABARD organized 50 SHG of Rural poor women to uplift their socio economic condition through small savings, bank loans and training program for self employment under this program 29 SHG were formed in Nawan Shaher district and 21 SHG were formed in Ropar District.
Skill Up Gradation Training Programs for women Handicraft artisans under DCH – Ministry of Textiles, GOI.

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In each batch of SUTP two group members were included in the center. The group leaders had the responsibility of purchase of Raw material and tool kits for onwards distribution to the participating artisans under the guidance of instructor and the society. The instructors held theory as well as practical training in the craft. Each participant was given reading and writing material to keep the record of the theory of various stitches, patch work so that it may guide them in future also. The time of training was 9 AM to 4:30 PM with no holiday except Sunday.

During the training program of SUTP the trainees were introduced with technical aspects of training such as:

1. Importance of matching colours in Hand Embroidery craft
2. Selection of cloth and thread for durability and quality of product.
3. Control and precautions of different types of stitches.
4. Precautions and use of different needles in different kinds of stitches and patch work.
5. Basic concepts of stitching.
6. Various methods to transfer a design.
7. Special care and presentation of Hand Embroidery and Patch work craft for value adding of cloth.
8. Use of different kinds of tools provided to them and raw material to be used in Embroidery and Patch work.

During the training program various officials, VIP visited the centers and held meetings with the participants if they had any problem. Every one was greatly impressed by the working of /training of participants. Mr. V. K. Savita the assistant director (O/o the D.C.(H), Marketing and Extension center, Hoshiarpur along with Mr. Kulwinder Singh visited the training centers twice and held meeting with participants and guided them for better income generation through this Hand Embroidery and Patch work craft.
Mr. Bhopal Singh District Development Manager – Ropar and Nawan Shaher, NABARD – along with Mr. H.L. Bains – LDM- Punjab national bank, Nawan Shaher visited the training centers twice and greatly impressed by the training program and the quality work being done by the participants.

On the performance of the participants in the craft of Hand Embroidery and Patch work the examining body which included the instructor member of the organizing institution and village Sarpanch gave the participant gradation on their work.

The SUTP was a successful venture for providing training in the craft of Hand Embroidery and patch work, so that they may be able to understand design and technical development workshop program and to be expert in the Hand Embroidery and patch work for better income generation for their family which is the main objective of SUTP.

**Design and Technical Development Workshops – in Embroidery and Patch Work**

In order to improve the skills of SHG artisans in Embroidery and Patch Work 2 workshop were organized at village Rail Majra distt. SBS Nagar. Miss Tripti Singh Technical Designer was invited from Udhaipur – Rajasthan to provide to all technical aspects of Embroidery and Patch work to compete the Embroidery and Patch work products of artisan to get more and more value of cloth for income generation.

National Environment Awareness Program – with the assistance of Punjab State Council for Science and Technology – The society organized the awareness campaign on the subject of climate change and its effect on the earth and the human beings. Mr. Brahm Datt Vashisht presided over the function. The women and young participated in the program. Tree plantation was an important part of the program.

**Celebration of World’s AIDS Day** –

The Society organized programs to aware people about HIV/AIDS by organizing seminar on 1st Dec. 08. The field workers of Health Department, Rajiv Gandhi Creche Program Workers, SHG Members participated in this program.
**PLWHA Society for Support to HIV/AIDS Families** –
The Society in order to provide financial support to the families where the earning hand died due to HIV/AIDS and the rest of family suffering from financial crisis. The stigma of HIV/AIDS make the families more desperate due to bycot by others. The Society provided financial help to the children for their education and to the mothers also suffering from HIV. They were organize to form their own society which was registered under XXI of 1860 for helping such families with the financial assistance from Govt.

**Educational Tour** -
Educational Tour to Pushpa Gujral Science City, Kapurthala Road, Jalandhar was taken of Sr. Sec. Students for enhancing their knowledge about scientific technology.

**Celebration of International Women’s Day** –
The Society celebrated this Day at Vill. Gaggan, Gudhram Kalan and Khurad by organizing a Nukkad Natak on the issues of Empowerment of women, Female Feticide, Sex Discrimination. Prof. R.C.Dhand Chairman gave away the award of Honour to various Surpanches and Social Workers for their contribution on the issues.

**Swawlamban Traning Program for Rural Woman**
The training program was started on 5th of May -2010. As all the 100 beneficiaries could not be admitted in one center, therefore, as per strong demand of local panchayats, three villages were adopted under this program, three trainer were appointed with infrastructure.

- Inauguration of Swawlamban Program 21-8-09 by Hon’ble Chairperson PSSWB

The Swawlamban was inaugurated by Smt. Vijay Laxmi Bhadoo Hon’ble chairperson of PSSWB on 21-8-09 at village Kalaran. The participants, village panchayats, members of the self-help groups, members of press, at the citizens of Morinda town participated in the program.
The exhibitions of the products (Emb. and patch work and Zari craft) items was organized on this occasion.
The progress in the syllabus has been done by the participants as per schedule of 4 months - Emb work and patch craft. The zari craft will be started in the 6th - 7th months.

The beneficiaries after completing their training started income generation by using their skill and the society help them in providing raw material and marketing of their products. Every beneficiaries started their earning 2500-3000 per month.

**Examination authority** :-
During the inaugural speech of the chairperson on the subject of examination authority, it was stated that Usha International Ltd. has been contacted to conduct the examination of Swawlamban participants.

Request for additional funds for the salary instructors –

As we have appointed 3 instructors under Swawlamban program we are paying Rs.4000/ per months to two additional trainers, so it is requested the additional funds of 48,000/- may please be sanctioned to cover the expenditure as it is not possible for 1 instructor to provide training to 100 participants.

**Awareness Program for Adolescents Girls & Boys in Schools/Colleges**.
The society organized awareness camps in school and colleges for providing them information on RTI/STI behavior changer after marriage and counseling for successful married life under this program our counselors covered various schools/colleges in Ropar and Fatehgarh districts.

World health day, world hand wash day, world population day, world Anti-tobacco day –celebrated – The society celebrated the important world days in its institution from time to time to create awareness among the people.

**Celebration of Gandhi Jayanti** – The society celebrated the Gandhi jayanti in the village Bama Kulia on 2nd October -09. The senior women citizens along with the Society performed Charkha katai. The Adolescents girls performed program. The newly born girls honored with shawls and woolen cloth. Prof. R.C. Dhand and Mrs. Raksha Dhand through their lectures created awareness among the participants about the work done by Mahatma Gandhi and bringing the independence.

Prof. R.C. Dhand,
Chairman.