Shanti Saroop Memorial Educational Society Regd. Office Sri Chamkaur Sahib Distt. Ropar Punjab under the guidance of its Chairman Prof. R.C. Dhand & Managing committee adopted a no. of measures to uplift the weaker section of society – children, adolescents, women, sr. citizens and such other needy section of society during the year 2011-12 with the financial assistance of various Ministries/ Boards/ Departments of Center and State Govt., foreign contributions and local donations.

Details of Activates

Health, Education and Nutrition Program – for slum children age group 0-5 years under Rajiv Gandhi National Creche Scheme

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.

**Distribution of woolen clothes to the children of crèche centers under Foreign contribution**

Due to extreme winter season it was found that the poor children in crèches have not sufficient woolen clothes to protect from sharp winter season, so we distributed woolen clothes to more than 500 children.

**Celebration of Girl Child Lohri** –

As per its tradition like previous years during 2011-12 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.

**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. Smt. Amrit Bala District social security women & child development officer was the Chief guest on this occasion about 50 senior citizens honored with shawls & suit pieces.

**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 Sub division Khamano Distt. Fatehgarh Sahib to provide services to such women who are suffers at the hands of their 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. On the request of society the Central Social Welfare Board permitted to change the office from Mandi Gobindgarh to sub division Head quarter Khamano in Distt. Fatehgarh Sahib

The counselors of family counseling center attended the meetings of district women cell to settle family disputes.
More than 250 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 Branch 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 & NABARD sanctioned exhibitions to the Society for marketing of handicraft products of SHGs for income generation in the prime cities of Chandigarh, Ropar, Mumbai, Delhi Haat, Dharamshala, Mandi, Jalandhar, Abohar, Sarvar, Khuhian, New Delhi where the artisans sold their products.

Participation in Conference on Child Rights & women Empowerment –

The Society was invited to participated 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.

Capacity Building program for SHGs Members/office bearers

A need felt program to strengthen the SHG movement, a capacity building program were organized to provide training in Banking, Account maintenance, regularity in meetings, internal loaning, production & marketing.

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 video 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 Swasthya 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.

**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 35 SHG were formed in Nawan Shaher district and 25 SHG were formed in Ropar District.
Design and Technical Development Workshops – in Embroidery and Patch Work

In order to improve the skills of SHG artisans in Embroidery and Patch Work 7 workshops were organized at village Rail Majra, Tonsa, Prem Nagar, Asrorn, Rail Majra – II distt. SBS Nagar. Miss Tripti Singh, Mr. Pankaj Arora, Mr. Manohar Parshad, Mr. Harsh Vardhan Singh. Technical Designers were invited from Udhaipur, Rajasthan, Delhi to provide 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.

Swawlamban Training Program for Rural Woman

The PSSWB sanctioned this program for 50 Rural women training in cutting & tailoring, dress making, tilla work. This program was started in May – 2011 at Sri Chamkaur Sahib Distt. Ropar

Distribution of sewing machines to widows on 15th and 26th January - 2012

On the Sub divisional level independence day & Republic day, the society donated 10 sewing machines for the distribution to the widows.

Distribution of scholarships to poor students-

Under the program of Shiksha Shayog of LIC /O/o the D.C.(H)

The poor school children studying in 9th to 12th class were given scholarships in a function organized by the Society in which Senior Branch Managers of LIC, SDM Sri J.C. Sabharwal, Headmasters and principals of schools, the parents of the children village sapanches participated in the program.
Training program in Block Making under Pattern making O/o the D.C.(H)-HRD section

Ministry of Textiles –GOI

The O/o the D.C.(H) –HRD section sanctioned a training program in Block Making for convenience of artisans working in Hand Embroidery for speedy work and production resulting into more and more income generation .Under this program 10 participants were selected at Chamkaur Sahib Distt.Ropar

Awareness Generation Camps for Rural women on Female Feticide –

Under the sanction of PSSWB 2 AGP Camps have been sanctioned in Distt. Ropar these camps are to be organized in villages of Bassi GUjjran & Sri Chamkaur Sahib Distt Ropar where the no.of girls children 0-6 is less than the male 2 days follow on camps are to be organized after the organization of main camp . The women were given awareness on the drastic effects of female feticide and decreasing no.of girls in the society . In addition to large no.of men & women ,the village sarpanches , the religious leaders and social activist participated in the camps .

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 ,word population day , world Anti-tabacco 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 at Premises of Society on 2nd October -2011 .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 .

The society was visited by the officials and charted Accountants of EQFS to measure
the Management system of society which was found satisfactory on the international
standard and the company provided certification under ISO 9001:2008 the society is a
certified organization under ISO 9001:2008 under scope of registration“ Providing
Education on vocational courses for self employment Creating Self Help Groups

Bharat Shiksha Ratan Award to Prof .R.C.Dhand –Chairman of SSMES :- The
Global Society for Health & Educational Growth an international Reputed organization
selected the Bio data & and the achievements of Prof .R.C.Dhand through S.S
.Memorial Educational Society from the State of Punjab for Bharat Shiksha Ratan Award
which was awarded at Constitutional club ,Bithal Bhai Patel House ,Rafi Marg –New
Delhi on 14th February -2011

Mother Tressa Award to Mrs.Raksha Dhand the Honorary Director
In a very hard competition on the basis of work done Mrs.Raksha Dhand as Director of
SSMES she won the Mother Tressa Award which she received a state Level function at
Ferozpur on 8th March-2012

Performance & achievement Report -All India Craft Bazaar at Jalandhar

The Craft Bazaar was organized at Jalandhar w.e.f 15-9-2011 to 24-9-2011 at City Center
Garden Palace Nakodar Chownk Jalandhar which is situated in the Center of the Jalandhar
city .

The Craft Bazaar was attended by 152 artisans with sufficient no of women SC,OBC
,Minority for sale from various self help groups /Artisans from different parts of India – U.P ,
M.P ,Bangal ,Bihar , Orrissa ,Gujrat ,Rajasthan,Haryana ,J& K , Punjab . with their valid
identity cards .

The Venue was given light system with flood lights in car parking & entry ,open park for
Teracotta & wood craft

The Craft Bazaar was inaugurated by Sri .G.S.Parmar –Senior Divisional Manager –LIC
of India .-Jalandhar .

The craft Bazaar was visited Mrs.Shaheen –Regional Director O/o the D.C.(H),Ministry
of Textiles –New Delhi .
On 23rd & 24th Mr.V.K.Savita Assistant Director O/o the D.C.(H) –Hoshiarpur & Mr.K.S.Guleria –Handicraft Promotion officer from the same office visited the venue and met all artisans in their stalls and video grapy & still Photo grapy was taken on their visit .The Artisans sold their Handicraft items worth Rs. 7395587/- and orders for various items were procured by the artisans worth Rs.2,00,000/-

The visitors appreciated the Craft items & no of them put their views on record book .The copy which is attached .

On the whole the Craft Bazaar was a great success to achieve its target 

**Beauty culture Training program under SDI NABARD**

NABARD R.O.Chandigarh sanctioned 2 units 30 trainees of each for the villages of Asron & Rail Majra

**Cutting & Tailoring Program under Social Security Women & Child Development – Sosva(N)Chandigarh**

The society was sanctioned a training program in cutting & Tailoring for the Rural women at Rail Majra Distt.SBS Nagar for 30 participants .

**Distribution of improved tool kits to artisans of SBS Nagar cluster under AHVY Year 2011-12**

The sanction of distribution of improved tool kits to 100 selected artisans belonging to cluster of SBS Nagar under AHVY is very important program of O/o the D.C.(H) ,Ministry of Textiles ,GOI .The improved tool kits will prove a great boon to the artisans who are otherwise well trained in the craft which they adopted during the AHVY project period ,however , they lacked set up tool kits and could not produced the maximum output in their work . the distribution of tool kits will improve their working and also generate much better income for their families .Under the program only such artisans were selected who were practicing their craft but improved tool kits for better functioning were not available to them .On 28th of Feb.2012 set up tool kits were distributed in a function at Village Rail Majra in the presence of Mr.K.S.Guleria-The Handicraft Promotion officer O/o the D.C.(H) Hoshiapur , officers of DIC SBS Nagar , Sarpanch & member panchayat Rail majra , Asron, Tonsa , Prem Nagar , & the Managing committee of S.S.Memorial Educational Society .

The following tool kits were distributed to the artisans .

1. **Multipurpose Export quality –ISI mark sewing machine with paddle stand**
   This machine will provide great assistance to give final touch to the Hand Embroidery products like bed sheets with pillow covers , Phulkari & other Embroidery suits ,cushion covers etc. artisans will work on machine while sitting on stool working through paddle . This will free their both the hands for good finishing their products .This will help them in better production & income generation .

2. **Wooden & steel frames :-These tool kits will help the artisans in the production Hand Embroidery on a small & large scale .The iron stand will make them comfort while doing embroidery /tilia work with efficiency**
3. Wooden blocks for impression :- the embroidery work is done on the impression of their design. Previously they have to go to big city like Ludhiana, Patiala for getting their cloth prepared with design impressions which was very costly & time consuming affair. However, with the provision wooden blocks for impression on their cloth for embroidery work, this will save their money & more production & improvement in their income generation.

The other tool kits provided were scissors & cutter which are needed in the production & cutting of the waste thread. The needles will help them in the production. The distribution of improved tool kits to the artisans will help in a long way in their production, improvement in work, leading to more & more income generation.

Prof. R.C. Dhand

Chairman