Annual Report 2012-13
S.S. Memorial Educational society
Sri Chamkaur Sahib, Ropar (Punjab)

Brief Detail - 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 2012-13 with the financial assistance of various Ministries/ Boards/ Departments of Central and State Govts., foreign contributions and local donations.

Details of Activities:
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 2012-13 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.

**Marketing Program of SHG/ artisans 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, Abihar, Sarvar Khuhian, New Delhi where the artisans sold their products.

**National craft bazaar at Kisan Bhawan Chandigarh 30-11-2012 to 10-12-2012** under the sanction of O/o D.C.(H) the society organized craft bazaar inviting 152 artisans to sell their product at Chandigarh the event was inaugurated by Sr. Ravneet Singh.
Bitto Member Parliament by smt. Prema Aggarwal IAS, home Secretary UT Chandigarh in this marketing events the artisans sold their products worth Rs. 1,00,00,000/-

**Gandhi shilap Bazaar at Jalandhar 8-12-2012 to 17-12-2012**

Under the sanction of O/o D.C.(H) the society organized the event at jalandhar in which about 150 artisan from different part of India attended and sold their product worth Rs. 75,00,000/-

**Participation in Conference on working of family counciling centers & women Empowerment at Asia International center Chandigarh –**

The Society was invited to participate in the conference organized by Central Social welfare Board. The Society presented its view points on the issues family distributes. Prof. R.C Dhand along with staff of family counciling center attended the 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**

the chairman and the member of society attended the seminars on village dev., SHG moment, MEDP organized by NABARD R.O Chandigarh

**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 350 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.

**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, 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 Udaipur, 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.

**Celebration of international days on environment-**

International Bio-diversity day, world earth day, international Ozone day, world environment day, National Environment awareness campaign are celebrated by the organization every year by involving school students, Technical education trainees, farmers, Members of SHGs, youth clubs, village panchayats, Local NGOs & Govt officials to bring awareness among the masses for clean environment, pollution free water, plantation of rose, medicinal plants, fruit plants, tulsi, alovera etc. A special stress is made on planting on neem & triveni wherever possible.

The society made a wide propaganda by publishing a pamphlet on clean environment for safe living of human beings, cattle, birds. The copy is enclosed.

The farmers are made aware in the meetings about the excessive use of chemical spray, fertilizers and to replace the same to bio-fertilizer and sprays prepared from neem plants.

The society has started a campaign in collaboration with village panchayats & local institutions to start planting of neem & triveni trees with proper and safe care for growth. To society will provide the saplings and will also give proper supervision for the success of project. The society will adopt
from 1 village to group of villages to part of block and later on the full block of chamkaur sahib for neem tree forestation

**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 at RNGBM Banaha Tonsa SBS Nagar.

**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 continued in May – 2012 at Sri Chamkaur Sahib & Bassi Gujran for poor women Distt. Ropar

Under the sanction of computer training program 60 women were admitted in computer application for employment / self employment

**Distribution of sewing machines to widows on 15th and 26th January -2012 -13**

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 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 – 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 -2012. 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

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

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 and the training was completed and trainees

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 25 participants.

Distribution of improved tool kits to artisans of SBS Nagar cluster under AHVY Year 2012-13

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 26th 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/tilla 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)