

STREE MUKTI SANGHATANA

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Dear friends

I am presenting this executive summary of the annual report for the period from January to December 2014 to this august general body of Stree Mukti Sanghatana. Before enumerating the massive work done by SMS I wish to express my deep gratitude to all the participants of Stree Mukti Sanghatana, their active support, involvement and the contribution made by them in making the work meaningful. I also wish to mention here the significance of our work. All the activities undertaken form an integral part of the work culture of SMS.

Activity Report

1. Prerak Lalkari :

This was the 28th year of publication of the mouth piece of SMS. The magazine is devoted to the gender issues with special attention to the Indian constitution. However the Editorial Board is consciously tried to cover local, regional, national & international issues concerning women as well as other important problems. The objective was to disseminate the information to the widespread activists connected with Stree Mukti Sanghatana.

There is good response to the regular columns by Karuna Gokhale, Arvind Vaidya regarding international news & makers of modern world respectively. Yogini Raul has contributed in the field of literature. Nilima Deshpande has contributed in introducing various innovation in science. The small libraries from rural Maharashtra are becoming members of Prerak Lalkari.

The special issue devoted to International Women's Day was very well received by the readers. It was devoted to translations from national & international languages- Bengali, telagu, Asami, Urdu, English, French, German, Arabic, Spanish. The print order is 2500.

The revenue from membership & advertisement was approximately Rs. 330.000/-It barely matched the expenses. All of us have to make utmost efforts to increase membership. & procure advertisements for special issue.

Nanda Salve, Arundhati Shinde & Madhuri Sharma gave valuable assistance for administrative work.

2. Family Counseling Centers

Family Counseling Centers have been working for last 29 years. SMS was founded in 1975 Since then it has been continuously fighting for gender justice,

equality & social justice. SMS participated in all campaigns on domestic violence, amendments in laws, & mitigation of violence in general. The major campaigns were related to dowry deaths, custodial rape, mental & physical torture of women, abandoning of women & children, eviction from residential homes etc. Because of the awareness campaigns taken up by women's movement many laws were amended & new laws were promulgated during the UPA regime. However implementation lagged behind. Stree Mukti Sanghatana has consciously worked for welfare of women through its various programmes including FCC. Because of the increased access to law & judicial system as well as policewomen have started to seek redressal of their grievances related to domestic violence & human rights. Stree Mukti Sanghatana has given the slogan Violence free world for women & children and society in general.. We consider it an important right.

Family plays an important role in society. SMS therefore gives utmost importance to healthy relations in the family as well as community. SMS provides various services to needy women & children. All family members are welcome in the center for finding solutions to problems at hand. As a result many volunteers offer their services & expertise in various fields whereby the work is efficiently carried out. The social work institutes also send their students for field work. More & more women & men are approaching FCC for redressal of their grievances.

As of today there are 15 trained social workers & 19 volunteers working in the centers at Chembur, Vashi (Navi Mumbai) Dombivali, Buldana, Osmanabad, Parel, Koparkhairne The services are free of charge. Since August 2014 The Mahanagar Gas Ltd. was kind enough to give donation under CSR for 5 counseling centers- Chembur, Parel, Vashi, Dombivali, Koparkhairne.

Because of this financial assistance SMS was able to pay special attention to De-addiction campaign. The addiction to alcohol, tobacco & other drugs is a serious threat to well being of women & children apart from the men addicted. The centers give counseling, physical help , send the willing individuals to de-addiction centers & try to create general awareness in the community. SMS also endeavors to coordinate with other organizations working in the field .such as Anvay, Bhardawadi Vyasani Mukti Kendra, Muktagan-Pune So far three individuals have taken benefit of this work. It is generally seen that majority of men are prone to addictions Hence some centers are there for men The rule is that women must not drink alcohol. However it has come to our notice that more & more women are addicted tobacco & alcohol. There is dire need for large scale awareness in the society. The basic principles of counseling are observed in all the centers of SMS The objective of the centers is to provide immediate help &

relief to the needy woman ,give her access to the govt. machinery- protection officer, police, shelter, urgent assistance etc. Thereafter the SMS tries to network among other organizations working in the same field for common cause.

It is our experience that the number of cases is on the increase every year. However women cannot go to the counseling center if they have to travel long distance. Every municipal ward should have a counseling center to guide & advise women for taking proper steps for their grievances. SMS helps women to find out what facility they have in nearby area. There are special cells for women in the police stations.

SMS has dealt with mental & physical torture, cheating, bigamy, irresponsible behavior, untrustworthiness, torture of old people, bigamy, refusal to give rights to property to women, traditional prejudices, extra marital relations, sexual abuse etc. It is also observed that percentage of bigamy is more in police & military personnel.

SMS has to pay more attention to old women. They are vulnerable to violence, eviction, & are deprived of their money by relatives.

The Protection of women from domestic violence Act 2005 is still not implemented properly. The Govt. of Maharashtra had issued a GR prohibiting womens' organization & other social organizations from counseling. The various organizations working in the field approached the Mumbai High Court for striking down the GR. The High Court struck down the GR in July 2014.

In spite of the lacunae in implementation of PWDVA SMS has registered 226 cases in the Court& has obtained a couple of good orders from Courts. In one case we could protect residential house of a victim. In another incident SMS could protect a woman from violence through social intervention. It is our experience that though there are some short term solutions, the major issue of rehabilitation can not be addressed fully for want of funds & adequate facilities as well as right societal approach to the problem at hand.

During this hard task the counselors also face depression & frustration. Hence SMS periodically organizes workshops, study circles etc.

SMS has conducted various programs on new legislations regarding sexual harassment at work place, child sexual abuse, uniform civil code, problems of muslim women. The activists of SMS are working on committees for prevention of sexual harassment. SMS has participated in many programmes organized by other organizations & networks.

During the year SMS has given practical training to the students of SNDT, Sofaya College, TISS, Nirmala Niketan, Tilak Maharashtra Vidyapeeth

The activists of the counseling centers often face a crucial questions feel dissatisfaction & helplessness. The womens' movement is fighting for the rights of women for last several decades. Some changes are visible. Yet we have a long way to go for realizing the objective of violence free society. Women are slowly gaining confidence & are being empowered. Yet the basic problems seem to be untouched. How long this struggle will have to continue? When will the society's mindset will change? When will the downtrodden people will gain strength? Stree Mukti Sanghatana will continue to strive for answers.

FCC Table of cases -2014

	Parel	Chembur	Vashi	Dombivali	Usmanabad	Buldhana
Register	92	150	139	20	105	271
Pending	38	47	91	19	63	-
Closed	54	101	48	01	42	-

Assistance provided

S.N.	Assistance	Parel	Chembur	Vashi	Dombivali	Usmanabad	Buldhana
01	Counseling	92	150	139	20	105	271
02	Legal help	14	81	24	07	06	39
03	Police help	08	09	12	06	01	20
04	Short stay	02	04	-	-	03	02
05	Psychiatric help	04		03	-		-
07	Financial help	01			-	01	-
08	Referral to P.O.			13	-		-
09	other institution	06	03	-	02	01	12

11	Admission for de-addiction			01	-		-
123	Rehabilitation	06	01		-		-
12	Medical Help	01			-		
13	Home for children	02	02	2	-		
14	Custody of child				-		

Out come

S.No.		Parel	Chembur	Vashi	Dombivali	Usmanabad	Buldhana
01	Reconciliation	13	42	63	04	62	94
02	Separation	20	06	69	05	04	11
03	Mutual settlement	17	03	02	01	04	19

Qualitative Analysis

S.No.	Type of Problem	Parel	Chembur	Vashi	Dombivali	Usmanabad	Buldhana
01	Domestic Violence	28	123		08	56	233
02	Marital discord		68	63	01	71	84
03	Dowry demand			-	01	25	33
04	Bigamy	04	07	02	-	12	07
05	Alcoholism	02	35	21	01	26	46
06	Suspicious nature	06	04	04	01	35	65

07	Psychological problems	02		05	-	06	08
08	extramarital rel	06	16	12	03	09	25
09	Sexual harassment	04			-		
10	Rape	01			-	02	
11	Lack of responsibility	02			-		
12	Interference of parents		01	03	-	47	53
13	Cheating cases		02	-	-	11	07
14	Old age harassment sons	11	06	-	-	05	
15	Property matters	01		-	-		
16	Economic problem	01	06	05	-	34	05
17	Conflict with neighbors	01	02	-	-	12	01
18	Sexual harassment at work place	01		-	-		
19	Pre-marital problem		01	-	-		

Awareness programmes conducted by FCC (2014)

No.	date	subject	communicator	place	beneficiaries
1	3/ 01	personality development	Madhavi Vichare	Powai Mun school	30 girl students
2	3/01	S.Fule Jayanti	Kamakshi Bhate	S.F.S.K	200 women
3	6/01	Sexuality Ed.	Madhavi Vichare	Powai Mun. school	30 students
4	8/03	women's day	Vibhuti Patel	S.F.S.K.	300 women
5	14/03	P.W.D.V.A	Shobha Kokitkar	TISS	60 students
6	30/05	P.W.D.V.A	Adv. Trimukhe	Siddharth colony	35women
7	18/03	about SMS	Shobha	SNDT , chembur	13 students
8	30/05	Women & law	Shobha	Buldana	100 waste pickers
9	24/6	Women & law	Rohini Jadhav	govandi	30 women
10	30/06	Women & law	Shobha	RamanmamaVasti	20 girls
11	04/07	Women & law	Shobha, Geeta	Anand Nagar	20 girls
12	09/07	Sexual H. Act	Shobha, Geeta	Dadar st.	community
13	11/08	social intervention	Discussion	Vakola	50 activists
14	22/08	meeting activists	discussion	Chembur	25
15	10/09	Laws	Shobha	Govandi	25 girls
16	13/09	counseling work schedule	Shobha, Sharada	Koparkhairne	25 activists
17	18/09	Sexual H. Act	Alaknanda	SNDT Churchgate	10 workers

18	15/09	training	Anway activists	TISS	50
19	19/09	Parenthood	Prdnya	Chembur office	15 activists
20	2/10	Women & law	Shobha	Belapur creche	30
21	11/10	training	Pradnya	Chembur	15activists
22	13/10	premarital workshop	Kolambkar, Naik	Narayan Guru College	30students
23	21/11	de-addiction	Maya Purohit	Chembur	30 women
24	14/10	premarital workshop	Pradnya, Sarvagoud	Narayan Guru College	30 students
25	27/11	cleanliness	Madhavi Vichare	Matoshri Vidyamandir	60 parents
26	29/11	MZHo,play	Kalapathak	Vadvali	100
27	19/12	premarital workshop	Sngita Saraf, S. Jahagirdar	CKT college	80 students
28	20/12	premarital workshop	Savita, sunil More	CKT college	80 students
29	24/12	SMS info.	Jyoti ,Shobha, Nisha	SNDT	60students
39	27/12	MZ Hoplay	Kalapathak	RG college NNS camp	100 students

3. Creche :There are 6 creches of SMS in Belapur , Borivali, Ghatkopar, SEEPZ, Mumbai Central (RBI Colony) The creche facility is available for all castes, communities, religion. All children are treated with adequate staff with care & concern. They are provided with appropriate food (break fast , lunch, evening snacks etc.)School going children are given lunch box.

children are kept busy in various activities ,such as songs, story-telling, plays, games etc. Children are given special treats on all religious festivals. This helps in maintaining religious harmony & children learn to respect different religions.

This year Ghatkopar creche had arranged a trip of children to Alibaug. Some parents also participated. Children were also taken to view the picture Elizabeth Ekadshee

Creche	No.of children	No.of Staff
Borivali	27/30	6
Ghatkopar -	22/26	7
Belapur, sector 1	28/33	6
Belapur, sector 4	27/32	6
Seepz	18	5
Malad	7	2

4. Parisar Vikas Yudyog

At the beginning of this report I must congratulate all the waste pickers team & their other colleagues for the formidable achievement they have made in this important activity. It is important not only for the development of waste pickers but also for furthering the cause of zero garbage objective set before the society by the Supreme Court. SMS & KKPKP of Pune were the recipients of awards in Satyamev Jayate. This issue was taken up by Mr. Aamir Khan, the renowned actor in Satyamev jayate programme The SMS was awarded Rs. 50 lakhs for its contribution toward development & empowerment of women waste pickers. This money is utilized in construction of Koparkhairne building of SMS.

Following important Activities have taken place.

- In 30 colleges of Mumbai & Navi Mumbai were selected for zero garbage scheme envisaged with the help of B.C.P.T and U.N.D.P. In all those colleges survey was conducted in order to assess the daily garbage situation. Awareness campaigns were conducted amongst Nss students, NCC students, teachers & staff connected with cleaning. SMS carries on pit construction, dry waste management and compost from wet waste.
- Awareness was done in 11 colleges in 3000 students. UNDP gave 66% financial assistance for Zero garbage scheme. During this campaign SMS got opportunity to conduct energy audit of those colleges as they were interested

in knowing the environmental significance. SMS does the energy audit with the help of Energy Audit Consultants Company. Ms. Rashmi Joshi & Bhagyachandra Kadam have done lot of valuable work in this project.

- PHF has given financial assistance for zero waste project in Buldana A survey was done of 100 waste picker women & 25 women from them were given training of leadership. They were also taught to work on composting from wet garbage. A small team of local activists was organised to create awareness among people during Ganapat & Navratra festivals. About 30 meetings were held in colleges in Buldana especially of the NSS students & NCC students. SMS activists helped local girl students to perform Mulagi Zali Ho! they performed in five places in Buldana District. There was tremendous response for the play.
- SMS has been working with the waste pickers since 1998. This work was then identified as Parisar Vikas & known as such everywhere. This work included surveys of waste pickers, segregation of dry waste & wet waste, classification, recycling, reuse of dry waste, awareness campaigns for community about the solid waste management & clean environment. In last 17 years the SMS learned many vital aspects of environment global warming & other issues, need for appropriate policies regarding waste management, need of segregation of waste at source, The physical hazards in waste management work, the deplorable conditions of waste pickers, their education, health, work environment etc. The SMS also worked with Government authorities, Municipal Councils, Greater Mumbai Municipal Council etc. for policy making The SMS also learned various ways of conservation of energy such as Biogas,, composting gardening, water management etc. Entire credit goes to Ms. Jyoti Mhapsekar, President & the huge team she organised from the waste pickers & other enthusiastic young girls who opted to take up this huge work of transforming the lives of waste pickers.
- During this enormous work Ms. Jyoti Mhapsekar was deeply involved in studying the entire issue of environment & taking it to the right Authorities & ultimately to the communities & people as a whole. In this process she prepared a manual for training in Marathi & the same was published by SMS by the end of 2014 (Kachara Nvhe Kanchan) Wiego gave financial assistance for the publication. It was very well received by many municipal councils, colleges & individuals. It is also noteworthy that Govt. Television (Sanhyadri) found the work interesting & interviewed Ms. Jyoti Mhapsekar & her

colleagues in four parts with a view to create awareness among the people. This has helped muster active support in the community.

- It is a well known fact that after the waste pickers have picked dry waste from the total garbage, remaining waste is thrown in the dumping ground by Municipal Corporations without further segregation. It contains huge quantity of various kinds of plastic. The GMMC wanted a quick survey of three areas about the quantity. SMS did the same, for which token honorarium was paid. Vandana Khare, Maya Gadage, Sandhya Shirke, Sangita Khedekar & Ramesh Sadavarte did the required survey.
- Many production units are trying to organize to collect their own dry waste & send the same for recycling under EPR (Extended Producer Responsibility). They need help from voluntary organizations. SMS has extended its cooperation to segregate such products by giving monetary compensation to the waste pickers. SMS has a project from Loreal to pick up empty sachets from the waste. The waste pickers do not pick them as the weight & size are very small. SMS plans to collect such dry waste (2000 kg per month). However this work is economically not viable for waste pickers though important environmentally. The Indian Beauty hygiene Association also assisted to conduct medical camp for 100 waste pickers.. It was done in August 2014.
- Last 5 years SMS is helping PBVS & its associate cooperatives to get contracts for dry waste disposal. Since last 5 years Vasundhara Cooperative Society has been engaged by SEEPZ, Mumbai for the same. In 2014 it was continued. SMS took the responsibility to create awareness about solid waste management in the 340 units of SEEPZ. In January 2014 SMS displayed CD poster exhibition for all those units (4 representatives from each unit) Ms. Rashmi Joshi & Bhagyachandra Kadam carried out the responsibility.
- PBVS has been allotted sheds in 10 wards in Mumbai for segregation & disposal of dry waste in eco- friendly manner in last 3/4 years. The waste pickers bring their dry waste to the collection centers, for which tempo is provided by GMMC. The dry waste is sorted & sent to recycling. by selling the same to local waste merchants. As the waste collected is huge in quantity it is necessary to install baling machines at the collection centers. With this facility the waste pickers can get good price for their waste. Rochling Foundation has offered to give financial assistance to develop 2 collection centers. The work has started in September 2014.

- SMS is doing this work in Navi Mumbai with active support from CIDCO. SMS had helped CIDCO to produce compost from wet garbage in Uran region.# Parisar Bhaginis work on that project. Because of the quality of work & effective management of solid waste in that region CIDCO is interested in extending the same to other areas in Navi Mumbai.
- Education : Study classes in Navi Mumbai are continued. in following slums
- **Sarsole:** 2 teachers teach students from 1st to 7th standard(30 students) . Rent& honorarium of teachers is given by Rotary Club of Millennium City.
- **Indiranagar :** Since last 5 years 30 students are benefitted by this class. there is 1 teachers. NMMC provides room for class. honorarium of teachers is given by Rotary Club of Millennium City
- **Digha :** 40 studets get the benefit of this class. NMMC Community Center provided the place, honorarium of teachers is given by Rotary Club of Millennium City
- **Bonsari:** The SHG wishes to start study class in this area & it is under consideration.
- **Ganpatipada :** One class is conducted since last 4 years. Honorarium of teacher is taken care of by Life Foundation.
- Because of the classes conducted by SMS 20 students have sucessfully passed 10th & 2 students have passed 12th standard exams.Rotary Club felicitated them in July 2014.
- 20 students were given financial assistance for further education by Shriram Radhakrishna Memorial Trust. (Rs. 1,58,300 /-)
- ICL College gave educational material to students.
- SMS & PBVS conducted many activities for the girls & boys in collaboration with PreanaSanstha, Rationong Kriti Samiti etc. It participated in Pension conference.
- Marathi movie-Ek Hajarachi Note was shown to women.
- Many cultural activities were conducted for girls in the various communities including yuvati Mela on 17th April2014.

- **Health** : SMS conducts a dispensary with support from Laesen & Toubro LTD. for waste picker women. This year more than 1400 women were treated in the same. They are provided free medicines.
- The K.G. Haji Bachu Ali haritable Trust also conducts free eye check up for Govandi area. It also conducts cataract operations for minimum charges & provides eye glasses.
- With the support of Cipla Foundation 445 women & 100 were given free medical check up. They were shown film on cancer & were given lecture on personal hygiene.

Mobile medical van : NMMC & D. Y. Patil Hospital provide mobile medical van in local slums. 563 men & women availed of the facility. 275 men & women were taken to D.Y.Patil Hospital for further investigations. 2 were given free treatment for cancer. One patient was given treatment for TB. 3 patients were treated for eyes & 2 patients were operated on ear.

5. Jidnyasa : Jidnyasa is one of the major activities conducted by SMS for adolescent students & youth since 1996 covering vital topics related to teen age children. This year The women & child development dept. of central Government sanctioned a pilot project for 5 schools in Mumbai & 5 schools in Pune. under the auspices of National Mission for Empowerment of Women.

NMEW

- I. **The objectives:** to generate awareness about women's & children's rights, sustainability in education, training programme & mitigation of domestic violence. to give vital information about adolescent queries.
- II. Orientation workshops were held on 26th April 2014 and 10th May
- III. **General information about selected schools and beneficiaries-9th and 10th standard students** hail from economically, socially and educationally backward classes and communities. They lack basic amenities such as water, sanitary provisions, electricity, place to study and educational environment as a whole. Their parents lack education and as a result they are unable to monitor their children in education as well as behavioral problems of adolescence. Schools are crowded. The teachers cannot pay attention to students. There is tendency to bunk the classes & drop out .students do not know how to read or write,lack speaking skills.

10 Schools in Mumbai & Pune were selected. Project Director & counselors were appointed.

IV. Counseling for students of 10th standard

This activity was carried out in all the aforesaid schools by counselors and volunteers in the 3rd and 4th week of June 2014. In Pune career guidance was done in two schools. 146 students availed of the facility.

V. **Counseling in schools;** All the Counselors attended the schools assigned to them from 19th June 2014 to 15th February 2015 i.e. the last day of the project for Mumbai. In Pune all the counselors attended the schools assigned to them till 30th May 2015 i.e. the last day of the project for Pune.

Counseling Centers Report : Mumbai & Pune

Sr. No.	Schools	Total No. of Beneficiaries	Boys	Girls	Severe Cases
	Total 10 from Mumbai & Pune	5014	2527	2487	13

VI. Mapping of the area near school was done by SMS volunteers & counselors

VII. **Diet & Nutrition:** Prof. Paulami Nair of S.N.D.T. University gave lecture on diet & nutrition. Our counselors arranged lectures in all the classes from 5th to 10th standard. Anemia test was done of all students. All the students were instructed about the fulsome diet :

VIII. Anemia test chart

Schools	Boys	Girls	Remarks			
			Excellent	Medium	Border line	Danger
10	3450	3746	2128	2913	1404	62

IX. Jidnyasa Sessions

Schools	beneficiaries	Sessions
34 from Mumbai & Pune	7048	720

X. Pre & post forms: The counselors collected the forms from students.

Summary of the observations of those forms

1. The students can hardly read and write as they are promoted to next class without test as per the policy of the State Government
2. The pre and post forms are filled by students arbitrarily without paying attention to the meaning of the questions. Hence it is very difficult to come to any analytical conclusions about the same. While filling the forms the students did not pay any attention as they are not used to reply objective questions. The attention span is very low.
3. The students reading level is very low, hence most of the words were new to them. The students are expected to know the words as they are taught Marathi language as a subject. (poor vocabulary)
4. There is no consistency in answers.
5. Family background : Parents have no education or little education. The parents do not know whether the students study or not. Parents were not interested in watching the progress of their wards

XI. School Cases: In one school in Pune one girl confided to the counselor about her horrid experience of sexual abuse & molestation by her father. Follow up is being done by SMS even though the project is over.

XII. Study Skills: This activity was completed by our counselors, activists & experts in the schools of Mumbai & Pune for the 10th standard students regarding how to increase concentration in studies & earn percentage.

Study Skills Chart

Beneficiaries		Boys	Girls	Total
10th class 10 schools of Mumbai & Pune		1064	1072	2136

XV. Career Guidance chart :

Beneficiaries		Boys	Girls	Total
1	10th class in 10 schools of Mumbai & Pune	1064	1072	2136

XIII. Elements of innovativeness: This project is basically to reach out to adolescent students who might in future be dropouts if their daily problems are

not dealt with. The teachers are not in a position to attend the students individually as they have to complete the portion of text books. The number of students in a class is overwhelmingly big. (above 50 to 60). Hence the counselors with the help of volunteers attend the off periods and give them necessary inputs for enhancing their skills and capacities and also to improve their study. To talk to students itself is innovative & inclusive. It is innovative and inclusive in the sense that the counselors try to understand family background and social and cultural environment. They individually as well as collectively deal with social as well as individual problems & help the students to come to terms with the situations.

XIV. Monthly Meetings- Monthly meetings were conducted from time to time in Mumbai & Pune

XV. Capacity Building Training Programs and Camps

Sr.No.	Places	Dates	Participants
1	Mumbai	20,21 Oct.2014	50 (B&G)
2	Pune	15,16 April 2015	52 (B&G)

Topics covered were Gender equality, Story telling, art & craft, songs etc. On both the days we offered students breakfast, tea, biscuits & Banana. Activities conducted under this project are reported in Prerak Lalkari, the magazine of SMS. Prerak Lalkari also is engaged in awareness programs & campaigns of mitigation of domestic violence through the year. Detailed reports have been sent to NMEW.

XVI. Advocacy: Advocacy was done on following subjects

POCSO & other laws protecting women & children, violence in the family & community, personality development , study & career guidance, Health & nutrition, problems faced by adolescent youth, cultural activities, vacation camps for personality development of students, constitution of India.

SMS has been constantly advocating expansion of Jidnyasa project in all the schools in Maharashtra ,especially in Raigad, Thane, Navi Mumbai, Buldana districts.

XVII. Inclusiveness : The project was all inclusive. Students from all castes, creed, religions were part of the project & they were given all possible information within the framework of Constitution of India& as per the road map of the project. The students were instructed to behave properly with their fellow students & teachers.

XVIII. Innovativeness : Students from community are deprived and hence need guidance in study, career selection, emotion management, health issues etc. Counseling is unique activity introduced in schools by SMS. Because of this project & the initiative taken by the NMEW 40% students got relief and these students scored good marks in the examination. There is always scope for innovativeness and subjects to be introduced to students for their holistic development.

XIX. Convergence efforts initiated: Participation in school activities along with other organizations on health, nutrition, child right, sexual offences, advocacy of required changes in policy. The SMS interacts with other Government departments whenever necessary.

XX. Objectives for these trainings:

- a) Enhance self confidence, concentration, attention span of students.
- b) Participation in various activities from teachers, activists from other fields,
- c) Volunteers: participation, communication,
- d) Training Strategies Adopted – Poster exhibitions, conversations, talks on various subjects, video skits on child abuse, drama & songs
- e) Communication Tools: posters, photo, songs & skits, videos,

XXI Best Practices: Joint meetings of teachers, parents and students are taken. Help is given to needy students. Many schools want to continue the project because of the positive response of students.

XXII. Material Developed For Jidnyasa :

- a) Jidnyasa book for modules, Pre-post forms, Poster Exhibition, charts, papers, puppets show, forms to record attitudinal changes.
- b) Activities carried out in Nari ki Chaupal : In Pune the counselors visited women parents in the community, called Shivtej Naree Vastee.

XXIII. Issues and challenges Paucity of funds, lack of comprehensive policy, Violence, basic amenities for students, sexual abuse

XXIV. New strategies: Expert lectures, advocacy, training of Trainers.

XXV. Potential of replicability: This project can be replicated in all states for children of all caste, communities and religions.

XXVI. Monitoring mechanism i) Pre - Post forms is the data base ,individual cases of students, activity reports, interaction with school teachers regular meetings of staff, training of trainers.

XXVII. Highlight tangible output and outcomes of the project Introduction to values stated in Constitution of India at right age, student counseling is very important for the proper personality development, prevention of drop out of girls/child marriages/ violence/ sexual abuse / addiction awareness of human values, build confidence, self esteem, enhance communal harmony, development of soft skills,

Policy : to introduce students counseling in school activities

The SMS has been advocating that the school children require personal attention in the schools for their personal problems as the same are not addressed in the school schedule & curricula. The students do not have any opportunity to interact & communicate with anyone besides teachers & parents who could attend to their small world of curiosities. It is the need of the day for students to get personal attention even in schools, especially the students coming from low income group , as they do not have educational background. Their parents are unable to help them in the studies leave alone complicated psychological processes.

SMS has done counseling of students in Mumbai & Pune for last several years & its experience in itself is quite positive about having counseling facility for each & every school not only in Maharashtra but in every state. As a matter of fact the child counseling should become part of school curricula so that the students are well cared for. They are the future of our nation. The Government must invest in them.

JSW Steel Ltd. : SMS conducted 48 sessions in Panvel for the students.

Training of trainers: 2 trainings of trainers were conducted for the schools for the teachers in Raigad district, covered by CIPLA Foundation. This has helped SMS in preparing the communicators & has facilitated a dialogue between students & teachers.

Sharada Sathe

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