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Introduction

Sangli Mission Society has done a lot of activities in this year. It has taken various new types of social as well as charitable activities in accordance with its goal and objectives. Sangli Mission society is always thinking about up gradation of the marginalized ones of its working area. This year also it could easily achieve its targets for reducing the burden of the community. The main activities under taken in this year are given below.

Ecumenism



An inter religious meeting was held at Miraj on 21st May , Religious Leaders of Hinduism, Islam Sikhism, Jainism and representatives of religious organisations such as Chinmaya mission, RSS, Rashtresevadal, Vishwahindu parishad, Brahmakumaries, Art of Living, Sanathansansta, Swaminarayan, etc.

attended the one day workshop. Fr MD Thomas Gave the key note address and facilitated the meeting



Education Miraj and Ichalkaraji schools are maintaining its excellence this year too. there was 100% pass and Miraj has got

two distinctions. In a competition Alphonso school was selected King of schools in Sangli District. Alphonso School is a model for inclusive education. The autism centre

attached to the school caters to the autistic children and they get education together with the normal children At Miraj 4class rooms and a toilet block was added to the present building. Since there was no sufficient play ground for the school a new plot of land is purchased for the purpose .two more class rooms are added to the at Jath school and Shahuwadi school. Staff quarters are under construction at Ichalkaranji. Alphonsa School Kolhapur is being run in the temporary building in the purchased land. Santhome school of MST is being run at Ashadeep Building in Sangli.

St Thomas School of MST at Ratnagiri is being run in the multipurpose hall. At Banda school is run in the building donated by Bombay Gas Company. Formal handing over of the building or land has not taken place As planned last year uniformity in syllabus and calendar is implemented from this year

Natural Resources Management Programmes



Watershed programme in Jath is complete with the construction of 4 check dams, some gully plugs, a demonstration vermi compost unit and social forestry. The farmers are visiting Vermi compost unit. Benefits of the

watershed programme are seen. For the first time nearby wells have become full and overflowing with the little rains in this area. SHGs and watershed management committees are formed for sustainability .It took intensive awareness and training so that villagers were able to own the project.

Organic farming Fr Jojo Chetiakunnel is putting into practice the skills he has acquired in Japan. He has got a demonstration vermi compost unit at Zarap He a has also produced Bokashi (an Organic manure using Japanese technology). He is also invited by various organizations and institutions to share his knowledge



Psycho social support for PLHAS



This year we have started the project for comprehensive home based care and

community-rehabilitation partnership have started a support center from where we activities like visits, visiting



based of PLHAS, in with **CRS**. We counseling and named Dilasa conduct various regular home the PLHAS at

the civil hospital and rendering necessary services including nursing care, counseling to PLHAS – at home, hospital and Dilasa, making arrangements for the treatment of PLHAS in civil and private hospitals, sending PLHAS to Bel Air Hospital Panchgany, Other programmes are street plays for community sensitization, medical camps, formation of Self Help Groups, arranging social functions for the target groups, get-together of PLHAS with care-givers at Dilasa etc. So far the Dilasa staff has identified more than 500 PLHAS and is trying to reach out to them with counseling and support services.

Samanvaya programmes(Programs for empowerment of PWDs)



Programmes for the welfare of the persons with disabilities are fast progressing. **Jeevdan** at Zarap is going to be a fully equipped school with construction of 4 classrooms dormitory for

boys and girls a new dining hall etc. It was possible with the assistance from **kinder missio**. A Well-equipped physiotherapy unit will be in place shortly.

Anugraha special school at Khed has started pre-vocational training. students are taught chalk making, envelop making, greeting card making etc. so far we have not succeeded in obtaining fund for starting a vocational training center.

Pratiksha special school, which was shifted to watul, has admitted many children. With the assistance from SLF we will be able to construct the dining hall and a classroom. We have received assistance from other benefactors for construction of



Dormitory etc. **SLF** is helping in the rehabilitation of more than 100 children. Assistance is give for purchase of Tricycles, corrective surgery, special education, vocational training etc

Cherish, the rehabilitation center for the mentally challenged, has admitted a few mentally challenged persons. Agro based rehabilitation is envisaged which include organic farming, poultry etc

Care home for the severely disabled children

During the field visits we have come across many disabled children who are totally paralyzed. Those children whose parents are working in the fields or elsewhere are left at home without proper care. In order to meet the needs of those children and give them comfortable



and hygienic living conditions we have stared a care home for the severely disabled children at Khutalwady. Shanti niwas care home at present running in small building.

Autism center attached to Alphonsa School, Miraj caters to twelve autistic children

Welfare & developmental programmes

Old age home. A new building is constructed at Lanja as an extension of the present old age home. it was blessed by Cardinal Vithayathil

The hostel for the Poor children at Banda is progressing . With Assistance from Andrea Elrich we could construct a dormitory and study hall for the children. A well-equipped hostel is yet to be realized. Hostels at Zarap will be ready soon



Nirmal Sadan Destitute home MSJ congregation has started destitute home at Amberi. It also serves as a developmental center where tailoring centres and other income generating programmes are conducted

Tailoring centres Tailoring center at Watul is providing employment to girls from nearby villages as well as training to many girls

At present there are 35 SHGs are working in 5 villages and three slums



Health programmes

Health centres at watul and Lanja and Ratnagiri Khutalwady are serving the rural poor of the nearby villages

Asahadeep construction of the first floor of Ashadeep counseling center is complete the counseling center a communication media center and a chapel and living rooms of the fathers are accommodated in the first floor the ground floor is now used temporarily as the ply school and KG section of Santhome school



Capacity building programmes

In order to enhance the capabilities of the staff various seminars and training programmes are conducted. Seminars were conducted for the missionary personnel in financial management school administration. Personnel equip themselves through Correspondence course in various disciplines such as HIV/AIDS. Home based rehabilitation, NGO Management, Inclusive education etc

Other than the training given to the field workers Dilasa (HIV/Aids project,) a two-week training programme was organized for CBR field workers at Amberi. 25 participants benefited. The classes enabled them to identify various disabilities and how to make a rehabilitation plan for a disabled child Training programme was sponsored by SLF .

Flood relief programme

Last week of July and first weeks of August this year saw the worst floods of the century in Maharashtra. Floods hit Chiplun and Khed thalukas in Ratnagiri district on July 26. Landslides affected Sangmashewar thaluka. In the first weeks of August Sangli and Kolhapur districts were affected. Many villages were submerged under water for more than 10 days. Thousands of houses collapsed and thousands of hectares of agriculture is lost. People while fleeing to safer places could not save anything. they lost everything .



Sangli mission society responded to the disaster immediately by supplying food materials to the displaced people when we informed Caritas and CRS about the gravity of the situation they at once extended their assistance. With assistance from CRS/ Caritas we could reach out to



7000 floods affected families in 120 villages in these districts. We supplied food materials clothes utensils toiletries uniforms and books for school children and conducted medical camps. I t was a Herculean task to reach out to the remote villages and find out the really need people where no help has reached.