

# SSK Newsletter

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## CIVIL SOCIETY RESOURCE CENTRE

### Trainings for capacity building of Civil Society Organizations

SSK conducted "Training of Trainers on Participatory Training" from 16-23 Jan 2012 in which 24 participants from different organizations participated.

By the end of the training the participants learned and internalized about the concept of participatory training, analyzing training needs, understanding appropriate participatory training methods, tools, techniques, understanding group processes, improving self and personality of a trainer, different roles a trainer has to play during participatory training, designing effective participatory training and its various steps, facilitating participatory training sessions, understanding Trainer Team etc.



## DISASTER MANAGEMENT RESOURCE CENTRE

### Capacity building training of Panchayat Level DRR committee members

A 3 days training on HDC (Hamlet Development Committee) Management was organized for the members of Panchayat level DRR committee from 30<sup>th</sup> Jan till 1<sup>st</sup> Feb 2012 at SSK, Lucknow. The main objective of the training was to develop understanding on leadership and learn to facilitate different group processes like decision making, participation, communication, conflict resolution etc. in the group and in the respective communities. And also to understand the role and responsibility of PLDRR committee's members for better disaster risk reduction at the community level. The major topics of discussion were need of PLDRR committee, effective communication, good leadership, decision making, group process, role and responsibility of hamlet development committees, integration of disaster risk reduction plan into Panchayat development plan etc.



### Capacity building training of PRIs members

A two days training on developing understanding on PRI was organized for ERs of Ahata, Nasirganj and Bahrapur Panchayats of Jarwal block during 11<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> January 2012 at SSK, Lucknow. 25 PRIs members participated in this training. The main objectives of the training were to develop common understanding on 73rd amendments in constitution for strengthening Panchayati Raj. The major topics of discussion were three tier panchayat system, their functions, role of Gram Pradhan and ward members, role of VDO, types of panchayat Samities and their functions; right to information and role of PRIs members in Disaster Management were also discussed.



### Cash for work started in Jarwal and Kaiserganj blocks

Since 5<sup>th</sup> January 2012, repairing of damaged link road has been started in Munim purwa, Sethia, Karbala purwa in Ahata and Baghiya gram panchayat under cash for work programme. In this programme some repair or top dressing work started for those important connectivity roads which have been collapses/damage during flood. SSK has provided 14 unskilled man days work to the most vulnerable families who are willing to work in the respective area. Some of the most vulnerable family's individual house shall also be repaired under CFW. All the site works has to be monitored by hamlet development committee. The committee is responsible for distribution of wages payments. MNREGA norms have been followed in CFW.



### Establishing Balwari Shiksha Kendra opened Ahata G.P.

SSK has established a Bal Shiksha Kendra in Ahata Gram Panchayat to fill in gaps in education facility for the poor children. On 12<sup>th</sup> January 2012, a Bal Shiksha Kendra is opened which is more of a community owned and managed supported by Sahbhagi Shikshan Trust, Lucknow. It is an informal education center for kids. Ahata is fully flood prone gram panchayat. SSK has been intervening in this Panchayat for the last four years under the Disaster Risk reduction programme. Geographically Ahata is situated between Ghaghra and Sumari River, which is flooded by the bordering river every year.



During preparing Disaster Risk Reduction plan it was observed that the Government primary schools are not running properly. Now, in Bal Shiksha Kendra there are 140 students of different age groups. The main objective of this school is to create school going habit in the small kids of poor. This school also focuses on children's health, good manners and maintaining proper disciplines.

#### Disaster Risk Reduction Plan at 6 hamlets

SSK has intervening 22 hamlets in Tapesipah, Sisunda and Lahadhra gram panchayats at Ram Nagar blocks in Barabanki District. All these hamlets are fully flood affected. These three gram panchayats are situated near bank of river Ghaghra. The communities have prepared his own hamlet Disaster Risk Reduction plan in Mahallan purwa, Prashadi purwa, Budhai Purwa , Badal purwa, parashuram purwa and jagrup purwa with the support of SSK using participatory processes. In this whole DRR planning process communities have prepared their social map for the purpose vulnerability analysis of community particularly during and after floods. Different stake holders were also involved in the whole planning process. Community says this short of planning process has been carried out first time in our area.



### GOVERNANCE RESOURCE CENTRE

#### Reducing Vulnerability of Migrant Workers at Source end (Sitapur)

##### Mobilization meeting for financial inclusion

SSK did 10 mobilization meetings in the target gram panchayat. In the mobilization meeting, SSK focused on Janta Personal Accident (JPA) policy, which is specially designed and implemented for economically poor and labour. As a result total 5 migrant labours got registered with this policy.

##### Women Collective (Prawasi Pariwar Samooh)



The monthly meeting of already formed groups has been organized in their respective villages. Jyoti Pravasi Parivar Samooh Benipur and Chand Pravasi Parivar Samooh Asodar opened their saving bank account in State bank of India. Agenda of the meeting was understanding and sharing of Janta Personal Accident policy. Women of Saraswati Pravasi Parivar Smooh of Maluhi Saraiya actively participated in the re-election of Gram Panchayat due to death of previous Gram Pradhan.

##### Mobile Kiosk

Mobile Kiosk was organized at extensive area of the project that is urban area of Khairabad near police station on 18 Jan 2012. The idea behind selecting this area for kiosk was- This is a market place of Khairabad block. In the kiosk, information related to the services given by Shramik Sahayta Kendra was disseminated through IEC materials. It is a Muslim dominated area and migrants from this area mostly prefer to go to Surat, Agra, Lucknow, Kanpur, Delhi/NCR, Shimla, Ahmedabad, Jammu & Kashmir, Mumbai etc. People of this area prefer to sell carpet, cloths and also to work in auto mobile repairing industry, cutting and tailoring, driving etc. The migrants who understood and felt the need of ID cards came and applied for the ID cards and others who locally migrate, registered themselves in the format of registration. Citizen leaders of Khairabad Samajik Vikas Prerak Sangh actively involved in the process of information dissemination, ID and registration.



##### Legal Counseling

Two Legal counselling sessions were organized for the migrants at Chilwara on 19th Jan 2012. In this program migrants from this village panchayat participated. Migrant workers from this Panchayat went to Laddakh, Kargil, Jammu, and Himachal Pradesh for selling carpets. Resource person (Advocate) from civil court counselled all the migrants and informed them about importance of identity card at destination. he also informed them about risks of work they do and what they should do to avoid accident and get benefit of government accident policy. Former gram pradhan was also present in the program

At last it was stated by Panchayat citizen leaders that whenever the labor faces any problem, they must call to the number available behind ID card.

##### ID card and registration

Registration of migrants and providing of photo identity card is in ongoing process. Registration has been done through intensive and extensive approach. Demand of ID Cards and registration rose from the extensive area. During the project period we registered 1694 migrants among 704 ID card are distributed.

#### Reducing Vulnerability of Migrant Workers at Destination End (Ghaziabad)

##### Health Camp

We organized the Health Camp at Panchasheel Enclave, Loni Road, Bhopura, Ghaziabad on 24 Jan.12. Total 181 migrants and their family (29 Male, 51 Female & 101 Children's below 14 years) took free advice & medicine. In the camp, 3 doctors as physician, Gynecologist & Child Specialist were available. This camp is organized in collaboration with Asha Deep Foundation, Ghaziabad. Information regarding health education also shared among target group.



##### ID Card Registration Shivr



3 ID Card Registration Shivr organized at labor chocks. 355 migrants covered during shivr. IEC & registration form distributed among migrants. In the shivr the information regarding Shramik Sahayata Kendra, the importance of ID cards & Janata Personal Accident (JPA) Policy are shared. Till date 81 registrations completed & 60 ID card distributed.

##### Trade Base Collective



2 Meetings held with this group. Focus of discussion was on group strengthening, JPA Policy, local issues as identity proof, ration card, health etc. Resource group member mr. B.B.Goel also attended one meeting and discussed about health issues.

#### Mobilization Meeting with Migrants

Organize regular mobilization meetings at target area Mahendra Enclave & Panchasheel Colony Bhopura Ghaziabad on JPA Insurance Policy, ID Card Registration, Sanitation Issues & her Local Problems. One legal case is identified and it is in process of solving by CITU

#### Resource group meeting

We organized the resource group meeting on 30th Jan.2012 and shared the work progress and took suggestions on the future planning. They assured us to provide all kind of support in the project.

### Empowering Muslim and SC Communities to have enhanced access to their rights related to opportunity for education and better health services

#### Interface Meeting with stakeholders (ASHA/AWW/ANM/School teachers)

SSK in association with PACS organized a block level interface meeting with ASHA, AWW, ANM & School teachers. Interface meeting was organized on 9th January at Panchayat Bhawan, Ganeshpur of Harahua block, on 10th January at Panchayat Bhawan, Bhawanipur of Cholapur block and the same was organized on 25th January at CHC, Saidpur. Total no. of participants from all these three blocks was 119.



#### Main agenda of the meeting was:

- ⊙ Roles & responsibilities as ASHA/AWW/ANM/School teachers;
- ⊙ Challenges faced by workers at field level;
- ⊙ Mutual experience sharing on the status of health, education and nutrition;
- ⊙ Develop an understanding with the stakeholders to resolve such issues;

#### Orientation of Citizen Leaders for Leadership Development



One day Orientation Programme for Citizen Leaders was organised on 12th January, 2012 at Sarnath, Varanasi to aware and sensitized Citizen leader on the issue of leadership and social Development process. This programme was attended by 31 citizen leaders, 7 animators & team members of SSK, Varanasi. In the orientation programme following issues were discussed in detail –

- ⊙ About SSK
- ⊙ Experience sharing on Developmental Issues related with Education, Health & Panchayat Activities
- ⊙ Thought of PACS Programme
- ⊙ Concept of Citizen Leaders
- ⊙ Work & Qualities of Citizen Leaders
- ⊙ Roles & Responsibilities of Citizen Leaders on Issues related with RTE
- ⊙ Follow up Strategy for School Management & Quality of Education

#### Mahila Sahbha Meeting

SSK organized six interface meetings with mahila Sahbha at Cholapur, Harahua, Saidpur. On 10th & 18th January meeting was held at Cholapur, 6th & 18th January meeting was held at Harahua, 10th & 27th January meeting was held at Saidpur. These meetings were attended by 170 women from muslim and dalit community.

In these meetings, we discussed the importance of group Women at gram panchayat & gram sabha level and role of Women in the gram panchayat & gram sabha meeting and its strategy. Coordinators shared that How do women in the panchayats grapple with the nuts and bolts of development at the grassroots? Do their life experiences work against their coming to grips with the issues at hand? Evidence points to the contrary and within a few months of assuming power, a substantial percentage has argued for hand pumps, schools, Primary Health Centres, eradication of child marriages and enrolment of girl children in schools was ensured.



#### Meeting with School Management Committee (SMC)



Data was collected from different schools in the study through interviews with members of SMCs. Almost all government run elementary schools have SMC. SSK has been working to strengthen the members of School Management Committee in intervened Panchayats of Varanasi district. In the process, we organized SMC meetings at cholapur and Harahua Block. Total no. of participants was 99.

#### Following agenda was covered in detail during the meeting:

- ⊙ Introduction of SSK & its work at Varanasi
- ⊙ Thought of PACS Programme & objective
- ⊙ Announcement of SMC List at G.P level
- ⊙ Salient Features of RTE Act, 2009
- ⊙ Functions of School Management Committee

We shared Gram panchyat wise SMC list to the members of School management committee and shared the learning material on the School management committee which have brief detail of its composition, functions, role and responsibilities under RTE, 2009.

#### Workshop on Role of Religious Leaders in Social Development

We organized a block level workshop on 30th January, 2012 at Saidpur. The purpose of this workshop was to highlight project idea and the strategies as well as the change process which are likely to be addressed through the proposed intervention. Another reason behind conducting such workshop was that without permission and orientation of these caste and religious institutions it might be difficult to work with these communities. If not properly oriented these persons may oppose our programme and create hindrances in achieving our project goal. The workshop was participated by 25 participants from muslim, dalit & backward community. Theme of the workshop was "Role of Religious Leaders in Social Development", with **major objectives as follows:**

- ⊙ To sensitize religious leaders on the issue of social exclusion and discrimination.
- ⊙ To sensitize the block level stakeholders especially religious groups and caste group on the issues of education, health and its importance focusing by their responsibilities.
- ⊙ To initiate the process of rational communication between different stakeholders at local level for sustainable solutions of the problems.
- ⊙ Developing and strengthening coordination with religious leader to take up joint initiatives towards creating awareness on health, education, nutrition and basic services.



### Muslim and Dalit Girls Child and Women Empowerment Programme

#### Library Committee Meeting



Monthly meeting organized with library committee members at Village resource centre. In each meeting Library committee members and active Citizens participated actively. Objective of the meeting was to strengthen the Village Resource Centre and to know the concerns of community. **In the meeting discussed the following things –**

- How to make interesting the educational games and the given the insight to develop interest of students in the subjects so that they were enjoyed the learning.
- To discussed on the increase visibility of VRC and utilization of the resources like NEWS papers, Employment NEWS at VRC.
- To discussed on the role and responsibility of the Village education Committee and Library committee Members.

### Guardian Meetings

Guardian meeting was organized of the girls enrolled in Vidhya Gyan Scholarship Programme Scholarship Programme .The meeting was conducted in Cholapur Naya Panchayat and Dhuarhara Naya Panchayat. During meeting shared the silent features of RTE act,2009 and detail discussion on provision for School management Committee its composition, functions, role and responsibilities under RTE. The focus of the discussion was how to active parents support to SMC members to initiate the process of quality education in the school.

During the meeting we shared to the parents about the scholarship amount and information and sharing the observation of computer test and next three month course of Computer classes for classes -IX. All guardians have an opportunity to share their feeling and ask questions.The guardians shared their experience of their girl's progress and personality development behavior.



### Self Help Group Meeting



This orientation program was about breaking the ice for these groups and letting them know the importance of risk taking and making them understand the importance of working in a group. Also through this program we tried to understand the problems faced by them and also the reason that why they don't want to indulge themselves in any group activity or business. With such an aim and women as prime stakeholder under our ongoing project, we conducted two SHGs meeting on 10th & 18th January at Dharaura & Kursiya respectively from Cholapur Block.

These groups were comprised of muslims and dalit community members. Members of this group contribute Rs.50 every month. In joint effort they contribute a part of their income and take loan as and when required. The members in this group are from labour class, agricultural class and bunker family. These groups have not yet started any entrepreneurial activity. We told them motivational stories which are of very basic standards

## Democratizing the urban Governance: People participation and Social Accountability

### Workshop on Relevance Of Citizen Charter And Role Civil Society

On 31st Jan 2012, an orientation workshop on Relevance of Citizen Charter and role civil society was organized at the conference hall of Central Bar Association Kachahari Varanasi. This programme was attended by around 59 advocates. This workshop was organized by SSK, Varanasi and supported by PRIA, New Delhi. The objective of this work shop was to share the relevance of citizen charter in contest of Nagar Nigam.

#### In the workshop following things discussed –

- About the citizen Charter ,framework and its importance
- Citizen Charter in context of Municipal Corporation
- Significance of Citizen Charter in current scenario
- Role of civil society to formulation and implementation of Citizen Charter .



### Developed Pamphlet on Citizen Charter & Grievance Redressal Mechanism at Varanasi District

#### काशी की जनता के नाम संदेश

नगर निगम वारणसी द्वारा नगरिक समस्याओं के समाधान व बेहतर सेवा हेतु एक पुस्तक को तैयार किया है जिसके अन्तर्गत नगर निगम वारणसी की विभिन्न सेवा, सुविधाएँ, समस्याएँ हैं:

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शुभरात के समय समाधान व अपडेटेड-यौनियम जानकारी को प्राप्त करने हेतु नगर निगम हेल्प लाइन पर फोन मुहूर्त 11 बजे से शाम 5 बजे के भीतर समस्या दर्ज कराने की सुविधा उपलब्ध करायी गयी है।

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समस्याओं के पंजीयन व समाधान हेतु नगर निगम में हेल्प लाइन/शिकायत निवारण प्रकोष्ठ का गठन किया गया है जिसे स्वयं सहस्रम व जिम्मेदार अधिकारियों द्वारा देखा जाता है, कृपया हेल्प लाइन की सेवा अवश्य लें।

**ध्यान रखें :**

अपना शिकायती कोड नम्बर अवश्य पुछें तथा अपने मोबाइल नम्बर की जानकारी दें।  
आपके शिकायत करने के पश्चात आपको अपने मोबाइल नम्बर पर एस.एस.एस. द्वारा शिकायत कोड नम्बर व समस्या निवारण की सूचना दी जायेगी।

- अपने शिकायत, मुद्राव-जानकारी के लिए सम्पर्क करें। नगर निगम हेल्प लाइन/शिकायत निवारण प्रकोष्ठ-नगर निगम, बाराचसी
- अपने अधिकारों, जिम्मेदारियों के प्रति सजग रहें व अपने कर टैक्सों को समय से अदा कर नगर को समृद्ध व सुन्दर बनाने में योगदान दें।

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Under the umbrella of Urban Programme in association with PRIA, we developed four types of Pamphlet as an initiative of Varanasi Municipal Corporation (VMC) at Varanasi District. With the objective to strengthen Grievance Redressal System and create awareness on Citizen Charter, Right to Information & increasing community participation in keeping the city neat & clean. The pamphlet on Citizen Charter is in form of Brochure which contains concept, guideline, uses & relevance of Citizen Charter. Other pamphlets on GRS & services provided through VMC are drafted with an aim to information to each & every individuals who are living in the vicinity of Municipal Corporation