



GRAM BHARATI SAMITI

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I feel privileged to work for Gram Bharathi Samiti for the last 3.5 decades. I have learnt management, leadership and strategies related to mass mobilization from our founder Late Sri Bhawani Shanker Ji, He is undoubtedly a source of inspiration not only to me but also for thousands of women of marginalized adivasis of Rajasthan. He played key role in empowering NGOs of Rajasthan by facilitating 52 CSOs for UNCCD accreditation. His committed services are incredible. We as a team miss our mentor and founder. His inspiration in addition to the kind supports of our current president Sri Harsh Wardhan Agarwal ji, well-wishers and team GBS. Without the support of all the above mentioned it would be difficult to run the 40 year old organization.

Gram Bharati Samiti is a reputed and credible CSO in Jaipur Rajasthan India working for the welfare and development of most marginalized sections and in particular adivasis.

Our major emphasis is on the following areas :

- Environment related programs, Ex: Gandhivan (Sustainable Environment Proto type model)
- Women empowerment : Entrepreneurship, Health, Human rights and micro credit
- Public health activities for women and adolescent girls
- Agro ecology initiatives
- Water Management: Step Wells management
- Education to poor gilrs
- Awareness programs on social issues and challenges with an emphases on women and girls
- Innovative programs and linakge with Interntional agencie

I feel proud to update that with reference to the dedicated and accomplished journey of GBS, the organization was supported by CARI to execute AVACLIM project in India. GBS is supported by good number of well-wishers, organizations, philanthropists in India and abroad.

In this annual report we have mentioned all the actives undertaken by Gram Bharati Samiti for the benefit of interested parties and donors. GBS is looking forward to associate with likeminded organizations and expand our operations.

The successful journey of GBS is because of our supporters, stake holders, donors and more important is the team. Hence, I wish to convey my gratitude to all concerned who supported us in both even and odd times to perform in spite of challenges created due to the demise of our founder Sri Bhawani Shanker Ji.

I wish and hope that GBS will continue its legacy in serving people and building network across the borders and beyond.

Kusum Lata Jain
Secretary
Gram Bharati Samiti

Amrit Mahotsav of Independence celebrated in Gandhivan

The Amrit Mahotsav of Independence was celebrated on September 18, 2021 at Gandhivan, an environmental prototype project of Gram Bharati Samiti. During the last 30 years, the organization has converted this barren desert land into a dense forest by planting 80,000 trees of different species. Apart from this, tasks like conservation of rain water by making check dams, mound positioning and conservation of extinct medicinal plants have been done successfully. The model of Gandhivan is considered as the best example in terms of environment prototype.



Kusum Lata Jain along with NIA team at Gandhivan

Professor Sanjeev Sharma of National Ayurvedic Institute (NIA), Jaipur, doctors, and research scholars of Visual Properties Department participated in the program to celebrate the Amrit Mahotsav of Independence, plantation of medicinal plants, and distribution of medicinal plants to the villagers.

Gram Bharati Samiti, Secretary Kusum Lata Jain appreciated the NIA team for their presence and distribution of medicinal plants to the villagers. She opined that the visit of academicians is a value addition to GBS to work in collaboration so that the benefits of gross root commitment and research work would be of great benefit to the stakeholders in particular to the villagers.

NIA team planted 60 medicinal plants and distributed other plants to the villagers. Dr. Meeta Kotecha presented a bag of nutritious biscuits and medicines as a gift to the entire team of Gram Bharati Samiti on behalf of the Dravguna Vibhag, National Ayurvedic Institute, Jaipur.



Pictures depicting plantation by TEAM NIA at Gandhivan, Jaipur



Distribution of Medicinal Plants by NIA Team to villagers

NIA team Jaipur appreciated the good efforts of team GBS led by Kusum Lata Jain due to which Gandhivan has emerged as a progressive environment prototype. In this program staff of GBS: Kalu Nayak, Aachi Devi, Ramchandra Saini, Ankit Sharma, Suryakant were present.

CELEBRATED WORLD DECERTIFICATION DAY AT GANDHIVAN

A reputed civil society organization Gram Bharati Samiti, celebrated World Desertification Day on 17 June 2021 at Gandhivan, Jaipur Rajasthan India.

Major portion of land in Rajasthan is dry due to lack of water resources. As a result major portion of the land is neither cultivated nor utilized for any agri and allied production purpose. In this regard, Gram Bharati Samiti took initiatives and developed green forestry in a span of thirty years substituting sand pits.



Display of Desertification day program by Gram Bharati Samiti

In this context, GBS secretary Kusum Lata Jain along with other team members organized the Decertification day and appealed to all the communities and society to plant more number of tress and safeguard them to ensure that environment is protected and land fertility, soil conservation is done to the maximum extent possible. Participants agreed in principle and took oath to protect the environment which is displayed in the below photograph.

COVID VACCINATION CAMP

In view of public health Gram Bharati Samiti took initiation and organized three camps for the benefit of marginalized sections on 17 September, 13 December 2021 and 01 January 2022 in Amer.

In collaboration with Rotary Jaipur Kings City first vaccination camp was organized on September 17, 2021 by Gram Bharati Samiti in the Amber office. In this camp 550 Covi shield doses were given to people above 18 years of age.



A Doctor administering covishield vaccination at GBS Office, Amer

Kusum Lata Jain, Secretary of Gram Bharati Samiti told that with the support of Rotary Club Jaipur Kings City, 550 vaccinations of Covishield were given to the 18+ years of Amer region. In this regard women of self-help groups and other eligible youth were vaccinated. This project was executed under the leadership of Dr. Raghuraj Singh. Rotary President Tarun Jhalani, Secretary Ajit Singh, Project Director Kavarpal Singh expressed gratitude to all the stakeholders and GBS. Dr. Ramesh Kumar Sharma, Community Center Amer, and Dr. Mukesh Bairwa Block CMHO Amer inspected the vaccination camp and expressed great amount of satisfaction about the camp.

The following staff of GBS and office bearers of the public sector were present in the camp and extended their complete support and cooperation : DEO Sunil Kumar Sharma, DEO Durgalal ANM Anju Kumar, Gitanjali, Ramchandra Saini, Anand Wardhan, Sarita Yogi, Ankit Sharma, Shivgopal Sharma, Naval Kumar Jha, Dilip Gupta, Neeraj Sharma, Manoj Saini, Kishore Singh, Sanju, Omprakash, Suryakant Choubey, Manish Jha were all present in the camp and made it successful.

Second vaccination camp was organized by GBS on the birthday of Ramchandra Saini, office secretary GBS. The camp was organized at the Gram Bharati Samiti, Amer Bhawan, Amer on 13 December, 2021. A total of 382 doses of Covishield were administered till 04:00 am.



Administration of covishield vaccination at GBS Office, Amer Jaipur



Villagers being administered with covishield vaccination at GBS Office, Amer

Third covid vaccination camp was successfully completed with the able guidance, supervision, and coordination of DEO Sunil Kumar Sharma, Sunny, and Manju Lamba of Community Health Center Amer. Team GBS extended its complete support in this regard.

Financial Empowerment through Bank Linkage activity

Gram Bharati Samiti firmly believes that women empowerment is the key parameter for both family and societal development. In this regard finance plays the dominant role. Hence GBS took an initiative to facilitate financial empowerment of women with the support of Rotary Club Jaipur Kings City. With their support, 50 women were given free insurance of 2 lakhs by opening bank accounts in Indian Bank M L Road branch Jaipur on September 20, 2021. The prime objective was to educate women on banking systems and ensure that they will get the financial benefit from all the social welfare schemes and other benefits from other sources based on their eligibility wherein the amount will be credited directly into their account.

On this occasion, Secretary of Gram Bharati Samiti, Kusum Jain and BJPS.C. Uttar Mandal Morcha President Mukesh Khorwal told that the means of employment will be made available to the rural women through such events. Employees of Indian Bank : Rahul Kumar, Ram Gopal Mehra, Rajendra Yadav, Prakash Chand Regar, Kamal Kumar Regar and Jagdish Prasad Regar expressed gratitude to GBS for arranging a good program for the benefit of rural women.



Group photo of Women benefitted with the above captioned event

Office bearers of Rotary Club Jaipur Kings City, President Tarun Jhalani, Secretary Ajit Singh, Project Director Kavanarpal Singh expressed that women will get the benefit of insurance and will be linked to beneficial schemes by the bank in future.

DISTRIBUTION OF GANDHI LITERATURE IN GIRLS SCHOOL, AMER

The founder Bhawani Shanker was a great believer in Gandhian philosophy and he founded the organization based on the same principles. On the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti, Gandhi 150th anniversary, and Azadika Amrit Mahotsav, 100 books of Gandhi literature were distributed in the Government Girls Senior Secondary School, Amer. The objective was to create awareness and educate the future citizens on Gandhian Ideology and can implement the same in their day to day operations. Office secretary, Ramchandra Saini facilitated in the distribution of 100 books of Gandhi literature to the school in the presence of the principal and teachers of the school.



Ramchandra Saini with school students and teachers

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VALUE AGROECOLOGY FOR DRYLANDS

Avaclim project was sanctioned to Gram Bharati Samiti by CARI France to execute AVACLIM agro ecology project in India. In this context, GBS finalized two initiatives at Vaagdhaara in North India and Renuka Bio Farm in the southern region.

In spite of pandemic GBS took initiative to conduct online workshop with the CSOs to create awareness and sensitize them about agro ecology initiatives in the country. Zoom meeting was conducted on 10 July, 2021 wherein 21 members attended along with the representatives of CARI. Concerned leaders of component 2 and 4 facilitated all the participants on the need of building network, advocacy and communication. It was empathized by the speakers that network building is the key factor for the sustainability of the project as per the SDG goals prescribed in the project document. Facilitators expressed that creative approaches need to be worked out to ensure that large number of stakeholders can derive the benefit from the project.

GBS collected data as part of research related to multi tool assessment. The tool was designed with great efforts by CARI Team which emphasized on data collection, data analysis and results finalization by considering various factors related to technology involvement, health and hygiene, life style, soil fertility etc., The process gave good amount of insights to the staff and it enhanced the skills and knowledge of the associated personnel.

In the month of March 2022 two offline workshops were conducted at Jaipur on Community of practice and advocacy as per the guidelines of the avaclim project.



Banner of the National Workshop conducted on 25,26 March 2022 at Jaipur Rajasthan India



Welcome to Jerome Cari International Coordinator at Jaipur



Tributes to the GBS Founder, Sri Bhawani Shanker Ji (Late)

GBS with the support of GVS could mobilize 35 participants from south and north India. Representatives belong to NGOs, practitioners and scientists with rich experience in the field of agro ecology and allied areas. All the participants were given grand welcome by team GBS. All the participants recollected the outstanding services of Sri Bhawani Shanker with regard to facilitating NGOs with regard to UNCCD accreditation and allied activities in land degradation and agro ecology initiatives. His outstanding efforts in the development of social forestry at Gandhivan is one of his exceptional contribution in Rajasthan in addition to many other activities related to natural resource management, women empowerment etc.



**Chief Guest : Dr. Meeta Kotecha, Vice Chancellor, National Institute of Ayurveda, Jaipur
Photographs exhibiting participants in action**



Group presentation on the role of policy makers in the country



Group discussion on role of CSOs in agro ecology project in the country



Group presentation on the challenges and solutions for sustainable agro ecology in India



Noel, Component 1 leader addressing the participants in National Workshop



Group photo of National Workshop, March 25-26, 2022 Jaipur Rajasthan India

Thus in 2021-2022 Gram Bharati Samiti could get the support of all the concerned stakeholders and successfully complete the prescribed activities as part of avaclim project. Good efforts of GBS were appreciated by CARI team in principle.



Kusum Lata Jain visiting farms of Vaadhara in Banswara with Sohan Lal Yogi and Dinesh Ji



Kusum Lata Jain Visited Jelly Beans Farm and saw Maize Crop

EXCHANGE OF VOLUNTEERS BETWEEN IN INDIA AND NEPAL

The prime objective of the NOREC project was to facilitate women on artisans of India and Nepal with an International collaboration and explore marketing opportunities for the good work of women of the two countries. Need based capacity building and mentoring will be done to the identified and potential women. NOREC project was implemented in three rounds. As an organization including the women stakeholders were benefitted with knowledge related to designs pertaining to handicrafts and exploring marketing opportunities in domestic and global markets.

NOREC project also gave GBS a wonderful opportunity to develop international collaborative work with Nepal artisan during the pandemic period. Indian women learnt the process of stitching bags from Nepali women in addition to exhibiting their skills of producing cotton bags with latest designs.

Due to the support of NOREC project women got orders of masks, bags and cotton mats from local markets, MNCs, Govt. departments across India. Gram Bharati Samiti shared few samples were shared to Khadi organization in UK for their approval.



A women artisan preparing cotton mat (Handicraft) at Jaipur Rajasthan India

Note : DWA women artisans are participating in fairs to sell their product in festival time. DWA will be planning to establish a training centre of cotton mats in Nepal.

The key challenges were :

1. Finding a trained and experienced Master Craftsman
2. Buying raw materials at reasonable costs in the local market
3. Making the women understand innovative designs as most of them are illiterate
4. Due to covid19 participants were not exchanged in round III. GBS organized training on cotton mats and handicraft bags in rural village area.



Kusum Lata Jain Visited Jelly Beans Farm and saw Maize Crop

Improvement Plan

1. Couple of trained and experienced Master Craftsmen were identified to facilitate the project
2. Some of the Dealers were contacted and requested to make the low cost raw materials available
3. Some of the women were selected and trained as peer educators
4. GBS/DWA personnel accompanied the participants in the beginning and made them understand their language/dialect
5. Women artisans learned and exchanged knowledge of cotton mat weaving and handicraft bags stitching on digital online meetings.
6. After the project period, training centres and equipment are used by women artisans for producing cotton mats and handicrafts bags in India and Nepal. Nepali women artisans demanded additional sewing machines for stitching work. GBS and SHG women took the responsibility in paying rent for the training venue centre in India.

Distribution of woolen clothes to single women in the pandemic

Gram Bharati Samiti(GBS) is in the forefront to extend possible support the needy. In this regard GBS have been expanding its network to seek the need based support for the benefit of marginalized sections and in particular women and girls.

As you are aware Covid created lot of panic and havoc with all the countries across the world. Poor families faced extreme difficulty. To extend the basic support, GBS distributed woolen clothes to widowed women in the Corona pandemicwith the support of EK Kobe-Osaka and Kobe Union Church, Japanbased organization and Dinah.

GBS Secretary Kusum Jain expressed her gratitude and told that the captioned organization has been extending its support since many years. The clothes distribution program was organized on 10 February2022 at Durga Mata Mandir Kooks. Single women felt extremely happy and conveyed their gratitude to GBS and Japan organization for their timely support and kind gesture.



Kusum Lata Jain, Secretary GBS distributing woolen clothes to single women

REWARD AND PRAYER FOR THE SENIOR CITIZEN ON THE DEATH ANNIVERSARY OF GANDHIJI

On the death anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi ji, Sarv Dharma prayer was organized at AmerGBS office. Secretary of GBS, KusumLata Jain told that the death anniversary is also celebrated as LeprosyEradication Day.As Gandhi ji gave due importance to old aged and Leprosy patients,GBS took initiative and invited leprosy patients and disabled persons from Mahaveer Niketan and felicitated them after Sarv Dharma Prayer(Every tradition is unique and they need to be respected)



Community prayer for communal harmony at Gandhivan Jaipur Rajasthan India

Mahesh Jain, Kamal Jain, Pranav Jain, Avika Jain, Shivgopal Sharma, Ankit Sharma and GBS staff RamchandraSaini were present in the above programme.

UNIVERSAL RELIGION PRAYER MEETINGS

With reference to Gandhi Ji ideology and believes that every religion is unique and they need to be given importance and respected by all means. In this context, Gram Bharati Samiti formed based on Gandhian principles organized Universal Religion Prayer Meeting on the occasion of Gandhi Ji's death anniversary at GBS Office, Achrol, Amer. The meeting was organized by Kusum Lata Jain, Secretary GBS. Leprosy patients and disabled from Mahaveer Niketan along with staff of GBS and social activities from Jaipur were present in the Prayer meetings.



Kusum Lata Jain facilitating Universal Prayer Meeting at GBS Amer

EKK AND KOBE UNION CHURCH JAPAN



Food kits distribution to adivasi women by Kusum Lata Jain

MOBILE HEALTH SERVICES MEDICAL CAMP

Mobile health care services continued with generous support from the Runnebaum Foundation, Germany. During the year medical camp regularly organized in the villages of GBS area of operation.



Medical camp organized in village Jugalpura

On February 15, 2022 a free check-up and diagnosis Ayurvedic camp was organized under the aegis of Gram Bharti Samiti at Madrasa Sir Syed, in which Dr. Shyam Sundar Sharma, Dr. Suman Sharma, Dr. Savitri Chaudhary of State Ayurveda Dispensary Block Headquarters, Amer, Compounder Srinath Sharma and Faili Meena etc. were present. GBS organization's secretary Kusum Jain appreciated the good efforts and support of Ahmed Khan, Sadar, Madrasa Sir Syed, Amer Afzal Khan and Aslam Khan, Ramchandra Saini for their support and cooperation in organizing the camp.



Picture depicting Ayurvedic camp organized with the support of GBS

The camp was inaugurated by the 2nd ward councilor Anjali. She opined that the local people can extract benefit from the public Ayurvedic dispensary available in the vicinity of ward 2. She also declared that Dr. Shyam Sunder Sharma is regularly present in it for check-up and diagnosis. Sixty two people were benefitted in the camp.

On 08.03.2022, on the occasion of Women's Day, under the aegis of Gram Bharati Samiti, a free Ayurvedic medical camp was organized at Government Primary School Mehandi Ka Bass, Amer. Sharma, Dr. Savitri Chowdhary, Compounder Srinath Sharma and Felli Meena etc. were present and facilitated adivasi women and marginalized sections of the area.

GBS Office Secretary Ramchandra Saini appreciated the support and cooperation of Mahendra Singh-Teacher, Kapil Badiwal, Sai Fashion, Banshidhar Saini, Jai Computer Center, Satyanarayan Kirana Store, Amer in the successful execution of the camp. Dr. Shyam Sunder Sharma was regularly present in Gram Bharti Samiti office for check-up and diagnosis. Seventy eight people were benefitted in the camp facilitated by Gram Bharathi Samiti.




Adivasi beneficiaries in the Ayurvedic Medical Camp

GANGADAS STEP WELL CLEANING IN AMBER BEFORE RAIN SEASON





Glimpses of Gram Bharati Samiti Major Achievements in the last three years




JAMNALAL BAJAJ
AWARDS

Mr. Bhawani Shanker Kusum
(Rajasthan)

For Outstanding
Contribution in the
field of Constructive Work

Gandhian 'Warrior' Honoured
with Jamnalal Bajaj Award 2019



Jamnalal Bajaj Award 2019



Mahila Shakti Puraskar 2019 by Government of Rajasthan



COP14 Participation held at New Delhi in 2020



AVACLIM design phase meeting in France(2020)



Workshop of CSOs of India in New Delhi

**"Earth provides
enough to satisfy
every man's needs,
but not every
man's greed."**

– Mahatma Gandhi



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