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Santiniketan Vivekananda Adibasi Kalyan Samity

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VISION : We see West Bengal where vulnerable people realize their aspirations for better life in a better community.

SEVAKS commits to this by being a catalyst and innovator in Education, Health and Income generation, valued by all, striving for excellence.

MISSION : The Mission of our Samity is to impart man making character building education upon the ideas of **SWAMI VIVEKANANDA**. The intrinsic philosophy of the organization is, “..... **be and make**”.

GOAL :

- To impart education to the children with special needs and women of the community and to work for their empowerment.
- To promote physical and social health of vulnerable people.
- To work for improvement of quality of life of the people of the communities by way of supporting income generation activities.

I am grateful to place the annual report for the year 2000-2001 before the General Body of the member of Santiniketan Vivekananda Adibasi Kalyan Samity.

In the very soon beginning we offer our respectful welcome to the former Vice-Chancellor of Visva-Bharati University Prof. Dilip Kumar Sinha among us and as president of our organization we plead for his help in all matters of our organization.

As a well managed organization, activities of our organization are primarily for ameliorating the problem of rural laborers, pregnant mothers, destitute women, disabled children. Present strategies of our organization work include empowering the target people, search for innovative developmental ideas, coordinating various sectors of development and involving the people in project planning and implementation.

Community based family planning programme with emphasis on condom promotion :

Rapid population growth in India is a great concern. Although health and family welfare infrastructure is now available in this country, the percolation of much needed health and family welfare needs at the grass-root level has been slow and selective. The implementation of the family planning programme is crucial in the context of the development of the nation and the quality of life of the people. But it is often observed that various family planning measures for attaining the targets are thrust upon women more than men. Promotion of condom among the community people was undertaken because of the following three primary reasons:

- Condom is not associated with health risks,
- Condom prevents STDs and
- Condom prevents pregnancy.

Community people particularly the married men were the target group. The organization was taken the following activities:

- ❖ Group discussions
- ❖ Distribution of IEC materials
- ❖ Organizing workshop and meeting
- ❖ Promotion of condom marketing

In group discussion activity informal talks were made with male and female individuals separately to share their views regarding family planning. IEC materials on family planning were distributed through such discussion programme. Group discussion activities also aimed in building rapport with the target group. Actually promotion of condom was the most vital component of the programme. Condom was promoted in terms of benefits like avoidance of STDs including HIV/AIDS.

Economic Rehabilitation of disabled persons:

Disabled individuals are neglected in our society. In most cases, economic, rehabilitation ensures the improvement of the quality of their life. Considering this, disabled persons were identified through survey, awareness education programme involving the parents of disabled, their peers and their relatives were conducted to change their attitude towards disabled persons. The organization was a successful one in changing the community people particularly the parents, the peers and the relatives of disabled persons towards the disability.

In the preceding year we have also appealed for Rehabilitation and education for disabled children project to D.P.E.P. Birbhum.

In this connection we convey our deepest thanks to our staff and members who in spite of their personal difficulties worked sincerely, and sympathetically for cause of the economically depressed target group. We also convey our heartiest thanks to all donors, NGOs, patrons, advisors, Govt. officials. Social activities and all concerned persons and organization for extending their co-operation and support for implementation of our plan and programme.