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**Santiniketan Ratanpally
Vivekananda Adibasi Kalyan Samity**

**Ratanpally, P.O.- Santiniketan Dist.- Birbhum,
West Bengal Pin – 731235**

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.

YEARLY REPORT OF THE ORGANISATION FOR THE YEAR 2002-2003

I am grateful to place before the members of Santiniketan Ratanpalli Vivekananda Adibasi Kayan Samity the annual report of our organization for the year 2002-2003.

We are working with disabled children of Birbhum district with D.P.E.P. for welfare and rehabilitation of disabled children like Visually Impaired, Hearing Impaired and Mentally Retired. Special Educators are appointed to work with them at Bolpur, Nanoor, Suri, Nalhati I & II Block. This programme is providing counselling, motivation, and home visit to the disabled children to go to school and take care of proper education. Parents of disabled children are also given counseling to take care of their children's health and education. We are also providing services to the home of disabled children, for educational support. Teaching Learning Materials (TLM) are also prepared for disabled children for their educational development.

We are also working with children who are dropped out or out of school at slum areas of Bolpur-Santiniketan. We are running a Non-Formal Education centre at Surashripalli for the said children. 22 children are in our non-formal educational centre. One teacher is provided with educational support for these children.

We took initiative in awareness of reproductive child health (RCH) and immunization for mother and child in different remote villages surrounding Bolpur-Santiniketan. We organized three health camps at Phuldanga, Bandanga and Kasba village. During the health camp we provided free health check up facilities and distributed free medicines.

WORLD AIDS DAY was observed by Santiniketan Ratanpalli Vivekananda Adibasi Kalian Samity on 1st December 2002. We organized a series of programmes comprising a big rally, sit and draw competition, quiz competition and street drama at Bolpur-Santiniketan for awareness of HIV/AIDS.

WORLD DISABLED DAY as well as, week was also observed by our organization through a big rally on 3rd December 2002 and a series of programmes comprising sit and draw competition, quiz competition, sports competition and lastly it ended with cultural, programme and prize distribution at Sudhamoyee Primary School, Bhubandanga on 9th December 2002.

We also took the initiative on the awareness of HIV/AIDS among school and college students of Santiniketan and Bolpur area. Holding of video show, talking doll show, quiz competition are areas of our mass awareness strategies. Through this ways we make the general masses aware about HIV/AIDS. We organized a seminar on STD/HIV/AIDS at Geetanjali which was inaugurated by our Honorable M.P. Sri Somnath Chatterjee in presence of eminent personalities from all walks of life at Bolpur-Santiniketan.

We are also involved in formation and nurturing of Self Help Groups (SHGs) in the Birbhum district. The objective of our organization in formation of SHGs is to improve the economic social status of poor people who are under B.P.L.. The main aim of our organization is to empower rural poor by improving their access to the formal credit system through various Micro-Finance innovations in a cost effective and sustainable manner. We have already formed five Self Help Groups (SHGs) at Phuldanga, Bondanga, Kasba and Lalbandh village and another seven groups are under process. In this regard we offer our gratefulness to Moyurakshee Gramin Bank, Sriniketan Branch, NABARD Bolpur, and Bolpur-Sriniketan Block.

In our monthly clinic, last year 276 patients have been benefited. In our view this is a considerable achievement. In this regard we offer our gratefulness to Bolpur Primary Health Centre, Sub-Divisional Hospital, Sian for supplying us with free medicine time to time. Last year 6 children (Tribal) of 9-14 years age group participated in the sit and draw competition organized by Bolpur talent research group. This is a matter of our pride and satisfaction.

In the preceding year we also appealed for STD/HIV/AIDS Targeted Intervention project to West Bengal State AIDS Prevention and Control Society.

In this connection, we convey our deepest thanks to our staff who in spite of their personal difficulties worked sincerely and sympathetically for the cause of the economically disabled target groups. We also convey our heartiest thanks to all donors, NGOs, patrons, advisors, Govt. officials, and all other concerned persons and organizations for extending their co-operation and support for implementation of our plans and programmes.