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Women Empowerment



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Annual Report 2013-2014



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Handicrafts



Child Development



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Preface

Dear Friends,

It gives me immense pleasure to present the Annual Report of “Aadhar Shodh Sansthan” also known as “Aadhar Research Institute” for the year 2013 – 2014. Aadhar is inspired by its vision to make a meaningful difference through its contribution to the rural community with their participation.

During this year, we tried to focus our efforts on improving the overall water availability in our working area and the issue of women empowerment was addressed in all our endeavors. All through the year, organization’s focus was on maximizing People’s Participation in every step so as to develop a sense of ownership among the target population.

This report has been prepared with the feedback, support and vision of community and the people at the grass root. We would emphasize the various interventions in fulfilling the expectations and needs of the common people.

I am thankful to my well-wishers, friends and colleagues who inspired us to make this happen.

Place: Radoli

Satyajit Bhattacharya
Director



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1. Background:

“Aadhar Shodh Sansthan” (Aadhar Research Institute) a grass root level voluntary organization was registered in late 1991 under Rajasthan Societies Registration Act 1958. Organization has



started working with the support of local community to promote all round development of rural society through an integrated development approach.

“Aadhar’s” main working area is Chaksu and Dausa blocks of Jaipur and Dausa districts respectively, the two neighboring districts in the eastern part of Rajasthan. Climate of these districts is subjected to extremeness of cold and hot and except for the monsoon season weather is dry. Rainfall of the area is quite low leading to severe scarcity of water thus affecting agricultural yield, poor availability of fodder and drinking water. These factors force a large section of the society to migrate to neighboring cities and states for livelihood.

2. Objectives:

Being a grass root level Voluntary Organization / NGO, “Aadhar” serves the underserved and unserved sections of rural society with focus on the following major objectives:

- To undertake all-round development of the socio-economically backward and other deprived sections of the society
- To provide formal and non-formal education through active participation of various groups of the community
- To create awareness about water conservation and safe drinking water to the local populace
- To enhance the worth and dignity of every woman through empowerment as well as to sensitize them on gender based issues, domestic violence, women’s rights, etc.
- To capacity build various groups by organizing trainings, meetings, workshops, camps etc.
- To cooperate and collaborate with like-minded organizations, groups and institutes and assist in development of new groups
- To create awareness of the utility of solar energy, natural compost in place of fertilizers, rain water harvestings etc.

3. Mission:

To mitigate the hardship of village community by undertaking integrated development activities.



4. Target beneficiaries:

Organization is working with the rural masses, mainly Women, Children and other weaker sections of the society through various development programmes.

5. Thrust Areas:

- Water Conservation
- Women's Empowerment
- Education for drop out / working children
- Reproductive and Child Health Rights
- Adolescent Reproductive Health
- Gender based Issues
- Capacity building trainings, workshops. Orientations, etc.

6. Location:

Registered office of the Organization is situated in village Radoli of block Chaksu of District Jaipur. It is around 55 Kilometers from city Jaipur. Campus is developed in 0.5 hectare of land. It is residential and having facilities for carrying out any kind of trainings, meetings and orientation programmes.

Campus has got ample space for games and sports. Water harvesting structure and solar lighting is available in the campus. Quite a good number of trees are planted in the campus.

7. List of Projects being carried out since 2004

Title of the Project	Duration	Name of sponsoring Organization
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Capacity building of SHG members	2004 to 2005	IIHMR, Jaipur
Celebration of Safe Motherhood Day	2004 to 2005	SUMA Network through CHETNA, Gujarat
Innovative Education, Maternal & Child Health programme	1997 to 2007	Plan International, UK
Health Survey	2006 to 2007	EPOS-Health India
Early Child care & Primary education	2006 - 2007	SWRC, Tilonia
Women's Empowerment through Microfinance	2009 onwards. This project has been implemented from June 2009 as Research project	Organization's own Contribution
Support to Rural Women through Formation and Linkage of SHGs	September 2009 onwards for 3 years	NABARD
National Environment Awareness Campaign	2009 – 2010	Ministry of Environment and Forests, through CUTS, Jaipur
RCHR Programme	2000 to 2010	Sida, Embassy of Sweden
Follow up of Maternal & Child health cases	2011 - 2013	Organization's own Contribution
Training and manufacturing of mosquito nets	2012-2013	Barefoot College, Tilonia



8. Activities being carried out during 2013-2014

I) Water Feasibility Survey

Tonk District in Rajasthan is suffering from shortage of water and most of the villages are having more fluoride, chloride and other carbonates which spoil the quality of drinking water. Hence with the request from various Gram Panchayats and the community, Organization carried survey in 20 villages of 2 blocks namely Uniara Block and Niwai Block. Out of that, Niwai block seemed to have more acute water crisis than the other blocks. Hence 5 villages out of the 10 were shortlisted for water conservation projects. To increase and improve the water quality and quantity in these villages, thorough discussion with the community and the member of Panchayats were carried out. Rainfall data was also collected to design the available community water source. After the analysis 5 villages (Bhurtia Kallan, Suratrapura, Dayalpura, Dahlod and Brijlalpura) were shortlisted for the development of village ponds. With the help of this project, the community will get part employment as well as water for irrigation, drinking and other purposes. By developing the ponds, rainwater collection will increase which will ultimately increase the level of water in available wells and hand pumps. Moisture content in the soil will ultimately help in increasing the yield of crop.

II) Orientation and Formation of SHGs in Niwai Block

Organization helped 80 women in 7 villages of Niwai block by providing them the appropriate platform to address and meet their financial requirements by formation of SHGs. Orientation meetings and group formation meetings were undertaken to identify and form groups in different villages. This will help the women members by providing them financial security in the long run.

III) Meetings with SAMPDA members

SAMPDA (Society for Activating, Motivating and Promoting Development Alternatives), a joint network of 23 member NGOs from all over the country has been formed to discuss and exchange ideas which helps in realizing the issues and remedies adopted in different geographical locations. By exchanging views, the member partners are aware of the latest happenings and best practices undertaken by fellow members. The meeting of SAMPDA members takes place bi-annually in Tilonia campus.

IV) Revitalization of village ponds

The organization after undertaking survey and due diligence, shortlisted 3 Gram Panchayats namely Radoli, Rupahedi kallan and Bapugaon for development of village ponds. As part of the



project sanctioned by “The Coca Cola Foundation”, 2 village ponds were revitalized in previous year and the remaining 3 sites were developed in this year. Sawai Jaisinghpura, Rupahedi kallan and Bapugaon were the 3 villages which were taken up for the work this year.



Excavation work carried out by villagers



Pond site after the excavation work



Overflow and Face-wall structure of the pond

Following activities were carried out:-

- ✓ Members of Gram Panchayat were consulted before initiating the work
- ✓ Regular interaction in the villages with the community for transparency and accountability
- ✓ During meeting with the community and the Panchayat, Jal Samiti was formed with their consultation
- ✓ Outline of the work was prepared with the suggestion of Jal Samiti
- ✓ People who will be involved in pond development work were finally selected with the help of people and Jal Samiti members
- ✓ Bank accounts were opened for the Jal Samiti separately for developing ownership and transparency in the project
- ✓ After analysis of the first phase of the work in Radoli and Kolya villages, it was decided to construct “Stone Pitching” on the pond boundary walls near the overflow structure so as to provide greater strength to the pond boundary.



V) Capacity Building of personnel

Organization had sent its personnel to various different organizations for getting a first-hand experience on the formation and orientation of women in SHGs.

For instance, in the month of February, Ajay Singh and Ghasi Ram, two personnel from Aadhar visited “Kumarappa Institute of Gram Swaraj” in Niwai Block of Tonk District. Also in March, Ajay Singh and Jagdish Gurjar visited “Saheli Sansthan” in Dausa block of Dausa district.

VI) Participation in other Government activities

- **Participation in meetings at Gram Panchayat levels**

Organization participated in various Gram Panchayat meetings of different villages to interact and discuss various Government policies and programmes with the villagers. Information sharing for the Pond Development project was undertaken with the people of the village.

- **Participated at Panchayat level during Immunization drives**

Organization personnel helped in motivating and orienting villagers towards Immunization Camps, which are carried on by Government Health Providers for proper vaccination of children and pregnant women. This helped in increasing the villager turnout in these camps.



Immunization during regular check-up camps



9. Members of Governing Council:

Name of member	Address	Occupation
Dr. Awadh Prasad (Chairman)	B-190, University Marg, Bapu Nagar, Jaipur	Economist and Social activist
Ms. Anita Bhanawat (Vice Chairperson)	411, Fountain Square, Behind Hotel “ The Lalit”, Near Jawahar Circle, Jaipur	Educationist and Social activist
Shri Satyajit Bhattacharya (Director)	B-40, Model Town, Malviya Nagar, Jaipur	Geologist, Community Development worker
Ms. Aparna Sahay (Member)	C-351, Pradhan Marg, Malviya Nagar, Jaipur	Rajasthan Accounts Services (Government Service)
Shri Mota Ram Choudhary (Member)	SARA Sansthan, Laxmipura, District-Sikar	Social activist
Ms. Kamini Shukla (Member)	133, Visvesvarya Nagar, Gopalpura By- pass, Jaipur	Social activist
Shri Satya Deo Bareth (Member)	69/50, Veer Tejaji Road, Mansarover, Jaipur	Academician & Consultant



10. Summary of Financial Status: