KKM Handweaving

April 2020 - September 2020



KKM Handweaving Supporting Four Projects:

- 1. KRIPAON KI MATA LEPROSY COLONY, NALAPANI ROAD, DEHRA DUN 248001 (U.K.)
- 2. BRAHMAPURI REHABILITATION ASHRAM, TAPOBAN P.O. 249192, DISTT. TEHRI (U.K.)
- 3. NAVJIVANGRAM HATH KARGHA UDYOG, P.O. BOX 65, DEHRA DUN 248001 (U.K.)
- 4. TARA PARBAT LEPROSY PROJECT, CHALGAON, KULHAN P.O., DEHRA DUN -248001(U.K.)

Dear Friends and Well Wishers,
Namaste & Greetings from Dehradun- Uttarakhand
We hope and pray that this Newsletter finds you in good Health.

Due to COVID-19 (Corona Pandemic), past 6 months journey has been quite difficult. During this time, inspite of the 3 months complete nationwide lockdown, We all took initiative to make aware all the 4 groups about this epidemic and important precautions to be taken, like — not to go out of our colony unnecessarily. If there is any emergency work, then to always follow the rule of social distance, wearing masks regularly washing and sanitizing of hands, and to not allow any unfamiliar person without mask to enter the colony. Through counseling, all the people were advised to be mentally strong, and those under regular treatment were motivated to take nutritious diet along with medicines in order to increase immunity.

Apart from this, relief materials and medical aid were also made available to all people of 4 projects, which included hand-made cotton masks, hand sanitizers with alcohol and soap and medicines and food ration bags. Keeping in mind the safety of people of the people of all projects in this corona epidemic, We also took initiative to prepare banners and posters on precautionary measures for the prevention of Corona infection.

In addition, during this Corona period, monthly pocket money and dry ration (food) was also distributed to each person in the all the projects through their respective organization. During the complete lockdown in the country, our team also provided regular health check-ups and timely medicines for all type of sickness like BP, Sugar, Thyroid, bran problem, heart diseases, Typhoid, anemia, eye problems and blood tests).

In this same Corona period, we manage to secure the admission of Raveena and Timothy in the Nursing College in Dehradun. These two children will be undergoing a 4 years B.Sc. Nursing.

We have also started all our official works from the main office of KKM with proper precaution and systematic way. Now we are maintaining all kinds of office work and handloom textile stock work (computerized). We are also looking forward to do the maintenance and repairing work of old residential rooms, electricity and water lines where required.

Apart from the above-mentioned works, we have also started income generation programs like fish farming, mushroom production and initiating ginger farming. The income received from these schemes will be used for the people affected with Leprosy. The main objective of this scheme is to provide equal economic benefit to all the beneficiaries to make them self-sufficient in the future.

Though the experience of the last six months was very challenging, I am very happy to share that the people of all the 4 projects are safe from Corona infection. And all the elderly and young people are courageously living their lives. We are greatly blessed in serving the people through the support and blessings of our friends.

Take care of yourself and your loved ones

GOD Bless You All





Thank you for your continuous prayers and support Best Wishes!

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Medical -Aid for Kripaon Ki Mata

During the Covid-19 Pandemic, when there was complete lockdown in the country, AKS continued medical services of all residents in 4 projects. Special care was administered to the patients who are suffering from various specific sicknesses. A Pathology Center was consulted to take blood samples at home itself. There are 6 patients, who are in regular need of medication for last 2 years.











Medical-aid for Taraparbat

Due to this pandemic, people of Taraparbat were not able to visit the docter so frequently for check-ups. Since they are staying far from the city, AKS arranged all necessary medicines through Doctors advice and took them to the doctors for proper check-ups.

Medical-aid and other support for Navjeevan Gram

This pandemic has also affected many people emotionally and mentally. Financially they are getting their family support by KKM Handweaving. We would like to thank all our supporters and donors for their love and support during this tough time. In order to help them, AKS has given them work in spinning, weaving etc. Though it is not enough but life is running smoothly. AKS is also taking care of their medical needs.

Medical- aid and other Support for Brahmpuri

AKS has been supporting and coordinating with the people of Brahmpuri on regular basis. We are taking care of their medical needs and whenever there is any emergency we are available 24x7. Mr. Jai Ram and his wife Mrs. Laxmi have been appointed as Paramedical workers in the Colony and they are doing great job and are great help to Rajendra (Raju) in Brahmapuri. People are very happy to receive love and support.







Livelihood Projects

Mushroom cultivation Continues at KKM

The mushroom Cultivation for generating Livelihood and income for KKM people is quite successful. We grow variety of mushrooms and the income generated goes to the Society. People engaged in this activity are happy that they have some work to do for the society.



New Fish Pond Construction at KKM

New fish pond construction was started at KKM. The Project is supported and funded by Agnes Kunze Society, in which technical support is being given by the Department of Fisheries, Uttarakhand government and the plan is to grow different varieties of fish in the pond. This will also be an income generation program for KKM society.









Maintaining Stock & Documentation Work at KKM

Since last 2years, the Agnes Kunze Society is supporting to KKM Handweaving in their administration and day to day work. Mrs. Manju Lawrence and her team are putting all their efforts for the smooth functioning with new rules and regulations from the government. AKS is also maintaining/supporting administration activities apart from the medical services at KKM.



The pandemic Covid-19 has affected work and organizations across the globe. So we need to stay protected our self and others too... to do awareness about Covid-19 and to tell them the importance of Masks, Social distancing and frequently hand washing/sanitizing etc.

Sanitization of whole premises was done through Govt. Department (Municipal). We also counseled the people to take necessary precautions and stay mentally strong during the pandemic and people were very much satisfied with AKS team visit

Masks & Hand Sanitizers Distribution at KKM

For precautions against Covid-19, a strict protocol of wearing mask and social distancing was enforced by the central Govt. seeing the situation around, the people are enforced to wear mask and to maintain social distancing. So, we have distributed masks and hand sanitizers to all the projects. These mask are three layered from hand woven cloth of KKM and are washable.







Putting Bleaching Powder around KKM Campus:

Due to monsoon the walking area of KKM campus became very slippery due to moss, algae and dampness and it was getting very difficult for all the people to walk because of slipperiness. One another reason to put the bleaching powder is for hygiene purposes as well as saving the people from falling down and making any major injuries.



We are very sad to inform that one of the oldest resident of Kirpaon Ki Mata Colony **Mrs. Shantimani ji** left us on 23rd of May 2020. May her soul rest in peace. She died at the age of 90 due to old age. She had wonderful life and she was the artist of spinning cotton the most senior & very hardworking and energetic among others. We the people of KKM will always miss her.

Tarpaulin Distributed at KKM

Some houses at Kirpaon Ki Mata Colony are very old. It requires regular repairing & maintenance. Due to heavy rainfall, some roofs are leaking and we have kept this in our mind. Temporarily AKS took an initiative and distributed tarpaulin to the affected families. People are very satisfied to receive these tarpaulin as it was the request from them only.







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Fencing work of KKM boundary

The boundary/demarcation wall of KKM Handweaving fell due to landslide for past 2 to 3 years. There was always a danger of wild animals for the resident. So AKS took initiative and built the boundary with heavy iron angle & steel wire fencing to protect the people and their homes including the kitchen garden.





Stitching work started at KKM:

This is our new innovation for KKM. Here Kalyani ji and Shamsuddin ji are engaged in stitching various bags from KKM fabric so the people can give order to KKM handweaving. We are using new ideas and designs out of the old stock. So, we are making runner, Yoga bags and doing block printing etc.





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Nursing enrollment of two children

We are very proud and happy to announce that two children (under the sponsorship of KKM Handweaving- initiation by Mrs. Manju Lawrence) got admission in B.Sc Nursing after they passed their class 12th. The names of the children are respectively, girl Raveena and boy Timothy are really thankful to everyone who came out for their help. Without them it was not possible. Both the children are very happy to get the admission in their respective B.Sc Nursing Colleges and their goal is to exceed in their respective field. They have assured that they will give best services, when required at KKM & AKS Society as Volunteers. For all these procedures we would like to give thanks to the team of AKS as they took so much efforts for their admission process.



KKM Handweaving Society's Export Registration Renewal

We are pleased to inform you that we have received the renewal for KKM Handweaving Society's Handloom Export Council for 5 more years. It was necessary to run handloom business, so AKS gave all their help and support to Noel ji and the department of license to fulfill all requirements which were needed for export department. All KKM members are very grateful to Mrs. Manju Lawrence and her team for this renewal.





PHOTO GALLERY – KKM Handweaving Supporting Projects: TARAPARBAT, NAVJEEVAN GRAM, KRIPAON KI MATA(KKM) & BHARAMPURI

















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