

A Six Months (April – Sept 2019) Report /Update of KKM Hand Weaving Society

(Kuru Kshetra Mandal ,Nalapani Road ,Dehra dun ,India)

KKM Handweaving Society is Registered under Societies Act at Dehra dun, Uttarakhand and various Departments of State & Central Government and a pioneer Institution/Organization in the field of Rehabilitation and sustainability for the People affected by Leprosy since 1971.

KKM Handweaving (Kurukshetra Mandal) society is supporting the welfare of 4 projects with monthly dry ration (Food) and pocket money etc. The monthly support of Rs. 3,000/- (Three thousand) to each person & child is transferred into the organization bank accounts, under which the colony comes. If there is any contribution or donation to the projects from elsewhere then the monthly amount from KKM Handweaving society is adjusted accordingly. Another registered organization Agnes Kunze Society is helping/supporting the KKM Handweaving to carry out its medical services for its entire 4 project's people affected with Leprosy.

Four projects are:

1. Kripaon Ki Mata leper colony under the Dioceses of Meerut operated through local Catholic Church (Adult-59 ,Children-4 : Total – 63)
2. Bharampuri Leprosy Rehabilitation centre under the Shivananda Ashram 'The Divine Life Society '(Total -23)
3. Tara Parbat Leprosy Rehabilitation centre (Adult-12 ,Children-1 :Total- 13)
4. Nav Jeevan Gram Udyog (SHG) colony (Adult- 13 ,Children-1 :Total -14)

Report from April 2019 to September 2019

1. MEDICAL SERVICES (Some Significant Change Stories but not limited to) :

Kripaon Ki Mata Colony people :

The colony is situated at Nalapani Road in Adhoiwala, Dehradun. There are 59 people who live in the colony. Since most of the inhabitants are above 60 years, they require continuous medical care for their various health problems. In order to cater their medical needs, AKS has taken initiative to provide day to day medical care & services (24x7) as per the people's requirement and request. The medical facilities provided to the inhabitants of KKM, Taraparbat & Navjeevan Gram include – Doctor Consultation fee, charges for medicines, pathology, CT– Scan, X-ray and free travelling. Every month some 30-40 people from these leper colonies visits various hospitals for their medical problems. All the patients receive all the above facilities free of cost through AKS. After Doctor check-ups, follow-up and home visit is also done for all patients every day.

- a. **Mr. Madan Singh** : Mr. Madan Singh, had problem in his leg for a long time. He tried treatment from various Doctor but got no relief. Finally the doctors had to do amputation of his leg. In which AKS facilitated all the help physically and financially. Mr. Madan Singh is still under medication and AKS is providing all his needs, like medicines, blood tests and monthly doctor visit etc. Mr. Madan Singh was also suffering from Cataracts and had problem of very low vision for a long time. AKS took initiative and took him to Eye Care Center



for his further treatment. He had to undergo eye surgery, and now his eyes are quite good and he is able to see clearly. Day to day follow-up is also done by AKS. He is very grateful to AKS for helping him greatly.

- b. **Mr. Gopal Singh** : He had a problem of weak vision. He was suffering from this disease for quite a long time. He visited various doctors regarding his eyes problem but could not get proper treatment. So AKS took initiative for his eyes problem. He was taken to Higher Eye Care Center where he got proper treatment. He is very grateful to AKS for great co-operation. Mr. Gopal Singh was also suffering from stomach pain and high blood sugar. AKS consulted higher center Doctor where all tests like- Ultrasound, CT- scan and all kinds of diseases blood test were conducted on Gopal Singh and he was has able to get proper treatment. His health is normal now but he is still under medication and AKS has been providing all required medicines and other health needs. In his case also day to day follow-up is also done by AKS .



- c. **Mr. Devanand Joshi** : He was also suffering from Cataracts and was facing very low



vision for a long time. When AKS started medical services at KKM, Mr. Devanand Joshi told us about his eyes problem. AKS took initiative and taken him to Eye Care Center Hospital, where after all the tests were done, doctors were able to diagnose the problem. The doctors performed surgery of his right eye. Now he is able to see clearly and day to day follow-up and medication is done by AKS. He is very grateful to AKS for this help.

- d. **Mr. Haru Masih** He suffers from hearing loss since long time. He was taken to hearing aid center for check-up. As per doctor's advice he was provided with the hearing aid machine and so he is able to listen properly now. Haru Masih is very thankful to everyone.



TARAPARBAT PEOPLE : It is situated 5 Kilometers away from Sahastradhara Road,

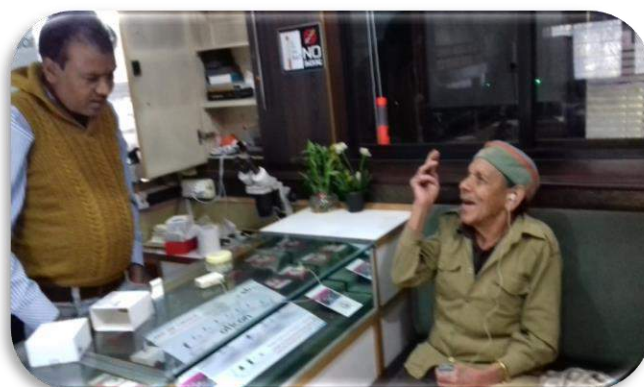


Kulhaan. There are 18 people staying at Taraparbhat and these people require medical health facilities, so the medical camp was organized at Taraparbhat on a weekly basis. In which we facilitate all the members for their medical & other health issues. If anyone is found with some medical and health related issues like— asthmatic, diabetes, Stomach problem, eyes problem & BP etc. Then they are taken for treatment to private & public hospitals by team.

- e. **Mr. Shankar Masih:** He was unable to walk properly for a long time because of his ankle pain. Long back he fell down from motor bike, so there he got fractured in his ankle. He required surgery on his ankle bone. AKS took initiative and consulted orthopedic doctor at Herbertpur Christian hospital, Vikas Nagar. It is 30 km away from the Dehradun city, where Shankar Masih got a good treatment and he is now able to walk properly. He is very grateful for a great support.



- f. **Mr. Shoban Singh :** Mr. Shoban Singh had problems in ears and eyes. When AKS started to provide medical aid to the people of Taraparbhat then only this problem came into our knowledge. So the doctor advice him for the hearing aid machine, which was provided to him by AKS Hope. Eyes check-up was done at Eye Care Center, Rajpur Road. As per doctor's advice he was provided with lenses for his eyes protection.



- g. **Mrs. Amrita Singh** : She is wife of Mr. Shankar Masih. She was suffering from Cataract. She was also taken to Higher Eye Care Center, Rajpur Road for eyes check-up by AKS. All kinds of tests were done regarding eyes. Doctor advised for surgery. A successful surgery was conducted in which all the financial and other support is been given to Mrs. Amrita by AKS. She is able to see properly now. She is very thankful to everyone helped her.



- h. **Mr. Mijaan Singh** : He also suffers from eye problem for a very long time. Many years ago, he underwent eyes surgery at his native place, but that surgery was not successful. His eye problem remained the same for a long time. When AKS personal met he told of his eyes problem, AKS took initiative and took him to higher eye care center, Rajpur road there he got all check-ups and the doctor told that he has a serious eye problem and there is no chance to recover. AKS again took him to another higher eye care hospital for second opinion regarding his eyes. After all the check-ups and tests, they also advised that it has been too late and there are no chances for him to gain eyes vision. We can only pray for God's healing upon him. MAY GOB BLESS HIM.

NAVJEEVAN GRAM PEOPLE : It is situated at Last Inder Road near Shivpuri Colony. There are 12 people at Navjeevan Gram. Some of them are suffering from eyes problem. Shubhadra Devi, Janaki devi, Ujila Devi, and Sulochana devi ji were taken to eye care center and all tests has been done but there was not any serious case. As per doctor's advice 2 people were provided with the lenses and others got eye drop for 1 month.



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BRAHMAPURI PEOPLE: It is located 10 km north of Rishikesh ,Dist- Tehri Garhwal by the side of main highway that goes to Kedarnath and Badrinath. AKS is also helping residents of Brahmpuri leper colony through medical services. There were 2 women whose one leg was amputated. They were provided with artificial leg. When AKS met them, they shared their problems. AKS took initiative these women were taken to Lehman Hospital (Anugrah Center) Herbertpur in VikasNagar and AKS hired vehicle as the hospital more than 75 km far from the leper colony. In the first visit, measurements were taken thereafter they were called again after the artificial leg was completely made. Both these two women now have good one artificial leg. They are quite comfortable and are living happily. They are very grateful to everyone helped them.



Various Activities during last six months

1. ATAL AAYUSHMAAN YOJANA REGISTRATION:

Atal Aayushman Yojana is a Government Health scheme, in which every family gets free of cost medical treatment upto Rs. 5,00,000/- in any hospitals every year. The people were not aware of this scheme. So AKS introduced this scheme among the people. Also for the people who are very old and disabled and cannot go out of this colony, a medical camp was organized by AKS at KuruKshetra Mandal, Nalapani Road for the all people from each project. In this camp registration for all people was done and many people got benefit through this health scheme.

In this scheme people got totally free of cost treatment in various big hospitals. People are very glad to receive this Govt. health scheme.



2. WEEKLY DOCTOR VISIT PROGRAM:

AKS has also started weekly doctor visit program for the people of Taraparbat, Navjeevan Gram and Kripaon Ki Mata colonies. In which Dr. A.K.Chaudhary, MBBS, Physician & Senior Cardiologist visits every week and do medical check-ups of all the people. People who have been suffering from diabetes, BP and heart disease for a long time are treated regularly. It is good for



them because they are getting treatment on regular basis. With Doctor Visit, the people feel more comfortable in their treatment. AKS is also providing medicines to all the projects during the doctor's visit. The doctor do the medical check-ups of 10-15 patients every week.

3. MUSHROOM TRAINING:

The KuruKshetra Mandal staff got training for mushroom cultivation through the network of AKS. This is a new income generation program. KKM has planned to grow different varieties of mushrooms at the premises. All the preparation has been done and very soon the different mushrooms cultivation will be started. It will benefit to the people and will be developing a new



source of income for the future. The society is very grateful to the Director of Mushroom Cultivation Department. Right now it's in trial.

4. **NEW WATER CONNECTION:** There was a problem of water supplying in the KuruKshetr Mandal. So after seeing the water problem at we decided to lay down a new water connection, which was disconnected earlier. We first met the government water distribution office for a new connection and for permission. After getting the permission, the connection work started. The water is being supplied in a new water line timely.



5. **FISH POND CONSTRUCTION :** This is also one of the new income generation program. The well was already constructed for a long time. KKM with the support of AKS renovated proper drainage, water and electricity facilities and planning for the fish farming which is very new and we all hope to start with 2000 seeds of fish. The project is supported by SIM and its volunteers.



6. **REPAIRING & MAINTENANCE WORK:**

Lots of repairing and maintenance work was done at KKM. Different types of works that were done under the period are as follows.

- a. Main Gate repairing of office and their resident gate.
- b. The KuruKshetra Mandal guest room required maintenance which was done like roof repairing, doors repairing, toilets repairing and fabrication work for guest room safety from monkeys.
- c. Electrical repairing work was also done at KKM (KuruKshetra Mandal) office.



7. SIGN BOARD FIXING: 24 new sign boards have been fixed at KKM (KuruKshetra



Mandal) surroundings/ properties so that illegal people stay out and it's for the safety purpose as advised by the lawyer. They are placed at different places. In which it is written that – **The Property Belongs To KKM Handweaving Society and Trespassers will be prosecuted.** These sign boards are fixed at the society properties -Mandal and Taraparbat . This was very important to inform outsiders and visitors.

8. INVENTORY OF ALL FINISHED GOODS/ ASSETS: During this period inventory was

done successfully for all fixed assets. Separate list was prepared for all furniture, electrical appliances, all finished goods like- table cloth, runners, mats, bed sheets, towels etc. These items are present in KKM godown. Raw materials/chemicals inventory was also done in which cotton bales, chemicals, dies etc. was counted. Now KKM staff may know exactly about their stock and easier for us to plan about the product how, what, when and where to sell.



9. Meeting with Swami Ji of Shivanand Ashram: We arranged a meeting with the



Swami Ji of Shivanand Ashram, Rishikesh. The Shivanand Ashram management is regularly helping the leper residents of Brahmpuri leper colony. In the meeting we discussed about future plan on how we can collaborate with them for the better future of the leper people in Brahmpuri, Rishikesh. The meeting was quite good and cordial. Along with us KKM Board

members and members of Brahmpuri leper colony were also present.

10. Memorial Service for Mr. Pierre (Bhai Ji) - 15 Sept 2019 at Paris

Almost one hundred assembled on 15 Sept 2019 in Paris to remember and pay tribute to Pierre. His family's and his friends' testimonials brought us enlightening visions of his personality, his life and his commitment to KKM Handweaving centers. Nicolas Gauthier wrote: « Pierre had such an extraordinary and selfless life. Many returns and seeds of his generous deeds lie now in Uttarakhand, India and in our memories. Maybe some of them will take shape in outcomes we still do not know yet in a surprising harvest. So, please celebrate the incredible man and these incoming Pierre's avatars and reincarnations. »

Below you will find the link for the film September 2019, which was shown at the ceremony.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CdLXXg1n6P8>





11. Friends of KKM in Germany:

19th September 2019

The friends of KKM –Germany came to one place and talked / discuss about the one year journey's involvement and way ahead. It was a good time of sharing with each other. Every friend present appreciated the sincere efforts and hard work of both (Manju and Caroline) in keeping the beauty of Kuru Kshetramandal (KKM Handweaving) and caring for everyone.



12. The Road Ahead: (A report of 2006 ; written by Our Late Bhai ji –Mr. Pierre Reyniers & Mr. K. Bangariah)

During the last 6 years, we have noticed a decline in production and at the same time many of our old business partners found it difficult to sell our textiles. The customers always look for newer and more attractive products, according to the fashion trends. The choice and tastes of buyers change quite fast and we were able to produce and supply only a small quantity of newly colored and designed fabrics. It is a fact we have to accept, that we badly lack manpower, energy and ability for totally new ventures in hand weaving. Anyhow we try to keep on struggling with the present routine.

Another reason is that, the number of leprosy affected inhabitants has also come (2006)



down from 300 full time workers to 180 full and half-time workers and 10 invalid people at present. This number, as we can foresee, is going to come down even more as working people will become 10 more less and 10 more invalids. At the same time, we had hardly 6 new comers, 3 semi-workers and 3 invalids and we had same number of old age deaths. A simple calculation will leave us within

next 10 years with roughly 70 - 80 men and women, who will require full care.

With this scenario, the picture of KKM HANDWEAVING Leprosy Rehabilitation Centres, after the natural process of metamorphosis of ten years may take the shape of an **'Asylum for Old and Invalid Leprosy Patients'**, another sort of 'Old Peoples' Home'.

This prediction of ours may not necessarily be accurate. It may take a little longer, instead of 10 years, it might be 15 years. We do not at all mean to say that the future of KKM seems all too gloomy with no ray of hope. All that we have expressed so far might not prove to be the sure and certain picture.

As our Mataji Agnes Kunze had always emphasized on the simple truth of life, she had repeated on numerous occasions, in Hindi language **"MATH SOCH, SAB THEEK HOGA, APNA KAAM THEEK SE KARO"**, which means, **'Do not worry, everything will work out alright, do your daily work properly.'** We have always honored her simple words of great inspiration, as a "MANTRA" for us to proceed on with our work, which is our life.



While trying to make the most of our present assets and capabilities and run our handweaving activities as far and as long as possible, rather, as long as God permits. We believe that Agnes, our Mother in the heaven always prays for us.

The future will tell what steps we have to take in right directions from now on to make ourselves prepared for every possible good or bad situation. It could be a turning point that the future might have in store for us. We, all the members of the KKM family shall be optimistic as always, trusting in the love, friendship and solidarity of the old and new good friends of KKM Handweaving in many countries around the world.

Photo Gallery







SR.AGNES KUNZE
12th APRIL 1923 - 14 NOVEMBER 1998



PIERRE REYNIERS
8th APRIL 1946 - 20 JANUARY 2019

Our Founders, Inspiration & Light House
(The Pioneers in Leprosy Rehabilitation & Sustainability in India)

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Thank you so much for your support, encouragement, Trust & prayers