



Secretary's Review of the Year

For SRKPS, 2005 had many challenges and constraints- a huge programme of work, limited funds. The year was full of challenges and new learning for us in the field of rural development for which the organization has commitment with the common masses. The organization takes into consideration the need based programmes for the development of the local people. The organization also has a good communication team for disseminating the new messages, and about new Govt. programmes.

The organization's support staffs, the field workers, and every other member from top to bottom had played an important role in achieving overall objectives of the organization. In short the year was outstandingly satisfactory in achieving our mission and provides new sources of energy to proceed further.

We appreciate the community's support towards the successful implementation of the programme and expect the same in future years to achieve our mission & vision. We have also launched our website www.srkps.org in this year which gives us a platform to share our experiences to the outer world.

We acknowledge the support and guidance of all the members of the organization, the support agencies for their faith in us. Last but not the least we are thankful to all whose names are not mentioned here but have helped us at any stage of our work.

Rajan Choudhary
Secretary



OUR VISION

"Contribute towards development of a healthy, educated and self-reliant society."

OUR MISSION

"Women, Children & Deprived class should be organized and make them able to take active participation in Health, Education and self-governance to eliminate inequalities."



ABOUT SRKPS

Shikshita Rojgar Kendra Prabandhak Samiti (SRKPS) was set up in the year 1987, in Jhunjhunu (Rajasthan), by Mr. Rajan Choudhary, a science graduate and bureau chief Rastradoot-a news daily. Today SRKPS has widened its reach and works with communities in three districts- Jhunjhunu, Churu and Sikar, with head office in Jhunjhunu.

THE WAY WE WORK

SRKPS is concerned about people whose needs often remain unheard or ignored. SRKPS uses strategy that is people centered, to bring about positive changes to the lives of the poor and marginalized majorities.

To be effective facilitators, we learn from people, and share with them what we know. We find out what people are doing; and help them do it better.

We take participation from community to strengthen their capacities.





A BIT OF HISTORY

SRKPS was set up in 1987; it was started by a group of youths residing in Mandawa- an urban locality in Jhunjhunu. The genesis of the organisation was the thought to reduce unemployment. The youths especially wanted to be involved in social works like health and education for the children and women of the area. The group had a leadership of Mr. Rajan Choudhary and he took initiative by formally registering the organisation. Organization started an ITI institute, provided vocational trainings to many youths for their employment. Gradually over the years, the organisation crystallized its mission and objective and explored its intervention to health, education and working with PRI. The name SRKPS- Shikshit Rojgar Kendra Prabandhak Samiti, itself justifies its significance as it was started with an objective to give employment opportunities to the unemployed youths. Later on when the mission and objective was conceptualized and the organization moved itself in to the mainstream of Rural Development.

SRKPS was registered in the year 1987 under state society registration act, 1958 (Rajasthan) and it has also got FCRA registration. Organization is an active member of many networks and it believes that networking is very important to crystallize the mission.

OUR PARTNERS

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THE NETWORKS

SRIJAN- a network initiated by MAMTA-New Delhi on YRSHR

Umang Dhorari- a network initiated by MAMTA-New Delhi on YRSHR

SUMA- a network of Rajasthan Safe motherhood

WRA- a global network on Safe motherhood

National Alliance- a network on Mission 2007

Samaj Network- a network of NGOs in Shekhawati region of Rajasthan

Duryog Nirwaran - A network of South Asian Countries on Disaster Mitigation.



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

Programme - Health		
Project-1: Early Marriage and Early Pregnancy	Project-2: Integrated Nutrition and Health Project (INHP-II)	Project-3: HIV/AIDS
Project-4: Safe motherhood through RCH initiatives	Project-5: RCH-I	

Project-1 : Early Marriage and Early Pregnancy

NAME OF THE PROJECT : Creating supportive environment for young people's reproductive and sexual health and rights with special focus on reduction of Early Marriage and Early Pregnancy in Jhunjhunu district (EMEP).

Objective :

- Promote the delay in age at marriage and effective age of marriage.
- Create environment for delayed first pregnancy
- Initiate effective policy analysis and review on these issues
- To document and develop an appropriate intervention design
- Advocate for young friendly sexual and reproductive health delivery systems
- Ensure enhanced youth participation at various levels.

Period :

The project is in the second phase since its inception. Earlier it was implemented in 2002-2005. The present period of the project is 2005-2008.



Geographical Area :

4 Gram Panchayat of Alsisar Block of Jhunjhunu district viz. Loona, Ladoosar, Alsisar and Malsisar.

Target Group :

The project targets the youths and adolescents aged 10-24 with special focus on 15-19 years of age group.

Stakeholders :

The project stakeholders are the parents, newly married couples, ANM/AWW/PRIs (service providers) and the adolescents.



Major Activities of 2005 :

- Residential Peer Educator Workshop in which they were taught about YRSHR
- 2 day CB of Medical Officials (2 times)
- 2 day CB of ICDS Staffs (2 times)
- 2 day CB of Paramedical Staffs (2 times)
- 2 day CB of School Staffs (1 time)
- Launch Workshop
- NGO network meeting and later review meeting
- Publication of *Yuvankur* magazine



Achievements :

- Successful conduction of Peer Educator Workshop with high turnover of Girl PEs
- 6 PHCs focus on youth friendly health services after the CB session
- 3 Gram Panchayat installs marriage register at their office
- 2 CICs acting as an information kiosk for the youths.
- 4 schools covered under Adolescent health Classes
- 2 Schools regularizes their health classes among the students of senior

Problems Faced :

Working with youths and adolescents was not an easy task due to the following reasons:

- They are quite apprehensive to external agents



- They are inquisitive and prone to information
- They have an experimental tendency
- High degree of unemployment among youths
- High risk behaviour of youths towards sex



Project-2 : Integrated Nutrition and Health Project-II (INHP-II)

NAME OF THE PROJECT : Integrated Nutrition and Health Project-II

Goal :

The over all goal of this project is sustainable improvement in the health and nutritional status of women and children in the target area.

Objective :

- Service providers improve the quality and coverage of maternal and child health services and keys systems in the blocks.
- Communities sustain activities for improved maternal and child health
- Strengthening the service delivery mechanism to ensure quality implementation of nutrition and health services
- Engaging and strengthening the local government bodies for community engagement process
- Improve the quality and coverage of the maternal and child health services and improve supply chain systems in the project areas
- Ensure the ownership and participation from the community towards activities to improve the maternal and child health

Period :

The present period of the project is December 2005 to December 2006

Geographical Area :

All Eight Blocks of Jhunjhunu district and three blocks of Churu district.

Target Group :

Pregnant and Lactating women and children under two years.

Stakeholders :

The project stakeholders are the ICDS & Health service providers, PRIs and the adolescents.



Major Activities of 2005 :

- Record Updation at Anganwadi Centers.
- Registration of Beneficiaries at AWCs.
- Facilitating and monitoring MCHN day.
- Directly contacting beneficiaries and making them aware with the health and nutrition related services available at Anganwadi Centers and Sub Health Centers and guiding them.
- Establishing Coordination between Sub Health Centers and Anganwadi Centers.
- Encouraging PRI Representatives to look after the health and nutrition related services being provided at the village level.
- Encouraging positive behavioral change in the pregnant and lactating women.
- Sharing the problems of Anganwadi Centers with the ICDS officials, so that the problem can be solved.
- Attending monthly block level meetings of ICDS and Health Department and sharing the progress with them.



Achievements :

- Anganwadi Centers are being opened and closed according to the prescribed timing.
- 100 % registration of Beneficiaries in Ratannagar Block, Churu.
- Records updation process has been started systematically at the Anganwadi Centers.
- MCHN day is being celebrated according to schedule.
- PRI representatives are looking after the activities at AWC.
- Social Map is being updated at all the Demonstration Sites.
- Training was given to the Sahyoginis and as a result of it proper and planned home visits has been started by them.





- The ill customs like giving 'Ghutti' to new born child, delayed breast feeding etc. have been reduced in the project area.
- Joint meetings of ICDS and Health department has been started.

Problem Faced :

- Illiteracy and unawareness among the Anganwadi Workers.
- Lack of Coordination between Anganwadi Workers and Auxiliary Nurse Midwives (ANMs).
- PRI representatives were not involved in health services.
- Joint meetings of health and ICDS department was not in practice.

Project-3 : HIV/AIDS

NAME OF THE PROJECT : Enhancing Prevention and Access to Services for Reduced Vulnerability of Youth to HIV/AIDS in Jhunjhunu

Goal :

Reduce the vulnerability of Youth to HIV/AIDS

Period :

March 2006 to March 2007

Geographical Area :

24 Villages of 6 Gram Panchayat in Chirawa & Surajgarh Block of Jhunjhunu

Target Group :

Young People aged between 15-29 years

Stake holders :

Health Service providers, PRIs, Parents etc.

Activities During the year 2005-06: (March 2006)

- Recruitment of staffs
- Village Level mapping
- Interaction with different stakeholders
- Planning for ongoing activities



Achievements:

- Staffs were recruited and placed for the activity after orientation
- Village Level Mapping done

Project-4: Safe mother hood Project

NAME OF THE PROJECT : Safe Mother hood through RCH Initiatives project

Goal :

Reduce the MMR & IMR

Period :

October 2004 to September 2007

Geographical Area :

23 Villages of 7 Gram Panchayat in Alsisar Block of Jhunjhunu



Target Group :

Pregnant, Lactating mother and Children under 5 years

Stake holders :

Health Service providers, PRIs, Parents etc.

Activities During the year 2005-06 :

- Regular Maternal and Child Health services by trained Nursing Mid wives (NMs) from Aapno Swasthya Kendra (ASK) a static health center based in Loona village
- Field Clinics in the project villages
- Regular tracking of the beneficiaries by the Village Health Workers (VHWs)
- Regular Home visits and counseling by Clinical Assistants (CAs) & VHWs jointly of the beneficiaries in critical period
- Training of TBAs and Peer Educators

Achievements :

- There were 28 deliveries were conducted at the Aapno Swasthya Kendra while 13 home deliveries were conducted by NMs
- Total 1304 and 1147 clients took the benefits at the Health center and Field clinics respectively



- Seven SHGs are being operational in the field area to strengthen the maternal and child health status
- 46 Peer Educators (PEs) were selected from the project villages who were given orientation on adolescent health
- Total 117 and 111 children were immunized at Health Center and Field Clinic respectively
- Total 500 and 3200 packets of Oral Pills and Condoms respectively were distributed in the field to the eligible couple
- Total 73 and 136 Lab tests were done at Center and Field Clinic respectively
- Total 93 and 762 ANCs were done at the Health Center and Field Clinic
- Total 31 and 54 PNCs were done at the Health center and field clinic respectively

Project-5: RCH-I

PROJECT GOAL : To improve the reproductive child health status of the proposed outreached village.

Objective :

Broad Objective : To reduce the, MMR, IMR, CMR and morbidity due to RTI/STI among the adolescents.

Specific Objectives:

- Complete immunization of the targeted women and children.
- To reduce unsafe abortion, delivery, motherhood, unwanted
- Pregnancy and to facilitate new born care.
- Increase contraceptives utilization by disseminating information and ensuring its availability
- Mobilise ten villages of Alsisar block to take responsibility of maternal health care.
- Awareness generation among adolescents on hygiene.
- To make women aware about reproductive organ, reproductive
- population control and other health issues.
- To Provide access to quality maternal health services given by health
- institutions.
- To improve care for obstetric emergencies at community and institutional level.
- To strengthen women organizational capacity and confidence in decision related with birth spacing and family planning.



- To equip adolescents boys and girls to plan their family
- To promote use of condoms to reduce RTI/STI cases.

Period :

December 2004 to December 2005

Geographical Area :

14 villages of Alsisar block

Target Group :

Children of age group 0-5 years, pregnant women, lactating mothers and eligible couples of the above villages

Stake holders :

ICDS & Health Service providers, PRIs etc.

Activities During the year 2005-06 :

- Video Show
- Slogan Writing
- CB of PRI + VHC members
- SHG training
- Training of AWW, ANMs
- Training of TBA
- Health Camp
- Medical Kit distribution



Achievements :

- Trained nurse and midwives attend increase in number of delivery cases.
- Increased coverage of ANC & PNC, better quality of antenatal care.
- Increase in use of spacing methods in field area. This will particularly benefit married adolescent during her first pregnancy & younger women.
- Panchayat members sensitized for better health services.
- Immunization to new born and pregnant women.
- Fruitful dialogue with government officials.
- More restriction in unsafe abortion practices, pre-natal diagnostic test.



- Adolescents become vocal to express their RH needs.
- Well-linked channel between client and service providers.
- Comprehensive exclusive breast-feeding practiced by 80% mothers, which curtailed down malnourishment and will boost physical and mental growth.
- Comprehensive understanding of sexuality will increase.
- Enhance the well-being and the quality of life.
- In long run it will ensure an overall decline in fertility rate.
- Comprehensive awareness towards safe and hygienic RH practices will increase.

Programme - Education

Project-1: India Literacy Project

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NAME OF THE PROJECT : Balmitra Vidyalaya Project

Goal :

Promote Primary Education for the marginalized children between 6-14 years age group

Period :

2001 onwards

Geographical Area :

8 Hamlets of Chirawa & Surajgarh block

Target Group :

Children of marginalized community (nomadic) who are out of formal schooling

Stake holders :

Education & Health Service providers, PRIs, Parents etc.

Activities During the year 2005-06 :

- Base line study of the hamlets
- Selection & enrolment of children in the Balmitra vidyalaya



- Regular interaction with the Children by the instructors
- Organized Health Camps at the centers
- CB of Instructors
- Workshops with Block level Education service providers and other BLOs
- Workshop with DLOs and Media
- Exposure trip of Media to the Balmitra Vidyalayas
- Organized Bal Mela on the occasion of Children's Day
- Celebrated Independence & Republic day with lot of activities
- Regular Parents meeting



Achievements:

- Around 300 Children have been enrolled in all eight centers
- Organized 16 Health Check-up Camps at all the centers
- 14 Children were enrolled in the formal schools at the end of the session
- 32 meetings with parents and Village Education Committees on the progress of the children
- Media took a exposure to the project

Programme - Self Governance

Project-1 : PRC

Project-2 : URC

Project-3 : UBR

Project-1 : PRC

NAME OF THE PROJECT : Panchayat Resource Center

Objective :

- Information collection & Dissemination
- Capacity Building of PRI members
- Promote responsible self governance





Period :

2000 onwards

Geographical Area :

Gram Panchayat of Alsisar Block, Jhunjhunu

Stake holders :

PRIs, Village Community at large etc.

Activities During the year 2005-06 :

- Awareness campaign for Gram Sabha- Ward Sabha Mobilization
- Participate and facilitate Panchayat meeting
- Capacity Building of dalit & women PRI representatives on different agenda like health, education etc.



Achievements :

- Around 26 newly elected PRI members were given orientation training on different issues related to PRI
- Around 27 women PRI representatives were trained on the different issues
- Around 33 Dalit PRI representatives were trained
- 30 Citizen Leaders were oriented on various issues like BPL selection etc
- 20 illiterate PRI members were trained
- 57 PRI members were given Refresher training
- 22 Youth were given orientation on different issues
- Block Trainer Team of 80 members from Jhunjhunu & Sikar districts were trained by us for disseminating the training to newly elected PRI members. (supported by IGPRS, Jaipur)



Training of trainers (ToT) of District Trainer's Team (DTT)

SRKPS organized a 6 days training for the DTT members on various issues of decentralized governance. This training was supported by IGPRS, Jaipur. The training was organized from 16th May to 21st May 2005 in which 80 DTT members of Sikar and Jhunjhunu district took six days intensive residential training. The DTT team included BDOs and their nominated candidates. There were five members from each Panchayat Samiti. The inaugural function was presided by Shri Bhawani Singh Detha, district collector, Jhunjhunu whereas the concluding remarks were given by Smt. Sumitra Singh, Honourable Speaker Vidhaan Sabha, Govt. of Rajasthan. The training was given by trained team of trainers.



Monitoring of decentralized training given by DTT

SRKPS also monitored the training of the different Panchayat Samiti in these two districts given to Sarpanch & Garm Secretaries and ward panch. SRKPS team did monitoring of decentralized training as per the following schedule:

- 30th May to 4th June 2005 training of Sarpanch and Gram Sevak in 12 Panchayat Samiti. This was done by three representatives of the organization.
- 7th June to 18th June 2005 training of Ward Panchs in all the 16 Panchayat Samiti were monitored by the monitoring team.



Project-2: URC

NAME OF THE PROJECT : Urban Resource Center

Objective :

- Information collection & Dissemination
- Capacity Building of ULB members
- Promote community participation in Urban Development
- Promote responsible self governance

Period :

2005 onwards

Geographical Area :

Jhunjhunu Nagarpalika, Jhunjhunu

Stake holders :

ULB representatives, Urban Community at large etc.



Activities During the year 2005-06 :

- Awareness campaign for Ward Sabha Mobilization
- Ward Level awareness meeting
- Structuring Mohalla Development Committees
- Capacity Building of ULB representatives on different agenda like health, education, Solid Waste Management (SWM) etc.
- Facilitation in Ward Level Micro Planning
- IEC dissemination on Birth Registration through wall writings etc.

Achievements :

- Around 28 elected ULB members were given orientation training on SWM
- Around 30 members of Mohalla Samiti were given orientation training on SWM
- Around 25 Ward Councilors were given refresher training
- Members of Mohalla Samiti were given refresher training on SWM
- Rate of Birth Registration increased in the Municipality



Project-3 : UBR

NAME OF THE PROJECT : Mobilizing Civil Society for universalizing birth registration in Jhunjhunu district

Goal :

To increase birth registration (for children aged 0-14 years) by 25% points against the current level

Period :

January 2006 onwards

Geographical Area :

Alsisar Block (Intensive)/ Jhunjhunu & Nawalgarh (Extensive)

Target Group :

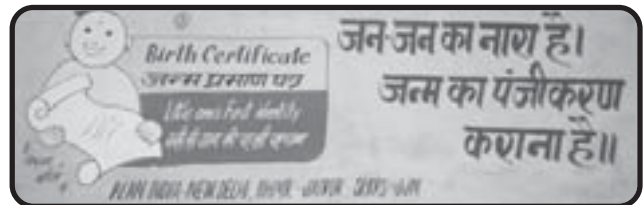
Parents, Children

Stake holders :

PRI members, Gram Sevak, ICDS workers, ANMs, BLOs etc.

Activities During the year 2005-06 :

- Launch Workshop
- Situation Analysis to mark up the Base line
- Organize Village level meetings
- IEC dissemination- Slogan writing, Puppet shows, CD message etc
- One to one interaction with AWWs, ANMs, PRI members etc
- Capacity Building of PRI representatives on the issue
- Organize camps for back log clearance of Birth registration
- Organize Block level meetings



Achievements :

- Conducted 100 village level meetings with the community



- Advocated for the inclusion of Birth Registration agenda in *Jal Chetna Rath Yatra* observed by District Administration
- Around 1500 birth registration were done during January-March 2006
- Puppet Shows were done in 50 villages for the environment building
- Rate of Birth Registration increased in all the blocks
- 3 block level meetings were organized with different stakeholders

Programme - Livelihood Promotion

Project-1 : DPIP

Project-2 : DST

Project-1: DPIP

PROJECT TITLE : District Poverty Initiative Programme

Objective :

Poverty Reduction

Period :

September, 2003 to June, 2007

Geographical Area :

60 villages of Churu and Rajgarh Blocks of Churu district.

Target Group :

BPL Families.

Stake Holder :

BPL Families, NGO, Government Agency.

Major Activities & Achievements of 2005-06 :

- Formation of 239 CIGs (Common Interest Groups) (Around 2600 persons)
- Sub Projects Sanctioned for 166 CIGs
- Asset Created for 136 CIGs
- Completion Certificate released for 26 CIGs





Problem Faced :

- Illiteracy among the BPL families.
- Situation of drought in the project area from consecutive 5 years.

SUCCESS STORY

Choudhary Common Interest Group: This group was formed with 10 BPL people in the month of December' 2004. The members of the group selected the activity of 'Furniture Making'. In the beginning the group had not even the elementary knowledge about furniture making. The machines as prescribed in the sub project of the group were purchased and skill generation/enhancement training was given to them. The group worked hard to learn the art of furniture making.

Now, the Choudhary common Interest Group is a well-known name in the area for furniture making. The group is making quality furniture and earning aptly. Now days, on an average every member of group is earning 6 to 7 thousand per month. The project has solved its purpose of poverty eradication for the group.

Project-2: DST

PROJECT TITLE : Demonstration of Improved Agricultural Practices for SC farming population for sustainable dry land agriculture

Objective :

- Introduction with arid fruit cultivation specially Ber and Aonla.
- Regular training and demonstration programme for new scientific technology.
- Advancement of rain fed technology on gram and mustard for Rabi crops.
- To dissemination of dry land technology for Bajra and other kharif crops specially on fertilizer management and plant protection measures.
- Improvement in breed status, nutrition and better management of livestock.
- Disseminate the concept of agro-forestry/Arid horticulture and soil conservation technology.
- Upliftment of social-economic status of downtrodden classes through vocational training.
- Reclamation of problematic soils due to use of brackish and saline water and use of soil amendments.



- To introduce a technology package consisting of simple technology for rainwater harvesting and recharging of ground water, checking soil erosion by using of cover and mixed cropping, medicinal plants and introduction of horticulture crop for fruit and fodder production.

Period :

December, 2004 to November, 2006

Geographical Area :

2 villages of Alsisar Block of Jhunjhunu district.

Target Group :

SC/ST Farmers.

Stake Holder :

SC/ST Farmers, Scientists KVK, Agriculture department, PRI etc.



Major Activities & Achievements of 2005-06 :

- Distribution 10.40 quintals of high yielding varieties of kharif crops:
- Training Programmes on organic farming
- Distribution of 5000 Plants of selected fruit varieties like- Ber and Aonla
- time to time training programmes on moisture conservation, seed treatment by bio- fertilizers, fertilizer management, weed management, crop cultivation and plant protection
- Reclamation of problematic soils is a necessity in the project area

Programme - Human Rights



Project-1 : FCC

Project 1: Family Counseling Center

In the area of human rights the organization is working with its great effort. A **Family-Counseling Center (FCC)** is being run by the organization with support from **Central Social Welfare Board, New Delhi**. In this FCC so many cases of family problems are tackled and counseling is provide to the women who are disturbed due family tensions. This project is dealt in a process like case registration



and its solution. The FCC has staff strength of counselors, office assistant and a typist. This staffs solve the problem by interacting with the clients. The types of cases are related to dowry, family problems etc. Apart from frequent meetings were organized at different villages with some women collectives and campaign was done by the distribution of pamphlets. We have also set up a linkage with district Family Counseling Center being run in SP office of Jhunjhunu. Our Counselors are the regular members of the advisory committee and they attend the special FCC on every Wednesday. This gives us a wide coverage for attending the cases of entire district as well as it gives a good support from the administration.

Details of the activities :

Total cases registered-	46
Cases closed after the sorting of the problem-	28
Cases of dowry demand-	16
Cases of maladjustment-	30

Other Activities of the year:

World Health Day : World Health Day was celebrated on 7th April 2005 at Alsisar Block headquarter and district headquarter. There was a workshop organized with NGOs at Alsisar in which various issues were discussed to promote best practices of health in the block.

Another workshop was organized at TB unit of BDK Hospital, Jhunjhunu in which health service providers took active participation. Dr. R. B. Singh (CM & HO), Dr. Sita Ram Sharma (RCHO) and other senior doctors were present and gave their valuable inputs.

Safe Motherhood Day : This day was observed in the form of District Level workshop on 11th April 2005 at Zila Parishad meeting hall. Shri Bhiwa Ram Choudhary (CEO), CM & HO, RCHO, CARE Jhunjhunu representatives, PRI representatives, NGO representatives, Village Health Workers were present in the workshop. In this workshop the main agenda was to discuss as how to decrease the rate of maternal & infant deaths in the villages.

National Environment Awareness Campaign-2005 : Campaign was observed in BDK hospital Jhunjhunu. A workshop was organized with workers of the hospital on Hospital Waste Management. In this workshop IVth grade worker, nurses took active participation. After this workshop a cleaning drive was organized in the hospital premises. Children from NCC took active participation in this drive from 25th June to 10th July 2005.

World Breast Feeding week : This week was observed between 1st August to 7th August 2005 in various villages of Alsisar block. The campaign began with a workshop with village health workers at Aapno Swasthya Kendra, Loona in which importance of breast feeding was discussed in detail. Village Health Workers (VHW) organized village level meetings in around 23 villages of the block in which they motivated women to breast feeding.

International Youth Day : This day was given utmost importance to the youths of our project



villages. As the organization is implementing early marriage early pregnancy (EMEP) project in which youth are the main target group. The International Youth Day was observed in form of different competitions, video shows, puppet show on the issue of 'Child Marriage'. These competitions were organized in Govt. Sr. Sec School, Alsisar; Secondary School, Ladoosar; Helena Kaushik Women College, Malsisar; Youth Information Center, Alsisar. This activity was exclusively supported by MAMTA, New Delhi.

Balika Saptah : Balika Jaagrukta Saptah was celebrated in Churu & Jhunjhunu from 20th-26th September 2005. Many school level competitions like debate, painting etc were organized in different schools on various issues related girls welfare. Media workshop was also organized at Churu in which media was motivated to promote girl's welfare through media. This one week celebration was supported by Rajasthan State Women Commission & UNICEF Rajasthan.

AIDS Day : This day was celebrated on 1st January 2006 in which 22 NGOs observed awareness activities in various parts of the district.

Pre Election Voters Awareness Campaign : SRKPS organized pre election voters awareness campaign in five districts Sikar, Jhunjhunu, Churu, Sri Ganganagar and Hanumangarh before Municipal Election. In total 30 NGOs were in coordination with SRKPS in observing this campaign. Several pamphlets, posters, message videos were disseminated during the campaign.

Mahila Sammelan : On the occasion of International Women's Day Mahila Sammelan were organized by the organization. On 4th March 2006 a Block Level Mahila Sammelan was organized at Alsisar block, in which 400 women from villages took participation. The theme of the Sammelan was 'Women and her village'. Ms. Darlene Clover and Ms. Carol from Canada were special guests in the function. Many motivating speeches related to women welfare were given by renowned persons like Dr. Bhawana Detha, Mrs. Sathya, Ms. Rashmi Mohanty, Care Rajasthan, Mr. Narendra (Pradhan, Alsisar) etc. So many events like skits, songs were presented there which tried to give messages over the women welfare. An exhibition organized by Aapno Swasthya Kendra, Luna (a maternal and child health center being run by SRKPS) was major attraction and it was well appreciated by the viewers. Women PRI representatives shared their experiences in the function.

On 8th March a district Level Mahila Sammelan was organized at Jhunjhunu where 1000 women from the entire district participated. Zila Pramukh and District collector were the chief guest in the function. Many events were performed here related to the women welfare. Best social workers from SRKPS and other good performing ICDS workers were honored with awards.





'Adverse Child Sex Ratio:

This issue is being dealt by SRKPS very serious from last two years. In this year SRKPS did some splendid work on this:

The number of girls per thousand boys is called to be Child Sex Ratio (CSR). This CSR is declining year after year, the major cause found to be female infanticide or foeticide. The technology of ultrasound, sonography has made it possible that one can deliberately terminate the female foetus by sex selection. The situation is quite alarming, there is a need of extra vigilance on the situation otherwise it will create a havoc. The major cause found is the lack of awareness and gender sensitivity and technology available. People forget that without a female member in the family the boy couldn't take birth. It's a great question that what are the reasons, which has made this gap. Many development agencies are engaged in finding the proper solution to that. In Rajasthan there are such agencies, which directly focus on the reduction of Female Foeticide, which might reduce the gap between the sex ratio. UNFPA has collaborated with many agencies for the purpose.

Shikshit Rojgar Kendra Prabandhak Samiti (SRKPS) a non-profit organization based in Shekhawati region of Rajasthan accepted the fact and thought to fight for the issue. The organization has the segregated data of the village wise child sex ratio. The situation is perturbing, the district has CSR 867 (2001 census) as compared to 900 in 1991 census, and the declination is 33.

Buhana has the highest literacy rate but the CSR is lowest. In the year 2004-05 organization started raising its voice in a campaign mode. It used its platform to raise awareness and sensitisation amongst different stakeholders through different activities. The activities were school rallies, different school level competitions like debate, speeches, painting etc., workshops with DLOs, PRIs. The strategy was to find some concrete solution so that a strategy could be build up to reduce the gap.



Sudden inspection to the sonography centers by the committee was facilitated by SRKPS:

Organization got a success on 5th April when so many private sonography centers were put into trouble by a surprise inspection. Chief of SRKPS was putting pressure on CM & HO Jhunjhunu to call the meeting of PCPNDT monitoring committee. Due to such pressure a meeting was called on 5th but the timing of the meeting was shifted thrice. Finally all members of the committee gathered at CMHO office at 01:00 pm and chief SRKPS Mr. Rajan Choudhary and a staff were the observer of the proceedings. This meeting was the first meeting of the committee since 2001.



After this meeting a surprise inspection was done in seven centers at district headquarters. Some centers were Shanti Diagnostic center, Rajasthan Diagnostic center, Choudhary Sonography center, Indu sonography center, Jeevan Jyoti Nursing Home, Choudhary Nidaan Kendra and one Sonography Center at Station Road without having name. One woman was found at Station road center waiting for the abortion of the female foetus after a confirmation from the center. That center was sealed at the same time. Two another centers were found operating without having registration under PCPNDT act. Those centers will be taken to legal proceedings. Shanti Diagnostic center was directed to close down because it was operating without permission. This operation got a good coverage in the media, which will give messages to the wrong doers.

SRKPS has involved itself in state level advocacy on this issue. We have joined hands with such networks at state and national level. We have continued our efforts in the district for effective implementation of PCPNDT act. We have continued our efforts for community mobilization as well as vigilance over such ill practices in the area.

Other activities like district level campaign like rally, conferences village level meetings have been organized in Churu and Jhunjhunu district.



Urban PEVAC: The two constitution amendments¹ added new value in the Local Self Governance structure of our country India. After independence we have gone through many developmental activities to bring the country in the mainstream of development. Our political system is considered to biggest democracy in the world. After, 74th Amendment in the constitution there has been a stress on strengthening of Urban Governance. These all amendments are the part of decentralisation of governance. Many states of Indian sub continent have constituted Local Governance Structure as per the respective amendments. Rajasthan state is also a representative of western India, which has created a special place in the actualisation of the decentralisation process. In spite of many crisis situation like drought in the state there has been many developmental works, which is quite significant in the context of the state's development. Govt. of Rajasthan has skilfully implemented the provisions of 73rd and 74th amendment acts. Recently it has observed its third PRI election that was quite fair and presently, the state has just completed its Urban Local Bodies (ULB) Election. A major part of the state has observed ULB Election (Nagarpalika Chunaav) on 17th of August 2005. Many Civil Society Organizations² (CSOs) were the key role player of the free and fair election in the state.

Many NGOs of the state were involved in the campaign for free and fair election. One apex NGO i.e. PRIA³ had organized many NGOs of the state for the campaign. Different NGOs took initiatives in the leadership of PRIA to observe the campaign before the ULB election.



The campaign was named as Pre-Election Voters Awareness Campaign (PEVAC), which was all around a month's activity. The central focus of the campaign was to aware the innocent voters about their rights to vote and to elect the right candidate for their ward. It is considered that there are many things in the election, which prohibits the free and fair election, and the phrase becomes true "jo hai shaktishaali wahi jitega". The candidates use different techniques to attract their innocent voters and voters become confuse to select the

right candidates. The concept of PEVAC can be justified from the fact that our voters are really innocent and they don't know to use their voting rights in justifiable manner.

In Shekhawati Region of Rajasthan, Samaj Network⁴ and Shikshit Rojgar Kendra Prabandhak Samiti (SRKPS) took the leadership as nodal agencies to cover the campaign in the five districts i.e. Jhunjhunu, Churu, Sikar, Hanumangarh and Sri Ganganagar. The activity started with an introduction meeting with NGOs at Jhunjhunu on 8th July 2005 after the notification of the ULBs election. Finally it ended up on 14th August 2005 just before the election i.e. on 17th August 2005. Many NGOs took participation in Urban PEVAC in the leadership of SRKPS under the banner of Samaj Network. (The detail of the participant NGOs in Urban PEVAC can be found in annexure-1). The district administration also supported and praised the activity, as a beneficial event for the voters and free & fair election.

¹ 73rd and 74th Constitution Amendment regarding the constitution of PRIs and ULBs for strengthening Local Self Governance.

² CSOs are Non-Government Organization (NGOs)

³ PRIA- Society for Participatory Research In Asia

⁴ An association of active NGOs in five districts of Rajasthan i.e. Jhunjhunu, Churu, Sikar, Hanumangarh and Sri Ganganagar.